

Nonalcoholic party guide as south of the border theme

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The 1990 AAA Michigan "Great Pretenders Party Guide" can warm up any holiday gathering by taking guests south of the border for an alcohol-free celebration.

The free guide — available statewide at AAA Michigan branch offices and many traffic safety and substance abuse groups — includes the top 20 recipes entered in the 10th annual drink contest, which sported "A Holiday South of the Border" theme.

"Our goal is to encourage party hosts to provide alternatives to alcohol when planning holiday gatherings," said Robert V. Cullen, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager. "This year's guide makes it fun to produce a safe, tropical setting even with a blanket of snow outside."

Drinks with juices, nectars and fresh fruit dominated this year's competition. The winning beverage, "Tijesana Tinsel-Time Twister," combined frozen strawberries, banana, tropical fruit juice, whipping cream and food coloring into a layered drink displaying Mexico's national colors — red, white and green.

The guide also includes recipes for Mexican corn bread, botanas and other fiesta foods along with tips for safe celebrations and information on the hazards of drinking and driving.

The guide is part of AAA Michigan's "First A Friend, Then A Host" alcohol-awareness campaign during the holiday season. The program was started in response to statistics that showed 43 percent of fatal accidents on Michigan roads during the 1980-81 Christmas and New Year's period were alcohol-related.



A mixture of frozen strawberries, banana, tropical fruit juice, whipped cream, sugar and food coloring took top honors for taste, appearance and creativity in AAA Michigan's alcohol-free drink contest.

During the 1989-90 Christmas and New Year's period, alcohol was involved in 32 percent of the state's fatal crashes.

Mercy winter term opens

Mercy Center, at 28600 11 Mile Road, offers swim classes, fitness classes and the rental of its pool and rooms for the winter term that begins Jan. 2.

In the pool there is open swim daily, an early morning swim, lap swim, swim classes, private lessons, adult and children competitive classes for Adapted Aquatics for adults.

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PHOTO EXHIBIT

Thursday through Monday, Dec. 21-31: Exhibit of photographs taken by Monte Nagler, named Artist in Residence for 1987 by Farmington Area Arts Commission, from 3-9 p.m. in gallery in Novi Town Center, Grand River and I-96.

ENVIRONMENTAL ART

Thursday, Dec. 20: Exhibit of Environmental Art in bronze and wood by artist Robert Wessell in Woodward Gallery, 1357 Davis, Birmingham, remains through Jan. 4. All proceeds made during this time will be given to Common Ground to benefit the homeless.

THE WORD

Friday and Sunday, Dec. 21 and 23: "The Word," Christmas concert with narration by Ernie Harwell, begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at 11 a.m. Sunday in Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt Road. No admission charge.

GIFT WRAPPING

Saturday, Dec. 22: Farmington Area Jaycees wrap holiday packages from 1-5 p.m. in Village Commons on the north side of Grand River east

of Farmington Road. All proceeds donated to University of Michigan Burn Center, Juvenile Diabetes foundation and St. Jude Hospital. Parents are invited to bring their cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa.

CARILLON CONCERT

Sunday, Dec. 23: Christmas Carillon Concert at 5 p.m. in Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine and Cranbrook Road, one mile west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. The concert can be heard from the inside of the church. No charge. The concert as well as a tour of the carillon tower are offered as gifts to the community.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Sunday, Dec. 23: Farmington Historical Museum, decorated in Victorian splendor for the holidays, open for visitors from 1-5 p.m., 33005 Grand River. Admission is \$1 at the door. Children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.

CHRISTMAS EVE
Monday, Dec. 24: Birthday for Je-

sus, service with music furnished by guitars and flutes at 5:30 p.m.; family worship service at 7 p.m. with communion; and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 10 p.m. with music by harp, brass, and choir with carolling and communion in Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 13 Mile Road.

ADOLESCENT EDUCATION

Wednesday, Jan. 2: Eight week Adolescent Education Series designed for high risk adolescents includes alcohol and drug education and skill building, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in Farmington Area Advisory Council, 23450 Middlebelt Road. Fee is \$8 per session. Complete series is advised. Registration and inquiries taken by the council office, 477-6767.

ELECTRONIC CON-

TRASTS: Friday, Jan. 4: "Electronic Contrasts," art exhibit of new technology in image making, opens with reception for the artists from 5-7 p.m. in Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. No charge. Exhibit continues through Jan. 25.

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