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Pipeline

Christmas memories

Remember when the cat brought down the Christmas tree or mom told stories about holidays past around the kitchen table. For most people, Christmas is filled with funny and touching moments. In December, the Observer Community Life section will feature a page filled with readers' Christmas memories. Send yours by Dec. 15 to Hugh Gallagher, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Expanding

Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. announced the opening of a new satellite office in Northville.

"The opening of this new office will improve our ability to serve our existing client communities in the area and allow us to even further expand our services," ALNM President Ashok K. Singhal said. The new office will enhance the services offered to the communities ALNM already works with in the area, including the city of Novi, the townships of Northville, West Bloomfield, Putnam and Canton, and extend services to additional communities.

ALNM Senior Associate, R. Brian Simons, P.E., will manage the office with assistance from George Tsakoff. The Northville office is located at 41740 Six Mile Road, Suite 104. The phone number is (248) 596-0345.

Back in town

Santa Claus makes his triumphant return to Plymouth at 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, on the band shell in Kellogg Park. The visit is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, and will include a presentation of the "key to the good boys and girls hearts."

Santa will visit with children that evening, and every weekend through Christmas in Santa's House, located on Main Street in front of Kellogg Park. The ceremony includes Christmas carols.

Santa's house hours through Dec. 21 will be 5-8 p.m. Fridays and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.



Rhonda Bergquist gets some help from Carlin Staples while trying on a full-length natural Ranck mink coat during Friday's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce annual auction. The coat eventually went for \$5,000.

Auction places high price on Plymouth
Annual fund-raiser helps chamber promote local programs

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Fred Hill just couldn't let it go. Emceeding the live auction at the Plymouth Community Chamber of

Commerce annual dinner/auction Friday, Hill noticed what he thought was a misprint in the auction brochure.

The item he was announcing was a pair of tickets to the University of Michigan-Ohio State game, scheduled for Nov. 22.

Proudly donning a scarlet-and-silver scarf, Hill, a devoted Buckeye, announced "Considering the national championship, and current rankings and

PLEASE SEE CHAMBER, A6

Staff feels misled

City workers think officials misinformed

As the reality of the defeat of the Nov. 4 tax hike proposal by voters in Plymouth sinks in, some employees feel they've been betrayed by those charged with running the day-to-day operations of the city.

Those same workers face the possibility of layoffs as the administration and city commissioners decide — without Proposal 1 — how to balance a budget that is projected to be nearly \$1.2 million in the red.

"They (commissioners) were talking about how much money they had, that the surplus should be able to absorb the state funding cuts," said Steve Lakin, a 21-year member of the Municipal Services Department. "Now, all of a sudden, the money is all gone and we're in the hole and they want to balance it on the backs of the employees."

"We don't think we're getting the information we should," added Lakin.

PLEASE SEE MISLED, A7

MEA plan could force P-CEP to use part of fund balance

If Gov. Jennifer Granholm goes along with a proposal by the Michigan Education Association, Plymouth-Canton Schools could be forced to spend some of its rainy day money to help the state erase a \$350 million shortfall in the School Aid Fund.

Granholm has already announced an executive order to cut the foundation grants for school districts by \$200 per pupil. The result, if the Legislature doesn't come up with an alternative plan by Dec. 5, would mean Plymouth-Canton's state aid would drop to \$6,825 per student.

The MEA plan would reduce state aid to the 337 school districts it says have fund balances greater than 15 percent, and compel them to spend some of that money on local programs. The other 345 school dis-

School Districts	Reserves	Expenditures	Reserves as % of expenditures
Ann Arbor	\$40,900,000	\$158,100,000	26%
Clareceville	2,237,000	17,054,000	13%
Farmington	31,091,264	129,332,464	24%
Garden City	862,314	39,670,000	2%
Livonia	13,304,334	158,355,606	8%
Northville	5,500,000	52,000,000	11%
Redford Union	134,000	35,200,000	3.8%
South Redford	6,600,000	27,500,000	24%
Plymouth - Canton	15,000,000	130,000,000	11.5%
Wayne-Westland	20,600,000	115,017,000	18%

tricts wouldn't lose any state aid.

"This plan generates \$335 million and protects the districts that most need pro-

tecting," said Lu Battaglieri, MEA president. "Taxpayers

PLEASE SEE FUND BALANCE, A7



U.S. Undersecretary of Education Dr. Eugene Hickok gets a lesson on making a Roman medallion from Canton Charter Academy sixth-grader Kirsten Benner.

Education secretary gets flavor of charter school

It wasn't much different from any other day at Canton Charter Academy last Friday.

Students met in the gym to start the day, uttered the Pledge of Allegiance and sang a patriotic

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Making a difference

Enthusiastic walkers of all ages and abilities gathered at Kensington Metropark for the second annual S*T*A*R*S (Seeking Techniques Advancing Research in Shunts) walk-a-thon, benefiting shunt research for children with hydrocephalus. The event generated over \$25,000 in donations. Back row (from left) Sally Ferree of Plymouth, chairman, Richard Kean of Redford, co-owner of Summit Massage Therapy in Farmington Hills, Tim Kean of Redford, Doug Merta, president of The Marketing Source in Livonia. Front row Rachel Ferree II, of Plymouth, Dianne Kean of Redford, event co-chairman and co-owner of Summit Massage Therapy in Farmington Hills.

CLARIFICATION

An item in the Nov 9 *Plymouth Observer* should have pointed out that City of Plymouth offices were actually open on Tuesday, despite the Veterans Day holiday.

POTTERS GUILD

The individualized and unique work of 20 artisans will be available for purchase during the Village Potters Guild's annual Holiday Sale from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Nov 21 and from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Nov 22.

This year, the sale will be held at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. With prices starting at \$3, there is something available for any gift giving from the selection of pottery.

For more information, please call Village Potters Guild, (734) 207-8807, or the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

New Hope Center for Grief Support in cooperation with

Superb Homes, Inc. hosts a holiday open house at Northville's Stonewater Community just west of Beck Road off of Seven Mile.

The community is invited to tour this 8000 square-foot "Fairmont II" model home, located at 17925 Ridgeview Drive, featuring an elevator, home theater, sauna, unique master bath, wine cellar and exquisite interior design embellishments.

The 6-9 p.m. event set for Friday, Dec. 12 will include a leisurely model home tour, hors d'oeuvres provided by Bonfire Bistro, Brann's Steakhouse, Charley's Grille, Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall, Helen's Uptown Cafe, Papa Romano's, Rocky's of Northville and entertainment by guitarists Kris Kurzawa and Ben Luttermoser, complimentary valet parking, the Angel of Hope Memorial Tree, raffle and prizes.

Cost is \$25 per person, \$15 of which is tax-deductible. You can also make an optional donation to the center's New Hope for KIDZ program wish list.

All proceeds will benefit New Hope Center and its numerous services that reach out to those who are grieving after a loved one has died. Call (248) 348-0115 for credit card payment, wish list details, directions to the home, and more information.

NEWCOMER SHOPPING

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors have found a way for shoppers to get their holiday shopping done early. The Holiday Shopping Vendor Extravaganza. The event will feature more

than a dozen local vendors under one roof at the Plymouth Cultural Center from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18.

Vendors scheduled to be on hand include All Strung Out Jewelry Designs, Avon Cosmetics, Arbonne International, Creative Memories Scrapbooks, Discovery Toys, Longaberger Baskets, Mary Kay Cosmetics, Pampered Chef, PartyLite Candles, Sweet Favors Gourmet Chocolates, Southern Living Home, Tastefully Simple, and Tupperware.

Proceeds benefit the Adopt-A-Family program. The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer. For more information, call (734) 454-0645.

GRIEF SEMINAR

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a holiday workshop for those who are grieving. All adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support.

The workshop will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, in Room E515 at Ward Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville. The workshop will end with a special time of remembrance.

There is no need to register. For further information, call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966.

ART EXHIBIT

Local artist Michele Riddell Bagnasco will exhibit her work at the Plymouth Community Arts Council through the end

of the month. Bagnasco's art will be on display along with that of artists Patti Monroe-Mohrenweiser and Wayne M. Joseph in a show titled, "Visual Verse: Exploring Imagery in the Written Word through Calligraphy, Collage and Assemblage."

According to PCAC officials, their work is mixed media with lettering and collage. Some of the work is three dimensional or has some dimensional quality to it and is very thought-provoking as quotations and poetry are used in the pieces, officials said.

The artists are planning a reception open to the public on from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Exhibit hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The PCAC is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278, for more information.

GERMAN-AMERICANS MEET

The German American Club of Plymouth will meet on the third Thursday of November (Nov. 20) at a new location. The Knights of Columbus Hall located at 39100 Schoolcraft.

There will be a short business meeting, with a speaker to talk about personal money management.

For more information, call (734) 420-0857.

HOLIDAY CARDS

The Sarah Fisher Auxiliary sponsors the sale of Holiday Cards which benefit the children at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

The cards are available for purchase at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, 27400 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. The box contains 18 cards, and costs \$10 per box.

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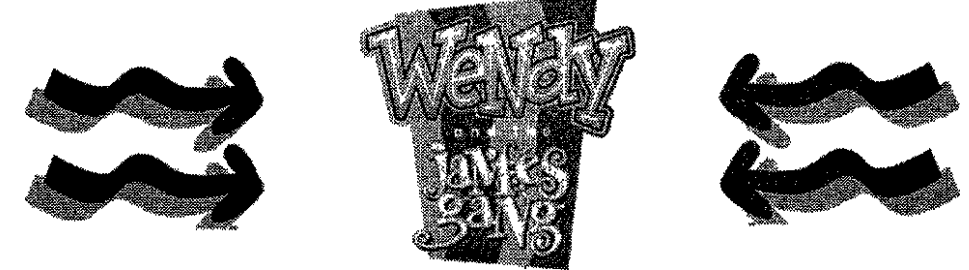
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Goodfellows finding new ways to help needy for the holidays

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Goodfellows won't take their normal posts in intersections around the community when they do their annual newspaper drive Dec 6.

But that doesn't mean you won't see them around. The group is simply turning to other methods to raise money for their annual Christmas push.

Safety concerns revolving around heavy traffic volume have forced the Goodfellows out of the streets and into parking lots and storefronts, and the group will also use a mail campaign.

The Goodfellows Newspaper sale takes place from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Dec 6 in an effort to bring Christmas cheer to needy families in the Plymouth Community. Goodfellows will sell the newspapers primarily at store entrances this year.

"We're simply not able to be in the streets the way we've been in the past, for safety reasons and for liability reasons," said Goodfellows secretary David Corliss. "The city is concerned if someone were injured there would be a lawsuit headed their way."

The Goodfellows in the past have used a mail campaign to approach businesses, and the success of that program inspired them this year to mail to residences. Residents within the 48170 zip code will get a letter asking them to support the Goodfellows, whose annual pledge is, "No child without a Christmas."

"We've seen this be successful in other areas, so we're going to add a mailing," Corliss said. "We've done a business mailing for three years, and we're expanding that to include residences."

According to Corliss, the Goodfellows were established in Detroit in 1914 by James J. Brady, who called the group "Old Newsboys." The Plymouth Goodfellows have, for 65 years, raised funds to provide toys, clothing and food for needy families in the Plymouth community. The group also provides assistance in emergency sit-

uations throughout the year, he said.

Moving off the streets is not a new thing for Goodfellows groups. Corliss said the chapters in both Farmington and Canton "have been off the streets for a number of years now."

Neither of those communities has the well-defined downtown area that Plymouth has, Corliss said, but pressure has been increasing in recent years to get Goodfellows out of intersections and out of potential harm.

City officials, Corliss was quick to point out, remain very supportive of the effort, allowing the Goodfellows to use the old fire hall as a staging area.

"We're moving out of the intersections and in front of stores," Corliss said. "We're still going to be there, but people will see us on sidewalks, in the park, in front of stores instead of in the intersections."

While the group's primary focus is still on Christmas, the generous support people in the community have provided has allowed the Goodfellows to begin expanding their outreach.

For instance, the group is helping the Salvation Army with its Thanksgiving basket program, which feeds needy families at Thanksgiving.

The Goodfellows also took part in a recent meeting with other civic organizations in town to find ways to partner for the common good of the community.

"Increasingly, we're networking with groups in town to identify families in need," Corliss said. "There has been a lot of effort with the different charitable groups, talking to each other, identifying the people in need and making sure they get support."

"We've got more people who need looking after," he added, "and we don't want people to get lost under the radar."

Volunteers interested in helping in the Goodfellows this year may write the organization at P.O. Box 700912, Plymouth, MI 48170 or by calling President Barbara Volante at (734) 207-0619.

Dine on spaghetti and raise money for charitable causes

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Ginnie Hauck has a secret ingredient for her spaghetti. "It's sugar," said the member of the Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club. "And just a lot of love that you stir in there."

Hauck is the chef behind the first-ever Kiwanis "Eat Until You Bust" Spaghetti Dinner 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov 15, at the Masonic Temple across from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. The public is invited to attend and not only enjoy the spaghetti, but help to raise money for the club and to donate sweatshirts for First Step, a program for abused and battered women.

"All of our money goes back into the community for good causes," Hauck said.

Tickets at the door are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children ages five to 10, \$5 for senior adults and children younger than five are free.

"It's a good opportunity for those hunting widows to bring their children for dinner," Hauck said.

In addition to homemade

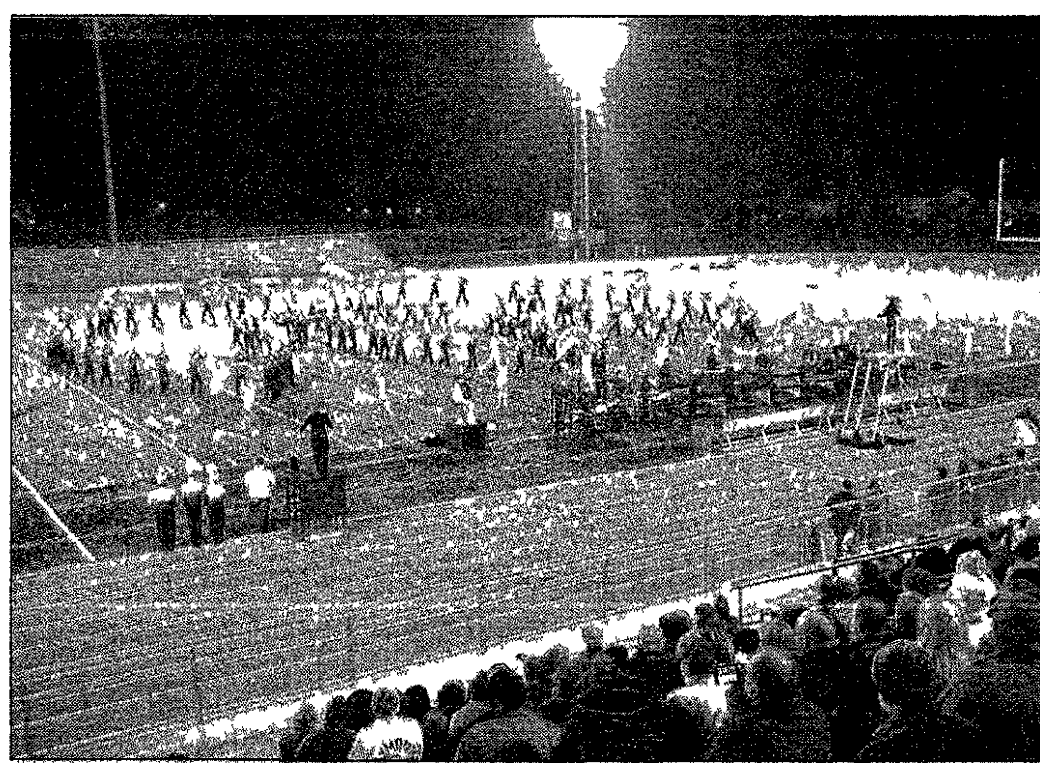


Ginnie Hauck of Canton will be cooking spaghetti for a Nov 15 fund-raiser.

spaghetti from Hauck's kitchen, guests will have salad, rolls and cookies for dessert. Beverages also will be provided.

When you arrive at the dinner, be sure to bring with you a complete sweat suit, any size. You will then be entered into a drawing for a huge holiday gift basket provided by "What a Card Creations" of Canton.

Hauck said the club plans to make the spaghetti dinner an annual event and fund-raiser. Among projects the club contributes to are high school scholarships, donations to First Step, hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for Canton Place senior residents and donations to the Michigan Technical Rescue Operations Team (rescue dogs).



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

The 170-member Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band put its state-championship form on display during an exhibition performance for the community Saturday.

Warding off winter chill

Fans brave the elements to watch band

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Huddled beneath blankets, clapping cups of hot cocoa, some 700 fans braved the bitter November chill Saturday evening to enjoy a free exhibition performance — a gift for the community — from the nationally acclaimed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band.

The 170 hometown marchers, under the direction of Marc Whitlock and Assistant Director Brian Miller, performed their dynamic 10-minute award-winning show, "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan."

The P-CEPers have added an amazing collection of hardware to the band trophy case during the fall in-state competition season, making a grand sweep of every Flight I first-place trophy, along with all Flight I caption trophies for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect.

The band closed out the in-state season on Nov 1 at the Pontiac Silverdome, capturing the Flight I state championship, all captions and the highest score of all 40 bands at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championship Finals.

Saturday's performance was also a sendoff by the community as the band leaves for Indianapolis Nov 13 for the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome. Ninety-one bands from across the country will



The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band takes its high-octane show to Indianapolis this weekend for the national championships at the RCA Dome.

compete in preliminary competition Thursday and Friday before being narrowed down to the 30 top-scoring bands. Those bands will play in semi-finals with the top 12 bands then selected to compete in the finals evening performance Saturday.

The P-CEP Band has placed in the top nine of the country's marching bands at BOA championships since 1988 and has been named BOA Grand National Champions in 1990, 91 and 99.



Hundreds of fans braved inclement weather to watch the 170-member marching band in its exhibition performance.

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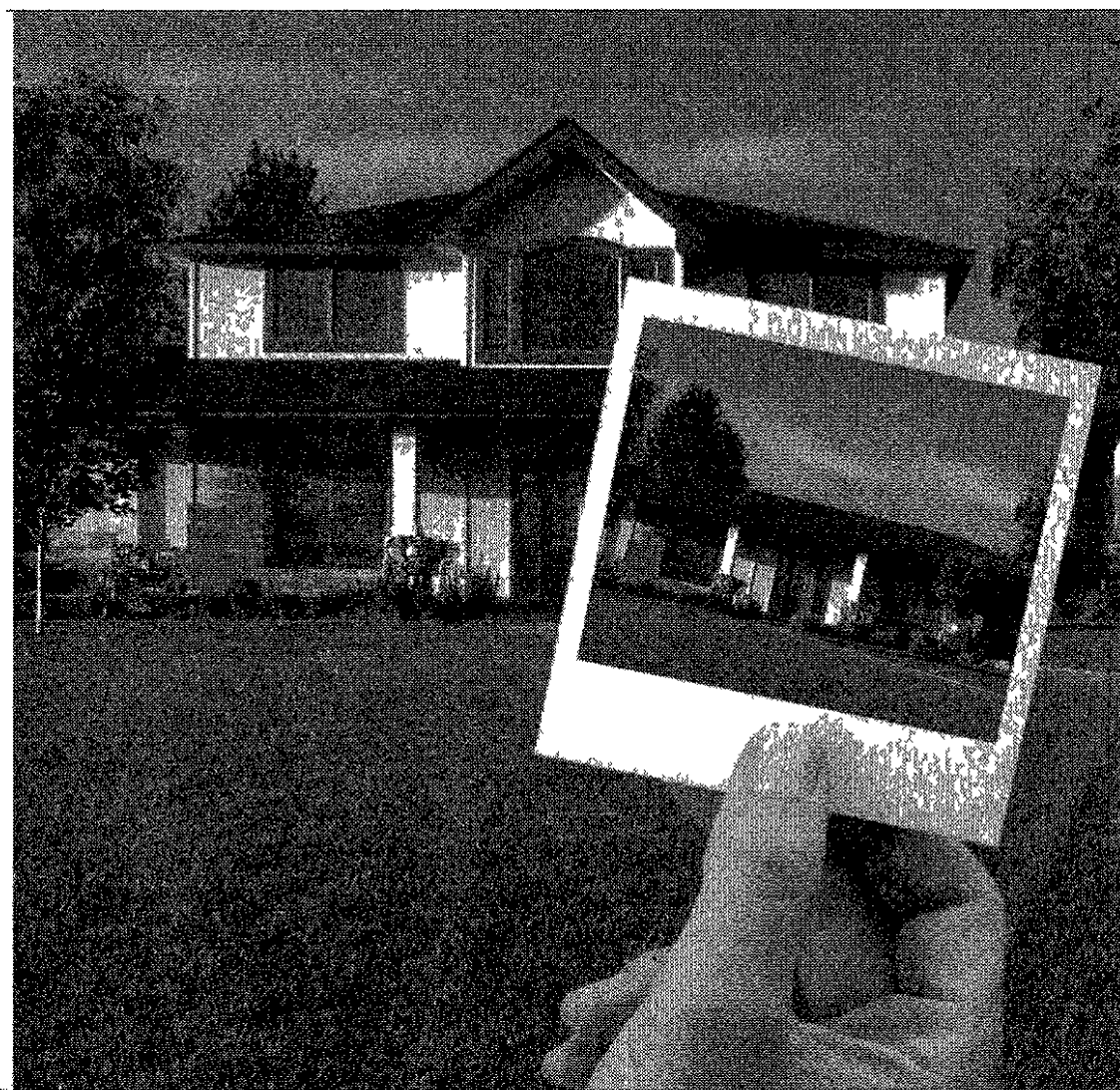
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FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period from Nov 5-11

■ Tuesday, Nov 11 - Residential rescue run on Sheridan, commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and Beck, industrial rescue run on Industrial, vehicle accident rescue run on Junction at Karmada, mutual aid received on Sheldon at Joy Road

■ Monday, Nov 10 - Residential res-

cue runs on Arthur, Baywood, Morgan and West Ann Arbor Trail, vehicle accident rescue run on Sheldon at Ann Arbor Trail, multiple family fire run on S Mill, special wash down run on Terry at Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on N Main, industrial rescue run on Helm, and vehicle accident rescue run on Mill at Ann Arbor Trail

■ Sunday, Nov 9 - Residential rescue run on Greenbriar, commercial rescue

runs on Haggerty, Ann Arbor Road, Beck, Plymouth and Ann Arbor Trail, vehicle accident rescue run on School and Wilcox with special wash down, and smoke investigation run on Eckles north of Plymouth

■ Saturday, Nov 8 - Residential rescue runs on Morgan, Robinwood, Linden, Haggerty, and Northville, other rescue runs on N Territorial and on Beck at M-14 with special

wash down

■ Friday, Nov 7 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, Oak, Robinwood, and Washington, commercial rescue run on Five Mile, smoke investigation on Palmer at S Main, vehicle fire on westbound M-14 between Beck and Ridge, carbon monoxide detector run on Woodgrove, and industrial rescue run on General

■ Thursday, Nov 6 - Residential res-

cue runs on Haggerty and Manton, rescue run at a public building on Five Mile, and other rescue run on Sheldon at M-14

■ Wednesday, Nov 5 - Residential rescue runs on Plymouth and Oregon Trail, commercial rescue runs on Haggerty and W Ann Arbor Trail, vehicle accident rescue run on Ann Arbor Road and Lilley with special wash down

OBITUARIES

Viola V. Pritchard

Services for Viola Pritchard, 86, of Plymouth were held Nov 12 at St Michael Lutheran Church in Canton with the Rev Drex Morton officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs Pritchard was born May 24, 1917, in Detroit and died Oct 31 in Ann Arbor Township. She worked as a secretary at her husband's business, Pritchard Heating and Air Conditioning in Livonia. She was a 20-year resident of Plymouth and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Plymouth. She was the ultimate homemaker, loving sewing, gardening, cooking, baking and crafts. Her family called her the "Martha Stewart" of her day.

Mrs Pritchard was preceded in death by her husband,

Thomas and grandson, Thomas

Survivors include daughter, Marilyn (Paul) Johnson of Plymouth, granddaughter, Laura (Michael) Hoehn of Canton, sister-in-law, Marion Dunlop, and various nieces also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Larry Alan Turner

Services for Larry Turner, 54, of Plymouth were held Nov 8 at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Kevin O'Brien officiating. Burial followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mr Turner was born April 2, 1949, in Hanover, Ind., and died Nov 5 in Southfield. He was a sales rep for Arvin Meritor in Troy. He came to the Plymouth community in 1978 from Detroit. He was a

member of the Plymouth Rotary Club. He graduated from Purdue University. He was an avid golfer, hockey fan and gardener. He was a loving husband, father, son and brother.

Survivors include wife, Brenda Turner of Plymouth, children, Gail (Richard) Nimphie of Canton and Davie and his fiancée Andrea George of Plymouth, parents, Wesley and Viola Turner of Hanover, Ind., brothers, Robert (Sally) Turner of New York, Ryan (Debbie) Turner of Mulberry, Ind., and Kevin Turner of Hanover, Ind., sister, Lana (Fred) of Kalamazoo, sisters-in-law, Carol Harrison of Canton and Valerie (George) Hengan of Plymouth, and many loving nieces and nephews and cousins also survive.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Plymouth Rotary Club or the Capuchins. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Virgil Carl Mooney

Services for Virgil Mooney, 79, of Pinckney, formerly of Florida and Plymouth, were held Nov 12 at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich. with the Rev James Vander Schuur officiating.

Mr Mooney was born Feb 9, 1924, in Toledo and died Nov 8 at home. He married Louise E. Toutsan on Nov 1, 1946 in Kalamazoo. He entered the Army in 1942 as a member of the 102nd Division. He received a battlefield commission at the Battle of the Bulge and was also the recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He retired from the Army in 1984 with 42 years combined service in the active and reserves with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Survivors include wife, Louise, daughter, Linda (Charles) Laughlin of Florida, sons, Jeff, Keith and Timm of Brighton, Brian of Canton and Craig of Saginaw, 10 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph Mercy Livingstone Hospice. Arrangements made by MacDonald's Funeral Home.

Esther R. Freeman

Services for Esther Freeman, 85, of Plymouth, were held Nov 12 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev Dean Klump officiating. Burial followed at RIVERSIDE Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mrs Freeman was born Jan 3, 1918, in Coalport, Pa., and died Nov 9 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker and member of the First

United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1944 from Coalport, Pa. She enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas and Lake Tahoe. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother and sister.

Mrs Freeman was preceded in death by husband, Glenn Freeman, daughter, Shirlee Hayes, and son, Robert Freeman.

Survivors include children, James Freeman of Plymouth, Glenn (Marlene) Freeman, Jr. of Harrison, Richard (Sandra) Freeman of New Boston, Jack (Elaine) Freeman of Semi Valley, Calif., and William (Connie) Freeman of Livonia, 16 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, sisters, Mable Fasola and Edna of Pennsylvania and Lola Trent of New Jersey.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Stanley B. Szuba

Services for Stanley Szuba, 66, of Plymouth, were held Nov 8 at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church with the Rev Mitchell Szarek officiating.

Mr Szuba was born Jan 13, 1937, in Detroit and died Nov 4 at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital. He was an attorney.

Survivors include wife, Barbara A. Szuba of Plymouth, mother, Sophie Szuba, sons, Michael (Anne Marie) Szuba, and Steven Szuba, granddaughters, Madeline and Sarah, brother, Joseph (Carrie) Szuba, and sister, Virginia

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Gregg Allan Campbell

Services for Gregg Campbell, 49, of Plymouth were held Nov 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mr Campbell was born April 14, 1954, in Detroit and died Nov 11 in Plymouth. He was an auto mechanic for Rogen GMC in Romulus. He came to the Plymouth community in 2003 from Carlton. He served in the U.S. armed services. He loved to play golf. He was a loving father, son and brother.

Mr Campbell was preceded in death by father, Ivan Campbell.

Survivors include children, Jennifer (Mark) Budd of Novi and Jason Campbell of Miami, Fla., grandchildren, Midori and Noah, mother, Jan Chandler of Westland, brothers and sisters, Joel (Carla) Campbell of Bluffton, S.C., Leslie Campbell of Ft. Worth, Texas, Jerry (Rebecca) Campbell of Plymouth, Beth (Bob) D'Angelo of Plymouth, Pam Campbell of East Pointe, and Jill (Mike) Gibbons of Carlton.

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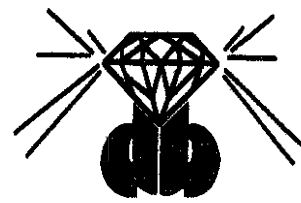
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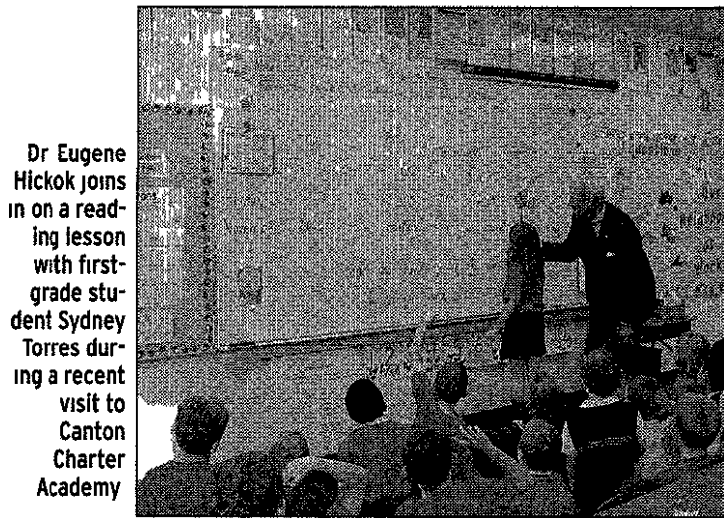
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Dr Eugene Hickok joins in on a reading lesson with first-grade student Sydney Torres during a recent visit to Canton Charter Academy

CHARTER

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teachers and parents - the United States Undersecretary of Education, Eugene Hickok, made an appearance and received a warm welcome

"I bring greetings from the President of the United States," said Hickok to the crowd, which gave him cheers and applause "I care a lot about charter schools I care a lot about National Heritage Academies I care a lot about the kids in Michigan, that they get a good education

Hickok, along with National Heritage Academies chairman and founder J C Huizenga, spent the morning watching parents put on the monthly Moral Focus skit - Hickok joining students on the floor to learn about the value of generosity - and visiting with students and teachers in their classrooms

"I draw energy from sitting down and watching kids and parents and teachers," said Hickok. "Energy and attitude is what makes places like this possible. Most charter schools that are working are because of people that care"

Charter schools have been battling traditional public schools in Michigan for state aid, which is paid on a per-pupil basis Hickok said it's time for all schools - whether they are traditional public, charter, magnet or private - to co-exist

"The notion that somehow there should be an adversarial process needs to be put aside," said Hickok "We all have an obligation to take care of these kids. It doesn't matter where a child goes to school, it matters that a child gets a good education"

John Gorzalski's three children attended Plymouth-Canton Schools before enrolling at Canton Charter Academy

"We were looking for something that was much more focused on education and the kids, and much more challenging for them," said Gorzalski, of Canton "Here, it's back to the

basics for the math, English and the writing program, beyond what was taught in the traditional public school

"There's no politics at all," he said "Everyone is focused on the kids and having them do their best"

For Olga Baruk of Canton, the concentration on morals and discipline are what she wanted for her seventh grader

"I like the moral focus of this school because the parents can be involved in so many areas," said Baruk, who volunteers at lunch time "And, discipline is much better"

Huizenga, whose NHA is the parent of Canton Charter Academy, said the focus at National Heritage Academies' charter schools is not the school board, the administration or unions

"We have to approach education through a child's perspective," he said "We focus on giving that child what they need to become a good citizen, to have not only knowledge, but wisdom, which includes a moral aspect on life

"Children are the future of this nation," added Huizenga "If this nation is going to stay strong, we need to do proper service to them"

Canton Charter Academy Principal Claudia Williamson said Friday's regimen is nothing out of the ordinary for her students

"I wanted to show we have a very safe and nurturing environment here," said Williamson, "and that our program is based on a strong academic and moral focus. I wanted him (Hickok) to see a quality education program, which is what I think we have here"

Greene the pick for Plymouth mayor

Stella Greene faces a daunting challenge - leading the city of Plymouth through its current budget crisis - after being elected mayor by her peers during a special meeting Monday

Commissioner Dan Dwyer, who was re-elected to a four-year commission term Nov 4, was elected mayor pro-tem

Greene and Commissioner Phil Pursell were nominated for the city's top elected position Names were put into a hat to determine which candidate's nomination would be voted on first Greene - nominated by Ron Loiselle - was the choice after a 5-2 vote in her favor

Dissenting votes came from Pursell and Commissioner Michele Potter, who had nominated Pursell

Potter then introduced a motion to have the clerk's record indicate the vote was unanimous in favor of Greene

Dwyer was nominated by newly elected commissioner Dave Workman, with Potter nominated by commission newcomer Anthony Guillom Using the same process, Dwyer's name was chosen first He was elected on a 5-2 vote, with

Potter and Pursell the two dissenting votes

Potter once again put forth a motion to indicate the vote was unanimous

Before the votes on the top two commission seats, Dwyer, Potter, and newly elected commissioners Guillom and Workman were all sworn into office by 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe

Greene - serving her 10th year on the commission, but her first as mayor - said there are challenges ahead for the commission in light of the Headlee override tax increase rejection by voters Nov 4

"We've got to be prepared to work hard, dig in our heels, and put in the time, effort and energy to make some tough decisions that will shape the future of the city in a way that few commissioners have ever had the responsibility to do before," Greene said "It's going to take a lot of hard work and creativity to keep the Plymouth we know But that's certainly my goal

"I have the utmost confidence the other commissioners have the same agenda," she added "They all care about this community, and we're all coming

from that same philosophical base"

Greene said input from the community will be a top priority before making any changes in personnel or services to erase the \$1.2 million deficit

"We have to reach out very quickly and get people involved in giving us their opinions and perspectives," she said "In order to put us in the best position for the 2004-05 budget, we need to look at where we can ratchet down and minimize expenses in this budget year so we can carry forward as much fund balance to help us ease the pain of next year's budget"

Dwyer, who said he didn't have the time commitment for mayor, said mayor pro-tem is a better fit for him

"Hopefully, I can help the commission get through some difficult times," said Dwyer "The next four years are going to be about listening to the people, and I think I bring that skill

"I thought the Proposal 1 educational meetings were very successful, and we should do the same format and ask residents to rank the city services, help us decide (which are important to them)," said Dwyer

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records, that should read "OHIO STATE-Michigan game"

It drew a huge laugh from a raucous throng of more than 600 people who showed up for the chamber's top annual fundraiser Friday at Laurel Manor. Seventeen items were auctioned off live, and another 200 items were either raffled off or sold at silent auction.

When the fun was over and the money was counted, everyone was pretty happy.

"It was very successful," said Fran Toney, the chamber's executive director. "The steering committee put in an unbelievable amount of work to put this event on, and it really showed."

The live auction featured some 20 items, many of them popular picks, including the Michigan-Ohio State tickets (two pairs which went for \$500 and \$625, respectively), season tickets to U-M games in 2004 (\$2,000), and a full-length mink coat, which went for \$5,000.

A surprise late entry in the

live auction was also a popular one: two tickets to all six days of the 2004 Ryder Cup golf tournament at Oakland Hills. With individual tickets going for \$1,000 or more on the Internet, Stephame Glysson, director of government affairs for Republic Waste Services, stole this batch for \$3,100.

"It was a very pleasant surprise to get these tickets," Toney said.

All in all, the live auction items brought in nearly \$30,000. Another \$4,950 came from a 50/50 raffle, but totals for the \$2, \$5 and \$10 raffles and the silent auctions weren't available.

The event, sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Johnson Controls, also included the chamber's annual meeting.

Jeanne Knopf DeRoche of The Knopf Company was installed as incoming president of the board of directors. Other 2004 board members include Pat O'Neill of UBS Financial, Dan Disabastian of Visteon, Maria Barone of Barone Law and Greg Blackwood of GB Sales & Service. Rodger Vojcek of Loc Performance is the immediate past president.



Katie Carron sells raffle tickets to Dorothy Twinney during Friday's Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction.



Sally Hermann checks out holiday decorations on one of the silent-auction tables at Friday's auction.

Plymouth woman tapped for Board of Accountancy

Sally Fedus of Plymouth has been appointed by Gov Jennifer Granholm to the Michigan State Board of Accountancy.

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who is also the union steward for Teamsters Local 214
Workers at MSD believe they're held accountable for their job performance, and they want the city administration to be held accountable, as well

"The people in their offices with degrees on the wall aren't doing their jobs," said Chris Smith, another MSD employee "They're not the ones worried about their jobs because they're not going to lose their jobs

"You can't blame the citizens (for not passing the millage)," he added "If the city spent what it had before wrong, why would you give them more money?"

The five municipal services employees who spoke about their disappointments with the administration put the blame squarely on City Manager Paul Sincok and Finance Director Mark Christiansen

I would say it's the finance director, he's the one that's got the books," said Gary Lindsay, who has worked for the city 18 years "And Paul Sincok should be looking over the books"

Sincok said he's met with city employees, both before and after the defeat of Proposal 1

"I think everybody is on edge, they're concerned about the future," Sincok said "We talked about the future here, that it's going to present some challenging times, and we're looking for ways to cut costs and increase revenues

"City services will probably be affected as we progress into the 2004-05 fiscal year," Sincok added "It's possible it will affect some of their jobs"

Sincok said it's not just the \$320,000 in state revenue sharing that's been lost, but the effects of Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment on the city budget He also suggests there may be some frustration on the part of Municipal Services employees because they've been working without a contract since July

Lakun admits the lack of a contract has been weighing on the minds of MSD workers

"They (the city) wanted give backs in health insurance before the vote, and now after the vote failed they'll probably hit us harder now," he said

Joe Fulkerson, who has been on the job three years, said MSD employees are willing to share the pain, but thinks everyone should be sharing in it

"The city manager (Sincok) got a 3-percent increase, and 3-percent retroactive," he said "Everybody at City Hall got 3 percent (pay hikes) We're the ones out on the roads plowing the streets, or 12 feet underground fixing a water main at 17 (degrees) below"

Dave Kurdziel knows his job is on the line With only 1 1/2 years of seniority, he'll be the first to be laid off, if it comes to that

"I think a lot of people didn't exactly know what they were voting for, Kurdziel said "Why would you open your wallet and say, 'Take what you need and I'll live on the rest"

"People move to Plymouth because of the services we offer," he added "You take them away, and Plymouth becomes just another town"

At City Hall, workers are just as concerned about the future, but are taking a more low-key approach

"I think everybody inside City Hall is trying to think of ways to save money, so we can prevent any of us losing our jobs," said Trisha Bridges, utility billing clerk "I don't think there are too many employees I think everybody has quite a bit on their plate"

Deborah Dooley, the assistant city clerk, said most employees will do whatever it takes to keep their jobs

"I think most of us would take on double the work to continue working here," she said "I just hope that if they decide to make cuts in personnel, they tell us soon so we can be looking for something to do"

Newly elected Mayor Stella Greene said employees will be given an opportunity to voice their ideas to solve the budget crisis

"The message we need to carry forward is employees are a valued part of the decision-making process, and we need to have their input," she said, "as much as residents and business owners"

FUND BALANCE

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expect that money to be spent educating children"

According to figures released by Patricia Brand, the district's executive director of business services, Plymouth-Canton has a general fund balance of \$15.2 million, after adding \$1.9 million at the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year

The ending balance doesn't include another \$5.7 million in Durant funds, a one-time award from the state for not properly funding special education programs

It's the third year in a row — despite opening three new schools and facing budget shortfalls — that the district has increased its fund balance

With the district's budget at approximately \$130 million, a 15-percent fund balance would equal about \$19.5 million. The MEA plan would force Plymouth-Canton to spend some of the nearly \$21 million fund balance

"Fifteen percent is a reasonable number," said Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents the district's teachers "Anything above that you should spend on programs. But we keep cutting programs

"You can't keep adding and adding and adding to the fund balance," he added "We're not a savings and loan, we're here to educate kids"

Supt. Jim Ryan believes the district will be forced to use the fund balance to save programs

"My concern is that Plymouth-

Canton has cut just about all we can cut, and I think we'll be using any money we have above 15 percent," he said "I think we've been saving as much as we can for the rainy day, and it's raming out there"

Ryan has doubts the MEA plan could work

"I don't think they'll be able to make some unequal concept work in this state because every community has a different set of taxes they pay, and a different set of qualities of life," Ryan said "I just don't think it's going to work"

Even Battaglieri knows the MEA's proposal isn't a long-term solution "This is the last quick fix," he said "We will continue working with the governor and lawmakers on a long-term solution. Ultimately, we must solve the structural deficit in the state budget"

Starbucks yule drive benefits ailing children

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OUR VIEWS

Voters speak in city, township

As the old saying goes, the voters have spoken, voicing their opinions in both Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth

Now, it would serve the governing bodies of those two communities to listen to what their residents are saying

Voters in the city turned down a request to override the Headlee Amendment and raise the general fund millage rate up to the charter-allowable 15 mills City commissioners, who may have made a tactical error in the manner in which they broached the question, basically left it up to voters to tell them whether they wanted to pay more taxes or face a loss of services

By a 3-1 margin, voters didn't want their taxes raised, leaving commissioners to find a way to resolve a \$12-million projected budget deficit next year Commissioner Michele Potter has said all along that she thinks the city administration hasn't looked deep enough for cuts, apparently, voters agree with her

Commissioners must now look at everything in the budget to find ways to trim And they can't simply rely on easy fixes, such as cutting the leaf pickup or only plowing snow on odd-numbered days, unless, of course, they can actually find \$12 million that way

Hard questions must be asked Does a 2.2-square-mile city really need 17 police officers? Is there a cheaper way to provide fire protection? Would municipal services be cheaper if they were contracted out, as is the case in many cities?

It's quite likely the Headlee override request will come again, and when it does, commissioners would do well to better define exactly how much they're seeking and what will happen if they don't get it Until then, the commission should hold the administration's feet to the fire to fix the problem, and voters should demand the same accountability from commissioners

Plymouth Township voters, meanwhile, handed Supervisor Steve Mann a big political victory Thursday, giving officials permission to sell \$6 million in municipal bonds to finance half of the projected \$12 million cost of a new Township Hall

Opponents tried to paint Mann as an uncommunicative politician furthering his own interests, without concern for the "will of the people" Some 55 percent of the voters apparently felt he did a good enough job keeping them informed to approve the project But 45 percent is a high enough number to warrant some careful treading After the vote, Mann promised to involve citizens in committees as the project moves forward

He should keep that promise Those committees should include "average joe" citizens, not just hand-picked Mann supporters The supervisor would do well to involve people who don't necessarily agree with him, because differing perspectives are always beneficial

The voters have spoken It's up to officials in both communities to prove their voices haven't fallen on deaf ears

MEA plan interesting but not the answer

Gov Jennifer Granholm calls the idea "intriguing" Republican legislative leaders say they're willing to take a look at it Several frugal school administrators call it "Robin Hood," robbing from the rich to give to the poor

The Michigan Education Association has proposed reducing state aid to the 337 school districts with fund balances greater than 15 percent and making them pay some of that money on local programs The MEA is suggesting this as a one-time quick fix to cover an estimated \$350 million shortfall in the School Aid Fund

The MEA suggests that 15 percent of annual expenditures is an adequate amount for what are known as "rainy day funds" The Michigan School Business Officials group suggests 17 percent

Granholm said in a recent interview on public radio that she was "intrigued" by the idea when she learned that Michigan schools overall had \$1.8 billion in their general fund accounts at the end of the 2001-02 school year, an average of 15.75 percent The MEA says in its press release that this is meant to be "the last quick fix" and not a solution to the state's school funding problem

We agree that this is not the solution A shift now in state allocations when the state hadn't mandated a maximum reserve seems unfair to those districts who see themselves as being "fiscally responsible"

But the idea is "intriguing," because it raises a serious question Since school districts receive most of their funding from the state School Aid Fund, the state needs to look at whether some school districts are putting too much money in reserve, especially at a time when so many other districts are struggling



Denny Pennington and Vickie Hutchens check out the auction catalog during the annual Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce auction Friday at Laurel Manor in Livonia The auction raised funds to be used for the various causes supported by the chamber

LETTERS

Click it or ticket

It seems like every week there is a new story about teenagers dying in traffic crashes Over 5,000 teens, ages 16-20, die every year in traffic crashes, and thousands more are injured More than half of all teens who die in crashes are not wearing their safety belts, and belt use for teens and young adults continues to lag behind the rest of the population

So, how do we get young people to buckle up when they think they are invincible? It's simple, surround them with the strong message, "Buckle Up or Pay Up Click It or Ticket" If you won't buckle up to save your life, then buckle up to save yourself a ticket, and back it up with a strong enforcement push

This is exactly what is going to happen this Thanksgiving holiday as the Click It or Ticket mobilization delivers the message through television, radio ads and through heightened enforcement throughout Plymouth Township The Plymouth Township Police Department will be saturating the township using special enforcement activities watching for those drivers who are not wearing their safety belts

By buckling up their safety belts, teens could save more than just money from hefty fines They could save their lives

**Sgt. Steven Rapson
Sgt. Jon Brothers**
Plymouth Township Police Department

Questions raised

I wanted to thank all those people who turned out to vote Nov. 6 for the special election How you voted was never as important to me as it was that you had the opportunity to vote Whether changing the vote day from a Tuesday to a Thursday was the problem or whether people were improperly influenced by the actions of the clerk's office personnel will never be known

We are now signed up to sell bonds (most likely in January) and paying approximately \$466,000 per year for the next 20-25 years The impact this will have on general fund expenditures and cuts will not be known for several years to come

As the chairperson of the Citizens for a Responsive Government, I have been treated to a real learning experience There were people who worked very hard to get the signatures necessary to give us the opportunity to vote I found them to be some of the most dedicated and hard-working people I have ever encountered

There were many reasons for their willingness to work, the biggest of which is that they recognized how important this issue is to Plymouth Township I want to personally thank everyone for their efforts and hard work I couldn't have done it without you and I appreciate your commitment to our township Getting 2,500 signatures in 45 days would have been impossible without you

I also learned and observed a few other things

■ Signs and fliers — The yellow "yes" signs were put on many properties in violation of township ordinances and were

never taken down by officials of the township The red "No" signs that were put up every day disappeared just about every night Some signs were replaced 15-20 times and continued to be removed Who could have done that?

The newsletter put out by the township officials promoting the new township hall should result in ethics charges against the township board members involved I am interested in knowing if Steve Mann, Ron Edwards, Marilyn Massengill and Kay Arnold can justify their actions and the raising of over \$10,000 for their Concerned Citizens for Plymouth Township committee comprised of township employees, appointed board and commission members and election workers

This was a well-funded campaign supported by the township It makes you wonder why they were so desperate to have it pass Their \$10,000 got them 2,633 votes, and that's all that matters On the other side, citizens donated \$650 for the "No" signs Other individuals wrote and mailed fliers, and I do not know their costs

■ Who's behind the group — I do not know Bill Joyner, but I kept hearing he was running the "yes" campaign for our elected officials and that he did all of their writing This meant nothing to me until the night of the vote, when I saw him walk into the clerk's building and walk behind the counter and into the offices like he owned the place during voting time

I couldn't go back there In fact, they told me where I could and couldn't sit This really bothered me and I made it known to the deputy clerk This man (Joyner) doesn't even live in the township and he doesn't work for the township Why does he have free run of our hall and clerk's office?

Does he run all of their campaigns? I looked up his name on the Internet and found in the 'Political Graveyard' that he was a Democrat candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives in 1974 Do Democrats now run campaigns for our so-called Republican officials? Or are our officials wolves in sheep's clothing? Their actions certainly raise interesting questions

Don Schnettler
Citizens for a Responsive Government

Congrats on hall

Congratulations to Plymouth Township on a much needed new township hall complex A thank you is due to Steve Mann, Marilyn Massengill, Ron Edwards and Kay Arnold for having the foresight of what a growing community needs It is sad that board members Abe Munkfakh, Ron Griffith and Chuck Curmi did not

We would also like to thank the opposition group for wasting our tax dollars on a ballot proposal that overwhelmingly passed That money could have been used for something more important Please remember at the next election who is looking out for Plymouth Township and

who is wasting our time and our money
Michael and Janice Litwin
members Concerned Citizens
for Plymouth Township

Heroic vote

Sen Debbie Stabenow cast a heroic vote in favor of the McCain-Lieberman Climate Stewardship Act

Our precious planet, the only one we have, needs this act addressing global warming Although the Senate did not pass this important bill, Sen Stabenow's vote was among an impressive 43 in support of the measure — an historic turning point in our approach to this issue

Sen Stabenow and the 42 other senators who voted in favor of the Climate Stewardship Act should be praised for recognizing the urgency of this problem and voting to take a sensible and effective first step to reduce greenhouse gas emissions nationwide

They have shown that they recognize both the real threat posed by global warming and the potential economic opportunities presented by its solutions

In contrast, those senators who voted against this bill need to be asked why they gave a free pass to polluters, who would like us to believe global warming is nothing to worry about In truth, Michigan stands to gain more economically in the long run when our auto companies are forced to address these problems and remain competitive internationally

The demand for action by the American public is clear More than 75 percent support meaningful action on global warming, and there is a growing coalition of businesses, faith communities and state and local governments who have already taken action to limit global warming pollution

Companies like BP and Dupont have already achieved larger reductions than those called for in the bill Sen Stabenow courageously supported The momentum will only increase as the challenge of global warming becomes ever more clear Let's start putting American ingenuity to work on solving this challenge

Sandra McClennen
Plymouth

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QUOTABLE

"I simply feel the timing of that newsletter ... and the information provided was very one-sided. It wasn't as much an information piece as it was parading the Massey property before the people before the vote."

— Trustee Ron Griffith on material contained in a Plymouth Township newsletter

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Cheers, jeers on budget crisis and other matters

Columns like this are supposed to provide informed commentary and even insight. But sometimes they should get right down to it, call 'em as they see 'em and hand out "cheers" and "jeers." So here goes.

JEERS to State Rep Susan Tabor (R-Delta Township) for focusing our attention on the vital issue of whether to allow Michigan hunters to shoot mourning doves. Gunning (ahem) for attention, she provoked a big demonstration of orange blaze-clad hunters on the steps of the capital. Why not add robins to your list, Rep Tabor? They're plentiful, easier to

hit than mourning doves and, I presume, just as tasty.

CHEERS to Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema (R-Grandville) for having the common sense to put the House-approved dove hunting bill on hold. "We must remain focused on creating a sound budget that makes sense and pushing forward with creating job opportunities for Michigan residents." With the state facing a \$900 million-plus budget crisis this fiscal year, Sikkema has his priorities right.

CHEERS, also, to Peter Luke, Lansing bureau chief for the Booth newspaper chain and a thorough insightful reporter on state government. In a column over the weekend, Luke pointed out that the dove hunting bill had a distinct political purpose, so far overlooked by most reports. To mobilize (presumably mostly Republican) hunters and National Rifle Association members.

CHEERS to the voters in the People's Republic of Ann Arbor who passed by a 2-1 margin a tax to pay for buying land outside the city limits to create a greenbelt against development. The millage, which replaces a previous tax to buy parkland inside the city, is supposed to raise something like \$85 million over its 30-year life. The majority of the money is to go for buying land and acquiring development rights on existing farms.

JEERS to some in the real estate community who spent a lot of money opposing the greenbelt measure, shortsightedly complaining that it denied developers the right to substitute the profit motive for rational land planning. It's always been a puzzle to me why developers (as distinguished from the public) should be the primary movers in land use decisions. In Novi and Troy, two sprawling communities whose fate was largely left in the hands of developers, local government folks are now trying (somewhat artificially) to create downtowns to give a sense

The governor and Legislature are the ones who are going to have to come to agreement about how the state balances its books. Call-in programs on radio and TV can't do it.

of place and structure to what otherwise would be faceless and featureless cities.

JEERS to the state's Home Rule Act that gives individual local government units, whether towns, cities or townships, the ultimate authority to determine land use, zoning and development patterns essentially in isolation.

Equally, **CHEERS** go to Gov Granholm's Commission on Land Use, whose weighty but far-reaching report will form the basis for much-needed policy changes in the state. We've been complaining about sprawl for 20 years without anybody actually doing something about it. I hope that time is coming to an end.

Modified CHEERS to Gov Granholm for her tours around the state to explain to citizens the full measure of the budget crisis now facing Michigan and to ask for their suggestions about how best to get out of it. Certainly, asking people (even the carefully selected ones invited to the governor's sessions) what they think the state should do about big problems is a good thing. But at the end of the day, ours is a representative government, not a direct democracy. The governor and Legislature are the ones who are going to have to come to agreement about how the state balances its books. Call-in programs on radio and TV can't do it.

JEERS to knee-jerk politicians whose reflexive solution for any budget crisis is to call for more budget cuts. Anybody who has run a business knows that you might be able to save a troubled company from disaster by cutting costs, but for the business to thrive you ultimately have to figure out how to drive the top line and increase revenue. In the case of Michigan, there is no doubt we can cut state expenditures enough to eliminate the budget gap. The real question is what kind of state we will have afterward.

There you have it for this week. But what do you think? Readers are invited to send me their own mix of **CHEERS** and **JEERS**, either for a subsequent column or as letters to the editor of this newspaper.

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



Phil Power

City, township elections had their share of political winners, losers

There are winners and losers in all elections, although it sometimes takes awhile for each side to emerge.

That's likely how it will be for last week's elections in Plymouth and Plymouth Township. The winners are fairly obvious — taxpayers in the city, Supervisor Steve Mann in the township — but it might take a while for less-obvious winners and, more importantly, the losers to shake out.

At first blush, Mann looks like the big winner, at least politically, from the voters' 55-45 percent approval of the sale of \$6 million in municipal bonds to help build a new township hall. Mann has pushed the project, to be built on property bought from Don Massey at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, virtually since he was elected three years ago.

Unless trustee Kay Arnold changes her support, and there's no reason to think she will at this point, Mann will have at least the four votes he needs to get the project done. You'll see committees being formed soon, and the sale of the bonds will probably happen



Brad Kadrich

by January.

Mann will make sure these things get done, because he's been pushing the project so hard. It won't hurt that it will now happen during an election year, either, a fact Mann says has little or nothing to do with his motivation (insert doubtful look here).

Mann's critics have labeled him as uncommunicative with residents, a charge he vehemently (and with some evidence) denies. Citizens for Responsive Government chief Don Schmetzler, who likely will challenge Mann in 2004, repeatedly criticized the supervisor for not taking the township hall issue to the voters, as he promised to do early on.

It appeared early campaign strategy would be to paint Mann as a supervisor who doesn't know what his residents want or, worse, doesn't care. Had the vote turned out the other way, his critics surely would have used it as ammunition to prove their point.

Now, that campaign crutch has been kicked out from under them. Mann has been handed a pretty big billy club, in the form of a 55-percent voter approval of the sale of the bonds, to use next year.

But, while he looks like the big winner politically right now, some hurdles do loom that could be problematic for Mann. Charges surfaced from the Board of Trustees that he improperly used the township to promote a "yes" vote on the bond issue. The newsletter was published just days before the election.

Naturally, Mann was outraged at the suggestion, saying the newsletter articles were "fact-driven." He scoffed at the criticism leveled by Ron Griffith and Abe Munfakh, essen-

tially labeling it as political straw-grasping. "The truth of the matter is, it would have been wrong for the township not to put out a piece of literature (before the election)." This was a scheduled newsletter, so absolutely we have a ballot question out for voters, the township has to get the information out to the voters, and it has to be fact-driven, and that's what that newsletter was."

That may be. However, while neither the cover story nor Mann's own column actually say, "Vote Yes," my 6-year-old would be able to tell from the construction of the stories how publishers wanted him to vote.

A spokesperson for the Michigan Department of State we talked to wouldn't comment on the controversy, because an official complaint hasn't been filed. Yet. Expect that filing to come soon. State election law says taxpayer money can't be used for anything that "influences the outcome" of an election, and the township newsletter, crafted by some cagey political writers, probably skirts the law enough to be safe.

Mann also stands to lose if it turns out he does have to raise taxes — something he's vowed not to do — to pay for the project. He and Treasurer Ron Edwards point at "conservative" estimates of township income and say the township can afford the \$466,000 annual price tag the bonds will bring. If it turns out not to be true, the township hall project could become an albatross.

The fact of the matter is voters gave their approval to the bond sale and the township hall project. There are critics who call the 55-45 percent edge "nominal," but someone ask George Bush if he'd rather have had a 10-point win over Al Gore three years ago.

In the city, the taxpayers were the winners, because they won't have their taxes raised nearly \$300 a year. Of course, it's a win they earned by beating back the Headlee override request by some 3-1 at the polls.

Also among the winners are Commissioners Phil Pursell and Michele Potter, who opposed asking the citizens for more taxes in the first place.

City employees are most likely among the losers in that election, because few observers can see a way out of the financial morass in which the city finds itself without a cut in services.

Less important on the list of potential losers in the election are commissioners who supported the tax hike. Stella Greene and Ron Loiselle were the most visible, and it will be interesting to see how voters see them when their seats are up in two years. If the commission is successful in cutting the budget without raising taxes (unlikely), it may work against them.

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An honorable moment

Local soldier killed in Iraq remembered by friends, family

Sgt Trevor Blumberg, a Canton resident who was killed Sept. 14 in Iraq, was honored Sunday at the Veterans Memorial in Heritage Park, where a brick paver bearing his name was added to those of other fallen veterans.

The memorial was built in 1993 and contained pavers honoring 21 Civil War casualties, four from the Vietnam War and three from World War II.

"We had hoped to add no more names to this memorial," Canton resident John Spencer said at Sunday's ceremonies. "Today we add a brick paver for Sgt. Trevor Blumberg. We hope to add no more names."

Spencer, a Vietnam veteran himself and a member of the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528, served as master of ceremonies for the program, which was attended by Blumberg's parents, Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton, his sister, Amanda and her husband, Brian Marshall, of Dearborn Heights, and various local and state dignitaries.

"This is an honorable moment," Janet Blumberg said after the ceremonies, "and I hope everybody just cherishes their children."

Trevor's father, Terry, who spent 14½ months in Vietnam, said his son loved the Army.

"He wasn't perfect," Terry Blumberg said. "He was a good old boy. He could have died drunk, he could have

died in some stupid way. But he didn't. He loved the army."

Blumberg was killed when a roadside bomb hit a convoy and destroyed the Humvee occupied by himself and three other soldiers. They had been deployed to Iraq just three days earlier.

The 1999 Salem graduate was a member of the 1st Battalion of the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) presented the family with a tribute signed by himself, state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton) and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

"He was a man of purpose, dedication, commitment and resolve," Patterson said. "A man who did not retreat from hard work or a daunting chal-

lenge. Sergeant Blumberg sought to make a difference for humanity and mankind and he did."

LaJoy, who briefly addressed the audience, said he visited with Blumberg's father at the funeral home after he heard the news.

"He told me, 'You're here to celebrate my son's life. LaJoy said, 'He and others before him made the supreme sacrifice to protect the principles on which this nation was founded.'"

John Fleming, treasurer of the Plymouth-Canton chapter of the Vietnam Veterans, presented the family a plaque and Blumberg's dog tags.

"It is the national motto of the Vietnam Veterans of America that never again



Sgt. Trevor Blumberg's family including parents Terry and Janet Blumberg of Canton, his sister Amanda and her husband Brian Marshall, of Dearborn Heights, bow their heads.

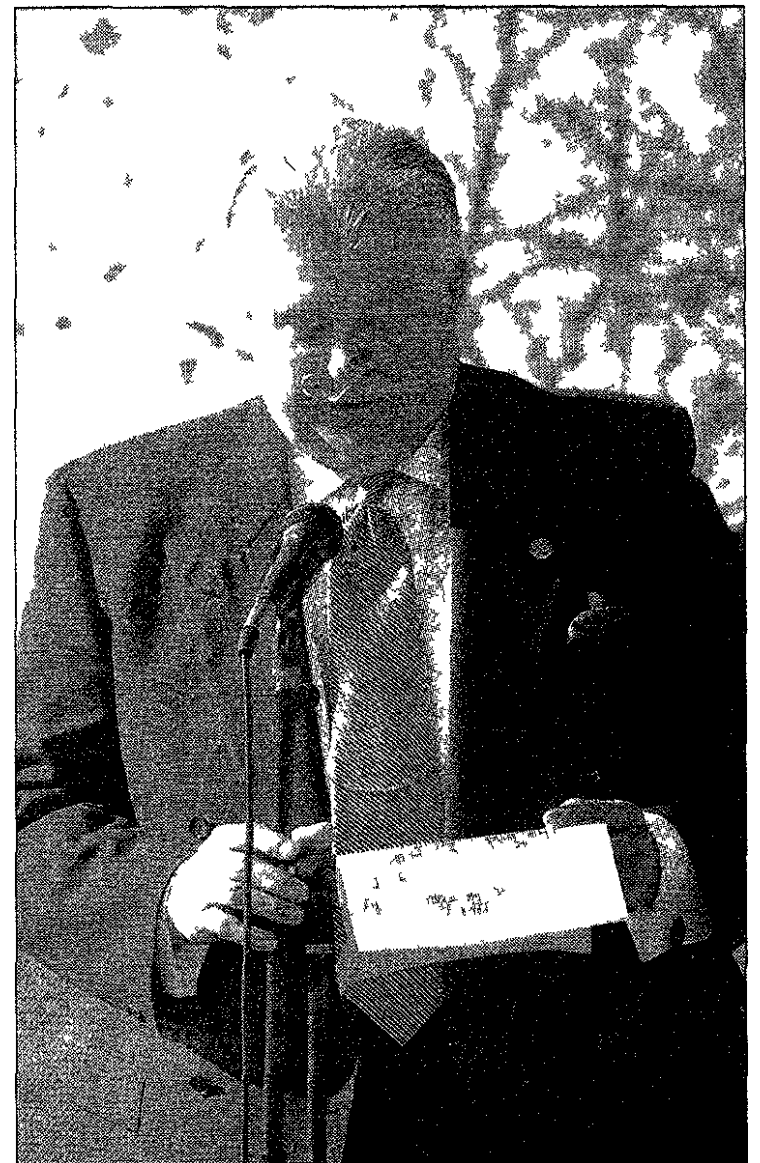
shall one generation of veterans abandon another," he said.

Following the Blumberg ceremony, ceremonies honoring all veterans were held 2-4 p.m. at Summit on the Park. The program featured dis-

plays of military memorabilia, free refreshments and patriotic songs from students from Gallimore and Tonda Elementary schools as well as the PCEP Chamber Strings Orchestra.



The family of Sgt. Trevor Blumberg receives American flags from the military Honor Guard during the memorial service in his honor.



State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) spoke at the memorial service for Sgt. Trevor Blumberg.

Plymouth to host summit on manufacturing

A Michigan Manufacturing Summit will be held Monday, Dec. 8, at the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center in Plymouth.

More than 35 key business and labor leaders representing the manufacturing industry are expected to join Gov. Jennifer Granholm in identifying the most critical issues facing the industry and explore possible solutions.

"The manufacturing summit is a key component of ensuring that the manufacturing industry continues to be a viable part of Michigan's and the nation's economic future," Granholm said. "I expect to come away from this meeting with a clear set of priorities and the basis of an action plan for how we can sustain and grow the manufacturing industry."

Earlier this year Granholm announced a Manufacturing Matters initiative to raise awareness of the challenges that confront the nation's manufacturing industry. During the past three years, Michigan has lost more than 170,000 manufacturing jobs, while the nation lost more than 2.7 million. Manufacturing employs approximately one out of every five workers in Michigan.

Although the number of summit participants is limited to increase the effectiveness of the discussion, Granholm emphasized that the input of many others has been gathered in preparation for the summit.

As part of the Manufacturing Matters initiative, Granholm held a series of informal meetings with manufacturing leaders and workers in Traverse City, Lansing, Saginaw, Detroit and Grand Rapids. A survey conducted on the Michigan Manufacturing Web site resulted in more than 1,000 responses that will be evaluated and presented in summary form at the summit.

After the summit Granholm intends to rally other governors of manufacturing states to Washington to raise industry issues that must be addressed.

at the federal level. The governor will also continue to work with Michigan manufacturers, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation and

other partners on actions that can be taken in the state to grow the state's manufacturing industry.

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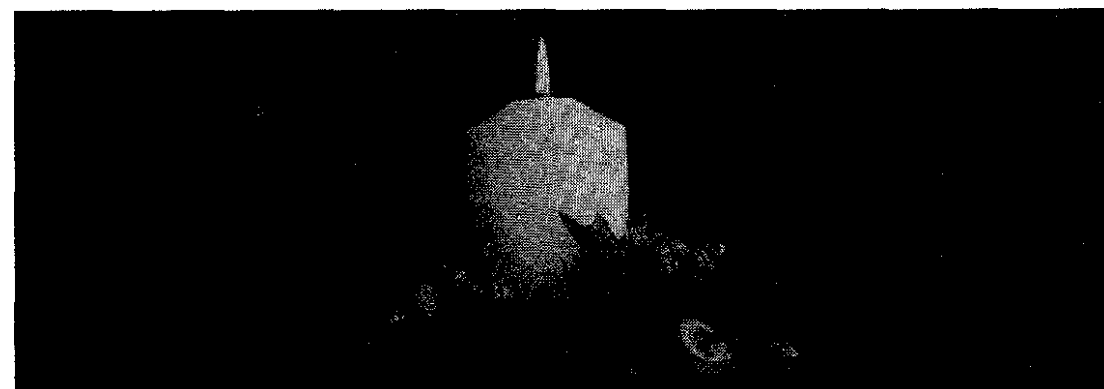
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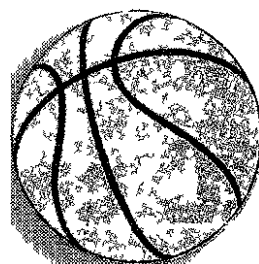
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Champions

The Canton Lions freshmen football team won its second-consecutive Super Bowl Sunday, defeating the Westland Meteors 13-0. The Lions finished 10-0.

The Lions received first-quarter touchdowns from Braden Price and Jack Slater. Price also added an extra point. The Lions got strong blocking from Austin Payne, Jordan Smith, Bobby Riche, Mohammed Saneh, Eric Thuma and Josh Peterson. Their defense — which recorded its second straight shutout — was led by Brad Trubowski, Chris Ostrowski, Adam Payne, Miles Clifton and Phil Emminger.

The team is coached by Jim Dexter.

Game-winner

Western Michigan University's men's soccer team advanced to Sunday's Mid-American Conference Championship opposite Bowling Green State with an overtime shootout win over Akron.

After playing to a scoreless draw through the first 90 minutes, the two sides were tied at 4-4 after four penalty kicks — resulting in sudden-death penalty kicks. Akron's Hans Jorgen Haugland was stopped on the Zips' first sudden-death penalty kick.

WMU's Scott Duhl, a Salem graduate, had better fortune. Duhl's shot went just right of Akron keeper Justin Christafaris and into the net, giving the Broncos a berth in the MAC Final Sunday. Akron, ranked 21st in the NCAA, finished its season at 14-4-2. WMU, now 11-6-2, goes against Bowling Green State Sunday with a berth in the NCAA Tournament going to the winner.

Duhl, a senior, is tied for first on WMU for game-winning goals (three) and is second in goals scored with five. He also has two assists for the season (12 points).

WMU advances

The Western Michigan University women's soccer team advanced to the Mid-American Conference Tournament Final for the first time with a 2-1 win over Ohio University last Friday in the conference semifinals, leading to a 4-1 win over Bowling Green State Sunday that propelled the Broncos into the NCAA Tournament for the first time. They will play at Illinois, the Big Ten champion, on Friday.

WMU needed some big plays to just survive the MAC Tournament semifinals. Trailing Ohio University 1-0 in the second half, the Broncos scored twice to gain the win and a berth in the MAC Finals.

The game-winning goal came off the head of former Canton standout Stephanie Johnson, who fielded a corner kick from Megan Urbats (from Livonia Stevenson) and one-hopped her header just across the goal line with 7:36 left in regulation. Mandi Marsh's header tied the game midway through the second half.

WMU is 13-7-1 entering the NCAA Tournament.

Canton ready to face state power CC

This is all about control. You have two coaches who would like nothing more than to be in complete control of the game they're playing. Since their teams are going against each other, someone's bound to be disappointed.

At 7 p.m. Friday, Canton will host Redford Catholic Central for the championship of Division 1, Region 3 in the football state playoffs. Canton is unbeaten (11-0), boasting its best record in school his-

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tory, CC is 10-1 and pursuing another state title (the Shamrocks have won five of them since 1995, including the last two and 15 of its last 16 playoff games).

Both CC's Tom Mach and Canton's Tim Baechler would like to pound the ball on the ground, using four running backs to

punish their opponents. Long scoring drives would make both coaches happy — as long as it was their team doing the driving.

So Friday's game comes down to defense, which team can stop the other.

Last year, when these teams met in the second round, CC kept Canton out of the end zone, made a couple of key plays, forced a couple of mistakes and ground out a 24-7 win.

"I thought we competed with them, they just made more plays than we did," Baechler said. "They deserved to win. It seemed we moved the ball between the 30s, but then bogged down."

"Last year they made the plays — I've got to give them credit. But we made a lot of mistakes."

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B3

Rocks crush Chiefs

Defense leads to a WLAA championship

Fred Thomann had a plan in place. The Salem basketball coach knew his team could not allow Canton standout Katie Cezat to dominate the way she did in their first meeting, collecting 25 points, 15 rebounds and eight blocked shots. His Rocks had been predominantly a man-to-man defensive team during the season.

"That was about to change. I think we'll try to play a little more zone," Thomann said as the two teams went through their pre-game warm-ups.

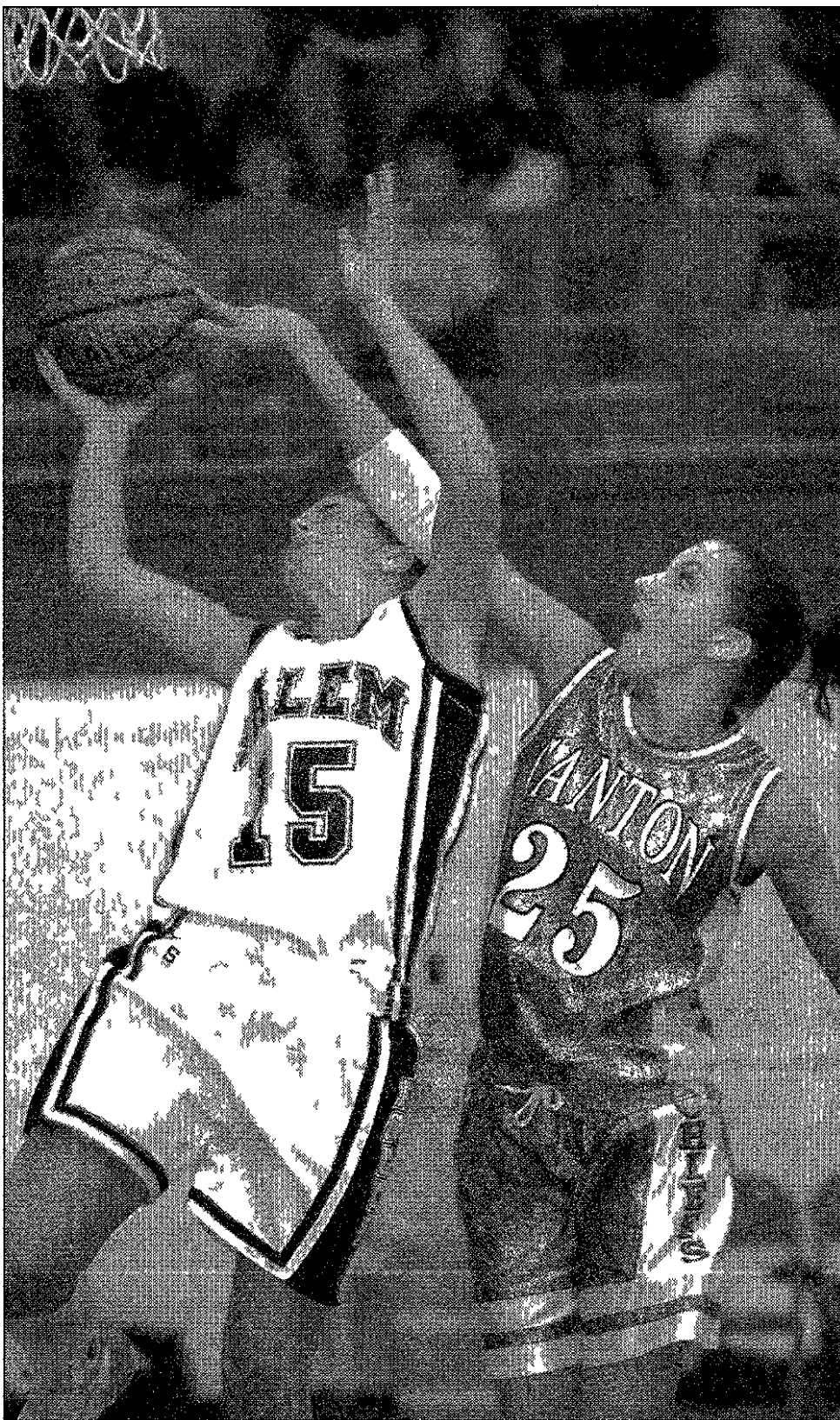
The zone defense Salem employed was the difference in this Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, played Wednesday at Salem. With Cezat limited to just eight points (four coming in the final inconsequential minute of play) and seven rebounds, and Salem's Alyssa Guern shredding the Chiefs for 20 points, the Rocks rolled to a 41-28 victory.

Salem takes a 14-6 overall record into Wednesday's first Class A district semifinal at South Lyon, against the Novi-Northville winner. Canton falls to 17-3, the Chiefs play the South Lyon-Livonia Churchill winner in Wednesday's second district semifinal. The district final is at 7 p.m. Friday.

"Katie just had too many touches the first time we played them," said Thomann. "We tried to limit her touches this time. We didn't handle their offense well the last time. I thought we played way too fast. But we made some adjustments."

"I thought the kids accepted the challenge tonight."

PLEASE SEE ROCKS-CHIEFS, B5



Salem's Eilen Canale lays one up for two points on a second-half fast break despite the efforts of Canton's Katie Cezat. Canale scored 14 points in the Rocks' win.

SC advances to NJCAA Tournament

A trip to the NJCAA Division I tournament, after missing out last year, was what Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team was pursuing.

Last Saturday, it got it. In a dominating performance against host Moraine Valley (Ill.) CC, the Ocelots scored twice in each half to gain a 4-0 triumph in the NJCAA District D title match.

The win kept their record perfect at 16-0-0, they go into the eight-team NJCAA tournament ranked second in the nation, behind Lewis & Clark CC. The Cyclones finish at 15-4-1.

"They were a good side and we

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played a good game," SC coach Bill Tolstedt said. "But they only had one shot on goal. Out of the 90 minutes in the game, I'd guess we spent 85 minutes in their end (of the field)."

"We didn't shoot a lot — we only had 15 shots — we just possessed (the ball)."

Which made it a relatively easy shutout for keeper Nicole Dalcandro.

Erica Ahrens (Canton) scored twice for SC and Michelle Kitta had three assists, one coming on a restart 13 minutes into the game. Kitta's ball headed Andrea Wright, and she headed it in for the score and a 1-0 lead.

Ahrens made it a 2-0 game with 1:32 left in the half, running onto a pass from Kitta and beating the keeper. Ahrens got SC's third goal as well 10 minutes into the second

PLEASE SEE NJCAA, B4

Rocks tough, but Spartans still best

So much for superstitions. Thirteen was anything but an unlucky number for the Livonia Stevenson girls swim team Saturday.

The Spartans put together a solid, all-around performance to capture their 13th consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association championship with a team-high 623 points.

Host Salem was a strong runner-up in the 12-school field with 505, followed by Northville, 375, Canton, 323, Livonia Churchill, 267, Walled Lake Western, 229, Westland John Glenn, 195, Walled Lake Central, 172, Plymouth, 116, Livonia Franklin, 84, Walled Lake Northern, 73, and Wayne Memorial, 71.

"It was a good meet for us, we really swam well," said Stevenson coach Greg Phill, who has guided the Spartans to all 13 WLAA titles. "We picked up 23 points from our seeding in the prelims (Thursday) and another 12 today."

The Spartans used reverse psychology for the 2003 season. "Lucky 13" was our motto," Phill said. "We wore it on shirts today and it's been up on the wall at our pool all season long."

Stevenson started the meet with a bang, capturing the 200-yard medley relay as the foursome of Andrea Giczewski, Lisa Koch, Julie Ward and Marisa Gordon combined for a first-place time of 1:53.13. Salem was second in 1:54.86.

The Spartans also closed the meet



Salem's Amy Mertens turned in a superb performance at Saturday's WLAA Finals, finishing first in both the 200-yard individual medley (above) and the 100-yard breaststroke.

by winning the 400 freestyle relay as the quartet of Giczewski, Anna Polkowski, Monica Pauza and Gordon hit the wall first in 3:43.64.

Of the nine individual events, Stevenson took four, led by the sophomore Giczewski, who won the 100 freestyle (54.24) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.22). Gordon, also a sophomore, added a first in the 200 freestyle (1:58.79), while Ward, a senior, took the 100 butterfly (1:01.36).

"Marisa had the biggest drop in the 200 freestyle, going 1:58," Phill said. "That was a big swim, and Andrea went into the meet with a 54.9 in the 100 freestyle to a 54.24 today."

One of Stevenson's best showings of the championship heats occurred

in the 100 breaststroke, which was won by Salem's Amy Mertens in 1:07.55.

Stevenson took three of six places led by Ward (third), sophomore Lisa Koch (fourth) and senior Stephanie Turlo (12th).

"Salem pushed us," Phill said. "They did a good job and had a nice meet. We hung onto our seeds and went from there."

"A third of our swimmers are freshmen, and they really stepped it up. Everybody did their part. Things went really well."

A sign of Stevenson's depth was magnified in the 50 freestyle, when junior Meredith Bajor won the Consolation C heat in 27.27.

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B6

Backup goalie boosts Whalers

Paul Drew was injured, and when Jeff Weber got off to a bad start Friday night, things looked bleak for the Plymouth Whalers, with Ontario Hockey League games also scheduled Saturday and Sunday against the Saginaw Spirit.

The Whalers managed to claw their way back Friday and tie the Windsor Spitfires, only to lose late in the third period on a penalty shot. The relief goaltending of Ryan Nie kept them close against Windsor, his performance was good enough to earn him the start Saturday against Saginaw at Compuware Arena.

Nie responded by blanking the Spirit, 3-0, making 21 saves in getting his first OHL shutout. Nie was supported

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by Vaclav Meidl and Brent Mahon, who each had a goal and two assists. Dan Collins contributed a goal and an assist, while James Wisniewski (from Canton) had an assist.

Eric Pflieger was in goal most of the way for the Spirit, making 32 saves.

On Sunday at the Saginaw County Event Center, Nie was again in good form, stopping 24 of 26 shots in Plymouth's 3-2 win over the Spirit.

Meidl, Tony Iaquinto and Jordan Grant got the goals for the Whalers, all of them coming before the second period was 2:1/2 minutes old. Tom Pyatt and Mike Suggs scored power-play goals for the Spirit, making it a 3-2 game with 13:16 still left in the second period.

But Saginaw could not get the equalizer as it fell to 4-12-1-1 (10 points), last in the OHL's West Division. The Whalers improved to 10-6-4-0 (24 points), second in the West, two points behind the division-leading Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds.

The extent of the ankle injury to starting goalie Drew was not immediately known, he's listed as day-to-day.

CC capitalizes on Lion miscues

Shamrocks advance with 40-20 win

Mistakes, mistakes, mistakes. The Division I, District 1, Region 3 football playoff game between Redford Catholic Central and South Lyon Saturday at Redford's jam-packed Kraft Field featured plenty of both, by both teams. But in the final analysis, CC handled theirs better and that led to a 40-20 Shamrock triumph.

CC, the defending Division I state champ, is now 10-1, it advances to the Region 3 championship against unbeaten Canton at 7 p.m. Friday at Canton. South Lyon finishes at 8-3.

"We took advantage of their mistakes in the second half," said CC coach Tom Mach. "Of course, they took advantage of our mistakes in the first half."

The game started poorly for the Shamrocks when South Lyon's Ryan Carroll slipped on the opening kickoff, rolling the ball to CC's Kevin Horal at the 20-yard line. Horal fumbled on the return, giving the Lions possession on CC's 41.

A 32-yard pass to Jeff Schaible put South Lyon at the Shamrock 4, Nate Spurgess ran in it from there, giving the Lions a 7-0 lead just 1:18 into the game.

They would increase it to 14-0 on another Schaible run, this one 9 yards after two consecutive Dennis Reedy passes advanced the Lions from the CC 34 to the 9. However, the key play in the drive was a CC personal foul penalty for a face-mask violation on a third-down pass play that CC had intercepted.

"Today, it took us a little while to get going," said Mach. "They took it to us in the first half. That left us 24 minutes to get it going (in the second half)."

Actually, the Shamrocks didn't wait that long. They put together a nine-play, 61-yard drive - all runs - capped by Dave Thomas' 2-yard plunge for the score, trimming the deficit to 14-7 with 9:31 left in the second quarter.

From that point on, the momentum was in CC's favor. Jason Gingell booted a 21-yard field goal on the final play of the first half, ending a 66-yard drive and making it 14-10 at the half.

The Lions had played errorlessly in the first half. In the second, they committed turnovers on their first two possessions and had four in the half.

Horal was responsible for the first miscue, stepping in front of a Lions' receiver to pick off a Reedy pass on the third play of the half. A few elusive moves later, Horal was in the end zone after his 44-yard return and CC was in front, 17-14, just 71 seconds into the half.

On the fourth play of the Lions' next possession, Eric Vojtkofsky stole another Reedy pass, but despite good field position the Shamrocks could not capitalize, eventually punting back to South Lyon. The Lions also stalled and punted, but CC's David Herberholz fumbled the kick and South Lyon's David Ivezaj recovered at the Shamrock 20. A 20-yard fly pattern to Brett Curtis in the corner of the end zone restored the lead to South Lyon, 20-17.

"The second half turnovers hurt us," said South Lyon coach Bob Scheloske. "On one of them, the quarterback read (the defense) wrong, and on the other the receiver didn't hear him and went the wrong way. But we came back from them. Some things just bounced the wrong way for us."

CC's running game was beginning to take its toll on the Lions, opening up the passing game for Thomas, who was starting to find his receivers. A 20-yard completion to Darnell Tyson put the Shamrocks on the South

Lyon 10, leading to a 12-yard TD toss from Thomas to Sean Shahrestani with 1:05 left in the third.

CC was back in front - for good. On their next possession, the fourth-down snap to Lions' punter Sean Herman went awry and the Shamrocks took over at the South Lyon 13. Thomas threw a 13-yard strike to Tyson on the first play, increasing their lead to 31-20 with 11:04 left in the fourth quarter.

Three Lion turnovers, leading to 14 CC points.

A fourth Reedy interception, this one by Herberholz at the South Lyon 35, eventually spelled doom for the Lions. They got the ball back on an interception of their own, but it was at their 1-yard line. On second down, Spurgess was stopped by CC's Jason Horton in the end zone for a safety, making it a 33-20 game.

After South Lyon's free kick, Tyson finished a 41-yard Shamrock drive with a 7-yard run to make it 40-20.

"I'm not sure it was any adjustments we made (at half-time) as executing what we had been trying to do," Mach said of CC's second-half surge. "We've seen spreads (offenses) before, but it took us awhile to get adjusted."

Once the Shamrocks got going, however, the Lions couldn't stop them. Derek Brooks finished with 112 rushing yards on 22 tries, and Thomas completed 6-of-10 passes for 64 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception. Nick Barrett also had 71 yards rushing - CC had 264 yards on the ground - and Tyson finished with 56 yards rushing and one TD and two catches for 35 yards and another score.

For the Lions, Reedy was 18-of-36 passing for 211 yards and a TD, but he suffered three interceptions. They managed just 78 rushing yards.

It figures to be a different kind of game against Canton Friday - the Chiefs are a power-running team (there's no spread offense) that makes few mistakes - and it also figures to be a good one.

Canton-CC rematch rekindles memories

OK, boys and girls, players and coaches, adults and parents, here's the moment you've all been waiting for.

It's been 371 days in the making, ever since Redford Catholic Central clamped down on Canton's offense and wound up with a 24-7 win.

The loss has stuck in the craw of every Canton fan since then because everyone knows CC recruits and that's the only reason they won, right? But the win also stuck in the craw of every CC fan, because Canton coach Tim Baechler told everyone that CC recruits and that's why the Shamrocks won, right?

Only problem is that Baechler NEVER ONCE said that CC recruits. Never did it. Might have thought it, just as every coach whose team loses to a private school thinks it, but never publicly said it.

But the Canton fans started foaming at the mouth insisting that their coach was right and CC does recruit. And the CC fans started defending their school saying that not everyone goes to CC to play football and that the program's success is responsible for bringing players to the school, not coaches' recruiting.

What Baechler did say was that he lost to a team of all-stars and that he didn't think it was fair that public schools have to play private schools for the same title, since the private schools have the ability to draw from a wide area.

Period. That's it. And part of it was right - CC was a team of All-Stars. For example, the Shamrocks had six players on the *Observer's* first team, six more on the second and eight more on honorable mention. For the record, Canton had five on the first team, three more on the second and six honorable mentions. The only problem was he said it to reporters from the *Ann Arbor News* and the *Observer* - not once, but twice - after a very emotional loss, and his private beliefs became public.

But people, normally intelligent and literate, began reading what they wanted to read into the comments instead of actually reading the comments themselves and suddenly, things got ugly. Papers were filled with letters supporting or attacking Baechler for comments he never made. Letters were written demanding reporters apologize for misquoting Baechler when that was never an issue.

All of this - all this anger, all this negative emotion, all this misguided, misplaced and mistaken energy - over a 48-minute sporting event involving a bunch of kids.

For this year's rematch, we

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offer one piece of advice to fans, classmates, parents, and family members of both schools - lighten up and grow up.

When the game is over, be happy for a while, be sad you lost, but let it go. Not that'd we'd ever follow the advice of former Michigan State football coach George Perles, but in this case, the 24-hour rule needs to apply to grown-ups who need to grow up supporting both schools.

From about 10 p.m. on Friday to 10 p.m. on Saturday, celebrate, get angry, do what you need to do. After that, it's over with. Move on with your lives.

It's a game, these are kids. Their battle is on the field, your battle is not sticking up for their wins and losses, it's teaching them to handle success and failure. By whining, exactly what example are you setting?

It won't be how to win with class and lose with grace.

Take last week's grid picks, for example. After a dismal 1-2 week, Paul Beaudry - the Redford-Garden City sports editor - got on with his life, even after dropping to 6-3 overall.

And once he got done dancing on the desks, Lavonia-Westland sports editor Brad Emons didn't gloat for his 2-1 week and his first-place showing at 8-1. And Plymouth-Canton's C.J. Risak didn't complain about his 2-1 week and 7-2 showing - probably because no one told him yet.

Only two teams and one game left.

Friday's Game

Redford CC (10-1) at Canton (11-0), 7 p.m. OK, it's showtime. Canton - on its home turf - wants to beat the team that knocked it out last year on the road. Revenge is a dish best served cold and it's going to be cold on Friday night.

And CC wants to send the Chiefs and their supporters home with their tails between their legs and remind them that to be the man you have to beat the man. And for the last two seasons they've been the men by winning state titles.

The Chiefs have been pretty darn convincing. Beating a pretty fair Wayne team and stopping John Glenn twice this season - the first time that's happened in five tries to a Chuck Gordon coached team. The Shamrocks also have to play at a place and time - a road play off game on a Friday night - they haven't played in two years. (The trivia answer is Nov. 9, 2001 at John Glenn.)

But CC won that road game, too. They've rallied from behind to win both their playoff games so far. They haven't faced a defense as stingy as this, but Brighton is a close second. And the Shamrocks haven't seen running backs like this in a long time.

My guess? Canton comes out too intense, makes a couple of errors early. CC takes the lead and the two teams spend the rest of the way trading points. Just a hunch. PICKS: CC - Beaudry, Emons. Canton - Risak.

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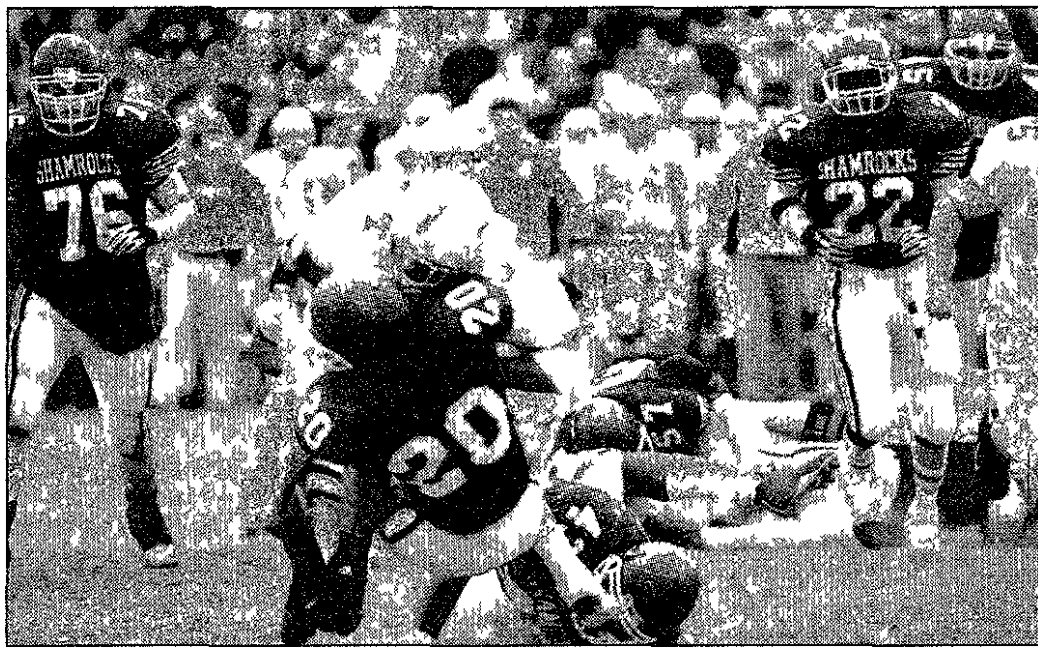
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CC's Alex Wojcik tackles Canton running back Devin Thomas in last year's 24-7 win by the Shamrocks

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For Canton, adjusting to those mistakes made in last year's game is a key component to beating CC on Friday As Baechler noted "As (Florida State coach) Bobby Bowden says about the game of football, 'Most games are lost, not won' Translation make mistakes and you lose

Mach knows how important this game is, but refuses to get caught up in the hype of two Observer-area teams facing each other

"Going into each game, we prepare exactly the same way as we always have," Mach said "This might get more billing because it's a local game, but we're constantly playing big games throughout the entire year The next game you play is always the biggest one to worry about."

What the Chiefs bring to the table is, obviously, a perfect record — something CC hasn't faced in this year's playoffs The Shamrocks have faced running teams like Canton, question is, were they as good as the Chiefs?

"I'd say they have three real solid backs and they make big plays and go right at you, grind it out," said Mach, referring to Canton's Chuck Schumacher, Travis McKinney and Devin Thomas "I think ball control is something we have to be concerned about We have to try

and get it back once they have it

"That's always a concern when a team runs like they do" Of course, Baechler could say much the same thing about the Shamrocks

"They have so many options," he said "Obviously there's Derek Brooks, they run two fullbacks effectively, (Darnell) Tyson will get the ball a few times a game, and their tight ends can run and catch

They've just got a neat package Just look at what they do and it seems simple, but it's not so simple to stop We've got to try and stop everything, put them in third-and-five (yards) or more and then make them punt"

Which brings into focus the key elements of any game making big plays and keeping mistakes to a minimum Both are pivotal, both are intertwined

One thing Baechler learned from last year's game was don't preach perfection When a team has won as many championships as CC has, an opponent often times beats itself psychologically

The Chiefs, Baechler believes, did that by believing they had to be perfect to win

That's just not going to happen," Baechler said "You're not going to play a perfect game You're going to make mistakes"

How a team handles mistakes is more important Four 12-minute quarters leaves no time for despair Certainly, CC is the type of

team to both dish that out and handle it Against South Lyon last Saturday, the Shamrocks found themselves in an early 14-0 hole and climbed out to go up 17-14 in the third quarter Then they lost that lead after a turnover and, midway through the third period, they were down 20-14

Yet CC knew what to do, eventually winning 40-20

Asked what he thought this game hinged on, Mach said, "I think defense, which team is able to stop what the other is trying to do, which puts them in a bind and keeps them from playing control football

"Like all great seasons and great games, it comes down to defense in the end"

Canton's biggest advantage might be the home field, playing on a Friday night (CC usually plays on Saturday afternoons) on artificial turf

But the Shamrocks have played on that type of turf, too And they've been in more close games than Canton — that could be a factor And never discount their string of championships

It looks to be an interesting matchup, and will likely be decided by a factor both coaches abhor, simply because they have little control over it Intangibles, a generalization that puts such elements as missed tackles, penalties and blown blocking assignments together with fumbles, dropped passes and interceptions What fun

WLAA SWIM RESULTS

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500 freestyle 1 Haley Mitchell (WLV) 5:18.1 2 Alandra Greenlee (N) 5:19.71 3 Monica Pauza (LS) 5:25.57 4 Mary Sherada (LC) 5:28.63 5 Sarah Carr (N) 5:29.05 6 Becky Hurn (LS) 5:29.77 **consola****

tion 7 Sarah Timson (LC) 5:32.12 8 Lucy Liu (C) 5:38.02 9 9 Elaine Lafayette (P) 5:41.2 10 Katie Stewart (N) 5:41.92 11 Adrenne Turlo (LS) 5:48.12 Sarah Bardsley (N) 5:52.02
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Madonna bounces back to capture WHAC crown

With a top seed in the NAIA Region VIII playoffs at stake, the Madonna University women's soccer team was on the verge of its first home loss Saturday in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament championship game.

Siena Heights University, which lost the WHAC regular-season championship to the Crusaders on the same field just 10 days earlier, was clinging to a 1-0 lead with 20 minutes left.

Two minutes and two shots from Kelly Japowicz and Sarah Pack later, the Crusaders led 2-1, extending their perfect record at Livonia's Greenmead Field to 7-0 and finishing 16-5-1 overall.

Japowicz, the freshman forward, scored Madonna's first goal 70:37 into the game, with an assist from senior defender Christen Shull (Salem).

Pack (Westland John Glen), the Crusaders' all-time leading scorer, got the game-winner on a breakaway, finding the left cor-

ner of the net from the opposite side. Pack now has 28 goals, one short of her single-season

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record, and nine assists (65 points).

The Saints (13-6-2) scored unassisted on a breakaway by senior Mary Roman at 26:58 in the first half.

Both teams earn a trip to the NAIA Region VIII playoffs, which start Friday at Indiana Wesleyan.

In the semifinals, MU, the WHAC's top seed, takes on the University of St. Francis (Ind.), while Siena clashes with the host.

Seven Crusaders hailed

Following the win Saturday, MU was honored with its WHAC season and tournament title plaques as well as several individual achievements.

Six players earned berths on the all-conference team and five were named to the all-academic team.

The all-WHAC team included Pack, Shull, senior forward Becky Guibord, senior midfielder Emily Jackson (Farmington Harrison), sophomore midfielder Lacey Catarino (Westland John Glenn) and senior defender Tonya Bruce.

Shull, a defender/midfielder, collected seven goals and five assists for the Crusaders (19 points), while Guibord had 12 goals and five assists (29 points) and Catarino totaled eight goals and five assists (21 points). Jackson finished with nine goals and a team-best 20 assists (38 points), and Bruce had two goals and two assists (six points).

Crusaders on the all-academic team, open to players who are at least a junior academically with a 3.25 or better grade-point average, were Pack, Guibord, Jackson, Bruce and junior forward Danielle Strickland.

Cornerstone ends MU win streak

The Madonna University men's soccer team had everything rolling its way up until the 23rd minute of Saturday's Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference championship game against Cornerstone University.

With a 16-game win streak and a 1-0 lead, it all looked good.

But good turned into bad and bad turned into worse when the Golden Eagles scored two goals to upend the Crusaders, stealing the WHAC Tournament title with a 2-1, and giving the Crusaders their first loss since the start of the season.

MU, now 16-2, gears up for the NAIA Region VIII playoffs in Mishawaka, Ind.

The Crusaders scored first with the team's leading scorer, junior forward Worth Sampson, striking unassisted with his 13th goal of the season 13 minutes into the game.

MU continued its attack, outshooting Cornerstone 28-9, but a stingy Eagle defense and a strong effort by keeper Justin Breckan held the Crusaders scoreless the rest of the way. Breckan finished with 11 saves, including eight in the second half when MU outshot Cornerstone, 18-2.

Crusader keeper Eric Scicluna

(Livonia Churchill) made two saves and allowed two goals as both Tom Nykamp and Jonathan George connected on

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assists from Layne Kreh.

Nykamp tied the game 10 minutes after the goal by Sampson and George nailed the game-winner with 15 minutes left to play.

In the regionals, MU first had to deal with Bethel (Ind.) College (13-5-2) yesterday. The regional title match will be played Saturday.

MU players saluted

For the second-straight season, MU's men's soccer team cleaned up with the highest conference honors: WHAC Coach of the Year and Player of the Year.

In his first season as a collegiate head coach, Tino Scicluna guided his team to an undefeated conference record and a first-place finish.

Sampson was selected as the player of the year by the conference coaches with his 13 goals, including three game-winners, and six assists (32 points total).

Joining Sampson on the all-WHAC team were teammates

T.J. Djokic (Livonia Stevenson), a sophomore midfielder who totaled nine goals and 13 assists (31 points), James Miller (Stevenson), a sophomore forward who had seven goals and seven assists (21 points), and senior defenders Matt Rosek and Dan Kurtinat.

Receiving all-academic team recognition were midfielders Justin Fishaw (Canton) and Zach Wilkes. Fishaw is a senior, Wilkes is a junior.

SC eliminated

Despite playing "some of the most exciting soccer I've seen," Schoolcraft College's men's team was beaten for the second time this season by Springfield (Ill.) College 5-3 in an NJCAA District D championship match Saturday in Springfield.

The loss ends the Ocelots' season at 12-5-1 overall, one win short of making the NJCAA Tournament. They lost 4-1 to Springfield in the first weekend of the season.

"We had great preparation going into the game," said SC coach Dominic Scicluna. "But we had some major mistakes made that shouldn't have been made."

"We gave a valiant effort but the finishing touch wasn't there."

SPORTS SHORTS

BASEBALL MEETING

The Plymouth-Canton Little League Baseball November meeting and registration will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Public Library. For more information, call Jim at (734) 207-7793.

PCJBA REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have high school registration for boys in grades 9-12 from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 at West Middle School. Cost is \$125.

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half, with assists from Liz DiPonio and Sarah Plymale.

The Ocelots' final score came from Natahe Thomas (Salem High), on an assist from Kitta.

Now SC must prepare for the NJCAA tournament, which begins next Thursday (Nov. 20) at Phoenix, Ariz. The Ocelots' first-round opponent is Hinds (Miss.) CC, which was 17-1-1 this season and is ranked 10th in the NJCAA.

According to the NJCAA, both Wright and Ahrens are ranked in the top 15 nationally in scoring. Wright has 17 goals and 17 assists, while Ahrens has 18 goals and seven assists. Kitta is next best for the Ocelots with nine goals and 11 assists.

For Hinds CC, Stephame Little is the scoring threat. She collect-

ed 22 goals and had 13 assists this season. More of a problem for SC is Hinds' keeper Karen Denney, who leads the NJCAA in goals-against average (0.278 per game). Dalcandro is 10th in the NJCAA (0.769).

Still, Tolstedt is confident. He's taken two other SC teams to the NJCAA tournament, in 2000 and 2001, finishing fifth both times. He's never, however, had an unbeaten team at this stage of the season.

"I think we've got all the pieces," Tolstedt said. "My biggest concern going in is nerves. We've got a young team — 16 freshmen and four sophomores. They need to continue to believe in themselves."

"Our task this week is to get them settled. I want them to be confident, but not overconfident."

A win over Hinds would put SC into Friday's semifinals. The NJCAA title game is scheduled for Sunday.



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Strong 1st quarter lifts PCA to win over Steiner

The first quarter spelled disaster for Rudolf Steiner Academy Tuesday in its girls basketball game at Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Eagles blanked Steiner 15-0 in that opening period, putting them well on their way toward a convincing 51-27 victory.

PCA improved to 6-13 with the win. Amanda Saagman led the Eagles with 14 points, she also had five steals and four assists. Shannon Murray collected nine points, with April LaBenne getting 13 rebounds to go with her three points and Carissa Elenbaas had six points and 11 boards.

Kim Vachon provided nearly all the offense for Steiner, scoring 20 points.

PCA finishes its regular season by hosting Taylor Baptist Park Friday Next Thursday (Nov. 20), the Eagles meet the winner of the Canton Agape-

Redford Bishop Borgess game in the Class D district semifinals at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

Canton Agape 61, Macomb Christian 20: Things went from bad to worse for Macomb Christian Tuesday at Discovery Middle School.

Canton Agape Christian outscored the Crusaders 17-10 in the opening period, then out-pointed them 14-3 and 16-6 in the second and third en route to an easy win.

Agape improved to 9-10 with the non-division win. Macomb Christian is 4-12.

The Wolverines were ignited by senior guard Emily Tong, who had 20 points, six rebounds and four steals, junior forward A.J. Creps, with her 13 points and 12 boards, and senior guard Tarah Armbruster, with 10 points.

Alicia Gross topped the Crusaders with eight points.

Crusaders' Emenhiser nets 1,000th point in 92-80 win over St. Francis

Noel Emenhiser joined the 1,000 point club Saturday night as the host Madonna University men's basketball team disposed of St. Francis University, 92-80.

With the win, the Crusaders stay perfect at 2-0, while St. Francis drops to 2-1.

With 25 points, Emenhiser became only the fifth player in Madonna's history to reach the 1,000-point milestone. A technical foul free throw sealed the magic number. A junior, he now has 1,002 career points. Emenhiser, named Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference player of the week, led all scorers, while point-guard Dan Kurtinaitis, who played earlier in the day in MU's WHAC men's soccer final, contributed 20 points in 35 grueling minutes. The

Dearborn Edsel Ford graduate made some key free throws down the stretch that proved

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to be vital. He shot 10-of-14 from the line. The Crusaders showed poise, shooting an impressive 69 percent from the field in the first half while the Cougars shot only 41 percent, including 2-of-11 from three-point land. The Crusaders built their lead to as much as 23 points in the first half. Emenhiser proved to be the catalyst for Madonna, netting 10 points in the first 10 minutes of the game and winding up with 14 points in the first

half. Emenhiser finished the night hitting 3-of-4 from beyond the three-point arc.

Kurtinaitis followed with 13 points as Madonna led 52-36 going into the second half.

St. Francis began to come out of its shell to begin second half, pulling even at 61 with 13 minutes left.

Dusty Beucler paced St. Francis in scoring with 20 points, connecting on 10-of-13 from the foul line. Nick Ankenbruck was the only other Cougar to score in double figures with 11.

"We let (St. Francis) back into the game," said Kurtinaitis. "We just had to keep fighting, we weren't running the offense and our shot

selection was poor. Hopefully in the future this wouldn't happen again."

It stayed close in the second half before Chris Behrns scored two of his 14 points that pushed Madonna ahead for good 78-76 with 4:00 remaining.

"We've battled through some tough times and have come through as a team," said Emenhiser. "If I can get the shots to go in, I'll be happy to be the leading scorer. If someone else wants to, that's fine, too. We need to come together and play well every night to get those 'Ws'."

Joe Kofahl, 5-of-7 from the floor, notched 12 points and eight rebounds.

Ocelots open with easy win

It was the survival of the fittest Monday night as Schoolcraft College came out the lighter team, handing the visiting Marygrove College Mustangs a heavy 67-24 thrashing as the Lady Ocelots won their opening game of the season.

Schoolcraft came out strong, outscoring Marygrove 35-15 despite going only 14-of-39 (35.8 percent) from the field.

The Ocelots' defense and offense awoke in the second half, as the Mustangs only managed to score nine points.

Ashley Gibson scored a game-high 18 points, with seven assists, for Schoolcraft. Both Crystals shined brightly in the Ocelots' favor, with Crystal Pittman netting 14 points and Crystal Taylor contributing 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The Ocelots shot 10-for-19 (52.6 percent) from the free throw line, while the Mustangs managed to convert only 3-of-12 (25 percent).

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Particularly Guern and Ellen Canale. The twosome accounted for 34 of the Rocks' points, hurting Canton in every possible way from behind the three-point arc, with short jumpers, defense and at the free-throw line, where Guern was 11-of-13.

Perhaps what bothered Canton coach Bob Blohm most was the confusion the Salem zone seemed to cause his players.

"I thought we were tentative," he said. "I wouldn't let Cezat get 25 points and (15) rebounds again. The zone was a good call (Thomann) was going to make us beat them from the outside."

But Cezat, a 6-foot junior, has wreaked havoc all season long in the paint, even with zone defenses collapsing on her. True, the others may not have played their zones as effectively as Salem did, but the bottom line is the Chiefs did get some open looks at the basket.

They just missed them. From the field, they made a pitiful 10-of-41 shots (24.4 percent), Salem was 13 of 32 (40.6 percent). The Chiefs, who had not lost

to a WLA opponent all season, never led in this game. Two triples by Canale gave Salem an 8-4 lead after one quarter, five second-quarter points by Guern, including a three-pointer in the final seconds, gave the Rocks a 15-10 halftime advantage.

Cezat scored in the opening minute of the second half to bolster Canton's hopes, but seven-straight Salem points deflated them once again. After Cezat's basket to start the quarter, the Chiefs missed seven-straight shots.

Meanwhile, Guern and Canale continued to wreak havoc. "Both those kids showed why they were all-conference players," said Thomann.

Canton's only answer was Rachele Guastella, who led the Chiefs with 15 points. "They just played better than we did today," said Blohm, before adding another troubling factor. "I can live with losing if we work hard, but I don't like being outworked. Today, they outworked us."

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ROCKS

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"She was seeded 18th and she got seven points for us there," Phill said "That was a huge jump for us"

Salem coach Chuck Olson was also pleased with his team's outing

The Rocks had been beaten by Walled Lake Western, Stevenson and Northville in the 200 freestyle relay during the regular season But Saturday, the foursome of Katy Truesdell, Heather Michalsen, Kelsey

Lincoln and Mertens emerged victorious 1 43 59, which also qualified as a state meet cut

"We were the fourth fastest coming in, that was a nice drop for us," Olson said "And the other two relays we got second We've been solid in the (200) medley all year and in the 400 (freestyle relay) we went a little faster today

"It was a good meet all the way around"

Salem's two main guns were Mertens, a senior, and Kelsey Lincoln, a 10th-grader

Mertens, who moved back to the area after swimming for the Rocks her freshman year,

showed she's a state meet contender by winning the 200 individual medley in 2 10 59, nearly six seconds ahead of her teammate Lincoln, and the 100 breaststroke in 1 07 55, more than two seconds ahead of Glenn's Jill Peterson

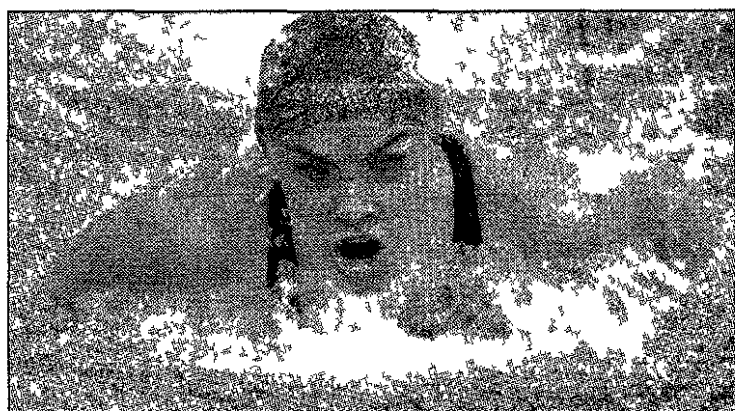
"She's really focused on the state meet," Olson said of Mertens "She was close to our record in the breaststroke We hope she can get some of our records at the state meet, which will hopefully stick around

"And Lincoln had a good day, too. She was second to Mertens in the IM She also got a state

cut in the 100 backstroke (third in 1:03 11) and was in 200 freestyle relay That's tough double coming out of the 200 freestyle relay right into the 100 backstroke"

Other individual winners included Glenn freshman Jill Peterson, who captured the 50 freestyle in 25 31, and Western's Haley Mitchell, who won the 500 freestyle in 5 18 10

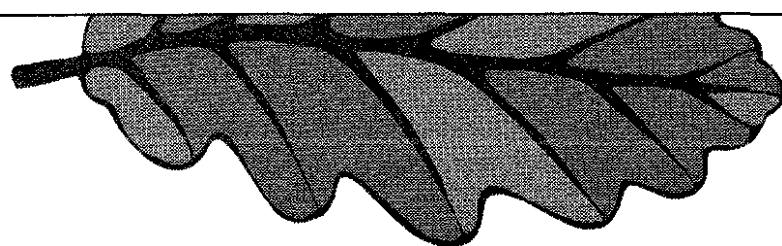
In diving, Western's Charlotte Martin scored 378 50 points to finish ahead of Salem runner-up Ashley Aquinto, who tallied 355 00



Canton's Alison Goldsmith splashed to a third-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly at Saturday's WLAA Finals

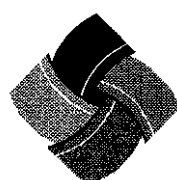
THE WEEK AHEAD

<p>GIRLS BASKETBALL Thursday Nov 14</p> <p>Northville at Stevenson 7 p.m. Churchill at John Glenn 7 p.m. Franklin at Wayne 7 p.m. Canton Agape at Detroit Urban 7 p.m.</p> <p>Friday Nov 15</p> <p>New Haven at Clarenceville 6:30 p.m. Baptist Park at Ply Christian 7 p.m.</p> <p>GIRLS SWIMMING Saturday Nov 15</p> <p>CHSL Meet at Royal Oak Dondero TBA</p> <p>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Saturday Nov 15</p> <p>Lorain CC (Ohio) at Schoolcraft 3 p.m. Calumet (Ind.) at Madonna 7 p.m.</p> <p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</p>	<p>Friday Nov 14 (Chipola CC Fla Tourney)</p> <p>Schoolcraft vs Vincennes (Ind.) 5:30 p.m. (Huntington College Ind Tourney)</p> <p>Huntington vs Trinity Christian (Ill.) 6 p.m. Madonna vs Cedarville (Ohio) 8 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday Nov 15</p> <p>Huntington College (Ind.) Tourney 1 & 3 p.m. (Chipola CC Fla Tourney)</p> <p>Schoolcraft vs Gulf Coast (Fla.) CC 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday Nov 14</p> <p>Whalers vs Brampton (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday Nov 15</p> <p>Whalers vs Sarnia (Compuware) 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>TBA - time to be announced</p>
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., November 20th, 2003 for the following:

FALL 2003 PARKS TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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Notice is hereby given that the Plymouth District Library will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 4, 2003 the following:

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Specifications, proposal forms and other Contract Documents are attached, or may be obtained at the Plymouth District Library during regular business hours.

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Antiques Market

Step into the 2003 holiday season at Michigan's Holidays Antiques Market, Friday-Sunday, Nov 21-23, at the Southfield Municipal Complex, 26000 Evergreen, in Southfield

Antiques and collectibles will be featured from dealers from around the country

There will be a range of accessories including art deco, estate and designer jewelry, rare books, clocks, textiles, candlesticks, vintage bowls, serving platters and glass. Selections also include jewelry, furniture, garden and architectural pieces, lighting, stained glass, silver, bronzes, paintings, prints, quilts, folk art, vintage clothing, purses, perfumes and posters

Admission is \$7 or \$6 with any ad or listing. Children 12 years and under are free.

Show hours are 2-9 p.m. Friday; noon to 8 p.m., Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The Southfield Municipal Complex is at Evergreen Road at Civic Center Drive (10 1/2 Mile Road). Exit south on Evergreen from I-696

He said, she said

There are no two ways about it, designing or renovating your home is stressful - especially when your significant other is involved

Couples often don't agree on life's daily decisions, but begin a design or renovation project and watch what happens. Many designers have stories about couples who refuse to compromise

"The role of a designer often involves being a psychologist," said Connie LeFevre of Houston's Design House

To foster harmony among couples, designers strategically combine elements from each partner's ideas to create a unique balance, employing drastically different styles, materials and suggesting compromises to stay within budget

Designers report that men often gravitate toward glass, steel and leather, and women favor draperies, stone and wood

Here is a list of key points from Wilsonart International for couples to survive home improvement and design projects without filing for divorce. Determine budget, scope and quality, research manufacturer offerings through Web sites and brochures, consult with a designer, and make the commitment without getting frustrated



Anne Musson stands in her living room where she has decorated her fireplace mantel. Musson's home will be on the 2003 Plymouth Holiday Home Tour on Nov. 22

Traditions, decor and design

Country French home one of five on Plymouth tour

Guess who's coming to Thanksgiving dinner? Well, according to the nameplates at the home of Anne and Warren Musson in Plymouth, guests will include Christopher Columbus, Ben Franklin, Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Louis Pasteur and Mother Teresa

The nameplates of the make-believe dinner and Thanksgiving and Christmas

holiday settings throughout the Mussons' Country French home are all part of the fun of this year's Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour on Sunday, Nov. 23. The Mussons' home will grace the cover of this year's tour book and is among five homes on the tour. (See related chart)



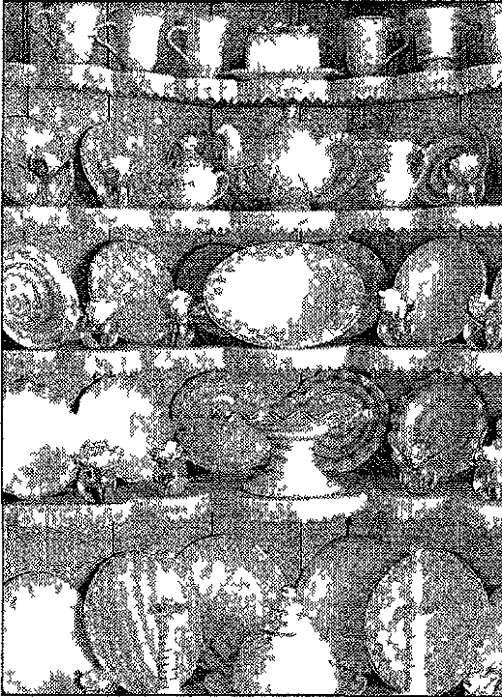
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A Santa Claus figure brightens a tree in the home of the Musson family

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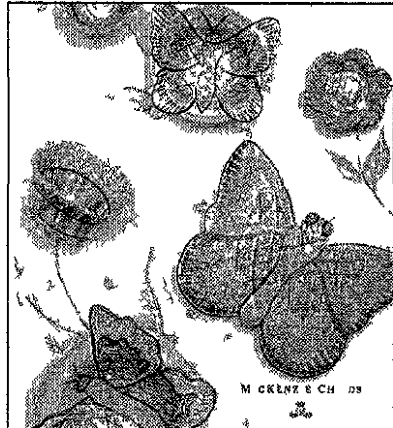
Mackenzie-Childs art

La Belle Provence 185 W Maple in Birmingham, will host Tisch Johnson an artist from Mackenzie-Childs, Friday Nov 14, and Saturday, Nov 15. La Belle Provence will be introducing Mackenzie Childs new collection. La Belle Provence also will donate a percentage of all Mackenzie-Childs purchases to Variety the children's charity. Every visitor will receive a special bulb. Johnson will be hand-painting pottery in the window of La Belle Provence that can be purchased and personalized. Budding artists can come in and paint their own piece or pottery which are great holiday gifts. Hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, Nov 14, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Nov 15



Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece along with information to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150



'Oh my!' 16 win a \$1,000 shopping spree

Sixteen lucky people are going on a shopping spree courtesy of area merchants and the Observer & Eccentric's Fabulous Furniture 2003 promotion

The winners will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate to spend at one of the 16 sponsors in the O&E contest. The winners were drawn by store managers or store owners and were notified last week

"Oh, my!" said an obviously delighted Christine Steffen of Livonia when told she'd won a \$1,000 gift certificate to Laurel Furniture in downtown Plymouth

Steffen said she has been trying to win for the last three years

"I'm tickled pink. My furniture guardian angel must have been looking out for me," said Steffen, who said she won't have any trouble spending her gift

"I always look, now I can buy," she added

James Gibbs of West Bloomfield, the winner of a \$1,000 gift certificate to Sherwood Studios, has already purchased a desk for his office with his prize

Other winners (drum roll please) are:
■ Karen Pokorski of Macomb Township, Amish Direct Furniture in Shelby Township
■ Mark Henderson of Lake Orion, House of Lights and Designers



Classic Interiors general manager Dave Gornall pulls out a winning entry form from Belinda Boothroy of Plymouth

Emporium (locations in Rochester, Farmington Hills, Roseville, Shelby Township/Utica, Grosse Pointe Woods)

■ Lila Silagi of Canton Township, Mans Lumber and Millwork in Canton
■ Belinda Boothroy of Plymouth, Classic Interiors of Livonia.
■ Edward T. McDonnell of Farmington Hills, Newton Furniture

PLEASE SEE SHOPPING SPREE, C4

Fix those odors from the washer

Don't you get the feeling of autumn?

It's the time of year when we see the changes of nature such as squirrels packing away the winter groceries, chipmunks finding a hole to keep warm and birds flying south.

Let us not forget the fallen leaves which have created many aching backs.

My phone also rings off the hook. It is the same type of call I get every year around this time and has to do with odors in the house.

The caller usually describes a putrid smell coming out of the washer, much like a sewer gas, or a "rotten egg" smell emerging from the kitchen sink. They ask what they can do about it.

At this time of year I give out three different prescriptions for this "ailment" and usually people call me back to thank me.

For starters, the drain hose from the washing machine that fits into a stand pipe must fit loosely. Too tight a fit allows the washer pump to act as a vacuum when it is washing clothes. The hardware stores sell an adapter to make the

pipe larger to give you a looser fit for the drain hose.

Secondly, you should pour a quart of bleach into the drain hole on the basement floor. If you plan to carpet or tile the basement floor, remember to give yourself access to that drain. Doing this two or three times a year will help to kill the bacteria growth which causes these odors.

The third cure - and my personal favorite - is to resolve a common problem, which is created by leaves that floated through the air and landed in the stack vent pipe on the roof.

In the spring time a bee's nest might be in there, but at this time of year leaves are most likely the culprit. You should take a garden hose up on the roof, turn on the water on the pipe for two minutes and soon you'll smell the difference. (Please use care in getting up there.)

Another odor of strange smell comes from many clothes dryers at this time of year.

It usually affects gas dryers and also the clothes after drying them. Thousands of homeowners call for needless service every year and spend a lot of money to be told a solution that you are in the process of reading here.

A gas dryer takes in 200 cubic feet of air per minute for combustion reasons and sucks

in air, even from the other end of the house.

That air movement means any odors emitted from a household project, such as painting or caulking, are transmitted into the dryer. (For all you hockey moms out there, don't hang the kids' hockey gear near the dryer.)

Speaking of the dryer, have you taken an old toothbrush and cleaned the little hinge area of the flapper outside on the vent line exhaust? I have heard the story a thousand times about the squirrel which entered the dryer through the vent line only to receive the equivalent of the electric chair. (Talk about odors. That is one you won't forget.)

I had a squirrel come down my chimney just a few weeks ago. Getting rid of the squirrel was as simple as opening the patio door and the poor little guy really wanted out. Kenmore, our cat, was acting like a mountain lion. Before I let the squirrel out, it took three complete trips through downstairs rooms to grab Kenmore and lock him in the bedroom.

I also reminded him that he didn't have any claws. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.



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Plan ahead to cut costs, save time

I spend time and money on gifts, cards and wrapping paper. My children are invited to friends' birthday parties on a regular basis. Monthly we celebrate birthdays of extended family members. I must purchase gifts and wrapping paper. Can I cut my expenses and the time spent going to the store?



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"Let's go shopping!"

"There is a great sale!" This is sweet music to most women's ears.

Many women already juggle work and home schedules but do not be afraid to add economical shopping to your list of jobs.

Make it your mission to save money with every purchase and have gifts available in your home. If you read about a sale, go to the store and check out the good deal they are advertising.

To maximize your dollar it is important to be a prudent shopper. Buy most items on sale.

Plan and buy ahead of time so you do not have to emergency shop.

You will spend more money if

you are under a time constraint to purchase an item. For example, if you have a week's notice about a birthday party, do not shop the night before or the day of the event. You can use any of several approaches to buying gifts.

- Buy a specific gift for a specific person.
- Buy gifts that are inexpensive and store them.

The best time to purchase clothing is to buy off season. Whenever you are in a store look through the sale items. I have a large shelf in my basement on which I keep gifts. It is my own shopping center and everything is paid for. Purchase items fifty to seventy-five percent off the regular price. It is not only economical but fast and convenient.

When one of my children needs a gift for a friend, the first place I shop is my basement shelf.

I store gifts in categories on my shelf. There is an adequate supply in each group from which to choose.

Household Towels, sheets, decorative bowls, baskets, Children's Birthday Books, stuffed animals, kids crafts, games.

Wedding Picture frames, silver pieces.

Baby Blankets, sleepers, plaques.

Friend's Birthday Perfume, lotions, jewelry, books, stationery.

Teacher Pencils, notepads,

teacher mugs. Clothing: Shirt (men's large, ladies medium), ties, scarves. Keep an abundant supply of products such as wrapping paper, ribbons, bows and tissue. These items are enjoyed briefly, opened and thrown away.

For this reason it is important to get these paper items cheaply.

Organize these items in separate containers. Create a small container for scissors, tape, small notebook and a pen. Keep all of these wrapping supplies in the same location so you will be able to wrap a gift quickly and not be hunting for materials. Your goal is to save money and be efficient. Store cards in a drawer or closet and separate by categories.

Keep them in their original card box or place in clear plastic containers the size of a shoe box.

Separate and label by subject. For example, designate a separate container for Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Baby Congratulations, Thank You Notes, Holiday Cards and stationery.

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Replace those missing shingles

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q. John asks: We have a 25-year-old asphalt shingle roof which seems to be in excellent condition.

A storm took four shingles off.

There is no leaking anywhere, but we aren't quite sure how to make the repair.

We have extra shingles. Also, there is a greenish-gray mold growing on part of the roof.

A. To replace the missing shingles, simply slip the new ones into place where the old ones existed and hold them in place with barbed roofing nails.

Roofing nails are short and have larger than normal heads. Two in each shingle is all that should be needed.

Hold the shingle above - up and out of the way - and use a flat pry bar as an extension of your hammer to drive in the nails.

Be careful not to pry too hard on the existing shingles

because they very likely will be dry and brittle.

It sounds as if you have a combination of moss and mildew growing in a shady part of your roof.

All you'll need to do to solve this problem is to mix a cup of household bleach into a gallon of warm water.

Apply the solution with a nylon bristle brush and rinse with fresh water.

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What: Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour 2003
Holiday Traditions Decor and Design The tour features five homes (one in the city of Plymouth and four in Plymouth Township) A fund-raising event to benefit the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra by the Plymouth Symphony League

Visitors on the tour are asked to bring and wear their own slippers in the homes

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 23

Tickets: Ticket guide is \$18 in advance \$20 the day of the tour They can be purchased at Colonial Card & Camera 44465 W. Ann Arbor Road Plymouth (734) 455-2930 Gabriela's 322 S. Main Plymouth (734) 455-8884 Michigan Made & More 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth (734) 207-8794 Plymouth Symphony Society Office 18 Forest Park in Plymouth (734) 451-2112 and Gardenviews 202 W. Main in Northville (248) 380-8881 For information call the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or K.C. Mueller at (734) 455-0075

HOLIDAYS

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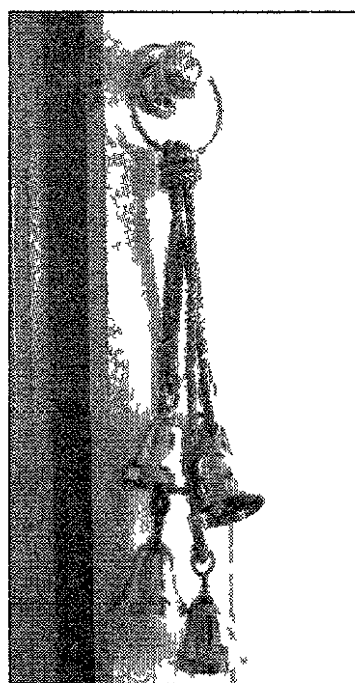
Homes vary as much in style as their owners do

SOMETHING FOR ALL

Whether you enjoy Country French, transitional, Queen Anne or classic colonial, this year's Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour promises guests a generous mix of holiday decor inside a variety of homes. Proceeds benefit the symphony.

"Homes are chosen because of either their historical significance, their architectural interest and/or their design and decor," said K.C. Mueller, tour organizer. "For the Holiday Tours, they must also love to decorate. Some homes are recommended, some homes are volunteered, and some are requested from the public to be seen."

"We will have two or three boutiques and some surprise raffles which will all be related to holiday crafts and gifts. Ideas for holiday decorating



Jingle bells adorn a doorknob

will also be unique in each home."

For the Mussons, their second appearance on the tour and the first in this home gives them a chance to contribute. "It's a lot of work, but it's for a good cause," Anne said. Anne, an interior design consultant,

owns AM Designs and decorated her entire home.

The dining area will be decorated for Thanksgiving with the table set for the turkey dinner. An oil painting of Santa graces the wall. Anne first saw it at an auction, but she was outbid for it. It was a painting she really wanted it.

Several weeks later, her husband came up with a ruse, telling her one night that he thought he heard somebody downstairs and wanted her to accompany him there. "He led me downstairs and he had set (the painting) on a chair," Musson said. "He really surprised me."

The living room will be decorated in creams and golds, she said. Illuminated candles will light up the tree underneath the tree.



The largest of several trees in Musson's home is located in the living room and features a miniature village at the base of the tree.

Christmas village is displayed.

That eclectic Department 56 collection of Dickens Village represents a symbolic chronology of the Mussons' travels - the Watertower in Chicago, the Eiffel Tower, a London taxicab, a London phone booth and a police car. The police car was purchased locally, she said.

One year one of the fences broke, so I told one of my

daughters. We have vandalism, so we need a police car," Anne said.

Miniature trees will decorate a buffet in front of a Norman Rockwell painting of Ichabod Crane.

Along another wall is an antique secretary desk. Anne remembers sitting at it as a child when it was her aunt's.

That's the room where we

spend Christmas Eve," Musson said.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The kitchen is decorated in what Anne describes as a 'homespun' style. She expects to decorate the room using greenery, snowmen and Santa

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- Consider color. Clear lights are still the most popular choice in outdoor decorating, but options are limitless. For example, English Gardens' Premier Collection 105-light sets come in 16 color combinations.
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- Plug in lights first. Nothing is worse than stringing

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- Start early and take advantage of the warm weather. Remember, you don't need to turn them on right away.

Rick Vespa is vice president of Landscape Design & Installation at English Gardens.

Northville home tour benefits endowment funds

Five homes, ranging from 2-years-old to 30-years-old and in size from 3,000 to 7,000 square feet, have been selected for this year's Northville Community Foundation's Holiday Home Tour.

Organizers describe the homes as "unique, unusual and must see." Visitors will see a custom boudoir in a home with contemporary decor, 15 rooms and 5,000 square feet.

Another home has a new master suite and an upstairs walk-in closet has a washer and dryer in it. A third home has an Old World feel to it, as it overlooks a lake.

A fourth home has 12 rooms and is 6,200 square feet with a 'killer' lower level - with a bar and big screen television. The owners of the fifth home re-

located from Florida, and brought a little of that state with them in their French Normandy, 5,500 square foot home, decorated in sage and custard.

Decorators this year include Peggy Robison from Preferences in Northville, Catherine Pratt from the Design Center, Leigh Pisolini from French's Flowers in Livonia, David McKnight from Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills, and Patty Baker from Village Green in Livonia.

Recently, the Northville Community Foundation took over operations of the Maybury Farm.

Proceeds from this event will help fund the Foundation's endowment funds including

the healthy youth and seniors endowment.

What: Northville Community Foundation's 6th Annual Holiday Home Tour
When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 14-15
Tickets: \$18 available in Northville at Preferences, Changing Seasons Community Federal Credit Union, Gardenviews Chamber of Commerce and the Northville Community Foundation office, and in Livonia at French's Flowers. Tickets are limited and this event has been a sell out each year.
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Plymouth homes shine on tour

Four other homes on the Plymouth home tour will light up guests' eyes like the Christmas trees inside the homes themselves.

Cynthia and Paul Anderson's classic pillared colonial was remodeled, as the couple tore down a wall between the kitchen and the family room to create a great room.

With help from a kitchen designer from Fingerlee in Ann Arbor, all new cabinets and furniture style were designed for the news space with a black granite island in the center.

Cynthia based her decorating ideas on Alexandra's Stoddard's philosophy of decorating around the family. This year the themes are angels in the living room, snowmen in the kitchen/family room, Santas are in the powder room, one child's room is filled with bears and another is planes, trains and automobiles. The master bedroom will celebrate a White Christmas.

FAMILY MATTERS

The ornaments on the family tree are a collection of over 65 years going back to Paul's grandmother, Cynthia's grandmother and mother and from the families' travels.

Cynthia also enjoys making greenery from plants in the yard and leftover branches from Christmas trees.

Renee and Steve Alexandrowski's home has a

parlor, a display space for a favorite family memento over the baby grand piano - an ivory nativity with 24 karat gold feature highlights. The living room represents the focal point of holiday activity in the home. Renee's grandparents handmade each of the nearly 100 ornaments on the tree.

Reclaimed hardwood flooring constitute a farm table and antique pine cupboard. A large family room was redesigned during a 1996 addition to the home. Renee handpainted each of the 60 cabinets.

The master suite, bedrooms and bathrooms are located upstairs. A large glass block multihead shower can be a place to unwind after a busy day. Greg Franko created a stained glass half-moon window in the master bedroom.

Chris and Tom Kolakowski's home is a custom ranch, with a second floor bonus room, making it a "ranch plus" according to the tour program book.

Walking up a stone-wall lined driveway, a totem pole stands, created with a chainsaw by Jim Pieczulewski out of a tree that once sat on that spot.

Other artistic touches dress up the house. Jeff Conran faux painted the dining room in rich tones to accentuate a favorite painting, "The Touch" by Yuroz. A master bedroom suite has a sitting room, two-way fireplace, a



The village under the tree is one of Anne Musson's favorite decorations

large walk-in closet and bath. "The Bedroom Suite," a romantic themed six-print set by Yuroz is the focal point for the full bedroom wall. James Conran's mural transforms the master bath into one of the owner's favorite places, St. Andrews. The family room opens out into the home's latest addition, a four-season conservatory.

COUNTRY ENGLISH

Carole and Gerald Baker's home has been transformed over the past two years into a Country English home. Several pictures of the grand abbeys and cathedrals of England, collected by Carole and Jerry during their trips to England, hang in the foyer.

A library houses Peruvian artifacts, mementos from Jerry's recent archaeological digs in Centr Maliqui, Peru. Carole's Department 56 collection of Dickens' Village sits on the fireplace. The fireplace is a replica of the fireplace in their first home.

An old-fashioned Christmas tree is decorated with herbs, eucalyptus, dried flowers and handmade ornaments in the living room. The focal point in the room is an old leaded glass church window salvaged from St. Hedwig's Catholic Church. A handpainted mural of English flowers and brick shambles are by Sandi Hammerstrom Olivero, owner of Descendants Galeria in Plymouth.

DECOR

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The family room contains the sentimental tree and it is the room where Christmas Day is celebrated. That's the tree that has the old orna-

ments and the big bubble lights that once were so popular years ago. "I've learned to keep in mind, it's Christmas, it's all about memories and it gets the bubble lights and the old sentimental types of ornaments," Anne said.

The home tour will also offer a jewelry boutique, holi-

day crafts and a surprise raffle. Cookie Lee Jewelry Boutique will be featured at Musson's home with a percentage of sales to benefit the PSO. The Symphony League Holiday Crafts with crafts created by League members will be sold at Chris and Tom Kolakowski's home.

The tour organizer also has a special request for this year's walk. "This year we are asking the public to bring their own slippers to wear when they remove their shoes," Mueller said. "We found out on the last spring tour that our footies did not fit all sizes."

Picture-hanging made easy

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Isn't it annoying when you attempt a simple home improvement task like hanging a picture and it becomes a struggle? You measure to center the hook, you measure the wire on the back of the picture so that the height will be just right and when you go to hang it, you simply can't find the tip of the hook.

How can you get the wire on the hook without becoming frustrated? The answer is an everyday drinking straw. You can leave it intact or cut it in half - depending on the size of the picture.

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BUNGEE CORDS

There are few things more frustrating than going to your workshop to look for something and discovering that, between that moment and the last time you were there, someone jumbled the thing you now need - be it string, rope, rubber bands or bungee cords - into a knotted mess.

We have a solution - pipe or tubing.

We suggest a lighter material like plastic, but any kind of pipe will do. Cut the piece a little longer than the cords you want to store.

Then all you have to do is hook the bungee to one end of the pipe, stretch it slightly and hook the bungee over the other end of the pipe.

Cut as many pipes as you have bungee cords. The diameter of the pipe can vary according to your needs.

String and twine are easy too. Cut the letter "H" out of a piece of cardboard, plastic or thin plywood.

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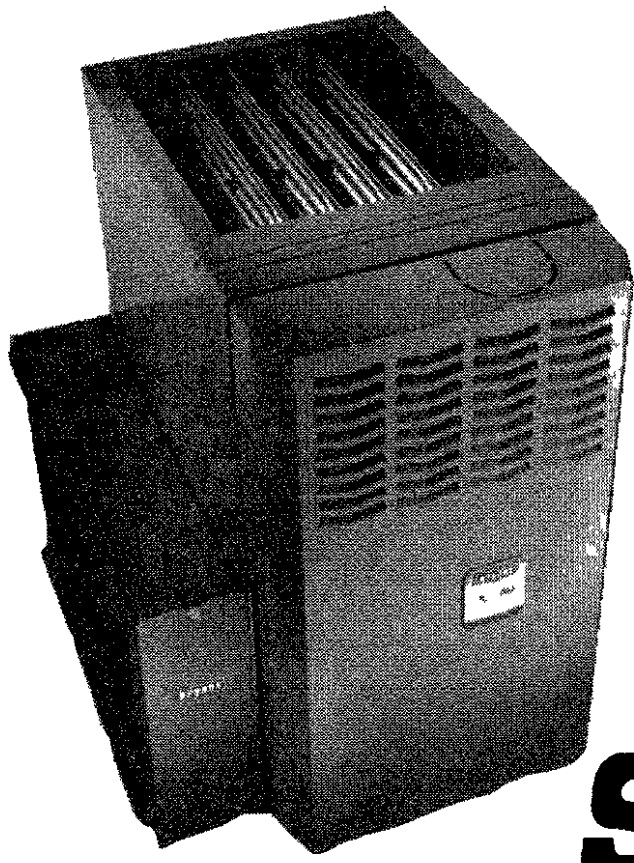
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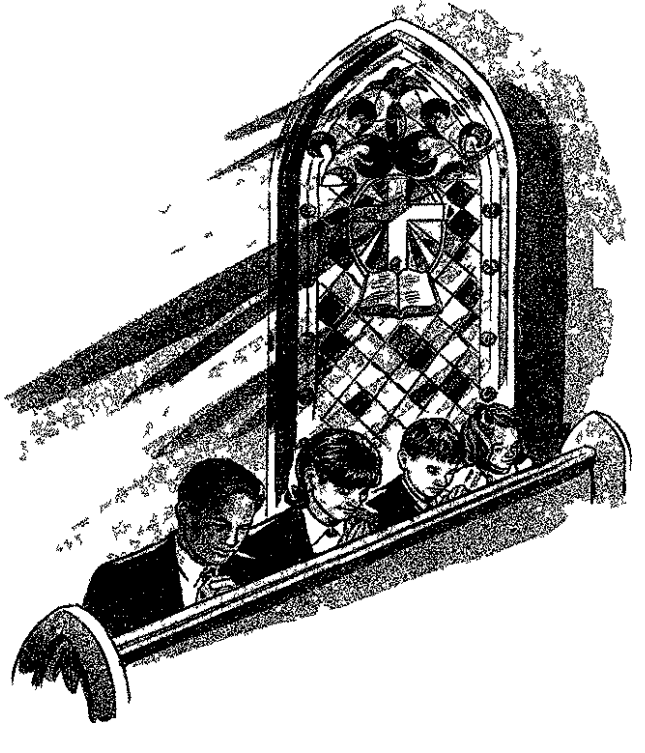
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A Simple Prayer....

Perhaps the simplest and most fitting prayer is the prayer of thanksgiving, which says, "Thank you, God." There really isn't any need to elaborate on this prayer, at least not for God's sake, because He certainly knows what we have in mind when we thank Him. But for our sakes, to be mindful of all the things we should be thankful for, we may choose to mention the blessings that God has given us. Saying "Thank you God for this food" is a perfectly acceptable way to say grace, and if we are sharing food with family or friends, we might thank Him also for those special people. Starting each day with a prayer is a good way to greet the new day, and what could be easier than saying Thank you God, for this day as we get out of bed. It is also important to thank God for the loving and supportive people around us, including family and friends that make our lives complete. Think how empty our lives would be without our loved ones, and we will undoubtedly be thankful. Finally, it is worth remembering that our very lives are a gracious gift from God. Thank you God, for creating me, and for creating me as me!

We give thanks to God always for you all constantly mentioning you in our prayers R S V 1 Thessalonians 1:2

RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write Religion Calendar Observer Newspaper 36251 Schoolcraft Road Livonia MI 48150 The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday

NOVEMBER

Alternative Christmas Fair

Featuring items from 23 nonprofits 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 15 at Hope Lutheran Church 39200 W 12 Mile east of Haggerty Farmington Hills Tickets are \$1 The variety of gift choices range from hand made items from Guatemala to coffee that will provide a fair price to independent coffee growers Silver and beaded jewelry from Zambia goes to buy first aid kits hats and livestock for those assisted by Orphans Medical Network International

Purchase livestock (chicken goats etc.) through The Herifer Project for food and income for a family in need or purses and totebags made by widows in El Salvador St Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills is selling gift items Christmas cards and stationery Lutheran Adoption Services Little People pins Money from the sale of small decorative chairs goes to The Furniture Bank of Oakland County

Seedlings Braille Books for Children offers everything from Braille and print placemats to Braille jewelry key chains T-shirts sweat shirts tote bags and Book Pins specifically designed to support literacy organizations Shoppers can also purchase Holiday Gift Cards For a \$10 donation a book will be inscribed with the purchaser's name Each donation subsidizes the production of another Braille book for a visually impaired child

Divorce workshop

For Lay Caregivers 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday Nov 16 in the Multi purpose room at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Presenter is the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan Workshop for persons who are caregivers working with families/couples who may be going through a divorce For more information call (248) 474-4701

Choral music concert

By the Choir of Old St. Mary's Church (Greektown) 2:15 p.m. Sunday Nov 23 No charge Free parking in church lot For more information call (313) 961-8711

Holiday Bake Sale

Homemade baklava (\$18 a tray of 30 pieces) and ready to bake spinach pie (\$16 a tray of 15 pieces) also available a new revised version of Yassoo Cookbook (\$12) from the Ladies Philoptochos Society of St. George Greek Orthodox Church 43816 Woodward Bloomfield Hills Phone orders welcome but will not be processed until payment is received Phone (248) 335-8869 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Messages may be left on the answering machine at other times Orders may be picked up at the church Sunday Monday Nov 16 17

Tots wanted for toys

St. Mary Catholic Church Community Outreach Center is accepting applications through Nov 29 from residents in Wayne Westland and Belleville requesting assistance from its Toys for Tots Campaign The center is at 34646 Sims at Second Wayne For more information call (734) 326-2234

Spiritual growth campaign

Participants can choose from various small groups meeting in a home in their area during a spiritual growth campaign presented by Faith Covenant Church continues to Nov 16 They will explore the 5 purposes for their lives as spelled out in the best selling book *The Purpose Driven Life* No charge to attend or for the book and materials Call (248) 661-9191

Grief Support Workshop

Continues 7:30-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays to Nov 18 at Christ the King Lutheran Church 9300 Farmington south of West Chicago Livonia Call (734) 421-0749

New worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in depth Bible teaching Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail west of Haggerty For more information call (734) 453-5534

Aerobic Class

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering a light Aerobic Class 11 a.m. to noon Thursday Dec 18 at 14175 Farmington Road south of Ford Field Livonia Cost is \$18 per 6 week session To register call (734) 522-6830 The public is welcome

Holiday shop

Global Gifts and Crafts Shop and UNICEF Card Shop continue offering wares through Dec 20 at First Baptist Church 300 Willits Birmingham Call (248) 644-0550 Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday Saturday Two hours of free parking are available in the

municipal lot adjacent to the building as you enter the shop from the Bates Street door on the east side One of the major suppliers again this year is American Baptist World Wide Gifts at Green Lake These gifts come from worker cooperatives resulting from the work of our ABC missionaries and partner Baptist conventions Every \$1,000 in sales provides a means for one family in the Third World to support itself for one full year

Fall Speaker Series

Continues 7 p.m. Wednesday Nov 19 with Douglas Lang founder and owner of Lang's Painting and Hardwood Floors in Ann Arbor talking about Entrepreneurship at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt Livonia Series continues each Wednesday through Nov 19 Love offerings accepted For more information call (734) 421-1760 or visit the Web site at www.unityoflivonia.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married couples can improve their communication skills learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other during weekend Worldwide Marriage Encounter Nov 14-16 at St. John's Family Life Center 44011 Five Mile Plymouth Registration fee is \$50 For information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site www.rc.net/detroit/wme Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a Roman Catholic nonprofit organization dedicated to marriage enrichment

Crusade Meetings

Crusade meetings are scheduled Sunday Nov 16 to Wednesday Nov 19 at Canton Calvary Assembly of God 7933 Sheldon Road Canton Times are 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday 7 p.m. Monday Wednesday Speaker is Rev. Keith Johnson of Tampa Fla. His latest book is *Crisis Your Launching Pad to Success* For more information call (734) 455-0820

Craft sale

A craft sale is scheduled 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 22 at St. John Lutheran 23225 Gill Road west of Farmington Road between Freedom Road and Grand River Farmington Hills Many crafts priced \$5 or less have been made by members of the church Proceeds will benefit the church building fund Call (248) 474-0584

Crossing in concert

The Crossing a band in the Celtic tradition will play music to warm your heart and get your feet tapping 6:30

p.m. Sunday Nov 23 at Trinity Church 14800 Middlebelt north of I-96 south of Five Mile Livonia Their lyrics express a concern for the least of God's people and a celebration of His greatness Instrumentation includes Highland and Irish pipes fiddle whistles flute harp guitars bouzouki cello and bodran Members of the group reside in Chicago where they live and work full time as inner city missionaries in a Christian community of 400 the Jesus People USA Tickets are \$10 For more information call (734) 425-0280 or send e-mail to TrnConv@aol.com

UPCOMING

Christmas Cookie Walk

Cookie Walk sale with cookies sold by the pound 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Dec 6 at St. Michael's Orthodox Church 26355 W Chicago between Beech Daley and Inkster Redford

Christmas craft show

More than 80 crafters exhibit their wares 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec 6 at St. Thomas a Becket Church 555 S Lilley Canton Bake sale and lunch available Tickets are \$2 children under age 12 free For more information call (734) 981-1481

ONGOING

Contemporary worship service

11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia For more information call (734) 422-6038

Worship services

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia For information call (734) 422-1470

Ablaze Young Adult Ministries

Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday Using cutting edge music high tech video and lighting drama multi media and a relevant message that can change lives Ablaze is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age Evening includes a live band pool tables ping pong basketball and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus 23800 W Chicago near Telegraph Redford

War on spam is a war worth fighting

Spam makes me sick Not the mystery-meat-in-a-can variety - I've never even tried that, though I hear it's surprisingly tasty I'm talking e-mail spam, the junk messages that flood my PC on a daily basis This morning I received perhaps the most insidious and annoying piece of spam ever - a seemingly innocuous message stating I had an e-card waiting (presumably one of those nice greeting cards people exchange via e-mail)

Largely because the coffee hadn't kicked in yet, I blindly clicked the "View E-Card" link contained in the message

Two browser windows popped up - one containing an ad for free prescriptions, the other a very graphic ad for pornography

In recent weeks I've received two separate e-mails from eBay telling me I need to update or verify my account information in order to continue using the service Only they weren't from eBay - they were fraudulent attempts to get me to reveal my credit card number

Got a similar come-on from PayPal, the online payment service I use for auctions This e-mail looked remarkably official, right down to the PayPal logo and even the font It said my account had been randomly flagged as part of routine security measures, and that I simply had to check a link and verify my information

Fraud Neither PayPal nor eBay ever sends e-mails asking users to verify their information If I hadn't known this, I'd probably have had some

frantic discussions with my credit card company by now

Buyer beware? These days, it's browser beware The simple (yet indispensable) act of having a personal e-mail account leaves you open to a flood of obnoxious, offensive advertising and potentially harmful scams

In other words, if you've got mail, you've got spam

In a previous column I wrote about spam-catching software (and got the most feedback of any of my columns, so I know I touched a nerve) Forget that, it's time to stop spam at the source Unfortunately, that's easier said than done Even if Congress passes legislation that levies fines against spammers, it may be almost impossible to enforce And it won't stop spam from overseas, which is where much of it originates anyway

That said, I urge you to learn more about the issue and express your concern to members of Congress You can find out how at the Coalition Against Unsolicited Commercial Email (www.caue.org), an excellent anti-spam resource One of the site's spokespersons is John Mozena of Grosse Pointe

I will discuss my favorite subject - PDAs - at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov 20, at the Baldwin Public Library, 300 W Merrill I will be teaching the basics, demonstrating the latest and greatest models, and giving away books, Handheld Computing subscriptions, and a PDA! Hope to see you there

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Broida of Commerce Township has written for computer and technology magazines and is a co author of several books on handheld computing Readers who have questions for Broida can e-mail him at rickbroida@excite.com

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It's the time of the season for festivities

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

People have been celebrating in the middle of winter probably since time began. Festive events often were planned to take the gloom off long winter nights, observe the winter solstice, and prepare for the next planting season.

The first official Christmas was celebrated in Rome during the 4th century. Hanukkah began after Judah Maccabee reclaimed the Holy Temple in Jerusalem in 164 B.C. A more recent establishment is Kwanzaa, started in 1966 for black Americans to recall harvest celebrations in ancestral Africa.

Whatever the reason, most people around the world seem to be hard-wired to take a break in their routines at this time of year to observe, festoon, party, sing, feast, give, or pray. Here are a very few of the events going on this season.

■ Thanksgiving starts the season, and that distinctively American holiday began in Plymouth, Mass.

On Thanksgiving Day the Pilgrim Progress will reenact the march of the Pilgrims to church, and an ecumenical church service will take place at the First Parish Church on the site of the Pilgrim's original Fort-Meetinghouse.

The "Day of Mourning" on Cole's Hill overlooking Plymouth Rock recalls members of the Wampanoag tribe, whose lives were altered by the coming of the colonists.

Their descendants will demonstrate their culture and speak to bring awareness of their cause.

■ At the Winterthur Museum in Delaware, they're dressing up the rooms to look like the images of holiday customs from the 1800s to early 1900s for the annual display, "Holiday Views and Visions," Nov. 8-Jan. 4.

Using period paintings, prints, illustrations and photographs as sources, the rooms will evoke Clement Moore's

"A Visit from St. Nicholas," a scene with Queen Victoria and her family around the Christmas tree at Windsor Castle, and a sentimental holiday scene with a mother and daughter, from a painting by Louis Lang.

Winterthur was once home for the du Pont family, and one of the scenes is devoted to how they celebrated the season during the 1930s and 1940s - including the bridge parties they hosted in the Chinese Parlor.

On the Web: <http://www.winterthur.org>

■ "Stille Nacht: A German Christmas" will be presented Dec. 17-Dec. 21 by the Folger Consort at the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C.

The programs focus on ancient hymns and folk melodies from German-speaking lands during the 15th, 16th and 17th century, including pieces from the earliest German songbooks. Selections include works by Praetorius, Buxtehude, and Schultz, as well as early baroque sonatas.

Performing in the library's Elizabethan Theatre, the company will play on period instruments such as viols, violins, medieval fiddles, lutes, harp and recorders.

On the Web: <http://www.folger.edu>

■ When Frederic Law Olmsted laid out the gardens at the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., he knew that the George W. Vanderbilt family would spend many winter days, including holidays, at the mansion.

So he planted the gardens with evergreens, holly and ivy that would twine around the branches of deciduous trees.

The fruits of his vision are on display for the Christmas at Biltmore Estate celebration Nov. 7-Jan. 4, with the winter greenery providing decorations for the house.

The house also is open Nov. 7-Jan. 3 for a series of "Candlelight Christmas

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Evenings," when visitors are serenaded by musicians playing holiday music in candlelit rooms. Reservations required.

On the Web: <http://www.biltmore.com>

■ Garden of Lights, Norfolk, Va., Botanical Garden, Nov. 27-Dec. 31. Light displays over a 2.5-mile range in the gardens can be viewed nightly by car, horse-and-carriage or the Polar Express.

On the Web: <http://www.norfolkvb.com>

■ New York City's best-known holiday event is the early-evening lighting of the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center, this year on Dec. 3.

This can be a bone-crusher in terms of crowds but fun if you're young and/or flexible.

Otherwise, watch the live television broadcast and come admire the tree and other decorations afterward, through the holiday season.

On the Web: <http://www.rockefellercenter.com>

■ Another Manhattan tradition is George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker," performed by the New York City Ballet

at the New York State Theater in Lincoln Center. Performances are Nov. 28-Jan. 4. Early advance purchase of tickets advised.

On the Web: <http://www.nycballet.com>, or call (212) 870-5570. Also through Ticketmaster.

■ In Chattanooga, Tenn., the bright spot is the Rock City Gardens, where The Enchanted Garden of Lights shines atop Lookout Mountain Nov. 21-Jan. 3.

Twenty-five fantasy scenes are created with 500,000 lights.

On the Web: <http://www.seerockcity.com>

■ "Rites of Enchantment - When the Creatures Come Out to Celebrate" is the U.S. Botanic Garden's way of reminding you that not all places that observe the winter holidays are in wintry zones.

The display, on view in Washington, D.C., Nov. 27-Jan. 4, will focus on cultures and landscapes of Brazil, Costa Rica, Mexico, the Caribbean nations and other regions between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn.

And in the Garden Court, visitors can consider the legend of how tree frogs, geckos and other jungle animals have carried out their own tradition of dressing in holiday finery.

On the Web: <http://www.usbg.gov>, or call (202) 225-8333.

■ If it's really possible to gild a lily, that might be the Tivoli Christmas Market at Copenhagen's Tivoli Gardens, Nov. 18-Dec. 23.

One of the world's oldest and most famous fantasy parks for its normal spring-summer season, Tivoli reopens for the winter holidays to present several Christmas markets, ice skating on the lake, a gnomes' dollhouse village and other treats, all with the glittering light shows.

On the Web: <http://www.tivoligar-dens.com>

Sunroom manufacturer improves aesthetics

National sunroom manufacturer, TEMO Sunrooms, Inc., recently rolled out its new Nino Vitale Signature Collection sunroom, its latest offering in innovative sunroom products that span more than 30 years of development, including the industry's first thermal roof and wall application in sunrooms.

The Nino Vitale Signature Collection is named after TEMO founder and CEO, Giovanni "Nino" Vitale, represents the sunroom pioneer's vision.

The new style is a major departure from current sunroom styles and building techniques that are defined by attaching sunroom walls and a roof system to the exterior of a home - with the look of an obvious add-on. The Signature Collection sunroom appears from the outside as if it were built during the home's original construction.

"But inside, it's pure sunroom," says Vitale.

TEMO creators believe this combination will be well received, based on market research that identifies a large homeowner segment who responds to the idea of a sunroom - an all-window room that gives homeowners the benefits of being outdoors without insect intrusion or weather interruption - but desire the exterior to match their existing architecture.

One way the Signature Collection improves exterior aesthetics is by blending the sunroom roof to the home's existing roof.

This includes matching the home's overhang and roofing with shingles or the same materials as the home's roof.

Also new is the roll out of TEMO's first-ever sunroom hip roof, using thermal sunroom panels, designed to compliment the roof style found in most current home styles.

Overhead interior wood beams, crown molding and an elevated sunroom ceiling give the sunroom more of a "great room" feel.

The Signature Collection also draws itself into the home with an option to build on a knee wall that uses the same brick or exterior siding material found on the home.

With the Signature Collection, TEMO expects to open new territory among upscale homeowners and those in areas with demanding homeowners' associations that set strict architectural standards for additions or changes to the home.

We also expect to attract homeowners looking for that conventional construction appearance, but who don't want the same cost or wait for conventional construction," says Vitale.

TEMO sunrooms price out significantly lower than conventional construction, and can be built in days, compared to weeks, because of their pre-manufactured panel system design.

"The Signature Collection sunrooms are designed for quick construction and they're engineered to meet the same snow and wind load requirements as standard home construction," says Bob Walz, TEMO's registered engineer.

Walz led the team that developed and tested the prototype and final versions of the Signature Collection and new hip roof.

TEMO Sunrooms sells and installs its rooms through its national dealer network. Locally, TEMO sunrooms are distributed in southeastern Michigan through its retail outlet, Tony V's Sunrooms and Spas, with two show-room locations in Clinton Township and Canton.

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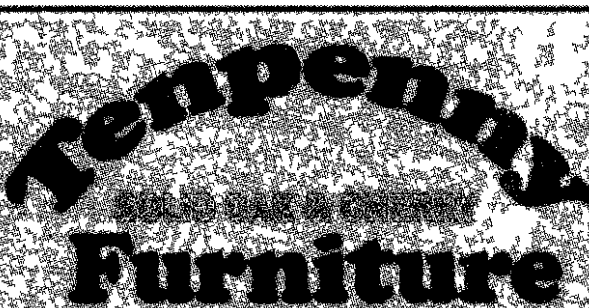
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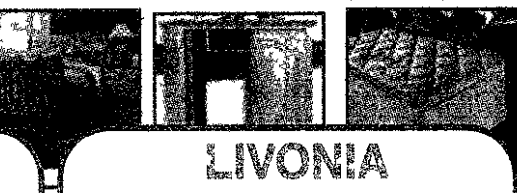
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Fixing repairs now helps prevent hassles next spring

Several months of sun, heat and humidity from extreme spring and summer weather can leave its mark on your home's outdoor oasis.

Canvas umbrellas and cushions tear and wear through, plastic chairs develop cracks and chips, hoses spring leaks, garden tools lose handles, favorite ceramic pots and garden ornaments break and screens develop small tears from "munchkin" traffic.

Here's a smart tip: A little "triage" and repair before storing lawn furniture, garden tools, hoses and even pots and garden ornaments for the winter will make bringing them out next season easier and a lot more fun.

"Most of these problems can be solved quickly and easily with adhesives, but using the correct adhesive is important," says Steve Velten, technology manager and chemist for

Eclectic Products, Inc. "If you are repairing a leaky hose, for example," says Velten, "the adhesive must remain flexible after drying or it will just crack or chip off. It also needs to be waterproof and UV resistant."

According to Velten, canvas or any material which is not rigid needs flexibility and an ability to withstand the contraction and expansion caused by temperature extremes. This is also true for repairing cracked or broken flower pots and garden ornaments.

Some adhesives are specialized and work well only on one or two materials.

Traditional white glues work great, for instance, on paper-to-paper projects but are inappropriate for outdoor use.

However, not all adhesives work well when joining two different substances which may have different drying

times - like a wooden handle to a metal trowel or a metal flag holder to a brick wall. "When the adhesive cannot allow for the variance of drying time between the two materials, the bond may fail," says Velten.

Yet you don't need a drawer full of specialty adhesives. Your best bet for most repairs is a versatile, strong, one-part adhesive that dries to a rubbery, flexible, waterproof finish, like Amazing GOOP adhesives.

They are some of the strongest one-part adhesives available, replacing glues, paste, rubber contact cement, silicone and patch kits.

Use them to repair, mend, seal and permanently bond two different materials. They are easy to apply and ready to use right out of the tube and they won't break or crack under pressure. Outdoor GOOP is UV resistant, but if

your project sits in direct sunlight, painting over the completely dry adhesive enhances this quality.

Rubbery, flexible, waterproof adhesives like this can create a protective coating for garden gloves, a non-slip surface for tool handles, seal roof gutters and drainpipes and fix leaks in cement ponds and birdbaths. Inside the house, they can be used for sealing, mending, reattaching, coating and bonding.

Most home improvement and hardware stores carry a variety of adhesives, including Amazing GOOP adhesives, which come in 11 varieties including Household GOOP and Outdoor GOOP.

For more information about one-part adhesives, contact Eclectic Products, Inc. at (800) 767-4667 or visit the company's Web site at www.goopit.com.



Repairing lawn furniture, garden tools and pots before storing them for the season will make it painless to bring them out next season.

Combating 'dry home' syndrome

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

While your home's heating system is designed to keep you warm during the cold winter months, it can cause your home to become too dry.

Symptoms you experience as a result can range from a dry nose and throat to colds.

One of the most effective methods of dealing with "dry-home syndrome" is use of a whole-house humidifier. A central humidifier supplies humidity to a home through the ductwork in a forced-air heating system.

Whenever the furnace blower kicks on, the low-voltage electrical circuit that operates the humidifier does so as well. The humidifier operates when a room-mounted, moisture-sensing device called a humidistat detects the air in the home is too dry.

Homes with no duct work or those heated with hot water or electricity cannot use a central humidifier. In these cases, small localized units are the answer.

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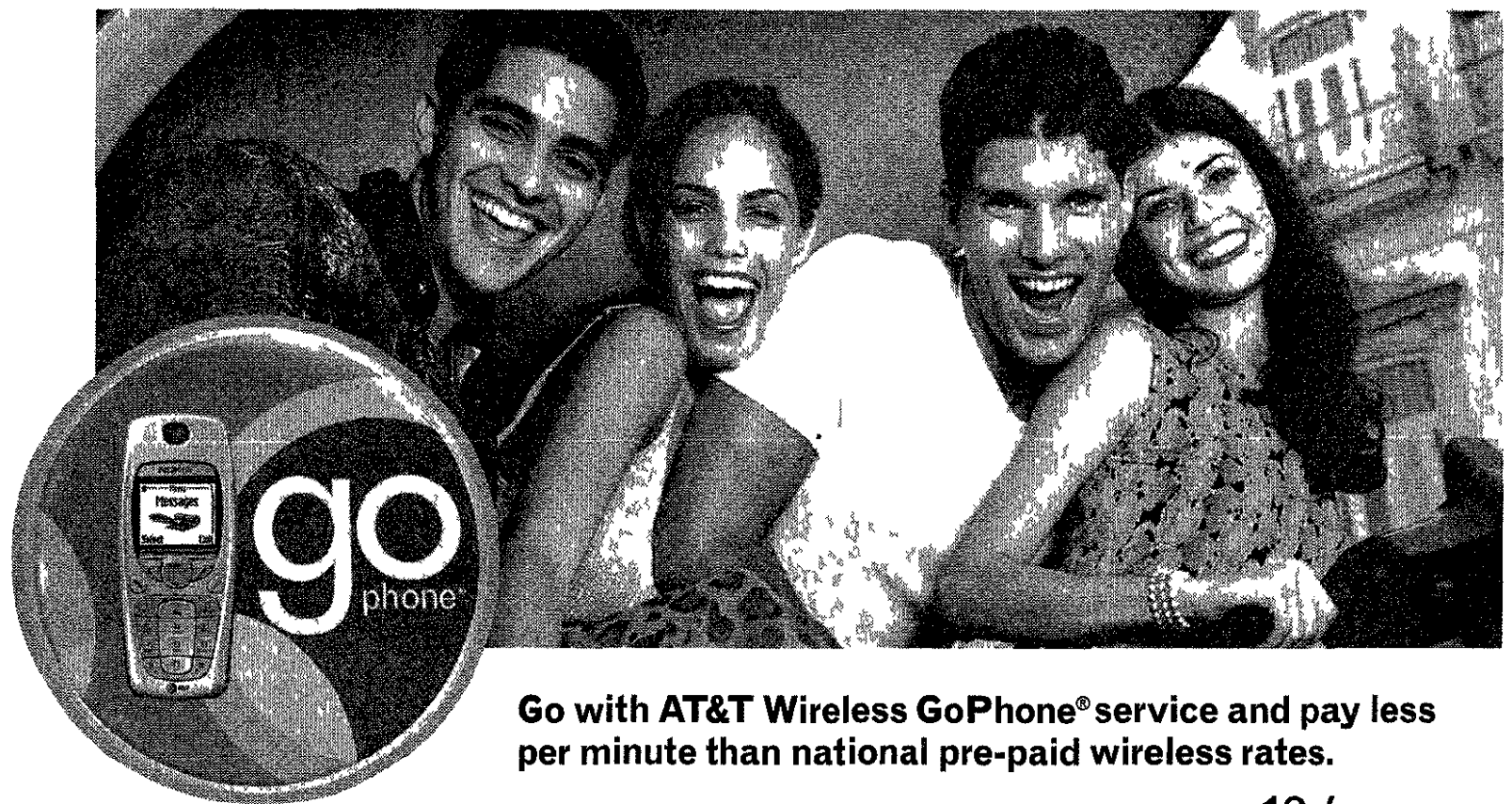
Hill & Dale
The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Marty Figley, gardening columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, will present Herbs and Spice and Everything Nice. Admission is free. For information call (248) 356-2915.

Herbs study
The Friends of the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens Herb Study Group will meet on Monday, Nov. 17, at the Gardens located at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Lunch is at noon and the program begins at 1 p.m. The presentation will be "Herbs in the Thyme of Brother Cadfael," presented by Hal & Donna Estry. The program is free and visitors and new members are always welcome. For more information contact Joan Wysocki at jdwysocki@aol.com or call 248-349-5310 or contact Lesley Chace at lebekeh@aol.com or call 734-730-2212.

Michigan Orchid Society
Mario Ferrusi from Marsh Hollow Orchids in Canada will be the guest speaker for the Michigan Orchid Society's meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at the First Presbyterian Church, 4328 Livernois in Troy. Ferrusi will discuss Odontoglossums and their hybrids.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Eccentric Newspapers, 3625 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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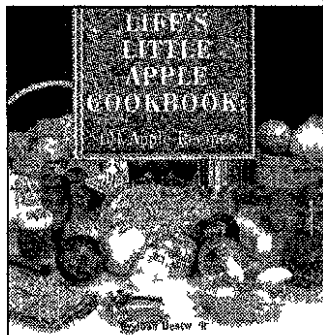
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Side dish

Apples

They're red or green or yellow. They're round and bright and shiny. They can be sweet or tart, juicy or crunchy.

In whatever form,



fresh-picked apples are a fall highlight and now apples can be a cook's best friend any time of the year

In *Life's Little Apple Cookbook, 101 Apple Recipes*, the newest title in Joan Bestwick's *Life Little Cookbook* series, she offers 101 apple recipes, including apple pork chops, turkey apple pie or apple wild rice pilaf.

Apple cheese pie features sharp cheddar cheese added to the pie crust, while apple cookie cake sandwiches apple slices between two cookie dough crusts.

And of course, there's apple sauce, apple pie, baked apples and apple pancakes.

Life's Little Apple Cookbook, Avery Color Studios, \$11.95, is available at bookstores or by calling (800) 722-9925.

Edible wraps

Tara McHugh, a scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and her fellow USDA researchers have created edible food wraps made of vegetables and fruits, according to an article in the *Food & Beverage Report* published by the Associated Food Dealers of Michigan.

McHugh says the wraps would be a healthy alternative to plastic or aluminum and better for the environment because they'd reduce waste produced by synthetic wrapping.

The wraps can be made from fruits and vegetables, including broccoli, carrots, tomatoes, mangoes, peaches, pears, apples, papayas and strawberries. The wraps consist of a flexible, paper-thin film and help preserve food. But the use of the wraps could go beyond sandwiches, says McHugh, research leader in the processed foods research unit at USDA's Western Regional Research Center in Albany, Calif.

McHugh says you could cover leftover pasta with a tomato wrap, which would melt into the pasta when heated or wrap pork chops in an apple film that would become a glaze.

Balancing act

Use homemade soup to offset holiday feasts

Before you sit and enjoy all the festive meals and side dishes, you may want to consider lighter fare.

Why bother dieting right now when you should perhaps balance some of the weighty dishes you'll be dealing with soon? And why not have a little soup?

The fall weather is now turning and the pleasant temperatures will dip. Soon we'll be getting snow accumulations of an inch and beyond, so soup will be right on the money in terms of warming you up without adding tons of calories.

It is almost as easy to make vegetable soup as it is to open a can of vegetable soup. And homemade soup will have more flavor and more nutrients than what comes off the shelf.

A hearty, filling soup, along with some whole grain bread and a salad, is a satisfying meal on a cool November night.

Any recipe for vegetable soup is just a guide.

Add or subtract according to taste and what looks good at the market that day, or in your refrigerator or pantry.

Add hot pepper flakes, a dash of Tabasco or chopped chiles for a spicier soup. Low-sodium chicken broth

can be used instead of vegetable broth. Spinach and cabbage would add color, crunch and nutrients.

Have some leftover bell peppers?

Throw them in. Whatever goes into the pot, what comes out is a meal full

'Have some leftover bell peppers? Throw them in. Whatever goes into the pot, what comes out is a meal full of nutrients.'

of nutrients.

For years, nutrition experts have been promoting the health benefits of at least five daily servings of vegetables and fruits.

They now say five servings a day should be the minimum, with nine servings as a goal.

In addition to containing the powerful natural anti-cancer substances called phytochemicals, foods like vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans are loaded with fiber, which creates a full feeling with a minimum of calories. These foods also tend to keep you feeling full longer than starchy, higher calorie foods such as potatoes and refined pasta.

So vegetable soup can warm you up, fill you up and build

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Spice up winter days with hearty recipe

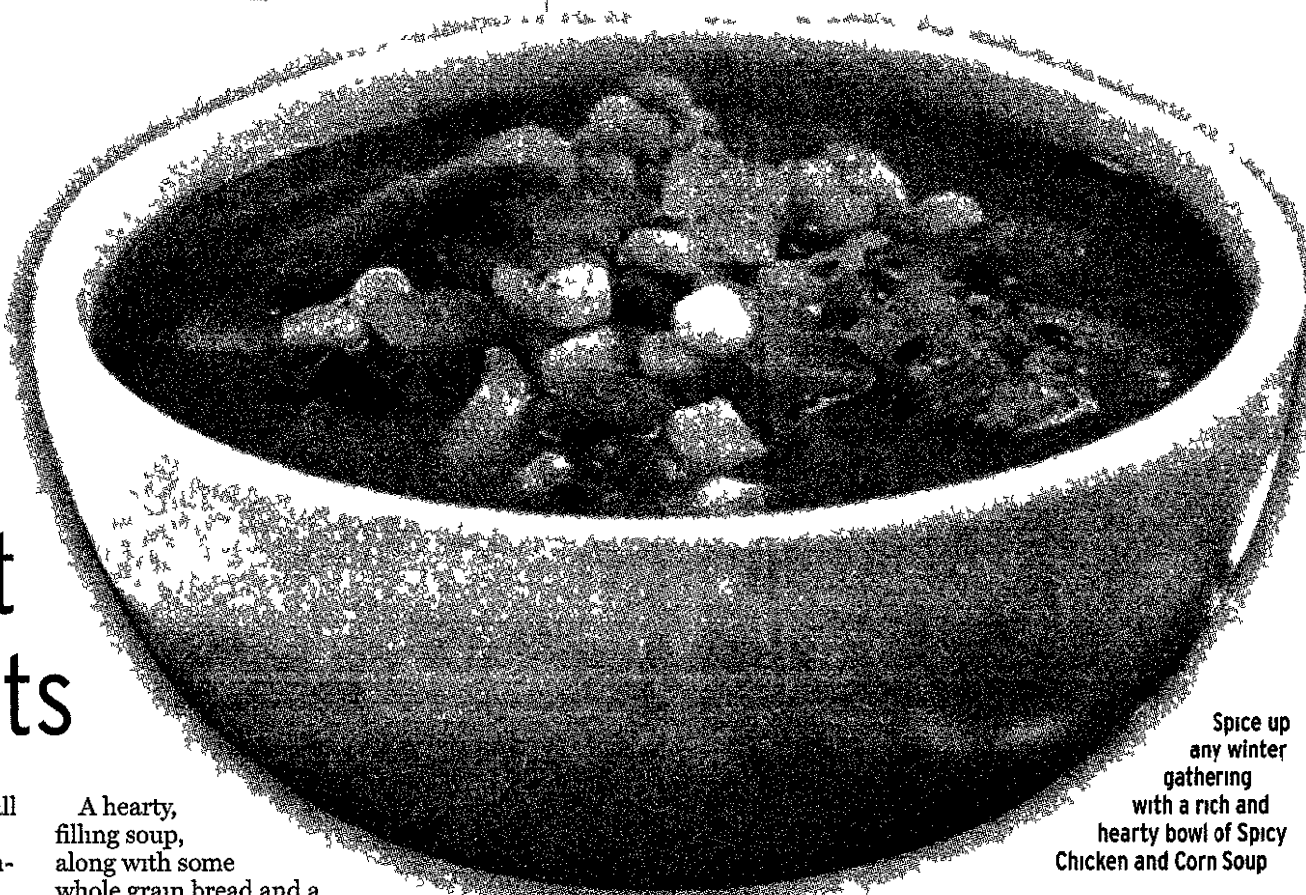
"No soup for you!" shouts the man behind the counter.

The infamous Soup Nazi episode, which aired on the sitcom *Seinfeld* in 1995, showed how soup was perceived by many as a hearty, satisfying meal.

Indeed, soup is more than just something you eat when you have a cold. Soups boast versatility - a gourmet bisque can be an appetizer at a dinner party, a chilled soup can cool you on a summer's day, or a bowl of noodles and broth can be a meal in itself. Soups can be as simple as some vegetables, water and stock or as complex as you desire.

Brew up a pot of this Spicy Chicken and Corn Soup courtesy of *The Soup*

PLEASE SEE CHICKEN, D5



Spice up any winter gathering with a rich and hearty bowl of Spicy Chicken and Corn Soup

Create fabulous wine and cheese pairings

Fine tune food flavors. That's the first tip to making a great food and wine match. But you can't do that with cheese, it's a finished product. So how do you make a fabulous wine and cheese pairing?

Beringer Vineyards food and wine pairing expert, Chef Jerry Comfort says, "That's correct. Cheese, like wine, is a finished product. You can't add a pinch of salt or a twist of lemon without changing it from what the cheese maker intended it to be."

Despite a common belief, all cheeses do not pair well with all wines. If you've ever eaten gorgonzola with a crisp sauvignon blanc or a delicate, fresh chevre



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

or boucheron with a big, tannic cabernet sauvignon, you'll never forget the dramatic way the flavors interacted."

After gargling with mouthwash, how does orange juice taste? That's the kind of dramatic interaction Comfort means.

Comfort's wine and cheese journey began when he was

invited to teach a wine and cheese pairing seminar at the Culinary Institute of America. After some trials and errors, he quickly found there were too many exceptions to the pairing "rules."

He maintained that wine and cheese pairing is a moving target, it's subjective, and it comes down to the fact that each person must decide whether or not he or she likes it.

GETTING IT CORRECT

In an effort to understand how to make good wine and cheese pairings, Comfort classified both wines and cheeses in

four categories. He concluded that when the cheese has a balance of sweet, sour, salt and protein/umami, with no one taste dominating, the wine will remain relatively unchanged in the pairing.

Sweet cheese makes wine taste stronger and more tart, while sour/salty cheese makes the wine taste mild or softer. An example of a balanced cheese is a young sharp cheddar with a sauvignon blanc. The cheese does not change the flavor of the wine in the pairing.

Following his research, Comfort created Beringer's Progressive Wine & Cheese Pairing Wheel.

"With this guide," Comfort explained, "people don't have to rely on unproven culinary myths. They can choose cheeses that will taste great with their favorite wine or vice-versa." The guide puts wine and cheese in balance.

PAIRING WHEEL

If you're planning a wine and cheese party or would simply like to enhance your own enjoyment of wine and cheese, you can purchase Beringer's Progressive Wine & Cheese Pairing Wheel through the

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WINE

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Web site at www.beringer.com for \$10 including shipping. Instructions on how to host your own wine and cheese tasting are included in the guide.

We recently prepared a dish that included the strong, pungent Spanish blue Cabrales (available at Holiday Market in Royal Oak).

The Pairing Wheel suggested several dessert wines such as port, sauternes and ice wine as well as a dry amarone, a robust northern Italian red wine from the Valpolicella region.

We selected the 1997 Allegrini Amarone Classico which was a great match with the Cabrales, a much better pairing than we would have made without the aid of the Pairing Wheel. Once purchased, you can use the Pairing Wheel to help with matching wine and cheese or you can dig a little deeper. Comfort not only explains how to categorize wine styles, he helps determine the taste profile of the cheese.

WINE PICKS

Use the Beringer Pairing Wheel to learn great cheese matches for the following CABERNET SAUVIGNON wines. If not cheese then a big steak will be hard to beat.

Picks of the Pack: 1999 Shafer Hillside Select Cabernet Sauvignon (\$150) and 2000 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages (\$70).

Very good deals at \$20-\$30: 2000 Markham (\$27), 1999 Rutherford Ranch Silverado Trail Vineyard (\$25), 2001 Barnwood (\$22) and 2000 Mazzocco Vineyards (\$20).

Wallet friendly: 2001 Avila (\$13) and 2001 Andretti Selections (\$13).

All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

The method not only works but now you'll know why. The bonus is that, in the process, you'll be introduced to an extraordinary array of wines and cheeses.

If you've ever wondered why an acid/sour goat cheese pairs well with a crisp, grapefruit sauvignon blanc but makes a cabernet sauvignon become tannic and astringent, you'll appreciate the Pairing Wheel.

If you have discovered that you like a rich, red Porto with an aged, salty, blue cheese like Stilton, you may be surprised to find out why it works.

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Institute advises salt cutback

High blood pressure, or hypertension, is on the rise in the United States.

According to a recent study at the University of South Carolina and the Medical College of Wisconsin, nearly one third of all adults — 58 million — have high blood pressure, an increase of approximately 7 million in the past decade.

Once developed, hypertension significantly increases the risk of cardiovascular disease, accounting for nearly 40 percent of all deaths in the United States each year.

According to the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, unless Americans make changes now, nine out of 10 will risk the debilitating and fatal complications of stroke, heart and kidney disease at some point in their lifetime.

The Institute advises everyone — including those with normal blood pressure — to make lifestyle changes, including cutting back on salt.

"America is hooked on snacks and food high in sodium," said Dr. Mohammad Akhter, executive director of the American Public Health Association (APHA). This diet is killing us, he said, but it also is preventable. Placing the onus on the food industry, APHA is pressuring manufacturers and restaurants to reduce the sodium content of foods by 50 percent over the next 10 years. They are also urging consumers to purchase products with less salt.

Americans consume 4,000-6,000 milligrams (mg) of sodium per day — two to three times the recommended level of 2,400 mg (about 1 teaspoon salt).

"If you think the saltshaker is the culprit, think again," said Bobbie Mostyn, author of the new book, *Pocket Guide to Low Sodium Food*.

"It accounts for less than 25 percent of our daily intake, the majority comes off the grocery shelves — such as sandwich meats, cheese, condiments and other packaged

products."

Hungry for a taco? Mostyn recommends using a corn tortilla (3mg sodium) instead of flour (234mg). Ready to barbecue? Rather than using teriyaki marinade (up to 3,050mg sodium per tablespoon), substitute one of the many grilling sauces with less than 140mg.

As far as eating out, "fast food places are particularly bad," Mostyn said, "there's no way to know what has been added to what you're eating."

"For example, a healthy garden salad with low-fat dressing oftentimes has more sodium than a hamburger and French fries. It may be low fat, but it's not low salt."

In addition to her book, Mostyn has launched a new web site, www.lowsaltfoods.com, to help raise sodium awareness.

"Perhaps one day, with enough public demand, not only will the foods we purchase have less salt," she added, "they won't be a detriment to our health."

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This pasta dish features chicken, broccoli and squash

Obesity is, quite literally, big news. Health experts are calling rising obesity rates a national epidemic. But consumers get a lot of conflicting directives: diets that are high-protein, low-sugar, low-carbohydrate, low-fat, high fiber.

Nutrition experts are concerned that many diets urge people to cut back drastically on the fruits and vegetables that have been shown to help prevent chronic disease. They fear consumers are trading long-term health for short-term weight loss.

The American Institute of Cancer Research, which focuses exclusively on the link between diet and cancer, has responded with an approach to eating called The New American Plate which advises people to focus on both proportion and portion size.

The New American Plate urges people to reverse the traditional American plate, and think of meat as a side dish or condiment rather than the pri-

mary ingredient - to reduce the amount of meat, fish or chicken and fill the dinner plate with vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans. This approach also emphasizes the importance of portion size.

For the first time in history, the majority of Americans - an estimated 65 percent - are clinically overweight, while one in every four Americans is obese (severely overweight), according to the National Institutes of Health. That puts most Americans at increased risk for obesity-related diseases such as cancer, heart disease, stroke, diabetes, high blood pressure, gallbladder disease and osteoarthritis.

Hundreds of studies link consumption of fruits and vegetables with cancer prevention. These foods provide vitamins, minerals and phytochemicals (natural substances found only in plants) that protect the body's cells from damage by cancer-causing agents. A diet rich in plant-based food is pro-

tective against heart disease, stroke and diabetes as well as cancer.

A one-dish meal such as this penne with chicken and vegetables has a little bit of everything necessary to fit on the New American Plate.

(Note: You can read the New American Plate brochure online at www.aicr.org, along with the other brochures in the series: One Pot Meals, Comfort Foods, Veggies, and For Breakfast. To order a single free copy of the New American Plate brochure for yourself, call AICR between 9:00 and 5:00 Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, at 1-800-843-8114, ext. 394.)

PENNE WITH CHICKEN AND VEGETABLES

1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic, sliced very thin
1 large red onion, halved lengthwise and cut in thin wedges
2 cups butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1/2-inch

pieces
1 teaspoon dried thyme
1 cup fat free reduced sodium chicken broth
12 ounces boneless, skinless chicken breast halves, torn into bite-sized pieces
8 ounces penne pasta
2 cups small broccoli florets
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

Heat oil in large non-stick skillet over medium-low heat. Add garlic and cook until fragrant but not too brown, about 2 minutes. Add onion, squash and thyme and cook until onion is golden and caramelized and squash is almost tender, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes. Add broccoli and cook, stirring occasionally, until broccoli is tender, about 5 minutes. Add broth and chicken and bring to a simmer.

Cover and continue gently simmering until chicken is opaque, about 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook pasta in large pot of boiling salted water until pasta is al dente (just tender), 8-12 minutes. Drain pasta



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A one-dish meal such as this penne with chicken and vegetables has a little bit of everything.

and return to same pot. Stir in chicken mixture. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional Information per serving: 356 calories, 5 g total

fat (1 g saturated fat), 48 g carbohydrate, 29 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 213 g sodium

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

Squash, sweet potato lasagna make appetizing meal

BY J.M. HIRSCH
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Whether for a simple family meal or a festive dinner party with friends, it's always nice to shake things up a bit. Serve something familiar, with a not-so-familiar twist.

This was my approach for a recent dinner party, which started with platters of cheese, crackers and grapes, then progressed to fresh bread and olive oil before a main course of soup, salad and lasagna. A rich chocolate cake gave a nice finish.

At first glance there was nothing particularly unusual about the menu. But I kept things interesting by playing up subtle variations on the expected each step of the way.

For example, though a cheese platter piled with Italian imports would be a nat-

ural with this meal, I decided to highlight cheeses produced at New Hampshire farms. These days nearly every state has tiny dairies producing wonderful artisanal cheeses.

And we were rewarded for sticking close to home. My local farmers' market offered an impressive array of cheeses, including a superbly sharp Swiss, an earthy chevre, and a delicate Gouda.

For the bread and olive oil, all it took was a bit of salt and pepper to liven things up. I cut the bread into 1-inch cubes, then offered it with two plates of oil for dipping - one sprinkled with salt, the other with fresh ground black pepper.

The soup was a fairly standard puree of butternut squash and apples that takes advantage of both ingredients in their prime. The difference

here is at the very end. When pureeing, I added several tablespoons of corn miso.

More typical of brothy Asian soups, this lightly sweet and salty soy paste gives the soup an extra layer of flavor with savory undertones. Any light miso would do nicely, though corn seemed most seasonally fitting.

The latter substituted a well-seasoned squash puree for tomato sauce, and nestled thin slices of sweet potato between the layers of noodles and cheese. The result was a surprising and satisfying harvest dish that was as attractive as tasty.

By now a bit bloated, we wound up the meal with a delicious flourless chocolate cake that combined loads of cocoa with pureed almond slivers. It's a dense and chewy alternative to the typical fluffy chocolate

cake. For the lasagna, both traditional and no-boil noodles work well.

Be sure to follow the directions called for by whichever you use. The potatoes are cut very thin, so there is no need to peel.

SQUASH AND SWEET POTATO LASAGNA

(Preparation 1 hour 15 minutes)
12 ounces (roughly 1/2 packages) lasagna noodles
1 1/2 pounds butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1-inch cubes
3 medium sweet potatoes, cut into very thin slices
1 cup water
2 cloves garlic, peeled
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
18 ounces (three 6-ounce packages) shredded mozzarella

cheese
12 tablespoons freshly grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 375 F.

If using lasagna noodles that must be boiled, cook according to package directions, then drain and rinse with cold water. Spread the noodles flat on kitchen towels and set aside.

Bring 1 inch of water to a boil in the bottom half of a steamer. Place the squash in the steamer basket, cover and cook until tender, about 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer the squash to a blender or food processor.

Keep the water in the steamer boiling. Steam the sweet potato slices for 5 minutes, or until just tender.

While the sweet potatoes cook, add the water, garlic, salt and pepper to the squash and puree until very smooth. Set aside. When the potatoes are finished, remove from the heat and

set aside. Lightly coat a 9-by-13-inch baking dish with the olive oil. Spread about 4 tablespoons of squash puree over the bottom of the baking dish, then place a layer of noodles over that. Spread another 4 tablespoons of squash puree over the noodles.

Arrange a single layer of sweet potato slices over the squash puree, then sprinkle 3 ounces (half a package) of mozzarella and 2 tablespoons of Parmesan cheese over them. Cap with a layer of noodles.

Add four more layers of squash puree, sweet potato slices, cheese and noodles, in that order. Top the final cap of noodles with remaining cheese, but no squash puree.

Cover the lasagna with foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 10 minutes. Remove from the oven and let stand for 5 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 to 8 servings

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Watch ingredients, temperature when baking

For the aspiring Artisan bread baker, baking at home can be very frustrating. You wouldn't think so — with so many "how to" books available. Truth is, though,



Give Thanks

Gerald Matthes

many of these are full of beautiful photographs and misleading information and recipes that just do not work.

At the Give Thanks Bakery, we are often asked to help Customers ask "why can't my multigrain come out like yours?" Or, "where can I get flour like you use?" Or, "if I were to get one book, which one would you recommend?"

I have a lot of empathy for people in such a quandary because 10 years ago (Give Thanks opened only 4 1/2 years ago), I was baking at home, with mixed results. Often I produced a brick rather than an irresistible loaf. So, within the space limitations of this article I thought I would try and provide some information to make things easier.

THE RIGHT INGREDIENTS

Flour is the primary ingredient and it's important to avoid using bleached or bromated flour. Instead, visit your health food store. There you will find a pure flour, without chemicals. You can select an organic one or not — your preference.

At the Give Thanks Bakery we use the flour selected by the National Baking Center as the one closest to the flour used for Artisan bread in France. We buy it in 50 pound bags. If you are baking at home quite often, we will sell you a bag for the price we pay, as long as we have a good amount in our supply room.

Water is the next important ingredient. My advice to you is to avoid taking water from the faucet.

Chances are the chlorine level will be high and that impairs the flavor of bread. Instead, use bottled spring water or distilled water.

You will need a little salt. It's not critical, but we prefer sea salt. A number of supermarkets now carry it.

A starter (or pre-ferment) will be far preferable to using commercial yeast. In previous articles in this newspaper I have described how to prepare a Biga starter and a Poolish starter. And I have offered to provide a small amount of our sourdough starter — from which you can grow your own continual supply. Just phone ahead if you're interested in this, so that we have sufficient prepared to give you some.

Lastly, when all the ingredients have been mixed and kneaded together there is one more important factor for you to consider — temperature. The dough at that stage should be between 75° and 78° F. Then, you know you're on the right track.

THE RIGHT RECIPE

Your local bookstore will probably have a lot of books with recipes. Beware. Many of them just do not work well.

The book I trust is called *Bread Alone* by Daniel Leader.

It's terrific for not just recipes but also chapters on technique, relevant experiences, etc. It's a great book to have. In past months bread columns I have provided recipes for Challah, Apple bread and a country bread from the Altamura region in Italy. More recipes will appear in the months ahead. (If you would like copies of past recipes, just come by The Give Thanks Bakery in Rochester and we'll be happy to make them for you.)

OK. You have used the right ingredients and recipes that really work. Now it's important to give your precious loaves the right conditions during the baking time.

First thing to do is to equip your home oven with terra cotta tiles. These will retain the heat and give your loaves a good strong crust. You can buy the tiles (usually a set of nine) in a metal tray from a store like Williams Sonoma or the King Arthur's Flour Catalog.

Next, you will get better results when baking if you can introduce steam into the oven. There are two ways you can accomplish this. One would be to place a cast iron dish, filled with water, on the floor of the oven.

An alternative is to use a spray bottle and mist the oven just before sliding the loaves onto the tiles. And again, about five minutes into the bake.

Finally, oven temperature. Quite often, home bakers bake at too low a temperature. Most of our Artisan loaves are baked at 485° F.

The exceptions are the breads made with eggs, butter or milk in the dough.

Then, the temperature needs to be much lower — around 325° F. When you start baking at higher temperatures and you find the loaves are becoming too dark, you can drape a sheet of foil over them, when you judge the color is perfect. Then they can continue in the oven without becoming darker.

Well, that's more than enough for you to remember. Now, relax and enjoy the whole experience of making Artisan bread.

The more you do it, the better the results will be. And the more your friends will be putting in their orders for your next creation.

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Use broth instead of water when braising Brussels sprouts because it adds flavor.

Not your grandmother's Brussels sprouts

BY DANA JACOBI
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If you hated Brussels sprouts when you were young because they tasted strong and bitter, it is definitely time to try them again. Today's Brussels sprouts are sweeter and milder-tasting than you may recall, especially if you have avoided them since childhood.

Originally, Brussels sprouts were strictly a home garden vegetable, where they made for a striking sight: miniature cabbages rising in spiraling rows around a rigid, waist-high stalk. Here and there, cabbage-like leaves flutter out from the stalk to shelter the individual sprouts from sun and rain as they mature.

Today, you can buy these stalks at farmers' markets. When you get one home, take your pick. You can cut off the mature sprouts that cluster around the bottom of the stalk, or pick off the finger nail-size babies near the top, which are tender enough to toss into a salad.

Around 1900, when commercial farmers first started cultivating the Brussels sprouts most of us know, they sought out varieties that would be less time-consuming and labor-intensive to harvest. By the 1960s, they succeeded, growing only those varieties that were easiest to pick. Unfortunately, they tasted so bitter that people were turned

off.

Recently, as interest in eating and enjoying vegetables has increased, growers have finally responded by cultivating Brussels sprout varieties that meet their needs while tasting far better, too.

At the store, look for loose Brussels sprouts. Pick out sprouts around the same size, as small as you can find. Buy only as much as you plan to cook within a few days, because their bitterness increases as they age.

My favorite method is braising them, which means briefly sautéing the sprouts in a pan which holds them in one layer, using just enough oil to coat them, adding liquid, and gently simmering them until tender-crisp.

I always use broth instead of water because it adds flavor.

On special occasions, I take time to halve or quarter the sprouts lengthwise so the broth penetrates their layers, and I cook them uncovered so the flavor concentrates as the broth evaporates.

Cooking Brussels sprouts uncovered also reduces the "cabbage" flavor, though it takes longer and requires more liquid.

BRAISED BRUSSELS SPROUTS

- 1 container (about 10 ounces) fresh Brussels sprouts, preferably small ones
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 large garlic clove, cut length

wise in 3

- 1/2 cup fat free reduced sodium chicken broth
- Pinch of dried red pepper flakes (optional)
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper slices

Cut off hard end at bottom of each Brussels sprout. With your fingers, pull off one or two layers of outer leaves and discard. Small Brussels sprouts can remain whole but large ones should be cut in half lengthwise.

Heat oil in a medium non-stick skillet over medium-high heat.

Sauté garlic until lightly colored on both sides, turning pieces once, about 1 minute in all. Remove garlic from pan and set aside.

Add Brussels sprouts to pan, stirring with wooden spoon until they are bright green, 1-2 minutes. Pour in broth.

Return garlic to pan. Add pepper flakes, if using. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and gently simmer just until Brussels sprouts are tender, about 6 minutes.

Season Brussels sprouts to taste with salt and pepper, and serve. Makes 4 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 52 calories, 2 g total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 7 g carbohydrate, 3 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 90 g sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of *The Joy of Soy* and a writer for the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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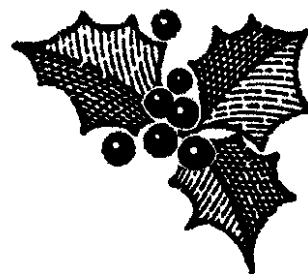
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This holiday event in Westland is a culinary adventure featuring the area's finest chefs. The 2003 Holiday Taste Fest begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland. Sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Partial proceeds benefit the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund. Call (734) 326-7222 for details.

Wassail Feast

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute presents its 18th annual Wassail Feast at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, on the third floor in the campus Building J.

The Wassail dinner is a contemporary version of an Old English holiday feast with five courses prepared and served by the institute's students and chef instructors. Appropriate wines are included and jesters, merrymakers, singers and musicians are on hand to make the event memorable. Admission is \$50 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Call (248) 522-3703 for tickets. The Orchard Ridge campus is

located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. Parking is free in nearby campus lots.

Cookie Walk

Delight yourself in all kinds of Christmas cookies on a Christmas Cookie Walk 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, Redford (between Beech Daly and Inkster). Cookies will be sold by the pound.

Make a Gingerbread House

A fun holiday project where each student (grades K-6) creates his/her own Gingerbread House using snow icing then decorates it with a variety of candies. It makes a wonderful holiday decoration and a great gift (use it as a surprise box and hide gifts of money inside). Each is a unique work of art. The class is presented by Ginger Works and is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$13 per person. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

Parent and child workshop

Together a parent and child will assemble and decorate an extra large gingerbread house, approximately 4 pounds (or about 10 by 12 inches) made of sweet, fragrant gingerbread with lots of icing and candy. Please bring a cardboard box to carry it home. This class will be presented by Ginger Works, 10:11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$30. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

CHICKEN

FROM PAGE D1

Book (Fog City Press) It will change your perception of soup for good.

SPICY CHICKEN AND CORN SOUP

Soups improve in flavor when allowed to mature a day or two before being served. This soup can be made a day ahead. This recipe calls for cilantro, also known as fresh coriander.

This strongly flavored herb is popular in Asian, Indian, Latin American and Middle Eastern cooking. To store, rinse under cold running water and shake

dry, then wrap in paper towels and keep in a plastic bag in the refrigerator for up to one week.

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, sliced
5 ounces chorizo (Spanish cured spicy sausage), chopped
2 onions, chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 tablespoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon chile powder
3 cups chicken stock
3 cups tomato juice
3 cups tomato paste
2/3 tablespoons tomato paste
2 teaspoons sugar
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
2 zucchini, chopped
1 can red kidney beans, rinsed, drained
1 can corn kernels, drained

2/3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
Salt and ground pepper

For the soup: Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat and cook the chicken and chorizo in batches, stirring, until lightly browned, remove from pan and set aside. Add the onions and garlic to the pan and cook, stirring, until the onions soften. Add the cumin and chile powder and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about one minute.

Stir in the stock, tomato juice, tomato paste and sugar and bring to a boil. Add the bell peppers and zucchini and simmer, uncovered, about five minutes or until just tender. Stir in the reserved chicken and chorizo, the beans, corn and cilantro.

Simmer, uncovered, until heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

SOUPS

FROM PAGE D1

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HEARTY VEGETABLE SOUP

2 medium zucchini, sliced thin
2 medium carrots, sliced 1/4 inch thick
10 mushrooms, sliced
2 ribs celery, sliced 1/4 inch thick
1 1/2 ounce can corn, drained
1 russet potato, peeled, cut into 1 inch chunks
1/2 pound green beans, cut in half diagonally
4 cups (1 quart) vegetable broth

3 cups canned crushed tomatoes, drained
1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
1 tablespoon chopped garlic
1/4 cup chopped fresh basil (or 2 teaspoons dried)
1/4 cup chopped fresh oregano (or 2 teaspoons dried)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Combine zucchini, carrots, mushrooms, celery, corn, potatoes and green beans in heavy large soup pot. Add vegetable broth, tomatoes, parsley, cilantro, garlic, basil and oregano. Bring mixture to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until vegetables are tender,

about 20 minutes.

With slotted spoon, take 3 cups of vegetables from pot and put in blender or food processor. Add 1/4 cup cooking liquid. Puree until smooth. Stir puree into rest of soup. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Bring soup to simmer. Heat through and serve. Makes 8 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 117 calories, 1 gram total fat (less than 1 gram saturated fat), 26 g carbohydrate, 5 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 720 g sodium.

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Triple chocolate cookie captures grand prize

When she set out to create the "ultimate" oatmeal cookie, Beth Royals of Richmond, Va., figured she couldn't go wrong with the popular combination of chocolate and oatmeal.

Her recipe, One-Bowl Triple Chocolate Oatmeal Jumbles, captured the \$6,250 Grand Prize in the "Search For The Ultimate Oatmeal Cookie" Recipe Contest, co-sponsored by Quaker Oats and Blue Bonnet, a brand of ConAgra Foods.

With two little cookie monsters of her own, Royals likes to keep her cookie jar filled with homemade cookies but doesn't have a lot of time to bake. These chewy, chocolatey oatmeal chippers call for just five ingredients and one bowl so they can be an "everyday" treat rather than saved for a special occasion.

A devil's food cake mix is the secret to keeping the ingredient list short and preparation super simple—just stir, drop and bake!

"Everybody is so busy that the fewer ingredients a recipe has the more likely it will be made," explained Royals, who often creates new recipes using ingredients from her pantry shelf.

Cake mix, oats, eggs, margarine and chocolate chips are all ingredients that moms who bake tend to keep on hand. Royals' choice of white and semi-sweet chocolate chips enhances the flavor and appearance of these family-pleasing cookies.

Baking with Quaker Oats and Blue Bonnet comes naturally to Royals. "Both of these baking ingredients have been around a long time, and I associate them with quality and consistency. You just know your recipe will turn out right."

Royals entered her winning recipe in the "Easy Everyday Cookies & Bars" category. The contest had one additional category, "Special Occasion Cookies & Bars" and a total of 30 prizes.

In addition to the Grand Prize, two \$1,000 first prizes and two \$250 second prizes were awarded. Twenty-five honorable mention winners each received \$50 and a Quaker heritage cookie tin.

ONE-BOWL TRIPLE CHOCOLATE OATMEAL JUMBLES

1/2 cup (1 stick) Blue Bonnet 65% vegetable oil spread
1 package (18.25 oz.) devil's food cake mix

2 cups Old Fashioned Quaker Oats uncooked
3 eggs
1/2 cup each white chocolate and semisweet chocolate chips

Heat oven to 350°F. Place spread in large microwavable bowl, cover loosely with waxed paper. Microwave on high (100%) 30 seconds or until melted, cool slightly. Add remaining ingredients. Stir until well blended (dough will be very stiff).

Drop dough by level one-fourth measuring cupfuls 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets, flatten slightly.

Bake 13-17 minutes, just until set (Do not overbake. Centers should be soft.) Let stand on cookie sheets one minute, using wide spatula, transfer to wire racks. Cool completely. Makes two dozen cookies.

Baker's Notes: Devil's food cake mix with or without pudding may be used. To substitute quick (1 minute) oats, decrease oats to 1 1/2 cups. Cookies will not be quite as fudgy as with old-fashioned (five minute) oats.

Nutrition Information: 1 large cookie

Calories 190, Calories from fat 90, Total Fat 10g, Saturated Fat 3.5g, Cholesterol 25mg, Sodium 210mg, total Carbohydrates 24g, Dietary Fiber 1g, Protein 3g

Chicken taco-puff pie is easy to prepare

Mexican continues to be one of the best liked ethnic food trends. Delight your family with this popular taste in an easy-to-prepare recipe—Chicken-Taco Puff Pie.

Make a puffy crust from Original Bisquick and eggs and spread into a prepared pie plate.

Spoon refrigerated, fully-cooked seasoned shredded chicken over the batter, top with your family's favorite

cheese and bake. In the 20 minutes it takes to bake you can catch up on your kid's school day, start a load of laundry or put your feet up and watch the evening's headlines.

CHICKEN-TACO PUFF PIE

1 cup Original Bisquick mix
3 eggs
1 cup taco sauce with seasoned shredded chicken
1 package (4 ounces) shredded taco seasoned or Cheddar

cheese (1 cup)

Heat oven to 400 degrees F. Spray 9-inch pie plate with cooking spray.

Stir Bisquick mix and eggs until blended. Spread in pie plate.

Spoon taco sauce with chicken by tablespoonfuls onto batter, sprinkle with cheese.

Bake about 20 minutes or until golden brown. 5 servings.

Recipe courtesy of General Mills



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Association obliged to fight lawsuit

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The association may well have a legal and fiduciary responsibility to protect the rights of its members including their property rights. The fact that the association does not have the funds is probably because it has chosen not to raise sufficient funds to pursue the lawsuit. Assuming that there is a reasonable basis to pursue the lawsuit, the association should do so and you should so advise the association and its directors that you will hold them responsible for the damages suffered in the event that they do not discharge it legal and fiduciary responsibilities. It might be best if that letter comes from an attorney.

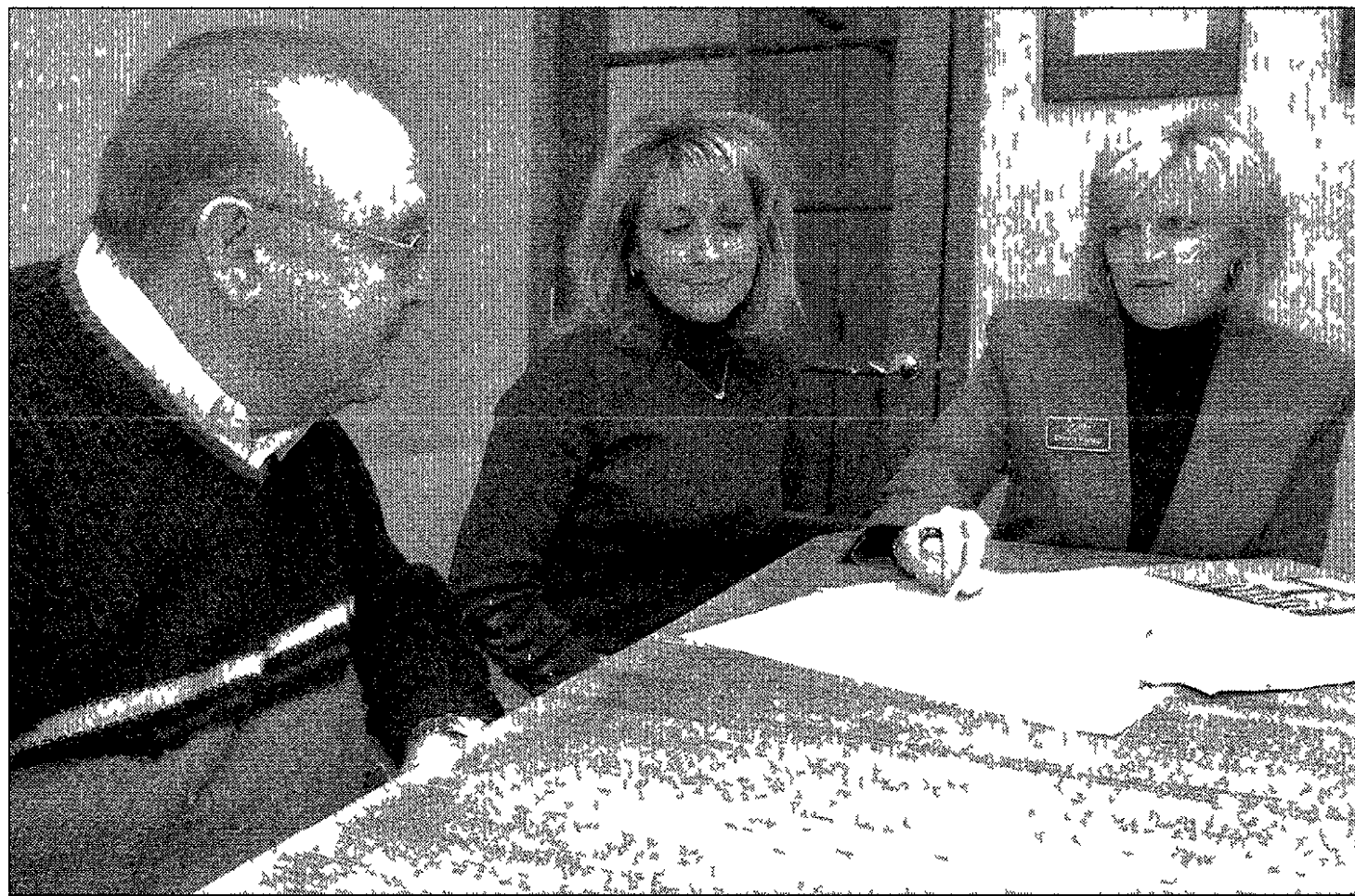
Our homeowners association is interested in borrowing money to make certain repairs to our infrastructure. Some of the banks in the local area have found it to be not an interesting proposition from the loaning stand-point. Do you have any recommendations?

As a Community Association Practitioner, I recently received a letter from an investment banker who indicates that his company provided a closing of \$2.1 million construction and a permanent loan for a homeowners association in Tennessee. He indicated that the loan would be used to fund exterior and infrastructure renovations. It further provides for both construction period and 15-year fixed rate permanent financing. The loan is secured exclusively by the monthly maintenance fees of the association without any property liens or personal guarantees from the owners. The plan, he claims, was designed to be serviced by monthly maintenance fees only without special assessments. You may be best advised to determine whether such an arrangement would be beneficial to your association.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeisner@mich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Donna Knapp (right) goes over listings with co-workers Diane Wilde and Frank Sakmar at their Rochester based Sakmar & Associates Century 21 office.

Being informed buyer takes work

Agents offer service to help save time

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Kathy Kaltz says yes. Donna Knapp says probably not.

Both work as buyer agents, the real estate official who represents the needs and interests of someone who wants to find and buy a house.

Kaltz thinks the service is of value to house hunters but Knapp isn't convinced.

Until 1994, all Michigan real estate agents worked only for home-sellers. The agent's assignment was to make the most successful deal possible in the seller's interests.

Then along came a national trend in the 1990s of agents representing either the buyer or the seller, said Ann Millben, a spokesperson at the real estate licensing bureau for the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services. The idea was to give home buyers and sellers equal footing. What evolved was the concept of the buyer agent.

"They have to sign a contract," Knapp said. "It says that I'm working for them, the buyer, rather than for the seller who pays the commission. And they agree to pay me a fee for my services."

However, the fee only comes due if the buyer circumvents the buyer agent and makes a purchase through a seller's agent during the life of the contract.

When a house is purchased with a buyer agent's services, the buyer agent is compensated with a share of the sales commission.

SHARING INFORMATION

If she's the seller's agent, Knapp said, there might be information affecting the property that she will not or cannot share with the buyer. "I might know, for example,

that the seller's been transferred and is desperate to sell," she said. "As the seller's agent, I don't want you to know that. As your buyer agent, I do. I can recommend this house instead of that house, I can make sure you don't overpay."

Yet, according to Knapp, buyers are sometimes reluctant to sign with buyer agents.

"They just don't want to make the commitment," said Knapp, a sales agent with Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Rochester. She is in her sixth year in real estate after 10 years as a paralegal.

Most people drive around, see a house for sale, call that agent, drive some more, see another house, call that agent. A buyer agent can do it all for them," Knapp said.

Would Knapp do away with the buyer-agent program? "Absolutely," she said, adding

that any information a buyer might want is available at government offices and on various Web sites.

There's no reason, she said, for a buyer to be uninformed. It just takes some work. She likes to think that home buyers don't need the special advantages and safeguards presumably offered by the buyer-agent concept.

"All we want to do is go out and sell houses and I like to think that all agents are honest and you shouldn't have to worry about protection," she said. But Kaltz, with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Livonia, likes that she can "build good rapport with the person

MORE SERVICE

"Instead of being a customer, the person becomes a client and gets more service," she said. As a buyer agent, "you can provide more infor-

'They just don't want to make the commitment.'

Donna Knapp
real estate agent

mation, direct them to Web sites, help them find out what they want to know about crime rates, schools and more. "By law, I can't give this information as a seller's agent, but as a buyer agent I can help the person move forward to make decisions."

The terms of the contract, Kaltz said, can be for any amount of money, for any period of time, or any condition the agent and the buyer decide on.

Kaltz, in real estate sales for almost nine years, said that in her three years as a buyer agent she's learned to keep the contracts "as simple as possible."



Donna Knapp is a sales agent with Century 21 Sakmar & Associates, Rochester.

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Weigh debt to decide on refinancing

Mortgage brokers do not often talk clients out of taking out loans, but it happens. Being a mortgage loan officer is much more than just putting together a loan. Like other professionals, we have to first decide if the proposed action serves our clients' needs before we move forward.

Because home mortgage interest rates remain very attractive, many homeowners are still considering consolidating their debts before this window of opportunity closes. It seems attractive to most debt-laden homeowners to relieve consumer debts — credit card balances, furniture payments — with loans against their homes. Sometimes it's smart, sometimes not.

CALCULATE

To determine if a debt consolidation refinance is right for you, calculate the effective interest rate for your entire debt using a "weighted average." Let's presume you have three categories of debt — a \$150,000 home mortgage at 6 percent interest, a \$30,000 personal loan at 9 percent interest and \$20,000 in credit card debt at 18 percent interest.

In this scenario, your mortgage represents 75 percent of your total debt, the personal loan is 15 percent, and the credit cards are 10 percent. These are the relative "weights" of your debts.

Simply multiply these "weights" by the respective interest rates, then add those numbers together. Hence, 75-percent of your mortgage interest rate equals 4.5 percent, 15-percent of your personal loan interest rate is 1.35 percent, and 10-percent of your credit card interest rate is 1.8 percent. Add these numbers to get a weighted interest rate of 7.65 percent. In other words, on average, you are paying an interest rate of over 7.5 percent to maintain your debts.

Your loan officer or financial planner can help you fine-tune your calculations to account for transaction costs and tax implications. For now, this short math primer should give you a general idea as to whether or not a debt-consolidation refinance makes sense for you.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his archives at www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com or call (866) 369 4516. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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Ben Graham remembers the way he felt the first time he stepped into an earth house.

The house was in Oregon. The floor was made of earth, and the walls were clay, sand and straw, with big chunks of stone in them. The roof was wood, mostly from trees cut down around the home site.

The handmade home built from natural materials integrated his two passions: building and community.

"The feeling I got in there was something I'd never experienced before. It wasn't a subtle energy, it was big-time," said Graham. "I said, 'This is what I want to pursue. This is what the world needs more of!'"

Pursue it he did. Today, Graham and his partner, Amber Wiggitt, teach others how to build their own earth, or cob, homes. The pair offer workshops that cover all aspects of cob construction, from the drainage in the floor to the logs of the roofing.

Cob means a small lump of mass, and cob builders use the word to describe earth mixed with sand and straw into lumps that are pressed into place by hand to form thick walls. Cob builders enhance structures with other natural materials such as straw bales, stone and local wood.

Cob's proponents say it's an ideal alternative to materials like the lumber, concrete, fiberglass and drywall so common in the building industry because earth is free, readily available and organic. Plus, builders can sculpt cob into appealing, fluid shapes instead of the straight lines and sharp angles demanded by many mass-produced ingredients.

"This ancient technology doesn't contribute to deforestation, pollution or mining nor depend on manufactured materials or power tools," says the Web site for the Cob Cottage Co. of Cottage Grove,

Oregon, whose founders study and teach natural building. "In this age of environmental degradation, dwindling natural resources, and chemical toxins hidden in our homes, doesn't it make sense to return to nature's most abundant, cheap and healthy building materials?"

CREATING COMMUNITY

Graham thinks so. Born into a commune in Cleveland in 1975, he's hoping to recreate the strong, diverse community that surrounded him as he grew up.

"I got a lot of values from that," he said.

Graham graduated with an architecture degree and then traveled for a while, visiting cob homes that were hundreds of years old and still in use in Scotland. He learned about alternative building methods besides cob.

Today, Graham and Wiggitt live in Plainfield, Vermont where he and several others are looking for land nearby where they and the nonprofit group they founded, Spiralworks, can start a commune. They want the families to use renewable energy and grow as much of their own food as possible - and teach others who want to live that way as well.

Building with indigenous materials fits right into the plan. "First of all, it's about the quality of life," said Graham. "Look at the decision between building a toxic, lifeless space to live the rest of your existence in by yourself, or building a beautiful structure made with natural materials that are healing and integrated with the web of life."

Cob is affordable. About \$5,000 can build a 450-square-foot (40.5-square-meter) cob home (though Graham uses the term "round feet" because there are no

straight lines).

"One of the main reasons it's cheaper is because we encourage people to be a part of their building process, so there's sweat equity," he said.

Although building by hand takes time, Graham points out that there is no need for an architect or engineer.

This past summer, Graham and Wiggitt offered for the second time a number of cob building workshops around the country. In a five-day course at the Sky Meadow Retreat in Stannard in mid-July, students helped build a large round freestanding cob room that will be used for meditation.

WAY OF LIFE

Like Graham, they see cob construction as a way of life - not just a building method.

"I feel that there's a better way to live," said 24-year-old Mike Tokarz, a new builder from Raynham, Massachusetts.

Tokarz, a college graduate, works in the service depart-

ment at Tweeter, a Massachusetts home electronics retailer. But he and some friends dream of starting a commune where they can build their homes of natural materials, grow their own food, work together and avoid the agonizing repetition of commutes and a 40-hour workweek they see around them.

"Where I live, not lots of people know their neighbors and the history of the area where they live, that doesn't seem right," he said. "People walk through life with blinders on."

Mikhael Yowe, a 45-year-old truck driver from Irasburg, Vermont said he is looking for land in the Duxbury area to build a cob house.

"For \$65,000 you get a tractor building your house, and it's not really your house," Yowe said as he patted a mixture of earth and straw into brick-sized lumps for a crew pressing them into place on the Stannard project.

"When you create a space that you live in, you're connected to it," Yowe said.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages edged up this week amid signs that the economic rebound continues to push ahead. Rates on one-year adjustable mortgages dipped slightly.

For the week ending Nov. 7, the average rate on 30-year mortgages rose to 5.98 percent, up from 5.94 percent the previous week, Freddie Mac, the mortgage giant, reported Thursday in its weekly nationwide survey of mortgage rates.

Rates on 30-year mortgages slid to 5.21 percent, the lowest level in more than four decades, in the middle of June. Since then, rates on these benchmark mortgages have

bounced up and down.

For 15-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates increased to 5.31 percent, from 5.26 percent last week. Rates for one-year adjustable mortgages, however, averaged 3.73 percent, down slightly from last week's 3.74 percent.

Even with the recent gyrations in mortgage rates, home sales are expected to set new record highs this year. And, home-mortgage refinancing activity remains solid.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of America reported that refinancing activity accounted for 51.1 percent of all mortgage applications filed last week, down from 53.3 percent in the previous week.



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WIDE OPEN SPACES Lovely brick home sits on an oversized lot with 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Showcasing a beautifully remodeled kitchen finished basement with wet bar, fireplace, bath and hot tub! Above ground pool and much more! \$179,900 (13880)



FOUR BEDROOM CAPE COD Completely updated with a newer kitchen, flooring, new patio, central air, fenced yard, new roof (tear off), a freshly painted interior with no wall paper and neutral decor. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths with 1820 square feet! \$259,900 (644HD)



WARM AND WELCOMING Tantalizing Pulte Belmont model with 3455 sq. ft. accented by a formal living and dining room, library and a spacious family room with gas fireplace. Four beds, 3 full and 2 half baths. Hardwood floors, upscale kitchen, master w/sitting room, VIC and ceramic bath. Beautifully landscaped! \$469,000 (317MA)



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY Two apartments - Each have two bedrooms and are housed in this 1800's built duplex near Plymouth's Old Village. Important to note that zoning does allow office or low intensity commercial as well! \$224,900 (464ND)



SHARP DEARBORN HOME Almost like new 3 bedroom brick Bungalow. New kitchen, new windows, new roof, new furnace, new A/C, new front door and a freshly painted interior. Ready for immediate occupancy! \$129,900 (719PA)



WHAT DO YOU WANT? This two bedroom 2 bath condo features a gas fireplace in living room, dining room, skylights, walk in closet in master bedroom, private entry, full basement, 2 car attached garage, pool, tennis courts, clubhouse and more! If you want all this for an excellent price, this Plymouth condo is for you! \$167,900 or \$1,450 lease (852PO)



BEAUTIFUL QUAD LEVEL Quiet and convenient! Only 10 minutes to Canton. Large fenced yard includes a mini basketball court and deck. Updated roof, windows, carpeting, ceiling fan, kitchen floor, cabinetry, counters and water heater. Home completely repainted. Carpet cleaned as well. Move in relax & enjoy! \$215,000 (834HA)



LOOK NO MORE - THIS HAS IT ALL! Bay window breakfast room next to the lite oak kitchen with desk and wine rack. Nice sized back yard with a deck and hot tub! Master with vaulted ceiling and plant shelf. Overhead lighting in all of the bedrooms! Large family room with fireplace. All appliances. Sprinkler system, full basement & more! \$219,995 (205CR)



FEELS LIKE A NEW HOME Four bedroom 2.5 bath Plymouth Colonial with fresh neutral paint and carpet throughout. Beautiful hardwood floors in the foyer, powder room and kitchen. Updated kitchen and baths. Finished basement, large yard and deck with a hot tub! \$379,900 (885ND)



PICTURE PERFECT! Immaculate 4 bedroom 3.5 bath Colonial in prestigious Deer Creek Sub with custom features like glass panel doors and custom mirrors, a spiral staircase, large kitchen w/custom cabinetry, an outstanding lower level w/wet bar, office and lav. Freshly painted interior, hardwood floors and 3827 square feet of living space! \$649,900 (217DE)



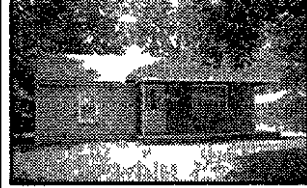
LOCATED ON THE 27TH GREEN Approximately \$30,000 in upgrades in this meticulous 2 bedroom 2 bath condo. Full basement attached 2 car garage, great room w/dual sided fireplace into the dining room. Outstanding master suite/master bath. Gourmet kitchen. Dan 1st floor laundry & more! \$317,900 (597VI)



GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY Open and airy 4 bedroom colonial nestled in Independence Hills amid 2 parks and walking trails meets all the comforts you need! First floor laundry, formal dining room, bay windows, full basement and so much more! \$339,900 (387W1)



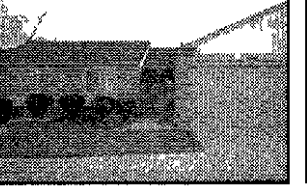
GARDEN CITY GEM Two bedroom starter home sitting on a nice country lot over 300 ft deep. Close to everything. Some appliances stay. Updates roof, furnace, circuit breakers, HWT, oversized 2 1/2 car detached garage. Sq feet does not include a 15x13 loft. Michigan basement waterproofed great for loads of storage! \$109,900 (917BO)



REMODELED HOME This 2 bedroom home can easily be converted into a 3 bedroom. Wayne Westland schools. Family room, attached garage and a large breezeway. Many updates. Excellent investment property. Immediate occupancy. \$72,900 (529BI)



MOVE IN BEFORE THE NEW YEAR! This 3 bedroom brick ranch can be yours in time for the new year! Ready to move into with new carpet and paint. New roof, bathroom and newer furnace. Great location - the park is next door! All appliances are included and the city repairs are complete! Call now to see! \$114,900 (583HA)



WONDERFUL RANCH CONDO Two bedrooms and 2 baths ranch condo in a popular and attractive complex. Ready for your occupancy. First floor laundry, basement and an attached garage. The perfect arrangement! \$159,900 (836MA)



CUSTOM BUILT ON 1 ACRE Spacious 3400 sq. ft. executive home with a 2 story foyer, gourmet kitchen with a granite cook island and Cherry cabinetry. 4/5 bedrooms and 3.5 baths. Formal living and dining rooms perfect for entertaining along with a fireplace in the family room & master. Many unique features. \$535,000 (741CR)



NEW PLYMOUTH RANCH! Three bedrooms, 1.5 baths on a pretty interior, treed lot. Updates carpet and much more! Master bedroom has access to the bath. Finished basement with wet bar is carpeted and an attached 2 car garage with extra off street parking. Walk to the elementary. \$210,000 (945TA)



WALK TO SCHOOL From this three bedroom ranch in a great location. Family Room with a fireplace, 2 full baths, central air and 2 car attached garage. One year home warranty. \$209,900 (534HA)



STROLL THE NATURE TRAILS Enjoy your Autumn evenings strolling the nature trails. Built in 1997. Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home. Dining room has doorwall leading to deck with awning and screens. \$184,900 (812TO)



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Stunning Farmington Hills Colonial Wooded lot backing to 4th green elegant decor 2 way fireplace in hearth rm soaring ceilings Oak floors hot tub 3.5 car garage & more (BGN26AUG) 888 870 9123



ANN ARBOR \$172,900
Immaculate Home! Impressive floor plan numerous upgrades Oak kitchen spindle staircase wood foyer laundry rm cabinets Situated on premium wooded lot with a spectacular 16x12 deck BGP 47Vil 888 870 9127



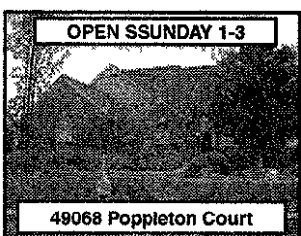
BLOOMFIELD \$189,900
Bright & Open 3 Br 2 Bath Foxcroft Condo! New carpet paint & windows All appliances stay Clubhouse w/pool Close to restaurants shops movies & freeways Move right in (BGN50BIL) 888 870 9123



BRIGHTON \$324,900
Wow! Great family sub w/nature trails Immaculate home with open floor plan 4 br 2.5 baths neutral decor Ceramic baths whirlpool tub Inground sprinklers (BGSly02CLA) 888 870 9131



CANTON \$548,750
Why Build 4BR 3 full & 2 half bath Carrington brick colonial Priv ct setting backing to woods Kit & nook w/cherry cbnts & granite cntntrps 2 story FR w/dry bar Lux master BGP 84Sta 888 870-9127



CANTON \$439,900
Premium Court Location! 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath cape cod Grmt kit w/cherry cabs island mstr suite w/jacuzzi & drwll to priv deck w/hot tub GR w/thrdrl clngs & adjoining DR Prof fin LL w/wet bar BGP 68Pop 888 870 9127



CANTON \$319,900
Backs to Tree Line! 4 Br 2 1 BA "Princeton model inc great kit & nook w/plenty of cabinets cntns space hdwd flrs & bit-in appl FR w/FP formal DR Lux mstr ste w/fash bath 2 tier deck BGP-35Squ 888 870 9127



CANTON \$234,900
Hwt In Foyer Kit Powder Rm & Laundry Rm Kit W/big Center Island Upgraded Cabinets & Windows Recessed Lights Fr W/cathedral Ceilings & Fp Large Mbr W/vaulted Ceiling OEL93CRE 888 870 9105



CANTON \$200,000
Great Value in Carriage Hills Subdivision! 4 sided brick 3 Br 2 bath ranch Great potential in large unfinished basement Enjoy the natural fireplace in the family room (BGN07GLO) 888-870-9123



DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$89,900
Ford Road/Telegraph Location! Seller will help with closing costs 2 bedroom dining room 2 car garage on corner lot! Close to everything! Some work needed but mostly great BGP 01Dre 888 870 9127



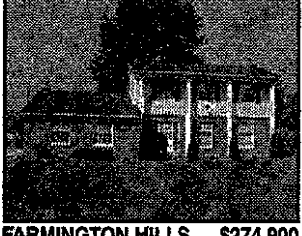
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DETROIT \$96,900
Well Maintained vinyl Bungalow In Warrendale! Move In Condition In Neutral Decor Updates inc Newer Carpeting (02) porch driveway awnings (02) ca (99) water Heater (02) large Master BR Includes Sitting Room/office OEL66PLA 888 870-9105



FARMINGTON \$200,000
All the Expensive Stuff has been Done! Windows siding doors AC hwh furnace electrical 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths private yd Vaulted ceilings skylights hwt (BGN50POW) 888 870 9123



FARMINGTON HILLS \$274,900
Great 4br Family Colonial! In popular Lincolnshire! Backs to school play area large family room rec room w/wet bar lots of storage everywhere! Patio w/awning! Great value! (BGN27LYN) 888-870-9123



HIGHLAND \$279,500
Fantastic Family Home on 1.79 Acres in Highland Includes hot tub and above ground pool All appliances and ADT alarm system Newer home has hardwood floors and island kitchen (BGSly45HID) 888 870 9131



LIVONIA \$599,900
This One is Special Custom built brick colonial Gourmet kit w/granite cntntrps & b/i appls Two story Fam Rm Lux master ste guest ste Extra deep bsmt 3 car s/e garage Cu-de-sac BGP 49Van 888 870 9127



LIVONIA \$399,900
Great Location! 4 bdrm 2.5 bath colonial w/great rm 2 story foyer 1st flr laundry library Jacuzzi trpl spacious deck & private yard Home warranty provided (BGN94KIN) 888 870 9123



LIVONIA \$354,500
4 Br 2.5 Bath Colonial In Calburn Manor Sub Grand 2 story Foyer 1st Flr Laundry Rm Bay Windows In Living Rm & Mstr Bdrm White Kit W/built in Oven Fin Basement Alarm System OEL37GLE 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$254,900
3 Bedrm 1.5 Bath Brick Tudor Colonial In Rosedale Gardens Sub On Double Lot LR W/trpl Kit W/Built in Oven Range & Counters Formal DR 3 Season Fla Rm Oversized 2.5 Car Garage Newer Roof Shingles (4 yrs) OEL30AUB 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$209,900
Very Tasteful Remodeled 3 Br 1.5 Brick Colonial! Backs to woods! Merillat oak kitchen w/newer Kenmore appliances Deep sinks wine rack newer windows furnace hwh roof siding baths etc Beautiful area (BGN66LIN) 888 870 9123



LIVONIA \$204,900
3 Bedrm 2 Bath Brick Ranch Large Brick Foyer Overlooking Living Rm Open Kitchen W/oven/range Pretty Family Rm W/brck Wall FP 2 Car Att Garage 1 Yr HW OEL22RAM 888 870 9105



LIVONIA \$198,900
Super Clean 3 Br 2 BA Tri level In Livonia Newer Oak Kitchen & FR W/hat! Fireplace Neutral Decor & Wind Treatments Stay Stove Refrigerator As Well As A 15x30 Above Ground Pool W/equip Stays OEL51WES 888 870 9105



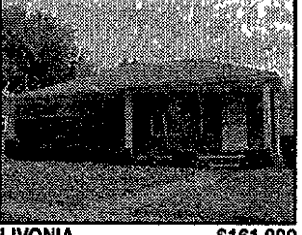
LIVONIA \$178,400
Cute & Charming And In Move In Condition! Beautiful And Super Clean 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch With Hardwood Floors Through Out Newer Windows Doors And Roof Beautiful Kitchen With White And Oak Cabinets OEL01HIL 888-870 9105



LIVONIA \$171,800
Well maintained Brick Ranch Furnace CA & Vinyl Windows 10 Yrs Enjoy Summer Evenings From Covered Patio Walk To Elem & High Schools Short Ride To Middle School Perfect Family Neighborhood! OEL13PER 888 870 9105



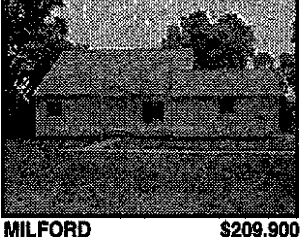
LIVONIA \$168,900
Classic Brick Ranch in Great Livonia Neighborhood! 3 Br 2 bath 2.5 car garage finished basement! New kitchen windows furnace & C/A & driveway Hardwood floor t/o. (BGN10DOL) 888-870 9123



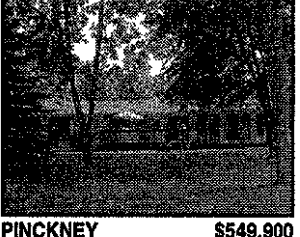
LIVONIA \$161,900
Lovely & Clean! 3 BR brick ranch w/2 car attached garage & finished basement Updates include kitchen windows roof furnace AC & more Appliances stay Immediate occupancy BGP 24Lat 888 870 9127



LIVONIA \$77,900
Bright & Airy Condo! W/large rooms Pleasant view from balcony Many updates include kitchen bath & newer windows New roof in 2001 Pool & clubhouse for relaxation (BGN07BOB) 888 870 9123



MILFORD \$209,900
Newer 3 Bedroom Colonial on Almost an Acre Open Floor plan neutral and ready to move into Great room with cathedral ceilings - fireplace sprawling kitchen 2 car garage full basement (BGSly57OLD) 888 870 9131



PINCKNEY \$549,900
Beautiful lakelakefront ranch! On the Portage Strawberry chain of lakes Almost one acre w/120 ft on the lake Totally updated home w/3 brs 2 baths 3 car gar C/A & fireplace Excellent condition (BGSly75DUN) 888 870 9131



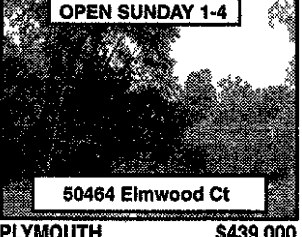
PINCKNEY \$49,900
Priced below SEV! Nice build site 1 block from golf course Deeded access on Rush Lake Private lake with beaches Land contract available (BGSlyVLC) 888 870 913



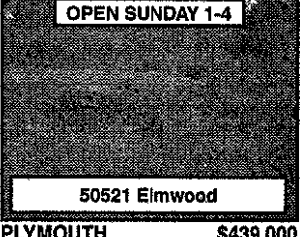
PLYMOUTH \$549,900
Executive Home on Estate Size Lot Incredibly priced located decorated & landscaped Lot backing to treed commons Spac kit & nook w/granite island Fin bsmt w/full bath 4BR 4 full & 2 half baths BGP 60Fel 888 870 9127



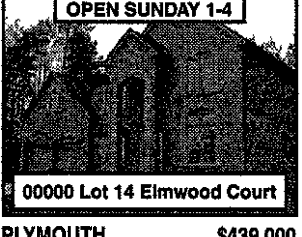
PLYMOUTH \$499,900
Prestigious Woodlore South 4BR 3 1 BA colonial Large Master BR w/walk in closet & vanity Ceiling fans in bedrooms powder rm on 1st floor Island in kit Dual staircases Finished basement BGP 83Tan 888 870 9127



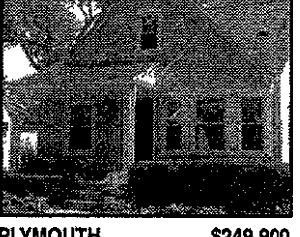
PLYMOUTH \$439,000
Great New Sub w/Lakes! Excellent craftsmanship & builder pulled out all the stops on features even xtra deep bsmt Great pre construction prices (BGN18ELM) 888 870 9123



PLYMOUTH \$439,000
New Construction! Private Lakefront 4 bdrm 2.5 baths mstr ste w/sitting rm Stone frpl cherry cabs w/granite counter Brazlzn hdwd flrs 9 ceilings central vac 4 zone audio sys (BGN12ELM) 888 870 9123



PLYMOUTH \$439,000
New Affordable Construction in Plymouth! On small lake w/stonecast FP cherry cbnt granite cntns Custom mids & trim Brazilian hdwd flrs Ceramic BA & laundry 4BR 2.5 BA daylight bsmt Available in Nov BGP 00EIm 888 870-9127



PLYMOUTH \$249,900
Stroll to Downtown Plymouth! 3 BR 2 BA charming bungalow Updates incl roof windows H2O Htr driveway patio kitchen appls Part fin bsmt DR w/bay wndw built in china cabs Hdwd flrs coved cig BGP 50Art 888 870 9127



REDFORD \$124,000
3 bdrm 1 Bath Brick Ranch Spacious Open Floor Plan W/ Lg Eat in Kitchen Lots Of Storage Space In Attic Updates Furnace & Hwt (97) Circuit Breakers Windows Storm Doors Interior Doors Bthrm & Garage OEL64ROY 888 870 9105



ROCKWOOD \$164,900
4 bdrm 2 bath B level Updates 03 Roof Windows Gutters & Downspouts Doors Throughout All Flooring Hwh Lighting Fixtures Fascia & Freshly Painted Throughout Neutral Newer Oak Kitchen Cabinets OEL66GLA 888 870 9105



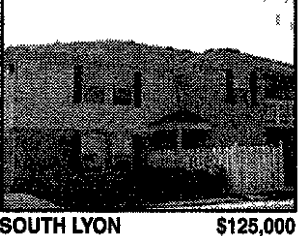
SOUTH LYON \$429,900
Location location location Own a little bit of country with a touch of class! 2 1/2 acres 4 bdrms Great 1st flr master suite Open floor plan soaring ceilings 3+car garage Close to xways (BGSly30HEN) 888 870 9131



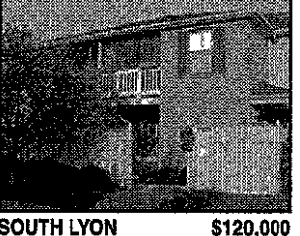
SOUTH LYON \$294,500
Charming! Quality custom built home Mstr suite + sunken mstr bath Plenty of quality cabinetry in kit w/island Study on lower level w/first flr lau 3 car garage Priced to sell (BGSly79CAL) 888 870 9131



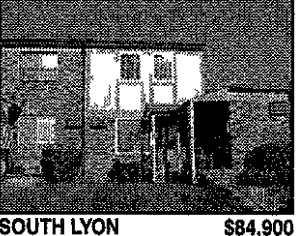
SOUTH LYON \$219,900
3 Bed 2 Baths Charming Bungalow in Downtown Gas fireplace Central Air hardwood floors and lots of storage space Partially finished basement 1 car garage plus space for a boat (BGSly10WLAK) 888 870 9131



SOUTH LYON \$125,000
Instant equity Upper end unit with vaulted ceilings Private enclosed deck or work from your library Pull down stairs to storage shelves in attic 2 carports many upgrades (BGSly84GRE) 888 870 9131



SOUTH LYON \$120,000
Motivated seller! Move in condition! Immediate occupancy 2 Br lg master Br w/bath 2 full bths Open floor plan 1st floor laundry Plenty of storage Walking distance to school & town (BGSly32GRE) 888 870 9131



SOUTH LYON \$84,900
Clean and well maintained updated Co op 55+! Nice open floor plan! Newer kitchen newer carpet freshly painted Basement offers 3rd bedroom and family room! (BGSly26FRA) 888 870 9131



WESTLAND \$234,900
Gorgeous! 3 BR 2 BA ranch w/open flr plan Wilsonart fir in foyer GR DR nook kit & 1st flr Indry Upgraded crpt in BR s Ceramic tile BA's Gas FP in GR w/cath clngs DW off nook BGP 23Bo 888 870 91



WESTLAND \$191,900
Spacious Cape Cod on Premium Lot! 3bdrm 2.5 bath basement & lovely deck w/beautiful wooded view of wetlands Neutral decor plus extra insulation make for quiet atmosphere (BGN84RAV) 888 870 9123



WESTLAND \$172,500
New Kitchen Baths Family Rm Dinette Carpeting Plus Redecorating In 2002 Also Roof Windows & Vinyl Siding Replaced In 2001 New Garage Door W/ Opener 6 Panel Doors Beaut Fin Hdwd Flrs 11 X 21 Rec Room OEL10CSM 888 870 9105

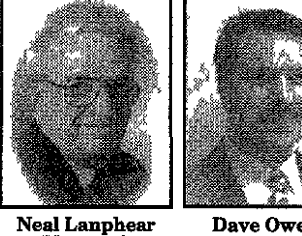


WHITMORE LAKE \$189,899
Beautiful wooded walkout condominium View of Whitmore Lake Very spacious condo with generous room sizes Beautiful interior with a fireplace in the living room Great home at a great price (BGSly40LAK) 888 870 9131

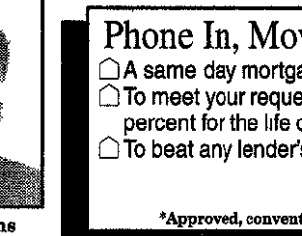


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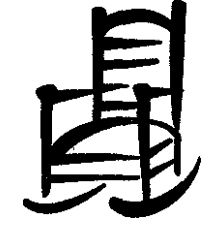
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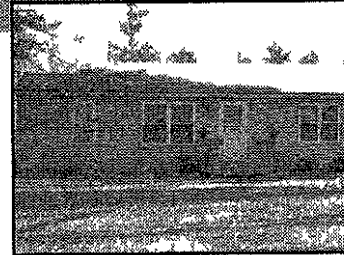
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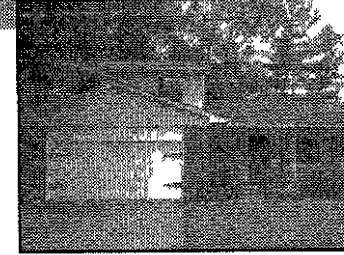
DEARBORN - All brick beauty! 3 bedroom 2.5 bath Tudor style colonial w/hard wood floors covered ceilings old world charm family room & finished basement \$199 900 (40WAR) 734 455 5600



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COMMERCE TWP - Absolute dollhouse You will love this wonderfully updated 3 BR ranch Very open floor plan featuring open kitchen dining & 2nd great room Wonderful updated bathroom Great lot and location Newer siding and roof Walled Lake schools \$159 900 (39BAL) 248-349 5600



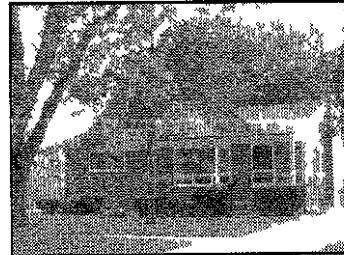
LIVONIA - Savvy shopper knows a good buy A 1980 built brick colonial w/1st floor laundry Has nice finished basement and 2 car attached garage C/A sprinklers wood windows deck & patio Family room w/fire place & formal dining room Leisure living \$235 000 (27WOO) 248 349 5600



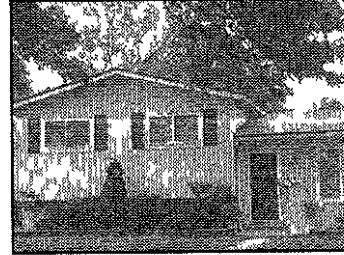
NORTHVILLE - Remodeled 2 story condo Don't miss this one Hardwood crown molding fireplace C/A fresh paint finished basement all appls stay Large kitchen newer windows private fenced patio dining room att garage Walk to downtown Gas and water included \$205 000 (16QUE) 248 349 5600



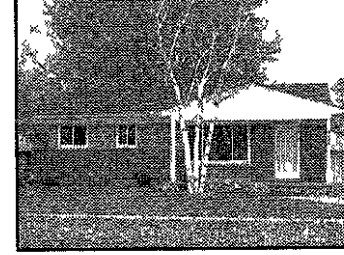
PLYMOUTH - Ranch w/finished walkout One of a kind custom built 4 bedroom 3.5 bath home Awesome finished lower level w/wet bar Very spacious Backs to woods Clean & updated \$409 900 (36CHA) 734 455 5600



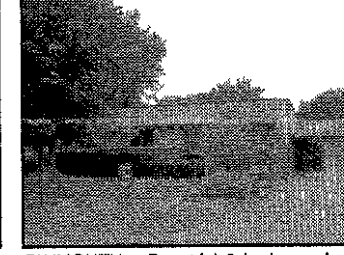
DEARBORN HGTS - Move in cond tion 3 bedroom brick ranch w/1 bathroom eat in kitchen dining L spacious living room all vinyl windows 2 car garage \$150 000 (69SIL) 734-455 5600



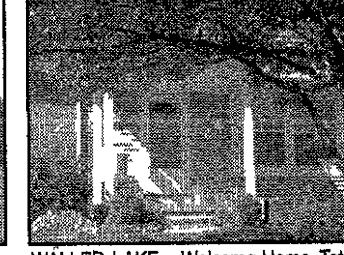
WESTLAND - Stop the car! Tri level w/neutral colors open floor plan & cath ceilings newer kitchen ceramic bath newer 5 bath newer carpeting 2 car garage & shed newer deck off doorwall Close to elementary school & park Home warranty \$138 900 (54BUR) 734 455 5600



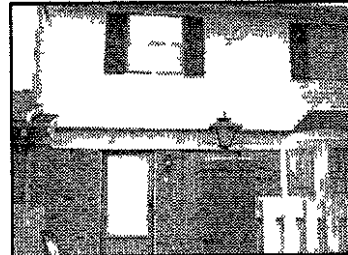
LIVONIA - Move in at closing This turn key ranch is spotless Totally updated kitchen w/maple cabinets ceramic tile floor and appliances New bath 03 w/cus tom tile maple vanity furnace & C/A 01 windows & shingles 02 fresh paint & more Basement w/lav & 2 car garage too \$157 500 (32MER) 248 349 5600



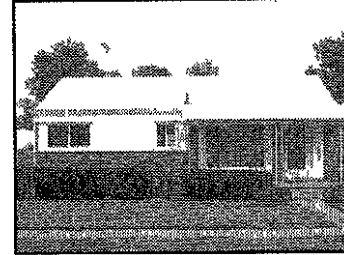
PLYMOUTH - Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch w/newer furnace roof & windows Hardwood floors Large yard & deck Finished lower level Oversized 2 car garage \$209 900 (19RUS) 248 349 5600



WALLED LAKE - Welcome Home Totally updated 2 bedroom 1.5 bath condo in desirable area Professionally painted custom moldings & custom lighting Newer appliances included Condo offers base ment and garage Close to schools lake & M 5 A must see \$135 900 (53HAR) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Great townhouse condo 2 bedrooms w/1.5 baths Crisp & clean freshly painted quiet location updated kitchen & 5 baths Nice bay window in dining room w/window seat 2 skylights brick paver patio full basement appliances stay A must see \$139 900 (79ARB) 734 455 5600

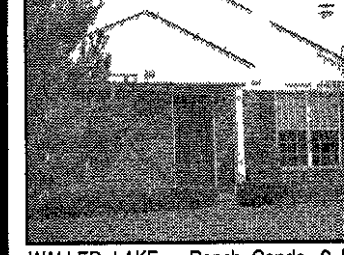


LIVONIA - Large corner lot with view Updated 3 bedroom ranch finished base ment newer roof windows C/A & all newer appliances stay Right across from school 2 car garage w/electricity Florida room fenced in backyard w/BBQ This one will go fast \$174 900 (12HAL) 734 455 5600

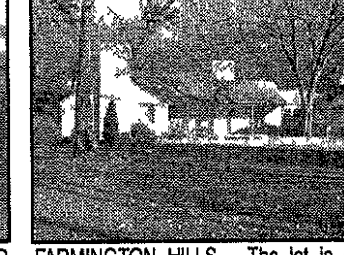


PLYMOUTH 705 South Main St. 734-455-5600
NORTHVILLE 175 Cady Centre 248-349-5600

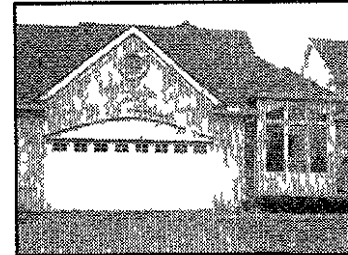
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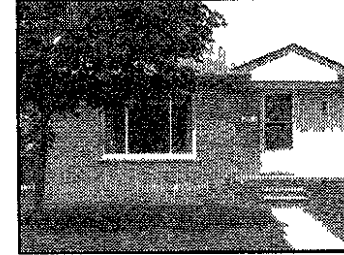
WALLED LAKE - Ranch Condo 2 BR ranch w/1 car att garage Full basement w/cedar closet Newer hardwood floor in GR kitchen and dining room Vaulted ceiling in great room w/natural fireplace Private patio off dining area Master bed room w/walk in closet Super clean \$156 500 (02DOV) 248 349 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - The lot is out standing Bring your builder or contractor! Renovation opportunity in Woodcreek Farms on a large treed ravine lot w/stream 4 bedroom ranch w/2.5 baths Excellent floor plan including a walk out basement Don't miss this one \$298 000 (56WES) 248 349 5600

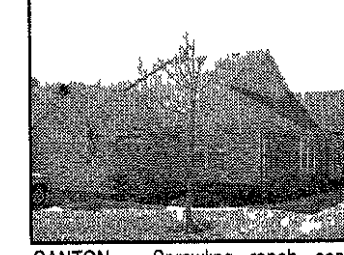


PLYMOUTH - A real masterpiece from top to bottom! 3 bedroom suites 2 car attached garage 2 gas fireplaces marble foyer maple cabinets den w/wet bar impressive great room stunning walkout lower level Beautiful view of wooded area \$445 000 (41BEA) 734-455 5600



GARDEN CITY - Great updated ranch Cute 3 bedroom brick home w/newer furnace C/A electricity roof windows & car pet Glass block windows in finished basement doorwall to patio & large 2 car garage \$143 500 (71CAR) 734-455 5600

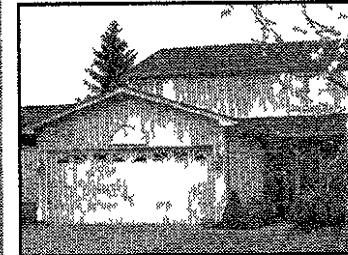
PLYMOUTH - Walk to town from this 4 bedroom ranch w/many newer updates Furnace C/A 2 full baths & newer windows All appliances stay 2 car attached garage and more \$204 900 (05MAR) 248 349 5600



CANTON - Sprawling ranch condo Fantastic 2 bedroom end unit backs to the 11th hole Sit on your deck & watch the golfers or join in Spacious unit w/hard wood flooring gas fireplace in GR w/cus tom mantel white kit w/all built ins Jetted tub & double sinks in master \$274 900 (32THI) 248 349 5600



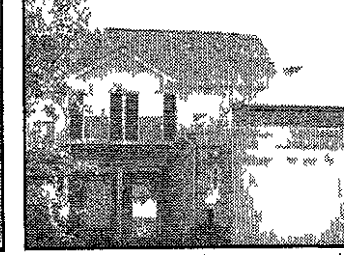
NOVI - Welcome home like new This awesome ranch on a large lot features open floor plan newer windows updated kitchen custom paint & crown moldings hardwood floors updated lighting & newer carpet Shows like a new home Move in and enjoy \$189 900 (11MCM) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND - A special colonial 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home w/bright kitchen w/all appliances family room w/gas fireplace leading to private yard w/pool & hot tub Finished lower level & 2 car attached garage \$199 900 (39BRY) 734-455 5600



WESTLAND - Quiet suburban retreat 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car attached garage newer roof bath windows furnace & C/A + large deck w/gaze bo 1st floor laundry full wall fireplace w/insert Take a look! \$159 900 (70GLO) 734 455 5600



CANTON - Located on premium lot! Charming 2 story condo overlooking scenic pond Offers upgraded Pergo floor in kitchen all kitchen appliances fireplace in great room finished basement w/drywall recessed lights & carpeting Also lovely deck for entertaining \$169 500 (75HUN) 734 455 5600



PLYMOUTH - Nice corner location in wonderful sub 4 bedrooms 3 full baths 2 car garage Newer carpet & roof Fireplace in great room Eat in kitchen & separate dining room Very large living room Master bedroom w/walk in & full bath \$285 000 (90TAD) 248 349 5600



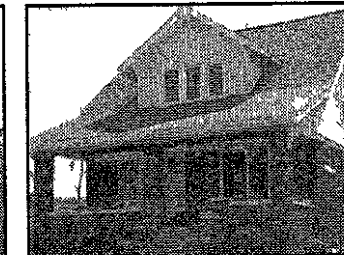
NOVI - New condo listing Charming Crosswinds w/2 BR 2.5 BA Features many updates Home located at back of condo complex for maximum privacy 1 car garage w/opener Includes all appliances Great location close to major x ways \$174 500 (78PON) 248-349 5600



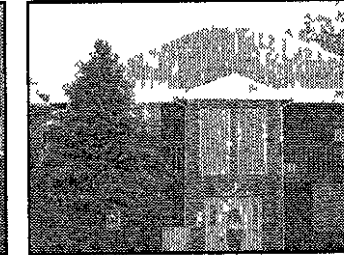
SOUTH LYON - Custom Built Hurry still time to make selections 4 bedrooms 3 full and 2 half baths 3+ side entry garage Golf course community Walk out lower level Corner lot in great neighborhood Builder uses only top quality materials \$499 900 (91GRE) 248 349 5600



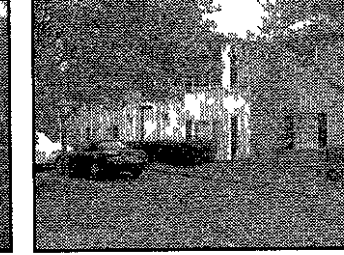
CANTON - Wooded end unit ranch Sharp like new 3 bedroom 2 bath condo offering 2 way fireplace great room formal dining room 1st floor laundry basement 2 car attached garage in excellent location \$304 755 (40HOG) 734 455 5600



DEARBORN - Old world charm & character Spacious brick bungalow Hardwood floors throughout natural woodwork leaded glass 2 baths & kitchen updated Most windows replaced newer furnace C/A roof electricity insulation HWH & sprinklers Formal DR FR bsmt 2 car garage \$244 900 (05MOR) 734-455 5600



WESTLAND - Move in condition Great buy on this 2 bedroom condo offering vaulted ceilings in living room w/skylights open floor plan & appliances stay + 1 year home warranty included \$105 900 (26SHO) 734 455 5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD - Nice corner location in wonderful sub 4 bedrooms 3 full baths 2 car garage Newer carpet & roof Fireplace in great room Eat in kitchen & separate dining room Very large living room Master bedroom w/walk in & full bath \$285 000 (90TAD) 248 349 5600



ORCHARD LAKE - Best of Two Lakes The views will amaze you Orchard Lake in front and Upper Straits in back 6 bed room 3.5 bath contemporary home Huge dining room can entertain your largest group Fabulous opportunity Has not been available for 30 years \$2 399 900 (47OLD) 248 349 5600



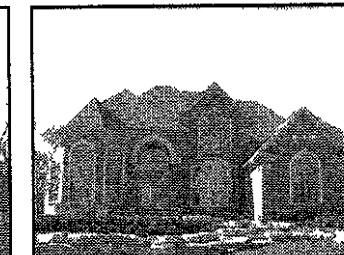
FARMINGTON HILLS - Farmington Hills Condo Beautiful Oakcrest condo w/2 BR 2 full baths WIC cathedral ceilings in LR & FR fresh paint and carpet bonus room over 2 car attached garage same floor laundry fireplace & balcony All appliances stay Water included \$174 900 (40LAU) 248 349 5600



INKSTER - A honey for the money! A 3 bedroom home with C/A Many updates including kitchen w/oak cabinets bath wth ceramic tile plumbing & electricity Family room leads to lovely deck + garage \$79 900 (16LEH) 734 455 5600



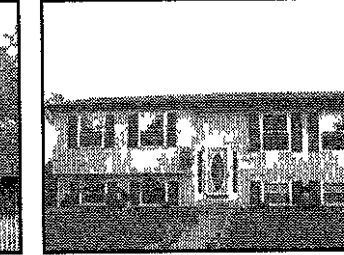
NORTHVILLE - Maybury State Park 4 bedroom ranch that backs to State Park Walk out basement 2 car attached garage large country kitchen beautifully landscaped w/mature trees all sitting on a very serene 3 acre lot \$539 900 (25WES) 734 455 5600



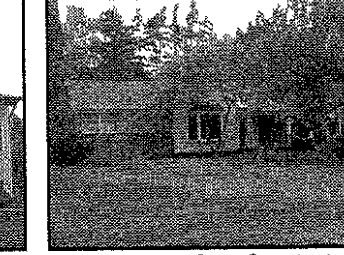
CANTON - Classic Elegance! Custom built on approx 1 acre lots Foyer w/wrought iron & wood trimmed staircase 2 story great room w/fplc & crown molding kit & mstr bath w/granite tops All 3 bed rooms have a bath & WIC Full basement w/walk out & 3 car attached garage \$759 000 (51ROL) 734 455 5600



NORTHVILLE - Historic Vintage charm gracefully updated w/newer windows furnace hot water heater A/C roof & more Baths recently remodeled by current owner/architect The investment is golden lifestyle is sterling & potential is priceless \$329 900 (34RAY) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH - This updated Charmer Absolute move in condition Spacious 4 bedroom home w/oak cabinets and Pergo floors Newer windows entry & patio doors Top rated Plymouth schools Walk to elementary school \$205 000 (53ORE) 248 349 5600



SOUTHFIELD - Great Opportunity Brick ranch on approx 1 beautiful acre w/2 bedrooms 1.5 baths FR & DR Large eat in kitchen Knotty pine interior for up north feel Partially finished basement w/built in Ber Master bedroom w/WIC & built ins Newer roof furnace HWH C/A & attached 2 car garage \$179 900 (14FOR) 248 349 5600



PLYMOUTH - Small town atmosphere Country like location close to downtown Plymouth 3 bedroom ranch on tree lined street Great starter home \$169 900 (47MOR) 734 455 5600



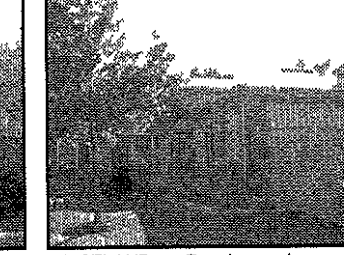
WESTLAND - This is the one Spacious 4 bedroom 2 bath tri level w/large eat in kitchen newer windows garage C/A & nicely landscaped w/pond in backyard \$168 500 (55CHI) 734 455 5600



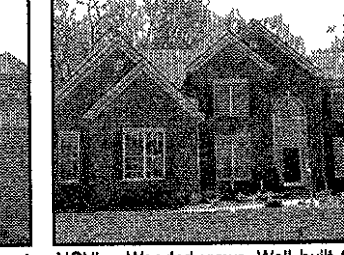
PLYMOUTH - The perfect condo setting Large 2 bedroom 1 full & 2 half bath town house w/finished basement attached garage private deck all appliances newer carpet & fresh paint You must see this one \$152 900 (75MIL) 734 455 5600



FARMINGTON HILLS - Welcome Home Professionally decorated 2 bedroom 2 bath ranch end unit in desirable area Newer appls included Walk to pool & tennis courts Home offers fireplace cathedral ceilings & full basement 1 car garage & deck \$188 500 (43COU) 248 349 5600



WESTLAND - Ranch condo on quiet court 2 BR 2 BA w/2 car garage and full basement First floor laundry neutral carpet and walls Ceramic tile in foyer and vaulted great room ceiling Eating area in kitchen w/white cabinets Walk in closet and deck \$179 900 (92CON) 248 349 5600



NOVI - Wooded views Well built 2 year old brick 2 story home w/almost every option 5 bedrooms 3.5 baths sunroom large dream kitchen 2 story Fieldstone fireplace enlarged family room & 2 level deck 3 car garage 6 whirlpool alarm system skylights C/A basement & more \$859 900 (99ABE) 248 349 5600

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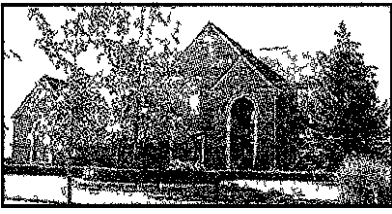
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NORTHVILLE \$1,150,000
ELEGANT LAKEFRONT HOME IN NORTHVILLE
4brdm 3 baths/2lavs Hrdwd granite 2 stairways
Mstr ste w/glamour bath & 20x10 Closet Neutral
decor Lush landscaping Trex deck patio private
beach (25PAR2)

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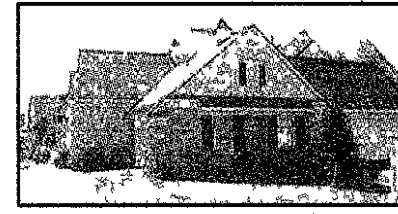
PLYMOUTH \$664,900
A HARVEST OF FEATURES! 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath
cape cod GR DR library 2 bdrms w/loft up Kit
W/brn eabs island pantry apple hrdwd fir
Dual fp Walkout bsmt 3 car gar (23M50311)

734-465-7000



SPRINGFIELD \$499,900
RARE OAKLAND CITY LAKEFRONT ACRE
AGE! 13 2 buildable acres 300 feet fronting Big
Lake Parked & surveyed Wetlands spring fed
pond Minutes from M 59 & I 75 Will partner with
builder until sold (23S12042)

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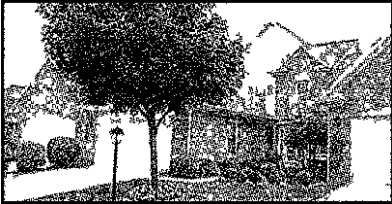
NORTHVILLE \$455,000
STUNNING NEUTRAL CONDO on the best
dressed list! 2 bdrms 2 1/2 baths Numerous up
grades incl granite lighting carpet &
cabinets Extra Crown midg Luxury Mstr Bath
(80LYO2)

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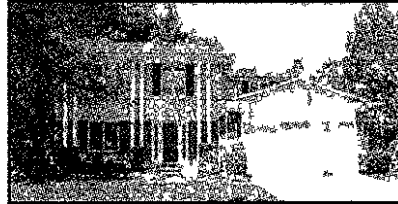
FARMINGTON HILLS \$347,900
RARE RAMBLEWOOD RANCH UPGRADES
GALORE! Architectural delight with dramatic
vaulted ceilings plant shelves & circle top
windows 2br 3bath den fin LL dream kitchen
Must See! (71SEQ2)

248-348 6430



NORTHVILLE \$319,900
BEAUTIFUL CONDO IN COUNTRY CLUB VIL
LAGE Open spacious sunlit condo with view
of pond 3 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths 2 fireplaces
study with bay window island kitchen Perfect
(90COU2)

248-348-6430



NOVI \$290,000
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL IN WHISPERING
MEADOWS Spacious 4 BR home w/large Master
Suite & Bath Wooded yard and front side
walks a real plus Newer roof furnace & windows
Home Warranty provided (09SUN2)

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SUPERIOR TWP \$269,900
LOTS OF PRIVACY Large Ranch w/nice open
floor plan on 5 acres 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath
fabulous new oak kitchen newer roof shingles
fireplace super family & game rm pole barn
(R165)

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LIVONIA \$264,900
AN EXCELLENT CHOICE TO CALL HOME! Col
in the desirable Blue Grass Farms 1 975 sq ft
FR w/natural fp DR w/a built in curio LR 1st fr
laundry Nice lg yard w/mature trees Great
location! (23N15640)

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FARMINGTON HILLS \$254,990
BEAUTIFUL SCENIC LOT BACKING TO POND
surrounded by fruit trees & prk commons 3 BR
2 1/2 BA fresh paint nicely decorated w/oak trim
& panels marble FP fin bsmt w/ll bath 2 car
att gar more (B34658)

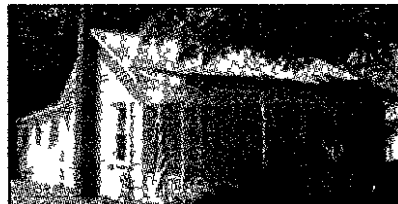
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WESTLAND \$245,000
ABSOLUTLY GORGEOUS HOME IN
BEAUTIFUL SUB Aside from the lush landscape
& beautifully maintained exterior this home is
mint & ready for you to move right in! Large deck
leads to submerged pool and more (S727)

PC220522

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NORTHVILLE \$229,000
CUTE AS A BUTTON Lot s of possibilities in this
Northville ranch Beautiful stone fireplace in family
room Special wood flooring in entrance Large
fenced yard Home warranty (25nov8)

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CANTON \$224,900
BEAUTIFUL BRICK CONDO W/1ST FLOOR
MASTER Move right in to this spacious neutral
3 BR 2 1/2 BA condo w/2 stry GR RMw/corner
FP Loft w/full BA crown moldings skylights 1st
Fr Laund & 2 Car Att Gar! (03SHE2)

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WESTLAND \$219,900
LARGEST OF THE BROWNSTONES CONDOS
Plenty of room to enjoy Your new home has a
fireplace in the living room with vaulted ceilings
3 Floors of comfort Close to shopping &
entertainment (C704)

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COMMERCE \$217,000
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY CONDO End unit 1850
square ft 3 bdrm 2 1/2 bath 1st fr master & laun
dry 2 car garage 9 ft basement pergo floors
Job transfer force sale (S2933)

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AUBURN HILLS \$199,900
AUBURN HILLS SHOWS LIKE A MODEL!
Beautiful 2 BR 2 1/2 BA Condo bit in 2000 Open
floor plan GR w/FP vaulted ceiling part fin bsmt
w/office 2 car garage deck & more! (34WIL2)

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PLYMOUTH \$199,900
WELCOME HOME! You'll be proud to call this
beautiful colonial your new home! Pride of
ownership shines w/many updates newer
wndws siding rf kit elec bx appl & more
(W10063)

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LIVONIA \$189,900
HIGHLY DESIRED COVENTRY GARDENS!
1753 SF tr level with large lot A great opportu
nity at this price! (C34037)

734 591 9200



LIVONIA \$185,900
MOVE IN AT CLOSING! Full brk ranch cathe
dral ceilings thru out 3 bdrm 1 1/2 baths on main
fr newer windows elec & plumb c/a bsmt has
wet bar 2+ car garage Hurry won't last!!
(O19184)

734-591-9200



WESTLAND \$179,900
THIS COULD BE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING
FOR! 4 BR colonial features hrdwd frs on ma n
floor and thru out 2nd fr nice flowing open fir
plan neutral decor all big tickets are done
Over 1500 SF! (A36672)

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WESTLAND \$177,900
RUN DON'T WALK! 1 2 have to move 3 4 say
no more 5 6 here it is 7 8 hurry before it's too
late! Fantastic ranch w/LR FR finished bsmt w/
2 more bdrms 2 1/2 car gar deck (23R8303)

734-455-7000



NOVI \$177,500
COUNTRY PLACE CONDO! 1650 SQ FT 3
Bedrooms 2 1/2 Bath End Unit on prime location
with a great view Complex features pool tennis
and clubhouse (04PEL2)

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YPSILANTI \$174,900
DEPOT TOWN CHARMER! Well maintained &
updated! Beautifully refinished hrdwd frs 1/2
newly remodeled kit bath & upstairs A great
home ready for you to just move in & enjoy!
(23H709)

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WAYNE \$174,900
GREAT BRICK RANCH 4 bedroom 2 baths
offers big rooms Bay window in living rm bow in
kitchen Nower doors roof windows blinds
Hardwood floors day light windows in bsmt
(T321)

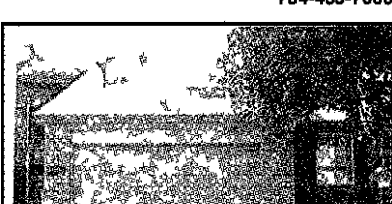
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LIVONIA \$172,400
GREAT BUY IN LIVONIA 3 BR brk ranch lo
cated in area of higher priced homes Newer oak
kit with all appl Hrdwd frs In need of repairs
elbow grease & decorating Great value!
(F14403)

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WESTLAND \$169,900
OASIS OF TRANQUILITY! Luxury 2 bed 2 1/2
bath 1300 sq ft 2 story condo w/basement Att 2
car garage deck & warranty S/Warren w/off
wayne onto hunter (O1QUA2)

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HOWELL \$169,900
HOWELL CHARMER! Cute 3 BR Bungalow in
downtown Howell Hrdwd frs new windows T/O
new bathroom Lg Kit DR Bsmt private deck
fenced yard 2 Car Gar w/worksp & much more!
(09JEW2)

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LIVONIA \$164,900
SOLID & ASSURING! Completely redone &
ready for you! 3 bdrm 1100 sq ft ranch Renewed
kit & bath replacement windows Lenox air &
heat new crpt & paint roof gutters & siding
(23H11009)

734 455-7000



REDFORD \$159,900
HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY to call this
newly constructed 3 BR 1 1/2 BA 1260 SF 2 car
att gar colonial w/bsmt your new home! Act fast
this quality workmanship won't last long!
(S19335)

PC070072

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LIVONIA \$158,900
INVESTMENT, EQUITY & VALUE! 3 bdrm 1 1/2
bath brick ranch Very well cared for home or gi
nal owner updated roof furnace c/a electrical
2 car garage part finished bsmt & more!
(D17519)

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LIVONIA \$154,900
THIS FULL BRK OLD WORLD CHARMER
OFFERS! Huge living rm w/newer carpeting
formal DR newer kit elect wndws shingles 1st
fr laundry 2 car garage beautiful landscape with
pond (L27901)

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WESTLAND \$149,999
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE Is this 3 bedroom
brick Westland Ranch w/full basement 1 1/2
baths on a nice quiet dead end street Master
bdrm has 1/2 bath Newer carpet & roof shingles
(H369)

PC2204e2

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REDFORD \$141,900
A RARE FIND! 3 bedroom brick ranch Remod
eled kitchen with bevelled counter tops updated
furnace c/a windows & roof Finished
basement w/rec rm 2 1/2 car garage (L18347)

PC070162

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GARDEN CITY \$139,900
NOTE THE SIZE of this 1300 sq ft 4 bdrm brick
& aluminum home in G C w/full fin basement &
gar Newly remodeled inside w/hardwood floors
new windows roof shingles & more (M276)

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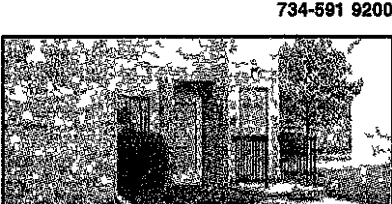
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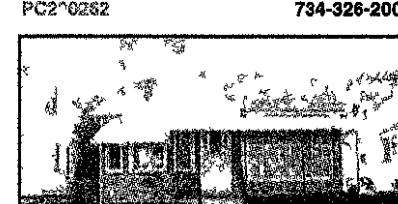
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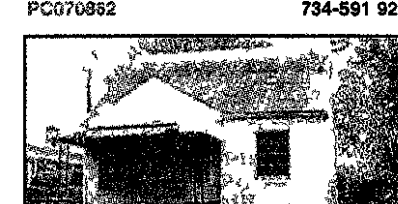
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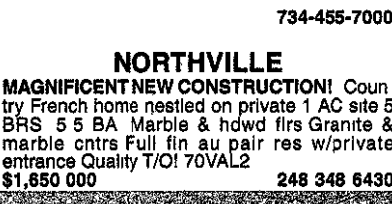
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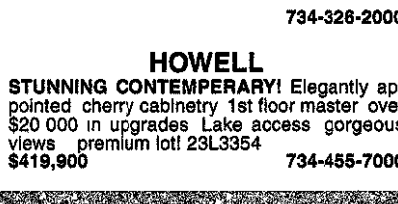
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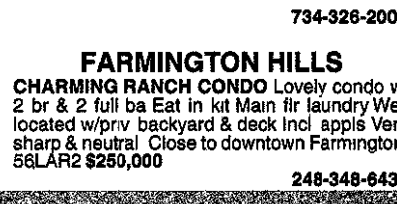
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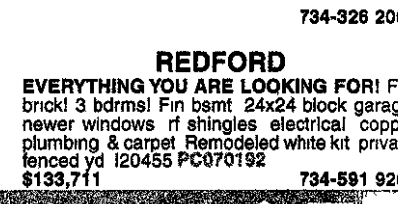
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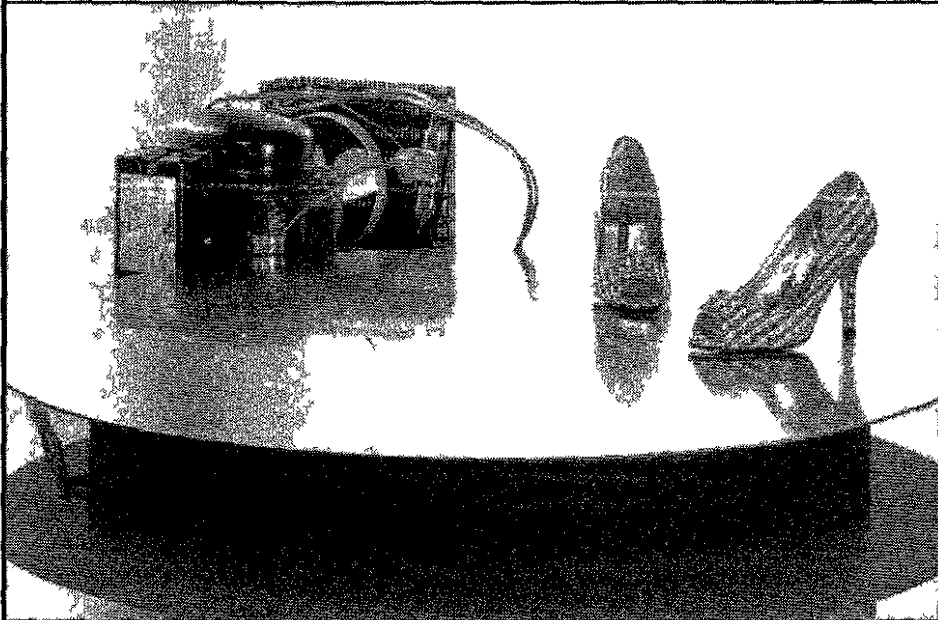
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Simone Westerwinter, *Starting Again at Zero*
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Art

Ride the edge at DIA's latest exhibit

How would Andy Warhol portray the pride and joy of the Motor City — the automobile?

At *On the Edge Contemporary Art from the DaimlerChrysler Collection*, on display through Jan 18 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, visitors can find out.

Among the 100 contemporary works presented are four silk screens of Mercedes-Benz vehicles by the 15-minutes-of-fame artist

The exhibit marks the launch of an international tour of the corporate art collection, which began its formation in 1977 and now comprises 1,300 pieces by about 300 artists

"I am absolutely thrilled that the Detroit Institute of Arts is presenting an extensive selection from the DaimlerChrysler Collection as our major fall exhibition," said Graham W J Beal, DIA director

The works are presented in 11 theme-organized galleries. Mediums include oil, digital ink, video, installation, photography and multi-media

The exhibit focuses on work done in the last 40 years, covering concrete and constructive art, as well as minimal and con-

NEW AT THE DIA

What: 'On the Edge Contemporary Art from the DaimlerChrysler Collection

When: Through Jan 18 museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

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ceptual art

The approach draws attention to "the unusually wide array of contemporary media — video and installation art that differentiates this corporate art collection from so many others," said Beal

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Visit Dickensian London with new Meadow Brook exhibit

They say a picture is worth a thousand words

The 19th century photographs displayed in *Dickensian London and the Photographic Image*, certainly speak on many levels and about more than one subject

The exhibit of images, film and artifacts, open through Nov 16 at Meadow Brook Art Gallery on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills,

WHAT THE DICKENS DO YOU SEE?

What *Dickensian London and the Photographic Imagination* an exhibit of 19th century photographs of London
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images, then, contrast Dickens' narrative realism with a graphic one

The images capture the dark, somber streets of London that include several decaying inns and residential dwellings St Paul's Cathedral can be seen in at least one of the photographs

STARK PORTRAIT

Many of the images are focused on the people of London, offering a stark portrait

traverses European history, the development of photography, sociology, media studies and, of course, the literature of Charles Dickens
"These images conjure up the ethos of Dickens' works," said Dick Goody, the art gallery's director

Dickens, who wrote *Great Expectations* and *Oliver Twist*, is famous for his lively but dark portrayals of London What's interesting about *Dickensian London* is the fact that its images nearly approximate the time period in which Dickens was writing and publishing *Dickensian London's* 50



MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY/GEORGE EASTMAN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILM

'Street Doctor,' 1876 by John Thomson is one of 50 19th century photographs from the George Eastman House Collection on display at Meadow Brook Art Gallery.

of life in the city during the Victorian era
Homeless, taken in the mid-1800s, depicts the desperation of a small boy who lives on the street Head in hands, shoeless and wearing torn pants, the boy could be Dickens' Oliver

The photographs come courtesy of the George Eastman House International Museum of Photography and Film and the American Museum of Photography

At least 10 photographers, some of whom are anonymous, are represented.

Claude Baillargeon, an Oakland University professor of art history who specializes in photography, served as the exhibit's curator

Another faculty member assembled clips of movies based on Dickens' stories

into a 23-minute video

No doubt of great interest to many visitors is the displayed daguerreotype, a light sensitive metallic plate representing the earliest stage in photography's development

Interestingly, Dickens is said to have had mostly harsh words for photography, at the time both an artistic and a scientific endeavor that fascinated just about everybody

Dickens had a problem with the amount of time one had to wait to have a picture taken, said Goody

"He didn't like having to sit for more than a minute"

But, hey, that was candid photography back then

Big screen

Give yourself a present and go see 'Elf'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

Buddy the Elf, a thirtysomething man who's enjoyed a blissfully naive existence cobbling toys at the North Pole, craves any food loaded with sugar

He covers a plate of pasta with jelly beans, Pop Tart pieces and maple syrup,

then gleefully crams fistfuls of the glucose-infused glop into his mouth. And that's just for breakfast

Elf director Jon Favreau goes easier on the sweet stuff, however

The screenplay writer and star of *Swingers* has made a Christmas movie that's almost edgy. And as Buddy, Will Ferrell brings a boundless boyish enthusi-

asm to the role that's infectious

It's a joy to watch Ferrell in action - and he's constantly in action, thanks to his perpetual sugar rush - because he seems to have genuine affection for this character. He never plays down to Buddy, never treats him like he's slow or goofy. He plays

him like an innocent kid stuck inside a 6-foot-3 (1.9-meter) man's body, and he makes you want to wrap your arms around him and protect him from the Scrooges outside the walls of Santa's workshop

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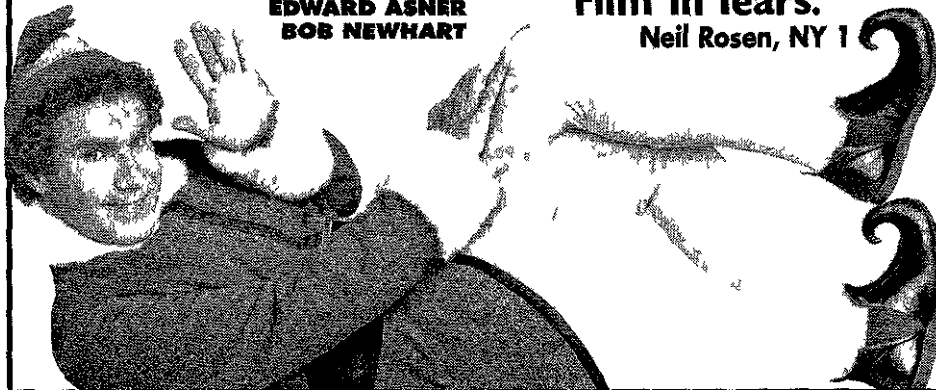
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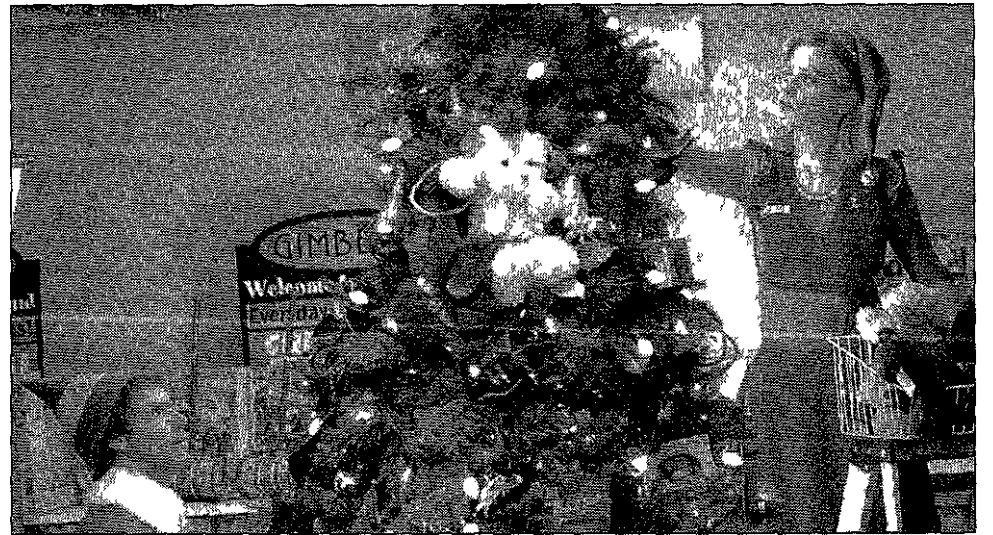


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Small screen

'Cemetery Man' offers lively look at the dead

There's so much good stuff in *Cemetery Man* that it's difficult to describe it all

The Italian masterwork (originally known as *Dellamorte/Dellamore*) has been largely overlooked, even by aficionados of such films, and that's a shame



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

Cemetery Man is one of the quirkiest films to come along in years

Francesco Dellamorte is the caretaker of the local cemetery, which he maintains with the help of his rotund assistant named Nogi, who never speaks, only grunts and eats spaghetti with his fingers. The cemetery is a peaceful place, but has one peculiar feature. After seven days, the dead return to life. In fact, within the

first 30 seconds of the movie, Francesco dispatches one of the dead who appears at his front door using a pistol he keeps around for just such occasions. The only way to permanently kill the dead is with a bullet through or a shovel to the head.

Francesco and Nogi keep the dead in

their place, for the most part, but their appearances do create some awkward situations. One fellow claws his way out of the ground just as Francesco and the fellow's widow are in a rather compromising position on his grave. How they got there in the first place is another interesting sidelight.

The dead are dangerous, however, as their purpose in life or death is to bite the living so they can also return from the dead.

If this isn't bizarre enough, things really do get weird when the mayor's daughter is run over by a bus. Nogi had a real thing for her, so much so that he threw up on her the first time he met her. If that isn't love, I don't know what is.

Nogi can't wait for her to return from the dead, so he unearths her coffin but accidentally pulls her head off.

No matter, she likes the big lug and is quite content to take up residence in his smashed TV set (which was shot to pieces when Francesco blew off the heads of a troop of Boy Scouts who were in the bus that ran over the mayor's daughter and then flew off a cliff).

And so it goes - A thoroughly mad work that is made to seem normal by the mat-

ter of fact way all deal with their bizarre lot.

There are moments of utter grotesqueness and vile gore mixed with hilarity. The look on Francesco's face when he blows apart Nogi's beloved TV is priceless. The film tends to drift into metaphysics toward the second half as Francesco deals with the reality of life and death.

But the ending is a stunner as

Francesco and Nogi trade places.

Cemetery Man is definitely worth a trip to the video store. You may have to do some searching or check into Thomas Video in Clawson.

Greg Kowalski cherishes Italian horror films above everything else in the world. Well, almost everything. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

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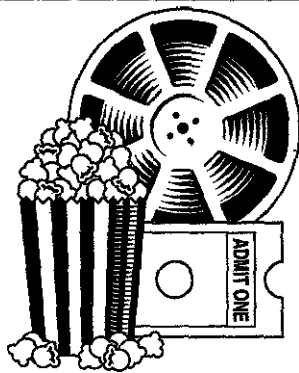
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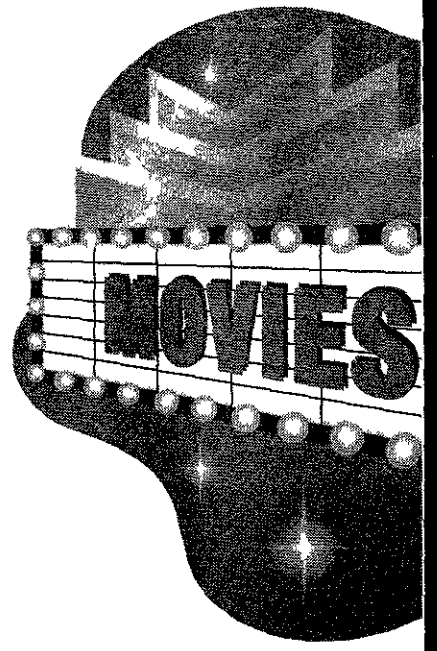
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ELF

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As a *Saturday Night Live* alum, he clearly has no qualms about making a fool of himself for the big laugh

Elf begins with a flashback, narrated by Papa Elf (Bob Newhart), which explains how Buddy sneaked into Santa's toy sack as an orphaned infant on Christmas Eve. Upon returning to the North Pole, Santa (a wonderfully unjolly Ed Asner) decides the boy should stay, and the elves raise him as one of their own.

After a lifetime of crouching through

tiny elfin doorways and squatting on tiny elfin chairs, Buddy is shocked to learn he's not an elf - he's a grown man with a father in New York City who doesn't know he exists. So he sets out to find Walter (James Caan), even though the callous children's book publisher is on the naughty list.

David Berenbaum's script really picks up, and the best sight gags and fish-out-of-water jokes come, after Buddy hits Manhattan (which he reaches by creeping carefully through the Lincoln Tunnel). He bounces through the city in his uniform - festive green jacket, yellow tights, pointy green hat - spinning through revolving doors and waving at hardened New Yorkers.

"I just like to smile," he responds when asked why he always appears so happy. "Smiling's my favorite."

Walter thinks Buddy's a nut when he shows up in full yuletide splendor at his Empire State Building publishing office, but has to accept him when a blood test proves this person is indeed his son. Walter's wife and son (Mary Steenburgen and Daniel Tay, among the solid supporting cast) eventually warm to him, too.

Speaking of the supporting cast, many of the choices are totally genius.

Besides Newhart and Asner, Zoëy Deschanel charms as the fair-haired object of Buddy's affections, and Andy Richter and Kyle Gass have some funny scenes as

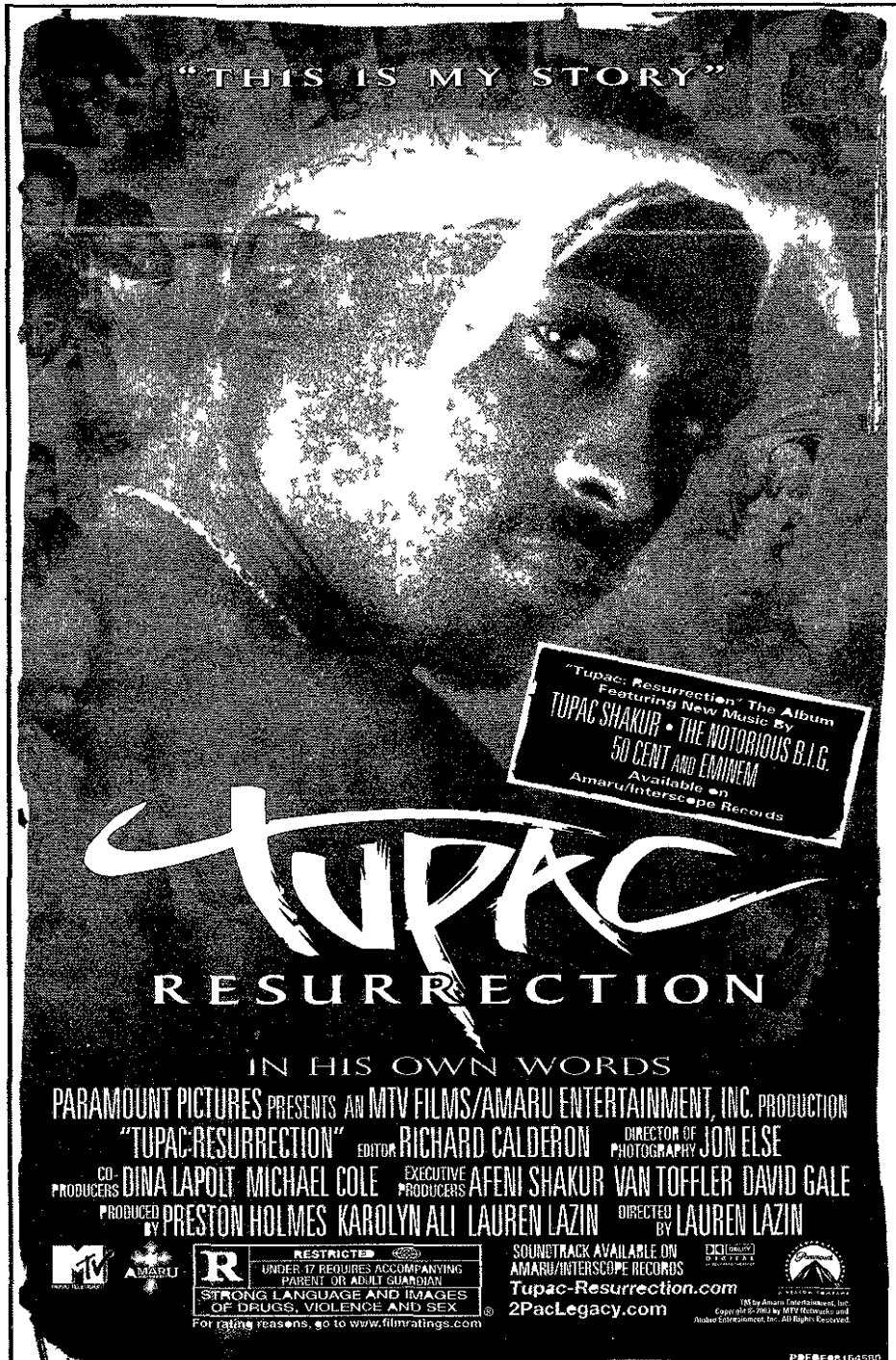
Walter's useless underlings.

But as an egomaniacal children's book author - a dwarf whom Buddy mistakes for an elf - Peter Dinklage seizes the scene he's in and doesn't let go. It would have been a disarming performance anyway, but it's especially forceful compared to the quiet dignity he brought this year to his starring role in *The Station Agent*.

Sure, *Elf* feels a little too feel-good at the end, but what do you expect? It's a Christmas movie! Anything else would be the cinematic equivalent of finding coal in your stocking.

Elf a New Line Cinema release runs 90 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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If you haven't heard, there's a big must-see Broadway hit headed to Detroit

The Producers, the Mel Brooks musical based on his 1968 Academy Award-winning film of the same name, opens Tuesday, Dec 1, at the Masonic Temple Theatre in Detroit

The show, which garnered a record-breaking 12 Tony Awards, runs through Sunday, Jan 11

And, yes, tickets are available "We have four or five weeks to go, so there's plenty of time left," said Alan Lichtenstein, executive director of Nederlander Theater, which operates the Masonic Temple "And we still have an excellent selection of seats"

But don't wait too long Although a complete sell-out is unlikely - Masonic Temple boasts a whopping 3,000 seats - some show dates ultimately will become unavailable, said Lichtenstein If your heart's set on a weekend night, better not linger

"Obviously, on the weekends, tickets sell out pretty quick You can always find a ticket on a Tuesday or a Wednesday night, but the earlier you buy the better the selection you will have"

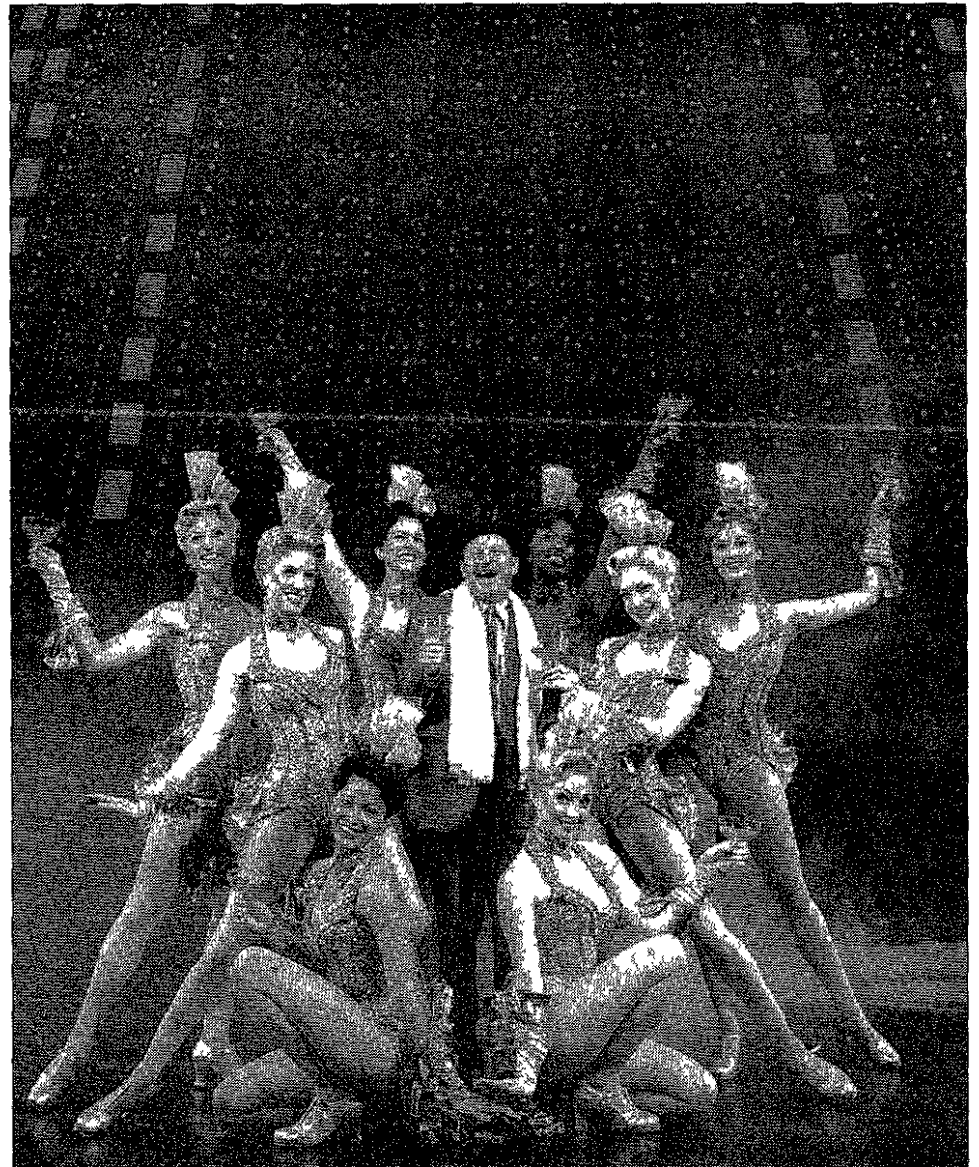
Now, if you didn't know, *The Producers* is a big hit about a planned Broadway flop

Susan Stroman, winner of five Tony Awards, directed and choreographed the show

THE STORY

As the story goes, down-on-his-luck producer Max Bialystock and his accountant, Leo Bloom, concoct a scheme to raise money to produce a Broadway show that's sure to close as fast as it opens and then pocket the remaining funds

Bob Amaral, who played Pumbaa in the national tour of *The Lion King*, portrays



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The Producers has singing, dancing, music and, best of all, Mel Brooks' humor

Bialystock, and Andy Taylor, who originated the role of Howard in *Moon Over Buffalo* with Carol Burnett, co-stars as Bloom

The producers' choice of play is a little something called, *Springtime for Hitler* But as if such a prospect doesn't smack of failure, Bialystock and Bloom hire the worst director they can find the incompetent, yet arrogant, Roger De Bris, who is played by Broadway stage veteran Stuart Marland

"I think of him as a truck driver in a dress," Marland said from Chicago, where he is currently performing in the show "It's a very individual role and also very physically demanding"

But all of the roles are quite taxing, he said There's a lot of singing, dancing and costume changes in *The Producers*

However, it's Mel Brooks' humor that steals the show "Nobody escapes the humor of Mel Brooks," Marland said of the musical's sometimes politically incorrect jabs "But it works, you hear these audiences at matinee shows just screaming with laughter I mean, they're just beside themselves"

At the same time, *The Producers* is a tribute to the Broadway musical, added Marland Song and lyrics traverse the world of music, from Leonard Bernstein to Elvis Presley

The story is warm and entertaining, and the dialogue and choreography is "beautifully crafted for the Broadway stage," said Marland

"I've done a lot of Broadway shows This is like a gem, it's totally a love letter to the musical"

Onstage



THE THEATRE COMPANY

University of Detroit Mercy's The Theatre Company is in its 34th season. Shirley Benyas (left) and Susan Berch star in 'The Children's Hour'

Not just talk ...

The Theatre Company walks the walk

The Theatre Company doesn't play cute, especially when it comes to play selection.

If anything, the University of Detroit Mercy ensemble takes pride in taking risks and making tough creative choices.

Consider *Lobby Hero*, which opens tonight and runs through Sunday, Nov. 30, at McAuley Auditorium on the university's Outer Drive campus in Detroit.

It's kind of the hot new play. It's being done all over the country, said Yolanda Fleischer, chair of the school's theater department and the show's director.

The work has been described as a modern-day comic morality play that transcends the categories of comedy and drama.

The Theatre Company's production premieres the play in Michigan.

In it, a luckless security guard, his uptight boss, an over-sexed police officer and his rookie partner are faced with having to *do the right thing*.

The problem: You can't do the right thing until you know what it is.

"These are moral dilemmas that are relevant today," said Fleischer, who lives in West Bloomfield. "There are no easy answers, and that's what makes this play feel contemporary. Today, doing the right thing isn't cut and dry."

Lobby Hero asks other equally joyless, yet pertinent, questions such as: "Should we trust other human beings?"

"These are four people who are looking for heroes, and they put their trust in people only to be let down," said Fleischer.

LAUGH AND LEARN

What: *Lobby Hero*, a comedic morality play.

When: 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday (no performance on Thanksgiving Day) Thursday, Nov. 13 to Sunday, Nov. 30.

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"But it is, in the end, a hopeful play, you won't go away depressed."

The play was written by Kenneth Lonergan, screenwriter for the movies *Gangs of New York* and *Analyze This*.

In its 34th season, the Theatre Company has a legacy of undertaking resolute stage works.

After *Lobby Hero*, the 24-member troupe offers up another cutting-edge Michigan premiere, *The Glory of Living* by Rebecca Gilman.

"We never do it for shock," said Fleischer. "It's just that they have more expression potential."

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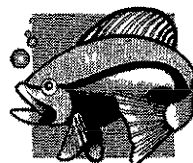


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 CORRESPONDENT

Normally, getting a glimpse of a professional sports star's trophy room is a rare opportunity, but at the recently opened Cheli's Chili Bar, it's an everyday occurrence.

It's all there, from Chris Chelios' days as a Montreal Canadian to his tenure with the Detroit Red Wings.

Spaced in between are mementos from Chris's trip to the 2002 Olympics and a smattering of non-hockey paraphernalia, including a baseball autographed by legend Joe Dimaggio.

For the football fan, there's a helmet signed by Jim Brown and jerseys donated by everyone from Wings favorite Steve Yzerman to football great Dick Butkus.

In case you didn't get the picture, Cheli's Chili Bar in Dearborn is all about sports. From the home plate-shaped wood-finished and marble-topped bar to the 20 television screens strategically placed in the main dining room.

A smaller auxiliary dining room that's accessible through sliding glass doors lies due west of the main dining room, it's been opened most of the time due to the heavy traffic that Cheli's has been enjoying since it opened for business in August.

EXPECT A CROWD

When it's packed, the restaurant holds about 300 customers, and according to chef David Starzyk, customers can expect a crowd. "We've been blessed to have a lot of business," Starzyk said.



Chef David Starzyk presents baby back ribs with flash find on the menu at Cheli's Chili Bar. Also pictured is a

An elevator and staircase lead to an open-air deck that's open during warmer months. Nestled between the two dining rooms downstairs is a VIP player's room where the Wings and other sports celebrities dine when they visit Cheli's.

But Cheli's would simply be a sports museum if it wasn't for the food and drink, which is commanded by Starzyk, whose list of credits include time at Mike Illitch's American Pizza Café, Boss Hog's Smoke House in Livonia, Jack's Waterfront in St. Clair Shores and 220 Merrill Street in Birmingham.

All told, Starzyk brings 30 years experience in cooking and restaurant management to the restaurant, which is owned by Chelios and limited partner and general manager Rob Marano.

EXPANSIVE MENU

Besides being a showcase for Cheli's Chili, which is also being sold at area Farmer Jack's stores, Cheli's boasts an expansive menu, which offers everything from Coney dogs to filet mignon.

Starzyk, who's keenly aware of all the competition for the dining dollar that exists along Michigan Avenue in West Dearborn, where everything from Vietnamese cuisine to Transylvanian fare is offered, said the new restaurant has been holding its own.

"As far as our menu goes, we have our own niche," Starzyk said. "And if you're looking to see a star or an athlete, this is the place to go. We get them all."

Starzyk feels that the West Dearborn local



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Goal at Cheli's Chili Bar



ries and garlic mash potatoes, some of the items you'll sip beer and Death by Chocolate Cake



STEVE KOVICH | DETROIT RED WINGS

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recipe chili with variations that are available as chili-of-the-day features during the week

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"It's Chris' recipe and it's the centerpiece of the restaurant"

Starzyk said he believes people keep coming back because the food is fresh and made primarily from scratch

Whether it's an appetizer like fried calamari and buffalo wings, or main courses such as New York strips and baby back ribs, customers are not served yesterday's catch

"If we make something today, it will be used today," Starzyk said "Even our burgers for lunch are hand-pattied every morning, and that's a little unusual"

Cheli's Chile Bar is also kid-friendly, and offers a full kids' menu that includes burgers, macaroni and cheese and chicken dishes



Chris Chelios's chili's not too hot not too mild, it's centerpiece of the restaurant

tion, which is rapidly becoming a destination area for restaurant-goers due to the wide variety of food in the area, has helped Cheli's

"Dearborn offers a smorgasbord of restaurants," Starzyk said "There's just so much to choose from I think that's very unique, especially in such a small area."

Starzyk said the restaurant serves approximately 7,000 meals a week and that the initial menu, expanded to include popular specials, is approved by Chelios

"It's based on what Chris wants and feedback from our team and Chris," Starzyk said

The menu includes sandwiches, burgers, grilled fish and chicken and ribs dinners Chili, which is a tomato-based bean-and-meat-filled favorite, can be zipped up with an arsenal of hot sauces that's part of every table setting Starzyk said the restaurant serves about 1,300 pounds of its special



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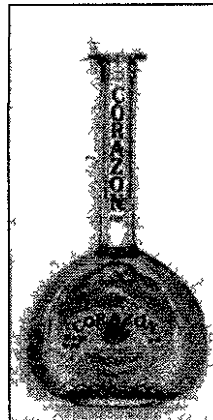
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City bites

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Ramadan dinner

The Muslim Students Associations of Henry Ford Community College and the University of Michigan Dearborn will host a Grand Ramadan dinner 5 p m Friday in the Pavilion at the Student & Culinary Arts Center on HFCC's main campus, 5101 Evergreen Road Dearborn. No reservations are needed. For details contact renee_abdulhadi@hotmail.com

Benefit wine auction

William Terlato president and chief operating officer of Paterno Wines International and honorary chair of the 2003 Detroit International Wine Auction at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center on Saturday said Paterno's Grand Auction Lot will feature 33 cases of wine and a two day trip for eight guests to Chicago. Appraised at \$32,000 this auction lot has the highest estimated value in the wine auction's 22 year history. For details visit www.paternowines.com. Call (313) 664 7464 or visit www.ccsad.edu for event reservations/details

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On November 27, **Filter** will feature a guide complete with cover story, editorial listings and more. This is your opportunity to show our readers that your establishment can provide an experience that will meet their expectations of the night. After all, it's the holidays! And that means that everyone will be flocking home to reunite with their friends from the hometown. Don't miss out on this chance to market yourself as the place to be on this popular weekend!

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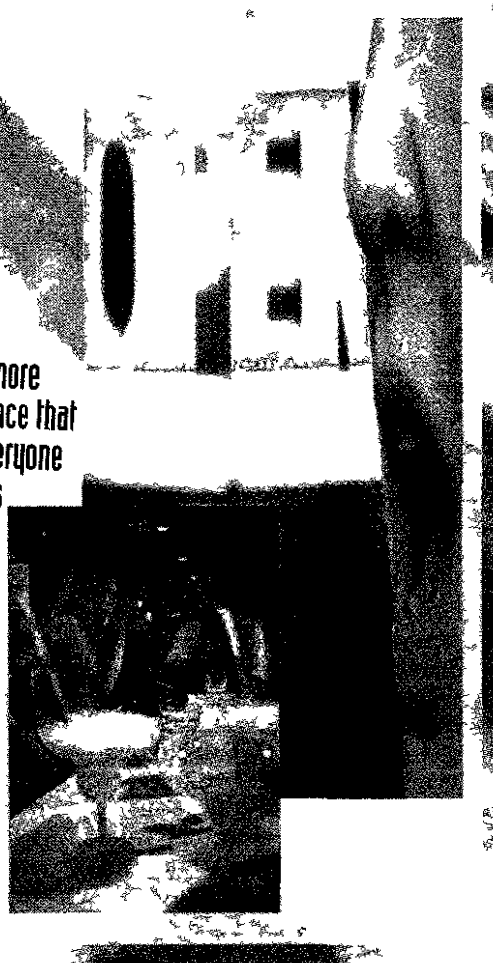


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Holiday contests

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What's your biggest holiday kick? Going to see the Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes at the Fox Theatre? Shopping for gifts? Decorating? Cooking special meals for friends and family?

Share your memories and favorite holiday kicks for the chance to win a family four pack of tickets to the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, performance of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Fox.

Winners will get to meet one of the Rockettes prior to the performance.

Winners will be notified by phone prior to the performance. Look for the winning entries in the Dec. 11 edition of Filter. Three prizes will be awarded.

Send entries by Monday, Dec. 1, to Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009. To send a fax, call (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net.

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular returns to the Fox Theatre Friday, Nov. 28, to Saturday, Dec. 27, with 54 performances. Tickets are \$18.50 to \$60.50



The Radio City Christmas Spectacular featuring the Rockettes returns to the Fox Theatre on Nov. 28

and can be purchased at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices and Hockeytown Authentics in Troy (with-out service charges), and all Ticketmaster outlets.

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Pre-concert chat is at 7:15 p.m. Also on the program is Napoli Variations by Herman Bellsted, *Buzet's Faraiddol* from *L'Arlesienne Suite No. 2* and Dvorak's Symphony No. 7 in D Minor. Tickets \$17 adults, \$15 seniors

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For information, visit www.plymouth-symphony.org

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Other highlights include Bach's *Concerto For Two Violins* and Dvorak's *Serenade No. 1 in E Major, op. 22*

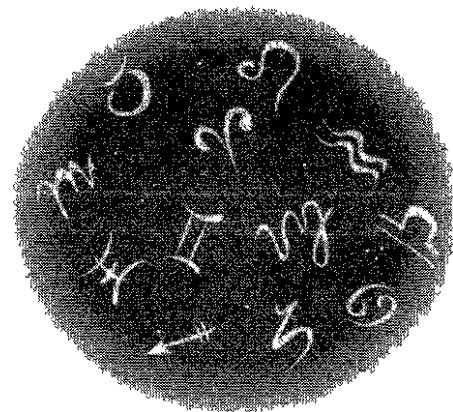
Tickets are \$15 adult, \$8 seniors/students at the door, or in advance. Call (248) 334-6024

Horoscope



Star Struck

(Nov 13-Nov 15)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

If you insist on doing things your way or refuse to discuss certain subjects, then you will only have yourself to blame if others give you the cold shoulder. It'd be a pity to mess up just as a breakthrough is about to take place. Use your head and turn on the headlights!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You may be of the astro opinion that the best way to deal with a problem is to beat it into submission, but that approach won't work outside the bedroom now. Strive to find a more subtle way to exert your will. As you think, so you are.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Putting on a brave face and boosting others' morale is commendable. However, the time has come to determine whether or not those around you are worthy of your trust. The greatest test of courage is to bear defeat without losing heart. Make love, not lesions.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Movement, change and upheaval is in the stars, moonchild. However, once the dust has settled at the end of the week, you will come to realize that seldom have you been in such a strong position to make your mark. Aim high, you deserve the best.

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Don't worry over trifles or work yourself into a lather when things do not go according to plan. Be still and listen to your inner voice, which is now telling you that a recent financial setback has only set you free. This week, you can learn the easy way or the hard way.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

Tackle obstacles with the belief and knowledge that they can't slow you down for long. The world is your oyster and now contains a pearl. The more you give and listen, the more you'll be justified in taking for yourself. Confidence and compassion brings success.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Attitude is everything at this time, when there is so much to gain and as much to lose. If you don't get overconfident or push your luck, you should end up the winner on your own terms. Stop trying to do too much. Do, mellow, and then delegate and discard!

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Retreat from the brink and avoid squabbles this week - puh leeze! Far too much has already been said in haste or anger. What is required is a cooling off period. If you come on too strong, those who feel threatened will join forces to stand in your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

If pushed too far, you are quite capable of displaying ruthless determination. And if ever there was a time to change your tactics and put to light those who are taking your kindness for granted, this must surely be it. Archer! You know it, they know it, now's the time to shout!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You won't settle for second best this week. However, problems of a partnership, possibly romantic or familial - nature are liable to escalate unless a new understanding is agreed upon by others. Be persistent, define your goals and intentions and stick to them.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

That you're not on the same wavelength as loved ones lately is painfully obvious. However, don't risk making a bad situation even worse by refusing to discuss important family or property matters. If you suspect that you're being taken for a ride, take evasive action.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

If a partner or loved one appears to be working against you or not listening, the problem could be your misguided perception of the situation. Be objective and don't let your personal insecurities create difficulties where none exist.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail at DenFairchild@aol.com

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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

Albums

With his latest release **Ryan Adams**

(that's Ryan no B) answers the question: Just because you can does it mean you should? *Rock N Roll* sees the former alt country hero and Whiskeytown frontman taking a turn into rock n roll territory.

The album was released at the same time as the EP *Love is Hell Part I*, half an album shelved earlier in the year by his record label for being "too dark" (the second half will be released in December).

In *Rock N Roll* Adams proves he may be on a happier road now but he is also seemingly in the middle of an identity crisis. The album adopts the likes of The Strokes, early U2, Tom Petty, Nirvana (*Luminol* could very well be Adams' answer to *Lithium*) and even Def Leppard - it's a little like listening to a history of rock n roll sampler.

There is some tongue-in-cheek here. On *Burning Photographs* he sings "I use to be sad/Now I'm just bored with you."

The album is full of cameos - Melissa Auf Du Mar of Smashing Pumpkins fame and Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong and even Adams' girlfriend/actress Parker Posey sings backup on *Note to Self Don't Die*.

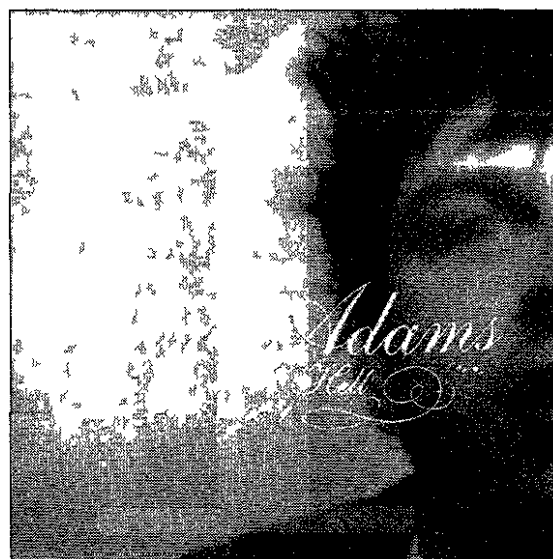
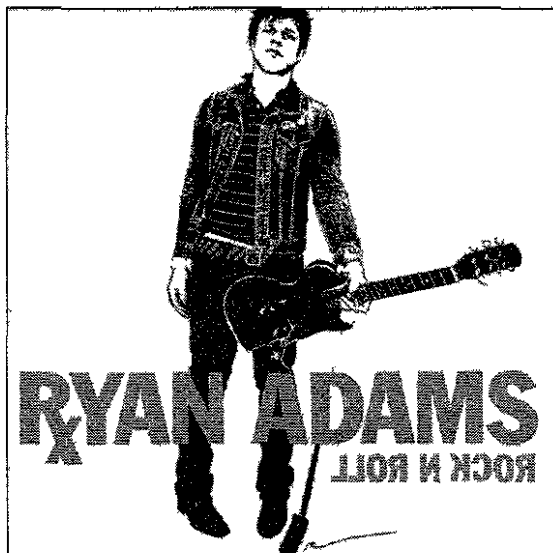
Anybody Wanna Take Me Home is the album's closest brush with alt country and provides the melody, introspection and lyrical double meaning that makes Adams a prolific songwriter. *Rock N Roll* may guitar lick with the best of them - but I miss the old Ryan.

Fortunately you can find just that on *Love is Hell Part I*. The eight song EP is overflowing with more hooks and introspection than can be pinpointed anywhere on *Rock N Roll*.

This House is Not for Sale and *World War 24* contain the kind of lyrical storytelling that made 2000's *Heartbreaker* such a wonderful album. A winnowing, angular cover of Oasis' *Wonderwall* is haunting.

These are sad, desperate songs but they have an odd kind of hope - and this is trademark Adams. The piano melody of *Shadowlands* kicks into a full-on orchestra of redemption. We can only hope Adams finds his way back to them.

Both albums are available at local record stores.



Concert

Formed the year I was born (send hate mail to the e-mail

address below). **Duran Duran** was one of the first MTV video friendly bands. A few years ago rumors began surfacing that the band was back together and working on a new album. In preparation for that release, frontman and cult icon Simon LeBon has taken his New Wave boys back on the road. They will play Saturday at the Royal Oak Music Theatre, 318 W. Fourth Street in Royal Oak. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the 21 and up show is set to begin at 8 p.m.

With standing room only tickets going for \$55 a piece, this show will most likely draw an older crowd and die-hard fans. Tickets can be purchased at Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (248) 645-6666.

Film

Directed by Peter Hedges (screenwriter for *What's Eating Gilbert Grape?* and *About a Boy*).

Pieces of April follows East Village resident April Burns (Katie Holmes) as she tries to make Thanksgiving dinner for her suburban family. April, the family's black sheep, wants to prove she can do something adult.

But she also wants to make amends with her mother, Joy, who is dying of cancer.

What ensues is a comedy of errors and an introspective tale of mother-daughter relationships. The Magnetic Fields' Stephin Merritt provides the soundtrack.

Running time: 1 hour 21 minutes. PG-13. The film is playing at the Landmark Maple Art Theatre in Royal Oak.

For show times call (248) 263-2111.

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Midwest premiere of *Dirty Story* by John Patrick Shanley through Nov 23. Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900 or www.jetttheatre.org

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Here and There by Esther Blumenfeld, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. \$17 through Dec 28 and New Year's Eve. 13103 Woodward, Wilson, Detroit, (313) 868-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com

Michigan Opera Theatre

Madame Butterfly by Giacomo Puccini, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 1526 Broadway, Detroit, (313) 237-SING, www.MichiganOpera.org, UMS, *Twelfth Night*, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov 18, (\$45), Thursday, Friday, Nov 20, 21, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov 22, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov 23, (\$55), Michigan Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538 or www.ums.org

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Spotlight Players

The Odd Couple, 7 p.m. seating, 7:30 p.m. dinner, 8:30 p.m. curtain, Saturday, and 1 p.m. seating, 1:30 p.m. luncheon, 2:30 p.m. curtain, Sunday, at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, west of Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill, in Canton. Tickets \$30 in advance, \$35 day of performance, includes dinner and show. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.spotlightplayers.net

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30, dinner and show, \$45, 108 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-0522, www.genittis.com

COMMUNITY THEATER

Village Players

Stage Door, classic play about theater which inspired the 1930s movie, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, through Nov 22, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov 16 & Nov 23, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, \$15, (248) 644-2075

Farmington Players

On Golden Pond by Ernest Thompson, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Nov 20, 22, Friday, Nov 28, 29, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov 23, Nov 30 and Dec 6, 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Dec 4, 6, Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W 12 Mile Road, \$13, (248) 553-2955

Novi Theatres

A One Act Festival, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 45175 W 10 Mile Road, Novi, \$10 advance, \$12 door, (248) 347-0400

Trinity House Theatre

Hospitality Suite by Roger Reuff, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, \$12, \$9 for theater members, 38840 W Six Mile Road, Livonia, (734) 464-6302

Broadway on Stage

All's Well in 804, comedy by local author Ed Thomas, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, through Saturday, Nov 22, 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer, (8 1/2 Mile Road), Eastpointe, \$15, (586) 771-6333

Stagecrafters

To Kill a Mockingbird, 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Nov 23, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, www.stagecrafters.org

Pontiac Theatre IV

Scrooge, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, Pontiac, \$10, (248) 681-6215

Clarkston Village Players

Light Sensitive by Jim Geoghan, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, through Nov 22, \$10, Thursday & Sunday, \$12 for Friday, Saturday, (248) 625-8811 or www.clark



Bill Everson stars as the King (left), Laura Raisch, Cinderella, and Jeff Davison, the Prince in 'Cinderella' presented by St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook, 7 p.m. Friday, Nov 14 & 21, 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov 15 & Nov 22, 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov 16 & 23, at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, just west of Christ Church Cranbrook. Tickets \$7 advance, \$8 at the door. Call (248) 644-0527 or www.stdunstanstheatre.com. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Camp Make-A-Dream.



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Candida by George Bernard Shaw, featuring Kathryn Ruth Mayer of West Bloomfield as Candida, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., Ypsilanti, \$15, \$12 students/seniors, (734) 477-0000, www.mct.org

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Chicago musical, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, through Nov 29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov 16, 23 & 30, 21730 Madison, corner of Monroe & Outer Dr., \$14 reserved, (313) 561-TKTS

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University Productions

Operatic double bill, Giacomo Puccini's *Suo Angelica* and *Gianna Schicchi*, 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Power Center, Ann Arbor, \$20, \$15, (734) 764-2538

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David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross* opens 8 p.m. Friday, continues in rotating repertoire to Jan 31, 4743 Cass, Wayne State University campus, Detroit, \$12 to \$20, (313) 577-2972

YOUTH

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The Jungle Book Tarzan, the Palace of Auburn Hills, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. Friday, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday, \$15, \$18, \$25, \$35 & \$45, (248) 645-6666, www.disneyonice.com

Theatre Livonia

Oliver, 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday, Livonia Mall, 29514 Middlebelt at 7 Mile Road, use G entrance, \$8, seniors

& students \$6, (586) 344-7774

Marquis Theatre

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, through Jan 18, 135 E. Main St., Northville, \$8, (248) 349-8110

Figure Skating Competition

Sponsored by the Westland Figure Skating Club, features 240 skaters, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6210 N. Wildwood, one block north of Ford Road, Westland, no charge, (734) 729-4560

AUDITIONS

Village Players

Swingtime Canteen musical, 6 p.m. Sunday, 7 p.m. Monday, Come 30 minutes early to register. Female vocalists who can sing songs of the 40s in harmony and solo. Music available at Adult Services, Baldwin Library, Birmingham. Come prepared to sing a song from the show and dressed for movement. Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham. Performances weekends, Jan 23, Feb 8, (248) 644-2075, (248) 540-3750

Ridgedale Players

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov 17, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, (248) 988-7049, email dancermandan@comcast.net, Performance dates weekends, Jan 9-25

DANCE

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Atmospheres: Dialogues with the Unknown, 7:30 & 9 p.m. Saturday, brunch/concert combo, 12:30 p.m. brunch, 2 p.m. performance, Sunday, Ford Community & performing Arts

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Friday 8 30 p m Saturday The Max 3711
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2095

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Folk music/storytelling 7 30 p m
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Russ Miller reeds Nov 17 7 30 11 p m
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Nov 26 28937 Warren Garden City \$5
cover with dinner \$10 cover without
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Bob Roy (modern rock) Thursday
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Haggerty Road West Bloomfield (248)
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Friday Saturday 220 Merrill St

Birmingham (248) 645 2150

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Ryan Dehues 9 & 11 p m Friday Saturday
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B'ham Jazz Vespers

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Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt

Westland Mall

Holiday parade for Santa 10 a m
Saturday photographs with Santa begin
11 a m Warren Road at Wayne

MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

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Welcome to Sugar Kisses, a natural pastry shop on Washington in Royal Oak.

Have a food allergy? No problem, Sugar Kisses can accommodate your dietary restrictions.

Are you vegan who refrains from dairy, egg and other animal products? Sugar Kisses has something sweet for you, too.

Or maybe you just want high-quality pastries. Sugar Kisses makes everything from scratch without preservatives or refined flour or sugar. Its desserts are gluten-free and wheat-free.

The berry scones are made with fresh blackberries and the cheesecake is topped with fresh raspberries. They serve organic coffee and artichoke heart spelt pizza.

Sugar Kisses is owned by newlyweds Lisa Turkawski and Brian Hack of Ferndale. Hack, a former buyer/manager in the music business, handles the business aspect of the shop. Turkawski creates the desserts. She managed the kitchen at Rudley's Bakery in Troy and worked in The Whitney's pastry shop.

SUGAR KISSES

Where: 1025 S Washington, Royal Oak (next to the bowling alley, south of the downtown area)

Open: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday (248) 542-5622

Specialty: Decadent desserts made from scratch with no preservatives, additives or refined sugar. Also offer wheat-free and vegan products and items for people with food allergies.

Owning a pastry shop is her dream come true.

"I have a niece who's allergic to everything artificial," Turkawski said. "And we don't eat garbage at home. We realized there was a need for this shop - for good pastries prepared from scratch."

Organic foods, as everyone knows, are typically more costly than non-organic. However, at Sugar Kisses, huge sugar and oatmeal cookies are under \$1, a big slice of cheesecake is \$3.25, a 20-ounce cup of

organic coffee is \$1.75, and fresh pumpkin pie is \$1.25 per slice. Even the most decadent dessert, the Opera torte soaked in espresso and smothered in layers of chocolate, is \$1.75. An organic spelt pizza is \$6.

Some of the most popular items, the ones that customers flock to Sugar Kisses for, are spelt nutty bars with honey, hazelnuts, pecans and walnuts. The spelt brownie burst has hints of vanilla and cocoa.

Excellent flavors, and the couple's willingness to experiment and accommodate customers, is what makes people like Lauren Hirsch of Huntington Woods a die-hard fan.

Hirsch has three children all under 5 who have food allergies.

"(Turkawski) is so willing to try new things and to educate herself about ingredients," Hirsch said while sipping coffee and munching on a fudge brownie. "Recently I bought cupcakes for a class of elementary kids and they loved it - they didn't know they were vegan or wheat-free. They were fantastic."

Sugar Kisses is a small shop with a counter and bar stools. Customers get to know one another, and many come back to see what's baked day after day.

Rich Purcell isn't on a special diet nor



Owners Lisa Turkawski and Brian Hack display their popular desserts including spelt nut bars, raspberry chocolate torte, sour cherry bread pudding, apricot almond rugelach, sugar cookie, coconut berry bar and chocolate layer torte.

was he looking for healthy treats. "I just like the taste of the brownies," Purcell said. "And the truffles, and the I'm on my third cup of coffee."

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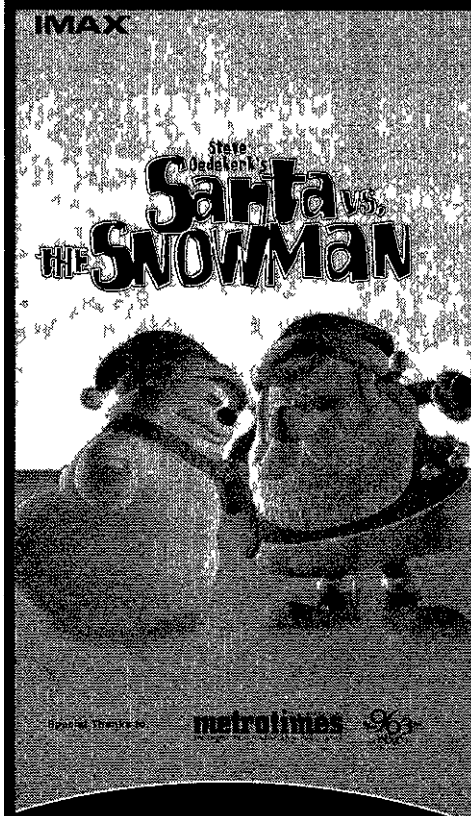
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Vikings come 'Full Circle' at Cranbrook exhibit

Artifacts from the first encounter of peoples on both sides of the Atlantic are on display at *Full Circle, First Contact Vikings and Skraelings in Newfoundland and Labrador* at Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills

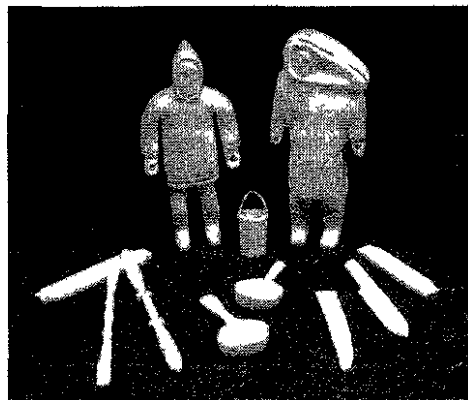
It's the meeting of peoples from Africa who separated and reconnected thousands of years later, said Cameron Wood, Cranbrook educator and anthropology specialist. It's about the first contact of descendants of the people who turned right and those who turned left - some going to the Middle East and Europe and others to Asia and the Americas.

Ancient peoples fled the African continent more than 100,000 years ago in search of a better life. Centuries later, descendants of those who turned left met descendants of those who turned right. *Full Circle, First Contact* is a tale of separation and reconnection of the Vikings and the Aboriginal peoples they called Skraelings at L'Anse aux Meadows in Newfoundland.

The 500-square-foot exhibit includes more than 250 Viking and Aboriginal artifacts made of silver, iron, bone, ivory and wood. Visitors will find jewelry and household items along with arrowheads and harpoon tips from Aboriginal peoples.

A Viking encampment illustrates daily life during the Viking Age. The common man lived in a tent constructed of oars, lashings and a sail. The exhibit also shows how the Vikings made their food and clothing, and the games they played for fun.

Full Circle attempts to tell a balanced



NEWFOUNDLAND MUSEUM

Ivory objects from the Viking Age are on display at Cranbrook Institute of Science

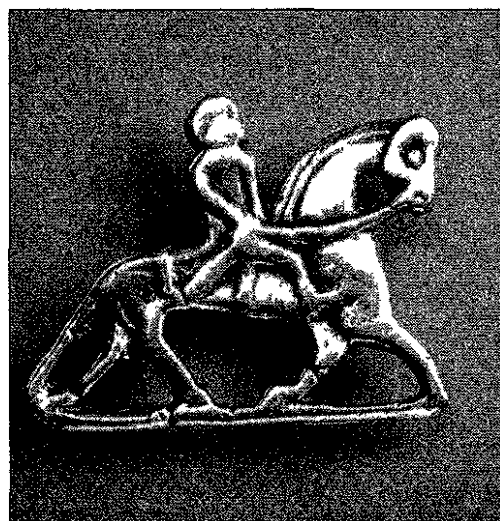
story from the Viking and Skraeling perspective, Wood said.

'Viking' is really a word used to describe an illegal occupation,' Wood said. 'Vikings were raiders, pirates. They were usually young men with no money who joined other criminals to get rich quick.'

As Viking men matured they usually realized the dangers of their lifestyle,' Wood said. 'Then they sought more legal ways to earn a living.'

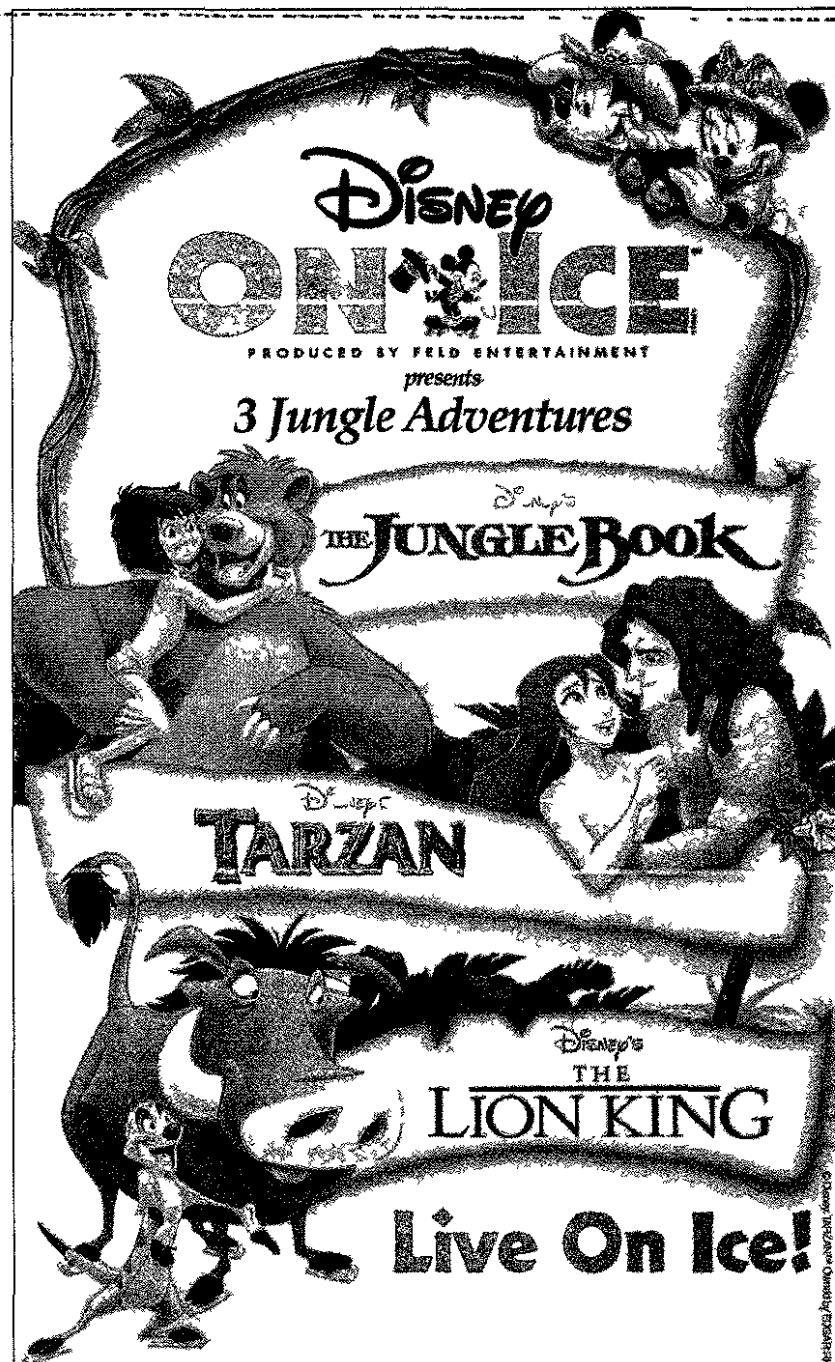
Full Circle is also the story of why the Vikings came to Vinland and met the aboriginal people, why they stayed and why they decided to leave. The exact location of Vinland, on the tip of Newfoundland, wasn't discovered until 1960.

The exhibit sails out of Cranbrook on Jan. 4.



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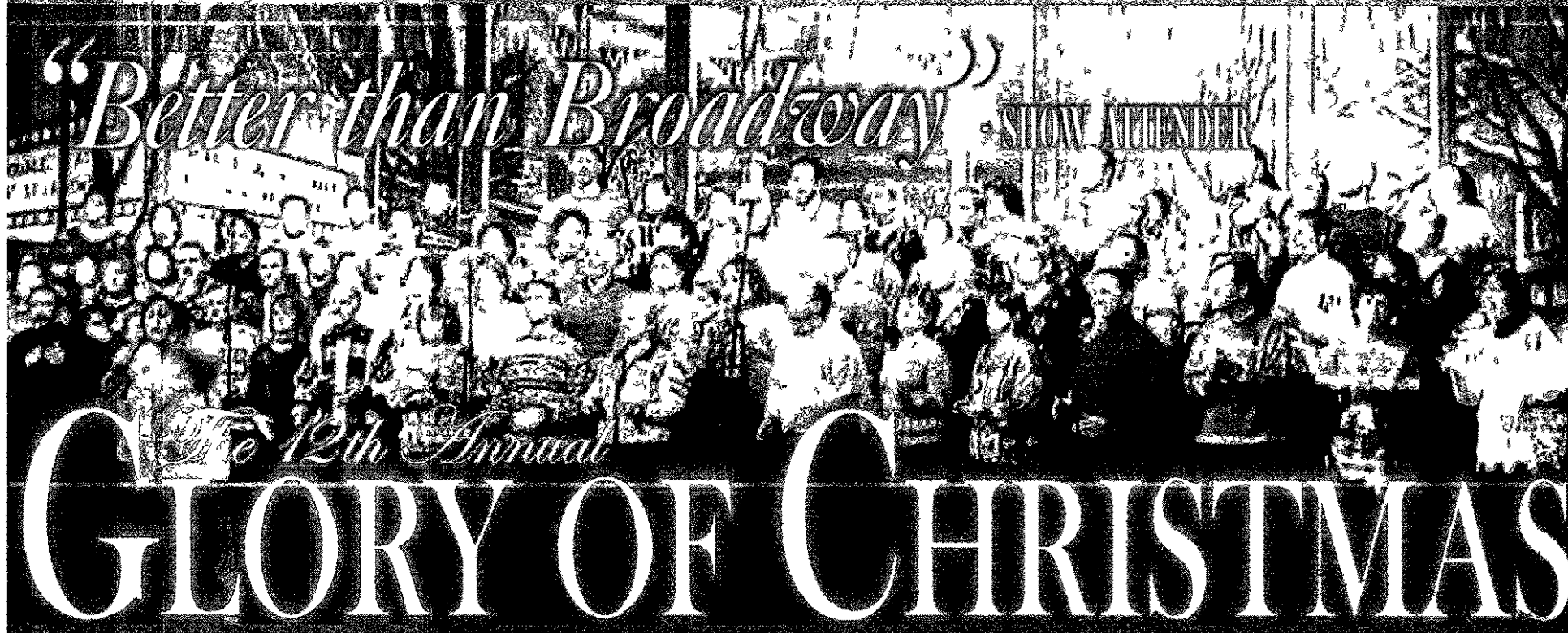
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