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Need has no season

This year's local Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign has reached nearly 69 percent of its goal of $120,000.

"We're moving along," said Lt. Chuck Yockey, corps commander. The campaign will continue through Christmas Eve.

"I really, really appreciate everything the community is doing," Yockey said, urging people to dig deep this holiday season. The Salvation Army expression "Need has no season" certainly applies, he said, as money given now will fund programs throughout the year.

Checks should be made payable to The Salvation Army.

Teachers OK contract extension

A majority of Wayne-Westland teachers favored a four-year contract extension. The Central Office Administrators Association in the district has ratified a three-year pact. Both contracts face school board approval.

BY DARRELL CLEM
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Wayne-Westland teachers ratified a four-year contract extension Wednesday that keeps annual pay raises under 3 percent.

About 62 percent of voting teachers favored the new pact, indicating less than overwhelming support for it.

"I understand that the teachers wanted more, and the union wanted to get more for them," Wayne-Westland Education Association President Steve Becher said.

"I think they deserve more, but the district didn't have the resources to provide a lot more," he said.

The new agreement adds four years to a contract that expires next Sept. 1.

In all, 600 teachers favored the new pact and 308 opposed it, Becher said. The school board is expected to approve it Jan. 4.

"We can anticipate labor peace for four years out as we continue to face the (financial) challenges that are in front of us," Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said.

Teachers will receive annual pay raises of 2.5 percent for the first two years and 2.75 percent for the last two years.

"Unfortunately we're not in the same economic situation as the Farmingtons and the Livonias," Becher said.

Parity question

He said Wayne-Westland has lost $7 million in revenues each year since major school-funding changes occurred in 1994, when voters passed Proposal A.

"We know we'll never reach parity with Bloomfield Hills and the richer districts," Becher said. "Proposal A has really devastated Wayne-Westland in terms of finances."

Local teacher salaries now range from $29,817 for a new teacher with a bachelor's degree to $76,940 for a teacher who has 13 years of experience

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Kettering celebration

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Music: *Above, reindeer Jamie Sommervell (left), Steven Udell (center) and Adam Kay, who was the narrator, perform sign language to "We Wish You a Merry Christmas." They're with the other kindergartners of Ann McKolay's classes at Kettering Elementary, who did a Winter Holiday program this past Wednesday. At left, mice Mikey Dressler (left) and Alyse Clark peek out before going on stage performing to "The Night Before Christmas." Below, fast asleep, are William Gibbs as Papa and William Pace as Santa.*

Stalker of teacher could get 90 days

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A John Glenn High School student who admitted stalking a teacher will be sentenced Wednesday in Westland 18th District Court.

Derek Ingle, who confronted the teacher near her classroom Wednesday despite being ordered to stay off school property, could face 90 days in jail.

Ingle pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor stalking charge on Thursday – one day after police arrested him at his Westland home.

Ingle, a 17-year-old special education student, was jailed in lieu of a $50,000 cash bond.

"He has been bothering the teacher since last August," Westland police Sgt. Michael Terry said. "It started off with what appeared to be a slight infatuation."

Problems allegedly escalated until Ingle in October was slapped with a personal protection order barring him from contacting the teacher or coming onto school property, Terry said.

"He has been on school property a couple of times since then," the sergeant said. "Wednesday, he went to the second floor and confronted the teacher out by her classroom, asking her why she did this to him."

Ingle left school after the 8:30 a.m. incident but was arrested about two hours later, Terry said.

The teacher was described as married and in her 30s, and her only involvement with the suspect had been as his teacher, Terry said.

Ingle had been accused of stalking the teacher away from school, too.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Closings: *Westland City Hall will close Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31. Emergency services won't be affected. The 18th District Court will close Dec. 23-24 and Dec. 30-31. The Westland library will close Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31 through Jan. 2.*

MONDAY

City Hall: *The Westland City Council will meet at 7 p.m. at City Hall. This will be the final meeting for retiring Councilwoman Justine Barns. There will be a 6:15 p.m. study session (city audit).*

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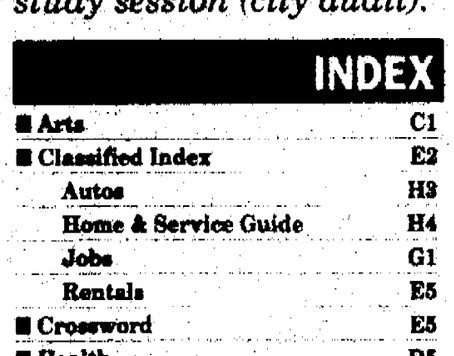

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Police-fire communications enhanced in city

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Residents' calls for help for police and fire emergencies are being handled more efficiently now that Westland and four other cities have a new communications system, officials say.

Dispatchers and public safety officers won't be competing for air time and cutting into each other's conversations with the new 800-megahertz system that uses 11 frequencies.

The system came with a $6 million price tag paid by participating cities of Westland, Garden City, Wayne, Dearborn Heights and Inkster.

"This is a state-of-the-art operation," Westland Police Chief Emery Price said.

The Westland department is home to a 300-foot-high communications tower for the new system, which just ended its first week with few snags.

"Everything works," Westland police Lt. Steve Ryskamp said. "Virtually, you have your own channel for each department. Basically, Westland (dispatchers and officers) can only hear Westland, but you can talk to other departments if you need to."

Dispatchers and police say their radio communication is much clearer on the new system, compared to an old system that crackled and had voice interruptions.

"We were all fighting for air time," Westland Sgt. Harry Misener said.

"There's really no comparison between the new system and the old one," Price said.

Westland, Garden City, Wayne and Dearborn Heights are using the system at their own departments, and Inkster plans to shift its dispatching duties and several employees to Westland's department as early as next month.

Dispatchers rave about the new system.

"It's fantastic," Westland dispatcher Gail Lazosky said. "It's so much more efficient. Everything is at your fingertips."

Lazosky also said working conditions have improved inside a 2,700-square-

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Credit union, school have great partnership

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Every child at Jefferson-Barns Elementary School received an early Christmas gift Wednesday because Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union volunteers cared enough to get involved.

"Today has been a terrific day for each student," Principal Michael Holuta said. "Their eyes are wide open."

Credit union employees volunteered their time on their day off to deliver coats, games, Barbies, mittens, hats, action figures and other gifts to Jefferson-Barns' 282 students.

"We want to make sure that all the kids get at least one present," Ruth Johnson, credit union administrative assistant, said.

To collect gifts, volunteers placed a mitten for every student on a Christmas tree in the credit union lobby.

Credit union members and employ-

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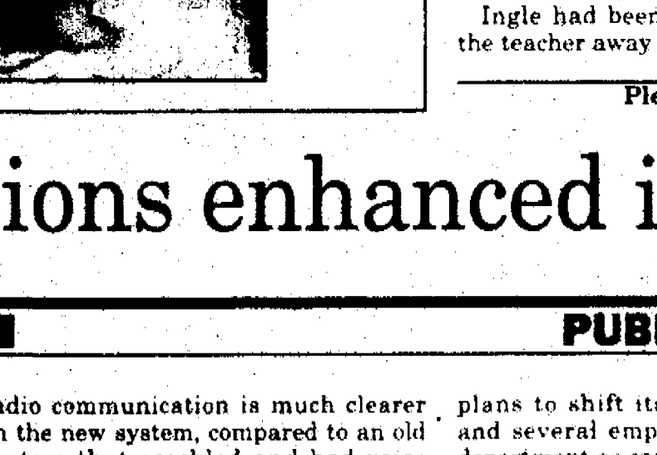
Yuletide revelry



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Bells: *Don McMillan (right) of Livonia and members of the Northwest Vicariate Handbell Choir perform at the Westland Community Foundation party Wednesday. For more, see page A2.*

Foundation hosts holiday get-together

Time together: *Sonya Kowalski and her daughter, Grace, 16 months, enjoy the party.*

STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM LAWLEY

Raise your voices: *Sheila Johnson and daughter Haley, 6¼, sing Christmas carols at the Westland Community Foundation party with Sheila Johnson's son Tyler, 2.*

Mirth and merriment abound as good cause receives a boost

The Westland Community Foundation presented its holiday program Wednesday at the Hellenic Cultural Center.

The focus was on helping others, with admission by an unwrapped toy for children helped by The Salvation Army in Westland, or by canned/boxed food.

A sing-along highlighted the evening with pianist Stefan Kukurugya. The Northwest Vicariate Handbell Choir and Singers also performed. Songs of the season were evident.

"It was great, a nice party," said Glenn Shaw Jr., foundation chairman. "We got a lot of toys for the kids in Westland."

Shaw said the "great toys" were worth some $2,500 to $3,000. "The toys are just incredible."

He said attendance was 150-200, a festive crowd. "We had people singing Christmas carols."

The ongoing annual event started with Shaw as a private party and evolved into a foundation one several years ago with the foundation's creation. The foundation also has "Christmas in July" and the Spring Ball, its two major fund-raisers.

Shaw laughed when it was suggested that a beach theme be adopted in December, to complement "Christmas in July."

The music enhanced the evening, he said. "It was just a nice evening. You get to see people." Those include Westland civic leaders, civic leaders from other communities and other residents and business people.

"So it's just a nice mixture of people."

■ **'It was great, a nice party.'**

Glenn Shaw Jr.
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Monday	January 10, 2000	Council Meeting
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Monday	January 31, 2000	Council Meeting
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Monday	June 05, 2000	Council Meeting
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Monday	July 17, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	July 24, 2000	Council Meeting
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Monday	August 14, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	August 28, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	September 11, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	September 18, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	September 25, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	October 02, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	October 16, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	October 23, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	November 06, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	November 13, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	November 20, 2000	Council Meeting
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Monday	December 11, 2000	Council Meeting
Monday	December 18, 2000	Council Meeting

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Pet visitation program brings smiles of delight all around

BY KATHLEEN MOORADIAN
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The first Saturday of each month is a special day for the residents at Presbyterian Village in Redford, thanks to several volunteers from the Pet-A-Pet organization.

The volunteers and their pets spend a couple hours visiting with senior citizens and providing them an opportunity to interact with a family pet.

This visit is planned and directed by Danielle Manning, a bright, energetic 15-year-old who has been a Pet-A-Pet volunteer since she was 9.

For the first four years, she visited the village with her family dog, and for the last two years she has been coordinator of the Presbyterian Village Chapter of the Pet-A-Pet organization.

She credits Ruth Curry, the organization founder, and Natalie Hansen, former coordinator, for encouraging her to continue her work.

"It's fun," said Manning. "It feels good to do this for the senior citizens. They really enjoy spending time with the animals."

It takes a couple hours a month to contact the volunteers to remind them of the visit, and she also has to keep the paperwork in order.

All of the pets are required to be in good health and have current shots.

As the coordinator, Manning must review the records and notify the volunteers when it's time for their pet's shots.

"This is really good for the senior citizens and it's also good for our pets," said Kay Mills, who has been volunteering with her white shepherd Maverick for several years.

Volunteer Patty Riggio and daughter Roxanne agree.

"It socializes our pets and teaches them good manners too" said Patty. Big Dog, her peek-a-poo, and Vino, her Rhodesian ridgeback, lapped up the attention.

For the senior citizens, it's a pleasure.

"I can't have a pet of my own now, so I really enjoy other people's pets," said resident Dorothy Smith.

"Oh, this is a great joy" said Ruth May Nagle, another Village resident. "I look forward to this every month. I really enjoy these dogs, especially little dogs that can sit on my lap."

The Pet-A-Pet organization was founded 13 years ago by Ruth Curry. With her father in a nursing home, she wanted to find something to bring to the seniors, some of whom don't get out of their rooms.

After hearing about the positive effects of "pet therapy," she launched Pet-A-Pet.

The organization has grown to include more nursing homes and children's hospitals in several communities throughout southeastern Michigan. If you are interested in volunteering for the Pet-A-Pet organization, contact Ruth Curry at (313) 535-0410.

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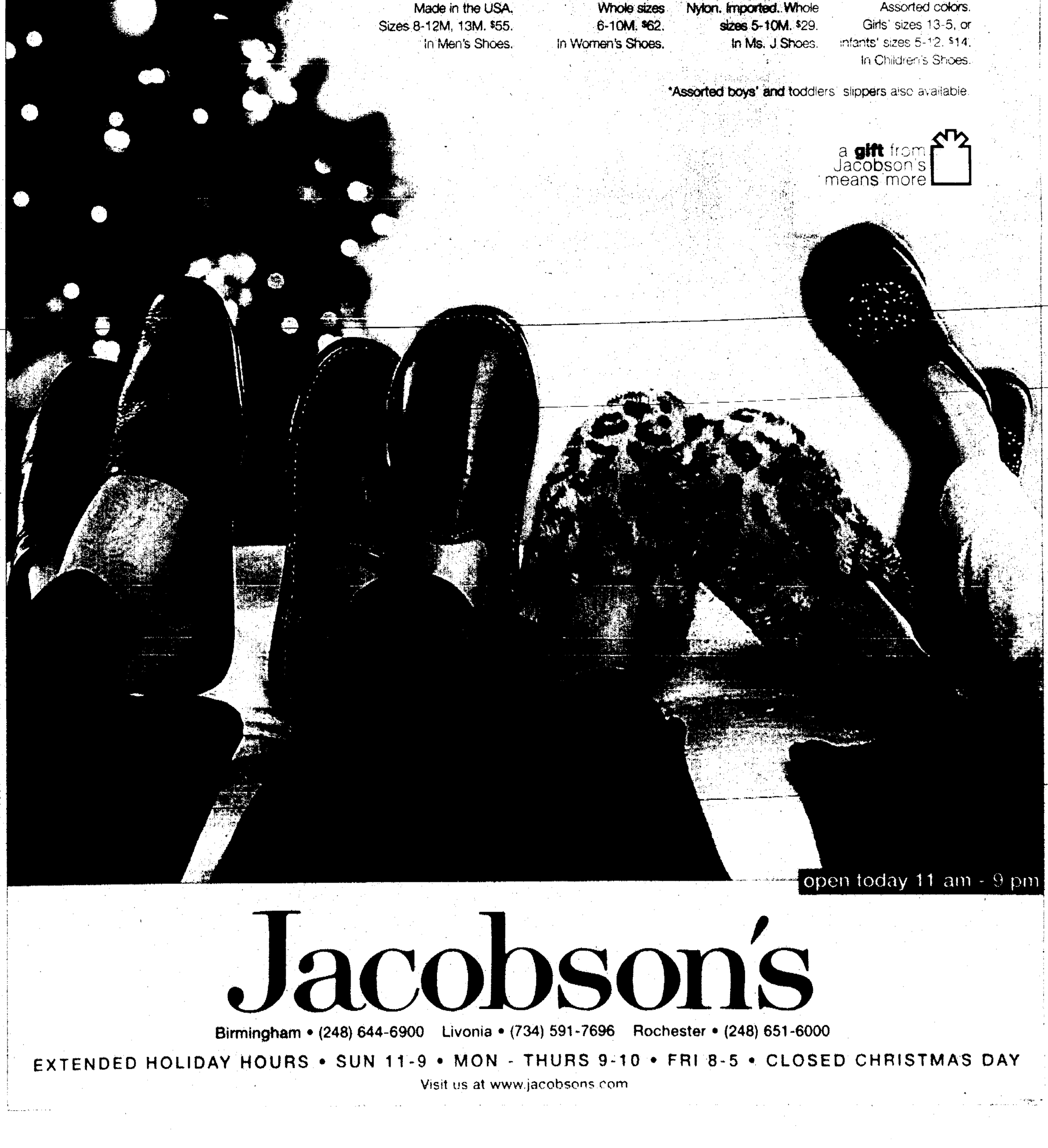

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Amber Alert links police, media on kidnappings

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

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

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

"We think this is a really terrific program," said U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham (R-Mich.) on Thursday. "It'll give us one more tool to be as effective as we can."

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

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

With Amber Alert, named after 9-year-old Amber Hagerman of Arlington, Texas, who was kidnapped and killed in 1996, police fax descriptions of the child, his or her abductor and any vehicle involved to Michigan State Police, along with other relevant information, once they confirm an abduction has taken place and the child is in danger.

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

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

The system has been successful in two cases, Trumbull said. In one, a motorist spotted an abductor's pickup truck minutes after a broadcast and called police. In another, an abductor who heard his own description on the radio got scared and returned the child.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham

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

Madonna launches adult nurse practitioner master's program

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

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, future career opportunities will be best for nurses with advanced education and training, such as nurse practitioners. Overall, the Bureau predicts that employment of registered nurses is expected to grow faster than the average, or 21 to 35 percent, for all occupations through the year 2006.

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

The adult practitioner specialization will be offered as a master of science in nursing degree, as well as a post-master's certificate for nurses who already possess a master of nursing degree.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Madonna University nursing program was established in 1962 and is one of the largest four-year nursing programs in Michigan. At the graduate level, the College of Nursing and Health also offers a master of science in nursing with specialties in nursing administration, adult health: chronic health conditions, as well as a dual degree in nursing administration and business. The adult practitioner post-graduate certificate joins two existing certificates for the nurse educator and nurse entrepreneur.

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

Business panel gives upbeat forecast for metro economy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

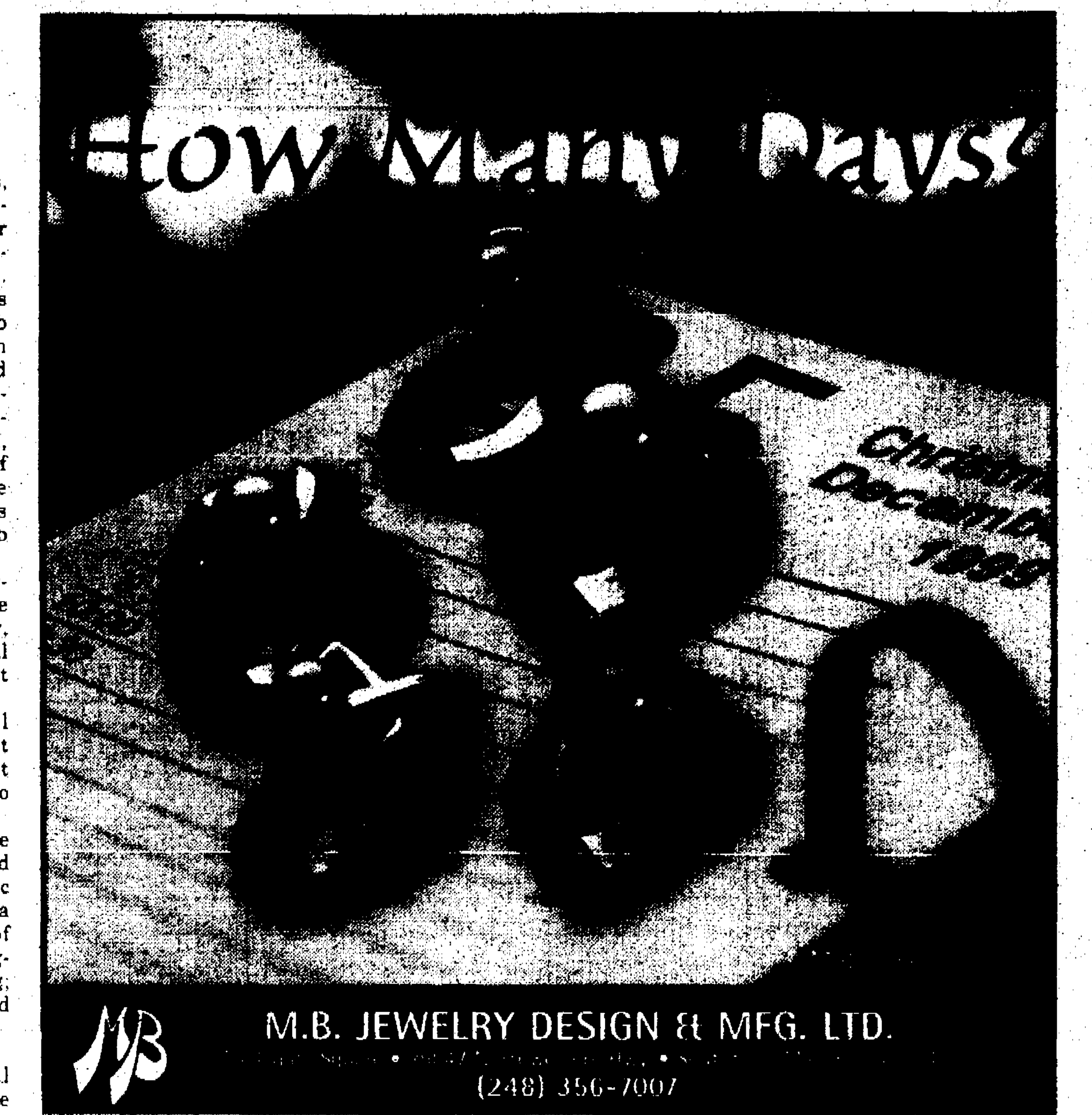
The real challenge to retailers, he said, will be the growth of e-commerce, purchases made over the Internet. It won't be additional spending, he concluded. The money spent on purchases made over the World Wide Web will be money transferred from more traditional "bricks and mortar" retailers. But, he predicted, as more traditional retailers enter the e-commerce arena, there will likely be a shakeout of companies doing business on the Web. Kmart, for instance, plans to jump into sales over the Web in the coming year, he said.

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

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

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

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



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Fire training key to public safety

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Local businesses are expected to become better protected from fires as Westland fire inspectors move beyond state-level training to achieve national schooling, officials said.

New training will help inspectors become more proficient at inspecting businesses, testing fire-protection systems and reviewing plans for new buildings, Westland Fire Marshal Patrick Harder said.

"We're very happy our people are pursuing these avenues. It's good for them, and it's good for our citizens," he said.

The ultimate goal will be to avoid possible fires, injuries and even deaths by making Westland buildings safer.

Two fire inspectors, Assistant Fire Marshal Chris Szpara and Capt. Gary Leirstein, already have completed the first of three training levels in the National Fire Inspector Certification program, Harder said.

"In the past, we've pretty much kept our training to the state level," he said.

Szpara and Leirstein spent 10 months on in-house studies and field work that culminated in a four-hour written examination that they passed.

"Now they will go for two more levels (of training). What this is really doing for them is giving them more in-depth training than they're getting at the state level," Harder said.

A third inspector is expected to start the program within the next year.

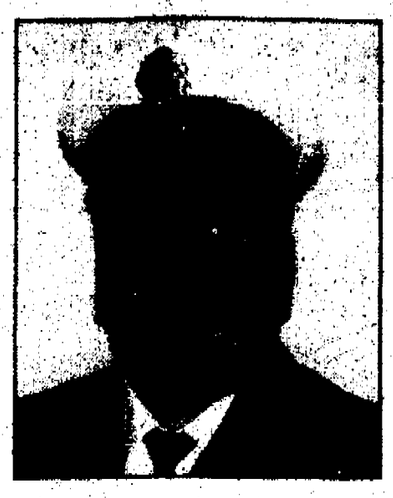
"We hope to have all three of our inspectors certified (at all three levels) within the next two to three years," Harder said.

In a separate program, Leirstein has completed an intense, two-week course in the Principles of Fire Protection and Structures and Systems at the Maryland-based National Fire Academy.

"It's a very prestigious academy," Harder said. "There are very few people who are accepted into those courses. Gary was lucky enough to get accepted."

The course drew firefighters from as far away as Australia and England and focused on topics such as legal matters for fire inspectors, extensive reviews of new building plans, conducting in-depth inspections, and testing of fire protection systems.

Leirstein



Szpara

■ 'We're very happy our people are pursuing these avenues.'

Patrick Harder
—Westland fire marshal

Fires reported

The Westland Fire Department last week responded to two structure fires, including one that killed a pet dog.

Firefighters were called to a fire at Sheltering Pines condominiums about 1 p.m. Dec. 11. Fire damage was confined to the kitchen area, but extensive smoke damage was evident throughout the condo, Deputy Chief David Carignan said.

Firefighters discovered that the owner of the condo had tried to put out the fire with a kitchen fire extinguisher.

Fire officials recommend that homeowners not risk their lives by attempting to enter a burning room, Carignan said.

The owner said he returned home from a store and was hit in the face by hot smoke when he opened his door. He hoped to rescue his black Labrador retriever, Carignan said.

However, the pet couldn't escape the heat and smoke that had traveled up the stairwell. Firefighters recovered the animal's body and took it to the Michigan Humane Society.

A small appliance on the counter started the fire. The overall loss to the interior, as well its contents, was estimated at $30,000.

The second fire occurred about 9 p.m. Wednesday on Powers, in Westland's south end. Firefighters found a vacant single-family home suffering heavy smoke damage and with fire coming from a rear window, Carignan said.

Firefighters were able to contain the fire quickly.

Investigators haven't made a final determination of cause, but said the fire appeared to have begun in the bathroom.

Neighbors said the house has been vacant for the last month or so. No gas service was being supplied to the dwelling. A Consumers Energy spokesman said gas service had been discontinued for a month. The estimated loss was $20,000 to $30,000.

This is the second fire near the corner of Powers and Harrison within the last year. The first home has been razed.

OBITUARIES

ANTHONY F. BUSHEY
Services for Anthony Bushey, 83, of Livonia were Dec. 16 in Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with burial at Mount Hope Cemetery in Livonia. Officiating was the Rev. Jonathan Wilkes.

Mr. Bushey, born April 14, 1916, in Detroit, died Dec. 13 in Livonia.

He was a paint inspector at the Chrysler Corp., Mound Road Truck Plant in Warren, retiring after 32 years of service. He was a UAW member at the plant and held several positions with the union, including chief steward.

He came to the Westland community in 1984 from Bloomfield Hills. He was a member of St. Theodore Catholic Church in Westland.

Mr. Bushey was an avid reader and he loved sports, including the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers.

Surviving are his sons, Keith (Judith) Bushey of Redford and Kimm Bushey of Dearborn; daughters, Karen Williams of Springfield, Ill., and Kathleen (Harley) Dossett of Long Beach, Calif.; 16 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Bushey was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Theresa, son, Kenneth, and daughter, Karol Cagle.

Memorials may be made to the Gideon Memorial Bible Foundation.

BERNARD P. BIRK
Services for Bernard Birk, 73, of Westland were Nov. 30 in Uht Funeral Home.

Mr. Birk, born Sept. 9, 1926, died Nov. 28. He was a diemaker.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie; daughters, Patricia (Elmer) Miller and Alice (Eugene) Sadler; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Birk was preceded in death by his daughter, Diane Birk.

MICHAEL L. BERGERON
Services for Michael Bergeron, 39, of Westland were Dec. 18 in Uht Funeral Home. Officiating was the Rev. Jack Baker.

Mr. Bergeron, born April 17, 1960, died Dec. 16 in Wayne. He was a forklift driver.

Surviving are his sons, Branden and Corey; daughter, Amanda; mother, Eileen; and sisters, Debra Leveske and Sandra Hendershott.

Mr. Bergeron was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Bergeron.

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THE CITY OF WESTLAND,
a Michigan Municipal Corporation,
Plaintiff,
vs
UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, an Oregon Corporation, qualified in Michigan RICHARD LEE PETERSON, JEAN GAUTZ and unknown heirs, devisees or assignees,
Defendants.

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ORDER TO ANSWER BY PUBLICATION WITH MAILING REQUIREMENT EXCUSED

At a session of said Court held in the City-County Building, City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan on November 23, 1999

On August 25, 1999, an action was filed by the Plaintiff, the City of Westland, against Defendants, UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, RICHARD LEE PETERSON and JEAN GAUTZ, in this Court to quiet title on a parcel of real property located in the City of Westland described as The North 72.0 feet of Lot 850, Supervisor's Nankin Plat No. 18, as recorded in Liber 70, Page 1, of Plats, Wayne County Records.

The Plaintiff acquired title to this property via a tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan on February 18, 1988.

Upon information and belief, the Plaintiff believes that the Defendants, UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, RICHARD LEE PETERSON and JEAN GAUTZ, at one time claimed or may have claimed an interest in this property which, by virtue of the tax deed and/or quit claim deed from the State of Michigan to the City of Westland has expired. The purpose of this action is to declare that the Plaintiff, the City of Westland, is the fee simple owner of said property and that any interest the Defendants may have had in said property has expired.

Upon consideration of the Verified Motion of Plaintiff, and the Affidavit in Support thereof, attesting to the fact that the Defendants, UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, RICHARD LEE PETERSON and JEAN GAUTZ, in this action cannot be personally served with a Summons and a copy of the Complaint herein because their present whereabouts are unknown, and they have no last known address, and that publication of notice of this action in a newspaper of general circulation is most likely to give notice to these Defendants, and it appearing to this Court that Plaintiff, after diligent inquiry, has been unable to ascertain the Defendants' residences either within or without the State of Michigan, and it further appearing that personal service of the Summons and Complaint in this action cannot be made on the Defendants for the above stated reasons, and that publication is the best means available to apprise Defendants of the tendency of this action.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Defendants, UNION INVESTMENT COMPANY, n/k/a NORTHWEST ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION, RICHARD LEE PETERSON and JEAN GAUTZ, shall in or before the 24th day of February, 2000, serve an answer on Mark A. McConnell, attorney for Plaintiff, whose address is 35330 Nankin Blvd., Suite 702, Westland, Michigan, 48185, or take such other action as may be permitted by law. Failure to comply with this Order may result in a judgment by default against the Defendant for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this Order be published once a week for three consecutive weeks, commencing, December 5, 1999, December 12, 1999, and December 19, 1999 in the Westland Observer and Eccentric Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation hereby designated as most likely to give notice to the Defendants named above. Publication shall occur within the County of Wayne, State of Michigan.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the first publication of this Order be made within five (5) days from the date of entry of this Order; and that mailing a copy of this Order be dispensed with because Plaintiff cannot, with reasonable diligence, ascertain a place where the Defendants would probably receive this matter transmitted by mail provided.

KATHLEEN MACDONALD
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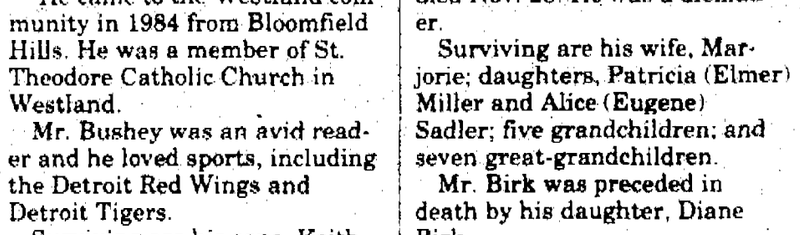

Here you go: *Employee-volunteer Pam Hope passes out credit union gifts.*

Partnership *from page A1*

ees took the mittens and returned with gifts, while others chose to give money.

"One (elderly) couple spent $350 and brought back numerous gifts. They have no grandchildren," Johnson said. "Every year, we raise close to $4,000 in money, alone, plus the gifts. We put all the money in a fund to shop for gifts.

"We're getting these kids something that they can really use," she said. "Then the volunteer employees take the gifts to the school."

The program emerged after Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union decided five years ago to "adopt" Jefferson-Barns Elementary. The school is located in a largely low-income neighborhood.

"The program has been so successful," Johnson said.

Holuta agreed.

"It means that every student is acknowledged for their behavior, for the good things that they've done, for their accomplishments," he said. "Every student is rewarded. What's most important to me is that we can find good in every student, and that's what we've done."

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"He also had gone to her home," Terry said. "She lives in a neighboring community.

"There's been no threat to the school or involvement of any other students," Terry said.

When asked if Ingle had threatened violence against the teacher, Terry replied, "He made a veiled threat that he might want to hurt her."

Glenn High Principal Neil Thomas declined to discuss the situation, and Wayne-Westland Superintendent Greg Baracy said he could say little.

"At this point in time, it's in the hands of the court," he said. "He's out of school now because he's incarcerated."

Baracy couldn't say whether Ingle will continue to be barred from school or eventually allowed to return. Baracy said he won't discuss any pending disciplinary measures.

Terry said it is the police department's hope that Ingle gets help.

"He's troubled," Terry said, "and it's our hope that he gets some type of care."

1.6 million to travel over the Christmas holidays

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

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

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

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

Other survey findings:

■ The average trip will include three travelers and last eight days - three days longer than the average Thanksgiving weekend trip - and the average amount spent will be nearly $880.

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

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

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

TOP 10 DESTINATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

During last year's 78-hour New Year holiday period, 12 people died in 12 fatal crashes statewide. At least two of last year's crashes were alcohol-related, and restraints were not used by four of the victims who had belts available.

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

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

Schoolcraft registering for online classes

Persons who believe they are too busy with job, family or other time constraints to get a college degree can earn college credits through Schoolcraft College distance learning classes. There are 44 distance learning classes offered during the winter semester, including 24 telecourses and 20 online courses.

New online courses include Introduction to Literature; Shakespeare, 19th Century America, Microsoft Word '97, State and Local Government and *Principles of Sociology*. Distance learning classes range from art appreciation to economics, philosophy and business.

Classes include both freshman and sophomore levels, and it is possible to earn an associate degree via distance learning.

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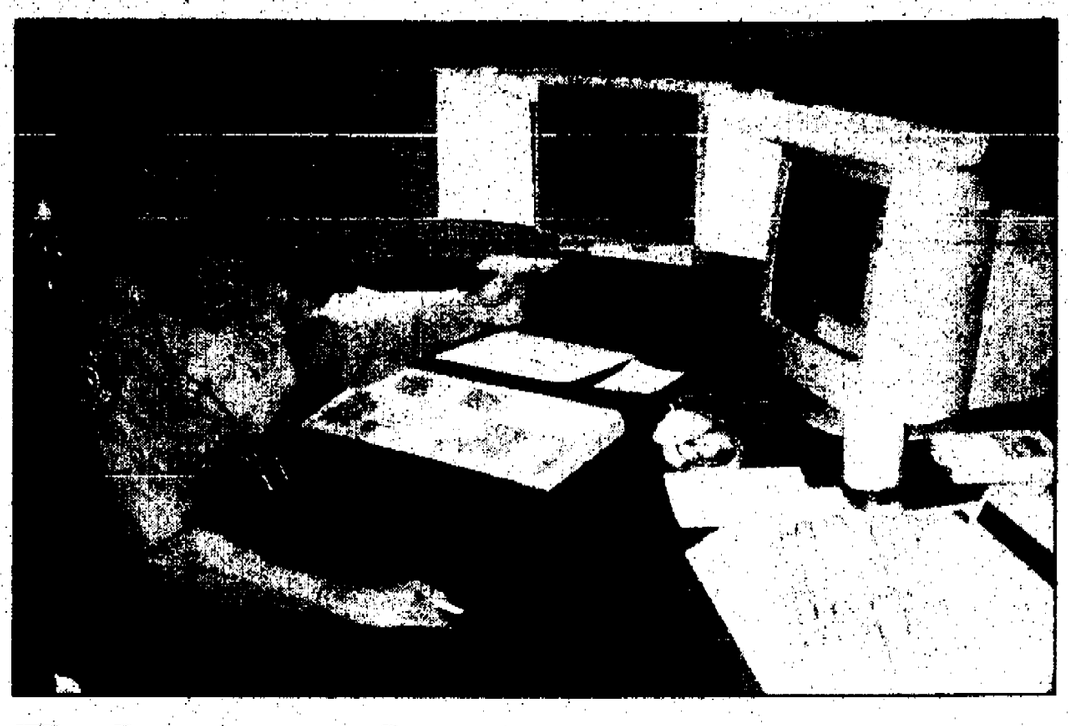
McKinley Elementary students yuletide givers

Students at McKinley Elementary this holiday season helped make the holidays brighter for needy families in the Livonia school district.

Students collected 1,300 food items in a recent collection drive for the needy. They collected the items through an in-school canned food drive that generated 650 items and in a door-to-door collection drive.



High marks: *Dispatcher Gail Lazosky likes the new system and work environment.*

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foot police department addition, built to accommodate the new system.

The new system comes ready for other changes, such as when 911 calls made from cellular phones start coming directly to local departments. Those calls are now automatically routed to state police agencies.

Local police officials have struggled for five years to get an 800-megahertz system.

"The chief (Price) got it initiated and started it all," Misener said.

A few local departments already had such a system. Livonia is one.

Price commended a team that he said helped usher in the new system: Ryskamp, Misener, dispatcher coordinator Ellen Florn and systems manager David Rozenbaum.

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or more and a doctorate, said Dan Slee, assistant superintendent of employee services.

Only 15 teachers are at the top level, he said.

The salary range will be $33,072 to $85,343 when the new contract extension expires in 2003-04, Slee said.

Slee, Baracy and Becher all described the contract as fair considering the district's ongoing financial struggles.

"I believe it's good for all sides," Baracy said. "It's good for the board. It's good for the teachers, and it's good for our community."

Among other contract highlights:

■ The instructional day will be lengthened by 20 minutes starting next school year to comply with changing state rules.

■ Two additional days of instruction will be added for each of the next two years, Slee said. One more day will be added in the third and fourth years, he said.

■ Four additional half-days of professional development will be added starting next year for teachers, Slee said.

■ Eight new elementary expressive arts teachers will be hired while the contract is in effect to increase staffing for music, physical education, art and enrichment classes. The new positions will help free up more planning time for regular classroom teachers.

■ Longtime teachers will be offered a $35,000 early retirement plan if they leave at the end of next school year, amid district hopes of saving money by hiring new, lower-paid teachers.

■ Teachers will get the Friday before Memorial Day off for the next three years only.

■ Changes in one of the district's three medical plans for teachers will usher in 20 percent savings, Slee said.

Other staffers

In other contract developments, the 32-member Central Office Administrators Association has ratified a three-year contract extension that also will go to the board for a Jan. 4 vote.

COAA includes employees such as executive directors and executive secretaries, but not the superintendent or his few closest cabinet members.

The current COAA contract expires June 30, 2001.

Union members will receive raises of 2.5 percent for the first year and 2.75 percent for each of the following two years, Slee said.

Their salaries now range from $26,929 to $91,393. When the new contract extension ends in 2003-04, the range will be $29,869 to $101,374, Slee said.

COAA members who retire early next June will get an "incentive" amounting to 40 percent of their salaries, Slee said.

That will generally amount to about $35,000, he said.

COAA members who retire early in 2001 will receive 30 percent of their salaries, he said.

The district won't save as much by replacing administrators as it will by replacing teachers, but school board members wanted to treat the two unions fairly, Slee said.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 1999
REGULAR MEETING

Present were Mayor Showalter, Councilmembers Kaledas, Wiacek, Dodge, Lynch, Briscoe and Gora. Absent none.

Also present were City Manager Kocsis, Treasurer/City Clerk Bettis, City Attorney Salomone, Police Chief Harvey, Lt. Maier, and Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Miller.

The Mayor announced it was time for Public Discussion for items not on the agenda.

- Roberta Petty, of Garden City, announced the Neighborhood Watch Annual Christmas Meeting and Party is Tuesday, December 7, 1999. She also thanks Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Miller for the excellent condition of City Park and the decor at City Hall.

◆ **Item 12-99-484**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve the meeting minutes from November 29, 1999. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 12-99-485**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Wiacek: *The City Attorney informed council that approving the current payment schedule would ratify the payment to Career Directions for the Detective Sergeant assessment center in the amount of $7,425.00.* RESOLVED: To approve the Accounts Payable, as listed. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

The Mayor announced it was time to receive communications from Boards and/or Commissions.

No communications from Boards and/or Commissions were received.

◆ **Item 12-99-486**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To approve the following appointments and reappointments:

Conference of Western Wayne (CWW)
To reappoint Michael Wiacek as delegate with term to expire 11-12-01.
To appoint Ronald Showalter as alternate with term to expire 11-12-01.

Central Wayne County Sanitation Authority (CWCSA)
To appoint Albert Briscoe as alternate with term to expire 11-12-01.

Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council (CDBG)
To reappoint Joanne Dodge as delegate with term to expire 11-12-01.
To reappoint Michael Wiacek as alternate with term to expire 11-12-01.

Garden City Employees Retirement System
To reappoint Joanne Dodge as Trustee with term to expire 11-12-01.
To appoint Richard Gora as Trustee with term to expire 11-12-01.

Michigan Municipal League
To reappoint Jaylee Lynch as delegate with term to expire 11-12-01.
To appoint Ronald Showalter as alternate with term to expire 11-12-01.

Nankin Transit Authority
To reappoint Michael Wiacek as delegate with term to expire 11-12-01.
To reappoint Albert Briscoe as alternate with term to expire 11-12-01.

Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG)
To reappoint Joanne Dodge as delegate with term to expire 11-12-01.
To appoint Ronald Showalter as alternate with term to expire 11-12-01.

Council Liaisons
To appoint Richard Gora as liaison to the Commission on Aging with term to expire 11-12-01.
To reappoint Michael Wiacek as liaison to the Downtown Development Authority with term to expire 11-12-01.
To appoint Richard Gora as liaison to the Planning Commission with term to expire 11-12-01.
To reappoint Joanne Dodge as liaison to the Recreation Commission with term to expire 11-12-01.
To reappoint Albert Briscoe as liaison to the Recycling Committee with term to expire 11-12-01.
To appoint William Kaledas as liaison to the Zoning Board of Appeals with term to expire 11-12-01.

AYES: Unanimous.
ABSENT: None.

The Council as a Whole discussed the following items:

1. CLEMIS Equipment – Supplemental Appropriation.
2. Police Department Furniture.
3. Aquatic Renovation Systems Payment (Reno Sys).
4. Traveling Sprinkler Irrigation Equipment.
5. Supplemental Appropriation – Carpeting/Chairs
6. Carpeting for City Hall.
7. Executive Chairs for the Council Chambers.
8. Council Meeting Schedule – Year 2000.
9. Resolution – Blind Bowlers.

◆ **Item 12-99-487**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION
Ordinance No. A99-019

WHEREAS, the City Manager has certified that there is available for appropriation, monies in excess of those in the current budget, and

WHEREAS, additional monies are needed in various accounts, and

WHEREAS, Section 5.03 of the City Charter exempts ordinances dealing with the budget, appropriations, and the levy of taxes from the requirements of other legislative enactments, and

WHEREAS, these specific enactments under Section 6.09(A) are not permanent in nature and need not be compiled in the City Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Garden City hereby adopts the following form for this supplemental appropriation and also for

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the City Council of the City of Garden City hereby adopts the following form for this supplemental appropriation and also for the passage of those ordinances exempt from the requirements of Section 5.03 of the City Charter:

THE CITY COUNCIL OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

The 2000 fiscal year budget is hereby supplemented by appropriating the amount of $181,347.00 and authorizing the expenditure of that money in the following departments, office and agencies listed:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
Revenue:		
470-470-190.000	Use of Fund Balance	$176,997.00
470-470-179.000	Interest	$4,350.00
Expenditure:		
470-470-337.000	Expenditures	$181,347.00

AYES: Unanimous.
ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 12-99-488**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Gora: RESOLVED: To approve the purchase of additional furniture for the Police Department to Interior Systems Contract Group, Inc., in the amount of $7,815.25. These items are being purchased under the contract for Oakland County. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 12-99-489**
Moved by Kaledas, supported by Lynch: RESOLVED: To approve payment in the amount of $3,180.00 to Aquatic Renovation Systems for renovation work at John Pietras Memorial Pool. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 12-99-490**
Moved by Gora, supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To award the bid for one (1) Kifco R-140 w/5r100 big gun traveling irrigation system and extra hose to Spring Brook Irrigation, Inc. in the amount of $5,355.00 delivered. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 12-99-491**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Dodge: RESOLVED: To approve

TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS
Ordinance # A99-020

WHEREAS, the transfer of funds from one department, agency or office to another must be accomplished by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, Section 5.03 of the City Charter exempts ordinances dealing with the budget, appropriations, and the levy of taxes from the requirements of other legislative enactments, and

WHEREAS, these specific enactments are not permanent in nature and need not be compiled in the City Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Garden City hereby adopts the following form for this transfer of appropriations, and also for passage of those ordinances exempt from the requirements of Section 5.03 of the City Charter:

THE CITY OF GARDEN CITY HEREBY ORDAINS:

The City Manager and Treasurer are hereby authorized to transfer the sum of $14,000.00 from the following account to the department, office or agency listed:

ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	AMOUNT
From:		
401-401-332.344	Voting Machines	$14,000.00
To:		
401-401-337.000	Expenditures	$14,000.00

AYES: Unanimous
ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 12-99-492**
Moved by Gora, supported by Briscoe: RESOLVED: To award the contract for City Hall Carpeting to **Commercial Carpet Corporation**, in the amount of $8,439.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 12-99-493**
Moved by Lynch, supported by Kaledas: RESOLVED: To award the bid for Executive Chairs in the Council Chambers to **Discount Office Equipment**, in the amount of $245.00 per chair, totaling $2,450.00. AYES: Unanimous. ABSENT: None.

◆ **Item 12-99-494**
Moved by Dodge, supported by Wiacek: RESOLVED: To approve.

RESOLUTION
CITY OF GARDEN CITY
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

BLIND BOWLER'S ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, for 60 year, blind men and women in our City, County, State, and Nation are able to enjoy the sport of bowling because of the existence of the "Blind Bowler's Association", and

WHEREAS, these members also get to enjoy attending State, Mid-west, and National Blind Bowler's Association tournaments; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Blind Bowler's Association have bowled locally as a league at Garden Lanes in the City of Garden City for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, the Blind Bowler's Association is the oldest association in the nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Garden City at its regular meeting on December 6, 1999, does, hereby, proclaim 1999 as the 60th anniversary year of the Blind Bowler's Association as it has been designated across the country.

AYES: Unanimous.
ABSENT: None.

The meeting was then adjourned

ALLYSON M. BETTIS, Treasurer/City Clerk

Publish: December 19, 1999

PSC warns to check your phone bill

Do you routinely review your monthly telephone bill and its itemized charges? If not, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) recommends that all consumers begin checking their monthly bills as a matter of routine.

Telephone bills have become more complex and sometimes may include unfamiliar and even inappropriate or incorrect charges. Therefore, it is wise for consumers to become familiar with the charges their telephone service provider assesses to their account monthly.

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

- Costs for optional services, such as a second telephone line;
- Long-distance charges from other companies;
- Voice messaging services;
- Inside-the-home wire maintenance contracts; and
- Customer calling features (the specific names for these services can vary from company to company).

It is a good idea to review your bill monthly to ensure that charges appear only for the services you ordered. If a charge does not appear to be correct, call your local telephone company and request an explanation.

Upon request, the company must provide a complimentary copy of the rate schedule applicable to your usage. Note, however, that the MPSC does not regulate the rates and charges for optional services, and the charges may change without notice.

Unfamiliar charges that may appear on your monthly local and long distance bills and are required by state or federal laws:

- Federal/State Subscriber Line Charges - covers the cost of the local telephone network, with a maximum charge of $3.50 each for a single line and $6.07 for additional residential lines (business line charges are higher).
- Universal Service Fund, or School/Library Internet Charge - helps provide technology to libraries and public schools, and varies by telephone company.
- 9-1-1 Surcharge - covers the cost of operating the local emergency phone system.
- State and Federal Taxes
- Cellular Phone and Paging Charge - allows cellular phone companies to assess long-distance charges for calls made to cellular phones and pagers; these charges may include long-distance charges and air time.
- Primary Interexchange Carrier Charge (PICC) - covers the costs of long-distance, interstate, and intrastate telephone networks for use of the local telephone company's network. Charges may vary between telephone companies.
- Local Number Portability Charge - covers the cost for customers to keep the same telephone number under certain conditions.

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

Some actions you can take to protect yourself:

- Always review the summary of long-distance calls and verify that you or someone in your household is responsible for those listed on the bill.
- Immediately contact the telephone company and request an investigation if you don't think you are responsible for a particular call.

Because of the changing nature of the telecommunications industry, there may be charges for other telephone services on your bill that are not addressed in this alert (e.g., returned check charge, minimum long-distance calls charge, etc.). If you have questions about other service charges appearing on your bill, contact the telephone company. Always follow up with a letter and keep a copy for your records. Remember basic local service cannot be terminated for non-payment of non-regulated service.

For more information related to your monthly telephone bill, call the MPSC at (800) 292-9555, write to the MPSC Communications Division, Service Quality Section, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing, MI 48909, contact the commission at http:// cis. state. mi. us/ mpsc , or fax the agency at (517) 241-6217.

Information technology is seminar topic

Information technology companies can learn about the future of government contracting in the third in a series of seminars on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at Schoolcraft College. This session in the series, "Coffee with the Colonel," is aimed at IT firms, who will have the opportunity to meet and question

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

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

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

Seminar offered on contracting

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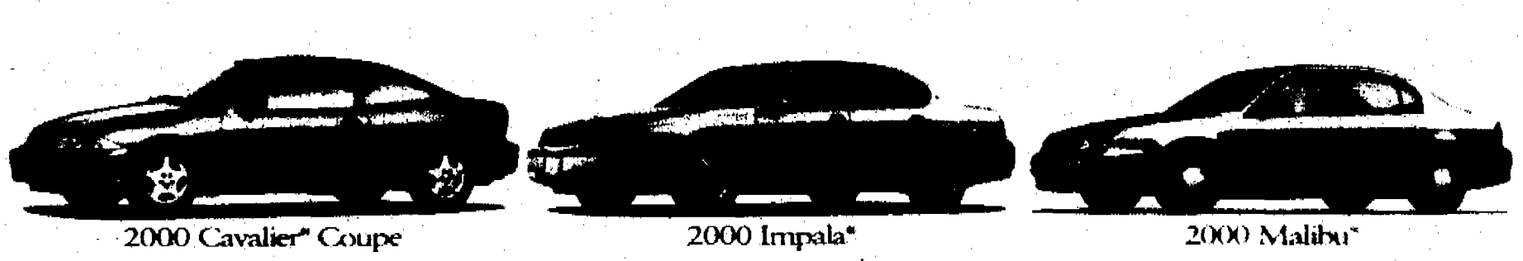

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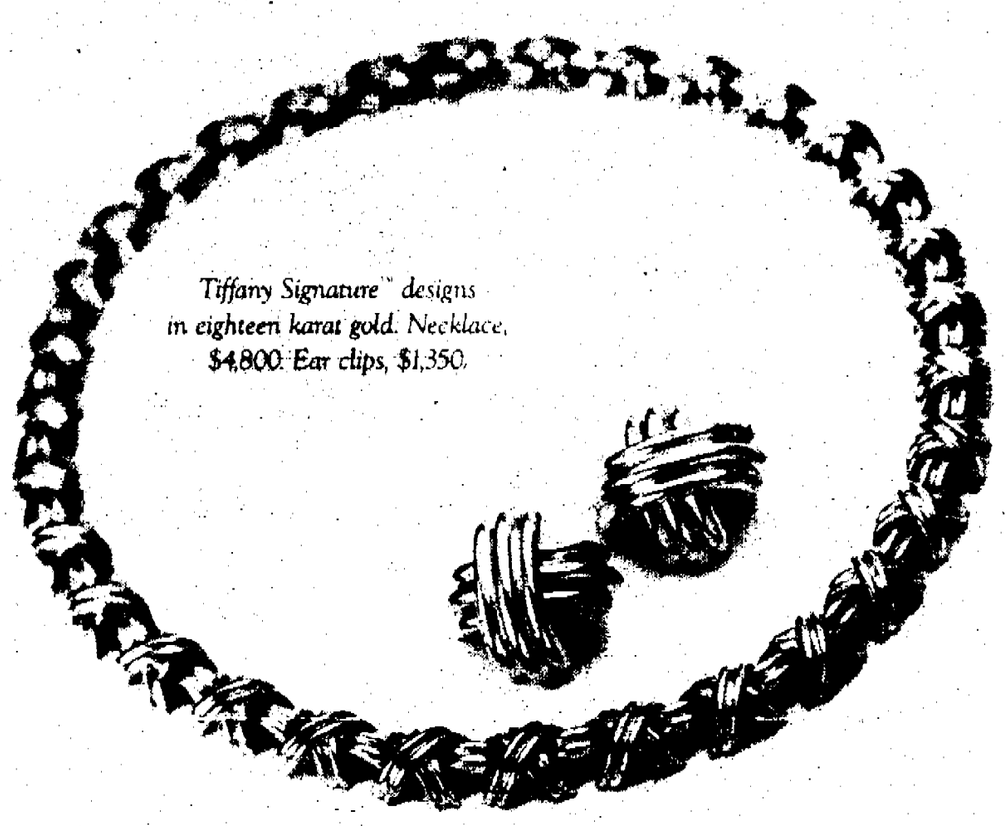

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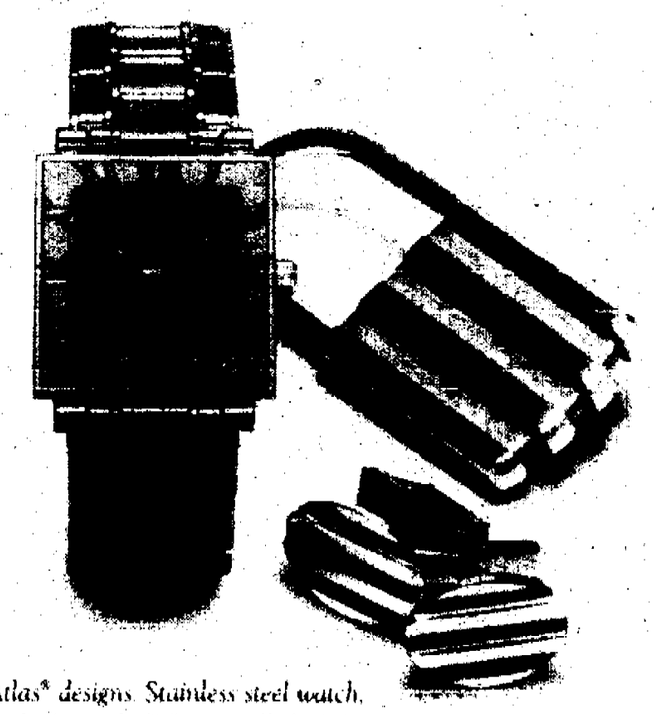

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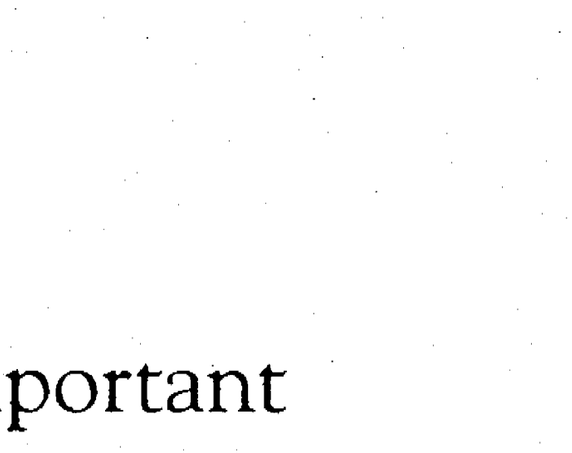

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Sunday, December 19, 1999

OBSERVER SPORTS SCENE

Youth hockey champions

Goaltender Doug Borda was named MVP of the Little Caesars Thanksgiving Tournament as the Livonia Midget B Rangers blanked the Westland Predators, 3-0, in the championship game.

The two teams tied 1-1 in a previous meeting.

Aaron Swintek, Andrew Kruk and Andrew Hamme scored goals for the victorious Rangers, sponsored by Kruk Brothers, Campbell Co. and Borda, Inc.

Other wins came against Southfield Omaha (3-1), Great Lakes Flyers (3-2) and Dearborn Heights Capitols (5-1).

Other members of the Rangers include: Alex Williams, Ronnie Friend, Mike Clarey, Mike Targus, Paul Dewitt, Matt Spiteri, Kyle O'Neil, Tom Remillard, Josh Moyer, John Hanley, Brandon Czekaj, Bill Hanley, George Georvassilis, Dave Furtak and Joe Obidzinski.

The head coach is Bob Lake. His assistants are Mark Williams, Jack Remillard, Paul Furtak and Dale Swintek. The team manager is Sue Remillard.

Collegiate notes

Marian College (Fond Du Lac, Wis.) hockey player **Scott Ball**, a freshman from Garden City High School, was named Midwest Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Week.

Ball had one goal and one assist, a plus-three rating, in Friday's 5-4 loss to nationally-ranked St. Thomas (Minn.). He had a goal in a 5-4 loss to St. Mary's (Minn.) the next night.

He is the team's second-leading scorer with 19 points.

•Kalamazoo College senior defensive tackle **Nick Lachapelle**, a 1996 Redford Catholic Central graduate from Dearborn, played for the U.S. team against the Mexican National Team in Saturday's Aztec Bowl in Mexico City.

Lachapelle, a first-team Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first-team choice, keyed a defense that set a school record for fewest rushing yards allowed in one season.

Ladywood spiker omitted

Livonia Ladywood 5-foot-8½ senior outside-hitter Rachel Rock should have been listed as one of the Blazers' leading returnees in the Thursday, Dec. 16 high school volleyball previews (for Livonia-Westland).

Holiday baseball camps

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

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

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

•The Wayne State University baseball camp, administered by the WSU baseball staff, will be from 9 a.m. until noon and noon to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Dec. 27-30.

Cost is $150 for all four days.

For more information, call WSU coach Rodger George at (248) 477-6590.

Madonna softball camp

Sessions are limited for the Madonna University softball fundamentals camp, which includes all phases of bunting, fielding, throwing, sliding, hitting and defense, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 22 and 29, and 3:30-6 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15.

Sessions also will be from 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30.

Players will also face live pitching and hit off a pitching machine.

The cost is $90 for four sessions. (Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball.)

For more information, call MU women's softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Christmas hockey clinic

Redford Unified hockey coach Pete Mazzoni will host a Christmas Clinic for youth players on at 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 28- 29 at Redford Ice Arena.

Cost is $12 per player, per session.

Call Mazzoni at (248) 960-0273 for more information.

Franklin's Jobbitt reaches milestone

Gains 200th career win

BY BRAD EMONS
SPORTS WRITER
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Livonia Franklin High hockey coach Terry Jobbitt put win No. 200 in the bank Wednesday night at Edgar Arena.

Actually, it was Sam Dismuke who made the individual deposit, scoring the game-winning goal on an unassisted effort with just 3:20 left to beat Walled Lake Central, 3-1.

Chad Van Hulle added an empty netter from Paul Statham in the final minute to insure the victory for the 18-year coach.

"It's nice to have 200 — all at the same school," said Jobbitt, who took the Franklin reins over in 1982 from Dave Felker. "I do it for the love of the game. I don't do it for money. I enjoy working with the kids and seeing their development, especially the ones who come in from the ninth grade.

"The athletic director (Dan Freeman) and the administration at Franklin has also made it easy for me."

PREP HOCKEY

Jobbitt's Patriots improved to 3-2-1 overall and 2-2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association with the win.

It was 1-1 after one period as Nick Borg scored for Central (1-5-1, 0-4), while Jesse Wright countered with a goal for the Patriots as Dismuke and Adam Beaudoin drew assists.

Central, playing without top defenseman Jason Howell (fractured bone in his hand), got a sterling effort from goaltender Chris Walts, who stopped 19 of 21 shots, many from close range.

Meanwhile, Franklin goaltender Rob Williams faced just eight shots.

"Their goalie was absolutely fabulous," Jobbitt said of Walts. "We came out slow in the first period, but in the second and third periods we played our systems well.

"We played short-handed numerous times, but we came up strong with our penalty-killing."

Meanwhile, Jobbitt doesn't plan to stop at 200. He notched No. 201 Friday against host Plymouth Salem, 9-0, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"I'll keep going until it's not fun or I'm not helping the boys anymore," the Franklin coach said. "I'm glad (No. 200) is over. The boys were excited for me tonight."

Former Patriot All-State player Tim Olschanski, Jobbitt's top assistant coach the past eight years, doesn't see his 52-year-old mentor stepping down anytime soon.

"He'll stay in it long enough if he can keep teaching the game of hockey, teaching the game of life and having fun," said Olschanski, now 30. "I played three years for 'Coach' and he was strict, but fair.

"As a coach he taught a lot of lessons

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Dean of Observerland: *Terry Jobbitt, now in his 18th year at Livonia Franklin, notched his 200th win Wednesday.*

Charger goalie stops Stevenson

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Every hockey team now has a loss in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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

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

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

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

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

There was no scoring in the second period, but it was not uneventful as Stevenson coach Mike Harris, who had complained loudly to the officials about excessive noise from Churchill's sound system, tipped over a mounted speaker just behind the scoring table. (See related story on page B2.)

Churchill was able to fight off a two-man disadvantage at the end of the period, but Stevenson scored 1:47 into the final period on a goal by Mark Blazok from Mark Nebus and goaltender Kevin Marlowe.

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

"We had been in the holiday spirit too long," said Churchill coach Jeff Hatley, whose team was coming off a 4-2 upset loss to city rival Franklin. "We did not want to give Stevenson odd man chances and get caught pinching in.

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

Williams, who has started all seven Churchill games in place of All-Stater Ryan McBroom (groin injury), was sharp all night, stopping 18 shots.

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

"You can't ask for anything more."

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

Please see CHARGERS 3-1, B2

STAFF PHOTO BY BRYAN MITCHELL

Pad save: *Livonia Churchill goaltender Matt Williams was sharp Wednesday night as he made 18 stops, including this one against Livonia Stevenson's Mark Nebus.*

4-0 Cougars take holiday break

GC rips Lincoln Park; St. Mary's routs Shamrocks

Yuletide greetings — Garden City-style.

The Cougars will take a perfect 4-0 boys basketball record into the holiday break after Friday's 72-43 homecourt demolising of visiting Lincoln Park.

It was the Michigan Mega Conference Blue Division opener for both schools.

The Cougars jumped out to a 24-8 first-period lead by pressuring the Railsplitters (0-4 overall) into a series of turnovers.

It was much of the same in the second quarter as GC outscored Lincoln Park 24-8 again to take a commanding 48-16 halftime advantage.

Senior guard Rob Hudson led the winners with 13 points, while senior forward Jess Webb scored nine of his 12 in the opening quarter.

Sophomore guard Dee Crawford and senior forward Dan Brooks chipped in with nine and eight, respectively. Junior center Justin Ockerman contributed seven points and seven rebounds. Angelo DiMichele also grabbed seven boards.

Junior forward Jeff Brown led Lincoln Park with 10 points.

GC made 11 of 14 free throws (78 percent), while the Railsplitters were 11 of 26 (42 percent).

Garden City resumes its schedule Tuesday, Jan. 4 at home against Livonia Churchill (3-1).

•O.L. ST. MARY'S 71, REDFORD CC 40: Considered the top team in the state regardless of class, Orchard Lake St. Mary's (2-0) did little to dispel that notion Friday against visiting Redford Catholic Central (1-1) at Dombrowski Field house.

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Senior guard Maurice Searight led the victorious Eaglets with 20 points, while Charles Davis and Donte Jones contributed 12 apiece. Jermaine Gonzales added 11.

"They're real good, every bit of what they say," said CC coach Rick Coratti, whose team trailed 49-19 at the half.

Matt Loridas and Rod Hunt scored 14 and 12, respectively, to lead the Shamrocks.

CC returns to action 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28 at University of Detroit Jesuit Tournament against Detroit City.

Coratti said he expect starters Lou Willoughby (concussion) and Ryan Celeskey (flu) to return after missing Friday's game at St. Mary's.

•MELVINDALE 69, THURSTON 66: Poor free throw shooting (two of 10) led to Redford Thurston's undoing Friday at home in a Mega Conference Blue Division opener against the Cardinals (eight of 11).

Melvindale improved to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the Blue by outscoring Thurston 20-11 in the third period after trailing 33-32 at halftime.

Guard Shaun Calhoun led the Cards with a game-high 28 points. Anthony Zoorski chipped in with 16.

Senior guard Cedric Mann paced Thurston with 24 points, including five triples, and seven assists. Junior guard Matt Nowak added 15 points and seven assists, while Jared Kazmierczak snared seven rebounds.

•SOUTHGATE 82, REDFORD UNION 67: RU's 39-33 halftime lead failed to stand up Friday as visiting Southgate Anderson stormed back in the second half to earn the Mega Conference Blue Division triumph.

Joe Greene and Bobby Garza scored 17 and 16, respectively, to lead the victorious Titans, who outscored RU 26-16 in the third quarter and 20-12 in the final period.

Senior forward Dave Brown paced RU with 17 points while senior guard Joe Wax and senior center Phil Garrett contributed 10 each. Mike Macek added nine points and 12 rebounds.

"We played faster than our desired tempo in the third and we made some mistakes," RU coach Lloyd Praedel said. "We got within six (66-60) with three minutes before we fell apart."

RU made 14 of 27 free throws, while Southgate was 15 of 23.

•ST. AGATHA 67, OUR LADY OF LAKES 57: Center Greg Russell scored 27 points and hauled down 20 rebounds Friday night to lead the Aggies past the Lakers.

St. Agatha (3-1) spurted out to an 18-14 lead after one quarter and stretched it to 40-29 by the half.

Dan Boulter chipped in with 14 points and Chris Mayers added 13.

Visiting Our Lady of the Lakes (1-3) got 15 points from Nick Body and 14 from Evan Selahowski.

The Aggies made 7 of 10 free throws while the Lakers were 18 for 24 from the line.

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about the game, but also lessons about life.

"I've been with him 12 years now. He's a friend."

Franklin players congratulated Jobbitt afterwards in the dressing room.

"We tried to keep it low key, especially after our big win Friday (4-2 against Churchill)," Olschanski said. "It's a joy and we're glad it came right away."

In 18 years, Jobbitt has noticed a few changes in coaching hockey to high school-age players.

"It's very different now," he said. "The attitudes are different. Back then there was probably less talent, but more desire. Now there's more talent, but maybe less desire.

"Like last year we had a good group, very hard-working and I see a lot of same in this team. I won't trade this team for any."

Chargers 3-1 from page B1

"We dug a hole with two power-play goals and that put us on our heels," Harris siad. "Our power-play struggled and that short-handed goal (by Turri) killed us. Special teams killed us."

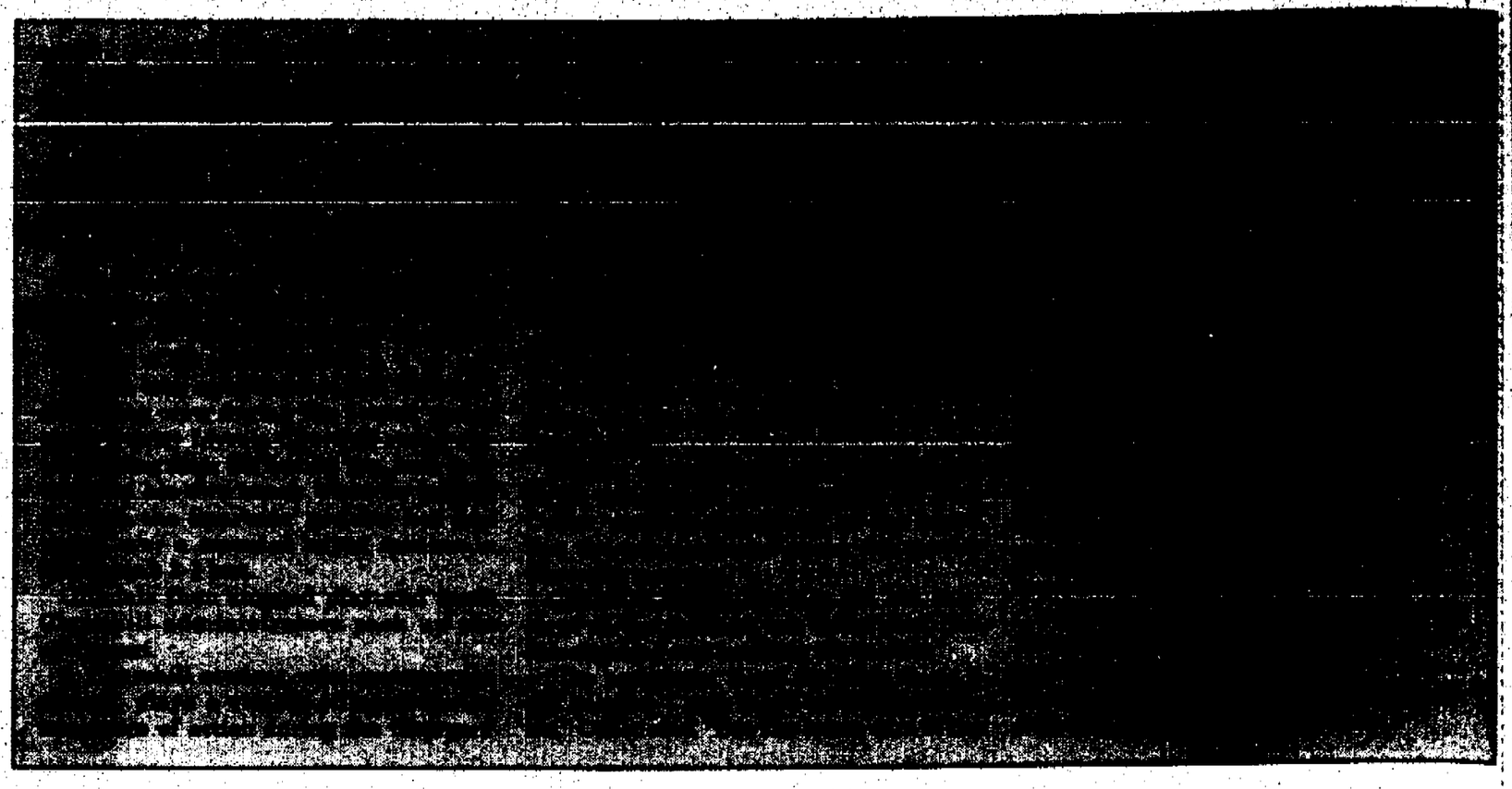
The Chargers went with an aggressive special teams scheme.

"You can't sit back and be tight in the box, you have to be in the attack mode all the time because we have too much respect for Stevenson and guys like Nebus," Hatley said. "We tried to cut down their passing lanes and their cross ice passes.

"And even though we gave up a power-play goal, we came out of that two-man (disadvantage) in good shape."

The two teams, now in opposite divisions of the WLAA, will meet again Friday, Feb. 4 at Edgar.

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



HIGH SCHOOL HOCKEY ROUNDUP

State-ranked Redford Unified goes to 7-0

Moodie is his last name, not a description of the way he acts on the ice.

Steady would be more like it.

Redford Unified sophomore forward Kevin Moodie scored four goals and added an assist in an 11-1 win Thursday over host Lincoln Park at the Community Center.

Moodie has a team-high eight goals for the Panthers, ranked 10th in Division I with a 7-0 overall record, 3-0 in the Mega.

Eric Pagel was the Panthers netminder, stopping 10 of 11 shots. RU, which fired 33 shots on goal, led 5-1 after one period and 8-1 through two.

Moodie centered a line with Jason Moul, who had one goal and two assists, and Justin Jagosz, who was active despite going scoreless.

"Kevin's had a couple multiple point nights for us," RU coach Pete Mazzoni said. "He just goes about his business, does nothing flashy, but then you look at the score sheet and he's got two, three points. Their line was all over the place tonight."

Joining Moul with a goal and two assists was senior center Steve Elliott.

Picking up one goal and one assist each were senior defensemen Kyle Robertson and Justin Rosin, senior winger Nick Ostrowski and junior winger Brad Johnson.

Senior center Dave Aird contributed one goal.

Senior defenseman Dave Sellin led with three assists.

"A lot of defensemen were getting points tonight and that's good to see," Mazzoni said. "They left the points open in their zone and our defensemen did a good job of jumping into the play."

RU plays returns to action Wednesday night against Allen Park Cabrini, the team Mazzoni's father John used to coach, at Allen Park Rink.

"I haven't heard much about them this year," the younger Mazzoni said. "They have a lot of tradition down there, field very strong teams.

"Playing in their place will be tough to do."

•CHURCHILL 3, P.H. NORTHERN 1: Three goals in the middle period carried Livonia Churchill (5-3 overall) to the non-league victory over Port Huron Northern in a battle of Division I state-ranked teams Friday at Edgar Arena.

Adam Krug deked out Northern netminder Duke Campbell on an unassisted short-handed effort at 5:22.

Sean Smith's rebound goal at 8:52 made it 2-0. Krug and Tom Sherman drew assists. Adam Jakubowski then went top-shelf from Ryan McDonnell and Jason Turri at 9:39.

Jason Gray's power-play goal with 50 seconds left in the third period ruined Churchill goaltender Matt Williams (17 saves) bid for a shutout.

"We worked on our mid-ice regrouping and we had it going tonight," Churchill coach Jeff Hatley said. "We're starting to gel as a team right now."

•MARQUETTE 2, STEVENSON 1 (OT): Livonia Stevenson goalie Kevin Marlowe (37 saves) played valiantly in an overtime defeat Friday against the host Redmen in the opening round of the frigid Marquette Tournament.

Mike Peraino opened the scoring for Stevenson with a goal from Mike Ventimiglia and Chris Wrigley. But Eric Stern countered for the Redman to make it 1-1 after one period.

Marlowe, who drew rave reviews all night for his performance in net, allowed the game-winning goal off the stick of Craig Hartz with 1:44 left in the first 8-minute overtime.

"I was really proud of our team, they showed a lot of heart and character," Stevenson coach Mike Harris said.

Marquette is now 3-0 overall, while Stevenson falls to 4-3.

Stevenson met Ann Arbor Pioneer in Saturday's consolation final.

Calumet beat Pioneer in the other game, 3-0.

Temperatures hovered around 15 degrees with a foot of snow on the ground. Stevenson's charter bus broke down after the game due to a frozen air pressure line.

•FRANKLIN 9, SALEM 0: Jesse Wright had a pair of goals and Joe Ceci contributed three assists Friday as Livonia Franklin (4-2-1, 3-2-1) rolled to a Western Lakes victory over host Plymouth Salem (1-8, 1-4) at the Cultural Center.

Gordie Statham, John Nichol (short-handed), Adam Bierley, Paul Statham, Nick Tilt, Ryan Tracy and Corey Garbutt also scored goals for the Patriots.

Josh Garbutt and Brandon McCullough each had two assists, while Brad Cauchi, Gordie Statham, Frank Geluso and Nichol contributed one apiece.

Goalie Chris Garbutt (18 saves) earned the shutout for Franklin.

Salem netminders Scott Stukel and Robin Baudry faced a total of 41 shots.

Franklin led 3-0 after one period and 7-0 after two periods.

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Panthers relying on family history

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Redford Union juniors Nicol McCausland and Amy Walker used to pick up volleyballs for RU coach Vicki Toth.

Now Toth is happy when the two are putting one down, as in a kill for a point.

McCausland and Walker had older sisters play for the Panthers and were ball girls on the teams Toth played on before Toth started a volleyball career at Madonna University.

McCausland's sister Kelly McCausland, a 1993 RU graduate, was an all-American at Madonna. Walker's sister, Theresa, a 1994 RU graduate, played at Concordia College.

It's ironic the younger sisters are now among the Panthers' best hitters, McCausland standing 5-foot-9 and Walker 5-10.

They are two reasons Toth is optimistic RU can have a successful season in her fourth year as coach.

"Amy is a huge force in the front row and is a natural at a lot of the skills that the game requires," Toth said. "She's very strong and is running all sorts of different hits with the setter. She has long arms and is able to get on top of the ball to put it down to the floor with authority.

"Nicol has a great volleyball build. Her vertical has increased by an inch and a half since last season and she has really stepped it up this season thus far. She will be a huge force for us. She has the ability to put a smile on everyone's face around her but when she steps on the court she's all business."

The Panthers have four seniors, six juniors and one sophomore on their roster.

Among the seniors is Bernadette Merriman, a 5-foot-7 outside hitter who has a chance at playing in college, according to Toth.

"She's stronger than ever and very focused on ending her high school career with a bang," Toth said. "She's jumping out of the gym right now and has matured dramatically since her sophomore year as a player and a person."

Erin Lizura, a 5-7 senior, and Sharon Barnes, a 5-8 senior, also are counted on as hitters.

"Lizura has potential to be a huge asset," Toth said. "She has great leaps but is a bit quiet. I'm trying to get her to open up a little bit.

"Sharon didn't get much playing time last season but I will be looking to her for bigger and better things this season. I like having her on the right side."

Alex Bonner, another 5-8 senior outside hitter, also will battle for playing time.

"She's a great leader and role model for others," Toth said.

The tallest player on the roster is 6-11 junior Debbie Hitt, who was promoted to the varsity last year for the districts. She also should start, Toth said.

"She's an animal at the net, very aggressive and exactly what we needed," Toth said. "She's magically motivating for the team. She has more potential than most players I've coached."

The setter appears to be junior Megan Kelley, who is "probably the smartest and quickest defensive specialist that I have seen walk through RU," according to Toth.

This is her first full year as a setter after concentrating on defensive specialist.

"She is a rock solid athlete who does not give up until the whistle blows," Toth continued. "The middle of last season I decided that she was the only one tough enough to follow in the footsteps of all conference setter Debbie Christensen."

The Panthers also can depend on junior defensive specialist Cassiopia Urban and 5-11 sophomore outside hitter Frany Deering.

Urban has some roots at RU like Walker and McCausland.

"The Urbans are all about power," Toth said. "She is strong as an ox and her quick feet in the middle-back position is undeniable."

Deering is "long and lean and will soon be a huge force at the net," according to Toth.

"We are walking into this season with nothing to lose and everything to gain," Toth said. "For the amount of talent we had on the team last year there's no reason that we should have had as many losses as we did.

"Our team has a new and improved attitude – our goal is to win and that's our number one priority. The girls have been working very hard since November.

"This is the first season I've noticed some consistency with the incoming players. We're all starting on the same foot. I don't have to go over plays, defense and the basic skills over and over again until they get it."

Chargers spike Glenn, Wayne

Livonia Churchill is off to a 2-0 start in girls volleyball.

On Wednesday, the Chargers opened the 1999-200 season by defeating host Wayne Memorial (15-4, 15-6) and Westland John Glenn (15-2, 15-13).

The Chargers, who passed and served consistently in the first game against Glenn, trailed the entire second game until tying it up at 13-all.

Sheila Gillies served the final two points for Churchill. Shannon Munn came up with a stuff block on match point.

In the win over Wayne, Meagan Sheehan and Amy Cadovich each recorded six kills, while Kelly Wright served six points.

In the other match, Glenn outlasted Wayne, 14-16, 15-9, 16-14.

Glenn is 1-1, while Wayne is 0-2.

In the two matches, Glenn senior Noelle Swartz had 10 kills and three solo blocks.

Jamie McLeod added seven kills and five ace serves, while Nicole Panyard recorded three solo blocks and two block-assists.

Setter Jessica Sanchez collected 35 assists, while Sarah Pack served seven aces.

Aggies open campaign at 2-0

Redford St. Agatha's girls volleyball team finished its first week of play with two wins and no losses and will be idle until the New Year.

The Aggies started the week on Monday with a 15-3, 15-9 win over Detroit Benedictine.

Senior outside hitter Sonia Lousia had six kills in the first game. Senior outside hitter Danielle Kremhelmer had four aces for the match and sophomore outside hitter Kristen Rogers, in her first year of playing, had six kills in game one.

Senior backcourt player Evelyn Sciberras had four aces and one kill for the match.

On Thursday, the host Aggies stayed undefeated with a 15-4, 15-6 win over Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

Lousia had five kills and an ace in the first game and two kills and two aces in the second game.

Junior outside hitter Rhonda Humbarger had one kill and two aces in the first game followed by four kills and three aces in the second game.

Junior setter Erica Haist had three aces in the first game and one in the second. She recorded two kills in the second game.

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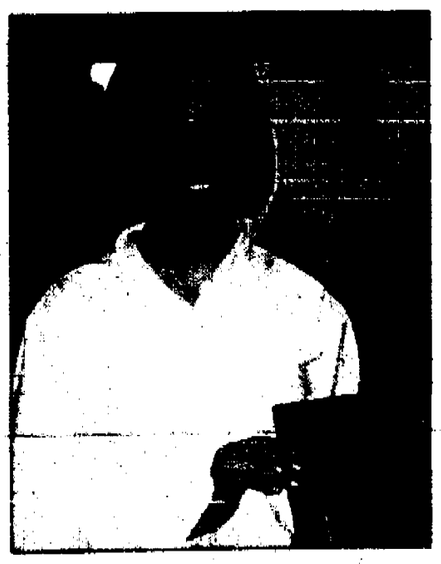

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Bench lifts Chargers past Spartans, 70-50

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So much for the sixth-man theory.

Livonia Churchill boys basketball coach Rick Austin is not afraid to use his bench. He likes to go 10 deep.

The "Pine Brothers," a reserve group of three juniors and two seniors, combined for 24 points and helped stave off a Livonia Stevenson third-quarter run Thursday, lifting the host Chargers to a 70-50 victory.

The game between Western Lakes Activities Associative rivals did not count in the WLAA standings.

Churchill enters the holiday break at 3-1, while Stevenson falls to 1-3.

"Those five kids are talented enough and have been ready to play since day one," said Austin, referring to seniors Avery Jessup (10 points) and Kevin Kotzian, along with juniors Will Pendergrass, Dan McMahon and Brandon Dziklinski (eight points). "We haven't skipped a beat with those kids in there. They play solid in practices and give us different looks against our starters both offensively and defensively.

"Overall we have more depth and competition in practice."

Austin normally subs in the "Pine Brothers" at the end of the first quarter, but he needed their presence again early in the third quarter.

After being tied 12-all with 3:10 left in the first quarter, Churchill went on a 20-4 run to open up a 17-point second-period lead.

Stevenson cut the deficit to 39-28 at the end of the first half thanks to a three-pointer from junior guard Mike Lenardon, who led the Spartans with 16 points.

Stevenson then reeled off six straight points to start the second half, four by Lenardon and two by Keshay McChristion, cutting the deficit to 39-34 with 6:13 left in the third quarter.

But the "Pine 5," led by Jessup's six points and Dziklinski's three-pointer, extended the lead back up to doubled-digits and the Chargers never looked back.

"The group behind our starters are there to give them support," Austin said. "We had to make some adjustments with our starters because they had problem getting kick-started in the third quarter.

"But then our 'A' group came back ready to play and they took us home from there."

John Bennett, a 6-foot-4 senior forward, led the starters and all Churchill scorers with 15 points. The other four regulars combined for 31 points. Josh Odom, Ryan Cousino and Randall Boboige each had eight, while Brad Bescoe chipped in with seven.

Meanwhile, Stevenson's problems began early.

The Spartans, under the scrutiny of a three-man officiating crew, piled up 10 quick first-quarter fouls before one was called on the Chargers.

But Stevenson coach Tim Newman wasn't about to make excuses.

Committing 29 turnovers and getting beat continually on the backboards had the Spartan coach looking beyond the striped shirts.

"We're just not a good ballclub right now and we won't compete with anybody in our league right now," Newman said. "It's going to be a tough winter break because we have to do some soul searching.

"We're going to have to spend a lot of time on the fundamentals."

Newman, however, didn't want to take anything away from the Chargers.

"They have good athletes and a nice ballclub," the Stevenson coach said. "They deserved this win. We've had two frustrating games in a row. It's frustrating because I thought the kids were ready."

There was a silver lining, however, for the Spartans.

"Our kids made a good run in the third quarter, but give Churchill credit — they withstood our charge," Newman said.

Churchill offset Stevenson's quickness with a matchup zone defense.

"We put an asterisk by McChristion's name and (Harland) Beverly's," Austin said. "We wanted to keep McChristion out of the paint, make him stay in front of us and stop his penetration.

"And we wanted to keep Beverly off the perimter."

Meanwhile, Stevenson's man-to-man defense could not prevent the Chargers from scoring easy baskets.

"We play a man-to-man to use our speed, but teams are beating us inside the free throw line," Newman said. "We're also getting pounded on the boards."

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Wrestling match: *Churchill's Brad Bescoe (bottom) tries to keep the ball from Stevenson's Bob Zapalski.*

Romulus holds off Zebras; Pats, C'ville notch 1st wins

Wayne Memorial put up quite a battle Friday against host Romulus in its Mega Conference Red Division boys basketball opener.

The visiting Zebras were outscored 16-8 in the decisive final quarter as Romulus pulled out a 62-55 victory.

Romulus won it at the free throw line, hitting 27 of 33 (81 percent), including 10 of 14 in the final eight minutes.

Wayne was nine of 16 overall from the foul stripe (56 percent).

Senior point-guard Shane Nowak paced Wayne with 15 points, while senior forward Taron Smith and junior guard Gary Johnson added nine apiece.

Kevin Thomas, a senior forward, scored a game-high 28 points, including 12-for-12 from the line. Byron Cole added 19.

•FRANKLIN 65, COUSINO 48: A 24-5 third-quarter run Thursday proved to be the difference Thursday as host Livonia Franklin (1-3 overall) earned its first victory of the season against non-league foe Warren Cousino.

It was 19-17 in the favor of the Patriots at halftime before they exploded in the third period.

"We were able to maintain our defensive intensity from the first half and were able to capitalize on their turnovers, and able to get some easy baskets," Franklin coach Dan Robinson said.

All 11 Franklin players scored led by Tim Borne's team-high 14 points. He hit four triples. Joe Ruggiero contributed 10 points, while junior center Mike Copeland had eight points and nine rebounds.

Greg Huskey led Cousino with a game-high 20 points, hitting eight of 10 free throws.

•CLARENCEVILLE 64, URBAN 55: Senior Rick Burack had 22 points and 10 rebounds Friday, propelling Livonia Clarenceville (1-2) to the non-conference triumph over host Detroit Urban Lutheran (1-2).

The Trojans jumped out to a 15-2 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Seniors Scott Carr and Tim Riedl each contributed nine points for Clarenceville.

William Evans scored 24 to lead Urban and all scorers. Duane Edgar and Dan Calloway added 11 and 10, respectively.

•LUTHERAN NORTH 56, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 43: Senior guard Charlie Hoeft's game-high 23 points were not enough Friday as Lutheran High Westland (1-1) lost to Macomb Lutheran North (1-3) in the opener of the Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest Tournament.

Senior guard John Blanchard paced the winners with 15 points, while junior center Steve Green added 12 points, 11 rebounds and six blocks.

•AGAPE 73, HURON VALLEY 38: The strategy employed by Westland Huron Valley Lutheran was clear: pressure Canton Agape Christian into making mega mistakes.

It didn't work.

Agape handled Huron Valley's pressure with ease, scoring mega baskets off of it en route to a lopsided non-league victory in a game played Thursday at Marshall Middle School.

The Wolverines evened their record at 1-1 with the win. Huron Valley slipped to 0-3.

Agape led 20-4 after one quarter and never retreated. "They pressured us the whole game and we went through it like butter," Agape coach Keith Anleitner said.

Chief among those who took advantage of the Hawks ill-fated pressure was senior guard Julian Wettlin, who led Agape with 25 points. He also had eight rebounds and eight steals.

Paul Anleitner, a junior guard, contributed 21 points and seven assists, and sophomore forward Josh Anthony added 10 points for Agape.

Huron Valley got 10 points from Alan Kleinke, a junior forward, and seven from Jeremy Husby, a senior center.

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Lady Crusaders show grit

COLLEGIATE HOOPS

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

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

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

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

The win boosted Madonna's record to 8-4. The Lady Warriors are 4-8.

The Crusaders, who lost Enfield after just five minutes, still built a 10-point lead by halftime (37-27), thanks to 14 first-half points from Chris Dietrich. Dietrich finished with 17 points, making all three of her three-point attempts.

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

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

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

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

Madonna outshot the Warriors, converting 22-of-48 from the floor (45.8 percent) compared to 25-of-78 for WSU (31.6 percent).

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

Schoolcraft men romp 102-51

Nice warm-up.

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

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

The win improved SC's record to 6-3.

"I thought that was one of our better efforts of the year defensively," said Ocelot coach Carlos Briggs. "We're starting to play better as a team. We're starting to share the ball more, rotate the ball better.

"And we're cutting down on our turnovers, which has been an Achilles heel for us."

Five Ocelots reached double figures in scoring, led by Lamar Bigby with 22 points. Robert Brown added 17 points and 14 rebounds, Quentin Mitchell had 12 points, and Chris Colley and Dwight Windham netted 10 points apiece.

Warriers rout Madonna men

The question is, why play this game?

Madonna University's men's basketball team had virtually no chance when it took on Wayne State Wednesday in Detroit. And it showed from the start: the Crusaders fell behind by 36 at the half and ended up absorbing a 103-49 shellacking.

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

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

The Crusaders were outrebouded 46-38 and committed a whopping 33 turnovers compared to 11 for the Warriors.

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

WSU got 14 points apiece from Adam Jones and Alex Ward. Brent Wall and Charles LeSure added 12 each, Ben Bakken scored 11 and A.W. Canada had 10.

Jones also had a team-high 11 rebounds and eight steals.

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

Lansing topples Lady Ocelots

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

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

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

Oakland hits rough stretch

Oakland Community College's men's and women's basketball teams ran into a little tough going late in the week.

Lake Michigan College's men's team defeated Oakland Community College, 71-66, Wednesday night in Benton Harbor.

Edward Wallace came off the bench to lead the Raiders (4-6) with 16 points. Tim Swafford had 15, Jovell Leatherwood 13 and Walter Malone 11.

A 28-2 deficit in points off turnovers hurt OCC, as did 35 percent shooting because the Raiders held a 64-38 rebounding edge. Leatherwood had 16 rebounds to help OCC gain a 31-5 advantage in second-chance points.

OCC had 27 turnovers in the game to just 11 for Lake Michigan. Guard Scottie Shaver led Lake Michigan (6-4) with 19 points.

OCC women drop two

OCC's women's basketball team lost two more basketball games — but at least the Raiders were coming closer to victory.

On Friday, OCC lost a 48-41 decision to visiting Alpena CC, wasting a 23-17 halftime lead in the process.

OCC made it to overtime Thursday night but fell, 71-61, to Sinclair (O.) CC.

Mahogany Fletcher (Farmington Hills Harrison) led the Lady Raiders with 16 points Friday afternoon but no other player reached double figures. Sara Wesa had nine for OCC (1-8).

Alpena CC (2-5) got 12 points from Sofie Bootz and 10 from Melissa VanStedam.

In the second half Alpena shot 43 percent while holding OCC to just 25 percent (6-for-24) shooting. Alpena made half its 10 three-point shots in the second half while OCC went 1-for-10.

The Lady Raiders lost the rebounding battle, 41-28.

In the Thursday night overtime tussle, Wesa scored 23 points to lead four players in double figures.

Fletcher had 15, Nicole Schulte 13 and Breanna Pearson 10.

Sinclair made nearly twice as many turnovers, 31-16, but won the rebounding contest by a 55-37 margin.

Sinclair shot 54 percent in the second half to just 29 percent for the Lady Raiders.

OCC posted a 29-26 second half to force the overtime but couldn't overcome Courtney Weng's 27 points for Sinclair (2-0).

PREP MAT RESULTS

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL 43
PLYMOUTH SALEM 30
Dec. 17 at Clio

103 pounds: Adam Stacey (RCC) pinned Mike Guethe, 3:07; **112:** Chris O'Hara (RCC) p. Nick Moniodis, 3:39; **119:** Ronnie Thompson (PS) p. Tim Murroy, 1:20; **125:** Rob Ash (PS) p. PA Hagan, 4:49; **130:** Lucas Stump (PS) p. Ben Kreucher, 1:07; **135:** Steve Dendrinos (PS) dec. Nate Rodriguez, 12-10 (overtime); **140:** Josh Henderson (PS) p. Jeff Wheeler, 4:44; **145:** Jay Abshire (RCC) p. Mike Pasternak, 4:37; **152:** Sean Bell (RCC) p. Andrew Bennett, 5:07; **160:** Ryan Rogowski (RCC) p. Phil Ponteflos, 0:57; **171:** Mitch Hancock (RCC) p. James March, 0:42; **189:** Mike Popeney (PS) dec. Andy Conlon, 5-3; **215:** Matt Williams (RCC) p. John Early, 1:21; **heavyweight:** Aaron Parr (RCC) dec. ... Jensen, 5-3.

REDFORD CC 58
CLIO 21
Dec. 17 at Clio

103 pounds: Adam Stacey (RCC) won by void; **112:** Chris O'Hara (RCC) won by void; **119:** Tim Murroy (RCC) dec. Jason Dodge, 14-5; **125:** Chris Durbin (C) p. Paul Hagan, 5:26; **130:** Jerry Walworth (C) p. Ben Kreucher, 1:51; **135:** Charlie Cross (C) p. Nate Rodriguez, 3:44; **140:** Jeff Wheeler (RCC) p. Chris Stewart, 4:47; **145:** Jason Abshire (RCC) won by void; **152:** Joe Fursch (C) dec. Sean Bell, 7-0; **160:** Ryan Rogowski (RCC) p. Matt Colsner, 2:33; **171:** Mitch Hancock (RCC) p. Ryan Brenner, 0:22; **189:** Blair Naysmith (RCC) p. Chris Schultz, 0:42; **215:** Matt Williams (RCC) p. Zack Myers, 0:36; **heavyweight:** Aaron Parr (RCC) p. Travis Welch, 1:38.

CC's overall dual meet record: 4-3.

REDFORD THURSTON 45
RIVER ROUGE 30
Dec. 16 at Rouge

103 pounds: double void; **112:** Chris Usher (RT) won on void; **119:** Brian Mitchell (RR) won on void; **125:** Adam Jeziorowski (RT) pinned Michael Spinks, 2:56; **130:** Frank Crutchfield (RR) p. Mike McDonald, 3:31; **135:** Herb Campbell (RR) p. Justin Nomura, 1:03; **140:** Aaron Jackson (RR) pinned Matt O'Neil, 3:13; **145:** Steve Iwankovitsch (RT) p. Jack Garrett, 3:58; **152:** Jeff Usher (RT) ... ont Miles, 14-11; **160:** Victor ... (RR) p. Chris Litvin, 1:40; **171:** George Babikis (RT) p. Ronald McCray, 1:37; **189:** Chris Caputo (RT) p. Robert McCray, 2:29; **215:** Jack Leich (RT) won ...; **heavyweight:** Carl Latonde (RR) p. ... Reynolds, 5:40.

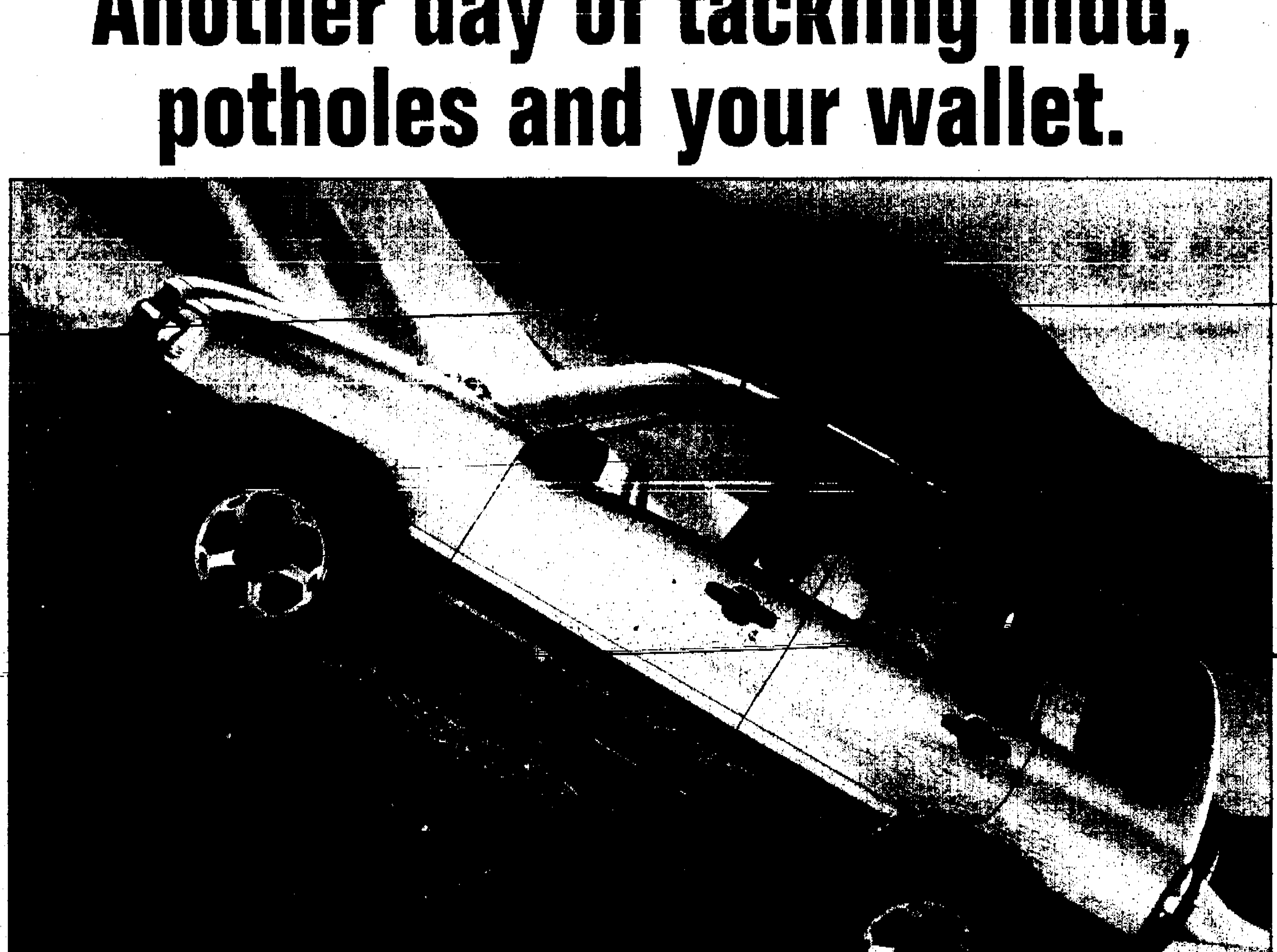
Thurston's dual meet record: ...

Thurston finished 13 of 14 teams at the Gibraltar Carlson Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 11. Jeff Usher was the champion at 145, winning four matches, one by pin and three on decisions. Leich was third at 215.

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 20
Harrison at Seaholm, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 21
Ypsi Lincoln at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22
Riv. Richard at Harrison, 7 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Dec. 21
Ladywood vs. Regina
at Ply. Arctic Pond Arena, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 22
Churchill vs. Brother Rice
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Salem vs. W.L. Western
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 7:20 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Farm. Unified
at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Unified vs. A.P. Cabrini
at Allen Park Arena, 8 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Dec. 22
St. Clair at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.

Another day of tackling mud, potholes and your wallet.



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Bearly possible: Bear range stretching south

OUTDOOR INSIGHTS

BILL PARKER

A surprise encounter with a Michigan black bear has landed a Thumb-area bow hunter in a world of trouble.

While hunting deer from a tree stand in Tuscola County on the afternoon of Oct. 7, the hunter allegedly shot a black bear because "she was fearful and did not know what the bear would do," according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officer Jason Haines.

Bear encounters are extremely rare in southern Michigan so it's not inconceivable to think the hunter was quite surprised by the appearance of the bear.

However, since there is no bear hunting season in the Thumb, or anywhere in southern Michigan, shooting one is a game law violation.

A Tuscola County property owner notified the DNR that a black bear had been killed on his property by an archery deer hunter. The hunter allegedly shot the bear at approximately 6 p.m. that day. The bear was found dead the following morning.

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

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

A costly mistake

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

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

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

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

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

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

Summer residents

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

"It's uncommon for a bear to make long movements like that at this time of year," Reis said. "Cubs will stay with a sow for two winters. Then, when she's ready to reproduce again in the spring, she'll get real aggressive with her cubs, especially the young males who will leave the area and venture out on their own.

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

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

(Anglers and hunters are urged to report your success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (248) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (248) 901-2573.)

Gift-giving is no problem for those who love nature

NATURE NOTES

TIM NOWICKI

People who enjoy the natural world and the outdoors are not hard to buy for during this gift-giving season.

If you do not have a gift for someone who enjoys nature, here are a few suggestions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Those hikers who plan to be outdoors longer need even more equipment like raincoats, compass, whistle and waterproof matches.

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

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

These stores and others also have books and gadgets that make an outdoor experience more enjoyable. Binoculars, sunglasses, warm gloves, practical hats and lots of other ideas that may fit the person you're buying for.

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

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

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

Michigan has a chapter of the Nature Conservancy, whose primary goal is to buy and protect prime natural areas.

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

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

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

Our local libraries have addresses for these groups.

Enjoy the natural world and have a Merry Christmas.

All types of balls available for the 'different' bowler

TEN PIN ALLEY

AL HARRISON

Dear Santa: *With less than a week 'til Christmas, is it too late to wish for a new bowling ball?*

I already have one or two I like a lot, but Ebonite has come out with the new 'Skull' ball.

It may seem ghoulish, but this is a lot different from the dull or mundane black, red or blue.

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

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

In the movie, this ball supposedly contained the skull of Garafolo's father, Carmine the Bowler, who was slain by the mob. The ball then became a weapon for her to avenge his death.

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

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

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

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

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

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

"More importantly, the industry forgot what made bowling a wonderful sport from the beginning — fun.

"Millions of dollars have been spent to find the right core shape, weight and veneer for different types of bowlers and conditions."

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

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

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

• In the Bacardi/Blue Ribbon group scratch tournament last week at Westland Bowl, Chris Mowinski emerged victorious after a final match dogfight with Bill Zacheranik.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mayflower Lanes (Redford)

Wednesday Men's Senior Classic: Jim Zellen, 245-215-224/684; Ted Kress, 278/683; Hal Ledouceur, 257/640; Frank Palmeri, 258/661; North Bochenik, 248/658.

Monday Seniors: Jim Zellen, 258/692; B.C. Nunnery, 266/672; Big Bill, 670; Jim Rosni, 243/660; Bud Kraemer, 242-235/651; Jack Dahlstrom, 250.

Friday Seniors: Mel Albirte, 259/719; Walt Arsenault, 278/671; Dick Kieffer, 242/670; Len Zangari, 256/669; Frank Federico, 244/655.

Oak Lanes (Westland)

[illegible]: Paula Sitarski, 223/608; Judy Gentilia, 234/592; Ann Niedermeyer, 214/592; Gary Spellman, 235/560; Hazel Prain, 221/555.

Town 'n Country (Westland)

[illegible] Sunday Memorial: Carol Konopatzki, 2[illegible]/710.

Tuesday Junior Classic: Jim Harper, 299/751.

Thursday Morning Men: Rick Farr, 300; Marc Stockel, 300.

[illegible] Youth/Adult: Gary Pack, 755; Gary Shiemke, 732.

Westland Bowl

[illegible] Men: Mike Hatch, 276/630; Jason Williams, 279/614; Whitey Carter, 261/627; Mark Brooks, 267/674; John Auty, 259/610.

[illegible]: Jeff Sosnowski, 255/623; Mike Gehrke, 248/609; Harmon Graves, 247/668; John Castillo, 244/645; Mike Sosnowski, 242.

[illegible] Trio: Mike Boucher, 226/634; Bill Doug, 212/582; Brian Doddle 211/564.

[illegible]: Tina Dickhart, 264 (121 pins o/a)/624; Candy Leschiave, 236/629; Dee Pate, 226/573; Sunday Gates, 222/606; Suzanne [illegible], 215/601.

[illegible]: Keith Post, 255/582; Guy [illegible] Forbes, 244/586; Don Harrison, 246/662; Brian Bailey, 234/564; Candy Bailey, 211/510.

[illegible]: Pay Agius, 289/708; Mike Norris, Jr., 279/722; Jeff Roche, 279/721; Ryan Wilson, 278/726; Tom Johnston, Jr., 278/708.

[illegible]: David Fisk, 268/613; Bill Barron, 232/561; David Labon, Sr., 232/598; Frank Buchanan, 225/591; Kris Barrett, 190.

E/O Hard Times: Al Biering, 299/767; Paul Massie, 260/643; Louise Cordie, 256/590; Kathy Brown, 243/606; Laura Maher, 219/590.

Monday Morning Men: Randy Kline, 268/759; Pat Stover, 257/686; Joe Kovatch, 234/666; Danny Renberg, 223/596; Vernon Looney, 218/562.

All Ladies Trio: Janis Tavormina, 200; Phyllis Hammerberg, 181; Pinkie Ponder, 172.

Youth Leagues (Saturday Coca Cola Majors): Tony Vitale, 276/636; Erick Shiemke, 232/615; Brian Peczynski, 227/614; Pat Barter, 222/613; Crystal Trongo, 203/516.

Saturday Coca Cola Juniors: Darrell Olds, 225/609; Ryan Warner, 213/570; David Ponder, 206/536.

Saturday Coca Cola Preps: Adam Whalen, 150; Jason Brown, 146; Holly Clendening, 137; Deanna Clendening, 137.

Saturday Coca Cola Bantams: Joshua Tavena, 105; Courtney Smith, 121.

Tuesday Bantams: Stefan Harrison, 119.

Tuesday Bumpers: Devin Cragin, 97; Rachel Romanek, 123; Michelle Goff, 111; Valerie Romanek, 107; Sharee Cooper, 101.

Tuesday Youth Doubles: Matthew Vasos, 196; Kristopher Moyer, 169; Jessica Witte, 186; Megan Rorkington, 172; Theresa Samanda, 166.

Plaza Lanes (Plymouth)

[illegible]: Larry Bennett, 2[illegible].

St. [illegible] Men: Chuck Creasi, 26[illegible]/6[illegible].

Tuesday Night Ladies: Christy Arbogast, 272/627.

Garden Lanes (Garden City)

St. Linus Classic: Bob Reyl, 248-233-277/758; Jim Kowalski, 235-221-237/[illegible]; Darin Bottinger, 222-222-221/665; Bill Parris, 236-224/[illegible]; Ron Latimer, 243-212/657.

Friday Nite Ladies Classic: Shari Mascarello, 267-242/[illegible]; Sue Jetner, 212-276/674; Sue [illegible], 215-214-247/676.

[illegible] (Livonia)

Wednesday [illegible]: Donna Kress, 219-202/613; Marie Nelson, 210-215/612; Sue Smith, 205/529; Cindy Hruska, 568; Denise Stancato, 564.

High School Conference (Spartans Girls): Katie Bishop, 226.

Annapolis Boys: Matt Koshorok, 234/614.

Crestwood Boys: R. Blow, 231/605; D. Vokally, 224-226/624.

John Glenn Boys: D. Zmikly, 210-218-224/652.

Dearborn Boys: Brandon Paris, 200-217/609.

Mackenzie Boys: R. Watkins, 223.

Woodland Lanes (Livonia)

Ford Parts: Rick Hillier, 290/705; Brennan Moss, 249/729; Barry Tikey, Jr., 245/716; Bob Jordan, 266/718; Darrell Knox, 269/709; Dennis Weatherford, 258/753.

Early Birds: Joyce Yandric, 205/559; Laura Sakata, 527.

Guys & Dolls (Seniors): Kris Barbour, 213; Irvin Nadolny, 209; Larry Morris, 214.

Monday Seniors: Norm Wolf: 222; Howard Fetherston, 201; Paul Brewer, 215; Gerry Jensen, 211; Ed Snyder, 210.

Lyndon Meadows: Cheryl Gill, 225/534; Kathy Folk, 235/544; Carol Norris, 200/513.

[illegible] Auto: Doug O'Connor, 280/694; John Lake, Sr., 255/702; Marve Goudie, 265/697; Randy Smith, 268/733; Tim McCarthy, 288/756; Len Singer, 255/706.

Senior House: Pat Engebretson, 267/741; Mike Norris, Jr., 279/760; Jim Sterbenz, 258/740; Mickey Smith, 266/712; Jeff Roche, 287/706; Mike Larocca, 265/680.

Woodland Midnighters: Paul Bruckner, 212; Jim Zepinski, 269/684; Frank Nickowski, 246/642; Tim Mielcarek, 219/606; Jim Ryan, 214.

[illegible]: Chuck Simpson, 201-207; John Nelson, 211; Norm Renaud, 210.

Sunday Night [illegible]: Barb Sartore, 258.

Men's Trio: Greg Wizgird, 257/695; Mike Travis, 268/690; Mark Shiemke, 269/721; John Wodarski, Jr., 257/701; Dave Myers, 268/662.

Woodland Rollers: Linda Grimsley, 220/602.

Local 182 Retirees: Frank Bertani, 266.

Wonderland Lanes (Livonia)

Senior Men's Invitational: Jarvis Woehlke, 300; Ed Dudek, 248/673; Bill Newbrough, 246/660.

Wonderland Classic: Bill Zacheranik, 269/783; Mike Miller, 279/767; Tom Hay, 276/717.

Nite Owls: Rick Heist, 266/723; Shane Wyatt, 299/696; Jim Clearman, 256/645.

Kings & Queens: Steve Pencola, 253-250/717; Mike Omilian, 645; Kevin Heikkinen, 244/636.

Cloverlanes (Livonia)

All Star Bowlerettes: Michelle Ewald, 279/780; Aleta Sill, 300/692; Marianne DiRupo, 257/683; Lisa Bishop, 248/673; Cheryl Slipek, 672; Robin White, 258/659.

St. Aidan's Men: Rich Radek, 268/743; Mike Kowalski, 255/701; Joe Naujokas, 236/647; John Golen, 239/618; Pat Vandelarge, 238/602.

Sunday Nite Mixed: Freddie Blackwell, 279/758; Darlene Cleveland, 250; Bradley Crosby, 261/715; Tracey Parham, 215/604; Robert Reed, 242/650.

Junior House Men: Mike Makowiec, 300/781; Anthony Ash, 290/612; Steve Newcomer, 269/713; Jim Florence, 259/717; George Jackson, 279/743; Brandon Teddy, 257/711.

FoMoCo Thursday: Chuck O'Rourke, 287/762; Larry Frank, 263/727; Bill Freeman, 259/709; Steve Zimmerle, 279; Jim Santti, 681; Dave Diomedi, 693.

Super Bowl (Canton)

Double Nickel Plus: Ed Zdanowski, 212-202/567; Mary Pickard, 201; Stuart Harding, 201; Kriss Barbour, 195/540; Pete Rusu, 235-201/597.

Suburban Prop. Travel (Men): John Hurley, 278/739; Jeff Bennett, 268/647; Greg Gumtow, 252; Dave Jacobs, 236; Dick Zieman, 234/649.

Suburban Prop. Travel (Ladies): Judy Washington, 257/609; Janice Ream, 230/598; Bernice Anthony, 215; Shirley Steele, 206/554; De Jaye Jones, 199.

Youth leagues (Saturday 9 a.m. Majors): Bob Dirvhan, 221/598; Jennifer Rendell, 200/534; Jon Robison, 213/601; Dave Thomas, 200/534.

Saturday 11 a.m. Majors: Drew Barth, 201/544; Cory Caincross, 540.

Saturday 11 a.m. Juniors: Gregory Johnson, 169.

Saturday 9 a.m. Bantams/Preps: Bryan Hoeman, 183/500.

Thursday Juniors/Preps: Chad Romel, 187; Brian Stack, 532.

Thursday Preps: Phil Smith, 135; Nick Devitis, 138.

Friday Majors: Brent Moore, 213/552; Mark Hjelmstad, 254/594; Steve Reitzel, 229/641; David Jacobs, 207/561; Jon Sheridan, 185.

Friday Juniors: Bill Schmelter, 167; Amanda Sheridan, 184; Eric Pawlus, 568.

Friday Preps: Alex Drake, 149; Mike Wolcott, 134; Cathy Furman, 121.

Friday Bantams: Harry O'Neill, 115.

Country Lanes (Farmington)

Greenfield Mixed: Mark Silverstein, 244/609; Barbara Turner, 220; Ken Smith, 236/659; Rick Madvin, 235-279/704; Mike Bin, 246/640.

B'nai B'rith Pisgah: Sy Guttman, 235-278/694; Wayne Lusky, 238-234/656; Barry Fishman, 203-244/640; Howard Waxer, 214-213-203/630; Steve Gross, 210-226/630.

EVER-7: Tom Aibus, 264; Walt Maikowski, 259; Rob Mathison, 247/666; Tim Jones, 246; Jeff Scupholm, 246/655; Steve Yonker, 246.

Country Keglers: Harold Crane, 288; Dave Kaliszewski, 265/640; Dean Johnson, 258; Brian Bardel, 255/692; Dennis Harris, 246/716.

Spares & Strikes: Sherry McMahan, 209-238/645; Ula Smith, 220/583; Kristi Crechiolo, 222; Lori Buckshaw, 203/533; Kate Boshers, 206/516.

Rosedale Bowlerettes: Mary Nowak, 210/506; Marion Jones, 190.

Advanced Youth: Ralph Pearce, 202/546; Stan Skarbinski, 192.

St. Paul's Men: Ken Dean, 246; Thad Studnicki, 684.

Leon Lake: John Pfeiffer, 237; Jeff Arnolsch, 236.

Sports Club: Mark Salmo, 232/601; Sam Kirk, 227/623.

Wednesday Nite Ladies: Kim Cain, 266 (130 pins o/a); Susan Burk, 218/547.

B'nai B'rith Morgenthau L'Chayim/ Zeiger-Gross: Jerry Broida, 244-203-247/694; Ryan Lash, 259-258/691; Steve Hoberman, 280-218/651; Mike Diskin, 245/615; Larry Harwin, 214/606.

Wednesday Knights: Guy Trombley, 278; Scott Wright, 265; Pat Testa, 676.

Prince of Peace: Debbie Ciaramitaro, 210; Karen Frick, 201/507.

University Men: Dan Vandervelde, 288/747; Ray Vanderwill, 280; Ed Ranilovich, 723.

Tuesday Morning Ladies: Dixie Barth, 223/588; Dorothy Harrison, 219.

Tuesday Trio: Lyle Schaefer, 279/713; Mike Tashner, 276.

Monday Night Men: D. Munoz, 279; Steve Myers, 274/763; Larry Franz, 720.

Metro Highway: T.D. Brown, 257/657; Tom Sartorius, 245/691; Jim Tomaszewski, 235/621; Tim Troop, 233/637; Gary Dinneweth233/612.

Monday Midnight Men: Bassam Jabiro, 266/744; Steve Gappy, 264; Mark Salmo, 264; Tom Konia, 683.

Afternoon D'Lites: Sue Osten, 221/558; Sharleen Sullivan, 186.

Strikers: Ann Namin, 223/581; Linda Alkamo, 206/543.

Canterbury: Kirk Cairns, 223/622; Ginny Vancott, 204.

Temple Israel: Jack Kopnick, 257/650; David Marsh, 245.

C/L Ladies Semi Classic: Denise Linton, 256/618; Maggie Felthaus, 256/618; Linda McCarthy, 236.

St. Paul's Men: Chris Becker, 243-258/701.

Youth leagues (Farmington Schools): Jake VanMeter, 215/556; Howard Hardy, 204/569.

Country High School: Doug Ginotti, 215/574; Jenny Long, 242/616.

Juniors: Carl Bleich, 179; Jennifer Gardella, 173.

Preps: Derek Wesch, 176; Joe Fritch, 119; Lakiesha Rushing, 141.

Beginners: Gerald Johnson, 133.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

SEASON/DATES

BEAR
The late archery season runs through Jan. 2 statewide. A late antlerless-only firearms season will be Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on private and public land in Deer Management Unit 452. A late antlerless-only firearms season will also be Dec. 18-Jan. 2 on most private land in the Lower Peninsula. Muzzleloading season runs through Dec. 19 in the Lower Peninsula.

GROUSE
A special late grouse season runs through Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

RABBIT
Rabbit season runs through March 31 statewide.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

CLASSES/ CLINICS

FLY TYING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fly tying classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

ROD BUILDING
Hook Line & Sinker bait shop in Lake Orion will hold fishing rod building classes every Wednesday and Thursday until the beginning of ice fishing season. Call (248) 814-9216 for more information.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

MORE FLY TYING
River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers. Classes will be held at various times. For more information and to register call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474.

ARCHERY

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. the first Saturday in November at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

ACTIVITIES

INDIAN SPRINGS HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club on a 4.5-mile hike at Indian Springs Metropark during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26. Call (248) 280-4975 for directions and additional information.

POTLUCK HIKE
Join members of the Southeast Michigan Group, Sierra Club and ring in the new year for a potluck lunch followed by a hike at the Brighton Recreation Area during this program, which begins at noon Saturday, Jan. 1. Call (517) 552-9121 for directions and additional information.

CLUBS

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Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

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

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

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

FISHING BUDDIES
Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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

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

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

FLY TYING
The River Bend Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield. Call (248) 350-8484 or (248) 591-3474 for more information.

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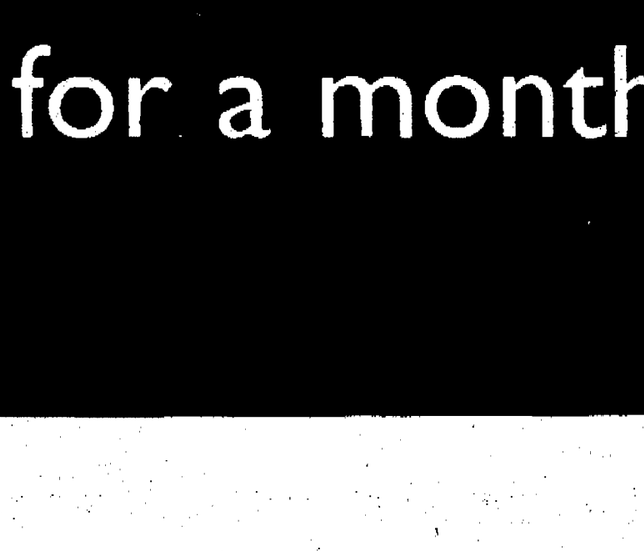

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Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Road. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

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

PERMITS
The 2000 Oakland County parks motor vehicle permits are on sale at all county park offices and many parks and recreation and township offices. Cost is $20 through April 30 and $25 thereafter. Call (248) 858-0906 or TTY (248) 858-1684.

TREE RECYCLING
Ten Oakland County parks will accept Christmas trees for recycling, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., seven days a week, Dec. 26-Jan. 16. Drop-off sites include: Addison Oaks near Oxford; Glenn Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills; Groveland Oaks near Holly; Independence Oaks near Clarkston; Lyon Oaks in Lyon Twp.; Orion Oaks in Orion Twp.; Red Oaks Golf Course in Madison Heights; Springfield Oaks in Davisburg; Waterford Oaks in Waterford; and White Lake Oaks near Pontiac. Independence Oaks and Orion Oaks offer extended drop-off times through Jan. 30. Trees must be free of all decorations, metal objects, strings and plastic. Large quantities leftover from commercial lots will not be accepted. The trees will be processed into wood chips and distributed free on select Saturdays at Orion Oaks.

ANIMALENUM
Live animals, slides and mounts will help illustrate how animals tell time during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, at Independence Oaks.

SUNDAY SNOWSHOES
Take a snowy hike on snowshoes during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, and again on Sunday, Jan. 30, at Independence Oaks. Call the Friday before the event to register for the upcoming Sunday. The game is dependent on snow.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2187. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

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Wayne County Parks offers nature interpretive programs throughout the year. Advanced registration is requested. Call (734) 261-1990 to register and for more information.

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HOCKEY NOTES

Roemensky to U-M

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

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

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

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

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

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

Junior stars selected

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

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

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

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

The tournament begins Dec. 26.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS

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1999 — a fruitful year for the arts

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

These supporters deserve praise for their commitment and working together:

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

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

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

■ Canton Project Arts for showcasing photography from a Focus: HOPE program that transcends barriers between Detroit area students. The workshops brought students together and promoted harmony by exposing them to people of diverse racial, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds.

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

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

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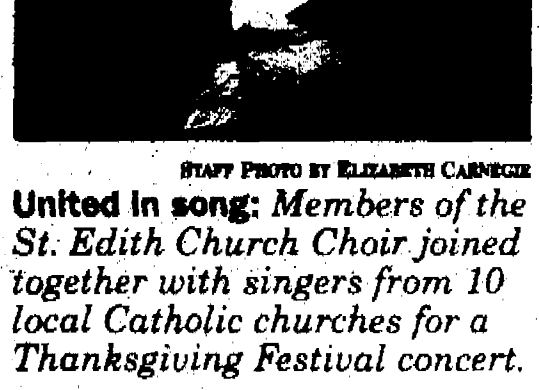

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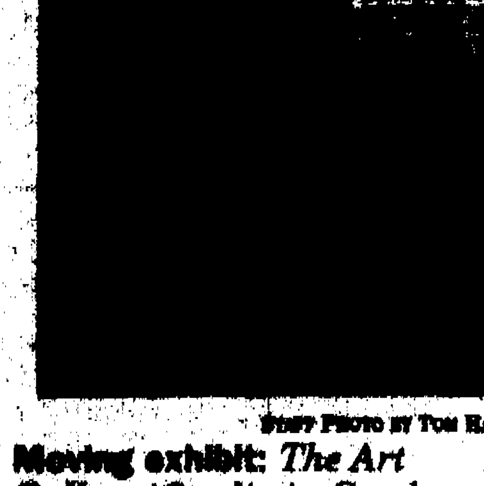
United in song: *Members of the St. Edith Church Choir joined together with singers from 10 local Catholic churches for a Thanksgiving Festival concert.*



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

Sweet Music

Musician cultivates ethereal sounds of dulcimer

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

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

"There's a nationwide revival of hammer dulcimer," said Berry, who originally played pipe organ. "The sound of the instrument is so unique and pretty and not locked into any one style. People are more conscious of their history. They're looking back. That's why Victorian festivals and Civil War reenactments are so popular."

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

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

> **New Year Jubilee**
> **What:** A celebration featuring more than 50 performers at a dozen different sites in and around downtown Ypsilanti's Historic District. Food and alcohol-free beverages. Free shuttle service.
> **When:** 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 31. Fireworks at approximately 6 p.m. in Riverside Park off Huron at Cross near Depot Town in downtown Ypsilanti.
> **Tickets:** $15 adults until Sunday, Dec. 26 ($20 after Dec. 26), $5 children ages 6-12. For tickets or more information, call the Ypsilanti Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at (734) 483-4444. Information is also available online at www.ypsilanti.org
> ■ *For more information about Charlene Berry's hammer dulcimer classes at Village Music, call (734) 354-9825.*

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

STAFF PHOTOS BY BRYAN MITCHELL

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

New Year Jubilee

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REPORT

Unprecedented findings could be catalyst for a cultural boom

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

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

ArtsMarket Inc., which conducted the in-depth analysis of audiences for cultural activities in the seven-county southeastern Michigan region, revealed 57.6 percent of households attend or participate in the arts. That's several points above the national average of 49 percent estimated by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The report, entitled "Southeastern Michigan Geodemographic and Database Analysis," is an exhaustive analysis of the audiences of 59 nonprofit regional arts organizations. It examines types of participation, and presents an empirical breakdown of the demographical segments who attend cultural events, including concerts, plays, exhibits at arts and historical museums and art associations. Funded by a $75,000 grant from the Southeastern Michigan Community Foundation, the analysis offers no easy solutions but requires arts organizations to intensely study its 400 pages, evaluate their current audiences and determine opportunities for expansion.

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

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

The study is all part of the arts council's master plan to develop its audience. Stella Greene was recently hired as development director to help build corporate and individual support, membership and to apply for grants to

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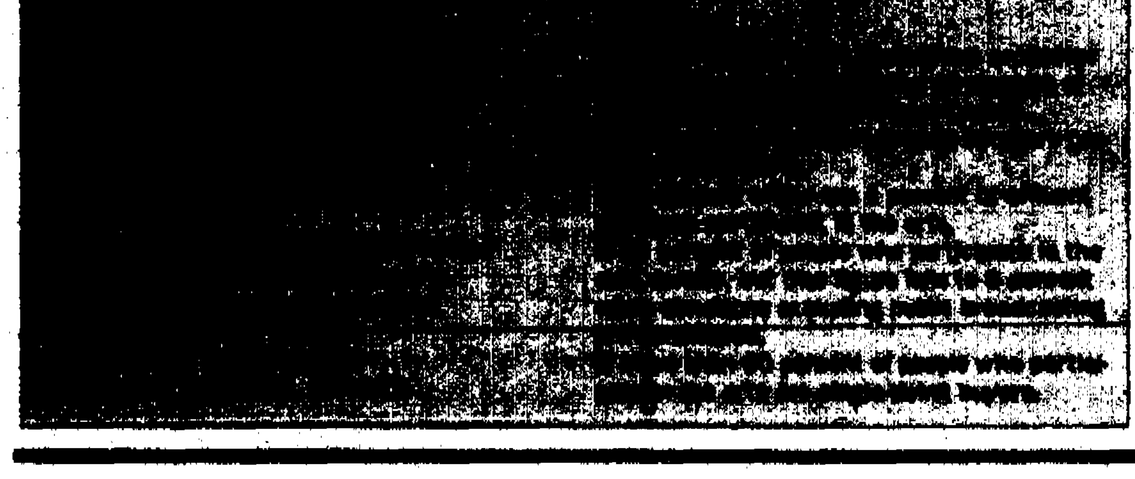

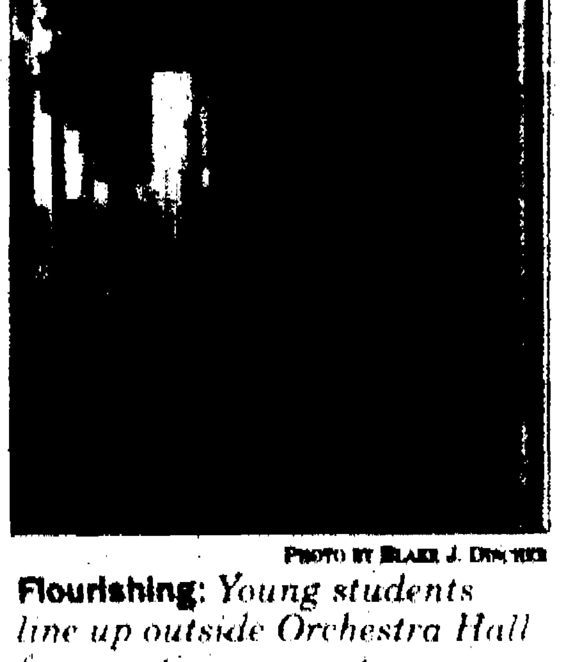

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Flourishing: *Young students line up outside Orchestra Hall for a matinee concert.*

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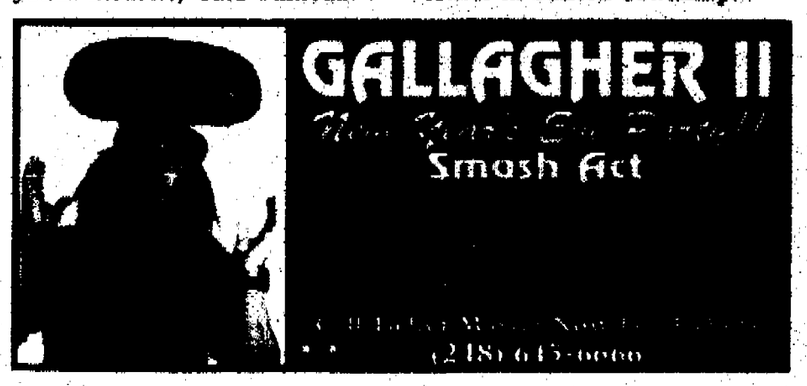
meet the arts council's $200,000 operating budget.

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

Growth opportunity

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



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

So the study's finding that people who live in Wayne County are affiliated primarily with local organizations is particularly encouraging. The study further showed that Wayne and Oakland county venues and organizations draw the bulk of audiences in the area and that Wayne and Washtenaw counties show the most growth opportunity.

"I think it's something that as time goes on will be beneficial in building an audience database," said Yeager, Canton Township liaison to Canton Project Arts, the township's official arts organization. "That's important in the cultural development in the township and will help with developing a performance arts center. We'll be able to plug into the database to find out what kinds of programs to bring into the center."

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Barbara Kratchman
Executive director of ArtServe

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

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

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

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

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

Tool for growth

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

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

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

Culture is regional

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

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

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

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

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

Dynamic changes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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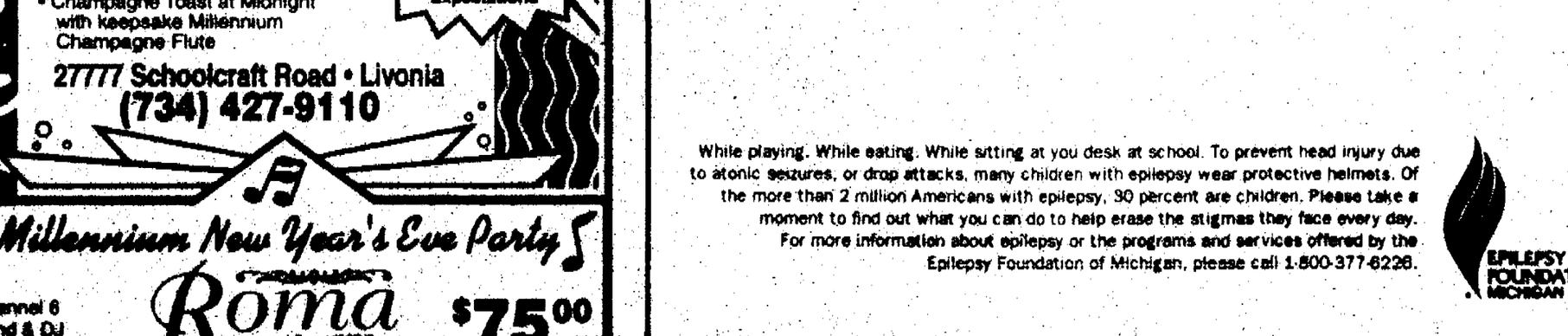
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AUDITIONS & CALL FOR ARTISTS

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

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

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

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

CLASSES

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

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

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

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

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Drop-in workshops: Creative Paper Works [illegible] and Drawing in the Galleries, both noon-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19. Folk Arts [illegible] ages noon-3 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23.

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

JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER
Adult art classes every Monday, Wednesday [illegible] [illegible] place [illegible] 15110 West Ten Mile Road, Oak Park. (248) 967-4030.

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

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

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

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

THEATER

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

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

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

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

CONCERTS

CLASSICS AT THE LAKE
Ervin Monroe and Alexander Zonjic perform a "Piper's Holiday Concert" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19 in the shrine chapel on the college campus at Orchard Lake and Commerce. (248) 683-1750.

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

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

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

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

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

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

FOR KIDS

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

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

MUSEUMS

CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
Through Jan. 2 – Turbulent Landscapes: The Natural Forces That Shape our World. 1221 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBrook.

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through March 26 – Robert Frank, The Americans. Through Jan. 9 – "What is a rare book? A Glimpse into the Research Library's rare book collection." Through May 31 – "Glass, Glass, Glass, from the DIA's Collection." Through Jan. 2 – Rembrandt: Masterpieces [illegible] Etching from the Morgan Library. Through [illegible] paintings by [illegible] Thompson [illegible] The Pointed Arch: Idealizing the Gothic Age. 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

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

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 2 – "I made this jar..." The Life and Works of the Enslaved African American Potter, Dave. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313) 494-5800.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN HARLAN HATCHER LIBRARY
Through Jan. 29 – "From Papyri to King James: The Evolution of the English Bible." 412 Maynard, Ann Arbor. (734) 764-9377.

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

GALLERY EXHIBIT (OPENING)

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

GALLERY EXHIBITS (ON-GOING)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

G.R. N'NAMDI GALLERY
Through Jan. 12 – Herbert Gentry: Different Wants, Different Wishes. 161 Townsend, Birmingham. (248) 642-2700.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 23 – Barbara Abel: Tragic Beauties. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248) 651-4110

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

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

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

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

SOUTHFIELD CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 23 – Exhibit of [illegible] Southfield photographer Christine Redmond. 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. (248) 424-9022.

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

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

U OF M SCHOOL OF ART & DESIGN
Through Jan. 5 – Works by Vincent Castagnacci and Nicole DesChamps at the new UMSAD Gallery on Main Street. 306 S. Main, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-2976.

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

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

WOODS GALLERY
Through Jan. 13 – The Plein Air Society Artists. 26415 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248) 543-0720.

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

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

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

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

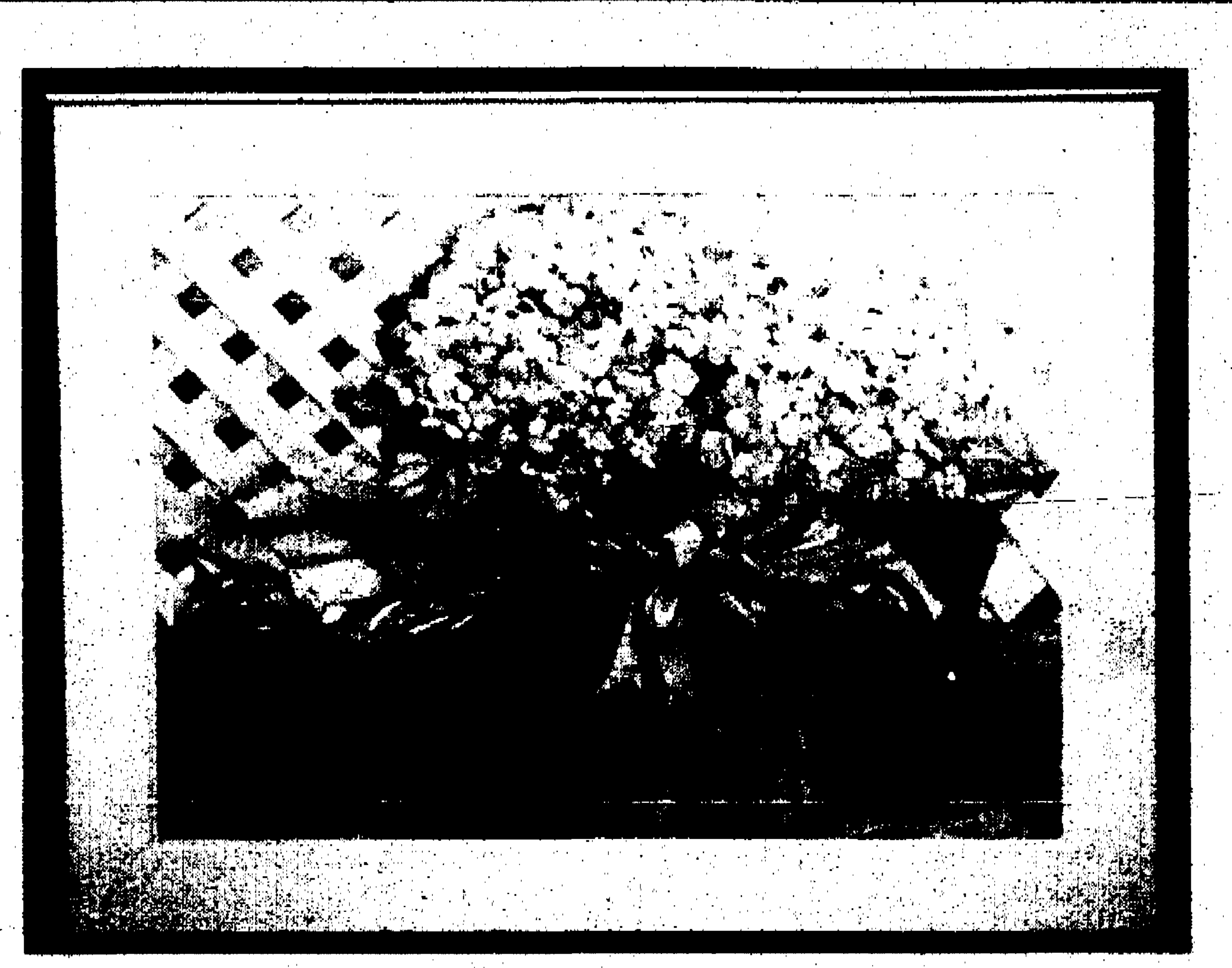
MOTOR CITY BRASS BAND
Seeks volunteers to help with non-performing activities. Contact MCBB, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. (248) 349-0376 or http://www.mcbb.org.

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS
Experience an old-fashioned Christmas in a Candlelight glow 6-8 p.m. Sunday-Monday, Dec. 26-27. Greenmead's Historic Village Buildings. Tickets $7 per son and family tickets $20 in advance. (248) 477-7375. Christmas Eve Choral Services 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at Mariner's Church, 170 E. Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 259-2206

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION
Complete with sit-down dinner, premium bar, comedian and dancing, Friday, Dec. 31, Pine Knob Carriage House, Clarkston. $125 per person. Call (248) 673-4932. Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring the Rockettes Friday, through Friday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, Detroit. $20-$55. (248) 645-6666, (248) 433-1515

"WILD LIGHTS"
Continues through Sunday, Jan. 2, 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, until 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday at the Detroit Zoo, Woodward and 10 Mile, Royal Oak. $3 members, $2 ages 2-12; $4 non-members, $3 ages 2-12. (248) 541-5835.



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

Rejoice, the Savior is Born

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
25630 Grand River Avenue • Redford Township, MI • (313) 532-2266
http//www.ccaa.edu/-legiert

Fourth Sunday in Advent – December 19: Worship of Carols, music and sermon (9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) Rev. Timothy Halboth will preach on ***Don't Be Afraid!*** Based upon Luke 1:30
Sunday School Children's Pageant – 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Worship Hours at 7:00 p.m. (Family Service)
11:00 p.m. (Candlelight Service)
Rev. Victor Halboth will preach on ***A Flawless, Fearless Christmas***. Based on Luke 2:10

Christmas Day – Worship Hour at 11:00 a.m. – Holy Communion celebrated
Rev. Timothy Halboth will preach on ***Keep Christmas!*** Based on John 1:14

All services will include carols, special music by the Music Ministry of Grace Church and inspirational/motivational messages! All are welcome!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School
20805 Middlebelt Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
248-474-0675
CHRISTMAS EVE
6 pm Family Worship
Children's Program
11 pm Candlelight Service with Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY
10 am Worship with Communion
NEW YEAR'S EVE
7 pm Worship with Communion

Two Christmas Eve Candlelight Services!
7:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Come and Celebrate the Joyous Wonder of Christmas!
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Downtown Birmingham
Bates at Willits Street • 248/644-0550

Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
Pastor William F. Hopper • 248-478-6520
35300 West Eight Mile Road • Farmington Hills, MI 48335
(between Farmington & Halsted/Newburgh)
Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Eve
Family Service with Carols & Readings... 5:30 p.m.
Holy Communion with Candlelight... 11:00 p.m.

Historic Mariners' Church
Since 1842 • Independent Anglican
A House of Prayer for all People • The 1928 Book of Common Prayer
Friday, December 24 – The Eve of Christmas
– Celebrating our 150th Anniversary of moving (on Christmas Eve 1849) from our wooden chapel to our present stone church building
The "Eve is as the Day"
7:30 and 11:00 p.m. – Duplicate Services • Festival Choral Communion
Sunday, December 26 – The First Sunday After Christmas
8:30 a.m. – The Holy Communion • 11:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Regular Services of Holy Communion
Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. • Thursday at 12:10 p.m.
Mariners' on Hart Plaza at the Tunnel – Free Secured Parking in Ford Garage Enter on Jefferson at Woodward
The Rev. Richard W. Ingalls, Rector – Kenneth J. Sweetman, Organist & Choirmaster
(313) 259-2206

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (LCMS)
900 W. Hamlin Rd. • Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 652-8420
The large church alternative.
Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Worship especially for children & their families
11:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship
New Year's Eve
7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight Service
Friday, December 24, 5 p.m.
This beautiful hour-long service will be filled with carols, a variety of Christmas music and a special time for children. Refreshments following. Everyone welcome.
North Farmington Community Church
32500 West 13 Mile Rd. (bet. Orchard Lake Rd. & Farmington Rd.)
248-626-6900

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
17810 Farmington Road
Livonia, Michigan 48152
(734) 261-1360
Sunday the 19th, 6:30 P.M.
St. Paul's Lutheran School Christmas Pageant
Friday the 24th, 7:00 P.M.
Christmas Eve Festival Worship
Saturday the 25th, 10:00 A.M.
Christmas Day Festival Worship
"...give him the name Jesus... ...he will save his people from their sins." (Mt. 1:21)

Risen Christ Lutheran Church
46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 • (734) 453-5252
"Christmas Eve Calndelight Worship" .... 4:30, 7:00 & 9:30 p.m.
"Christmas Day Worship" .... 10:00 a.m.
"New Year's Eve Worship" .... 7:00 p.m.
"EVERYONE WELCOME"

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
9083 Newburgh Road
Livonia, MI
734-591-0211
DECEMBER 24th
5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
DECEMBER 25th
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
A Barrier Free Facility For The Handicapped

The (Episcopal)
Church of the Resurrection
6490 Clarkston Road
(across from the Indep. Twp. Library)
Christmas Eve: (all are welcome)
10:30 - Carols
11:00 - Midnight Mass
Sundays: 8 am & 10 am
Phone (248) 625-2325

LOLA PARK EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH
14750 Kinloch
Redford, Michigan • (313) 532-8655
Gregory D. Gibbons, Pastor (734) 261-5422
Christmas Eve Service .... 7:00 P.M.
Christmas Day Service .... 10:00 A.M.
New Year's Eve Service .... 7:00 P.M.
New Year's Day Service .... 10:00 A.M.
CHRIST THE SAVIOR IS BORN!
COME AND WORSHIP WITH US

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
28000 New Market Road
(next to the YMCA - 12 Mile & Farmington Road)
Farmington Hills, MI 48334 • (248) 553-3380
Christmas Eve
Family Worship *(with signing for the hearing impaired)* .... 7:30 p.m.
Candlelight Service .... 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Day .... 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Vesper Service .... 7:30 p.m.
Please join us to celebrate God's gift to us – Jesus!

EMBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
1803 E. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham
(1 block east of Woodward)
248-644-5708
Traditional Christmas Eve Service 7 P.M. with Carols & Anthems, and the Christmas Story.
Also, special services Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26 at 10 A.M. and First Sunday of 2000, Jan. 2 at 10 A.M.
Everyone Welcome! – Nursery care provided at all Services

Antioch Lutheran Church ELCA
Christmas Worship Schedule
~ Christmas Eve ~
4:00... Children's Christmas
6:00... Family Worship
10:30... Festival Worship with Candlelight Communion
~ Christmas Day ~
10:00... Lessons and Carols
~ December 26 ~
10:00... Holy Communion
~ December 31 ~
8:00 p.m. From Age to Age: A Service of Worship and Prayer
Antioch is located at the NE corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Roads in Farmington Hills
(248) 626-7906
The building is barrier-free.

New Life Lutheran Church
New Life Lutheran, ELCA
Plymouth, Michigan
734-459-8181
www.newlifelutheran.org
CHRISTMAS EVE – 4 p.m. & 11 p.m.
– ***at St. John's Episcopal Church*** –
574 S. Sheldon Road
SUNDAY WORSHIP – 10:15 a.m.
at Bird Elementary School
Sheldon Road at Ann Arbor Trail
734-459-8181

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

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
5885 Venoy Road, Westland, MI 48185
Christmas Eve Family Service .... 6:30 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Communion .... 10:30 p.m.
Christmas Day Service with Communion .... 10:00 a.m.
New Year's Eve Service with Communion .... 7:30 p.m.

THE FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
– Historic Franklin Village Green –
United Methodist in Affiliation, Ecumenical in Spirit
"Christmas Time in a colonial setting"
5:00 P.M. "Family Christmas Eve Service" (with children's message)
7:00 P.M. "Service of Lessons, Carols and Candle lighting" (with Franklin Ringers)
11:00 P.M. "Service of Carols, Candle lighting and Communion"
All services include special music
Sunday, Dec. 26 One service at 10:00 a.m.
FRANKLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH
26425 Wellington
Between 13 and 14 Mile Road
1 Block West of Franklin Road
Pastors:
Karl L. Ziegler
Murphy S. Ehlers

Come, Worship Christ, the Newborn King!
Candlelight Communion Services
Christmas Eve
7:00 and 11:00 P.M.
Faith Lutheran Church
30000 Five Mile Road
Livonia, Michigan

St. Michael Lutheran Church
7000 Sheldon Road *(just south of Warren)*
Canton, MI 48187
(734) 459-3333
CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
Dec. 22.......... Advent Cantata.......... 7:30 p.m.
Dec. 24.......... Christmas Eve, Family Worship.......... 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 24.......... Christmas Eve, Worship/Communion.......... 9:00 p.m.
Dec. 24.......... Christmas Eve, Communion/Candlelight.......... 11:00 p.m.
Dec. 25.......... Christmas Day, Worship/Communion.......... 10:00 a.m.

Farmington First United Methodist Church
33112 Grand River (1 block east of Farmington Rd.) 474-6573
Christmas Eve Services
4:30 pm Candles & Carols for families
"Yes to God" – message by Rev. Willobee
9:30 pm Handebells play carols
10:00 pm Candlelight & Carols
"Lighten Up" – message by Dr. Large
Nursery Care Provided

North Congregational Church
36520 Twelve Mile Road, Farmington Hills
(between Drake and Halsted Roads)
(248) 848-1750
Gathered 1866, for the Worship of God and Service to Humanity
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 – 10:30 A.M.
Message: "No Crib For A Bed"
CHRISTMAS EVE
CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE – 7:30 P.M.
Message: "EVERY CHRISTMAS EVE"
Rev. Dr. Mark P. Jensen
Senior Minister
Rev. Mary E. Biedron
Associate Minister
Steven Kosinski
Director of Music

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
1800 West Maple Road
Birmingham, Michigan
(248) 644-4010
HOLIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
Children's service and pageant .... 5:30 p.m.
Candlelight and carols .... 8:00 & 10:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve, Dec. 31
Family supper .... 6:00 p.m.
Worship service .... 7:00 p.m.

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
5631 North Adams
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304
(248) 646-5041
CHRISTMAS EVE
4:30 p.m. .... Children's Service
7:30 p.m. .... Family Service
11:00 p.m. .... Candlelight, Holy Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY .... 10:00 a.m. .... Festival
NEW YEAR'S EVE .... 7:30 p.m. .... Service
JANUARY 6TH .... 7:30 p.m. .... Epiphany Service

First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the Newborn King!"
Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve
4:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Special ***"The Greatest Gift Ever Given"*** (excellent Nursery provided)
8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service **"Choice of the Century"** (excellent Nursery provided)
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ***"Come... and Behold Him"***
First United Methodist Church of Plymouth
45201 N. Territorial Rd. (west of Sheldon)
(734) 453-5280

First Baptist Church of Detroit
21200 Southfield Road
(248) 569-2972
Christmas Eve Service
6:30 p.m.
Christmas Sunday, Dec. 26th
11:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE:
Christmas Service
Sunday, December 19th .... 11:00 a.m.
Celebrating Christmas Program
Sunday, December 19th .... 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve Service
Friday, December 24th .... 6:00 p.m.
Covenant Alliance Church
15858 13 Mile Road
(1 block west of Greenfield)
248-644-9009

Christmas Eve 8:00 P.M.
Candlelight Communion
Everyone Welcome!
Salem United Church of Christ
33424 Oakland Avenue • Farmington, MI 48335

COMMUNITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
(248) 557-0044
27800 Southfield Road
Lathrup Village
(at 11½ Mile)
Dec. 19 10:00 **Sunday** Worship
"Simple Christmas" (Cantata) Edgar A. Guest III, Narrator
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m. Family Service 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service
Dec. 26 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
Rev. William C. Lange, Preaching

St. James Episcopal Church
355 W. Maple • Birmingham, Mi 48009
644-0820
Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Creche Procession & Holy Eucharist (Especially for children, Nursery Care)
10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day 10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
December 26 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Rev. Roger Tilden, Rector

Novi United Methodist Church
Invites you to one of our Christmas Eve Candelight Services
Family Services: 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Communion Service: 11:00 pm
Located at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road at the Meadowbrook intersection.
For more information, call
(248) 349-2652

St. John's Episcopal Church
574 South Sheldon Road - Plymouth
Schedule of Services
Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. The Nativity Story & Holy Eucharist
A service geared toward children and families
7:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist*
A family service with music offered by Sonshine Music
10:30 p.m. Christmas Concert
11:00 p.m. Festal Eucharist
Music offered by the Parish Choir and Handbell Choir
****Nursery Care available***
Christmas Day
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF TROY
248-879-6363
Livernois - between Square Lake & South Boulevard
Pastor: Rev. Richard A. Peacock - serving Troy & Rochester
~ THE LONGEST NIGHT ~
A special worship service of hope
December 21, 7:00 p.m.
~ Christmas Eve ~
4:30 .... Family Service
7:00 .... Candlelight & Carols
Child care & Coffee hour
11:00 .... Communion Service

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
30900 Six Mile Rd.
(betwn. Middlebelt & Merriman)
Chuck Sonquist, Pastor
(734) 422-6068
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
7:00 pm "Christmas Magic" Pageant
11:00 pm Traditional/Communion
(Call for child care availability)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
16360 Hubbard Road • Livonia, Michigan 48154
734-421-8451
The Rev. Robert A. Clapp, Rector
The Rev. Alan W. Brandenski, Jr. Deacon
Christmas Worship Services
CHRISTMAS EVE
7:00 p.m. Carols
7:30 p.m. Family Eucharist
(Babysitting Provided)
11:00 p.m. Carols
11:30 p.m. Midnight Mass
CHRISTMAS DAY
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
DECEMBER 26TH
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist
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Clarenceville United Methodist Church
20300 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia
(248) 474-3444
Rev. M. Jean Love, Pastor
December 24, 1999 • Candlelight Christmas Eve Service • 7:00 p.m.
December 26, 1999 • Christmas Service • 10:15 a.m.
Christmas Concert • 6:00 p.m.
Mr. Larry Karou, Pianist
December 31, 1999 • New Year's Eve Youth Event • 9-1:00 a.m.
Nursery provided for all services

NEWBURGH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
36500 Ann Arbor Trail • Livonia, Michigan
Christmas Eve (Three Services)
Special Family Worship Service
with carols and candlelighting [illegible]
Candlelight Worship Service
with carols & holy communion [illegible]
Candlelight Worship Service
with carols & holy communion .... 11:00 p.m.
Special music by Choirs and Organ

First United Methodist Church
1589 West Maple Road, Birmingham • 646-1200
Christmas Eve Services
4:00 p.m. for Families with Young Children
5:30 p.m. for Families with Elementary Children
Nursery Open
7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 p.m.
Christmas Lessons and Carols
Holy Communion at 7:00 and 11:00
Nursery Care at 7:00
Meditation by Dr. William A. Ritter
"All This, And Figgy Pudding Too"
Sunday, December 26
8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.
"What's In a Number?"
Dr. William A. Ritter
Pastors
William A. Ritter
Matthew J. Hook
Lisa McIlvenna
Rodney T. Quainton
Carl F. Price

Come Catch the Christmas Spirit
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
Bob & Diana Goudie
Co-pastors
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Dec. 24
7:00 p.m.
☆Family Musical "Twinkle"
A multi-generational choir presents a delightful story with an important message with lights, drama and lively music
☆ Closing service with individual candles
☆ Nursery provided for preschool children
9:30 p.m.
☆ Adult Choirs
☆ Hand Bell Choir
☆ Communion
☆ Candle Lighting
Sunday Dec. 26
one service 10:00 a.m.
Blessing of the children & their toys
10000 Beech Daly
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313- 937-3170

ST. PAUL'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
620 ROMEO STREET
ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN 48307
(LOCATED ONE TRAFFIC LIGHT NORTH OF UNIVERSITY AND FIVE BLOCKS EAST OF ROCHESTER ROAD)
248-651-9361
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:30 p.m. and **7:30 p.m.**
FAMILY CELEBRATION AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
"The Wonder of It All" – Dr. Hickey
11:00 p.m.
WORSHIP AND CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Sermon – *"Great Get'n Up Morning"* – Dr. Hickey
NURSERY AND TODDLER CARE PROVIDED AT ALL SERVICES

Orchard United Methodist Church
ORCHARD
30450 Farmington Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334
(Between 13 and 14 Mile Roads)
CHRISTMAS SUNDAY, December 19
9:30 & 11:00 a.m. .... Worship & Church School
DRIVE-THROUGH LIVING NATIVITY
Monday, December 20
6:00-9:00 p.m. .... [illegible]
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHTING SERVICES
December 24
5:00 p.m. .... Family Service
9:00 p.m. .... Worship Service of Lessons and Carols
11:00 p.m. .... Worship Service of Lessons, Carols and Holy Communion
Nursery care provided at all services
Sunday, December 26
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Church School 10:00 a.m.
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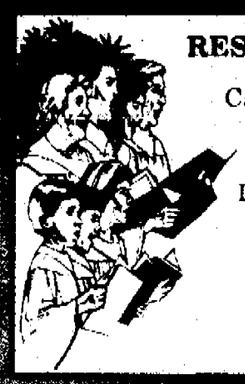
Pastors: [illegible]
[illegible]
www.orchardumc.org
248-626-3620

Rejoice, the Savior is Born

Come Home for Christmas!
Join St. Owen Catholic Church for worship this Christmas season.
6969 Franklin Rd. Bloomfield Hills.

– Communal Penance –
Monday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

– Christmas Mass Schedule –
Family Mass.....December 24, 5:00 PM
Evening Mass.....December 24, 10:00 PM
Christmas Day.....9:00 & 11:00 AM



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH
48755 Warren Road
Canton, Michigan 48187 • **734-451-0444**
Rev. Richard A. Perfetto, Pastor

CHRISTMAS EVE
Dec. 24th - 4:30 ***Children's Mass*** (All Saints Gym)
4:30 p.m. Mass & 9:15 p.m. Concert
& 10:00 p.m. ***Mass*** (Church)
CHRISTMAS DAY - Dec. 25th-10:30 ***Mass***
SUNDAY - Dec. 26th - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. ***Mass***
NEW YEAR'S EVE - Dec. 31st-4:30 p.m. ***Mass***
SUNDAY - Jan. 2nd - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. ***Mass***

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
25225 CODE ROAD, SOUTHFIELD, MI 48034

CHRISTMAS MASSES
Friday, December 24 - 5:00 pm. & Midnight
Saturday, December 25 - 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12 Noon

NEW YEAR'S MASSES
Saturday, January 1 - 8:30 am & 10:00 am

ST. ANNE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Society of St. Pius X - Traditional Latin Mass
23310 Joy Road • Redford, Michigan
5 Blocks E. of Telegraph
(313) 534-2121

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE	NEW YEAR'S EVE HOLY HOUR & MASS
Christmas Eve Midnight Mass	Holy Hour begins at 11:00 PM
Confessions 10:00 to 11:45 PM	followed by Midnight Mass
Christmas Morning Mass 9:30 AM	New Years Day Mass at 9:30 AM
Confessions Prior to Mass	Confessions Prior to Mass

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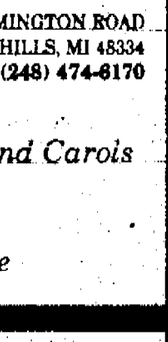
COME WORSHIP WITH US:
THREE SERVICES ON CHRISTMAS EVE

7:00 p.m. Family Service
(child care available for infants and toddlers)

9:00 and 11:00 p.m. "Carols by Candlelight"
(with soliloquy sermon by Dr. William Russell based on "The Little Drummer Boy")



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PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH
4300 Walnut Lake Road
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323
248-781-9424

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24
4:00 P. M., 6:00 P.M, 8:00 P.M., MIDNIGHT

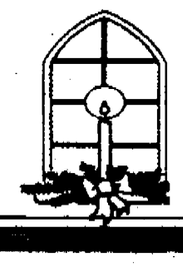
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25
9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P. M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26
8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.

RINGING IN THE MILLENNIUM
NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 9:00 P.M.
RECEPTION IN SOCIAL HALL

NEW YEAR'S DAY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
9:30 A.M, 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M.
(NO EVENING MASSES)

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
27475 Five Mile Road ~ Livonia
(one block west of Inkster Road) 734-422-1470



Christmas Eve Services
5:00PM Family Service
9:00PM Carols & Candlelight
11:00PM Candlelight Communion
Wheelchair Accessible

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

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
7 p.m. Family Service

10:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Alan V. Pareis, Interim Pastor
David C. Noble, Associate Pastor
26165 FARMINGTON ROAD
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48334
(248) 474-6170

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM	*Family Service of Lessons and Carols*
8:00 PM	*Communion Service*
10:30 PM	*Christmas Music*
11:00 PM	*Candlelight Worship Service*

We Welcome You to Celebrate With Us
OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH
23815 Power Rd. at Shiawassee
(S. of 10 Mile bet. Farmington & Orchard Lake Rds.)
Farmington, MI 48336
Rev. Msgr. Walter A. Hurley
Rev. Scott A. Thibeau, Rev. Arthur W. Bowes, Rev. Joseph P. O'Dea

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

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

Sunday, December 26
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm,
Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Friday, December 31	Saturday, January 1
4:30 pm	9:30 am & 4:30 pm

Feast of the Epiphany - Sunday, January 2
8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm, 5:30 pm

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
7:00 to 8:00 PM
Christmas scriptures, carols, and a special rendition of Mannheim Steamroller's "Silent Night"
11:00 to 11:45 PM
Candlelight service with traditional Christmas hymns

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10101 W. Ann Arbor Road • Plymouth, Mi 48170
734-459-9550

Christmas Eve Services
"The Most Wonderful Night of the Year"
Dr. William C. Moore, Preaching
3:30* & 5:15 P.M. Family Christmas Celebration
7:30* P.M. A Celebration of Carols and Praise
11:00 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Service
**Nursery for Infant through Pre-Kindergarten*

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PLYMOUTH
CHURCH AND MAIN STREET
(734) 453-6464
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
(Special music precedes each service)
3:00 & 5:00 p.m. Family Worship
8:00 & 11:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols
Candlelight Services
December 26 9:30 a.m. Worship

Christ Church Cranbrook Christmas Worship

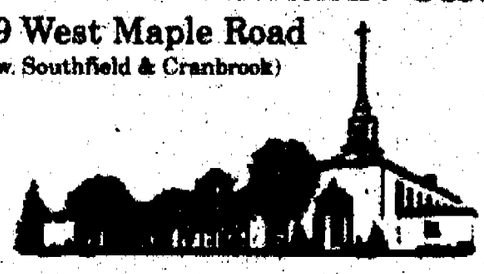
CHRISTMAS EVE
Friday, December 24
5 p.m.
The Children's Service with the filling of the Creche. Enjoy a musical prelude with the children's choirs, flute, organ, and carillon beginning at 4:30 p.m.

8 and 11 p.m.
Traditional Christmas Eve Services. Musical prelude with carillon, the Christ Church Choirs, harp, flute, and organ begin at 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY
Saturday, December 25
10 a.m.

Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road
Bloomfield Hills, MI • 248-644-5210
(one mile west of Woodward off Lone Pine)

BIRMINGHAM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1669 West Maple Road
(Btw. Southfield & Cranbrook)



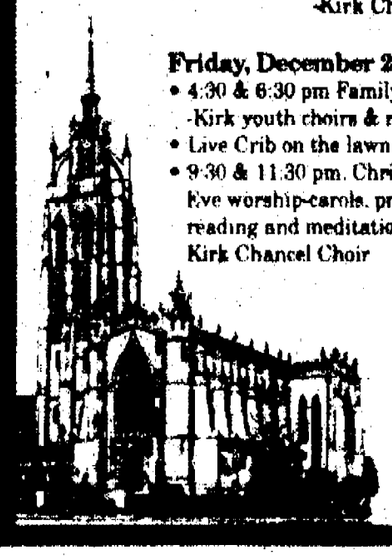
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
5:00 P.M. Family Service - Children's Pageant
8:00 P.M. Holy Communion Service
11:00 P.M. Traditional Service

For Unto Us a Child is Born!
Come Be Part of Our Christmas Spirit

644-2040

Kirk In The Hills
(248) 626-2515

Christmas 1999
Sunday, December 19
- 9:00 & 11:00 am morning worship
- Dr. Pritchard preaches on "Century People: 3. Nelson Mandela, Reconciler"
- Childcare and Church School-both services
- 4:00 pm service of *Nine Lessons and Carols* -Kirk Chancel Choir and soloists



Friday, December 24
- 4:30 & 6:30 pm Family Services -Kirk youth choirs & readers
- Live Crib on the lawn - 3 pm
- 9:30 & 11:30 pm. Christmas Eve worship-carols, prayers, reading and meditation Kirk Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 26
- 9:00 & 11:00 am morning worship
- Dr. Pritchard preaches on "Century People: 4 Mother Teresa, Servant"
- Childcare and Church School at both services

We are located 1/4 mile west of Telegraph Road at
1340 W. Long Lake Rd.
Bloomfield Hills, Mi 48302
www.kirkinthehills.org

Expressions from page C1

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

■ Ken Gross and The Art Museum Project for the exhibit "Diversity: Victims and Survivors" in the Alfred Berkowitz Gallery at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. The exhibit combined Richard Kozlow's stark black-and-white paintings with selected interviews from the university's Holocaust Survivor Oral Histories. The archival collection, assembled by history professor Sidney Bolkosky, made visitors witnesses to the atrocities committed against Jews by the Nazis during World War II.

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

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

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

■ The singers and bell ringers from nearly one dozen local Catholic church choirs who came together to present a Thanksgiving festival concert at St. Edith Church in Livonia. The churches (from Livonia, Redford, Plymouth and Canton) are all members of the Northwest Wayne Vicariate.

■ My special thanks to The Art Gallery/ Studio and director Norma McQueen for exhibiting portraits from Lin Baum's "Children of War" series. Baum painted these moving artworks on site in Nicaragua, Mozambique, Belfast, Israel/ Palestine and on the Thai-Cambodia border.

If you have an interesting idea for a story, call arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

New kids' books make ideal gifts

VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Want to make this final Christmas of the century truly memorable for that special youngster on your list? Any of the following books will prove to be a gift that continues giving, even as we move into the next millennium:

"Sector 7," by David Wiesner (Clarion Books, $16).

This enchanting picture book by the author/illustrator of "June 29, 1999" contains not a single word of text, but is nonetheless an extraordinary literary experience. Ever engaging, sometimes comical, and ultimately moving, "Sector 7" shows us an imaginative schoolboy who, on a "field trip" with his class visits the Empire State Building's observation deck. There, he meets a companionable cumulus who whisks him away to Sector 7, a magical place in the sky where clouds are designed and manufactured.

The concluding scenes of this book are truly exceptional both in themselves and in how they are exquisitely linked to the preceding pages.

"Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry," by X.J. Kennedy and Dorothy M. Kennedy; illustrated by Karen Lee Baker (Little, Brown and Co., $10.95).

This newly-revised edition of "Knock at a Star" is all about the delights of words and wordplay. In sections titled "What Do Poems Do?," "What's Inside a Poem?," "Special Kinds of Poetry," and "Do It Yourself," kids can enjoy becoming better versed with verse.

From anonymously written nonsense rhymes to the works of such greats as John Updike, William Carlos Williams, Robert Frost, Michigan's Theodore Roethke, and many more, this well-organized anthology more than lives up to its subtitle. Best of all, it's a book the entire family can savor together.

"The Very Noisy Night," by Diana Hendry; illustrated by Jane Chapman (Dutton, $15.99).

Little Mouse is trying to be brave, but the wind is making a frightful racket. Ditto for that spooky old owl, and a "burglar" bent on breaking into the tiny mouse house (said "burglar" is a tree limb, scratching at a window). Big Mouse ultimately succeeds in providing just the right touch of cozy comfort, however, and all ends happily in this charming bedtime mouse tale.

There's definitely nothing mousy about Chapman's artwork. It's as colorful and fun to look at as your grammy's crazy quilt.

"Here Comes Mother Goose," edited by Iona Opie; illustrated by Rosemary Wells (Candlewick Press, $21.99).

In this fat volume, Wells' lively artwork adds new punch and pizzazz to such classic favorites as "Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary," "Pease Porridge Hot," "As I Was Going to St. Ives," and "Bobby Shaftoe."

Some verses – such as "What Are Little Girls Made of?" – have been freshened with a contemporary twist. Throughout, the zany cast of characters is headed up by dozens of our furred and feathered friends. Ducks, chicks, hamsters, kittens, bunnies, and (of course) geese abound.

"The Gargoyle on the Roof," by Jack Prelutsky; illustrated by Peter Sis (Greenwillow Books, $16).

Though tiny tots may be spooked (especially at bedtime), older kids will probably find this inventive collection a spine-tingling, rib-tickling delight. In verses like "Mother Gargoyle's Lullaby," "Bugaboo," "My Sister is a Werewolf," and "A Vampire Speaks of Grooming," Prelutsky displays his wonderful way with weird. Sis' oddly tinted illustrations add yet another turn to the bizarre bill, and hit the spot precisely.

"The Birchbark House," by Louise Erdrich (Hyperion, $14.99).

A National Book Award finalist, "The Birchbark House" tells the engrossing story of an Ojibwa girl growing up in the Lake Superior region in the mid-19th century.

For the legions who enjoyed Laura Ingalls Wilder's "Little House on the Prairie," this book may hold special appeal. It is Erdrich's ("Love Medicine") first novel for young readers.

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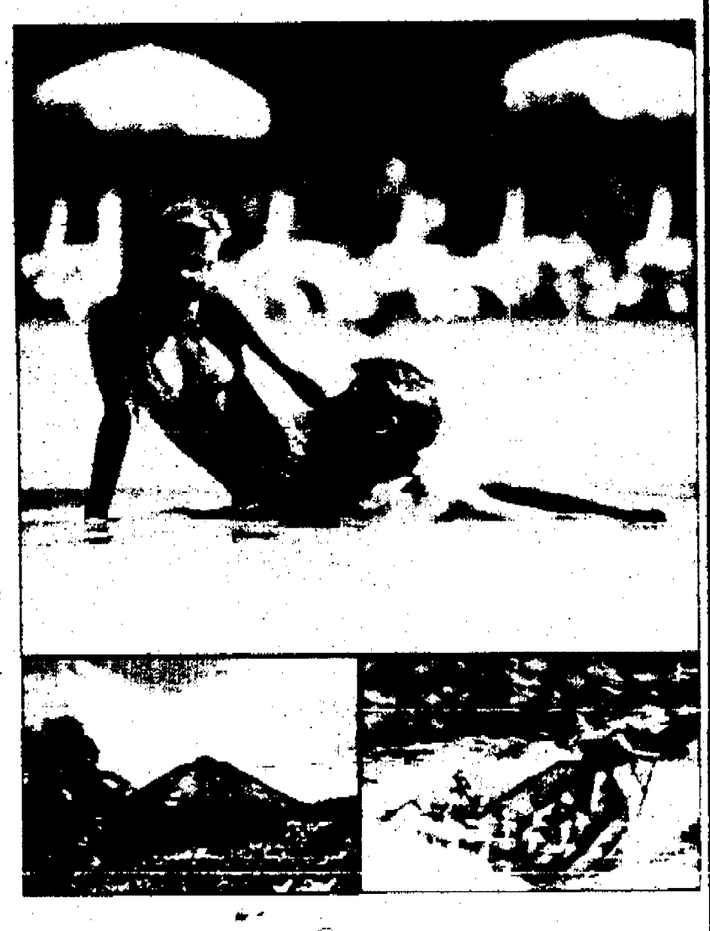

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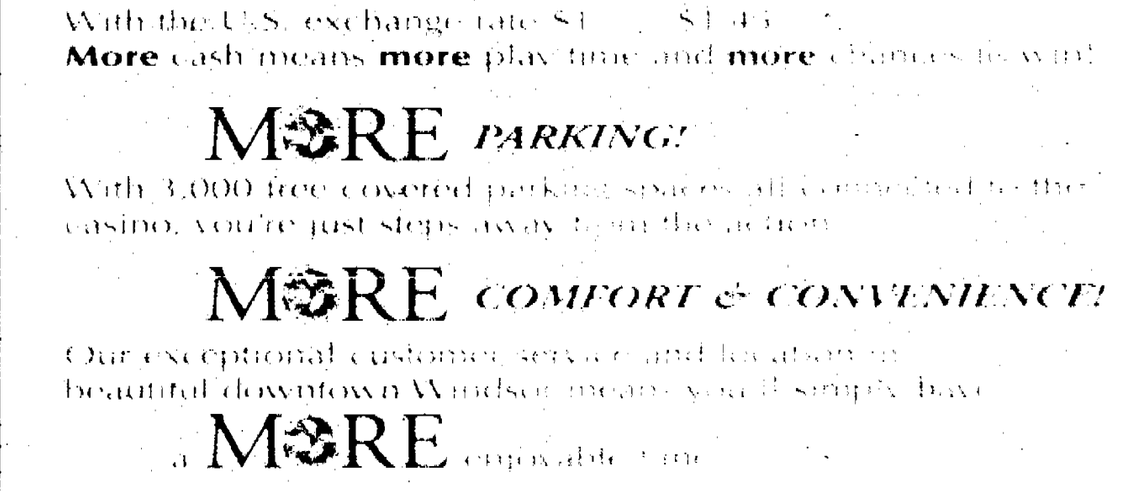

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Resolve to rejuvenate your skin

DISCOVERING BEAUTY

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New Years resolutions are made and are meant to be broken but a precious few should be kept.

The ones that can change your life – the way your look and, more importantly, the way you feel.

This time of year many of us are getting away to warm places and though we know we all look great with a tan, it's a fact that sun-exposure (even casual exposure such as walking the dog, or sitting looking out a window) causes age-revealing spots, crow's feet, and potentially deadly skin cancer.

Fortunately for the vacationing sun-worshiper, it's not too late to start behaving and taking care of ourselves. Skin repair itself through regeneration. By just using a strong sunscreen everyday and reducing the sun exposure to your skin, you will reverse some of the damage.

Find a formula that not only works with your skin type but also works with your lifestyle.

Gel formulations won't upset an oily skin and won't clog pores of a very active person. Lotions work best for combination skin, and cream formulas will help in the hydration of dry skin.

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SPF foundations aid in the prevention of skin damage but they shouldn't replace your sunblock. Neutrogena makes an excellent block for all three skin types and it can be found in most drug stores – convenient for the forgetful traveler who didn't pack skin care essentials.

For those already showing signs of sun damage (fine lines around the eyes, sun spots and broken capillaries) and those concerned enough to start taking early precautions, the future looks bright.

I highly recommend Power Peels. Skin care specialist Carolyn Shy performs this procedure which does everything from brighten complexions to reducing fine lines and age/sun spots.

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An extremely effective age-battling at-home regimens include topical antioxidants such as Vitamin C (the most concentrated form is L-Ascorbic acid which is present in Cellex-C and SkinCeuticals).

Another topical solution is Vitamin A (retinol) which accelerates cell turnover, evens tone and improves smoothness and texture. Vitamin A can be found in Giovanna's Anti Age Serum.

Also, alpha- and beta-hydroxy acids exfoliate dull sun-damaged surface cells. This procedure takes more time to see noticeable improvement but it's worth the effort in the long run. Antioxidants stabilise cells so they metabolise properly which can help prevent skin cancer in the future.

So while you're pledging your allegiance to New Year's resolutions keep in mind the long term rewards you can gain by keeping them.

Good health and good looks for years to come, is worth all the effort to keep your resolutions throughout the year.

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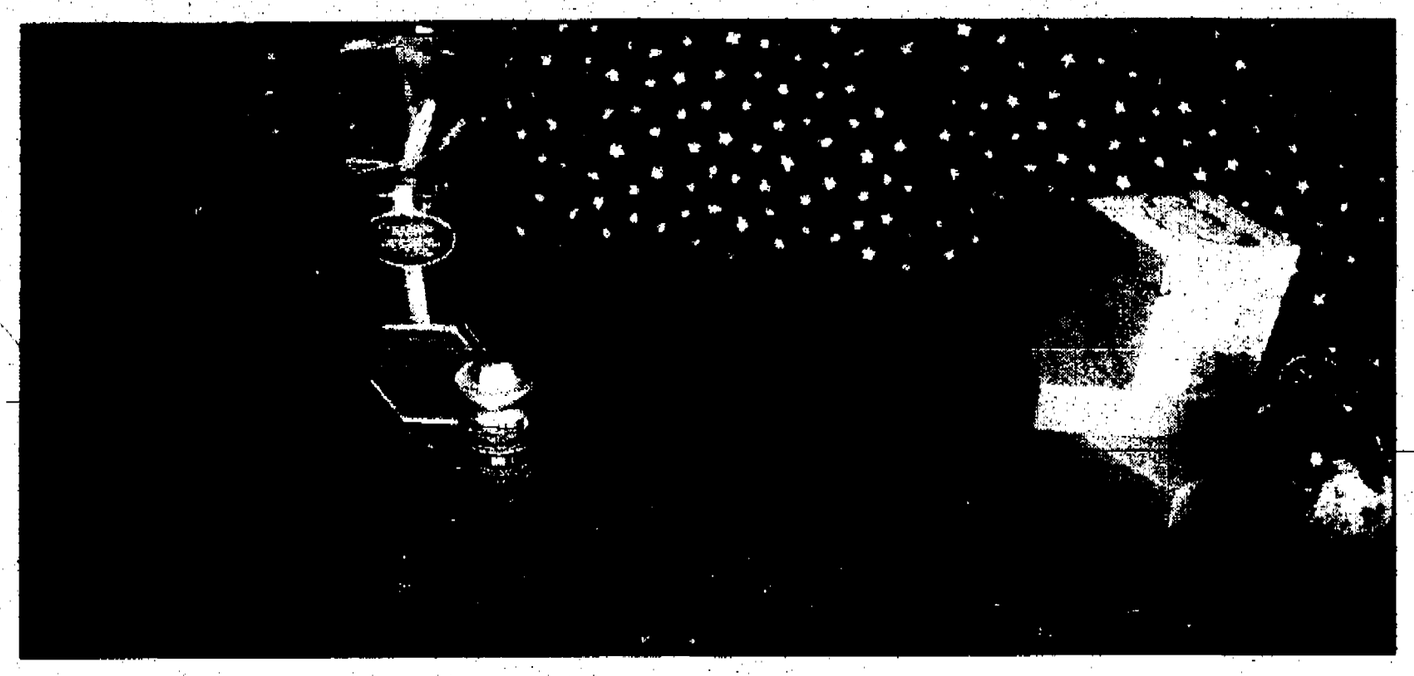

Late picks: *Time is running out, but retailers still have something for everybody on your list. Photo frames are as unique as ever; try red leather, $85 at The Coach Store. Candles are available in any scent imaginable, $14.50 and $30 at L'Occitane. Leather wallets are a simple and practical gift, $110 and $184 at The Coach Store. Decorative note pads can be found in a style to suit just about anybody, $9.95, and holiday keepsakes are always cherished, $15, both at Rand McNally. All from the Somerset Collection in Troy.*

Don't panic

There's still something for everybody on your list

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Everybody forgets. Everybody procrastinates. It's human nature.

That's why retailers and malls have extended their hours next week and are making sure shelves and display cases are stocked with merchandise that's easy to see, snatch and purchase.

In addition to offering a variety of services aimed at streamlining last-minute shopping trips, including gift-wrapping and valet parking, most retailers have stocked up on holiday favorites, from winter gloves and scarves to holiday ornaments to cashmere sweaters to decorative, scented candles and boxed fragrance collections.

Some stores and malls also plan to offer discounts to last-minute shoppers. At Wonderland Mall in Livonia, for example, 19 stores are offering 20 percent discounts through Christmas Eve.

"Generally, sales and discounts depend on how the season has been," said Tom Scott, spokesperson for the Michigan Retailers Association. "You will generally see deeper discounting and more discounting, if the season has been less than expected for retailers." On the other hand, if sales are high, last-minute shoppers will have less merchandise from which to choose, Scott said.

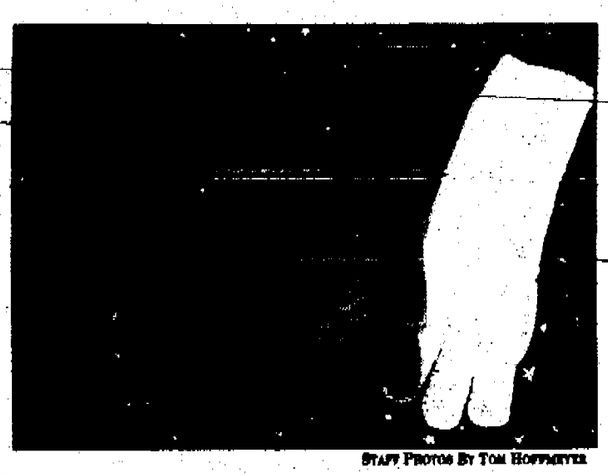
If stores are in short supply and you're unable to find a suitable gift, you probably shouldn't buy one, said Bren Hillis, manager of Select personal shopping at Hudson's Twelve Oaks store in Novi. "I don't believe people should buy something just to buy something and box it." Instead, purchase a gift certificate, Hillis said. "Put some kind of a smaller gift in the box, maybe an ornament, and put a nice little note in there saying 'this is what I planned, and I couldn't find what I wanted for you."

A gift certificate and note is more thoughtful than giving a gift that doesn't suit the recipient, said Hillis. "Besides, people don't return gift certificates," she said.

Christopher Radko holiday ornaments, fragrance collections and cashmere clothing and accessories, from gloves to sweater-sets to evening wear, are last-minute shoppers' best bets, added Hillis. Both items appeal to women (since most last-minute shoppers are men) and are being carried in abundance by local retailers.

Other expert tips from Hillis included:

- Wearing comfortable shoes and lightweight clothing that will keep you cool
- Making a gift list with several ideas and a budget for each recipient before heading out to shop
- Taking advantage of retail services, which include gift-wrapping, package pick-up, valet parking and personal shopping services, for convenience and to save time
- Making sure to set aside enough time to accomplish your goals
- Spending a day at the mall, rather than just a few hours
- Planning to take an enjoyable lunch or coffee break
- Shopping with someone whose opinion you trust who will not rush you.



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Anything cashmere: *Everybody loves cashmere and there's still plenty in stores. A pair of cashmere gloves in classic or off-beat colors makes for a useful, luxurious and relatively inexpensive, gift, $35 at Ann Taylor stores, $40 at Saks Fifth Avenue and $75 at Cole Haan.*

Last-minute shopping's final hours

The Somerset Collection, Troy:
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 20-23,
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

Oakland Mall, Troy:
9 a.m.-11 p.m., Dec. 20-23
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

Northland Center, Southfield:
9 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23
9 a.m.-6 p.m., Christmas Eve

Twelve Oaks, Novi:
8 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

Great Lakes Crossing, Auburn Hills:
8 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

Summit Place Mall, Waterford:
9 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Christmas Eve

Laurel Park Place, Livonia:
9 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Dec. 20-23
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

Wonderland Mall, Livonia:
9 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23
9 a.m.-5 p.m., Christmas Eve

Westland Shopping Center, Westland:
9 a.m.-10 p.m., Dec. 20-23
8 a.m.-6 p.m., Christmas Eve

Department stores often stay open later and may have different schedules for the holiday season.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Holiday Happenings will keep you informed about holiday shopping programs, services, events and boutiques during the busiest shopping time of the year. Send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, Mich. 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.

STUMPY THE TALKING CHRISTMAS TREE

Children of all ages will enjoy this delightful miniature tree that responds to their questions and has ideas of its own to share. A friendly elf will also be with Stumpy to greet children and pass out gifts. The event takes place on Sunday, December 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Art Van furniture store in Waterford.

GIFT-WRAP STATION

Northland Center in Southfield, in cooperation with the Gratiot McDougal United Community Corporation, will provide a gift-wrapping station in the mall near the food court through December 24. After gift-buying is complete, Northland customers can get their gifts wrapped while helping a worthy charity. The prices for gift wrapping range from $2 to $8.

RING THEM BELLS

The Nashville, Tennessee-based Opryland Productions performs "Ring Them Bells," a musical production which includes swing, jazz, Motown and a "kids" show. Children watching the show can join in the fun

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Retail, style and special store events *are listed in this calendar. Please send information to: Malls & Mainstreets, c/o Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax: (248) 644-1314. Information must be received by 5 p.m. Monday for publication the following Sunday.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

CANDY APPLE TASTING
Mrs. Prindable candy apple tasting with a special representative available from noon to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy. Call (248) 614-5321 for more information.

FESTIVE TREES
Bundle up the family and stroll through the Kellogg Park Walk of Trees in Plymouth. More than 50 trees are decorated by local families, clubs and businesses. Trees are lit 24 hours a day now through December 27.

TREE OF LIFE
From now until December 31, volunteers for the Livonia Angels Hospice will be staffing their "Tree of Life" in the Jacobsen's Court at Laurel Park Place in Livonia. For a small donation, customers may contribute a paper ornament to a loved one to hang on the tree which will remain throughout the holiday season.

ADDED ATTRACTIONS

OAKLAND COUNTY MOUNTED POLICE
From now through Friday, December 24, the horses of the Oakland County Sheriff Division can be seen at Northland Center from noon to 5 p.m. The Mounted Sheriffs have been a holiday tradition at Northland since 1992. They provide added security for shoppers and enjoyment to children of all ages.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

WILD LIGHTS AT THE ZOO
Check out the spectacular array of lights and colors at the annual Wild Lights at the Detroit Zoo from 5 to 8 p.m. through January 2. Closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

BE ON TV AT GREAT LAKES CROSSING
The Auburn Hills Mall and WDIV-TV 4 brings MeTV, a self-contained video recording device that will allow you to speak your mind and possibly show up on TV during WDIV's newscast and special programs. It's located in District 2, across from Brooks Brothers. Check it out, it's free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

TRUNK SHOW
View the diamond collection from designer Michael Dawkins, who takes his cues from nature from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus, Designer Jewelry on 1. Somerset Collection, Troy.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

PEOPLE WATCHING
Got all your holiday shopping done? Then head over to Twelve Oaks Mall and watch frantic folks do their last-minute shopping while you relax in the mall's new 50-seat lobby lounge. Eight new seating pods were also added, each with reading lamps, soft sofas and chairs. You can also catch a view of the holiday decor program featuring "A Partridge in a Pear Tree." Holiday hours for Twelve Oaks Mall are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

WHERE CAN I FIND?

This interactive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate merchandise that's difficult to find through reader feedback. If you've seen or are looking for an item, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. We publish readers' requests for merchandise twice. If you don't hear from us or see information about the item within a few weeks, we were unable to locate it. When we find an item owned by another reader, rather than for sale at a store, we will call you. But, please, be patient; we handle an overwhelming number of requests each week.

WE FOUND:

– The Home Depot stores carries carpet tiles with adhesive backing.

– You might try Fragrances Unlimited for "Straw Hat" perfume (734) 434-0692; they are located in Ann Arbor.

– The musical cake plate can be found at the Town & Country Antique Shop on 31630 Plymouth Road, west of Merriman, booth #12 (734) 425-4344.

– Phil's Appliance on Highland in Waterford repairs freezers (800) 559 1411. Or check your local yellow pages for listings in your area.

– A reader has the music (but not from the album) for "Happy Birthday Jesus."

– The video "Land Before Time" can be purchased at the KMart stores or at Service Merchandise stores.

– Laurie Lockhart makes and sells tie-dye clothing, (734) 427-0333; Webpage is http://angelfire.com/mi/freedomoverspill/ or email tiedyed4you@aol.com.

– A recipe book with blank pages.

– A reader has only one millennium Santa Bear.

– The CoCo mats can be found in the Frontgate catalog (800) 626-6488, item #6692.

FIND & SEARCH NOTES:

– Coty lipstick can be ordered directly through Coty (800) 847-1504. Or call Pam Stewart at (919) 774-8800 ext. 121. They will send you a list of lipsticks that are available.

– Sander's Hot Fudge can be found at Bush's Market in Livonia and at Holiday Market in Royal Oak.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

– A rural mailbox shaped like a tractor for Tom.

– A RCA table model phonograph with a brass horn (original or restored) for Andy of Canton.

– The October 1999 issue of the magazine "Cats" for Sandra.

– The silverware Twin Star by Onieda by Betty Crocker for Janet.

– The store that sells little round brushes to clean electric razors for Jean.

– A set of black leather Ben Hogan head covers for woods for Larry.

– A 1943 Fordson High School yearbook and a millennium camera with sayings at the bottom for Joann.

– Nabisco Rainbow Cookie Stix and Five Brothers Tomato Alfredo pasta sauce for Alice.

– Cole slaw seasoning mix that comes in a package for Mary.

– A salad dressing from the '60s called He-Man (contained Roquefort cheese) for Lee.

– Videotape of the Broadway play "Tru" starring Robert Morse for Suzy.

– A store that sells a policeman's uniform for a 5-year-old boy, size 5/6 for Thelma.

– The book "Joshua" by Joseph Girzone (the original edition, not the gift edition) for Jean.

– The "Space Shoes 2000" from the Sears Wish book (used on a Trampoline) for Carol.

– An antique full size brass rain lamp from the '60s or '70s. (It is made with piano wire and the oil drops down the wire, with a statue of a woman in the center with greenery) for Patricia.

– A store that sells High Karate cologne for men for Jeri.

– The Barbecue sauce made by Bovril (it is made from beef, it is like a jam) for Nora.

– A store that sells fiber optics for Laura.

– A store that sells Benson's Fruit cakes for Brenda.

– A Mickey Mouse character tie (painting the Sistine Chapel) also the lyrics and music for "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" for Opal.

– The game "Babble On" by Tyco for Cindy.

– A 1999 Shaman calendar with paintings by Susan Seddon Boulet for Nancy.

– A store that sells men's garters (for socks) for Barbara.

– A store that sells Germaine Monteil lip-moisturizer for Maxine.

– The words and music to the "Parade of the Wooden Soliders" for Eileen.

– A store that sells "Golden Autumn" cologne by Prince Machiavelli for Kathy.

– A 1955 Detroit Cooley High School yearbook for Robert.

– A used "Bone Shaker Penny Farthing" (high wheel bike used in parades) for Tom.

– A Fiesta ware sugar bowl lid in cobalt blue and a Mrs. Beasley Doll for Julie.

– The 1999 Hudson's Millennium Santa Bear. Hudson's is sold out for Mary, Norma and Barbara and Sandra.

– The "Family Circus" kids item figurines, ornaments, plates, etc. for Marsie.

– A store that sells Maybeline cake mascara with a brush (red plastic case) for Pat.

– A Mrs. Beasley doll for Linda.

– A commemorative plate of the Greenmead Church Historical Park at 8 Mile and Newburgh Roads for Angela.

– A store that sells Clinque "Color Rub" (liquid rouge) in "Pink Bronze" for Mattie.

– A store that sells Coty 24 hour lipstick "Pure Watermelon" for Doris.

– The video "Heidi" with Shirley Temple (black or white) for Virginia.

– "Binky the Clown" (Redford Suburban League sold it back in the 50/60s) for Pat.

– The VHS video "Mr. Krueger's Christmas" with Jimmy Stewart it was on TV in the '80s. The Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints for Connie sponsored it.

– A children's album from the '60s "Songs for a Rainy Day" Rosemary Clooney is one of the singers for Denise.

– A store that sells a cookie press (turn the knob with a cylinder).

– Pamela is looking for someone who does Ribbonery (like embroidery).

– Pope Gosser china dishes #52 from the '50s made in USA "Silver Dawn" for Denna.

– The 1994 Hudson's Anniversary Santa Bear for Christie and Barbara.

– A store that sells a wind-up clock with two bells on top made by Big Bend for Darlene.

– A yogurt maker with 6/8 ounces containers for Mary.

– A "Nerolizer" from "Men in Black" (silver) sold at Burger King for Teresa.

– A Bloody Mary seasoning "John Willard" and a 18 x 56 non-standard ironing board cover for Marlene.

– Place setting of Minton china in the Saturn pattern (black) for Allison.

– A game from the 1950s by Milton Bradley "Pirate and Traveler" for Karen.

– A store that sells English Ironstone pottery "Crown Ducal" by AG Richardson from Staffordshire, England. LB King in the Fisher Building use to carry it for Mary Jane.

– The china "White Christmas" sold through the Spiegel catalog for Karen.

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by playing to the beat with sleigh bells, tambourines and cowbells. Showtimes are 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday, December 19 and 12:30 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday until December 24 at the Fountain Court Stage at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn.

DIVINE CHILD HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

The high school choir will perform on Wednesday, December 22 on the Hudson's Court Stage at Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn. The 22-member jazz choir will delight all with traditional holiday favorites and carols.

EXCLUSIVE SHOPPING PACKAGE

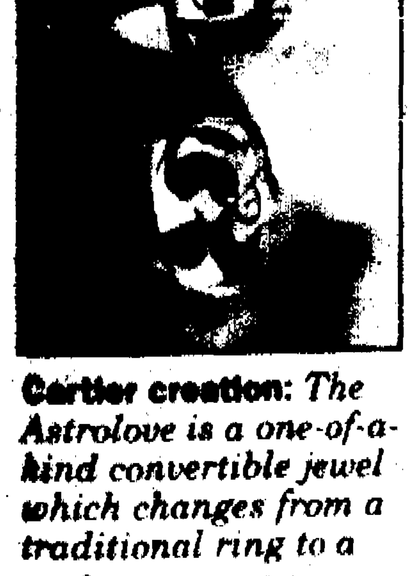
"Home for the Holidays," a shop and stay package at The Ritz-Carlton Dearborn is the perfect solution for out-of-town shoppers and those who can't bear to be away from the mall. Attractively priced at $89 per night plus taxes, the package includes deluxe overnight accommodations at the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, breakfast buffet for two in The Grill, a Fairlane Town Center goodie bag featuring a shopping discount card, valet voucher and a free photo with Santa and free holiday gift wrapping. Available now through January 3. For information call (313) 593-1370.

SANTA BEAR SIGHTING

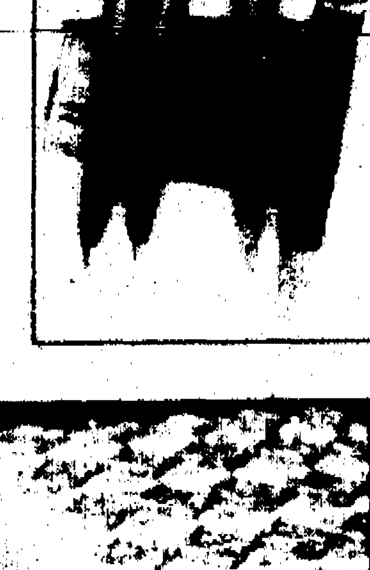
A holiday treat for all ages, Hudson's own Santa Bear will be greeting guests in his special millennium costume Thursday, December 23, Friday, December 24 and Sunday, December 26 at the Hudson's stores in Westland and Somerset Collection, Troy.

a la carte

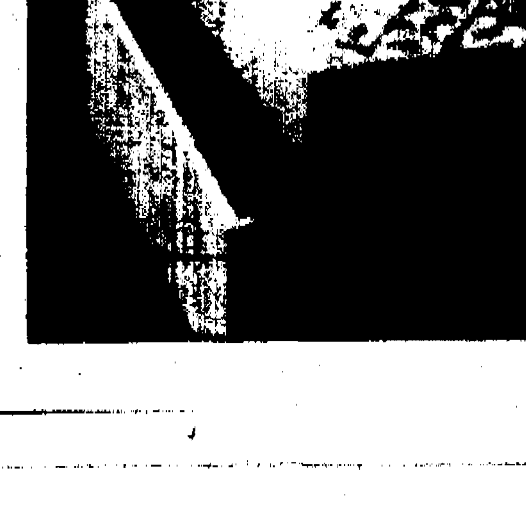
STUFF WE CRAVE



Cartier creation: *The Astrolove is a one-of-a-kind convertible jewel which changes from a traditional ring to a contemporary pendant. Available in 18K yellow or white gold, $1400, at the Cartier Store, Somerset Collection, Troy.*



Prime pen: *Who wouldn't appreciate a fine writing instrument, whether it's for jotting down thoughts in a journal or signing checks. Mont Blanc's Mozart pen is small enough to fit in an organizer or small handbag, $165 in black at Mont Blanc, the Somerset Collection in Troy.*



Keeping secrets: *Everybody needs a place to keep tuck away precious items, and decorative boxes are a personal gift. Covered in silk or velvet and glass beads, these boxes come in many sizes, $24-88 at Anthropologie in downtown Birmingham.*

OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

National Amusements Showcase Cinemas

Showcase Auburn Hills 1-14
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Between University & Walton Blvd
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Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. Sat.
THRU THURSDAY
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DOGMA (R)
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POKEMON (G)
11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00
THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:00
BEST MAN (R)
10:00, 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:15
THE SIXTH SENSE (PG13)
11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Telegraph
313-561-3449
Bargain Matinees Daily.
All Shows until 6 pm.
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY
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THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph-Sq. Lake Rd. W Side of Telegraph
248-332-0241
Bargain Matinees Daily
• All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
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Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of Telegraph
248-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
• All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Thurs. Fri. & Sat.
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POKEMON (G)
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Warren & Wayne Rds
313-425-7700
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows Until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
LATE SHOWS FRIDAY & SATURDAY
THRU THURSDAY
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DOUBLE JEOPARDY (R)
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THE SIXTH SENSE (PG13)
9:15

Star Theatres
The World's Best Theatres
Bargain Matinees Daily $5.00 All Shows Starting before 6:00 pm
Now accepting Visa & MasterCard
"NP" Denotes No Pass Engagement

Star Great Lakes Crossing
Great Lakes Shopping Center
248-454-0366

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NP ANNA AND THE KING (PG13)
10:05, 10:40, 12:05, 1:05, 1:45, 3:00, 4:15, 5:00, 6:05, 7:15, 8:00, 9:10, 10:15 - NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE GREEN MILE (R)
9:45, 10:45, 12:15, 1:15, 2:30, 4:00, 4:50, 6:10, 7:40, 8:40, 9:50
NO VIP TICKETS
NP DEUCE BIGALOW MALE GIGOLO (R)
9:55, 10:35, 11:55, 12:45, 1:35, 2:10, 2:55, 3:45, 4:20, 5:15, 6:35, 7:30, 8:10, 8:50, 9:35, 10:05, 10:50 - NO VIP TICKETS
NP PRINCESS MONONOKE (PG13)
9:50, 12:30, 3:40, 7:20, 10:25
NO VIP TICKETS
TOY STORY 2 (G)
10:00, 10:20, 10:50, 11:20, 12:10, 12:50, 1:20, 1:50, 2:35, 3:10, 3:50, 4:20, 5:05, 5:50, 6:30, 6:55, 7:35, 8:20, 8:45, 10:35
THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
10:15, 12:00, 1:00, 2:40, 3:55, 5:20, 6:50, 8:05, 9:30, 10:45
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
11:10 1:40, 4:05, 6:45, 9:25
END OF DAYS (R)
10:10, 12:55, 3:35, 6:15, 9:00
POKEMON (G)
11:40, 2:15, 4:40
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
7:00, 9:45
THE [illegible] (R)
9:20 PM ONLY
FLAWLESS (R)
9:55 PM ONLY
THE STRAIGHT STORY (G)
10:55 AM AND 5:45, PM ONLY

Star John R at 14 Mile
32289 John R. Road
[illegible]
CALL FOR SATURDAY SHOWTIMES
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP ANNA AND THE KING (PG)
12:00, 1:40, 3:00, 4:30, 6:00, 7:30, 9:10, 10:30
NP STUART LITTLE (PG)
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NP THE GREEN MILE (R)
12:10, 1:10, 2:10, 4:10, 5:00, 6:10, 8:00, 8:50, 10:00
NO VIP TICKETS
TOY STORY 2 (G)
11:00, 11:50, 12:40, 1:30, 2:20, 3:10, 4:00, 4:50, 5:40, 6:30, 7:20, 8:10, 9:00, 9:50
END OF DAYS (R)
1:20, 3:55, 6:40, 9:30
FLAWLESS (R)
7:10, 9:45
THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
12:50, 3:40, 7:00, 10:10
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
11:30, 2:40, 5:30, 8:30, 10:50
POKEMON (G)
11:20, 12:20 50, 2:50, 3:50, 5:10, 5:50
DOGMA (R)
7:50 AND 10:20 PM ONLY

Star Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Circle
[illegible]
SUNDAY THRU THURSDAY
No one under age 6 admitted for PG13 & R rated films after 6 pm

NP ANNA AND THE KING (PG13)
12:45, 3:40, 6:30, 9:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE GREEN MILE (R)
10:50, 12:30, 2:40, 4:15, 6:20, 8:30, 10:00 - NO VIP TICKETS
NP DEUCE BIGALOW (R)
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:20
NO VIP TICKETS
END OF DAYS (R)
11:30, 2:15, 5:15, 7:45, 10:40
FLAWLESS (R)
11:10, 1:30, 3:50, 6:45, 9:40
JAMES BOND: THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
11:00, 1:50, 4:30, 7:15, 10:30
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
11:20, 1:40, 4:45, 7:00, 9:15
DOGMA (R)
12:15, 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50
THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
11:45, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:10

Star Southfield
12 Mile between Telegraph and
[illegible]
CALL 248-372-2222
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NP FEATURES - SORRY NO VIP DISCOUNT TICKETS ACCEPTED

NP STUART LITTLE (PG)
10:45, 11:45, 1:15, 2:15, 3:45, 4:45, 6:15, 7:15, 8:45, 9:45
NO VIP TICKETS
NP ANNA AND THE KING (PG13)
12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:00, 7:00, 9:00, 10:00 - NO VIP TICKETS
NP BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG)
10:30, 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP DEUCE BIGALOW: MALE GIGOLO (R)
10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:50, 5:00, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15
NO VIP TICKETS
NP THE GREEN MILE (R)
12:15, 1:15, 4:15, 5:15, 8:15, 9:15
NO VIP TICKETS
TOY STORY 2 (G)
10:30, 11:10, 11:50, 12:30, 1:20, 1:50, 2:30, 3:45, 4:30, 5:25, 5:50, 6:30, 7:15, 7:45, 8:30, 9:15, 9:45,
END OF DAYS (R)
10:30, 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
FLAWLESS (R)
10:15 PM ONLY
THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
10:45, 12:45, 1:45, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:45, 9:45, 10:45
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
12:20, 3:20, 6:20, 9:20
DOGMA (R)
10:45, PM ONLY
POKEMON (G)
12:30, 3:00, 5:20
THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
7:45, & 10:45, PM ONLY

Star Winchester
1136 S. Rochester Rd.
Winchester Mall
248-656-1160
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NP STUART LITTLE (G)
11:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 6:30, 7:15, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:15
NO VIP TICKETS
NP BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG)
11:15, 12:00, 2:15, 3:00, 5:30, 6:15, 8:30, 9:15-NO VIP TICKETS
NP TOY STORY (G)
11:30, 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, 4:00, 5:15, 6:00, 7:30, 8:15, 9:00, 9:45
NO VIP TICKETS
POKEMON (G)
12:15, 4:45, 6:45

United Artists Theatres
Bargain Matinees Daily, for all shows starting before 6:00 PM
Same day advance tickets available
NV - No V.I.P. tickets accepted

United Artists Oakland
Inside Oakland Mall
[illegible]
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

DEUCE BIGALOW (R) NV
12:45, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:15, 6:45, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00
ANYWHERE BUT HERE (PG13)
1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 9:45
THE BACHELOR (PG13)
12:50, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
12:30, 4:00, 7:00, 9:40

United Artists 12 Oaks
Inside Twelve Oaks Mall
248-349-4311
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS.

ANNA AND THE KING (PG13) NV
12:40, 3:45, 7:00, 10:00
BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG) NV
1:00, 3:55, 7:10, 9:55
STUART LITTLE (PG) NV
12:05, 2:15, 4:25, 7:20, 9:30
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
12:15, 2:35, 4:55, 7:30, 9:50
THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
12:50, 4:05, 7:15, 9:40

United Artists West River
9 Mile,
One Block West of Middlebelt
[illegible]
ALL TIMES SUN-THURS

DEUCE BIGALOW (R) NV
12:25, 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20
THE GREEN MILE (R) NV
12:00, 4:00, 8:00
TOY STORY 2 (G)
12:05, 1:35, 2:20, 3:55, 4:40, 6:30, 7:00, 8:45, 9:30
END OF DAYS (R)
1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
12:30, 2:55, 5:10, 7:50, 10:05
THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
1:00, 4:05, 7:05, 9:45
POKEMON (G)
12:20, 2:40, 5:00
THE BONE COLLECTOR (R)
7:30, 10:10
THE BEST MAN (R)
1:25, 4:25, 7:20, 9:55

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North of the intersection of 14 Mile & Haggerty
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Bargain Matinees Daily for all Shows starting before 6 pm
Same Day Advance Tickets Available
NV-No VIP Tickets Accepted

ANNA AND THE KING (PG13) NV
12:50, 3:50, 6:50, 9:50
BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG) NV
10:30, 1:25, 4:30, 7:30, 10:20
STUART LITTLE (PG) NV
10:50, 11:50, 1:00, 2:00, 3:05, 4:05, 5:10, 6:10, 7:20, 8:15, 9:25, 10:20
DEUCE BIGALOW (R) NV
10:40, 11:45, 12:40, 1:45, 2:40, 4:00, 5:00, 6:15, 7:10, 8:30, 9:30, 10:35
THE GREEN MILE (R) NV
11:10, 12:45, 3:00, 5:00, 8:00, 9:00
TOY STORY 2 (G)
10:45, 11:35, 1:05, 1:55, 3:30, 4:25, 6:05, 7:00, 8:25, 10:40
END OF DAYS (R)
10:35, 1:35, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05
FLAWLESS (R)
9:40
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
12:10, 2:50, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35
THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
10:35, 1:35, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05
POKEMON (G)
10:30, 12:30, 2:25
THE [illegible] (R)
4:55, 8:35

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NP THE GREEN MILE (R)
12:00, 12:45, 3:30, 4:15, 7:00, 8:00
NP STUART LITTLE (PG)
12:00, 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00, 10:00
NP ANNA AND THE KING (PG13)
12:30, 3:20, 6:20, 9:15
NP TOY STORY 2 (G)
12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:45, 8:55
NP THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:35
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:35, 9:50
AMERICAN BEAUTY (R)
2:15, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
END OF DAYS (R)
12:00

MJR Theatres

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I-96 Exit, Grand River
810-227-4700
Call 77-Film Ext. 540

NP ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (R)
WED-THURS. 12:10, (4:10 @ $3.75) 8:10
NP MAN ON THE MOON (R)
WED-THURS. 11:45, 2:15, (4:45 @ $3.75) 7:30, 10:00
NP STUART LITTLE (PG)
12:10, 2:20, (4:50 @ $3.75) 7:20, 9:30
NP BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG)
11:10, 1:40, (4:30 @ $3.75) 7:10, 9:55
NP THE GREEN MILE (R)
12:00, (4:00 @ $3.75) 8:00
NP DEUCE BIGALOW: MALE GIGOLO (R)
11:20, 2:00, (4:30 @ $3.75) 7:00, 9:30
TOY STORY 2 (G)
SUN-TUES. 11:15, 12:00, 1:40, 2:30
WED-THURS. 12:00, 2:30 (5:00 @ $3.75) 7:15, 9:20
END OF DAYS (R)
SUN-TUES: 11:45, 2:15, (4:45 @ $3.75) 7:30, 10:00
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
11:40, 1:50 (4:20 @ $3.75) 7:15, 9:45
007: THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
11:30, 2:10, (4:45 @ $3.75) 7:20, 10:00

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WED-THURS. 12:10, (4:10 @ $3.75) 8:10
NP MAN ON THE MOON (R)
WED-THURS. 11:45, 2:15, (4:45 @ $3.75) 7:30, 10:00
NP ANNA & THE KING (PG13)
12:50 (4:00 @ $3.75) 7:00, 9:55
NP STUART LITTLE (PG)
SUN-TUES. 11:20, 12:20, 1:30, 2:20, 3:30, (4:40 & 5:30 @ $3.75) 6:45, 7:30, 9:10, 9:40
WED-THURS. 11:20, 12:20, 1:30, 2:20, 3:30, (4:40 & 6:00 @ $3.75) 6:45, 9:10
NP BICENTENNIAL MAN (PG)
11:10, 1:40 (4:30 @ $3.75) 7:10, 9:50
NP THE GREEN MILE (R)
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NP DEUCE BIGALOW: MALE GIGOLO (R)
12:10, 2:20, (4:30 @ $3.75, 7:00, 9:15
TOY STORY 2 (G)
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WED-THURS. 12:00, 2:30, (5:00 @ $3.75) 7:15, 9:30
END OF DAYS (R)
SUN-TUES. 6:40, 9:20
007: THE WORLD IS NOT ENOUGH (PG13)
11:30, 2:10, (4:45 @ $3.75) 7:20, 10:00
SLEEPY HOLLOW (R)
SUN-TUES: 11:00, 1:50, (4:50 @ $3.75) 7:20, 9:55
WED-THURS: 8:00, 10:15
POKEMON: THE FIRST MOVIE (G)
SUN-TUES: 11:00, 1:00

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THE CIDER HOUSE RULES (PG13)
(1:15, 4:00) 6:45, 9:30
BOYS DON'T CRY (R)
(1:45 4:15) 7:00, 9:40
[illegible] (R)
(2:00 4:30) 7:15, 9:45
NO 7:15 ON TUES. 12/21

Maple Art Theatre III
4135 W. Maple, West of Telegraph
Bloomfield Hills
[illegible]
(DISCOUNTED SHOWS!!!)

THE STRAIGHT STORY (G)
SUN. (2:15 4:30), 9:45
MON-THURS (4:30) 6:45, 9:15
THE LEGEND OF 1900 (R)
SUN. (1:45 4:00) 6:30, 9:00
MON-THURS (4:00) 6:30, 9:00
RIDE WITH THE DEVIL (R)
SUN. (1:30, 4:15) 7:00, 9:40
MON-TUES. (4:15) 7:00, 9:40
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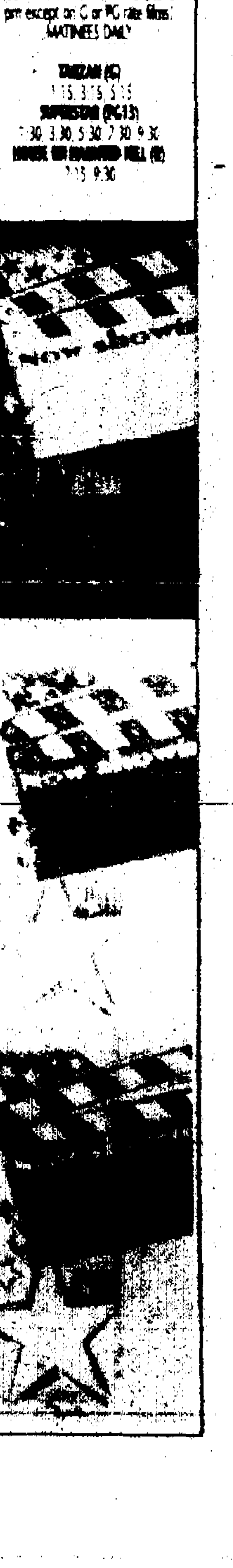
1:15, 3:15, 5:15
SUPERSTAR (PG13)
1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30
HOUSE ON HAUNTED HILL (R)
7:15, 9:30



New York dazzles during the holidays

BY JUDITH DONER BERNE
SPECIAL WRITER

No city wraps itself up for the holidays quite like New York.

If you are traveling to the Big Apple anytime between now and New Year's, you are in for a treat.

The bright lights that always shine in Times Square are rivaled by the dazzle coming from streets and stores, plazas and parks throughout the city at this time of year.

Rockefeller Center is a traditional focal point of the holiday hubbub. The giant Rockefeller Center Christmas tree boasts 30,000 light bulbs on five miles of wire. This year's tree, according to the center's holiday hotline, is a 100-year-old, 100-foot-tall, 55-foot-wide Norway spruce, imported from Connecticut.

And you'll most certainly want to check out the windows of the big department stores: Barneys New York, Bergdorf Goodman, Bloomingdales, Lord & Taylor, Macy's and Saks Fifth Avenue.

Innovative Christmas themes abound, but because this is also the turn of the century some stores have chosen to focus on the millennium.

Lord & Taylor looks toward the future through the eyes of children from around the world. Five of its Fifth Avenue windows recreate familiar landmarks from various countries and continents, with the sixth window a global tribute. Each features animated figures of children, dressed in fashions appropriate to their heritage.

Barneys New York, living up to its cutting edge reputation, isn't content to confine its windows to one century. Entitled "Two Thousand Years of Talk," they pay homage to five icons of communication from the past 2,000 years. Each icon is represented by a seven-foot-tall head, made up of and surrounded by a variety of materials, with a mouth that constantly moves.

Cleopatra represents "Girl Talk" and is constructed from more than 1,000 bottle caps, many filled with the image of Hollywood beauty queen Elizabeth Taylor. Other talking heads are of William Shakespeare (Sweet Talk), Queen Elizabeth II (Tiara Talk), James Brown (Jive Talk) and Millennium Man (Cyber Talk).

Truer to the Christmas theme, Saks Fifth Avenue's windows feature an animated interpretation of a new book, "Auntie Claus," by Elise Primeval. The windows tell the story of Sophie, described as a rather precocious New York child. She learns the true meaning of the holiday spirit from her aunt, who turns out to be Santa's sister. Hand-sculpted figures are dressed in costumes made from velvets, fake furs and silks. (The book for children ages 4 to 8 was reviewed favorably last week by the *New York Times*.)

Talk: *The "Girl Talk" window, one of a series on the theme "2,000 years of talk," which drew crowds to Barneys New York.*

Festive scene: *This photo, taken in the lobby of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, depicts scenes of the Waldorf at the turn of the 20th century.*

Window shopping: *Bergdorf Goodman windows depict a version of the Twelve Days of Christmas (note partridges and pears).*

Displays at the Waldorf Astoria hotel reflect its history as "the largest and most opulent hotel in New York" at the turn of the last century. In the newly-published book "New York, An Illustrated History," authors Ric Burns and James Sanders report on its relocation from Fifth Avenue and 34th to its present Park Avenue site in 1931.

The lobby, adorned with art deco murals and mosaics, is the setting for the re-creation in miniature of wintry street scenes from the Waldorf's past set against blow-ups of vintage photographs of the original hotel.

The windows at F.A.O. Schwarz toy store depict various adventures of beloved author E.B. White's "Stuart Little," obviously well-timed for the film that opens this month. And Tiffany & Co. continues its impressive run of highlighting spectacular pieces of jewelry in sophisticated wintry settings.

Much as I enjoy the windows, it's the street scapes that I really love: the delicately lighted trees on the grassy median of Park Avenue, with the limestone and brick facade of St. Bartholomew's Church (1919) as backdrop; the parade of candy canes on 57th Street west of Fifth Avenue; the golden snowflake dangling high above Fifth Avenue at 57th Street.

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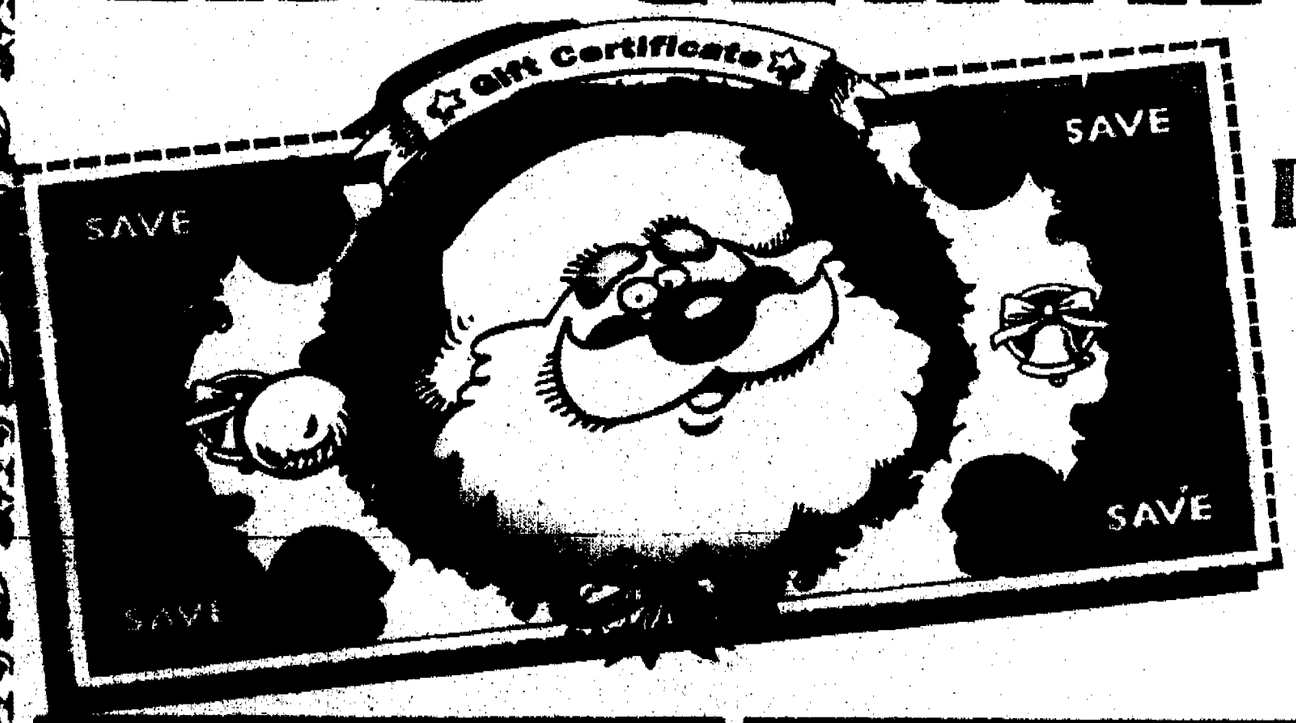

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Throughout the year we answer thousands of questions about food preservation, cooking, baking and canning from people who call the Michigan State University Extension/Oakland County Food and Nutrition Hotline. Generally around the holidays, the questions turn to baking. I hope the following questions and answers will help you with your holiday baking.

Q. ***How can I avoid crystallization of the sugar when making candy?***

A. Make sure the sugar is completely dissolved before it reaches a boil. Stir the sugar and liquid together thoroughly. Bring the sugar syrup slowly to a boil, stirring occasionally. Cover the pan while the syrup is coming to a boil, the condensed steam will wash down the side of the pan and help prevent crystallization.

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BEEF UP YOUR HOLIDAYS

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
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On the 13th day of Christmas, my true love brought me beef!

Gregg Johnson of Canton is a beef-loving, grill-happy, deep-frying man who loves to cook for his friends. This past Thanksgiving he injected a 14-pound turkey with Cajun spices and boiled it in oil. The bird cooked in 45 minutes. If he gets enough requests, he might just deep fry another turkey for Christmas.

"When it deep fries, the spices kind of explode inside."

However, Johnson's first love is beef, especially steak, which he learned to cook when he was 9 years old.

"I loved steaks. I'd ask my mom to cook me steaks all the time, one for breakfast, one for lunch, one for dinner. She went out and bought a countertop broiler and left a few steaks in the fridge, and I was on my way, Jack. That was my starter kit."

Today, Johnson has perfected his mother's technique. He starts with a two-pound black angus porterhouse, pokes both sides with a sharp knife to tenderize it, then sprinkles both sides with seasoned salt, pepper and some garlic powder.

Sounds ready for the grill or broiler, doesn't it? Wrong. Johnson always rubs a few pats of butter (*real* butter, buddy, not margarine) across the surface of one side of the steak for some extra juices, which he uses to sauté mushrooms.

Finally, for an extra, extra touch, he squeezes a bit of fresh lemon juice over the top. This is a man infatuated with flavor.

He broils his steak on high about eight to 10 minutes per side, flipping just once. "They're very tender and rare," said friend Terrie Poe. "I like mine well done, but he likes his rare. I always make him cook mine a little more."

STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HOBSCHEIDT

Picture perfect: *(Center photo) This seasoned, two-pound porterhouse is dotted with butter for extra juices before heading to the broiler. (Above) Gregg Johnson checks on the progress of his buttered noodles while keeping an eye on the sautéed onions and baked beans.*

Roasts

Although it's hard to beat a perfectly prepared steak for a romantic holiday dinner for two, premium roasts – ribeye, rib, tenderloin and top loin – are perfect for entertaining larger crowds. Select roasts that are bright cherry red in color without any grayish or brown blotches. They can be stored unopened in the refrigerator three to four days before cooking.

Try dressing up your Christmas or New Year's roast with a seasoning rub prior to roasting. A rub containing liquid such as oil or mustard is sometimes called a "paste." The result of this rub-down is a crusty finish after roasting and a juicy, tender roast. Always prepare these roasts by dry heat: Roasted in

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RUB, CRUST AND PASTE

- **Classic beef rub** – Dried thyme leaves, minced garlic and cracked black pepper.
- **Mustard and parsley crust** – Dijon mustard, fresh bread crumbs and minced parsley combined with fresh herbs, prepared horseradish, wasabi or grated Parmesan cheese.
- **Rosemary-blue cheese crust** – dried or fresh rosemary, chopped walnuts, crumbled blue cheese. Cook roast halfway, press on coating and continue baking.
- **Tropic Island rub** – Minced garlic, chopped jalapeno pepper, chopped fresh ginger, lime juice, brown sugar, dried thyme leaves, salt and ground allspice.
- **Chimichurri paste** – Chopped Italian parsley, olive oil, white vinegar, minced garlic and salt.
- **Bouillon herb paste** – Beef bouillon cube (crushed) or granules, olive oil, fresh or dried herbs.
- **Southwest paste** – Finely chopped dried tomatoes, minced chipotle chiles in adobo sauce, minced garlic and oil.

These rubs are equally good for less expensive roasts, such as round tip, tri-tip or eye round. Eye rounds are particularly good first marinated in red wine, herbs, garlic and onion for six hours or overnight. Prior to roasting, remove from marinade and coat with a mixture of cracked peppercorns (black, white, pink), crushed red pepper and salt.

Source: National Cattlemen's Beef Association

Cookbook for manly taste 'buds'

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Is there a cooking-impaired man on your Christmas list?

If so, consider "Bake It Like a Man," a entertaining and practical cookbook that demonstrates the ability to bake, broil and braise has nothing to do with estrogen.

"Life under roofs is centered in the kitchen. It's where humans go for good news and bad, to celebrate birthdays, perform home surgery, and crack pecans," said Irish-born author David Bowers.

"All real human drama takes place in the kitchen. And for too long, it's been the sole domain of woman. But man has an equal right to the place, and it's time he asserted himself domestically."

Yes, guys, it's home-home-on-the-range time.

The index to "Bake It Like a Man" reads like a do-it-yourself home repair manual: Men and

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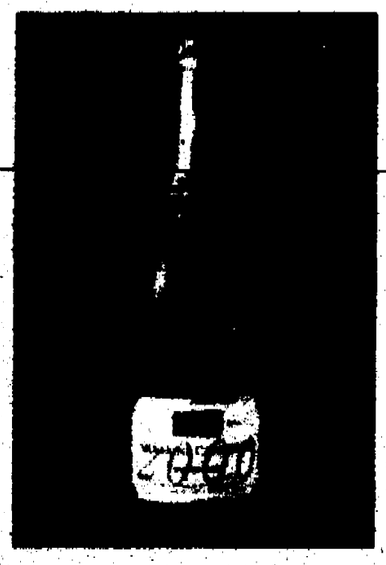

Festive bubbly: *Domaine Carneros Brut Vintage Millennium magnum bottle is dressed in festive wear with a gold 2000 screened on the front.*

Some fizz for holiday bubblies

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Are you planning to open a premium bottle of champagne or sparkling wine this holiday season? Here's some fizz ed,

Joy Sterling, marketing director of her family's Iron Horse Vineyards in Sonoma County, Calif., considers champagne a "subset" of sparkling wine.

"The word champagne is like Kleenex, a brand name that has become part of common speech," she said. "For the purist, Champagne is a geographic region of France, and only wine from there can legitimately be called champagne."

Call it what you will, the real difference between champagne and California sparkling wine is the fruit. California enjoys more sunlight hours, therefore the fruit is richer and more fla-

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LOOKING AHEAD

What to watch for next week:

- Great Pretenders
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Manly *from page D1*

Meat, Men and Flame, Men and Big Food, Men and Fermentation and Brass Tacks. With practice, any man worth his T-bones can make Spaghetti and Meatboulders (with freshly grated Percorino Romano or Parmesan cheese, please), Stovetop Deep-Fried Turkey (how manly can you get?), and the artery-busting Cadillac Mac and Cheese.

Although there's an entire chapter devoted to potatoes, this is far more than a meat-and-potatoes cookbook. Bowers goes into detail on the tools and techniques needed to produce just the right dish. Everything starts with a good knife, he says. Or a good cast iron skillet.

"If I had to choose only one frying pan, this would be it. A seasoned cast iron pan is the most durable and highest-performing cooking utensil you can have."

Bowers enhances the basics. A well-cooked steak, he says, needs little to adorn it besides a glass of strong red wine and a baked potato. However, in the chapter "Men and Meat," he includes several sauces – blue cheese, horseradish, mushroom, red wine and herb butter – to improve upon perfection. In the same chapter, he also ventures into Wiener Schnitzel, Roast Pork Loin with Crackling, and Roast Bone-In leg of Lamb with Mint Sauce.

For the man handy with a propane torch, there's a red-hot section on flambéing. "Once you've experienced the thrill of a lick of blue flame flaring toward the ceiling, you will want to flambé everything," said Bowers. He offers recipes for Whiskey Chicken, Steak Diane, Rotterdam Flaming Bananas, and even Glogg, the "viciously potent" Swedish Christmas punch.

There's even a whole section on baking bread, disproving the old adage, "Man does not live by bread alone." Bowers likes to make his bread by hand. Bread-making machines are for wimps, he believes.

Forget the new circular saw or orbital sander, girls. Don't even think about routers and planers. Get the man in your pantry something you'll both enjoy, "Bake It Like a Man."

David Bowers, an artist and illustrator who worked for many years in restaurants in London, Montreal and New York. He ran his own restaurant in Dublin. He currently lives in New York with his wife, Sharon Bowers, a food writer and editor. "Bake It Like a Man" is published by William Morrow and Co. Inc. and retails for $16.

Beef *from page D1*

an oven, uncovered without the addition of water.

Always use a meat thermometer since the internal temperature is the best indicator of doneness. An ovenproof meat thermometer is inserted prior to roasting and remains for the entire cooking time. An instant-read thermometer is not ovenproof; use it toward the end of the cooking time. Insert it long enough to get a temperature reading, about 10 to 15 seconds.

The USDA says beef roasts need only be cooked to medium rare or an internal temperature of 145 degrees F. Remove the roast when the thermometer reads 10 degrees less than the desired internal temperature.

For example, for medium rare doneness, remove the roast from the oven when the thermometer registers 135 degrees F. For medium doneness, remove the roast when the temperature registers 150 degrees F. During the standing time, the temperature continues to rise to reach the desired doneness.

Every magnificent holiday roast or steak deserves a great side dish or two. Johnson served buttered noodles with thyme and some dressed-up baked beans with his steak. But you can't beat a baked potato and a salad, he said. "If I want to go overboard, I'll do crab legs on the side."

When asked if Johnson cleans up after he cooks, Poe snickered a bit. "Is this going in the paper? No, he doesn't clean up. Does he serve himself? No."

See recipes on D3.

Wine *from page D1*

-vorful. Champagnes have subtler fruit elements and often have higher acidity which is masked by sugar added in the dosage at final bottling. California fruit achieves balance naturally on the vine and can therefore be made drier than a number of champagnes.

While technically, it takes only three weeks to get bubbles, by law in the Champagne region, a non-vintage sparkler must be aged 18 months on the yeast in the bottle before disgorging when the yeast sediment is expelled.

Characteristics

Vintage champagne must be aged three years. Longer aging on the yeast in the bottle impacts the three most important characteristics of any bubbly.

■ Bouquet: When the cork is popped, you should sense aromas such as freshly risen bread dough, toast or biscuits.

■ Texture: The wine should be creamy and rich with a soft bubbling action that lasts a long time in the glass.

■ Finish: Never plodding, but always with a lift at the end inviting the next sip.

We personally enjoy champagnes or sparkling wines a year or two after disgorging. In that time, they develop more richness and palate weight.

That's one of the reasons Iron Horse sparklers appeal to us. The disgorging date is on the bottom right hand side of every label. No guessing how long the wine has been on the shelf.

Champagne should be served chilled from the refrigerator at 40°F or from a champagne bucket filled with half water and ice. Glasses should be either tall flutes or long tulip-shaped. A 750mL bottle serves five glasses.

Plan on two to three glasses per person at a sparkling cocktail party and 2/3 of bottle per person at an all-sparkling wine dinner.

Look for Focus on Wine on the first and third Sunday of the month in Taste. To leave a voice mail message for the Healds, dial (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 1864.

Sense *from page D1*

Q. Can I buy a cheese ball or special cheeses now and freeze them for gifts later?

A. It depends on the variety of cheese. Hard cheeses such as Cheddar, Swiss, Mozzarella or Colby can be frozen safely, but these cheeses will be drier and more crumbly after freezing. Only keep cheese frozen for about three months. Thaw in the refrigerator.

Q. What is the liquid measurement of an egg? How do you measure part of an egg?

A. For a recipe that gives a measurement instead of a number, use this rule of thumb:

1 large egg (2 ounces) equals 1/4 cup

1 medium egg (1 3/4 ounces) equals 1/5 cup

1 small egg (1 1/2 ounces) equals 1/6 cup

To use only part of an egg in a recipe that you have to cut in half, beat the egg slightly, measure out about 1 1/2 tablespoons to equal part of an egg.

Q. Why won't my fudge get harder?

A. Fudge that doesn't "set up" hasn't been cooked long enough. Scrape it back into the pan and add a couple of teaspoons of water, keep cooking and stirring. Use a candy thermometer and watch the temperature. Some things cannot be hurried.

Q. How do I use gingerroot?

A. Gingerroot is used just by peeling. It can be sliced, grated or made into a sliver to add to Asian dishes or stir-fry foods.

Q. Are egg substitutes safe in a raw product?

A. Yes, because frozen egg replacers are made from eggs that have undergone pasteurization at temperatures to kill microorganisms. Pasteurization does not cook the egg nor effect its color, flavor or nutrient content. Do not eat raw eggs, you may get sick.

Do you have more questions? Call the Food and Nutrition Hotline (248) 858-0904 with your questions.

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Delicious dishes to beef up holidays

David Bowers and Sharon Bowers, authors of "Bake It Like a Man" claim a well-cooked steak needs little more than a glass of strong red wine and a baked potato. But if you're can't resist a sauce, they suggest the following sauces:

Blue cheese sauce: Using a fork, mash a clove a garlic to a paste with 1/4 teaspoon salt in a small bowl. Add 2 tablespoons brandy and blend well. Stir in 3 tablespoons heavy cream and 1 tablespoon olive oil. Gradually beat in 6 ounces of blue cheese, such as Maytag blue, Stilton or Roquefort. Spoon some sauce over each cooked steak and put them under the broiler for just a minute to melt the cheese.

Horseradish sauce: Blend 1 cup sour cream with 1 teaspoon sugar, 1/2 teaspoon salt, a few grindings of black pepper, 1/4 cup finely grated fresh horseradish (or 1/4 cup prepared horseradish), and the juice of 1/2 lemon. Serve on the side.

Mushroom sauce: Melt 1/4 cup butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 cups thinly sliced mushrooms (white ones are fine, but try the flavorful shiitake, chanterelle, morel or porcine) and 3 minced shallots (or a small onion and a clove of garlic). Sauté about 5 minutes. Add 1/2 cup white wine and simmer over medium heat until the liquid is nearly gone. Add 1 cup beef stock, the juice of 1/2 lemon, and 2 tablespoons chopped parsley. Bring to a boil and spoon over cooked steaks immediately.

Red wine sauce: Melt 2 tablespoons butter in a skillet over low heat and add 1 finely minced garlic clove. Sauté 1 minute, making sure the garlic does not brown. Add 1/2 cup strong red wine, such as a Bordeaux or Cabernet Sauvignon. Bring to a boil and cook until the wine is reduced by half. Add 3/4 cup beef stock, 1 bay leaf, and 1/2 teaspoon coarsely crushed black peppercorns. Return to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Just before serving, whisk in 2 tablespoons butter.

Herb butter: Blend 1/2 cup softened butter with 1 teaspoon dried mustard; 1 minced garlic clove; 2 tablespoons each of fresh, finely chopped parsley, tarragon and chives; a few grindings of black pepper; and a splash of cognac or brandy. Place a dollop of the butter on top of each hot steak just before serving.

STEAK DIANE

- 2 6-ounce sirloin or strip steaks
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons cognac
- 3 shallots, minced
- 2 tablespoons medium-dry sherry
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

With a mallet, pound each steak until it's about 1/4 inch thick. Season well with salt and pepper on each side. Heat a cast-iron skillet over high heat for several minutes. It should be very hot. Add the olive oil and 2 tablespoons of the butter. Seconds later, as soon as the butter is melted, slap in the steaks. Sear them for about 40 seconds on each side.

Very carefully, because the pan already is so hot, pour in the cognac and ignite it with a match. When the flames die down, remove the steaks to a warm serving platter and cover.

Reduce the heat under the skillet and add the remaining tablespoon of butter and the shallots. Cook, stirring occasionally, until they are transparent, 4 to 5 minutes. Stir in the sherry, mustard, Worcestershire and lemon juice. Heat until ingredients boil.

Pour the sauce over the steaks on the warm plater and garnish with the chopped parsley. Serve immediately.

Recipe from "Bake It Like a Man"

MEDITERRANEAN BEEF PINWHEELS

- 3/4 pound well-trimmed deli roast beef, thinly sliced
- 1 container (8 ounces) soft cream cheese with chives and onions
- 4 large (10-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup finely chopped, seeded cucumber
- 1 cup pitted, chopped Kala mata or ripe olives.

Spread cheese evenly over one side of each tortilla. Top with equal amounts of cucumber and olives. Layer deli roast beef over olives, leaving 1/2-inch border around edge. Roll up tightly and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 2 hours or up to 4 hours before serving. To serve, cut each roll crosswise into 8 slices. Makes 32 appetizers.

Recipe compliments of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

EFFORTLESS BEEF PROVENÇAL APPETIZERS

- 1 package (about 2 pounds) fully cooked boneless beef pot roast with gravy
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 15 piece packages (2.1 ounces each) prebaked frozen mini phyllo shells
- Chopped parsley

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Remove beef pot roast from package and transfer gravy to large saucepan. Shred enough beef with 2 forks to measure 2 cups. Add to gravy. Reserve remaining beef for another use.

Add thyme and pepper to saucepan. Cover and cook over medium-low heat 7 to 10 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Place phyllo shells on baking sheet. Bake at 375 degrees 5 to 8 minutes or until hot. Spoon beef mixture evenly into phyllo shells and sprinkle with fresh parsley. Makes 30 appetizers.

Frozen puff pastry shells may be substituted for the phyllo shells.

Recipe compliments of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

BEEF & PISTACHIO PATÉ

- 2 pounds lean ground beef
- 1 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1/2 cup shelled unsalted pistachio nuts
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup brandy
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1-1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon cracked black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- Vegetable cooking spray
- Thin slices of French bread

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl, combine beef, bread crumbs, nuts, onion, garlic, parsley, egg, brandy, cream, salt, pepper and thyme. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Lightly spray bottom of 9 x 5-loaf pan with cooking spray. Press mixture into pan and cover tightly with aluminum foil. Place in 13 x 9 baking pan and transfer to middle rack of oven. Carefully pour hot water into outer pan until water reaches halfway up loaf pan. Bake 1-1/2 hours.

Cool slightly and carefully pour off drippings. To weight paté, place heavy cans into a second 9x5-loaf pan. Cover paté loosely with foil and place loaf pan with cans on top of paté. Refrigerate overnight.

To serve, loosen sides of paté with knife, invert onto serving platter or wrap tightly and refrigerate up to 2 days.

Cut crosswise into thin slices, then cut each slice in half. Serve with French bread. Makes about 80 slices.

Recipe compliments of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

HOLIDAY HOTLINES

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toll-free telephone services and Web sites are available to help answer cooking queries during holiday preparation times. Here are some of them.

■ U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline: (800) 535-4555. Personal assistance with all meat and poultry preparation and cooking questions, year-round Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Automated service available 24 hours a day.

■ Land O'Lakes Holiday Bakeline: (800) 782-9606. Bakeline is available 7 days a week, through Dec. 24, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST. Consumers may speak with a trained home economist and baking expert, to ask questions, request a free brochure or order a cookbook.

Web site at www.landolakes.com.

■ Ocean Spray consumer helpline (800) 662-3263. Year-round, weekdays (except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and major holidays) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Consumer department staff field questions on cranberries, offer recipes, cooking tips, nutritional information, menu-planning worksheets, product information.

Year-round Web site: www.oceanspray.com.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Blood drive

During the holiday times the Southeast Michigan Red Cross supply of blood is especially short. Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 29 and 30. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

Menopause support

The next Menopause Support Group meeting is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2000 in the West Addition A of the Marian Women Center at St. Mary Hospital. A speaker has yet to be announced. There is no charge.

Dr. Michael Gatt, OB/Gyn and Dr. Timothy Johnson, OB/Gyn will discuss "The Modern Approach to Menopause" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20 in the auditorium of St. Mary Hospital, 35475 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For information call (734) 655-1100.

Alzheimer's support

The Marquette House Alzheimer's Support Group will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30. The group is open to families and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's. The Marquette House is located on Marquette Road between Newburgh and Wayne roads in Westland (across from John Glenn High School).

CPR course

Garden City Hospital will offer an American Heart Association CPR Instructor course from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2000. Successful completion of this course allows participants to teach both medical and lay persons the skills required to perform Basic Life Support such as CPR and removal of airway obstructions on adults, children and infants. To qualify you must hold a current Basic Life Support-Healthcare Provider Card from the AHA. Call (734) 458-4333 to register.

Dyslexia support

Dr. Arthur Robin, professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience and Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine will present an informative discussion about treatment and behavior management from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2000. Parents, advocates, students and those who wish to learn more about dyslexia are encouraged to attend. Event will be held at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute — Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road (Suite #130) in Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 737-0044.

Blood drive

Community Choices, Inc. is having a Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28 at 26405 Plymouth Road in Redford Township. To schedule an appointment call (313) 937-4170. Walk-ins welcome. Please come and give blood, save a life and get a cookie.

We want your health news

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

We also welcome newsworthy ideas for health and fitness related stories.

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Cornea recipient sees miracle in donation

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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You wouldn't have to ask Katie Dougherty twice if she enjoys seeing her five grandchildren – there isn't a question the answer would be yes. But to Dougherty the doubt lied in whether she'd be able to "see" them for very much longer.

The 68-year-old Canton resident had been plagued with vision and eye-related problems for as far back as she can remember.

"I've been to see so many ophthalmologists I've lost count," quipped Dougherty.

Approximately 20 years ago Dougherty's lens in her left eye was removed due to a cataract.

The purpose of the lens is to focus images sharply on the retina. When the clouding or cataract occurs, the lens is no longer able to focus clearly onto the retina. After surgery, the eye is unable to focus because it does need a lens to function normally again. The alternatives are cataract glasses which are think and heavy, a contact lens which is worn on the eye, or a lens implant or intraocular lens, which is an artificial lens placed within the eye.

Glasses were out of the question because she had such good vision in her right eye. "The doctor said I would have a thick lens on one side of the glasses and a regular in the other," said Dougherty. "My brain wouldn't be able to tolerate it."

The optician then tried a contact lens. "That didn't work either. My eye just couldn't acclimate to it." After two different contact lenses Dougherty gave up and settled for the loss of vision.

"I was totally blind in that eye after they removed the lens," said Dougherty. "I don't know how I drove all those years without getting in an accident."

The 68-year-old also had no peripheral vision and no depth perception making life somewhat frustrating.

"I would over estimate things when I walked because I couldn't tell how far I was from a step. I would drop things if people reached out and handed them to me and when I was pouring cream in my coffee I would pour it all over the table because I thought I was pouring it right into the cup. My husband was very patient."

Then in 1991 Dougherty received an artificial lens implant that restored vision to her left eye. Unfortunately a common occurrence following this type of surgery is a detached retina. The condition was detected during a routine checkup and Dougherty was rushed to the hospital for emergency surgery.

"I didn't even have time to go home and pack a bag," said Dougherty.

In the past eight years the Canton senior has had cataract surgery in her right eye, once considered her "good" eye, and again a detached retina developed. An artificial lens was implanted just like the one in her left eye.

More bad news followed. The lens that was implanted in 1991 was being rejected by her eye and was rapidly deteriorating.

"They told me I'd have to have the lens removed and receive a cornea transplant," recalled Dougherty.

Gift of sight

In September of 1998 Dougherty received a cornea for her left eye from the Michigan Eye-Bank of Ann Arbor. She was awake during the procedure, performed by Dr. Roger F. Meyer of the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center. Meyer, a staff member of the Kellogg Eye Center and a professor of ophthalmology and visual sciences, removed the old lens and transplanted the donor cornea, the clear surface at the front of the eye.

A corneal transplant replaces a disc-shaped segment of an impaired cornea with a similarly shaped piece of a healthy donor cornea. According to the Michigan Eye Bank/Midwest Eye Banks Transplantation Center, approximately 130 people in Michigan are currently waiting for a corneal transplant.

A year following the transplant Dougherty has 20/30 vision thanks to the cornea donation.

"People say to me, 'Let someone else donate,' but if everyone felt that way no one would donate. It's so important to get donors. I can see now, thanks to someone's unselfish generosity," said Dougherty.

Recently the 68-year-old became an ambassador for the Michigan Eye Bank in hopes of sharing her story with others and spreading the urgent news about organ and tissue donation.

Dougherty's first public appearance as a Michigan Eye Bank ambassador occurred in the fall when she was the speaker at the Detroit Federal Executive Board's Ninth Annual Diversity Awareness Training Series for federal employees.

Dispelling myths

Lisa Langley, a registered nurse and an 11-year professional educator for the Michigan Eye Bank, said there are several aspects of organ and tissue donation that people misunderstand, including whether their religion will allow them to become a donor after their death.

"All major religions approve of organ and tissue donation and acceptance," said Langley who, as a regional coordinator, works in conjunction with 30 hospitals throughout southeastern Michigan regarding the procurement and retrieval of tissue.

The registered nurse noted there is no cost to the donor family because the recipient's insurance takes care of the cost of procurement. "People also need to know that when eye tissue is removed, no matter what is removed, everything is replaced with something artificial. It's possible to have an open casket," said Langley.

Langley said talking about your wishes regarding organ donation may seem like an unusual topic during the holidays, but it's actually an ideal time. Signing the back of your driver's license isn't enough because it's not considered a legal document and ultimately your family makes the final decision.

"Giving the gift of sight to someone whose vision was robbed from a blinding eye disease is one of the most valuable gifts you could give and you may have to receive yourself one day," said Langley.

Langley looks forward to having Dougherty speak at future engagements throughout southeastern Michigan. "She was very well received at the training seminar and she has a wonderful story to share as a successful recipient."

If you would like more information about organ and tissue donation, contact the Michigan Eye-Bank/Midwest Eye Banks and Transplantation Center at (800) 247-7250 or (734) 764-3262. The MEBTC has a Web site at www.mebtc.org.

Special gift

While families gather during this holiday season, the thoughts of many of us turn toward giving thanks for the many gifts that we have received this year. To do so is to express our thanks in tangible ways even as we seek to find the perfect gift for the loved ones in our lives.

This year, the Michigan Eye-Bank asks you to consider giving a gift to someone that you may never meet. This is a gift that is so valuable it is beyond measure, encompassing, life, sight, and hope; yet it is virtually cost-free to the giver. It is a gift that is literally within the power of each of us to offer and makes a powerful impact on individuals, families, as well as communities.

By signing a donor registry card and telling your loved ones of your wishes to donate your eyes and organs after death, you could potentially give the gift of sight to one or more of the 130 persons in Michigan waiting for a corneal transplant. By donating your eye tissues to research (Gift of Hope) scientists are able to develop new surgeries and treatments to combat blindness. Through the Gift of Life, donated organs allow one or more of the 2,300 persons waiting for an organ transplant to continue living.

However, signing the donor registry card and mailing it in is simply not enough; you must discuss your decision with your family and/or the person(s) representing your estate to ensure that your wishes are know. This is essential, because your loved ones and/or person representing Power of Attorney ultimately make the final decision regarding donation.

The Michigan Eye-Bank receives many letters from recipients expressing the joy that they feel after having their vision restored by a corneal transplant. The Gift of Sight is only made possible by the generosity of those who have consented to donation. Here is something very worthwhile to remember during this holiday season and every season: The Gift of Sight, Gift of Life, or Gift of Hope could be the most valuable gift that you may ever give or may even receive yourself.

— The Michigan Eye-Bank

Organ donor list expands

MICHIGAN

Secretary of State Candice S. Miller recently announced that 100,000 names have been added to the Gift of Life Organ and Tissue Donor Registry in just one year thanks to the Department of State's new organ donor enrollment card program.

Only about 15,000 names were on the Gift of Life registry before the enrollment card program began in August 1998.

"The numbers say it all — our message about greater organ donor awareness is touching people's hearts, and they are responding by placing their names on the organ donor registry," Miller said.

Make donation wishes known throughout family

As holiday greeting cards start to fill mailboxes, many Michigan residents are finding an unusual surprise tucked inside. Michigan Donor Registry cards are being inserted into greeting cards by a growing number of people, according to The Gift of Life Agency, Michigan's licensed organ and tissue recovery agency.

"The greatest gifts one can give is the Gift of Life," said Tamatoe Havermahl, Public education director. "This year, we are being contacted by a significant number of people who want to send donor registry cards to their friends and family."

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"Taking time at the holidays to discuss your donation wishes with family members is the most effective way to ensure that your personal wishes will be carried out," said Havermahl.

"Listing your name on the Michigan Donor Registry is one way to begin a family discussion about donation. Family consent is always obtained before any organ or tissue recovery efforts begin."

The number of Michigan patients waiting for organ and tissue transplants continues to grow. Currently, over 2,500 Michigan patients are on the organ waiting list while thousands more await a tissue transplant. Each month nearly 20 patients will die needlessly while waiting for an organ transplant.

"You can help solve the organ donor shortage by simply encouraging your family and friends to communicate their wish to be an organ and tissue donor," said Havermahl.

For more information about organ and tissue donation, or to receive Michigan Donor Registry Cards, call The Gift of Life Agency of Michigan, 800-482-4881.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

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

TUE, DEC. 21

STROKE/ANEURYSM SUPPORT

For those who had or have a cerebral aneurysm or stroke. Family members friends welcome. Group will meet at Garden City Hospital to promote a sharing interaction (free of charge). Call 458-4396 for information.

WED, DEC. 22

MENDED HEARTS

A national support group for persons with heart disease and their families. Each meeting offers support in coping with the various challenges of heart disease. Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7 p.m. Free of charge at Botsford General Hospital, Classroom 2 East B, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 471-8020.

DEC. 29, 30

BLOOD DRIVE

During the holidays, the Southeast Michigan Red Cross supply of blood is especially short. Garden City Hospital will host a blood drive at the Allan Breakie Medical Office Building from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Donors are asked to call (734) 458-4330 to make an appointment.

FRI, DEC. 31

Y2K WALK/RUN

Get a running start into the Year 2000 by participating in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network's 30th annual Family Fun Run/Walk on Dec. 31 at Belle Isle. The activities begin at 5 p.m. with a children's one mile run/walk and an open one mile run/walk. A four mile run is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., followed by a four mile race walk/fitness walk at 5:35 p.m. and a Y2K 2K run/walk at 11:55 p.m. In addition, BCBSM and BCN are also sponsoring an alcohol free teen New Year's party from 6-10 p.m. at the U.S. Marine Corps Training Center-Bradhead Armory, 3600 E. Jefferson Ave. The party, which is free to race entrants and $15 for others, includes pizza, soft drinks and musical entertainment. More information on the event may be obtained by calling (313) 886-3560 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., or at www.netsensa.com and selecting "Michigan" events at the top of the screen.

TUE, JAN. 4, 2000

EATING DISORDER

A new support group formed for persons recovering from an eating disorder or for persons who are in need of peer group support. Group meets Jan. 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Free of charge and open to both males and females - call (734) 458-4330.

Please see DATEBOOK, D6

Growing in popularity

Online shopping is here to stay say experts, consumers

PC MIKE

MIKE WENDLAND

One thing we've learned from this holiday season is that shopping online is hot.

But sorting through all those Web sites and trying to determine who has the best deal is not.

To help make wise online buying decisions all year around, I've found some Web sites that offer up lots of e-commerce help.

All the surveys show the first thing consumers want is reliability in an online shopping site.

And the Web site that's getting all the best buzz for helping online shoppers find not just good prices but good service and delivery is www. bizrate. com. Its name describes precisely what Bizrate does. It rates online shopping Web sites. Type in the name of the online store you're interested in doing business with and it spits out an instant report on how that site meets various consumer needs, from ease of shopping to security, selection and shipping policies. The ratings come from thousands of online shoppers who are regularly surveyed.

Another great resource for evaluating online shopping sites is www. bbbonline. com from the Better Business Bureau. Besides receiving up practical tips about online shopping, you can search for Web sites that adhere to the bureau's reliability and privacy standards. You can even order up reports on businesses from across the country to see their track record with consumers.

After reliability, the next big issue for online shoppers is price. Who has the best deal?

The new www. ichoose. com Web site lets you download a little shopping helper program. It runs in the background while you do your e-shopping at any of the e-commerce sites. But before you click your mouse to make a purchase, that little program you downloaded then goes out and searches hundreds of other online merchants that sell that particular item to let you know if someone else has a better price.

Another extremely popular comparison price Web site these past few weeks is www. pricewatch. com. You are not required to download any program here. It does comparison shopping with it's own built-in Web-based search engine. To see how it works, I decided to price out one of those hot new Palm VII organizers.

At brick-and-mortar computer stores around town, the price quoted was firm: $500. Take it or leave it.

I typed in the words "Palm VII" on Pricewatch and, zap, in less than three seconds, I had a report showing online merchants selling it for a low of $444 and a high of $495.

And, of course, most of these online merchants do not charge state sales tax. That's a major issue with the state of Michigan and traditional retailers. The state is losing millions in taxes on items purchased online. Online retailers are clearly at an unfair advantage when it comes to e-commerce.

But even aside from the fairness issue, I'm convinced by phone calls to my radio show and e-mail from my TV and newspaper reports that the online public loves online shopping. It clearly is going to only get bigger. And Web sites like the ones we just talked about make the convenience of online shopping even more convenient.

I predict that the millions of first-time Internet shoppers who bought gifts online this holiday season will remember the experience and buy more and more goods and services via the Internet all year round.

Mike Wendland reports about computers and the Internet for NBC-television stations coast-to-coast. His radio show is heard every weekend on TalkRadio 1270, WXYT. You can reach Mike through his Web site at www.pcmike.com

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WED, JAN. 5

DIABETES SUPPORT
Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Guest speakers and open discussion provide information and support. You must RSVP call (734) 458-4330.

CHILD/INFANT CPR
Offered monthly at 6 p.m. Infant/child resuscitation and obstructed airway techniques are taught in the three hour class, approved by the American Heart Association. Call (734) 458-4330.

MON, JAN. 10

YOUNG MOTHER'S SUPPORT
The Young Mother's Assistance Program (Y-MAP) will host their December support group from 6-8 p.m. at Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail) in Livonia. For information call (734) 513-7598. Meetings are always held on the second Monday of each month. Y-MAP provides moms an opportunity to meet with other young parents and share feelings and experiences with each other. Speakers are invited to share topics of interest including positive parenting, substance abuse, job search, education and more. Child care is provided by licensed care givers at no charge. A light dinner and refreshments will also be available.

WED, JAN. 12

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT
A support group for family members, friends and caregivers of person afflicted with Alzheimer's Disease or related disorders. Meetings provide mutual aid and support as well as affording the opportunity to share problems and concerns. Free of charge. Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building, Classroom #1. Call (734) 458-4330.

THUR, JAN. 13

FOCUS ON LIVING
A self-help designed to bring together persons living with cancer. A nurse facilitator provides opportunities for all to share their mutual concerns. Groups meets in the Medical Office Building of Garden City Hospital. Free of charge. Call 458-3311.

WED, JAN. 13

MALL WALKING
Join Botsford's Livonia Mall Walking Club. Enjoyable, low-impact, climate-controlled exercise. Blood pressure screenings available the third Wednesday of every month, 8-10 a.m. Livonia Mall is open to walkers 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday. Located at 29514 Seven Mile Road (at the corner of Seven Mile and Middlebelt roads.) For more information, call (248) 477-6100.

TUE, JAN. 18

THE ART OF MASSAGE I
Learn the basic strokes of a relaxing, therapeutic massage. Good for self-massage, helping family members and friends, couples massage, or for those considering professional training. Bring two sheets, a pillow case, a towel, massage oil, and dress comfortably. Your instructor, Celeste Hamilton, is nationally certified and has 17 years of experience in teaching massage therapy. Class runs Tuesday, Jan. 18-Feb. 8 from 6-9 p.m. Cost is $150. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

WED, JAN. 19

YOGA
A series of graceful, slow motion movements for increasing flexibility and tone, improving health and mental outlook. Good for relief from muscular tension and mental stress. Dress comfortable and bring a mat. Your instructor is a certified fitness instructor and personal trainer with 16 years of teaching experience. Classes run from 6-7 p.m. and 7:15-8:15 p.m. Jan. 19 - Feb. 23. Cost is $48 for 6 week class; drop-in rate per class is $10. Healing Arts Clinic is located at 340 N. Main Street #205 in Plymouth. Call (734) 207-0557 to register.

LARYNGECTOMY SUPPORT
For people who have had or are going to have surgical removal of their vocal cords and their family and friends. In coordination with the Michigan Cancer Foundation Support Services. The group meets at 2 p.m. free of charge. Call 458-3381.

ADULT CPR CLASSES
Three hour evening class conducted at 7 p.m. at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road in Classroom #3 of Garden City Hospital Medical Office Building. Free of charge. Call 458-3481.

SAT, JAN. 22

AEROBIC CERTIFICATION
Fitness instructors will learn basic academic and practical application of teaching group exercise. No college, science or teaching background required. Class begins at 8:30 a.m. at Complete Health & Fitness, 35000 Warren, Westland. Call 800 AEROBIC to register.

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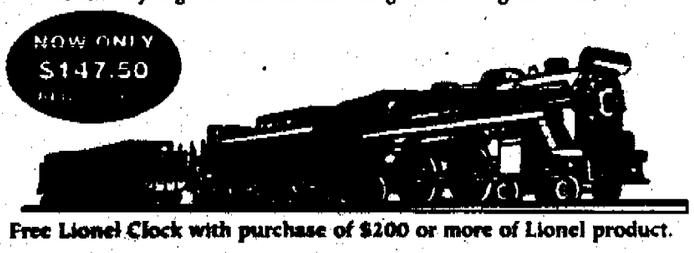

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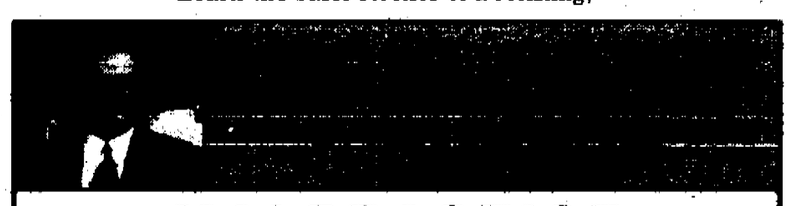

MALPRACTICE

When professional negligence is mentioned, there is an immediate association with medical malpractice in the minds of many people. However, physicians are not the only professionals who are required to perform professional work according to the best judgment and a degree of competence expected of persons in that specialty. While instances of medical malpractice have been widely reported in the media, such professionals as engineers, architects, and even caterers may also conduct their work in such a negligent manner that it results in loss or injury to their clients. With this in mind, consumers should be aware that there is a legal remedy available to them in the event that they encounter professional malpractice.

When professional malpractice leads to physical injury (or loss of life), an attorney should be contacted as soon as possible. There are not only time parameters within which one must file a suit, but also an attorney should explain what needs to be done to document injuries and preserve evidence that will become vital if a suit goes to trial.

HINT: The more fact that someone was negligent does not necessarily give you the right to sue. Other elements must present themselves before a person has a chance to win a legal action.

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BEING OLD WITH ARTHRITIC PAIN

Being old and experiencing arthritis pain presents a difficult problem both for you and your doctor.

For you, the difficulty is getting to the doctor when you need him.

For your physician the problem is one of prescribing appropriate medication. What he does not want to do is give you something that will make you dizzy, daffy, or sleepy. That is why he is reluctant to order narcotic medicines.

If you live alone, such medications are risky. A fall induced by narcotics could go unnoted for hours. Since arthritis can last for years, the need for pain relief may last just as long. Reliance on narcotics brings tolerance if not addiction. In time, a greater amount of drug renders less pain relief, while the side effects remain a risk.

Use of medications such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen, often proves insufficient to resolve the pain you experience. Heat helps, but its effect is short lived.

If the pain comes from a joint, an aspiration of excess fluid in the joint and injection of a steroid preparation may help for days to weeks. However obtaining the injection necessitates an office visit, and delay in getting to the office brings up the need for interim relief.

The reality is that no physician can turn to a text or article for a formula that outlines a reliable solution. What doctors search for is a combination of medications that you tolerate well, are not addicting, and which relieve your pain consistently.

DENTISTRY

For The 21st Century

by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S. & Martha P. Zinderman, R.N., D.D.S.

COME TO A GRINDING HALT

In response to stress, many people grind their teeth as they sleep. Not only does bruxism, as it is technically called, create a disturbance for bed partners, but it wears down tooth enamel. Bruxism may also weaken the bone holding the teeth to the point where periodontal disease can occur. To prevent these adverse effects, the dentist can fabricate a custom-fitted mouthguard for teeth-clenching patients that prevents the teeth in the upper and lower jaws from contacting one another. As effective as mouthguards are in protecting teeth, patients who grind their teeth may also want to explore the long-term benefits that can be derived from relaxation and stress-reduction exercises.

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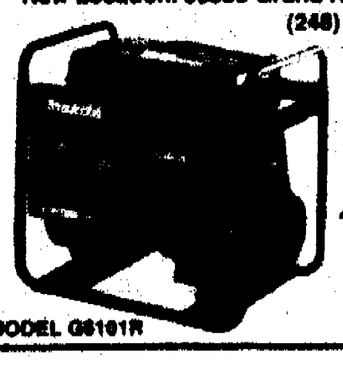

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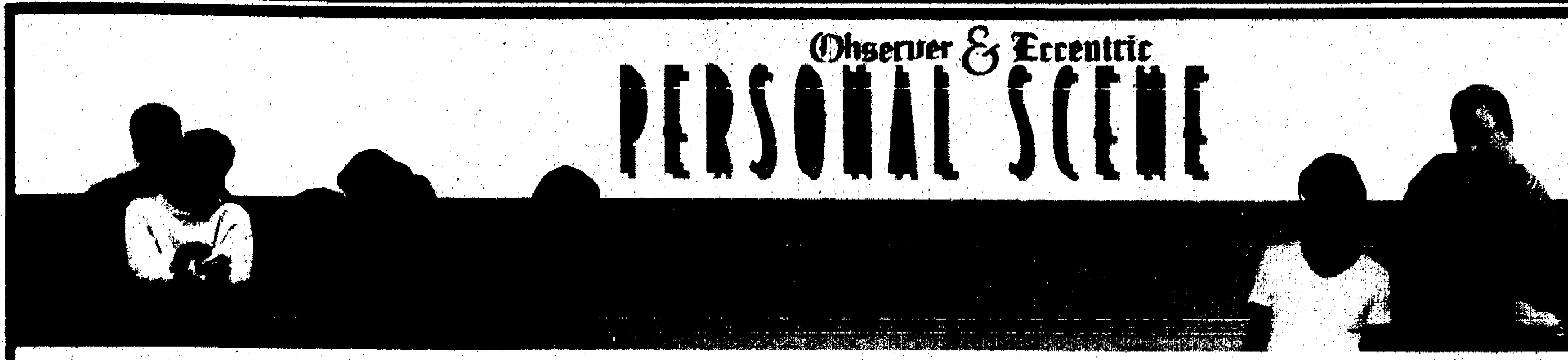

BLUE-EYED BEAUTY...
so I've been told. Down-to-earth, not materialistic, slim, pretty, 5'3", 115lbs, 25 year-old SWF seeks BM, tall, short, rich, poor, for friendship, possibly more. Oakland County. ☎1258

LIGHTNING STRIKES
Intelligent, easygoing, sincere, caring, trustworthy SWF, 36, tall, enjoys dining, movies, biking, travel, cooking. Seeking financially/emotionally secure SWM, 38-55, similar interests, for LTR/marriage. No games, please. N/S, N/D. ☎6245

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FUN ANYONE?
DWPF, 25, N/S, mom of one, seek attractive, fun, outgoing SWM, 25-32, for dating, fun, whatever else may happen. Must have sense of humor. ☎6123

ONE GOOD MAN
SBF, 5'5", 170lbs, seeks financially secure, active BM, 31-48, any race, for serious LTR. No head games. ☎1132

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Fetching SWCF, 30, 5', 100lbs, seeks SWCM, 25-40, H/W proportionate with intelligence, humor. ☎1051

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Attractive SWF, 38, 5'8", thin, brown/brown, intelligent, independent, good sense of humor, loves being outdoors, swimming, reading, gardening, concerts, museums, plays, festivals. Seeking attractive, tall, intelligent SWM, 38-40, similar interests. ☎1089

SEEKING THAT SPECIAL YOU
SWF, 26, seeks WM, 32-39, 5'6"+, who's tired of the bar scene, likes sports, for special committed relationship. ☎6304

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Humorous, monogamous DWF, 36, 5'6", 140lbs, brown/brown, likes horseback riding, country music, movies. Seeking honest, sincere, fun-loving, employed male, 35-45, with similar interests. ☎6128

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Petite SWF, 23, brown/blue, seeks caring, reliable SWM, 21-25, to have fun and share life with. Must be willing to make time for relationship. ☎1283

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentleman with similar interests, N/S, H/W proportionate for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1279

A RARE FIND
Attractive lady seeks companionship of professional gentleman, 60+, who enjoys theater, concerts, museums, exhibits, excursions. ☎1257

TAKE THE RISK
DWF, 29, 5'3", H/W proportionate medical professional, mother of 2, seeks motivated S/DWPM, N/S for fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1211

STILL SEARCHING
Full-figured, honest, caring SWF, 25, mother of one, enjoys long walks, quiet nights at home, dining in/out. Seeking someone, 25-35, similar interests for possible LTR. ☎1037

WATERFORD AREA MAN WANTED
Une responsable man, sense of humor, loves animals, cuddling, videos, fairs, long rides, who can hold the interest of a shapely, full-figured DWF, 35, who will treat him as good as he treats her. ☎6214

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Attractive, energetic, friendly, honest SWPF, 40, 5'3", 110lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys art fairs, long walks, gardening, biking, nature, some sports. Seeking open, communicative, caring SWM with similar interests for friendship first. ☎1222

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE
Smart, sexy, attractive SWPF, 45 petite, dark/hazel, seeks attractive fun-loving, adventurous sincere SWPM, 40-50, who is interested in a monogamous LTR. ☎6153

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR LOVE
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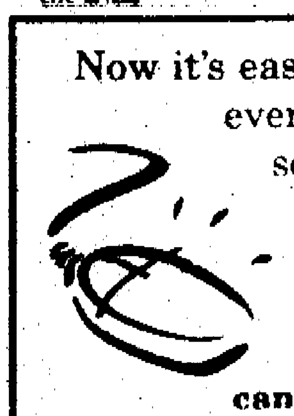

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GIVE ME A CALL
Classy, athletic, adventurous, optimistic DWF, 44, tall, slender, blonde/blue. Seeking honest, humorous, adventurous S/DWM, with strong values, for friendship/possible LTR. ☎5447

WARM & FRIENDLY
SWF, over 40, 5'11", slim, blonde/blue, seeks S/DWM, 6'2"+, not obese, high morals, no drugs, for monogamous relationship. ☎1136

CLASSY, AFFECTIONATE, FUN
Very attractive, petite blonde, loves being by the water, boating, golf, snow ski traveling, dancing, concerts, romantic dinners, fun, hugs. Seeking attractive, affectionate WM, 42-47, financially secure with class, integrity. ☎6080

LOOKING FOR FUN
Truthfully, I find these ego ads scary. I'm a tall, thin SWPF, 60s, N/S, who is just looking for fun, who doesn't need to be taken care of. ☎1178

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Pretty RN/pharmaceutical sales, financially secure, classy, slim, youthful SWF, 5'4", blonde/brown, N/S, no dependents, enjoys biking, entertaining, golf, theater, movies. Seeking educated, emotionally/financially secure SWPM, 45+, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5973

VIVACIOUS, OUTGOING
SWF, 39, 5'2", slim, attractive, outgoing, likes hockey, football, loves kids. Seeking LTR with SWPM, 32-41, who's attractive, active, fit, fun. ☎1126

EXCELLENT SKIER!!
Cute, outgoing, fit, fun DWPF, 39, 5'7", N/S, slim, brunette/hazel, avid snow waterskier enjoys horses, rollerblading, travel golf, boating, more. No kids, but I love them. Seeking male, under 46, [illegible] ☎5782

SEEKS BIG MACHINE OPERATOR
If you are 32-43, and can handle those big loaders you can handle this blonde/blue, who knows how to push the right lever. Must be great with kids. ☎1129

TAKE A CHANCE
Widowed lady, young 63, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming. Would like to spend time with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. ☎6161

HONEST BLONDE!
Intelligent, attractive, secure, sincere, outgoing DF, 5'7", long blonde/brown, proportionately fit, with great sense of humor, loves laughing, smiling, hockey, football, baseball, dinner, movies, social events... What more can an attractive man ask for? ☎6121

CALL ME
Sincere, easygoing, financially/emotionally secure SWF, 42, 5'9", 155lbs, blonde/hazel, enjoys all music. Seeking tall, athletic S/DWM, 36-44, 5'11"+, N/S, friends first, possible LTR. ☎1189

HAPPY IN WATERFORD
DWPF, 45, 5'5", blonde/green, N/S, N/D, seeks S/DWPM, 35-50, N/S, with sense of humor, who enjoys outdoor activities, indoor activities, loves life, is searching for LTR. ☎1145

ATT: MENTALLY HEALTHY MAN
Attractive, petite DWF, 5'4", seeks DWM, 45+, for friendship first. You're divorced for sometime, enjoy the arts, biking, dancing, and more. You're emotionally stable, can communicate well, honest, N/S. ☎1133

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TOGETHER
Attractive DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, emotionally/financially secure, honest and caring, looking to love again. Seeking SWM for concerts, dining, movies, sports, travel, togetherness, for friendship leading to LTR. ☎5597

NO MORE GAMES
Petite, honest, sincere SWF, 44, blonde/blue, enjoys dancing, traveling, walks, romantic evenings at home. Seeking SWM, 30-46. ☎4537

ONE IN A MILLION IN NOVI
Very attractive SWF, young-looking 50, 5'4", brunette/brown, great shape/figure. Seeks truly very nice looking SWM, 45-53, honest, easygoing, N/S, no dependents, emotionally/financially secure, for sincere friendship, possible relationship. ☎1128

ANIMALHOLIC
Pretty, smart, pleasingly plump bubbly SWF, 43, 5'4", blonde/blue, N/S, needs SWM, age open, veterinarian or true animal lover, for permanent lts. H/W proportionate not necessary. ☎1083

BLUE-EYED BLONDE
Fun-loving DWF, 44, blonde/blue, curvy size 14, enjoys movies, dining, dancing, music. Seeking DWM, 40-55, financially stable, with similar interest. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1040

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
Vivacious, romantic DWF, 46, blonde/blue, professional musician seeks S/DWM, 40-50, N/S, with passion for life, interested in possible LTR 10/21, 9:02 PM, didn't leave number call again! ☎5449

REGISTERED NURSE...
seeks SCM, 38-48, doctor to share similar interests in medical profession. Very attractive, educated, ambitious, outgoing, friendly, financially secure DWF, 36, 5'5", blonde/green, great figure, great smile. For possible LTR. ☎6119

STABLE, SMART...
attractive blonde, 41 (looks 31), 5'6", nice figure, love to smile/laugh, love to keep an active/busy lifestyle. Seeking devoted, secure, intelligent man with handsome personality. Scrabble is the only game I play. ☎6120

SEARCHING FOR MY SOULMATE
Pretty, tall, passionate DWF, 49, 5'10", blonde/brown, looking for that one-in-a-million, emotionally/financially secure guy who seeks a romantic, monogamous, fun-loving relationship. ☎6124

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE
Attractive, petite DWPF, young 47 childless, enjoys music, movies, pets, travel, antiques, time with friends, romance. Seeking gentleman, 42-52, N/S, with similar interests/qualities, for LTR. ☎5869

TELL ME YOU ARE FOR REAL
SWF, N/S, 5'7", slender, attractive, 50+ (looks younger). Seeking N/S, down-to-earth, financially secure, attractive, good-hearted man, 50-59, with sense of humor. North Oakland area. ☎5475

THE EYES HAVE IT
SWF, 40+, 5'6", attractive, hardworking, independent, seeks SWM who's handsome, tall, employed. Must have a great sense of humor, love animals, for friendship first. ☎6126

ATTRACTIVE WIDOW
Intelligent, slender, tall WF, 53, lady-like, warm-hearted, smoker, seeks tall gentleman, 53-65, with traditional manners, who is intelligent and interested in sharing romantic dinners, conversation, laughter with me. ☎6061

NOT PERFECT IN ROYAL OAK
You don't need to be, either, but you need to be N/S, hopefully no dependents. I'm a SWF, 47, 5'3", 140lbs, no dependents, like cats, who wants to share life's adventures. ☎1147

BIG, BEAUTIFUL GAL
SF, 37, auburn/green, likes movies, dining out, cuddling, long walks. Searching for patient, loving, understanding WM, 36-45, employed, drug-free, for possible LTR. Westland area preferred. ☎1149

PEOPLE PERSON
DBPF, 40, 5'7", 218lbs, medium build, auburn/brown, freckles, pretty smile, one child, likes reading, traveling, shopping, helping others. Seeking SM, 40-52, friendship first, possible committed relationship. ☎1166

AFFECTIONATE AND CARING
DWF, 48, vibrant, stylish, affectionate, unpretentious, looking for a male counterpart. ☎1013

A RARE FIND
Pretty, curvy SWF, 53, 5'4", entrepreneur, lots of fun, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Looking for sincere, successful WM, 45-75. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. ☎3736

NOT A TEN
Nice SWF, 62, 5'4", blonde/green, medium build, retired, likes cards, traveling, bingo, movies, theater, outdoors, camping. Seeking nice guy, 55-70, N/S, moderate drinker ok, likes some of the same things. ☎1080

START TOMORROW TODAY
Educated, sweet, warm, active, slim JF, 50s, 5'6", blue eyes, good cook, loves music, animals. Seeking available, understanding gentleman for relationship, or whatever shall be. ☎5602

WAYNE COUNTY AREA
Attractive, intelligent, tall, slim SWF, 48, smoker, social drinker, enjoys fishing, dining, and pets. Seeking presentable, sincere S/DWM, H/W proportionate, for monogamous LTR. No kids. ☎6249

DO U EXIST?
Attractive AF, 38, 5'5", down-to-earth and easygoing, looking for kind, attractive, health-conscious SWM, 35-45, with old-fashioned values, preferably childless, good ethics for dating, possible LTR. ☎6246

CLARKSTON AREA
Attractive WPF, 49, 5'2", 115lbs, N/S, social drinker, great sense of humor, enjoys golf, bowling, theater, dining out. Seeking sincere, honest, handsome, affectionate SWM, 44-54, no dependents. ☎6211

MILLENNIUM IN PARIS?
Pretty, slender, shapely, sensual, smart, sophisticated, secure sweetheart, seeks best friend/lover for life, nice-guy, 55-65, good-looking, in shape, refined, cultured, romantic. Let's enjoy world travel and adventure. ☎6158

MUTUAL REWARDS
Pretty, older, sensuous WF seeks youthful, sensitive, financially secure SWM who's honest, for great times. LTR. ☎6062

PASSION RULES
Pretty, intelligent, DWF, mid-40s, seeks SWM, N/S, for happy days and romantic nights. Looking for attractive, smart, sincere, no games guy, for LTR that could get serious. ☎5672

THIN, TALL & SPUNKY
Pretty, blonde S/DF, 57, former teacher/fashion model, seeks companionship of professional gentlemen, upper 50s-60s, for dining out, theater, travel, quiet dinners, good conversation. ☎5273

ONE IN A MILLION
DBF, 47, 5'9", slim build, N/S, social drinker, light-complected, beautiful inside/out, one eleven year-old at home, enjoys tennis, bingo, dining, dancing. Seeking slim-built, flexible SM, 45-55, 6', N/S, S/D, LTR. No players. ☎5966

LOOKING FOR FUN
Attractive, intelligent, free-spirited professional, getting disillusioned with finding a man to admire and desire who's honest, fit, spontaneous, with sense of humor. I enjoy laughter, travel, conversation. Zest for life required. ☎1074

STARTING OVER WITH YOU
Easygoing, overweight DWF, 44, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, enjoys outdoors, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs, for relationship leading to marriage. ☎5780

SEEKING TALL TEDDY BEAR
SWF, 45, 5'8", a few extra pounds, smoker, social drinker, seeks honest, romantic, sincere male, 47-56, with no small children, who enjoys dancing, quiet dinners, art shows, theater. One-on-one relationship. ☎1106

NATURAL & CHARMING
DWPF, 5'8", blondish, two grown children, seeks romantic white gentleman, 49-60, fairly sophisticated, financially/emotionally secure, interested in fun times, sports. ☎1112

MAD ABOUT YOU
Slender, physically fit, attractive SWF, 38, 6', likes sports. Seeks single/DWPM, 35-50, for committed relationship. Must like animals. Kids ok. ☎5375

SEXY REDHEAD
Easygoing, fun-loving DWPF, 49, 5'6", 145lbs, great legs, no kids, Belleville homeowner, animal lover, enjoys gardening, nature. Seeking DWPM, 50-60, 6'+, N/S, social drinker, for LTR. ☎4997

CHEERFUL & AFFECTIONATE
DBPF, 49, loves Lions football, Pistons games, Tiger baseball, long walks, Mystery channel, American Movie Classics, raunchy novels, cooking a hot delicious meal. Seeking male, 40-59, to attend games with. ☎6209

KNOCK! KNOCK! R U THERE?
DWF, 49, looks younger, 5'4", long brunette hair, grown children, funny, articulate, spiritual, smoker, enjoys usual activities, cooking. Seeking S/DWM with sense of humor for companionship, fun, friendship, possible LTR. ☎6154

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
Full-figured SWF, 38, 5'5", brown/brown, many interests: bowling, quiet times at home, candlelight dining, horseback-riding, swimming. Seeking S/DWM with many different interests for friendship, possible LTR. ☎6150

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ATTRACTIVE BLONDE
WF, 51, 5'7", medium build, seeks commitment-minded, kind WM, 45-55, for LTR. Livonia. ☎1080

SINGLE SENIOR
DWF, 63 years young, 5'6", blonde/gray, N/S, N/D, almost retired, loves travel, fine dining, theater, music. Seeking intelligent SWM, 60-65, N/S, with variety of interests, sense of humor, possible relationship. ☎1057

R U HONESTLY HANDSOME?
Honestly pretty SWF, 45, 5'4", 130lbs, enjoys canoeing, fishing, Harleys, camping, comedy clubs and more. Seeking truly handsome fit, respectable male who enjoys romance, snuggling, deep conversations, with ability to express emotions. ☎5755

SPONTANEOUS SENSUOUS
romantic, intelligent SF, 52, and fun! Medical professional wrapped up in a great looking package searching for a N/S H/W proportionate professional guy, for good times and maybe more. ☎1031

ZENITH IN MOTION
Tall, shapely SWF, youthful 49, brunette, N/S, no dependents, likes astronomy and weekend escapes. Seeking interaction with intelligent WM 40-55 who can exhibit honesty and passion. ☎6305

OLD-FASHIONED
Single mother of two, seeks attractive SM, 50-53, who loves God, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎6248

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
DBPF, 47, 5'5", 150lbs, N/S, likes jazz, long walks, movies. Seeking SBM, 41-52, with similar interests. ☎6129

ALMOST ANGEL
Outgoing, friendly, endowed WF, youthful 52, 5'6", full-figured but caring, [illegible] horses, walks, Harleys. Seeking tall gentleman, 45-65, with similar interests. LTR. ☎6145

CREATIVE DISTINCTIVE
Creative, distinctive, industrious, ambitious, confident SWF, 41, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys nature, horses, gardening, Reiki, dancing, art, motor cycles. Seeking S/DM. ☎6059

ATTRACTIVE & AFFECTIONATE
Professional female, 26, once said I would never be caught dead doing this, yet here I am. Want to hear more? Call! ☎6064

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Energetic, beautiful SBCPF, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown complexion, enjoys exercising, traveling, entertaining, movies. Seeking prosperous Christian gentleman with similar interests, N/S, height/weight proportionate, for friendship. Southfield area. ☎1262

HONEST & LOVING
Sincere, trustworthy female, 34, 5'6", long brown hair, one daughter, likes comedy clubs, dancing, beaches. Seeking intelligent, attractive, upbeat, enthusiastic, honest, trusting male. ☎5661

LIFE IS SUBLIME
Pretty SWJF, 5'7", 130lbs, spiritual, non-religious, degreed, energetic, very youthful 40ish, child-like delight. Seeking similar LTR to share pleasures of emotional intimacy, laughing, meditation, yoga, open and honest communication, mutual trust. ☎1213

WISHFUL IN WATERFORD
Employed DWF, 5'2", 185lbs, blonde/blue, enjoys movies, comedies, outdoors, sports, etc. Seeking employed WM, 6'+, 200lbs+, who can communicate with sense of humor. ☎6306

SECOND TIME AROUND
Country classy, sensual, loving, fun SF, 120lbs, blonde, senior, not young but fun, seeks witty, humorous SWM, 60 plus, N/D, who enjoys ballroom dancing, to spend time with. ☎[illegible]

FRIEND OR DATING
Laid-back woman enjoys computers. Seeking male, smoker ok, N/Drugs, prefer N/D. Looks are somewhat important. ☎5971

ROMANTIC WARRIOR
Intelligent, creative, college-educated, athletic, adventurous, open-minded, attractive SBM, 32, 5'7", enjoys getaway weekends, summer breezes, dancing, romancing, jazz, martial arts. Seeking fit, witty SW/BF 20-40, possible relationship. ☎1264

BLEND INTO ME...
Attractive SWM, 35, 5'11", professional, seeks sweetheart. You make coffee, I'll turn on the music. Get closer, blend. ☎1263

WHAT IS LOVE?
Successful, good-looking, sexy SM, 26, 6', 220lbs, brown/brown, athletic build, enjoys movies, dining out, and more. Seeking petite, attractive, intelligent, funny woman, 25-32. ☎1282

LET'S TALK OF OUR FUTURE
SM, 5'10", husky build, dark brown, green, with one daughter, values communication, loves music, laughing. Seeking plus-sized or full-figured woman, articulate, expressive, sensitive, passionate, caring. ☎1120

ABOUT NEW YEAR'S EVE
Just in time to meet a humble, humorous, handsome SWM, 45, to ring in the cheer and start a new year. Seeking attractive dear, 36-49. ☎1261

BAR SCENE? NOT TO MEET YOU
Advance-degreed, alternative, conservative, well-balanced, athletic, artistic, spontaneous, thoughtful SWPM, 33, seeks similar SWF for monogamous LTR. ☎1235

LOOKING FOR ADVENTURE
Down-to-earth, private, homebody type SBM, 6'1", 265lbs, enjoys sports, concerts, romance, etc. Seeking decent, understanding, attractive woman who knows what she wants out of life for friendship, possible relationship. ☎1277

REALISTIC/ROMANTIC
Intuitive, educated, creative, persevering Catholic SWPM, 43, 5'8", fit, brown/blue, no dependents. Seeking enlightened, fit, emotionally available SWPF, 25-42, for trust, friendship, communication, and more. ☎560[illegible]

LOOKING AT YOU
Attractive, very caring, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF for friendship, maybe more. ☎[illegible]

HUGS & KISSES ALWAYS
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies and quality times together. Seeking petite-medium SF, 40-50, for friendship, possible long-term, monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎4988

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Articulate, creative, caring, open-minded SBM, 38, [illegible] sensitive, caring, independent SWF, loving, monogamous LTR. ☎[illegible]

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Hard-working, honest SWM, 35, brown/brown, seeks secure, friendly active SWF for friendship, possibly leading to LTR. Kids ok. ☎1244

NICE SMILES
Sharp, dapper SBM, 38, enjoys music, cooking, movies, videos, gourmet teas, the Redwings. Seeking stylish SF, 35-45, for monogamous LTR. ☎1231

RUGGEDLY HANDSOME
Automotive executive, Northern Michigan outdoorsman, 35, 5'10", 170lbs, muscular, fit, attractive, enjoys snow mobiling, snow shoeing, mountain biking, cooking, dining out. Honest, easygoing, nice guy, seeks friendship leading to LTR. ☎5205

VERY GOOD-LOOKING
Very outgoing employed SWPM, 28, 5'11", 175lbs, brown/blue, seeks attractive outgoing SWF, 18-35, H/W proportionate, who enjoys sports. ☎5377

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
Humorous, fit, athletic, self-employed SM, 30s, 5'7", 180lbs, blond/blue, N/S, enjoys cooking, concerts, outdoors, travel, public radio/tv. Vegetarian/healthy lifestyle. Seeking sharp, fit, outgoing SF 25+ for LTR. ☎1077

BELLEVILLE AREA
Attractive, fit SWM, 38, 6'2", brown/blue, enjoys fishing, camping, dining, movies, more. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, 24-42, for committed LTR. Kids ok. ☎1175

SINCERE MALE
SBM, 35, D/D-free, likes dining in/out, cats, biking, music, companionship. Seeking sincere, down-to-earth SF who enjoys the same. ☎6027

START HERE
SM, 5'6", 140lbs, dark brown hair/eyes, Catholic, N/S, N/Drugs, light social drinker, professionally employed, likes walks, talks, movies, four-wheeling, horseback riding, street fairs. Seeking very outgoing, ambitious, loving, loyal woman. ☎1095

A REAL WOMAN WANTED
SWM, 35, 6'1", dark/hazel, likes working out, weightlifting, golf, racquetball. Seeking intelligent, attractive, thin, childless woman with great sense of humor. ☎1138

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
DWM, father of 2, N/S, 5'9", 190lbs, brown/brown, likes outdoor activities, from fishing to horseback riding. Seeking S/DWF to become friends, LTR possible. ☎1134

BRUNETTE PREFERRED
Attractive, honest, secure SWPM, 36, 6'2", 190lbs, college-educated. Seeking attractive female, 28-38, H/W proportionate, with a zany sense of humor, for walks, talks, movies, and more. ☎5605

AWESOME OUTDOOR LOVER
Great-looking, successful, motivated, family-oriented, down-to-earth SM, 37, 5'11", trim, sandy/blue, enjoys cabins, woods, lakes, gardens, country, motorcycle. Would appreciate a sweet, trim lady. ☎5987

HARD-WORKING, HONEST
Down-to-earth, friendly, passionate SM, 5'8", 170lbs, brown hair, likes walking, bike riding, golf, football, hockey, the outdoors. Seeking companionship leading to possible future together with honest, loyal lady. ☎1116

TRUST IS A MUST
DWM, 34, 6'2", 185lbs, black/brown, looking for a SWF, 25-35, with similar interests for friendship, dining, concerts, sporting events and quiet evenings together. Must enjoy children. ☎1085

LET'S BE FRIENDS
Friendly, humorous, athletic, handsome DWM, 41, 5'11", N/S, seeks SF for dancing, dining, movies, long conversations, possible LTR. ☎1194

AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎1249

LET'S HAVE LUNCH!
SWPM, 40, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys cooking, travel, computers, fishing. Seeking happy SWF, 30-44, slim to medium build, kids ok. ☎1217

SEEKING THE FINER THINGS
SWM, 45, average height/weight, enjoys long walks, theater, fine dining. Seeking attractive, slender SWF, 35-45, to share the finer things in life with. ☎1242

LOVE POTION #9
DWHM, 5'11", 185lbs, salt-n-pepper hair, enjoys cooking, shopping, movies, exercising. Seeking SW/HF, mid-late 50s, for monogamous LTR. Let me cook my recipe of love for you! ☎1229

AN UNSOLVED MYSTERY?
Why haven't you dated yet? Attractive, attentive SWM, 45, enjoys the arts, comedy, travel and entertainment. Seeking above average SWF for romantic relationship. ☎[illegible]

ITALIAN STALLION
47, attractive, muscular, virile, romantic. Seeking classy, slim, very attractive, selective SWF, under 45. ☎6155

FROM EAST COAST
DWM, 50, 5'10", trim, enjoys bike rides, jogging, plays, bookstores, nature, Detroit Film Theater and more. Seeking intelligent, fit, happy woman, 40-50, for companionship. ☎6069

LOYAL HONEST
Tall, honest, financially secure, sensual DWM, 55, 6'4", N/S, social drinker, in good physical condition, with sense of humor, seeks slender lady, 42-51, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎1036

TROUBLE-FREE
Easygoing DWM, 42, N/S, N/D, great sense of humor, likes animals, outdoors, fitness. Seeking trouble-free full-figured female, 35-45, N/S, social drinker with similar interests for sincere, lasting relationship. ☎1035

MAN OF MANY INTERESTS
including music, movies, playing tennis, ice skating, bookstores, travel, good conversations, and long walks. [illegible] no dependents, seeks S/DWF, 30-45. ☎1032

RUGGED JOCK TYPE
Rugged, athletic, tall, muscular SWM, 40, 6'3", 235lbs, brown/blue, clean-cut, degreed, enjoys Las Vegas, road trips, outdoors, good sense of humor. Seeking friendly SF for companionship. Age/race open. ☎4018

FINANCIALLY SECURE MALE
DWM, 50, 280lbs, semi-retired, seeks S/DWF, 30-55, medium/full-figured, likes movies, beaches, dining out, malls, for long-term, loving relationship. All calls answered. ☎1173

YOU CAN CALL...
me Sonny, I like to be funny! I could be your honey. It won't cost you any money! SWM, 44, seeks SWF, 36-50. ☎1174

BETTER THAN EVER...
and still interesting! Good-looking, easygoing, educated achiever SWM, 40s, fun to be with, loves outdoors, weekend getaways, dining, dancing, movies. Values compassion, optimism. Seeking youthful attractive SWF of any age. ☎1171

SEARCHING FOR MY SOULMATE
DW dad, 46, 6', 180lbs, brown/green, glasses, clean-cut, smoker, very down-to-earth, automotive professional. Enjoys golf, bowling, movies, sports, walks, romance. Seeking new best friend for loving, caring, sharing relationship. ☎1172

SHE HAS TO BE OUT THERE
I'm looking for a faithful, one-man woman, preferably widowed/DWF, 38-54. I am newly divorced (one year), 6', 215lbs, early 50s, just average, ordinary guy. Let's try to make a connection! ☎4915

UNCLOUDY DAY
The night is dark, deep silence reigns within. Amber thoughts turn to steel at dawn, they melt away, stoic whispers. Stop to love. Stop to live, chase the clouds away. ☎1144

STILL SEARCHING
Strong, sensitive, affectionate DWM, 60, N/S, employed, good listener, enjoys outdoors, Red Wings games, romantic walks, family activities. Seeking a marriage-minded SWF, 45-55, princess. If interested, please call. ☎5601

RELATE-THEN IT'S A DATE
Successful, spiritual, sensual slim SJM, 47, enjoys art films, dancing, book stores, self discovery, contemporary/classical music, spectator sports, warm getaways. Seeking marriage-minded SF, 30-43. ☎3923

YOUR MILLENNIUM MAN
[illegible] big hearted, hard-driving SWM, 40s, eagerly awaits challenges of the new era. Seeks attractive, kind-spirited SWF for a modern age romance. ☎1130

TOP GUN
Trim, handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs, great shape, custodial dad of 12 year-old son, enjoys outdoors, rock music, volleyball, dancing, biking. Seeking slender, attractive, independent female with similar interests. ☎[illegible]

ECLECTIC, FUN & HONEST
Very attractive, sincere, athletic SWPM, 32, 6', 185lbs, N/S, seeks attractive, affectionate, fit SWPF, H/W proportionate, to enjoy adventure, biking, skiing, outdoors, Red Wings, dining, music, movies, getaways, and more. ☎1259

HO HO HO, MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Dreaming of sharing Christmas with a nice young lady. I'm 50, look younger, 5'7", 170lbs, hard worker, in good shape, financially secure, N/S, very light drinker. Seeking special lady, 30-45, financially stable. ☎1140

EARTH, WIND & FIRE
Earthy, honest, widowed WM, 49, 6', 205lbs, N/D, N/S, seeks SWF, 40-50, active, secure, affectionate, for fun, [illegible] possible LTR. ☎[illegible]

STIMULATING INTELLECT
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GIVE DAD A CALL
DW dad, [illegible], brown/hazel, custodial parent, homeowner, loves camping, barbecuing, Cedar Point, carnivals, motorcycles, movies, everything. Seeking DW mom with same interests, for monogamous relationship. Novi area. ☎[illegible]

LET ME LOVE YOU
Friendly, caring, funny, goal oriented SWPM, 6'2", 245lbs, dark/hazel, N/D, N/S, no kids, enjoys meeting new people, spending time with friends. Seeking humorous, caring, compassionate SWPF for friendship first. ☎[illegible]

DOWN TO EARTH
[illegible] ☎[illegible]

FOREVER IN BLUE JEANS
Good-looking DWM, 44, spiritual, down-to-earth gentleman, [illegible] ☎1030

WESTLAND AREA
Attractive SWM, [illegible], bright brown eyes, N/S, no dependents, employed homeowner, seeks slim, attractive WF, under 40. ☎[illegible]

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Handsome, witty, sweet SWM, [illegible] seeks SWF, 40-50, for [illegible] dining, dancing, friendship, possible LTR. ☎5970

MY CHRISTMAS WISH
[illegible] businessman, N/S, N/D, [illegible] well-educated, seeking [illegible] sweet woman, 35-45, N/S, [illegible] H/W proportionate [illegible] Should be financially secure, confident. ☎[illegible]

LONELY IN GARDEN CITY
SWM, [illegible] Tae Kwon Do [illegible] ☎[illegible]

LOOKING FOR NEW BEGINNING
Affectionate, honest, easygoing, hard-working DWM, 46, 5'8", 180lbs, brown/blue, N/D, N/Drugs, smoker, likes camping, fishing, swimming, is looking for a new relationship, starting as friends, possible LTR. ☎[illegible]

BIG HANDSOME OUTDOORSMAN
WM, 51, looks 41, great sense of humor, likes Harleys, log homes, gardening, weekend get-aways, seeking special, down-to-earth WF, under 50, who likes to laugh, for LTR. ☎6247

ROMANTIC AT HEART
Sincere DWM, 53, 5'10", seeks honest S/DWF with sense of humor to share dining out, flowers, concerts, dancing, cuddling by the fire, outdoors, weekend getaways for LTR. ☎1082

HANDSOME & TALL
Humorous, attractive, affectionate, romantic DWM, 47, 6'2", 225lbs, into candlelight dinners, cuddling and going out. Seeking loving, honest, caring, compassionate companion/friend/partner, 37-43, for serious relationship and fun. ☎5865

DOWN-TO-EARTH
Open-minded SM, 5'5", 172lbs, fit, good conversationalist, loves reading, cooking, gardening, football, hockey. Seeking nice woman, good listener for friendship, committed relationship. Race unimportant. ☎1151

A REAL GUY...
awaits your call! Nice-looking dependable SWM, 44, would love to share his many interests and privileges with a good-natured, attractive lady, for dating, or possible lengthy emotional connection. ☎1131

LONESOME
Light-skinned SBM, 57 years young, 6'3", homebody, smoker/drinker, volunteer foster grandfather of 7 children, seeks female, 39-56, for LTR. Race open. ☎5216

ENJOYING LIFE?
DWM, young 50s, 6'1", 210lbs, N/S, light beard, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, dining, diving, golf. Seeking slim DWF, over 40, sense of humor, for whatever keeps you happy. ☎[illegible]

CITY TO RANCH
SWCPM, young 50s, 6'3", 209lbs, a generalist with morals, midwest ranch in my future, seeks slim petite PF, 45-60, who likes dress or jeans, outdoors, animals, for LTR. ☎5934

MR. SUNSHINE
DWM, 44, 5'10", 230lbs, who enjoys concerts, movies, dining out and dancing, seeks that special woman, 30-50, to spend those special times with. Western suburbs only please. ☎1060

FRIEND OR SOULMATE...
Union lake area. Adventurous, sensitive, DCWM, 46, blond/blue, N/S, light drinker, enjoys bowling, boating, dancing, travel, amateur theater. Seeking lady, mid-30s to mid-40s for friendship, leading to LTR. ☎5868

WANTED: VERY PETITE FEMALE
For DWM, 40, 5'10", 142lbs, could pass for 25, physically fit, owns lake front house, own business, likes animals, children, outdoors. Seeking petite W/HF. ☎5876

CHECKING FOR SPARKS
Chemistry, compatibility. Handsome, healthy, happy SWM, 45, ready to deal, available for adventures in dating, while searching for that special joyful lady and a loving relationship. ☎[illegible]

INTERACT WITH QUALITY
SWM, 43, 5'10", H/W proportionate, childless, college grad, does things well. Open to marriage or LTR, which should include a good romantic life. Seeking SWF, 33-49, homebody okay. ☎5464

SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT ONE
Handsome DWM, 39, 5'8", blonde/green, enjoys golf, rock, dance music, movies, dining out, quiet nights, seeks attractive S/DWF, 30-40, easygoing, friendly, honest, sense of humor, social drinker, to spend New Year's with. ☎1265

LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER
SWM, 39, 5'10", slim, enjoys movies, music, outdoors, and walks in the park. Seeking slim SWF, N/S, N/Drugs, with sense of humor for fun friendship, possible LTR. ☎1280

DO HEADS TURN WHEN YOU ENTER?
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AFFECTIONATE LOVING
SM, 45, 6', 200lbs, long brown hair, brown eyes, hard-working, loving, caring, romantic. Seeking attractive sexy blonde. Must love warm affectionate kisses. ☎[illegible]

ONLY THE LONELY
[illegible] secure, stable SWM, [illegible] independent SWF for monogamous LTR. ☎1216

BEAUTY & BRAINS?
Different kind of man, India-born PM, [illegible], with a wicked sense of humor, seeks exciting, educated SF for [illegible], monogamous, serious LTR. ☎1214

HANDSOME ENGINEER
DWM, [illegible], 6'0", 180lbs, N/S, University of Michigan graduate, product engineer, seeks WF, 45-50, [illegible] N/S, for friendship, possible marriage. ☎[illegible]

LOOKING FOR COMPANION
Attractive, blonde, retired WF seeks well mannered WM, 65+, who enjoys travel, movies, dining, for friendship, good times. N/S preferred. ☎5450

GOLF PARTNER?
Petite SWF, N/S, social drinker, seeks friend who likes [illegible] golf, cards, bowling, dancing, travel. Preferably in Livonia area. ☎5262

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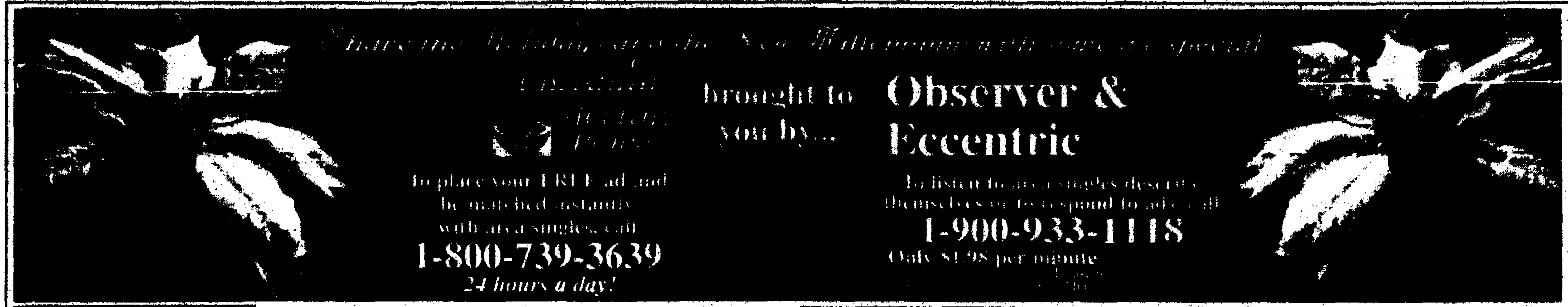

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This friendly SWF, 31, 5'6", who enjoys going to the movies, the outdoors and taking long walks, is seeking a fun-loving SWM, 30-36, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1706

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This outgoing and friendly DBF, 42, 5'4", who enjoys music, reading and walks in the park, is ISO a serious and sincere SBM, 42-62, with similar interests, for a pleasant relationship. Ad#.7775

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Outgoing SWF, 59, 5'4", 125lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, who enjoys antiques, home renovation and more, is looking for a SWM, over 55, for companionship. Ad#.1237

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This friendly, honest SWF, 45, 5'4", 149lbs., who enjoys bike riding, dining out and dancing, is interested in meeting up with a caring, sincere SWM, 38-55, who shares similar interests. Ad#.4240

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Make a new friend by calling this DWC mom, 40, 5'8", who's looking for someone to share her interests with. If you're an outgoing SWCM, 35-45, who enjoys walking, camping, bicycling and watching movies, then you could be a perfect match for each other. Ad#.8191

STILL SEARCHING
Semi-retired, spontaneous DWCF, 65, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys photography, traveling, cooking and baking, is in search of an honest SWCM, 60-69, who loves the Lord. Ad#.4444

FOCUS HERE
She is a friendly, attractive SWF, 52, 5'7", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include hiking, biking and boating. She's looking for a handsome, intelligent SWM, 52-62, who lives life to the fullest. Ad#.6262

CAPTURE MY ATTENTION
This outgoing SWF, 30, 5'2", 110lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys jogging, reading and working out, is seeking an open-minded, honest SWM, 28-38, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad#.2469

CHARISMATIC CHRISTIAN
Spirit-filled, warm-hearted and employed DWC mother, 35, 5'5", is seeking a companionable, commitment-minded SWCM, 25-48, who shares her dedication to church and enjoys family activities. Ad#.7764

TIME TO GET TOGETHER
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FOR FOREVER
This shy and reserved SWC mom, 37, 5'5", with brown hair and green eyes, is seeking a SWCM, 35-45, to enjoy quiet times at home, great conversations, long park walks, and more with. Ad#.4456

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Attractive, personable Catholic SWF, 38, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, is seeking an outgoing, sincere and handsome Catholic SWM, 33-44, who enjoys tennis, sporting events, reading and horseback riding. Ad#.6684

LONG-TERM
Enter a new dimension of life with this educated DWCF, 52, who enjoys the theater, dining out and youthful activities. She hopes to spark the interest of an educated SWCM, 52-60, N/S, with similar values. Ad#.1024

NEW HORIZONS
Employed, family-oriented SBF, 26, 5'7", who likes long walks, outdoor activities, movies and is seeking a SBM, 23-38, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.2218

FAITH & HOPE
An educated SWPF, 50, who likes cultural events, listening to music, and reading, is seeking an intelligent, mature SWPM, for a possible relationship. Ad#.1998

MEET YOU HALFWAY
She's an outgoing, attractive SWF, 51, 5'4", medium build, blond hair, brown eyes, who enjoys music, dancing, long walks, and the theater. Her heart is open to share happiness and romance with a thoughtful, considerate SWM, 46-56, Ad#.5614

REBUILDING HER LIFE
Catholic DWF, 45, 5'2", 118lbs., with dark brown curly hair, a N/S, is looking for the right person, a considerate, respectful Catholic SWM, 40-50, who values his faith and family. She enjoys bowling, movies and a lot of friends. Ad#.5642

BIG-HEARTED
This friendly SWF, 37, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys gardening, dining out and traveling, is looking for a SM, 35-45, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1361

IS IT FATE?
This friendly SWF, 52, 5'3", who enjoys dining out, concerts and quiet nights at home, is seeking a SWM, 46-57, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.2345

CIRCLE THIS
Adventurous SWF, 35, 5'5", is seeking an honest, marriage-minded SWM, 30-38, who enjoys golf, fishing and dining out. Ad#.4528

KNOWS WHAT SHE WANTS
Pretty DWC mom, 44, 5'4", 145lbs., with light brown hair and hazel eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, is seeking happiness with an easygoing, family-oriented DWCM, under 54. She enjoys swimming, movies, bowling, and reading. Ad#.4108

BORN-AGAIN
This vibrant DWCF, 55, 5'7", a blue-eyed blonde, is a member of the choir who enjoys praise and worship, youth ministry, church activities, and seeks fellowship with a similar SWCM, 56-62. Ad#.5144

SIMPLY PUT
Romantic SWF, 60, 5'2", 118lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dancing, travel, the theater, long walks and more, would like to meet a trustworthy SWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Ad#.5555

IS IT FATE?
Say hello to this personable SWCF, 38, 5'7", who enjoys cooking, jazz music and traveling. Her heart is set on sharing a long-term relationship with a responsible, handsome SWM, 36-47. Ad#.9455

TO THE POINT
SWCF, 39, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, swimming, and more, is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 30. Ad#.2220

LET'S CUDDLE
Catholic DWF, 59, 5'2" 125lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys family barbecues, picnics and more, seeks a Catholic, Italian SWM, 51-61. Ad#.1992

LOVES THE LORD
Outgoing, Born-Again SWCF, 43, full-figured, who enjoys music, swimming, singing, bible study, and more, is seeking a SWCM, 40-50, N/S, without dependents. Ad#.1956

LIFE GOES ON
This friendly, sincere SWF, 47, 5'4", who enjoys meeting new people, dancing, and walks in the park, is looking forward to meeting an upbeat SWM, 44-50, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2652

GOOD COMPANY
Here's an active, fun-loving DWCF, 65, 5'4", 135lbs., who wants to share her time, her interests and friendship with a kind, considerate SWM, 60-70. Ad#.9438

JUST US
SWF, 35, 5'4", who enjoys fishing, sports and going to church, is looking forward to meeting a SWM, 29-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.2814

DEDICATED
She's a never-married SBF, 33, 5'9",, N/S, non-drinker, who is looking for a sweet, sincere SWM, over 34. Ad#.1980

HERE SHE IS...
This caring DWCF, 51, 5'1", is a lady who enjoys church activities, her work, and would like to meet a similar SWCM, 49-62. Ad#.1665

IS IT YOU?
This friendly SBF, 39, 5'6", who enjoys movies, dining out, theater and travel, is hoping to meet a loving, family-oriented SM, 33-50, who shares similar interests and has a good sense of humor. Ad#.4581

WORKS & PLAYS HARD
Attractive, ambitious, secure DWPC mom, 36, 5'5", with blonde hair and green eyes, loves working out, outdoor activities and reading. She's looking for a SCM physician, 36-48, who will treat her well. Ad#.8888

HEAVEN SENT
This friendly SWF, 47, 5'9", whose interests include gardening, travel, taking walks in the park and camping, is looking to meet an honest, gentle SWM, 35-50, who likes children. Ad#.6561

SHARE MY FAITH
This churchgoing SWCF, 57, 5'7", wants to meet a tall, caring, sincere SWCM, 57-69, who enjoys hiking and the outdoors. Ad#.7575

THE BEST THERE IS
Never-married, attractive SWF, 36, 5'2", with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, music, traveling and playing cards, is ISO a kind-hearted SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad#.6354

END MY SEARCH
Creative, educated and Jewish, I am a DWF, 55, 5'6", slender, with blonde hair and light blue eyes, who enjoys cooking and movies. I am looking for a communicative SWM, over 46, who knows what he wants. Ad#.2525

VIVACIOUS
Active, energetic DBCF, 58, 5'4", is seeking a childless, healthy SBCM, 58-69, for a possible LTR. Her interests include church, movies, and more. Ad#.1103

A RARE FIND
Sincere, who enjoys music, Bible studies, traveling, movies, long walks, and more, is looking for a caring, compassionate SWM, 54-62. Ad#.7141

UNIQUE
Compassionate DWPC mom of one, 47, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, concerts, walking, biking, travel, dancing and dining out, wants to meet a family-oriented SWCM, 42-52. Ad#.8317

A REAL TRUE HEART
This friendly SW dad, 35, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, horseback riding and swimming, is looking for a SWF, 25-40, who has a good sense of humor. Ad#.1514

HIGH MORAL STANDARDS
Athletic, Catholic SWM, 24, 6'3", 250lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who plays a variety of sports and coaches Little League, is seeking a romantic, Catholic SWF, 21-30, who likes movies, quiet evenings, dining out and more. Ad#.5150

HEAVEN SENT
Delightful, handsome Catholic DWP dad of one, 38, 6'4", 215lbs., who enjoys boating, family activities, baseball, music, movies and travel, is seeking a similar Catholic SWF, 30-40, height/weight proportionate. Ad#.4324

DESERVING
This outgoing and friendly SWM, 29, 6', 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys dining out, traveling, shopping and more, is seeking a romantic, slender and attractive SWF, 24-32, for casual dating. Ad#.3639

WORTH A TRY
Friendly, spiritual SWM, 43, 5'9", who enjoys nature, flea markets and movies, is looking for a kind-hearted SWF, 29-49, to share interests with. Ad#.4500

ONLY THE BEST
Educated WWWCM, 49, 5'11", 195lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys boating, fishing, movies, fine dining and trying new things, is ISO an attractive, affectionate SCF, age unimportant. Ad#.9876

AGED TO PERFECTION
Always having integrity and style, this handsome DWCM, 49, 5'10", knows how to entertain. He's searching for an attractive, sincere SWCF, 39-53, to share love with. Ad#.5454

A GOOD MAN
Shy, nice-looking DWC dad, 37, 6', with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, is looking to share movies, family activities and a lasting friendship with an independent, petite SWCF, 30-45. Ad#.6683

LISTEN TO ME
Outdoor activities and bowling are interests of this friendly, outgoing, educated SBPM, 36 He is looking to meet a sincere, loving, tall, attractive SBF, beautiful inside and outside, with a great smile. Ad#.8989

AN ANGEL
Outgoing, attractive SWM, 33, 5'6", 140lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys walks, good conversation, fishing, and more, is looking for an ambitious SWF, 24-36, who shares similar interests, for friendship first. Ad#.6321

INTERESTED
Here's a friendly SWM, 48, 5'7", who likes quiet evenings at home, trying new things and traveling. He's seeking a SWF, under 52, to share life and interests with. Ad#.4374

JOYS OF LIFE
He's a friendly SWPM, 58, 6'3", who enjoys renovating houses, dining out and more. He is in search of a caring, sincere SWF, 45-55, who shares his type of lifestyle. Ad#.1939

FRIENDSHIP FIRST
Never-married SWPM, 37, with dark hair/eyes, who enjoys the theater, auto shows and music, is seeking a kind, caring SWF, for possible relationship. Ad# 1260

SOMEONE SPECIAL FOR ME
Shy and reserved, this never-married, college-educated SBPCM, 36, 5'5", 150lbs., 5'5", is ISO a never-married SCF, 25-39, with no children, who loves the Lord, to have a great time. Ad#.4949

GOD IS FIRST
Outgoing, honest DWC dad, 42, 6'1", 165lbs., who enjoys golfing and the outdoors, is hoping to meet a SF, 32-42, for a possible relationship. Ad#.9559

GIVE DAD A CALL
Good-looking, fit, laid-back SWM, 41, 5'8", who enjoys cooking, sports and music, is hoping to spend time with a SWF, 35-42, with similar interests. Ad#.2222

WALK DOWN THE AISLE
Romantic, Catholic SWPM, 40, 6'1", who enjoys a wide range of interests, is seeking a marriage-minded, family-oriented, slender SWF who is athletically inclined. Ad#.1515

MARRIAGE ON HIS MIND
Take a minute to read about this wonderful DWM, 60. If you're a DWCF, 45-55, who enjoys, family times, picnics, country music and more, you're just one step away from meeting him. Ad#.1445

JUST YOU AND I
Athletic SWM, 40, 6'1", enjoys jogging, biking, and playing golf, is seeking that one special, goal-oriented, compassionate, slender SWF, for a long-term monogamous relationship leading to marriage. Ad#.2739

COMMON BOND
This outgoing SWM, 26, 5'10", 170lbs., who enjoys martial arts, movies and more, is interested in meeting a SF, to spend quality time with. Ad#.1580

LEAVE A MESSAGE
Professional SWM, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, the theater and going for long walks, is seeking a SWCF, 26-38. Ad#.6789

CELEBRATE LIFE
Shy SWM, 31, 5'10", 220lbs., who enjoys camping, hiking, long walks and movies, is seeking a fun-loving, family-oriented SF, 25-35, who has old-fashioned values. Ad#.1018

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
Outgoing, friendly, attractive Catholic WWWPM, 31, 6'1", who enjoys sports, ball games and a variety of other activities, is seeking a WWA/W/BCF, 18-55, with no children. Ad#.1965

HAVE YOU SEEN...
My best friend? This shy SWCM, 28, 5'11", 160lbs., who enjoys boating, working out and the outdoors, is seeking a SCF, 20-35, who shares similar interests. Ad#.2727

NEVER-MARRIED
SWCM, 26, 6', 165lbs., blond with blue eyes, a N/S, non-drinker, seeks a petite, smart SWCF, 19-26, who has good morals, long hair and likes candleit dinners, movies and time together. Ad#.1777

CONTACT ME
This friendly SB dad, 37, 5'11", who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and bike riding, is seeking a SF, who likes children. Has he found you? Ad#.4194

A PEACEFUL MAN
Never-married, caring, handsome SBM, 28, 6', is in search of a down-to-earth, true SWF, 40-50, who has God in their life. Ad#.4278

SEARCHING
Outgoing, friendly DWCM, 48, 5'7", with long brown hair, who enjoys street rods, the outdoors and concerts, is seeking a sweet, kind-hearted SWCF, 40-50. Ad#.6900

WANT TO HEAR MORE?
Friendly, laid-back SWCM, 27, 5'8", who likes beach walks, movies and having fun, seeks a SWCF, 18-35, without children at home. Ad#.4523

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Outgoing, friendly, caring, honest DWCM, 59, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is ISO a slender-to-medium-built SWCF, 55-65, to get to know. Ad#.6211

HONESTY COUNTS
Shy SWM, 42, 6', who enjoys sporyts, the theater, spending time with family and friends, seeks a slender, romantic SF, 30-45, for a possible relationship. Ad#.4123

LOOKING FOR MS. RIGHT
Catholic SWM, 42, 6'1", who enjoys sports and family activities, is seeking a sincere, Catholic SAF, under 45, for a long-term relationship. Ad#.2942

HONESTY COUNTS
Never-married, friendly SWM, 44, who enjoys Bible studies and outdoor activities, the theater and weekend getaways, is seeking a fit, pretty SWF. Ad#.4141

ONCE IN A LIFETIME
Handsome SWPM, 36, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an attractive SWCF who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more. Ad#.1534

FAITH & DEVOTION
Pleasant, never-married SWPCM, 42, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fine dining, concerts, movies, sports and walking, is interested in meeting a compatible SWCF, under 37, N/S. Ad#.1111

FOCUS HERE
This friendly, handsome DWM, 46, 5'11", who enjoys most sports, traveling and comedy clubs, is seeking a fun-loving, attractive SWF, 33-44, who shares similar interests. Ad#.1301

MIXED BLESSING
He's an outgoing, employed DWJM, 44, 5', who enjoys sports, bowling and movies, ISO a commitment-minded Catholic SWF, 39-49. Ad#.2251

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