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Pipeline

Grant puts focus on family violence

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Police Detective Dave Hayes has been battling domestic violence cases for just over a year. Now, he's got a partner. Using a federal grant to pay for the

first year, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has established a domestic violence prosecutor position, handling cases in both the 35th District Court in Plymouth and the 19th District Court in Dearborn. The 35th District Court encompasses the Plymouths, the Northvilles and Canton

Mary Rubio will have an office in the Plymouth Township Police Department's detective bureau, and she'll work hand-in-hand with Hayes and judges in both courts to handle what she says is a growing number of family violence incidents. The \$48,000 Burn Memorial grant received by the county will foot the bill

for the first year. The county must re-apply each year, according to Rubio, and the grant will be less each time, until eventually the county has to foot the entire bill.

Rubio thinks it will be well worth the

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Cheer club

The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth Canton Observer Cheer Club.

In fact, we're opening the club a week or so early this year because the need is always greater during tough times.

Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main in Plymouth during business hours.

The items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 13, when we will turn them over to the good folks at the Salvation Army. They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

When you bring your donations by our office, we'll



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Of course, you may remain anonymous if you prefer. Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

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Holiday hours

Planning on doing any post-Thanksgiving business at either Plymouth Township Hall or Plymouth City Hall? It's going to have to wait until Monday.

Both municipalities announced they are closed for business Thanksgiving Day and Friday. Both will reopen for normal business hours Monday morning.

Trash pickup this week is delayed one day.

Christmas doll

Just about every woman remembers waking up on Christmas morning and finding the doll of her dreams under the tree. Though long discarded or tucked away in a box, this doll still holds a special place in her heart. We're planning to do a story on Christmas dolls, and we want to hear about your favorite. Also, send us a picture of the two of you on that long-ago Christmas.

Send information to Renee Skoglund, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, attn: Christmas Dolls. Contact her at (734) 953-2128, fax (734) 591-7279, e-mail: rskoglund@oe.homecomm.net.



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Volunteers Mary Beth Hausman of Plymouth, left, Jean Stachura of Canton and Zack Wyatt of Plymouth, 12, fill boxes with canned goods as part of the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving meal donation program Monday at the Army's headquarters on Main Street in Plymouth.

Thanksgiving program feeds needy families

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Kim wasn't sure exactly what she and her family were going to do. Thanksgiving was coming, and the Canton resident and her husband were scrambling to figure out how to give their family a good meal.

Both Kim and her husband are working, but as many people are finding out in tough economic times, that doesn't necessarily guarantee much. Times were tough for Kim and her family.

Along came the Plymouth Salvation Army with its Thanksgiving basket program, and Kim's problem was solved.

PLEASE SEE SALVATION ARMY, A7

Shoebbox donations provide holiday cheer to children

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

By Karen Williams' count, more than 6,000 youngsters in impoverished nations around the world have two things thanks to Operation Christmas Child: a Christmas present to open, and a better understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

Operation Christmas Child is an off-shoot of Samaritan's Purse, the relief ministry of Franklin Graham, the Rev. Billy Graham's son. Williams, a member of NorthRidge Church, is the local coordinator of the mission, which

sends Christmas cheer to needy children and tries to bring home what the group feels is the program's best feature: the message of Christ. Gifts are packed into shoeboxes for dissemination around the globe.

NorthRidge again served as a collection point for the program, which this year saw 6,386 boxes donated by generous givers from around the area.

"I'm ecstatic," said Williams. "That's 6,000 children who are going to get a little taste of Christmas, and they're going to get to find out

PLEASE SEE SHOEBBOX, A6



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Operation Christmas Child organizer Karen Williams carries donated gift packages for boys and girls to shipping boxes, along with other volunteers at North Ridge Church Sunday.

Briefcase Drill Team set for Thanksgiving Day show

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Chris Hill remembers being a bit perplexed about the sign on the front of his father's downtown Plymouth clothing store 15 years ago.

"I said, 'He wants 16 guys for what?'" remembered Hill, now 34. "I was in school and was too cool for that. I wanted no part of it."

It only took Hill a few years to adjust his thinking, that this group of 16 guys was really cool, and decide to become a part of it. And, this Thanksgiving, just like he has for the past 10, Hill will travel

from his home in Chicago to be a part of his father's (Fred Hill's) Briefcase Drill Team and perform in the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"The first time I saw them perform it was great, but at the time I didn't think they would become so popular," said Chris Hill. "I thought they'd just be a hit for the Fourth of July Parade."

While a popular feature in the Plymouth mid-summer parade, Fred Hill's Briefcase Drill Team is also a favorite with the Thanksgiving Day Parade crowd in Detroit. In fact, Hill's

PLEASE SEE DRILL TEAM, A4



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"General" Fred Hill left, oversees the Briefcase Drill Team as they practice their "Present Wall Street Journal" routine during a rehearsal Sunday night for their upcoming performance in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Focus on Wine
Wine columnists Ray and Eleanor Heald suggest holiday gifts sure to please wine enthusiasts in Sunday's Observer



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Teacher won't be charged in e-mail case

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A former Canton High School social studies teacher who was being investigated for allegedly sending inappropriate e-mails to a student earlier this year will not be charged with committing a crime.

Canton police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office decided there was insufficient evidence to charge Steve Mercatante for sending e-mails which reportedly contained inappropriate comments and sexual innuendo to an 18-year-old student.

Mercatante had been on paid leave from March 5 until about two weeks before the Board of Education accepted his resignation at the Oct. 8 meeting.

According to a source familiar with the investigation, a friend of the girl told another teacher about the

e-mails, who then contacted the administration. The student reportedly admitted to receiving e-mails numbering in the teens and corresponding with the teacher.

Mercatante's classroom computer was confiscated by Canton police, however, the e-mails reportedly had been deleted.

Canton police admitted that since the alleged victim was 18 and the e-mails did not contain illegal subject matter, it was difficult to prove a crime had been committed.

Mercatante had been a teacher for more than three years. However, since he had not reached the four years needed for tenure, a school district official said they were going to recommend his contract not be renewed if Mercatante had not resigned.

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SANTA ARRIVES

The Plymouth community welcomes its favorite annual visitor when Santa Claus arrives Friday night around 5:45 p.m. in Kellogg Park.

The evening will include Christmas carols, hot chocolate and the annual tree-lighting ceremony. After accepting the key to the hearts of all the little boys and girls, Santa will move to his house on Main Street to begin accepting visits from children.

Santa will be in his house every weekend through Dec. 22.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, (734) 453-1540.

SWEATSUIT DRIVE

The Plymouth Community United Way is collecting new sweatshirts and sweatpants to help the Salvation Army Disaster Relief Program.

Over the past year, supplies of sweatshirts and sweatpants have dwindled, making it difficult for the Salvation Army to provide warm clothing to disaster victims.

Donation boxes are placed throughout the community to col-

lect sweatshirts for men, women and children. The drop box locations and participants include the Plymouth Observer, Plymouth Community United Way, Community Federal Credit Union, Johnson Controls, Visteon, Plymouth Township offices, Plymouth District Library, Bank One branch on Sheldon Road, as well as Ayres, Lewis, Norris and May.

Girl Scout Troop 1105 at Fiegel Elementary is also collecting sweatshirts.

The drive will continue through Dec. 23.

CALL FOR CAROLERS

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is looking help for a new holiday event Dec. 7-8.

Families and friends are invited to sing Christmas carols in groups of four-to-six for one or two hours on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and again on Sunday, Dec. 8 from noon-5 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to wear old-world costumes to roam the streets and greet guests.

Other plans include the Little Drummer Boy marching, Santa Claus visiting with youngsters in

his house on Main Street, free rides in horse-drawn carriages and refreshments.

Call the chamber, (734) 453-1540, to volunteer or for more information.

CHANCE TO PAMPER

The National Association of Career Women-West Suburban Chapter's holiday gathering takes place Dec. 10 at Journey Bodywork and Spa, 621 S. Main in Plymouth.

Lunch will be served between noon-1 p.m., with treatments scheduled before and after lunch. Thirty- and sixty-minute services are available.

Call (734) 207-8001 by Dec. 3 to participate.

WOODCRAFTER DISPLAY

Michigan craftsman Ray Drake will display his works at Michigan Made in downtown Plymouth from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Drake will demonstrate his carving of Santas and snowmen. Drake's carvings are all done by hand from northern Michigan White Cedar or Basswood.

Michigan Made is located at 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Call (734) 207-8794 for details.

CHORUS CONCERT

The Plymouth Community Chorus presents its 29th-annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Dec. 13-14, and at 4 p.m. Dec. 15. The concert takes place at Northville High School, 45700 6 Mile.

Chorus officials are calling "Sing Gloria" the "perfect mix of sacred and secular music to begin your celebration of the holiday season. The chorus was founded in 1973 by William Grimmer, and has since grown to more than 125 singers from southeastern Michigan.

Tickets are \$12 and are available at Sideways, 505 Forest in Plymouth, Evola Music Center, 7170 Haggerty, Canton, Edwards Caterer, 116 Dunlop in Northville, or by calling (734) 455-4080.

BUS TRIP

Plymouth residents who want to watch the swearing-in of State Rep. John Stewart at his second term representing the 20th District get their chance Jan. 8.

Four buses will leave the Plymouth Historical Museum at 9 a.m. that day. For reservations, call Beth Stewart, (734) 455-8940.

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Isbister students plant seeds of learning

Hilton Garden teams with local schools to promote garden program

The fourth grade classes of Adrienne Bodnar and James Buhro at Isbister Elementary school went digging in the dirt instead of hitting the books, with a boost from Hilton Garden Inn-Plymouth

With help from the Hilton Garden Inn "Pride Committee," students learned the basics of planting and caring for an indoor flower and herb garden. Special garden projects were created for the students in order to provide a sense of ownership and pride. Each student planted seeds in the garden and each class was provided with a "Garden Journal" to record the growth process of the plants.

"The kids are getting a chance to watch all these different plants grow," Bodnar said. "We're going to have to do some transplanting. It's been very nice."

Hilton Garden Inn, with more than 145 hotels located throughout North America, are collectively working with local schools in their communities to educate children about the many facets of gardening and its importance to the environment.

"It ties in well with our fourth-grade curriculum," Bodnar acknowledged. "The kids have been very excited about it."

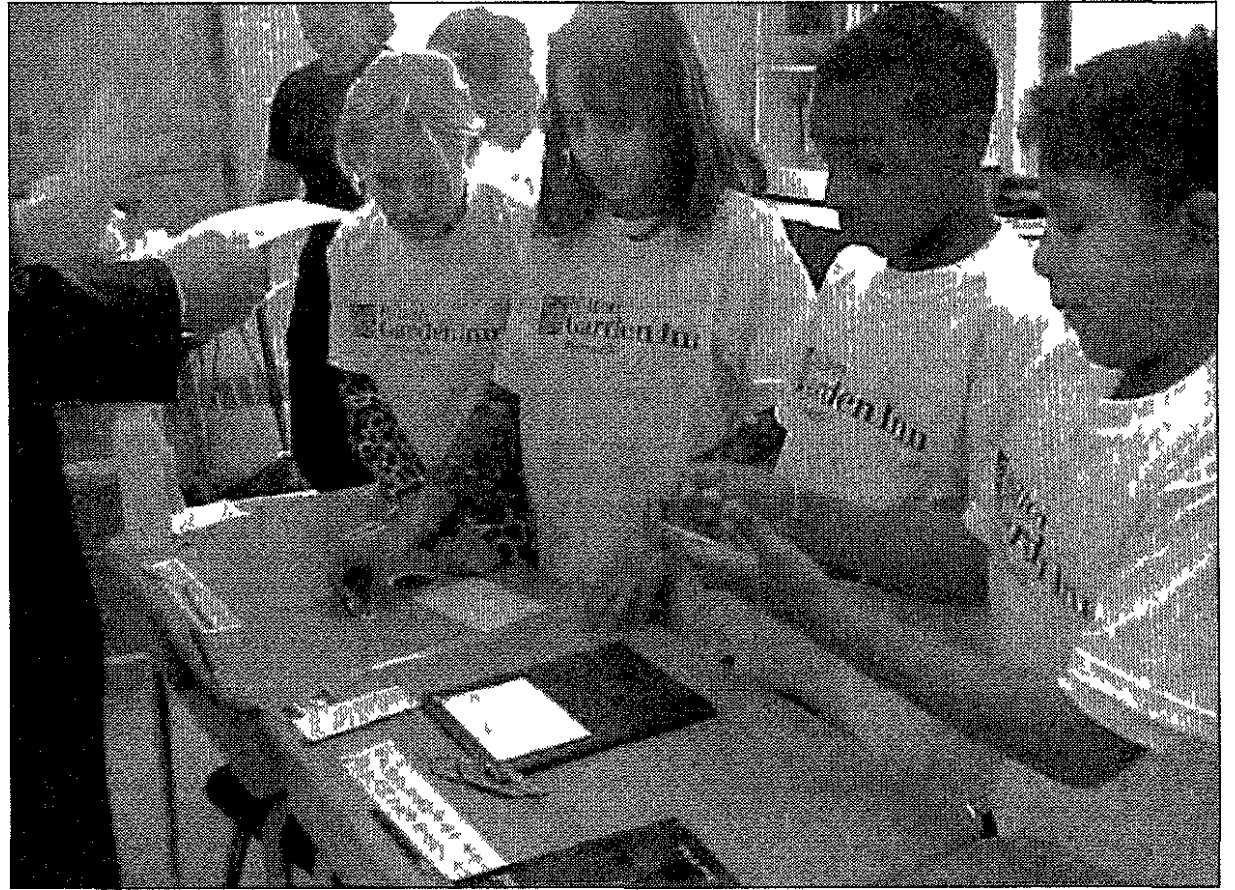
'The kids are getting a chance to watch all these different plants grow.'

Adrienne Bodnar
teacher, Isbister Elementary School

The brand formed a relationship with the National Gardening Association to provide guidance and knowledge to hotel team members on how to start these gardens that provide a clear, hands-on approach that the students can enjoy.

A special Garden Education Kit was developed specifically for this community outreach campaign. The Hilton Garden Inn Plymouth has donated this package, along with teamwork and dedication towards growing this special relationship of a school garden together.

"Our Hilton Garden Inn team members are dedicated and proud to give back to the community and what a better way than to plant the seeds of knowledge into the minds of today's youth," said Patrick Hixson, hotel general manager.



Isbister Elementary School fourth-graders Rachel Cessna, from left, Alisha Atallah, L. J. Talton and Paco Villarruel were among the students who got journals and other tools to learn about planting.

Rite Aid opens after 4 years of planning

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

They say there's one on every corner, and now the City of Plymouth has a new one of its own.

No, it's not a gas station. The Rite Aid drug store at the corner of Main Street and Ann Arbor Road opened for business Wednesday after more than four years on the drawing board.

The 11,000-square-foot store replaces a Daly's Drive-in, a local landmark at the site for many years.

"We've got a drive-up pharmacy just for prescriptions, a one-hour photo, and expanded convenience foods, health and beauty and greeting cards sections," said Jody Cook, manager of public relations for Rite Aid. "We will be having a grand opening event some

time in January, which will include free blood pressure screenings and other events.

Cook said Rite Aid has hired six full-time employees. There are also three pharmacists and two managers for the store, which will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Rite Aid signed a 50-year lease for the property in November 1998 from the former owners of Daly. At the time, the drug store chain presented designs to the planning commission for a state-of-the-art store, which included an exterior design of red brick, limestone accent, oval-top windows and a clock at the corner. However, the company's economic problems forced a delay in the project.

In November 2001, Rite Aid resubmitted building plans, and construction began in June.

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FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between Nov. 18-24:

■ **Sunday, Nov. 24** — Residential rescue runs on Woodleigh Way, on Deer Creek Run, on Donovan, on Haggerty, on Greenview and on Eric court, rescue runs at public buildings on 5 Mile and on Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue runs on N Territorial and on Sheldon.

■ **Saturday, Nov. 23** — Vehicle accidents on westbound M-14 at Sheldon and on Ann Arbor Road at Ridge. Smoke investigation on Ann Arbor Road. Fire on Simpson. Commercial rescue run on Northville. Residential rescue runs on Newport on

Baywood and on Green Valley.

■ **Friday, Nov. 22** — Industrial rescue run on Reel, residential rescue runs on Fellow Creek, on Simpson, on Haggerty, on Green Valley and on Maple, downed wires at Wing and Harvey, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, vehicle accident on Ann Arbor Road at I-275, investigation at 5 Mile and Beck.

■ **Thursday, Nov. 21** — Commercial rescue run on Haggerty, residential rescue runs on Northville and on Roe, mutual aid run on Clement, rescues on Ann Arbor Road. Vehicle accident on southbound I-275 at M-14.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 20** —

Residential rescue runs on Manton, on Karmada, on Northville, on William and on Kellogg, vehicle accident at Liberty and Holbrook, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks.

■ **Tuesday, Nov. 19** — Industrial rescue run on Schoolcraft, residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail and on Holbrook.

■ **Monday, Nov. 18** — Vehicle accident with wash-down at Sheldon and Joy in Canton. Vehicle accident on Sheldon at the ramp to M-14, residential rescue runs on Sheridan on Ball on Northville. On Embers and on Filmore. Commercial rescue run on Haggerty.



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VIOLENCE

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money
In looking at all the areas of the out-county prosecutor's office, the Dearborn and Plymouth district courts have (a) higher incidence of domestic violence," said Rubio, who researched and wrote the grant application. "It was my hope that we'd be able to do the most good out here."

Rubio will handle everything that occurs at the district court level in regards to family violence cases review and issue warrants, pre-trial exams, misdemeanor trials and preliminary hearings for felony cases.

Rubio, who has been working in the county prosecutor's child abuse bureau since 1995, was particularly attracted to this idea because of her exposure to the effects of family violence while working at women's shelters.

"I saw the effects this has on an entire family, and I felt like I wanted to be a part of doing something to work toward a change in the way we look at and treat domestic violence. That's what inspired me to go to law school. I have a great passion for this kind of work."

Rubio graduated Wayne State's law school earlier this



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Mary Rubio and Plymouth Township Police Detective Dave Hayes are partnering to fight family violence in the local area

year in Plymouth, she'll partner with Hayes, who moved into his department's family violence position just over a year ago under the same kind of grant. The grant not only allowed the department to dedicate Hayes to family violence cases, it also allowed a replacement for Hayes on the road patrol.

Hayes said the dedicated position helps keep focus on the family violence cases. In the past, he said, patrol officers would make arrests in these types of cases, then forward them to the prosecutor. In many instances, he said, that's the last the officer would see of the case.

"They wouldn't forget about them, but they'd lose track,"

Hayes explained "Now, the cases come to me, and I'm going to follow it all the way through the court process. The cases are getting attention now."

Hayes said the department "sees its share" of domestic violence cases, with some 175 cases having been assigned to him in about a year. They involved issues like family trouble, child abuse and elder abuse.

When the opportunity came up to fill the position, Hayes decided to go for it. When the interview process was complete, Hayes had the job.

"I truly felt there was a need to handle the cases and give them some special attention," Hayes said. "I think there's really a need to follow up on these

cases and support the victims. I felt I could really make a difference."

Having a partner in the fight is a great thing, from Rubio's perspective. Hayes' hands-on capability gives Rubio a solid resource when she addresses the cases, she said.

"I can ask him about any particular case, and he's familiar with it," Rubio said. "He can tell me what's going on off the top of his head. I think that's remarkable."

The chance to work directly with the prosecutor's office and the court fits in well with the partnership goals established by the police department. Hayes said the idea is to work with as many agencies as possible in a coordinated effort to combat domestic violence.

"We've developed partnerships with First Step and with several homeless shelters," Hayes said. "Now we're going to be able to work directly with the prosecutors."

Having an office in the Plymouth Township detective bureau will also help Rubio get to know victims a little better.

"Unfortunately, our office is so big that often the only time you see the victims (downtown) is in court," Rubio said. "I'm hoping to be able to talk with the victims. In domestic violence cases, you really need to establish that rapport."

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Fred 'The General' Hill laughs during a rehearsal Sunday night for the Briefcase Drill Team's upcoming performance in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade

DRILL TEAM

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group will be marching down Woodward Avenue performing in the annual turkey day event for the 15th year.

"We're definitely a tradition," said Fred Hill. "I guess we're just a different kind of turkey."

Hill said the Briefcase Drill Team, which began its act in 1985, "was originally put together to help promote men's suits. Now, I guess, we just promote the Briefcase Drill Team."

Sam Dibble of Plymouth Township has been with the drill team since 1986. "I was a customer at Fred's clothing store, and when I walked in to pick up a suit, Fred said he had a job for me, said Dibble. Now that I think of it, Fred got another sale because I needed a blue suit to be part of it."

The blue suit, with a white shirt and red-striped tie, has become the group's trademark. Along with the burgundy-colored briefcase, of course.

Every year the Briefcase Drill Team receives an invitation from The Parade Company to be a part of Detroit's Thanksgiving Day tradition.

"We select specialty groups that form a wide variety of entertainment, and there's nothing quite like them. They are one of a kind," said Jennifer Wells, director of communications for The Parade Company. "They are great entertainers, and they always put on a fabulous performance. It wouldn't be a parade without them."

Pete Peters of Plymouth Township, who has been with

Hill's group since 1990, doesn't like to think of the Briefcase Drill Team as a tradition.

"It's kind of like a shtick, and a chance to be with the guys and have some camaraderie," said Peters. "I always tell the guys we shouldn't take ourselves too seriously or it won't be fun anymore."

Peters admits to getting "pumped up" by the crowd along the parade route. However, Hill is quick to put them in their place.

"Fred will get in your face if you smile, so sometimes you have to bite your tongue," said Peters. "For the most part, though, you are concentrating because it gets hard to hear Fred's commands."

"I concentrate hard on Chris Petersen, whose been in front of me the past 10 years, to make sure I perform the right moves. I can tell you how many gray hairs he has," Peters joked. The drill team practiced last Sunday, the first time they've been together since the Fourth of July parade.

"We need practice time to remember 'left, right, left, right, left,'" said Fred Hill. "Look at what I have to work with - lots of lawyers and a judge. We need to learn to turn all at the same time, or we'll hurt each other."

Dibble said he's a bit surprised the act has carried on for as long as it has.

It started initially as a fun and goofy idea, a spoof on Wall Street, and ourselves, at the time, he said. "Who would have known we'd be still around, with people still wanting more?"

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what Christmas is about by learning, from our perspective, the true meaning of Christmas I'm very, very happy."

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From there, the boxes travel to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, after that, it's the eagerly waiting arms of children.

"The idea is to give kids a Christmas, because it's the only gift they might ever get," Williams said.

Williams said she'd expected around 5,000 boxes, and was pleasantly surprised when they started flowing in. They came from Novi and Farmington Hills, from Garden City and Westland, from Plymouth and Canton.

They came from all over," Williams said. "There's not just



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Volunteers fill boxes with donated gift packages for boys and girls at North Ridge Church Sunday as part of Operation Christmas Child.

one geographic area we're getting them from, they came from everywhere."

She said the volunteers got the boxes packed for their journey to Minneapolis in about three hours, not counting time out for pizza.

"I don't think they thought they could get it packed that quickly," Williams said with a laugh. "I was expecting 5,000 boxes, maybe 5,500. I wasn't expecting this. It really blew my mind."

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Daniel J. Waldecker

Services for Daniel Waldecker, 72, of Plymouth were held Nov 18 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. William C. Moore officiating.

Mr. Waldecker was born Oct 5, 1930, in Detroit and died Nov 14 at home. He was a resident of Livonia for 18 years and Plymouth for 27 years. He was a graduate of St. Cecilia's High School. He was a staff sergeant in the National Guard during the Korean War. He was founder and president of Waldecker Equipment Co., a member of the Board of Directors of Material Handling Equipment Distributors, Assoc., past President of the Livonia Rotary Club. His hobbies included flying radio-controlled airplanes, boating and golf. He attended Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Waldecker was preceded in death by his daughter, Debra J. Bigwood.

Survivors include wife, Mary Lou Waldecker of Plymouth,

daughters, Ann (Gary) Zubok of Livonia, Lynn Marie Waldecker of Livonia, and Patricia Lee (Daniel) Murray of Livonia, sons, Daniel J. (Jill) Waldecker of Livonia, Brad D. Kerr of Bandstown, Ky., and Brian Kerr of Dallas, Texas, sister, Bernice Crocker, granddaughters, Katlin Waldecker, Michelle Waldecker, and Erin Grace Murray, and grandson, Patrick S. Murray.

Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 10101 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Marcella R. Miller

Services for Marcella Miller, 78, of Plymouth were held Nov 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs. Miller was born July 11, 1924, in Yale, Okla. and died Nov 19 in Superior Woods Nursing Home. She lived in Plymouth for 42 years. She retired in 1980 after 27 years of service with the State of Michigan as a psychiatric secretary. She was past president of the American Legion Passage Gayde Ladies Auxiliary, member of D.A.V. Ladies Auxiliary, life member of Myron H. Beales Unit 32 American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Livonia, member of Mayflower-Gamble Plymouth VFW Post 6695 Ladies Auxiliary, and member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church for 40 years.

Mrs. Miller was preceded in death by her daughter, Rose Hughes.

Survivors include husband, Vernon E. Miller of Plymouth, son, Robert H. Phillips of Plattsville, Ala., daughter, Barbara Campbell of West Jefferson, Ohio, brother, Vernon Vogle of Calif., eight grandchildren, and 13 great-

grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 26555 Evergreen, Suite 375, Southfield, MI 48076 or Mass Cards.

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Ralph C. Bramlett

Services for Ralph Bramlett, 81, of Plymouth were held Nov 26 at the Casterline Funeral Home in Northville with the Rev. Ernest Porcari officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Bramlett was born Jan 3, 1921, in Obion County, Tenn. and died Nov 22 in Livonia. Mr. Bramlett was retired from Ford Motor Co. He lived in

Plymouth for 45 years. He was a member of the American Legion in Livonia and a member of the VFW Post 147 in Northville. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Mr. Bramlett was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian in 1966, a brother, and three sisters.

Survivors include son, David Bramlett of Plymouth, sisters, Norine Petrucci of Florida and Betty Bramlett of Florida, brother, William Bramlett of Florida, and special friend, Dorothy West.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society-Attn. Memorial Department, 18505 West 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

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Anne Cella

Services for Anne Cella, 76 of Plymouth were held Nov 27 at St. Aidan Catholic Church with burial at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Ms. Cella died Nov 21.

Ms. Cella was preceded in death by her nephew, Stephen Cella.

Survivors include nephew, Albert (Helen) Cella, niece, Diane (Michael) Schray, nephew, Robert (Barbara) Cella, and niece, Christine (Robert) Dowd.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

SALVATION ARMY

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I very much appreciate it,' said Kim. 'Money is tight right now, we're having a hard time. My husband and I are both working, but we're barely able to make ends meet. With (the Salvation Army) providing the turkey and trimmings, it made it a sure thing we'd be able to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for the kids.'

Kim's family is one of some 150 who will be able to do just that this season, thanks to the generosity of people and businesses around the community. The Salvation Army is providing Thanksgiving dinner to families across its coverage area, which includes the Plymouths, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

That's the highest number of families to be served since Bill Mortz came to the Plymouth Salvation Army in 1997. Mortz is the director of social services for the Plymouth corps.

'This time of year there are families who don't have extra for the holidays,' said Mortz,

who previously worked in the St. Louis area. 'This year, we've got more clients because of the economic problems. There's just not enough money in the house. Hopefully, it makes Thanksgiving better to get some dinner.'

The baskets include rolls, stuffing, turkey, potatoes, a variety of vegetables, cranberries, juice and pie. The Salvation Army had to pay some \$400 for turkeys, Mortz said, but the rest of the project is funded strictly through the generosity of the local community.

'That level of giving is impressive, according to Mortz.'

'It's huge, the most I've ever seen at any Salvation Army I've worked at,' he said. 'People here are very giving. They have good hearts, and they care about other people.'

It takes the Army about a month to put the basket program together. Donations come from individuals, from school groups, businesses, churches and other civic organizations. Spartan Foods donated the pies, other stores donated other food, and members of the Army's Advisory Board did the shopping.

About a dozen people gathered Monday and put the 150 baskets together in a matter of hours.

'We couldn't function without the level of volunteerism we get,' said Maj. Steve Hull, commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army. 'That's one thing that surprised me when I took this job two years ago. It's tremendous.'

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OUR VIEWS

Holiday season alive with giving

One need only look in department stores and on television to know that the commercialized version of the holidays has been well under way for some time now

But if one cares to look deeper, evidence of a more traditional holiday season can be easily found, in the hearts of local residents and in the coffers of the area's charitable organizations

In Plymouth, the holiday season officially kicks off Friday night, when the Plymouth community welcomes Santa with Christmas carols and the annual tree-lighting ceremony 6 p.m. in Kellogg Park

When he's done accepting the key to little boys' and girls' hearts and helping with the caroling, Santa will retire to the comfort of his "house" on Main Street to receive visits from youngsters hoping to convey their Christmas wishes

But the season of giving has been going on for awhile

Just ask the folks at NorthRidge Church, where more than 6,000 shoe boxes were collected to be sent overseas. The shoe boxes flowed in, not only from Plymouth, but from Novi and Westland and Garden City and Canton and other communities

The idea behind the shoe boxes is to make sure needy children all over the world not only get presents for Christmas, but also get a taste of what Christmas is really all about

The holiday season is alive and well in the halls of the Plymouth Salvation Army, where a dozen or more volunteers this week put together some 150 Thanksgiving dinners to help needy families in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville

It's alive and kicking at Mel's Golden Razor, which is once again collecting toys and food for its holiday drive. Care to get in on the good feeling? Mel's is taking donations through Dec. 18

The holiday spirit is highlighted by the efforts of the Goodfellows, who want to make sure there's no child who goes without a Christmas

It's especially alive in the scores of volunteer efforts, anonymous contributions and silent good deeds, done simply because they need doing that no one will ever know about

The holiday season is upon us, and one need only look into the hearts of the generous people in this community to see that this is truly a time to give thanks

Make giving a rallying cry for better future

The phrase "United We Stand" has been a rallying cry for the past year as we continue to cope with the aftermath of our Sept. 11, 2001, national tragedy. But there is a more active way for all of us to stand united that goes beyond uttering a catch phrase

That opportunity is by contributing to the United Way, an organization with far-reaching impact through service to the entire southeastern Michigan area

A fund campaign for the United Way just concluded, but there is plenty of room left for your support. United Way didn't meet its fund goal of \$75 million this year, having raised just over \$68 million. Still, the organization must find a way to support the 130 nonprofit agencies that last year served 1.4 million people

According to Patricia A. Ellis, senior manager for media relations at United Way Community Services, job reductions have had an impact on fund-raising, since the majority of United Way campaign funds come from payroll deduction through workplace campaigns. But the need for services only increases as more and more people are out of work," Ellis said

Think of it this way: One out of every three people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties receives services. If you don't, your neighbors probably do

There is something else to consider. Whether it's \$1 or \$100, your dollars directly provide those services, since more than 90 percent of the money the organization receives goes back into the community

United Way services range from basic needs such as food and shelter to crisis counseling for families and children, health-related needs, disaster services, unemployment and community problem solving

Such far-reaching programs translate into an opportunity for all of us to stand tall in meeting the challenges of life here in southeastern Michigan

To contribute to the United Way call (313) 226-9200. To volunteer (313) 226-9450. For information and referral services call United Way's Tel Help at (313) 226-9888



Paul Johnson, father of Canton High School basketball player Jessica Johnson, holds up an oversized pair of shorts celebrating the team's district championship Friday.

PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

LETTERS

Auction was finest

The recent Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, auction and dinner was one of the chamber's finest events - ever

This gathering was quite fitting for the official 50th anniversary of the organization. All the hundreds of volunteerism hours that went into all nine Dinner-Auction Committees' work were well worth it. Congratulations to all the chamber volunteers, board and staff

This dinner was a great place to remind ourselves just how friendly our community is as a place to work and to conduct business

W. Edward Wendover
Plymouth

Thanks for support

I would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's election process, especially those who supported my campaign. I greatly appreciate those who put signs in their yards, who encouraged friends and neighbors to support me, who worked at my campaign headquarters and who cast their ballots for me. It is humbling to receive such support. Thank you!

It will be an honor to represent our district for the next four years. It is a large and diverse area, covering 16 separate and distinct municipalities. It faces challenges, but the residents of our area are up to the challenges

I look forward to meeting many of the people I was not able to meet during the course of the campaign. I welcome the opportunity to work with all interests of the district to address local concerns, tackle the issues facing our great state, and improve the quality of life for all

Please stop and talk with me when you see me out in our communities. I won't be a stranger, so please introduce yourself. And don't hesitate to contact my office if I can attempt to be of service to you and your family. I will be on the job every day for you as your Senator. Remember, I work for you

Again, thank you to all. I look forward to serving you. My goal is to earn the trust and respect of even more people over the next four years

Bruce Patterson
Senator elect
Michigan's 7th Senate District

Coach was right

This is in response to the comments of Canton football coach Tim Baechler that were printed in the Sunday, Nov. 10, edition and the Thursday, Nov. 14, edition of the Plymouth Observer

Some people say things in the heat of the moment and some say things that are the truth. In the case of coach Baechler's comments, he was right on both counts. Being a proud Plymouth Canton Class of 1993 grad and having participated in varsity athletics, coach Baechler said what many athletes in public school think and

have thought for a while. It's not a fair playing field all the time

Suppose there was another private high school in Redford. Would Catholic Central's athletic programs be as successful as they are? The fact of the matter is that there is no private school around this area that can compete with Catholic Central for athletes. They do not have any competition in terms of taking their athletes away like public high school programs have. Consequently, their athletic dominance in our area is easy to understand

I wonder how different it would be if Catholic Central or any other private school had to compete with two other schools on the same campus. It definitely is a challenge to build any kind of athletic program at any level in public high school. In the 25 years that Canton High School has been around, our football team has been to the playoffs four times in 25 years. The last three have been under coach Baechler and his staff

Whether you think his comments are right or wrong, you can't deny there is truth to them, plain and simple. I know some Catholic Central feathers will be ruffled in the process, but that's life. You won the game fair and square, but the debate will rage on

One last note. I read the comments by coach Baechler and the two parents who responded. I found it highly ironic that two pages later in the last full page of the newspaper, there is a half-page ad about recruiting fine young men in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades to come to a Catholic Central open house. What I found funny about this was, this ad was in, of all places, the sports section. Why not the community life section or the front page?

Eric Tomei
Canton fan

Lack of trust

I find it truly amazing that the Plymouth-Canton school district is asking residents for input on the latest bond issue you just know the district will seek next year

Liz Givens, the school board president, has a great deal of nerve asking residents (letter, Nov. 21) to participate in the "Vision Planning Sessions." She makes it sound as if the school board and the administration are going to actually take the advice of district residents!

This is totally contrary to the district's track record. There were planning sessions in 1996 where the school district asked residents to participate and, subsequently, there was a bond election in March 1997. Information was given out, both verbally and in writing, to inform voters of what they were voting for. Fast forward two years, after the bond election passed in 1997. The school district changes its mind and does what it wants with the bond proceeds and not what the people voted for

Whether one voted for or against the bond election in 1997, voters still voted based on the information given by the school district at that time. I, personally, talked to Ms. Givens and, literally, begged her not to change how the funds would

be used based on what people voted for. She still voted to change where the high school was supposed to go and, simply disregarded what residents said they wanted in the planning sessions, which was also contrary to the school district's own information

No one supported and devoted more time to the 1997 bond election than I did because I was the chairwoman of the Citizens Election Committee that ran that election

Imagine my surprise and anger when the school district double-crossed me and its residents. I am asking all residents in this school district to remember this when we are asked to vote again

Susan Kopinski
Canton

Carter an unfortunate choice

Former President James Carter has always been interested in the rights of man, the dignity of man. He has devoted much of his time and effort in concerns for the needy and the down-and-out. His interest in people has been a worldwide one, wanting all men to share the rights that are assumed by Americans

He has been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, but I believe the choice of Carter to be unfortunate. Although his intentions are the best, and his efforts, the giving of his time and money, commendable, his interpersonal relationships belie his efforts to get peace and satisfaction for those in whom he is interested

His sojourn to Cuba was not helpful. It is interference with state policy of considerable importance. His contrary suggestions for the welfare of other peoples in the world, at the same time in contradiction to our country's wishes, its goals, does not and will not bring the peace, the togetherness, the agreements among peoples his efforts are intended to accomplish. He truly has been in the way of his country's efforts at peace and understanding. He should stand down until he can acquiesce in agreement with his own government. He is free to do what he has been doing, but most of his fellow citizens wish he would leave the attempts to help others to those delegated by our government

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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New high-tech economy will rise around airports

"Vision without action is a daydream
But action without a vision is a nightmare."

Nearly 100 heavy hitters from southeastern Michigan gathered last week at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Henry Ford estate to listen to



Phil Power

John Kasarda, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina and the world's leading authority on the ways airport complexes drive economic development

Kasarda posed fundamental questions that go to the heart of economic policy for Michigan

Will our economy remain rooted in traditional manufacturing or will it evolve into the "new economy" of high-tech, R&D and information-intensive business services?

How can both our manufacturing base and emerging high-tech and white-collar service industries compete effectively worldwide?

Will Michigan's job creation in the 21st century match in quantity and quality what we did in the first half of the 20th century, when the state was the envy of the nation?

His answer was simple: By treating the combined resources of Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run as an "aerotropolis," an integrated passenger and freight transit facility linked to a variety of business clusters, the region could successfully meet each of these challenges

Kasarda has a history lesson in mind: Seaports were the great economic drivers in the 18th century, railroads in the 19th century and highways in the 20th century. With aviation, globalization and time-intensive competition all characterizing today's economic competition and business location, airports will be the key growth engines of the 21st century

This isn't an academic fantasy. Consider some emerging "aerotropolis" around the world

Los Angeles International Airport is responsible for 400,000 jobs in a five-county region and \$60 billion annually in regional economic activity

Las Colinas, a development just east of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport, has attracted 2,000 companies into 21 million square feet of office space, 8.5 million feet

Vision without action is pointless, but action without an informing vision is chaos.

of light industrial space, 1.3 million feet of retail space and 3,700 high class hotel rooms

Along the 26-mile corridor between Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport, employment grew from 50,000 jobs in 1970 to 600,000 in 1996, a 1,100 percent increase compared to 59 percent average U.S. suburban employment growth over the same period

Other similar developments are now taking shape near Sao Paulo, Brazil, in Hong Kong, near Seoul, Korea, and Paris, France. Kasarda ranks the potential of Detroit Metro/Willow Run "as equal to or better than any place else on earth"

Within the proposed ring road - running along I-94 and Ecorse Road to the north and Eureka Road to the south - lie 25,000 acres of development potential. The Pinnacle Aeropark, a 1,300-acre development just south of Detroit Metro, could over a 10-year period produce a total of 25,000 full-time jobs in office, research, technology, transportation, logistics and retail - a payroll in excess of \$500 million

One of the hidden but fundamentally important aspects of the newly created Wayne County Airport Authority was that it oversees both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports. This allows the authority to manage both in a coherent manner to maximize the region's development potential "inside the airport fence"

So what needs to happen now? Kasarda recommends creating a regional authority to coordinate development "outside the fence." All kinds of things need to be put together in an integrated way: land use planning, zoning, road and rail transit links, design, branding and promotion

Kasarda is right: Vision without action is pointless, but action without an informing vision is chaos. The time is now to start planning for what could be the future of Michigan

Phil Power is chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net



Renee Skoglund

Thanksgiving Day brings out grateful nature in us all

I love Thanksgiving. I love cutting up the celery, onions and mushrooms for my turkey dressing the night before. I love making my signature Cranberry Waldorf salad. I love setting the table with the anticipation of dining for hours with family and friends who barely wait for their second and third helpings to digest before calling for dessert.

I am grateful for all these "loves." Most of all, I am grateful for each dawn that wipes clean the slate of human frailty and provides me with the clear horizon of a new day.

Last week, I set aside a few hours to ask people for what they were most grateful. Their collective response focused on family, friends, faith and the flag. Their words say it best.

"I'm grateful with what I have, no more or no less," said Charlotte McCourt, 56, of Garden City, who works at Harvey's Deli in Plymouth. "I could be a lot worse off, so I never want much. I'm not out to be rich. I just want to pay my bills, keep a roof over my head and be happy. I got my health, got my husband, and we don't fight."

Dan Sarb, 46, owns Harvey's Deli. A deli guy by day and Harley dude by night, Sarb is a busy, straight-talking man. I caught him between customers' orders.

"I'm grateful for my health. I'm not getting any younger. I'm grateful for family and friends, and especially to live in America," he said.

A quick stop at the University of Michigan Health Center in Canton produced these responses.

"I am grateful for my family," said phlebotomist Tara Borchardt, 23, of Canton. "My mom has cancer, and she's been in remission, so I'm thankful for that. We're all healthy and can be together this year."

Fellow phlebotomist Jeanette Koch, 31, of Farmington Hills was grateful for "just my family and my faith in God."

When I got back to the office, I called my 84-year-old mother, Margaret Cartier of Redford. I didn't tell

her that her reply would be plunked down in the middle of a column. She's been there before.

"What I would give thanks for is the wonderful husband God gave me and the two children who were so honorable and never gave me any trouble," she said. "I also have the memories of my own good mother and father and all my sisters and brothers." Well said, mom. Thanks.

Next, I spoke with Bobby Mason, 8, of Westland and his sister, Carolee, 6. Their mother works at the Observer as the Westland/Garden City editor.

"I'm thankful for my family and my friends, especially Zack. He has a really cool bike, and he plays with me a lot," said Bobby.

Carolee's reply was a mixture of Thanksgiving gratefulness and Christmas expectation.

"What I'm really, really thankful for is another baby (doll) that talks. And I'm thankful for my friends, and I'm thankful for my kitty, Sneakers, and my dog, Wilhe, and my fish, but I don't remember all their names."

Finally, at the urging of another reporter, I called Wilfredo Vargas, 58, of Livonia.

"Oh, I'm going to be grateful for everything," he said, his Puerto Rican accent still evident after 43 years in this country. "I'm grateful for my family and my job. I always thank God every day, every minute."

Vargas went on to tell me about his four grown children - Yolanda, Alice, Wilfredo Jr. and Carmen - and what "good kids" they are. He loves his grandchild and is looking forward to another one. Finally, he summed up his gratefulness by saying, "I love the way God has treated me."

I couldn't have said it better. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

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LETTERS

Granholt under pressure

Gov. Granholm's budget decisions will either revitalize Michigan or turn out the lights. Bureaucracy is an infection, feeding on all parts of government until it is bankrupt or cured.

Safety and health departments sometimes justify their existence with outlandish actions, and then demand more funding to keep up

their work. Schools can pursue bilingual education and feel-good classes because they have too much money. Students do not become smarter because class size is smaller and desks are larger. Cut school appropriations and sports, music and popular classes will be cancelled - but not junk expenditures. Educators supported Jennifer Granholm in this election and

hope she will support them now. Roads, police, courts and other state divisions also face the prospect of going on diets. Leaner people and industries are healthier, and so is leaner government. "I do not want to raise taxes" may be as memorable as "Read my lips" if our new governor succumbs to the pressure of her many friends. Hank Doryman, Farmington

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Democrat Gary Peters abandons his attorney general race challenge

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Nearly a month after the polls closed, Democrat Gary Peters finally conceded the race for state attorney general to Republican Mike Cox on Monday.

Peters, a term-limited state senator, called Cox Monday morning to concede after receiving news the state Board of Canvassers certified the election in Cox's favor. The final result showed Cox winning by 5,200



Cox
votes

Peters

The slim margin of victory makes it the closest statewide race in Michigan in half a century.

Despite the fact Cox, a Livonia resident, declared victory a day after the Nov. 5 election, Peters chose not to concede the race because unofficial results showed him trailing by a mere 6,804 votes. Peters felt he would gain ground when individual counties certified the vote.

However, with the election

certified by the state Monday, Peters decided he had reached the end of the road. Although he has the option to ask for a recount, he said he won't.

"Since election day, my primary concern has been to ensure that the voters of Michigan received an accurate accounting of the attorney general's race," he said.

"I will not request a recount. Rather than subject the voters of Michigan to a protracted electoral and legal battle, I

believe it is time to move forward."

Peters blamed his loss on a weak turnout by core Democratic voters.

"Combine that with the fact Republican voters turned out in record numbers," he said. "It turns out we ran against a strong Republican current nationwide."

Cox, who will be the first Republican to serve as attorney general in 48 years, is champing at the bit to get started, accord-

ing to spokesman Stu Sandler. Cox already has a transition team in place, and has met with current attorney general and governor-elect Jennifer Granholm.

With the election behind him, Peters said he is concentrating on finishing out his term as state senator, and will then resume his duties as vice president for UBS Payne Webber.

"Life goes on," he said.

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Airport greeters get a deal

In an effort to relieve curb front congestion at Metro Airport's terminals during the Thanksgiving holiday, airport management will announce a promotion for "meeters and greeters" picking up holiday travelers this week. Running through Sunday, Dec. 1, motorists picking up holiday travelers can park in any of the airport's short-term parking areas for up to 45 minutes for \$1.

Pleasure travelers are picked up and dropped off at the airport terminal, so curb fronts tend to become congested. Curb fronts are reserved for active loading and unloading only, and recent federal regulations require this policy to be strictly enforced by airport police.

"We recommend that friends and family picking up travelers park in one of the airport's nearby short-term lots and meet their party at a pre-designated location, such as the airline luggage claim areas," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "This special parking program is just another way we are trying to thank our travelers for flying, while making their holiday trip through the airport as pleasant and convenient as possible. The program also helps our airport police officers who have the tough job of managing the heavy traffic at our terminal curb fronts."

For long-term parkers, Metro Airport has extended its promotion of discount covered parking for travelers choosing to park in the airport's Big Blue Deck, across from the L.C. Smith Terminal. By visiting www.metroairport.com, travelers have access to a parking coupon which will save them \$6 per day, or nearly 50 percent off standard long-term parking rates at Metro Airport's Big Blue Deck. Customers who choose long-term parking in the airport's Big Blue Deck and park for at least one full day with a coupon will pay only \$7 per day (versus the regular \$13 per day rate).

Web site parking coupons are valid for long-term parking in the Big Blue Deck only. Coupons will not be accepted at the McNamara Terminal parking garage or any of the airport's surface lots. Coupons will be valid until Jan. 8, 2003.

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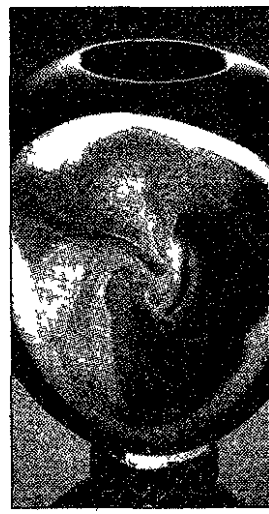
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■ Festival time

Check out the Urban Organic Festival on Saturday, Nov. 30 at the Tangent Hastings St. Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee between Oakland and Hastings in Detroit. The doors will open at 8:30 p.m. and performances will begin at 9:30 p.m. for a line up that includes Blackman and Arnold Funktelligence, Nu Soul Sensation, Amp Fiddler, former keyboardist for Parliament Funkadelic, and Conya Doss. Conceived as an alternative to the typical concert, the Urban Organic Festival also includes visual spoken word, dance, film, and culinary artists. The festivals occur quarterly at indoor venues in and around Detroit. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at Spectacles, 230 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit, or \$25 at the door. Call Spectacles at (313) 963 6886.

■ Holiday glass

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Fitzpatrick through Dec. 24. Open houses are slated for Dec. 7 and 21 at the studio, 23426 Woodward, a half mile south of I-696 in Ferndale. Winter class registration is ongoing. (248) 543 1868.

■ Christmas spirit

Start your Thanksgiving Day weekend with a performance of Christmas on Main Street at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Northville. The musical show mixes old and new holiday tunes. Performances are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays beginning Nov. 29. The show runs through Dec. 21. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and senior citizens. (248) 349 8110.



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Rockettes Alison Roller-Woerner (left) and Krystle Richeson talk to the animals after a blessing in front of the Fox Theatre.

Filling hearts with Christmas

Camels steal the scene in Radio City Spectacular

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Brian Kauffman had fun last week passing out carrots to children, who fed them to camels assembled for a blessing by The Rev. Pat Casey of St. Patrick and St. Dominick churches in Detroit. What's nice is that it was all part of his job as producer of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular opening Friday, Nov. 29, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. It's a routine. Rockettes Krystle Richeson of Farmington Hills, Tracy Rysdale of White Lake, and Alison Roller-Woerner of Lake Orion cherish as well, even though they've been in the show for several years. After rehearsing six days a week for nearly a month, they still enjoy spending an off-stage moment with the five sheep,

three camels and donkey in the living Nativity scene at the end of the show. It's interesting working with the animals, said Roller-Woerner, who's now in her fourth year with the

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

What: The Rockettes star in an holiday show featuring singing, dancing, ice skating and a living nativity.
When: Nov. 29 to Dec. 28
Where: The Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
Tickets: \$17.50-\$59.50 and available by calling (248) 433-1515. For information, call (313) 471-6611.

holidays," said Loviska of Westland. "Next week we'll be back to see the show. It just gets you in the Christmas mood. Some people bring the whole family. It's a total family show. Last year I brought my 16- and 26-year-old sons."

BECOMING A DANCER

Jennifer Fiantt loved the show so much when she saw it that she decided to become a Rockette. The Rochester Hills dancer passed the audition in May in Chicago and was notified in July. At the time she was teaching at Cranbrook Theatre School in Bloomfield Hills. Fiantt studied dance many years at Deborah's Stage Door in Rochester before landing a position with the Rockettes.

"When I was younger, we took a trip to New York and toured Radio City Music Hall and met a Rockette," said Fiantt, a sophomore majoring in dance and communications at Western Michigan University. "Being a Rockette was my first and main



Bryanna Stape feeds a carrot to one of the camels in the production.

goal. For me to do this at 19 is incredible. It's a dream come true. It's also a lot of hard work."

PLEASE SEE CHRISTMAS, B3



Father Pat Casey blesses the camels, sheep and donkey taking part in The Living Nativity scene that closes the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes.

Surprise someone special with a gift of art for the holidays

The final onslaught of art shows is around the corner, just in time for holiday shopping. Even though my sister Gwen and I started ours last July, I still have a few last-minute gifts to pick up for co-workers and friends. I don't want to give anything away, but clay and glass are two of my favorite mediums.

Why art? I guess it's because I always look for a gift meant only for that special person. But besides the one-of-a-kind aspect, when you buy a bowl like I did last year for my neighbor Karen, who'd recently renovated her kitchen, you're helping an artist to continue his or her work. John Cynar feels the same way



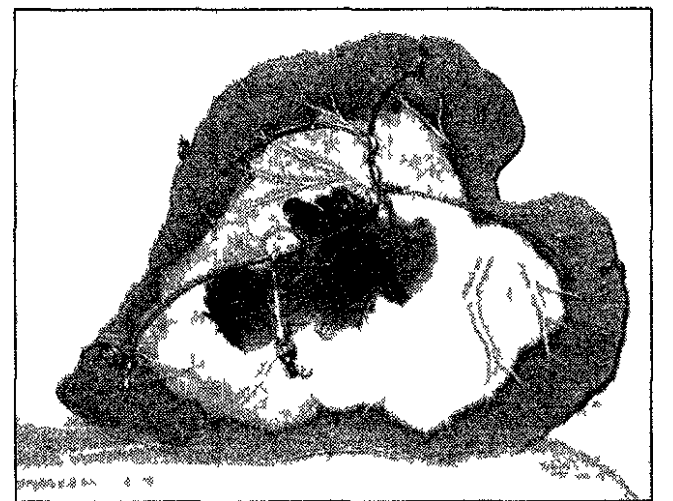
Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

Of course, exhibiting and selling art is what he does at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester. This year's Holiday Gift Gallery features 25 artists at the arts center, 407 Pine, Rochester Hills. The show coincides with an 85-piece retrospective of the late Zubei Kachadoorian and a Small Works exhibition of prints, photography

and painting by five artists including The Box Show from the Museum of New Art. The show will continue to Dec. 21. For information, call (248) 651-4110.

"We have glasswork and ornaments by George Bochnig, glass bulbs with brass stands by Gail Leone, and glass icicles and bulbs by Don Schneider of York Street Glassworks, absolutely gorgeous leather zoo animals - whales, moose and dogs by Sandy Vohr of New York, and a variety of paperweights, vases, vessels, and tiles from Pewabic Pottery. So if they're looking for something by Pewabic in north Oakland they can find it



Ruth Price shows this leaf-shaped platter in the Village Potters Guild annual Holiday Show in Plymouth.

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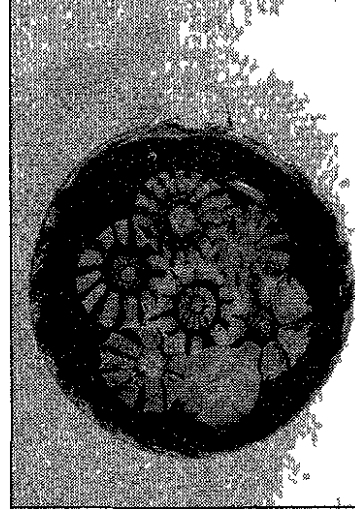
Seeking donations

Producers are still looking for donations to put on *Cry Dignity*, a play about the stigma of mental illness Feb 14 and 20-21, at Trinity House Theatre in Livonia. Pictured are actors Sherril Rushman (left), Matt Ripper Gregory Orr and Megan Wright before a rehearsal of the play by Laura Gumma, a longtime actress and director in the area. For more information or to help, call Sue Kennedy at (248) 668-3410

CHOMIN

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here," said Cynar, a Birmingham resident. "I try to keep it fun, fresh and light. I tried to make it affordable so people could find something in their price range. We have everything from clay to glass, Beverly Upton's silk and wool decorative dress scarves. "Why do I buy art for family and friends? I know it's made by an artist in the area. It's a little more special if it's by any artist. Businesses come in and buy art because there are only so many gift baskets you can eat. And ornaments can be put out all-year-round." If you're not in holiday spirit yet, drop by Rochester 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, for lagnappe, the Creole word for "a little bit of something." Merchants will stay open late and Paint Creek is one of 12 galleries involved with a



Don Schneider created this glass pendant in time for a Thanksgiving weekend of discounts at York Street Glassworks in Plymouth

irregulars that will be discounted. It's family-oriented. Kids come with their parents. We have vases, platters, sculptures, paperweights, ornaments. People like giving something handmade. Some even come back and buy presents for their children. Prices range from \$5 to \$7,000. What's special is we're generally not open to the public. This is the only time of year we sell them."

VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

Ruth Price promises visitors they'll find the holiday spirit in all shapes and colors at the Village Potters Guild Show 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at 340 N. Main behind Dunleavy's Grill in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 207-8807.

Twenty-two of the members offer non-functional and functional ware ranging in price from \$2 to \$100. "There's a lot of Christmas leaves on coasters and mugs, lots of snowmen, some religious items, lots of ornaments," said Price, who will have raku stars in different sizes for use as wall hangings or to place on a table with greenery. "This show brings out the holiday shoppers. They buy gifts for family and friends, not too much for themselves. They say 'Mary'd like this'." "Holy plates were popular last year as well as trays with snowmen. Large bowls and platters always sell. People return every year. They love to see the dirt in the back room where you fire. They like to see where we work."

EPIPHANY GLASS STUDIO

Visitors see more than just the place where April Wagner and Jason Ruff create glass works 2-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Twice a year, they open their Epiphany Glass Studio so anyone can watch them blow the molten material into vessels. The two teamed up nine years ago after graduating from Center for Creative Studies (now College for Creative Studies). This is their third annual holiday show at their new 4,000-square-foot hot glass blowing studio and gallery, 770 Orchard Lake Road at Telegraph, Pontiac. Call (877) 560-4021. New this year is Ruff's *Serocco Nest*, a piece inspired by organic forms in nature. The design won Best of Show in the 2002 Our Town exhibit judged at the Community House by Ferdinand Hampson of Habatat Galleries in Birmingham. "The studio is open only twice a year - in April for Michigan Glass Month and for the holidays," said Wagner. "Besides the glass-blowing demonstrations, we'll have select items including slight

NATIVE WEST GALLERY

Native West's open all year long but turns the gallery into a jewelry lovers delight only for one weekend in December. Tables of Native American-made earrings, bracelets, pendants, cuff links, money clips, and necklaces will fill the space Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 5-8, in its gallery at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, west of Main, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838.

"Turquoise is back, and it's still hot, opal and inlay jewelry as well," said co-owner Annette Horn.

"We have a variety of items including ornaments, pottery, bronze sculpture, metal art, wall hangings, music. We've already had to restock our hot items a couple of times - sculpted pieces of clay using the Italian glassmaking technique millefiori by Arizona artist Jon Anderson. Jon converts the glass technique into ceramic turtles, lizards, frogs and serpents from \$60 to a couple hundred dollars. "We're also selling a lot of cedar flutes made by Chippewa artist Odell Borg. The flute is a very magical instrument, a great way to express feelings and emotions. And it's so easy. It's not like a flute in an orchestra. It's held differently, tuned differently, and comes with a book and cassette on fingering technique. I've never played, but after 10 minutes I couldn't play really well but was getting the hang of it."

In addition to flutes and drums, the gallery offers Native American sandpaintings, which givers can tailor to a particular person. "It's a traditional art form originally produced by medicine men when a person's health or life was out of balance," said Horn. "A sun represents happiness. It's going to bring happiness if you hang it on a wall. A bear is good medicine, and they start at \$12."

There will be plenty of bargains Thanksgiving weekend at York Street Glassworks, 875 York St., Plymouth. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Friday or by

appointment. It might be a good idea to call (734) 459-6419 anyway as his working studio can be difficult to find without directions. Artist/owner Don Schneider is discounting everything except special orders by 20 percent from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. Glass works range from a few dollars - choose an icicle ornament for \$5 - to several hundred dollars. Schneider offers blown and lampworked glass pendants, beads, earrings, paperweights, and bowls. His work can also be found at the Detroit Artists Market. The show in the 2,000-square-foot gallery continues to Dec. 22. More than 2,000 works by 150 Michigan painters, sculptors, glass, and ceramic artists fills the space at 4719 Woodward, just down the street from the Detroit Institute of Arts. Call (313) 832-8540.

FINAL DAYS

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts its Holiday Shop to Dec. 1, at 1516 S. Cranbrook (Evergreen), Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0866.

Work by more than 125 artists is on display including one-of-a-kind Christmas and Hanukkah items, jewelry, hand-blown glass, garden and home decor, ceramics, wood, and paper.

ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

Presented by the advanced ceramic students and guest potters of Oakland Community College's Royal Oak campus, the 27th annual show bills itself as the largest pottery sale of its kind in the country. The clay extravaganza takes place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the United Food and Commercial Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive near 13 Mile, between I-75 and Stephenson Highway, Madison Heights. Admission, as with all of these shows, is free. Call (248) 246-2686.

The pottery sale features 137 potters who've created 40,000 pieces including pots, vases, platters, tiles, mugs, bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tables and just about every item imaginable. Prices range from \$5 to \$400.

Among the artists is Terri Barkun of West Bloomfield, who shows large snow domes with characters gazing into a globe. Lori Rodgers of Birmingham brings her Kiss of Luck wall pieces and pins, which are miniature renditions of a lucky tinsmith found hanging in the huts of an ancient tribe on a Pacific island.

Dawn Boesen of Southfield makes vases almost larger than she is and groupings of small connected pots she calls "group hugs." Robert Krusp of Farmington Hills uses his day skills as a cake decorator to squeeze dragons onto functional vases, goblets, mugs and bowls.

There's some amazing one-of-a-kind art out there this holiday season. For one, am anxious to get going, but before I do, I want to wish you Happy shopping.

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call Observer & Eccentric arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net.

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Farmington Players stages off-beat comedy

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

It's known as the perfect antidote to *The Nutcracker*. *A Tuna Christmas* is a delightfully tacky comedy that celebrates Christmas kitsch and features just two actors who play 22 different roles. It's being presented once again by the Farmington Players beginning Nov. 30 at Barnes & Nobel bookstore in West Bloomfield. Three of the 10 shows are already sold out. "It is absolutely hilarious," said co-director Margaret Gilkes of Farmington Hills. "It's the kind of play that keeps you laughing and gives you a truly carefree feeling." Gilkes and co-director Vicki

Grulke directed *A Tuna Christmas* four years ago. They are directing it again and have brought back the same cast. The plays two actors Frank Markus of Royal Oak, and Hank Bennett of Farmington Hills. "The entire crew from four years ago returned plus the exception of two newcomers," said Grulke. "It is an encore presentation because so many people asked us to do it again." *A Tuna Christmas* is a fundraiser for the Farmington Players which will open its new theater in January. Written by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jason Williams, the comedy is set in the fictional city of Tuna, Texas - the smallest town in the second largest

state of the union. "The two men play 22 characters and one is a crotchety woman who's the city clerk and wears a dress and combat boots," Gilkes said. "The radio station is OKKK, so it pokes fun at everything from the fictional city." In *A Tuna Christmas* the townspeople decide that ghosts are destroying their gaudy holiday displays. (We won't give away the ending.) Working with actors Markus and Bennett was an easy task, Gilkes said, because the men used their own creativity to bring the many characters to life. "These two men are very talented," Gilkes said. "It's a very funny performance."

CHRISTMAS

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"With 100 cast and crew members, it's crazy back there, but you meet a lot of interesting people," said Frandt.

"The amazing part is how much passion everyone has for the show."

Merrie Parr had so much fun skating in the show in 1999 she contacted the producer to come back this year.

The Bloomfield Hills resident not only skates with partner Scott Corbin in the New York City scene but is the 'stunt Mary' who rides the donkey in for the living Nativity Parr and Corbin are practicing for the nationals at Onyx arena in Rochester Hills.

"Riding the donkey is quite interesting," said the 22-year-old Parr. He doesn't buck or do anything mean. He doesn't try to throw me off. And being able to skate in front of such a big crowd is one of the best experiences I've had. The audiences we love the show. They get into every aspect and to see the cast and crew work together, to see how a production like this is put together is quite amazing."

Kauffman still feels the same sense of awe after producing the show for the last six years. Standing backstage at a tech rehearsal, he couldn't hide his excitement as crew waited for the cue to move the sets into place after the skating rink rose on an elevator from below the stage.

It took nine sems of props and scenery, one of lights and one of sound equipment just to get to this point. Now a series of technical problems had to be worked out.

Earlier Santa's sleigh had crashed into the scenery as it landed in the New York scene in a dry run. This was a crew rehearsal minus the high-kicking Rockettes, who later that afternoon would embark from bright yellow taxi



TOM HAWLEY | OBSERVER

Producer Brian Kauffman shares his excitement for behind the scenes. Here the technical crew rehearses the part where Santa arrives in New York.

The dazzle of 15,000 lights on the New York City department store front would soon be replaced by 20 Rockettes in sparkling red Santa suits.

"Unlike a touring production, we have challenges like housing and transportation because we're producing this just for Detroit," said Kauffman. "We begin in January to decide what went well. The lighting and scenery involves as much choreography backstage so they don't run into each other. Backstage safety is critical. We have drops flying on and off, big pieces of scenery moving across the stage, camels coming in."

"The animals are too cool. All the camels have been with us previously. We work to get them more comfortable. They live in a heated tent behind the theater for weeks before the show while we're rehearsing with them. The funniest thing is we'll hear people walking out saying, 'I wonder how they got those costumes so real?'"

Leading a donkey onto the stage is not always as easy as it looks said handler Rick Trimmell of Joe Hedrick's Exotic Animal Farm in Kansas where the sheep, camels, donkey and puppy have come from for the last six years. During the blessing, although all of the

animals were calm and well-behaved, one of the camels nibbled on a reporter's notebook and ran coat while Lincoln, the Sicilian donkey Santa looked on.

"Keeping him in line can be difficult sometimes," said Trimmell who was holding onto Lincoln.

The thing about a donkey is when they don't want to go, they don't want to go. You have to pull really hard."

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Der Fliegende Hollaender, opera in three acts by Richard Wagner (Teldec Classics, \$33.98) by soprano Jane Eaglen, baritone Falk Struckmann, with Daniel Barenboim conducting the Staatskapelle Berlin.

Does the world really need another recording of Wagner's first mature work, *Der Fliegende Hollaender*, a retelling of the legend of the Dutchman who must sail the seas for eternity unless he finds a woman faithful unto death?

The answer in this case may depend on your devotion to Daniel Barenboim, who has issued his second complete Wagner recording in less than a year — with two of the same singers in leading roles.

Jane Eaglen, the English soprano renowned for her Bruennhilde and Isolde, is heard here as Senta, the Norwegian maiden obsessed with the Dutchman's story. She acquits herself admirably — though Barenboim's decision to restore Senta's Ballad to its original key of A minor does expose her tendency to thin out on very high notes.

But while it's nice to hear her as Senta and as Elisabeth on Barenboim's recent *Tannhaeuser*,

AUDIO BITES

a record of her two signature roles would be more to the point.

Tenor Peter Seiffert, who took the title role in the *Tannhaeuser* album, returns here in the smaller part of Erik, Senta's jilted suitor, and sounds uncomfortable.

Baritone Falk Struckmann is an impressive Dutchman, dark-toned and solid, while bass Robert Holl is warm and hearty as Senta's father, Daland. In the small role of the Steersman, tenor Rolando Villazon reveals a rich voice of uncommon delicacy.

Barenboim's interpretation is fast-paced and muscular, in keeping with the full-speed-ahead nature of Wagner's score. But he doesn't slight the introspective passages like the Dutchman's soliloquy or his Act 2 duet with Senta.

— Mike Silverman AP Writer

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The old disc had inspired covers such as the Righteous Brothers' *Unchained Melody* and Patti Smith's *Dancing Barefoot*. Yet most of the new B-sides actually are remixes, and bloated ones at that. Hearing *Numb* the first time was enough, but was *Gimme Some More Dignity Mix* really necessary?

But *The Hands That Built America*, the theme from Martin Scorsese's upcoming film, *Gangs of New York*, is absolute drivel.

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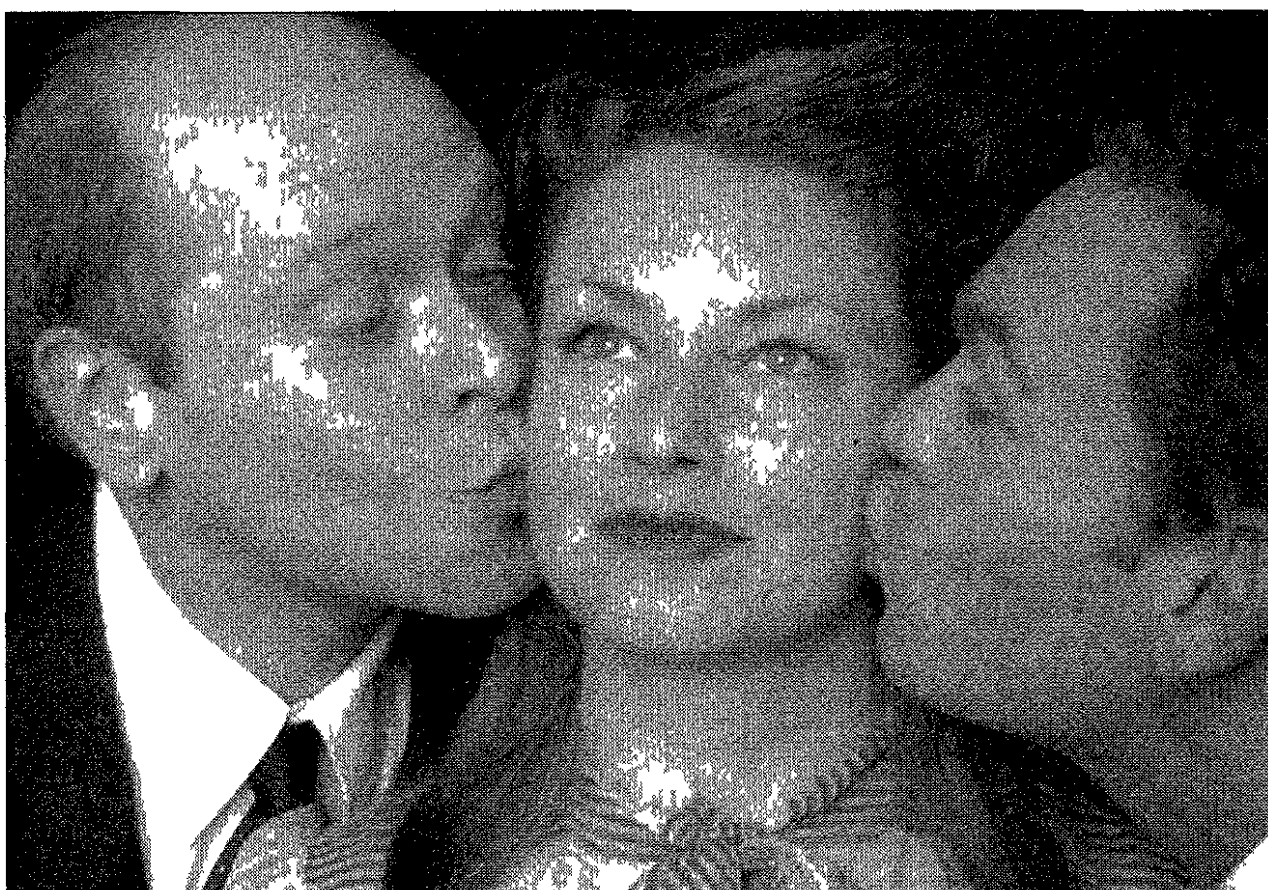
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Treasure Planet is wonderful spin on a classic

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG
CORRESPONDENT

I have to admit that I was very skeptical about Disney extrapolating the great Robert Louis Stevenson's epic tale *Treasure Island*, into outer space.

Then I remembered Disney's take on Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in which they substituted cuddly Simba for the brooding Prince of Denmark. Perhaps you remember it? Disney did this back in 1994 with *The Lion King*.

Well, they pulled it off again. Lightning does strike twice. This is just one of those rare times when I'm happy to have been proven wrong.

In fact setting *Treasure Island* in the final frontier was a stroke of creative genius on the part of Disney "imagineers" Ron Clements and John Musker, who co-wrote, co-produced and co-directed *Treasure Planet*, as they did other beloved Disney animated films, including, 1997's *Hercules*, 1992's *Aladdin* and 1989's *The Little Mermaid*.

The basic concept is still the same. Jim Hawkins (voiced by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, *10 Things I Hate About You*, TV's *3rd Rock From the Sun*) finds a treasure map of Captain Flint's (who is an alien) spoils, which in this case is a globe that produces a 3-D holographic navigational map, and sets out to find it, only to run into trouble along the way in the form of pirates led by Long John Silver.

Instead of stashing his 'loot of a 1,000 worlds' on an island, the notorious Flint stashed it on a faraway planet.

For the most part the characters are the same if not in



Jim Hawkins, voiced by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, joins the crew of an intergalactic adventure in Disney's *Treasure Planet*.

name in some cases, then in substance. Straight-laced first mate Mr. Arrow (renowned stage actor Roscoe Lee Brown, who happened to have a role in 1996's *Muppets Treasure Island*) is a bulky-looking alien.

Long John Silver is now John Silver, who is a cyborg (half-man/half-robot) cook voiced by Brian Murray (*Bob Roberts*), whose band of ne'er-do-wells and scalawags are a variety of aliens this side of the Mos Eisley Cantina from the original *Star Wars*, including one who has a face on his head AND stomach, which can separate.

There's also the villainous Skroopf, a giant alien spider played by raspy-voiced Michael Wincott, who is no

stranger to playing villains as he has in *Along Came A Spider*, *The Crow*, *Robin Hood*, *Prince of Thieves*, and Disney's 1993 live-action version of *The Three Musketeers*.

The cast is rounded out by the no-nonsense commander of the RLS Legacy, Captain Amelia (Academy Award winner Emma Thompson, *Howard's End*) who also happens to be a feline, and dog-faced astrophysicist Dr. Doppler (David Hyde Pierce of TV's *Frasier*).

Thompson and Hyde Pierce really play well off one another. I certainly hope they work together again in a live-action film.

The movie filled with nods

and winks to Stevenson's original novel, which has had numerous incarnations on the big and small screens since its publication in 1883 (including a live-action version by Disney in 1950). There's also an *Aliens*-inspired scene between Jim Hawkins and Skroopf.

The animation is phenomenal, classic Disney. It's refreshing to see a movie that not only looks good but also has a story behind it, something rare in this day and age.

Kudos to Clements and Musker. This is the definition of a family film.

Rated PG some intense action scenes for younger viewers; flatulence jokes.

Rating: 8.5 out of 10.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

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EMPIRE

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market, he sees his ticket out of the violent streets of the South Bronx and jumps at the opportunity. But there is a bigger price to be paid than clean money for his gorgeous new Soho lifestyle. Stars: John Leguizamo, Denise Richards, Peter Sarsgaard, Sonia Braga, Isabella Rossellini. Directed by: Frac Reyes. (Universal) Rated R.

ANALYZE THAT

While dealing with issues surrounding his father's death, a psychologist also struggles to help his mobster client whose life is being threatened in this sequel to *Analyze This*. Stars: Robert DeNiro, Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow. Directed by: Harold Ramis. (Warner Brothers) Rated R. Running time: 95 minutes.

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Pork chops with mashed potatoes, a very popular dish at Transylvania House

Family serves Eastern European fare in 'goulash' atmosphere

BY TAMARA WARREN
CORRESPONDENT

When Corneliu Nicolaescu opened the doors of the Transylvania House in March, he brought the Old World to Dearborn, his new hometown.

"In Romania, we used to cook like this for weddings. I learned to cook from my parents, and my daughters they learned from me," Nicolaescu says. "All our food are cooked from scratch."

Nicolaescu operates the Transylvania House along with his wife Felicia, daughters Laura and Andrea, and a modest staff.

"The recipes are original," he said. "Some of the spices and the cheese and the other stuff comes from Romania."

Never mind that the restaurant is nestled in a strip mall. In a short time the photographs of castles, the archaic decor, and the scent of Slavic cooking gives patrons the sense they are dining in eastern Europe. Adding to the ambiance are large photos of the most famous Transylvanian, Vlad the Impaler, the infamous Dracula.

The menu is divided into soups, salads, appetizers, entrees and desserts. Adventurous patrons may opt to try the tripe soup. The tomato salad is a tasty alternative for authentic cuisine.

"The recipes mainly are Rumanian and Transylvanian. I selected the most interesting and different food from the region."

Fish lovers will want to try the herring salad. The pickled chunks of fish are mixed with olive oil, carrots and onions.

It's a meal in itself. Goulash is a staple of the eastern European diet, and the Transylvania House's beef goulash served over noodles is

'In Romania, we used to cook like this for weddings. I learned to cook from my parents, and my daughters they learned from me.'

Corneliu Nicolaescu
owner

tender and hearty, a prime option for cold Michigan winter months.

Wiener schnitzel, or breaded veal named for Vienna, has traversed the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Sometimes this dish can be overwhelming, but the meal is filling without being greasy and oily.

Other popular dishes are stuffed cabbage and chicken paprikas.

"The specialty is skinless sausages. This item you will not find anywhere else but here with our recipe."

The desserts at the restaurant are tempting.

The Turkish coffee is served in a large cup, for those who prefer a strong coffee with a sweet dessert.

Given the family's roots, the Transylvania House features nightly performances by an appropriate figure, Creepy Clyde, who does an endearing monster act year around. Nicolaescu says Vlad's castle was just 20 miles from their home in Rumania.

To recommend a restaurant to feature on the dining page, send or fax a menu or dining tip to Sharon Dargay, entertainment editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009 or fax (248) 644-1314. You can also send an e-mail (text file or copy and paste into message) to sdargay@oehomecomm.net.



Owner Corneliu Nicolaescu holds high two of his dishes with (from left to right) wife Felicia, Frida Washington and Mihaela Blebea.

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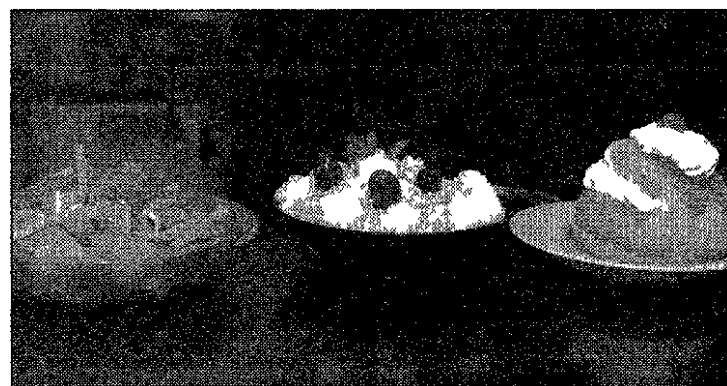
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DRUMLINE

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Cathy Standish

All together as one

When I was a kid, Thanksgiving in our house was always an event, a holiday to look forward to. Mom would get up at four or five in the morning and throw what looked to be a 60- or 70-pound turkey into the oven.

The house would smell warm from the baking bird. Giblets would be boiling on the stovetop, to later be prepared into the stuffing, the cranberries would be popping in the pan. Mom would always make the orange Jell-O, a staple for my brother, who now at 42 years old, a grown man with a home, a lovely wife and two beautiful twins, still demands that orange Jell-O of his childhood.

Dad would always be sitting at the kitchen table, smoking a Pall Mall. The remnants of breakfast sat as my parents chatted, as my brothers ran from room to room in a never-ending chase of one another, as my sister twinkled in my father's eye.

Thanksgiving in our house was a holiday, an event. As it was for every other American family, it was a day of pumpkin pie, of cookie platters, of turkey and stuffing and mashed potatoes and gravy.

My father would always leave late in the morning, after the breakfast dishes had been washed and dried, after the turkey had bubbled for nearly four hours, after the cranberries had popped and were placed in the refrigerator to chill. He would drive to my Grandma's house, to the little house in the country where she lived all alone. He would gather her up and bring her back to the family for dinner.

At my house, Thanksgiving dinner was always served at 2 o'clock. By noon, the dinner table was set, the candles were lit, my brothers were bathed, my mother was pulling the maintenance curlers from the sides of her hair. The television was just starting to broadcast again after being off the air at midnight and I would settle into our green horsehair couch to watch the broadcast of the Thanksgiving parade. The parades were always the precursor for the football games, a holiday tradition even back in that time of Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam.

Dad would return in the Ford Falcon station wagon with Grandma securely settled into the passenger's seat. Helping her out of the car, Grandma would load Dad down with her famous "Glorified Rice" and a grocery bag full of hand-knitted mittens, hats and slippers.

Gifts made with love for her grandchildren. Gifts that would always cause me to shudder and work on a fiendish plot on how to lose first the mittens at school, then the hat. I never realized how truly precious Grandma's gifts really were.

Eating the Thanksgiving dinner was always an event. Gathered around the large dining room table, everyone chattering, my brothers bickering, my Mom running from dining room to kitchen for spoons, and dishes and milk refills.

When dinner ended, my father would retire to the living room and football games. My mother and I would clear the table and attend to the dishes, as my brothers disappeared and holed up in the bathroom until the all-clear was given and the last dish

PLEASE SEE STANDISH, C2



PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHELMANN | OBSERVER

Kristen Quesada, the new director of the Park Players stands in front of the Salem High School Auditorium stage for a dress rehearsal of their production of "You Can't Take It With You."

New director's life is a stage

Dance, drama veteran takes helm of P-C's Park Players

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Kristen Quesada is keeping a lot of balls in the air. She's a mom and a wife, she teaches at a dance studio and now she's running the drama program for the Plymouth-Canton high schools.

And the juggling act is allowing her to have the time of her life.

Quesada, who grew up in Westland and graduated from Eastern Michigan University, is the new drama teacher at Salem High School. As such, she is charged with running the Gloria Logan Theater and directing the Park Players, roles that are right up the alley for a young lady who has been involved in acting and dancing for some 25 years.

"It's one of those jobs you don't have to wake up and dread going to," said Quesada, 28, who is in her first year on the job. "It's different every day, and it keeps me up."

It was a chance meeting with Gloria Logan, the longtime drama teacher at Plymouth-Canton who was a professor when Quesada was a student at Eastern Michigan, that eventually set Quesada up for her new gig.



New Park Players director Kristen Quesada helps Kyle Gnagey get his hair just right at a dress rehearsal for "You Can't Take It With You," at Salem High School's auditorium last week.

STARTED AS A SUB

Quesada, who was graduated from Westland John Glenn High School in 1992, kicked around at a few career choices before landing in Plymouth-Canton. When she finished at EMU, Quesada did some substitute teaching in Westland and Garden City.

Graduating with a degree in journalism, Quesada had wanted to go into television journalism. She interned for awhile at WXYZ-TV-7 in Detroit, but the road to TV stardom seemed a little long and tenuous to her.

"I really liked it, but everyone was telling me you have to start in small towns, edit your own stuff, and make about seven dollars an hour," Quesada said. "I'd just gotten engaged, my fiancé worked for Ford, and relocating didn't seem like a good option."

She even tried a job in sales, working for a business publication.

"I absolutely hated it, and gave it up after only four months," she said. "I needed something where I could use my creativity and work with kids. I just couldn't sit in an office."

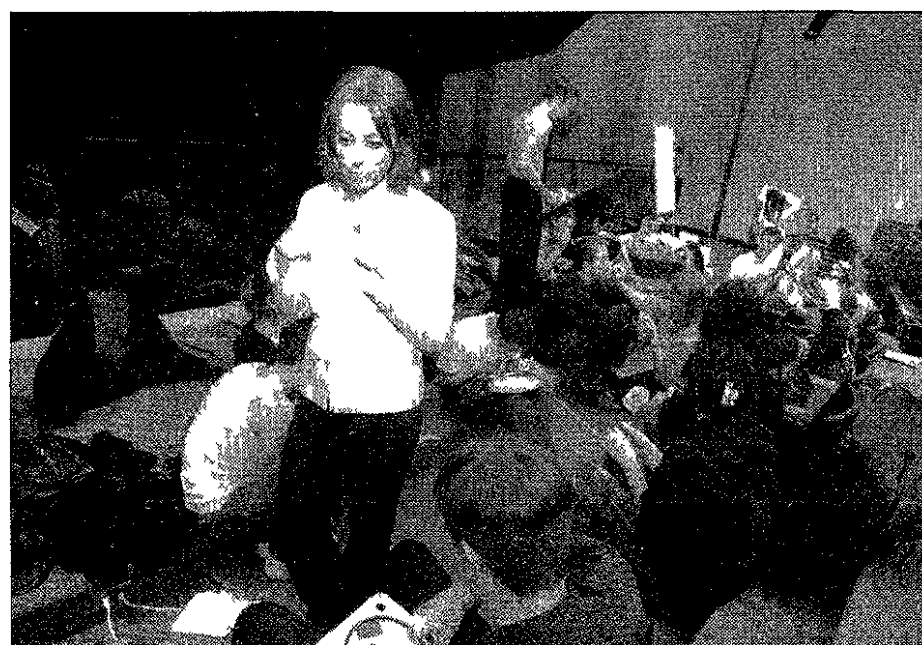
Devoted to theater and dance, Quesada decided to try to find something that would allow her to mix all the things she loves in life: teaching. But before she settled down, she wanted to conquer one dream: living in New York.

So, in the summer of 1998, Quesada headed for the bright lights of the Big Apple. For six months, she studied dance, acting and voice. After that, she came home to start her new life.

"I had always wanted to go to New York," Quesada said. "I had been in theater and dance since I was 3. I just wanted to be able to say I did it."

HELPING HANDS

With that out of her system, Quesada



Kristen Quesada, the new director of the Park Players, checks up on the actors as they prepare their hair and makeup for a dress rehearsal of "You Can't Take It With You," last week at the Salem High School Auditorium.

returned home and got her teaching certificate in spring 2002. That's where her connection to Logan helped. Logan had been one of Quesada's professors her last year at EMU, and she hooked Quesada up with Pat Berry, for whom she became a student teacher last school year.

Quesada credits Berry for her success in landing the job.

"(Berry) is great, and he helped me a lot," she said. "He's extremely organized, and he knows what works and what doesn't."

When Jeff Kopp resigned after last year, Quesada got her break. She interviewed for the job, and impressed Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin with her attitude.

"She brought with her the best qualifications, the best resumé, and seemed to be a natural fit for our school and our community," Ostoin said. "She likes to work with kids, she grew up in the area. I saw the play Friday night, and I'm glad I hired her."

Quesada actually had a choice between Salem and the West Bloomfield district.

But in West Bloomfield, her responsibilities would have been different. For Quesada, the choice seemed an easy one.

"I'd have had to teach debate and forensics in West Bloomfield," she said. "Here, I get to run the theater. That sounded a lot better to me."

It would, to someone whose entire life has revolved around dance and theater. Quesada has taught dance at Encore Dance Academy in Westland for 11 years, and has tried to wrap every career choice around drama in some form or other.

FAMILY TIES

So devoted to it is Quesada that, when daughter, Olivia, was born 18 months ago, Quesada missed only two weeks of teaching and two college classes.

That devotion is paying off in happiness for Quesada, who just finished directing the Park Players' first production of the year, "You Can't Take It With You," and now has a couple of months

PLEASE SEE DIRECTOR, C2

Hair dresser hails Christmas, all year

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

It's no challenge to guess John Gregory's favorite holiday. The multi-talented local hair dresser's salon doubles as a year-round Christmas shop in Redford.

And in the giving spirit of the season, he established a popular annual open house. This year's event, expected to draw hundreds, will be particularly festive as John Gregory Salon and Christmas Boutique, 26403 Grand River Ave., celebrates 30 years in business. Pat Heavener of Livonia has been a

client for even longer. She calls Gregory a tremendous artist with endless energy.

Heavener looks forward to attending the open house. "It's just a fun time, a kick-off to the Christmas season," she said. "It really puts you in the spirit of Christmas."

This year's open house will be noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, for invited guests. Gregory sells his decorative accessories and handmade arrangements, along with jewelry, fragrances, his own line of Jo'ber makeup and hair products and gourmet goodies. He enlists the help of 11 people, including his mother, Ann Gregory, and

receptionist Marie Erickson.

"Everyone's very festive," said Erickson, who lives in Redford Township. "Everyone is dressed up. I love to listen to the comments."

She enjoys helping people choose decorations for their own homes and credits Gregory for making some of the chic pieces she now owns to accent her traditional holiday style.

"We've added more Christmas things this year," said Gregory, who lives just upstairs from the salon in an apartment.

PLEASE SEE SALON, C2



JIM JAGDFELD | OBSERVER

John Gregory of Redford took color cues from this painting while decorating his apartment's great room for Christmas.



John Gregory makes center pieces like this one in his dining room and sells them during his annual Christmas open house



John Gregory, a Redford hair salon and Christmas boutique owner, arranges some of the Christmas accessories on display in his shop, which celebrates its 30th year

WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



Hanson-Montgomery
Barton and Diane Hanson of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lora Eileen Hanson, to Lucas Charles Montgomery, son of Douglas and Kathleen Montgomery of Plymouth. Lora is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in microbiology and molecular genetics and is now a second-year student at the Michigan State University School of Veterinary Medicine. Lucas is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and attended the University of Michigan. He is currently employed with UPS. An August 2003 wedding is planned at St. Johns Center Chapel in Plymouth.



Muirhead-Robson
Richard and Geri Muirhead of Howell (formerly of Plymouth) announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie to Jeffrey Jay Robson, son of Sandi Robson of Wyoming and Daryl Robson of Illinois. Amy is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and is currently employed in construction as a production coordinator. Jeff is a graduate of Laramie High School in Wyoming. Upon graduation, he spent four years on active duty in the US Army. Jeff is currently employed by Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes as a superintendent. A Fall 2003 wedding is being planned.

SALON

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he refurbished and rebuilt himself. An interior designer, Gregory begins crafting decorations and trees for the entire salon, boutique and apartment three months in advance. From spiral or upside-down trees and themes of all kinds, the building takes on a heightened essence of holiday flair. "He transforms the whole shop area," said Heavener. He sets it up with cake and goodies. There is something for everybody. Guests range from family to loyal clientele and new friends. All the holiday items are for sale at the open house. "We like to change something in the look every year," he said. This year Gregory favors a more traditional Christmas, with fiber optic miniature Christmas houses, moving figurines and plenty of lush red and green accents. Some interesting items

include icy strands of garland, sparkly wire poinsettias, and light-up glass pine cones. Everyone seems to be going more traditional, said Gregory. They like to remember the older Christmas. They like that warm feeling they get from the traditional look. Christmas was always a special time in his childhood. And the boutique has been open as long as his salon. Gregory began doing hair at the age of 14. He would often visit his cousin in Livonia who taught him the trade. Together they walked up and down the street, setting and combing out neighbors hair. By 18, he attended beauty school and earned a license. At 25, Gregory opened his own salon. I thought Redford was a good location, he said. He took his knack for creating a step further with interior decorating. The salon itself transforms with each season. It's something fun for me to do, said Gregory. It's not really

like work because I've been doing it for so long. During the open house, Gregory and Brian Worden open the doors to their upstairs apartment to unveil another holiday showcase. Each room has a theme. One bedroom shows an Asian influence. The great room is decked out in Mardi Gras fashion. Worden, who also works in

the salon, said it was hard to adjust to living amid Christmas - in July. Just weeks before the event, he was planning the baking menu, including banana nut bread and cheesecake. Gregory is already thinking about next year's festivities. For an invitation to the open house, call (313) 533-3615. scasola@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953 2054

STANDISH

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was washed, dried and put away. Grandma always claimed the turkey carcass promising soup for all. My mother would wrap the bones in foil and send her merrily on her way after an afternoon and early evening of game playing, card playing and football watching. Dad would take my Grandma

and her bag of leftovers back to the farmhouse, and then, the day was done. I wish I could have that back again. This Thanksgiving, to have my Dad sitting at the kitchen table, not smoking Pall Malls. To have my Grandma's hand-knit hat, mittens and slippers. To smell my mother's 80-pound turkey roast in the oven. To have my family together all as one. I am the Mom now.

Thanksgiving isn't as quiet as it once was. Some family members are lost. Some family members are found. My sister is no longer a twin-kle, but a beautiful young woman who shines for everyone who meets her. My brothers with children of their own are now the dads themselves. My Mom still makes 90 pound turkeys and she still gets up at four in the morning to begin preparing the feast. My Dad, he is still with us, he

is in our hearts, he is in our memories. He is with us in the smile of my sister, in the laughs of my brothers. My Dad is always watching my Mom, and sometimes, he guides me through my days. He is with my children, my niece, my nephews. He never really left us. Through them, we can feel him always near. So on this Thanksgiving, I guess my family truly is together, all as one.

DIRECTOR

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before she starts preparing for the spring production. The Players will present their spring musical, "Guys and Dolls" in spring 2003. That production will give the new director another chance to solidify her relationship with her student-actors, a relationship that has apparently gotten off to a good start. "She's a really great director," said Amanda Jackson, a 16-year-old junior from Canton, who was in "The Sound of Music" as a freshman. She takes a new approach to directing. She doesn't treat us as kids, she treats us as equals and lets us have input. It's the kids' enthusiasm that makes teaching such a joy for Quesada, who draws a lot of her energy from them. "A lot of kids have a lot of enthusiasm about going to college and starting their lives," she said. Some are naturals, but others are shy and lack confi-

dence. If you can create an atmosphere that's not threatening, they feel more comfortable. Once they're more comfortable, they'll feel better about taking risks, which is what acting is all about. Meanwhile, Quesada keeps all the balls in the air, with a lot of help from her husband, Rob, whom she married in 1999, and her mom, who lives in Westland and takes care of Olivia. I have the greatest mom," Quesada said. "I hate leaving Olivia, but I know she's with my mom. That makes me feel great." Quesada, a 25-year veteran of dance and drama, still wants to be on stage herself, but knows there isn't time - right now. I love acting, I love being on stage, but right now I just don't have the time, she said. When I have a break, I want to be with my baby. That's where I want to be right now. I'll always be teaching dance or performing in some way, though. I'll always be connected. bkadrch@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 459 2700



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Children serve up some licorice Jell-O and Thanksgiving spaghetti

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CORRESPONDENT

Move over, Martha Stewart. If you think your Thanksgiving recipes are something, well, you haven't tasted anything yet. Budding chefs at St. Valentine School in Redford Township - together with their teacher Mrs. Judy Burns - collaborated on a new cookbook entitled *Our Favorite Recipes-Thanksgiving*. And until you've tasted their dishes, you just haven't lived.

At St. Michael in Livonia, kindergartners from Mrs. Yvette Parisi's classroom have tweaked traditional Thanksgiving menus to give the holiday fresh pizzazz.

These young gourmets are as sweet as pumpkin pie. They're sharing these original recipes with readers just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Clip and save! St. Valentine's recipes

ROBERT SETON'S TURKEY A LA GANG

turkey 190 lbs
mushrooms
stuffing
Put it all in the oven and cook for 99 minutes at 5 degrees. Serves 99 people.
Robert is 7 and lives in Redford.



Robert Seton

ALLISON ADAMS' "NO FUSS" TURKEY

10 lb turkey
salt
pepper
Put the turkey in the oven with salt and pepper. Put it on 10 degrees for one hour. "You could have salad with it," says Allison.
Allison is 6-year old resident of Redford.



Allison Adams

ANDY CASTANDA'S MOUTH-WATERING CARROTS

7 carrots
water
Cut them up small and cook at 25 degrees for 10 hours.
Andy is a 6 year-old Detroit resident.



Andy Castanada

STEPHANIE ROSKELLY'S HOMEMADE PUMPKIN PIE

1 pumpkin
2 tpsps sugar
1 tsp salt
Cut up the pumpkin. Mix it together. Put it in a pan with sugar and salt. Bake at 10 degrees for 10 hours.
Stephanie is a 6-year-old who



Stephanie Roskelly

TREY HANDY'S SWEET CELERY

1 cup water
10 pieces celery
sugar just a whole bag
Mix together. Cook at 1,000 degrees for one minute.
Trey is a 6-year-old Redford Township resident.



Trey Handy

MADELYN OMIETANSKI'S ZESTY PUMPKIN PIE

1 small pumpkin
brown sugar a lot
lemon a lot
Scoop out the pumpkin with a spoon. Mix everything. Put in a bowl. Cook in the oven at 100 degrees for 20 minutes.
Madelyn is 6 years old and lives in Livonia.



Madelyn Omietanski

KIRK NICOLA'S SOUR LEMON JELL-O

6 apple seeds
7 cups water
sour lemon Jell-O
Mix everything in a bowl. Then cook on the stove for 8 minutes. Then freeze for 10 hours.
Kirk is a 6-year-old Redford Township resident.



Kirk Nicola

EVAN GOODE'S CHERRY TURKEY

salt
cherry pudding
turkey (We usually get a 6 or 5 lb turkey. Evan says.)
Put pudding on the turkey. Cook on stove for 10 seconds at 6 degrees. "My favorite thing to eat is half the turkey. I know the good things," says Evan, 6 of Redford.



Evan Goode

GRANT WILLIAMS TURKEY WITH TRIMMINGS

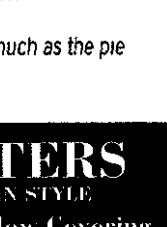
(Give yourself plenty of lead time for this one.)
130 lb turkey
Put it in the oven at 140 degrees for 100 hours. Serve with some grapes and mashed potatoes. "I also like soup - chicken noodle," said Grant.
Grant is 6 years old and lives in Redford.



Grant Williams

JUSTINA OUELLETTE'S AWESOME APPLE PIE

a lot of apples
breadcrumb (as much as the pie would be)



Justina Ouellette

sugar (if you want it really sweet you can put a lot in.)
Smash the apples and mix them with sugar. Cook at one degree for one hour. Then eat. I don't put anything on top because it's so good," said Justina.
Justina is 6 years old and lives in Livonia.



Justina Ouellette

TEAGAN DILLON'S MASHED POTATOES

pepper 3 tpsps
butter a lot
potato chips
one big bag
Mix everything. Cook in a bowl. Put it in the oven at 900 degrees. Then eat it all.
It's good with turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie.
Teagan is a 6-year old who lives in Redford.



Teagan Dillon

BRANDON WALKER'S SWEET POTATOES

8 cups water
50 sweet potato
5 spoonfuls of sugar
Mash everything in a bowl. Cook in the oven for 5 hours at medium. Have it with ham and potato chips and a turkey for dessert. Brandon is a 6 year-old Redford resident.



Brandon Walker

DAVID SESKO'S CHOCOLATE-LICORICE MASHED POTATOES

potatoes like 3
chocolate pud
ding
licorice Jell-O (That's the flavor says David.)
Mash the potatoes in a bowl. Mix everything. Cook 24 hours at 60 degrees in the oven. "I like to eat carrots and chocolate ice cream with it," said David. David is 6 and lives in Redford.



David Sesko

CHRISTINA PAPPAS' MASHED POTATOES WITH SYRUP

4 french fried potatoes
1 big bottle of waffle syrup
Mash everything in a bowl. Cook at 8 degrees in a pan for 13 hours. With it you can eat turkey chicken, carrots, milk, and vanilla and chocolate ice cream," said Christina.
Christina is a 6 year-old resident of Redford Township.



Christina Pappas

TYLER REAMER'S CINNAMON CORN

corn on the cob 2
1 ounce of cinnamon
1 stick of butter
Put it all in a pot and boil for four or five hours. "Turkey regular potatoes, blueberry juice and pumpkin pie are good with it," said Tyler. Tyler lives in Redford Township. He is 6 years old.



Tyler Reamer

TURKEY A LA MARWAN SAAB

200 lb turkey
Cook in a big pan at 10 degrees in the oven for 11 hours.
I'd have the turkey with mashed potatoes and water. I hate vegetables," says Marwan.
Marwan is 7 years old and lives in Redford Township.



Marwan Saab

MIRANDA KARGUL'S LAMB STUFFING

cinnamon
oranges
bread
onion
lamb
Mash it in your hands. Throw it in a cookie sheet pan. Cook in the oven for eight hours.



Miranda Kargul

THOMAS KARGUL'S CITRUS TURKEY

turkey
lemon juice
Squeeze the juice on the turkey. Cook at 100 degrees for one hour.
Miranda and Thomas Kargul were both absent the day the Observer visited St. Val's. Thomas and Miranda are 6-year-old twins who live in Redford. Bon appetit from St. Val's! St. Michael's recipes follow.



Thomas Kargul

SHANE NEARY'S GREEN POTATOES

37 potatoes
green beans
lots
Put the potatoes in the oven with green beans on top. Cook it for 2 hours at 30 degrees.



Shane Neary

CONNOR MCCARTHY'S THANKSGIVING TURKEY

4 lb turkey
Put it in the oven for one hour.
I'd have it with pizza because that's one of my favorites," says Connor.



Connor McCarthy

JACLYN VANGILDER'S HOLIDAY TURKEY

10 lb turkey
Cook it in the oven for 8 minutes at 70 degrees. You could serve it with ham and mashed potatoes, she suggested.



Jaclyn VanGilder

JONATHAN MURRAY'S ITALIAN THANKSGIVING MENU

spaghetti
You put some spaghetti in a pot and some sauce and little black things. Cook it for 50 hours and then it's done.



Jonathan Murray

MADISON SHEA'S EASY PUMPKIN PIE

1 pumpkin
Squish it, stir it and put it in a bowl. Bake it for a few hours at 10 degrees.



Madison Shea

JESSICA CRACHOLA'S HOLIDAY TURKEY WITH APPLES

10 lb turkey
apples
You have to cut it out. Then you have to tie it. Cook it on the stove and in the oven for 11 seconds at 10 degrees. "You can have it with apples. Eleven people can eat it," said Jessica.



Jessica Crachola

RYAN POSH'S TURKEY FOR THREE

3 lb turkey
Put it in the oven, plain for 20 minutes on medium. "It will serve three people. I would also like beans, mashed potatoes and a sundae special," said Ryan.



Ryan Posh

ANNA LOGAN'S CRANBERRIES

cranberries
about 4
sugar about 2 cups
Mix it up and cook it in the oven for a few hours at 3 degrees. "I don't know if it's good for dogs," said Anna.



Anna Logan

MAUREEN BUTLER'S TASTY TURKEY

2 lb turkey
Get the turkey from a bakery. Then you would take it out, and put it in a pan. Put some salt and pepper on it. Put it on the stove for 10 hours at 5 degrees. There's enough for 7



Maureen Butler

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KIDS' RECIPES

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ARIANA PARR'S TURKEY FOR FOUR IN A MINUTE

1 lb turkey
Put the turkey in the oven for one minute at 40 degrees "You could have mashed potatoes and blueberry pie, too," said Ariana



Ariana Parr

ANDREW GRIFFIN'S TURKEY FOR FIVE

2 lb turkey
Put the turkey in the oven for one hour at 2 degrees "You can give it to 5 people, and have mashed potatoes, orange juice and chocolate cake," said Andrew



Andrew Griffin

JOSEPH DOLUNT'S STUFFING WITH GRAVY

bread 5 loaves
water
some gravy
Mix it up on a plate "I can't cook but my brother can," said Joseph "Cook it, I think, on the stove for 10 minutes or 5 minutes on hot, because it has to be hot"



Joseph Dolunt

JULIA LENTZ'S GREEN BEANS WITH CORN

green beans a lot
some corn
Cook it on the stove for seven hours on medium "It's good," she said



Julia Lentz

SARAH STORM'S BAKED POTATOES

6 potatoes
Put them in the oven for a few hours at 50 degrees It will serve six people



Sarah Storm

EMMA LAFFERTY'S TURKEY AND ROLLS

5 lb turkey
Cook the turkey on the stove for 10 minutes at 5 degrees
Rolls
bread
carrots
Mix it all together and bake it in the oven for 15 minutes at 40 degrees
Happy Thanksgiving from the culinary artists at St Michael School!



Emma Lafferty

CODY CLISCH'S CHEESY STUFFING

some eggs
some cheese
First you buy some eggs Use a pan to cook it on the stove for 3 minutes on hot Cook it up "When it's lunchtime, cut it up in slices If it's too hot, wait for it to cool down a little bit," said Cody



Cody Clisch

NICOLE CROCH'S THANKSGIVING CORN

corn on the cob 5 ears
butter 1 stick
Cook it all in the oven for a few hours at 2 degrees You will have enough for six people



Nicole Croch

ALEX HUNT'S CHICKEN GRAVY

2 lb chicken potatoes about 20
Mash up the chicken and mash up the potatoes Mix them together Then you cook them in the oven And you put vegetables in That's the way it goes You probably cook it for 1 hour at 30 degrees



Alex Hunt

FINN NEWCOMB'S THANKSGIVING PIZZA

salami
You make the pizza with a recipe You cook it, and you put salami on it When you eat it it tastes good Eat it all, then it will be in your tummy I like to eat apples and more apples and some pizza and more pizza and some macaroni, Finn said



Finn Newcomb

Playroom named for McNamara

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara is credited for bringing child care to the Wayne County Building in the form of KidSpace, an on-site child care program on the main floor of the historic building on Randolph
To acknowledge his efforts, the KidSpace Board of Directors will be naming the newly renovated playroom used by KidSpace the Edward H. McNamara Atrium at a celebration 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at 600 Randolph in Detroit

"I have always believed that creating a child care center in this building was one of the best ideas of this administration," says McNamara, referring to the Wayne County Building, which is more than 100 years old "KidSpace is proof that great buildings like this can keep on being used for very modern programs, and the center brought a whole new population in to enjoy this place"
KidSpace is a fully licensed child care center where children age six weeks to pre-kindergarten age are provided a year-round developmental program Children engage in work, play and lifeskill activities They are provided with indoor and outdoor learning centers, to explore and create The center also provides nutritious meals and snacks for the children

Today more than 75 children are cared for at the center, which opened in 1989 KidSpace is open to the public and is not just for Wayne County employees
To learn more about KidSpace, contact Jackie Kalogerakos at (313) 224-5046

Church airs debate on atheism

Faith Covenant Church, 35415 West 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, invites the public to attend a live satellite simulcast of "The Great Debate: Atheism vs Christianity" 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8

The debate is between Christian author and speaker Chffe Knechtle and Dr. Michael Newdow, a lawyer and emergency room physician in Sacramento, Calif. who filed the controversial lawsuit to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance

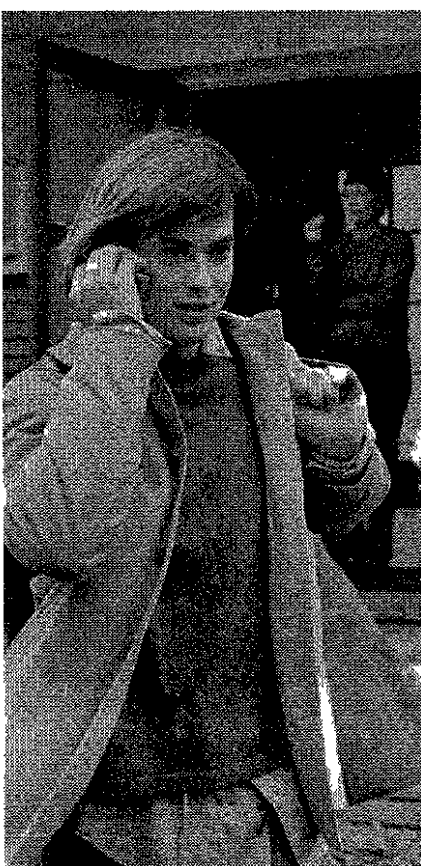
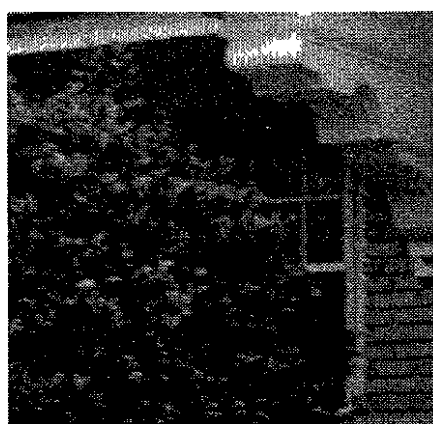
Knechtle, a Christian apologist and pastor, has sparred with skeptics at more than 50 colleges and universities through his ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship At Brown University in Providence, R.I., the student publication *The Banner* noted, "Knechtle should not be missed if time permits You won't get a sermon if you go You'll hear actual straight answers to profound questions Pretty rare,"

Hosting the Church Communication Network simulcast is atheist-turned-pastor Lee Strobel and Christian author-speaker Mark Mittelberg

"We did a similar debate in Chicago 10 years ago The results were electrifying," said Strobel I believe Christians and skeptics alike will flock to see this intellectual shoot-out to find out whether Christianity will emerge as being credible"

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Cathedral Church of St. Paul hosts Christmas events

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■ **The Advent Procession, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec 1** - A series of scriptural readings, carols, and anthems presented in procession to use the entire beautiful Gothic space of the Cathedral, this service offers reflection on and preparation for the Christmas season. The Advent Procession is sung by

the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, the Cathedral Choir of Women and Girls, and the Cathedral Chamber Choir, all under the direction of Cathedral Organist and Choirmaster Jeremy David Tarrant

■ **A Festival of Lessons and Carols, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec 15** - This beloved Anglican service of lessons (readings) and carols that retell the Christmas story is perhaps the Cathedral's most popular and best-loved service. The Festival of Lessons and Carols

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The Advent Procession and A Festival of Lessons and Carols are regular services of the Cathedral. There is no admission charge to Cathedral services, however, a free-will offering will be taken

■ **A holiday dinner, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec 15** - The

Festival of Lessons and Carols is followed by the annual Holiday Dinner, hosted by the Cathedral Chapter and the Friends of the Cathedral, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral's Barth Hall. Tickets are required for the dinner, and are \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children, and \$35.00 maximum for families. Please call (313) 831-5000, ext. 3002 for ticket reservations and information

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Teen queen

Amanda Owen, 15, daughter of Donald and Judy Owen, recently won the title of Miss Junior East Livonia Teen. She will compete for the title of Miss Junior Michigan in February. The winner of the state title will travel to New York in July to compete for the national title of Miss Junior America. Amanda is an honor student at Franklin High School and is active in student government and track. She is also on the JV Lady Patriots basketball team.

Pastor retires from St. Timothy United Methodist

The Rev. Phylemon DePriest Titus will retire from St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Redford Township on Dec. 21. A three-day celebration has been planned in his honor for the week-end of Dec. 6-8.

Events include a dinner/dance Friday, Dec. 6, a musical tribute Saturday, Dec.

7, and an open house Sunday, Dec. 8. For details of these events, contact Carmen Wells at (313) 861-3196.

Titus was ordained in 1965 and has served The United Methodist Church for 37 years. He has served at St. Timothy for seven years. He is a board member of the Black United Fund and

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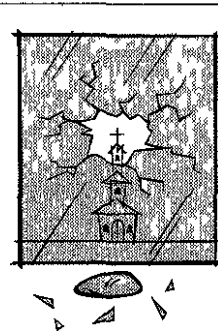
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this in the Bible is when a crowd brings to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put Jesus on the spot by saying that *in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?* (John 8:5). Jesus' response is simple and beautifully compassionate. *Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her* (John 8:7). One by one they went away leaving no one to condemn her. *Ultimate judgment is reserved for God alone, and while God was here on earth in the form of Jesus, He reserved his harshest wisdom for those who were hypocritically judgmental.*

For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give with will be the measure you get.
R.S.V. Matthew 7:2

Volunteers get ready for church cookie walk

BY RENEE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER

Feeling guilty because you're too busy to make Christmas cookies once again this year? Well, all is forgiven, especially since you can buy them at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 9th annual Cookie Walk.

Scores of volunteer bakers at the Livonia church are getting out their rolling pins for the annual event, which takes place Saturday, Dec. 14.

It's become a community event because of the nature of the cookies, said the Rev. Michael Matsko, church pastor. They are cookies you just don't make in your own house hold.

Volunteers will make over 50 different assortments of cookies, with the emphasis on ethnic and traditional recipes.

"We spend hours and hours and hours making the cookies. We must have 20 sessions preparing for the cookie walk," said Arlene Sudia of Plymouth. "We are making more cookies than last year, and we do try to



Carol Orloff places rugelach cookies onto a tray held by her husband Alex Orloff.

'We are making more cookies than last year, and we do try to always stress the ethnic.'

Arlene Sudia
Plymouth

always stress the ethnic. While there are several men who also volunteer their time and talent, it's the women who

make the more delicate cookies, the rolled varieties. The men do fine with cookies that can be shaped by hand.



Margaret O Lszewski rolls the chocolate balls in walnuts after John Karol forms them. She turned 91 last Thursday and still has the energy to help with the cookie project. They are raspberry brandy chocolate truffles.

The men make the Buckeyes - the peanut butter and chocolate balls - and the Russian tea cakes," said Sudia.

They do a great job, and those cookies really sell."

Matsko considers himself a one-man quality control department. Some may say it's his "pastoral" duty to taste all the cookies.

He's our No. 1 sampler," said Sudia.

Every year the volunteers sell all the cookies, and late-comers most likely will find just the crumbs, said Matsko.

I think the nicest thing is it becomes something that the

people of the community love, and they come back every year. Besides cookies, nut rolls and candy, volunteers are making pierogi and stuffed cabbage. "We'll have plenty of those available," said Sudia.

Doors open 8 a.m. Dec. 14 and the sale begins at 9 a.m. Cookies are \$10 a pound, others are individually priced. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile between Farmington and Newburgh, in Livonia. Call (248) 476-3432.

The cookie of the hour is Ida's Rugelach. Spreading apricot one of the ingredients that make up the filling, is Beverly Karol. Others at the table are from right, Dorothy Pargoff, Anne Hyrila and Angie Gillum.



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NEW VOICES

Jeff and Amy Churchill of Breckenridge, Mich announce the birth of their daughter, **Valerie Grace**, on July 3, 2002

Valerie joins big brother, James, 18 months
Her grandparents are Lowell and Vonnie Smith of Alaska, and Al and Audrey Churchill of Livonia Her great-grandmother is Hilda Churchill, 98, of Canton

Eric and Sherri Smith of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Justin Eric**, on Sept 24, 2002, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital

Justin joins big sister, Rachel, 5, at home
Grandparents are James and Sara Copi of Livonia, and David and Virginia Smith of Girard, Ohio

Scott and Karen Miller of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Hailey Ann**, on Sept 22, 2002, in Garden City Hospital She weighed 4 pounds 11 ounces, and was 18 inches long

Hailey joins big brother, Jordan, 3, at home
Her grandparents are Connie and Mike Russell of Westland, and Kim and Jeff Miller of Westland

Brian Traxler of Westland and **Christie Wickowski** of Westland announce the birth

of their daughter, **Brianna Elizabeth Traxler**, on Sept 23, 2002, in Garden City Hospital She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces, and was 21 inches long

Brianna joins big sister and brothers, Tabitha, 6, Michael, 4, and Jacob, 3

Her grandparents are Sue Jerore of Redford, and Mary and Todd Traxler of Westland

Derek and Crystal Kerr of Redford announce the birth of their son, **Ryan Edward**, on Sept 23, 2002, in Garden City Hospital He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long

Ryan joins big sister, Kaylee, 3-1/2

His grandparents are Henry and Kathy Bradley of Westland, and Gary and Diane Kerr of Redford

Jason and Kimberly Murphy of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Rachel Renae**, on Sept 24, 2002, in Garden City Hospital

She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long

Rachel's grandparents are Dale and Janice Sanlor of Westland, and Robert and Sue Murphy of Westland

Robert Villanueva of Westland and **Tawna McCoy**

of Detroit announce the birth of their son, **Brandon Michael Villanueva**, on Sept 26, 2002, in Garden City Hospital

He weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long

He joins big brothers, Joshua, 9, and Roberto, 3

Brandon's grandparents are Dan and Mary McCoy of Detroit, and Linda Villanueva of Westland

Kevin Watson of Wayne and **Esha Hill** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Kalyah Jade Watson**, on Sept 30, 2002, in Garden City Hospital

She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce, and was 20-1/2 inches long

Her grandparents are Bonita Wilson of Westland and Edna Lewis of Wayne

Ed Thomas of Detroit and **Paula Smith** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Kati Jean Thomas**, on Oct. 7, 2002, in Garden City Hospital

She weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long

Kati joins big brother and sisters, Veronica, 13, Crystal, 12, Damon, 8, and Chyanne, 6

Her grandparents are Henry and Barbara Smith of Livonia, and Ralph and Jonaphine Ferris of Gladwin

ANNIVERSARIES & ENGAGEMENTS



Carbott

Raymond and Theresa Carbott of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary They were married Nov 22, 1952, in St. Benedict Church, Highland Park They have lived in this area 48 years

Raymond retired in 1983 from the Detroit Board of Education

Theresa is a self-employed attorney at law and retired 10 years ago Both Raymond and Theresa have been members of St. Robert Bellarmine Church 48 years

They are active members of the Board Habitat for Humanity, Western Wayne

They were active in the completion of 15 homes They volunteer cook at St. Christines Soup Kitchen in Detroit, volunteer at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center and Friends of Redford Township Library

Raymond and Theresa have six children, John, Anne, Mary, Jean, Ellen and Susan, and 11 grandchildren

To celebrate their anniversary they attended an afternoon luncheon on Nov 24 at Ernesto's Inn in Plymouth



Schneider-Van Horn

Bruce and Aimee Schneider of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Nicole Marie Schneider, to Timothy Martin Van Horn of Livonia

Nicole is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in workforce management from University of Michigan

Timothy is the son of Scott and Helen Van Horn of Milton, Wis He is a 2002 graduate of Schoolcraft College where he earned his AAS in computer information systems He is employed by DynTek in Farmington Hills as a computer networking specialist

The couple are planning to wed in December in the Chapel of St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth with a reception immediately following



Paulin-Lang

James and Margaret Paulin of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Rachel Paulin, to Edward Martin Lang of Howell

Maureen is a graduate of Mercy High School and a graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in dietetics/nutrition She is employed by Canton Township as a firefighter/paramedic

Edward is the son of Edward and Ann Louise Lang of Houghton Lake He is a graduate of Henry Ford High School and graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed by Canton Township as a police officer

The couple are planning to wed November 2003 at Northville Mill Race Village with a reception at Dearborn Hills Golf Course

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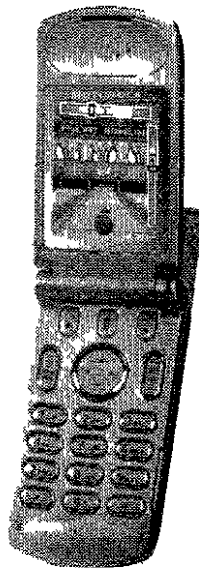
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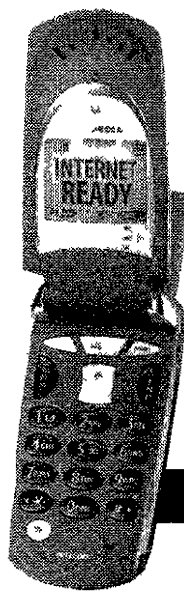
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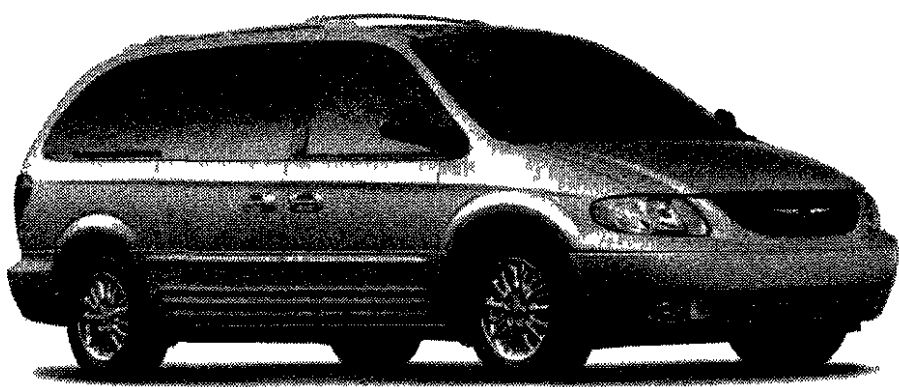
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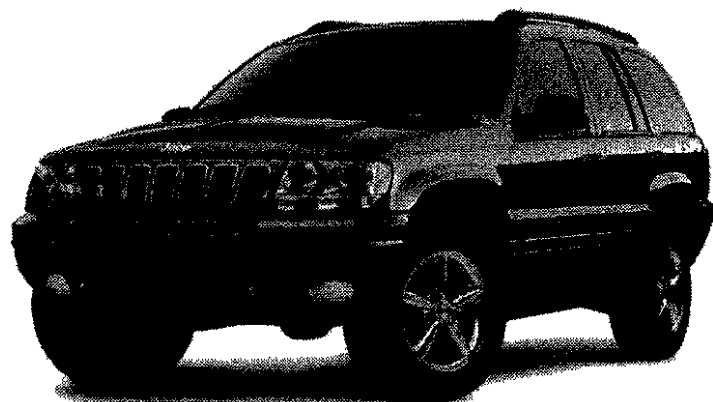
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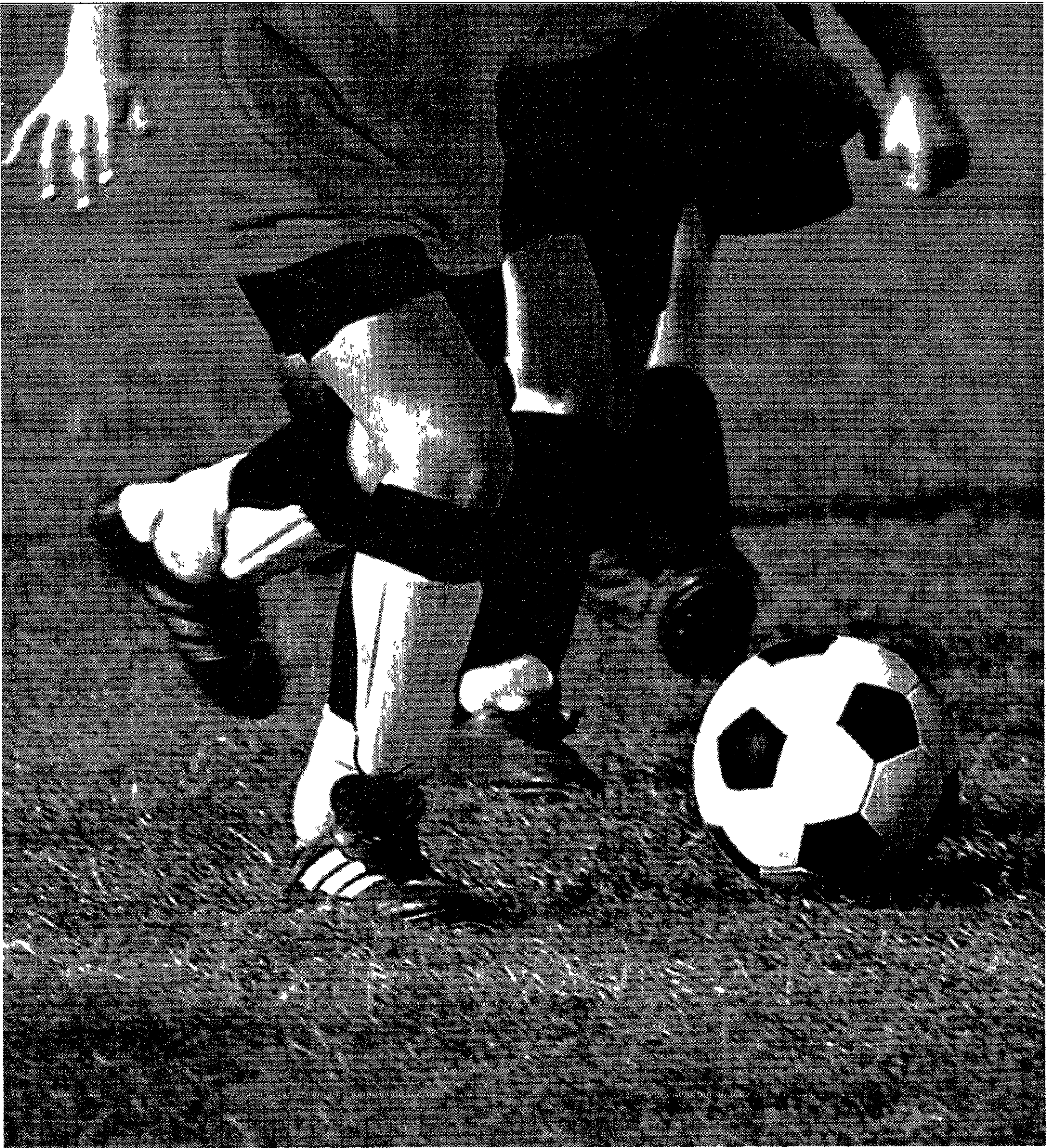
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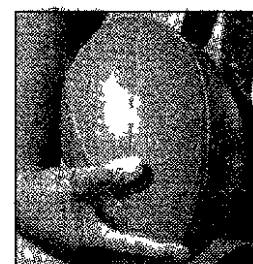
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Top Prospects

The USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday at Compuware Arena and it will feature the top American born junior hockey players.

There will be four all star teams in the tournament one each from the North American Hockey League, the America West Hockey League and the Eastern Junior Hockey League. A fourth team called Team TPT will feature at large players from the NAHL, the AWHL and the United State Hockey League. Each team will have 20 player rosters. Among the NAHL players chosen for Team TPT are a pair of defensemen from Detroit Compuware, Jeremy Bronson and Brad Robbins.

The tournament is round robin in format. For more information check out the NAHL website at www.nahl.com.

Williams sparkles

Western Michigan University junior forward Mike Williams (Schoolcraft College) was named to the All Tournament team last weekend in the Sooner Invitational men's basketball tournament hosted by the University of Oklahoma.

The 6 foot 8 Williams scored a game high 25 points in the 73-62 consolation game over Cal Irvine. He also had a team high 12 points in Friday's 62-59 opening round loss to Princeton.

On Monday Williams scored a team high 18 points as the Broncos (2-1) won at Fordham (NY) 70-51.

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts are being conducted the first and second weeks of December for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's Pirates a 10 year old baseball travel team. Players must be born after July 31 1992 and be a resident of either Canton or Plymouth. The team will play a 20 game league schedule with several weekend tournaments.

For specific tryout times and locations contact Bruce Price an experienced travel baseball coach with two prior World Series appearances either at work at (734) 459 2960 or at home at (734) 453 9180.

Hoop registration

The Plymouth Canton Junior Basketball Association will have registration for high school boys (grades 9-12) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Dec. 7 at East Middle School. Cost is \$125.

Softball openings

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season. Parents with girls between the ages of seven and 16 years are invited to contact either Mike Roberts (734) 397 1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748 6081, Brian Starling (734) 718 3360 or Ray Barnes (734) 981 7281 or visit our website at Thunderbirdssoftball.tripod.com.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Canton's Rachele Guastella puts pressure on Rochester's Lisa Harper. Guastella scored 11 points for the Chiefs.

3rd-quarter surge boosts Chiefs to win

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Every team has its limits. The object in the state tournament is to reach and, when necessary, surpass them.

In the semifinal round of the Class A Region 6 girls basketball tournament at Northville HS Monday, Rochester reached its limit. The Falcons fell prey to a 15-point run by Canton that stretched from the end of the third quarter to the middle of the fourth, and that proved more than they could overcome as the Chiefs snared a 46-38 triumph.

BASKETBALL

Canton improves to 22-2. Rochester finishes the season at 17-7.

Now the question is where do Canton's limitations lie? Next up is West Bloomfield in the regional final at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Northville. Basically the same West Bloomfield team that eliminated a previously unbeaten Salem team from the state tournament last season.

The Lakers (20-4) advanced with a 77-66 triumph over Birmingham Marian on Monday — the same Marian squad that clubbed Canton by 21 points on Sept. 17 at Canton, no less.

But never mind that. Because this is the same West Bloomfield team that lost earlier this season to Rochester.

"They are so good when they want to be," said Rochester coach Jeff Haney of the Lakers. "Talent-wise, they're the best around."

The question is which West Bloomfield team will show up? That answer will come later.

Haney figured he knew what his team was capable of. "We feel if we play our style of game, we can play with anybody," he said. "I thought we had a chance to win tonight."

The Falcons did. After a cold start (they missed their first eight shots of the game), they rallied at the end of the first quarter to make it a two-point game (8-6).

That's about the way it stayed for the rest of the half and well into the third quarter — neither team had more than a four-point lead. A three-pointer by Rachele Guastella at the buzzer gave Canton a 19-16 lead at the half.

Four minutes of the third quarter resolved nothing. A basket by Jessica Johnson with 4:31 left gave the

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, D4

SC clinches 3rd at NJCAA Tournament

Going into Sunday's consolation game of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's soccer tournament, the Schoolcraft College wanted to prove it was one of the best teams in the nation.

SOCCER

After beating Iowa Central CC, 1-0, with just 10 players, they left little doubt that they are deserving of a third-place finish.

Antonio Ventura received a yellow card attempting to make a slide tackle in the first half, causing him to play a little hesitantly in the second.

Then with 27 minutes left to play in the game, Ventura was called for another foul, a red card for diving, and the Ocelots were forced to finish with 10 players on the field.

Worth Sampson saved the day when he drove home a shot from 18 yards out with six minutes left in regulation to lift the Ocelots to victory.

"He's been hurt for the last two months," Schoolcraft assistant coach Jozsef Kurta said. "He played great and we won the game."

The game was tied 0-0 going in to the break.

Despite Schoolcraft (17-7) pulling out an improbable victory, Kurta was still stinging about losing to Mercer County (N.J.) on Friday, 1-0.

Yavapai (Ariz.) won the NJCAA title on Sunday with a 2-1 victory over Mercer County.

"I still think we could have finished first," said Kurta. "But overall, finishing third in the country is acceptable."

Two Schoolcraft players, Salvador Djeukeng (Cameroon) and Leonardo Moya (Costa Rica) both earned all-tournament honors.

Madonna heads to NAIA Tournament

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

Perfect timing. Madonna University's volleyball team is starting to get very, very hot. And now is the time to do it.

Last weekend, the Lady Crusaders rolled to the NAIA Region VIII championship, beating host Indiana Wesleyan 30-21, 30-22, 30-28 in Saturday's final.

That means Madonna, now 43-3 overall, advances to the NAIA Tournament,

which will be Dec. 4-7 at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. This will be the Crusaders' fifth appearance at nationals.

"We played some of our best volleyball of the year," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham, who was named region coach of the year. "We had to. It was a hostile environment. It just seems like we're getting better and better."

Again, the Madonna hitters were outstanding in the regional final, totaling 53 kills at a 45.7 team kill percentage. That's one reason why Shelley Stanton was named regional player of the year, she had 20 kills (76.9), seven digs and two blocks in the final.

But Abraham pointed out there were several other reasons for both Madonna's and Stanton's success.

"When we pass well, we have a real explosive offense," the Crusader coach

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, D4

Henry sparks Agape to OT victory

BY CHAD MACK
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Agape Christian girls basketball team has made it to the Sweet Sixteen. Thanks to a clutch 22-point performance by Amy Henry, the Wolvernes slipped past Camden Frontier 49-47 in overtime Monday in a Class D regional semifinal in Chelsea.

The Wolvernes rise to 22-2, while the Redskins finish their season at 18-5. Agape advances to the regional final against the Adrian Lenawee Christian-Lansing Christian semifinal winner. The final is 7 p.m. Wednesday in Chelsea.

"She played all 32 minutes," Agape coach Chuck Henry said. "She had one of her best games. She rallied the kids and came up big."

With the Wolvernes trailing by four with less than three minutes to go in regulation, Henry hit two crucial baskets to tie the game. The second came with 20 seconds left after Henry made a steal and converted on the fast break.

In overtime the Wolvernes took the lead, and won the game, when Emily Tong nailed a 12-foot jump shot with 10 seconds to play.

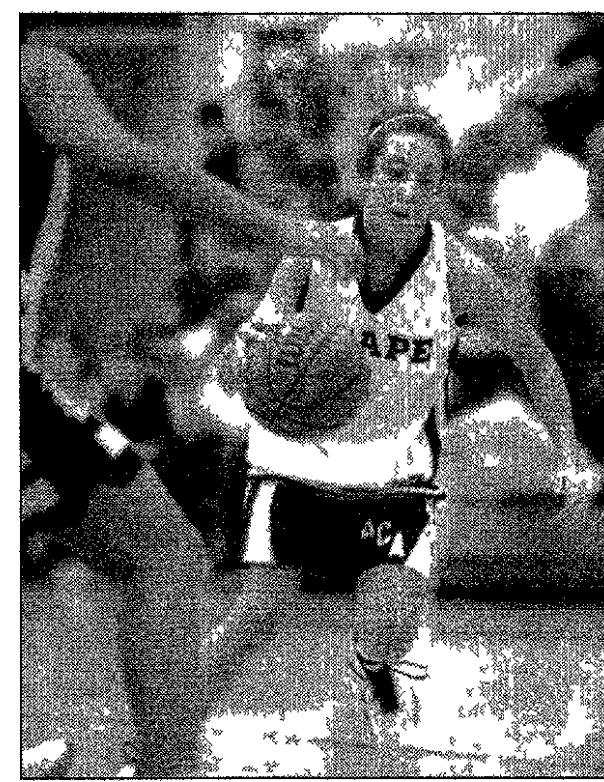
Camden Frontier tried to lob the ball down the court, but Lisa Ther made a spectacular defensive play, knocking the loose ball to Henry, and that sealed the Redskins' fate.

"They kept going inside to Amber Johns," coach Henry said. "She's over six-feet tall. Overall their whole team was a lot taller than us."

Johns finished with 19 points to lead the Redskins, while Stephanie Smith scored 13.

Besides being the game's leading scorer, Henry also led the team with six steals, while Ther added 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Wolvernes never led by more than six points the whole game. They were ahead at the break 27-22, but Camden Frontier made a run in the fourth quarter. Despite trailing most of the game, Camden Frontier was patient and made its move when it got close to crunch time.

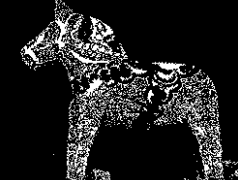


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Agape Christian's Amy Henry scored 22 points on Monday night against Camden-Frontier.

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Shamrocks must stop Falcons' ground game

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER

On game days, Redford Catholic Central rarely sees a team like East Kentwood. On practice days, the Shamrocks see that team all the time. As the cartoon character 'Pogo' once said, 'We have met the enemy and they are us.' Both CC and East Kentwood are run-dominated, ball-control teams. And because both teams offense is predicated by the run, both CC's Tom Mach and East Kentwood's John Shillito are very worried about what they might see at the Pontiac Silverdome on Saturday when the two square off in the 1 p.m. Division 1 state final. "We're getting a taste of our own medicine," laughed Mach, whose team beat Macomb Dakota, 17-10, in one semifinal on Saturday. "The scary thing is they do what we do - run 98 percent of the time, control the ball, then hit you with play

action." Actually, no team does what the Falcons do. East Kentwood has won 13 times in 13 games by doing one thing well - run OK, two things - the Falcons have scored 641 points this year, a 49.3 points per game average. CC's scoring average of 28.8 ppg seems puny by comparison. "We don't do an awful lot of different things on offense, but what we do do well, said Shillito, whose team is been ranked No. 1 by most polls this season. "It's all about our execution, our energy and an athletic offensive line. With the way both of us rely on the run, it might be a very short game." That's an understatement at best. In seven of its 13 games, East Kentwood has scored more than 50 points and has never scored less than 34 - including a 52-14 semifinal win over Holt. Needless to say, the Falcons have become the masters of their Tight T formation. "They're playing some pretty

wild games," said Mach. "They are a high-scoring team. If they were winning every game 50-0, there would be more to worry about." CC's defense has enough to worry about. Fullback Noel Aleman has rushed for 2,610 yards on 238 carries on the season and gained 254 yards against Holt. Running back Kyle Hinton has gained 936 yards and Eric Foster has 757 more with quarterback Cory Sanders rushing for 585 for good measure. "We've only thrown the ball 20 times this year, but we've completed seven of them - six for touchdowns," said Shillito. "Cory can make the plays if he needs to, but he hasn't needed to." This hasn't gone unnoticed by Mach. "It's a concern," said Mach. "You don't want to keep coming up to stop the run and have them hit the tight end running behind everyone. Even though you know they are going to run, it's tough to stop. They are very

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efficient in what they do. As far as we know, their only offensive formation is run and they must be good at doing it. They go for it a lot on fourth down instead of punting if it's close. They'll go for two points instead of kicking the extra point. It puts you in a bind." The CC defense is just as tough as the Falcons' offense - giving up just 104 points on the year for an eight-point average. "They are a tremendous defensive team," said Shillito. "They make it very hard to run the ball." East Kentwood's defense isn't as stingy on the scoreboard as CC's, giving up 22.8 points a game, but with the offense's ability to put points on the board it hasn't had to be stingy. "I think our defense gets overlooked because we've put so many points on the board, said Shillito. "But as the season's gone on, we've gotten better and better and played with more confidence." And they also haven't seen an offense like CC's. "Teams have thrown against us 357 times this year," said Shillito. "We've seen so many different packages, so much of a spread offense. But CC's offense is overlooked. They don't make many mistakes and, more than anything, they move the chains. They keep the ball and are very patient. And they have some big playmakers." Shillito is worried about the running game - specifically Derek Brooks - and the passing

of Dave Thomas. "He really throws the ball well," said Shillito. "He makes the big play when he needs to. He's probably thrown about 120 times and completed 65 of them for a lot of yards." There is a bit of history on CC's side. The last time the Shamrocks had a chance to win two-straight titles was 1997-98 - defeating another Grand Rapids-area school, Rockford, for the second title. "It's a lot harder going through it the second season because of the expectations and anticipation," said Mach. "I think what is helping us is our opponents were very difficult and we never had a break. We've just played consistently and steady. We've seen a wide range of offenses in these games, but the one that helped the most was Canton's because they also ran the Tight T. They played a great game and I think we gained a lot of experience trying to defend it."

CC makes mistakes, but stops Dakota, 17-10

BY BRAD MONASTIERE
STAFF WRITER

The sun broke through the cold November clouds at the very same time the Redford Catholic Central football team had officially clinched another trip to the Pontiac Silverdome. Despite committing four turnovers, the Shamrocks came up with big plays at key times on both sides of the ball and defeated Macomb Dakota 17-10 Saturday afternoon at Birmingham Groves. Although the Shamrocks didn't dominate this game like they had their previous two opponents (Canton and Novi), they were able to make defensive stops in the second half and overcome their turnovers by making some big plays of their own in crunch time. "I think they really outplayed

us in the second half," CC coach Tom Mach said. "They have a real good football team and they handled us real well up front. They really stymied a lot of things we were trying to do. But I'm proud of our boys and the way they hung in there. They defended us real well but I think our defense played pretty good, too." The defense came through with sacks and some turnovers of its own at crucial points in the contest. Dakota (11-2) had the ball with 1:39 left on its 27-yard line, down just one score. But on the first play of the drive, junior Drew Amble cut off a Jeremy Thael pass aimed towards a receiver running along the sidelines, and made the game ending interception. It was just one of several key plays by the defense that gave

the team a shot at a second straight state championship. CC's offense was quiet much of the game, except for two touchdowns within an 88-second span late in the first half. Junior running back Derek Brooks, who has run for more than 200 yards in two of the team's four playoff games, was held to just 61 yards on the ground on 20 carries. Sophomore Eric Vojtkofsky was effective, particularly in the first half, and led the team with 75 yards on 11 runs, including the team's first touchdown. The Cougars held a 3-0 lead, when a holding penalty followed by a sack by senior captain Pat Clark forced them into a fourth-and-30 situation. CC took advantage of the good field position by stringing together its best drive of the day - marching 45 yards in seven

plays to take its first lead, 7-3. The defense helped set up the offense once again on the next drive. Senior lineman Ryan Ash tackled Dakota running back Steve Osowski for a six-yard loss on the team's first play of the drive. Once again, Dakota had to punt from deep in its own zone, and CC had another short field to work with. Junior quarterback Dave Thomas couldn't have been any sharper than he was on the four-play scoring drive, connecting on three straight pass attempts. He lofted a 31-yard touchdown pass to junior wide-out Alex Wojcik with just 50 seconds remaining in the first half. The ball appeared to hang, as a brisk wind carried it, giving the speedy Wojcik enough time to beat the defender and make a running catch in the end zone.

Twisters face Force in Mid-States tourney

The Michigan Twisters will face the Illinois Force for the championship of the Mid-States tournament at 7 p.m. Saturday at Willow Run's Devlin Stadium. The Mid-States tournament consisted of 19 teams from seven states - Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Previously, Michigan had been knocked out of the Midwest tournament by the Jackson Bombers, 13-7. After the loss, the director of the National Football Events offered the team an invitation to play in the Mid-States tournament. The Twisters (15-1) and knocked off the Detroit Downriver Diesels, 10-0, and the heavily favored South Bend Stampede, 25-0 to earn the right to play for the championship. Defensively, Michigan has shut down its opponents all season allowing just 111 points and posting a team record eight shutouts. The record-setting defense consists of Earl Sutton (Detroit), Percy Wright, Anthony Fletcher, Brian Wright, Rich Peoples, DeVaughn Smith, Dajuan Gesco (Ypsilanti), Richardson Lacy (Inkster), Kevin Smith, Aaron Brothers (Canton), Chuck Lauber (Westland), Kam Watson (Romulus), Eric Thompson (Pontiac), Ray Flemming (Ann Arbor) and David Mortenson (Milan).

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Whalers stop Peterborough, skate to 5th straight win

BY C J RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Five and counting
The Plymouth Whalers collected their fifth-straight win Saturday, getting two goals and an assist from John Vigilante and three assists from John Mitchell in a 6-3 triumph over the Peterborough Petes at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Whalers improve to 16-6-2-1 overall, their 35 points ties them for first in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with the Sarina Sting.

The game was tied at 1-all after one period, Plymouth getting a goal from Ryan Ramsay (from David Liffiton and Chad LaRose) and Peterborough countering with a score from Josh Patterson.

The Whalers took command with three second-period goals.

Jonas Fiedler got the first (from

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Mitchell and Vigilante) at 4:18 and Vigilante made it 3-1 (from Mitchell) at 6:52.

The Petes trimmed it to 3-2 with a goal from Jordan Morrison, but a LaRose power-play goal at 15:05 (from Ramsay and Cole Jarrett) pushed Plymouth's lead back to two.

Gary Klapkowski (from Jimmy Gagnon and Tim Sestito) and Vigilante (from Fiedler and Mitchell) accounted for the Whalers' third-period goals. Patterson scored for the Petes.

Jeff Weber was superb in goal for Plymouth, making 44 saves.

The Whalers have a pair of home games this weekend, hosting the Saginaw Spirit at 7:30 p.m. Friday and the London Knights at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena.

JARRETT AN ALL-STAR

Whaler defenseman Cole Jarrett has been added to the OHL Western Conference all-star team, one of three additions to the team. He joins teammate Chad LaRose, already chosen to the squad.

Originally, former Whaler Stephen Weiss — currently playing with the Florida Panthers — as well as Rick Nash of the London Knights (and Columbus Blue Jackets), Carlo Colaiacovo of the Erie Otters (and Toronto Maple Leafs) and Steve Eminger of the Kitchener Rangers (and Washington Capitals) were all-star selectees.

Since Weiss was not returned to the Whalers, Jarrett was added to the team. For the season, Jarrett (a fifth-round draft choice of the Blue Jackets in 2001) is fourth on the Whalers in

scoring with six goals and 18 assists (through 23 games).

WHALERS ADD DEFENSE

With the possibility of three defensemen being absent during the World Junior Championships, the Whalers figured they'd better add some depth in that area, so they traded an eighth-round draft choice in 2004 to the Brampton Battalion for defenseman Grant Buckley.

A former first-round draft choice of the Mississauga Ice Dogs, the 6-foot-1, 195-pound Buckley was traded to Brampton in November, 2001. He collected three goals and nine assists in 51 games last season with the Battalion, this year, he had two goals and two assists.

"Grant is an experienced player in this league," said Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "With the

possibility of having three defensemen playing in the World Junior Championships, we needed to make sure we have some depth at that position."

RAMSAY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Ryan Ramsay was named the OHL Player of the Week for the period ending last Sunday, joining Canton native James Wisniewski as the second Whaler so honored this season.

Ramsay, a left winger, started his scoring streak with a goal and two assists in Plymouth's 5-0 win over the Saginaw Spirit last Thursday (Nov. 21).

He added three goals and an assist in a 5-4 win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds on Friday, then had a goal and an assist in a 6-3 victory over the Peterborough Petes on Saturday.

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The big question: Can CC win one more time?

Is it over already? Is it the end of the season? Is it time for another double helping of turkey (the Bird and the Lions?)

There are still several questions ahead and I want to know the answers.

■ What was Mornhinweg thinking on that coin flip?

■ Can Redford Catholic Central's defense stop East Kentwood's offense — one that's scored more than 50 points in seven of its 13 games?

■ Is there any more under-rated quarterback in the area than CC's Dave Thomas?

■ Has CC defensive coordinator Rick Coratti spent any time as CC basketball coach

Rick Coratti? ■ CC and East Kentwood run the ball about 95 percent of the time. Is anyone else prepared for a 90-minute football game?

■ Will anyone really miss the Silverdome after its gone?

■ How in the world can a football team score 641 points in a 13-game season? How in the world can a defense be good enough to give up just 104 points in 13 games?

■ Is there a better Web site for high school football scores, records and history than www.michigan-football.com?

■ Is it time for hoops yet?

Surprise! All three of us picked CC last week to beat Macomb Dakota and we won. That means, heading into the finals, I have a 6-1 record in the playoffs — making up for a dismal last place regular-season showing — Brad Emons is blazing along with a 4-3 record and C.J. Risak is stumbling along with the

same 4-3 mark. So for the second straight season, I've finished last in the regular season and clinched the best record in the playoffs.

Catholic Central (12-1) vs East Kentwood (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Pontiac Silverdome. Ordinarily the temptation would be to dismiss the Falcons as a typical Grand Rapids area team — get within sniffing distance of a big school title game and they fold up like an accordion. After all, only one school from the Grand Rapids area has ever won a state title in Division 1 or 2 Class AA or A — Grandville Class A 1996.

But there's something about a team that scores 641 points during a season that you can't ignore. It's like Northwestern over the last few years (except for this season) — they might not be able to stop you on defense so they are going to outscore you.

CC coach Tom Mach has always said that offense wins games and defense wins championships. The Falcons give up an average of just under 23 points a game, while CC gives up eight.

Defense wins. PICKS: CC — Beaudry Emons; E Kentwood — Risak.

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Late goals lift Salem over WLC

It took awhile, but Salem's hockey team managed to battle back and beat Walled Lake Central 5-3 in a Western Lakes Activities Association game Friday at Lakeland Arena.

Mark Nagel and John Schultz accounted for all five Salem goals. Nagel scored the first two, with Schultz assisting on both (with one other assist going to John Mauer), but the Vikings countered with scores from Ryan Lukkar, Shawn Skelly and Adam Griffin to take a 3-2 lead late in the second period.

Schultz's first goal, scored just 12 seconds after Central had taken the lead (from Aaron Cheesman), made it a 3-3 game after two periods. Schultz then added the go-ahead, and game-winning, goal at 7:31 of the third period (Nagel assisting).

Nagel's third goal of the game clinched it (with assists to Schultz and Cheesman).

Brandon DeMars was in goal for the Rocks, who improved to 2-0.

CC BLANKS CUBS, 5-0

Redford Catholic Central

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jumped out to a quick start and just kept going on Saturday night as the Shamrocks shut out University of Detroit-Jesuit, 5-0.

"It was a good way to start," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "U-D has a good team and played really hard. But we did a nice job executing on our power play. I'm happy to start our season with a game like that."

Special teams accounted for three of the five goals. Brandon Naurato opened the scoring in the first period with a power-play goal, with Eric Gosia and

Harrison Niemann getting the assists.

CC made it 3-0 in second with Drew Kahle (Billy Burns and Billy Makela) scoring one and Eric Reinhardt (from Burns and Mike Monterrey) getting another power-play goal.

The Shamrocks (1-0) scored two more in the third with Reinhardt (from Monterrey) getting a short-handed goal and Naurato (from Gosia and Niemann) closing out the scoring.

Jimmy Blanchard made 14 saves in goal for CC, while the Shamrocks had 32 shots on goal.



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The Redskins took the lead for the first time in the final period Lesser teams may have been stricken with panic, but Henry and Ther wouldn't allow their team to fall victim to fear "We've got good strong senior leadership," coach Henry said "The girls fail They kept them motivated At one point during a time out, Amy said, 'We're not going to lose this game'"

CHIEFS

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Chiefs a 25-22 lead, but the next three minutes were owned by Rochester Could this be the game's turning point? First Jennifer Hanby scored four-straight points, then Stephanie Squires got a couple of baskets, with a bucket by June Shin sandwiched in between to make it a 10-2 Rochester run With 1:35 left in the third, the Chiefs were trailing 32-27 They had committed three turnovers to help fuel the

Falcons' scoring spree, the situation did not look promising Then Briana Wolcott scored with 1:14 left Guastella hit a jumper with 33 seconds to go and Rochester's lead was one When Johnson was fouled on a triple-try with 3:5 seconds remaining, Canton had a chance to recapture the lead Which the Chiefs did Johnson hit all three free throws and they led 34-32 after three periods And they didn't let up in the fourth In the first 5:30 of the period, they allowed Rochester just three shots at the basket while forcing five turnovers "I felt bad when that hap-

pened," said Haney "We're not a great scoring team, so 10 points is a lot to overcome We let (the lead) get away real quick" Canton scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter to make it 15-straight By the time Lisa Harper scored to end the Chiefs' run, Rochester was still facing an eight-point deficit with just 2:30 left Too much to overcome, and not enough time to do it "I thought we just kind of gutted this one out," said Canton coach Bob Blohm "Our defense was good and our rebounding was real solid" In fact, they were exceptional

at both The Chiefs had a 31-20 edge on the boards and Christina Redd and Johnson combined to shut down Rachel Potts — who was Blohm's biggest concern coming into the game — limiting her to just two points "Redd and JJ did a great job on her," the Canton coach said Johnson's five-straight points, starting with her three-consecutive free throws at the end of the third, together with four points apiece by Guastella and Wolcott were the foundation of Canton's breakout The Falcons did manage to get to within six with 1:50 to go on a Hanby basket, but that was it

Hanby's 14 points paced all scorers Next best for Rochester was Squires with nine Canton got 11 points from Guastella and 10 apiece from Katie Cezat and Johnson Cezat led the Chiefs rebounders with 11 Now for West Bloomfield "They're just a great team," said Blohm "No 1, they have great athletes, and No 2, they change their defenses a lot "We'll just fine-tune what we do well We have to be patient and stay with what's good for us" What's good for the Chiefs? That's easy How about extending the season another week or so? crjsak@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953 2108

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of District-Wide Maintenance Uniforms, Mops and Mats for the 2003 calendar year Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 418 2746 Technical questions can be directed to Marty Scott in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 418 2970 Sealed bids are due to the E J McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154 on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 13, 2002 The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary Board of Education Plymouth Canton Community Schools

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 5 2002 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items

- Z 02 22 1096 Palmer Non Use Variance Requested Height Variance for Accessory Building Zoned R 1, Single Family Residential Applicant Daniel Farmer
Z 02 23 433 Sunset Non Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned R 1 Single Family Residential Applicant Robert Moe
Z 02 24 535 Starkweather Use Variance Requested Fence Height Zoned RT 1 Two Family Residential Applicant Shannon Schriedel

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Western Townships Utilities Authority Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, November 18, 2002

Regular meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m. Present Terry Bennett, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen Agenda adopted as presented Minutes of regular meeting of October 28, 2002 approved Minutes of regular meeting of October 31 2002 - approved Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$2,102,491.16 approved Operations & Maintenance Report for October 2002 received and filed Director's Report for November 2002 received and filed Lower Rouge Pump Station, Bar Screen Replacement approved Accountant Position Recruitment approved Construction Management Observer approval to amend the budget to reflect wages and benefits for the position of Construction Management Observer YCUA Plant Expansion Update received and filed The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m. Chairperson Alternate,

TERRY BENNETT

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road Canton, MI 48187

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002 7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 7:00 PM, in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following

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Lady Ocelots sweep Chicago opponents

The Schoolcraft women's basketball team improved its record to 4-1 with a pair of wins against Kennedy King, 67-64, and host Olive Harvey (Ill.), 75-69, last weekend at the Olive Harvey Community College Tournament In Friday's opener of the tournament, the Ocelots escaped with a 67-64 victory against Kennedy King CC Pam Wingate paced the Schoolcraft attack with a game-high 23 points Wingate also grabbed nine rebounds and had three blocked shots

Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) provided the outside shooting attack knocking down 4-of-9 three pointers for 12 points, while Tiffany Patallo pounded the glass for 10 rebounds Schoolcraft led 36-35 at the break despite making one less field goal Jazmin Woolfolk led King with 18 points and 12 rebounds Taheisha King added 17 points and nine rebounds In the second game of the tournament, the Ocelots led by seven at the break and kept

pace with Olive Harvey in the second half to make it a clean sweep for the weekend Mia Henderson led all scorers with 19 points and contributed six rebounds Charles dropped in with 14 points to go along with five rebounds and three assists Wingate and Crystal Pittman each added 11 points Olive Harvey was led by Stacey Northern, who scored 18 points and hauled down eight rebounds BETHEL (IND.) 80 MADONNA 61 Courtney Rehbine scored 13 points Lindsay Simmon scored 11 and Marwa Ayoub added 10 but it

wasn't enough as Madonna University fell Saturday to host Bethel College (Ind.) Brandy Swihart led the Lady Pilots (6-0) with 16 points MU (1-4) never really got on track and trailed at the break 45-29 The Lady Pilots played more like bombardiers hitting better than 51 percent from the field in the first half To make matters worse for the Crusaders Bethel was 5 of 7 from three point range On the other hand Madonna hit only 13 of 34 field goal attempts including 0 for 4 on three pointers The second half wasn't much kinder to the Crusaders as they finished the game shooting 37 percent from the field Assisting Madonna's inside game were Simmon and Rehbine who added 10 and nine rebounds respectively

Blazers' slow-down tactics work, but King advances

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK CORRESPONDENT

Just because Andrea Gorski's game plan didn't succeed doesn't mean it was a failure Livonia Ladywood nearly executed Gorski's ball-control game plan to perfection Monday night but top-rated Detroit Martin Luther King pulled away midway through the third quarter and held on for 37-26 regional semifinal victory in a state girls high school basketball tournament game on the Blazers' home court

"We thought that was our best chance," said senior forward Ruth Sventickas who ended her prep career with a game-high 14 points "We watched them play before "They like to run the ball up

They're very fast We wanted to get our looks, take our shots" It took King's fans 72 seconds to realize what was going on after Ladywood won the center jump and started passing the ball between the two guards and the left-side forward They started booing "We were talking about this game all day in school," guard Lauren Hesano said "We prepared to play this way right from the beginning "Coach told us in the locker room that if we had any bad Karma, she wanted it out the door We were in it to win" The Blazers led, 2-0, 4-2 and 6-4 before the first quarter ended The Crusaders were zooming down the floor and jacking up shots like it was a normal game "We've seen in the state tour-

namment that you never know what to expect," King coach William Winfield said "But if a team can play disciplined basketball, it can play any type of basketball I thought they did a good job" King scored the first eight points of the second quarter, but Ladywood outscored it, 6-4 over the last 1:51 and trailed, 16-12, at the half The Crusaders probably haven't been held to 16 points in two quarters since they were in eighth grade A triple by Hesano and a layup by Sventickas pulled the Blazers up to 19-17 with 5:19 left in the third quarter King scored three points and Sventickas answered with a basket from the free throw line to make it 22-19 with 4:08 left The Crusaders scored the

next two baskets and never let the Blazers get closer than five points after that "That's the best we've ever played," Hesano said "We knew we had to run the clock out on every possession" Jeanette Woodberry led King with 10 points but it was a testament to the depth of the Crusaders that eight of them scored in a 37-point game

MADONNA

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said "I mean, you need to have the kills but passing was such an important part of this Amanda Suder made great dig after great dig Suder, a junior and Salem HS graduate playing the new libero position (which allows her to substitute in freely), had 12 digs in the match Other Madonna standouts were Natalja Timina with 13 kills, Laura Lesko with 12 kills (667) and 10 digs, Tera Morrill (Westland/Livonia Franklin) with seven kills (300) and 13 digs, and Natalie Sayre with 45 set assists, 11 digs and two blocks Lesko, Morrill and Sayre joined Stanton on the all-region first team Madonna's efforts have been outstanding, to be sure The question is, can the Crusaders sustain them? Trying to compare this team to his previous four national qualifiers isn't easy for Abraham "This is so much different," he said "Every team that went to nationals was very, very good "But this is certainly one of our best teams We're having one of our best seasons, that's for sure"

Madonna is one of eight teams in the 20-team field to be seeded The Crusaders, seeded seventh, open the 20-team tournament against a familiar foe Palm Beach (Fla.) Atlantic They faced PBA in Palm Beach on Sept. 20, and beat the host team 30-19, 30-19, 30-28 That match will be at 11:15 a.m. (Pacific Coast Time) Dec. 4 Madonna goes against Indiana-Southeast at 9 a.m. Dec. 5, then takes on Walsh College (N. Canton, OH) at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 The Crusaders conclude their pool play against No. 2 seed Dickinson State (Dickinson, S.D.) at 11:15 a.m. Dec. 6 The top two teams in each of the four five-team pools advances to the quarterfinals, which begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 6 The semifinals and finals are scheduled for Dec. 7 This isn't Madonna's first trip to Point Loma Nazarene this year The Crusaders played at a tournament there in August, going 3-2 overall — including a five-set loss to Point Loma, which is seeded third in the tournament

With eight new players on the roster, the Madonna team that started the season certainly wasn't playing its best Now the Crusaders are crjsak@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953 2108

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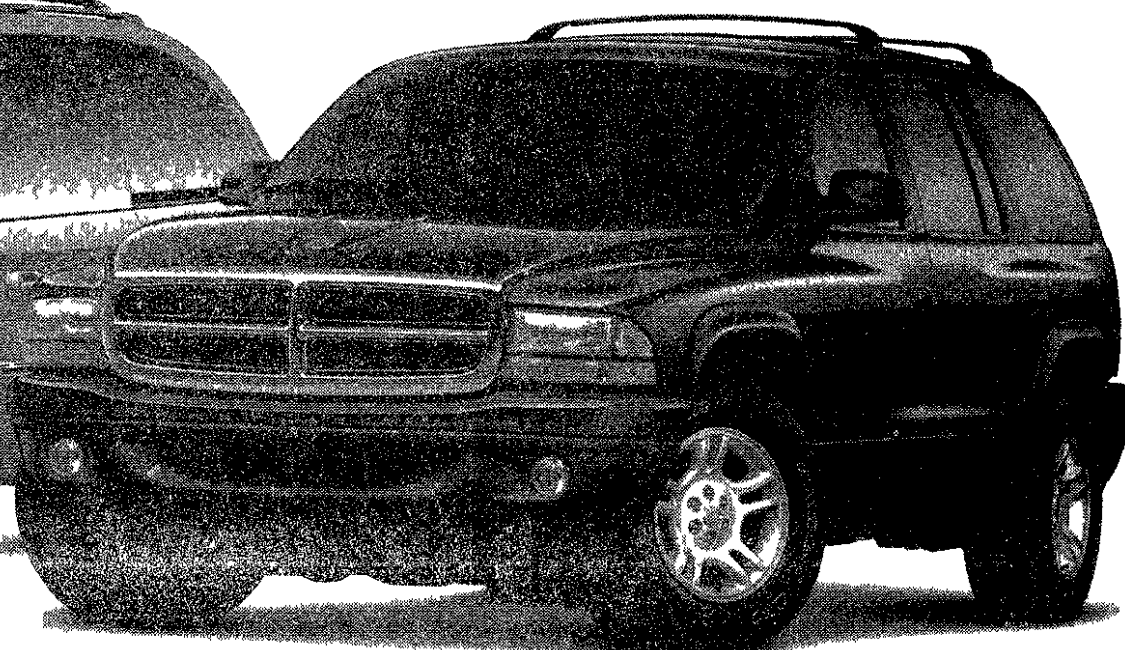


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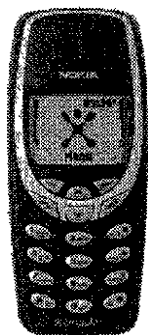
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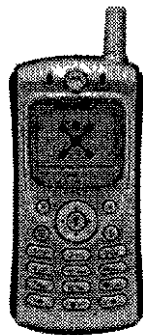
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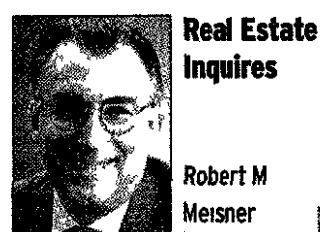
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Write out permanent easement

Q. I'm wondering whether we can be granted an oral license with respect to the irrigation system over an adjacent property or should we get it in writing?

A. We have been promised, orally, the ability to use the irrigation system and have been doing so for a period of time, but I'm concerned about it being revoked.

What do you think?

A. It is clear that a license can be granted orally, but the oral license can be revoked at the will of the licensor without regard to any promised duration.

In fact, neither a written "license" that evidences a promised duration nor the oral conveyance of an intended permanent interest in land is an irrevocable license.

Instead, the grantor of such an intended interest, in effect, orally conveys an easement. Although one can grant an express irrevocable easement, it must be evidenced by a writing and manifest a clear intent to create an interest in land.

Robert M Meisner a lawyer concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at rmeisner@mich.com. This column provides general information and shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Joy Ehrlich (sitting) is thankful for the colleagues who work alongside her at Cranbrook Associates in West Bloomfield

A time for giving thanks

BY DOUG FUNKE
STAFF WRITER

Realtors here are a grateful lot - both professionally and personally - this Thanksgiving holiday, the favorite holiday of many.

People on top of their game realize that there's always a bigger picture. They know that they don't succeed by their efforts alone. They understand that accomplishment wears many hats.

Gratitude is attitude. And here's a sampling of how Realtors count their blessings and what they're thankful for.

■ Faye Rassey, LRA Alliance Farmington Hills

I run into the greatest clients in the world, and I've met the best people. I pick them up with floor calls, referral business from past clients, word of mouth. It's marvelous.

Personally, I'm thankful for my friends, my family - my daughter, Dawn, and grandson, Manny, and my mother, Mary, and brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews.

They're supportive, fun, there when I need them. They bring joy to my life.

■ Juliette Bauman,

RE/MAX Classic, Livonia

Personally, I've had a real good year. I'm trying to exercise and get some weight off. And I'm doing it.

"I really enjoy working with the nice people I work with - all my customers and all the referrals they send me."

■ Ida Touchette, Real Estate One, Bloomfield Hills

"My clients, that they recognize my professional service and the time I save them and in turn, they refer me a lot of business."

"And my Real Estate One family - my co-workers, as well as the owners of the company the Elseas - for their support in business and personal life. We're there for each other."

"For good health and good health for my family - my husband, Doug, son, Doug, and daughters, Carrie, Christine and Tara, and my eight grandchildren."

■ Tim Haggerty, partner, Remerica Hometown One, Plymouth

"I can certainly say family is the lead here - wife, Patty, and kids, Brenden, Rachel and Ryan. I'm thankful they actually want me around the house. The kids are at that youthful

age now. It's fun to be part of a larger unit."

In addition to that, the healthy market we've had for years now and past clients who continue to refer me.

■ Betty J Redding, Century 21 Ambassador, Southfield

"I'm thankful for my good health, my immediate family - son, Jermaine, daughter Ebony - and my spiritual family at Renaissance Unity in Warren."

My family is my backbone. They've been behind me in all my endeavors.

"Professionally, I'm thankful for being part of a top franchise team, Century 21. My broker, Mr. (William) Vaughn is always there for his agents. His door is always open."

■ Joy Ehrlich, Cranbrook Associates, West Bloomfield

Professionally, I'm thankful for the office I work in, the people I work with. They're very good people, very supportive, very friendly. We cover for each other.

"I also have great customers. It's a nice feeling to put a deal together, make a couple or a family happy by doing a good job."

Personally, I'm thankful for my family - my children, Lisa and Brianne, my husband, Joe

- and for our health. They're supportive and I love them. Sometimes, I don't think I'd be able to do this job without their support."

■ Mario Ferrante, broker/owner, Help-U-Sell of NW Wayne County, Canton

Family and friends, obviously. And my agents and their family and friends, their loyal support. This is a business, but it also involves everyone's family.

Professionally, thanks to consumers. We're thankful for their help and support.

"Things we did 10 years ago graduated commissions, menu of services, information free of obligation, no blind ads that suddenly everyone's doing today."

■ Mary Ann Slade, Coldwell Banker Schwetzer, Clarkston

Both professionally and personally, I'm thankful for friends and family. Being a new agent, they've helped me out with referrals.

Personally, I thank for the love and support they're providing us. We (husband, Jim) are building a new home, and there's a lot of work to it. They've given us help."

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Realtor, loan officer collect Toys for Tots

Chris Ciccone, a Marine-turned-Realtor, is on a mission combining the best of both careers this holiday season.

Ciccone will again collect unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots, a program to provide gifts for underprivileged children sponsored annually by the U.S. Marine Reserves.

"There's nothing greater than when you pick up the toys and give them out to the kids," he said.

"That's the entire juice of it there."

Ciccone, affiliated with

Keller Williams Livonia, has set a goal of \$12,000 worth of goodies this year - double last, his first effort.

Ciccone asks that toys be dropped off at his office, 31500 Schoolcraft (Jeffries Service Drive) just west of Merriman or other Keller Williams offices in Troy, Northville, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

Or call him at (734) 658-7816.

Ciccone again is partnering with Jeff Clatterbaugh, a mortgage officer with Wells Fargo in Farmington Hills.

"It's just a good cause," Clatterbaugh said. "Anything



Jeff Clatterbaugh and Chris Ciccone hope to double their collection of Toys for Tots this year.

that helps kids is a good thing."

Toys also can be dropped off at Clatterbaugh's office, 28275

Orchard Lake Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads just north of I-696, (248) 553-8740.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Rates change with new rules

If you have been delaying your mortgage refinance for better interest rates, or you have just been too busy to get the job done, you may want to reprioritize your calendar because many mortgage refinance rules will be changing in early 2003. Borrowers planning to take cash out of their home equity may soon have to pay a premium to offset the lender's risk of default.

Until recently, taking money out of your home to pay off credit cards, to further your education, to fund investments, or even to take a vacation was really not a problem.

However, studies have recently shown that mortgage default rates increase with borrowers who refinance while taking money out of their home.

In fact, according to a recent Fannie Mae transmission, a refinanced loan with a balance increase of 20 percent or more is three times more likely to result in a default than a mortgage with only a 3 percent balance increase.

Mortgage defaults are bad news for lenders, and many of them are looking to reduce their losses and to offset their risks.

In fact, most lenders using Fannie's underwriting guidelines began phasing in mortgage pricing changes to offset such default risks in late August of this year. By February of 2003, many of these lenders will be subject to new definitions as to what constitutes a "cash out" transaction.

Fannie Mae's new rules should not affect borrowers who refinance their mortgage or any subordinate liens (second mortgages or home-equity lines) that they used to purchase their home. These borrowers may even take a limited amount of cash to cover refinancing costs, plus up to 2 percent or \$2,000 as pocket cash. Others, however, may be subject to new "cash out" rates.

Because research has shown a very obvious performance difference in borrowers taking "cash out" in excess of 70 percent of their home's value, these borrowers can expect to face a higher level of scrutiny than would those taking cash out at lesser levels.

Generally, borrowers will still be able to take equity out at higher levels, but they will pay a premium for that opportunity.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may contact him anytime at (734) 797 5522 or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Take the chill out of home heating costs

(WMS) -- Does thinking about this winter's heating bills give you the chills? Skyrocketing fuel prices and the prospect of oil crises in the future has left many consumers apprehensive about what this season may bring. Fortunately, there are ways you can put the high costs of energy on ice this winter. A good place to start is your home's heating and cooling system. After all, heating and cooling devours nearly half of all energy consumed within a home, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Energy-saving measures can cut up to 30 percent from your annual heating and cooling bills, according to home energy experts. Best of all, while you scrimp on energy, you can splurge on comfort and help the environment. Use these tips from the experts at Honeywell to help you get started.

■ **Get a tune up** An inefficient, under-performing heating/cooling system will guzzle energy and drive up your energy costs. Not all thermostats perform the same, so be sure to purchase a good name-brand that holds the temperature to within one degree of where you set it. Some lower-quality thermostats will fluctuate the temperature as much as 10 degrees, forcing homeowners to constantly adjust the temperature output -- hardly energy-efficient.

However, even the best systems can go out of adjustment. Call in a professional heating/cooling contractor to inspect and service your system to help ensure that it runs efficiently.

Now you can have your heating/cooling system's daily performance professionally monitored. Monitoring helps ensure efficient operation and promptly alerts you and your contractor of problems, so you can get them fixed quickly.

■ **Turn down the heat** A great way to save energy dollars during winter is by turning down your thermostat when you sleep or when you're away.

■ **Moisturize the air** Often, inside air during the winter months can feel as dry and cold as the Sahara at night. Using a humidifier can make the air in your home feel warmer, allowing you to stay comfortable and save energy at lower temperatures. You can set your indoor temperature up to two degrees lower than normal and still feel comfortable if the humidity is at the right level -- between 35 and 50 percent. As a bonus, proper humidity helps to protect your woodwork from damage due to excessive dryness.

■ **Get in your comfort zone** Heat only the areas of your home that are in use, like bedrooms and gathering places, like a family room. Zoned temperature systems help manage utility bills year-round by delivering heat and cooling when and where it is needed.

■ **Seal those ducts** Leaking air ducts can sap the overall efficiency of your heating and cooling system by as much as

20 percent. Properly sealing the leaks in your duct system can boost efficiency and lower your energy bills.

■ **Choose Energy Star(R) appliances** These appliances function at the highest efficiency possible. Selecting Energy Star-labeled appliances for all your heating and cooling needs could slash your energy bills by up to a third, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

■ **Change your air filter** Dusty, dirty filters can clog your heating system's airflow, making it work harder -- that is, expend more energy -- to warm the house. To keep costs down, as well as increase the life of your home heating system, be sure to change your air filter monthly.

■ **Clean up** If you don't have a whole-house air cleaner, consider installing one. A good air cleaner traps more particles from the air passing through it than a standard filter does. That helps your furnace or heat pump run more efficiently, which puts less strain on your utility bills. However, be sure to change your filter monthly.

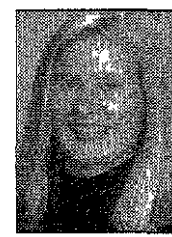
Dusty, dirty filters can clog your heating and cooling system's airflow, forcing it to work harder and use more energy.

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Helfman



Herron

Adam Helfman, president of Fairway Construction, Southfield, has acquired the professional designation of Certified Graduate Remodeler.

A Michigan State University graduate, Helfman joined the company in 1991 and became president in 1997.

Fairway Construction received a National Remodeling Quality Gold Award for Quality Achievement in 1998 from the National Association of Home Builders.

Shelly Herron joins the Coldwell Banker Schwitzer Real Estate office in Clarkston as a sales associate. She's been licensed for five years and also lives in Clarkston.

Sherry Goss, Maureen Martin and Sheila O'Brien, formerly affiliated with Century 21, have joined efforts to form H O M E Realty Team in Clarkston. The acronym stands for Helping Owners Maintain Equity. The firm's goal, according to the principals, is "to provide full real estate services with a fee for service opportunity."

H O M E Realty Team is at 5905 S. Main, (248) 620-0500, www.homerealtyteam.net

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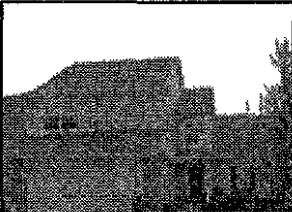








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These are the Observer area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 15-19, 2002 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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Garden City	28434 Birchlawn \$153,000	30635 Bock \$118,000	33130 Brown \$133,000	6119 Cardwell \$144,000	570 Gilman \$136,000	29141 James \$119,000	6469 Silvio \$163,000	29691 Warren \$142,000	32502 Windsor \$145,000	Livonia	29663 Bentley \$198,000	

41777 Princess \$272,000	14107 Brentwood \$175,000	705 N Holbrook \$425,000
45089 Rector \$212,000	9587 Cavell \$166,000	40835 Newport \$127,000
2934 Rver Meadow \$262,000	12077 Cavell \$101,000	40560 Orangelawn \$194,000
42046 Saratoga \$202,000	15111 Harrison \$113,000	10171 Red Maple \$318,000
42182 Saratoga \$197,000	14033 Hubbard \$247,000	Redford
41535 Wayside \$193,000	19034 M. lburn \$187,000	20005 Beech Da y \$90,000
1430 Whittier \$160,000	30161 Oakview \$221,000	13580 Centra ia \$114,000
449 Worthington \$195,000	35864 Orangelawn \$180,000	9375 Dixie \$114,000
Garden City	16719 Penn \$220,000	9667 Hem ngway \$148,000
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30635 Bock \$118,000	14472 Stonehouse \$195,000	18266 Lennane \$125,000
33130 Brown \$133,000	Plymouth	15874 Lola \$90,000
6119 Cardwell \$144,000	702 Adams \$205,000	11377 Lucerne \$150,000
570 Gilman \$136,000	39573 Birchwd \$212,000	17021 MacArthur \$147,000
29141 James \$119,000	167 Caster \$185,000	9532 Mercedes \$144,000
6469 Silvio \$163,000	48033 Colony Farms \$212,000	8815 Salem \$140,000
29691 Warren \$142,000	11776 Deer Creek \$458,000	25424 W Chicago \$83,000
32502 Windsor \$145,000	595 Fores: Ave \$390,000	19309 Wakenden \$49,000
Livonia	42245 Mill Race \$150,000	11347 Winston \$90,000
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Do your homework before contractors begin job

FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It's not just contractors who shoulder a burden of preparation before starting a home improvement job for a customer.

Homeowners have considerable, if not more, pre-project work to do especially when it comes to readying contractors for the task ahead.

According to an expert at The Home Service Store, very few homeowners truly prepare themselves and the contractor for the home-improvement process. The result: frustration, anxiety and misunderstanding, or, worse yet, laying blame where it might not belong - on contractor shoulders.

"Clear-cut homeowner-contractor expectations should be the norm, but it's the exception," says Mark Gordon of The Home Service Store. "Owners need to supply as much detail as they can for the contractor in terms of the end result, materials, timetables, everything. The more detail, the better. That's what the contractor wants."

Goal No. 1 for homeowners is a list of specific goals for the project. It's a red flag for Gordon when homeowners say they don't know what they want, simply tell the contractor to call when the project is done or don't clue the contractor in on the level of participation the homeowner wants. That's where problems start.

"Whether they want to or not, the homeowner must bring as much information as possible to the first pre-construction meeting, or the contractor won't know enough to accurately bid on the job let alone do the work," says Gordon. If the homeowner doesn't want a lot of involvement, that's OK, but the contractor should insist on at least minimal homeowner involvement on budget and selection of materials so the

contractor isn't left holding the bag."

Both sides should insist on frequent meetings of at least one hour once the job starts. If the parties go one week without meeting, that's too long for Gordon. "And the meeting should include everyone involved, the husband and wife or partner," advises Gordon, who's seen his share of predicaments "that could've been dealt with right away but weren't."

Homeowners typically limit their involvement to design and materials but the process goes well beyond that. In Gordon's estimation, homeowners need to set ground rules for what might seem to be trivial pursuits, but have profound impact on satisfaction with the end product. His list includes work hours, smoking and eating on the premises, access to the job site, loudness of music, where to park, which bathroom or phone to use, etc. "The contractor is really inviting the contractor to be a part of the family as long as the work goes on," says Gordon. "Questions and concerns are going to come up and it's all about how you deal with those day-to-day issues."

Chief among those issues is what Gordon calls a punch list. This is a daily log the homeowner keeps of correctable items.

Such imperfections include indentations on drywall or a gap between mitered corners. Gordon is quick to point out that design elements such as wall placement or materials that were the homeowner's responsibility should not be on this quick-fix list.

"A lot of the time, homeowners don't recognize the role they play in the entire process," says Gordon. Quality of the work is important, but so is the homeowner's role in keeping things moving smoothly.

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BIA/AAM AWARDS

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan host their annual Leadership Recognition and Awards Night 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dearborn. Cost is \$150. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

MASONRY MEETING

The Masonry Institute of Michigan conducts its annual meeting, including a presentation, "Insulation Strategies for Exterior Walls, 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. Johns Golf & Conference Center, Sheldon at Five Mile, Plymouth.

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CONSTRUCTION WOMEN

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BIA UPDATES

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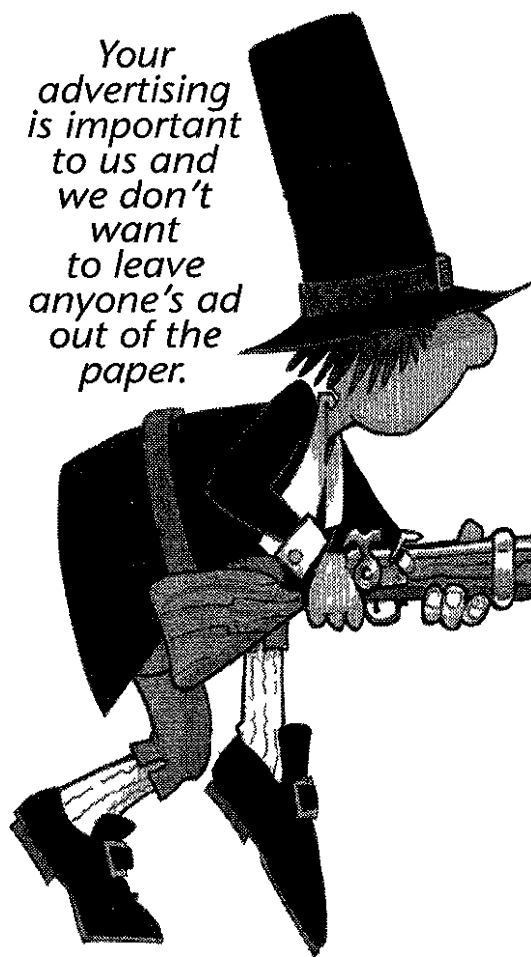
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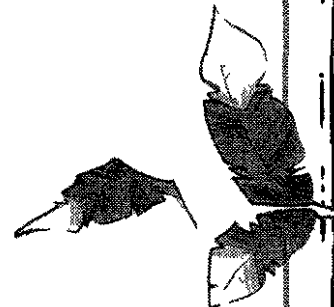
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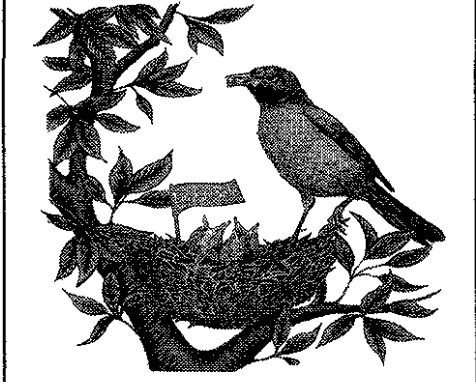
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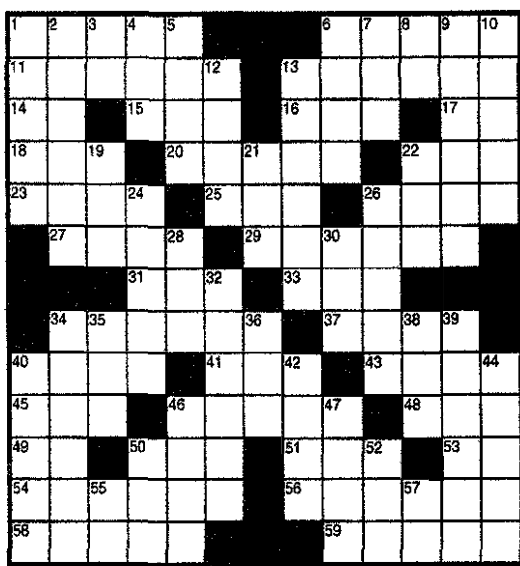
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Below Market value! 3 bedroom 1 bath ranch with 2 car garage Huge backyard All appliances stay Newer windows & shingles on roof White kitchen being installed Newer kitchen floor Being painted \$132 500 (80ALB) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Country in Plymouth! 3 bedroom bungalow close to downtown! Deep lot w/vegetable garden Cute home with refinished hardwood floors Newer kitchen & updated bath Copper plumbing & updated electrical! \$184 900 (51HAG) 734 455 5600



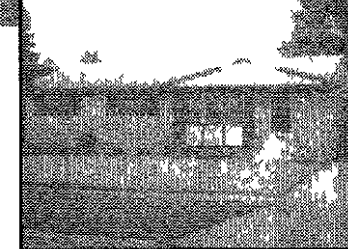
BRIGHTON - 3 bedrooms 2 baths On 1 2 acres Winans Lake access! Raised ranch living room with fireplace newer carpet dining room w/skylight & wood ed views Kitchen with newer cabinets floors Newer septic furnace \$253 000 (91TEA) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON - Cozy family home! Move right in & enjoy this wonderful home Hardwood floors family room with fireplace Newer window (2002) Eat in kitchen 2 full baths Large lot Appliances in kitchen stay Farmington schools \$295 000 (70WES) 248 349 5600



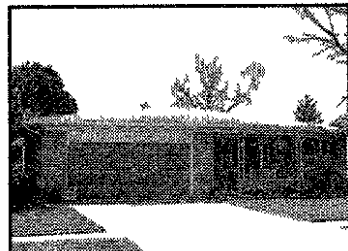
FARMINGTON - Beautiful Chatham Hills Colonial 4 bedroom 2 5 bath home with 2 car garage Large library dining room living room family room w/fireplace Lower level waiting for your choice of paint & flooring Nice pool w/low maintenance backyard \$279 900 (20HEA) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND - Sharp Westland ranch 3 bedroom 1 5 bath home features family room with fireplace hardwood floors updated kitchen with oak cabinets 2 car garage large fenced yard full basement under family room \$154 900 (36AVO) 248 349 5600



DEARBORN HGTS - Better Homes & Gardens! 3BR 2BA Estate sized lot overlooking Hines Park w/approx 2 800 sq ft of living area Gourmet kitchen w/Euro cabinets ('01) oversized family room with fireplace Library & lower level master suite w/bath Main floor master! \$259 500 (11ANN) 734 455 5600



CANTON - Cul de sac location! 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch updated in Pickwick Village! Kitchen with new hardwood floors 1st floor laundry new carpet in living room & bedrooms Baths remodeled with ceramic floor Newer landscaping \$222 000 (71HIG) 734 455 5600



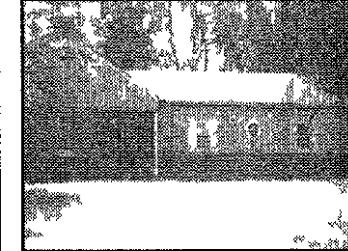
CANTON - On the 11th Fairway! 2 bedroom 2 bath end unit with a view of the woods Ceramic in foyer & hall Open kitchen w/appliances FP in living room Master suite w/cathedral ceiling jet tub & separate shower Extra deep basement \$259 900 (22THI) 734 455 5600



MILFORD - Approx 5 79 acres of trees nature & privacy nestled into Kensington Metro Park 4BR 2 5BA Colonial w/many updated amenities such as white island kit fin rec room C/A & huge 2 tiered deck 2 5 car garage neutral decor & private fenced & treed lot \$474 900 (00VAL) 248 349-5600



COMMERCE - 1999 built contemporary in Cranberry Estates 4BR 2 5 BA w/amenities galore & a treed lot w/privacy 2 story LR & DR Full basement prepped for bath hardwood flooring maple island kit huge master w/WIC closet jetted tub \$389 900 (63CRA) 248 349 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Well worth taking a look at 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch on approx 1 acre of total privacy Home does need a major face lift but has great potential Priced well below homes in area Bring all offers Immediate occupancy \$199 900 (25SHA) 248 349 5600



LIVONIA - LIVONIA COLONIAL! 3 bedrooms 2 5 baths Nice home in nice neighborhood Newer carpet & flooring 2 car attached garage C/A finished basement deck dining room & kitchen appliances included Brick paver driveway \$229 900 (00BRO) 734-455 5600



VAN BUREN - Like new 3 bedroom Cape Cod sitting on a court 1st floor master with bath & walk in closet Living room with fireplace full basement 2 car attached garage C/A 1st floor laundry sprinkler system & more \$230 000 (46MAU) 734 455 5600



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CANTON - Exquisite! 4 bedroom 2 5 bath Fox Run Colonial on private wooded lot Circle drive 2 story foyer hardwood floors & spiral staircase Living room with columns formal dining room large kitchen with island fireplace Master suite \$398 800 (04DEE) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - 1st floor condo! 2 bedrooms 2 baths full finished basement & 2 car attached garage Gas fireplace in living room C/A oak kitchen with pantry Appliances included Master suite wth ceramic tile bath linen closet & vanity area \$171 900 (52PLY) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN - Spectacular home at TPC Luxurious gated community All the finest amenities gourmet kitchen beautiful master suite with marble bathroom 3 bedrooms 3 full baths 2 half baths orof finished rec room & decks \$603 000 (36TUR) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Wonderful ranch Dont miss this new offering Brick w/alum trim 3 bedrooms 1 5 baths large oak kitchen finished rec room C/A & huge 2 tiered deck 2 5 car garage neutral decor & private fenced & treed lot \$139 900 (24SAN) 248 349 5600



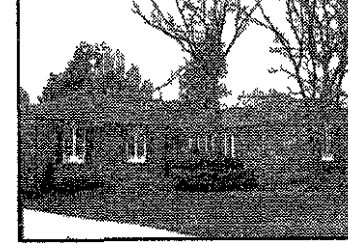
NOVI - Country Place end unit with 2BR 2 5 BA 2 story townhouse w/Novi schools & Northville mailing Living room w/natural FP garage w/opener & private patio Updates basement & neutral throughout All appliances stay \$154 900 (29GLE) 248 349 5600



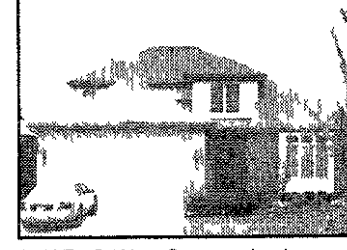
FARMINGTON HILLS - Private premium setting 4BR 2 5BA Colonial that shows like a model Hardwood flooring throughout w/newer top of the line island kitchen w/Corian countertops & bar Andersen windows finished lower level Too many to list \$354 900 (93WOO) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND - 4 bedroom 1 5 bath Quad level Updated windows siding gutters furnace C/A & Berber carpet Ceramic tile in kitchen Newer cement drive Screened in back porch & privacy fence \$165 900 (75COO) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Lovely Hard to find 4 bedroom sprawling ranch nestled in one of Plymouth's most prestigious areas \$334 900 (03POR) 734 455 5600



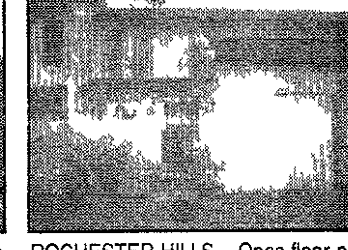
NORTHVILLE - Fantastic upper level condo! 3 bedroom 2 2 bath w/tranquility overlooking stream Neutral decor Kitchen updated 2001 w/cabinets floor & appliances Living room w/fireplace Finished walkout w/family room lav & Berber carpet Opens to patio 2 car gar \$212 000 (66WAS) 734 455 5600



REDFORD - Great ranch Stop the car 3 bedroom 1 5 bath bungalow w/wet plaster walls covered ceilings & hardwood floors Newer tear off roof & windows Partially finished basement w/glass block windows garage w/open er all appliances & fenced yard \$115 000 (50GAR) 248 349 5600



NORTHVILLE - Stunning plantation style Cape Cod 4 bedroom 3 5 bath home w/natural FP garage w/opener & private patio Updates basement & neutral throughout All appliances stay \$291 000 (67FOX) 248 349 5600



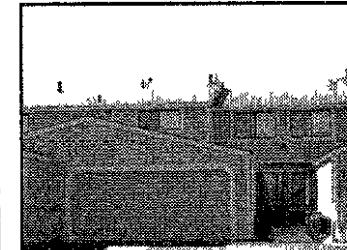
ROCHESTER HILLS - Open floor plan condo Updated kitchen newer furnace & A/C deck overlooking treed yard Replacement windows corner brick fireplace & finished basement Break fast nook dishwasher & microwave new in 2000 Close to schools \$159 900 (09WIL) 248 349 5600



LIVONIA - Country living in city! 3 bedroom 1 5 bath w/towering trees Sprawling 1978 sq ft ranch on over 1 6 acres in Livonia! 2 fireplaces family room formal dining room & eat in kitchen 2 5 car garage & Florida room \$339 000 (33CUR) 734 455 5600



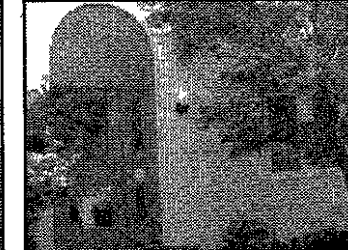
NORTHVILLE - California contemporary! 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch on beautiful 1 4 acre lot Great room w/wood vaulted ceiling natural fireplace slate entry updated kitchen custom lighting master suite w/Pergo Newer windows roof C/A & furnace \$279 000 (60ROB) 734-455 5600



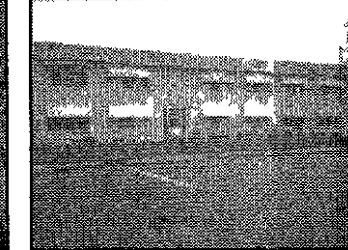
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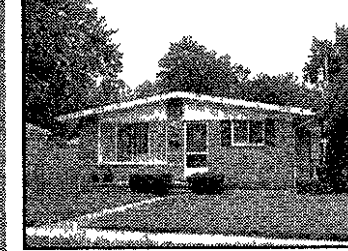
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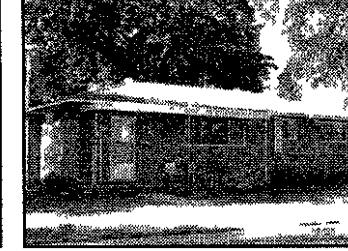
NORTHVILLE - Prestigious condo 3 bedrooms 3 5 baths Finished walkout lower level with kitchen facilities Large MBR suite with alcove & loft All appliances stay + washer & dryer doorwalls patio & balcony C/A & 1 car garage \$324 900 (44EAS) 248 349 5600



SOUTH LYON - Affordable retirement Lower 2 bedroom ranch co op in 55+ community on Lake Angeles \$200 monthly fee includes taxes insurance heat water garbage pick up lawn care & snow removal Entry level unit \$59 900 (40SPA) 248 349 5600



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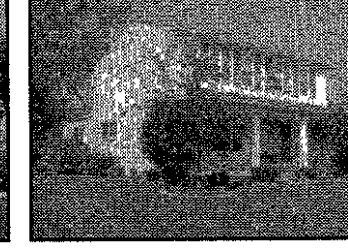
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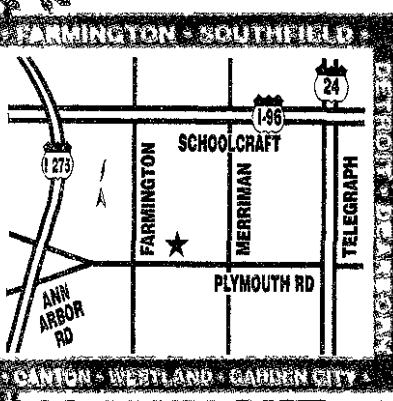
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DON'T MISS OUT!

45 yr old female 57 med um built brown eyes and hair lives in Troy a ea enjoys sharing...

SEEKS PERFECT MATE

Attractive 50 w downd hair fun loving physically fit Seeks male who desires travel working out...

IM YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45 52 138 lbs female brown/blonde enjoys walking swimming movies musc...

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Outgoing petite and live in Plymouth Looking for an attractive non smoking single male...

VIVACIOUS OPTIMIST

Petite 51 attractive white professional divorced woman enjoys working out daily good conversat musc sports...

QUALITY QUALITY

Seeking a sincere honest non games played non smoking gentleman 45 late 70s to be my soul mate...

MOTOWN GAL

Looking for a kind sincere single or divorced male 48 to 60 non smoker long term monogamous relationship...

DOWN RIVER AREA

52 yr old female 53 125 lbs long dark hair green eyes non smoker enjoys movies...

SEEKS OLDER MAN

Single black female 45 58 145 lbs enjoys camping the beach candlelight dinner puzzles...

LOVING YOU

Single female 19 52 130 lbs long brown hair enjoys long walks movies relaxing out doors...

QUIET TIMES TOGETHER

Divorced black female enjoys movies and sports Seeks Arab male who enjoys the same quiet and quiet evenings at home...

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

45 yr old 57 single female with a medium build brown hair hazel eyes loves having fun...

SEARCHING FOR YOU

Single Mex can lady 42 1kes dancing movies and quiet evenings at home would love to meet someone with sm art interests...

MAN OF MY DREAMS

Divorced white female 26 blonde blue eyes brunette enjoys boating volleyball riding long walks and concerts...

TREAT ME RIGHT

Single female seeking for a single male 35 to 45 who enjoys kids and knows how to treat a lady...

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single parent with children a home likes drama the arts and dining Seeks gentleman who loves God and shows that...

LET'S WORK IT OUT

30 yr old 55 29 lbs single professional female brown hair blue eyes I enjoys working out outdoors running...

INGREDIENTS FOR LOVE

Attractive white divorced early 60s 52 height and weight proportionate female a single white gentleman age 60s...

CUDDLE UP WITH ME

Single white female 44 56 brown hair enjoys ongoing walks peks videos and more...

MY LASTING LOVE

44 yr old divorced white female non smoker no children Looking for the love of the life and soul mate...

LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tal slender attractive romantic fun lady seeks honest loyal romantic flexible gentleman...

GEM SEEKS TREASURER

Divorced white professional female 55 125 lbs brown/black hair and eyes dmp as former model looks 40s and stable Seeking a...

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

We traveled educated young white professonal female Seeking a sophisticated Christian man 62 to 72 who can so be down to earth...

A LADY OF CLASS

Blonde female a professional 57 115 lbs upper 50s seek ng soul mate counterpart 60s a professonal for dating possib e long term relat onsh p...

FIRST TIME AD

Educated well traveled loving professonal single female 52 medium build non smoker enjoys conversat on musc travel qu at times and theater...

SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite white female 63 51 128 lbs brown hair and eyes non smoker attractive talkative good sense of humor Seeks gentleman 60 to 66 non smoker sharing the things...

For Customer Service Call 1-888-256-4449

LADY WITH PIZZAZZ

Elegant attractive slender fun romantic lady enjoys golf tennis boating dancing and more...

MUST BE SVELTE

35 yrs old fit male with blonde hair and blue eyes Likes heavy el sports concerts Seeks open minded all in fashion...

ALL AMERICAN GUY

Single white female 40 55 non smoker brown hair med um to husky looking caring likes a variety of activities...

CLASSY COSMO CUTIE

Creativly and chemistry a must White female compassionate curvy looking for someone to have fun with...

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Single white female 40 55 non smoker blonde hair med um to tall 49 or older no games no heavy drinkers no drugs...

SEEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single attractive As an female 40 no dependents Seeks attractive white male...

FUN TIMES AHEAD

Retired male 54 58 150 lbs brown hair green eyes youth full looking very active easy to get along with...

PICK UP THE PHONE

40 yr old male physically fit 510 150 lbs professonal maybe leading into something serious...

I BELIEVE I CAN FLY!

Come fly with me Handsome successful professional 56 18 on the dance floor 6 physical ft energetic charismatic...

TIRE OF BEING ALONE

Widowed and lonesome male 59 168 lbs soccer drinker smoker healthy gentle and giving...

TAKE MY HAND

Attractive 47 yr old male 165 lbs thin build full head of hair hard working honest enjoys...

BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN

45 yr old single white male 64 haze eyes brown hair Loves going to church reading taking walks...

CATCH OF THE DAY

26 yr old professonal white male 64 haze eyes brown hair green eyes college educated lives in...

JUST A CALL AWAY

Intelligent witty hard working professional success ful dependable healthy single white male 5'8" athletic build...

ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Articulate cultured nice looking unlo black male, 50 57 150 lbs Wishes to meet a sincere attractive affectionate, white or foreign born female...

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

Single white male 32 6 160 lbs handsome brown hair and eyes enjoyed clean responsible employed white female...

FALL FUN

Athletic single white male 44 62 215 lbs brown blue clean cut degree never married no dependents outgoing...

HONEST

Tall divorced white male 64 good phys cal condition 56 non smoker self employed honest sincere sense of humor...

GIVE ME A CALL

50 yr old never married child less single male who enjoys playing hockey outdoors motorcycles and trying new things...

POLISH ITALIAN GUY

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ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single black male west side of Detroit own my home Seeks down to earth lady attractive 30 to 45 for friendship relationship...

HANDSOME IRON WORKER

511 male with mustache 180 lbs seeks female 40 to 55 slender to average build who is interested in travel dinners moves quiet times at home...

LET'S HAVE FUN

Nice looking conservative single white male in his 40s Seeks a single lady in her 40s or 50s for dancing dining and social events...

GIVE AND TAKE

Single 46 yr old professional white male non smoker 58 155 lbs enjoys animals the ocean and walks Looking for someone special...

LOOKING FOR A MATCH

Good natured pleasant looking well mannered single white male 45 well traveled social sincere Seeks good natured interesting lady companion...

NEW BEGINNINGS

Successful entrepreneur 59 510 180 lbs handsome divorced ncurable romantic with style and sense of humor...

MISS HOSPITALITY

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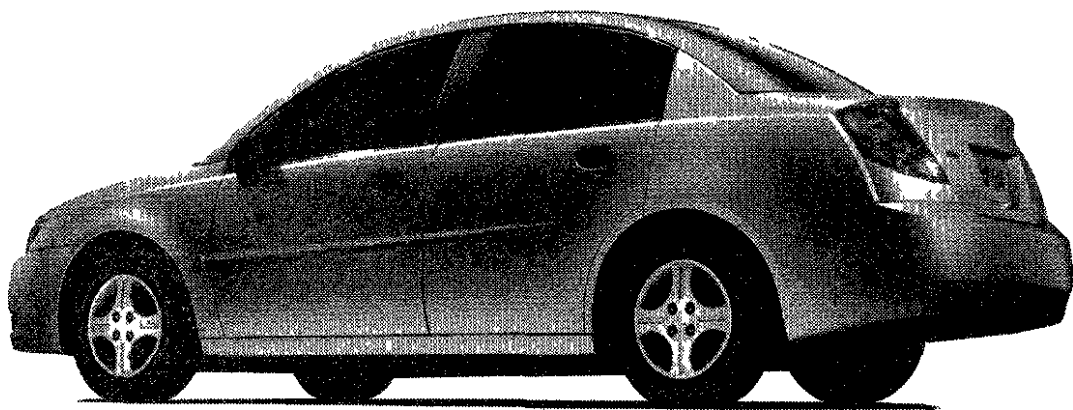
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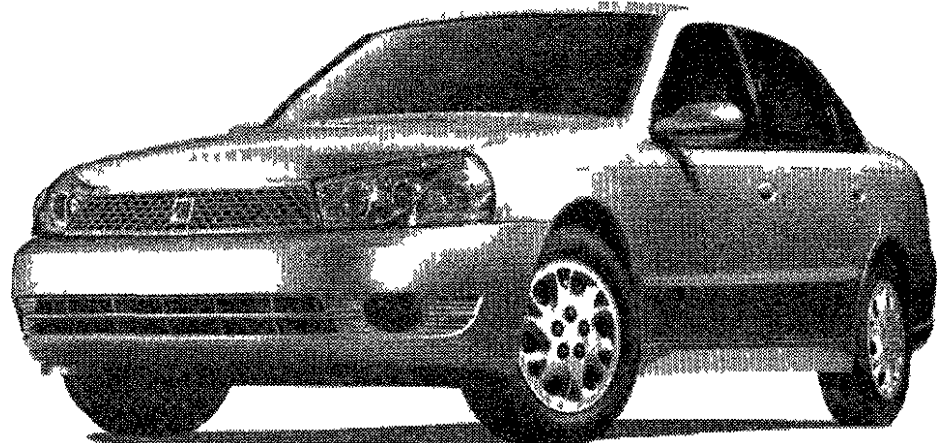
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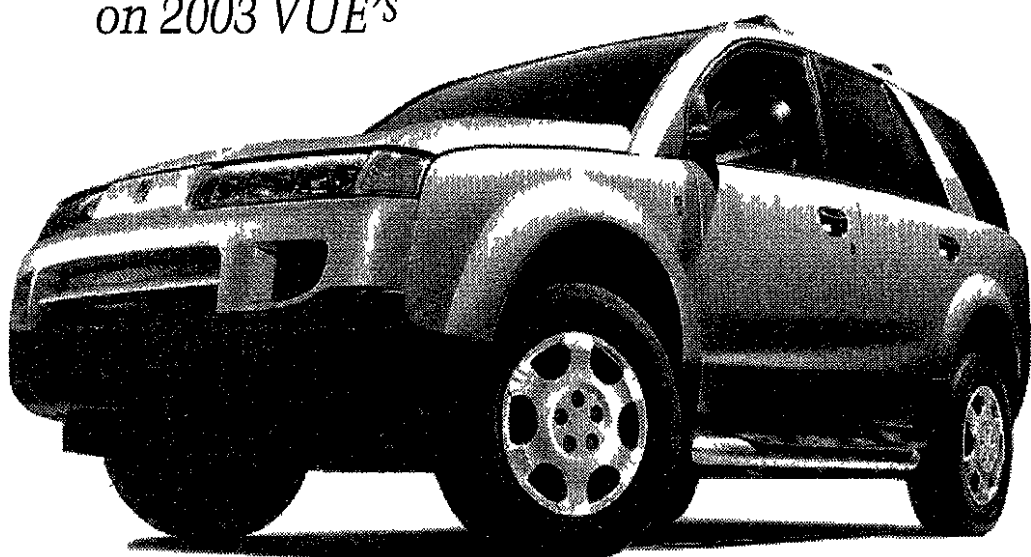
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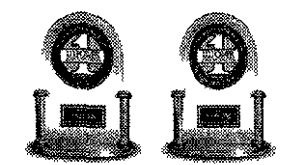
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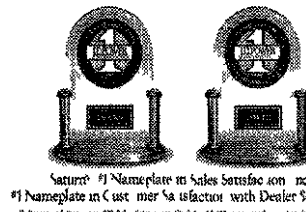
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SL1 1996 power locks/win dows good cond 113K mi \$4200/best 734 459 4294

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SL2 1996 181 000 miles automatic power windows cassette all air wheels ABS \$1500 (248) 889 7403

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COROLLA 1995 4 dr auto air 105K power windows/locks \$3300 734 261 6323

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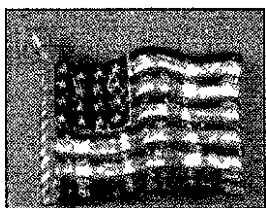
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Store of Dreams

Holiday shoppers looking for gifts that have a special meaning will find lots of interesting items at the not



for profit Store of Dreams retail store at three area shopping centers

All proceeds at each Store of Dreams will be donated to local participating charities

The items include this handcrafted American flag tree ornament (\$20) designed by Bloomfield Hills artist Curtis J. Posuniak. Among Posuniak's holiday collection are ornaments featuring the twin towers of the World Trade Center, fire fighters holding a U.S. flag, Santa Claus and a snowman.

Conceptualized and coordinated by the Southfield-based real estate development and management firm Schostak Brothers & Co., the Store of Dreams project began Monday at Macomb Mall, Gratiot Avenue and Masonic (1 1/2 Mile) in Roseville, Fountain Walk 196 and Novi Road in Novi, and Laurel Park Place Six Mile and Newburgh (near I-275) in Livonia.

Each Store of Dreams opens during normal mall hours through Sunday, Dec. 22, featuring an assortment of merchandise ranging from handcrafted jewelry to books to clothing and more.

Merchandise was chosen and provided by each of the participating charities, which include The Children's Center, Michigan Humane Society, Michigan KIDS Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and the Michigan Department of Education in collaboration with the Livonia, Roseville and Novi school districts.

The charities also are responsible for providing staffing at each store, which will enable shoppers to learn first-hand about the organizations.

Up north

Summer may seem a distant memory. But the editors of *Traverse Northern Michigan's Magazine* are offering a way to keep those beautiful up-north summers close by—it makes a good gift. The photos of northern Michigan that fill the pages of the magazine are now available on the Web through a new art and photo gallery at www.traversemagazine.com.

The Web site offers high-quality photographic prints on satin paper as well as Giclee reproduction of original work from some of the region's most renowned artists.

Each print is numbered and signed by the artist and comes with a certificate of authenticity. The images are printed on the best quality fine art paper or canvas using archival pigmented inks.

Prices for the photos and reproductions range from \$34.50 to \$475, plus shipping. The pieces are available in several sizes, with or without frames.



STEVE CANTRELL | OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

Delbert McCrary stands among the evergreens on his 16-acre Christmas tree farm, Rattalee Lake Tree Farm in Independence Township. There, customers can do as little or as much of the work involved in harvesting and preparing a Christmas tree as they'd like.

Going for the green

Trip to Christmas tree farm is the old-fashioned way

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Everybody is short on time and patience during the holiday season—short enough that driving to the country to trudge through the woods and cut down the family Christmas tree sounds downright crazy.

But buying a farm-fresh tree is quicker and easier than you might think.

For one, you don't need to drive up North. There are several tree farms a short drive away in nearby communities.

Furthermore, you don't have

to do all the work. Most farms provide a variety of services, including cutting, tree shaking, baling and loading. Many provide carts for transporting the tree back to the car.

At Rattalee Lake Tree Farm in Independence Township, you can do as much or as little of the work as you'd like.

Workers there will cut, transport, shake, wrap, load and tie up your tree for the drive home. They'll even drill holes into your tree for a stand. And while you're waiting, you can warm up inside with a cup of coffee or hot cocoa.

We do have customers that harvest their own trees," said Delbert McCrary, owner of the 16-acre farm of Scotch pine, Douglas fir, Colorado blue spruce and Norway spruce. "Most don't want to fool with it."

The amount of time needed to select and harvest a tree also depends on you.

If you're in a hurry, determine your desired tree species, height and shape before coming to the farm. Visit on a quiet day and rely on the farm's services to do the work. Before searching for a tree, ask for

guidance.

If people are in a hurry, they can be out of here in 10 or 15 minutes," said McCrary. If they have time to poke around and go in for a cup of coffee, they may be here a couple hours.

Whether you plan to spend a day on the farm—many people, especially families, do—or just a few minutes, don't forget to dress warm and wear comfortable boots.

Either way, a trip to the Christmas tree farm repays in

PLEASE SEE TREES, J2

Designer brings North Pole vision to local Santa house

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Interior designer Kevin McManamon never imagined his job would earn him so many "cool dad" points with his kids.

His latest gig, an overhaul of Santa's house—the one in downtown Birmingham, anyway—has McManamon's two young children in awe of their father.

"They know I'm a decorator," McManamon said, describing the reaction back home. "And they were like 'You are God.'"

The residential designer agreed to take on the project and donate his services after a downtown retailer and client requested his assistance.

But the child in McManamon probably deserves the credit.

"You can't say no to Santa," he said.

It's no wonder McManamon began the project not in his Birmingham studio, but at home with a probe into the imaginations

of his two children, ages 3 and 6.

"What does Santa's house look like?" he recalls the inquiry. "What do you think you would have in there?"

"We came up with he's got to have a map so he knows where he's going. That he has a desk. And a computer and photographs of Mrs. Claus and the reindeer. And he has to have lists."

Lots of children's lists, overflowing from a cabinet, McManamon said, adding, "We'll have a naughty pile and a nice pile."

Ann Rosman, an interior designer and Birmingham resident who's assisting McManamon in the rejuvenation, recruited children to draw up many of the lists.

No detail was left unturned. There's a red telephone on Santa's desk—his Christmas hot line—and a plate of cookies with a glass of milk. Beside the fireplace and logs is a row of elves' boots. All the building materials, furnishings, accessories and labor were donated by local retailers and builders.

The exterior renovation, a fresh coat of white paint, ice blue trim and a gold door, transport visitors to Santa's "North Pole Field Office."

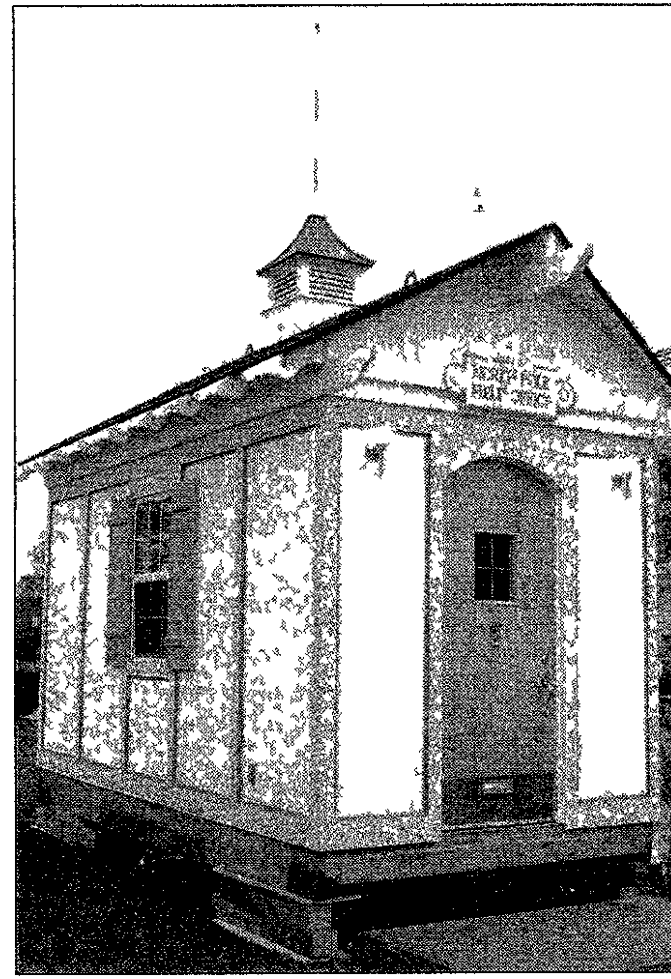
Inscribed on the building are Santa's hours and instructions for keeping Santa's workers in line: "Elves and reindeer, please wipe your feet (hooves)."

Another change out front are two wing-like structures that heighten the perceived size of the building and act as a backdrop for decorated evergreens.

"The concept of the exterior is very frosty and cold, very North Pole," said McManamon. "The interior is the exact opposite. It is red and green, warm and cozy and den-like."

Visits with Santa in his new field office in downtown Birmingham's Shain Park end Dec. 22. For hours or additional information, call the Birmingham Principal Shopping District at (248) 433-3550.

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Santa Claus "North Pole Field Office" in downtown Birmingham was decorated by interior designer Kevin McManamon, who donated his services for the job for the jolly old elf.

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Garden books make good holiday gifts

Here are some books you might like to give someone this holiday season.

A real treat is the just published *The Botanical Garden, Volume I Trees and Shrubs*, and *Volume II Perennials and Annuals*, Roger Phillips and Martyn Rix (Firefly Books, \$75 each).

These books contain more than 4,000 photographs and took 10 years to produce.

Plants from more than 1,200 distinct groups are described and are presented in evolutionary order, from the most primitive to the most advanced, such as in Volume I - tree ferns, ginkgos and some conifers to early-flowering plants, fruit and nut trees, and more. And in Volume II - from sphagnum mosses and ferns to the modern irises, hostas and sedges.

The visually rich and highly accurate references will remain current for many years. The information bridges the gap between garden-friendly books and scientific texts in the tradition of the great botanical illustrations.

The two most attractive volumes are an all-inclusive source of information of more than 2,000 genera of temperate plants. Included is the history of plant development to current DNA studies that are revolutionizing plant classification.

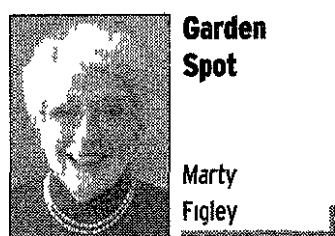
FOREST AND FARM

Oftentimes I open a book and it's like Christmas. *The American Woodland Garden Capturing the Spirit of the Deciduous Forest*, Rick Darke (Timber Press, \$49.95), is such a book.

Darke encourages the reader to appreciate the essence of the deciduous forest and to celebrate it in our own designed landscapes. He tells how to transform a garden by using an existing tree as a starting point, underplanting with native shrubs to effect a beautiful, although small, woodland like garden.

Woodland gardening can be so much more than cultivating plants that bloom in the shade, Darke says.

The photographs depict many gardens in all seasons.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

and show the diversity and beauty of nature at her finest, all accompanied by his personal comments. He tells how to plan and maintain such a garden and describes appropriate plants.

My intention has been to produce a book firmly grounded in horticultural and ecological science, yet stimulating enough in language and imagery that it could serve as a persuasive model," Darke says.

Birdhouse Chronicles, Cathleen Miller (The Lyons Press, \$24.95), is the account of the adventures Miller and her husband, Kerby, experienced when they left the corporate world in California and moved to a remote farmhouse in Pennsylvania - a very dilapidated one at that.

We agonize with them (and laugh) as they face the perils of, and tackle the chores of, farm life and the frustrating remodeling of the house.

Miller writes realistically and beautifully as she learns about nature and wildlife during her walks, and shares how the couple succeeds with the creation of the perfect nest for them.

AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

Of Leaf and Flower Stories and Poems for Gardeners, edited by Charles Dean and Clyde Wachsberger (Persea Books, \$21.95), contains 24 poems and essays, chosen "because they evoke the passion that plants and gardens inspire."

Authors include Robert Frost, with his poem *Leaves Compared with Flowers*, a humorous narrative by Saki concerning the gardening one-up-manship of two society matrons, and Eugenia Collier's poignant story of Miss Lotties margolds.

This lovely book will be a quiet diversion before sleep or any time of the day. When you buy one for a friend, get one



MARTY FIGLEY

Garden books such as these make good holiday gifts

for yourself because when you read it you won't want to give it up.

The Year is a Circle: A Celebration of Henry David Thoreau, Victor Carl Friesen (Natural Heritage, distributed by Chelsea Green, \$17.95, paper), will delight Thoreau's admirers and nature lovers.

The author has taken a number of Thoreau's quotations that demonstrate how sensual and concerned for the earth he was, and written a poem about each.

All follow the seasons of the year and the superb photographs enhance the message. Keep a few handy for gifts.

HERBS, WILDFLOWERS

Basic Herb Cookery, Rose Marie Nichols McGee and N.P. Nichols (\$10.95), can be ordered by mail (Nichols Nursery Garden Press, 1190 Old Salem Road, NE, Albany, OR 97321). Add \$3.75 postage and handling.

Rose Marie is the daughter of N.P. who wrote the book in the 1960s. She has updated the information using many fresh herbs now more readily available than when the book was first published.

I have seen many herb cook books, but this one contains numerous innovative recipes that I haven't seen before.

(Rosemary Parsnip Casserole, Curry Biscuits, Aristocratic Iced Tea).

You won't be disappointed with this small soft-cover book that is packed full of good stuff. Great stocking stuffer.

North Woods Wildflowers: A Field Guide to Wildflowers of the Northeastern United States and Southeastern Canada, Doug Ladd (Falcon, \$24.95, soft, distributed by Globe Pequot), is a user-friendly guide that contains descriptions and color photos of 350-plus species, arranged by flower color.

Readers will learn about habitats and ecology, plant characteristics, many botanical terms and more while studying this handy book.

I believe it will be a great source of pleasure and discovery, especially if you have a place up north.

GOODGARDEN TIP
Dirt's Trees and Shrubs for Warm Climates, Michael A. Durr, is the perfect gift for someone who lives down South. His books are excellent! (Timber Press, \$69.95).

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.

NEARBY CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS

Rattalee Lake Tree Farm 7650 Rattalee Lake Road Independence Township (248) 625-9127

Directions: From I-75 exit M-15 go north on M-15, about two miles go west on Rattalee Lake Road just past Reese first driveway on right.

Hours: Noon to dark Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m. to dark Saturday and Sunday.

Species: Scotch Pine, Douglas Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce, Norway Spruce, pre-harvested Fraser Fir.

Features: Harvest yourself or full-service harvesting services include tree transport, shaking, baling, stand drilling, loading and tying, saws provided, indoor coffee, hot cocoa and doughnuts.

Addison-Oaks Christmas Tree Farm 355 Lake George Road Oakland Township north of Rochester (248) 814-0583

Directions: From I-75, exit Rochester Road go north on Rochester Road about 15 miles turn west on Stoney Creek, turn north on Lake George Road.

Hours: Noon to 5 p.m. Monday, Friday, and 9 a.m. to dark Saturday and Sunday.

Species: Colorado Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Black Hills Spruce, Norway Spruce, Douglas Fir, Balsam Fir, Concolor Fir, Fraser Fir, Austrian Pine, Scotch Pine, White Pine.

Features: Harvest yourself, saws, help and shaking provided, wrapping provided for fee, trees up 14 feet in height, wreath and gift shops, antique wagon display, on-site parking and rest rooms, weekend warming station with hot beverages and snacks.

Tennant's Christmas Tree Farm 311 North Sashabaw Ortonville, (248) 627-3616 or visit www.bockwall.com/christmastrees

Directions: From I-75 exit Sashabaw go north on Sashabaw about eight miles go west on Granger, turn north on Sashabaw.

Hours: 9 a.m. to dark Nov. 29, thereafter noon to dark Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to dark Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 24.

Species: Scotch Pine, Blue Spruce and pre-harvested Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir and Fraser Fir.

Features: Harvest yourself or full service harvesting services include needle removal, wrapping and loading, saws provided.

Candy Cane Christmas Tree Farm, 4780 Seymour Lake Road Oxford, (248) 628-8899

Directions: From I-75, exit Sashabaw go north on Sashabaw, go east on Seymour Lake Road.

Hours: Noon to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 15.

Species: Concolor Fir, Fraser Fir, Colorado Blue Spruce, Balsam Fir, Black Hill Spruce, White Pine, Austrian Pine, Serbian Spruce. Currently growing several exotic species for future seasons.

Features: Harvest yourself or full service harvesting services include shaking, baling, loading, saws provided, custom carts for transport to car, available Christmas music, viewing zoo, hot cocoa and coffee, Snow Fresh certification, custom fresh wreaths available.

Eaton Springs Tree Farm 9011 Eaton Davisburg (800) 485-5081

Directions: From I-75 exit Holly Road go east on Holly Road, turn south on Tindall, turn west on Rattalee Lake Road, turn south on Eaton Road.

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends only, Nov. 29, Dec. 21 and by appointment.

Species: Scotch Pine, White Pine, Douglas Fir, Balsam Fir, Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Fraser Fir.

Features: Harvest yourself or full-service harvesting services provided, free tree cleaning by machine and wrapping, candy canes and magic reindeer food, hot and cold cider, festive campfire.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet Monday, Dec. 2 at Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Lunch at noon. The topic will be creative wreath design by Dennis Banning. Finished designs will be offered for sale. Call (248) 615-3516 for information.

Poinsettia Soiree

The Belle Isle Botanical Society will present the 15th annual Poinsettia Soiree 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8 at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle. The event will benefit the conservatory and surrounding gardens. Donation is \$40 per person. Light supper and desserts by Union Street of Detroit. Musical entertainment by Bill

Meyer caricature illustrations by Robert J. Bauer and door prizes (including poinsettias, wreaths and a gingerbread house) will be featured. Make reservations by Thursday, Dec. 5. Call (313) 852-4064 for more information.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes. Advance

registration is required. Space is limited and some classes have prerequisites. Call (248) 4 GARDEN for information.

The schedule includes Using Quickbooks (\$72), Tuesdays, Dec. 3, 10 at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt. This class will give an overview of Quickbooks financial software for people in the gardening business.

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more than one way, from the aroma of a farm-fresh tree to the thrill of a spontaneous snowball fight.

For visitors to Urquhart's Tree Farm in Dexter, the outdoor experience probably stands apart.

"It's a very pretty piece of property," said the farm's co-owner, Susan Urquhart. "It's like going out in the woods to Grandmother's house."

Lee Arend, owner of Arend

Tree Farm in Chelsea, said many of his younger visitors are experiencing the country for the first time.

In the end, harvesting a Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday tradition and a family event.

Cutting down your own Christmas tree "is something that's been around a long time in terms of tradition," said Arend.

"It's something that the whole family can participate in, but it's also a way to create a tradition."

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Use checklist to help prepare for winter

Q: I never seem to be prepared for the season changes. The first snow arrives and I realize my son doesn't have boots that fit. There is so much I need to do to manage my home. I need help!

A You will actually save time and reduce stress in your life if you plan ahead

A written plan will help you complete necessary tasks. It is hard to find the right size boots or a sled the day of a huge winter storm

Use this written checklist to prepare for the change in seasons

Make sure you complete and check the areas that are most important to you

WINTER CHECKLIST

Change your furnace filter monthly. Your furnace will last longer and your house will stay cleaner. A clean filter will catch unnecessary dirt that would sweep through your house

Unhook your outside hoses from faucets. Drain the hose and hang it on a hook in your garage

Drain garage sinks to prevent water from freezing in the pipes

Check your house for drafts by windows and doors. Add weather stripping where it is necessary. This will save money on your heating bill

Wash your windows before the weather gets cold. You will enjoy clean windows during the winter months as



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you look outside

Move your summer clothes to a less convenient location to make room for winter clothing

If you have ample closet and drawer space in each person's room, just rearrange the closet. If you are limited on space, you may need to store off-season clothing in storage containers in your basement

Match your mittens and gloves. Clip pairs together with a clothespin

Divide gloves, mittens, hats and scarves into baskets. Assign each family member his or her own basket, or put all the mittens into one basket, hats into a different basket, and so on

This is also a good time to make sure everyone's boots fit

Organize and clean the garage. Hang items such as shovels, rakes and ladders. Limit the amount of objects on the floor so you can easily sweep out salt and dirty melted snow

Here is a tip to clean out dirty slushy snow in the cold winter months. Shovel in a little clean snow and it will absorb salt and dirty wet snow

Push everything out with a shovel

Don't throw a bucket of water on the dirty snow or you will create an ice skating rink in your garage

Create an emergency kit in case you lose electricity or a natural disaster occurs. Your kit should include bottled water, non-perishable food, a first aid kit, flashlights, batteries, candles, matches and a radio

Prepare to put your holiday lights up early on a sunny day instead of a day with temperatures below freezing

Make your holiday gift and card list so you can begin shopping and addressing cards

A jump start will allow you to enjoy the month of December instead of rushing around with holiday preparations at the last minute

Put any additional tasks on the checklist to help you prepare for the season change. As you check each item off you will feel more prepared and less stressed

Today's refrigerator bulletin: "The squirrel that gathers his food in the fall won't be hungry in the winter!"

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Little things can mean big fix-it project

You have read it here in this column several times that I do not for a moment believe that major home appliances are built today with the concept of long life

Every appliance service industry magazine and newspaper write with a very negative overtone on life expectancy of a major home appliance

The older appliance repair technicians in this country are appalled at the engineering quality of certain components put into our products, which we buy at increased prices and expect to last as long as the previous one we used to own

Let me take the washer you have in the laundry room and give you an idea of what I mean about the past and present. Take a bolt the size of your little finger (look at your hand that is holding this newspaper for comparison)

In years past, if something was left in a pocket of a garment that fit that size, it could travel through a wash load and through the spin cycle and end up in the laundry tub

You have to remember that a clothes washer has a pump that is used to expel the water, and there are no screens to prevent these kinds of items from going into the pump. In today's clothes washers, some of these machines have pumps that can be jammed with something as small as a wood-embed match

Now, that's quite the comparison, isn't it? It means you have to pay special attention to making sure that the pockets are emptied before anything is placed in the wash load

The older machines had a belt-driven pump, while today many have a low-voltage electric motor pump. A jammed impeller on a pump today can cause the motor to burn out. This necessitates in many cases the need of a service technician and a cost exceeding \$100



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

All in all, you as a consumer must be more diligent than ever in making sure you don't create this problem

A few years ago when you bought a certain brand of washer you were instructed to use only a certain kind of detergent. Naturally some of this detergent was included in the sale of the washer, and if in the future you changed brands, the service technician was knocking on your door to change the pump

It appears that certain soaps can cause a grating action on the pump impeller and cause it to jam. Until this certain manufacturer changed the design of the pump, there were many replaced. It sure kept the service industry busy

DO IT YOURSELF?

As for the do-it-yourselfer, things have changed as well. I get calls from homeowners all the time who inquire about how they can fix their own washer. "Hey, Doc, I fixed my own washer for 20 years and on this new one I can't even figure out how to get to the blooming pump!"

Well, it's sort of like trying to put together something you bought the kids for Christmas. You spend an hour on a five-minute job, and in your own personal frustration you might even think about selling the children. I think the appliance manufacturers hire a scientist to put a washer together. They put screws and clips where you can't see them unless you pop off a certain piece of chrome

'The older appliance repair technicians in this country are appalled at the engineering quality of certain components put into our products, which we buy at increased prices and expect to last as long as the previous one we used to own.'

You don't know that the piece of chrome pops off, unless someone tells you

When you finally get to the screws, you've never seen a screw head like this one because it's a special screw, and even the hardware store doesn't have a screwdriver to fit it

You take off all the screws that hold on the back panel and the panel still won't come off, and you sit there in amazement and wonder how this thing was put together

You get even angrier when you have to call for service, and the technician - with you looking over his or her shoulder - takes the washer apart in less than two minutes

Later on you're sitting quietly and wondering why the pump you saw changed looked so cheap compared to the pump you replaced yourself 10 years ago. Why is it that you needed a technician to do it? The answer to this question is a lot easier to figure out than fixing the washer. Stay tuned

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281

Home for Holidays event offers pets to adopt

To help homeless animals find warm and loving new homes, the Michigan Humane Society's Mobile Adoption Unit will bring adoptable dogs, cats, puppies and kittens to Neiman Marcus at the Somerset Collection in Troy for Home for the Holidays, a three-day adoption event, during Thanksgiving weekend

Adoptable animals will also be featured in the Neiman

Marcus window displays. The Somerset Collection is at Big Beaver Road and Coolidge. The Mobile Adoption Unit will be parked at the Big Beaver Road entrance to Neiman Marcus, on the south side of Big Beaver Road

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1

The three MHS shelters in Rochester Hills, Westland

and Detroit will have regular adoption hours Friday and Saturday

For shelter hours or more information about the Home for the Holidays event, call (866) M-HUMANE between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, or visit

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Personal treasures make special decor

BY BRENDA DOMINICK
STAFF WRITER

You don't have to look farther than your own front door.

That's what Enid Wasserman, owner of A Fresh Approach, an interior design company in Birmingham, wants people to remember when they search for items to use to decorate for the holidays.

"Make the most from what you've got," she said.

"I help clients a lot of times with Thanksgiving tables and holiday tables, to fix up the rooms for people who are having guests or special dinners."

Wasserman says using "treasures" either given by family members or bought at antique stores makes for a nice and special home environment.

"I like to mix family heirlooms handed down from generation or special pieces that came from travel," she said. "A lot of people will have things they bought on a honeymoon or on a trip, or (were) even produced by a child."

"Old pieces that are meaningful to the family, mixed with new pieces, bring a certain warmth."

Brian Durr, a manager and designer at Sparr's Hearts & Roses in Farmington Hills and Northville, has a similar philosophy.

"Use what you have that's good," he said. "If it's something kids made in grade school, put it up on the tree."

SHOWCASING

Wasserman says she likes to

"showcase" items around the house or a specified room.

"A lot of people have things that they pack away that they don't know how to incorporate with their decorations," the home organizer/designer said.

"I come in and we start opening up drawers and start changing things around. We can go through the house and find pieces where people haven't used the place to the best to their advantage."

I have clients who have antique instruments as well as antique photographs from the Civil War. I have a lady with antique pottery that she had hidden away."

Gorgeous holiday tables can be fashioned out of simple household items.

"A lot of times, what I like to do is make creative tables with beautiful table linens, settings, flowers, ribbons, bows or tools," Wasserman said. "Antique textile really creates a wonderful atmosphere."

Durr says interior holiday decorating has taken on a new appearance in his area.

"Right now everyone is doing a Martha Stewart look," he said. "They want, I walked out into the garden, grabbed a handful and brought it into the house' look."

COLORS

And the colors and shades have a new face.

People aren't using the traditional red and green anymore," Durr said. "It's the traditional colors but it doesn't go with anything anymore. They

are going to try to match the tree with what they got."

He says sage, taupe, loden (moss green), silver-cranberry and other non-primary colors are "in" for Christmas decorations.

"They're using more natural colors," Durr said. "That seems to be what we're seeing. The same ornaments can completely change the look of the tree. It's like painting a room, you can change the whole look by just changing the color."

Concerning themes, people are going back to the '1950s and '60s, pop culture retro look," Durr says.

For those who don't still have memorabilia from their "younger days," he recommends checking out Restoration Hardware at the Somerset Collection in Troy to get this sort of "past time, nostalgic" look for the holidays.

"They have these neat little metal toys (such as little music boxes) that turn into ornaments," Durr said.

OUTSIDE

As for outside decor, there are two approaches, Durr says. "(Homeowners) either have every single light known to mankind and a thousand dollar electric bill, or have decorated in a simple, natural (setting), with evergreen branches, twigs," he said. "Solid colors make a bigger statement. Clear, yellow or amber, it's brighter and gives it a commercial look with a bigger presence at night."

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Metallic paints expand color palette

(WMS) - If you love decorative painting techniques like sponging, frottage and stenciling, but are tired of ordinary latex paint, maybe it's time to refresh your palette.

Metallic paints can expand your color palette and give you more exciting options for creating stunning finishes.

What's more, new water-based metallic paints are easy to use.

That means you don't have to have artistic talent or special skills to give your next project some elegance and shimmer.

Want to create a room with drama? Looking to add a little luster to your living space?

Try one of these techniques to turn your next painting project from ordinary into extraordinary.

■ Add drama with a metallic accent wall or stencil.

Roll on one of Modern Masters' new opaque designer colors, like Cranberry Mist or Mystical Green, to create an accent wall that will be a dramatic focal point for any room.

Have a favorite stencil? Roll a coat of metallic paint onto the wall. Then, stencil in a complementary color. Try colors like the Metallic Paint Collection's Platinum over Shimmering Sky to create elegance and drama.

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Zansser's Bulls Eye 1-2-3 to seal the surface and create a neutral "canvas" before you paint.)

■ Go with a stripe - bold or subtle, it's up to you. Stripes are a great way to add pizzazz to any decor.

Go bold with colors like Plum and Pale Gold from the Metallic Paint Collection.

Try a "barely there" look with a sheer translucent metallic paint, like Pearl White over a flat finish off-white paint, for just a touch of shimmer.

Simply tape off your stripes and roll with an ordinary whiz roller.

It's that easy!

■ Add a little shine and

dimension to sponging or frottage. Apply a base coat of semi-gloss latex paint in the color of your choice.

Then choose a metallic and mix with Modern Masters' new Extender per instructions.

Rag, sponge, frottage or use another decorative painting technique to achieve more dimension and interest than you can achieve by applying ordinary latex paint.

Looking for more ideas for your next decorative painting project?

Visit www.modernmasters.com for a range of ideas to help transform your next project from ordinary into extraordinary.

HOME CALENDAR

Faux painting

Decorative faux painting is an easy technique that creates the illusion of texture. Do it yourselfers can learn how to faux like a pro by attending a free how to clinic 2 p.m. Saturday Nov. 30 at any area Home Depot. The clinic will last about 30 minutes. Participants will learn how to achieve beautiful paint finishes using various techniques such as sponging, ragging, color washing and glazing.

About ottomans

Haberman Fabrics 905 S. Main in Royal Oak offers a variety of home decor classes. Pre registration is required. Space is limited and classes fill quickly. Call (248) 541-0010 for information. The schedule includes Simple Upholstered Ottoman (\$60) Wednesdays Dec. 4, 18 or Thursdays Dec. 5, 19. Participants will learn simple upholstery techniques as they transform an old footstool bench or table into a trendy ottoman.

Wreath design

The Great Indoors' professional floral designer will demonstrate wreath making 2-3 p.m. Saturday Nov. 30. The Great Indoors is at 44075 12 Mile in Novi. The free seminar will take place in the floral department on the first floor. No registration required. For details call (248) 679-1006.

Holly Walk

The 11th annual Holly Walk a fund raising event sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library will take place noon to 5 p.m. Sunday Dec. 15. Call (248) 652-3549 for information.

Five Rochester area homes beautifully decorated for the holidays will be featured. Tickets are \$20, available in advance only. To buy tickets by mail, send a self-addressed envelope with a check payable to the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library - no later than Saturday Dec. 7 - to Holly Walk Tickets, Friends Library Store, 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester, MI 48307. Tickets are also available at Art Concepts, Bordine Nursery Garden, Store, D. Ilman & Upton, Friends Library Store, RE/MAX Realty, Sharon's Hallmark at Rochester Hills Plaza and University Square and Something Special Hallmark at Campus Corners.

Festival of Trees

The 18th annual Festival of Trees a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses and wreaths to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan continues to Dec. 1 at Cobo Center, 301 Civic Center Drive in Detroit. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 29-30, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 1. Show admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for ages 2-12 and free for under age 2. Advance tickets are \$1 less. Additional festival events are: Lunch with Santa 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 30 (advance tickets required); \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and free for under age 2; and Holiday Dance 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 30 (\$25 per person at the door and \$20 in advance). Call (313) 745-0178 or visit www.fot.org for information.

Conger tour

The annual Conger Holiday Home Tour and Art Market will take place Tuesday Dec. 3 in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 747-6191 for more information. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Downtown Home and Garden, Letty's and the Back Alley Gourmet in Ann Arbor. Money raised will provide scholarships for women in financial need to attend the University of Michigan.

The tour will feature four spectacular Ann Arbor homes. The art market will take place at Barton Hill's Country Club. Featured artisans will include John Shultz of Ann Arbor and his pastels of familiar Ann Arbor spots such as the U-M campus Hill Auditorium and the Michigan Theater.

Kempf House Museum

Kempf House, 312 S. Division in Ann Arbor, will be decorated in a tradition at German Christmas theme for the month of December. The Greek Revival house was built in 1853. For more information call (734) 994-4898. The schedule includes the 10th annual Christmas caroling party 7 p.m. Friday Dec. 6 and German Family Christmas (presenting a traditional turn of the century German Christmas featuring the fully decorated house and including exhibits reflecting the German celebration of the holiday) 1-4 p.m. Saturdays Dec. 7 and 14, and Sundays Dec. 8 and 15. Admission to the caroling party is free (donations accepted) and reservations aren't necessary. Admission to the house is \$1 free for under age 12.

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Check this list of holiday pet gift ideas

Dear Santa, Well, it's that time of year when everyone starts bugging you about what they want for Christmas.

You must get tired, reading all those letters, doing parades, appearing at malls, and starring in just about every appliance store commercial.

I don't mean to add to your burden. I just want to give you a few thoughts about Christmas and critters, hoping to make things easier for you. I'm writing it here because I know how you never miss my column.

I bet a lot of kids ask you for new pets. What could be more Christmassy than a pup or kitten with a big red bow on his collar running around the tree on Christmas morning?

OK, you're more 'Christmassy,' but stay with my reasoning.

Stress and Christmas go together like fa and la. Christmas Day makes for a less-than-ideal time for the new addition to the family. Too much stress for the pet, and for the new owners.

Let's face it, Santa Christmas has evolved into three parts. One: People go to stores and buy gifts. Two: People open the gifts. Three: People return the gifts to the stores, where I think they're returned to the shelves to wait for next Christmas.

Here's the problem: Critters end up being returned, too. The percentage of Christmas pets that end up in shelters months after the holidays will break your heart.

"Choosing a pet is a personal decision," said Nancy Gunnigle, spokesperson for the Michigan Humane Society. "It's a connection that happens between a particular pet and a person's chemistry."

"We hope it's a bond to last for a lifetime. It's not to be taken lightly."

She suggests that rather than give someone a pet for Christmas, give them a gift certificate saying they will be taken to a shelter to pick out that pet for himself or herself. Wrap up a package of things the pet will need, like food bowls or litter boxes.

This way the excitement of Christmas has its place, and the excitement of picking out the new pet has its own, separate place.

Be a part of that wonderful moment when they find just the right pet," Gunnigle said.

Now don't take it personally! You do a wonderful job. I just think this is better for the pets, the families, and for you, too! Hey, there's only so much space on that sled, and pet crates get bulky!

GIFT IDEAS

I know a lot of people write letters to you from their pets, asking for gifts. They want cute toys, and treats. Pets playing with new toys certainly can be adorable.

To paraphrase *The X-Files*, Santa: Better gifts are out there. When people ask you for a toy for their cat or maybe even their grandkitty, suggest they spend that money in a way that can help make little Fluffy's life better.

A great idea would be a gift



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

When people ask you for a toy for their cat or maybe even their grandkitty, suggest they spend that money in a way that can help make little Fluffy's life better.

certificate for good pet food at a good pet shop (I emphasize the word "good"!).

Consider gift certificates to the vet! These might save the animal's life at some point - dramatically by paying for an emergency treatment, or quietly by allowing the owner to get an extra vaccine, or keep up with a full year of heartworm preventive!

Veterinary health insurance would also be a great gift. Policies don't cost an arm and a leg, and they help to hold down the cost of vet care!

About the best is Veterinary Pet Insurance, or VPI (call (800) 872-7387). Now that's a gift that keeps on giving, as it gives extra care to the pet and will give the pet's owner peace of mind!

People get charitable this time of year, Santa. If they ask you to suggest a good cause, tell them about the Heifer Project.

I consider the Heifer Project to be one of the wisest charitable organizations ever. It supplies animals and husbandry training to people in poor areas of the world, setting them up so they can start, let's say, a one-cow dairy farm. As their farm grows, they live as a hard working family, and escape destitute poverty. The Heifer Project doesn't just give a handout, it gives a future.

The Heifer Project truly makes a difference in lives all over the world (like someone else I know, Mr. C!). You should let people know they can call (800) 422-0755 or go to www.heifer.org to learn more.

That's all I have to say, Santa. All I really want for Christmas would be for people to do right by their critters. Maybe make the world a little better - at home by giving smart gifts to their own and other people's pets, and globally through wonderful charity work like the Heifer Project. You don't need to bring me anything.

But that Chicken Dance Elmo looks pretty cool!
Your friend,
Dr. Brad

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Kits help you build your own workbench

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Construction in our family goes back several generations. Our great-grandfather was a master plumber, our grandfather and his brother built fishing boats.

Later, as the fishing industry in our area waned, our grandfather decided to take a stab at commercial building construction and later, home building.

With a plumber, a boat builder and a homebuilder, we had an unusual amount of exposure to construction while growing up.

Although our father wasn't a builder, he was an avid do-it-yourselfer. Without his interest in woodwork, plumbing, painting and just general tinkering, who knows what field we might have wound up doing for a living?

Our dad's workshop was originally our grandfather's construction company workshop. The top of the workbench frame was fashioned with solid 2-by-12 fir planks. In the mid-60s, our father built a workbench in his auto repair shop. On that one, he used a quarter-inch steel plate over 2-by-12 planks and 6-by-6 legs. To this day we have never figured out why he wanted it to be so strong.

We both have workbenches with built-in vises and use them regularly for every imagi-

We know that not everyone has the time, money or tools that it takes to create a fancy workbench like our father's. If that describes you, read on.

nable home-maintenance task. We know that not everyone has the time, money or tools that it takes to create a fancy workbench like our father's. If that describes you, read on.

BUILD A WORKBENCH

With a small list of lumber and a few special connectors, you can build a workbench that will challenge most others for strength, durability and cost-effectiveness.

A bench can be built using a kit that you partially create. An American company that manufactures metal connectors for wood construction offers a bracket kit that comes with steel connectors, screws, a lumber list and assembly instructions.

Since the kit only comes with a list, you have the freedom to select the type of wood you want to use, and buy it separately. Since no miter cuts are

required for the project, you will find that most lumberyards will be happy to cut your lumber exactly to length. You can have it cut to size or cut it yourself.

There is some cutting that must be done. Even if your dimensional lumber is cut to length, you will have to make a few notches in the plywood countertop and the shelf below it (six locations altogether, each 1-1/2 inches by 3-1/2 inches). With the steel connecting brackets, this job is perfect for assembly with the screws provided.

Although the bench height in the plan is exactly 3 feet from the floor, you can vary from this standard depending on your preference.

Remember, this is your workbench. Changing the height won't cost a cent, and might prove to be a wise decision if your height varies much from average. The lumber list includes a slight amount of extra material.

The depth of the bench is just under 2 feet, and the length is exactly 4 feet. If you build the bench according to the plan's width and depth, the project can be built with a half-sheet of plywood - one-fourth sheet for the bottom shelf and one-fourth sheet for the bench. Although the plan calls for three-quarter-inch plywood, you can use inch-and-an-eighth plywood instead, for an ultra-sturdy finished product.

By buying extra brackets, more plywood and a couple of extra 2-by-4s, an additional shelf or two can be added. Or you can forget the extra shelves and use the material to extend the length of the bench. Or you can do both.

If the bench will be used inside, Southern yellow pine or Douglas fir would be the lumber we would choose.

The project should take no more than an afternoon. Gathering material should take longer than the assembly. About the only thing that you could do wrong is to cut the notches in the plywood in the wrong direction, this project really is that easy.

For information on where to get the bench kit, contact Simpson Strong Tie at (800) 999-5099 or through

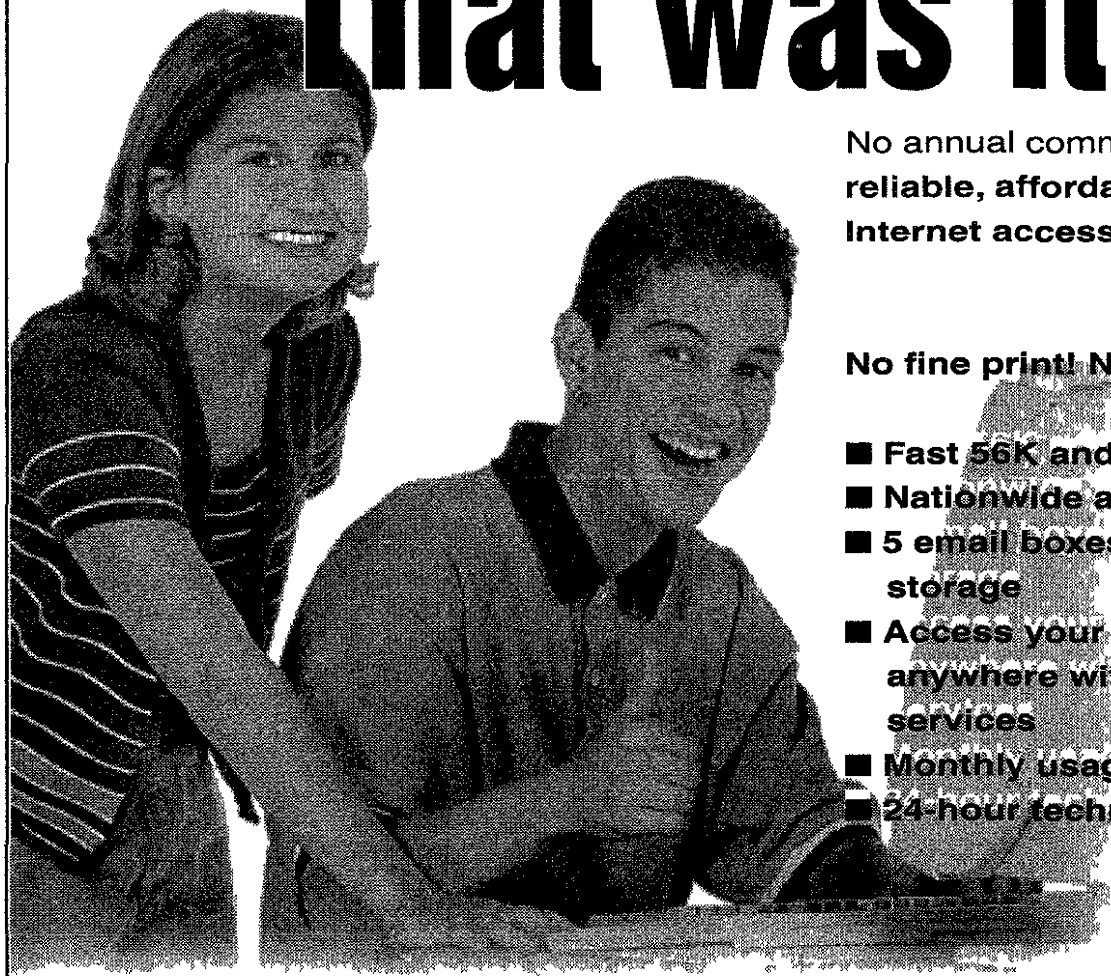
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LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

44 yr old 5'7" divorced white female likes dating, camping, cooking, movies, music, dancing, seeking male 36 to 45, 5'10" to 6'3" with some of the same interests. BOX 26733

QUALITY GAL

50 yr old divorced female 5'5" a few extra pounds long blonde hair hazel eyes enjoys bowling, playing cards, darts, fishing, boating, camping, movies, music, good conversation, hot tub, seeks response, stable family or married male 45 to 60 good sense of humor. BOX 14762

GET IN TOUCH

31 yr old female 5'7" 136 lbs looking for someone to have some fun and adventures with. BOX 21120

AM I ASKING TOO MUCH

African American divorced mother of two 41 intelligent young woman you're getting to know me, you're getting to know me, you're getting to know me. BOX 26699

TIED OF BAR SCENE

54 yr old white female 5'9" shoulder length fringed hair very honest enjoys outdoors fishing, boating, movies, dining out, looking for a very honest male 5'11" or taller who wants a companion and possibly something more serious. BOX 26691

LET'S GET TOGETHER

33 yr old black female 5'6" med um bu d non smoker enjoys cooking, movies, family, seeking male 35 to 45, family oriented, med um bu d non smoker, fun and friendly. BOX 26699

SHARE LIFE WITH ME

58 yr old lady full figured 55 green eyes red hair good looking, enjoys dining out, walking, movies, conversation, seeks male 58 to 70 to share his life. BOX 26790

LET'S MEET A COFFEE

41 yr old 5'7" med um bu d female seeks an area male who's a homebody, non smoker, soca d nker, likes horseback riding, motorcycles, boating, pck up trucks and swimming. BOX 16989

ONE OF A KIND

Petty petite passionate divorced white female 40 ans seeks non smoking single white male over 30 to dating and relating. Lets create sparks and watch them fly. BOX 25332

VERY PROMISING

W dow 64 natural set hair blue eyes 5'8" no cigar looks loyal honest good looking kind hearted gentle romantic kind ovring seeks well groomed tall man 60 to 70 with a plus non smoker for a new start and long term relationship. BOX 20499

GEMINI GIRL

Single white female 47 slender blonde hair hazel eyes enjoys golf, swimming, boating, peop. Looking for a single white male 40 to 50 who's genuine down to earth stable or dating possibly long term relationship. Wayne County, IA. BOX 35593

SEE IF WE CLICK

30 yr old 5'8" professional white Protestant, fun, friendly, conversant on laughter, travel, architecture, family and friends. Seeks male who likes the same. BOX 20668

WORTH A CALL

Divorced white mother of three 47 good personality 128 lbs graduate degree professional attractive ve and ft Chr an Enjoys walking church movies travel dining out walking cooking seeks honest non smoking financially stable male. BOX 21066

POSSIBLE CONNECTION

An attractive brunette 49 5'4 115 lbs single white professional female with great smile and good heart enjoys family and friends boating Wings and you if he's got the right proportionate humorous caring financially stable and emotionally available. Wayne County, IA. BOX 25014

ARE YOU MY KINNY?

Young looking 44 yr old divorced woman enjoys music, travel, sports, camping, cute friends, boating, fishing, marriage, mnded gentleman 38 to 50, single, smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner and professional. Preferred. BOX 26664

LET'S TALK

White female 41 long blonde hair n good shape 55 non smoker social drinker very fun loving vivacious lady like Enjoys working out boating beaches getaways weekends concerts. Seeks white male 45 to 55. BOX 26684

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

Pette divorced white female seeks honest and secure single white male 49-55 who likes to laugh and have fun, friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County, IA. BOX 35590

TIED OF GAMES

Attractive divorced white female 51 5'4 100 reddish hair smoker seeks gentleman 45 to 65 with a sense of humor for dinner (home cooked) moves quality time and fun relationship. Oakland County, IA. BOX 36013

SEKS CHRISTIAN MALE

5'6" 128 lb enjoys walks in the ran simple pleasures of life, attending church, movies, walks in the park. Looking for a committed Christian male companion. Possibility leading to more. BOX 20693

ARE U THE ONE?

Single female 29 5'2 short hair wear glasses honest intelligent. Searching for a single honest gentleman who enjoys movies, casual dining, videos and more. BOX 20693

FRIENDS AND MORE

38 yr old divorced white female 5'6" 160 lbs with blue green eyes and blond hair loves outdoor sun, sunsets, dancing and more. Seeking for a single male to start as friends and a possible LTR. BOX 20736

NICE LADY AVAILABLE

Divorced black full figured female 66 attractive non smoker non drinker Enjoys crafts, sports, events, gardening and more. Searching for a full figured around 5'6" single male who's kind, loves kissing and cuddling. Looks serious. BOX 20755

DON'T MISS OUT!

45 yr old female 5'7" med um bu d brown eyes and hair lives in Troy area enjoys sharing activities with the right person. Give me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you. BOX 23444

SEKS PERFECT MATE

Attractive 50+ widow fun loving physically fit. Seeks male 45 to 55, level working out, bicycling, golf, mountain hiking, skiing, swimming, dancing, dining out, family cooking, quiet evenings, close friends, intimacy, love. Requesting too much? Tell me. BOX 24980

IM YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45 5'2 138 lbs female brown/blue enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out. Seeks white male 40 to 50, single, med um bu d, 5'6" non smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate, honest, sincere for a meaningful relationship. N Garden City, IA. BOX 26699

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Outgoing petite and live in Plymouth. Looking for an attractive non smoker single white male 45 to 55 who's trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a job for life. Wayne County, IA. BOX 27026

VIVACIOUS/OPTIMIST

Pette 51 attractive white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out, daily good conversation, music, sports and is an opt mist. Looking for a professional (college degree) divorced white male 40 to 55, physically fit, ved, tall, good sense of humor, non smoker. Oakland County, IA. BOX 36083

MOTOWN GAL

Looking for a kind no one single or divorced male 48 to 60 non smoker for long term monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

SEKS OLDER MAN

Single black female 45 5'8 145 lbs Enjoys camping the beach, candlelight dinner, puzzles, bowling, fishing and more. Searching for a tall white male 61 to 65 who enjoys the same. BOX 14623

LOVING YOU

Single female 19 5'2 130 lbs long brown hair Enjoys long walks, movies, relaxing outdoors and more. Searching for a single male 20 to 25 who's caring and loving. BOX 14645

QUIET TIMES TOGETHER

Divorced black female enjoys movies and sports. Seeks Arab male who enjoys the same and quiet evenings at home. BOX 14655

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

45 yr old 5'7" single female with a medium build, brown hair, hazel eyes. Loves hiking, walking. Looking for a happy ever after relationship with a tall man non smoker who's honest, caring. BOX 14662

SEARCHING FOR YOU

Single Mexican lady 42 I like dancing, movies and quiet evenings at home. Would love to meet someone with similar interests. BOX 16907

MAN OF MY DREAMS

Divorced white female 26 slender blue eyes brunette Enjoys bowling, volleyball, biking, long walks and concerts. Searching for a serious relationship with an honest, caring, sensitive gentleman non smoker, social drinker who enjoys sports, dining out and quiet times. BOX 20731

TREAT ME RIGHT

Single female seeking for a single male 35 to 45 who enjoys kids, family and knows how to treat a lady. BOX 20737

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single parent with children at home. Likes drama, fine arts and dining. Seeks gentleman who loves God and shows that in his lifestyle. Must also be a child. BOX 20746

LET'S WORK IT OUT

30 yr old 5'5" 129 lbs single professional female brown hair blue eyes. Enjoys working outdoors, running, working on the house and more. Searching for a single male 28 to 36, honest, no one who works out and shares similar interests. BOX 20906

INGREDIENTS FOR LOVE

Attractive white divorced early 60s 5'2" height and weight proportionate. Seeking a single white gentleman early 80s 5'10" plus trim well groomed non smoker, social drinker who enjoys movies, dining out and the arts. Traveling and more. BOX 20982

CUDDLE UP WITH ME

Single white female 44 5'6 brown hair enjoys long walks, parks, videos and more. Searching for a single male for friendship. If possible relationship and to enjoy life together. BOX 20984

MY LASTING LOVE

44 yr old divorced white female non smoker no children. Looking for the love of her life and soul mate to enjoy life with. Enjoys traveling, hockey, dining out and nice quiet times at home. BOX 21005

YOUNG AT HEART

Widowed white female early 50s searching for a single male to enjoy life. Enjoys boating, camping, working out, dancing and traveling. BOX 21008

LET'S GET TOGETHER

You found her! Adorable pete prefers gentleman 48 60 full of life great sense of humor likes to have new experiences. Call you won't regret it. Oakland County, IA. BOX 25008

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Gvrg loving compassionate curvy lots of fun great conversationalist. 55 looking for a sincere successful Caucasian gentleman 45 late 70s to be my soul mate. Float your boat make your day answer my ad today. BOX 25322

QUALITY QUALITY

Seeking a sincere honest no games played non smoking social drinking single white male by a divorced white female 54 who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side, Wayne County, IA. BOX 25333

DOWN RIVER AREA

52 yr old female 5'3 125 lbs long dark hair green eyes non smoker Enjoys movies, dining out, cooking, parties, shopping, dancing. Looking for a caring male who lives nearby for a real relationship who's honest and sincere about meeting, no games. BOX 26589

MAKE ME LAUGH AGAIN

66 yr old 5'125 lbs single female with brown hair eyes. Likes long walks, movies, dining out and more. Searching for a single male 60 to 67 with a sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 26594

BUBBLY & CLASSY

Intelligent 56 brown eyed blonde passionate about life and laughing. Enjoys golf, biking, theater, boating and great conversations. Interested in meeting tall 60 to 68 financial/ly/romantically stable, true gentleman with similar interests. Oakland County, IA. BOX 27010

SONGS FROM THE HEART

Divorced white female 47 5'7 blonde/blue vivacious plusionate Christian church music. Can't seek with Chr at an male non smoker 5'10 or taller who's intelligent, artistic, romantic and honest with a pass on for life. Oakland County, IA. BOX 27014

CLASSY COSMO CUTIE

Creatively and chemistry a must. White female compassionate, curvy, cooking for someone to have fun with. White professional 46 to 58 non smoker no drugs love an male water boating, exercise, cooking, spiritual. Oakland County, IA. BOX 36051

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Spoken non smoker white female 5'11 size 11 wishes to meet a white male 62 or taller 48 or older no games no heavy drinkers no drugs. He's got the proportionate. Wayne County, IA. BOX 36053

SEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single attractive Asian female 40 no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10 plus health conscious has a positive outlook on life is ambitious and successful yet unpretentious for friends leading to long term relationship. Oakland County, IA. BOX 36057

FUN TIMES AWAIT

Retired male 54 5'8 150 lbs brown hair green eyes youth full looking very active easy to get along with. Likes movies, dining out, Bling outdoors, flea markets, board and card games. Looking for a companion on for dating and possible relationship. BOX 21150

PICK UP THE PHONE

40 yr old male physically fit 5'10 150 lbs professional home owner. I'd like to meet someone just like you so give me a call. BOX 21131

I BELIEVE I CAN FLY!

Come fly with me! Handsome successful professional 56 18 on the dance floor 6' physical fit energetic charismatic positive spiritual full of life and a great sense of humor. Variety of interests! Compassionate romantic good listener emotionally and financially secure. BOX 10678

TIED OF BEING ALONE

Widowed and lonesome male 59 188 lbs social drinker smoker healthy gentleman and giving. Enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together female under 60 with a nice personality. BOX 12547

TIED OF BEING ALONE

Single male 61 5'9 170 lbs light hearted loves to laugh and gentle. Enjoys camping, walking, good movies, flea markets and quiet nights at home. Looking for a permanent relationship with the right lady under 50 slim and attractive. BOX 20561

TAKE MY HAND

Attractive 47 yr old male 165 lbs thin build full head of hair hard working honest Enjoys exercise, golf, rollerblading, skiing, bowling, movies, dining out, casual. Seeks female who doesn't like to play games. BOX 20592

ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

30 yr old divorced father of two 5'10 230 lbs blonde hair blue eyes fairly shy Enjoys movies, dining out, tv sports. Looking for a female 20 to 35 who enjoys children and would like to have a friendship maybe leading into something serious. BOX 20819

VERY PROMISING

Father of one 61 190 lbs in good shape brown hair green eyes college educated lives in Lvonia. Enjoys skiing, biking, family activities, reading, running, spending time with his daughter. Seeks woman who's positive, fit, loving, honest, down to earth, to enjoy a loving relationship and great relationship. BOX 20880

FALL FUN

Athletic muscular single white male 44 6'2 215 lbs brown blue clean cut degree never married no dependents outgoing personality enjoys outdoors working out, new activities. Seeks friendly single female age 26 to 35 for friendship leading to possible long term relationship. BOX 26721

JUST READ

I'm white, widowed, attractive, light hearted, well built, enjoy all the good things in life. Looking for an attractive white lady under 50 for possible permanent relationship. Dearborn, Wayne County, IA. BOX 35958

READY TO SETTLE DOWN

30 yr old male 5'10" 145 lbs red hair non smoker Enjoys movies, laughing, long walks in the park. Seeks white Christian female 20 to 35 slender build for long term relationship and possible marriage. BOX 26685

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL

Hard working divorced white male 49 5'8 175 lbs Looking to find an easy going intelligent pretty white female mid to late 40s no one shape and build for a long term relationship. No games, please. Redford area. BOX 14640

READY TO GAMBLE?

46 yrs old attractive healthy single white male seeks lady like single white female 40s to 50s. BOX 14811

LADY WITH PIZZAZZ

Eccentric attractive slender fun romantic lady enjoys golf, tennis, boating, dancing and more. Seeking special fun gentleman 59 plus over 5'10 non smoker, honest and loyal. BOX 36009

ALL AMERICAN GUY

Single white female 40 5'5 non smoker brown hair med um bu d husky loving caring. Likes a variety of activities, sports. Seeking a husky honest white guy 36-46 serious long term relationship. Macombs County, IA. BOX 36039

WHY HESITATE?

African American male 61 weight proportionate brown eyes salt n pepper hair mustache beautiful smile dark complexion handsome Enjoys antiques, gardening, fishing, walking. Seeks sweet kind honest female who's slim can light up a room. Height/weight proportionate. BOX 51232

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single black male west side of Detroit own my home. Seeks down to earth lady attractive 30 to 45 for friendship relationship. I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and community. BOX 10924

HANDSOME IRON WORKER

511 male with mustache 180 lbs seeks female 40 to 55 slender to average build who's interested in travel, dinners, movies, quiet times at home, casual, boating and more. Call if interested. BOX 12370

LET'S HAVE FUN

Nice looking considerate single white male in my 40s. Seeks a single lady in her 40s or 50s for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20563

GIVE AND TAKE

Single white 46 yr old professional white male non smoker 5'8 155 lbs enjoys animals the ocean and walks. Looking for someone special outside and on. Honest and sincere. Height and weight proportionate. BOX 26672

LOOKING FOR A MATCH

Good natured pleasant looking well mannered single white male 45 well traveled, sociable, sincere. Seeks good natured interesting lady companion on 38 to 53. BOX 14814

NEW BEGINNINGS

Successful entrepreneur 59 5'10" 180 lbs handsome divorced ncurable romantic with style and sense of humor. You 48 to 60 still beautiful, slim non smoker with class and joy to de vvre. Can you meet my standards? If so call me you won't be disappointed. BOX 20480

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

White professional male 58 11 brown hair blue eyes well educated no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit emotionally available white professional female no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14561

A GOOD CATCH

Single white male 32 5'10 200 lbs dark brown hair blue eyes Enjoys camping, fast, valve cooking, good food, comedy, animals. Seeks single white female petite to average size 25 to 35 hopefully for a long term relationship in the future. BOX 14660

WHY HESITATE?

23 yr old male 6'160 lbs single white male brown hair and eyes stylish dresser student Enjoys exercise, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit emotionally available white professional female no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14674

SEKS CLASSY LADY

5'11 175 lbs single male into nature, camping, movies and more. Searching for a single female, classy looking of any age. BOX 14692

BACK TO BASICS

Reserved warm hearted and caring single white male 40s. Likes an adult, music, reading outdoors. Seeks a nice friendly lady for friendship or love. Age open. BOX 15074

WE MIGHT CLICK

Very young looking 48 yr old father of one 5'9 150 lbs light brown hair blue eyes employed home owner smart good looking sense of humor Enjoys music, playing guitar, movies, outdoors, working out, dining out, dancing. Seeks female for dating and relationship. BOX 18926

SHIP OF FLYING SOLO

61 yr old male looks and acts much younger. 5'9 170 lbs light hearted laughs a lot very gentle. Likes carrying walking, good movies, flea markets, quiet nights at home. Seeks permanent relationship with female under 60 to med um bu d attractive. BOX 20560

R U READY?

55 yr old never married childless single male who enjoys playing hockey outdoors, motorcycles and trying new things. Seeks fun non judgmental female who's ready to settle down. BOX 20695

GIVE ME A CALL

50 yr old single male who enjoys reading books, taking long walks, movies, dining out and more. Searching for a single female for great times. BOX 20704

POLISH ITALIAN GUY

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Cleaning out clothes dryer duct improves efficiency, safety

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We recently bought an electric clothes dryer. When it stopped drying properly after less than a year, we were surprised.

The first thing we checked was the 220-volt power outlet. A dryer can fool you, even though the drum is turning it might not be getting enough power to properly dry a load of clothes.

A dryer powered by 220 volts uses only 110 volts (half the circuit) to rotate the drum. However, it uses 220 volts (all of the circuit) to fire up the heating coils. So, just because the drum is turning and the light inside comes on, it doesn't mean that it is performing as designed.

Much to our surprise - and disappointment - the circuit indicated that 220 volts were available and making their way into the machine.

The next task was to pull the dryer out and check the exhaust system and the wall ducting. We were amazed at what we found. We had a fire-trap on our hands. The system

was completely clogged with lint. It was as if someone had stuffed tons of lint into the exhaust duct with a cannon ram. The lint was so tightly packed that we had to chisel it out.

As an added safety measure, we thought it would be a good idea to hire a company to clean all the ducts in our home at once.

We don't own the special vacuuming equipment needed to clean heating ducts.

Because we wanted to kill as many birds with one stone as possible, we decided on a whole-house duct cleaning. After writing a check for several hundred dollars, we were certain our dryer would do a load in record time.

When the load was ready we chucked it into the dryer. You could have heard a pin drop an hour later when the dryer shut off automatically and we opened it to find a wet load.

FINDING THE PROBLEM

What could it possibly be? The power was all right. The dryer was getting hot and the ducting in the dryer and the

Even a partially clogged dryer duct is a fire hazard at best, and definitely reduces the appliance's energy-efficiency operation.

It had been professionally cleaned. It was time to call in an appliance repairman.

The dryer seemed to be running really warm, but everything inside was hot and wet after an hour of tumbling on high.

Here's what happened. No one had thought to check the dryer-duct outlet on the roof. In this case the dryer outlet exhausted through the roof. Up the ladder we went.

And there it was, staring us in the face: a clogged weather cap. Lint was compacted so tightly that we had to pull it out a little at a time with needle-nose pliers.

It took nearly a half-hour to get it clean.

There is a moral to our story. When you clean your ducting, be sure to check both ends.

We have decided to clean our own dryer duct from now on.

Apparently some of the people who do it for a living have trouble counting to two - the number of ends in a duct.

YOUR OWN SYSTEM

If you can count to two, you will enjoy creating your own duct-vacuuming system that can be used to ensure that your dryer is operating safely while operating at peak energy efficiency.

Even a partially clogged dryer duct is a fire hazard at best, and definitely reduces the appliance's energy-efficiency operation.

First, you will need a short length of garden hose and a plastic cap from a spray can. The cap and hose are connect-

ed to create a slender and flexible vacuum cleaner adaptor.

One end of the hose is cleanly sliced at a 45-degree angle (making it easier to feed around tight corners).

The other end of the hose is fed through a hole in the plastic cap that allows the smaller hose to connect to the larger one on your vacuum.

A tiny bit of duct tape is used to attach the plastic cap to the hose.

Suction from your vacuum cleaner should hold the apparatus in place during cleaning. If not, duct-tape it.

Vacuuming the inside of your dryer will take less than 5 minutes and will immediately improve operating conditions when lint is removed.

The same holds true for the duct in the wall.

By the way, it's a good idea to check your dryer duct. Optimum conditions can often be achieved without a lot of hassle. Here's what to check for and some ways to improve things.

Replace flexible ducting with the rigid kind. The flexible plastic type is

especially bad.

Make connections with metal tape - not screws. For extra strength, strap ducting to the framing - especially near duct connections.

Use the fewest possible 90-degree elbows in the line. Each elbow reduces free flow.

Insulate your dryer duct where it passes through heated areas (crawl space and attic).

This reduces condensation inside the ducting. Wet lint is kind of like plaster of Paris.

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Get a move on moving furniture

One of the fastest ways to give a room a makeover, apart from painting or wallpapering, is to rearrange furniture.

By simply switching around your sofa, loveseat and entertainment center, you'll find the room can take on a completely new look.

However, unless your family comes fully equipped with several moving professionals, moving furniture can be a backbreaking job.

So how to do your revamp your room without ending up in the chiropractor's office? Here are some ways to achieve success without the pain.

Sketch it out. Professional decorators often make quick outline sketches of their ideas on paper.

They also do some of their work on graph paper, which makes it easy to map out the square footage of a room and then compare it in relation to

the squares of the graph paper.

Each square on the paper represents 1 foot. For example, a 2-by-2-foot overstuffed chair on the graph paper would be two blocks wide by two blocks high. Label the shapes for what item of furniture or decorative item (like a rug) each is representing.

Go high-tech. Browse through the software aisle of your local computer store or office supply store and you should find several programs geared toward interior and exterior design.

With these programs, you enter in the measurements of your room and furniture, and then you can move around each item on the screen until you're happy with the placement.

Some of these programs also offer a 3-D virtual walk-through tour, where you can get a 'human's-eye view' of just what the room looks like.

Comparison shop

If you live in a housing development, which are popular in suburban America, many of the houses in the development are the same model.

See what your neighbors have done with the room you're looking to change, so you can get an idea of what works and what doesn't.

Smooth sailing. If you're a hands-on type of person and believe moving around the actual furniture is the only way to get an accurate view of your new design plan, invest in tools that will make the job easier.

New as seen on TV disks that are coated with ultra slippery silicon can be placed under your furniture legs, making it easy to slide around cumbersome items.

Plus, the disks won't snag on your carpet, preventing further headaches.

Agriscience/Floral Program selling plants

The Agriscience/Floral Program of Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest is taking orders for poinsettias, wreaths, roping, holiday cactus and hanging baskets.

Plant prices range from \$5 (for holiday cactus or poinsettias in a 4-inch pot), to \$40 (for a poinsettia tree in a 10-inch pot).

Wreaths come in three sizes,

ranging in price from \$8 to \$20 (undecorated) and \$10 to \$30 (decorated).

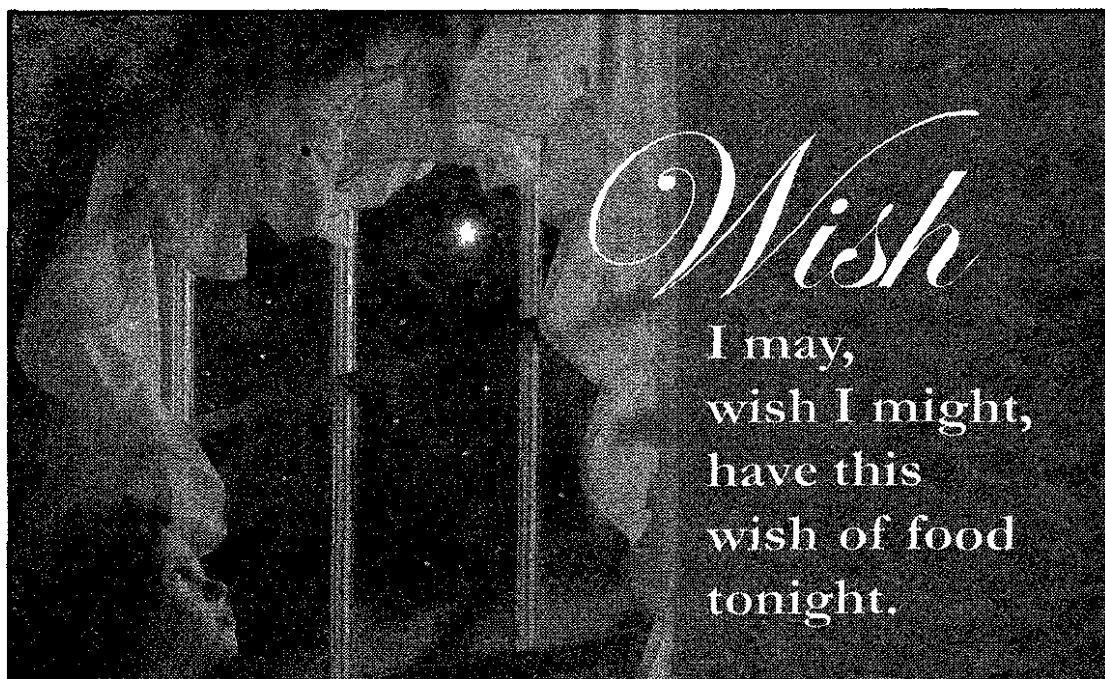
Special order, undecorated wreaths in extra-large sizes (4 and 6 feet) are \$40 and \$55.

Roping is \$40 for 50 feet. Grave blankets also available. Call (248) 960-5442 or (248) 960-5400 for complete offerings and prices and more

information.

The program's holiday selection (including permanent wreaths, garlands, candle rings, centerpieces, wall designs, ornaments and topiaries) can be seen at the campus, 1000 Beck Road in Wixom.

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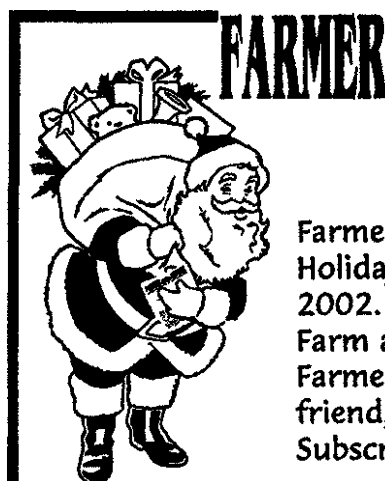
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Add fresh blooms to any and every occasion

(WMS) - There is no mistaking the inviting presence of fresh-cut flowers. They can be the basis of holiday decorations, set the mood for a moonlight dinner for two or add a sense of elegance to a wedding reception.

Flowers also can set the scene when you are entertaining. From a lavish banquet to an intimate morning brunch, the right flowers are the perfect complement.

The presence of flowers lends a grace to any and every occasion, but you must choose your flowers carefully and condition them so that they will look best for your party.

There are a few things to consider before creating your personalized floral arrangement.

Here are some tips, courtesy of *Malcolm Hilher Entertaining* by Malcolm Hilher.

TOOLS

For informal displays, you will need a good pair of florists' scissors, a pair of pruners for cutting wood stems, a small, sharp knife for scraping stems, and buckets in which to condition flowers.

Flowers also can set the scene when you are entertaining. From a lavish banquet to an intimate morning brunch, the right flowers are the perfect complement.

For more complex arrangements, you may need florists' foam, chicken wire, stub wires, wire cutters, florists' gum and prongs.

FLOWER CHOICE

First decide on the type of arrangement (or arrangements) you want at your party. Where would you like to display it? How much space is available? What vases or other receptacles do you have? What flowers are in season? Do they

dictate your color scheme or tie in with it?

Low displays are most suitable for the table, but larger bold ones really can impress, either have one on the dining table until guests sit down to eat or place on a side table or mantelpiece.

CONDITIONING

Buy flowers three days in advance of the occasion, selecting specimens that are just beyond the bud stage, with healthy fresh leaves. Check that stems that have been underwater aren't white or pale and are free of slimy bacteria.

When you return home, prepare all plant material by cutting the ends of the stems at a sharp angle and scraping around each stem up from the base.

Remove any leaves that will be submerged in the final arrangement, and plunge the flowers or foliage into a bucket of water with three or four drops of household bleach added (this inhibits the bacteria that causes plants to rot).

Leave in a cool, light (not sunny) place for at least two hours, but preferably overnight or until buds have opened and you do the arrangement, ideally the day before the event. Keep the buckets in a cool place to prolong the plant material's life.

Once the plants are arranged, change the water regularly, adding a few drops of bleach each time.

Drooping stems are sometimes revived by placing their ends into almost boiling water for five to 10 minutes.

Give your walls a change of art

(NAPSI) - One of the easiest and quickest ways to change your home decor is wall art.

Hanging a new print or poster, or changing pieces with the seasons, can transform the mood of any room. Decorators say it's also a nice way to make a dramatic difference inexpensively.

To do this, many consumers are turning to the Internet for home decorating ideas and solutions because of its convenience, cost effectiveness and simplicity.

"Web sites like Art.com are a great resource for choosing and purchasing wall art," said Melissa Andron of Realm Design Studio.

"The site is ideal as a virtual gallery for determining individual style. Plus, with their online custom framing, it's an easy and economical way to create the look and quality everyone is searching for without breaking the budget."

Internet sites such as Art.com resolve any doubt surrounding the selection of wall art. They provide visitors with art as unique as each customer.

Art.com, for example, provides visitors with an extensive

selection that is easy to navigate with an alphabetical inventory of artists and subjects, and a list of the 100 most popular selections.

The option for viewing and buying prints with a variety of frames eliminates the guesswork by allowing the consumer to quickly judge which frame and matte looks best with the print.

The site even offers decorating tips for shoppers with advice on how to set the mood in a room and how to group prints with furniture.

Gift certificates from Art.com allow recipients to choose their own gift at their convenience.

The site offers consumers more than 1.4 trillion product combinations in a friendly, informative and easy-to-navigate shopping venue.

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