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### Dancing success

Salem High School freshman Amy Calmes of Canton was one of three Americans at the Perth/Oxford District of the Western Ontario Highland Dance Association competition in Woodstock Ontario Dec 1 and she came



home a big winner

Calmes won four first place medals one second place and was part of the Best in Group trophy winning group. She was also named Best Overall Intermediate dancer.

Calmes who has been dancing for four years now moves up to the level of Premier Highland dancer the art's highest level. She will spend the winter practicing and will debut as a premier in April. She will go on to the regional championships at the Alma Highland Games and Festival in May. If she finishes in the top three she qualifies for the national championships in North Carolina in July.

### Moving up

Plymouth resident Karen McAmmond immigration practice group manager in the Detroit office of the law



firm of Miller Canfield Paddock and Stone was named vice president of the Organization for Women in International Trade Detroit Chapter on Dec 5.

Before joining Miller Canfield McAmmond was an immigration legal specialist at Marshal E. Hyman & Associates from 1996-2000. Dykema Gossett from 1994-96 and immigration and state department liaison for U.S. Sen. Donald Riegle Jr. from 1992-94.

At Miller Canfield she prepares immigration forms and supporting documentation for immigrant and non-immigrant visas. She keeps clients apprised of programs and policies relating to immigration law and serves as a resource person to clients and the firm regarding immigration issues.

She received her bachelor of arts degree in 1992 from Michigan State University and is a member of Phi Beta Delta, The International Honor Society.

She is a member of the Legal Assistant Section of the State Bar of Michigan, a member of the education committee of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce and a frequent speaker on immigration related topics.

# Schools brace for budget problems

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school officials are mulling over the ever-increasing possibility the governor's cuts could result in a \$5 million budget shortfall of their own.

School officials aren't optimistic the state will deliver on a

promised \$200-per-pupil increase in the state foundation grant next year, and, for Plymouth-Canton Schools, that could mean budget cuts for the 2003-2004 school year.

"We're pretty sure we're not going to get the foundation grant increase," said Superintendent Jim Ryan. "If we don't get the \$200 founda-

tion increase, and the retirement rate goes up another 2 percent, we could be looking at about a \$5 million problem."

The saving grace for Plymouth-Canton continues to be that it's a growing district, and more students mean more state money. However, even that won't be enough to ward off a looming deficit.

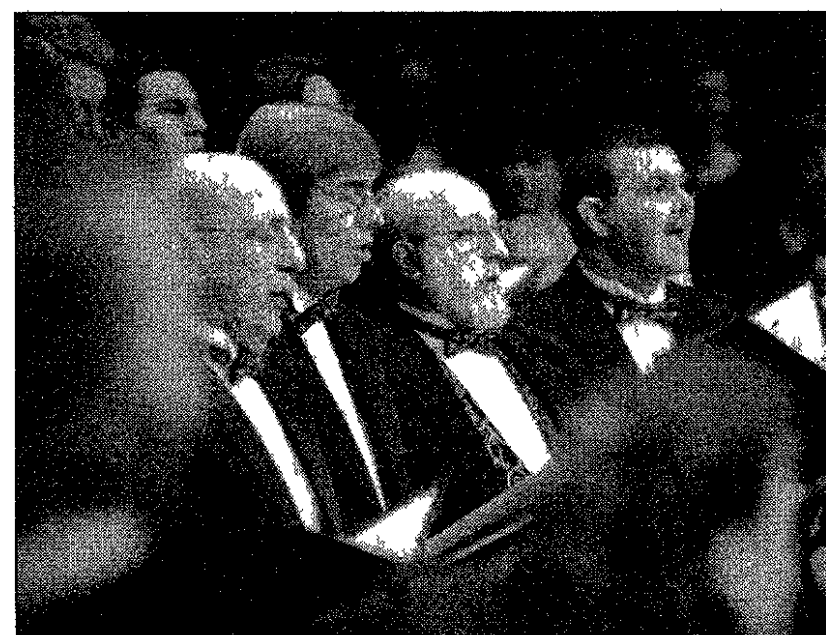
"We need to sit down and be very aggressive so the Board of Education can figure out how much of it we can bank on getting saved with an increase in students next year, determine if we can use any of the fund balance, and then determine what cuts need to be made," said Ryan. "We've given the process a lot of thought, but I really

haven't thought about specific cuts."

School board members are taking the situation very seriously, and plan to attack the problem early, board president Elizabeth Givens said.

"We want to plan now for that potential. That way, any upward

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLS, A7



A group of men stand out during "Come And See The King"

# Chorus about more than just singing

Community group uses performances to give back

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

For a lot of people, the name "Plymouth Community Chorus" conjures images of a small-town chorus full of people who get together simply to sing.

It's that misconception members of the chorus love to debunk. Their annual performances more closely resembling big-time productions than quaint concerts.

"People are expecting a little community chorus that sings together," said Michael Gross, the chorus' director the last 24 years. "What they get is a well-produced show when they come to see us. Not only is the music incredible, but the lighting design, the stage design is all factored into what we take out to the audience."

"It's a choral concert, but it's a production. People aren't expecting that at all."

Not bad for a group that began modestly in 1973 but has since grown to 125 singers drawn from all over southeastern Michigan. Not surprisingly, the bulk of the group's

PLEASE SEE CHORUS, A8



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Plymouth Community Chorus Director Michael Gross leads the ensemble through a rendition of 'Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas,' during the group's performance Friday at Northville High School.

# City to drop tickets, pay Broe legal fees

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The City of Plymouth will rescind the tickets issued to three supported-living facilities on Farmer Street, and could pay more than \$20,000 in legal fees and court costs, to end a federal lawsuit initiated by Broe Rehabilitation Services of Farmington Hills. The outcome is the result of a consent agreement finalized in the chambers of U.S. District Court Judge Robert Cleland in Detroit Wednesday afternoon.

"The judgment means the city is required to dismiss the three tickets with prejudice, meaning they can't re-sue them," said attorney Gregory Bator, of Bator & Berlin of Birmingham, who represents Dr. Timothy Broe. "They

(city attorneys) indicated they would take action immediately, possibly as soon as (Thursday).

"The court encouraged them to consider us the prevailing party, meaning we would be entitled to attorney fees," said Bator.

The city's attorney, Jim DeGrazia of the Bloomfield Hills firm of O'Connor, DeGrazia and Tamm, said the consent agreement does not include an admission of liability on behalf of the city.

"This represented a reasonable resolution of the litigation. It's in the best interest of the city, and the best for all concerned," said DeGrazia. "It was a case that would have been difficult to win."

Bator said he expects attorney fees to be in the range of \$20,000.

However, the total will also have to "consider any other damages, damages the clients (Broe residents) have suffered and damages the business has suffered. We haven't made that determination yet."

"We need to see if the city will come to its senses with a reasonable settlement," Bator said. "If there's no resolution, it could cost the city more if we file additional briefs in the case."

DeGrazia said Bator shouldn't expect much more than the legal fees. "An attempt to claim any other damages would be improper," he said. "They were never shut down, and they didn't lose any days of business. We would contest any attempt at damages."

PLEASE SEE BROE, A4

# Engler will sign books at museum

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. John Engler's last scheduled appearance before he leaves office Dec. 31 will be at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Engler will autograph his book, 'John Engler: The Man, the Leader and the Legacy,' from 3-5 p.m. Saturday. He'll be accompanied by the author, Gleave Whitney, who has been Engler's speech writer and historian the past 11 years.

Engler's visit to Plymouth isn't a coincidence, said 20th House District Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township). In fact, it was during recent negotiations over executive order budget cuts that Stewart used

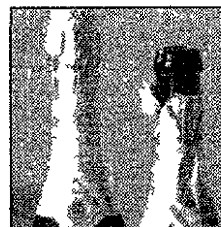
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# Engler taps former Plymouth resident for airport authority

**BY JACK GLADDEN**  
STAFF WRITER

Canton resident David Treadwell has been appointed by Gov John Engler to the seven-member Wayne County Airport Authority.

He replaces William T McCormick, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of CMS Energy Corp., who resigned because he no longer resides in the area prescribed by the Airport Authority statute.

Treadwell is president and CEO of Heritage Development

and a member of the board of ASC Inc. He's being appointed to a term expiring Oct 1, 2008.

"The governor called me and asked if I would be willing to do it," Treadwell said. "I think it's interesting."

There's no question the airport is a huge economic generator to Michigan. It's a great opportunity for everybody."



Treadwell

Treadwell, who's lived in the Canton and Plymouth area for 18 years, was president and CEO of Prechter Holdings until that firm was sold in May and June of this year.

He's on the board of directors of Fifth Third Bank, a south-east Michigan regional bank, and served as chairman of ASC just prior to the sale.

A former Plymouth Township resident, he's an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

He and his wife have lived in Canton for seven years. They

**'The governor called me and asked if I would be willing to do it. I think it's interesting. There's no question the airport is a huge economic generator to Michigan. It's a great opportunity for everybody.'**

David Treadwell  
Canton resident

have three children. Two attend Plymouth and Salem high schools and the third, a graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy, attends Kalamazoo College.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack was pleased to learn

of the appointment.

"I know the people who know him respect him immensely," Yack said. "I like that appointment."

The airport authority manages Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports. Of the seven members, four are appointed by the Wayne County executive, one by the Wayne County Commission and two by the governor. Senate Bill 690, signed by Engler on March 26, established the authority.

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## AROUND TOWN

### PCAC TICKETS

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

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

"Passions of the Past: A 70's Bash" is the theme of the 2003 benefit which supports PCAC educational and community arts programming. The group promises a psychedelic evening of fun with dancing to classics by the Rolling Stones, Elton John, Jimmy Buffet, Pink Floyd and others.

To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee, call the

PCAC, (734) 416-4278

### WORLD SABBATH

The fourth-annual World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation, the interfaith day of making peace among the world's religions, takes place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan 25, at Christ Church Cranbrook on Lone Pine Road (between Telegraph and Woodward) in Bloomfield Hills.

The World Sabbath was established four years ago in response to religious persecution and war in distant parts of the world.

"Today, we celebrate the World Sabbath to build religious tolerance, interfaith understanding and peace within our own land and across the globe," said Rev. Rod Reinhart, an event organizer.

During the World Sabbath, people of all faiths gather at Christ Church Cranbrook to pray for justice and peace.

Leaders of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths will tell of God's healing power to give us the strength and courage we need to change the world," Reinhart said.

Naja Bazzi, a leading young Muslim woman from Michigan featured on a recent PBS special on contemporary Islam, will be one of the featured speakers at the World Sabbath.

For more information visit

the Web site at [www.worldsabbath.com](http://www.worldsabbath.com) or call Reinhart, (734) 459-7319 or Rev. Ed Mullins, (248) 644-5210

### TOWNSHIP OPENINGS

Officials in Plymouth Township are looking for people to serve on a number of boards and commissions.

Openings occur periodically on such boards, and are filled through appointment by the supervisor, with the approval of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees.

Township officials are currently trying to develop a pool of interested candidates for such future openings.

Active boards and commissions include the planning commission, Downtown Development Authority, compensation commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Tax Board of Review, Civil Service Commission and the Board of Canvassers. Term lengths and time commitments vary.

More information can be found on the township's Web site, [www.plymouthtp.org/government/boardsandcommissions.htm](http://www.plymouthtp.org/government/boardsandcommissions.htm).

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest/application to Supervisor Steve Mann, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information call (734) 354-3201

### POSTCARD BOOK

The Plymouth Historical Museum announced Acadia Press will publish a new book for the museum on "Vintage Postcards of Plymouth." With the success of the museum's current book, "Plymouth's First Century," the publishing house was eager to work on a new publication.

Elizabeth Kerstens, author of "Plymouth's First Century," will also author the postcard book. Kerstens is the head archivist of the Plymouth Historical Museum and "brings a wealth of knowledge on vintage postcards, their usage and publication, to this new project," museum officials said.

The museum is also interested in hearing from people in the community about any vintage postcards of Plymouth they may have to scan for the new book. Please contact the museum via e-mail at [plymouthhistoricalmuseum@net-zero.net](mailto:plymouthhistoricalmuseum@net-zero.net), or call (734) 455-8940.

S Main St., from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec 21, and at Ageless Wisdom, 470 Forest, from noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec 22. The book is a collection of everyday practical wisdom on how a woman's life can be peaceful, beautiful, safe and sacred every day.

Call the Little Book Shoppe, (734) 455-5220, or Ageless Wisdom, (734) 207-5310, for more information.

### SWEARING-IN

Local residents wishing to see the swearing-in of the state legislature in Lansing now have their chance.

Four buses will leave the Plymouth Historical Museum at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan 8 for the trip to Lansing for the swearing-in of the state House of Representatives, including John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, who won re-election in the November general election.

Lunch will be provided, along with tours of the state Capitol and the Michigan Historical Museum. Buses will return to the museum by 5:30 p.m.

For reservations, call Beth Stewart, (734) 455-8940.

woman governor of Michigan. Michiganians can learn more about her and other historical women in the November/December 2002 special issue of "Michigan History" magazine.

This issue, which focuses on amazing women in Michigan's past, tells the stories of political activist Mildred Jeffrey, women's rights activist Martha Griffiths, George Custer's devoted wife Libbie and Michigan's last Titanic survivor. The issue also features readers' submissions about the mothers, aunts, grandmothers and friends who made a difference in their lives.


"The role of women in our history demands greater attention," said editor Roger Rosentreter. "We set out in this issue to chronicle as much about Michigan women as we could pack into ninety-six pages."

Readers can find out more about selected Michigan History topics on the magazine's Web site. On-line features from this issue include stories about activist Sojourner Truth, members of late-19th century women's clubs and the establishment of women's sports programs in Michigan high schools. Visit Michigan History's Web site at [www.michiganhistory-magazine.com](http://www.michiganhistory-magazine.com) for these and other topics.


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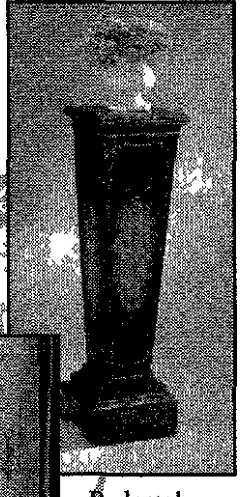
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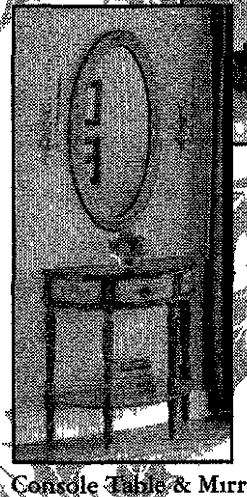
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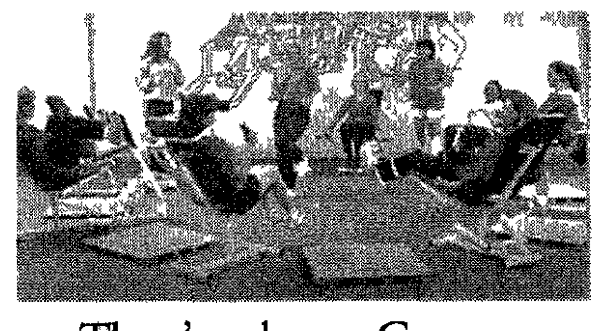
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# Ficano faces tough budget decisions

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

When Robert Ficano is sworn in Jan. 2 as Wayne County's third chief executive, he will face daunting challenges.

The county is looking at an estimated \$50 million deficit, which will require cutting staffing and programs, the area's economy continues to be weak, and federal and state investigators have subpoenaed county records on contracts from the current administration of Edward McNamara.

Still, during an interview last week Ficano sounded upbeat, even as he battled a cold and the logistics of transitioning out of his job as sheriff and into the executive's office.

The transition began in September and October before the general election. Ficano, who lives in Livonia, said that in recent weeks committees have been formed and final reports are due today for final recommendations.

On Nov. 22, the FBI and State police took files from county offices causing a blip in the process.

"For three, four, five days after subpoenas were served, everything came to dead stop in the building," Ficano said.

"That meant that any transition that was going on was by institutional memory of people going back and forth."

Meanwhile, Ficano, who has served as Wayne County sheriff since 1983, and his staff have been meeting with his replacement, Warren Evans, who was selected by a committee to fill out the last two years of Ficano's term.

Ficano said

He said a reduction in the tax would probably not mean a reduction in parking fees, as many vendors are planning to keep rates the same and pocket the difference. The vendors have been lobbying for the reduction.

"We've been trying to counterbalance that. I had breakfast with the Wayne County delegation, I was up there yesterday (Dec. 10). I was allowed to speak with the Democratic caucus, met with Rick Johnson (the Republican speaker) and we're hopeful of success," Ficano said.

## INDIGENT HEALTH CARE

Ficano is suggesting that if the legislature keeps the tax at 30 percent they could earmark the money for indigent health care in Wayne County.

Administrators at several county hospitals have told him they're concerned about cuts to indigent health care.

"We're going to have a separate conference on indigent health care, because eventually all that problem comes to them at their emergency room," Ficano said.

"They (indigents) go to their emergency room and that drives up your cost and my cost."

He said if the county can't pay for those services, the state is mandated to provide the care at a greater cost to taxpayers.

In addition, the county faces a \$2 million cut in revenue sharing money, with more cuts expected in March when the new governor, Jennifer Granholm, has a chance to review the budget.



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Wayne County Executive-elect Robert Ficano

about the letting of county contracts, which is at the heart of the investigation of the McNamara Administration. Ficano said whether true or not, there is a perception that things aren't fair in Wayne County.

"We want to make sure that even if you bid for a contract that if you don't get it, you walk away and feel you had a fair shot," he said.

Ficano has been meeting with auto executives to discuss their procurement procedures and has enlisted the aid of the Procurement Association to help him formulate a policy.

He is also looking at partnerships with private companies and other units of government.

As an example, he said he's been discussing developing an afterschool program modeled on the UAW's partnership with the auto companies.

He is also looking at combining buying with some of the county's financially strapped communities to realize savings from an economy of scale.

"Everybody buys cars, tires for cars, things like that," he said.

"Your buying power's much greater if you do that."

He has also been meeting with other leaders, including Republicans.

He said he'll be happy to steal any ideas that have been successful for Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson. He is also listening to a Wayne County Republican leader.

"I've met many times with Tom Yack out in Canton, in fact he's been on some of our transition things, about how he gets results and how he brings family orientation to the community. I'm impressed with how he does that," Ficano said.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

At the center of Wayne County economic development is the county's two airports, which are now under the control of an independent authority.

"We've had several meetings with Wayne Doran, who's the chair of the airport authority," Ficano said. "I think he's very sincere about wanting to work with us. He's full of good ideas, great ideas about how he wants to partner with us for economic development."

The executive-elect sees the I-275 and I-94 corridors as vital for county development. He is particularly interested in attracting high-tech companies, many with ties to the already existing automobile industry.

Ficano said he doesn't see economic development in terms of competing with Oakland and Macomb counties for companies.

He said if Oakland county were to get a major tenant, Wayne County could benefit by attracting a supplier to that industry.

"A Boeing moving from Seattle to Chicago rarely, rarely occurs, that's why it's big news when it does," Ficano said. "Your economic development comes from existing and growing businesses around you."

Ficano said the Pinnacle Aeropark project, south of Detroit Metro Airport, is still viable as well as other

## Ficano inauguration slate set

Wayne County Executive-elect Robert Ficano announced last week that Faylene Owen is serving as chairwoman of his Inaugural Celebration Committee.

"I am excited to have someone with Faylene's experience and reputation to guide the planning of our inaugural events," Ficano said.

Owen previously served as a member of the Inaugural Committee for President Bill Clinton and as the head of the Inaugural Committee for Gov. James Blanchard. She currently is the president of Mica Corp.

"Bob Ficano is a superb public servant, and I am proud to serve with so many to plan his inaugural celebration," Owen said.

The Ficano Inaugural Celebration activities include:

10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 2: Swearing-in ceremony on the steps of the Wayne County Building, 600 Randolph, Detroit. The

swearing-in is open to everyone 8 a.m. Friday, Jan. 3: Ecumenical prayer breakfast at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. Seven Mile, Detroit. Tickets are free to anyone. Admission is by ticket only: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 4: Ficano Family Fun-Land event at The Parade Company, 9600 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. Tickets are free to anyone. Admission is by ticket only.

Noon Wednesday, Jan. 8: Senior Citizens Luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. Tickets are free. Admission is by ticket only.

7:30-11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18: Inaugural celebration evening at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit. The evening is black-tie optional and is open to anyone. Tickets are \$50 each and available from the Ficano Inaugural Committee office at (734) 354-3603 and at all Ticketmaster locations.

developments centering around Metro and Willow Run Airports. He said the 2006 Super bowl will also help spur development.

## ETHICS ISSUES

The sheriff is taking a 'wait and see' approach to the current McNamara investigation. The FBI has subpoenaed campaign records from many prominent Democrats with ties to McNamara including governor-elect Granholm, County Prosecutor Michael Duggan and Redford Supervisor and congressional candidate Kevin Kelley.

In an interview with a Detroit daily, Ficano has said he is against the county paying legal fees for anyone fighting criminal charges.

Ficano will be implementing some changes to address some of the ethical concerns raised during McNamara's administration.

He said he will appoint an inspector general to look at ethical conflicts. In addition, he said all appointees will be asked

to sign an agreement that will prohibit them from taking a job with anyone they procured a contract with for up to a year after leaving office or from joining a lobbying firm that has lobbied their department for up to a year after leaving office.

Ficano said he shares McNamara's concerns about new rules imposed by the county commission on contracting.

"The pendulum has swung almost completely the other way and there is paralysis," he said. "I know from my own experience - six months to order toilet paper for the jail. I think there has to be a review. The system has to be perceived as fair, a level playing field."

Ficano is looking forward to his inauguration, which he says is the fulfillment of the immigrant dreams of his grandfather and father who came from Italy.

"They would never be able to imagine that this country would be so full of that kind of opportunity although that's why they were coming here," he said. "I wish my grandfather were here for it."

## BUDGET IS TOP CONCERN

First up on Ficano's agenda is the budget problem.

Ficano has been meeting with legislators about proposals to change the airport parking tax. An attempt to change the tax last year was narrowly defeated. The 30 percent tax on parking at the airport and at private lots within five miles of the airport has been worth up to \$16 million a year to the county's general fund.

Legislators are looking to cut the tax in half and distribute money to out-state airports, the city of Romulus and Wayne County. The airport parking tax has already been taking in less revenue because of a decline in air travel over the last year.

## STREAMLINING

On the other side, Ficano is looking at streamlining county government.

"What we're doing is prioritizing programs and their costs, seeing if there are any duplications," he said.

"We're looking at what the salaries are for staff and we're seeing what the cost is of duplication of position and those kind of things. We'll be reducing some salaries, staff and streamlining."

Ficano said some scheduled salary increases for January will be frozen.

The streamlining blends into other changes Ficano wants to make in county government. He is particularly concerned

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# Salem grad chosen for business conference

Nicole Rertz figured she'd get a chance to hear some of the country's top business executives talk about how they handled tough times when she attended the Business Today International Conference XXVIII in New York last month.

She wasn't disappointed. Rertz, a 1999 Plymouth Salem High School graduate and a student at Northwestern University, was chosen to attend the conference, which provided an opportunity for



Rertz

accomplished college students and senior executives to debate and discuss the ethical and operational dilemmas that have recently plagued the

business community.

Rertz was among 210 students from 92 schools in 16 nations to attend. Sixty of the students selected, including Rertz, were members of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), an honors organization recognizing outstanding academic achievement among first and second year college students and encouraging members to develop leadership skills through community service.

Among the speakers were Ralph Nader, Joseph Berardino (former CEO, Arthur Andersen), and Catherine R. Kinney (president and COO, New York Stock Exchange). According to Rertz, Nader "spoke extremely passionately" about civic responsibility even through troubled economic times, while Berardino "dealt bravely with many questions on the ethical issues that faced Andersen with the fall of Enron as well as his own personal views of the incident."

And, while those speakers were good, Rertz said her favorite was Chip Perry, president and CEO of AutoTrader.com. Perry talked about the qualifications of having a successful "dot com" business, and gave some specifics as to the fall of other Internet-based companies.

"Overall, I felt I gained excellent exposure to new people and ideas throughout the conference," said Rertz, the daughter of Dennis and Cheryl Rertz of Plymouth. "I was afforded networking connections with students and industry leaders that will serve me well in the future."

The conference focused on the issue of corporate leadership under adversity and addressed three main themes: Restoring growth and progress, business ethics and oversight, and managing people. More than 85 senior executives in industries ranging from finance to retail markets were there.

During executive seminars, panel discussions, and keynote addresses, students got a chance to challenge executives on a broad range of issues.

Business Today was founded in 1968 by Steve Forbes, Jon Pearl, and Mike Mims while undergraduates at Princeton University. The goal of the organization is to bring together the most promising business minds of the future with the most successful business minds of the present. For more information about Business Today, please contact Robert Mulcare by e-mail at [rmulcare@princeton.edu](mailto:rmulcare@princeton.edu). The Business Today web site is located at [www.businesstoday.org](http://www.businesstoday.org).

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### NONFICTION

- 1 "Portrait of a Killer," Patricia Cornwell
- 2 "Bush at War," Bob Woodward
- 3 "Leadership," Rudolph Giuliani
- 4 "Journals," Kurt Cobain
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- 1 "Four Blind Mice," James Patterson
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- 3 "The Christmas Train," David Baldacci
- 4 "Answered Prayers," Danielle Steel
- 5 "The Lovely Bones," Alice Sebold

# Problems force plane to miss Mettetal Airport runway

A small plane received substantial damage Sunday after rolling across Joy Road near Mettetal Airport about 1 p.m. No one was injured in the incident. Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said a 30-year-old Canton man was piloting the plane that apparently developed electrical problems shortly after takeoff.

Mutchler said the pilot started to land but changed his mind because of the electrical problems.

"When he was making his third landing approach, he called out a Mayday on his radio but because of the electrical problems he wasn't sure he was being heard," Mutchler said. "He wasn't getting communication back from Mettetal."

After calling out the Mayday, the man landed the plane, a 1976 Cessna 172M, but was a little farther down the runway than normal.

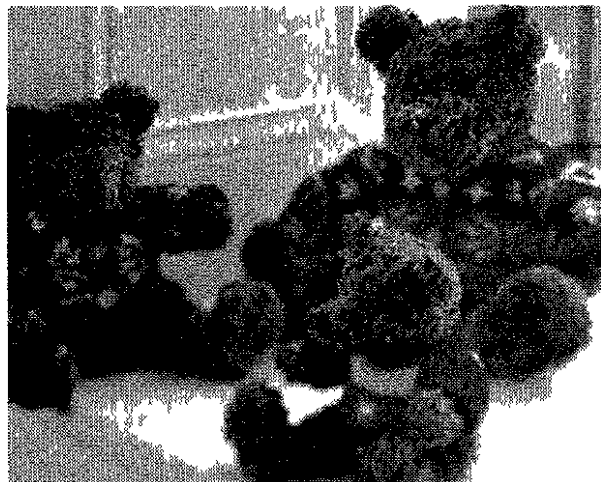
While the plane's brakes were

working, he was not able to stop it from going off the runway and crossing Joy Road.

"The pilot estimated he crossed Joy Road going about 30 miles an hour," Mutchler said. "Luckily there was no traffic on Joy at the time."

The man was not hurt but damage to the Cessna was estimated at between \$3,500 and \$5,000. The propeller was bent after hitting the ground.

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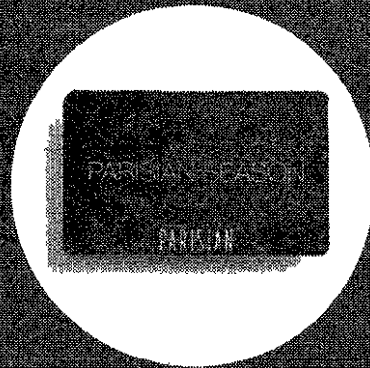
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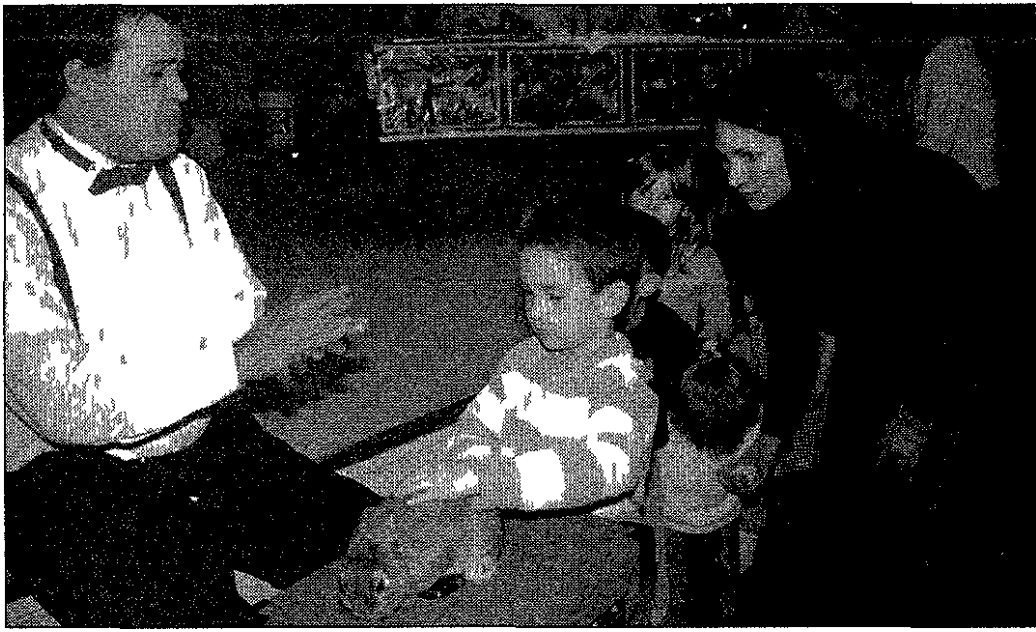
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**Kids help kids**

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**Memorial candles**

Lindsay Wyer (left), 19, of Livonia lights a candle in memory of her cousin as her friend Michelle Bannister 19, of Redford, honors the memory of her mother during the annual candle-lighting ceremony in remembrance of International Children's Memorial Day Dec. 8 in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. The event was organized by Barb Kilgore of Canton, whose son, Mike, a 16-year-old student at Salem High School, died in March 1998 after suffering a massive heart attack. The ceremony is set up in partnership with the Livonia chapter of The Compassionate Friends.

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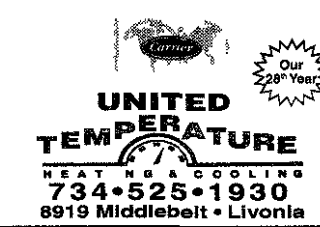
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## SCHOOLS

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change will be to our benefit," said Givens. The school board will begin discussions on next year's budget in February.

"We need to look seriously at the budget and have discussions on our goals. Then, we'll begin discussions on specific things we may target for reduction, and the things we don't want to touch, before we build the budget."

Trustee Tom Wysocki said, "We know we'll have to do something, so as a board we need to work on making

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Tom Wysocki  
trustee

intelligent choices. An increase in student growth will make it easier for us, but it's not easy to forecast."

Board treasurer Judy Mardigian reiterated the key to addressing any budget deficit is starting early to give the

administration parameters on what to do.

"We're going back to having budget workshops with a thorough deep-dive in the budget. We'll have to go deeper than we have the last two years."

Last May, the school board cut \$1.2 million to balance the 2002-2003 budget.

Mardigian hopes any cuts the board makes this year will be short-lived. "We may have to freeze some activities for one year. I'm hoping it's only a one-year problem."

Personnel cuts would be a last option on Givens' list, she said.

"We want to stay away, as close as possible, to people cuts

such as laying off teachers. One advantage we have is that we already have our unions locked into contracts, which gives us a good picture of where we are financially."

Mardigian maintained the board needs to work more closely with state lawmakers, considering the state foundation grant and increases in retirement rates are controlled by the legislature.

"I plan on going to Lansing this spring to make the case for Plymouth-Canton," Mardigian said. "We are a growing district that needs to open new facilities and take on increasing expenses."

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## ENGLER

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his influence as a member of the House Appropriations Committee to get Engler to the Historical Museum.

"He (Engler) needed the votes of the Appropriations Committee to pass his executive orders to balance the budget," said Stewart, who was among a group of committee members who met with Engler Dec. 4 at the University Club in East Lansing. "He wanted a 5-percent cut in revenue sharing, and I went nose-to-nose with

him telling him zero."

Stewart's concerns were the three cities in his district with declining populations - Plymouth, Northville and Wayne - that would get hit the hardest from another revenue-sharing reduction.

"We finally settled at 3-1/2 percent. He (Engler) then turned around to calculate the figures, and asked if I thought Plymouth could handle \$36,000, Northville \$17,000, and Plymouth Township \$88,000 in cuts," said Stewart. "I told him that would be acceptable."

"He then asked me what it would take to get my vote. I

told him I wanted him to do a book signing in Plymouth, and he agreed."

Engler's book costs \$20, with 20 percent of the day's proceeds going to the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Stewart said Engler almost became one of his constituents. "He looked at moving to Hough Park in Plymouth and was going to send the triplets to Plymouth Christian Academy. Instead, he decided to move to Franklin."

Stewart has been asked by Gov.-elect Jennifer Granholm to be part of her ecumenical and inter-faith service at 8 a.m. Jan. 1 at St. Mary's Cathedral in

Lansing.

"It will be the first inaugural worship service, and I will be the only Republican reading scripture and doing a solo at the service," Stewart said.

Stewart chose "Be Thou My Vision" as his solo. "It speaks to praying for God's vision, and Lord knows, she will need it."

Stewart, who has sung with local choirs, knows, in part, why Granholm selected him.

"I'm known around Lansing to have a singing voice. Plus, I'm a moderately conservative Republican, and she'll need my vote."

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## FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from Dec. 9-15.

■ **Sunday, Dec. 15** —

Investigation on Joy, north of Lilley, vehicle accident on Sheldon, rescue runs at a public building on 5 Mile and on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Sheldon and on Ann Arbor Trail, downed wires at Ridge and M-14, rescue at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley.

■ **Saturday, Dec. 14** —

Investigation on Evergreen, industrial rescue run on Sheldon, vehicle accidents at Sheldon and Joy and on Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Main, residential rescue run on Holbrook.

■ **Friday, Dec. 13** —

Commercial rescue runs on Main, on Ann Arbor Road and on Northville Road, vehicle accidents on Mill north of Ann Arbor Trail, at Northville Road and 5 Mile and at Main and Penniman, rescue runs on Main and at Holbrook and Liberty, investigations on Haggerty and on Pinetree, residential rescue runs on Leighwood and on Haggerty.

■ **Thursday, Dec. 12** —

Investigation on Plymouth Road, vehicle accident at Mill and Main, residential rescue runs on William and on Maple, industrial rescue run on Helm.

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 11** —

Smoke investigation on Main, commercial rescue runs on Northville Road, on Beck and on Haggerty, residential rescue run on Parkview, vehicle accidents at Harvey and Palmer, vehicle accident with wash-down at Ann Arbor Trail and Haggerty, investigation on Deer, carbon monoxide detector alarm on Pinetree.

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 10** —

Residential rescue runs on McKinley, on Shadywood, on Karmada, on Lexington, on Lilley and on Northville Road, vehicle accidents with wash-down at Ann Arbor Trail and Beck and on 5 Mile west of Sheldon, mutual-aid rescue run on Joy Road at Tavistock.

■ **Monday, Dec. 9** —

Residential rescue runs on Sheldon, on Newport, on Deer Court, on Ann Arbor Road, on Van Buren, on Northville Road and on Chestwick, mutual-aid run at Joy and Lilley, investigation on Southworth.

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# CHORUS

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members hail from Plymouth and Canton, but there are also singers from as close as Westland and Farmington Hills and from as far away as Fenton

The chorus plays a two-concert schedule - Christmas and spring - that is more than a little misleading

Their performances are numerous, including an annual trip to Plymouth's Independence Village, where they played Tuesday night for senior citizens who can't get out

The group also plays at benefits and other venues, including a trip to Washington, D.C., earlier this year to perform at the National Cathedral

The group's Christmas concert drew scores of people to Northville High School last week, and audience members were treated to a broad range of Christmas classics and secular music, including an audience-participation portion

In addition to their singing, chorus members serve the community in other ways

For instance, they've answered phones for public television drives, sung Christmas carols for seniors, and they make donations to the Salvation Army and Hospice

The community service is one



The entire chorus sings, 'Jesus Oh, What A Wonderful Child'



Carole Brooks of Canton, right, joins the chorus in a rendition of 'O Come All Ye Faithful'

of the things that draws members in

"We really appreciate the community support," said Eunice Taylor, who joined the chorus 14 years ago and now serves as its publicity director. "We think we should be giving back to the community"

Not only is it a feeling, Gross said, it's more of a mission

"I really believe in community service," said Gross, who graduated Eastern Michigan University with a degree in music education

"It's more than just about singing. Even though singing is our focus, it's more than that. It has to be. You have to give something back"

He's felt that way all along, since he auditioned for the position as the group's director

before 26 chorus members in 1978

Gross knew the group had a solid nucleus, and he envisioned bigger and better things right from the jump

"They said they couldn't pay me anything, but they wanted to know if I was interested, and I was," said Gross, who has attended workshops at the prestigious Eastman School of Music in New York

I thought there was the potential there to create a good group

Turns out he was right. The group has nearly quintupled in size since then, with a diverse group of singers

The group's success can be traced directly to the kind of people who make up its core, Gross said

There's a tremendous camaraderie in that group. I think they try very hard to make people feel welcome, yet also understand there's a standard that's expected. I think people want to be part of something that's better than they could have done themselves



Peter DeLong, Greg Fuchs and Matthew Ilas perform 'Wonderful Counselor' accompanied on guitar

How devoted are the people to the group? They pay an annual dues that covers 40 percent of the group's annual budget

It takes \$85,000 to \$95,000 to finance the chorus. Forty percent of the revenue comes from ticket sales, and another 20 percent comes from patrons, who donate in various amounts

The rest of it comes from the members themselves. Taylor recalls the group needing additional seated risers and members coming up with \$6,500 to buy them

It's very expensive, and it's totally self-supporting, said Taylor, the 14-year veteran



Emory Robbins, left, talks with Bud Simms as he receives a shoulder rub from Leonard Radionoff during the intermission. Norman Kindred is at back left

I think it shows the dedication of the people in the chorus

The group has enjoyed tremendous success, and Gross said he feels lucky to have been a part of it

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# Baby's death sparks awareness of foodborne bacteria

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

The birth of a new baby is supposed to be the most joyous occasion in a couple's life. For Livonia's Angela Babosh, it was the start of a personal nightmare.

On Christmas Eve of 1996, Babosh delivered a baby girl named Morgan Faith. Two days later, the infant died of a foodborne illness called listeria monocytogenes.

Now almost six years later, Babosh was invited to speak at a national listeria summit in Washington, D.C., meant to improve safeguards on the food supply. If she had been better-informed of the effects of this common bacteria, Babosh believes, her first child might have survived.

"I'd like people to be more aware of the bacteria so they can protect themselves," Babosh said.

She and her husband had never heard of listeria. She knew not to smoke, not to drink and to avoid caffeine, but Babosh never knew that foods like lunch meats, unpasteurized dairy products and hot dogs could contain harmful amounts of listeria, making it lethal to an unborn child. Smoked fish and cheeses can now be added to that list, as well as some fruits and vegetables.

Babosh has since become an expert on the topic. When she became pregnant for the second time - her son is now 3 years old - she joked she would live on saltine crackers. Her family is quite conscious of what they eat. Babosh soaks most foods in lemon juice, to kill any harmful bacteria. And her son has never tasted a hot dog.

"I avoided all of what I was told the 'bad' things were, but it didn't matter," she said at the summit. "I lost my baby."

Babosh is a member of STOP, Safe Tables Our Priority, a national victims group based in Vermont.

She read about STOP in a newspaper article and became involved a year later.

By that time it had been a year and a half, two years after the incident, said Babosh in a recent interview. "I had already gone through the grieving process."

But she wanted to help spread the word on the dangers of listeria. She hopes her story will be heard by other mothers-to-be.

Unfortunately - there is literature, she said, "but none of

it ever really gets through.' She believes there is more information about listeria now, but it has taken years for it to reach the public. "Six years ago, my doctor was just astounded," said Babosh. "I was bound and determined to at least get it out there."

Through STOP, Babosh has met other parents whose children survived despite the harmful bacteria, but they will not live normal lives. These children often experience bleeding on their brain, which could lead to cerebral palsy or other serious problems.

Morgan Faith Babosh was born with an enlarged liver. She was dark purple and had spots all over her tiny body. The bacteria infected her blood and she couldn't fight it. Every year as the holidays approach, the Babosh family must live with that memory.

"Almost nobody understands that 76 million people each year are getting sick with foodborne diseases, and that many become seriously ill and die, until it happens to them or a loved one," said Karen Taylor Mitchell, executive director of STOP.

"People like Angela, who have the courage to stand up and say 'This is what happened to me' are the ones that can demonstrate how important it really is to clean up our food."

A nonprofit organization, STOP's mission aims to prevent suffering, illness and death from food contaminated by pathogens.

The FDA has given a new directive to encourage additional testing of foods for listeria. But Babosh said this isn't quite enough. She and her STOP cohorts are pursuing the need for food testing on the end product - before the foods hit store shelves and are sold.

Listeria is everywhere in small quantities, she said. At a certain level, it is hazardous.

According to STOP's board president, Nancy Donley, those most at risk for acquiring foodborne illnesses like listeria include children, the elderly, individuals with a weak immune system and pregnant women.

"Now more than ever, our government should be doing everything possible to eradicate preventable foodborne disease," said Donley.

For more information on Safe Tables Our Priority, call (800) 350-STOP or see the Web at [www.safeeating.org](http://www.safeeating.org).

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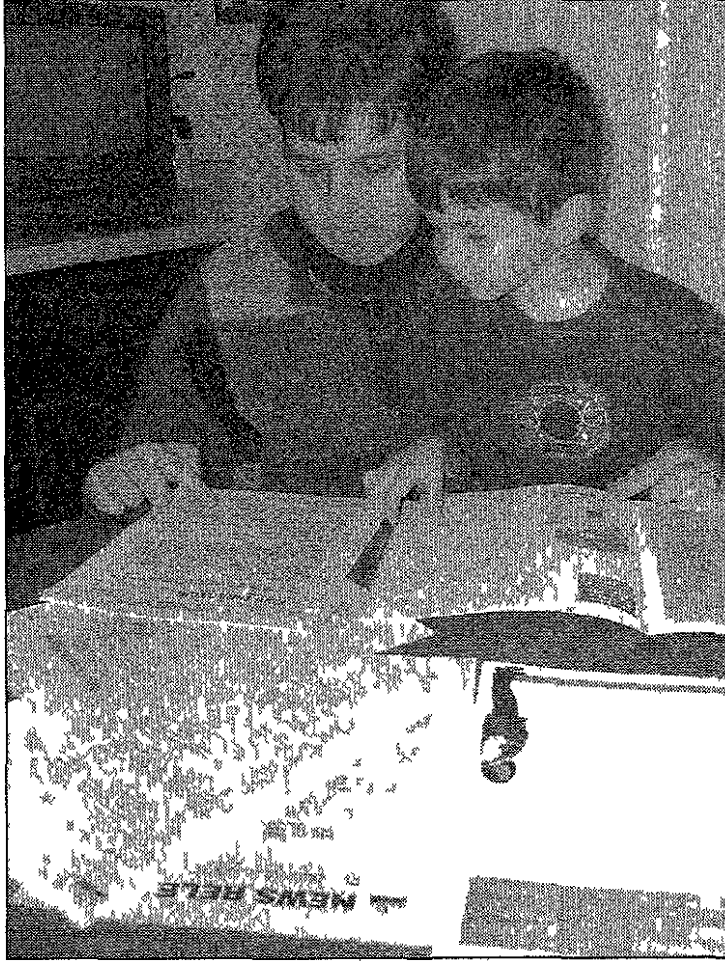


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Angela Babosh of Livonia and her son Jacob look over information on the dangerous bacteria listeria monocytogenes.

## Charter Township of Canton Joint Board Proceedings of Board of Trustees and Downtown Development Authority - December 5, 2002

A Board Planning Session of the Downtown Development Authority and Board of Trustees was held Thursday December 5 2002 at the EMU Eagle Crest Conference Center in Ypsilanti Michigan. DDA Board Chairman Ralph Shufeldt called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

**Present:** Township Board of Trustees: Melissa McLaughlin, Thomas Yack, Terry Bennett, Elaine Kirchgatter, John Burdzyak, DDA Board of Directors: Catherine Foege, Tim Ford, Tom Gerou, Greg Greene, Dave Khoury, Dave Griffin, Ralph Shufeldt.  
**Staff:** Kathleen Salla, Christine Popoff, Beckett & Raeder: John Iacoangeli, Cindy Helmski, Christy Summers.

**Strategic Edge:** Joan Primo, Jay Wedeven. The DDA Board engaged the services of consulting firms Beckett & Reader Inc. and Th Strategic Edge to develop a Comprehensive Master Plan for the Canton DDA District. Mr. John Iacoangeli from Beckett & Reader reviewed the process being used to develop the plan.

**Review of Existing Plans • Visioning Workshops • Building & Site Assessment • Market Analysis • Board Planning Session • Preliminary Strategic Plan • Implementation Strategy & Final Strategic Plan • Final Report to Trustees & Public Presentation.** Significant issues of physical assessment were brought out. Findings of the review of the land use assessment was presented. A review of the following previous documents was conducted: **• Summary of Township Comprehensive Master Plan • Summary of Ford Road Strategic Plan • Summary of Zoning Ordinance • Summary of DDA Development/TIF Plan • 1993 Amendment to Development/TIF Plan • 1996 Amendment to DDA District A comprehensive report of the market analysis will be a part of the final presentation at the completion of the project. Some of the categories discussed in the market analysis were: • Weaknesses • Opportunities • Threats • Recommended Strategy. A summary of the visioning sessions was presented. • Land Use & Economic Development Issues • Business Recruitment • Appearance and Design • Transportation and Infrastructure. The consultants facilitated continued discussion on the following topics: • Create access management program • Amend zoning ordinance to require shared access and interior connections in new development site plans • Create incentives program in coordination with MDOT, to pro actively improve existing situation through innovative designs and funding • Amend zoning ordinance (Section 6 07 Site Development Standards for DDA District, Section 27 04 Planned Development) and create DDA overlay zone provisions Amendment to Comprehensive Plan, first, may be necessary. Utilize Corporate Overlay District as a model. • Reduce off street parking requirements for individual uses particularly retail stores, standard restaurant, restaurant/bar, restaurant drive thru, ice cream parlor office business/professional, and financial institution. • Establish standard for maximum off street parking. • Allow further reduction in required parking via shared parking among uses whether uses are within same or different buildings. • Require shared and coordinated access with adjoining sites per Comprehensive Plan. • Reduce 85 foot front yard setback to allow building placement closer to sidewalk. • Allow more flexibility in Planned Development District (Sec 27 04), such as in density and mixed uses and reduce or eliminate the constraints of meeting requirements of the underlying zoning district. Planned Development is currently permitted in all of the commercial zones within the DDA District. • Amend Section 6 07, Site Development Standards for DDA District to address certain site development issues. • Amend Section 17 04 (Planned Development) to allow greater flexibility in the regulation of land development. • Create overlay zone in DDA District to address other issues of parking building setback mixed uses. The Board's Priorities were: • Create a positive environment for development. • Bury overhead utilities. B very costly would require a bond. • Extend decorative streetlights through the entire DDA. • Refer to the District as something that identifies it as a Central business area. • Encourage mixed use development where possible. • Improve the eastern end of the DDA District. • Clean up I 275. • Work with a developer to create a lifestyle center. • Market the DDA to developers (Developers Breakfast or Roundtable). • Create additional overlay requirements for development west of I 275. • Work with private property owners to create an impact appearance in DDA. • Establish a public art program in the DDA. • Consider sign condemnation where appropriate. • More street trees. • Intelligent traffic lights to control traffic. • Brand issues. Who are we? • Upscale office space needs.**

Over the next several weeks the consultants will review these discussions and incorporate them into a Strategic Preliminary Plan, which will be presented to the DDA Board sometime after the first of the year. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Don't take holiday drinks on the road

We say the same thing every year about this time, and we always hope someone's paying attention

If you celebrate this holiday season with a drink in your hand, don't take it on the road

We join with voices from organizations like AAA of Michigan, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the University of Michigan's physicians and Mothers Against Drunk Driving - but is anyone listening?

According to SEMCOG, in Southeast Michigan, alcohol was involved in 37 percent of all traffic deaths in 2001, more than in 2000. Alcohol was a factor in 184 deaths, up from 156 in 2000, and 679 severe injuries.

Traffic crashes involving alcohol are highest in December. Last year, 21 alcohol-related crashes happened each day of the month in this part of the state. That's nearly one every hour.

You think it can't happen to you, of course. You know it can't, because you're not a drunk driver. But consider this:

Four drinks will elevate blood-alcohol level of a 160-pound man to 0.09, which is legally drunk in some states and close to it in Michigan. That's four, 12-ounce beers. Four glasses of wine. Four shots of hard liquor. A 140-pound woman hits the same level with just three drinks.

We're not saying adults shouldn't drink. What we're saying is that those who choose to drink should drink responsibly, and they shouldn't drive after they've been drinking.

And we'll keep saying it until we're sure everybody's listening.

### Have a merry little Christmas now

*Once again as in olden days  
Happy golden days of yore  
Faithful friends who are dear to us  
Will be near to us once more*

*Through the years we all will be together  
If the fates allow*

*Until then, we'll have to muddle through somehow  
So have yourself a merry little Christmas now*

— Hugh Martin-Ralph Blane

As we prepare to celebrate another Christmas, wars and rumors of wars continue to make Peace on Earth still a wistful and distant hope.

The very site of Christ's birth is once again a place of contention and violence.

Even here in the world's most prosperous country, many are in need as the economy continues to struggle. Local charities report a decline in contributions and an increase in requests for help.

Each year we rouse ourselves during this holiday season to listen to the better angels of our nature. We reach out to others during this special time and promise to carry our concern forward into the new year. Sometimes we do and sometimes we get caught up again in our own, too busy lives.

Perhaps we expect too much of Christmas for the world and for ourselves. It is probably better to remember the holiday's small gifts through all the rush, commercialism and outpourings of charity.

For Christians, the year end time has been appropriated to celebrate the birth of Jesus, a savior who came to the world not as a great king but as a baby born to humble parents in a stable. The circumstances of Jesus' birth give profound weight to his later message of love and human kindness.

Pilgrims in early America thought the meaning of Jesus' birth so immense that they banned the frivolity of feasting and gift giving on Dec. 25 as somehow not in keeping with the day's importance.

For most of us, once we get past the colored lights and glittery packages, Christmas is about family, friends, home and love. As in the song that Judy Garland first sang so plaintively in *Meet Me in St. Louis*, we all long to be together "if the fates allow." We know that separations will come, troubles will come, but until we can have that perfect Christmas together "we'll have to muddle through somehow."

Sometimes merry little Christmases are the best kind. We hope yours fulfills your every expectation.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Outgoing Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara gestures during a luncheon at the Plymouth Rotary Friday. McNamara called the federal investigation into the actions of his appointees "wrong."

## LETTERS

### Goodfellows should stop

I really wish the Goodfellows would stop hawking papers in the streets. People are supposed to use the crosswalk to get from one side of the street to the other.

It's not a designated "safe area" for people to walk around in bothering motorists. Yes, I do mean bothering. I remember being bothered in the same manner downtown by the guy who tried to wash my windows every time I entered I-375 from Jefferson. When I read that Nancy Spencer, the president of Goodfellows, called last year's turnout of 17 paper hawkers disappointing, I couldn't help but think "That's because no one wants to get run over by a car!"

Then I read that the Goodfellows already receive generous donations from Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Bob Evans and Holidav Market. I know every charitable organization can use just another dollar or two, but at what cost? I feel so guilty when I drive by those paper hawkers. I want to tell them, "It's not because I don't care or support what you're doing, in fact I think you're very brave if not a little bit crazy, too, for standing in the middle of traffic on a cold winter day," but I don't want to fuel the fire by continuing to give.

It's like the ice cream man. Why would I encourage my children to run into the street to buy ice cream from someone I don't know in a white van? If no one in our neighborhood buys ice cream from them, maybe they'll go away.

Please don't take offense at this letter. I know the Goodfellows are trying to raise money for a good cause and because I support their efforts, I am sending a check today to the address wisely printed at the end of the article. Show your support in a sensible way. Mail or drop off your donation, but please, don't continue to feed the cause by handing out change through your car window.

Catherine Withrow  
Canton

### Christmas spirit - not!

The Christmas spirit is alive and well in Canton. A thief loved Mr. and Mrs. Claus sitting on my porch bench so much that he stole Santa and also tried to grab Mrs. Claus, but she was tied down.

My grandchildren cried over the loss, and I hope that, whoever you are, it made your Christmas!

R. Beasley  
Canton

### Well not wanted

On Wednesday, Jan. 8 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Detroit, 8000 Merriman, Romulus, there is going to be a meeting sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency. They are going to announce the reasons why they are going to allow a company named EDS to operate a high-pressure injection well that will allow the pumping of toxic waste into the earth underneath Romulus.

Particulars of the operation can be accessed at the Romulus library or at [www.epa.gov/region5/water/wic/pub-pdf/factsheet.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region5/water/wic/pub-pdf/factsheet.pdf).

Bruce Patterson has in the past cast

votes in support of this folly.

What we have here is a directionless federal agency overriding the wishes, dreams and desires of the local population. The people of Romulus simply don't want the well.

Besides that it is to be located at the conjunction of the Metro Airport, a major railroad line, an airline fuel depot, near Sunoco natural gas operations, Interstate 94 and in a densely populated area. It is a security risk.

High-pressure wells have failed around the nation, and we all know that Canton continues to distribute water that has not been properly filtered.

The EPA has accepted studies conducted by EDS, and the studies have holes in them that are larger than the two they plan to stick into our Michigan soil.

Come to the meeting and participate in democracy in action - the people of Romulus need your help and assistance. Contact local representatives and let them know that they should express their opposition officially.

Alfred Brock  
Canton

### CC has advantage

It seems odd that someone would state an analogy as deficient and then move on to create a worse analogy, but Mr. Vendittelli has done just that (Letters, Dec. 12). He implies that it's difficult for Catholic Central to field a team because student-athletes have to pay large sums of money to attend the school, whereas student-athletes in Plymouth-Canton do not.

He continues to infer about the hardships the Shamrocks face because they do not have the "far-superior" facilities that other schools use for practices and games. It still remains, when you have shown a successful private school athletic program, you will continue to draw top-quality athletes from the neighboring communities.

This will happen without recruiting. If a public school builds a successful program, it's hard to argue that families 40 miles away will place for-sale signs in their yard so that their child can compete for Canton football. While there are instances of this happening, it is not commonplace in the public school system. But it is common to find students enrolled and participating in athletics at Detroit Catholic Central who live in Monroe and stretch all the way north to Brighton.

No matter the difference in training facilities or the financial hardships placed upon the upper-middle-class parents through tuition payments, when you have ability to draw from such a wide region, Detroit Catholic Central will have the advantage.

Recruitment or not, this is what causes the inequality in the programs. The real reason this is an issue today is the mis-quotes and poor professionalism of Observer writer Paul Beaudry. The vast majority of public school athletic programs respect Catholic Central, their coaches and their players, including Canton Football Coach Tim Baechler. Mr. Beaudry should apologize to Mr. Baechler and to the readers for his actions and writings following Catholic Central's win over Canton.

Darrin Silvester  
Plymouth

### Gore no more

The good news is Al Gore won't run for president in 2004. The bad news is some other liberal who believes that tax cuts hurt the economy will vie for the presidency.

Gore's recent decision does make good sense. His proclamation that he had discovered the Internet, his suggestion that we all give up our automobiles and hike in the woods, his insistence that we join with Kyotans, agree to decrease gas emissions even though China and India will make no such commitment, thereby wrecking our economy, seemed foreclosures on any possibility that he would utter anything sensible and useful in the present day.

But now we can all smile and be happy. Gore is no more.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

### Downturn not so shallow

Now that Sen. Trent Lott has put his foot in the Republican party's mouth, it would be interesting to know how his colleague from Mississippi, such as Sen. Thad Cochran, and Alabama Sens. Richard Shelby and Jeff Sessions, as well as others, feel about his apparent philosophy. Too many senators are conspicuous by their silence on these racist remarks, by this shortly-to-become Senate majority leader.

Now to another subject. Recently President Bush introduced two new appointees, John Snow as secretary of the treasury and Stephen Fieldman to serve as his chief economics advisor. It was interesting to me that when they were introduced, each stated that "This has been the shortest and shallowest economic downturn in history." Now I don't know about others, but it certainly has not been shallow, at least as far as I am concerned. In August of 2000, I invested almost \$30,000 in a variable annuity. Earlier this week I ask my representatives what its value was and he said \$11,000. Wow! How many others have had the same results in this "short, shallow economic downturn?"

William Craft  
Northville

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# Deficit this big no time for business as usual

How Gov-elect Jennifer Granholm handles Michigan's enormous looming deficit will go a long way to determine her success or failure over the next four years.

The numbers are truly daunting. Even after the cuts put through by current Gov. John Engler to get this fiscal year's budget balanced, the best estimate is that the deficit for the fiscal year beginning next October is as much as \$1.8 billion. That's 20 percent of the \$9 billion in total state discretionary spending!

Granholm is talking tough, emphasizing cutting the budget rather than increasing taxes. "There's fat in any organization, there is fat in government," she told the *Detroit Free Press* in an interview last week. "I think of Lee Iacocca, who used to say if he can't find 5 percent to cut in any budget in a given year, then they

should move him on."

In last week's column, I argued the terrible budget situation provided the Granholm administration with a great opportunity to conduct a fundamental and sweeping review of the operations and costs of state government. For instance:

■ **Fix out of control health care costs.** Medicaid, a rigid and rule-driven federally defined benefit plan, now consumes around one-quarter of the state budget. Long-term fixes will have to come from Washington. But in the short run, Michigan could curb costs by promoting home- and community-based care instead of expensive hospitals and eliminating coverage for optional services. Granholm is already talking about getting Midwestern states together to save money by buying prescription drugs in large quantities to sell through Medicare.

■ **Sell unneeded capital assets.** The state already plans on closing the Northville Psychiatric Hospital and selling off the buildings and land. A thorough inventory of state-owned buildings and property would turn up all kinds of unneeded and overlooked capital assets that could be turned into cash. For example, the state owns literally hundreds of thousands of acres of forest land. Some of this land could be sold, subject to conservation easements requiring public access, for controlled timbering, thereby providing jobs in the forest industry and putting the land back on local tax rolls.

■ **Use technology to cut costs.** The private sector is already experiencing remarkable productivity increases and cost savings by use of information technology. It's time to use these

The numbers are truly daunting. Even after the cuts put through by current Gov. John Engler to get this fiscal year's budget balanced, the best estimate is that the deficit for the fiscal year beginning next October is as much as \$1.8 billion. That's 20 percent of the \$9 billion in total state discretionary spending!

tools in government. State attempts to utilize computers and IT have been hamstringing for years by out of date and inflexible purchasing rules, a far-reaching review is in order.

■ **Fund outcomes, cut poorly performing programs.** For many years, the bane of budget cutting has been that various programs are started and funded but never killed when they don't pan out. How come? But by the time people start looking carefully at the actual outcomes and their costs, the various interests that benefit from the expenditure rally round and lobby against cuts. I've always thought that a simple solution would be to sunset — a nice word meaning "kill" — any government program after it runs for 20 years, regardless of outcome or constituency cries. If a program is really worthwhile, a majority can always be found to reintroduce it with contemporary improvements.

■ **Streamline education.** In some states, only half of every dollar appropriated for education ever makes it into the classroom. Why? There are lots of reasons, but one is the very high per-pupil costs run up by small school districts to provide their own bus services, IT, food and security programs and financial record keeping. Frankly, I doubt if the political will exists to consolidate some of Michigan's small and inefficient school districts. But significant economies of scale could be achieved by consolidating these support functions into regional service centers serving a number of districts.

Some will shrink from this list as too radical. But when you're facing a budget deficit as serious as this, it's no time for business as usual.

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Jeff Counts

# Amateur ice carvers brought 'King' to life as part of Plymouth festival

There were Elvis sightings in more than a Kalamazoo Burger King. During the mid-1990s, two Plymouth Observer staff members, staff writer Kevin Brown and photographer Bill Bresler, brought "The King" to life in an icy form in Kellogg Park during the annual ice festivals.

It may have been an odd reincarnation for a Mississippi boy, but hey, it's America and who cares if we take a southerner and cast him in ice? Grits would have been more appropriate, or maybe fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches, a white trash delicacy and one of the King's favorites.

The genesis of Elvis in ice came out of the fertile mind of Bresler and Brown. Both had been covering the festival for years and decided to cross the journalistic line of non-involvement and start carving.

But what would be a proper subject? Almost everything had been done. It was a post-modern dilemma. The answer was "retro." And Elvis came to mind. For Brown, it was an obvious choice. Reporting was Kevin's day job, at night he was a country-and-western musician playing with several bands in the Detroit and Ann Arbor areas.

So, Brown and Bresler decided to tackle the King. The first year they opted for the subtle Elvis' guitar, which, to the delight of Bresler, ended up on footage filmed by CNN.

"They showed our sculpture and ignored the ones carved by Japanese carvers who had come all the way to Plymouth. We were pretty proud of it," Bresler said.

After that effort came a year of planning for the next artistic project. The pair had confidence now and were ready to tackle a full figure of Elvis, lock, stock and ducktail hair-do.

But a controversy raged between the two amateur carvers. Should it be the early Elvis with thin hips or the later, bloated version in a jump suit used to cover a couple extra pounds accumulated by eating those fried peanut butter-and-banana sandwiches?

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a professional carver who was there to assist in doing a full-figure sculpture.

"He was supposed to help us, but we wanted to do it ourselves, so we sent him over to the Box Bar to have a bourbon and we did it ourselves," Bresler said.

The following year, Elvis' stage run in Kellogg Park ended, but the boys kept up the rock 'n' roll theme with a carving of Jerry Garcia's hand, the one that had the middle finger missing due to a childhood accident.

According to Bresler, the Grateful Dead musician lost the finger when it was chopped off by his brother at the age of 12. It was one of the major factors behind his unique style of guitar playing.

"That was the year Garcia died, but I don't think a lot of people got it," Bresler said.

But to true artists like Brown and Bresler, the rewards aren't always in the public appreciation of your art form — the rewards are in the knowledge you've created something that challenges the minds of festival-goers.

Both are now "retired" from carving and following pursuits in other communities, but both fondly remember their days as rock 'n' roll ice artists.

Jeff Counts is a former editor of the Plymouth Observer who is now semi-retired and spends much of his time in the eastern Upper Peninsula where there's plenty of ice and snow. He doesn't carve it and thinks the only use for ice is to pour bourbon over.

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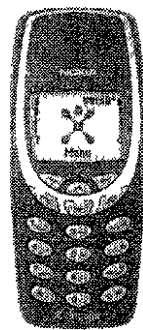
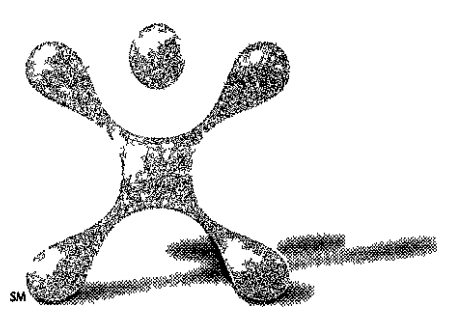
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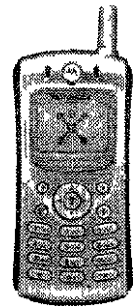
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Mary Callaghan Lynch and Matthew Rybak sing the lead roles in 'Amahl & the Night Visitors.' The holiday classic is the inaugural production of the Motor City Lyric Opera.

## Family-friendly opera

### New company hits high note with holiday classic

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

The phone never stops ringing as Mary Callaghan Lynch nears the opening of the Motor City Lyric Opera's inaugural production. Usually all the Bloomfield Hills soprano has to do is show up and perform her role, but producing *Amahl & the Night Visitors* requires attention to behind-the-scenes details like lighting, publicity and programs.

Lynch realized when she founded the Motor City Lyric Opera it was going to take hundreds of hours to coordinate principals and chorus members before a final dress rehearsal with the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings and the Rochester-based Eisenhower Dance Ensemble, but now time is running out. The production opens today and runs through Sunday at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit.

Lynch performs the role of the mother who steals gold from the three kings: Kaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, who are played by University of Michigan School of Music professors Steve Lussman and Daniel Washington, and Canadian tenor John Mac Master. Matthew Rybak and Brandon LePage alternate in the role of Amahl, the young boy unable to walk without a crutch.

"It's been all-consuming but it's also energizing," says Lynch. "It's very creative. It's a brand-new company and I'm very passionate about this piece."

It's not like Lynch hasn't produced *Amahl* before founding her company. She presented the opera three years ago in Monroe and the last two years at Music Hall. Still, it's no easy task to orchestrate eight principals, five dancers and form the 16-voice Motor City Lyric Opera Chorus under the direction of Brazeal Dennard.

"I felt it was the right time to start a company that did opera in English," says Lynch. "Our mission is to make it accessible and affordable for families. The biggest challenge was finding funding, and I'm grateful to Chrysler Jeep Superstores and DaimlerChrysler. Other than funding, it's the nuts and bolts of putting a company together, the day-in-and-day-out."

The phone rings and it's a chorus member who's misplaced her music. It rings again. Paula Tutman, a reporter at WDIV Channel 4, is calling with questions about producing a 15-minute documentary to be shown before the curtain rises at each of the performances. Last year, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Gian Carlo Menotti opera that debuted on the Hallmark Hall of Fame Series in 1951, Lynch asked the composer to direct the Detroit production. Like the live production, it aired every Christmas Eve until 1967. Lynch hopes the Motor City Lyric Opera's *Amahl* becomes a Detroit holiday tradition.

"It's my most cherished childhood memory. We watched it on TV every Christmas Eve," says Lynch. "It's about a child and I was watching as

PLEASE SEE OPERA, B2



Mary Callaghan Lynch founded the company to make opera accessible and affordable for families.

### AM AHL & THE NIGHT VISITORS

**What:** Motor City Lyric Opera presents Gian Carlo Menotti's opera about a physically-challenged young boy.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Thursday Dec. 19; 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday Dec. 21; 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 22.

**Where:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, across from the Gem and Century theaters, Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$20-\$10, children and students. Call (313) 963-2366.

## Celebrate the holidays at Henry Ford Museum

What do you get when you put together a green dragon and a slayer who don't want to fight each other? A fun-filled afternoon for children of all ages. But the musical comedy is just one of the ways to celebrate the holidays at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn. Visitors can enjoy the annual train display, and listen to the sounds of Christmas before and after laughing at the antics of the September Productions players as they tell



**Artistic Expressions**

Linda Chomin

Kenneth Grahame's tale of *The Reluctant Dragon*. The crowd of elementary students in the audience at a recent morning show was sure having a good time. "It's a lot of fun," said Kirk Hanley of Farmington. Hanley plays the dragon who'd rather read poetry and paint than hurt anyone. Hanley performed at Detroit's Second City until last summer and before that starred in *Adventures of a Frog Prince*, a Hartland Theatre Co. production which ran at the museum during the 2001 holiday season. "It's a fun story about preconceived notions. I always call him a bit of a dandy. For me it was a great chance to learn new dance steps and I even learned how to salsa. There are five dance numbers in 45 minutes. We get lots of families on weekends. It works on a couple of levels. Adults won't be bored." I can testify to that. Slapstick by slightly offbeat characters together with music and effects by percussionist Brian Golden and keyboard player Martin Mendalbaum make for an enjoyable experience. "With the music and sound effects, I'm adding a dimension to the production that makes it more like a cartoon," said Golden of Farmington. This is

PLEASE SEE DRAGON, B6

### HOLIDAY EXPRESS

**What:** Musical and dramatic presentations, sing-alongs, hands-on activities, holiday decorations and a 640-square-foot model train display.

**When:** Continues to Wednesday Jan. 1. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Closed Dec. 25.

**Where:** Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, west of the Southfield Freeway, south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn.

**Admission:** \$8-\$50-\$13.50, children under age 5 and members free. For information, call (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (313) 271-1570.

### Highlight

September Productions presents the musical comedy *The Reluctant Dragon* in the Anderson Theater inside the museum 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday Dec. 21-22 and Friday Monday Dec. 27-30. Tickets are \$8-\$7, children. For advance tickets and reservations, call (313) 982-6001.



Kirk Hanley plays the lead role in September Productions' *The Reluctant Dragon*. The musical comedy continues to Dec. 30 at Henry Ford Museum.

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**OPERA**

FROM PAGE B1

a child The documentary includes an interview with Menotti We're recreating his story This is a Menotti production

"It's really special I want to get children away from video, want them to experience live theater and sound Opera - there's nothing like it"

Michael Atchoo was only 10 years old when he first saw *Amahl & the Night Visitors* at Music Hall last year Today, he steps onto the Detroit stage as a member of the children's chorus

The Troy student has never sung opera before and couldn't wait for the first rehearsal in Smith Theatre at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills, where Lynch's brother, Ed Callaghan, is president

Friends and family have come together to help with the production in any way they can Mary Ann Atchoo, Michael's mother, agreed to let her son

audition not only because of her friendship with Lynch but because of the opportunity for Michael to sing in an opera company with professionals like Lynch, who has performed in numerous roles with Michigan Opera Theatre, Dayton Opera and Toledo Opera since graduating with a bachelor's degree in theater from Marygrove College

"It's given him a different appreciation for music when someone shows an interest in you like Mary," says Atchoo "I'm so excited Michael's fairly interested in piano and has won awards I think it's so nice for him to be well-rounded, and it gives him an appreciation for the arts Theater is one my passions and the symphony We took the kids to see it last year I just loved it It was only 50 minutes long and in English"

A student at St. Regis Catholic School in Birmingham, Michael thought the "music and story were great," so even though he really didn't expect to pass the audition, the 11-year-old wanted to try out for the chorus "My favorite part is when



Steve Lussman, John Mac Masters and Daniel Washington play the three kings following a star that will take them to a special child for whom they bear gifts

Amahl gives the crutch to the wise men and then he can walk," says Michael

The message of *Amahl & the Night Visitors* - that it is in the giving that we receive - is what makes the story important for Sara Rottman this holiday season The mother of a 20-month-old and with another child on the way auditioned for the chorus after hearing about the production from a fellow member of Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church Choir in Bloomfield Hills

"It's geared toward kids and getting kids interested in music and being a Christmas

opera it's great for the holidays, says Rottman, a Waterford resident "I've never done opera before but was always in choral groups in Pennsylvania and Grand Rapids I auditioned for it because it was something different It's been fun It's been very fast Rehearsals began at the end of November and we go on Dec 19"

This is the second year for members of the Eisenhower Dance Ensemble Artistic director and founder Laurie Eisenhower choreographed the dance last year under the watchful eye of Menotti Lake Atchoo and Rottman, it was

Eisenhower's first opera but not her first collaboration Eisenhower Dance Ensemble frequently brings in guest choreographers for its five-concert season She's currently working with the Southfield-based Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings and the Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival for a June 28 performance of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale* at the Seligman Family Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School in Beverly Hills

"Frankly, I was a little nervous about the project with Menotti coming last year," says Eisenhower "It's a very short dance by the peasants for the three kings and I incorporate some of the chorus people That was my biggest task because Menotti didn't want it to feel separate from the production"

Lynch attributes the success of the production to artists like Eisenhower and board members like Tutman, Martha Reeves and Frank D Stella, who are willing to devote time to bring opera to a larger audience The 2003-2004 season offers a spring production of *Little Women* in addition to the holiday classic *Amahl & the Night Visitors*, but before then Lynch and Reeves plan to take the art into metropolitan Detroit classrooms with an Opera on Wheels program

"We're just getting it off the ground," says Lynch "It's really so gratifying to talk to kids about opera I was in a third-grade classroom in West Bloomfield and was amazed how none of them had been to a real opera You want to hook them young I took my daughter Carlin at age 2 1/2 to see me sing the role of Yum-Yum in *The Mikado* at Michigan Opera Theatre I taught voice and she came to choir with me and now she's entering the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music for a master's degree in fall after graduating with a degree in vocal performance from University of Michigan My son Paddy was 4 years old when I was Musetta in *La Boheme* He sat there for the entire three acts and didn't move They just grew up with it It's been part of their lives

"With the company I want to present family-friendly opera, to make it accessible, very cost-friendly The idea was for them to be able to go and experience a piece of theater *Amahl* is a perfect introduction into the world of opera for audience members for whom this might be their first opera We're hoping to reach families I feel grateful to make a difference in children's and families' lives"

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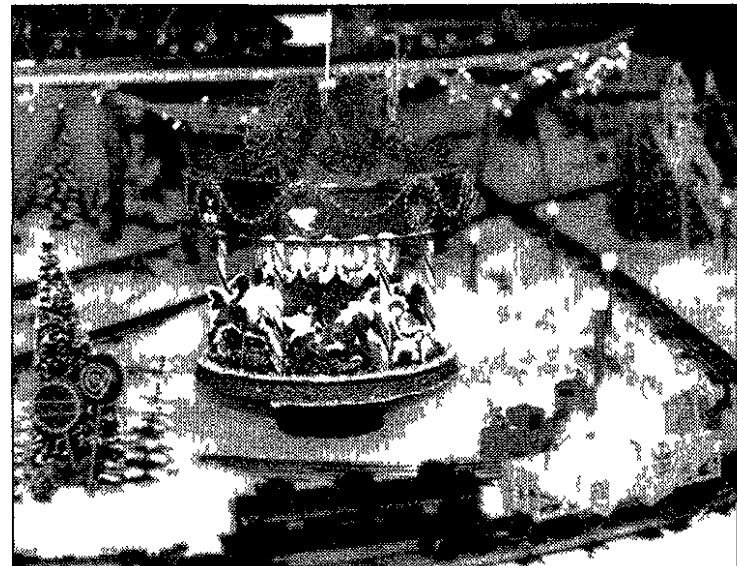
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# Time to enjoy a holiday movie

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
STAFF WRITER

Curl up with a blanket, grab some eggnog, and pop that holiday movie in the DVD player or VCR

Oakland Community College film instructor Tom Kegel says there's aren't necessarily many holiday-themed movies in theaters this year, but plenty of movie rentals that are popular for seasonal viewing

At Video Palace in Rochester Hills, Manager Linda Georgoes agrees

"For the holiday, we are getting *Unfaithful*, (Richard Gere), *Minority Report* (Tom Cruise) and *K\*19 The Widowmaker*, (Harrison Ford/Liam Neeson)" Georgoes said

But there are some 'stand-bys' that are not going 'good-bye'

"It's mostly *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (Chevy Chase) and *Santa Clause* (Tim Allen) are still the hottest movies," she said

At Thomas Video and DVD in Clawson, manager Jim Olenski says the oldies will always be the goodies for the season

"*Miracle on 34th Street* and *White Christmas* still go out," he said "Other ones are the original *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and *It's a Wonderful Life*"

"The big Christmas movies are still going to be more of the classics, the different versions of *A Christmas Carol*, which can be the one with Reginal Owen. But maybe the Allister Sin one from the 50s is the most popular. Then they like that one which is the singing one with Albert Finney called *Scrooge*"

Many off beat, weird or darker movies are getting attention this year, Olenski said

"*Black Christmas* just had a special edition DVD come out, it's actually a very good thriller with Olivia Hussey, and it's

directed by Bob Clark," he said

And what about the youngsters?

*Stuart Little 2*, *Lilo & Stitch*, and *Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron* are the hottest cartoons that just came out," Georgoes said

Because this year's Christmas holiday includes longer vacations, there has been more movie watching in the theaters versus rentals

"It's a long one, because it's in the middle of the week," Kegel said

But for some that were 'out,' they are now 'in'

"*Jack Frost* was a big flop as an original release," he said

Nevertheless, *Frost* seems to be more favored on cable these days

## CABLE VS. RENTAL

"There's a lot of people who don't have cable or at least don't have premium station. So, they can watch the classics, but not all the classics are available at all times. TNT (Turner Network Television) might have a package from Warner Brothers, but they're not showing every movie you want to see, even if you've got the direct satellite TV or whatever"

Overall, Georgoes has noticed sales for this year have declined 15-20 percent compared to last year's holiday season

"It's very slow, I guess, because people are busy shopping," she said

Though the public felt a lower sense of safety last season, which prompted high rental sales, it's different case this year

I would say the scare is gone, Georgoes said. But "It seems slower, people either don't have time or are not available"

But Christmas week and New Year's will always be the peak of movie rental time

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# Jazz musicians come together to help eradicate polio

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Jazz lovers seem to agree that Venture Records has a hit on its hands with the release of its latest CD *Detroit Jazz* not only spotlights a variety of big band, Dixieland, vocal, and straight ahead jazz but proceeds go to help eradicate polio worldwide

Of course, that's what record producer George Bednar and Dearborn Rotary Club president John McDonald had in mind when they decided to put out a CD to raise funds for the cause

Bednar, a Canton resident, was no stranger to the music business. He started Venture Records in Dearborn Heights in 1995 to primarily showcase blues groups like Mudpuppy and The Alligators as well as a collection of artists like Alberta Adams and Jim McCarty on his *Uncut Detroit* recordings

"I didn't know a lot of jazz musicians because I'd primarily worked with blues groups," said Bednar, vice president of Adray appliance and camera stores in Dearborn, Canton and Troy

"Then a friend put me in touch with Midge Ellis. Thank God for Midge. She was a tremendous help in putting this together. She called back that same day and already had much of the music taken off CDs and we recorded the rest"

"I contacted JBL Sound, makers of acoustic speakers, and they underwrote the recording. We've already raised \$15,000 and the best is yet to come. It's really standards, old music people like and enjoy listening to. Bobby Brew of Windsor was recorded at a Rotary event. The Eastside Brigade is made up of musicians primarily from the east side of Detroit, and Sounds Incorporated played at Vargo's on Six Mile in Livonia for years"

"All of the proceeds go to a Polio Eradication Program. A lot of people have forgot about it. The goal is to rid the world of polio by 2004 but money



The Detroit Jazz CD spotlights veteran and upcoming musicians in the area. All proceeds go to eradicate polio worldwide.

also goes to Providence Hospital's Cranio-Facial Institute and First Step (the Plymouth-based shelter for abused women and children.)

"I'm so pleased and excited about the artists doing this for us that we're considering doing *Detroit Jazz 2*"

Ellis and artists like Matt Michaels, Johnny Trudell and Larry Nozero donated their time and talent to making the CD a success. The Michigan Jazz Festival lent its logo to accompany Anna Narusheva's red and black artwork on the cover. Ellis is on the committee which produces the annual free jazz festival at Schoolcraft College in Livonia every July. Known as Mama Jazz, the Livonia resident has been bringing big band and all styles of jazz to the area since the 1960s

"The CD makes a good stocking stuffer," said Ellis when asked about her contributions to producing the recording. Ellis wants no recognition for

herself. "I didn't do anything. I just called some musicians and rounded them up. Everybody said yes. It's a good cause and exposure for jazz. It's a good mix - big band, vocal, trios"

Southfield pianist Matt Michaels was among the veteran musicians quick to jump onboard the project. The professor and director of jazz studies at Wayne State University is well known for his Wednesday night gigs at Ron's Fireside Inn in Garden City

Michaels plays on several of the cuts with legendary trumpeter Johnny Trudell, the smoky voiced Barbara Ware of Southfield, and his trio with bass player Dan Jordan (Troy) and drummer Jerry McKenzie (Farmington Hills). Over the years, members of the trio have performed with Stan Kenton, Stan Getz and The Temptations among others. They shortly plan to release their first two CDs *Matt Michaels Trio* and *Matt Michaels Trio with Friends from Detroit*

"I enjoy being on the *Detroit Jazz* CD and being with good people like Johnny Trudell and up and comer Barbara Ware. Vibraphonist Jack Brokensha is a legend in town," said Michaels. Part of why I did it is it's a very good cause, plus it was going national

"I like the diversity. There's Dixieland, not one type of jazz, a fellow that sings like Frank Sinatra. You don't have to be a jazz lover to enjoy the album. There's big band, something you don't hear that often"

Dale Gnsa, a Livonia pianist, is another one of the up and comers and a former student of Michaels. He and drummer Alex Trajano and bass player Chuck Hall provide two of the cuts including an original written for Gnsa's 3-year old daughter Chloe. *Faveia* was a favorite with crowds at Sweet Lorraine's in Livonia where they played a long standing engagement on Tuesday nights. In addition to leading his own group, Gnsa frequently plays with other musicians. He spent most of last year traveling with the Michael King Band. This year saw him performing a concert in Mexico with flutist Alexander Zonje and Angela Boffill after joining the Bacon Brothers on stage for Fash Bash, a fund-raiser for the Detroit Institute of Arts at the Fox Theatre

"I thought the *Detroit Jazz* CD was a good cause," said Gnsa. "I have a friend who has polio so the disease has touched me personally although second-hand. I saw how it affected him so I wanted to contribute what I could to help get rid of it"

The Detroit Jazz CD costs \$14. All proceeds go to Dearborn Rotary and Rotary International to help eradicate polio worldwide. The CD is available at most independent record stores. Adray Camera in Troy and Canton. Adray Appliance in Dearborn. Streetcorner Music Birmingham through the Dearborn Rotary or by calling Venture Records at (313) 438-2700

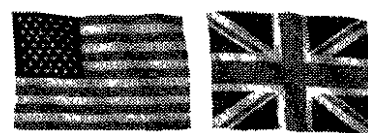
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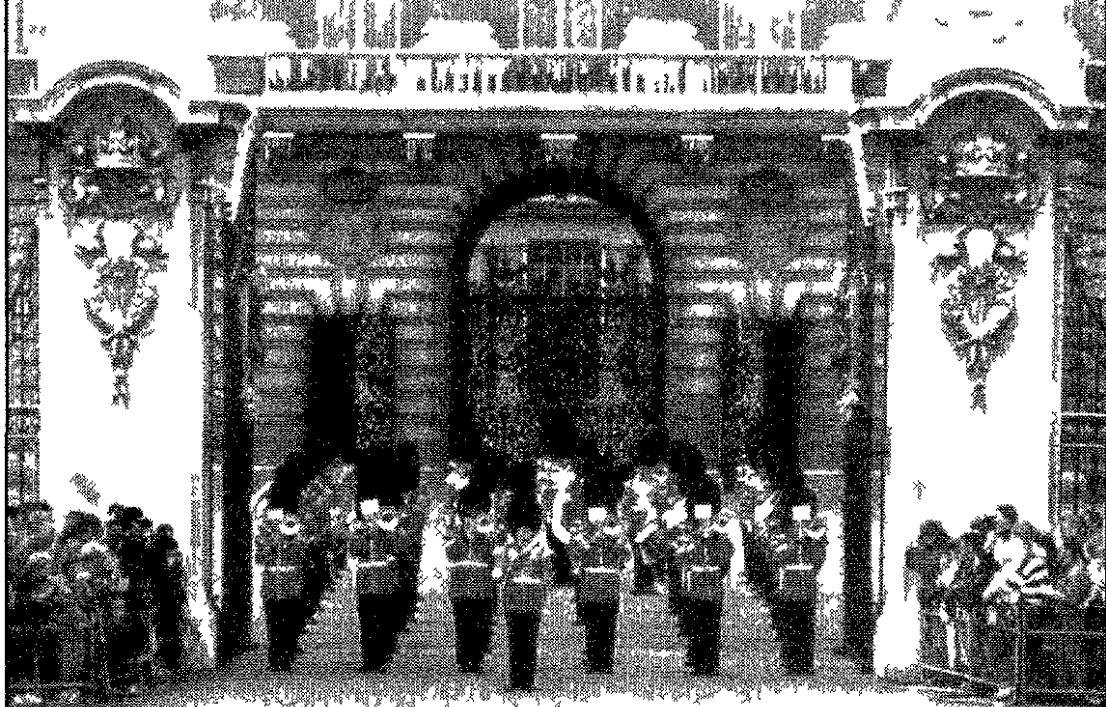
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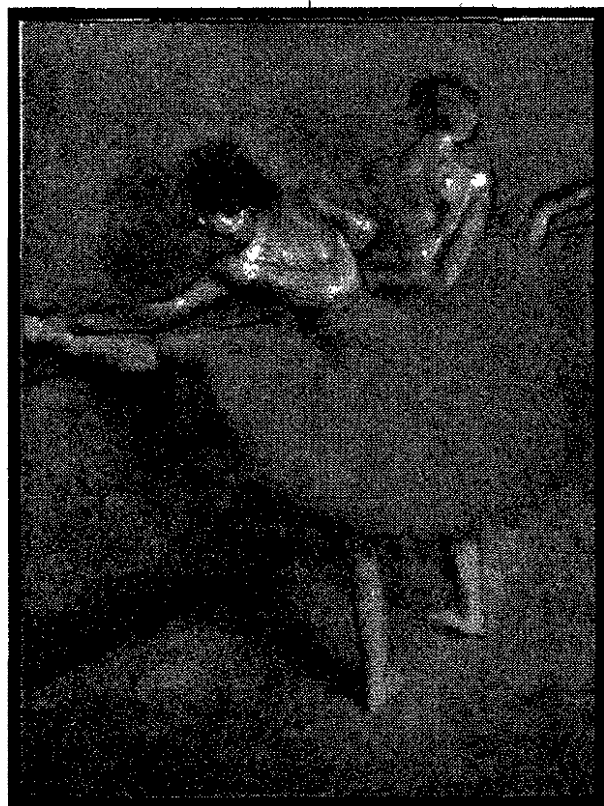
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These are the final days to see Dickens' holiday classic *A Christmas Carol* at Meadow Brook Theatre in Rochester. The show continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 19-20, and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, in the theater on the campus of Oakland University. For tickets, call (248) 377-3300.

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# Star Trek: Nemesis allows crew to go out in style

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG  
CORRESPONDENT

The movie's tagline reads "A generation takes its final journey."

If that is true, then the cast of *Star Trek: The Next Generation* (which has been around for 15 years) couldn't have had a better send-off than *Star Trek: Nemesis*, which is the 10th movie (the fourth featuring "TNG" who carry the baton passed from Kirk and Spock) in the sci-fi franchise, that has spanned more than 35 years and, in addition to the 10 movies, has had five different series set in the late Gene Roddenberry's vision of the future.

The movie opens with the debonair Captain Jean-Luc Picard (Patrick Stewart) toasting the marriage of his first officer Commander William Riker (Jonathan Frakes) and Counselor Deanna Troi (Marina Sirtis). After 15 years, Riker finally gets promoted to captain and takes command of his own ship, the *Titan*, and finally marries his beloved Deanna. About time on both counts!

Die-hard Trek fans (I heard it's politically incorrect to call them "trekkies") will like this scene as it features cameo appearances from former members of the TNG series (which ran from 1987-94), Guinan (Whoopi Goldberg) and Wesley Crusher (Wil Wheaton). They'll also appreciate the scene where Picard gets his orders from the newly-promoted Admiral Janeway (Kate Mulgrew, the lead in *Star Trek: Voyager*, which ended in 2001). There's also a mention of William Shatner's Captain Kirk, who has a battle tactic named after him.



Patrick Stewart is Captain Jean-Luc Picard in *Star Trek: Nemesis*.

### TREK VILLAIN

En route to Deanna's home planet for another wedding ceremony, the crew of the *Enterprise* crosses paths — and swords — with the Remans, the planetary neighbors of the classic *Trek* villains, the Romulans. Under the leadership of Shmazon (Tom Hardy, TV's *Band of Brothers*), a clone of Picard from a covert Romulan plot that never came to fruition, along with his vicerey (Ron Perlman, *Blade 2*),

the Remans plan to destroy Earth.

Interestingly enough, the Romulans — under the leadership of Commander Donatra (Dina Meyer, *Starship Troopers*, TV's *Birds of Prey*) — approach Picard as allies and not enemies, aiding in the struggle against Shmazon in the hopes of ending their centuries-long feud between themselves and Starfleet. This is similar to the 1991's *Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country* (and the last featuring the cast of the

original series — or most of them, anyway), where the Klingons ended their long-running feud with Starfleet.

In fact, John Logan (*Gladiator*), who penned the screenplay, wanted to include the Romulans in this installment, which is directed by Stuart Baird (*Executive Decision*). Logan, along with Rick Berman — who picked up where Roddenberry left off upon his death in 1991 — and Commander Data himself, Brent Spiner, came up with the story concept.

### TV SHOW OR MOVIE?

Although the movie is good, it's not as good as it could have been. Slow-moving in parts, it can't seem to make up its mind whether it's an episode of "TNG" you paid \$8 for or a movie. It finally decides it's a movie in the end with a space battle that would make *Star Wars* creator George Lucas green with envy, especially the spectacular way Data makes it aboard Shmazon's ship.

Also, Geordi La Forge (LeVar Burton), Dr. Crusher (Gates McFadden) and Worf (Michael Dorn) have bit parts in *Nemesis*, as if they're thrown in for the fun of it, especially the latter two.

Then again, that's the trouble of taking a TV show and turning it into a movie. There's too many characters jockeying for screen-time in a two-hour flick rather than the course of a 22-episode season. In fact, a member of the TNG crew dies in this movie. Take heart, however, there's a backdoor to bring this character back.

Let's hope they don't. Why, you may ask? These characters have run their course and I think this movie is an appropriate curtain call for Picard, Data, and company. Further, do *Star Trek: Deep*

*Space 9* and *Voyager* have enough of a fan-base as "TNG" does to warrant a big-budget movie, soldiering on in "TNG's" stead?

Let it end here. Cliche as it may sound, all good things come to an end. Let this crew of the *Enterprise* go out on top and not get stale like some stupid horror movie franchise such as *Halloween* and *Friday the 13th*.

However, that decision is not up to me to make. That's ultimately up to the amount of

money it grosses in its opening weekend as it takes on some real nemeses, particularly *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* (which opened Wednesday, Dec. 18), and the two Leonardo DiCaprio films — *Gangs of New York* (opening Friday, Dec. 20) and *Catch Me If You Can* co-starring Tom Hanks (opening Christmas Day — in the highly-competitive holiday movie season).

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SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, DEC. 20

TWO WEEKS NOTICE

Sandra Bullock is a brilliant but neurotic attorney and Hugh Grant is her charming irresponsible and fabulously wealthy client in this story about

whether or not it's ever too late to say I love you. Stars Sandra Bullock, Hugh Grant, Alicia Witt, Mark Feuerstein, Robert Klein. Directed by Marc Lawrence. (Warner Bros.) Running time: 100 minutes.

WILD THORNBERRYS

The premise of the TV show upon which it is based is that the Thornberrys are a family that travels the world making nature documentaries. The thing is their daughter Eliza has the amazing ability to speak to animals. This movie finds her traveling to Africa's Serengeti. Stars (Voice cast) Lacey Chabert, Brenda Blethyn, Jodi Carlisle, Tim Curry, Rupert Everett, Flea, Danielle Harris, Tom Kane, Lynn Redgrave, Marisa Tomei, Alfre Woodard. Directed by Jeff McGrath. (Paramount Pictures)

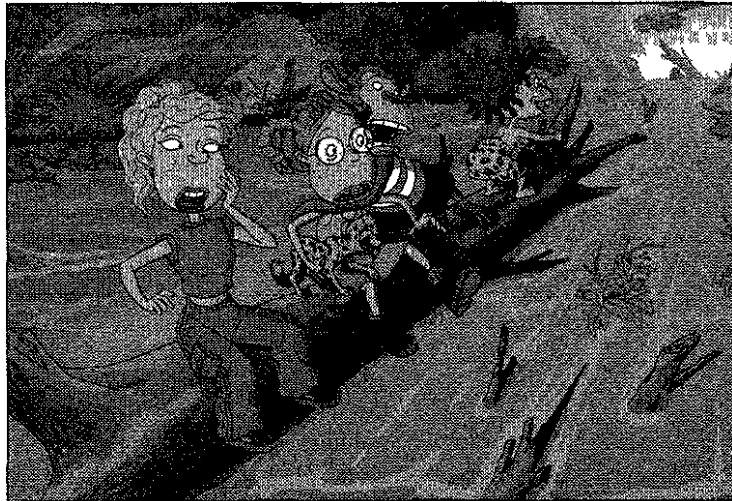
GANGS OF NEW YORK

Set in the period from 1846 to 1863 this is the story of how Irish and Italian gangs got started in New York City in that time of Tammany Hall and Boss Tweed. The two gangs at the heart of this film are the Dead Rabbits

and the Native Americans. Amsterdam Vallon is the son of the Rabbits' murdered leader and he vows vengeance on the man who killed him. Bill The Butcher, Poole. Stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Cameron Diaz, Daniel Day-Lewis, Jim Broadbent, Brendan Gleeson, Devon Murray, Liam Neeson, Pete Postlethwaite, John C. Reilly, Henry Thomas, Liam Carney, Ford Keirnan. Directed by Martin Scorsese. (Miramax Films) Rating: R

ABOUT SCHMIDT

Jack Nicholson stars as Warren Schmidt, a man who is set adrift following retirement and the sudden death of his wife. Uncertain about his future as well as his past, Warren packs up his 30-foot Winnebago to set out on a journey across the Nebraska plains to attend his daughter's wedding to a waterbed salesman. But every step he takes seems wrong and Warren seems destined to end his life as he lived it. A failure. But along the way Warren recounts his journey and shares his observations with an unexpected friend - a poor Tanzanian boy



Debbie, Eliza and Donnie find adventure in The Wild Thornberrys Movie. The film opens Friday, Dec. 20

he is sponsoring for 73 cents a day. In his long letters to the boy Warren begins to see himself and the life he has lived with new eyes. Also featured in the drama are Kathy (Dragonfly) Bates, Dermot (My Best Friend's Wedding) Mulroney and Hope (Mumford) Davis as Warren's daughter. (New Line) Rated: R

minutes

ANTWONE FISHER

Antwone Fisher, a young sailor, is ordered to see a Navy psychiatrist to control his anger after fighting with shipmates. That anger also led him to a life of crime before he joined the Navy. After therapy, Antwone sets out to find the family that abandoned him as a child and the mystery of his identity is revealed. Featured players include newcomer Derek Luke as Antwone and Denzel (Training Day) Washington as the psychiatrist. Denzel Washington directed the drama, marking his feature directorial debut. (Fox Searchlight) Rated: PG-13

CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

Frank Abagnale (Leonardo DiCaprio) Jr. worked as a doctor, a lawyer, and as a co-pilot for a major airline all before his 18th birthday. A master of deception, he was also a brilliant forger whose skill gave him his first real claim to fame. At the age of 17, he became the most successful bank robber in the history of the United States. FBI Agent Carl Hanratty (Tom Hanks) had made it his prime mission to capture Frank and bring him to justice, but Frank is always one step ahead of him, baiting him to continue the chase. Steven Spielberg directed the real-life crime drama. (Dreamworks SKG) Rated: PG-13

THE LION KING (LARGE FORMAT)

Set in the wilds of Africa, the feature follows the heroic journey of Simba, a lion cub who is forced into exile by his evil uncle after the death of his father, the King. Growing up in the jungle with the help of some unlikely companions (including a dim-witted warthog named Pumbaa and a fast-talking meerkat named Timon), Simba comes to learn the meaning of his destiny and returns to claim his right place as King of the Beasts. Singer/songwriter Elton John collaborated with Academy Award-winning lyricist Tim (Aladdin) Rice on the music for this allegorical adventure. (Walt Disney Pictures) Rated: PG

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, DEC. 27

A FEW GOOD YEARS

Billed as a black comedy, the story tells of three generations of a dysfunctional family living in New York who attempt to reconcile differences. Featured among the ensemble are three generations of

the Douglas family. Kirk Douglas as a top corporate lawyer coming to terms with suffering a stroke, Diana Douglas as his wife, Michael Douglas as his son and Cameron Douglas as the grandson. Fred Schepisi directed the comedy, marking his first since completing Last Orders in 2001. (MGM/UA) Not yet rated

NICHOLAS NICKLEBY (Tentative for this date)

Based on the novel by Charles Dickens, the story centers on a boy's struggle to survive and find happiness in a hostile and unfeeling world by building a new and unconventional family. He is helped and hindered on his way by a host of superbly evoked and well-known characters. From his ruthless uncle to the hilarious and theatrical Crummles family and the cruel hearted Wackford Squeers. Featured among the ensemble are Jamie (Billy Elliot) Bell, Jim Broadbent, Tom (Last Orders) Courtenay, Alan (The Anniversary Party) Cumming, Charlie (Abandon) Hunnam, and Anne (The Princess Diaries) Hathaway. (MGM/UA) Not yet rated

CHICAGO

Set in the roaring 20s, this is the story of Chicago chorus girl Roxie Hart, who shoots her unfaithful lover. Landing in jail, she meets Velma Kelly, another chorus girl and murderess, currently enjoying media attention and legal manipulation. Care of her attorney Billy Flynn, king of the old "Razzle Dazzle." Soon enough, however, Flynn takes Roxie's case as well and Velma finds herself old news as Roxie is now the most famous murderess in town on her way to getting out of jail and becoming a star. The two go through a series of attempts at getting what they both want (often conflicting). Freedom and fame. Stars: Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Richard Gere, Christine Baranski, Taye Diggs, Colm Feore, Queen Latifah, Lucy Liu, Mya, John C. Reilly, Dominic West, Mark Calamia, Deirdre Goodwin, Sebastian La Cause, Mary Ann Lamb, Chita Rivera. (cameo). Directed by Rob Marshall. (Miramax Films) Rated: PG-13

SCHEDULED TO OPEN FRIDAY, JAN. 3, 2003

INTACTO

There are those among us who are preternaturally lucky. They are the survivors of the plane crash that kills everyone else, the ones who escape being victims of war and terror, the gamblers who win high-stake games and even life itself. Their gift is not only being lucky, however, it includes the power to rob others of their luck and leave them helpless in the face of misfortune. Federico has been robbed of his luck and believes that Tomas, the survivor of a plane crash, will be the instrument of his vengeance. The two men embark on a voyage of initiation, a series of trials challenging others that will lead them to the summit of chance, but they must avoid the scrutiny of policewoman Sara, herself a survivor, to finally meet Sam, the master of the domain from which only one person will emerge intact. Stars: Leonardo Sbaraglia, Eusebio Poncela, Monica Lopez, Antonio Dechent, Max Von Sydow. Directed by Juan Carlos Fresnadillo. (Lions Gate) Rated: R. Running time: 108 minutes

DRAGON

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the musician's second year with September Productions. Golden's also acted in community theater with Stagecrafters and Avon Players. "They feel my effects because they're subliminal. It adds a sense of comedy to the visual."

Jim Charles provides plenty of razzle and dazzle as he darts back and forth across the stage trying to make his character look smart, but rarely does. The West Bloomfield resident plays Lucius, manager of St. George's Dragon Slayer. St. George is summoned by the villagers to rid them of the dragon they fear will burn their village and eat them. Dragons, after all, have reputations that precede them.

"Lucius thinks he's the brains of the organization," said Charles, who earlier this year played the prosecutor in the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford production of Berl Falbaum's No Comment. "Some of the cast said why don't you play it like Danny DeVito in Taxi, so I did. The kids love the schtick of running into each other."

"I like the singing. I'm happy to be in it. It's a musical. Kids need to be opened up to live theater and ticket prices are reasonable."

Stacey Griffin is having as much fun as Charles, but while he's only wearing the fancy hat of St. George's sidekick, she's tackling a number of jobs. The Garden City resident serves as producer, director and stage manager in addition to playing the role of Carl, the town buff-

oon. Griffin studied theater at Oakland University in Rochester and now brings an after-school drama program to students in Garden City Schools.

"It's been a challenge being in it and being behind the curtain," Griffin said, "but we want to be able to provide quality family entertainment with slapstick and a few jokes for the parents as well."

Neil Pike might not know much about dragons and making audiences laugh, but he entertains them just the same with a model train display he's set up in the museum for more than 20 years. Children and adults enjoy watching the eight engines, cars and caboose chugging along separate tracks.

"We started Oct. 7 to get ready by the Friday after Thanksgiving," said Pike of Garden City. "It's never the same. It changes every year."

Bugs Bunny and Yosemite Sam hitch a ride on one of the trains running on the O-gauge track. Pike admits the candy-land buildings were conceived with children in mind. The outdoor house provides a chuckle for adults.

"It's geared to the kids," said Pike, who received his first train at age 6 and still puts it under his Christmas tree every year. He's lived in Garden City since 1966, but grew up in Livonia on a dairy farm where Schoolcraft College now sits.

"All the village buildings are by Betty Boren," he said. "There's a tunnel, farmstead and even a memorial park monument for names of volunteers who've died. The project is 100 percent volunteer. There's always someone at the

control and others to answer questions."

A building with the sign Neal Pike Farm Tractors pays tribute to the chief engineer who restores antique tractors as a hobby. Pike has a way with motors that comes in handy when setting up the 640-square-foot train display with 500 feet of track.

"Carousels turn counter clockwise," said Pike, pointing to the spinning carved horses on one end of the display. "I had a hard time finding a motor because all of the motors turn clockwise. I had to take it apart and put it together so it would run backwards. It was a lot of work, but I enjoy every minute of it, including wiring the 3,200 blue and white lights lining the tracks."

"We have all kinds of lights and pomssettias decorating the museum for the holidays," museum publicist Kim Johnson said. "There's the 25-foot Christmas tree that took five volunteers nearly two weeks to put up, Santa's caboose where kids can meet Santa, and for the first time this year we have trees and wreaths for sale. We're hoping it becomes a holiday tradition for people to buy their greenery here and then come in and visit the museum. On weekends we have the Sounds of Christmas, a dramatic and musical presentation and you can sing-a-long to holiday favorites. And starting Christmas Day they can watch Disney's The Lion King in the IMAX Theatre."

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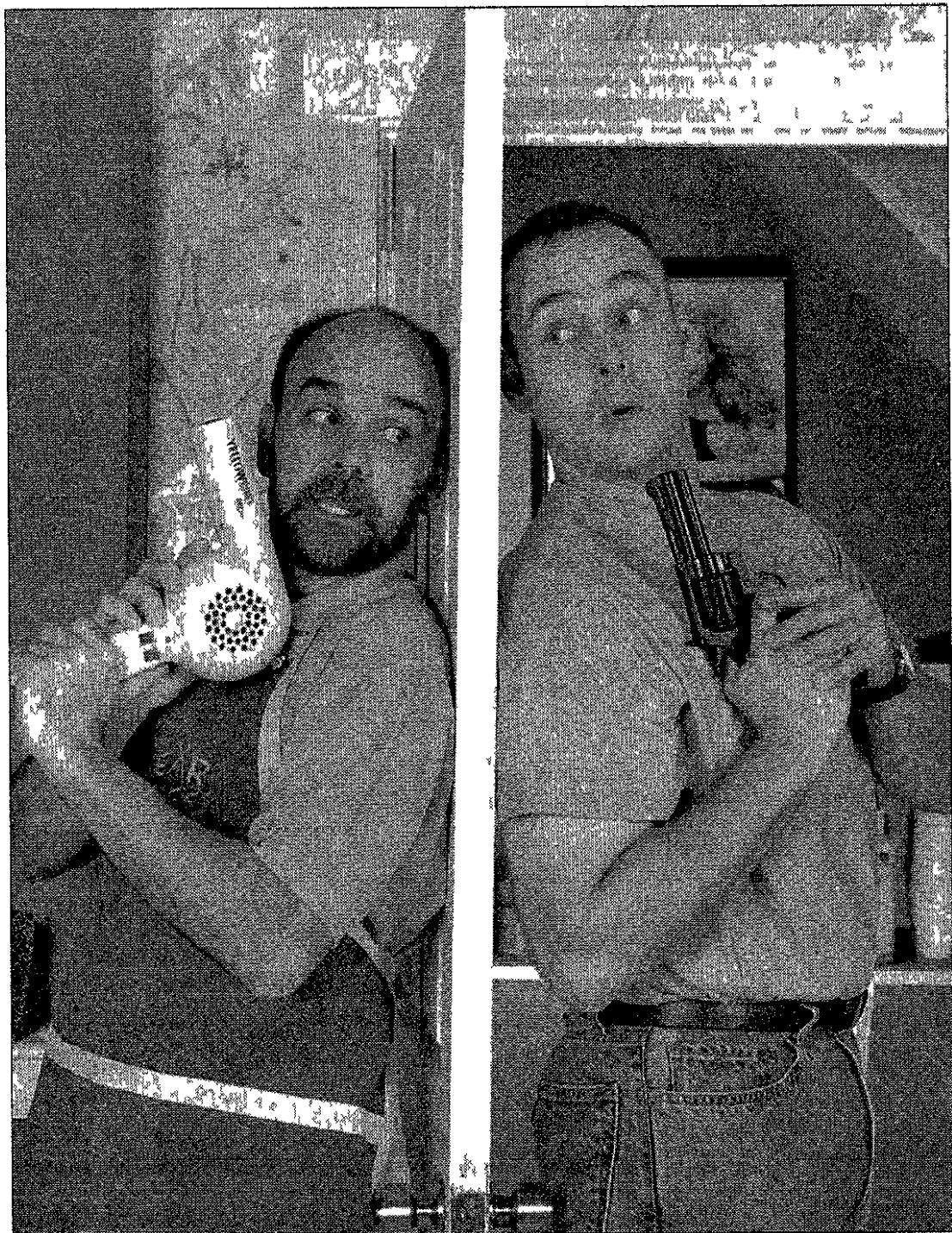
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# Save room for an Italian dessert at Tiramisu Su'

BY MARY QUINLEY  
CORRESPONDENT

When Joe Danna decided to open his fourth restaurant he needed a chef who had expertise in home-cooked Italian cuisine. His friend, Bendetto Cracolini, was the ideal candidate.

Bendetto is from Italy. He owned a restaurant there and he has worked at several four- and five-star restaurants," said Danna, owner of Tiramisu Su' in Farmington Hills.

Danna also owns eateries with the same name in Clinton Township, Shelby Township and Northville.

Tiramisu Su' features a delightful combo of northern and southern dishes.

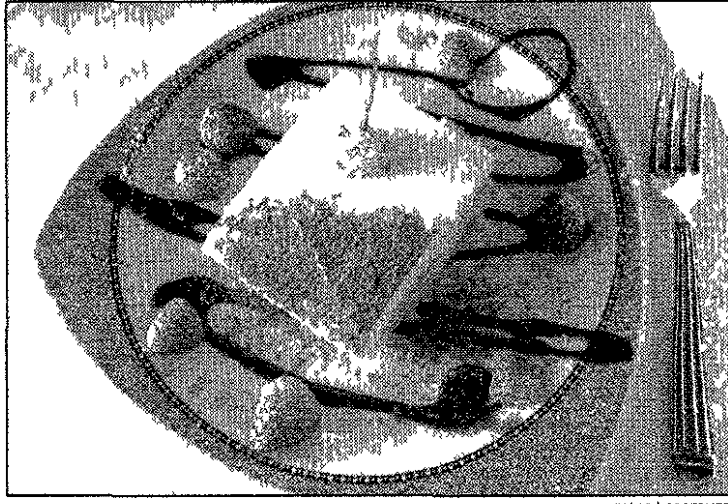
"I'm Italian and I wanted to give people a little piece of the true taste of Italy," said Danna, who was born in Sicily.

Typically, he said, northern recipes are made with whipped cream whereas the southern dishes contain tomatoes with added spices like garlic and oregano.

One feature that makes the restaurant unique, he said, is that each order is cooked "fresh" when it arrives in the kitchen.

Another important element for the success of the business is customer satisfaction.

"I teach my employees to serve the customers the way



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Tiramisu Su' presents its namesake. The wonderful flavors are enhanced by the fine presentation.

they would want to be served," said Danna.

On a recent Friday evening the establishment was abuzz with laughter, smiling faces and happy activity — a family celebrating an 84th birthday, couples chatting and friends conversing.

Pam O'Neil and her husband, Chip, have dined at the restaurant four or five times. They enjoy the atmosphere, the food and the attentive wait staff.

"We've made friends here," said O'Neil of Farmington Hills, who refers to the eatery as "our little joint."

O'Neil often works on the

east side and likes to take clients to the Tiramisu Su' in Shelby Township. She's excited that Danna has opened a restaurant "closer to home."

O'Neil, who is partial to seafood, has high praise for the calamari because it's lightly breaded and not greasy.

And, she said, the Linguine Pescatore (\$18.95) is the best Italian dish she's ever tasted. The linguine entree is made with a combo of shrimp, calamari, scallops, clams and mussels, sautéed in a light red sauce that is flavored with white wine and a touch of spice. It's served over pasta or rice.

The filet mignon ranks as Jma Demers' favorite dinner item.

"I love the mushroom sauce that's served with the filet," said Demers of Farmington Hills, who recently celebrated a wedding anniversary at the eatery with her husband, Paul.

Everything we've ordered has been wonderful, Demers said, from the Penne Lobster, Paul's favorite, to the Tiramisu Su', the restaurant's signature dessert.

The Penne Lobster (\$24.95), the most popular item on the menu, is one of the house specialties. The dish contains morsels of lobster and a lobster tail in a tomato cream sauce.

Other dinner selections include Chicken Picante (\$16.95) prepared with sautéed mushrooms and capers in a light white wine and butter sauce, Pollo Calabrese (\$16.95), a chicken breast sautéed with red peppers, black olives, capers, hot banana peppers and spinach, and several other chicken dishes.

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An assortment of veal and steak options is also available. Meat, chicken, veal and fish

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entrees are served with Italian bread, a side of pasta and soup or salad. Soup choices include Chicken Tortellini, Minestrone and a soup of the day.

Be sure to save space for an after-dinner treat.

The Tiramisu Su', prepared daily in the restaurant's kitchen, is made with layers of ladyfingers that have been dipped in Kahlua, espresso and regular coffee. The delectable, light dessert is topped with whipped

mascarpone cheese and then sprinkled with cocoa powder.

The Italian word tiramisù, explained Danna, means "lift me up or pull me up."

Chocolate mousse, spumoni, creme brulee and gelato, an Italian ice cream, are other dessert possibilities.

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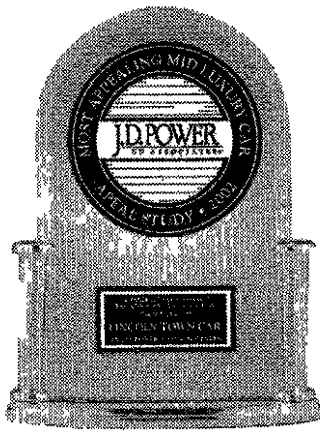
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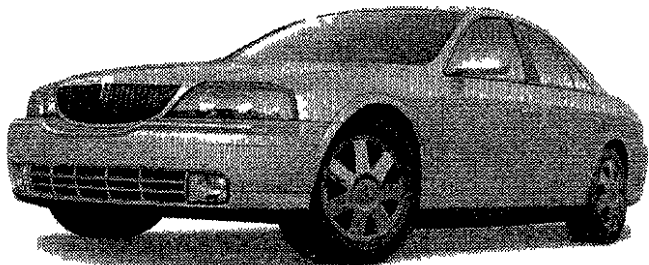
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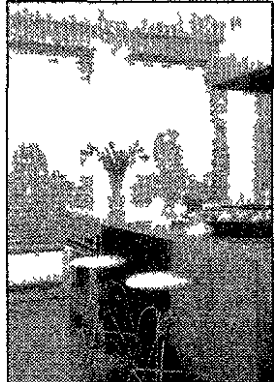
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Holiday plants that can be harmful or toxic to your pets include mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, Japanese yew and Jerusalem cherry. So can the bulbs of the amaryllis plant. Contact your veterinarian if your pet is vomiting, lethargic or foaming at the mouth.

Keep pets away from holiday decorations and never leave pets unsupervised around the tree. Tinsel, ribbons and angel hair can cause intestinal blockages if swallowed. Glass balls may be fetched off the tree and break.

Also, ingested pine needles can puncture your pet's intestines. Vacuum around the tree frequently.

Preservatives, aspirin or sugar used to prolong a tree's life may harm your pet if the water is ingested. Aspirin is especially deadly for cats.

Make sure lights and electrical cords are out of reach. Besides the risk of electrocution, the whole tree may topple over.

Keep pets away from ribbons and bows. Cats find them fascinating, however, they are a serious choking hazard.

Make sure pets are secure while you are entertaining. More guests mean more chances for your pet to slip out unnoticed. Be sure your pet is wearing a collar and ID tag in case of escape.

Make sure pets aren't forgotten in all the activity but provide them with a quiet retreat when the festivities get too stressful.

Resist giving your pets fatty foods like gravy and poultry skin, which can cause severe gastrointestinal upset.

Likewise, don't give them poultry or steak bones, which can splinter or lodge in the throat, stomach or intestinal tract.

Chocolate is poisonous to dogs and can even be fatal depending on the animal's size and the amount and type of chocolate ingested. The safest rule of thumb is to keep all chocolate out of your dog's reach.



## Man-made holiday

His decorative visions make for a Christmas masterpiece

Twinkling lights 1,300  
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And that's just his, yes his,  
Christmas tree

William Barlage, a native of Livonia, takes charge of his and wife Jean's East English Village home come December. There, the Christmas tree, rather than macho holiday reticence, grounds the man of the house at year's end.



Among William Barlage's antique and vintage Christmas tree ornaments is a rosy-cheeked Saint Nick dressed in white.

The tree is also the focal point of what might be best described as Masterpiece Christmas, a cozy rose-colored living room turned sumptuous elegant holiday retreat thanks to Barlage's disciplined orchestration of such elements as fresh greens, fake snow, broken crystals, red beads, candlelight and china figurines.

Barlage's holiday decorating philosophy is demanding. Less is more, but it's Christmas, so the cheer must be visible everywhere.

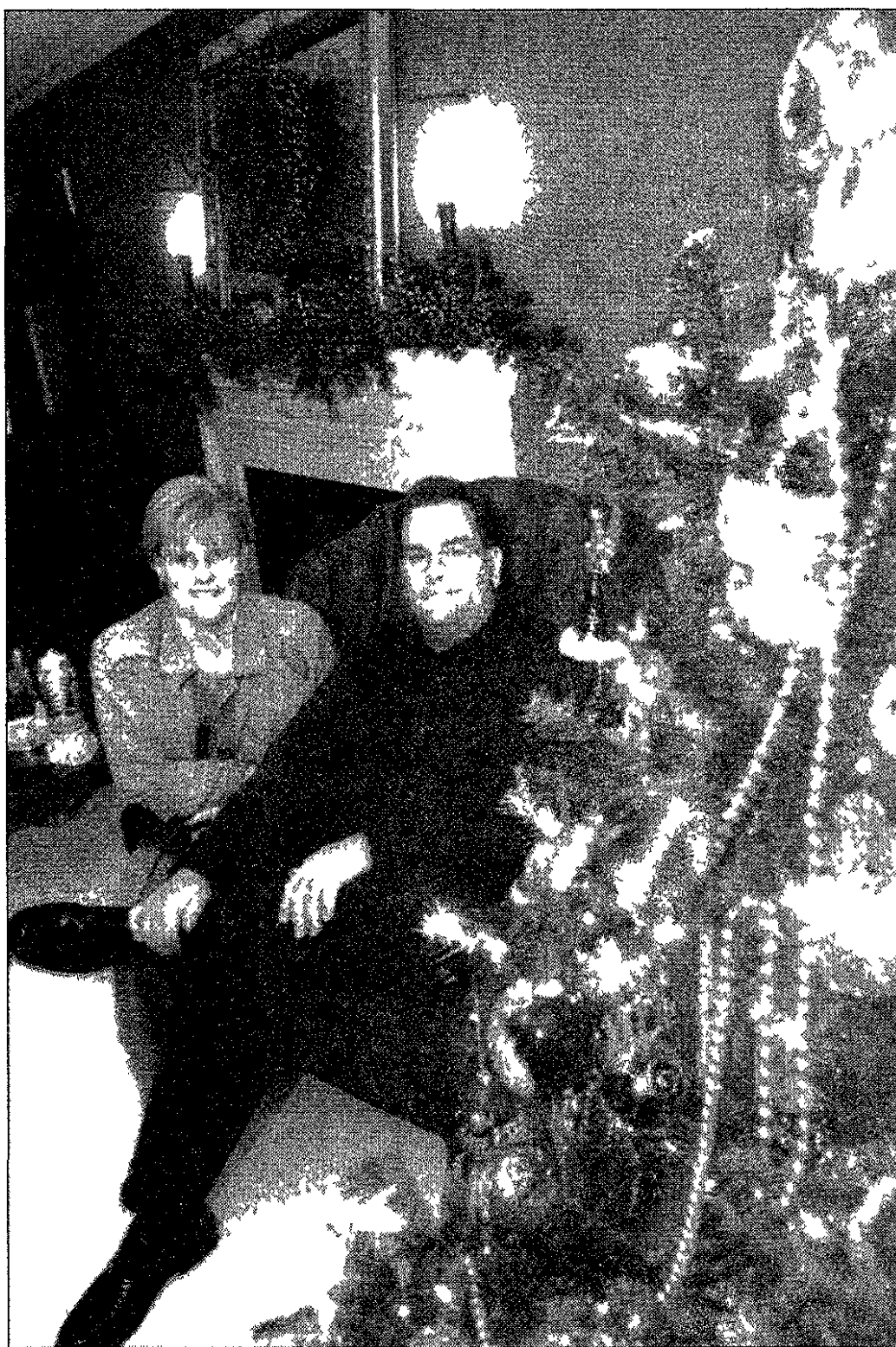
"Wherever you sit, you need to see something, even if it's just beads in a vase," says Barlage, 43, turning to face a Waterford vase overflowing with tiny, scarlet beads.

"I like for each piece to stand out independently," he adds, his eyes focusing on the fireplace.

There, the mantle is laden with fresh greens, dotted with red pepper berries and lit with two tall lamps in perfect balance. Above is a matching wreath that Barlage, who works in the retail furnishing industry, made by hand.

Across the room, an army of red poinsettias picks up the pepper berries' hue. Nearby, an arrangement of sugared plum-colored berries rises out of a marble urn, echoing red, but also drawing in the living room's Ralph Lauren rose walls.

"Some days it's a little stressful, especially when we're getting ready



Above, William and Jean Barlage sit between the fireplace and Christmas tree in their East English Village home. William, who grew up in Livonia and still decorates his parents' home there, used fresh greens, pepper berries and chandeliers to decorate the mantle. The tree, which has 1,300 lights and 500 ornaments, takes 10 hours to trim. Top, every one of William Barlage's Christmas displays is created with love and precision. Barlage brings this grouping of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus to life with crystals and fake snow.

for a party because everything has to look perfect," says Barlage's wife Jean. He has this vision of how everything should look.

Though she retains final approval rights, Jean describes her role as "the little helper," the assistant who unwraps the ornaments and places them in the hands of the master decorator.

"Bill placed every single ornament on the tree," she says. "Everything you see is Bill's."

So engrossed is Barlage in holiday decorating, he frequently refers to completed projects as work "we, rather than 'I,' did."

He's talking about himself and that other voice, his creativity, he admits, adding, "That sounds sort of crazy."

By the way, Barlage decks the halls at both his parents' and sister's homes in Livonia, assists friends and neighbors with their holiday decorations and trims at least two Hagopian rugs retail stores every December. "And consultations - there's a lot of them."

Currently, general manager of a Roche Bobois store slated to open

next year in Novi, Barlage has no formal design training. "I just sort of gather it together. And he does so from scratch, the Christmas decor in the Barlage home changes every year."

Off-season, he attends garage and estate sales in hopes of adding to his collection of tree ornaments, most of which are antique or vintage. "I'm awful. I'll go to an estate sale, and that's all I'll do - hunt for ornaments."

Closer to Christmas, he and his wife "wander around," Jean says. "And he'll see something that he likes, and it all happens from there."

But Barlage's decorating amour has been in the making for a long time. As a child, he always helped with the Christmas decorations at home. "And then - I hate to use the term - I kind of took over."

His first job after high school Christmas-trim stock boy at what was then Hudson's. "The next year, I was Christmas-trim manager."

And the rest is holiday history.

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## Holiday collectibles take many forms

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
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Canton residents Joe and Georgia Hartluck collect angels and Santa Clauses.

"It would probably have to do with my Polish heritage, with St. Nick and all that," Joe said. "I picked up things from around the world, we're travelers."

Joe's personal collection includes about 60 or 70 Santa Clauses. Georgia has 30 to 40 angels, which she displays on top of cupboards, window sills and china cabinets.

"I just like to decorate," Georgia said. "I have the Thomas Kincade,

Seraphim Angels and Dreamsicle Santa Clauses."

The Hartlucks have three children and seven grandchildren and said they like to make sure they include the religious aspect of Christmas into their gathering. On Christmas Day, the children sing *Happy Birthday* to baby Jesus in the Nativity set.

"I guess it's just things we like," Georgia said. "It seems to make the holiday complete. Even though we go to Florida every winter, I still feel I have to put them up."

Every year their Christmas card is from a different part of the world they have visited, including China,

Greece and Italy.

"We take a picture from there and then make it into a Christmas card," Georgia said. "This year is from Japan. The photo is taken in Kyoto, where they had the Festival of Ages. It was taken with four different Japanese warriors wearing period costumes."

The couple took this trip in 2000.

### SOUVENIRS

Joyce Weigel of Farmington collects vacation souvenirs and uses them as Christmas ornaments.

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Here are some of the bells collected by Deb Wasloff. She has been collecting bells for 15 years and keeps them on display in a curio cabinet all year.

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**COLLECTIBLES**

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"Every time we go on a trip somewhere, I always try to get a souvenir," she said. "When we went to Branson, we got a boot ornament from there."

"This year, I won a trip to Niagara Falls from a local radio station. One of the attractions we took in was going under the falls. To do so, we had to wear yellow plastic rain parkas. In the gift shop after, we found a small Teddy bear wearing the same raincoat. He will be hanging on our tree this year."

"It's just a remembrance of our vacation spot."

Some memorabilia are to remember the past ("I have one that looks like a little Amish buggy") and some are from home sweet home ("We used to live in Wisconsin, so that one is special").

Weigel has other varieties of sentimental ornaments, including one for each anniversary and one for their birthdays.

"I have one for every member of the immediate family,



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Linda Sutton holds one of her recently mounted puzzles as she stands next to her favorite, a Norman Rockwell Santa puzzle.

and a couple German ones," she said.

One of these German ornaments is white with red print that says *Frohlche Weihnachten*, which means Merry Christmas.

**SNOW VILLAGES**

Virginia Walker of Farmington Hills collects snow villages, and to date has 85

houses and pieces on display. Between October and January each year, about 200 of Walker's friends and acquaintances come over and take a tour of her house to see them, she said.

"I entertain a lot, a group from church, friends, the sports parties and people from my sing-a-longs," Walker said.

Walker found out what many collectors come to realize: items grow as time flies.

"I started in 1986, when I lived in another condo," Walker said. "When I moved here, it seemed to get bigger."

She explained how it all began.

"I went away for a weekend with several friends to Frankenmuth, and I just liked the villages they had all over, and the snow village I saw," she said.

"Then I bought a three-piece village."

They all found a home at Walker's 1,800-square-foot residence. The five-level villages, connected in an L shape, run along her living room wall, into the dining room and over the staircase of the living room.



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A moving angel figurine is the centerpiece among a variety of collectible Santas, angels and other Christmas ornamentation in the home of Joe and Georgia Hartluck of Canton.

(about 15 by 25 feet dimension).

"It took six of us 4 1/2 hours to bring the boxes up from the basement, unload them and put them wherever we could put them," Walker said. "Then take the empty boxes back down, cause they each have their own boxes."

"I have a lot of (village) people and accessories."

In addition to Frankenmuth, Walker found these creations from Hallmark and The Plate Lady, and some were given as gifts from friends.

Other holiday token collectors include Linda Sutton of Plymouth, who collects Christmas puzzles and frames them on her wall, and Deb Wasiloff, who collects an elaborate variety of bells.

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Louise Clark designed and assembled the Christmas village for friend Virginia Walker.



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The huge Christmas village display reaches from the condo's foyer to the far side of the living room. Louise Clark's dog CeCe stands guard.

**HOME CALENDAR**

**Visit from Santa**

Santa Claus will visit the Kids Castle at Art Van Furniture, 8300 Wayne Road in Westland, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, to greet children and pass out special treats. Parents may bring their cameras.

**Kwanzaa celebration**

The storytellers will visit with guests to share stories about African American heritage and the celebration of Kwanzaa, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia.

They will also demonstrate ethnic musical instruments. This enthusiastic duo performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of the children attending.

**How-to clinics**

Area Home Depot stores offer free how-to clinics for do-it-yourselfers every week. The clinics last about 30

to 45 minutes and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. Contact your local Home Depot for more information.

The December schedule is: Fax Painting, 7 p.m. Tuesdays; How to Install Ceiling Tile, 7 p.m. Thursdays; How to Install Pergo, 11 a.m. Saturdays; How to Install an Interior Door, 10 a.m. Sundays; and How to Install Ceramic Tile, 11 a.m. Sundays.

**Kempf House Museum**

Kempf House, 312 S. Division in Ann Arbor, is decorated in a traditional German Christmas theme during December. The Greek Revival house was built in 1853. Admission to the house is \$1, free for under age 12. For more information, call (734) 994-4898.

**Stores add sophistication to wrapping**

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

These days, everything is rushed, it seems. The fast-paced society has us rushing through U-Scan supermarkets, sending e-cards instead of sending cards through regular mail, and even rushing through the process of wrapping gifts.

We simply don't have the time or patience, it seems, to make our own bows by hand and wrap seamless gifts. However, Pete Tavormina of Misty's Cards and Gifts in Garden City says that doesn't mean the wrapped gift cannot be beautiful.

Just choose an elegant gift bag. Currently they reign in popularity over all other wrappings.

"Eight years ago, that would have been unheard of,"

Tavormina said. "Today there's gift bags small enough for jewelry and large enough for a bicycle." (A customer requested the latter.)

Add tissue paper in a bold color to the inside of a patterned bag, put in the gift and customers are ready to go, he said. People today are more pressed for time, especially when buying gifts for co-workers.

Gift bags are elegant, can be reused and are convenient, but that doesn't mean we've completely lost the slow, warm holiday spirit.

"For more personal gifts, people still like to wrap," Tavormina said. "But even there, ribbons aren't as popular as before, maybe just a pre-made bow on top."

Specialty gift wrap stores in the area have given a stronger meaning to the saying, "The

presentation is as important as the gift itself."

Jeweled grapes, silk-screen ribbon and flower-infused handmade paper sold at stores like Festivities in Birmingham make it possible for gift givers to personalize every present for every occasion.

Right now, the trend is all about accessories.

"Gift attachments added to the package at the ribbon are very hot," said Mary Beth Winkworth, Festivities owner. "Floral bunches with beaded fruit, silver snowflake charms and hand-dyed ribbon are very popular."

Festivities specializes in high end, designer gift wrapping. In demand right now is paper created by designer Roger LaBorde and illustrated by Laura Stoddard. The papers have images of very tall, thin figures that may be gardening, cooking or getting married.

Bags can be as simple as glossy paper or a part of the

gift itself. At Festivities, bags are made of heavy fabric and touched with intricate beaded trims and jewels.

For an even more creative touch, Winkworth said the stores' popular red and black handbags with faux fur have been used as gift bags also.

Susan Sivak of Barbara's Paper Bag in Birmingham says classic holiday patterns like holly and stars remain popular in their individually sold paper sheets. Snowmen are good sellers, too.

"We also sell a great deal of ribbon by the yard," Sivak said. "Solid colors in organza fabric, it's easy to tie and very beautiful."

At Barbara's Paper Bag, the trend is about color coordination. Shoppers can buy individual sheets of tissue and wrapping paper and just the right amount of ribbon to make a perfect package.

At Festivities, employees will help shoppers choose the paper and accessories and then will wrap the gifts for them, if needed.

At Misty's, some people still want simplicity.

"I have one customer who still wraps his grandchildren's gifts the old-fashioned way, with the Sunday funnies," Tavormina said. "And he comes here for the cards and bows."

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# Jewel-toned flowers sparkle for holiday

If you haven't decorated your home for the holidays, you might want to join a number of people who are using bright flowers in deep shades instead of the traditional ones.

The coming year will see jewel tones used in home decor, so why not get ahead of the game and choose flowers in those colors?



**Garden Spot**

**Marty Figley**

This is also a good way to introduce a new palette of color, in a small way so that you can see the way they work in your surroundings before you bring in a more permanent new color.

For instance, royal purple, cerise (bright red with a pinkish tinge) and red jewel tones are strong. Perhaps you have noticed them in ornaments, beads and vases that are now offered in stores.

Ruby red, deep purple and strong pink are contenders. Any of these colors are wonderful used with silver or gold bowls filled with a jewel-tone flower, and plum blooms and glass balls will complement such an arrangement.

Try a mixture of purple or cobalt blue with chartreuse for a different look.

Candles reflect the glow of ornaments and flowers and add a quiet

glow to a room. Set in front of, or on, a mirror, the effect is stunning.

Take a trip to your favorite florist (or try a new one), and let your imagination wander. Here you can see just what they have to offer, because they keep up with trends. This is also a good way to get ideas for your own home.

Look for deeper shades of red for this year's theme. But remember, pink and white will add another dimension when combined with the jewel tones.

Here are some plants you may wish to use.

## POINSETTIA

When buying poinsettias, choose a plant with tightly clustered, small central flowers with crisp, bright foliage. Green foliage down to the soil line indicates the plant has active, healthy roots.

Water thoroughly only when the surface soil is dry to the touch. Let the water run into the saucer and discard the excess. A window with six hours of light is a perfect place to help retain the color.

## CHRISTMAS CACTUS

The Christmas cactus is another plant with regal-toned flowers. When the tubular blooms appear, the foliage takes a background role.

The stunning flowers run the gamut of colors, from delicate salmon

to white with a faint whisper of apple blossom pink, shocking magenta and suave, deep red. The bright green stems of the Christmas cactus are arching and drooping, spineless, but scalloped. A cache pot the color of the bloom will give it more oomph.

Keep the rich, porous soil moist, but not soggy, fertilize weekly when the plants are growing with an all-purpose product. They like a cool, bright window.

To keep the Christmas cactus blooming successfully year after year, it needs specific resting and growing periods during the year. Ask your nurseryman, or check out a good houseplant book.

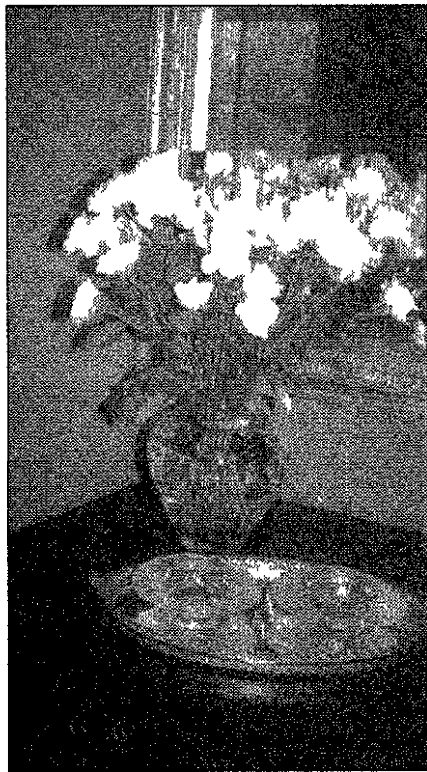
## AMARYLLIS

One single pot of amaryllis used as a focal point, or a whole group of these popular flowers, makes a spectacular show.

Pink, white, large red blooms striped with white, and gorgeous bright red are colors from which to choose. Surround the red ones with white bulbs or candles or use gold accents for an updated look.

If you choose to give an amaryllis for a gift, please include a care tag with it. If the bulb needs to be potted, here's how.

Pot each single bulb into containers 1 inch larger than the diameter of the bulb, with no more than a third of the bulb below the soil line. The planting



White flowers (roses here) and mirrors reflect light and add sparkle.

medium should be moist, well drained and rich in organic matter.

When the bulb is in place, press the soil firmly to get rid of air pockets. Water thoroughly at this time. Then water sparingly until the bulb

appears to be in active growth, such as green showing, then increase the watering schedule.

These beauties need as much sun as possible and fertilization on a regular basis.

After flowering, the foliage will reach its mature size and stay that way until fall. Remove the bloom stalk to allow the bulb to store energy so they will bloom again the following year.

## ROSEMARY

This year I am seeing rosemary trained in a pyramidal shape.

Although they are beautiful and a rich green, I shudder to guess just how many will last more than a month or so.

Rosemary needs specific care when grown as a houseplant because it is very fussy.

Too much water will cause leaf tips to brown or entire leaves to dry and drop.

Yellowing leaves indicate a lack of fertilizer or that the plant is potbound and needs repotting.

Fertilize potted rosemary plants every three weeks with a complete fertilizer formula such as a 20-10-20, and good luck!

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.

# Upper Michigan wreath making strong

Nestled in the North Country, the art of handcrafting holiday wreaths is booming.

Whether you are in Marquette or a quaint, out-of-the-way resort area like DeTour Village, you'll find the cottage industry of wreath-making bustling with activity at this time of year.

Upper Michigan is ideally suited for the seasonal wreath-making business, says Michael Soczek of The Up North Co. in DeTour Village, a mail-order marketer of holiday wreaths.

With its vast evergreen plantations and forests, the natural resources to make holiday wreaths are abundant.

Holiday wreaths have a long history, dating from the ancient cultures of the Persian

Empire. Originally, wreaths (or "diadems," as they were called back then) took the form of fabric headbands that were sometimes adorned with jewels.

Beginning in 776 B.C., wreaths of laurel leaves were used to crown victors of the Olympic Games.

Today, wreaths are a universal sign of hospitality. They are commonly used to dress up interior and exterior doors. They can also accent walls, door frames and arches.

Balsam fir is the traditional wreath making bough used across the north woods. Soczek said its abundance and flexibility to work with coupled with its fragrant smell, make it the preferred choice among wreath makers.

Balsam boughs are trimmed from managed forests and cultured tree plantations.

Trimming the boughs can improve the tree's health by making it more resistant to diseases and environmental stress.

Other popular boughs are white cedar and white pine.

Wreath making is more art than science. After the boughs are harvested, they are generally brought indoors and trimmed to size. Once the boughs are sized properly and matched with boughs similar in color and density, they are ready to be made into a wreath.

To make a wreath, a wire ring is placed in a simple clamping device. Then, a handful of boughs is placed in a fanned-out fashion, and a

clamp is pressed to close a wire bracket against the boughs.

This process is repeated until the ring is full of fragrant boughs. The wreath is then generally accented with a red velvet bow and pine cones.

Soczek markets his wreaths under the Mackinac Holiday Wreath name for \$32.95 each, including shipping and handling, and ships thousands of wreaths to customers across the United States.

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## Life Lines

Cathy Standish

### The cat who came out of the cold

That Christmas season of 1990 it seemed like it snowed forever

My husband was working odd hours, preparing for the Detroit Auto Show, then working as a reporter for the automotive industry

My two little boys were keeping me busy as we shopped, decorated and baked for the holiday season

So when the mysterious cat appeared on the ledge of our living room window, I didn't pay too much attention

But our 5-year-old son did. He was fascinated with the tiny, gray-haired cat. Her long fur blew in the cold winter air, and sometimes it seemed like she was shivering

"Can I feed her, Mom?" He was only 5, but his little heart had always been kind. His 3-year-old brother nodded in agreement. At that time, he adored his big brother, following him everywhere

"No, honey, I answered, not admitting to the bowl of scraps sitting on our front porch

"The cat needs to go home. Some other little boy is probably really missing his pet

My son seemed sad, but he nodded, seeming to understand

But the cat didn't go home. She sat on our window ledge day after day, and the week passed. It didn't seem anyone was missing this cold, shivering kitty

So I propped open the door to the back porch and in the cat would sneak, mostly at night

Another week passed, and still no one came looking for the lost and lonely cat. She seemed very timid, afraid. She hid under a lawn chair as I filled her bowl of food and replenished her dish of water

I tried to coax her near me, but she cowered at my every word. Though the porch was enclosed, it was freezing. As she cowered, she seemed to shiver. She was cold

So I propped open the back door to the house, and the cat would sneak into the basement, mostly at night

My husband, not exactly a cat lover, was coming and going at odd hours, night and day. The auto show was keeping him busy, and he hadn't noticed our new arrival

Didn't notice until that Christmas Day of 1990. The little boys delighted in the gifts that Santa had left under our Christmas tree. My husband, the chef of the family, was preparing the customary Christmas breakfast feast when the world of toys and tinsel and the magic of Santa stopped colder than the weather outside when our 5-year-old son asked so innocently

"Did you feed the kitty, Mom?"

That's when the world stopped for my husband. Suddenly, a decidedly un-Christmas-like mood had enveloped our house

"What cat?" my husband inquired

"The cat in the basement," the 5-year-old innocently replied, matter-of-factly

My husband turned to

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Patrons line up outside the Mattsons' RV

## Ja-Noah House

### Couple gives warm clothes and God's blessing to the homeless

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Each time it seemed as if the line of men and women, some old, others young, was coming to an end, another five or more people came hoping to get a sandwich and maybe something warm to wear

One man said he needed underclothes and an entire outfit because the ones he was wearing smelled

Audrey Mattson of Livonia didn't miss a beat. She pulled out a pair of underwear, a gray pair of pants and a sweater. By accident, they matched

"Look, they look nice together, don't they?" she said. "That's God for you"

Audrey and her husband, Carl, kept doing out the freebies from the window of their mobile home that they parked across from Detroit's Masonic Temple in the Cass Corridor on a recent Wednesday afternoon

At least twice a month, usually more often, they find a spot, like this one or in a housing project, where they know they will find desperately poor people

Some they believe are homeless and probably drug addicts, prostitutes and alcoholics

One man asks a little sheepishly, if they have blankets. Carl goes into a closet, pulls one out and packs it into a bag for easy carrying. The mobile home almost seems like a convenience store on wheels

Audrey asked another man who approached them if he could use a pair of gloves or new socks — anything at all. You would think she was being paid by commission

#### BLESSINGS EXCHANGED

There's no money exchanged, but with each transaction, Dorothy says, "God bless, or occasionally, This is in Jesus Christ's name"

Sir, would you like a pair of pants? Audrey asked another man as she gave him a bag with a sandwich, juice box, a couple of cookies and an orange

Sweaters, socks, shirts and men's pants are stacked high and are organized by size. They're crammed in every cranny of the aging motor home where the Mattsons dispense their gifts. Somehow the bins always keep getting replenished by people who hear about what the Mattsons do

"We just go by faith that each month God will supply and he hasn't let us down," Audrey said, adding that they average 12,000 to 14,000 miles annually picking up and giving away goods. The mobile home sags and creaks with age and use

When they stop, the Mattsons seem unaffected by any fear or apprehension, but they say a prayer to be safeguarded before they open the window that allows them to reach out to these strangers, giving them food, clothing and maybe a small bit of comfort knowing that someone cares

#### VOLUNTEERS HELP

There was only a hint of winter in the air when the Livonia couple began that day's mission work at St. John's Lutheran Church in Redford. Inside, volunteers were doing their part in a monthly ritual of preparing sandwiches for the Mattsons to deliver to the poor

As usual, most of the baked goods were donated by Entenmann's Bakery in Livonia. In fact, all of the food had been donated

"You keep working until the bread runs out," explained Bonnie Jouppe, a Livonia resident who was rushing off to her next commitment. "It's easy work. And you know it's going to a good cause"

The cause began nearly 20 years ago with a prayer

PLEASE SEE HOUSE, C5



Carl Mattson loads another box of sandwiches into his mobile home. The sandwiches are made by St. John's Lutheran Church members at the church kitchen for distribution by the Mattsons



Audrey Mattson hands a bag of clothing through the window to a waiting patron. Carl can be seen in the background getting fruit and sandwiches together

## Lists help donors make wise giving decisions

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Debbie Martus of Livonia knows which organizations she wants to support and all the others are wasting their time trying to win her over

In fact, she doesn't even open the hundreds of letters from charities that cram her mailbox

"I just throw them away," Martus said. "It's a waste of the company's postage to mail them to me"

She even added caller identification to her phone to screen out solicitors, many of whom are asking for donations

"My husband donates every week through work and it's taken from his paycheck," Martus said. "You don't miss it as much that way"

And her check book comes out each time a friend raises money for an organization, like one who was recently involved in a bowling marathon for the American Lung Association. Martus also supports organizations like the Juvenile Diabetes Association, because she knows people who are affected by their research

Time is money and she gives plenty while volunteering with a number of different organizations, including the Girl Scouts of U.S.A. and the Clothing

Depot, run by the Livonia PTA Council offering help to Livonia families experiencing financial difficulties or overcoming a disaster, such as a house fire

Martus is like most people — she wants to help others, but she has to screen where her money is going

#### HELP FOR DONORS

The Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance has created a list to help donors discern among many charities which ones they want to help. The guide

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## HOUSE

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and a can of tomato soup

In 1983, Carl prayed for guidance in what he and his wife should do to help spread God's word. Seven years later, Audrey said she was reading the Bible when she was struck by a passage calling for God's people to share their good fortunes.

She took a can of soup and went to a Detroit housing project that has since closed.

"There was a man by the road looking down on the ground," she explained. "I drove around and when I came back he was still there."

Describing her fear, Audrey stopped the man and said, "Sir, I have a soup can and I'm giving it in the name of Jesus."

The man was overwhelmed and told Audrey he was thinking about returning to the ministry and was hoping for a sign. Together they prayed in thanksgiving for the blessing each believed they had been given. "From then on we began hav-

ing this vision to go out and help people," Audrey said.

They didn't think they'd do it for long, but more than a decade later Audrey and Carl have passed out load after load of food, literally tons of clothing, blankets, household furniture and countless other new and used items that have been donated.

Sometimes Carl travels the alleys looking for people eating out of Dumpsters and offers them a fresh meal.

"These people aren't trash," Audrey said. "I think sometimes, we startle them. Sometimes we leave crying and thinking, 'Why can't we do more?'"

## JA-NOAH HOUSE

Their project, a non-profit organization they call Ja-Noah House after a city in the Old Testament, has taken over their lives. Their house, motor home and two pick-up trucks are filled with things others have given them to give away. "We need a building," Audrey



JIM JAGDFELD | OBSERVER

Carl and Audrey Mattson inside their mobile home passing out smiles, food and warm clothing to Cass Corridor residents.

said. "At Christmas time we give 200 to 250 kids nice gifts in pillow cases filled with new and used items. I save things from all year long."

Last year from Thanksgiving to Christmas they collected 37

turkeys without asking for one. Earlier that Wednesday, the Mattsons picked up turkeys and potatoes from a man named Keith who gives them the same generous donation every year. "We don't advertise," Audrey

said, explaining that an occasional story will generate calls from donors who clip the articles and sometimes call years later asking if they're still collecting goods for the poor.

"We're Christians and we're not just saying it by name," Audrey said. "We live this. We live a life where we want to please the Lord."

In return, they've received immeasurable joy. They tell stories about the many people they've helped and how happy that makes them feel.

Carl, a soft-spoken man, tells about a man named James, who was drunk when he approached them years ago. They prayed with him and asked why he was drinking. James explained that he was tortured by the memory of watching his mother being killed.

Carl asked James if he knew Jesus Christ and told him he needed to forgive the man who murdered his mother. Moments later, the people who had gathered were amazed that James suddenly had a beautiful

smile and had immediately sobered up.

It wasn't long after, Carl said, that a woman came running up to their mobile home. She wanted to tell them James remained sober, read the Bible regularly and had recently died.

Audrey and Carl have lots of similar stories and they seemed buoyed by remembering the impact they've made.

They referred to some of the people receiving gifts that Wednesday by their first names. Others, they're just getting to know. Some hold onto their anonymity and the Mattsons will never know them by name.

"We're not perfect — if you want to, see our faults," Audrey said. "We're thankful to do a little part to touch someone's life. We're nothing, though. There's bigger stories to write about."

Another man was at the window. Audrey gave him a bag of food and clothes, but he seemed too shy to ask for anything specific.

"I appreciate it," he said. "I appreciate anything."

## DONORS

FROM PAGE C4

includes a list of criteria that the organizations have met or failed to meet, to give donors an idea which groups are using their donations in the best ways.

"It's a comprehensive evaluation looking at numbers, fundraising practices and accuracy of appeals," said Bennett

Weiner, chief operating officer of BBB Wise Giving Alliance. "Our standards are in-depth evaluations and not just a surface check of numbers."

The Alliance is a merger of the National Charities Information Bureau and the Council of Better Business Bureau's Foundation and its Philanthropic Advisory Service.

Surprisingly, some relatively obscure charities, like the American Leprosy Foundation/Leonard Wood Memorial, met the standards and other, revered organizations, such as the American Red Cross, failed. BBB Wise Giving Alliance concerns were based on review of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks appeals conducted by the American Red Cross.

Evaluations for the guide are

reviewed at least every two years, Weiner said.

"We are objective evaluators of the national charities that we review and we don't lean anymore toward an organization because it's well-established," he added. "If we find concerns, we will report them."

## TOUGH TIME FOR CHARITIES

This is an especially tough time for charities that have felt a double whammy from their own involvement in the declining stock market and by donors who are lowering their donations, because they also lost money from failed investments.

Another resource, *Giving Philanthropy for Everyone*, might help some people decide whether to make donations and which organizations to choose. It was co-written by Troy resident Russell K. Jalbert, whose business, Quadrant Financial Group Inc. in Southfield, provides private investment advice.

The book explains not only why people donate to charities but also offers tips on how you can make money by giving it away.

"Many of my clients, while we

were building their wealth, were seeing it dissipate as it passed from generation to generation," Jalbert said.

He began teaching his clients how to donate their money to organizations while maintaining the same amount of inheritance for their children. The only difference is that the amount of taxes would be lowered.

"Charitable giving is not just giving money away," he said. "It is a tool that can benefit yourself, your family and your community. I have found in working with hundreds and hundreds of people that they have never been given information from advisers about how charitable planning can be integrated into their income tax planning and their estate planning."

For example, estates in excess of \$1 million are taxed at 45 percent. You can eliminate that tax by donating to qualified charities.

You can also sidestep the capital gains tax when selling property. For instance a \$100,000 piece of property that increased in value to \$500,000 would have a capital gains tax of 20 percent, or an \$80,000 tax, on

the \$400,000 increase. Now the net gain is \$420,000. However, setting up a charitable trust would allow you to keep earning on the \$500,000.

"Given the choice between a tax and a gift, which would you choose?" Jalbert said. "The public often doesn't know what choices they have. Most people think of charity as a hand coming into their pocket. The money goes out and the money never returns. It doesn't have to be that way."

## FAMILY FOUNDATIONS

Another method of making money while giving it away is to set up private family foundations, like the one Jalbert designed for himself, the Russell Jalbert Family Foundation.

"At my death, my assets in excess of \$1 million will pass to my foundation and thereby eliminate taxation," he explained. "And my children are the trustees of my foundation so they will control the management of those assets and the charities to whom it will be sent."

I would rather see my local community have the money rather than Washington D.C. I call it a triple win. I win. My family wins and my community wins. That's much different than someone going into my pocket and taking the money out. I call it philanthropic leverage."

Jalbert estimates that since 1995 he has helped to raise about \$125 million by current and deferred gifts for public and private foundations.

"That puts me, by the way, a little behind Paul Newman," he said, pausing and laughing. "But, I hear his Italian salad dressing is doing well. If I help people understand philanthropy and they execute various concepts, I've done more than just make a living. I've touched my community."

Charities that would like a free copy of *Giving Philanthropy for Everyone*, should call (800) 552-5151, Ext. 104.

For a copy of the *Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Guide* call (800) 575-GIVE or e-mail give@cbbb.bbb.org.

## LIFE LINES

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me and froze me with one statement: "Get rid of the cat! The cat's gotta go!"

I nodded and went back to my day, but I had this feeling he wasn't nearly as serious as he sounded.

Later on that evening, after I had filled the bowl with food and replenished the water in the basement, it all changed. As I gathered up the toys and books and games that Santa had brought to our good little boys, I found a letter in the toe of the Christmas stocking belonging to our son. In a child's scrawl, it read: "Dear Santa, Thank U for our Kitty. Your friends, Justin and Andrew."

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the Plymouth Observer. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com.



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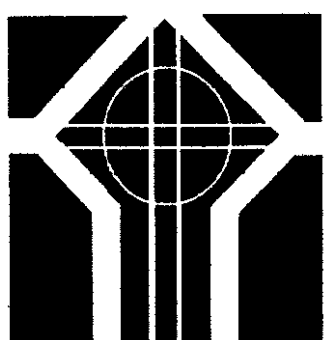
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## Dance held for academy cadets

The 28th Michigan All-Academy Holiday Ball will be held Saturday, Dec. 28, at the Double Tree Hotel of Novi.

Held annually in metropolitan Detroit between Christmas and New Year's Day, the dinner-dance is designed to honor and entertain cadets and midshipmen from Michigan who attend the five U.S. service academies.

- U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.
- U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
- U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn.
- U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N.Y.

This year's dinner speaker will be Cadet 1st Class Ricardo Turner of the U.S. Military Academy. In August, he was selected as the 144th Brigade Commander, or First Captain, of the Corps of Cadets for the 2002-03 academic year, the highest position in the cadet chain of command. He is the second African-American First Captain in the history of the

Academy and the first Michigamian since 1965.

Cadet Turner grew up in Detroit where he attended Renaissance High School. After graduation in 1998, he joined the U.S. Army Reserve as an infantryman. During basic training, he was accepted into the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School and entered the Academy itself in 1999. He expects to graduate in June with a commission as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

"Our cadets and midshipmen are tomorrow's military leaders," said Linda Bailey, of Berkley, chair of the Holiday Ball Planning Committee, whose son, Robert, is a fourth-year cadet at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"The ball gives us an opportunity to recognize their service to their country, and to provide them a rare opportunity to get together socially with cadets and midshipmen from the other academies."

The ball will also honor students who attend Army, Navy, and Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) pro-

grams at Michigan colleges and universities, and, for the second year in its history, cadets who attend the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) at Kingston, Ontario, which trains officers for all branches of the Canadian Forces.

"We invited the RMC cadets for the first time last year as a show of solidarity in the War on Terrorism," Bailey said. "They were so well received and seemed to have such a good time - that we decided to invite them again this year. We hope it becomes a tradition."

The ball is a formal event, with cadets and midshipmen wearing their dress uniforms. They will be recognized individually during dinner and pose for a traditional group photograph before the dance.

Other expected guests include family and friends of the cadets and midshipmen, alumni of the academies, other active-duty and retired members of the Armed Forces, and members of Michigan's congressional delegation, which nominated the majority of the cadets and midshipmen for their appointments to the service academies.

The evening will begin with a reception and social hour at 5:30 p.m. in the Hotel Atrium, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing in the Oaks Ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel, located at Novi Road and I-96.

The ball is sponsored by U.S. Air Force Academy Parents Club of Eastern Michigan, U.S. Air Force Academy Parents Club of Western Michigan, West Point Parents Club of Michigan, Naval Academy Parents Club, Coast Guard Academy Parents Club.

Representatives of these clubs comprise the committee that plans the ball.

For further information, contact Col. John C. Diller, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), by phone at (248) 540-4382 or email at jdiller107176MI@comcast.net.



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### Cookie time

Left, Girl Scouts Tiffany Browne of Redford (clockwise from front), Amy Witkowski of Livonia, Lindsey Williams of Garden City and Laura Marshall of Livonia are ready for the annual Girl Scout cook sale which runs Dec. 19 to Jan. 19 for order taking and Feb. 8 to March 2 for booth sales. Above, Girl Scouts Jessica Brown, Taylor Brown and Samantha Kull, all Westland residents and members of Troop 602, Huron Valley Council, display two boxes of the most popular cookies: Thin Mints and Peanut Butter Patties. To order your Girl Scout cookies, call toll-free (800) 326-0309.

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## Skillman approves 29 charitable grants

La Vida, the Southwest Detroit Partnership to Prevent Intimate Violence Against Latina Women, has been awarded a grant of \$431,000 following approval by The Skillman Foundation's board of trustees at their annual meeting late last month.

The Board approved 29 grants totaling \$6,292,000 to benefit a variety of organizations in the Metropolitan Detroit area.

One of the key grants was made to Third Judicial Circuit Court in Detroit to assist non-custodial parents with child visitations.

"Our focus on children includes helping parents in every way possible and this

include the La Vida and District Court programs," said Karri Schlachtenhaufen, president and CEO of The Skillman Foundation.

La Vida project manager, Delores Gonzalez-Ramirez says, "Through the funding from The Skillman Foundation, we are able to help improve the quality of life for our constituents."

La Vida provides programs to assist the entire family and, to date, we have been able to assist over 600 women and their families.

The La Vida mission is to ensure the availability, accessibility and utilization of a range of locally relevant, culturally competent domestic violence

prevention and support services for Southwest Detroit Latino Families.

Some of the other grants awarded include:

- Children's Hospital of Michigan, \$150,000 for support and implementation of a parent education and family support component of the pediatric mobile team.

- The Guidance Center, \$300,000 for the Wayne County Child Advocacy Program.

- Lighthouse of Oakland County, \$250,000 for high-quality pre-school program for low income and at-risk children.

- Volunteers in Prevention, Probation and Prisons, Inc., \$193,000 to help expand the

number of youth served by the VIP Mentoring program.

For a full listing of all grants awarded, visit The Skillman Foundation Web-page at [www.skillman.org](http://www.skillman.org).

Founded in 1960, The Skillman Foundation is a resource for improving the lives of children in metropolitan Detroit.

The Foundation applies its resources to foster positive relationships between children and adults, support high quality learning opportunities and strengthen healthy, safe and supportive homes and communities.

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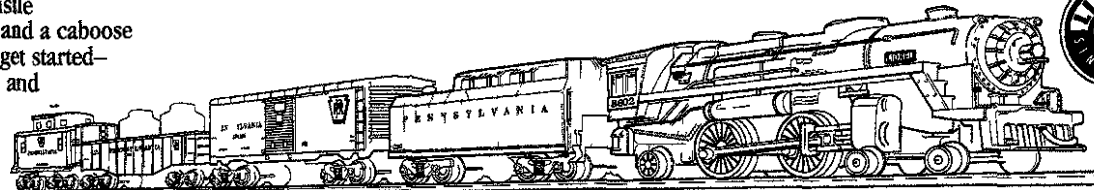
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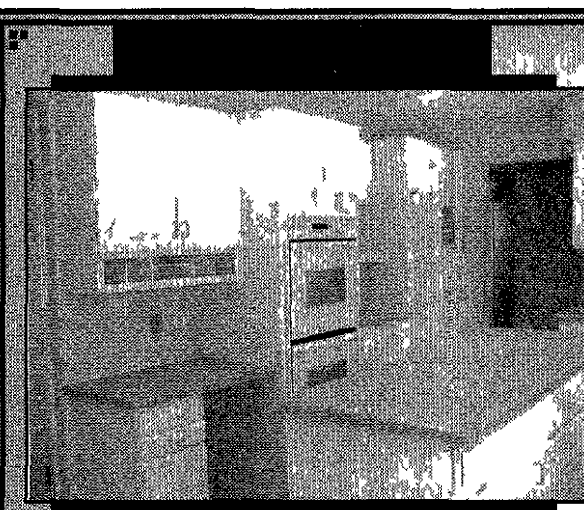
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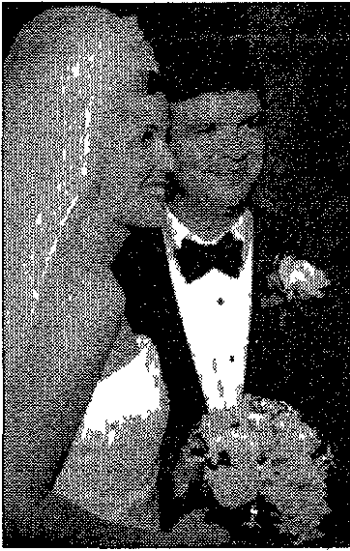
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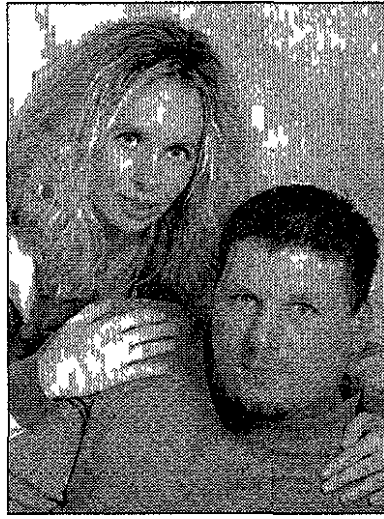
**Cahill-McLachlan**

Ronald and Maureen McLachlan of Livonia announce the marriage of their daughter, Melissa McLachlan of Troy to Brendan Cahill of Royal Oak

Melissa is a graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and Michigan State University. She is employed as an account director at Doner Advertising in Southfield

Brendan is the son of Daniel and Kathleen Cahill of Beverly Hills. He is a graduate of Birmingham Brother Rice High School, the University of Notre Dame and the University of Michigan Law School. He is a corporate lawyer with Dykema Gossett in Bloomfield Hills

Attending the bride were her sister, Laurie McLachlan, as maid of honor, and bridesmaids, Melanie McLachlan (sister-in-law), Katherine Cahill (sister of the groom), Denise Bryant, Christy Dixon, Melame Heiber and Kathy Hein. Attending the groom were his brother, Daniel Cahill, as best man and groomsmen, Michael Cahill (brother), Joseph Cross, Edson Gallaudet, Gregory Ingrassia, Kevin Lennon and Jonathan Nahrgang. Ushers were Matthew McLachlan, Michael McLachlan and Joseph McLachlan (brothers of the bride). The couple were married Aug. 24, 2002, at the Academy of Sacred Heart Chapel in Bloomfield Hills with the Rev. Michael Heppen celebrating Mass. A reception was at the Heathers Club in Bloomfield Hills. Melissa and Brendan spent their honeymoon in Italy and are making their new home in Royal Oak.



**Amburgey-Bona**

Mrs. Theresa Myles of Dearborn Heights announces the engagement of her daughter, Dallas Rebecca Amburgey, of Garden City to Michael John Bona of Whitmore Lake

The bride-elect is also the daughter of the late Darrell Amburgey. She is a graduate of Henry Ford Community College School of Nursing. She is employed at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor and Garden City Hospital.

Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of Dino and Barbara Bona. He is employed as an electrician for Dinosaurs Electric.

The couple are planning to wed February 2004.



**Cassar**

Al and Rose (nee Borg) Cassar of Dearborn Heights recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at a party hosted by their children at Amantea Restaurant. Guests included family



and friends. Al and Rose were married Jan. 14, 1943, at Holy Trinity Church in Corktown while the groom was serving in the Air Force. The couple have three children and several grandchildren.

**NEW VOICES**

Former Livonia residents Laurie (Caywood) and Charles Cooke, of Tecumseh announce the birth of their son, Justin Michael, on Nov. 28, 2002, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ypsilanti. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces.

Justin's grandparents are Gloria and Lewis Cooke of Livonia, and Gail and Ken Miller of Brooklyn.

Chuck and Jennifer Morningstar announce the birth of twin daughters, Megan Nicole and Emily Elizabeth, on June 2, 2002, at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak.

Megan and Emily join big brothers, Jakob, Joshua and Joseph. Grandparents are Bob and Karen Charter of Westland, and Charlie and Pat Morningstar of Livonia. Great-grandmother is Betty Morningstar of Boyton Beach, Fla.

Jill and Mike Greener of Northville Township announce the birth of their daughter, Sierra Cheyenne, on Nov. 4, 2002, in Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn.

Welcoming Sierra home are Dakota, 3-1/2, and Sharden, 23 months.

Her grandparents are Arlene Clark of Livonia, James Clark of Detroit and Jerry Greener of Plymouth. Great-grandparents are Olga Clark of Westland and Helen Greener of Livonia.

Todd and Michelle Nabozny of Garden City announce the birth of their daughter, Alexis Marie, on Aug. 30, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long.

Alexis joins big brother, Trevor, 2-1/2. Her grandparents are Patrick and JoAnn

Noll of Garden City, and Daniel and Katherine Nabozny of Garden City.

Nathaniel and Kimberly Fields of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Lee, on Oct. 9, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, and was 18 inches long. Her grandparents are Ronald and Diane Carson of Livonia, Ronald Fields of Ashland, Ky. and Robin Morris of Ravenna, Ohio.

Chris and Kim Peters of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Loren Michael, on Oct. 10, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Loren joins big sisters, Cindy, 10, Christina "C.J.", 8, and Lily, 23 months.

Her grandparents are Tom and Carol Cenderch of Westland, and Edward and Peggy Peters of East Tawas.

Kevin and Tiffani Sheridan of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Michael Jordan, on Oct. 12, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 19-3/4 inches long.

Michael joins big brother, Collin, 3. His grandparents are Robert Roberts of Southgate, Donna West of Taylor, and David and Nancy Sheridan of Dearborn Heights.

Christopher McCaffrey and Evea Arnold of Westland announce the birth of their son, Christopher James McCaffrey, on Oct. 13, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

Grandparents are Lisa Luke of Livonia and Barb Lahti of Detroit.

Garry Dickey and Ruth Shaw of Westland announce the birth of their son, Ethan William Dickey, on Oct. 22, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds 15 ounces, and was 18-1/2 inches long. Amanda, 13, Joe, 9, and Ayrel, 5, welcome Ethan home.

His grandparents are William and Marlene Dickey of Westland.

Dave and Peggy Binkiewicz of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Kate, on Oct. 31, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Emma joins big sister, Hannan, 28 months. Grandparents are Robert and Cathy Burns of Westland, Sheila Binkiewicz of Wayne, and Robert Binkiewicz and Debbie White of Livonia.

John Irwin and Christine Lane of Inkster announce the birth of their son, Daytona John Irwin, on Nov. 8, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds 8 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Welcoming Daytona home were Tina, 18, Casey, 17, Sarah, 13, Abbey, 11, Ashley, 8, Chase, 5, and Dakota, 3.

His grandparents are Irene and Gary Lane of Westland, John Irwin of Southfield and Nellie Dros of Inkster.

Glen Kirk and Heather Tank of Garden City announce the birth of their son, Brandon Lee Kirk, on Nov. 9, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long.

Brandon joins big brothers, Austin, 10, Craig, 9, and David, 7. Grandparents are Linda Craddock of Tennessee, and Craig and Randa Kirk of Outer Banks, N.C.

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## Throwing Stones....

The old saying that *people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones* is a picturesque way of saying that people shouldn't judge others for sins which they themselves are guilty of. This is the proverbial *pot calling the kettle black*. It reminds us of Jesus' advice to take the log out of your own eye before trying to remove the speck from your brother's eye (Matthew 7:4). We often seem to have a blind spot for our own sins though we usually are quite aware of these same sins in our neighbors. Again and again Jesus tells us to *Judge not that you be not judged* (Matthew 7:1). Perhaps one of the most memorable examples of



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**



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**EVENTS**

**Hayride**

The Presbytery of Detroit offers Spirit of Christmas at the Howell Nature Center 5 8 p.m. Thursday Dec 19 Event includes Wild Wonders tour all aglow Living Nativity scene hayrides hot cocoa and cookies Tickets at the gate Center is at 105 Triangle Lake Road one mile south of Coon Lake Road five miles south of Howell Contact the center at (517) 546 0249 or Garden City Presbyterian Church at (734) 421 7620

**Hour of prayer**

St Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington Road Livonia presents the last in a series of Advent Hours of Prayerful Reflection 7 30 8 30 p.m. Friday Dec 20 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament reflective readings and music reflective silence and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament Call (734) 425 5950

**Birthdays party**

St Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will hold a Happy Birthday Jesus party for children 11 a.m. to noon Sunday Dec 22 after the 10 a.m. service Cake crafts Christmas carols fun and fellowship Call (734) 422 6038

**Pastries!**

Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia will take orders for their homemade pastries 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday Jan 7 and Wednesday Jan 8 Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday Jan 16 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Jan 17 Call in orders only Orders faxed e mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored Order early Call (734) 422 0149

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

**Christmas Eve**

Good Hope Lutheran Church 28680 Cherry Hill Road Garden City will hold Christmas Eve services Tuesday Dec 24 at 7 p.m. and a candlelight service at 11 p.m. Call (734) 427 3660

**Christmas Eve**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 26212 W Six Mile Road Redford will hold a Festive Carol Eucharist 7 30 p.m. Tuesday Dec 24 Come celebrate the joy of Christ's birth Call (313) 537 3778

**Christmas Eve**

Morningside Church 28463 Pardo Garden City will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service 11 30 p.m. Tuesday Dec 24 Call (734) 367 3029

**Christmas Eve**

Community Free Will Baptist Church 33031 Cherry Hill Road Westland will hold a Candlelight Service 6 p.m. Sunday Dec 22 Call (734) 721 9040

**Christmas Eve**

St James Presbyterian Church 25350 W Six Mile Road Redford Township will hold a candlelight service 7 30 p.m. The Chancel Choir Cantus Choir Handbell Choir piano guitar and organ will celebrate the Christ's birth with resounding joy beginning 6 30 p.m. Call (313) 534 7730

**Christmas services**

Christ the King Lutheran Church 9300 Farmington Road (between Joy and W Chicago) Livonia will hold Christmas Eve worship at the following times 5 30 p.m. Children's Service 7 30 p.m. Family Candlelight Service of Holy Communion 11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service of Holy Communion On Sunday Dec 29 services will be at 8 15 a.m. and 11 a.m. On Tuesday Dec 31 a New Year's Eve Service of Holy Communion will be at 5 30 p.m. Call the Rev Peggy A Rose at (734) 421 0749

**Christmas Eve**

Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt Road Garden City will hold Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. (Holy Communion served) Nursery care provided at 8 p.m. service Call (734) 421 7620

**Christmas Eve**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church 37775 Palmer Road Westland invites the public to celebrate Christ's birth on Christmas Eve at the following times 5 p.m. Children's Service 7 30 p.m. Lessons and Carols From Many Lands (the most festive service) and 11 p.m. a quiet candlelight service Contact the Rev Cynthia Stengel at (734) 722 1735

**Christmas Eve**

Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Road (at W Chicago) Livonia will hold two Christmas Eve services A Family Service at 5 p.m. preceded by a children's concert at 4 40 p.m. and a Candlelight Communion Service at 10 p.m. Both services include musical drama Call (248) 349 2065

**Christmas Eve**

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia will conduct a candlelight service at 11 p.m. Traditional choir handbell choir brass ensemble and various instrumentalists Join us in singing Silent Night as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Call (734) 522 6830

**Christmas Eve**

Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Road Livonia will hold its Christmas Eve service 6 30 p.m. with singing reflection and fellowship Call (734) 464 6722

**HOLIDAY CONCERTS AND PLAYS**

**Concerts**

The Merriman Road Baptist Church 2055 Merriman Road Garden City will present When Love Came Down 7 p.m. Saturday Dec 21 and Sunday Dec 22 by the adult choir Concert interpreted for the hearing impaired Call (734) 421 0472

**Live Nativity**

St Robert Bellarmine 27101 West Chicago Redford will stage its second annual outdoor Live Nativity 5 6 p.m. Saturday Dec 21 featuring the eighth graders along with sheep goats and assorted animals Christmas carols and refreshments Call Roxanne Hundsrucker at (734) 564 1366

**Christmas play**

Mt Vernon Baptist Church will present a Christmas cantata 11 a.m. Sunday Dec 22 The church is at 8828 Wormer in Redford Call (313) 537 7480

**Moravian Lovefeast**

Metropolitan United Methodist Church 9000 Woodward Detroit (New Center) will conduct an "Old Moravian Christmas Lovefeast 7 p.m. Sunday Dec 22 The Lovefeast derives from a 14th century Moravian custom in Germany It tells the Christmas story through scripture carols and anthems Public welcomed to this spectacular

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**Concerts**

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**Contemporary Worship**

Contemporary worship services are held the third Sunday of every month at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 13090 Six Mile Road Livonia Services

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**Want to worship?**

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**Addiction support**

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**Widow/Widower**

St John Neumann Catholic Church 44800 Warren Road Canton offers The Next Chapter a social club group for widows and widowers 7 30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month followed by entertainment and refreshments Non church members welcome Call Jackie at (734) 981 7247 or Dee at (734) 453 0829 The church also offers grief counseling to anyone of any faith who has lost a love one Those sessions meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 30 p.m. of every

month Again call Jackie

**Women's Bible study**

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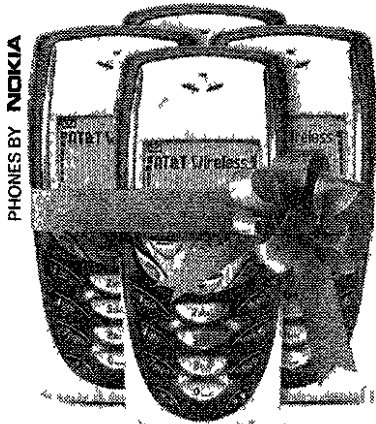
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New Hope Center for Grief Support a Christian based bereavement outreach center offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month The group meets at 7 p.m. at St Kenneth's Parish offices 14951 Haggerty Plymouth New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at children age 4 11 (248) 348 0115

**Fibromyalgia**

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AM I ASKING TOO MUCH African American divorced mother of two 41 intelligent young looking very energetic...

TIRED OF BAR SCENE 54 yr old white female 59 shoulder length lusted hair very honest...

WORTH A CALL Divorced with the mother of three 47 good personality 126 lbs graduate degree professional...

LET'S GET TOGETHER You found her Adorable & professional woman 48 60 full of life...

QUALITY GUY Seeking a sincere honest no games played non smoker...

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SEEKS PERFECT MATE Attractive 60+ widow fun loving physically fit...

POSSIBLE CONNECTION Attractive brunette 48 5'4" 115 lbs single white professional...

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR 43 yr old loving compassionate busy lots of fun...

CUTE AND CLASSY Single black female mid 50s enjoys jogging...

LET'S TALK White female 51 long blonde hair in good shape...

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ENDLESS LOVE 40 yr old 6'7" tall dark 245 lbs well built Latino young good looking...

ISN'T IT TIME WE MET Articulate cultured nice looking unique black male...

TOTAL PACKAGE 6'197 lbs professional black entrepreneur intelligent...

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN Single white male 56 5'10" average weight enjoys travel...

READY TO SETTLE DOWN 30 yr old male 5'10" 160 lbs short brown hair green eyes...

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC Single white male 44 6'2" 215 lbs brown blue clean cut...

JUST REWIND I'm white & divorced attractive light hearted well built...

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ARE YOU COMPATIBLE? White professional male 58 1'1" brown hair blue eyes...

HOPELESS ROMANTIC Late 40s 6'4" male with mustache Likes 1 replaces...

ARE YOU OUT THERE? Single black male west side of Detroit own my home...

LET'S HAVE FUN Nice looking considerate single white male in his 40s...

R U UNDER 59 Single male 5'9" 175 lbs auburn hair and blue eyes...

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Open Skate

The City of Plymouth offers Skate with Santa from 4:50 p.m. Sunday Dec. 22 at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena. Event includes pizza pop and open skate with Santa. Tickets are \$5 in advance \$6 at the door.

PCAC 70s Bash Tickets

Special Christmas pricing on tickets for the PCAC's annual dinner, dance and auction to be held Friday, March 14, 2003 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. By purchasing tickets before Jan. 7, PCAC members will save \$10 per person or \$15 per person for a table of 10. Non-members save \$10 per person on a table of 10. To purchase tickets, donate an auction item or help the planning committee call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

Spring Youth Soccer Registration

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

Model Railroad Display

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

Nursery Registration

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

Classical Christmas

An evening of elegant enchantment. Come and enjoy the angelic voice of Rebekah Walker as she performs Classical and Christmas favorites. Being held at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 18200 Merriman Livonia at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Admission is \$8-\$10 at the door. Price includes refreshments during reception.

Plymouth Symphony

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

Entertainment Book Sale

Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Charity on wheels

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' bus drivers pose with a bus-load of Christmas presents they collected during a recent charity effort. The drivers collected nearly 800 gifts for needy children throughout the state in Operation Good Cheer. Tammy Sakcriska, a bus driver who helped organize the campaign, said they collected for 100 children of Child and Family Services of Michigan. The presents were gathered at Plymouth, Salem and Canton high schools, Isbister Elementary, the school bus yard and Canton police

books with all proceeds helping children throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports, travel services and more. Price is \$30 and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

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

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

CLUBS

Plymouth VFW

Fish fries continue every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$7 at the Plymouth VFW 1426 S. Mill. All you can eat for \$4.50. Holiday Brunch on Sunday Dec. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Only \$6 for a great meal.

Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479

La Leche League

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

Canton Rotary Club

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

TOPS

Are you unhappy with your weight? Why not join TOPS? We weigh in weekly and meet to share ideas about losing weight, exercising, etc. We meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 N. Sheldon Canton. For more information call (734) 459-4387.

Astronomy Discussion

Plymouth Library offers a free monthly Family Astronomy Discussion Group from 7:8 p.m. for both individuals and families with children 6 years and older. Door prizes, slides, video and handouts. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOMS Club

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

Plymouth Canton Jaycees

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

MOPS-Plymouth

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel 42150 Schoolcraft Rd. Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

Colonial Kiwanis

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

MOPS-Westland

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
(734) 394-5260

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group's monthly meeting

Community Democrats

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

Toastmasters

Develop your public speaking communications and leadership skills. Guests

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

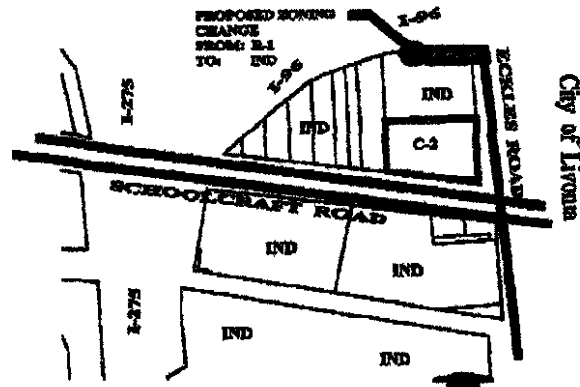
K of C Breakfast

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP  
**REZONE FROM:** R-1, Single Family Residential District  
**REZONE TO:** IND, Industrial District  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, January 15, 2003  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel 024 99 0029 001 from R-1, Single Family Residential District to IND, Industrial District.



**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 135**  
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. 024-99-0029-001

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170, or call 734 453 8131 ext 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 83.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired, audio tapes and printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office.

JOE BRIDGMAN, Secretary  
Planning Commission

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SHURGARD STORAGE OF PLYMOUTH

Notice is hereby given that the entire contents of the following storage units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of an open bid on JANUARY 6 2003 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following Shurgard Storage locations:

**Shurgard Storage of Southfield**  
19350 West Eight Mile Road  
Southfield, MI 48075  
1-248-357-1137

- Unit #1091 - Household goods Unit #1096 - Household goods
- Unit #1177 - Household goods Unit #1179 - Household goods
- Unit #1186 - Contractor equipment Unit #1190 - Household goods
- Unit #1194 - Household goods Unit #1313 - Household goods
- Unit #1199 - Household goods Unit #1209 - Household goods
- Unit #1219 - Household goods Unit #2002 - Household goods
- Unit #2032 - Household goods Unit #2243 - Household goods
- Unit #2047 - Household goods Unit #2076 - Household goods
- Unit #4006 - Household goods Unit #2109 - Household goods
- Unit #2111 - Landscaper equipment Unit #2113 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Walled Lake**  
1901 East West Maple Road  
Walled Lake, MI 48390  
1-248-669-4020

Unit #2011 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Woodhaven**  
25080 Hall Road  
Woodhaven, MI 48183  
1-734-676-8500

Unit #247 - Household goods Unit #813 - Household goods 2 dune buggies. Unit #605A - Household goods Unit #749 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Ann Arbor**  
2500 South Industrial Highway  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
1-734-973-2212

- Unit #4025 - Household goods Unit #4120 - Household goods
- Unit #1088 - Household goods Unit #2063 - Household goods
- Unit #3067 - Household goods Unit #3052 - Household goods
- Unit #7004 - Household goods Unit #3031 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Plymouth**  
41889 Joy Road  
Canton, MI 48187  
1-734-459-2200

Unit #562 - Household goods Unit #103 - Household goods Unit #9232 - Household goods Unit #206 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Southfield at Telegraph**  
24200 Telegraph Road  
Southfield, MI 48034  
1-248-208-9000

Unit #3187 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Canton South**  
45229 Michigan Avenue  
Canton, MI 48188  
1-734-398-5416

Unit #5360 - Household goods Unit #5135 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Canton**  
2101 Haggerty Road  
Canton, MI 48187  
1-734-981-0300

Unit #2016 - Household goods Unit #3033 - Household goods  
Unit #4066 - Household goods Unit #4245 - Household goods  
Unit #6247 - Household goods Unit #5013 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Taylor**  
9300 Polham Road  
Taylor, MI 48180  
1-313-292-2990

Unit #2031 - Household goods Unit #2066 - Household goods  
Unit #5102 - Household goods Unit #6003 - Household goods  
Unit #6191 - Household goods Unit #7060 - Household goods  
Unit #7099 - Household goods Unit #9021 - Household goods

**Shurgard Storage of Livonia**  
30300 Plymouth Road  
Livonia, MI 48150  
1-734-522-7811

Unit #2063 - Household goods Unit #3094 - Household goods  
Unit #4049 - Household goods Unit #4073 - Household goods  
Unit #4087 - Household goods Unit #5032 - Household goods

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Charter Township of Canton - Board Proceedings - December 10, 2002

The regularly scheduled closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton met at 6:06 pm regarding pending litigation and employee negotiations.

Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, Yack, Burdzyak, McLaughlin  
Members Absent: Shefferly, LaJoy  
Staff Present: Director Durack  
Also Present: None

Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter at 7:08 pm to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Members Present: Bennett, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack. Members Absent: Shefferly, LaJoy. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomaro, Director Conklin. Staff Absent: None. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Regular Board Minutes of November 26, 2002. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Joint Study Session Minutes of December 3, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

Mr. David Newman was present this evening to address the Board regarding the vacancy for the Board of Trustee's position. Mr. Newman briefly stated his background, his qualifications and indicated that he has submitted his letter of intent. Motion by Kirchgatter supported by McLaughlin to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

General Fund	101	\$899,424.21	
Fire Fund	206	59,292.55	
Police Fund	207	107,563.61	
Summit Operating	208	14,375.07	Expenditure
Golf Fund	211	9,685.12	Recap for
Street Lighting	219	15,749.66	Dec 3 2002
Cable TV Fund	230	3,673.62	
Twp Improvement	246	1,850.00	
E 911 Utility	261	1,263.50	
Auto Forfeiture (w/wa)	267	18,325.21	
Federal Grants Fund	274	12,978.50	
Auto Theft Grant	289	37,332.17	
Downtown Dev Auth	294	9,054.60	
Post Employ Benefits	296	21,086.81	
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	160,827.31	
Water & Sewer Fund	592	614,796.07	
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,660.00	
Construction Escrows	702	24,834.05	
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>1,818,572.06</b>	

**Board Member Reports:** Supervisor Yack stated at the next regular Board Meeting Tuesday, December 17, 2002 the Board will fill the position being vacated by Trustee LaJoy on December 31, 2002. The individual selected will take office immediately thereafter. Supervisor Yack presented to Duren Gutierrez, Audrey Gutierrez and Jean Pirronello civilian citations for their heroic life saving actions that resulted in saving the life of another person.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:** Item 1. Establish Board of Trustees Meeting Date for 2003. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2003 as follows: first, second, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to be held at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton Michigan. The following Township meeting will be canceled: Veteran's Day, November 11, 2003. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Consider Reappointments and Appointments to the Council for Community Excellence. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak to approve the Township Supervisor's nomination of Judith Giotfelty and Pam Swiderek for reappointment to the Council for Community Excellence for three year terms effective January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2005 and the appointment of Sandy Granowicz to the Council for Community Excellence for a three year term effective January 1, 2003 through December 1, 2005. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Budget Amendment - Engineering Services - Overtime. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak to approve the following budget amendment in the Engineering Services budget to increase Overtime.

Increase (Decrease) Appropriations		
Overtime	#101 447 708 0000	\$ 1,000 00

Contracted Services #101-447 818 0000 (\$1,000.00)  
Motion carried by all members present Total \$ 0

Item 4. Reappointment to the CDBG Advisory Council. Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzyak to reappoint Jeff Smith to the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for an additional two year term from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2004. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. Budget Amendment - Building Authority Debt Service Fund. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdzyak to approve the following budget amendment in the Building Authority Debt Service Fund for actual bond payments recorded in 2002.

Increase Revenues  
Transfers from Golf Course Fund #369 000 676 2110 \$13,529  
Increase Appropriations, Debt Interest #369 905 996 0000 \$13,529  
The budget amendment increases the Building Authority Debt Service Fund budget from \$2,324,529 to \$2,338,058. Motion carried by all members present.

**GENERAL CALENDAR:** Item 1. Consider Yerebeck Rezoning. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of the petitioner to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #065 99 0010 701 to R-2, Single Family Residential District. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Consider Mavuzdan Rezoning. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the request of the petitioner to rezone certain property identified by property tax EDP #062 99 0021 0000 and 062 99 0022 000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Consider Amendment to Special Land Use Approval for Canton Mini-Mart. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the request of Canton Mini-Mart (Mohl), located at the southwest corner of Cherry Hill and Lilley Roads (tax EDP #090 99 0001 701) to eliminate the restriction on the hours of operation subject to submittal and approval of modifications to the canopy lighting plan and photometric study which demonstrates compliance with the current lighting standards. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. First Reading of the Repeal of Pool Ordinance No. 110. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish the first reading of the repeal of the Pool Ordinance No. 110. Motion carried by all members present.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - TO REPEAL POOL ORDINANCE NUMBER 110

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BY REPEALING THE POOL ORDINANCE NO. 110; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**SECTION 1. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 110.** That the Pool Ordinance, Ordinance No. 110 be and is hereby repealed.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of the Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES.** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.** The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

**SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. [Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours.]

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Motion carried by all members present.

Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor Terry G. Bennett - Clerk  
Published December 19, 2002

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Getting ready to see Rocamadour are Will and Allene Boughton of Plymouth

# Art-based trip takes travelers to France

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Frameworks in Plymouth sponsored their second trip to Europe, taking travelers to southwest France and the Dordogne Valley this fall. The trips are the brainchild of Plymouth Frameworks manager Sue Gallas, of Livonia, and David Groen, a retired Livonia Public Schools French teacher. "This time we chose Three Musketeers country," Groen said. "The Dordogne abounds in castles. This is the setting for much of the 100 Years War between France and England, and then you add in the sweeping splendor of the panoramas along the Dordogne River - it makes for a wealth of surprises."

The trip took the group to La Rochelle, location of the largest pleasure boat marina on the Atlantic, to Medoc, home of the famous red wines of the same

name, and to Saintes, once a Roman outpost. The group also climbed dunes at Pyla and visited Cognac, where they distill the noted after-dinner drink. "We stayed at the beautiful and serene Chateau le Lout, and ate regional specialties every night," Groen said. The Dordogne Valley is also famous as the site of the discovery of Cro-Magnon man and caves that contain some of the world's finest prehistoric art. Some of the travelers took a hot air balloon ride above the vertical or "wall" city of Rocamadour. "The city almost looks like it was created by movie special effects artists," Groen said. The next Frameworks trip will be this spring to northern Italy's lakes region. Lake Como, Lake Garda, Lake Maggiore, and also Venice. The May 14-24 excursion will include private boat rides and visits to alpine villages. Groen has been learn-

ing Italian in his spare time, his knowledge of all things French comes in part from his college years of study at Strashourg University (east of Paris).

Frameworks has stores in downtown Plymouth, Canton and Livonia. Contact Groen through Carlson Wagonlit Travel, (734) 455-5810.



David and Carla Perry of Livonia, Susan Emerick of Allen Park, and Mary Jane Bevelheimer and John Broderick, both of Plymouth, pause outside a French chateau after dinner.



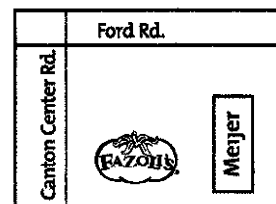
Frameworks manager Sue Gallas of Livonia got to try on some armor

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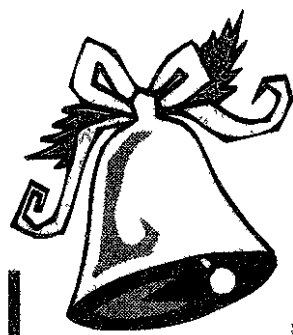
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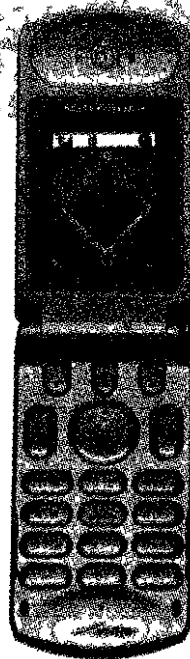
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## Sidelines

### Best in WHAC

Lindsay Simmon, a senior forward on Madonna University's women's basketball team, was named Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week for last week. Simmon collected 54 points, 22 rebounds and nine assists in two games for Madonna last week. She had 30 points and nine boards in an 83-80 loss to Central State. For the week she averaged 27 points per game, shooting 62 percent from the floor.

### Madonna camps

Any softball players interested in sharpening their hitting skills take note: Madonna University will be hosting a pair of hitting camps from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21-22, in the school's gymnasium. Cost is \$25 per session. Included are two hitting cages and one live pitching station with work off tees and soft toss, slap bunting and more. Sessions are limited to 20 girls. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball and mailed to Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150-1173. For more information, call coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Madonna University will conduct three girls fastpitch softball clinics in January and February at Madonna. Each clinic lasts four weeks. Session One is on consecutive Sundays from 2-4:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Session Two is on consecutive Saturdays from 9-11:30 a.m. on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8 and Feb. 15. Session Three is on Sundays from 3:30-6 p.m. on Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23. Each camp consists of all phases of fastpitch softball: hitting, bunting, infield/outfield play, base running, pitching, catching and defense. Price for each four-week clinic is \$100. Advance registration is required; each clinic allows a maximum of 30 girls. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball and mailed to coach Al White, softball office, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150-1173. For more information, call coach White at (734) 432-5783 or (734) 495-3719 or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.

### Skate with Santa

The city of Plymouth's Recreation Division will host a Skate with Santa from 4:50-5:50 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, 525 Farmer St., Plymouth. The event includes pizza, pop and an open skate with Santa. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Skate rental is not included. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

# Chiefs stumble in loss to Huron, 47-36

Just what they didn't need to have happen.

After an impressive victory over Southfield last Friday, Canton took a step backwards Tuesday, getting bounced by Ann Arbor Huron 47-36.

In fact, Chiefs' coach Jeremy Rheault said it was more than just one step. "We took two-to-three steps backwards," he said. "We didn't handle the pressure, we didn't handle their zones very well, we were outrebounded and we turned the

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ball over. "It was a lack of teamwork. We played terrible."

The River Rats, who improved to 2-1, led 13-7 after one quarter and 22-9 by halftime. It was 33-18 after three quarters. Canton doubled its point total in the final period, scoring 18. The loss left Canton at 1-3.

Huron's Albert Reed led all scorers with 16 points. Brad Waidmann and Devin Thomas scored six points apiece for the Chiefs.

**Agape 72, Life Summit 36:** Jordan Napier riddled the Novi Life Summit defense for 27 points Tuesday at Discovery MS as Canton Agape Christian improved to 2-1. Life Summit fell to 1-3. The Wolverines led 20-10 after one

quarter and 29-16 at the half. It didn't get any better for Life Summit in the second half. Agape outscored their foes 24-9 in the third quarter to take a 53-25 lead entering the final period.

Napier also had eight rebounds and four steals. Johnny Estrada scored 11 points, Joel Hays netted 10 and Charlie Henry totaled seven assists. Agape had eight three-pointers in the game. Danny Rossi's 16 points led Life Summit.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Penguin goalie Amanda Watkins dives to try and make a stop against a swarming bunch of North players. Watkins was tested often in the 9-0 loss.

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, D6

## Moving up is Canton's objective

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

### Another step

Last season, Canton's volleyball team took another step back toward respectability, finishing 17-17-7 overall. Gone from that team are Courtney Jarman, a starting middle blocker, Stephanie Johnson, a starting outside hitter, and Jenny Crudele, a transfer from Texas and a part-time starter at outside hitter.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

If that's the bad news, well, there's a good deal more good. The Chiefs have eight returnees from their academic all-state squad, including Cindy Rotramel, a 5-foot-9 outside hitter who coach Steve Anderson called "our best player since Jessica Orleman (in the mid-90s). She has the capability for all-state."

What Canton will have is size, a commodity that's been lacking for the past few years. Kristen Lake, a 5-11 senior and a returning starter, will be at middle blocker, so will 5-11 senior Jessica Templeton, who figures to be Lake's back-up.

Another returning starter is 5-5 senior outside hitter Colleen O'Brien. "What she loses in height, she makes up for in intelligence," said Anderson. "She's a smart player."

Those three are the team's captains. They are also the only seniors on the squad.

Anderson will use his eight juniors extensively. They include Kristen Lillie, a 5-7 junior who is starting her

PLEASE SEE CANTON, D4

## Despite losses, Salem will be in hunt

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

The heart of last year's record-setting team is gone. Salem has lost its three best volleyball players: Katie Good, MaryLou Liebau and Kelly Jaskot. Also gone is serving specialist Maggie Jones.

Does that mean it's time to rebuild? Rocks' coach Tom Teeters winces at that term. Even "reloading" has been overused as a substitute. After some thought, the best description he could

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give this season's team is "new blood."

"We've got some pretty good young ones coming in," said Teeters, who just guided Schoolcraft College's volleyball team to a second-place finish at the NJCAA Tournament. "Now it's just a matter of not only how well they play, but how well they can get other people to play."

It sounds like Teeters is asking a lot

from a young team — he has just six seniors on his 16-player roster — and he is, intentionally. He plans on using a lot of different combinations and situations, then paring things back after he sees what works and what doesn't.

Among the players who figure to be in Teeters' rotation of players at the start of the season are, well, just about everyone. Jordan Falcusan, a 5-foot-5 junior, was the starting setter a year ago, a team co-

PLEASE SEE SALEM, D4

## Chiefs get win over Salem

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Maybe it was because it was Canton's second meet of the season, while Salem and Plymouth were just starting out.

Whatever the reason, the Chiefs' gymnastics team got something they haven't had in quite a few years — a dual-meet win over Salem. At Monday's tri-meet between Canton, Salem and Plymouth, the Chiefs emerged with a 136.3 point total, compared to Salem's 134.9. Plymouth had 108.95.

"That's the first time I've beaten Salem in maybe five years," said Canton coach John Cunningham.

While the win was satisfying, Cunningham pointed out it was the beginning of the trail, not the end. He has perhaps his most talented team since — well, since he last beat Salem.

In the all-around, the Rocks still had the best two performers in Bethany Bartlett, who placed first with 36.15 points, and Ashley Aquinto, who was second with 35.75. But at this point in the season, Salem lacked the depth necessary to

beat Canton.

Bartlett finished first in two individual events, capturing the vault (9.0) and balance beam (9.4). Aquinto won the floor exercise (9.35).

The Chiefs' only individual win came in the uneven parallel bars, from Jessi Bates (9.1). Bates was also third in both the vault (8.75) and beam (8.8), which enabled her to place third in the all-around (35.15).

Other strong performances for the Chiefs came from Kara and Audra Ahern. Kara was second in the floor (9.05) and fourth in the vault (8.5), bars (8.4) and beam (8.7). Audra placed second in the beam (8.9) and fourth in the floor (8.85).

For Plymouth, Ahe Saker was fifth in the floor (8.6) and sixth in the bars (8.05). She placed fifth in the all-around with a 32.65.

Monday's performance, at the new Plymouth HS, continued a promising start for Canton. Last Saturday, the Chiefs defeated Vassar 133.75-107.40 at Vassar.

Kara Ahern's 34.65 all-around was best of the meet, with Audra's 33.7 second. Andrea Nyberg was fourth

PLEASE SEE GYMNASTICS, D6



BRYAN MITCHELL | OBSERVER

Canton's Audra Ahern placed second on the beam and fourth in floor exercise. She scored 7.75 on the bars.

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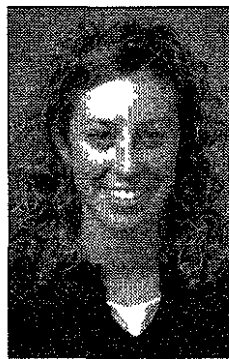
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# Solid group highlights all-area hoop squad



Katie Cezat  
Canton



Amy Henry  
Agape Christian



Alesha Ockerman  
Garden City

BY C J RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Basketball and Blohm — they go hand-in-hand.

Bob Blohm has been coaching basketball at Canton High School for 14 years and since he's been at the school, one thing has been assured. The Chiefs will be dangerous to any other Western Lakes Activities Association rival.

They were this season, which is why Blohm was chosen as the Observer's coach of the year for girls basketball. Canton did this season what Salem did last year — the Chiefs captured the WLAA title without suffering a single loss in league play.

They finished the 2002 season with a 22-3 record, winning a district crown and advancing to the regional final before falling to West Bloomfield. All the way there, Canton exhibited the same attributes a Blohm-coached team always possesses: strong fundamentals, man-to-man defense and a motion offense that is designed to keep the ball moving until an open shot is found.

The Chiefs don't always have the best talent. They aren't the biggest team or the quickest. But they are well-schooled.

This season's team wasn't necessarily Canton's best, but no other Chiefs team finished the WLAA season unbeaten. "I really don't compare them," Blohm answered when asked how his current team matches the two that went to the MHSAA Final Four (1989, 1991). "You just try and do the best you can with each team, get them to improve as season goes on. This team got better defensively and competed very hard."

There were some defining moments to the season, according to Blohm. The back-to-back games at Walled Lake Western and at Walled Lake Central early in the WLAA schedule were both major.

In that Western game, Blohm recalled, we really didn't play very well in the first half, but we had a great come



Ruth Sventickas  
Livonia Ladywood

The 2002 All-Observer girls basketball team was chosen by the Observer staff from nominations by area coaches.



Lauren Hesano  
Livonia Ladywood



Stephanie Phillips  
Salem



Kristen Lake  
Canton



Terra Russell  
Garden City



Ashley McCall  
Livonia Franklin



Martina Franklin  
Redford Union



Bob Blohm  
Coach - Canton

## 2002 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS BASKETBALL

### FIRST TEAM

Katie Cezat 5'11 So F Canton  
Amy Henry 5'3 Sr G Canton Agape  
Ruth Sventickas 6'1 Sr F Liv Ladywood  
Alesha Ockerman 5'10 Sr F Garden City  
Lauren Hesano 5'6 Sr G Liv Ladywood

### SECOND TEAM

Kristen Lake 5'10 Sr C Canton  
Stephanie Phillips 6'0 Sr C Salem  
Terra Russell 5'7 Jr G Garden City  
Ashley McCall 5'10 Sr C Liv Franklin  
Martina Franklin 5'10 Sr C Redford Union

### THIRD TEAM

Bethany Jury 6'3 Jr C Liv Ladywood  
Alex Dooley 5'6 Sr G Red Thurston  
Alyssa Guerin 5'6 So G Salem  
Sara Tyree 6'1 Sr C Westland Glenn  
Briana Wolcott 5'8 Sr G Canton

### FOURTH TEAM

Robyn Johnson 5'5 So G Liv Churchhill  
Marissa Martin 5'10 So C Clarenceville  
Ellen Canale 5'7 So G Salem  
Kiki Young 5'7 Sr G F Redford Union  
Lauren Merian 5'7 Sr F Huron Valley

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Bob Blohm, Canton

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back in the second half. "And that Central game was just big for both teams."

Asked if there was anything different this team did, Blohm said, "The key for this group was steady improvement each year together. They maximized their skills and abilities. They couldn't have done any more."

This season's all-Observer basketball team is represented by 12 schools, including two 20-plus winners in Canton and Canton Agape Christian. The only conclusion is some players learned their basketball lesson very well.

### FIRST TEAM

Katie Cezat, Soph. F, Canton. Katie Cezat has plenty of attributes that make opposing coaches envious: none more impressive than her sophomore status.

The 5-foot-11 forward led the Chiefs in both scoring (16.4 points) and rebounding (10.7). She connected on 52 percent of her shots from the floor and 65 percent of her free throws, earning all conference and fourth team Class A all-state honors.

Already considered perhaps the best player in the WLAA, Cezat has displayed a talent for grabbing offensive rebounds and turning them into points, something she did with regularity for the Chiefs.

Katie did a good job in the low post, Blohm said. She's not a power player but had a good move across the baseline. But I think the thing she really did well was offensively rebounding the ball. She had 17 double doubles (in 25 games).

The object now is for Cezat to improve her strength and quickness, thereby improving her overall game.

Amy Henry, Sr. G, Agape Christian. Here's something you don't see every day — a five-year starter, which is what Henry was at Canton Agape. The 5'3 point guard who holds most of the career offensive records at Agape scored 1,400 points in that span as the Class D Wolverines posted a 95-20 record.

She was the main reason was the reply of Agape coach Chuck Henry, Amy's father, when asked what her part was in all those wins.

Agape finished last season at 22-3, averaging 19.8 points, six assists and five steals a game. The Wolverines advanced to the Class D regional final before losing.

Ruth Sventickas, Sr. F, Liv Ladywood. The three-year starter and captain averaged 12 points and nine rebounds per game as the Blazers won a district title and reached the Catholic League finals.

Sventickas, who made all Observer last year, averaged 71 percent from the free throw line and 41 percent from the field. She also averaged two assists and 15 steals per game.

Ruth is a late bloomer kind of a player, Livonia coach Andrea Gorski said. She's always been a scrappy type of player. She always knows where the ball is.

She does a nice job offensively because she can create shots and has a nice outside touch.

She has a great work ethic and hasn't reached her potential yet.

Alesha Ockerman, Sr. F, Garden City. Ockerman was a force on the court for the Cougars. The 5'10 senior forward was all Mega White for the second season in a row and led the team in scoring with 14.5 points per game. She shot 48.6 percent from the floor, averaged 10.9 rebounds, had 39 steals, 27 assists and 12 blocks.

We worked our offense through her, Cougars coach Barry Patterson said. We struggled when she didn't score. But she spent a lot of time this summer improving her game with the back to the basket. And her points weren't scoring underneath. She played mid-high post instead of low post and hit 12-14 to 15-foot jumpers most of the time.

Lauren Hesano, Sr. G, Liv Ladywood. The 5'6 senior guard saved her best basketball for the stretch run.

The team captain, an all-league pick, averaged 10 points, 3.2 assists, two steals and two rebounds per game. She shot 38 percent from the field but an eye-popping 43 percent from 3-point range. Her free throw percentage was 78.

All season long, Lauren was pretty consistent, but she stepped up her game in the playoffs, Gorski said. That's when she played her best basketball. She was a good defensive player as well.

### SECOND TEAM

Kristen Lake, Sr. C, Canton. A 5'10 senior center, Lake was the kind of player a winning team needs if it is to succeed.

Lake gave Canton a physical presence inside, allowing her teammates to get open for shots. She was also a solid rebounder, averaging 7.5 per

game) and a capable scorer (9.5 points) which enabled her to earn all-conference honors.

She was an excellent post defender, Blohm said. Krissie played well with her back to the basket and got to the offensive glass well. This year she improved her jump shot from 12 to 15 feet.

She's a strong, aggressive young kid. And she could run the court.

Lake was also an all-Metro West selection. She was named to the all-Observer team last year, too.

Stephanie Phillips, Sr. C, Salem. Last year when Salem was undefeated during the regular season, Phillips was one piece of the puzzle. This season with the other starters from that team gone, she's the glue that held the puzzle together — well enough that the Rocks went 13-9 for the season.

A three-year varsity player and two-year starter, Phillips led Salem in scoring this season with just under nine points a game and was the Rocks' second-leading rebounder with eight a game.

The younger players needed that kind of leadership, definitely Salem coach Fred Thomann said.

The statistic that most impressed Thomann was Salem won 35 games in Phillips' last two seasons.

Terra Russell, Jr. G, Garden City. Russell's season ended early thanks to a torn anterior cruciate ligament. But while she was in the lineup, Russell was one of the leaders for the Cougars.

The 5'7 guard — an all-Mega White selection — averaged 8.8 points per game, 4.5 rebounds, had 47 steals and 58 assists on the year. But Russell's game didn't revolve around numbers.

She picked up her scoring but she was our main defensive player, Patterson said. We had her on the opponent's best perimeter player. She really set the tempo for us defensively in the full-court press.

Ashley McCall, Sr. C, Liv Franklin. The 5'10 senior averaged 13.3 points per game and 8.8 rebounds per game en route to all-Western Division honors in the WLAA.

She scored nine points or better in 19 of 22 games. She made 45 percent of her shots from the field and was a 63 percent free throw shooter.

This year Ashley took a bigger leadership role as far as helping the younger kids on the floor and helping them work together. Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen said. She played in the top 100 percent of every game and was one of the best offensive rebounders we've had in a while.

Martina Franklin, Sr. C, Redford Union. The Panthers made a 12-game improvement from 2001 to 2002 and Franklin, an all-Mega Blue selection, was a big reason why.

Without her, we might have won four or five games, said RU coach Jim Novicka, whose team was 14-7 this season. She just makes things difficult for the other team. A lot of times they had to defend her with two or three players and she was still able to score.

Franklin averaged 14.5 points per game, nine rebounds and was second in the team in assists.

For a center, those are pretty good stats — especially the assists, Novicka said. There were a lot of times when she realized that she couldn't get the shot off and got it to open players. It made our offense better.

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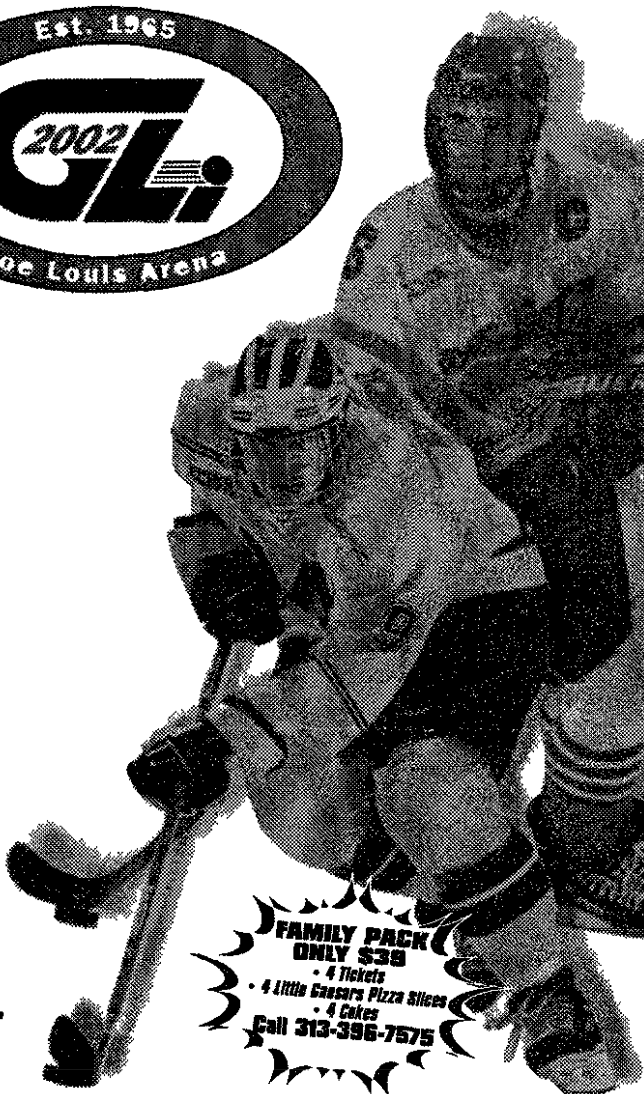


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Tigers trip CC at Salem tourney

At the seven-team Salem Wrestling Tournament Saturday, Belleville proved a bit better than Catholic Central, winning the title with 281 5 points to CC's 260 Saline was third with 242 5

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Churella, 10-3 (Churella was one of two MVPs in the tournament), and at heavyweight, Jeremy Walker was pinned by Salme's Kyle Schuyler, the tournament's second MVP, in 3 08 in the final

of the final, and at 189, Eric Vojtkofsky was pinned by Belleville's Chris Watson in 5 22 of the final

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Championship match results
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**SALEM**

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captain, she'll do some outside hitting this season

Nicole Genrich, a 5-8 senior co-captain, is "very flexible. She'll be a primary passer for us." Macy Lepper, a 5-7 senior co-captain, is a defensive specialist with a good serve, and Tiffani Erickson, a 5-8 left-side hitter, is the fourth team captain.

Now for everyone else. What Salem won't be lacking is size. "We're not tiny, just new," said Teeters. "We're going to try a lot of different things and try to score in a lot of different ways."

Jill Niemi, a 5-4 junior, will be tried at setter. Ellen Canale, a 5-10 sophomore, is "doing very well," according to her coach, and Mandy Bradley, a 5-11 senior, will be used as a right-side hitter or middle blocker.

Then there's Kristen O'Berne, a 5-9 junior who has the same qualities as Bradley. "They're interchangeable at this point," Teeters said, "and they could be on the court at the same time." And Maggie Tudor, a 5-8 senior right-side hitter with some experience, "can do almost anything."

Susan Woodard, a 5-6 senior, is a back-up outside hitter and defensive specialist, but her serving is her strength. And Lauren Price, a 5-11 freshman, has a lot of CYO and middle



BRYAN MITCHELL | OBSERVER

Jordan Falcusan was a very effective setter for a Salem team that won 44 matches last season. She'll do some hitting this season, too.

school experience, she'll be at middle block or outside hitter.

Others who could crack the lineup are Lauren Marsoniek, a 5-9 junior outside hitter, Michelle Jurcak, a 5-7 junior outside hitter, Alyssa Borowy, a 5-11 junior middle blocker, Courtney Edwards, a 5-5 junior outside hitter/defensive special-

ist, and Carlin Epley, a 5-5 junior outside hitter.

The Rocks have a lot to aspire to. They won the Western Lakes Activities Association regular-season title last season, finishing 4-4-6-2 after being eliminated in the state regionals by Adrian.

Can they recapture that glory with such an inexperienced side? "That will be tough," said Teeters. "Walled Lake Central is strong, (Livonia) Churchill is strong, and maybe (Westland) John Glenn Churchill has a nice group of kids, and (coach) Mike Hughes always does a good job."

"The key for us is consistency. I think we'll be a primarily outside hitting team. We're going to have to have another hitter step up — that'll be Jordan (Falcusan) and Lauren Price and Ellen Canale on the left side."

Two of those three will be on-court at the same time. But going to an outside attack will be a switch. "We've been a middle-hitting team, so this will be a different look," Teeters said.

He also emphasized that the "serving's going to have to be good."

In the final analysis, Salem has plenty of potential but not much experience. It'll be a month before the Rocks know if they have enough of either element.

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**CANTON**

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third season on the team and will be beginning her second season as the starting setter. A year after running the floor for a whole season, her defensive skills and confidence have grown," said Anderson.

Kelly Baker, a 5-9 1/2 junior, will be the 'opposite', a position from which she must be the second setter and an outside hitter in a 5-1 set-up. Katie Esper, a 5-10 middle blocker, will be Lake's "opposite" up front.

"This is the first year I've had three players over 5-10 in the starting lineup," said Anderson.

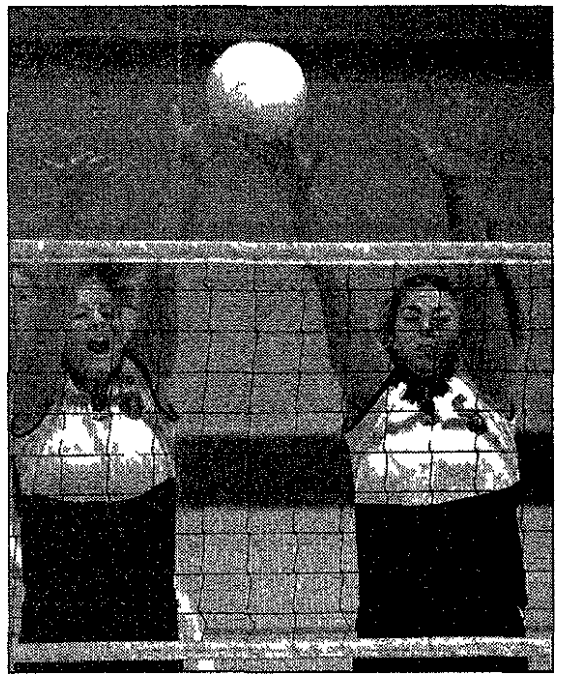
Others who figure could crash the lineup are Kara Jones, a 5-6 junior outside hitter, Katie Mills, a 5-7 defensive specialist/opposite with an exceptional serve, Andrea Johnson, a 5-7 sophomore outside hitter who so far is so much an athlete, she's going right past the juniors," said Anderson, Heather Richardson, a 5-4 junior who will be a back-up at setter, Annie Rosales, a 5-4 junior defensive specialist, and Elizabeth Alexander, a 5-4 junior defensive specialist.

"I see so many positives and, as a coach, I see a lot of negatives," said Anderson. "I will say this: We're vastly ahead of our last two years. Understanding how to win is now one of our biggest assets."

Canton, which was 10th two years ago, placed fifth in the conference last season. "I think we'll be competitive," said Anderson. "I'm not going to pretend we should be state-ranked — not even close."

"But we can be in the mix in the conference." Anderson figures Livonia Churchill should be the pre-season favorite. Walled Lake Central should be up there, too, if the Vikings can overcome the loss of coach Mike Lindstrom, who passed away after suffering a heart attack.

After that there's defending league champ Salem, who Anderson figures will be part of the equation with Lauren Price, the best new fresh-



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Two reasons for optimism at Canton are Kristen Lillie (left) and Kristen Lake. Both started last season as juniors.

man in the conference. And then? "Then us," answered Anderson. "I think we're capable of being near the top. Maybe not first or second, but in the top four."

"Our specialty has always been our serving. If our serving is on we can play with anybody. I don't know how strong our offense will be, and I don't know how strong our defense will be. But if our serving is on, we'll do well. I'm cautiously optimistic."

The ingredients are there to make the Chiefs a contender, at least in the conference. The key is to keep building and don't take a step back.

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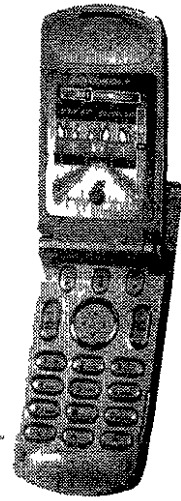
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**Chiefs reach tourney final**

Canton opened its volleyball season at the Allen Park Tournament Saturday, and opened it quite well.

The Chiefs posted a 10-3 record in pool-play games, with wins over Livonia Stevenson 15-7, 15-10, Melvindale 15-6, 15-3 and Lutheran Westland 15 13 15 6. They also split with Allen Park 15 13, 10-15.

In the semifinals, Canton edged a tough Marshall squad 15-13, 16-14, but in the finals a late comeback fell just short, the Chiefs losing 13-15, 15-3, 16-14. In the third game against Marshall, the Chiefs trailed 10-5 and 14-11 in this rally-scoring set, but managed to pull even at 14-all before faltering.

Cindy Rotramel paced Canton with 42 kills (a 34.0 kill percentage). She also had 64 digs and 17 service aces.

Kristen Lake contributed 29 kills (31.3), seven blocks and 31 digs, and Colleen O'Brien had 38 digs. Kristen Lillie finished with 96 set assists and 10 kills.

"We played rather well considering it was the first day of the season," said Canton coach Steve Anderson. "The seniors played above expectations with Rotramel, Lake and O'Brien leading the effort."

"I feel the pool play schedule played to the advantage of Jackson in the finals. The did a lot more resting and watching late in pool play as opposed to the other three teams in the semis. After 13 hours of tournament play and a tougher road to the finals, we just began to run out of gas and some of the players started to cramp up."

"All those factors make a world of difference when it comes to rally scoring in the third and final game of the tournament. Let's just say, I think the outcome would have been different if we could have traded our pool play schedules."

The tournament was a memorable one for Anderson. The pool-play win over Lutheran Westland was the 100th of his career.

**AGAPE GETS 1ST WIN**

Canton Agape Christian outlasted Taylor Light and Life Tuesday in the first game of their match at Light and Life, edging the Crusaders 17-15. The second game, however, was easier for the Wolverines, who beat Light and Life 15-3. The win gave Agape a 1-3 record.

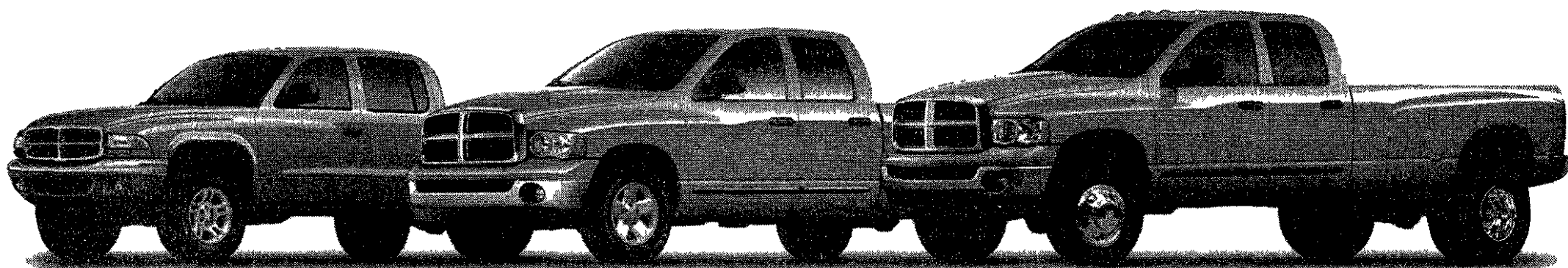
Lisa Ther paced the Wolverines with 20 kills in the match. Amy Henry added 16 digs and Andrea Hough ignited her team's second-game surge by serving seven-straight points. The Agape varsity is idle until Jan. 4, when it plays in the Oakland Christian invite.





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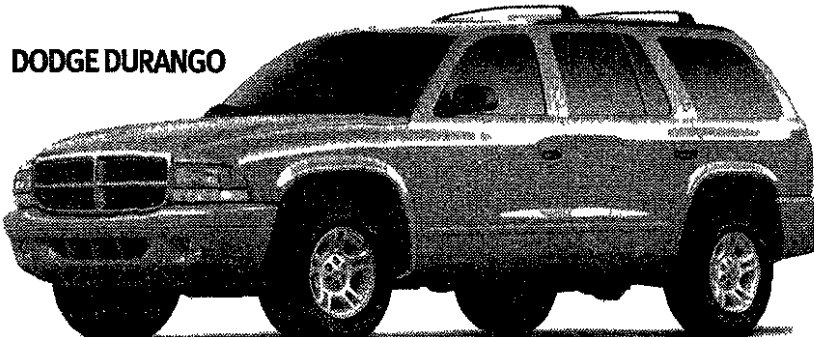
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**HOCKEY**

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Tuesday at the Edge. But that doesn't mean Penguins' coach Chad Roy is unhappy or displeased with his team.

Not at all. "Scores don't mean anything to me right now," he said after Tuesday's loss. "Right now, we're just trying to get some experience for them."

The Penguins have also suffered a 7-2 loss against Port Huron Dec. 3 and a 7-2 defeat by Livonia Ladywood Dec. 11. Combined with Tuesday's setback, they are 1-4 for the year.

But to Roy and many PCS fans, the season is a success so far. The loss to the Norsemen was the first time the Penguins had been shutout, but even in that game Roy pointed out it was just 1-0 after one period.

Many followers still remember that victory over Sacred Heart. Olivia Pennebaker, a sophomore forward, scored a goal in each period, getting a hattrick to lead the Penguins to victory. Jessica Rzetelny and Kara Marsh accounted for the other two PCS goals. Meghan Depp and Sarah Skomeczny each had two assists in the game, with Marsh and Pennebaker getting one apiece.

A victory can relieve a lot of tension. The results that game have not spread like a virus,

infecting other games and turning them into victories for PCS. But the program seems to be traveling in the proper direction.

Although Cranbrook handled the Penguins in their season-opener, they did get two goals from Pennebaker and a third by Kelli Bargowski. In the 7-2 loss to Port Huron, Skomeczny and Marsh accounted for the goals with Kelli Bargowski earning two assists.

Laura McKernan got two third-period goals against Ladywood.

The place where Roy has seen the most improvement so far is in the goaltending. "She's come a long way," he said of the performance of junior Amanda Watkins in goal. Her save percentage is one of the best in the league.

Of course, Watkins faces more shots than anyone else. Against North, the Penguins rarely ventured out of their end of the ice. They had trouble with puck possession against the more experienced team.

That will change. McKernan and Depp are the only seniors on the current Penguin team, which means 15 of the 17 players will return next season.

And hopefully, they'll remember everything they learned, and put it to use.

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**Crusaders prove tournament worthy**

Madonna University brought home a first-place trophy Saturday, capturing the Bethel (Ind.) College men's basketball invitational with a 90-82 win over Indiana University-South Bend. The Crusaders, who defeated Andrews University in Friday's opening round, are 7-5 overall after a 100-69 victory Tuesday over Marygrove.

Forward Dan Kurtinaitis and center Noel Emenhiser each scored 21 points for MU, which led 48-41 at halftime.

Forward Chris Behrns added 16 points, while guard Aaron Cox contributed 12.

Paul Sammons came off the bench to lead IUSB with a game-high 22, while Jeremy Herring added 16.

MU hit 50 percent of its shots from the floor (29-for-58) and 82 percent from the free

throw line (27-for-33).

In the win over Marygrove, MU surpassed last year's six-win total. Emenhiser scored a season-high 26 points for the Crusaders, while Kurtinaitis (15), Cox (14) and Chad Nadolm (11) also scored in double figures. Nadolm also had a team-high nine rebounds, while Kurtinaitis dished out six assists.

Chris Colley (Schoolcraft College) and Rodney Credit each had 14 for Marygrove.

**DORSEY LIFTS 11-0 OCELOTS**

Ronald Dorsey came off the bench to score 19 points, leading unbeaten Schoolcraft College to a 91-76 victory Monday over host Kirtland Community College. Schoolcraft, ranked No. 7 in

the latest NJCAA Division I poll, is 11-0 overall, while Kirtland, guided by former Schoolcraft coach Glen Donahue, is 4-5.

Dorsey, a 6-foot-5 forward from Detroit Pershing, scored 16 points in the second half.

Guard Dion Sherrill (Detroit Henry Ford) added 17 points, while forward Andre Scott (Washington, D.C.) and point-guard Gary Johnson (Wayne Memorial) added 14 apiece. Eugene Phillips had 19 for Kirtland, which trailed 46-35 at halftime. Schoolcraft hit 14 three-point shots in the game.

"Kirtland did a good job of slowing the game down," said Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs. "They played a 1-3-1 zone, and at times we did a good job of getting the ball to the good spots for open shots."

**GYMNASTICS**

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with 31.75.

Audra still won two individual events, placing first in the beam (9.15) and floor (9.0). Kara won the bars (8.35) and was second in the vault (8.75), beam (8.75) and floor (8.8).

The only event the Chiefs didn't get a win in was the vault. Mina Tirzadeh was second for Canton (8.85).

The strong start has Cunningham plotting his plans. "It's going to be an interesting year," he said. "I'm looking forward to it."

"These kids are like rough diamonds. They don't know

how good they can be."

Only Jill Rakovits is gone from last season's Canton squad. Returning are Brigit Fitzgerald, a sophomore and state qualifier last season, Bates, also a sophomore, Laura Hamilton and Heather Wagner, both sophomores, and Melissa French, a senior and the team captain.

Thus far, Fitzgerald has not competed. Another commitment delayed her starting the season, and last week she was ill, delaying her further.

Still, as Cunningham pointed out, "I think the 136.3 we scored (against Salem) was higher than we scored all last year."

He has set some of his goals

"This early in the season, we're short a few people," he noted. "But our first goal is to hit 140, then see where we go from there."

A key point in the season will be Feb. 1, when the Chiefs host the Canton Invitational.

"All the best teams in the state will be there," said Cunningham. "That will be a true test for us."

Then he added, somewhat warily, "I think this team has the potential to be in the top five."

That's a position the Chiefs have not seen in quite a while. A trip back would be welcome.

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All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for under-6 through under-8 years

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The Women's Clinic concentrates on the basic skills of soccer, building a strong foundation of dribbling, passing and receiving, and shooting. This program is designed for the beginning to intermediate player.

All the above clinics begin with instruction and end with a scrimmage. Individual and team training is also available.

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## Lady Crusaders lose in Orlando

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On Sunday, Madonna was trumped by Xavier (La.) College, 74-45. On Monday, it was North Georgia College that did the honors, thumping the Crusaders 60-47.

Madonna fell to 2-12 with the two defeats.

Xavier led 38-23 by halftime on Sunday. The difference in the game: Madonna out-rebounded Xavier, 40-35, but the Crusaders committed 40 turnovers to Xavier's 18.

Loriann Tschurhart and Lindsay Simmon led Madonna with 10 points apiece, Simmon also had eight rebounds. Courtney Rehbine led the Crusaders with 11 boards.

Eleven players scored for Xavier, none in double figures. Portia Jones and Jackie Tucker each netted nine, two others scored eight.

Against North Georgia College Monday, the Crusaders' turnover problem did not improve much. They committed 31 to North's 20.

Courtney Rehbine's 12 points topped Madonna, she also had eight rebounds. Sarah Thomson added 11 points and seven boards.

North Georgia got 17 points from Katie Williamson, 16 from Raena Ellis, 12 from Angelyn Love and 11 from Njua Warren.

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## HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

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

## CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247 9900 for direct or additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

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## STATE PARKS

## STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS

Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (248) 349 8390; for programs at Bald Mountain call (248) 693 6767; for programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (248) 685 2187; for programs at Island Lake call (248) 229 7067.

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar, send information to Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to 248 644 1314.)

## CLINICS

The Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, is offering a roller hockey clinic for youths 9-and-under from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, and for ages 10-14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 3.

Players will work on skating, positions and scrimmaging. This is a fun league and scores will not be recorded. Pizza and pop is served for lunch.

Cost is \$40 for members and \$55 for non-members.

For more information, call Rick Dunn at (734) 261-2161.

## Plymouth Whalers stop Kingston in OT, 4-3

## OHL HOCKEY

It took just 53 seconds of overtime for the Plymouth Whalers to get what they wanted Sunday at Kingston.

After surrendering two third-period goals to tied this Ontario Hockey League game at 3-all, defenseman James Wisniewski, the Canton HS graduate, scored his second goal of the game to give the Whalers a 4-3 overtime win Sunday at Kingston.

Kingston opened the scoring at 10:50 of the opening period with a goal by Brandon McBride. The Whalers answered less than three minutes later, Chad LaRose scoring on the power play at 13:57, with Wisniewski assisting.

Plymouth assumed control in the second period, getting an unassisted goal from Wisniewski at 7:30, then going in front 3-1 with a score from Jason Fiedler (from Nate Kiser and John Mitchell).

But Kingston battled back with a pair of third-period goals, from Andrey Mikhnov and Justin McCutcheon

Wisniewski's game-winner came from Karl Stewart. Jeff Weber was in goal for the Whalers, now unbeaten in their last 11 games. Dwight LaBrosse was in the net for Kingston.

On Friday, the Ottawa 67s and Plymouth played it close right to the end, with their game ending in a no-decision. Ryan Ramsay scored midway through the third period for the Whalers, tying the game at 2-2 — and that's the way it ended.

Combined with their 4-4 draw at Peterborough the night before, the Whalers were 20-6-5-1 (46 points), first in the OHL's West Division and unbeaten in their last 10 games. Ottawa is 23-4-3-0 (49 points), first in the East Division and in the OHL overall.

Matthew Albani scored both goals for the 67s, the first

coming at 12:11 of the opening period (from Matt Foy and Kyle Wharton). Plymouth tied it with a score from Chad LaRose at 6:34 of the second period (from Taylor Raszka and Jimmy Gagnon), but Ottawa went back in front with a power-play goal by Albani (from Karol Sloboda and Russ Moyer) 57 seconds later.

Ramsay's unassisted tying goal came at 10:18 of the third period. Paul Drew was in goal for Plymouth, he made 30 saves. Lukas Mensator had 24 stops for Ottawa.

On Thursday, a wide-open first period was followed by a more controlled second and third as the Whalers and Petes played to a 4-4 tie.

Peterborough (11-13-7-2, fourth in the East Division) drew first blood when Greg Chambers got his first of two goals on the power play at 6:13 of the first period.

The Whalers then scored three-straight, with John Mitchell getting the first at

8:00 of the opening period (from Jonas Fiedler and John Vigilante). LaRose (from Karl Stewart and Ramsay) made it 2-1 with a power-play score at 11:07, and Stewart gave Plymouth a two-goal lead (from LaRose and Ramsay) just 30 seconds later.

However, it didn't last. Evgeny Kadatsky pulled the Petes to within one at 13:57 of the first, and Lukas Krajicek

knotted it at 3-all at 14:46.

The Whalers regained the lead at 2:10 of the second period on LaRose's second goal of the game. Chambers got the tying goal for Peterborough with just 4:31 left in the third.

Drew made 23 saves in goal for the Whalers, David Currie had 40 stops for the Petes.

Last Saturday (Dec. 7), the Whalers got two goals from Ramsay and LaRose in defeating host Sault Ste. Marie 5-3.

Ramsay, Cole Jarrett and LaRose each scored in the first period to give Plymouth a 3-0 lead, but the Greyhounds got three scores in the first half of the second period to tie it.

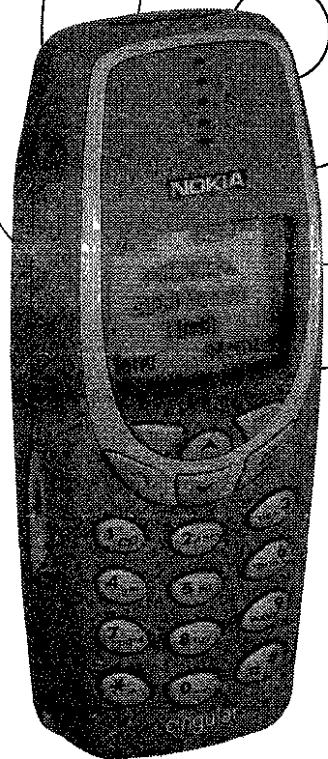
Ramsay's second goal, with 56 seconds left in the second period, proved to be the game-winner. LaRose added an insurance marker with just under seven minutes left in the third.

LaRose, Jarrett and Ramsay each had one assist in the game as well. James Wisniewski (from Canton) and Stewart had two assists apiece

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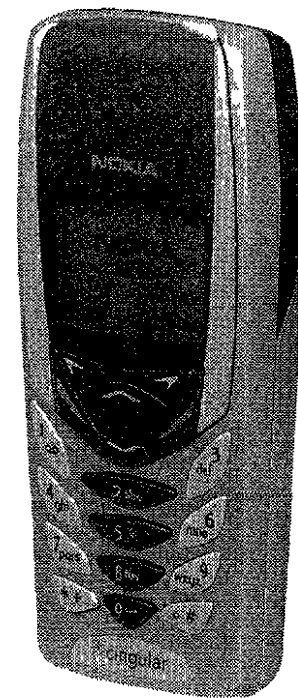
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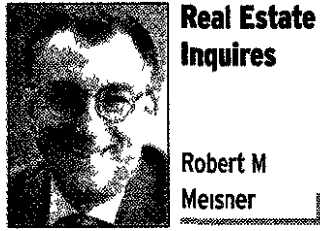
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**Real Estate Inquires**

Robert M Meisner

## Sage advice usually has cost factor

**Q:** We have construction defects at our condominium and we want to engage an attorney. However, one of the board members thinks that he can get free legal advice without having to retain an attorney in an effort to determine whether we have a valuable claim. I'm trying to convince him that it isn't practical. What are your thoughts?

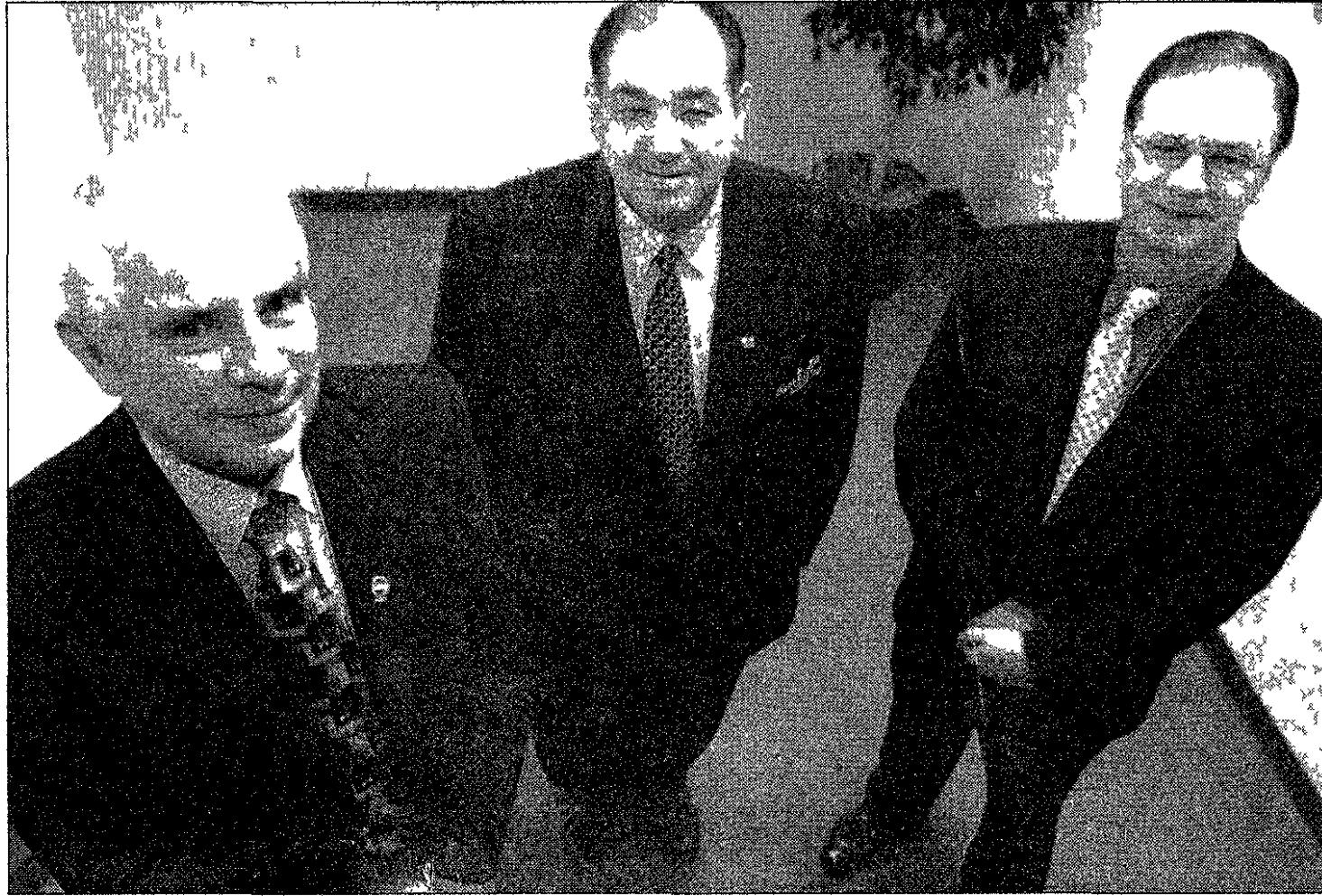
Generally speaking, the old adage that you get what you pay for applies to legal advice being provided on a consulting basis at no charge.

Personal injury attorneys will interview a prospective client to determine the value of a case because they normally will only accept good cases on a contingency basis. Attorneys who charge for their time on an hourly basis generally won't provide detailed legal advice at no charge since they must thoroughly examine the matter and determine whether, in fact, there is a basis for you to prosecute the case.

No doubt there are attorneys in the world who will consult with a client at no charge. Generally speaking, however, my experience has been that the type of analysis which you require may involve a number of hours of time expended by the attorney in order to render a proper opinion.

As the old saying goes, "He who charges least knows best what he's worth," and that may well apply here.

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Dick MacIntosh (left), Gary B. Armi and Lou Ronayne have been chosen Realtors of the Year.

## Top Realtors excel in work

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

They bring experience, involvement in their professional associations and service to the community. They're also good at and love what they do.

The three recipients of Realtor of the Year honors this year for boards within the O&E coverage area have been licensed to buy and sell real estate for nearly 78 years in total.

All three have sales and management experience and two have been selected Realtor of the Year previously.

The winners for 2002:

**Dick MacIntosh**, broker/owner, The MacIntosh Co., a property investment and management firm in Waterford. He was chosen by the North Oakland County Board of Realtors.

**Gary B. Armi**, broker/owner, Century 21 AAA, Eastpointe. He was tapped by the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors.

**Lou Ronayne**, associate broker and team leader, Keller Williams-Northville. He was picked by the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors.

The three recently got together for a group photo and interview. Here are edited excerpts from the conversation.

**Q: What qualities make for a successful Realtor?**

**MacIntosh:** I've always told people who work for me, be honest, be involved and be informed.

Be updated with procedures. Computers changed our business. Stay on top with educa-

tion. There's a lot of classes out there. Get out and know people. Wherever you go, the real estate topic seems to come up.

**Ronayne:** A strong will to succeed, not take no for an answer. They have to have a thick skin, have to enjoy being around people.

They definitely have to like what they're doing because they work such long hours. You have to be honest.

**Armi:** Just being honest and sincere in your everyday business. Keep yourself on the cutting edge.

**Q: What can buyers and sellers do to make a real estate transaction easier?**

**Ronayne:** Be informed. Buyers, we still pre-qualify for mortgages. (Sellers) have to listen when we tell them to fix something, make the house presentable, change the carpet, clean closets.

**MacIntosh:** If they don't know someone (Realtor) already, they need to talk with two or three people and get comfortable with them. You're going to get down to some real touchy things— incomes, savings. By the time the transaction closes, you're part of the family, sometimes.

**Armi:** If you don't have a Realtor, interview a couple, three. Ask how long they've been in the business. How long they've worked with the company. How much listing inventory do they keep? What's the team like?

Once you find a Realtor, listen to what she or he tells you. **Q: What advice would you give to someone thinking about becoming a Realtor or a relative newcomer to the business?**

**Armi:** Find a broker who has

a program, a structured training program in-house to train you. Not only training, but mentors assigned to new agents to help along bumps in the road.

**Ronayne:** Go to a company that will give you the tools to be successful. The Internet and technology, right now, are the most important things to be successful in our business.

**MacIntosh:** If you're making money, you're working a lot of hours in the business, but working smart, too.

Your ears are always open. You never know where your next buyer or seller will come from. If you're informed and out and about talking to people, you will be successful.

**Q: What's the biggest enjoyment you get out of your work?**

**MacIntosh:** The closing and meeting people. After the closing, hearing them say what a good experience it was and how they love their home. It gives you a super feeling.

I've gotten cards from people telling me how much they love the schools, love the neighborhood. Obviously, the (commission) check is vital, but it's nice to have people take the time to thank you.

**Armi:** I'm not out there every day now listing and selling. I'm a broker. Growing the company from six people to 65 real estate agents today, watching them flourish and succeed with the programs and policies we put in place, it's what I've enjoyed the last 17-18 years.

**Ronayne:** For the first time in 20 years, I'm an office manager. Now, it's a big responsibility for educating, training and helping other people be successful.

**MacIntosh,** 66, has been licensed for 36 years and has worked in the residential and commercial ends of the business. He's also a builder.

He's a two-time president of his board, 22 years a director, and has served on virtually all of its committees. He also was North Oakland's Realtor of the Year in 1981.

**MacIntosh** enjoys tennis and visiting his Florida home. He lives in Waterford and is dad to Suzanne and Paula.

**Armi,** 47, has been a licensed Realtor for 22 years. He's incoming president of his association and has served on various committees including government affairs, professional standards and public relations.

**Armi** was Realtor of the Year for the Macomb association two years ago. That board has since merged with Birmingham Bloomfield Rochester South Oakland to become Metropolitan Consolidated.

He's married to Liz, dad to Emily, Leo, Kenneth and Jeanelle and resides in St. Clair Shores.

**Armi** enjoys fishing, hunting and is active with Boy Scouts of America.

**Ronayne,** 47, has been a Realtor nearly 20 years. His professional involvements include government affairs and political action.

**Ronayne** lives in Northville. He's married to Debbie and dad to Jacki, Katie and Louie.

When not working, **Ronayne** enjoys following the hockey and dramatic exploits of his kids, playing golf and traveling.

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## Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Refinance effort yields thousands

In his book "Secrets of Power Negotiating," author Roger Dawson explains that there is a huge financial benefit in knowing how to negotiate price. He asserts that knowing how to effectively negotiate is one of the most profitable skills a person can acquire.

Let's say you are shopping for a major appliance and you notice that the price on the model you desire is \$200 higher than you wish to pay. Rather than pay the full price, you ask your salesman to drop his price \$400. He says no, but he can cut it by \$300, and you shake hands.

It took a total of five minutes, and you saved yourself \$300, which equates to over \$400 in earned pre-tax dollars. In other words, you paid yourself about \$4,800 per hour to negotiate for those five minutes. What a great return for such minimal effort.

The bigger the item, the more your potential savings. Since your mortgage is probably your largest purchase, any effort you make to better it is likely to yield the highest personal financial dividends per unit of time invested.

Let's say you have been holding off on refinancing your \$150,000 mortgage because you can only improve your current interest rate a little bit. You plan on staying in your home for a very long time, but you do not think it's worth the effort for a seemingly nominal reduction in your interest rate.

Here's the math: At a 7 percent interest rate, you pay about \$209,000 in interest on \$150,000 over 30 years. A drop to 6 1/2 percent has your total interest payments at about \$191,000, and a 6 percent rate drops you to about \$173,500.

If in the worst case it takes you 60 minutes to complete a mortgage application, another hour to track down some supporting documents, and an hour to close your new loan, your refinancing efforts have you making about \$6,000 per hour. Of course, you will realize this 'income' as money "not spent" over 30 years, but I think it's a compelling reason not to delay your refinancing. Don't you?

**Tim Phillips** is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may reach him 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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Population in millions of selected states as of July 1, 2002, based on Census Bureau estimates.

Area	Popu. million	% Change
Arizona	5.4	+20%
Florida	16.7	+14
Georgia	8.5	+14
Texas	21.7	+12
North Carolina	8.2	+12
California	35	+9
Minnesota	5.1	+7
Indiana	6.1	+5
Illinois	12.5	+4
Wisconsin	5.4	+4
Ohio	11.3	+2
Michigan	10	+2

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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## Larson Realty Group, DRA Advisors buy Southfield office plaza

PRNewswire - Larson Realty Group and DRA Advisors Inc announced Dec. 17 that a partnership they have formed bought Onyx Office Plaza in Southfield from Northwestern Mutual

Life Insurance Co. Onyx Office Plaza is at 29777 Telegraph, on the west side of Telegraph just north of 12 Mile. The four-story office building, built in 1983, comprises 270,488 total

square feet and 259,340 square feet of net leasable area. The building is 88.8-percent leased. The Larson Realty Group-DRA Advisors partnership, doing busi-

ness as G & I III Onyx LLC, completed the purchase Dec. 10. Larson Realty Group plans to make a variety of improvements. "We are pleased with our purchase of Onyx

Office Plaza, and we look forward to developing strong relationships with our tenants and neighbors," said Eric Larson, president and CEO of Larson Realty Group.

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These are the Observer area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug 5 - 9 2002 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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46406 Aarons Way	\$211,000
43618 Abbey	\$267,000
46381 Briargate	\$303,000
6628 Chadwick	\$285,000
7045 Clampton	\$185,000
43735 Cranford	\$190,000
43860 Cranford	\$180,000
39571 Dorchester	\$293,000
1072 E Lemont	\$218,000
45608 Edgewood	\$257,000
8230 Elmhurst	\$226,000
8511 Elmhurst	\$232,000
7492 Grn Meadow	\$223,000
8291 Holly	\$170,000
46453 Killarney	\$246,000
43511 Lancelot	\$224,000
42553 Lilley Pte	\$130,000
8166 N Pointe	\$387,000
41332 Northwind	\$140,000
41365 Northwind	\$133,000
43973 Nowland	\$253,000
471 Pleasant Rdg	\$355,000
1986 Preserve E	\$220,000
41764 Princess	\$284,000
43108 Providence	\$213,000
44451 Savery	\$103,000
43309 Silverwood	\$258,000
43906 Southampton	\$219,000
44260 Suffolk	\$208,000
1201 Terrel	\$100,000
43853 Vicksburg	\$185,000
7228 Wadebridge	\$415,000
Garden City	
29558 Cambridge	\$120,000
29744 Florence	\$150,000
31765 Florence	\$89,000
6632 Mansfield	\$159,000
28453 Marquette	\$114,000
Livonia	
16460 Aldrich	\$265,000
14164 Alexander	\$172,000
11301 Auburn Dr	\$207,000
9824 Blackburn	\$245,000
16727 Blue Skies	\$274,000
29540 Bobrich	\$82,000
19909 Brook Fld	
30125 Buckingham	\$188,000
30161 Buckingham	\$227,000
9937 Cardwell	\$143,000
35810 Elmira	\$310,000
10030 Hambleton	\$173,000
14303 Hubbell	\$188,000
36208 Ladywood	\$228,000
9403 Lamont	\$195,000
29821 Linda	\$198,000
14035 Lyons	\$178,000
19849 Maplewood	\$156,000
9163 Marie	\$185,000
18924 Mayfield	\$219,000
19224 Meadowridge	\$190,000
9324 Melrose	\$151,000
19632 Melvin	\$164,000
16781 Merriman	\$320,000
9731 Middlebelt	\$89,000
11012 Milburn	\$174,000
37544 N Laurel Park	\$185,000
33329 Navin	\$295,000
33335 Navin	\$300,000
14418 Park	\$170,000
18819 Shadyside	
\$180,000	
18768 Southampton	\$287,000
14957 Sunbury	\$170,000
18728 Susanna	\$200,000
15198 Taylor	\$110,000
29636 Trancrest	\$129,000
18439 University Pk	\$119,000
32711 Vermont	\$168,000
10068 Wayne	\$70,000
30840 Wentworth	\$259,000
14405 Westmore	\$189,000
Plymouth	
1314 Beech	\$241,000
521 Deer	\$95,000
49810 Donovan	\$158,000
12436 Duxbury	\$355,000
9157 Hackberry	\$225,000
607 Harding	\$80,000
48120 Hilltop E	\$485,000
676 N Holbrook	\$145,000
9046 Oakview	\$115,000
49944 Plymouth	\$165,000
13065 Portsmith Xing	\$348,000
13098 Portsmith Xing	\$365,000
15102 Robinwood	\$225,000
9660 Terry	\$220,000
9190 Trillium	\$350,000
Redford	
9078 Dale	\$158,000
18717 Denby	\$135,000
25442 Fordson	\$123,000
16938 Garfield	\$103,000
18658 Garfield	\$105,000
9049 Grayfield	\$170,000
9971 Grayfield	\$132,000
9554 Hazelton	\$118,000
10053 Hazelton	\$125,000
9050 Hemingway	\$160,000
9215 Kinloch	\$145,000
9567 Lenore	\$133,000
13428 Marion	\$146,000
24950 N Sylbert	\$136,000
20453 Norborne	\$65,000
15541 Pomona	\$125,000
9671 Seminole	\$185,000
9901 Seminole	\$146,000
20452 Sumner	\$124,000
11455 Tecumseh	\$85,000
13052 Tecumseh	\$146,000
26550 W Davison	\$135,000
15903 Woodworth	\$129,000
Westland	
33128 Avondale	\$134,000
1517 Berkshire	\$133,000
31487 Birchwood	\$124,000
7351 Cardwell	\$68,000
33010 Chapman	\$177,000
35834 Florane	\$166,000
35840 Glen	\$106,000
32021 Grandview	\$145,000
32711 Grandview	\$143,000
581 Larchmont	\$189,000
33373 Lynx	\$175,000
1312 Mar Ann	\$110,000
33308 Mill Race	\$176,000
7330 N Farmington	\$215,000
5733 N Linville	\$97,000
37577 Robinson	\$187,000
321 S Dobson	\$160,000

\$170,000	1060 Hazel	\$180,000
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\$123,000	1365 Puritan	\$650,000
\$103,000	1494 Shipman	\$296,000
\$105,000	1133 Villa	\$300,000
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Bloomfield Hills/Township		
1915 Cragin	\$375,000	
1742 Golf Ridge S	\$1,000,000	
1273 Greenglen	\$320,000	
1147 Hillpointe	\$290,000	
1773 Maplewood	\$842,000	
1220 Timbervue	\$283,000	
1287 Winchcombe	\$205,000	
Clarkston		
4627 2nd	\$53,000	
9524 Cedargrove	\$238,000	
8151 Deerwood	\$304,000	
9808 Kingston Pt	\$118,000	
9438 Maple	\$264,000	
6808 Northcrest E	\$220,000	
6656 Ridgeview	\$240,000	
4626 Rockcroft	\$150,000	
Commerce Township		
1990 Glen Iris	\$230,000	
3034 Greenlawn	\$109,000	
306 Harpham	\$135,000	
745 Hummerside	\$68,000	
2655 Lauryl	\$250,000	
3260 Melmoor	\$175,000	
3747 Sandbar	\$375,000	
Farmington		
34124 Alta Loma	\$218,000	
Farmington Hills		
31176 Applewood	\$340,000	
28771 Bella Vista	\$237,000	
27529 Bridle Hills	\$245,000	
34038 Brittany	\$247,000	
38387 Churchill	\$219,000	
21616 Flanders	\$228,000	
29430 Gilchrest	\$192,000	
27455 Kalish	\$390,000	
24509 Lakeland	\$186,000	
38881 Lancaster	\$267,000	
23179 Middlebelt	\$140,000	
29676 Middlebelt	\$150,000	
30274 Nantucket	\$135,000	
35300 Northmont	\$307,000	
22236 Purdue	\$172,000	
25530 Ridgewood	\$365,000	
22613 Vacri	\$287,000	
29610 W 10 Mile	\$70,000	

28164 Wildwood	\$269,000
Franklin	
26071 German Mill	\$245,000
Keego Harbor	
3119 Pridham	\$114,000
1990 Woodland	\$187,000
Lake Orion	
2695 Cedar Key	\$237,000
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594 Heights	\$240,000
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1389 Wood	\$470,000
Rochester	
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628 Meadow	\$185,000
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268 Wyngate	\$607,000
Rochester Hills	
3039 Avalon	\$160,000
2354 Blockton	\$260,000
734 Castlebar	\$225,000

6566 Chatham	\$395,000
1177 Chesapeake	\$95,000
775 Dartmouth	\$277,000
3966 Donley	\$162,000
716 Eton	\$188,000
68 Foxboro	\$225,000
2199 Hickory Leaf	\$265,000
3637 Hollenshade	\$385,000
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882 Lyncdale	\$235,000
167 Old Perch	\$211,000
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5452 Cheitenham	\$399,000
94 Hickory	\$170,000
161 Kirts	\$193,000
2031 Lancer	\$335,000
6708 Michael	\$430,000
2118 Milverton	\$102,000
3189 Newbury	\$265,000
5858 Niles	\$325,000
1379 Peachtree	\$182,000
1878 Sutton Pl	\$675,000
Walled Lake	
2551 Kingstowne	\$65,000
2135 N Pontiac	\$158,000
147 Shore Brook	\$227,000
3180 Viking	\$265,000

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Sept 9-13 2002 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

987 Ann	\$350,000
1456 Cedar	\$305,000
125 E 14 Mile	\$127,000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Real estate briefs features news and notes on professional associations, office activities, upcoming meetings and seminars, new services/products and consumer publications. Write: Real estate briefs, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279. Our e-mail address is dfunke@oe.com

Wendy Patton, a broker/builder, presents a real estate investors conference Friday-Sunday, Jan. 17-19, at the Northfield Hilton, Crooks at I-75, Troy. Topics include negotiations, tax issues and rental cash flows. Packages range \$59-\$149. To register, call Gott at (248) 394-0150.

**ENERGY CD-ROM**  
The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance." Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers. To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit [www.boma.org/pubs/energy\\_cd.htm](http://www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm).

**PRE-LICENSE CLASS**  
Oakland Builders Institute and Walled Lake Community Education sponsor a 16-hour class to prepare for the state builder's licensing exam 6-10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, Jan. 6-15, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail. Cost is \$205, plus \$20 for a textbook and sample questions. To register, call (248) 956-5000.

**HOME SHOW**  
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2 at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road. Hundreds of exhibitors are expected. Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens. Children under 12 are free. On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For more information, call (248) 862-1019.

**BIA UPDATES**  
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail. Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

**SELL HOME CLASS**  
Alma Mathley of Professional Real Estate Title sponsors a free, no-obligation class, "For Sale by Owner," 6-30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main Street two blocks north of 14 Mile, Clawson. To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**  
The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided. For details, call (734) 459-7744.

**PLAYGROUND SAFETY**  
A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible. Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan. "Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through [www.caonline.org](http://www.caonline.org).

**COMMERCIAL FORECAST**  
GVA Strategies, a Southfield-based commercial brokerage, and the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors co-host the 12th annual Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar noon Friday, Jan. 17, at the Centerpoint Marriott Hotel, Pontiac. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$45 in advance or \$50 at the door. To register, call Sandi Melki at (248) 262-8000.

**FAIR HOUSING CENTER**  
The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50. For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

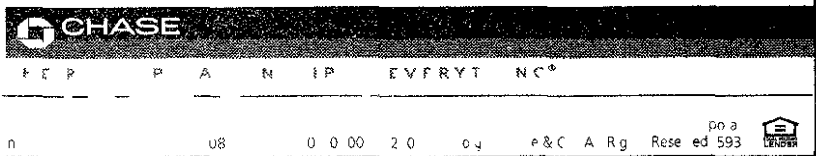
**SALES WEB SITE**  
Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood? Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free. Just dial up [www.homeval-uemap.com](http://www.homeval-uemap.com).

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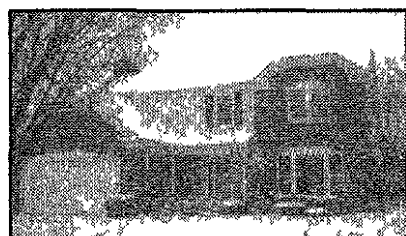
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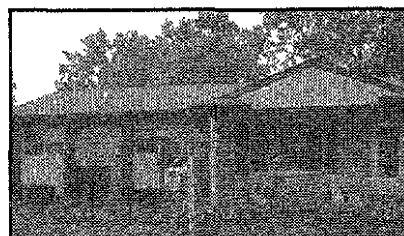
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This column highlights promotions transfers hirings awards and other news within the real estate construction architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591 7279.

**The Detroit Chapter of the American Institute of Architects** recently honored several members during its annual Awards Recognition Program.

**Eric J. Hill, FAIA** and Ph.D., received the Gold Medal, the institute's highest honor given to an architect who demonstrates distinguished leadership to the profession over time.

Hill is vice president and director of urban design and planning with Albert Kahn Associates in Detroit.

His projects include Detroit Opera House interior renovation, Grand Circus Park renovation, Detroit Riverfront Promenade and Wayne State University Master Plan. Hill has co-authored a book

with John Gallagher, AIA *Detroit - American Institute of Architects Guide to Detroit Architecture*, and is an adjunct professor of architecture at the University of Michigan.

He received bachelor and doctoral degrees in architecture from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design.

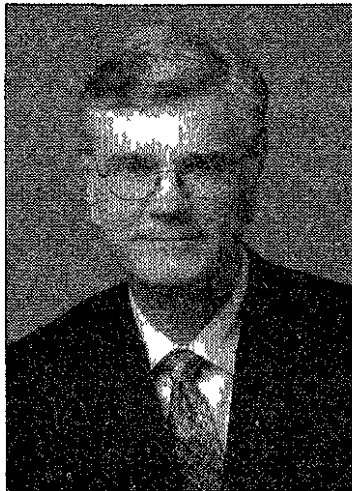
He's also conducted research in urban design at the Royal Academy of Fine Arts in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Hill lives in Bloomfield Hills.

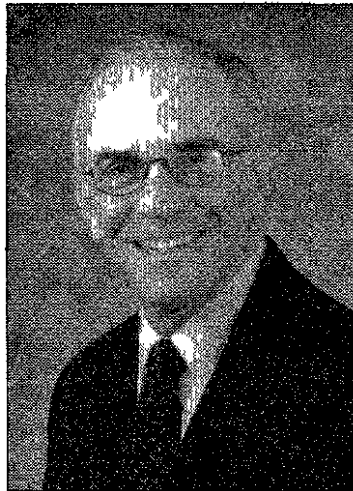
**Peter D. Cummings** received the Charles A. Blessing Award for demonstrated commitment to improving the quality of life and built environment of Detroit.

Cummings is principal of Ram Development, a real estate management and development services company in Detroit.

He's board chairman of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and has been involved in the expansion of Orchestra Hall,



Eric J. Hill



Peter D. Cummings



Dorian A. Moore

the new High School for the Fine and Performing Arts and 3600 Woodward, a mixed-use residential/retail community.

**Dorian A. Moore, AIA**, received the Young Architect (under 40) of the Year Award for demonstrating talent, commitment to the profession and leadership in the community.

Moore, president of Detroit-based Archive D/S, has design and planning experience with Detroit's Community Investment Strategy. He has also been involved

with the Wayne State University Undergraduate Library, Canfield Lofts and Ferris State University College of Art and Science Facility.

Moore teaches architecture and urbanism at Lawrence Technological University, WSU and University of Detroit-Mercy.

He has a Master of Architecture degree from the University of Michigan and attended the Studies in Urbanism program at Technical University, Vienna, Austria.

the Oakland County Economic Development Corp.

Savoy, a 23-year veteran, holds the professional designations of Certified Commercial Investment Member and Society of Industrial and Office Realtors.

He's twice won his firm's Circle of Excellence Award and was CCIM RCommercial Realtor of the Year in 1995.

Grubb & Ellis has licensed a branch office in Ann Arbor. The office will be headed by Neal Warling, senior vice president with 17 years commercial real estate experience, and Deborah Pearson, a marketing specialist.

**The law firm of Maddin, Hauser, Wartell, Roth & Heller** in Southfield, whose practice includes real estate transactions, announces several appointments.

**John E. Jacobs** and **Michael B. Perlman** become shareholders.

**Richard M. Mitchell**, **Joseph N. Ejbek**, **Danielle M. Spehar**, **Christopher A. McMican**, **Geoffrey N. Taylor**, **Brian A. Nettleingham** and **Nicole E. Wilinski** become associates. **Walter J. Goldsmith** becomes of counsel.

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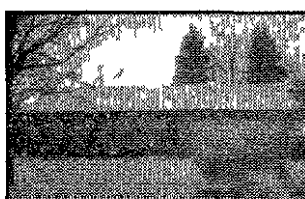
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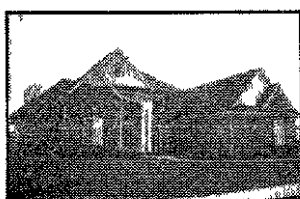
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**COUNTRY SETTING** - Spacious 4 bedroom 2 full bath home. Walkout lower or upper level onto 2 tier deck to enjoy the relaxed country setting in your own backyard. Easy access to all expressways. \$184,900 (569NO)



**NEWLY LISTED LIVONIA RANCH** - 1344 sq ft includes formal living room, country kitchen/newer Pergo floor, family room, natural fireplace, etched glass doorwall to patio, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, main floor newer carpeting, finished basement and attached garage. \$189,900 (373BA)



**ROYAL POINTE WEST** - CapeCod on premium lot, siding, commons area. Features 18 ft volume ceiling, GR w/2 way FP, Bay windowed/doorwalls to custom 500 sq ft 2 tiered brick paver patio. Dual or entry master w/his/her vanities, Jacuzzi w/adjacent shower! Minor exclusions. \$432,000 (550PC)



**GREAT LOCATION - GREAT SIZE** - Great family home located in Franklin Palmer Sub. Featuring a family room with a fireplace, a 2 car attached garage and a new roof and siding. \$179,900 (486FR)



**PINE BLUFFS OF MILFORD** - Great floor plan, 1982 sq ft, 1st floor master bedroom, loft overlooks great room, 2 1/2 baths, walkout basement and a 2 1/2 car attached garage. \$279,900 (039BI)



**IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY** - Meticulously maintained & updated home. Updated kitchen, cabinets w/roll out shelves & updated countertops. Eating area off kitchen w/4 nice windows, new living room & hallway carpeting, freshly painted throughout. Garage w/workshop area, basement & fenced yard! \$89,500 (560MA)



**GREAT NOVI LOCATION** - Spacious updated 4 bedroom colonial situated on a large corner tree lot. Newer windows, some newer carpet, fresh paint, 1st floor laundry, beautiful recreational room in basement. Come take a look! \$299,900 (710HI)



**UPDATED DELIGHT** - All newly redecorated in neutral decor. 2 bedrooms plus new oak kitchen with new stove/dishwasher, new carpet, new vanity & fixtures in bath. Immediate occupancy. Open floor plan, C/A & carport. \$139,900 (306NE)



**HISTORIC NORTHVILLE!** - Award winning gardens lead to this mature charming 4 bedroom 3 bath home. Unique updated w/designer flair & quality. Exquisite master suite w/balcony. Guest quarters w/kitchen & bath. Special features include granite floors, custom cabinets & fixtures. \$489,900 (230RO)



**HOMESPUN...** - Hints of a kinder, gentler time reflect in the wraparound porch, parlor, kitchen gathering area, w/FP, butter pantry & ovens, 2x wood trim. Situated on 1/2 acre & offering 5 bedrooms & 3 1/2 baths. New construction. \$549,900 (832SA)



**CUSTOM CAPE COD** - Fabulous Plymouth cape cod w/over \$200,000 in extras. Granite counters, custom moldings, cabinets, mantle & wet bar. Spectacular landscape package & much more. \$510,000 (660TI)



**GREAT FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD** - Clean & neat ranch home in Garden City w/remodeled kitchen & bath, finished basement, newer windows & updated electric. All appliances stay & much more. \$142,900 (430LE)



**CLASSY HOME w/PICTURESQUE SETTING** - Anderson windows, sprinkler system, professionally finished walk out basement, 3 bedrooms, 2 full & 2 half baths, lots of closet space, upgraded moldings, fixtures, 50 gallon water tank, oversized 22x26 garage & enlarged 18 w/de driveway. \$284,900 (929HO)



**INVESTOR ALERT** - These 2 buildings each fully occupied, have 8 units in each & offer income growth. Each unit comes complete w/stove, refrigerator & A/C. On site coin operated washer/dryer. Updates include roof & siding. Great location close to highways & airport. Call for details. \$449,900 & \$399,900 (934HO)

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**AND YOU'RE RENTING, WHY?** - This cute condo offers an updated kitchen w/new appliances, new carpet & on site laundry facilities. Nice size BR, fu, updated bath & generous living room. Perfect for single student, resident or senior looking to avoid renting. Check it out, you won't be disappointed. \$59,900 (716TH)



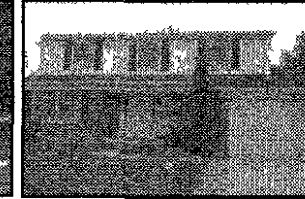
**UNDER 130,000** - Nice 3 bedroom ranch with newer kitchen, many updates, some hardwood floors, oversized 2 car garage and a finished basement with bar. \$129,999 (169WI)



**RECOMMENDED** - Newer Custom kitchen to behold, striking light fixtures, obvious architectural interest and style. French doors to second bedroom/study, doorwall off master suite & just steps to the golf course. \$349,900 (798LO)



**BRICK RANCH!** - All brick ranch with hardwood floors, newer roof, windows, furnace, A/C and kitchen. Large garage, fenced yard, partially finished basement & neighborhood swim club. \$179,900 (754BA)



**DESIRABLE SUNFLOWER SUB** - Well maintained 4 bedroom traditional colonial, just waiting for new owners! Newer carpet & paint in some rooms, light oak kitchen, wood windows, French doorwall & block windows. Cozy front room w/natural fireplace! Move in & enjoy! \$274,900 (335HA)



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# Average mortgage rate in U.S. drops Homes for the gov

(AP) — Mortgage rates around the country fell last week for the first time since the middle of November.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 6.04 percent for the week ending Dec. 13, Freddie Mac reported in its weekly nationwide survey. That was down from 6.19 percent in the previous week.

Last week's rates marked the first time rates for 30-year, 15-year and one-year adjustable

rate mortgages fell since the week ending Nov. 15.

At that time, rates on 30-year mortgages dropped to 5.94 percent, the lowest level since the mortgage giant began tracking them in 1971.

Rates on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, dipped to 5.46 percent last week, down from 5.60 percent.

Low mortgage rates this year have been feeding a refinancing boom.

Also, home sales — powered by low mortgage rates — are expected to post records this year.

Freddie Mac's most recent economic forecast indicates that next year's housing sector, though slower than this year's, will nevertheless continue to thrive, said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Rates on one-year adjustable-rate mortgages decreased to 4.18 percent last week, compared with 4.21 percent last week.

Mortgage rates don't include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year mortgage loans and 15-year mortgages each earned an average fee of 0.5 point this week. One-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week.

A point is 1 percent of the amount borrowed.

A year ago, 30-year mortgages averaged 7.09 percent, 15-year mortgages were 6.57 percent and one-year ARMs stood at 5.19 percent.

Here are some facts about the homes owned by the state of Michigan for the governor.

The governor's primary residence is in Lansing, it's a 1950s-era ranch home on three acres of land that was donated to the state in 1969. The house has four bedrooms, is 6,300 square feet. The state paid \$250,000 for the antique furni-

ture it contained.

There is also a summer residence on Mackinac Island. It's a Victorian-era cottage built in 1902, and cost the state \$15,000 to buy in 1945. The cottage has 11 bedrooms, and views of Mackinac Island harbor.

Source: State of Michigan

## Fireplace mortar can be lightened up

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Maurice and Geneva ask: We love our family room corner fireplace with rock but hate the color of the grout. The grout is dark to medium gray, and we prefer light gray, which we think would look better as our decor is mauve, cream, and light gray. Can the fireplace grout be regouted over the existing grout? We also have a lot of black metal exposed around the brass-trimmed glass doors, between the fireplace opening and where the rock starts. Can a coordinating marble or tile be adhered or affixed to this metal front?

The term grout is more commonly used with ceramic tile installations. What you have surrounding the stone at your fireplace is most certainly mortar. Whereas grout is used to fill joints between tile, mortar is used to join stone together.

Besides providing a solid bond between the stone, it also can add to the design and interest of stone or brick. In any case, you can change the color of the mortar a couple of ways.

If the mortar is just a

touch too dark and you want to lighten it up a wee bit, start with a 10-percent solution of muriatic acid. Apply the solution to the mortar joints only, using a small bristle brush or similar device. A little of this mild acid on the stone or brick will usually not hurt as long as you don't allow it to remain for very long.

Allow the acid to remain on the mortar joints for at least 5 minutes or until it has stopped fizzing. Rinse the area completely and allow it to dry.

You might need to wait a few days until the mortar has dried completely to determine if the process worked. If the mortar has lightened but the desired result has not been achieved, give the mortar another acid treatment and allow it to dry.

Remember: Safety first. Wear rubber gloves and eye protection and make sure that there is plenty of ventilation in the area when working with acid.

Another way to change the color of the mortar is by removing about a quarter-inch layer from the surface of the existing mortar,

using a hammer and chisel and applying a new layer of mortar in its place.

Powdered pigment can be mixed in with the new mortar to create a color to suit your decorating needs. You should first make a few test samples of the mortar on a board to make sure that you have the desired color. Be sure to allow the mortar sample to dry completely since mortar typically will lighten as it dries.

The black metal that you are referring to is the front face of the prefabricated metal fireplace that was installed before the stone. We understand your unhappiness with the appearance of this metal trim but recommend that you do nothing to alter it. This trim frequently contains intake vents or air exchange vents that might be harmed if surrounded by stone or tile.

We believe that a safer way to deal with this problem would be by painting the trim with a heat-resistant spray paint that is close in color to either your stone or the new mortar color.

## Trim costs and add value to your home

(NAPSI) — Creating a stylish new look in your home may be easier and less expensive than you think.

One way is by adding moulding to enhance the style of your home. Advances in medium density fiberboard (MDF) mouldings and trim make the job even simpler by offering a wide range of decorative styles and easy installation.

Some of the most beautiful decorative moulding styles that may have seemed out of reach because of the high cost and limited availability of solid wood can be done instead with MDF. An environmentally friendly product manufactured from recycled wood, it is an abundant, economic alternative to traditional materials. Readily available through home centers and building supply outlets, MDF mouldings are making a full range of trim profiles available at a lower cost than traditional solid or finger-jointed products.

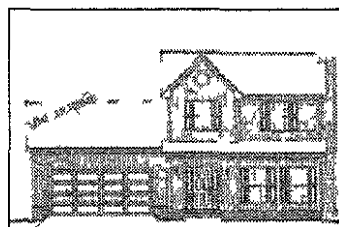
Real estate agent Matt Lockhart agrees trimwork helps your home's value. "Trim is a hot button for buyers," he explains. "Moulding creates the illusion that it's more expensive than it really is. That will push the price up compared to similar sized homes in the area."

Almost any look is possible with MDF mouldings, even 12-inch single piece crown moulding. MDF mouldings can enhance walls, windows, floors, doorways, and fireplaces. MDF is also excellent for other trim applications such as windowsills, door jambs, wainscoting and decorative shelving.

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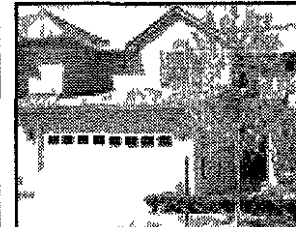
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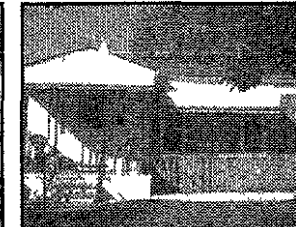
**CANTON** \$524,800  
Exceptional Home! Nearly new 4 br 5 baths, walkout backs to woods, 3 car garage, fab kitchen w/granite isle & huge nook, 2 story fam room w/bay, 3 sky lights, Fab master. (BGN25HAV) 888 220 3751



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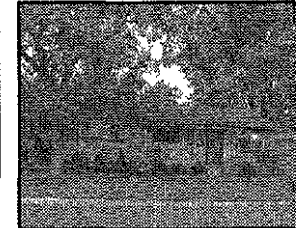
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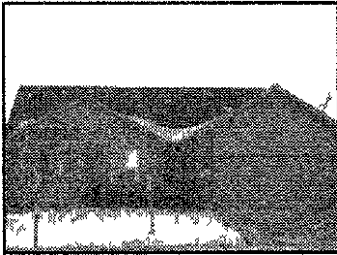
**NORTHVILLE** - Charming 3 BR down town cape just waiting for 1st time buyers Updated kit newer carpet wndws & fin LL Ready to move into Cabbage town neighborhood near schools shopping & city park Home warranty offered \$269 000 (41BAS) 248 349 5600



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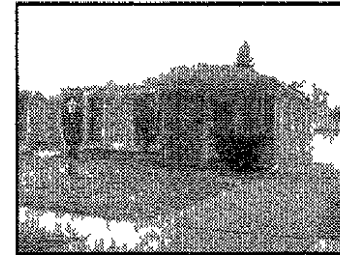
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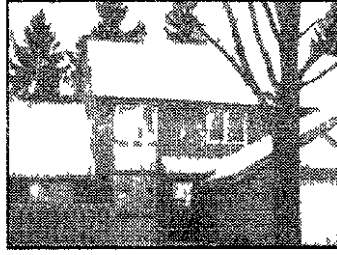
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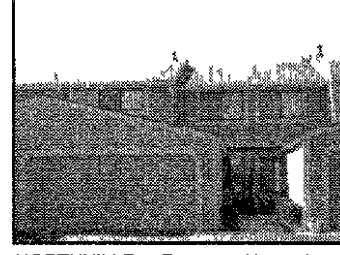
**NORTHVILLE** - Retreat set high on a hill w/large wooded lot this custom cape cod has 3 BR 2 BA w/crown molding wainscoting hardwood 1st floor master 4 season sunroom breakfast bar & brick patio overlooking garden setting 2 1/2 car garage \$419 900 (15FON) 248 349 5600



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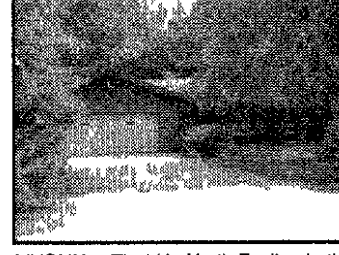
**TAYLOR** - Well Maintained! 3 BR 1 1/2 BA Many updates in this home including newer kitchen vinyl siding win dows 4th bedroom is now upper laun dry room 2 car attached garage family room w/frreplce shed corner lot \$187 900 (03PAM) 734 455 5600



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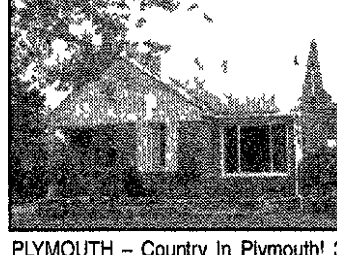
**YPSILANTI** - Lakefront Condo Awesome 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath 3 story unit with beautiful scenic view of an all sports lake Boat & dock facility available Fireplace in living room Large working kitchen \$126 500 (93CLL) 248 349 5600



**LIVONIA** - That Up North Feeling in the city 1 story ranch home on a W/O basement 2 car garage master bedroom w/private bath Newer carpeting close to expressways schools & shops \$249 900 (20SUN) 248 349 5600



**NOVI** - One Of A Kind! Exceptional 3 bedroom custom contemporary Great room w/frreplce cathedral ceiling Separate DR & 2nd story loft First floor laundry Finished basement Private corner lot very nice \$299 900 (25PHI) 248 349 5600



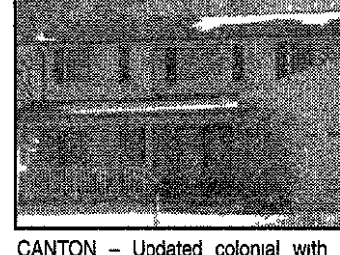
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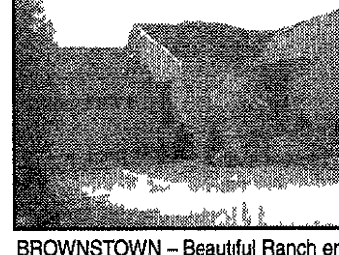
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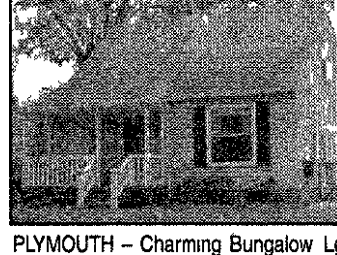
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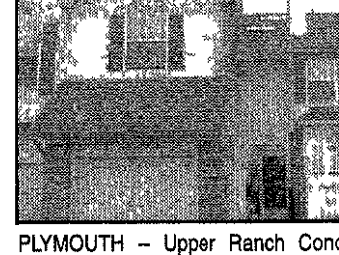
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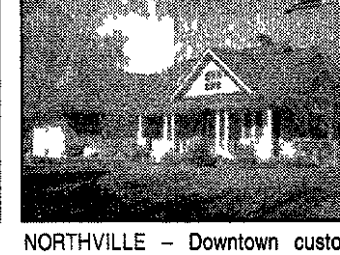
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# Urban growth puts the squeeze on horse-keeping tradition

(AP) - Each morning, Lynn Brown saddles up Cleopatra, her black Tennessee Walking horse, and rides through a narrow concrete tunnel. Above them, thousands of cars race along a busy freeway connecting downtown with Burbank, Glendale and the San Fernando Valley near Los Angeles.

Within minutes, Brown is riding the high trails of a park, where each turn brings a dramatic view of neighborhoods, highways, film studios and the downtown skyline.

Like legions of horse lovers throughout the West, Brown does her riding in close quarters to urban communities.

And like many of those riders, she finds herself increasingly fighting developers and city officials who want to put homes across traditional horse paths or new neighbors who don't find the smell of horse manure as appealing as she does.

"I have fought a constant battle for 15 years against developers, against being zoned out of existence," Brown said. "We have won a lot of battles, but you have to pay attention all the time."

About a year ago, The Bloomfield Open Hunt Club here sold off about 40 acres of its property to pay off debt to renovate facilities.

The club no longer hosts major competitions. People still ride and board horses there. The club also has expanded its on-site lesson programs.

In California, Arizona and Montana, state horse councils lobby regularly in city halls and legislatures to preserve trails and trail access for riders.

"We're really losing a lot of our rights to keep horses," said Gini Richardson, of the California State Horseman's Association. When you have a lot of developers come in, you see a lot of horses losing their areas.

In addition, many trails on public land are being closed in response to complaints by hikers and environmental organizations who don't want to share the trails with horses, said Charles "Toby" Horst, a Fresno ranch owner who helped form the California Equestrian Trails and Lands Coalition.

In Boulder, Colo., urban encroachment and land use regulations may be part of the reason the number of horses dropped from 16,000 in 1982 to 8,000 in 1999, according to a recent count.

"We've lost our horse population to abusive land use regulations, purchasing of open space and development," said Eloise Joder, president of the Colorado Horse Council.

"Regulations are coming down on us."

There are more horses in California now than 100 years ago - at least 275,000 pleasure horses alone, state organizations estimate - but their owners are finding fewer places to ride.

"There are more people than ever involved with urban horsekeeping," said Randy Witte, publisher of *Western Horseman* magazine. "And that means more issues about keeping horses."

Brown, who has written articles for Witte's magazine, titled her first article, "Dealing with your local bureaucracy."

Brown's tips: Don't yell unless necessary, thank them when they do something good, and cooperate with groups such as the Sierra Club and neighborhood organizations, which are interested in preserving open space.

The secret of our success was making those coalitions," Brown said.

One of those successes was blocking plans for a children's museum on one of the last flat areas in hilly Griffith Park.

We're not against children or museums, just not

in our park," Brown said. Los Angeles, like other Western cities, has a long tradition of urban horse-keeping.

Film stars such as Bette Davis and Ida Lupino kept horses in the Rancho area that runs along Griffith Park and crosses through the cities of Burbank, Glendale and Los Angeles.

Hundreds of B-Westerns were filmed farther north around the Santa Susana Mountains near Chatsworth. And in the northeastern San Fernando Valley, around Lake View Terrace, a thriving horse community borders the San Gabriel Mountains and the Angeles National Forest.

Houses in horse neighborhoods range from modest to mansions, but all have barns and stalls in the back yard. In parts of the valley, horses and riders are common sights along busy streets, where crossing buttons on traffic lights are set at rider level.

Grocery stores sell 25-pound bags of horse-grade carrots, and in Burbank a local dry cleaner offers a tack-repair shop in the back.

While special zoning protects many urban horse-keeping areas, those rules often are subject to change. If developers win variances, neighborhoods begin to lose their horse-keeping majority, said Wendy Greuel, a Los Angeles City Council member who has proposed an ordinance protecting current areas zoned for horse-keeping.

"We've had conflicting and inconsistent policies within the city that threatens our horse-keeping traditions," Greuel said.

"Politicians give all this hollow, false rhetoric about preserving the horse-keeping lifestyle, but then we drive by and we're seeing housing community after housing community built over the horse trails," said Cathy Doyle, a Sun Valley resident.

# A slice of history sold at auction

(AP) - It took less than 20 minutes for auctioneers to sell a piece of history - the home where Goodyear rubber company founders Frank and Charles Seiberling were born near Akron, Ohio.

Guy and JoAnn Kitchen, who live near Cleveland, paid \$315,000 for the property, which includes a 1839 Greek revival-style home, barn, three-car garage and five acres of land.

The home is known locally as the 'pillar home, because of the four large pillars that adorn its front. Auctioneer Harold Farnsworth tried to open the bidding at \$500,000 but got no takers.

The opening bid came in at \$100,000 then shot to \$200,000 with several people outbidding one another. Prospective buyers dropped off as the price inched toward \$300,000.

Kitchen said he read about the house sale in a farm and dairy news publication but acknowledged it was scary to buy something under the kind of pressure created by the auction.

He and his wife were looking to move to the country now that their five children are grown. They didn't know about the Seiberling connection until after they started looking at the house, he said.

Frank and Charles Seiberling's grandfather, Nathan, built the house in 1839. His son, John, moved his family into the house in 1857.

Frank Seiberling was born there in 1859 and Charles was born in 1861. The family moved to Akron in 1865. The house stayed in the family until 1943.

It was extensively renovated after it was sold again in 1969.

Nearly 500 people attended an open house a week before the sale, said Bryan O. Adams, the home's owner.

Adams and his late wife paid \$210,000 for the home in 1991 after admiring it for years whenever driving by.

After his wife's death, Adams moved to another historic home in Wadsworth, Ohio, and decided to auction the Seiberling home after he was unable to sell it for the price he wanted through a real estate agent.

The Kitchens got one freebie with the house - a blanket with pictures of various historic homes on it, including the one they'd just bought.

When the auctioneer held up the blanket, the crowd insisted it be given to the Kitchens.

"They should give it to them after what they paid," said one of the onlookers.

Farnsworth asked if there were any objections and was met with a resounding "no" from the crowd.

# Experts warn against excess lighting

(AP) - Revelers should find another outlet when they light up the Christmas night - another electrical outlet.

Electricians report an increase in calls for assistance each year after homeowners string hundreds of feet of colorful lights outside their homes.

"People are going completely crazy," said electrician Dan Mahon. "They are doing things with Christmas lights that you wouldn't believe."

One of the most common problems occurs when homeowners string a multitude of extension cords end to end to reach that distant tree in the yard, he said.

"The longer you run them, the more heat you generate," Mahon said.

Janie Long, a buyer for Pool City stores, which sell Christmas lights, said homeowners can be both merry and bright if they simply read the directions that come with every box.

She said the phones begin ringing for her as well during the holiday season.

"People will buy a set of lights, plug it in, and think they can run their hair dryer, the microwave, the washer and dryer and the George Foreman cooker at the same time without blowing a circuit," she said.

Directions included in lighting sets outline the number of strings that can be connected (usually three), whether they are outdoor or indoor lights and the type of extension cords that should be

used, she said. Frank Nelson spent almost 20 hours over two days installing 12,000 lights outside his home in North Huntingdon near Pittsburgh.

Did he read the directions? "Well, not really," he said. "If they're doing good, then I say, what the heck, let's try four, and if that works, sometimes I'll string five together."

Common sense also plays an important role in stringing outdoor lighting, Mahon said. He received a call from one hapless homeowner who strung an extension cord across a frozen pond, which melted.

Mahon has retrieved extension cords that became so hot they melted like taffy, he said.


# Simple test can help when selecting carpet

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES


Shopping for carpet? Not all carpet is created equal. The type of fiber and the method of construction determine how well a carpet will perform and keep its original appearance. Carpet density directly

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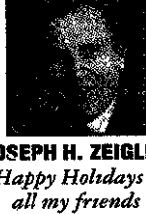
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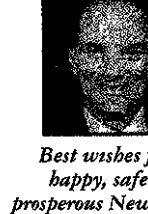
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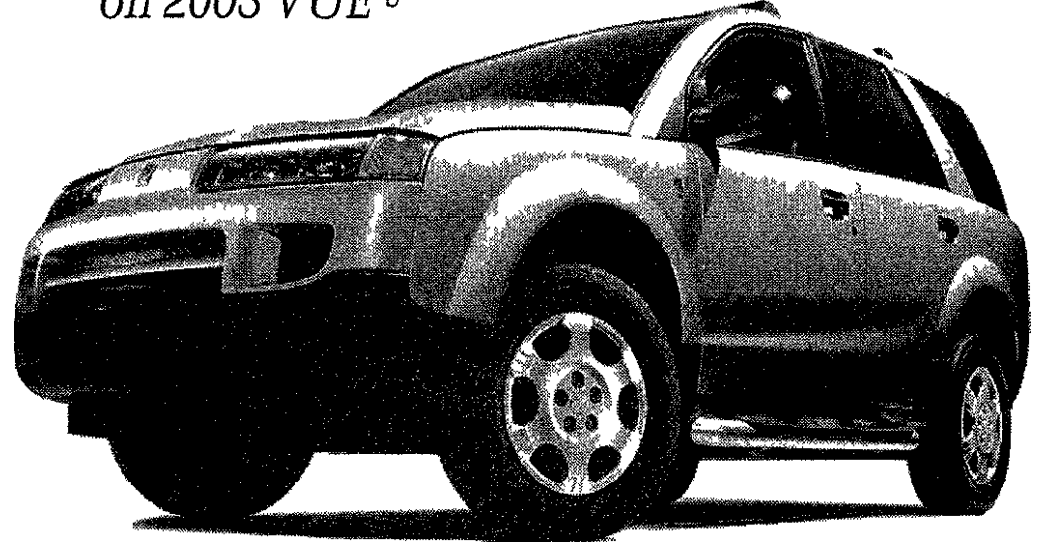
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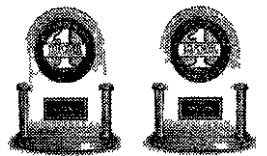
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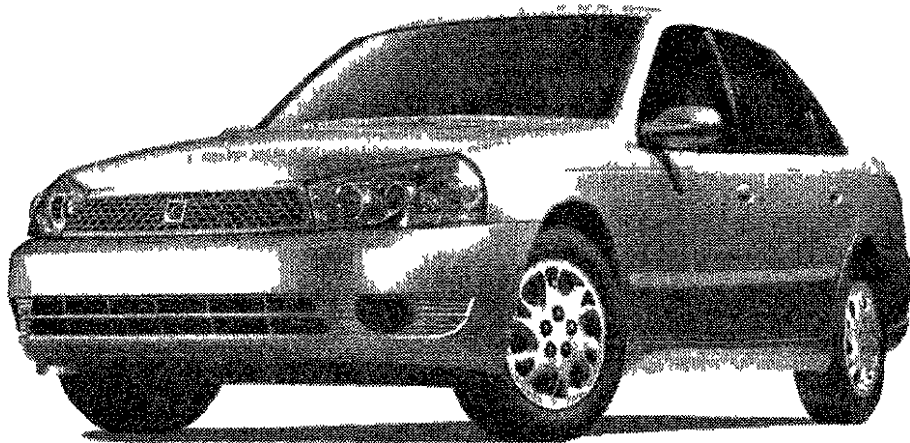
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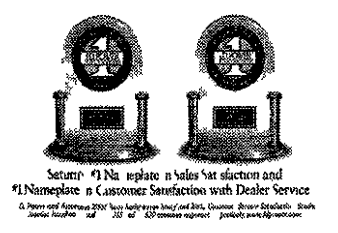
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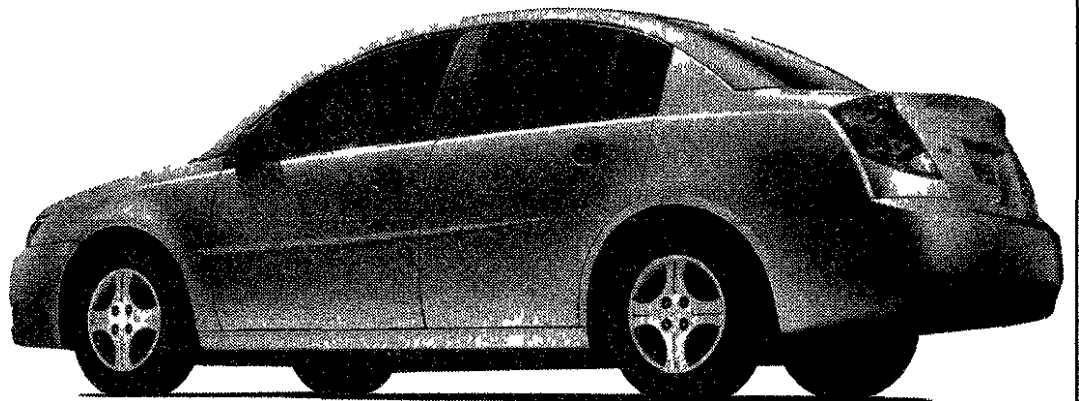
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