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County stays in township DDA

Despite some concern among Wayne County officials that Plymouth Township's growth projections are a bit high, county officials said Wednesday they're prepared to go along with establishment of a township DDA.

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Now that the city of Plymouth and Schoolcraft College have walked away from a proposed downtown develop-

ment authority to fund beautification projects along Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township is pinning its hopes on Wayne County's support. Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann said he met with county

officials Wednesday in an effort to make sure the county remains a part of the DDA, which allows the township to capture property taxes to fund the improvements to the Ann Arbor Road corridor.

Wayne County is one of seven taxing authorities in the township, and collects more than 50 percent of the taxes. So if the county were to pull out of the DDA, it would severely limit the amount of money the township could collect over the course of the proposed

30-year plan. The township is estimating \$13.2 million of the \$24.6 million it will collect over 30 years will come from county taxes.

Mann said the meeting was productive, and he has assurances from Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara the county is opting into the plan.

"This is what cooperative government is all about," Mann said.

Mary Zuckerman, deputy county executive, confirmed Mann's claim.

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Celebrating veterans



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Paying tribute: Al Stanwood plays his bugle at Sunday's Veterans Day ceremony staged by the Plymouth VFW. The traditional ceremony included a wreath-laying at the memorials in Kellogg Park, followed by an open house at the Mayflower-Lt. Gamble Post Home. Stanwood is a past post commander and the post's current chaplain and bugler.

New city commission picks Graham

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Plymouth city commissioners unanimously elected Bill Graham as mayor of the "City of Homes" the next two years.

Commissioner Michele Potter made the nomination by saying "Bill Graham possesses all the qualities I think are necessary to serve in the capacity of mayor for the city of Plymouth. He will represent our city with the professionalism, tact and decorum it deserves."

Commissioner Colleen Pobur seconded the nomina-

tion and it passed without dissent. Graham made a pledge to the citizens of Plymouth.

"I will do the utmost, best job I can possibly do, to represent the City of Plymouth, to represent you as citizens, represent the administration, and my fellow commissioners," he said.

Pobur was then reinstated as mayor pro-tem, the position she's held the past two years.

Commissioners Dan Dwyer, Pobur and Stella Greene were nominated, in that order. In the first vote, Dwyer's nomination was turned down by a 5-2 vote,

including Dwyer voting against himself. Pobur was then selected on a 4-3 vote.

"She's a very intelligent woman, knowledgeable about the inner workings of the city, and has a good relationship with the county," said Commissioner Phil Pursell. "She's taken a lot of heat the past couple of years, most all of it undeserved."

Three outgoing commissioners — David Byers, Sean FitzGerald and Mayor Dave McDonald — were given plaques by their colleagues as they stepped down.

Graham said there are a

number of issues he would like to see the new commission put on the front burners.

"I want to see the infrastructure and capital improvement projects continue," he said. "We need to pursue that aggressively, especially since we are in a good financial position."

"We also need to select a new police chief, as well as set reasonable, measurable and a doable set of goals and objectives," added Graham. "If we can get those three things accomplished, it will set the stage for bigger and better things."

Ice show faces money trouble

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The 20th anniversary of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular, the oldest and largest ice festival in North America, might be suffering a meltdown before it even gets started.

And the culprit won't be the weather, but money.

Ron Loiselle, president of the International Ice Festival board of directors, said the 2002 festival planned for Jan. 16-21 is in dire financial straits.

"Yes, we're in trouble," admitted Loiselle. "Right now we're not going to cancel the event, or make it smaller. But if we don't get to the \$100,000 point (in donations and sponsorships), we may have to cancel it."

Mike Watts of Watts-Up Inc., who has run the ice festival the last 11 years while gaining national and international notoriety, agreed with Loiselle the money needs to be in place by the middle of next month or the event will be drastically altered.

"We need to find the money by early to mid-December, or we'll have to re-evaluate," said Watts. "We're trying to put packages together for businesses and restaurants to get them to participate."

Watts said they've collected nearly \$70,000 in sponsorships, "which is about halfway of what we need for a minimum."

Loiselle said the event "needs between \$160,000-\$200,000 to make it work" the same as in the recent past. He said some of the expenses can be controlled, such as the number of ice sculptures that are put along the street. However, that would make for

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Local range a prime stop as hunting season begins

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Beginning at the break of dawn this morning, Michigan's forests will echo with the sounds of gunshots, as thousands of hunters take to the field for the opening of firearm deer hunting season.

During the last month, more than 1,000 of those hunters traveled to the Western Wayne County Conservation Association in Plymouth Township to shake the rust from their shooting skills and to sight in their rifles.

The club opens up its 87-acre compound on Napier just north of North Territorial to the public for its annual sighting in days for a month before the opener, and uses the proceeds to cover the costs of its junior rifle team. They

offer target shooters a 100-yard range for rifles, 50-yard targets for shotguns, muzzle loaders and smaller caliber rifles and 25-yard targets for handguns.

Club members take turns overseeing the range, provide expertise about shooting, and will even sight in guns for visitors.

Plymouth resident Craig Sheaffer was just one of the more than 100 hunters practicing Monday at the WWCCA target range. He has been a member for 10 years, and has made it a tradition to come out and practice the week of opening day.

"I always come out here a couple of days before the opener to get off a couple of shots just to satisfy my hunger and make sure everything is ready to

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STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

Taking aim: Joe Seror works on calibrating the scope on a Remington 30-06 hunting rifle at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association Tuesday. Firearm deer season opens today.

P-CEP band takes 3rd at nationals

BY DIANE HANSON
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In what could only be described as the photo finish of band competitions, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band captured the third-place trophy with a breathtaking performance at the Bands of America Grand National Championships Saturday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

The P-CEP marchers earned an incredible 95.9 out of a possible 100 points, but missed the top spot by the narrow margin of one-half point. Lawrence Central High School, with a 96.4, and Carmel High School, both of Indiana, with a 96.35 finished first and second, respectively.

Completing the less than one-

point spread of the top five bands in the nail-biting finish were L D Bell High School of Texas with a 95.85 for fourth and Marian Catholic of Chicago Heights, Ill., finishing fifth with a 95.45.

"This is an unbelievable night!" exclaimed an excited Clayton Wachholz, who just completed his first season as director of the P-CEP Marching Band. "I'm really proud of the journey we've been on all year. We've worked really, really hard and it wouldn't have mattered where we came in tonight because we gave an incredibly inspired performance."

"I told the students that they should give it their all. They should leave it all here at the finals performance and they could take something home with them in their hearts and I guarantee that's definitely the case. We're really pleased."

That's exactly how Canton junior Jenny Bodrie, a clarinetist for two years and a first-year drum major, felt about her band.

"I thought we did awesome," she said. "I'm very proud of the other shows we have done, but this was the show I'm really the most proud of. We put everything into it. It didn't matter about place. It was just all emotion and it was truly from the heart. It's everything that we're about."

Mike Berryman, a Salem junior and trumpet player, agreed. "This year was so intense," he said. "We went out there and we laid it on the line and did everything we could. I think this is the best performance we ever did."

Added Michael Shea, a third-



PHOTO BY DIANE HANSON

Crowd pleasers: Fans of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band show their support during the national competition at Indianapolis last weekend.

year Canton percussionist, "This year was very emotional. It really clicked and went extremely well."

The 185 hometown performers also captured the Outstanding Visual Performance caption with their dynamite eight-and-a-half-minute finals presentation of "Programme One," an intricately woven opus of music, color, choreography and drama.

Known for being on the cutting edge of performance techniques, the P-CEPers didn't disappoint the some 40,000 spectators present over the three-day event by wrapping up their performance, literally, by wrapping up their performers in a huge black box tied with a white ribbon before rolling off the field.

"It was awesome," said percussionist Adam Sonnanstine, a Salem junior. "We worked out the closing and the semi-finals was the first time we rolled the top over and tied it up."

The Plymouth-Canton Band was among 89 top high school marching bands from across the nation taking part in two days of preliminary competition Nov. 8-

9. The field was narrowed to the top 30 bands, which competed in semi-finals performance Nov. 10 with the 12 highest-scoring bands moving on to the Saturday evening finals performance.

"All the bands at the top of the group were really awesome," said drum major Jenny Bodrie. "I think the level of competition has gone up. The challenges of everybody's shows have also gone up and I think that is a good thing. I think these top bands need the competition - it makes us work harder. It challenges us to put on a great show."

This marks the 14th consecutive year the band has placed no lower than eighth at the Grand National Championships, being named Bands of America National Champions in 1990, 1991 and 1999.

"We've had this tradition of excellence since before I've been here," said Canton senior trumpeter Derek Wert. "We had that driving us, plus we had some really great people in each section."

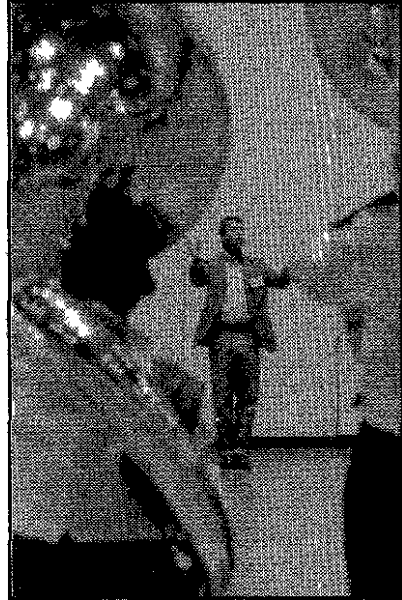


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Getting ready: First-year marching band director Clayton Wacholz gets his troops ready for last weekend's national competition.

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PHS - The hamstring muscles seem to play a key role in low back pain as patients who have low back pain tend to have tight hamstrings and vice versa.

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PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Nutcracker ballet

In a long-standing Plymouth tradition, the Plymouth Symphony will once again join with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers to present the classic fairy tale, Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker ballet.

More than 150 ballet dancers, musicians and cast members bring this classic story to life at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and at a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Dec. 9.

All performances take place at Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road. This year's presentation features Amanda Jarman of the Cincinnati Ballet.

Following the matinee performance, the Plymouth Symphony League hosts the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria, a chance to meet and take pictures with the dancers, enjoy some refreshments and purchase an array of holiday gifts.

Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for children. Sugar Plum Fairy Tea tickets are an additional \$5. Groups of 10 or more get a 10-percent discount.

For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112, or check out the Web site at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

Tickets are also available at Crystal Diamond Setters in Plymouth, Dearborn Music and Evola Music in Canton, or through the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company.

Santa visits

Santa Claus is about to make his annual visit to Kellogg Park. The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts Santa's visit at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at the band shell in Kellogg Park. Santa will visit with children that evening, and each weekend through Christmas in the Santa House on Main Street in front of Kellogg Park.

Santa's hours through the Christmas holiday will be 5-8 p.m. Fridays and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Kiwanis meeting

Justice Elizabeth Weaver of the Michigan Supreme Court will be the guest speaker at noon today (Thursday) at the Kiwanis Club meeting at Ernesto's.

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Helping hands: *Students in Susan Kolbas' sixth-grade Life Management Education class, including Sam Richards (right), made fleece hats and mittens for themselves and then each student made a set for First Step. About 60 sets were donated to First Step Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority donated the fleece to be used in the project.*



Students pitch in for First Step

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Central Middle School teacher Susan Kolbas wanted to teach the students in her sixth grade life management skills class a lesson about the importance of community service.

So when the sewing portion of the class came up, she had every student make a winter hat and mittens for the local chapter of First Step, a shelter for battered women and children.

During sewing lessons, Kolbas spoke to the children about First Step, and how many domestic violence victims who go there must leave home in the

middle of the night without having the time to grab warm clothes. Kolbas and the children thought hats and mittens would be a great way to help keep the victims warm during the winter.

"You just think about what they are going through. We knew by doing this we could help them in the winter," said student Jill Slabey.

The children completed the fleece garments last week, and they will be delivered to First Step in the coming weeks.

Every student in the class earned three hours of community service for their efforts, as well as a certificate honoring their community service. More importantly, according to Kol-

bas, the children took the time to think about others in the community and made an effort to help those in need.

"With everything that has gone on in our country since Sept. 11, it is important to reach out to other people in our community," she said.

Student Alex Pepin said the project has made her realize just how fortunate she is.

"It makes me think about how lucky I am when I get up in the morning. Now I thank my parents for everything," she said.

Each student chose a different color and pattern for the garments. Molly McKinstry said she picked a green and purple diamond pattern for a reason.

"I chose the pattern because it was colorful and bright. I'm hoping it will cheer them up, because I know they will be sad when they go to the shelter," she said.

Desiree Herrick, First Step's children's program coordinator, said the organization definitely appreciates the efforts made by the students and said the hats and mittens will come in handy.

When a family enters the shelter, they leave most of their worldly possessions behind. Donations are very important to help the families make a new start. It is wonderful to see children working to be a part of the solution to help end the cycle of violence, she said.



Finished product: *Sixth-grader Amanda Cooper shows off the hat and mittens she helped make for First Step in Susan Kolbas' Life Management Education class.*

Youth commission a step closer

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Plymouth teenagers will soon have a place to develop their ideas concerning the activities and programs they want in their community.

City and township elected officials met this week to begin formation of the Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission.

"I'm envisioning a group of kids who take ownership of their community, and take responsibility for making it a better place to live," said Plymouth Commissioner Michele Potter, who has championed the idea of a youth

commission for more than a year. "We want to give teens an opportunity to learn about government, recreation needs and any other ideas they come up with. Kids are very creative and some of even the most outrageous ideas can become reality."

The Youth Commission will consist of an 11 member board with teens from 13-17 years old involved. Potter said graduates of last year's Plymouth Youth Leadership class will help formulate the teen commission.

"We feel by including these graduates, it will help other kids buy into the program," said Potter. "It will become a peer to

peer interaction, instead of adults running the program."

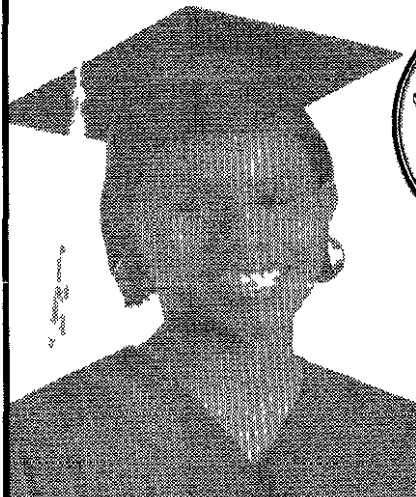
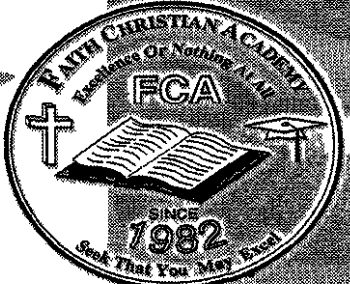
Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann said he's excited about moving forward with the youth commission, which has been on the drawing board for several months.

"It's all about community input, especially from the youth in the community," said Mann. "We want to know what they think the projects or issues are in the community so we can help solve some of those."

Sometimes the bureaucracy can be discouraging, and this will be an easier forum for them to communicate with their peers and problem solve," said Mann.

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"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to avoid the mall crowds and get their holiday shopping done in a beautiful downtown environment," said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber. "We have wonderful merchants who will provide a great seasonal opportunity."

For details, call the chamber: (734) 453-1540.

Ice show from page A1

a smaller event

Much of the problem stems from the slowdown in the economy, especially since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Johnson Controls, one of the larger sponsors of the Ice Spectacular, has decided not to invest its annual \$10,000 this year.

"We're watching our costs in a lot of areas because of the economy," said Bill Dawson of Johnson Controls.

That doesn't necessarily surprise Watts, who knows the economy plays a role.

"Our type of events are one of the first to be cut from budgets," admitted Watts. "We have to work hard to generate funds I'm concerned, but optimistic."

Farmer Jack has signed up to continue its \$30,000 sponsorship, Don Massey Cadillac has donated \$10,000, and National City Bank has come up with \$5,000.

The major costs associated with the Ice Spectacular include \$25,000 for ice, \$20,000 in scholarships to junior college and high school students, and \$6,000 to bring in Japanese ice carvers.

Last year's bill from the city of Plymouth for municipal and police services was \$23,588. However, the city donates \$16,400 of that cost. The Ice Spectacular owed \$7,188 since last May, and finally paid the bill Wednesday with the help of Massey's donation.

The ice festival was initially launched to attract shoppers to

downtown Plymouth in January, a time when retail sales are generally slow after the holiday season. While Watts annually proclaims the event brings in 750,000 people during its five-day run, others wonder if the event even brings in a quarter of that.

Whatever the figure, Melanie Purcell, Plymouth's downtown development director, doesn't believe the ice festival has as much of an impact today as it may have had in the past.

"The ice show doesn't generate as much sales traffic as it used to," said Purcell. "Many business owners don't feel the event is so spectacular anymore, that maybe it's become just an ice-carving competition."

Watts has complained that business owners aren't participating enough by purchasing ice sculptures to place in front of their stores, which can cost \$500. However, Purcell said that money is a large chunk out of their advertising budgets.

"I don't think anyone wants the event to go away, but it no longer has as large an impact as it once did," she said. "Maybe it's time to re-evaluate its purpose."

Watts remains optimistic he can pull off this year's event, just like he has over the past decade.

"We could always do something, but I wouldn't want to drop the 'spectacular' from the event."

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OBITUARIES

STEPHANIE LYNN WIGGINS

Services for Stephanie Wiggins, 2, of Redford Township were held Nov 8 at the Plymouth Baptist Church with the Rev Bill Barber officiating. Burial was at Glen Cemetery in Livonia.

Stephanie was born Sept 9, 1999 in Commerce Township and died Nov 5 in Redford Township. The family were members of the Plymouth Baptist Church.

Survivors include parents, Brian (Robyn) Wiggins of Redford Township, sister, Rachel Wiggins, grandparents, Gerald (Diane) Wiggins of South Lyon, and David (Lois) Huisman of Grand Rapids, great-grandparents, Charles Pace of Clarkston, Julia Huisman of Jepson, and Alhson Miles of Seattle, Wash, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Right to Life Foundation or Angela Hospice.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

DORIS B. BOLES

Services for Doris Boles, 70, of Canton were held Nov 3 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Royce Dickinson and the Rev Holger Neubauer officiating. Burial was at Maxwell Chapel Cemetery in Hillham, Tenn.

Mr Boles was born May 2, 1931 in Defeated Creek, Tenn and died Nov 2, 2001 in Ann Arbor. He was a set-up man for Ford Motor Company. He retired in 1986 after 31 years at the Ypsilanti Ford Plant. He came to the Canton community in 1976 from Lincoln Park. He lived in Lincoln Park for 19 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Plymouth for 25 years and was an usher for more than 25 years. He was a member of the United Auto Workers Union, and the National Rifle Association. He loved to hunt, garden, cook and read history books. He was an accomplished mechanic. He loved to be with his family and attend family reunions.

Survivors include wife, Frances of Canton (married for 53 years), son, Donald (Patty) Boles of Livingston, Tenn, daughters, Shirley (Charles) Justice of Newport, Theresa Boles of Canton, and Catherine (Richard) Torz of Canton, seven grandchildren, brothers, Dumas Boles of New Middleton, Tenn, James Boles of Brush Creek, Tenn and Robert Boles of Gainesboro, Tenn, and sister, Martha Mae Petty of Gordonsville, Tenn.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

FREDERICK A. HOLLAND

Services for Frederick Holland were held Nov 5 at St John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev George Charnley officiating.

Mr Holland was born March 28, 1931 in Holt and died Nov 2, 2001 in Livonia. He was a civil engineer for eight years in Warren at the Champagne Webber Company and for four years with A.J Williams. He came to the Canton community in 1986 from Walled Lake. He was a member of St John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. He was very active in many church activities. He served in the armed forces during the Korean War.

Survivors include wife, Rose M Holland of Canton, daughters, Terri (Doug) Robinson of Canton, Kathy Holland of Wixom, and Cindy Wiedenbeck of Ga., son, Ronald (Debra) Holland of Ore, seven grandchildren, sisters, Doris Loman of Battle Creek and Donna Sptler of Ore, and brother, Ronald (Helen) Holland of Spring Lake, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or St Joseph Mercy Hospital for Cancer Research.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

CAROL KAY LILLY

Services for Carol Lilly, 55, of Garden City were held Nov 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Sanford Burr officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs Lilly was born Jan 30, 1946 in Northville and died Nov 2, 2001 in Livonia. She was a life-long Plymouth resident. She was a homemaker and had graduated from Plymouth High School in 1964. She was a member of the Democratic Club. She enjoyed bingo for a pastime before she became ill with multiple sclerosis.

Mrs Lilly was preceded in death by her parents, Ora and Altha Glass, brother, Robert Glass, and sister, Doris Glass.

Survivors include daughters, Sherry (Barrie) Hissong of Westland, Brenda (Greg) Plant of Garden city, and Vicki (Dan) Floied of Westland, grandchil-

dren, Thomas (Stephanie) Hissong of Westland, Robert Hissong of Westland, Angela Hissong of Westland, Andrew Floied of Westland, and Carolann Plank of Garden City, great-granddaughter, Cameron Hissong, sisters, Irma James of Fla., Dorothy Lee of Plymouth, and Donna White of Plymouth, brothers, Wayne (Barbara) Glass of Livonia, Ronald (Dottie) Glass of Az, Carl (Gail) Glass of Canton, and Gary (Pat) Glass of Willis.

ROBERT STANISLAUS KOSMICKI

Services for Robert Kosmicki, 82, of Redford Township, were held Nov 4 at the Schrader-

Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Jack Baker officiating.

Mr Kosmicki was born Oct 22, 1919 in Detroit and died Nov 1, 2001 in Redford Township. He retired from R & D Distributors (self-employed party snack distributor). For the past 11 years, he and his wife, Donna have done tax preparation. He came to the Redford community 40 years ago. He loved his family and working and enjoyed his cottage in Pinckney.

Survivors include wife, Donna Kosmicki of Redford Township, son, Robert S (Dorisanne) Kosmicki of Pinckney, daughter, Karen (Larry) Bober of Canton,

grandchildren, Michelle (Jim) Swekowsky of Westland, Jeremy Kosmicki of Grand Rapids, Tim Bober of Canton, Elizabeth Kosmicki of Pinckney, and Brett Kosmicki of Pinckney, and great-grandson, Danny Swekowski of Westland.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Michigan, 1421 E 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, Mi.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

ORVILLE LOUISE DEROSIA

Services for Orvilla DeRosia, 97, of Westland were held Nov 6 at St Theodore Church. Burial

was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Mrs DeRosia was born Jan 22, 1904 in Flint and died Nov 3, 2001 at Hope Nursing Care Center. She worked in a grocery store as a meat wrapper.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Philip, son, LeRoy, and daughter, Phyllis Ray.

Survivors include daughters, Virginia Fitzpatrick, Theresa (Carl) Zak, Gloria (Leonard) Juracek, Eileen Tamaroglio, Shirley Rourke, and Bonnie (Richard) Friend, and son, Philip (Brenda) DeRosia, also numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.



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Fake e-mail, phony calls have to stop

Now that current school superintendent Kathleen Booher has decided to stay on, it's hard to see exactly what lessons to take from the events surrounding her decision to leave, then to stay. Even taken at face value this has been a strange episode.

Booher says for a year two former school board members have so harassed her through the Freedom of Information Act it has been hard for her to do her job.

In addition, someone sent out a phony e-mail purporting to be a message to staff from her (it wasn't) and someone made fake calls to her former school district (Berkley, Michigan) asking about employment details.

It made Booher upset enough to tell the board she was looking for another job, possibly with a nearby intermediate school district.

When she was first interviewed here, school board members repeatedly asked her if she was capable of handling a much bigger school district (Berkley vs Plymouth Canton) and she politely but firmly told them "yes." Plymouth-Canton was a logical next step for her, she told the board, she had prepared her whole life for this job.

However, the board didn't tell her about local politics that apparently include some simple minded "dirty tricks."

Fortunately, teachers, other staff, and even local and state representatives came to her defense. Letters of support from the city's mayor, Canton and Plymouth township supervisors, and state representatives John Stewart (R Plymouth) and Bruce Patterson (R Canton) ran on this page two weeks ago.

We also got many other letters of support from readers that ran in our letters to the editor columns.

School board president Elizabeth Givens and the school board issued a strong statement of support Oct. 16 that

probably got lost in the hubbub.

"We strongly support and have collaborated with Dr. Booher in the decisions she has made," the two-page statement said in part. The board statement further said the community was "shocked" that "a few citizens could so harass a superintendent that she would consider leaving."

Nothing could be clearer the board supports Booher and has worked with her to reach current decisions about the district.

The two former board members have said, ultimately, they are simply concerned about the district's financial stability. However, it would seem that harassing the superintendent through excessive FOIA requests would not help the school budget which is almost entirely dependent on state appropriations and negotiated contracts. In their defense, at least one of the two former board members has said he was simply following the district's direction - they told him to use FOIA to get budget materials.

It's hard for us as a newspaper to say anything negative about the Freedom of Information Act. It is something the newspaper industry as a whole fought for and won - something we said was the very essence of a democracy. Let the sun shine in on everything, whether it is the Pentagon Papers or some school district's budget.

But these instances of phony e-mails and fake phone calls have to stop. They have no place, even in the rough-and-tumble of Plymouth and Canton politics.

For its part, the school district will have to find a way to handle the FOIA requests.

And we hope the district and the authorities find a speedy legal remedy and punishment for those who perpetrated the e-mail and phone calls. Someone has to answer for them. That, too, is the essence of democracy.

Public schools are where American dream begins

This is American Education Week, Nov. 11-17. Under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Education of 12 national organizations, the week is set aside to celebrate the American public education system.

That system has been a whipping post for groups from every end of the political spectrum in the last few years. Many have advocated for the superiority of private and parochial schools.

Public schools are assailed for poor teaching, lax discipline, overspending. Their more vociferous critics decry them as cesspools of immorality.

We've seen a growing interest in voucher systems to help private schools, and we've seen the spread of specialized, narrowly focused charter schools.

And though much can be said about the high quality of many of our local private and parochial schools and about the success of some charter schools, recent events have helped to remind us of the special glory of American public education.

Our public schools are the foundation of a free and open society, a place where ideas are born and challenged. And while some would like America's public schools to advocate for a particular political, religious or social point of view, the system's strength comes from being open to various points of view.

This is a theme running through the press material for American Education Week, that we are together in our differences and our respect for each other's point of view.

The press material passes along these quotes: "The highest result of education is tolerance," said Helen Keller.

"Education is a vaccine for violence," said actor Edward James Olmos. "Good schools, like good societies and good families, celebrate and cherish diversity," said educator Deborah Meier.

Of course, at the elementary level, children are taught the basics - reading, writing, arithmetic, the basic principles of the republican form of government. As they grow older they are encouraged to ask questions to challenge and test concepts to draw conclusions from applying the methods they've learned. In the

American system, the goal is to learn how to think and apply that thinking creatively.

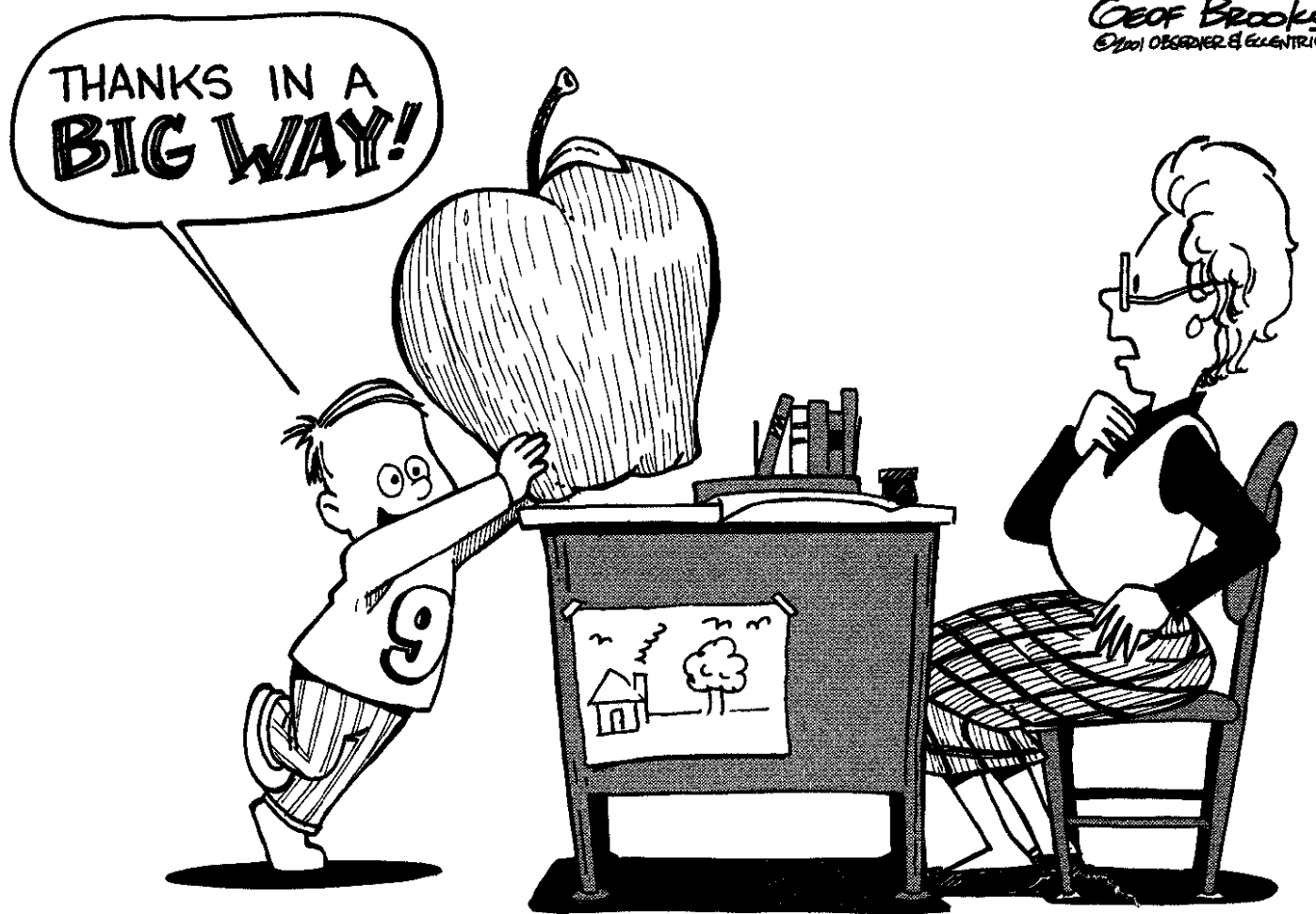
Public schools are open to everyone in the community. They are a place where children from different family and ethnic backgrounds, different religions and different economic circumstances come together to learn. They accept children with any and all physical or mental limitations, something their non-public counterparts don't face. And they face security challenges that come with public schools' open-door mission.

The majority of our much maligned public school teachers work hard to bring out the best in their students. They put in long hours in and out of the classroom. They struggle through reams of red tape. They are assaulted each year with the newest "in" theory on how to educate children and handle the abuse with a large measure of goodwill. They deal with parents - most well meaning - who have their own views about what public education should be, and insist on being heard. They compete for the attention of their students with CDs, radios, television, movies, video games and the Internet.

They must try to educate a wide variety of children, some gifted and some struggling to learn the most basic concepts. Each year they must confront children from broken homes, children who have been abused and children without strong parental support.

And through all of this, public school teachers continue to provide an education that is superior to most other systems - more open, more technically advanced, more diverse.

A good public school system is a partnership. Working together we create something that is one of the great triumphs of American democracy. In the words of news anchor Tom Brokaw, "There is a place in America to take a stand. It is public education. It is the underpinning of our cultural and political system. It is the great common ground. Public education after all is the engine that moves us as a society toward a common destiny. It is in public education that the American dream begins to take shape."



NATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK, NOVEMBER 11-17

LETTERS

■ Thank you

The City of Plymouth, Michigan is blessed with a group of people who truly live out their faith as directed in 1 John 3:23-24. These verses in the Bible say, "And this is His command to believe in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He commanded us. Those who obey His commands live in Him, and He in them. And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us."

On Sept. 9, 1999, my beloved daughter Stephanie was born. A few months later she was diagnosed with Schnitzel-Gedion Syndrome. Her life was difficult. Her care was very involved. Thank the Lord we did not have to walk this road alone.

The support of our Church (Plymouth Baptist) is hard for me to describe. We were encouraged all along the way by these dear people. Last Thursday evening, we had Stephanie's funeral at the church. Our Lord was glorified. Stephanie's memory was greatly honored. Our Church has been generous to us in a financial way as well. To them we are grateful.

We would also like to thank the golden people at Angela Hospice. Stephanie had been under hospice care in our home for almost 14 months. Their care for our little girl was so loving, and was above and beyond duty. I really do not know what we would have done without them.

We also wish to thank the folks at the Schrader-Howell funeral home in Plymouth. These kind folks donated their services. Thanks also to the people at the Glen Eden Cemetery, where Stephanie now rests.

Last, but certainly not least, we certainly thank Stephanie's pediatrician, Dr. Brian Gendelman and his associates at Edgewood Center Pediatrics in Commerce Township. We cannot imagine better medical care. Beyond that, he has been a real friend.

Brian Wiggins
Father of Stephanie Wiggins

■ Tag team

The true mark of a good leader, political or otherwise, is a willingness to accept responsibility while it may be easier to blame someone else. But the best leaders are actually willing to take more than their share of blame when something goes wrong on their watch.

Kathleen Booher has shown no leadership skills at all, but then I don't want my children fed or clothed by the state, but I would prefer that to their being educated by the state, and I would not turn my back on her if she was in same room with my children. But now we must ask what does politics have to do with education anyway?

Ignorance creates a fertile climate for demagogues, maybe that's why politicians give so much support to the public education establishment. The federal programs such as Goals 2000 and School To Work show us that our country's top education planners now see the school system as a national employment agency and a training ground for the production of docile, obedient, adaptable employees who don't know the difference between opinion and fact, or even right and wrong. Johnny can't read, he can't even think, but he's been told to feel good about himself.

In education, government is the

problem - it will only teach what it wants us to know.

The solution is the complete separation of school and state. The future of education, and of America as a free society, depends on the liberation of the American family from the grip of the public school NEA cartel tag team.

Parents need to support the alternatives and join the many who are sounding the alarms about the current situation (many say disaster) and resisting the government's control over the lives of all citizens.

Walter Kwiatkowski
Plymouth

■ Band priorities

My children attended the Plymouth Canton Community Public Schools from kindergarten through high school. My son graduated from Plymouth Canton and my daughter from Plymouth Salem. Both were athletes in their respective high schools.

Although I no longer have children attending the schools, I have never lost my interest in the sports programs of both schools. Each Thursday and Sunday I read with relish the Observer sports section following the teams.

This brings me to the true point of my letter. The Canton High School Football Team has been great this season, heading into Friday night's contest against Walled Lake Western with a 9-1 record.

Dismay entered the evening when I looked around anticipating the halftime show by our nationally acclaimed band. Where were they? Here we are in the high school football playoffs and the PCEP band is nowhere to be seen. It's nice to participate in marching band competitions and it is a great accomplishment to achieve high scores in all the categories on which they are evaluated, however, football games and marching bands just go together. Performing at halftime, especially when the playoffs begin, should be considered an honor.

There are other organizations at the Park that also compete at the national level, such as the cheer squads, and they were there Friday supporting the team. Remember this is high school. The first line of participation and loyalty ought to be to that high school and its programs.

Let's re-evaluate our perspectives on this issue before another football season rolls around with no marching band.

Molly M. Kilby
Plymouth

■ Facts vs. beliefs

In response to protests against Our Lady of Good Counsel's display of crosses representing abortions, I also am offended. I am offended that we allow 4,400 unborn children to die every year in our country. Your article quoted some who drove by who were offended by the crosses. I cannot fathom why Ms. Sanudor spoke of having "those beliefs shoved down" her throat when she drove by.

There are no "beliefs" represented, only facts. It is not a belief that 4,400 unborn children die every day in America. If you are having a difficult time explaining this to your children, then ask yourself why this is so. Is it because they would be horrified to know the truth? Or is it that you couldn't satisfactorily explain to them why this is allowed to occur?

I am amazed that people are protesting this now. Other churches in our community have done this in past years. Is it that after Sept. 11, it's more difficult to justify some actions previously taken for granted in America? We profess to stand united against violence toward innocent civilians, yet we choose which innocents to protect and which to ignore.

I wonder how bypassers can dare to protest this display. It is no more being forced down their throats than all the Planned Parenthood and pro-choice rhetoric on billboards and bumper stickers is being forced down mine. Remember, freedom of speech works both ways, even if it makes you uncomfortable.

Catherine Shumaker
Plymouth

■ Church was right

The display of 2,200 white crosses and the banner that explains each cross represents two abortions of the 4,400 abortions that take place each day in this land of the free and home of the brave is to be commended, especially in this day of political correctness.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Plymouth received a phone call from me extending my appreciation for their public witness to the sanctity of life. Not only does abortion take a toll on the unborn human baby, but it takes a toll on the woman who submits herself to such inhumanity.

As far as pro-abortion "Catholics" are concerned, they really ought to shop for a new church. Mainline protestants are pro-abortion (forget the rhetoric of "pro-choice" what "choice" does the baby have?).

It is offensive to read about the dissident "catholic" who is put off by the crosses. Maybe next time you could interview the parish members who brought such a thought-provoking message to the community. What more appropriate venue can there be - a Catholic church faithful to the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

Rosemarie G. Denton
Former OLG member

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Federal courts should not be stymied by partisan wrangling

It isn't for nothing that the old saw "What goes around, comes around" is an axiom in politics

Cast your mind back to the days in the Clinton Administration when the Republicans controlled the U S Senate President Clinton nominated two distinguished Michigan lawyers - Court of Appeals Judge Helene White and Dykema Gossett law firm partner Kathleen Lewis - to fill vacancies on the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals



Phil Power

almost certain

But because it's the Senate, informal practice trumps standard procedure

In cases of federal appointments, custom is for the White House to check with the two senators representing the home state of the nominees If they approve - signified by returning a "blue slip" to the White House - the relevant committee holds hearings and the nomination proceeds If a blue slip is not returned, custom dictates that no hearings be held

In the cases of White and Lewis, Michigan Sen Spencer Abraham stood in the way By refusing to return blue slips, he single-handedly kept both nominations pending without hearings No questions or concerns were ever raised about the qualifications of either nominee Judge White's nomination stood without a hearing for four years, longer than any nominee in Senate history, while Lewis' sat for 18 months

Today the shoe is on the other foot Democrats control the Senate, while Republican President George W Bush occupies the White House, anxious to make judicial and other appointments The Sixth Circuit, now with seven vacancies - four from Michigan - out of 16 seats, is hobbled in doing its work Two Michigan senators - Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow - are Democrats with the power to do to the Republican nominees what Abraham did to White and Lewis

So how to break the logjam?

One possibility was signaled in a Nov 1 letter signed by Levin and Stabenow to Judge Alberto Gonzales, White House counsel The Senators say

they are committed to bipartisanship in filling vacancies on the federal courts, "as evidenced by our timely return of blue slips for Jeffrey Collins and Margaret-Mary Chiara, the President's nominees for United States Attorneys in Michigan" But our senators go on to say they cannot, "in good conscience," go along with Sixth Circuit nominees until the unfair treatment of White and Lewis is resolved

Then the Senators invite a deal "Given that there are four Michigan vacancies on the Sixth Circuit, we believe that it should be possible to achieve compromise We believe that a bipartisan commission offers a vehicle for such a compromise" In other words, let's have everybody save face by appointing a commission that would - surprise! - recommend appointment of White and Lewis and two unnamed Republicans to the four vacant seats on the Sixth Circuit

What a good idea! Especially since White House Counsel Gonzales admitted in an Aug 14 interview with CNN "there is a lot of bitterness" about the "logjam" He acknowledged some Republicans placed holds on Clinton nominees "That was wrong," Gonzales said "That's not right Part of this is based on the conduct of Republican senators in the past"

Gonzales then expressed gloom about prospects for getting approval for Bush judicial nominees, predicting no more than five confirmations this year

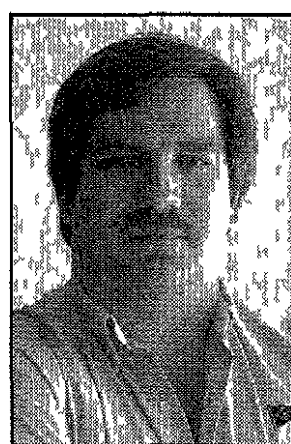
His predictions were confirmed last week, when Bush selected three Michigan judges - Wayne County Judge Susan Bieke Neilson, Court of Appeals Judge Henry Saad, and U S District Judge David McKeague - for his nominations to seats on the Sixth Circuit Both Levin and Stabenow promptly said they couldn't support his nominations until the problems with White and Lewis were settled

Maybe, just maybe, cooler heads are beginning to prevail

The Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals is the federal court that hears cases from Michigan But the court is riddled with vacancies, unable to conduct its business in a timely manner And White and Lewis are still waiting and waiting

Here's hoping our two senators and the White House cut a deal White and Lewis have been treated shabbily and deserve better And our justice system should not be stymied by partisan wrangling

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Brad Kadrich

Martina's spirit as bright in death as it was in life

When Martina Brewer decided to join First Presbyterian Church, the church hierarchy offered to let her forego the usual new-member procedures, classes and the like

True to her spirit, Martina insisted on being treated like any other new member She went through the classes, completed the procedure

Earlier this month, the church had to bid farewell to Martina before they ever got to say hello Martina died while the committee was meeting to approve her membership

"Martina insisted on doing the class," interim associate pastor Jennifer Sadd told a group of about three dozen friends and family at a memorial service for Brewer last week "She wanted to do everything decently and in order"

Folks in Plymouth should remember Martina Brewer The 51-year-old German native spent her last months battling breast cancer in a race to get the American citizenship she'd coveted since coming to the United States with her former husband years before

When the breast cancer showed up, her husband took off, but the indefatigable Brewer didn't let that get her down She not only completed her high school requirements at Starkweather, Plymouth's alternative high school, but she was a driving force there, urging other students to remain focused on their goals

With the help of friends and political allies, Brewer finally realized her goal Oct 11, when she was sworn in as a U S citizen in her small Plymouth Township apartment with dozens of friends on hand After terrible tragedy and personal adversity, her tears flowed and her heart filled

And four days later, she passed away

Yet hers isn't a story of sadness or tears, though

surely there was plenty of both Rather it's a story of triumph, of the human spirit conquering all, of the American dream seen through the eyes of someone who wanted it more than anything else, enough to ward off death to get it

It's a story of celebration, which is what the three dozen or so people at First Presbyterian did last week Martina's sister flew in from Germany, her brother came from South America Friends - those who could escape work for a mid day service - filled the rows

And Sadd, filling in while First Presbyterian searches for a new pastor, delivered a service born of deep knowledge, though she'd only known Brewer a scant time

"Martina was the kind of person who, when you met her, you immediately felt like you'd known her for years," Sadd said "She was that open"

Of Brewer's spirit, Sadd said, "There are those who appear to bear their cross with much grace and dignity Martina was such a person"

The soulful tune of Lee Ann Womack's *I Hope You Dance* played on the sound system, one of Martina's favorite songs The key lyric goes, "If you get a chance to sit it out or dance I hope you dance"

Martina Brewer was struck with breast cancer, abandoned by a husband who had been holding her back, thousands of miles away from her family, but in exactly the place she wanted to be If anyone could have chosen to "sit it out," it would have been Martina Instead, she danced

Rest in peace, Martina You deserve it

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Generous community

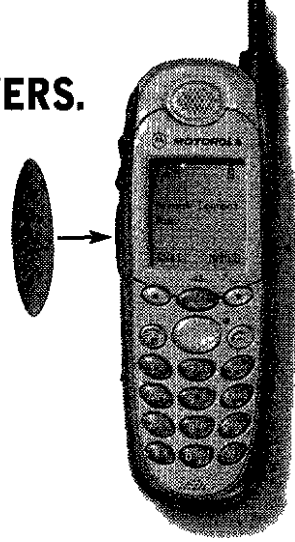
The Plymouth Canton community has again been very generous by contributing costumes to the Halloween Costume Drive held by the Plymouth Canton Kwanis Breakfast Club to benefit C S Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor A special thank you goes to Gags and Games Inc of Livonia, especially Sherril VanDoren and Jim Patison, and the students and staff of Isbister Elementary in Plymouth

The original idea behind the drive was to collect enough costumes for patients at C S Mott Children's Hospital However, because of this generosity, there were enough costumes to also send them to Child and Family Life Services at Children's Hospital in Detroit, Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids, Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, as well as First Step and three elementary schools within the school district

**Janet Ott
Plymouth Canton Kwanis Breakfast Club**

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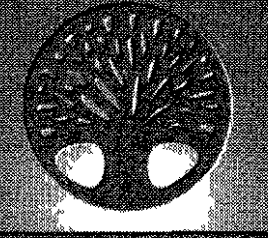
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Oakwood

County from page A1

"The county is opting into the DDA. We do believe it is a very good project for the community. Our staff evaluated every aspect of the project and we determined it is consistent with our goals for that corridor," she said.

The county has until Dec. 9 to opt out of the plan, which must still be approved by the Wayne County Commission.

However, county commissioner Lyn Bankes, who represents Plymouth Township, said the township's assumption that property values will increase 4 percent annually is too optimistic. She said property values haven't gone up more than 3.2 percent since 1995.

"The problem is that the county doesn't believe the township's numbers. We've got a lot of people looking at this, and we can't find anyone that sees projected 4 percent increases," she said.

Mann said the numbers are just preliminary at this point and could change as the DDA evolves.

If the county were to opt out of the plan, it would be the second taxing authority to do so. Schoolcraft College's board of trustees recently voted to opt out. According to Jill O'Sullivan, Schoolcraft's vice president of finance and business affairs, the main reason the school opted out is because it can't afford to lose the projected revenue of several million dollars over 30 years.

"If we were to forego that revenue source and still provide the kind of quality education we are used to providing our students, the only alternative would be to raise tuition every year," she said. "We just felt that wasn't in the best interest of our students."

Last week the Plymouth city commission unanimously voted not to enter into an agreement with the township on the DDA.

Even if the county stays on board, at least one township trustee said the DDA may not see the light of day.

"The project may not go through anyway. I don't know if there are four votes on the (township) board in favor of this," Ron Griffith said. "The only way I will support this is if it is a joint project with the city. Once that fell apart, I quit supporting it. I want it to be a complete project. Without the city's participation, it will be incomplete."

Hunting from page A1

"With so many hunters in the woods, it's important everyone is shooting accurately. You hope everyone is zeroed in and able to hit what they're shooting at. And that's what we're here for," he said.

Lach said club members get a lot of satisfaction when people leave feeling more confident in their abilities, especially those who were way off the mark when they came out.

"We make sure that when they leave they're right on target. They leave us saying 'Thank you, thank you, thank you,'" he said.

Westland resident Bill Bates, who was also at the range Monday, agreed.

"The worst possible scenario is to wound a deer. Especially after you've done all the work to put yourself in the right position to be successful. That's why I come out here," he said.

WWCCA member Jack Hsia, who helps sight in the rifles, says hunters owe it to their quarry to be as accurate as possible.

"We just want to make sure everyone that comes here can hit the center of the target. We don't

want any animals suffering because of poor shooting. We want to make sure they get a clean shot," he said.

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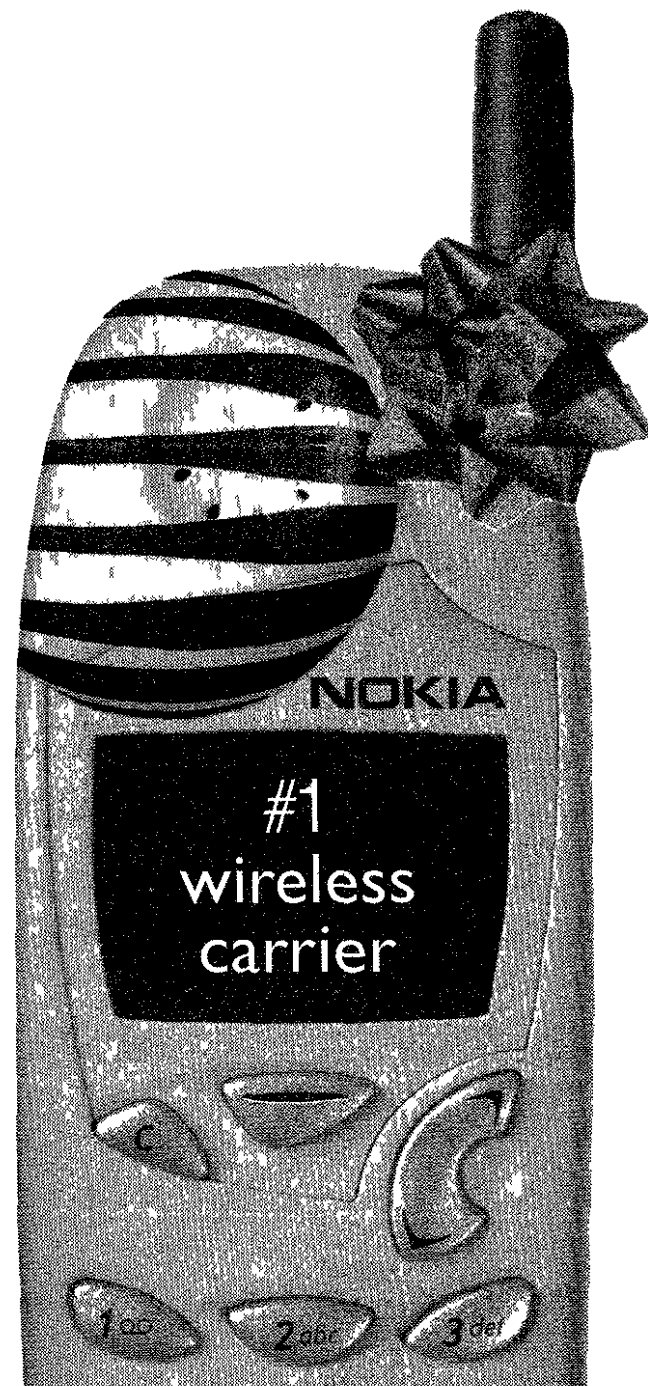
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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY



Season's Greeting, starring Christi Marsico (left), Josh Ekenberry and Shelly Gaza, opens at 8 p.m. at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. Tickets \$12-\$20, call (313) 577-2972.

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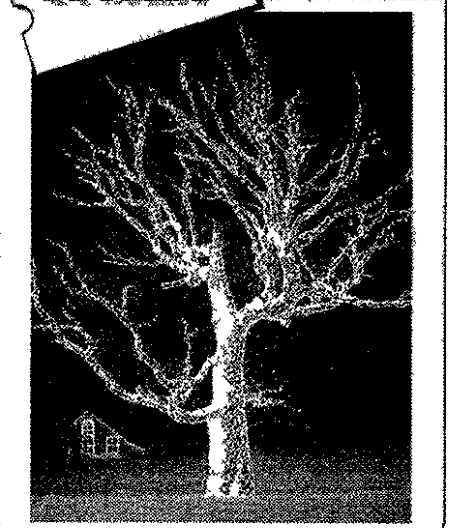


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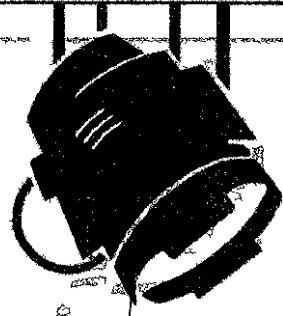


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RADIO CITY'S ROCKETTES CELEBRATE

75 YEARS OF KICKS

BY CHRISTINA FUCO
SPECIAL WRITER

As a Rockette, Marlene Boll has performed on some of the most well known stages in New York City. But none was more important than the one created by her grandchild.

"One of my grandchildren asked me to come to school as a Rockette for show and tell," Boll said with a laugh.

The effervescent Boll, a Rockette in the early 1950s, has been celebrating the holidays with her family and her former dance troupe since the Rockettes began its Christmas Spectacular in Detroit five years ago. This season's run - Friday Saturday, Nov. 23 to Dec. 29, at Detroit's Fox Theatre - celebrates not only the holidays, but the Rockettes' five years in Detroit and the group's 75th year overall.

Like years past, the 90-minute Christmas Spectacular will feature snowmen, reindeer, elves, *Santa's Gonna Rock 'n' Roll*, as well as the yearly *The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers* and *The Living Nativity*.

"What's nice about the Christmas Spectacular is you have the *Wooden Soldiers* and *The Living Nativity* which are long-standing traditions and themes that audiences have enjoyed since 1932. Then, of course, there are a lot of contemporary routines that the Rockettes are featured in. It's nice to have the traditional and some of

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

When: Performance times vary, Friday-Saturday Nov. 23-Dec. 29

Where: Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit

Tickets: \$12-\$57-\$50 with a limited number of gold circle seats. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 433-1515. Groups of 20 or more call (313) 471-3099. For more information, call (313) 471-6611.



JOAN MARCUS

Famous feet: The Rockettes will celebrate five years in Detroit when the 2001 Radio City Christmas Spectacular opens Nov. 23 at the Fox Theatre.

the new stuff," explained Cheryl Hebert, a current Rockette.

"There's a special treat within the show commemorating the 75th anniversary. That's a surprise," she added.

Santa's Gonna Rock 'n' Roll, one of the new numbers, is described by Hebert as "fun and hip."

"The Rockettes have always been an up-to-date precision dance company so the changes have just stayed with the trends of the times basically."

The Rockettes rehearse for the more than 65 Christmas performances for 2 1/2 weeks in October, but they dance and work out throughout the year. Off-season, the group has been featured on *The Late Show With David Letterman*, Super Bowl halftime performances, the World Series and America's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Things were much different for Boll when she was a Rockette. The Grosse Pointe Shores resident worked year-round, four weeks on, one week off, at Radio City Music Hall. The troupe was led by choreographer Russell Market, who founded the Rockettes.

In her time, the Rockettes were restricted to performing routines choreographed by Market. As she watches the current Rockettes, she sees more jazz numbers mixed in with traditional moves.

"Jazz wasn't as popular then as it is now. The routines might be choreographed a little differently. But you still have the wonderful kicks, and the wonderful precision and the great costumes," she said.

"It's nice for me to see it happening and see these wonderful young girls dancing and the Rockettes becoming so popular. When I first came out to Michigan, people in the Midwest and onward, they knew where they were but they weren't as popular as they are now."

Boll, who met her husband while touring with the Rockettes, now makes the Fox Theatre series a yearly family event.

"I think it even has been nice for my children because they can see it first hand here. I have taken them to New York when they were younger. Knowing that they're in Detroit here and having seen them here, it's a little more meaningful for them."

GoGirls Fest: Women rock for music education

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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When it comes to women in music, the Detroit area has fostered plenty of talent. Names like Patti Smith, Madonna and Aretha Franklin come readily to mind.

Last fall, Blush's Amy Anselm found a way to celebrate such talent. She connected with GoGirls, a national organization dedicated to promoting and supporting female artists, and organized a local benefit with a meaningful cause.

Last year's GoGirls Music Fest brought in a constant crowd, filling Ferndale's Magic Bag, and helping raise thousands of dollars for Visions Unlimited.

The Farmington Hills based school for mentally and physically impaired young adults is in need of a music education program and will again be the beneficiary for this local show. Anselm, lead singer and keyboardist for Blush, organized the event.

"Last year's show raised \$4,000," she said. "That was enough to get Visions started. They were able to purchase instruments, have guest musicians come in to teach and go on music-related field trips. They had weekly music

classes and at the end of the year put on their own singing and acting version of *Home Alone* with backdrops and all, which was a complete success. The students involved were excited to rehearse and perform."

"Music has touched these students. I've seen it first hand. It makes them sing, laugh and cry. We are so fortunate, we need to give back."

This year Blush continues the tradition. GoGirls Music Fest boasts a new line-up. "We wanted it to be a little bit more of a variety," said Carey Gustafson, bassist for Blush. "Last year had a common thread. This year we wanted to mix it up."

And so they did. GoGirls will bring the best new female-fronted bands together with some outrageous favorites. From the pop rock candy of newcomers The Nice Device, to the mellow sounds of Slumber Party, from Blush's spacey electro-pop to the outrageous punk antics of the Demolition Doll Rods, this year's show is bound to draw a diverse crowd.

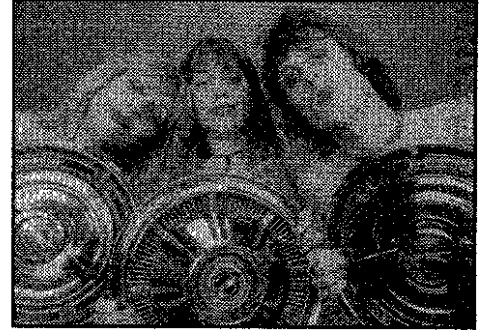
"We wanted to have all Detroit bands, fortunately there are quite a few female-fronted bands on the scene," said Anselm. "It was just a matter of getting the right mix and not having a



GoGirls Fest: Blush is (left to right) Amy Anselm, Phil Skarich, Carey Gustafson and (not pictured) Carey Weaver, Margaret, Christine and Danny Doll. Rod (Below, left to right) are the Demolition Doll Rods.

repeat of last year's show. There will be a few guest MC's for the evening, including Detroit's legend Karen Neal of Queen Bee."

The first 75 people through the doors on Saturday will receive a free copy of a GoGirls compilation CD, featuring Blush. But don't expect quite as many prizes as last year, the spotlight now is on the stage.



JOSEPH SOPKOWICZ

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THEATER

WSU students perform Ibsen's 'A Doll's House'

A Doll's House continues in rotat ing repertory through Dec 15, at Hilber Theater, Detroit Tickets \$12-\$20, call (313) 577-2972

BY PAMELA JOY MCGOWAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Wayne State University performers bring 19th century feminism to audiences in the new millennium with *A Doll's House*

Directed by Edward G Smith, the story revolves around delicate, spoiled Nora (Shelly Gaza), the wife of a bank manager. She is an obedient wife and dutiful mother, but she has a secret — years ago, she borrowed money to care for her ailing husband from a man named Krogstad

(Chad Patrick Smith) and forged her sick father's signature on the contract

She partially confides this secret to her old friend Kristine (Tyla Abercrombie) as though it is the only excitement in her life besides spending money. When she discovers that her secret is more than just a secret, it is also a crime, she begins to panic, fearing her husband Torvald (Dallas E Henry) will find out. As Nora becomes more involved in the blackmail scheme she has fallen prey to, we see her change from a "flitty little bird" to a frightened girl and then, finally, to a confident woman. In the end, it is love that saves Tor-

vald's career, but it is not the love his wife

Shelly Gaza gives an excellent performance as Nora, displaying a wide range of emotions. She begins the play full of energy, selfish and childlike as she coaxes her husband into giving her more money to spend on shopping sprees. She soon becomes desperate and paranoid as she waits for Torvald to find out about her legal infidelity. At the end of the metamorphosis, Gaza is a stronger and more confident Nora who does not hesitate to admit her real feelings to herself and to her husband. There is no point in the production when one does not believe that Gaza truly

is Nora

As the conservative and controlling Torvald, Dallas E Henry is remarkably strong. His character's range, though not as expansive as Nora's, allows the audience to see some passion and humility mixed in with his prevailing uptight persona

He weakens slightly — and quickly reaches for his wallet — when Nora "asks prettily" for some shopping money, but when she accuses him of being petty, he unwinds with a controlled sort of vengeance

Henry's last scene in the play challenges him to perform an almost bipolar array of emotions

in a short time, and the third-year student shines

Interestingly, though it probably was not the intent of Henrik Ibsen, many of Torvald's lines today translate into very chauvinist remarks and drew laughter from the audience. It did play well, taking the sharp edge off of the drama a bit

Other notable performances include Chad Patrick Smith as Krogstad and Seth Amadei as Dr Rank. Smith rises into the drama of the production with his roaring promise to Nora, "If I am hurled into the gutter a second time, I'll take you with me." Meanwhile, Amadei limps in and

out of the scenes, eventually letting Nora in on a little secret of his own

The beautiful set and costumes (right down to the copious mustache of Dr Rank) provide the audience with an understanding of the bourgeois lifestyle into which Torvald and Nora are trying to fit

The sound and lighting were virtually flawless. Edward G Smith has assembled quite a talented cast and crew for this production of *A Doll's House*

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Ours revels in 'Distorted Lullabies'

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Jimmy Gnecco of Ours

Right about now Jimmy Gnecco should be suffering a serious case of homesickness. The New York native hasn't seen home in almost a year since touring with his band, Ours. The band is wrapping its last few weeks headlining a club tour in support of *Distorted Lullabies*, its Dreamworks Records debut. With a hit single in the brooding *Sometimes*, and a buzz spreading like wildfire, Ours might finally be getting the attention the band has long-deserved. Ten years since Gnecco started out, rock fans are finally lending an ear. Here's what the songwriter had to say

Observer & Eccentric Tell me about your earliest memories of music

Jimmy Gnecco: "I remember when I was about 5 years old, driving around with my parents in our van and I was listening at the time to songs on the radio, a lot of '70s acoustic kinds of things. *Dust in the Wind*, songs like that at a real young age really affected me. When I was about 7, I heard John Lennon *Woman Starting Over*. I needed a radio when I was 7. I needed to have my own cassettes."

O&E What was the first record you ever bought?

JG: "Thriller (Michael Jackson). At the time I started to get into Run DMC, their first record. New Edition and Jackson 5 stuff. I had a little 45 record player of my own. I would sit in my room and listen over and over to *Bat Out of Hell*. It was always sad

Sometimes in order to grow, you have to put everything on hold and become a sponge for a while. Sometimes you end up losing your self-confidence."

O&E Was most of the record written around that time?

JG: "*Dizzy, Meet Me in the Tower* and *Here Is the Light* were written then. Everything else was written before."

O&E I really like *Miseryhead*. That was the first song that really stood out on this record, to me

JG: "*Miseryhead* should have been our first or second single, in my eyes."

O&E What inspires you when you write?

JG: "It can be anything. I can be a great record. I can be a great conversation with someone, a beautiful ride through the mountains or through the desert, waking up in a good mood. Or it could be something as terrible as a 7-year-old being crushed by a garbage truck. Just being open to what's around."

O&E You seem to be drawn to sad songs. What is it about sad songs that intrigues you?

JG: "The mixture of minor chords, just the melody you find. Aside from sad songs I've always been interested in arrangements." (He named songs like Olivia Newton-John's *Xanadu*, bands like Abba and legends like David Bowie as early influences.)

O&E Steve Lillywhite (U2, Dave Matthews Band) showed interest in Ours soon after the band was picked up by Dreamworks. Tell me what it was like to work with him?

JG: "He had faith in me right from the jump, which was good. I'd gone through a rough year. There was a lot of excitement about us. I was sitting in my room, questioning what we did

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Novocaine earns lots of laughs

BY SHARON DARGAY
STAFF WRITER

If you want a few laughs next time you go to the dentist, make an appointment with Dr. Frank Sangster.

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Comedian Steve Martin plays the well-to-do Dr. Sangster in the black comedy and crime thriller, *Novocaine*, opening Friday at the Maple Art Landmark Theatre, located on Maple, west of Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills, on Maple, just west of Telegraph.

Martin, known for outlandish characters in his earlier films, takes on the role of a sane orderly "straight man," in this funny, but dark film about an elaborate con job.

When Sangster "breaks the rules" for the first time in his perfect life — becoming involved with a sexy new patient — he finds himself caught in a web of lies and bad decisions that quickly plunge him into a life on the lam for alleged murder and drug trafficking.

Helena Bonham-Carter plays the seductive Susan, who steals drugs from Sangster during an

after office hours tryst.

Sangster, in hot water with the DEA, tries but fails to reclaim the missing narcotics from Susan's violent brother, Duane, played by Scott Caan.

Meanwhile Sangster heaps he upon he in an effort to convince his obsessive-compulsive fiancée and dental assistant, Jean, (Laura Dern), that he is an unwitting victim of Susan and her brother.

And to make matters worse, Sangster's brother, Harlan, (Elias Koteas), is intent on betraying him.

Love smitten dentist and patient are drawn together as Sangster sets out to elude the authorities and prove his innocence. As Sangster's former existence loses its meaning, he realizes that he "was supposed to be someone else," living another kind of life.

To say much more about the plot would rob viewers of the surprising twists in this sharply-written and well acted film.

Its ending will make some viewers cringe, but visiting the dentist has never been so much fun.



Witchy ways: Daniel Radcliffe (left) stars in *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, opening Friday in theaters.

GoGirls from page B1

"We're keeping it way more stripped down," said Gustafson. This year we wanted to keep it strictly bands."

Alicia Berg of Slumber Party said she wasn't sure if the event will have a lasting effect on local women in music, but added "I imagine and appreciate that for at least one night the audience at the Magic Bag will have a heightened awareness of ladies in the rock scene."

When it came to choosing a venue, the decision was easy. The GoGirls organization didn't want Anselm to change a thing.

"The Magic Bag is very conscious of sound quality and has been a great supporter of local music," added Anselm. "The owner's were very generous last year with their accommodations to the bands and with their own generous donations to the cause, Visions."

The Magic Bag's Willie Wilson is looking forward to this year's fest.

"I like the event because it not only celebrates women in music it also helps out a good cause as well," said Wilson. "I think the line-up is a great mix of bands. From the Low-F1 sound of the Doll Rods to the minimalist pop of Slumber Party. Blush and Nice Device kind of fall in some where between the two, kind of pop and kind of rock."

"I think the show reflects the amount of quality female music acts that are out playing in the Motor City, while at the same time showcasing the diversity among the bands."

And if that's not enough to convince you Gustafson put it simply.

"If anything, its just an excellent reason to get a bunch of girls together and play for a good

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THEATER

CENTURY THEATRE: *Fully Committed* continues 1:30 p.m. Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Thursday 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday 5:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday and 1:30 p.m. Sunday at the theater Detroit \$2732 50-\$37 50 (313) 963 9800

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: *Missizy and the Angel Tree* continues to Dec 30, 8:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays 3 and 8:30 p.m., Saturdays and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays at the theater 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit \$15 (313) 868 1347

ELEPHANT PRODUCTIONS: *Party* continues to Sunday Dec 2 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday at 1515 Broadway, Detroit Warning contains nudity \$20 (818 Nov 12) (313) 598 4654 or www.Partyontour.com

FISHER THEATRE: Theodore Bikel in *Fiddler on the Roof* Nov 16-25 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, and 8 p.m. Monday Nov 19 No performance on Thanksgiving Nov 22 at the theater Detroit \$23 50-\$62 50 (248) 645 6666 Groups of 20 or more call (313) 871 1132 For information call (313) 872 1000 or online at www.nederlanderdetroit.com

GEM THEATRE: *Dinner with Friends* continues 2 p.m. Wednesday 8 p.m. Wednesday Friday 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the theater Detroit \$27 50 \$37 50 (313) 963 9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: *Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet* with an Arab Jewish twist Nov 15-18 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday at Aaron DeRoy Theatre in the lower level of the Jewish Community Center 6600 W. Maple at Drake West Bloomfield \$21 \$33 with discounts for seniors and students (248) 788 2900

PERFORMANCE NETWORK: *It's All True* continues to Nov 18 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the theater Ann Arbor \$25 Friday Saturday \$20 Thursday and Sunday (734) 663 0681

COMMUNITY THEATER

BLOOMFIELD PLAYERS: *The King and I* 7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 at Lahser High School Bloomfield Hills \$12 (248) 433 0885

CLARKSTON VILLAGE PLAYERS: *Breaking Legs* a comedy 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday Nov 15 \$12, \$10 Thursday (248) 645 8811

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: The British farce *Habeas Corpus* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 and 23-24 Nov 30-Dec 1, Dec 7-8, and Thursday Dec 6 and 2 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 25 and Dec 2 West Bloomfield Civic Theater Inside Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road between 14 and 15 Mile Note Due to sexual innuendo not recommended for children under age 12 \$13 (248) 219-0800

MT. ZION THEATRE: *See How They Run* a farce 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 at the Mt. Zion Center for Performing Arts, Waterford \$8 advance \$7 students/seniors and groups of 20 or more \$10 day of performance (248) 391 6166

PARK PLAYERS: *To Kill a Mockingbird* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 at the North Rosedale Community House Detroit \$12 \$10 students/seniors (313) 835-1103

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN: *The Goodbye Girl* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 and 23-24 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 and 25 at the theater Dearborn \$14 all seats reserved (313) 561 TKT5

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: *Little Women* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 and 23-24 and 6 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 at the Water Tower Theatre 41001 W Seven Mile, Livonia \$10 \$7 children ages 18 and younger (248) 349 7110

PUPPETART: *Journey to Asamando the Land of the Dead* features actors, dancers Senegalese drummer singers and puppets based on West African folk tale 8 p.m. Saturday Nov 17 24 and Dec 1 at the Detroit Puppet Theater \$10 reservations suggested (313) 961 7777



Lighten up: Get in the holiday spirit with a drive through the St. Nicholas Light Display, opening Friday, Nov. 16, at Domino's Farms, Earhart Road, one-half mile east of US-23 in Ann Arbor. From the 18-foot angel who declares "Let there be peace" to the Toy Soldiers pointing you in the right direction, the experience will be a highlight of the holiday season. The Tunnel of Lights features a symphony of dancing lights over 400 feet long. The Winter Wonderland includes 45 festive trees, each decorated in a different theme. The display is open 5:30-9:30 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 5:30-10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday from Friday, Nov. 16 to Monday, Dec. 31. Admission is \$7 per car Monday-Thursday, \$9 per car Friday-Sunday, \$100 per bus, \$50 per minibus, \$25 per limousine, with proceeds donated to children- and family-focused charities. Call (734) 930-4430.

RIDGEDALE PLAYERS: Featuring radio shows from Orson Welles *Mercury Theater Escape Theater Inner Sanctum* and more 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 at the theater 205 West Long Lake between Livernois and Crooks \$12 \$11 seniors/students for Sunday performances (248) 988-7049

VANGUARD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: *I Want My Music* Now a 21st century HipHopera/Urban Opera about two African American families 7 p.m. Friday Nov 16 at Sherrard K8 School 8300 Cameron Detroit \$5 \$3 children (313) 526 0571

VILLAGE PLAYERS: *The Lion in Winter* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 and 23-24 and 2 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 at the theater Birmingham \$14 (248) 644 2075

DINNER THEATER

ANGEL FOOD CAFE: *The Great Ypsilanti Train Robbery of 1916 An Evening of Historical Lucense* 5:15 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. Friday, Dec 7 at the restaurant 6 West Michigan Avenue Ypsilanti \$39 95 and include a gourmet 3-course dinner Advance ticket purchase and meal selection required (734) 483-0135

COLLEGE THEATER

HILBERRY THEATRE: The comedy *Season's Greeting* opens Nov 16 and continues in rotating repertory to Feb 2 *A Doll's House* continues in rotating repertory through Dec 15 *The Learned Ladies* continues to Nov 29, at the theater Detroit \$12 \$20 (313) 577 2972

ROCHESTER COLLEGE THEATRE: *The Glass Menagerie* 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday Nov 15-17 and 3 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 Westside-Central Auditorium on campus 800 West Avon Road Rochester Hills \$8 \$5 students (248) 218 2051

THEATRE COMPANY: *The Last Train to Nibroc* opens Nov 15 and continues to Dec 2 in the OnStage Theatre on the campus of University of Detroit Mercy (313) 993 6461 or (313) 993 1130

U-M THEATRE: *The Secret Rapture* Thursday Sunday Nov 15-18 in the Mendelssohn Theatre Ann Arbor (734) 764-2538

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

BLOOMFIELD HILLS ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL: *Annie Get Your Gun* 7:30 p.m. Thursday Saturday Nov 15-17 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 on Long Lake Road west of Telegraph \$10 \$8 upper balcony (248) 645 4679

CAPA: The Creative and Performing Arts program present *Brigadoon* 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday Nov 15-17 at Churchill High School Livonia \$6 \$8 (734) 523 8841

DETROIT PUPPET THEATRE: *Kolobok* a Russian version of *The Gingerbread Man* 2 p.m. Saturdays in November at the theater Detroit \$7 \$5 children (313) 961 7771

MARQUIS THEATRE: *Charlotte's Web* 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday Nov 17-18 24-25 Dec 12 8-9 15-16, and 29-30 and Jan 5-6 12-13 and 19-20 and Wednesday Friday Dec 26-28 at the theater Northville \$7 50 No children under age 3 (248) 349 8110

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS: *Stuart Little* Saturday Sunday Nov 17-18 24-25 Dec 12 and 8-9 Saturdays lunch at noon show at 1 p.m. Sundays lunch at 1 p.m. show at 2 p.m. at the Theatre Guild of Livonia Redford 15138 Beech Daly Redford \$8 50 includes lunch (810) 344 7774

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE: *The Shoemaker and the Elves* 7 p.m. Friday Nov 16 11 a.m. 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 17 and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 at the theater 400 Lone Pine Road Bloomfield Hills \$6 half of the proceeds will go to the Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit (248) 644 0527

SPECIAL EVENTS

AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE: Celebrate 75 years of spirit with the annual parade 10 a.m. Thursday Nov 22 Woodward Avenue Detroit General grandstand tickets available \$25 Jubilee grandstand tickets a step off of the TV zone and including commemorative seat cushion \$60 (248) 645 6666

DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: The Detroit premiere of *LaMumba* voted Best Feature at the Pan African Film Festival in Los Angeles 7 p.m. Thursday Nov 15 Detroit \$10 (313) 833 4005

BENEFITS

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA DESIGNER SHOWHOUSE: The French manor home opens Nov 17 in Bloomfield Hills hours through Dec 9 are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily except Thanksgiving Day Last tour of the day starts at 3 p.m. \$20 at door \$18 advance (313) 576 5154 or (313) 576 5155 Gala Premiere Party 6-8 p.m. Friday Nov 16 reservations by Nov 12 \$150-\$500 (313) 576 5154

Don't miss: Rulo Keely (below) open for Super-chunk, with Aerogramme 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov 17, Magic Stuck, Detroit Tickets for this 18 and older show are \$12 Call (248) 645 6666



FIGHT NIGHT AT THE PALACE: Light heavyweights Ka Dy King vs Rasheed Lee and heavyweights Ricky Womack vs a fighter to be announced 8 p.m. Friday Nov 23 The Palace of Auburn Hills \$15 \$25 (248) 645 6666

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE
Theatrical presentation of an old time radio broadcast 2 p.m. Saturday Sunday Dec 8-9 15-16 Second City Theatre Detroit \$8 \$12 (248) 645-6666

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR Starring the Rockettes times vary Friday Nov 23 through Saturday Dec 29 Fox Theatre Detroit \$15 \$57 50 (313) 471 6611

REDFORD THEATRE: *My Fair Lady* Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 with guest organist Tony O'Brien 8 p.m. Friday and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday organ overtures begin 30 minutes earlier at the theater 17360 Lahser Road at Grand River Redford \$3 (313) 534-1954

TRAVELS WITH A NATURALIST: West Bloomfield Parks ranger/naturalist Jonathan Schechter 7:30 p.m. Friday Nov 16 at Stony Creek Metropark Nature Center No charge but a Metropark vehicle entry permit is required (810) 781 4621

WWF LIVE: 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 1 Joe Louis Arena Detroit \$20 \$40 (248) 645 6666

WORLD MUSIC

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Students present a concert 3 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 in Kresge Hall on campus, 36600 Schoolcraft at Levan Livonia Admission is free but donations will be accepted for the music scholarship fund For information call (734) 432 5709

OPERA

MICHIGAN OPERA THEATRE: Presents the Armenian opera *Anoush* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16-17 and 2 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 at the Detroit Opera House 1526 Broadway (313) 237 SING or (248) 645-6666

CHORAL

THE MADRIGAL CHORALE OF SOUTHFIELD: 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 1 Old St. Mary Church at St. Antoine and Monroe in Greentown Detroit \$15 \$18 (810) 465 5973

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: If you are a musician in grades 1-12 with at least one year of experience and interest in youth orchestra the Livonia Youth Philharmonic is holding auditions after Nov 17 for its winter semester beginning Jan 5 (734) 591 7649

GOODWILL ANTIQUES SHOW: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday Nov 16 until 6 p.m. Saturday Nov 17 and 5 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 in the Michigan Mart Building on the Michigan State Fairgrounds Detroit \$8 \$7 seniors Preview tickets for party Thursday Nov 15 \$80 \$200 (313) 886 6787 or online at www.goodwilldetroit.org

HOLIDAY TABLES: Holiday tables at the historic Cranbrook House patron teas 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Thursday Nov 15 (\$50) at Neiman Marcus And 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday Saturday, Nov 16-17 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 (\$10 advance \$12 at door) at Cranbrook House 380 Lone Pine Road Bloomfield Hills (248) 645 3147

HOUSE FOR THE HOMELESS: House DJs spin for Capuchin Soup Kitchen fundraiser including D Wynn Mike Huckaby Minx Tommy Onyx Kelvin Larkin, Delano Smith Derek Plaslaiko, Franki Juncaj and DJ Shortround also fashions by Tina Tomicac Michele Swanson and Camilo with refreshments from the Majestic Cafe 8 p.m. Friday Nov 23 CPOP Gallery, Detroit \$10 donation at the door 21 and older (313) 833 9901

MADONNA UNIVERSITY CONCERT: The university's Social Work Association and the Beta Gamma Chapter of the Phi Alpha National Social Work Society present a concert 7 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 the Michigan Flute Orchestra plays holiday music and flute classics from around the world in Kresge Hall on campus Livonia \$10 \$5 students and children under age 12 and available at the door Proceeds will benefit local social service organizations (734) 432 5553

CLASSICAL

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY OF DETROIT: Pianists Emanuel Ax and Yefim Bronfman perform recital 8 p.m. Thursday Nov 15 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School Beverly Hills \$18 \$67 \$15 students (248) 855 6070

DEARBORN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Joint conductor Kypros Markou and the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra as they spot light Polish music and a world premier in honor of Detroit's 300th birthday 8 p.m. Friday Nov 16 program features Polish violinist Anna Karkowska performing Wieniawski's *Violin Concerto No. 2* on a rare Guarnerius del Gesu instrument plus the premiere of *Detroit Thru the River of Time* written by James Walters for orchestra and children's choir at the Ford Community and Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Avenue and Greenfield Dearborn \$25 \$5 students (313) 565 2424

DOREE STRING QUARTET: Plays popular and light classical selections 12:15 p.m. Thursday Nov 15 in the atrium of Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Five Mile east of Farmington Road Brown bag lunches welcome Tea and coffee provided (734) 466 2197

LIVONIA YOUTH PHILHARMONIC: Concert 1 p.m. Saturday Nov 17 at Stevenson High School 33500 Six Mile west of Farmington Road Livonia \$6 \$3 seniors/students (734) 591 7649 or online at www.LYPM.org

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PAT MCDUNN: 8:11 p.m. Friday, at Duke Humphries Rochester Hills No cover (248) 601 1100 (Irish)

DANCE

MOON DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands featuring swing fox trot waltz cha cha and Latin 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturdays at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile \$5 (248) 967 1428

RHYTHM N' SHOES: Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with DJ, 8:30-10:30 p.m. Thursdays at the club 2172 Franklin Road Bloomfield Hills \$7 (248) 334-0299

NOVI THEATRES: Auditions for Children's Annex (ages 10-13) for *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* 4 p.m. Monday Tuesday Nov 19-20, at the Novi Civic Center Stage \$125 fee if cast (248) 347 0400

YOUNG ARTIST CONCERT SERIES: Auditions for young Jewish musical talent Sunday Nov 18 applicants should be serious music students with plans to pursue a career in music performance. They should be in the process of preparing for auditions to college music conservatories and/or graduate programs. For an application and audition time call (248) 851 1100 ext 3150 or online at www.cantordubov.org

POPS/SWING/ CABARET

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Now Playing on Broadway* features the DSO's Pops and a trio of seasoned vocalists 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov 15 8:30 p.m. Friday Saturday, Nov 16-17 and 3 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 at Orchestra Hall Detroit \$15-\$51 (313) 576 5111

TOM ALLPORT BIG BAND: 9 p.m. Monday Nov 19, at the Bird of Paradise Ann Arbor \$5 cover (734) 662 8310 (big band swing bop) Bird of Paradise Orchestra returns from European tour Nov 26

JAZZ/BLUES

A JAZZY FEAST: Featuring key boardist Alex Bugnon guitarist Joyce Cooling and saxophonist Dave McMurray each touring in support of their latest release, 8 p.m. Saturday Nov 17 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre \$25-\$47 50 for reserved seating (248) 645 6666 Gold Circle VIP seat, including an afterglow with the artist available by calling (248) 544-7949

MONTY ALEXANDER TRIO: Friday Saturday Nov 16-17, at the Bird of Paradise Ann Arbor \$25 \$15 students with ID in advance (734) 662 8310

B'JAZZ VESPER: Kathy Kosins 6-8 p.m. Sunday Nov 18 at First Baptist Church 300 Willets at Bates Birmingham

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Bird of Paradise Ann Arbor \$5 cover (734) 662-8310

LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday at the Bird of Paradise Ann Arbor \$5 cover (734) 662 8310

TUTU JONES: Thursday Nov 29 at the Firefly Club Ann Arbor (734) 665 9090

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: Vocalist Judi Cochill 8-11:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov 21 Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt Road (734) 762 7756

LARRY NOZORO JAZZ QUINTET: Perform 8 p.m. to midnight Mondays at Mitch House's Food & Spirits Livonia (734) 425 5520 or visit the Web site at www.larrynozero.com

JEAN LUC PONTY: 8 p.m. Saturday Nov 17 at Music Hall for the Performing Arts Detroit \$22 50 (313) 963 2366

TONY POPE'S N'ORLEANS SIX: 3-6 p.m. every other Saturday at S.K. Brewer's Food and Spirits Southfield \$6 cover Food available during show and dinner hour (248) 476-2674

FOLK/ ACOUSTIC

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U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor \$2 (734) 763-6984

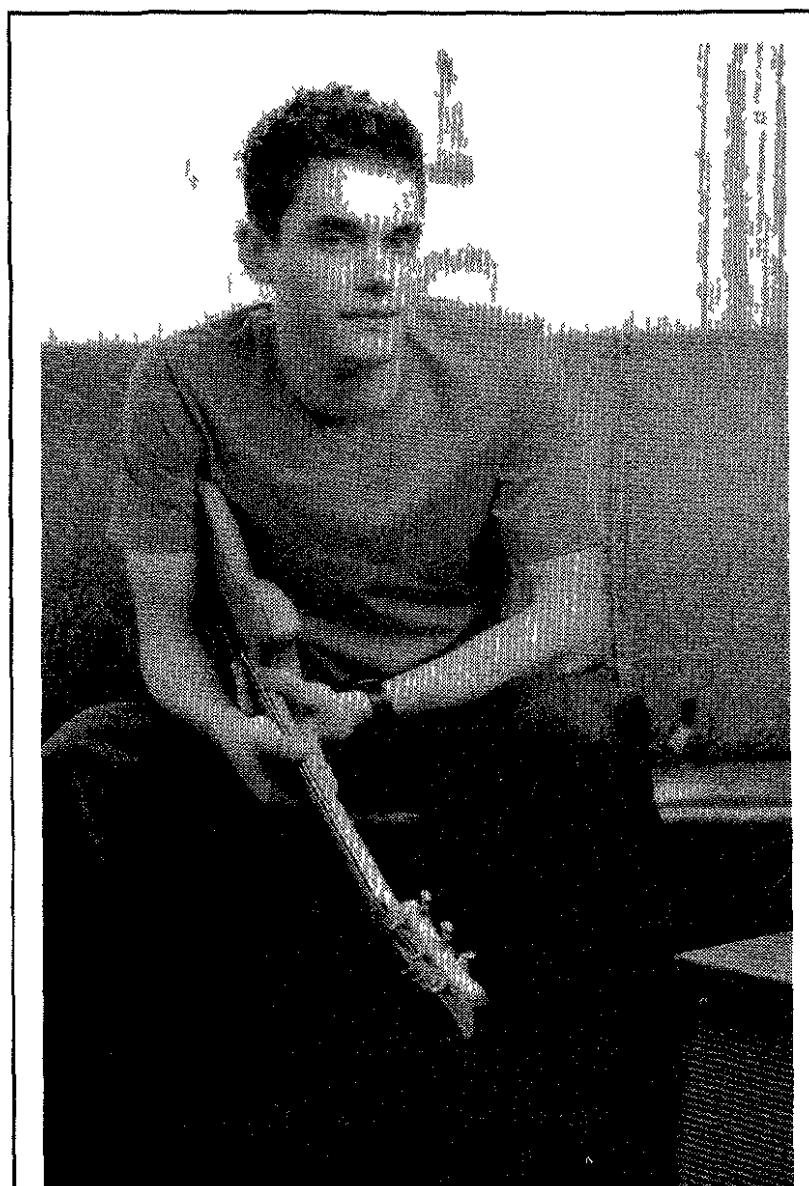
COMEDY

ANN ARBOR COMEDY SHOWCASE: Kenny Rogerson Thursday Saturday, Nov 15-17, at the club, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080
FOX THEATRE: Rick Smiley head lines the Def Comedy Jam, with Mike Epps, Ricky Harns, Honest John and DJ Showtime, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec 30, Fox Theatre, Detroit \$32.50 \$42.50. Tickets for Sept 15 performance will be honored (248) 645-6666
HIT AND RUN THEATRE: Improv comedy night 7-15 p.m. Monday Nov 19, at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford \$5 (313) 531-0554
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S: Jackson Perdue Friday Sunday Nov 15-18, Ruben Ruben Friday Sunday, Nov 23-25, at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road Dearborn (313) 584-8885
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CLUB:

THE ALLIGATORS: 10 p.m. Friday, Nov 16, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak (248) 543-4300
GREG ALLMAN AND FRIENDS: 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan 3, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak. \$28 (248) 645-6666
ART OF FACT: Thursday Friday, Nov 15-16, Major Tooley's, Northville (248) 465-1680
ATALAYA: With The Jinx, Erica, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov 23, 313 JAC upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit \$5 (313) 962-7067
JIMMY ATTO: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec 22, Coyote Club Pontiac Free (248) 332-HOWL
BARBARA BARRETT: 9 p.m., Saturday, Dec 15, Coyote Club, Pontiac Free. (248) 332-HOWL
BETTER DAYS: 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov 17, Coyote Club, Pontiac Free (248) 332-HOWL
BETTER THAN EZRA: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov 16, Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak \$20-\$22 All ages (248) 645-6666
BLUE OYSTER CULT: With Foghat, April Wine, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec 2, The Palace of Auburn Hills \$15-\$25 (248) 645-6666
BLUE SUIT TRIO: Featuring Doug

GO GIRLS MUSIC FEST: Featuring Demolition Doll Rods a final performance by Blush Slumber Party, The Nice Device, 8 p.m. Saturday Nov 17, Magic Bag Ferndale \$10 to benefit Visions Unlimited a public school for physically and mentally impaired young adults in Farmington Hills Giveaways and prizes throughout the night and a surprise guest emcee Call (248) 544-3030
HAPPENSTANCE: Saturday Nov 17, Carriage House Detroit \$5 21 and older (313) 535-3440
HARRY CHRONIC JR.: With 19 Wheels, 9 p.m. Friday Nov 23 Magic Bag, Ferndale (248) 544-3030
JOHN HIATT: With The Goners 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov 25 Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak 18 and older \$30 (248) 645-6666
AL HILL TRIO: 9 p.m. Wednesday Nov 21, 336 Main Plymouth (734) 454-6500
IMMUNITY: 10 p.m. Saturday Nov 17, Cavern Club, Ann Arbor (734) 332-9900
JIM MCCARTY & MYSTERY TRAIN: 7 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 16 17

JUDAS PRIEST: With Anthrax Iced Earth tour is rescheduled to 8 p.m. Wednesday Feb 6 The Palace of Auburn Hills \$18.50 \$29.50 Tickets for the original date will be honored or may be refunded at the point of purchase (248) 645-6666
THE JULIANA THEORY: With Showoff Movie Life 7 p.m. Monday Dec 3 St Andrew's Hall Detroit All ages \$10 (248) 645-6666
KEN MURPHY TRIO: 7 p.m. Wednesday Nov 21 Fox and Hounds Bloomfield Hills All ages Free (248) 644-4800
KING CRIMSON: With John Paul Jones of Led Zeppelin 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 1 Royal Oak Theatre Royal Oak \$36 (248) 645-6666
GARY KOMSIC: 9 p.m. Saturday Dec 1 Coyote Club Pontiac Free (248) 332-HOWL
LOKI: With Inner Recipe Thursday Dec 20 Emerald Theatre Mount Clemens (734) 996-8555
LUDACRIS: 9 p.m. Friday Nov 16 Majestic Theatre Detroit 18 and older \$27 (248) 645-6666
MAGGIE'S FARM: 9 p.m. Saturday Nov 24 Dec 8 Coyote Club Pontiac Free (248) 332-HOWL



Sound off: Even if you haven't heard the latest by John Mayer, titled *Room for Squares*, don't miss his performance 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov 15, Clutch Cargo, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Tickets for this all ages show cost \$15. Call (248) 645-6666

TOURS

AUTOMOTIVE HALL OF FAME: Meet and mingle with some of the top women in racing at *Women Inspired by the Auto Racing 2001* 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov 15, at the Automotive Hall of Fame, Dearborn \$50 (313) 240-4000
CRANBROOK INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE: Mostly Music a hands on interactive exhibit that offers opportunities to listen to music from different eras and countries, and experiment with various instruments while learning about harmony and dissonance, tone and pitch, and rhythm and synthesizers, continues to Jan 6, at the museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills \$7 adults, \$4 children ages 4-17, students with ID and senior citizens ages 65 and older, free for children ages 3 and younger 1-877-462-7262 or www.cranbrook.edu
DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Sunday lecture series continues in conjunction with the *Polish Presence in Detroit* exhibit, "Poles and World War II" and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov 18 with Karen Majewski, executive secretary of the Polish American Historical Association, at the museum Free with regular museum admission (313) 833-1419
DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS: Continues its Friday night program ming 6-9 p.m. Friday Nov 16, at the museum (313) 833-7900
HENRY FORD MUSEUM/GREENFIELD VILLAGE: IMAX movies "N Sync and Super Speedway" continue at the museum, Dearborn (313) 271-1620
MEADOW BROOK HALL: Tours continue through June 1 30 p.m., Monday Sunday, and 2 30 p.m. and 3 30 p.m. Sunday, teas 3-4 30 p.m. Tuesday Nov 20, Jan 15, Feb 19 (\$30, prepaid reservations required) Family Fun Days 10-11 30 a.m. Saturday, Nov 27 at the hall in Rochester \$4 (Family Fun Days), reservations required (248) 370-3140 or www.meadowbrookhall.org

LIVE MUSIC

THE ALBUM LEAF: With Halon Saturday Nov 24 CPOP Gallery Detroit (313) 833-9901
AL CARMICHAEL: 7 p.m. Monday, Nov 19, Fox and Hounds Bloomfield Hills All ages Free (248) 644-4800

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DARK STAR ORCHESTRA: 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec 27 Royal Oak Theatre, Royal Oak \$16-\$19 All ages (248) 645-6666
DELIVERY BOYS: Wednesday, Friday-Saturday Nov 21, 23-24, Major Tooley's, Northville (248) 465-1680
THE DEREK TRUCKS BAND: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 27, Magic Bag, Ferndale \$15 (248) 544-3030
DJ FOOD: 10 p.m. Friday, Nov 30, Motor Lounge Hamtramck 18 and older, (248) 645-6666
D-12: With Kottonmouth Kings, Bionic Jive, Sunny Ledford, 7 30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov 21, State Theatre, Detroit All ages \$25 (248) 645-6666
ELECTRIC KRINGLE JINGLE: Featuring Jay Z, Craig David, Jessica Simpson 112, LFO, City High Willa Ford, Jamie Lynn Sigler (HBO's Meadown Soprano), and more, with host MTV's Bran McFayden, satellite guests Pink, Enrique Iglesias O Town, Saturday, Dec 1, The Palace of Auburn Hills \$39 31 and up (248) 645-6666
ECHO AND THE BUNNYMEN AND THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS: 9 p.m. Saturday Nov 24, Majestic Theatre, Detroit 18 and older \$25 (248) 645-6666
FACE: With Rev. 2 Days Straight, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov 16, Magic Bag, Ferndale \$6 (248) 544-3030
FANTASTIC VISIONS: Featuring Paradime, Dirty Americans, Riot In Progress, Some Assembly Required, and celebrating the release of Matt Busch's new book, 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov 15, Emerald Theatre, Mt Clemens, \$5. All ages (810) 913-1920
45 CENTS: With Don't Ask, Throwaway Kids, Citizen's Arrest, 9 30 p.m. Saturday, Nov 17 313 JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit \$5 (313) 962-7067
FUEL: With Sevendust, Nonpoint, 7 30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, State Theatre, Detroit All ages. \$26 50 (248) 645-6666
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PETE YORN: With Remy Zero 8 p.m. Tuesday Dec 4, St Andrew's Hall Detroit All ages \$15 (248) 645-6666

SQUEEZE THE DAY



LYNN WALDSMITH PAWLIK

Beauty is in the eyes of a child

One of the nice things about having kids is that you get to re-live your childhood in little bits and pieces

I was thinking about this the other day after I looked at the mess Mother Nature had left on our front lawn. The day before I had spent the better part of two hours raking mounds of leaves into the street. I felt a small sense of accomplishment when the yard finally resumed some semblance of looking neat and tidy.

But here it was the next morning, and you never would have known the difference. The grass was carpeted with even more leaves than there had been the day before. I peered out the window at the two majestic maple trees towering overhead and sighed. They were only about half-done. Multitudes of golden leaves were still to come, not to mention all the hordes that lay in waiting in the backyard. My back and arms ached from all that raking. My hand still smarted from the splinter that I got from holding the rake.

But my children had a completely different reaction.

"Cool!" my 5-year-old daughter said upon seeing the latest blanket of leaves to cover our tiny parcel of earth. "Let's make a pile!"

And there lies the great divide between adulthood and childhood. We tend to look at things like leaves and automatically think of the work they represent, or worry about how long it will be before they're gone for good. But when you have children running, jumping and burying themselves in mountains of leaves with glee, you can't help but stop and enjoy the gorgeous spectrum of autumn color.

Child's play

When your kids don inner tubes from the drained kiddie pool and actually plunge into the leaves like it's shimmering, cool water on a sweltering summer's day, you have no choice but to toss aside any cynicism for the moment and enjoy fall's brief beauty unfold.

Funny how simple, everyday things like leaves, or clouds, or bugs can sometimes allow you to see the world through the eyes of a child. To them, leaves aren't a mess to clean up or an obligation to fulfill. When you're a kid, clouds don't get in the way, to borrow a phrase from the classic Joni Mitchell song. They're mysterious and fanciful, they come in wonderful shapes of animals and fairy tale characters. When you're a child, fire flies are magic. Ladybugs are fascinating creatures, not annoying pests that invade your home.

Once we were walking through a parking lot when my daughter suddenly stopped dead in her tracks. "Mooomm," she oohed in pure amazement, "look at the rainbow!"

I gazed up, but it was a sunny day and I didn't have the slightest idea what she was talking about. Then I realized she was staring down at the pavement. It was just an oil stain, but she was mesmerized by the blurry watercolor-like rings inside of it.

Something similar happened again recently when my 2-year-old came up to me in the kitchen and kept saying, "Shooting star. Shooting star." I gazed out the window into the darkness, but it was a misty night with heavy clouds and patchy fog. There were no stars in sight.

"Shooting star. Shooting star." Finally I picked her up and held her so we could look out the kitchen window together. "There are no stars out tonight. Erin. See?"

Then she pointed her finger at the street light in the distance. "Right there," she whispered in awe. "Shooting star."

I looked again. The combination of the haze outside and condensation on the window made the street light appear like a beautiful star radiating streams of light.

"Wow, you're right Erin," I told her. "It is a shooting star."

Sure, raking leaves is a royal pain. But at least I can occasionally return to the wonder years through the eyes of my children and appreciate the splendor of fall.

Winter's coming soon. Maybe they'll help me appreciate snow.

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Burger focuses on the child



Creative: Quinn Ebner of Canton paints a glove blue with the help of Cindy Bailey, a teacher assistant at Burger School for the Autistic. Behind them is fellow classmate Caleb Grove of Garden City.

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
SPECIAL WRITER

Education at Burger School for the Autistic does not begin or end with academics. Academics are somewhere between coping strategies and life skills — both equally important components for people diagnosed with autism.

"Burger School is for autistic children who need center-based education to reach their potential," said Mary O'Neill, director of secondary education at the Garden City school. "We have a wealth of resources at our fingertips, including teachers with over 25 years of experience in autism. We have a depth of perception other schools can't match."

Autism is a neurological disorder that impairs the development of a person's ability to communicate and interact with others, according to the Autism Society of America. More than 500,000 people in the United States have been diagnosed and the number is rising steadily.

People with autism may display repeated body movements like rocking or hand flapping. They may show a sensitivity to one or more of the five senses: sight, hearing, touch, smell and taste. Or, they may act and look just like you.

"That's the thing with autism. There is a wide range in the severity," said Coralee Ott, president of the Autistic School Association and parent of an autistic child at Burger.

Atypical behaviors

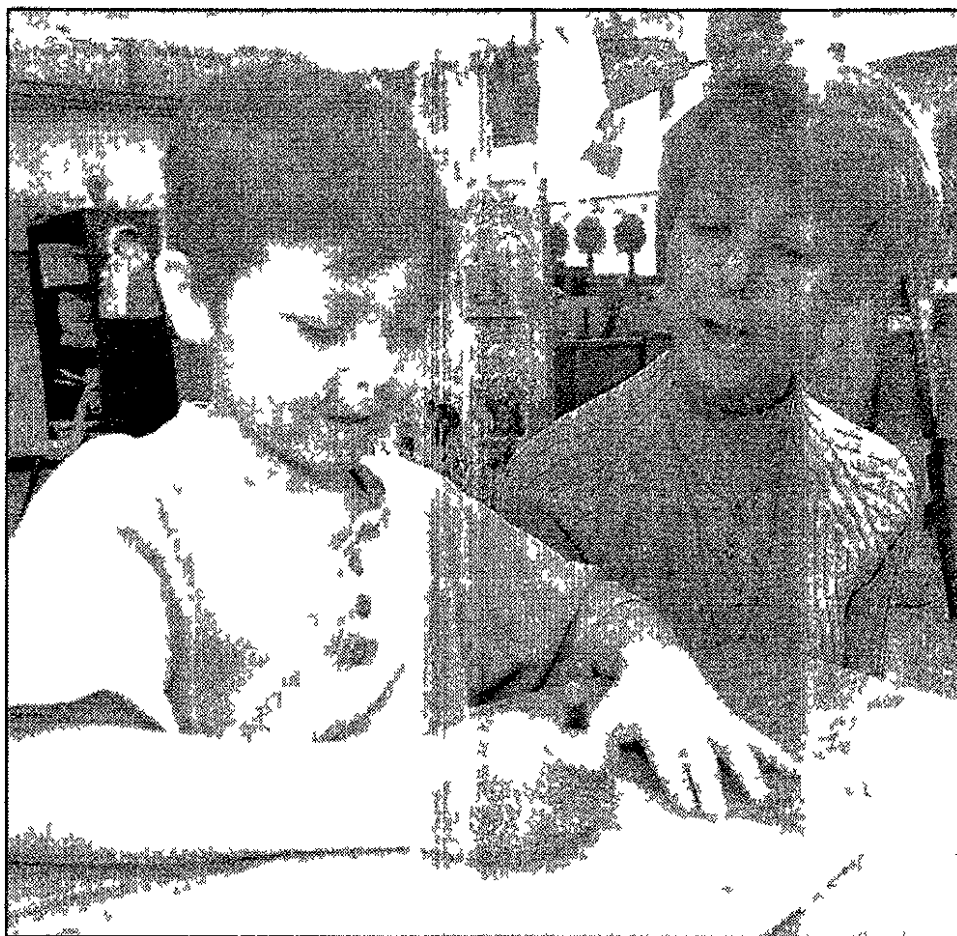
Not every person affected with autism will exhibit atypical behaviors. In fact, some autistic children complete the early elementary school years undetected. They have only slight delays in language development and stay to themselves rather than engage in group play, characteristics that some non-autistic children share.

Autistic children don't necessarily look different than other children. If that were the case, the disorder would be much easier to identify (see related sidebar).

While research indicates that children start displaying autistic traits at the age of 3, there is no definitive cause. Some people blame medical injections while others believe it is carried in the genetic make-up. Even more puzzling is how the disability manifests in families.

O'Neill shed some light on her student body.

"Of the twins we have here, when they are identical, we have both of them, but when they are fraternal, we only have one," she said. "The other fraternal twin does not have autism. And it's important to point out that all



STAFF PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY

Assignment: Teacher Diane Pitt and Jonathon Walker, of Garden City, talk through a spelling lesson.

of these (Burger) children had normal births," she added.

Autism has no cure, but autistic people can be integrated into society with the right education and intervention. Burger School staff provide the education and they work together with families to provide intervention, but they are only one option.

Parents can opt to put their child in regular neighborhood schools, and many parents do. Those parents believe mainstreaming, or integrating the children in the general population for some classes, is the best way to prepare their child for life. Other parents place their child in a regular classroom full time — a method called inclusion.

Regardless of what setting parents believe is the best fit for their child, every parent agrees that it should be their choice. Realistically, however, not every parent has a choice because schools like Burger are rare and space is limited. With a student to teacher ratio of 5:1, some students remain on a waiting list.

A waiting list is a testament to our success, said O'Neill. "We have a wonderful track record."

According to O'Neill, her staff has one goal — to make kids fit in.

"We want to make the kids fit into the neighborhood, fit into the work place," she said.

Successful

In operation for 28 years, Burger graduates are successfully employed at local retailers, restaurants and mom and pop stores. Seventy-six percent of past graduates are in work-related placements, earning a pay check and paying taxes. "We are very proud of our program," boasted O'Neill.

Under the auspices of Garden City Public Schools, Burger services 280 students from 34 school districts in Wayne County. Students learn to read, write and do math, but they also learn how to identify what they are feeling and how to interact appropriately with others. Auditory learning takes a back seat to visual learning.

"Children with autism have difficulty with auditory (verbal) learning," explained Char Bialach, a Burger speech pathologist. "Students become overwhelmed with auditory direction which can lead to emotional and behavioral problems."

To accommodate the students' learning needs, people who work with autism

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There's no red flag for diagnosing autism

BY LAURIE HUMPHREY
SPECIAL WRITER

Autism ranked third in developmental disabilities behind mental retardation and cerebral palsy, is not always easy to identify. Even those who work with children or the disabled can be caught off guard.

Nicholas Bair, 8, was diagnosed autistic at the age of 2. He did not exhibit the unusual body movements or uncontrollable behavior. He was just slower than his older sister in developing language skills. His father, a pediatrician, and his mother, a former special education teacher, did not think much of it.

"The speech therapist explained that boys' verbal skills are just behind girls," said Christina Bair. "So we had her work with Nicholas. When he was just over 2, the therapist noticed that it wasn't just delayed speech."

Christina and her husband signed Nicholas up for a battery of tests, including CAT scans, hearing tests and blood tests.

We needed to rule out any physical problems, she reasoned.

Test results indicated that Nicholas was a normal healthy toddler.

"We lived next door to a child psychologist (at the time) and she didn't even notice that there was anything wrong," said Christina. Looking back,

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Hands on: Burger student Sharla Weaver of Westland mixes dough to make muffins.

FUND RAISING & BENEFITS

CHILDREN'S BOOKS
The Canton Public Library will once again serve as a local collection site for the *Gift of Reading* holiday program which places new books in the hands of children (toddler through second grade) who would not have access to them otherwise. You may bring your new, unwrapped books to the library through Dec

7 Call Marcia Barker (734) 397-0999
COOKBOOK SALE
Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia has new cookbooks featuring their favorite recipes — just in time for the holidays \$10 each or three for \$25 Available from June Stopa at the 10 a.m. coffee hour or from the church office 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday Call (734) 422-0149
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
St. Genevieve Ushers will host a pancake breakfast 8:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Nov. 18. Activities

include pancakes (all you can eat), sausages, coffee, juice and milk. 50/50 raffle, children's raffle, bars and bells, clowns and balloons. St. Genevieve is located at 29015 Jamison between Five Mile and Schoolcraft on the east of Middlebelt
TREE OF LIFE
The Angela Hospice annual Tree of Life will be on display at Laurel Park Place in Livonia Nov. 24 through Dec. 31. An opening ceremony will take place at noon Nov. 24 in the mall to include holiday tunes sung by the Angela Hospice choir. The tree

extends its branches to those who wish to give a gift of remembrance by adorning the tree with an angel wing ornament bearing the names of loved ones, living or deceased. If you are unable to attend call (734) 464-7810
HOLIDAY DECORATION SALE
The 26th annual *St. Joe's Odyssey Ball* will begin 5 p.m. Dec. 1 at the Michigan League in Ann Arbor. This year's ball will feature custom-made holiday decorations and accessories from some of the area's top interior designers and local decorators. All are available for sale to individuals and businesses wishing to create an instant display. Decorated wreaths, garland and centerpieces will also be available for purchase. Decorations may be previewed and reserved Wednesday, Nov. 28 through Nov. 30 (10 a.m. to noon and 3:30-5:30 p.m.) on the second floor of the Michigan League. Items will be available for pick-up on the same floor 10 a.m. to noon Dec. 2. Call (734) 712-4040
COOKIE WALK
St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, Redford, will host a Christmas Cookie Walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8. If you are too busy to bake, then come to our annual Cookie Walk Sale. Fill your box as you go. Cookies are sold by the pound.
COMMUNITY HOSPICE RAFFLE
Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc., of Westland is hosting a raffle for a 1966 Red Ford Fairlane. All proceeds benefit Community Hospice & Home Care Services, Inc. Tickets are \$5 each. The drawing will be held 3 p.m. Aug. 25, 2002. You need not be present to win. Call Heather (734) 522-4244



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION
TO REZONE FROM: R-1-E, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
TO REZONE TO: R-1-H, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
DATE OF HEARING: NOVEMBER 21, 2001
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP HALL 42350 ANN ARBOR ROAD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone Parcel 037 99-0001 000 from R1E SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, to R1H, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT

LEGAL DESCRIPTION
FOR PARCEL DESCRIPTION SEE TAX RECORDS BASED ON TAX I.D. NUMBER 0037 99 0001 000
ORDINANCE NO. 83
AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 128
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON _____
EFFECTIVE DATE _____
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the map, as printed may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call (734) 453-8131 Ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.
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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Alterman-Hickey

David Alterman of Livonia and Beth and Jack Groat of Canton announce the marriage of Jennifer Demise Alterman to Brian James Hickey of Ferndale.

The bride is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and 1998 graduate of Michigan State University. She is a sales representative at Hertz Corp.

Her husband, son of Catherine Hickey of Beverly Hills and the late Patrick Hickey, is a 1987 graduate of Seaholm High School in Birmingham and a 1994 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He earned his master's degree from Central Michigan University last year and works for General Motors as a buyer.

The couple wed Sept. 22 at St. James Parish in Ferndale before the Rev. Robert Wurm.

The bride was attended by matron of honor Loretta Johnson and bridesmaids Jennifer Frost, Karen Weymouth, Lisa Daugherty, Karen Boni and Dawn Hickey.

The groom was attended by best man John Roldan and groomsmen Bruce Towne, Rodney Sawyer, Kevin Hickey, Steve Johnson and John Barlage.

The couple received guests at Lafayette Grande in Pontiac and took a honeymoon trip to Kauai and Maui, in Hawaii. They will make their home in Ferndale.



Schneider-Uzelac

Julie Celeste Uzelac and Michael Lindsay Schneider were married recently at Seven Mile Beach on the Caribbean island of Grand Cayman.

The bride is the daughter of James and Pauline Uzelac of Bloomfield Hills. She is a graduate of Wylie E. Groves High School, Michigan State University and the University of Michigan.

The groom is the son of Michael and Janet Schneider of Ann Arbor. He is a graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and the University of Michigan, and is currently attending the University at Madison, Wis.

A garden reception was held at the home of the bride's parents. The newlyweds are making their home in Madison, Wis.

Peper

James and Eleanor (Preece) Peper of Albion are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this month. The couple wed Nov. 3, 1951 at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Redford. They lived in Garden City for 35 years and moved to Albion 15 years ago.

The couple has two children: Steven Peper of Garden City and Karen Peper of Berkley.

James Peper is retired from his work at the Wayne Westland Post Office. Eleanor Peper is a homemaker.

The couple enjoys bowling and traveling and are members of



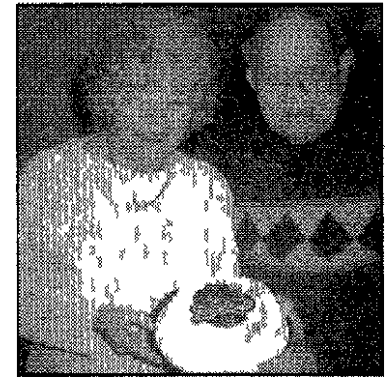
Lindbergh-Sias

Tom and Linda Lindbergh of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Suzanne to John Sias, formerly of Midland now living in Chicago.

The bride to be is a 1996 graduate of Canton High School and a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in telecommunications and business. She is currently in her second year at Chicago-Kent College of Law.

Her fiancé, son of Dave and Alice Sias of Edenville, is a 1995 graduate of Midland High School and a 1999 graduate of Michigan State University, where he earned a degree in telecommunications and business. He works as a national sales assistant for WCIV-TV in Chicago.

An August 2002 wedding is planned in Midland.

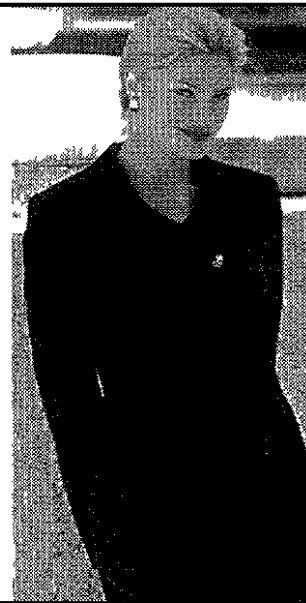


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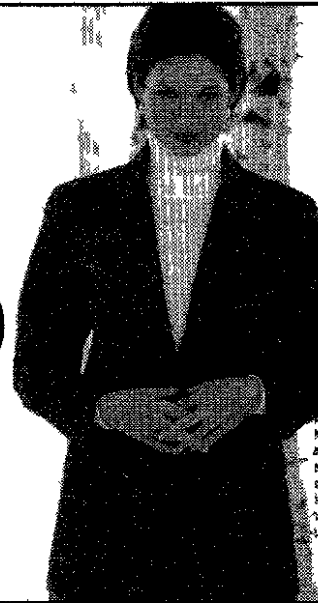
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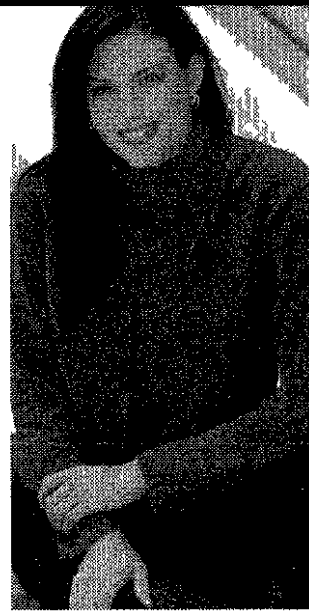
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NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Jason William Wise** and **Autumn Yvonne Wise** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Elijah Virgil**, born Sept 4 at Garden City Hospital. Elijah joins siblings Jack John, 5, Jason, 4, and Moses, 2. Grandparents are Cindy Wise of Phoenix, Heilda Chipman of Flint and David Chipman of Orlando.

■ **Michael and Annette Garlow** of Garden City announce the birth of their son **Michael John Garlow Jr.**, born Sept 5 at Garden City Hospital.

Michael joins siblings Jacob, 11, and Theresa, 8. Grandparents are Raymond and Dee Garlow of Garden City and Charles and Rose Coram of Northville.

■ **Tim and Tracy Parrelly** of Taylor announce the birth of their son, **Trent Allen**, born Sept 12 at Garden City Hospital. Trent joins brother Timmy, 2. Grandparents are Gary and Lois Breneman of Wayne and Ted and Kathy Parrelly of Westland.

■ **Karina Mellisa Felan** and

Lucas James Phillips of Flattrock announce the birth of their son, **Kyle Anthony Phillips**, born Sept 13 at Garden City Hospital. Kyle joins siblings Sophia, 14, Rogelio II, 10, and Crystal, 23. Grandparents are Bonnie Phillips of Newport, Karina Goertzen of Dearborn and Rogelio Goertzen of Dearborn Heights.

■ **Kevin and Julie Keener** of Canton announce the birth of their son, **Jacob Evan**, born Sept 14 at Garden City Hospital. Jacob joins brother Kyle, 4

1/2 Grandparents are Don and Tamera Keener of Canton and Robert and Carol Evans of Canton.

■ **Shawn and Crystal Komarynski** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Nicholas Ryan**, born Sept 14 at Garden City Hospital. Nicholas joins siblings Stephanie, 10, Robert, 12, James, 3, and Katelyn, 1. Grandparents are Barb Millard, Gene Komarynski, MaryAnn Komarynski and Georgene Miles.

■ **George and Maya Lubus** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Alicia Lee**, born Sept 17 at Garden City Hospital.

■ **Billy Meade and Jennifer Zarzycki** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Kyle Joseph Meade**, born Sept 18 at Garden City Hospital. Kyle joins siblings Chris, 7, and Britt, 15. Grandparents are Bill and Debbie Daugherty of Westland and Joe and Lynn Zarzycki of Westland.

■ **Laura and Robert Hoeft** of Ecorse announce the birth of their daughter, **Victoria Rose**, born Sept 21 at Garden City Hospital. Victoria joins siblings

Kristopher, 6, Nikole, 4, and Alyssa, 3. Grandparents are Florence Grace of Garden City and Georgia Hoover of Kingman, Arizona.

■ **Michael and Amanda Markham** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Christopher Michael**, born Sept 21 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Sherry and Joseph White of Inkster and Linda and Kay Freet of Westland.

■ **Tonya and Donald Dennis Jr.** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **FaithAnn Marie Dennis**, born Sept 27 at Garden City Hospital. FaithAnn joins siblings Andrew, 13, Matthew, 11, Dillon, 7, and Christian, 3. Grandparents are Susan and Donald Dennis Jr. of Lake City.

■ **Kim and Eric Forton** of Garden City announce the birth of twin sons **Fletcher and Zander**, born Oct 2 at Garden City Hospital. Fletcher and Zander join siblings Sawyer, 3, Ryker, 2, and Ramsey, 11. Grandparents are Lester Forton of Taylor and Sue and Loren Spillane of Gladwin.

■ **Brian and Christina McMillan** of Canton announce

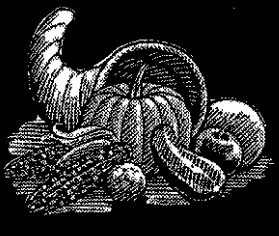
the birth of **Katie Lyn**, born Oct 7 at Garden City Hospital. Katie joins brothers Kyle, 6, and Kory, 4. Grandparents are Dennis and Carol Emery of Garden City and Marge McMillan of Wayne.

■ **Dawn Selby and James Rondeau** of Wayne announce the birth of their son, **Caleb Micheal Selby**, born Oct 7 at Garden City Hospital. Caleb joins brother, Derek, 7. Grandparents are Karen and Roland Selby of Wayne and Susan Rondeau of Wayne.

■ **Elisaveta Dana and Visarion Popa** of Westland announce the birth of their son, **Alexander Visarion Popa**, born Oct 13 at Garden City Hospital. Grandparents are Maria and Joan Voana of Romania.

■ **James and Amy (Hoyer) Harkins** of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, **Abigail Catherine Harkins**, born Sept 23, at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital. Abigail joins sister Olivia, 23 months. Grandparents are Sharon and Douglas Hoyer of Livonia and Kathy and John Harkins of Livonia. Great Grandparents are Juanita and Fred Mott of California and Rita Harkins of Plymouth.

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Canton church takes new name

Beginning Sunday, Nov 18 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Canton will become Grace Lutheran Church and an independent congregation of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod.

Grace Lutheran invites the community to celebrate "charter Sunday" at its 9:30 a.m. worship service, Nov 18.

Rev. Mike Ruhl of Ann Arbor will be the guest speaker for the service. Ruhl is the congregational ministry facilitator for new and small congregations of

the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. Special celebratory music will be offered by Grace Lutheran's "Singers of the Spirit" choir and by the music team.

In March of 1997, Christ Our Savior Lutheran in Livonia opened doors at a second worship and ministry site on Warren Road near Canton Center in Canton. Since then, the core of members of the Canton site has grown in numbers and strength.

In November 2000, a task force began a study of whether the Canton site should remain connected to Christ Our Savior - Livonia or whether it should become an independent congregation.

trends, members attitudes, finances and staffing and ministry issues, the task force recommended that the Canton site work toward independence.

A launch team was organized to lead the process toward that goal. To date, the name Grace has been selected, approximately 70 charter members have been identified, core values have been defined, personnel have been organized for ministry and a mission statement has been drafted. Grace will call a new pastor to serve the congregation and community.

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Christian Reading Room reopens in new location

A longtime downtown Plymouth business recently opened its doors in a new, more shopper friendly location on Main Street, according to its staff.

The Christian Science Reading Room offers books and literature on spirituality, Christianity and healing and moved to 550 South Main Street earlier this month.

A Christian bookstore and library, the Reading Room offers for study and or purchase, a wide range of literature on the subjects of Christianity, spirituality and how to heal through prayer.

The Reading Room carries a large selection of Bibles and bible study aids to assist you on your spiritual journey to a better understanding of the work of God.

According to Susan Tish, one of the bookstores librarians, they

carry the work of Mary Baker Eddy and her most notable writing *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.

Staffed by knowledgeable librarians, the Reading Room is available to adults, teens, youth and toddlers. There are puzzles with biblical themes, books explaining God and his nature through stories, and books on tape.

"More than a bookstore, the Reading Room is a quiet haven, open to all as a place to study, browse and read in a comfortable friendly environment," said Tish. "If you haven't already been there, the visit will be well worth the time and you will never go away empty handed."

The Christian Science Reading Room is located at 550 South Main Street, downtown Plymouth.

RELIGION CALENDAR

OPPORTUNITY FOR WIDOWERS

First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland will host an opportunity for widowers to share time together with the Lord. The group's weekly meeting is 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the church (across from the Wayne post office, one block west of Wayne Road). The study book used is *The Bumps Are What You Climb On* by Warren Wiersbe. The public is welcome to participate.

ANTIOCH LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Antioch Lutheran Preschool has openings for 3-year-olds Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 9 and 11 a.m. (33360 West 13 Mile Road) in Farmington Hills. Call Sharon Detter (248) 626-7906.

SPIRITUAL STUDY GROUP

We meet each Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the MSU Tollgate Education Center in Novi to read and discuss *A Course in Miracles*. A \$5 donation includes refreshments. Please call Amy at (248) 624-7555.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other. Nov. 16-18 at the St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. Call Bill and Carol (248) 528-2512, Dan and Debbie (810) 286-5524 or visit www.rcnet/detroit/wmme.

UNDERSTANDING ISLAM

Fouad Masri, founder of Arab International Ministries (AIM) will host an *Understanding Islam* seminar 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth. Cost is \$25. Call AIM to register (888) 446-5457.

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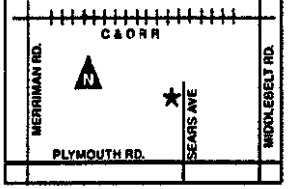
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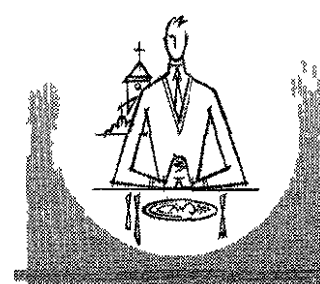
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O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good; because His mercy endureth for ever.

King James Version - Psalm 118:1



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apy, fat analysis, hypnosis, yoga, massage and acupuncture) with over 40 booths, workshops, health screenings, food vendors and door prizes. Holistic health experts will talk about a variety of topics including the correlation between forgiveness and health. You need not be a member of the church to attend. The event will take place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Admission, \$5. Call (734) 421-1760.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

An ecumenical Thanksgiving service will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18 at First United Methodist Church of Plymouth, 45201 North Territorial Road (west of Sheldon). All communities are invited to attend this special service arranged in the spirit of Thanksgiving. Participating churches from the Plymouth area include First Baptist Church, First Church of Christ, Scientist, First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. John's Episcopal, St. Kenneth Catholic Church and The Salvation Army.

FAITH IN COMMUNITY

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill, Garden City will host a series of intergenerational workshops designed to encourage and support faith-nurturing relationships among people of all ages. The monthly two-hour session begins at 3 p.m. Nov. 18 and Jan. 20 with large and small group discussions, activities and crafts. A soup supper will follow. There is no charge. Call (734) 427-3660 for information or e-mail Suanne Anderson suanneand@home.com.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted (north of Grand River), will present a Thanksgiving service by Rev. Alexander Riegel and Kathy Silver, director of religious education. No Sunday School this week, as the kids will join in the intergenerational services at 9 and 11 a.m. UUCF is a Welcoming Congregation. Call (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org.

WARD CONCERT

Noriko Ernst, organ performance artist and doctoral candidate will perform at 4 p.m. Nov. 18 at Ward Church, Northville. Selection will include works by Bach, Viennese, Najakem. No charge.

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SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

If you have lost a loved one, there's hope for getting through the holiday. Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia will host a service of remembrance 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 18. Ruth Favor, bereavement coordinator from Angela Hospice will be the guest speaker. Tree ornaments, light refreshments served. Call (734) 422-0149.

CARIBBEAN MUSIC

Do you like Caribbean music? Reggae, Calypso, steel drums? *Luvin' Verson*, Sunday, Nov. 18 will appear at the First United Methodist Church of Wayne-Westland (across from the Wayne Post Office). The group from the Island of Trinidad & Tobago will minister at the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. service. A free will offering will be taken.

THANKSGIVING EVE

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia invites the community to reflect on God's goodness 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21. The service will feature uplifting music by the Christ Our Savior Choir, a brass quartet and the Jubellation Handbell Choir. Call (734) 522-6830.

GIVE THANKS

O, give thanks to the Lord, let us exalt God's name together. On Thanksgiving Eve, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, come worship the Lord with praise and Thanksgiving at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Give thanks to the Lord by worshipping at Grace Lutheran Church in Canton 9:30 a.m. Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving Day). The newly named Grace Church is located at 46001 Warren Road. Grace holds worship services every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Sunday school and Bible class for all ages at 10:45 a.m. Call (734) 414-7422.

ST. ANDREWS DAY

St. Andrew's Day will be observed at Garden City Presbyterian Church, Middlebelt south of Ford Road, 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25. Bagpiper Kris Hunt will perform during the service. Scottish heirlooms and memorabilia on display. Scottish desserts will be served following church ser-

vice. Neighboring friends and family welcome.

GRIEF SUPPORT

New Hope Center for Grief Support will be offering a workshop for men who are grieving after the death of a loved one. Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia 7-8:30 p.m. Nov. 26. Registration is not required. Call (248) 348-0115.

ADVENT FESTIVAL

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church invites the public to *Prepare the Way of the Lord* at an evening Advent Festival 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28. Cost for the festival is \$3 for teens/adults or \$2 for children ages 5-12. Children age two and under are free. Tickets are for sale at the church or call (734) 522-6830.

ADVENT COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council 21st Annual Advent Communion is 8 a.m. Dec. 1 at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 8625 E. Jefferson, Detroit. Stewart L. Tubbs of EMU college of business will be the guest speaker. His topic is *Leadership and Spirituality*. A breakfast served by Troop 111 Boy Scouts of America from the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church of Dearborn will be offered. \$7 per ticket. Call (313) 345-6550 or George Irwin (734) 425-3024.

BEREAVED TEENS

Feelings of isolation, confusion, depression and lack of energy often accompany the death of a loved one. New Hope Center for Grief Support is sponsoring a six-session series for bereaved teens ages 12-15 beginning with an informational meeting Tuesday, Dec. 4 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Youth House in Northville. The group will meet twice a month 7-8:30 p.m. from December-March. To register call (248) 348-0115.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

NorthRidge Church, 49555 North Territorial Road, Plymouth will present *The Glory of Christmas, Christmas Day again*. Dates include 7:30 p.m. Dec. 7, 1 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 8, 3 p.m. Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14, 1 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15, and 3 p.m. Dec. 16. Tickets are \$10. Call (800) 585-3737 or visit www.ticketsplus.net. Tickets on sale 9 a.m. Nov. 12. No refunds or exchanges.

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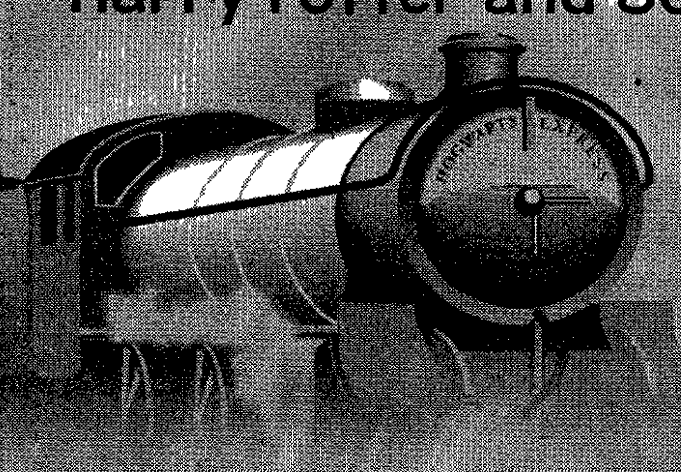
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tic children supplement verbal instruction with various visual supports. Visual supports range in complexity from a tangible object to a photograph to line drawings to written words.

"We use systems at the level children can understand. What works for one student might not work for another," said Bialach.

"We might use a piece of a puzzle to represent leisure (play) time, or a piece of a cracker to represent snack time," Bialach explained. "Next, we move up to photographs."

Burger staff cannot just tell students to get ready for music class and start shuffling them out of the classroom toward the music room. Students would become confused and would likely act out their frustration. Instead, teachers show students a picture of the music room, or a picture of the music teacher, before trying to move them from room to room. This is also done to indicate gym, library and computer time, anything outside a normal day's routine.

"These cues help to regulate emotions and behavior. It explains 'this is what will happen next.'"

The disparity of ability between autistic children makes educating them all the more difficult, but not impossible.

Colleen Polin teaches a group of students ranging from 6 to 8 years old whose "academic,

Polin and her colleagues emphasize hands-on activities to help the students learn.

behavior and social needs vary greatly." She is instructing the students in the traditional math, reading, spelling, science and social studies, but "delivering the information in a different manner."

"You can't just tell them to open a book to page 17 and expect that they will get there," Polin said. "You have to show them."

Polin and her colleagues emphasize hands-on activities to help the students learn, and then display the student work as a reminder of what they accomplished. Classrooms are colorful and full of visuals from calendars to samples of street signs, all designed to help students excel.

Teachers try to be mindful of students' frustration levels. Once students have peaked academically, if it happens, they move on to pre-vocational skills or practical life skills. Teachers work with each other, dovetailing instruction, to help students reach independence and self-sufficiency.

"We know we do make a difference. Our children let us know," said Polin.

Autism resources

Both research and experience indicate that autistic children do not respond well to verbal direction. Yet the "typical environment is very verbal," according to Linda Hodgdon, author and speech pathologist.

Hodgdon addresses this issue and offers ways to help with autistic children in two books: *Visual Strategies for Improving Communication and Solving Behavior Problems in Autism*. Both are available by calling QuirkRoberts Publishing at (248) 879-2598.

"It's about trying to understand their communication needs," said Hodgdon, a Troy resident with 30 years experience in autism.

Hodgdon's books are geared to parents and professionals. Parents are looking for ways to help their children, and professionals are looking for ways to teach these children.

"We can't presume that educators or para-pros know a lot about autism," she said.

For more information visit www.usevisualstrategies.com

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the Canton Township mother of two wonders if Nicholas gave her signs. She remembers him having an "extensive attention span to Disney movies."

"At 19 months, he would sit for an hour, an hour and a half and watch movies rather than getting up and coming back for the parts he was interested in," she said.

She hadn't seen such indicators in her daughter.

A neighbor just around the block from the Bar's — Coralee Ott — was seeing signs similar to those of Nicholas Bar in her daughter, Hallie, who is now 8.

"She didn't have the language skills, and she had terrible separation anxiety," said Coralee. "I knew something was wrong."

By the time Hallie turned 3, she was diagnosed with autism, working with a social worker and speech therapist to help her cope.

Hallie became frustrated when she could not understand what people were saying to her, much less respond to them.

Today, Hallie has good days and bad days. She is able to tell her parents what she did in school, but she is still unable to answer questions. Her inability to communicate is one reason the Otts chose not to place Hallie in a traditional educational setting.

"If you were to ask her 'Where are you supposed to be,' she



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Technology: Jason Zoltowski types his daily spelling words on a laptop computer in the library.

couldn't answer that," said Coralee. "For me to send her to a mainstreamed school would be frightening to her."

Education

Many advocates believe children with disabilities should be educated (mainstreamed) in the same school, if not classroom, with their "normal" peers. Not all parents of special education children are willing to buy into such a philosophy. Coralee believes Burger is a better choice for Hallie because of the small class sizes and "wealth of knowledge centralized in one program."

Coralee has another reason to send Hallie to Burger. She maintains that special education children may not understand the

words, but they do know when they are being treated differently.

"When they go to Burger, they are accepted. Our daughter is able to develop friendships with people who are truly her peers," said the mother of two.

On the contrary, Christina admits that sending Nicholas to a regular school could be an option one day. Plymouth-Canton schools offer an autistically impaired program at the high school.

"Art is a release for him, and it's something he's good at," she said. "Art teachers at the high school would also be more experienced."

She plans to watch his progress over the next several years before making any definitive plans. In the meantime, she'll continue working with Nicholas and relying on friends like Coralee to share experiences. The two women are part of a five-member group which has been together for the past five years. Every group member has one autistic child, with older siblings, all about the same age.

"Having group support is important, when you need it," said Christina, "but you don't always need it. You shouldn't live in that world seven days a week, 24 hours a day. You need to look at other things too, especially if you have other children."



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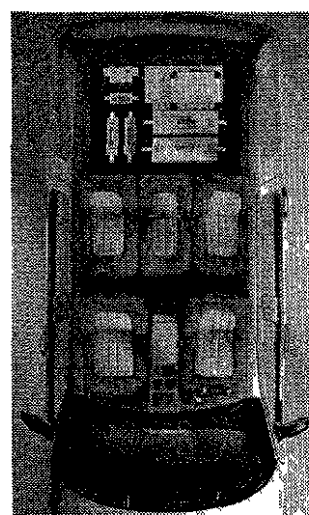
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Sterling all-conference

Laine Sterling, a junior at Virginia Union from Plymouth Salem HS, was named to the all-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association's volleyball team after leading the Panthers to their first-ever appearance in the CIAA's Tournament semifinals.

Through 15 matches, Sterling — a setter — was averaging 9.29 set assists per game and was first in the CIAA with 9.14 set assists per game (conference matches only). Sterling was also averaging just under three kills, three service aces and four digs per match.

Virginia Union finished the season with a 16-7 record.

All-WHAC volleyball

As anticipated, Madonna University dominated the all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference volleyball team, placing four players on the first team and two more on the second.

Four seniors were first-team selections for the Lady Crusaders: middle hitter Donna Birkenhuer, setter Jennie Wind, outside hitter Jennifer Frost and outside hitter/defensive specialist Marylu Hemme (from Plymouth/Livonia Ladywood).

Birkenhuer led the team in kill percentage (.466) and blocks (150), and was second in total number of kills (412). Frost led Madonna in kills (423, with a .384 kill percentage) and was second in service aces (94) and digs (420). Wind averaged 10.63 set assists per game, while Hemme had 63 aces and 366 digs.

Second team picks were sophomore defensive specialist Amanda Suder (Canton/Plymouth Salem), who was first among the Crusaders in both digs (446) and aces (109), and freshman outside hitter Tera Morrill (Westland/Livonia Franklin), who had 379 kills (.381), 58 aces and 389 digs.

A pair of Crusaders also excelled in the classroom and were named to the all-WHAC academic team: Hayley Myers, a junior, earned a 3.28 grade-point average in marketing, while Birkenhuer had a 3.63 GPA in art.

Duhl tops WMU

It was a sad ending to the Western Michigan University men's soccer season, with the Broncos losing to Marshall 3-1 last Friday. WMU concluded its season with a 5-13-1 overall record, 1-4-1 in the Mid-American Conference.

Scott Duhl, a sophomore from Canton (Plymouth Salem), was the team's second-leading scorer with nine points. Duhl led the Broncos with five assists, he also had two goals.

Ambassadors still 1st

The Compuware Ambassadors remained in first place in the North American Hockey League's East Division, two points ahead of the Pittsburgh Forge, thanks to a pair of wins over the Springfield (Mo.) Spirit, 6-3 and 6-1, last weekend at Compuware Arena.

Dan Knapp helped the Ambassadors turn a 3-1 deficit in the first game to a victory with a two-goal, three assist performance. In the second, no comeback was necessary as Compuware scored five straight goals, with Mike Falk scoring three goals and assisting on two others.

Top Prospects tourney

Compuware Sports Arena will be the site of the USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament Dec. 3-5.

The tournament will feature four 18-player teams: one from the North American Hockey League, one from the AWHL, one from the USHL and Team TPT, an at-large team with players from all three leagues and players from the U.S. National Team Development Program.

Two games will be played each day from Monday, Dec. 3 through Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Softball meeting

Thunderbirds Softball is hosting an informational meeting regarding girls fastpitch softball from 7-9 p.m. tonight (Nov. 15) in the lower level at Canton Township Hall. All interested parties are invited to attend and learn about girls fastpitch softball in this area.

The Thunderbirds are expanding and have opportunities for interested players, parents and coaches to become involved. For more information, visit the club's web site at <http://thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com/>.

Whalers beaten by their former boss



It was strange, to be sure, the Whalers' old coach on the opposite bench. But it worked out well for Pete DeBoer, who guided his Kitchener team to a victory over Plymouth Saturday at Compuware Arena.

If anyone should know how to win in Compuware Arena, it should be this guy.

It must've been strange for Pete DeBoer to be on the visitor's bench Saturday when the team he now serves as coach and general manager, the Kitchener Rangers, arrived in town to play the Plymouth Whalers, the team DeBoer coached to back-to-back appearances in the Ontario Hockey League's Final.

Certainly no one's coached the Whalers to more wins in Plymouth's Compuware Arena than DeBoer, but

then again Mike Vellucci — DeBoer's replacement — is still in his first season, and he's doing quite well. The Whalers remain at the top of the OHL, record-wise.

DeBoer's Rangers, on the other hand, are doing all right. Last Saturday against the Whalers, they proved it, outplaying Plymouth to post a 4-2 win.

Through Sunday, the Whalers were still atop both the Western Division and the OHL with a 15-3-2-1 record (33 points). Kitchener was third in the Midwest Division at 11-7-3-0 (25

points).

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead into the third period, thanks to a Bill Kinkel goal in the second period. They increased it to 3-0 in the first three minutes of the third period on goals by Steve Eminger (on the power play) and Petr Kanko (short-handed).

The Whalers rallied to narrow the gap to 3-2, getting scores from Danny McDonald and Damian Surma, Surma's goal coming with 9:27 still left.

Please see **WHALERS, D6**



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Just driving through: Canton's Jessica Johnson dribbles past Northville's Amanda LaRuche in district semifinal play. Once the Chiefs got the lead, they didn't surrender it.

Final exam is next: Rocks roll through Novi in semis

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With three-and-a-half minutes gone in the first period, Novi had the lead against unbeaten Plymouth Salem — for the last time. After that, the Rocks scored the next nine points and never relented in posting a 55-30 victory in their girls basketball state district semifinal Wednesday at Novi HS.

Which means the preliminaries are over for Salem, which maintained its unbeaten record, now at 21-0. There won't be any more cake-walks for the Rocks, in Friday's district final, they go against cross-campus rival Plymouth Canton, which won its district semifinal against Northville Wednesday, 42-29.

Game time is 7 p.m. at Novi HS. Asked if his team kept its focus in the romp over Novi (which finishes its season at 9-13), Salem coach Fred Thomann replied, "I think so. This (win) allows you to play the next game."

Which is "You know," Thomann answered after some reflection, "these girls know that to go through the tournament, you have to go through Canton. If you look back through the record books, I'll bet you'll find there have been at least 10 (Salem-Canton) games that the team that was supposed to win didn't." "We should have a great game Friday."

SALEM BASKETBALL

The two teams met Oct. 2 at Canton, with the Rocks prevailing 46-39. The Chiefs' win over Northville improved their record to 14-7.

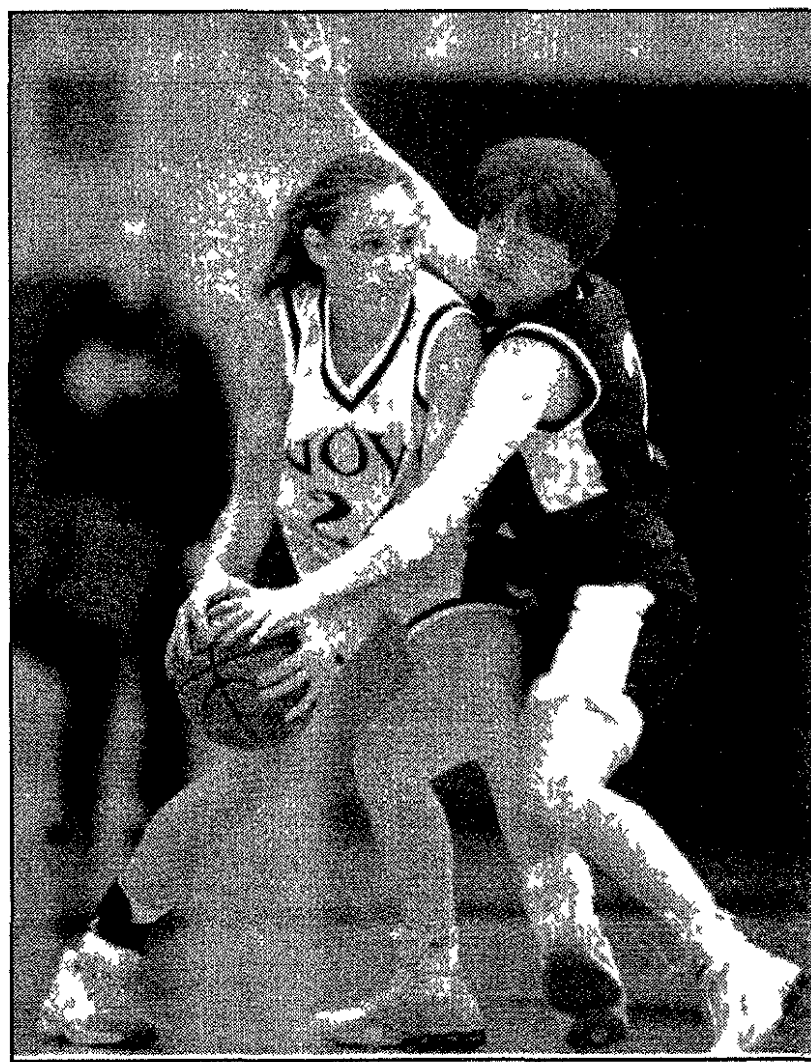
And, should anyone choose to look further down the line to the state regional, which will be at Southfield-Lathrup HS, the Rocks-Chiefs winner will meet Bloomfield Hills Lahser-West Bloomfield winner. The other regional bracket could feature Birmingham Marian and Rochester Adams, both state-ranked.

Although Salem wasn't exactly flat against Novi, it wasn't particularly sharp, either. Laura Longo's basket with 5:13 left in the first quarter gave the Wildcats a one-point lead.

That's when Salem's MaryLou Liebau took command, scoring six of the Rocks' next nine points (the other three came on a Marissa Sarkesian three-pointer) as they opened up a 13-5 lead two minutes into the second quarter.

Novi's errant shooting didn't help it much. The 'Cats were 0-for-6 from the floor in the second quarter, in the second half, they made just 7-of-21 shots, most of those when Salem's victory was assured.

Please see **SALEM HOOP, D5**



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Pressured: Salem's Kelly Jaskot (right) tries to knock the ball from Novi's Julie Longo. Jaskot got 12 points.

Agape pounces on PCA's miscues

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To win, you've got to score. To score, you've got to shoot.

Plymouth Christian Academy couldn't manage either in the second half of its Class D girls basketball district semifinal against Canton Agape Christian. The Eagles had nearly as many turnovers in the second half as shots as Agape turned up the heat at both ends of the court in racing to a 48-26 win over host PCA Tuesday.

The win puts the Wolverines into tonight's district final opposite Detroit Urban Lutheran, which defeated Westland Huron Valley Lutheran in the first district semi Tuesday. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

CLASS D DISTRICT HOOP

at PCA.

The question circulating through the crowd after Tuesday's semifinal was what Agape coach Chuck Henry said to his team after it blew the 10-point lead it had built early in the second quarter, allowing PCA to close to within a point before making it a 22-19 game at halftime.

"I really didn't say anything," said Henry. "I just spelled out a few things they had to do to win." "They know what they're capable of doing. They spoke confidently."

What Agape did in the second half was adjust its

pressure defense and go after the ball more aggressively. The Wolverines forced 20 second-half turnovers (32 for the game), 13 of those coming in a 19-4 third-quarter run.

A J Creps, a 5-foot-8 freshman who came off the bench to total eight points, five rebounds, four steals and two assists, gave Agape a big boost in the second half. "She kind of rose to the occasion," said Henry.

Of course, the bar was set pretty high from the start for PCA, even though it had experienced a good deal of state playoff success against Agape. The Eagles had beaten the Wolverines twice in the past three years in the district final, both wins com-

Please see **AGAPE-PCA, D5**

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL
STATE SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS
 Saturday, Nov 17
 (all games start at 1 p.m.)
DIVISION 1 Redford Catholic Central (9-3) vs Walled Lake Western (10-2) at South Lyon
DIVISION 3 Farmington Hills Harrison (12-0) vs Saginaw (11-0) at Flint Atwood Stadium
DIVISION 5 Livonia Clarenceville (12-0) vs Capac (10-2) at Birmingham Groves

GIRLS BASKETBALL
DISTRICT TOURNEY PAIRINGS
CLASS A
 at LIVONIA STEVENSON
 Thursday, Nov 15 Detroit Redford vs Livonia Ladywood 5:30 p.m. Redford Union vs Southfield 7 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov 17 Championship final 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Southfield regional semifinals vs Detroit Mackenzie district champion)
 at FARM HILLS HARRISON
 Friday Nov 16 Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Southfield Lathrup vs Novi champion)
 at NOVI
 Friday Nov 16 Championship final 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Southfield Lathrup vs Farmington Hills Harrison district champion)

CLASS D
 at PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN
 Thursday Nov 15 Canton Agape Christian vs Detroit Urban Lutheran 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Adrian Madison regional semifinal vs Adrian Lenawee Christian district champion)

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Thursday Nov 15
 (NJCAA Division I Nationals)
 Schoolcraft vs Yavapai (Ariz.) at Tyler JC (Tex.) 2 p.m.
 Sunday, Nov 18
 NJCAA Final at Tyler (Tex.) 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
 Thursday Nov 15
 (NJCAA Championships)
 Schoolcraft vs Meramec (Mo.) at Florissant Valley (Mo.) 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Thursday, Nov 15
 Schoolcraft at So. Idaho 8 p.m.
 Friday, Nov 16
 Schoolcraft vs Hagerstown (Md.) at Southern Idaho 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov 17
 Schoolcraft vs Midland (Tex.) at Southern Idaho 6 p.m.
 Friday, Nov 16
 (Fanshawe, Ont. Tournament)
 Madonna vs Durham (Ont.) 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov 17
 Fanshawe Tourney noon & 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Friday, Nov 16
 (Huntington, Ind. Tournament)
 Madonna vs Olivet Nazarene 6 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov 17
 Huntington Tourney 1 & 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
 Saturday, Nov 17
 (NAIA Region 8 Playoffs at Cornerstone Univ.)
 Madonna vs Taylor (Ind.) 10 a.m. Championship final 6 p.m.

PREP GIRLS SWIMMING
 Friday-Saturday, Nov 16-17
 Class A state prelims finals at Oakland University noon

PREP HOCKEY
 Thursday, Nov 15
 (RU Inv. at Redford Ice Arena)
 Troy Unified vs Canton 6 p.m.
 Friday, Nov 16
 Redford CC vs Red Wing Alumni at Redford Ice Arena 8 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov 17
 Red Unified Invitational at Redford Arena 1 & 3 p.m.
 Redford CC vs P.H. Northern at Redford Ice Arena 8 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
 Friday, Nov 16
 Whalers at Sudbury 7:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Nov 17
 Whalers at North Bay 7 p.m.
 Sunday, Nov 18
 Whalers at S.S. Marie 6 p.m.

Just an opinion . . .

Following different 'Rodes' to the 'Dome'



PAUL BEAUDRY

Letters, we get letters

■ Hey, musclehead. Last week in your picks, you used the term "Rhodes Scholar." Get it right? That is a term used for those who attend a university in England. When you deal with studying football, please use the term "Rodes Scholar." You should know better.

Joe Rodes, Plymouth

Thank YOU, Joseph and thank you for sending this season's "Rodes Scholar" fantasy football roster. After seeing that lineup, no "Rhodes" or "Rodes" scholar will ever be accused of studying football.

■ Your reporting of the (John Glenn-Monroe) game was terrible. Quoting the losing coaches gripes about the officiating rather than focusing on the performance of the players demonstrates that you do not get it. Instead you embarrassed the coach and yourself. You needed to be told but if you choose to ignore my comment that you can continue to be ignorant.

(Name withheld because it isn't worth hearing from him again.)

Dear A. While ignorance is indeed bliss, and I try to always seek bliss and inner peace, it

doesn't change the fact that the losing team coach ripped off. Nor does it change the fact that he ripped them to the media or to his team, parents, fans, girl friends and the 200 other people listening after the game. While I don't agree with the coach's conclusion, I do feel what he said was part of the game.

■ Dear Paul, as a Canton alum, I was sad to see that game (against Walled Lake Western), for if they had played any other team, I would have been singing the Chiefs' fight song as loud as I could. But I was on the opposing side wearing a Warrior Mom sweatshirt so, as you can guess, I am tickled pink with the results of the game - and still a little horse.

Anyway you neglected to give your pick for the WARRIOR-Pershing game. Please let me know and please, for all the skeptics in your business, look at our records and remember the Warriors are a powerhouse team and it is not in anyone's best interest to forget this.

Tell Plymouth Canton they played an awesome game and they should be as proud of themselves as I am. I may be a Warrior mom and proud of it, but I will always be a Chief at heart.

Thanks, Melissa Barker

Dear Melissa, You just told the Canton team yourself. And so the rest of you know, I e-mailed her and told her that if the Warriors didn't turn the ball over, they'd beat Pershing. So with a 50-12 win, they must have done some thing right.

As for your being a little horse and my being skeptical, Melissa, always remember - while I might doubt some things, I'm never a neigh sayer.

■ Here it is another Saturday and if I read your article right, this was the first pick you got right - Warriors 50, Pershing 12. As a very proud Warrior mom, I know you are going to pick Catholic Central. I hope you will be wrong but I sure would like to know what you think about next Saturday's game. Like I said, do not count us out after all we are the only team to have knocked CC out of the playoffs in the last three seasons - remember 1999.

Thanks for your input as ever - the Canton alum/Warrior mom.

Melissa

Actually Melissa, I've picked a lot of games right in the playoffs - missing only the CC John Glenn game on Friday. As one friend told me after I explained that pick - "Have you lost your mind?"

Who will we pick this week? Read on, but know this CC has a very difficult time with teams nicknamed "Warriors."

 Actually, I have picked extremely well in the playoffs. If I had that luck in my weekly NFL pool, I could retire - hypothetically, of course. Gambling would be illegal in this state.

But a 3-1 record last week still keeps me on top of the pack at 15-1, while Farmington's Dan "Soccer is real football" O'Meara went 4-0 for the week and 12-4 overall. Plymouth-Canton's C.J. "Huh?" Risak was 3-1 on the week and 12-4 overall and Livonia-Westland's Brad "Free food" Emons was 4-0 on the week and is now 11-5 overall.

This week? The fun just keeps on coming.

SATURDAY'S SEMIFINALS
 (All Games at 1 p.m.)

Clarenceville (12-0) vs Capac (10-2) at Birmingham Groves. You really hate to keep mentioning one player because a successful team is the sum of its parts.

But geez - after a game winning drive Saturday night against Detroit Crockett after a brilliant game against Country Day after becoming the state's all time leader in rushing yardage - after becoming the state's all time leader in touch downs - how can you pick against Clarenceville and that Shaw kid?

As they say in the Monster Truck Rally commercials - Pontiac Silver dome next Saturday - BEEEEEE There.

PICKS Clarenceville - Beaudry Emons Risak O'Meara

Harrison (12-0) vs Saginaw (11-0) at Flint Atwood Stadium. You want the real state championship game in Division 3? Head up the road and go here.

Saginaw is the one team in the state not the division but the state - capable of knocking off the Hawks. Jerome Jackson will be a handful for the Hawks defense to stop - especially after rushing for 400-plus yards last week against unbeaten Seaholm. According to Student Sports Feb 50 both teams are among the top 50 in the nation with Harrison at No. 8 and the Trojans ranked 44th.

But it won't matter - Harrison is the best the state's seen since Saginaw Arthur Hill in 1973.

PICKS Harrison - Beaudry Emons O'Meara Risak

Redford Catholic Central (9-3) vs. Walled Lake Western (10-2) at South Lyon. As I said the Shamrocks have had problems with teams named Warriors - losing their last three against Brother Rice and the painful knockout in the second game of the 1999 playoffs by Western.

And after the win over John Glenn - a couple of the CC players were asked if they owed Western something for that they nodded their heads in the affirmative.

It won't be easy. CC started out slow but as coach Tom Mach said all along once his team started playing they'd be very good. (Hint: A six game win streak is very good.) And after watching CC rip off a couple of scoring drives against John Glenn - the temptation is to pick the Shamrocks. But that same little voice is crying out.

PICKS CC - Emons O'Meara Western - Beaudry Risak

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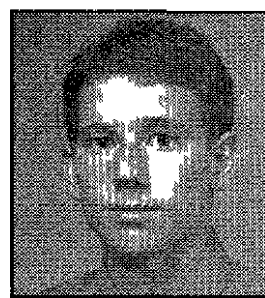
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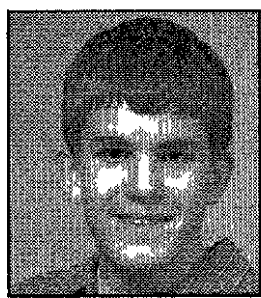
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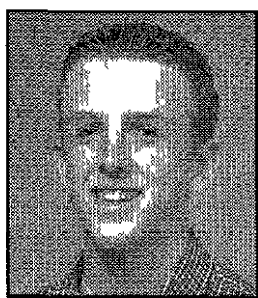
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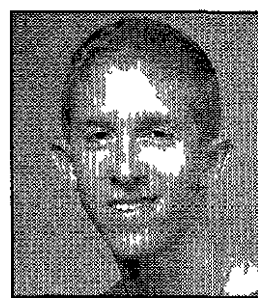
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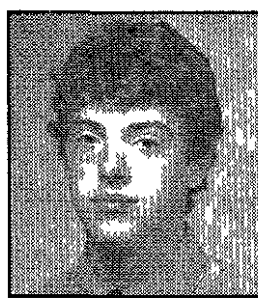
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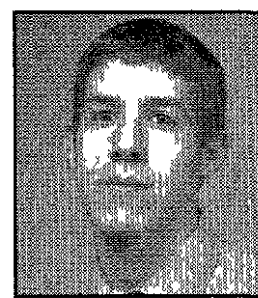
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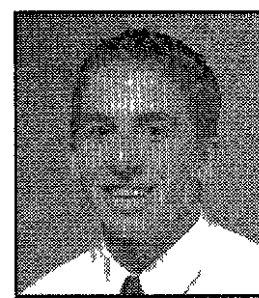
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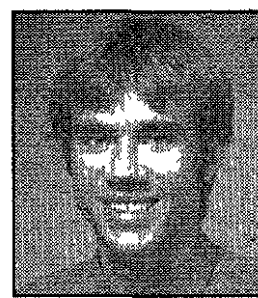
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All-Observer boasts state's best

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At the beginning, and for that matter the middle of the season, Redford Catholic Central coach Tony Magni doubted his team could return to the state finals - let alone contend for a state title.

Most of his team from last season's third-place team had graduated and, in their place, was a bunch of talented but untested runners. To make matters worse, the Shamrocks lost their best runner - Ryan Lowry - to injury toward the end of the season.

Instead of rolling over, CC kicked it up a notch and wound up with its fourth state title under Magni.

For that reason, Magni - in his 29th year of coaching - was chosen to repeat as the Observer land coach of the year.

Three other members of last year's team also appear this time. Lowry, teammate John Krawiec and Livonia Churchill's Ryan Gall. Justin Hajduk of Plymouth Salem moved up from the second team, Churchill's Ryan Gall and Pat Pruitt of Canton were honorable mention selections. Canton's Steve Deblen and CC's Dave Lucas and Kyle Jekot are making their first appearance.

We've told you who they are, now we'll tell you about them.

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John Krawiec, Sr., Redford CC. Krawiec finished a fine career with his second season as an All Stater and second on the Academic All State team. He placed fifth in the state meet with a time of 16:47, his best time of the year. He placed third in the regional (17:06) and third in the Catholic League meet (16:28). He ran hurt in the early part of the season but still posted times as low as

2001 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

FIRST TEAM
John Krawiec, senior, Catholic Central; Justin Hajduk, junior, Plymouth Salem; Dave Lucas, sophomore, Catholic Central; Will Chapman, senior, Livonia Churchill; Kyle Jekot, senior, Catholic Central; Ryan Lowry, senior, Catholic Central; Ryan Gall, senior, Livonia Churchill; Logan Schultz, senior, Livonia Churchill; Steve Deblen, senior, Plymouth Canton; Pat Pruitt, senior, Plymouth Canton.

SECOND TEAM
Brian Coats, junior, Farmington Hills; Matt Gillespie, junior, Livonia Stevenson; Aaron Lanning, junior, Plymouth Canton; Chris Vranjak, junior, Plymouth Salem; Jim Ledy, junior, Plymouth Salem; Chris Furlong, senior, Livonia Stevenson; Doug Novack, junior, Livonia Stevenson; Brian Dook, junior, Catholic Central; Jon Marshall, senior, Catholic Central.

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Lutheran High Westland: Eric Matchette; Garden City: Erik Loader, Rich Russell; North Farmington: Eugene Furman; Jeff Mataya; Livonia Stevenson: Sean O'Halloran; Pat Case, Dan Guszka, Jeff Mataya; Farmington: Ryan Kiriaw, Chris Tobe, Tom Piszak, Tom Eason; Livonia Churchill: Jean Harris, Kevin Kane, Mandeep Sanghera; Justin Breivik; Plymouth Salem: Mike Horner, Randy Bearden, Erik Ness, Adam Warner; Redford Catholic Central: Dan Hogan, Matt Esper, Dave Bohmer; Plymouth Canton: Brandon McCallan, Casey Maloney, Matt Raymond, Jon Western; Redford Thurston: Brett Seelye; Redford Union: Kevin Patta; Plymouth Christian: Mark Van Dey; Farmington Hills: Greg Ardisana, Dan Coats.

16:04

John was hurt at the start of the season," Magni said, "but was diligent in getting himself back in the varsity line up."

"His strong competitive drive and his ability to stay focused in every race led him to the state final where he ran his best race of the year."

Justin Hajduk, Jr., Plymouth Salem Hajduk ran a 15:49 in the Division 1 championship to earn All State designation. He was regional runnerup with a time of 17:01 and his 16:44 earned him second place in the Western Lakes meet. He also won the Grosse Ile meet in 16:12.

Hajduk already has been named to two All Observerland teams and is a two-time state qualifier. Justin is a natural runner. Salem coach Geoff Baker said, "He is a great racer."

Dave Lucas, Soph., Redford CC. Lucas went from 17:09 where he finished 23rd in the West Bloomfield meet at the start of the season to a first place finish in the regionals with a time of 16:54.

At the start of the season David was just learning how to run the races," Magni said of his sophomore. As the season progressed, he grew more confident with every race.

He won the regional and placed 10th in the states, saving his best two races for the end of the season.

Lucas ran a 15:56 in the states for his 10th place to earn All State honors. He was also Academic All State.

He was second in the Catholic League meet (16:20) and the Operation Friendship meet (18:36). He also finished first at Sturgis (16:25).

Will Chapman, Sr., Livonia Churchill Chapman posted his personal best time at the night time 16:13.5 that earned him a 27th placing in the state meet. He earned All State recognition.

Will is just a pup when it comes to distance running, said his coach John McGreevy. This is only his second year of cross country. He is a natural.

His best years as a runner are yet to come. I wish he had run all four years. He is also a very good student who is doing well in our demanding MSC program.

Chapman was second in the Wayne County and Livonia Public Schools meets. He was third in his league (WLA) meet and fourth in the regionals.

His time of 16:31 at Cass Benton is the second best in Churchill history. He is going to Eastern Michigan to major in education and may attempt to run there.

Kyle Jekot, Sr., Redford CC. Jekot posted his best time as part of the Shamrocks winning state championship effort a 16:30 that earned him a 30th place spot.

Kyle knew where he had to be on the team and upheld his commitment to being consistent each race. Magni said, "This was a key factor to the development of his running talent."

Kyle became a better team runner and was a significant asset to us in winning the state championship.

His best finish was a fourth in the Operation Friendship meet where his time was 18:36. His second best time was a 16:37 which placed him seventh at Haslett. He also ran a 16:44 which put him fifth in the Catholic League finals.

Ryan Lowry, Sr., Redford CC. A promising season was cut short by injury but Lowry still posted some impressive results.

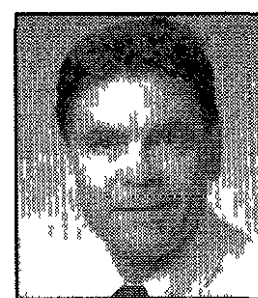
He won at Holly with a time of 15:53 and captured Catholic Central's invitation with a clocking of 16:30.

His best time 15:51 was good for a runnerup finish at Haslett. That was his final meet of the season.

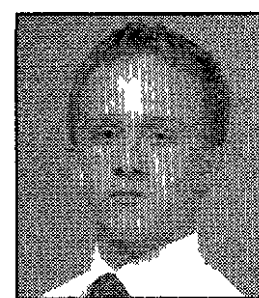
Ryan opened the season strong placing first in two of the first three invitations. Magni said, "Unfortunately he got hurt and the injury put him out of commission for the remainder of the season."

Still and all, Ryan put aside his personal disappointment and energized his teammates with his support. His constant encouragement was a positive factor to our winning the states.

Ryan Gall, Sr., Livonia Churchill. Gall



Tony Magni - CC
Coach of the Year



Logan Schultz
Livonia Churchill



Ryan Gall
Livonia Churchill

a repeat All Area pick was 33rd at the state meet just missing All State designation.

Gali was fifth in the Western Lakes

Activities Association meet with a time of 16:56. He clocked 16:31 to win the South Lyon Invitational. He ran a

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Crusaders clipped in WHAC final

The season didn't end for Madonna University's volleyball team last Saturday, but the Lady Crusaders won't be going into Saturday's NAIA Region VIII Tournament with the momentum they hoped to have.

That's because Madonna was beaten by Cornerstone College — a team the Crusaders had beaten easily twice during the season — in straight sets, 30-27, 30-28, 30-21 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Final, hosted by Madonna.

The loss didn't just drop the Crusaders to 32-9 for the season, it also cost them the chance to host the regional. That will now be played at Cornerstone Saturday. Madonna had already clinched a berth in the regional by winning the WHAC regular-season title.

The Crusaders play Mid-Central Confer-

VOLLEYBALL

ence champion Taylor (Ind.) University at 10 a.m. The winner meets the Cornerstone-Grace College winner.

Cornerstone, 21-19 for the season, simply outlasted Madonna in the final. The Golden Eagles totaled 55 kills to the Crusaders' 42, with a 352 kill percentage to Madonna's 301.

The third game in particular was a poor one for the Crusaders offensively. They managed just 10 kills and a 182 kill percentage, while Cornerstone had 19 kills and a 326 percentage.

Tera Morrill (Westland/Livonia Franklin)

led Madonna with 11 kills (324), she also had four service aces, 12 digs — all of them team-bests — and two blocks. Jennifer Frost had nine kills and 10 digs, Laura Lesko had eight kills, Donna Birkenhimer had six kills (417) and four blocks, and Jennie Wind finished with 27 set assists and 10 digs.

Cornerstone got 19 kills from Erin Bailey (432), 14 kills and 16 digs from Tracy Pateron (565) and 50 set assists from Jennifer Graves.

In Friday's semifinal, Madonna beat Spring Arbor 30-27, 30-24, 30-24 while Cornerstone eliminated Aquinas 30-20, 30-19, 30-24. The Crusaders got 15 kills and six aces from Frost, 12 kills from Lesko, eight kills (389) from Birkenhimer, and 16 digs from Amanda Suder (Plymouth Salem).

Madonna's women's, men's teams stall in region finals

COLLEGE SOCCER

Both Madonna University's soccer teams advanced to the NAIA Region VIII finals, played last Saturday. Unfortunately for both, it was as far as they got.

The Lady Crusaders, who reached the NAIA Final Four last year, won their regional semifinal over University of St. Francis 4-1 Friday at Indiana Wesleyan. In the final against Wesleyan, the two teams battled to a scoreless tie through overtime, necessitating a penalty-kick shootout.

Madonna, which reached the Final Four last year by virtue of its shootout win over Westmont (Calif.) College (the only other shootout in school history), wasn't so fortunate this time, losing 3-1. The Crusaders only penalty-kick conversion came from Michelle Vettrano (from Livonia Stevenson).

In Friday's win over St. Francis, Madonna faced a 1-0 deficit early in the match but overcame it by halftime. Susannah Bryant got the equalizer for the Crusaders 8:21 into the match, Jamie Scott (Livonia Churchill) made it 2-1 with just under eight minutes left in the half.

Becky Gubord and Nicole Allavato scored in the second half to assure Madonna's win. The Crusaders finish their season at 13-6.

The Madonna men, who beat

St. Francis 4-0 in a regional semifinal last Wednesday (Nov. 7), were never able to overtake host Bethel College Saturday, eventually losing 5-0. Bethel scored twice in the first half, the second coming with just 12 seconds remaining. Another goal scored early in the second half gave the host team a 3-0 lead and forced the Crusaders to go into an all-out attack, which failed.

Madonna was playing without several key players. Sam Piraine, the team's all-time leading scorer, has been missing all season with a leg injury. Dan Kurtnaitis, who suffered a broken leg in the semifinal win over St. Francis, and Jeff Budd (Farmington), who was red-carded against St. Francis and was forced to sit out the match.

"To be honest, they were a better team than we were," said Madonna coach Pete Alexander, who got his 100th career coaching win against St. Francis "Losing (stopper) Dan Kurtnaitis was a big blow. We had to shuffle our lineup quite a bit.

"But it was a good experience for us."

Madonna finished at 13-9.

Schoolcraft readies for trip west with 2 victories

The Schoolcraft College men's basketball team tuned up for its three-day, three-game trip this week to Southern Idaho by beating a pair of junior varsity squads.

On Monday, Schoolcraft strug-

MEN'S HOOP

gled past Siena Heights, 86-69, as 6-foot-7 Mike Williams (Detroit City) led the way with 20 points.

Three others scored in double figures including Javon Clark (17), Westland John Glenn's Yaku Moton-Spruill (14) and Ron Dorsey (10).

Unhappy with his team's showing, coach Carlos Briggs

brought his team back on the floor afterwards for another practice.

Andrew Johnson tallied 17 for the Siena Heights JV team, which trailed 42-30 at halftime.

On Saturday, the defending NJCAA Region 12 champs opened their season with a 135-44 win at Concordia as Williams poured in 30 points and grabbed 14 rebounds.

Clark (Detroit Cass Tech) added 23, while North Farmington's Emir Medunjanin contributed 18. Moton-Spruill had 15, while point-guard Rulon Harris dished out 13 assists.

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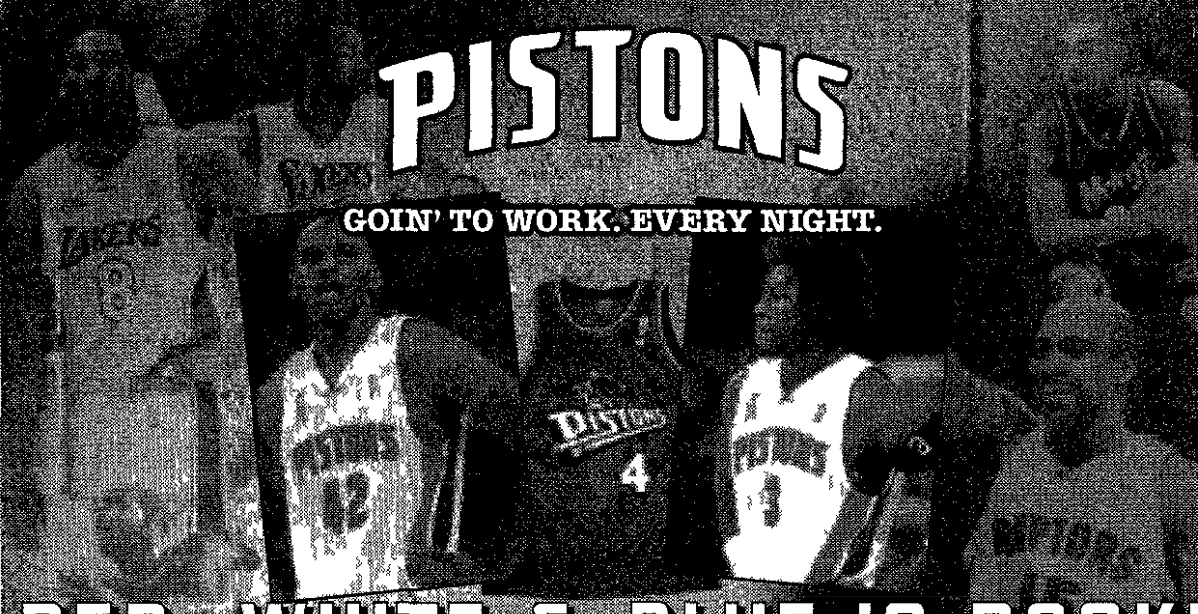
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Agape-PCA *from page D1*

ing by a single point
But that was then This season the Wolverines — now 17-3 — had beaten PCA twice, 45-33 and 51-36 The Eagles, who opened the district tournament with a win over Inkster Academy of Detroit Monday, finish the season at 5-16

The architect for Agape was Amy Henry, a 5-3 junior guard and the team's catalyst Henry, a starter since she was in the eighth grade, filled her role perfectly against PCA, drilling three first-quarter three-pointers to lead the Wolverines to a 14-6 lead after one Henry had 11 of her game-high 18 points in the period

"That was the start I dreamed of," said the elder Henry, her father and coach "They sold out their defense trying to stop her Fortunately, some of our other girls made some shots"

PCA's finest moment came in the second quarter A Kelly

Blackney basket had boosted Agape's lead to 18-8 less than a minute into the period, but the next three Wolverine possessions ended in turnovers The Eagles took advantage of the lapse to score nine-straight points, pulling to within 18-17 on Kim Guilfoyle's three-point play with 2:51 remaining

A Creps basket gave Agape its three-point halftime lead When the second half started, one might have presumed PCA would have the momentum

Didn't turn out that way "We had a good first half," said Eagles' coach Annie Malcolm "But we kind of came unglued in the second They are a really good team They're well-coached, and everyone does their part

"Turnovers hurt us big time It's been that way all year"

In the third quarter, PCA was 2-of-9 from the floor while committing those 13 turnovers, in the fourth, the Eagles were 1-of-

14 shooting with seven give-aways That means they were 3-of-23 shooting, scoring seven points while surrendering 20 turnovers in the second half

In addition to her 18 points, Amy Henry had six assists, six rebounds and seven steals Blackney grabbed 10 rebounds, and Kelley Hays had eight points

PCA got nine points from Amy Brandt

PCA 59, Inkster Academy of Detroit 43: Amy Brandt and Kim Guilfoyle combined to dominate for Plymouth Christian Academy Monday in a Class D district opener at PCA

Brandt scored 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, while Guilfoyle had 10 points, nine boards and four assists Shannon Murray contributed nine points for PCA

Academy of Detroit got eight points from Sherice Baynham

Canton hoop *from page D1*

half, a strategy that worked — at least in part

"We wanted to pressure them as much as we could and take Lake away inside," Wright said Which is why the Mustangs pressured man-to-man full-court, then dropped off into a half-court zone

An Ott basket with 4:16 left in the third quarter pulled Northville to within 24-20 That, however, was as close as it got The Chiefs scored the final

four points of the quarter to take a 28-20 lead into the fourth Christina Redd's three-point play with 7:21 to go in the final period pushed their lead to 11, only once after that did Northville narrow the gap to single digits (33-24 with 4:09 remaining)

Ironically, Northville's sagging defense in the second half did work, Lake didn't score, finishing with eight points However,

Wolcott and Jessica Johnson more than made up for it, Wolcott scoring 15 points and Johnson seven

Anderson's 12 points led Northville Ott had 11

Now What about Salem? "They're well-coached," said Blohm "They've got good players and great balance"

And the Rocks will have to deal with Canton if they hope to advance

Salem hoop *from page D1*

The Rocks outscored Novi 15-4 in the second quarter to take a 25-9 halftime lead The third quarter was similar — except for Kelly Jaskot, who had been limited to just three first-half points The senior guard broke loose for six points in the quarter, giving Salem a heekuva one-two punch (Liebau had eight in

the quarter)
The Rocks scored the last 10 points of the period to take a 43-16 lead into the fourth, leaving just one question When would Thomann empty his bench? (Answer with five minutes left)

Liebau, who was celebrating her birthday, finished with a game-high 23 points Jaskot

totalled 12 and Amy Szawara had seven Novi got 10 from Longo and eight from Megan Colligan

"One of these years," Novi coach Dennis Cichonski said to Thomann after the game had ended, "I'll be able to play with you guys"

Maybe so, but not this season



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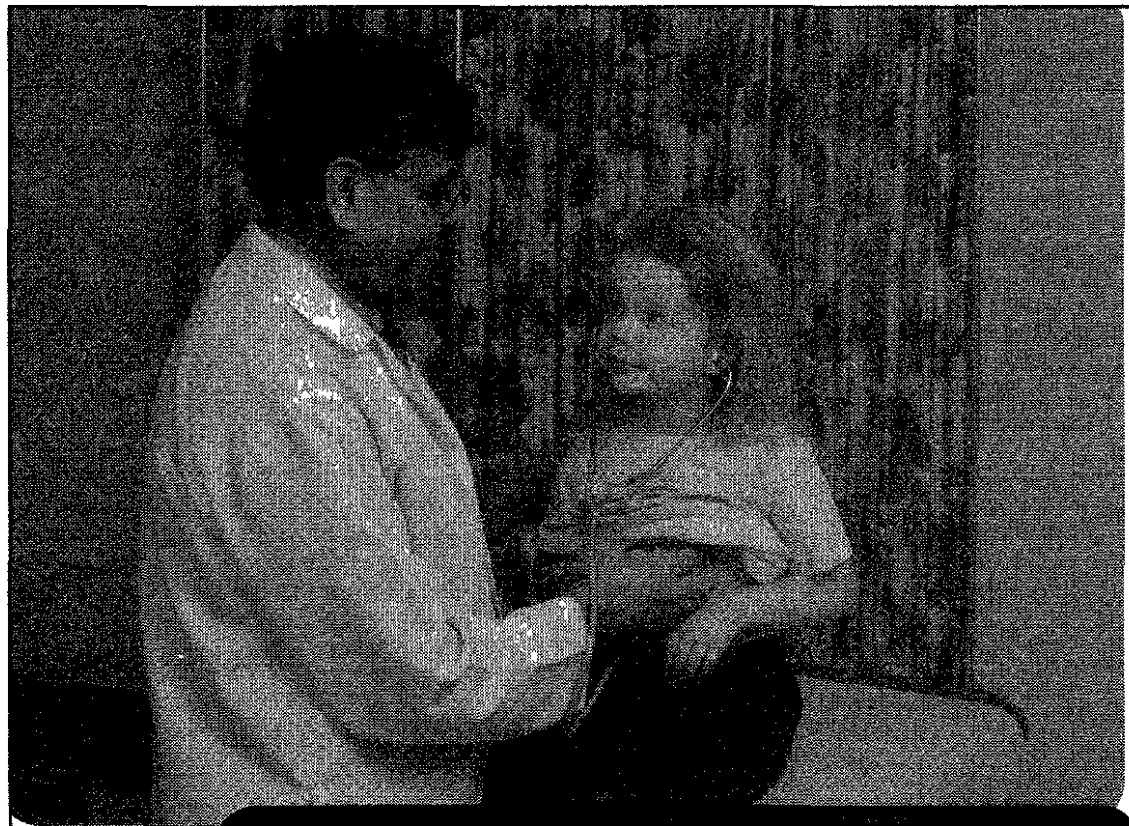
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in the game
 However, Kitchener repelled any further comeback attempts, Mike Richards getting the clincher with 1:29 left in the game
 Scott Dickie made 31 saves in goal for the Rangers Jason Bacashhua had 25 stops for the Whalers

Whalers shuffle roster
 The Whalers, one over-age player over the limit, traded defenseman Andre Robichaud to the Sarnia Sting for a 2003 third-round draft choice
 Robichaud, 6-foot-1 and 209-pounds, proved to be the odd-man-out for Plymouth, which was stuck with four over-age (over 20 years) players He had played in 11 games this season, collecting three assists
 The Whalers also added Josh Chambers in a trade with the Sarnia Sting The 6-2, 205-pound defenseman had two goals and four assists, and was a plus-10, in 13 games for the Sting Plymouth surrendered a sixth-round pick in the 2003 draft to acquire Chambers

16 40 to win the Livonia Public Schools meet and was second at the Monroe Jefferson Invitational
 He carries a 4.45 grade point average and is a National Merit semi-finalist
 Gall holds the Chargers 800 meter record of 1:55.9
 Ryan is one of the most driven athletes I have coached McGreevy said "He has made himself the fine performer he is This year he overcame dehydration asthma and an eye infection to still run quality races"
Logan Schultz, Sr., Livonia Churchill Schultz finished his career with the Chargers placing 59th in the state meet with a time of 16:34 He was 10th in the regional sixth in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet third in the Wayne County meet and third in the Livonia Public Schools meet
 Schultz had a best time of 16:32 when he finished 13th in the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational He owns the seventh best time (16:53) for a Churchill runner at Cass Benton Park
 He carries a 4.213 grade point average and is a National Merit semi-finalist Schultz scored 35 on the ACT
 "Logan has worked hard for his success" said McGreevy "He is an outstanding student athlete and a gentle man He is a sensitive young man who is

well aware of the team concept I can see him as a future coach
Steve Deblen, Sr., Plymouth Canton Deblen was the fourth place finisher in the conference meet with a 1:16.50 clocking He set the Chiefs school record at Cass Benton with a 1:16.25 and also placed sixth in the regionals with a 1:17.34
 Deblen was Canton's first or second place runner all season and led the Chiefs to the WLAA title this fall and paced the Chiefs second place finish in the regionals
 Steve discredited many doubters this season" said his coach Bill Boyd "He had strong goals and a drive to succeed"
Pat Pruitt, Sr., Plymouth Canton Pruitt ran a personal best 16:43 at the state meet after finishing seventh in the regionals He made WLAA All Western Division and ran 12th at the conference meet
 Teammates voted their captain the team's hardest worker both as a sophomore and a senior Last season he was selected most improved on the Chiefs posting a time to make him the fourth fastest Canton runner ever
 "Pat has been the team perennial workaholic" said Boyd "It is great to see this hard work pay off"



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Remerica Integrity Realtors and Remerica Suburban Realtors, both in Livonia, have joined forces. **Robert Cuffe**, president of Remerica Integrity Realtors, will continue to oversee operations at both locations. **Judy Lidsbariski** will run the Middle-



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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

belt office, **Kim Hahn** the Farmington Road office.

Both offices, with a combined 65 Realtors, will be known as Remerica Integrity.

The **AmeriSpec Inspection Services** franchise in Plymouth will donate \$15 from every home inspection the firm conducts now through Jan. 31, 2002 to the American Red Cross Disaster Fund.

Brothers **Rick** and **Bob Bowling** own the franchise.

Toll Brothers, a residential development/building company in Farmington Hills, and Northville Township officials have formally dedicated Veterans Memor-

al Park within the Northville Hills Golf Club community.

Speakers included **Jim Hepler**, land development manager for Toll Brothers, and **Mark Abbo**, Northville Township supervisor.

The 22-acre park features a brick paved path, extensive landscaping surrounding a 30-foot flag pole, a densely wooded area and a large open space.

Robertson Brothers Group, a residential developer/builder in Bloomfield Hills, recently held a garage sale for employees where it stores furniture and decorative items from its model homes.

Some \$1,050 was raised and will go to the Red Cross Liberty Fund.

Great news

Mortgage rates are lowest in 30 years

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Mortgage rates dipped this week to the lowest level in 30 years of record keeping, helping to spur a further boom in mortgage refinancing.

Rates for 30-year mortgages dropped to 6.45 percent, down from 6.56 percent the previous week, according to a nationwide survey released by Freddie Mac.

The mortgage company said the latest decline pushed 30-year mortgages to their lowest level since it began conducting its nationwide survey in 1971. It marked the 13th consecutive week that 30-year mortgages have been under 7 percent.

"This could really ignite more refinancing activity, which is already in a middle of a boom," said David Lereah, chief economist at the National Association of Realtors. "This could bring more people in."

David Wyss, chief economist at Standard & Poor's, said the 30-year rate could edge even lower in the next two months as further weak economic statistics raise the certainty that the country is in a recession.

He predicted rates could fall close to 6 percent, putting them in striking distance of the 4-percent and 5-percent levels

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National Association of Realtors

prevalent during the 1950s and 1960s, when the government still controlled the interest rates savings and loan institutions could pay depositors.

A number of forces are behind the drop in long-term rates, economists said, including the sinking economy, which many believe is in a recession, and the indirect impact of the Federal Reserve's interest rate cuts. The most recent reduction, a half-point cut, came on Tuesday.

Another factor the Treasury Department's decision last week to stop issuing 30-year bonds, economists said. Ditching the bond increased demand for alternative investments, including the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which is the basis for pricing long-term mortgages. Increased demand for 10-year notes drove prices up and reduced their yields.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, dipped to 5.94 per-

cent this week, compared with 6.04 percent the previous week. Freddie Mac said this week's rate is the lowest since it began tracking 15-year mortgages in 1991.

A year ago, rates for 30-year mortgages averaged 7.79 percent and rates for 15-year mortgages averaged 7.44 percent.

Against the backdrop of an ailing economy and rising unemployment, some Americans have been wary about making big-ticket purchases, such as a home. But the drop in long-term mortgage rates might change minds.

"People are still worried but the effect of lower rates should offset some of the negatives," said Stanley Duobinis, an economist with the National Association of Home Builders.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.30 percent, up from 5.26 percent from the previous week. Last year at this time, ARMs stood at 7.23 percent.

These rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged around 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

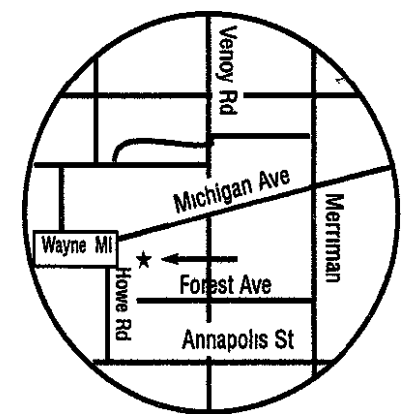
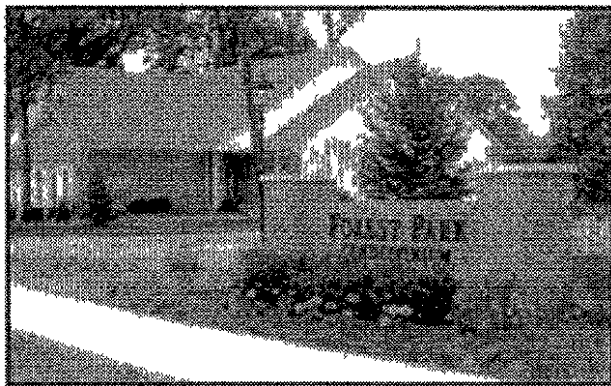
"Long-term mortgage rates will remain around 6.5 percent at least through the year, helping to keep the housing industry resilient," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

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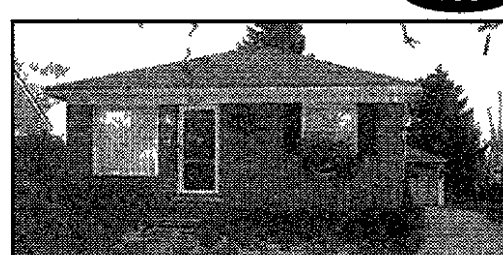
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AWARDS NIGHT

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan host their 2001 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 27, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn

Cost, which includes reception, dinner and program, is \$120 For reservations, call (248) 737-4477

ENERGY SEMINAR

The BIA hosts a class, "Energy Efficiency An Easy Sell by Successful Builders," 12 30-1 45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 28, at Oak Park High School, 13701 Oak Park Blvd (at Coolidge), oak Park

The program and lunch are free for BIA and apartment association members, \$25 for nonmembers To register, call (248) 862-1004

BUY HOME CLASS

Deborah Johnson of RE/MAX Great Lakes and Mary Jo Wilson of Shore

Mortgage host a free class for home buyers 6 30 p.m. Thursday, Nov 29, at RE/MAX, 33966 W Eight Mile, Farmington Hills

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Attendees should bring a non-perishable item or grocery store gift certificate to benefit HAVEN, a shelter for women and children

No charge for the reception For information, call (248) 862-1004

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The Western Wayne Oakland County Chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors hosts its annual holiday party noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec 13, at the association offices, 24125 Drake, Farmington

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Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details

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VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions - contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations and landfills - by ZIP code

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A kilo-what? You and energy guides

When you buy an appliance, it's not enough to decide on color and features You also must consider the energy efficiency of an appliance But how do you get this information? Quite easily - an energy guide sticker

More than 20 years ago, the US government implemented a program to make it easy for consumers to take one look at an appliance and assess its energy efficiency This treasure trove of information is a bright yellow-and-black Energy Guide sticker affixed to refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, dishwashers, clothes washers, central and room air conditioners, heat pumps, furnaces and boilers It doesn't tell you what to buy, but it does provide unbiased facts to make an informed choice What does it all mean?

Here's a step-by-step translation using the Maytag Neptune high-efficiency washing machine as an example

■ In the top left-hand corner, there is an overview of the general appliance category - in this case, clothes washer

■ The manufacturer's model number, for example MAH5500B, is in the top right-hand corner

■ The most important, but most confusing, information is in the box centered in the energy guide sticker A thick black line is a scale representing how much electricity is needed to power different washer models The number above the line shows how much energy the product uses Below the line are two anonymous appliances that represent the lowest and highest energy users in the

clothes washer category For example, this washer requires 302 kWh (kilowatt-hours) per year, which is 77 percent less energy than the most energy-hungry model, which draws 1298 kWh per year

■ In the bottom section, consumers learn what the estimated yearly operating cost of the featured appliance is This section explains that you can expect to pay \$24 annually to power this washer For some appliances, like clothes washers, the energy guide will provide figures for both electric and gas models

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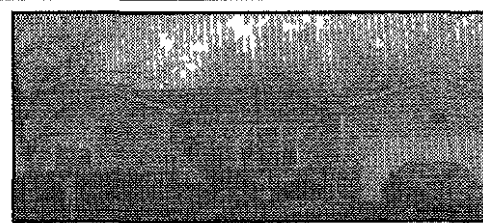
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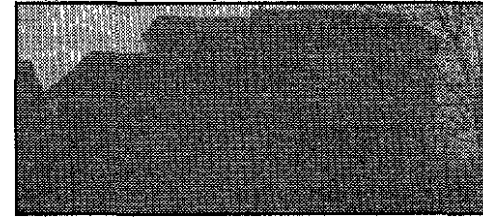
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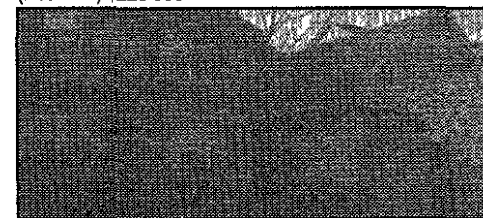
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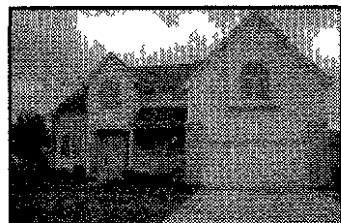
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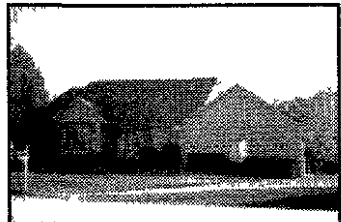
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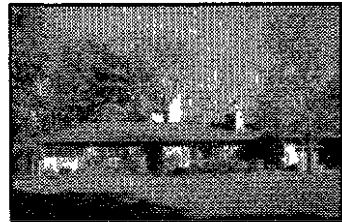
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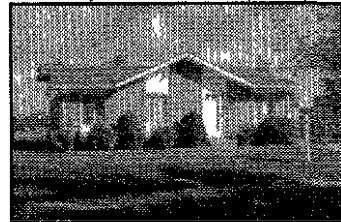
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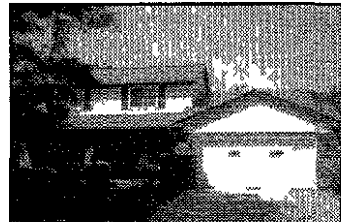
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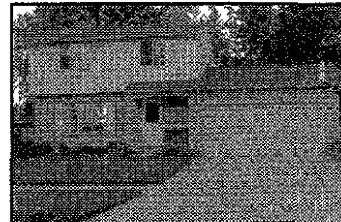
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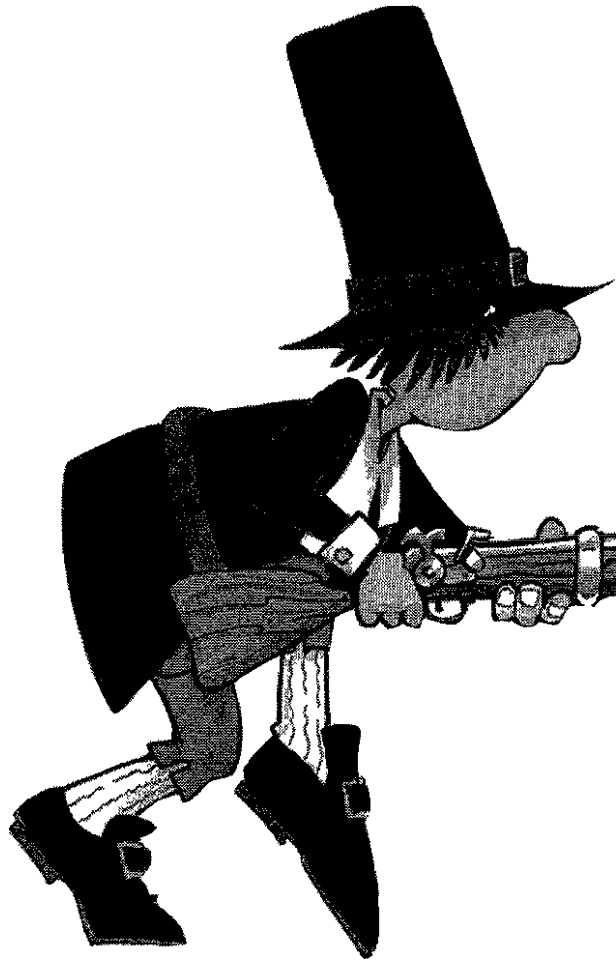
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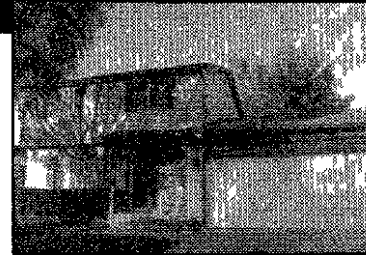
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THIS HOME REALLY SHINES FR w/cozy FP King size mstr w/pnv BA and WIC LR with bay window newer windows DWs roof carpeting, appls 2nd fl laundry 2 level deck Manicured yard part fin bsmt w/lots of storage \$279 900 (10PIC) 248-349 5600



SPACIOUS COLONIAL HOME 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home with roomy bedrooms kitchen and breakfast area with view of park-like backyard Home is in excellent condition and in a desirable Northville area \$348 900 (91WIN) 248 349 5600



ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES! 3 BR 2 bath Ranch with fin basement Newer vinyl windows and driveway w/ recent blacktop! Doorwall to deck Updated bath Hardwood floors in BRs Newer A/C and furnace Extra deep lot! \$124 900 (63BIF) 734-455 5600



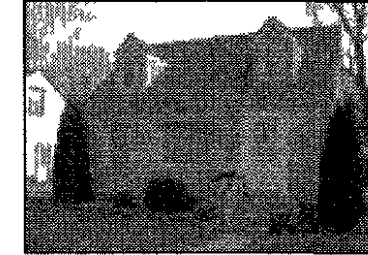
GREAT AND CLEAN STARTER HOME! 4 bedroom spacious bungalow minutes away from schools! Large updated kitchen with roll out cabinets Wood floor throughout \$144 900 734-455-5600 (00EAS)



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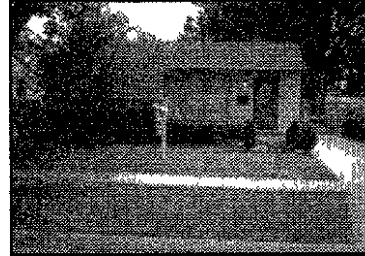
STATELY 4 bedroom 2.5 bath Tudor in Wexford Mews Neutral decor and large bath with second floor laundry Corner fireplace in family room Box bay windows in 2 bedrooms Many upgrades \$284 900 (82GRA) 248 349 5600



CAR BUFFS DREAM HOUSE 3 BR 1 BA vinyl sided bungalow w/updated kit oak & granite Updated BA - oak & ceramic Full bsmt unfinished Newer roof HWH lighting & some plumbing All appls stay 3 car garage with loft \$110 000 (28WIN) 248 349 5600



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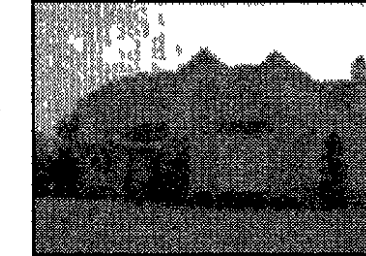
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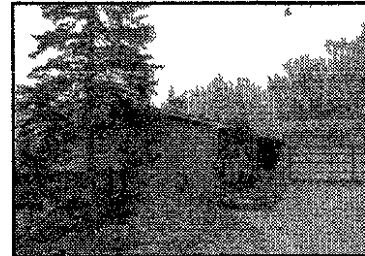
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WALK OUT BASEMENT IN PLYMOUTH! Great Ranch home w/walk out basement on a park like half acre! Woods on 2 sides & gorgeous landscape Man updates inside 1100 sf in fin basement w/bedroom & full bath! \$209 900 (64BUT) 734-455 5600



COZY CONDO! Sharp 2 bedroom condo in cozy wooded complex Freshly painted with neutral decor Newly remodeled kitchen flooring and lighting All appliances included! Bath redone All newer carpeting \$93 500 (40GRE) 734-455 5600



BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom brick Ranch with finished basement Newer windows Berber carpet Rec room has gas fireplace Separate laundry room in basement C/A and professionally landscaped \$129 900 (93FOX) 248 349 5600



PERFECT IN CHATHAM HILLS Fabulous Colonial with 4 BRs 2.5 BA fin LL W/O 2 tiered deck Beautiful ravine setting and tasteful decor Gorgeous oak kitchen newer furnace C/A doors siding glass block windows \$289 900 (38SAX) 248-349 5600



WHAT A DEAL! 3 BR 2 bath brick bungalow Covered ceilings and hardwood floors Bowed window and built in cabinet in dining area Upgraded kitchen cabinets Glass block windows in basement Detached garage \$136 884 (51CAV) 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT! Large double lot with mature trees & privacy 3 BR Ranch w/enormous GR with fireplace Kitchen has lots of cabinets & large snack bar Newer siding roof windows flooring etc In law quarters \$215 000 (01HAM) 734-455 5600



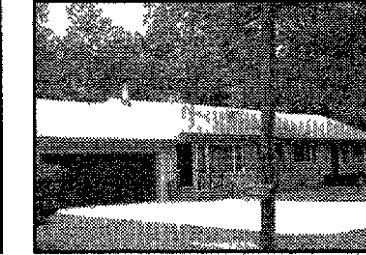
MOVE RIGHT IN! 4 bedroom bungalow low certificate of occupancy already complete! FHA and VA buyers welcome Newer double hung windows kitchen remodeled 2001 roof and carpet updated in 2001 \$96 900 (48WED) 734-455 5600



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FONDA LAKE PRIVILEGES Lovely sprawling Ranch on large treed lot Newer kitchen C/A & first floor laundry Furnace & HWH 9 years old Roof 12 years Andersen windows T/O Natural FP in large family room \$197 900 (81KEN) 248-349-5600



WAYNE WONDER! 3 BR 2 bath Ranch with gorgeous newer hardwood floors in living room kitchen and hall Newer ceramic in bath and foyer Updated kitchen finished basement with full bath Kentucky slate fireplace \$122 900 (53CHA) 734 455 5600



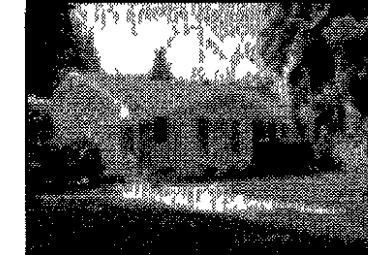
SWAN HARBOUR LAKE VIEWS! 3 BR Townhouse condo with lake views from front & back! Kitchen with newer cabinets Bosch DW lino floors and breakfast bar! Family room with FP Partial fin basement and newer carpet! \$159 000 (76INL) 734-455 5600



ROSEDALE GARDENS! 3 bedroom 2 bath Ranch with 2 car attached garage! Extra wide lot and finished basement Furnace and C/A (95) roof (99) Wet plaster walls newly painted and hardwood floors \$174 900 (10WCH) 734 455 5600



HERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY! This razor sharp Novi Ranch features 3 BRs 2 BAs spacious kitchen w/white cabinets & Pergo floor Newer neutral decor T/O Master suite w/bath 2 car att gar basement newer roof & more \$224 900 (96SUR) 248 349 5600



PICTURE PERFECT Park like fenced backyard w/covered patio and barn type shed Brck 3 BR Ranch is clean well-maintained and move-in ready Hdwd floors newer kit floor, windows gutters roof HWH & more \$132 900 (36SOU) 248 349 5600



N DEARBORN HTS HOME You'll love this great 3 bedroom brick main tenance free home with 2 bath dining room oak kitchen full fin rec room huge MBR C/A new 2.5 car garage this year Decorated very sharp \$138 900 (99COL) 248-349 5600



ONE OF A KIND/MANY POSSIBILITIES! Multi family or single family Updates Beautiful garden with pond and paver walkway New roof private fence large country porch Indoor spa shed 3 bedroom 3.5 bath \$179 000 (05CHE) 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL STONECREST! 3 BR 2.5 BA Colonial in desired Stonecrest Sub with Plymouth Canton schools! Large master suite formal dining room family room w/vaulted ceilings & living room Loft overlooking FR \$239 900 (63IRO) 734-455 5600



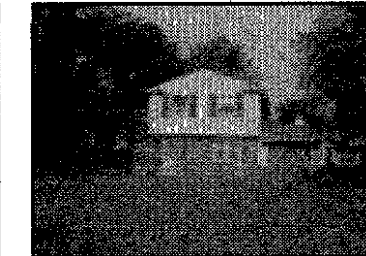
OLD WORLD CHARM! Hardwood & coved ceilings make this 1930s built Colonial the perfect family home! Almost 1500 sf of living space with 4 BRs large living room w/FP formal dining room and part fin basement \$124 999 (06WIL) 734-455-5600



PRESTIGIOUS GOLF COMMUNITY 4 bedroom 3.5 bath masterpiece home is still in the process of being custom designed There is still time for your design input \$699 900 (13STA) 248 349 5600



COUNTRY SETTING/WOODED Heavily wooded paradise only begins to describe this custom built Tudor tucked away in a very secluded setting Prof fin LL Florida room 2 way fireplace Charming and updated \$312 900 (15NIN) 248 349-5600



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BETTER THAN NEW! Built in 2000 & backs to open park area! Hardwood floors w/foyer bay window in living and formal dining room Kitchen w/oak cabinets pantry and appls Breakfast nook with deck to doorwall FR w/vaulted ceiling \$227 500 (19OAK) 734 455 5600



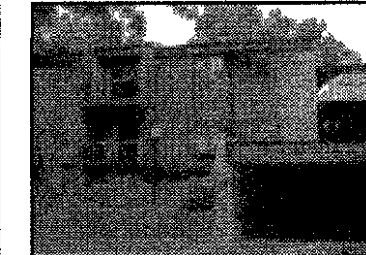
WESTLAND WONDER! 3 BR 1.5 BA Colonial with attached garage (with new door and opener) Some newer windows Pella entry doors partial finished basement home backs to wooded lot! Newer hot water heater \$135 000 (20WOO) 734-455 5600



GREAT BRICK RANCH in South Redford with 3 bedrooms 1 bath Partially finished basement 1.5 car detached garage Newer roof and furnace \$124 900 (08WOR) 248 349 5600



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LIKE NEW! Neutral decor gourmet kit cherry cab granite cnts 2 way FP in GR & brkfst nook 1st fl mstr lib w/cath clngs frml DR 3 BR plus loft 2 5 bths 3 car gar (H16725)
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BEAUTIFUL VIEW! Golf course community Private bk yd, prof landscaped front lg deck gourmet kit w/center island mstr ste study w/ fp prof finished bsmt (S538)
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NORTHVILLE \$324,900
RESTFUL & RELAXING describes this 4 BR 1 1/2 level home on 1 acre that's wooded Natural frpl 2 5 baths 2 car garage Plenty of room for entertaining (49WH12)
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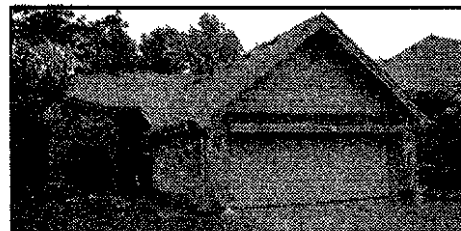


NORTHVILLE \$319,900
GREAT CURB APPEAL Beautiful cul de sac location on private setting well maintained FR w/vaulted ceiling deck 4 BR 2 5 baths possible 5th BR Over 2300 sq ft! (W42945)
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POPULAR LOCATION IN CANTON! Beautiful in & out Creek runs along back side & views of pond 4 lg BR mstr ste FR w/vaulted clngs lots of updates & special features Hurry! (R6688)
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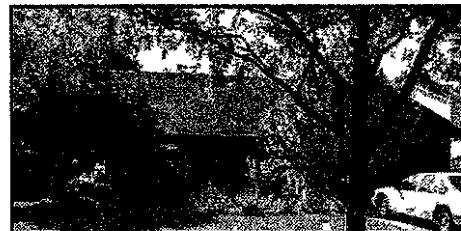
CANTON \$249,998
ROOM TO ROAM! In this 4 bdrm 2 5 bath quadonial in Windemere sub Updates include roof trim gar doors a/c windows etc Bsmt finished Call now! (23P45030)
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CANTON \$239,900
AFFORDABLE RANCH! This 3 bdrm ranch has a hrdwd foyer great rm w/natural frplc kit w/oak cabinets & lg eating area Inground pool w/new liner Walk to elementary school (23H45610)
PC 230082 734-455-7000



WESTLAND \$235,000
ONCE A MODEL! 3 BR 2 5 bath colonial freshly painted FR w/vaulted clng & recessed lights 1st fl laundry mstr BR has att'd wic & bath att'd 2 car parking pad & 2 car gar (C36629)
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CANTON \$228,900
PRICED RIGHT! This 3 bdrm 2 bath freshly painted col is waiting for you! You'll be pleased w/the spacious bdrms Lg FR lg LR w/frplc 2 doorwalls lead to lg deck (23G45875)
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NORTHVILLE \$209,900
CAPE COD on 1 2 treed acres 3 BR 2 1 1/2 SF hwdw flrs totally remodeled kitchen Many updates CA and a breezeway What a find! (07SEV2)
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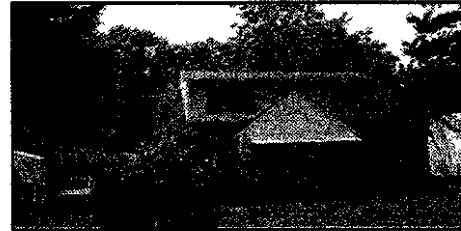
NORTHVILLE \$184,900
NORTHVILLE! Income property 2 story home 4 BR 2 baths 2 car garage bsmt deck & porch Needs some work walk to town! Land contract! (01YER2)
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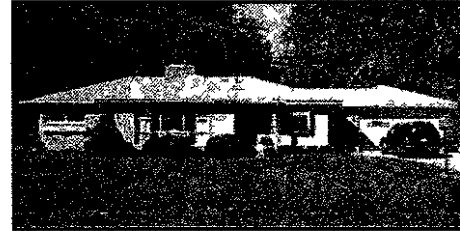
WESTLAND \$184,900
NEW CONSTRUCTION 1 560 sq ft Ranch nearing completion Features include full basement 3 bdrms 2 baths 1st floor laundry great room w/fireplace 2 car attached garage (N695)
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LIVONIA \$179,900
CHARMING 3/4 ACRE COLONIAL in a nice location updated kitchen bath 3 Furnaces over 1500 sq ft 24x26 insulated garage backs to elementary school with gate access (B19610)
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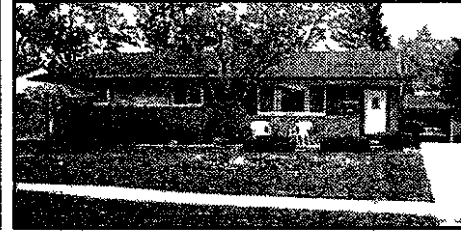
LIVONIA \$169,911
FOUR BEDROOMS! Two full baths! Large family rm w/cathedral ceiling! Newer windows shingles kitchen covered patio On almost 1/2 acre park like lot in Livonia (M20221)
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NESTLED ON NEARLY 1/2 ACRE WOODED LOT! This charming 3 BR 1 5 bath home offers quality & space! Extras include eat in kitchen DR w/bay window lg living rm w/fp Florida rm brick patio & more! (F14933)
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$159,900
FARMINGTON HILLS ON ALMOST AN ACRE LOT! (140x287) Tons of updating & remodeling has been done 2 car garage maple kitchen cabinets hrdwd flr in kitchen pine flrs in living rm Hurry! (F35315)
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WESTLAND \$157,900
DON'T MISS OUT! Lovely 3 BR brick ranch offers huge FR w/cath clngs Doorwall leads to a beautiful 25x25 deck nicely landscaped w/extra deep lot & privacy fence (F35644)
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WESTLAND \$154,900
YOU GOTTA SEE This beautiful 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home with 2 car garage pool and deck Beautiful inside and out Don't let this slip away (W701)
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ATTENTION FUSSY BUYERS! Over 1700 sq ft in this 4 BR colonial 2 car att gar part fin bsmt den FR 2 BR up 2 down Jack & Jill bath up lg FR w/dining L hwdw in a few rms Hurry! (C12145)
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CHARMING 3 BR HOME on treed and flowered grounds Newly remodeled re built and redecorated 2 car detached garage fenced yard Livonia schools! (50JOY2)
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AT HOME

Festival of Trees

Volunteers brighten up holidays to help Children's Hospital



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For the children: Michelle Mamo, coordinator of trees for the Festival of Trees, made and sold this "Winnie-the-Pooh" Christmas tree as part of the Festival of Trees. This tree has already been donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

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Michelle Mamo remembers her first visits to Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

Her 9-month-old son Bradley was hospitalized after the 1989 Bonneville Michelle was driving was hit head on. Michelle sustained a concussion and broken ribs while Brad also sustained a concussion and broke a growth plate in his left ankle. He had a cast from the tip of his toe to the tip of his thigh for two to three months. Mamo said he wasn't even done crawling yet.

Over the next several months Michelle and husband Robert visited the hospital several times to see an orthopedic surgeon there. Bradley eventually recovered, but the visits remained with Michelle in her thoughts of the sick children there.

"I just thought it was so sad," Mamo said. "I thanked God that my child recovered. The accident and her son's recovery made her realize not to take life and good health for granted, so she then volunteered with the Festival of Trees to help raise money for Children's Hospital."

Since its inception in 1985, the Festival of Trees has raised more than \$8.5 million for Children's Hospital of Michigan. The event has attracted more than 400,000 visitors from all over Michigan, Ohio and Canada.

It's truly festive

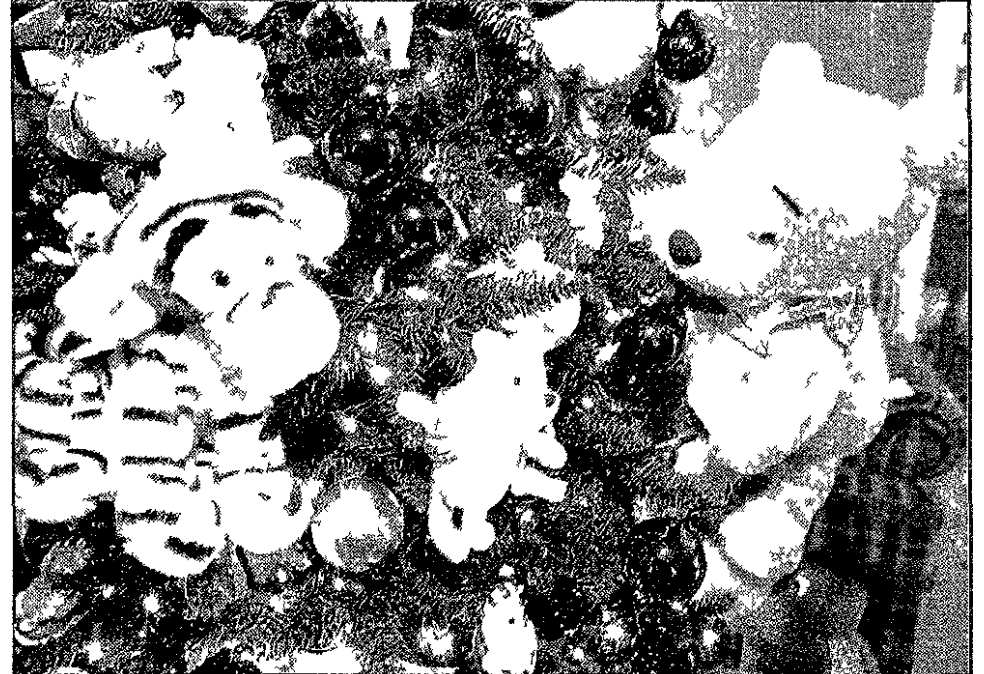
The Festival of Trees certainly helps Detroiters and suburbanites get into the holiday mood. Sponsored by Meijer, the festival is a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses and wreaths. It also offers entertainment, a festive gift shop, a newly designed Santaland with children's activities, photos with Santa and a Secret Santa shop. A 2002 Mustang convertible also will be raffled off.

Honorary chair is Jack Krasula, chairman and CEO of Decision Consultants, an information technology services company based in Southfield. Krasula first became involved with helping Children's Hospital through his friendship with Joe and Carol Horonzy of Bloomfield Hills. Joe Horonzy is the chairman of Children's Hospital.

Children are our future, and this is one of the greatest children's hospitals in the world, Krasula said. Krasula said the hospital also had innovative research and technology efforts going there.

"Like any project that is successful, you have to have a great cause," Krasula said. "You have to get the best people and you capture their hearts."

Today Bradley is fine, Michelle Mamo



Oh, bother! Tigger and Winnie-the-Pooh decorate the Mamo tree, which will be displayed at the Festival of Trees. Each toy will be given to a child at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Below, Billy Buttons characters add to the home's decorations.

says at 5 feet 5 inches tall and 135 pounds. "And he's only 12," she said.

Mamo has volunteered with the Festival of Trees for 12 years, returning year after year to help Children's Hospital.

"If my work can raise money and they can get a piece of equipment they might not normally have, then I'm doing something good," she said.

"They're like your extended family there. If you have a child that's sick, it's a great place to go. You get close to them and they're like family."

Beautifully decorated

Mamo is the tree coordinator for this year's event, overseeing the 117 trees to be placed in the ballroom area. It's going to be a full house, Mamo said. Last year approximately 100 trees were in that area.

The trees will be created by 95 designers. This year's trees range from Barbie to Winnie the Pooh, Mamo said. "This year is a great variety. It's fun to see what they've done."

This year Mamo is creating a 7-foot Winnie the Pooh tree. The tree sponsor is MGM Grand Casino, and officials there are donating the tree to Children's Hospital. They (MGM) are a special Santa, but they wanted it to be at the hospital. "I think it will help. It's going to have large stuffed animals and I hope it can make Christmas a little more merry for the children," Krasula said. Ameri



Christmas color: Red and white is the theme in the living room. This tree is Mamo's favorite of the nine Christmas trees that decorate throughout her home.



In the spirit: A centerpiece decorates the dining room table.



A wondrous tree: Shelby Mamo, 9, has a "Alice in Wonderland" Christmas tree in her bedroom that her mother Michelle created.

2001 Festival of Trees

What: 2001 Festival of Trees, the largest annual fund-raising event for Children's Hospital of Michigan, features more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses and wreaths. It also offers entertainment, a festive gift shop, a newly designed Santaland with children's activities, photos with Santa and a Secret Santa Shop just for kids. A 2002 Mustang convertible will be raffled off.

Where: Cobo Center, Detroit

When: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday Nov. 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 19; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20 and Wednesday, Nov. 21; 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 22; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 25.

Tickets: Advance are \$7 adults, \$5 seniors, \$3 children ages 2-12, under 2 are free. Gate tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 seniors and \$4 children ages 2-12, under 2 are free. (Raffle tickets for the 2002 Mustang are \$50 and can be purchased by calling (313) 745-0178.)

Gala Preview Party: Black tie fund-raiser features live auction of donated trees, entertainment, hors d'oeuvres, sweet tables and a cash bar, scheduled 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17. Tickets are \$250 benefactor, \$200 patron and \$150 friend. A champagne reception for benefactors and patrons is 6 p.m.

Teddy Bear Brunch: Fun activities and entertainment for entire family with visit from Santa Claus, scheduled 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 24. Tickets are \$15 adult and \$10 for children ages 2-12.

Dance Party: Dance in the setting of hundreds of decorated trees and enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, Nov. 24. Tickets are \$25 per person. An RSVP is required by Nov. 20.

For more information, call the Festival of Trees at (313) 966-TREE or visit the Festival of Trees Web site at www.fot.org.

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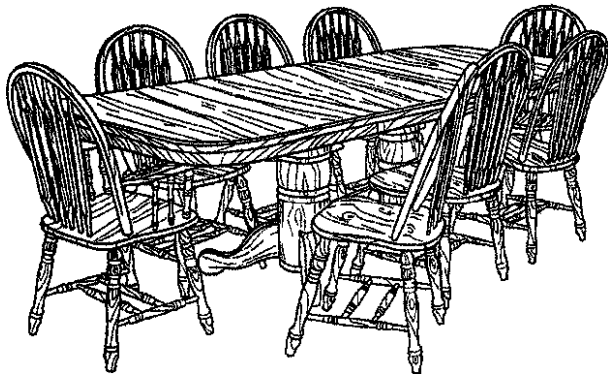
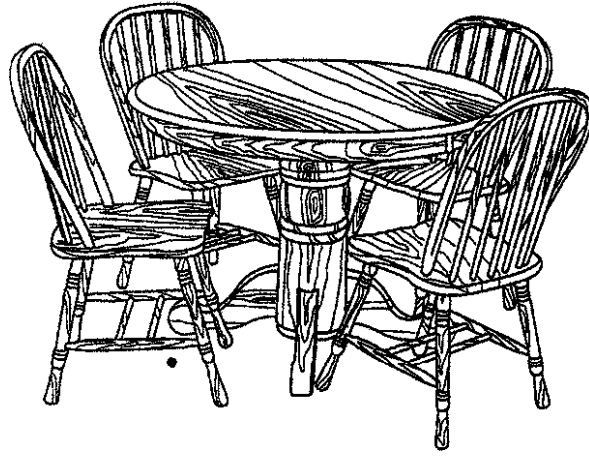
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Check your chimney before burning wood

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More consumers may heat their homes this winter with wood

Some homeowners may turn to wood because of rising utility bills. Others may do so because they enjoy the crackling smell of a roaring fire.

Officials at the Chimney Safety Institute of America are urging people with wood burning fireplaces and wood stoves to follow safe wood burning habits this winter.

"Wood burning safety is especially important this heating season because people are once again turning to wood for heat," said Greg Wilhamson, executive director of CSIA. "We want people to be safe, as well as warm and cozy, when they are burning firewood, as well as manufactured firelogs and wood pellets. We believe this safety starts with an inspection for creosote buildup and chimney instructions."

Fall - just about when homeowners begin to sit again in front of the fireplaces during months of cold weather - marks a good time to check fireplaces.

Bill Marken, owner of Marken & Sons and a Livonia firefighter, sets up shop in the homes of fireplaces he sweeps. He sets up a dropcloth in the room where the fireplace is located, then heads up a ladder to the top of the chimney.

"I brush the creosote from the side of the flue, which falls on the top of the smoke shelf, which sits just above the fireplace damper," said Marken. The creosote resembles a black, porous material.

The creosote's thickness can vary. If softwoods are burned at low temperatures frequently, that fireplace is more likely to collect more creosote.

"The problem with a fireplace or a regular wood burning

Homeowners should have a chimney inspection on all fireplaces and wood stoves to guarantee the chimney can safely vent the hot gases and smoke from a fire.

stove, is when you do not have a fire hot enough and you create creosote," said Don Donnelly, fire inspector with the Livonia Fire Department. "This is more likely to form with green wood or soft wood. That's why people should use seasoned or hard wood."

When creosote forms, and then a hot fire is ignited in the fireplace at a later date or someone burns cardboard in the fireplace, the creosote can ignite, Donnelly said. "And it will sound like a freight train because it sends oxygen through the room," he said. "When you create that kind of heat, that wall will not handle it, and it goes into the house." If that fire reaches an air pocket in an attic or elsewhere, it can spread and destroy a house quickly.

Marken can clean a fireplace in about one hour. Fall is usually a good time to get the chimney swept, or once every two years if it is used frequently.

"The best thing is to use a good dead hardwood," Marken said. If you burn once every three weeks, every other year is a good measure. It is a good idea to have a spark arrester above the fireplace to prevent hot ash from entering the flue and possibly igniting the creosote.

But sometimes homeowners burn plastic or trash in their fireplace, which is illegal. "They'll burn trash or cardboard and they can have a problem real quick," Marken said.

Getting a chimney swept helps bring peace of mind to homeowners.

"It's just gratifying to put a hazard to rest so they don't have to think about it," Marken said. "You can also see any deficiencies in their chimney that they may have."

The CSIA offers tips to reduce the risk of fires and carbon monoxide poisonings from wood burning fires. Homeowners should have a chimney inspection on all fireplaces and wood stoves to guarantee the chimney can safely vent the hot gases and smoke from a fire. They should install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and build small hot fires.

"We want to make sure that an enhanced interest in wood burning does not increase the number of fires or carbon monoxide poisonings," said Wilhamson.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in 1998 there were 18,300 residential fires originating in chimneys, fireplaces and solid fuel appliances. These fires resulted in 40 deaths, 160 personal injuries and \$158.2 million in property damage.

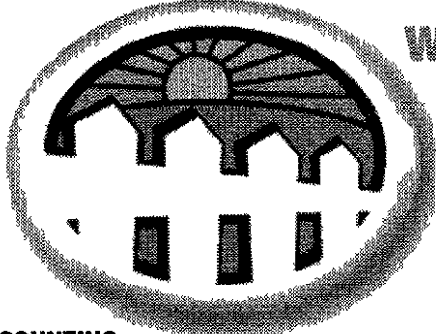
The CSIA recommends that people have inspections performed by CSIA certified chimney sweeps. These chimney sweeps have earned the industry's most respected credential by passing an intensive examination based on fire codes, clearances and standards for the construction and maintenance of chimney and venting systems.

The National Fire Protection Association also recommends that all chimneys be inspected on an annual basis.

The CSIA is a nonprofit educational institution dedicated to educating the public about the prevention of chimney and venting safety hazards. For free information about wood burning safety and for a list of CSIA certified chimney sweeps, call (800) 536-0118 or visit the CSIA web site at www.csia.org.

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MONTE NAGLER

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There may be times, however when a landscape isn't strong enough on its own and the inclusion of a person can be an important addition to the composition.

For example, a person can add scale to a photograph to get the feel of the height of a waterfall or the size of a mountain. An isolated person can be an effective way of showing the desolation or lonely aspect of a region.

I remember once photographing a pagoda in a remote area of China. After composing the shot, I concluded that the silhouette of a person was needed to make the picture really strong. I waited

three hours for someone to arrive, but the wait paid off!

The picture shown here is another example. I was photographing in the Swiss Alps trying to capture the grandeur of these great mountains. Many of the pictures came out spectacular, but I thought I could add another dimension by having a person in the picture. My thought became real when a woman and her dog out for a hike appeared in my viewfinder.

Adding a person is also a very good means to illustrate a particular activity in a certain area.

For instance, if photographing an overall of the country in Ire-

land, including a sheepherder, adds that special touch. If shooting the canals in Venice, wait for the gondolier to appear in the scene.

Study your landscape before you shoot and ask yourself if the inclusion of a person would help. Remember, there may be times when you can use a friend or traveling companion as the perfect model.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734)953 2047 on a touch tone phone. His fax number is (248)644 1314.



Swiss mist: The grandeur of the Swiss Alps is brought into scale by adding the woman and her dog into the composition.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

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CREATURE COMFORTS

Misunderstandings are dangerous

ABOUT ANIMALS



DR. BRAD DAVIS

In undergraduate school I toyed with the idea of becoming a reporter. My writing impressed one of my journalism professors to the point that she offered me a job writing a column explaining medical information. I declined. My focus remained unwavering from becoming a veterinarian, and whoever heard of a vet with a newspaper column?

Still, these classes taught me some very important lessons, such as "If your mother tells you she loves you, check it out!"* Make sure you have your facts correct before you publish - misinformation is worse than no information.

Lately I've seen way too much misinformation, both published and in rumor, that could end up causing trouble.

Vaccines

In a syndicated column discussing vaccines, a veterinarian wrote something that quickly raised my ire. He called giving an elderly cat vaccines "malpractice." His tone almost seemed angry, giving the impression that vaccinating animals bordered on evil.

I admit I rarely get through his column without rolling my eyes and laughing at his mistakes, but in this case the misinformation could become dangerous.

Vaccine regimens have been debated for years, and will be debated for years to come. It seems as though every year, someone comes out with a shocking new revelation about vaccines that is going to change everything for the better (like the west coast offense was going to do for the Lions, but I digress).

Studies done in a university setting, away from real practice conditions, get quoted out of context, and receive too much weight because they are new and different. Different is interesting.

Even this columnist couldn't debate the importance of getting puppies vaccinated to keep them healthy. Rarely does a week go by at my clinic without us being treated to a parvovirus puppy. Lack of vaccines leaves these pups vulnerable to the disease.

So everyone should get every vaccine? No. If you have questions, call your vet. Helping a client feel comfortable about doing the best for their pet makes a day worthwhile. (Plus, as a rule, vets love to talk!)

Roundups

Sometimes misinformation comes from within our psyche, such as believing rattlesnakes are a scourge on society, and that rattlesnake roundups help.

Groups of men, usually in Texas, get together for these roundups, often as a city event with beer companies as sponsors. They collect the rattlesnakes from the surrounding areas, decapitate and skin them, barbecue the meat and use their skins for the manufacture of belts and other souvenirs.

Getting rid of them that varmints makes the desert safer for kids to run around. Rattlesnakes serve no purpose but to bite humans and cause health problems, y'know!

Mark Honas, radio host and exotic animal expert, says the practice of clearing rattlesnakes damages the environment much more than it helps, not to mention that rattlesnakes generally try to avoid people whenever they can.

These roundups "deplete rattlesnake numbers in the Southwest to the point they could become endangered," Honas said. This damages the American Southwest eco-system.

The methods of capture can defy logic. Participants will often pour gasoline into the rattlesnake dens, forcing them out, where men wait to catch them, Honas said.

He said this practice hurts not just the rattlesnakes, but other snakes, frogs, rodents and any other critters that might be using the den, not to mention the gasoline contaminating the ground water. It might be wiser to learn methods of coexistence with the snakes than to try to eliminate them.

Anthrax

The current world situation demands correct information. Misunderstandings can be dangerous.

At a news conference, a reporter asked the president about the virus, anthrax. Anthrax is not a virus, it is a bacterium. If you are going to ask the leader of the free world a serious question, you might actually want to know what you're talking about.

Anthrax, a bacterial disease, has pockets all over the world, including the United States. Spores form with oxygen exposure, which then resist damage from chemicals or temperature extremes. People usually contract the disease from consuming or working with affected animal products.

I am not qualified to speak of this disease in context of human medicine, but I can talk about it as one of the true bad boys in the world health scene for animals, and the people who work with them.

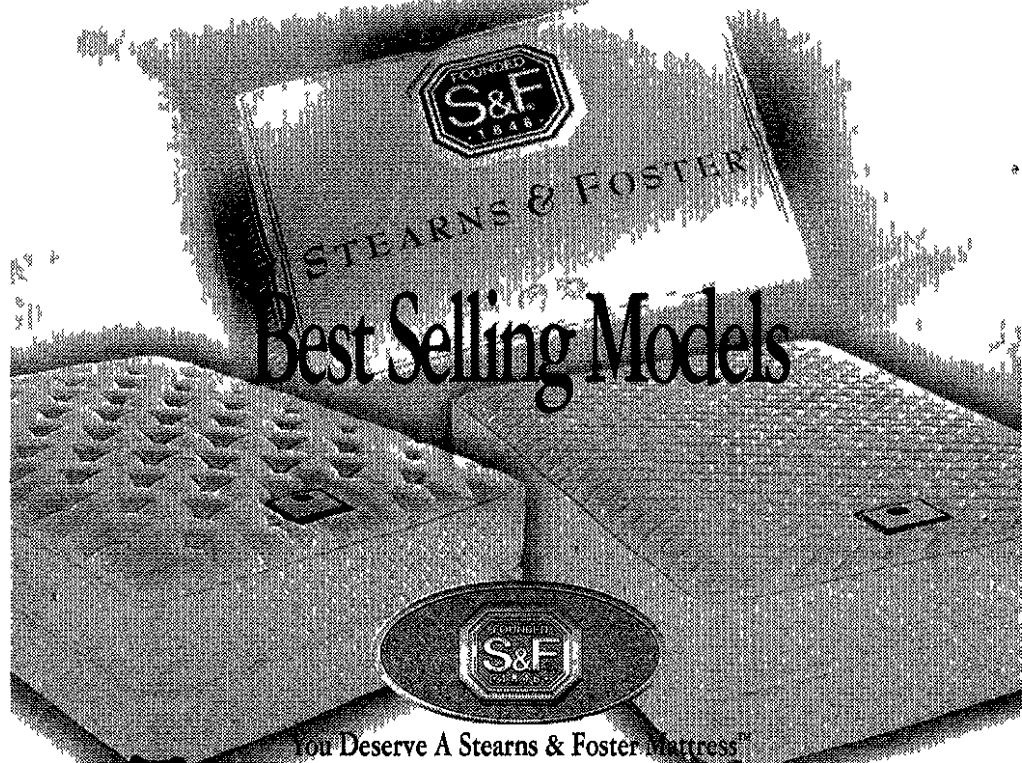
Antibiotics can be used to treat anthrax, but the best way to prevent it comes with knowledge. Ask your health care professional, or check out respected medical Web sites, not obscure rumor factories, as the load of half-truths we hear nowadays clouds the facts.

As I heard someone say at my clinic, "I'm worried someone's going to get a dust cropper and start spreading Amtrak!"

Take Home Message: Knowledge is more important now than it has ever been. Make sure you get all the facts before letting misinformation hurt you. Check multiple sources, and ask experts like your veterinarian or physician. As the old saying goes, you can't believe everything you read. (Well, except here, I guess!)

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GARDENING

Loving care to tender bulbs will hold them for another season

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Many people enjoy growing tender bulbs in the summer and if time is spent caring for them after they've finished their show, they can be replanted in the spring for another season of enjoyment

Tender bulbs won't live in cold weather

Canna, caladium, dahlias, begonias, elephant ears, oxalis, pineapple lilies and other exotic foliage plants and flowers fit into this category. The foliage on some of them is unbelievable! Huge leaves on elephant ears or tiger stripes on a tall canna are sure to elicit favorable comments

You can either choose to treat them as annuals and discard them, remembering that some of them are expensive, or hold them over for another season. Here's what to do when frost blackens the foliage

Carefully dig up the bulbs so they won't be damaged. Cut off excess foliage and brush off loose soil. Set the bulbs out in a warm, dry place with good air circulation to dry for a day or two. When dry, brush off remaining soil, being careful not to bruise the bulbs when handling, as this promotes mold

After the bulbs are dry, cut off any remaining foliage and pack the bulbs in a few layers of an appropriate "medium" such as perlite, vermiculite, cocoa hulls, clean sawdust or peat moss

Store in a container with lay-

ers of bulbs separated by your medium of choice in a dry place until spring

Optimal storage temperatures vary for different bulbs, but typically range just under or over 50 degrees. Don't worry yourself needlessly—few people have temperature-controlled storage areas, store your bulbs the best you can. Don't let them freeze

A few cautions: Tuberous begonias need to be taken care of before frost. Dahlia stems may have water in them. Hang them upside down to drain. When digging gladioli, you'll notice that the shriveled old corm is there, as well as new corms. Separate them and discard the old, store the new

Remember, not all summer-blooming bulbs are tender. Lilies, for example, are winter hardy, as are alliums. Hardy summer bulbs, like most of their spring-blooming cousins, are perennial performers and can overwinter in the garden

Thanks to the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center for its input

Call for colchicums

The colchicums in my garden have finished blooming, and although the flowers didn't last very long, I would really miss them if they weren't there

Several people have asked what they were so I thought you might like to learn about them, too

Colchicums are in the lily family, not the crocus family (iris), although they do resemble a crocus far more than they do a lily. They grow from corms rather than bulbs

If you order plants by mail, place your order in the spring. Otherwise buy them in August or September and plant them as

soon as you have them, they have a tendency to bloom soon after they're out of commercial storage

Plant the corms in well-drained, fertile soil with the top of the corm 3 inches below the surface. The foliage is quite wide, so give them room by spacing them 8 to 12 inches apart. It may take a year or so for them to bloom, but be patient

They like morning sunlight, afternoon shade is believed to be beneficial by prolonging the blooming period

A site under an overhanging tree or shrub branches will protect them from heavy rain, hail or early snows

I planted my plants in the wrong location according to this research, so will transplant them to a more suitable place next year. No wonder they wilted in the hot afternoon sun!

I learn so much from doing this column

There are many cultivars from which to choose, so take your time when you make your selection. Mark the place where you plant your colchicums so you won't disturb their garden place. Caution: They are poisonous

Travel plans

Good news! Space is still available on my river cruise to Holland, Belgium and the Floride. The early booking deadline has been extended to Dec 31, 2001! For information and/or a brochure, call Jean at The World of Travel, (248)203-0022. Don't miss this special opportunity

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734)953 2047 on a touch tone phone. Her fax number is (248)644 1314



MARTY FIGLEY

Call for colchicums: Colchicums are sometimes called naked ladies

Christmas walk to benefit Greenmead

If you enjoy seeing how other homeowners decorate their homes for the Christmas holiday, then a visit to 13th Annual Friends of Greenmead Christmas Walk may give you plenty of ideas

The walk is scheduled 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Dec 1, and features seven homes in Livonia open for viewing. Proceeds will fund the restoration and preservation of Greenmead

Visitors can start at the Hill House at historic Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, just south of Eight Mile Road. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served there

Tickets are \$9 per person in advance, \$10 the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased from any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, located in the library just west of Farmington and south of Five Mile near Livonia Civic Center, Greenmead and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia Civic Center Program booklets will be available at the Civic Center Library or the Hill House

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INTERIOR DESIGN

Celebrations set holiday cheer in style

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Get ready to get "set" for the holidays. The time is near for Holiday Tables, presented by Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary.

The 26th annual event, *Celebrations*, will take place Nov 15-18 at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills.

Tables decorated by area celebrities will be displayed, arranged throughout Cranbrook House. *Celebrations* will also feature a benefactors' evening, a patron tea and preview, and a raffle.

Cranbrook Holiday Tables present ideas on how to serve holiday cheer with distinctive style.

An example is the table by Birmingham interior designer Ronnie Higgs of Higgs and Higgs Ltd. Higgs' table, *Hobnobble Gobble Tea*, was inspired by a family tradition.

"When I was young, my aunt would take me to tea during Thanksgiving," she said.

"We would wear our little white gloves. She really piqued my interest in older things and family things."

Elements are arranged on an antique game table that is topped with antique linen. A cornucopia of warm harvest tones is shown, such as in the tureen and Fitz & Floyd teapot (both in turkey shapes) and the dried flowers in a silver pitcher. The tureen belonged to the grand-

mother of Higgs' husband.

Also featured are a majolica sugar and creamer, resembling vegetables, and Fitz & Floyd plates, resembling leaves. Japanese brassware rests on a napkin topped with a multicolored Brunschwig & Fils tassel.

Cake plates form a glass tower in one corner of the arrangement. An antique decanter, and delicate glasses from Higgs' mother are other sparkling items.

"I wanted it to be more traditional," Higgs said of the table.

Other table exhibitors include Donna Anderson of Anderson Gallery, the Art Deco Society, Pam Bouchard of Cranbrook Academy of Art, Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary, Cranbrook House Auxiliary, Kay Drasian, Catherine Hemmert, Jeffrey King of Jeffrey King Interiors, Mary Kro-neman, Sandra Moers, Georgia Nadhir of Masterpiece Gallery, Neiman Marcus, The Community House executive director Shelley Roberts, Cynthia Vittiglio and Mary Beth Winkworth and family of Festivities.

The Thistle Shop in Cranbrook House will offer new items for holiday shopping.

Raffle tickets, sold in packs of 10, are \$40.

Among the raffle items are a Tanzanian staff finial sculpture from Anderson Gallery, a holiday wreath from Chapman House, a holiday centerpiece from Festivities, a floral evening bag from Flora & Fauna, a signed, limited-

edition glass bowl from Jeffrey King, Italian decorative pillows from Masterpiece Gallery, a leather jewelry case from Mayor's, a framed still life painting from Kathleen McInerney, and Jay Strongwater limited edition candlesticks and frame from Neiman Marcus.

Floral contributors to the event are Blossoms of Birmingham, Bordines, English Gardens, Goldner Walsh Flowers, Moran's Flora, Telly's Greenhouse, Uhlman Greenhouse and Uptown Blossoms by Nicholas.

The benefactors' evening, a strolling cocktail reception, will take place 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at Neiman Marcus at Somerset Collection South, Big Beaver Road and Coolidge in Troy. Tickets are \$100.

Two patron teas are scheduled Nov. 15 - one 9:30-11:30 a.m. and one 1:30-4 p.m. Tickets are \$50. The teas are sponsored by DuMouchelles Art Galleries.

General admission hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 16-17 and noon to 4 p.m. Nov. 18. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. To buy advance tickets or for more information, call (248) 645-3147.

Advance tickets may also be bought in Birmingham at Marley's (105 Townsend), Townsend Hotel (100 Townsend), Quarton Market (1744 W. Maple), or Betsy Reich's in *The Eccentric Newspapers* building (805 E. Maple), or in Troy at Telly's Greenhouse (3301 John R). Proceeds benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House.



Harvest home: A table created by Ronnie Higgs shows a cornucopia of warm harvest tones, such as in the turkey-shaped teapot, for this year's Cranbrook Holiday Tables. For the event, tables decorated by area celebrities are arranged throughout Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills.

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