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**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 reader's Christmas memories. Send yours by Dec. 15 to Hugh Gallagher, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

**Kettle kickoff**

The Plymouth Salvation Army kicks off its Christmas Red Kettle Campaign at noon Friday, Nov. 21.

This annual event will include the choir from West Middle School, a brass band ensemble and area municipal officials helping to light the Christmas tree.

Lunch will be served following the tree lighting. The public is welcome. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

**Brass quintet**

The Michigan Chamber Brass Quintet performs classics from the early Renaissance and Baroque to standard classical, popular and jazz favorites in an event sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21.

Ticket prices are \$15 for students 18 and under, \$25 for adults. For more information, please call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

**New winery**

Scores of people turned out recently for a wine tasting sponsored by Plymouth Marketplace, which has since changed its name to BellaVino. Owners Mark and Jim Tanski spent nearly \$200,000 recently on renovations, which include a winery and a wine cellar, expanding the bottled selections to more than 2,200 different varieties.

BellaVino is located at the corner of Ann Arbor Road and Lilley in Plymouth Township.

**School committee sets wish list**

Exactly one year after holding its first Vision meeting to solicit ideas from the public concerning needed improvements for the Plymouth-Canton school district, the 19-member Bond Steering Committee Tuesday night released its final report to the Board of Education detailing more than \$200 million in priority projects it believes the district should pursue

over the next five to 10 years. The Board of Education - which accepted the report following a one-hour presentation - must now decide if it will move forward by asking residents to support a bond issue, how much money to ask taxpayers to spend, and which projects will be included. The nearly inch-thick report outlined 38 specific needs for the district, total-

ing more than \$91 million, none of which includes a new elementary or middle school. In fact, the needs list outlined by the committee looks mostly like a "honey-do" list of maintenance projects for an aging school district. Among the most notable are \$30 million for districtwide ventilator and air conditioning units, \$8.3 million for car-

pet replacement and flooring improvements, \$4 million to upgrade science labs, and \$3.5 million for repaving parking lots and driveways. The committee didn't prioritize the needs in the district, noting in its report "they are, by definition, needed." However, the group did put in order the

PLEASE SEE WISH LIST, A6



NorthRidge Church's holiday production, *Glory of Christmas 2003*, hits the stage Dec. 5 and promises to be bigger and better, officials say.

**Church production hits stage**

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Folks organizing NorthRidge Church's annual *Glory of Christmas* production have just one thing to say to spectators dazzled by last year's show: "You ain't seen nuthin' yet!"

Pastor Brad Powell promises a bigger, better production - complete with special effects church officials say have never been used in the Midwest - as the church once again uses music as a means of getting across God's word.

Powell said the musical production, which rivals stage shows in places like Broadway or Toronto, is a perfect way to get Christ's message across. "We believe it's important to pres-

PLEASE SEE PRODUCTION, A7

**Township board OKs pay hikes**

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

An out-of-town trip by one Plymouth Township elected official may very well have resulted in pay raises for three others.

With Trustee Abe Munfakh absent, the township board Tuesday failed to muster the two-thirds majority necessary to reject a proposal from the Plymouth Township Compensation Commission for 4.5-percent raises over two years to the supervisor, clerk and treasurer.

The commission recommended 2-percent hikes in 2004 and 2.5-percent raises in 2005 for Supervisor Steve Mann, Clerk Marilyn Massengill and Treasurer Ron Edwards. The \$11,000-per-year salaries for the four

PLEASE SEE INCREASES, A6

**City rejects replacement police officer**

The first of what are expected to be a number of tough budget decisions came Monday night when the Plymouth City Commission voted to reduce the police department by one officer.

Commissioners voted not to replace an officer who retired in August, effectively

reducing the police force to 16 sworn officers. And, as a result of the commission's actions, the city has been forced to back out of the federally funded COPS grant program, which paid \$47,000 toward the hiring of what was the department's 17th officer.

The federal program was slated to pay up to \$75,000 of the officer's salary over a three-year period, at which time the city would be responsible for the entire salary.

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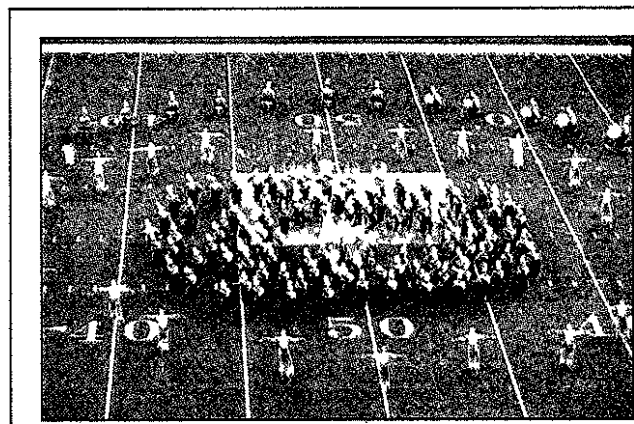
**Districts plan rally to protest school cuts**

Plymouth-Canton and Redford Union schools are at the forefront of a rally being planned for the Capitol steps in Lansing Dec. 1 to protest Gov. Jennifer Granholm's executive order calling for a \$196 per-pupil cut in the foundation grant to Michigan school districts.

The two Wayne County districts, along with representatives of Rockford Schools in Kent County, met in Lansing Monday to discuss inequitable state funding for schools as a result of Proposal A, as well as the proposed cuts by Granholm to erase a \$350 million shortfall in the school aid fund.

"We need to get our collective voices together and say 'No, don't make those cuts, look at other areas of the budget,'" said

PLEASE SEE RALLY, A4



DIANE HANSON

**What a show!**

The P-CEP Marching Band took over the field during the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis. To find out how they did, please see the story on page A3.

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# Symphony ready for home tour

Folks taking part in the 2003 Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour are in for a great deal of variety

Whether you enjoy Country French, transitional, Queen Anne or classic colonial, this year's tour promises guests a generous mix of holiday décor inside a variety of homes. Proceeds benefit the symphony.

The tour is scheduled for 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday.

"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 will also be unique in each home."

The home tour will also offer a jewelry boutique, holiday crafts and a surprise raffle.

Cookie Lee Jewelry Boutique will be featured at the Plymouth home of Anne and Warren Musson, with a



The Baker home on Wellington Court in Woodlore North will be part of Sunday's Plymouth Symphony Home Tour.

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." The 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, (734) 455-2930, Gabriela's, 322 S. Main, (734) 455-8884, Michigan Made & More, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail, (734) 207-8794, the Plymouth Symphony Society Office, 18 Forest Park, (734) 451-2112, and Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville, (248) 380-8881.

For more information call the symphony office or Mueller at (734) 455-0075.

## AROUND TOWN

### PARK PRODUCTION

The Park Players of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park present Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution," at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 20-22, at the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

Tickets are \$8 for general admission seating, and can be purchased at the door. In true Agatha Christie style, this suspenseful thriller has an ending that promises to surprise even the best detectives in the audience. A young married man spends many evenings with a rich old woman. When she is found murdered, the young man becomes the chief suspect.

His wife's testimony — and her true identity — are the keys to solving the case.

Salem High School is located at the corner of Joy and Canton Center.

### EDS GRANTS

Local schoolteachers of students ages 6-18 are eligible to apply for \$1,500 EDS Technology Grants. The technology must improve students' ability to learn and achieve curriculum objectives. The company plans to award more than 150 technology grants worldwide in communities where EDS does business.

The grants are designed to help teachers buy technology products and services — such as digital equipment, CD-ROM libraries, Internet access, software, and training — that are not provided to them by their school systems.

In their applications, teachers must propose innovative ideas on how they or their students will use the technology they are requesting to fulfill a creative curriculum project.

Teachers apply for EDS Technology Grants through a competitive application process. The application deadline is January 23, 2004. Applications can be obtained from the local EDS office by calling (734-667-4155). For a complete list of grant sponsors visit [http://www.eds.com/community\\_affairs/com\\_tech\\_grants.shtml](http://www.eds.com/community_affairs/com_tech_grants.shtml).

Applications will be judged based on innovation, proposal summary, instructional outcome, technology evaluation and budget summary. Teachers are highly encouraged to create innovative programs that use technology.

### INTERFAITH SERVICE

The Plymouth Ministerial Association again sponsors their annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Several church choirs will perform, accompanied by the pipe organ and piano. Members of the Ministerial Association will lead scripture and responsive readings appropriate for the occasion. Participating churches include First Baptist Church, First Church of Christ-Scientist, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Holy Ascension Eastern, O.L.G.C., St. John's Episcopal, St. Kenneth, St. Michael Lutheran and the Salvation Army.

Participants are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army for its community food bank.

### THANKSGIVING SERVICE

First Church of Christ, Scientist sponsors a Thanksgiving Day Service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27. Families and friends are invited to attend the service, which will include readings from the Bible, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," and open sharing of gratitude. No collection will be taken.

First Church of Christ, Scientist is located at 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth.

### FOOTBALL FUND-RAISER

The next Salem Football Fund-raiser Day at Canton Big Boy is Thursday, November 20th. Dine in or carry-out, all day 7am-11pm. Diners who turn in a flyer (available at the counter) when they pay their bills will earn a donation of part of the total bill from Canton Big Boy.

Donations benefit the Salem High School football program. The Canton Big Boy is on Ford Road across from Meyer.

Call (734) 459-5555 for carry-out service or for more information.

### COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS

The Compassionate Friends-Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter sponsor the local connection with the International Children's Memorial Day Sunday, Dec. 14 in Kellogg Park.

In conjunction with a worldwide candle lighting at 7 p.m., there will be a ceremony in Plymouth's Kellogg Park beginning at 6:30 p.m. As candles burn down in one time zone they are lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial. This will produce Lights of Love that will encircle the world.

Recognized in communities around the world, International Children's Memorial Day is already officially sanctioned by the U.S. Congress, but it will appear in Kellogg Park in its most visible form. Hundreds of families will gather near a tree specially decorated with the names of children who have died too soon.

The holidays are especially difficult for parents who have lost children. This candle lighting ceremony honoring them helps their memory live on. The ceremony will include the dedication of a tree decorated with ornaments with children's names, a candlelight vigil, a reading of the children's names, poetry and songs.

For questions or to register a child, call or e-mail a Candle Lighting committee member Gail Lafferty, (734) 981-4528 or [angel4gail@aol.com](mailto:angel4gail@aol.com), Janet Johnson, (734) 207-3370 or [mackermom@aol.com](mailto:mackermom@aol.com), or Virginia Herrick, (734) 427-0915 or [vherrick@twm1rr.com](mailto:vherrick@twm1rr.com).

The Compassionate Friends is an international, non-profit, non-denominational, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved families with the loss of their children.

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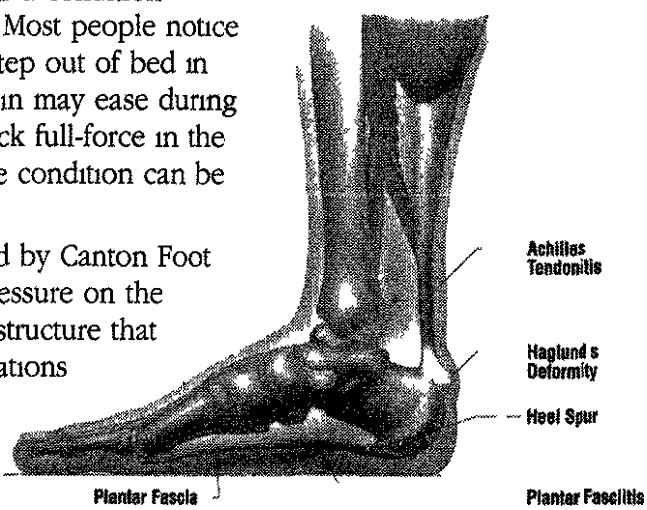
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- ◆ Clarify the house rules
- ◆ Prepare a long range financial plan
- ◆ Use available community programs and services
- ◆ Agree on a target date for departure for your young adult
- ◆ Take care of your own family, your marriage & especially take care of yourself
- ◆ Have a weekly family meeting
- ◆ Respect one another's privacy

It's time for you to TAKE BACK CONTROL. Watch out for signs of depression, and don't delay in getting professional help when you need it. "Sandwich Generation" help is only a phone call away at Apex Behavioral Health, PLLC. To set up your free, anonymous mental health screening call 734.727.1071.

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Audrey Steffka does some fine tuning while fellow saxophonist Ray Cross warms up with other P-CEP band members before their semi-finals performance at national championships Nov. 15

## Plymouth-Canton marchers narrowly miss national finals

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band was one of the 31 highest-scoring and only one of eight Michigan bands selected for semi-finals competition after two days of preliminary competition that narrowed the field of 89 bands from 23 states during the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Nov. 15.

The award-winning P-CEP Band placed 15th in the nation, this year, however, marked the first since 1987 that the band did not qualify for the finals top-12 contenders. But that didn't quell the Plymouth-Canton spirit.

"These kids have a lot to be proud of and I am very proud of them," said Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park.

"I believe we had our best show of the year."

And that's saying a lot.

The BOA Championships officially brought to a close P-

CEP's competition season, which included placing first in Flight I and capturing every Flight I trophy for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect at all in-state competitions. The 170 marchers completed the sweep at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships at the Pontiac Silverdome Nov. 1 where they also achieved the highest score of all 40 competing bands.

"Saturday's semi-finals show was the most fun I've had in any performance I've ever been in," said Salem senior Brittany Summers, one of four P-CEP drum majors. "I was just smiling the whole time. It was like something magical. I have never seen such a reaction from the audience before. People were clapping along with our performance and it wasn't just our parents!"

Indeed, the captivating Middle Eastern melodies of the 10-minute, colorful and dramatic P-CEP performance, "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan," drew the audience of some

10,000 into hand-clapping participation, as well as spontaneous outbursts of appreciation.

"The whole crowd was really into it and it was so fun to hear them go nuts during the show," said Ashley Spohn, also a Salem senior and drum major. "We could not have done a better job. It was the best performance of the entire season. Our staff was so proud of us and I am so proud of this band and feel privileged to be a member."

### GREAT JOB

Fellow band members agreed.

"It was amazing," said Salem senior Laura Peoples who plays the bass clarinet. "I honestly think it was our best performance of the year. We threw it down on the field and it was a phenomenal outcome. There was so much emotion."

Canton senior and clarinetist Matt Ucinski felt a difference in the Saturday semi-finals performance. "It was great," he said. "There was a lot of energy out there and a lot of emotion. It all kind of comes together in

the end. It is a feeling that I can't explain."

Despite the band's remarkable performance, it was not an easy task for Whitlock, Summers and Spohn to break the news to fellow band members that they would not be competing in finals.

"Coming back from semi-finals awards, it was tough telling 170 of your friends," said Summers. "But the reaction was not what I expected. They were still happy with what we had accomplished because they knew we had given it the best shot that we could and they knew it was our best performance of the year. And we were all impressed with the amount of work all the other bands had put in."

That couldn't have made their band director any prouder. "The kids have rebounded strong and they have a very positive attitude and that is because they know they had an incredible show," said Whitlock.

"How we deal with adversity is one of the parameters of how we define ourselves as human beings. As a staff, one of our philosophies is to teach

the kids how to deal with life lessons. This is a real life situation and they have dealt with it very well."

### BENEFITS

That aspect was emphasized by Tim Lautzenheiser, an author, motivational speaker and former executive director of Bands of America, who conducts leadership workshops at BOA events. He gave workshops for parents and students at Plymouth High School a few days before the Grand National competition.

"Competition is fine," he said, "but I don't think it means anything. The best part, to be real honest, is what they learn by watching their peers push to that next level. A band like Plymouth-Canton is such a great teacher to some of the younger bands that are growing and developing."

"It is really not about the scores," he continued. "Whatever the scores are now, if they performed two hours later, the scores would be different. You're comparing Shostakovich to Percy Granger to the Beatles to the latest rap



Color guard member Joy Shannaberger strikes a pose as she and fellow guard members weave their exotic dance through the marchers during P-CEP's performance of 'Souls of the Gypsy Caravan' at the Bands of America semi-finals competition.



Color guard instructor Jennifer Leseth gives last-minute directions to her P-CEP performers before semi-finals competition.

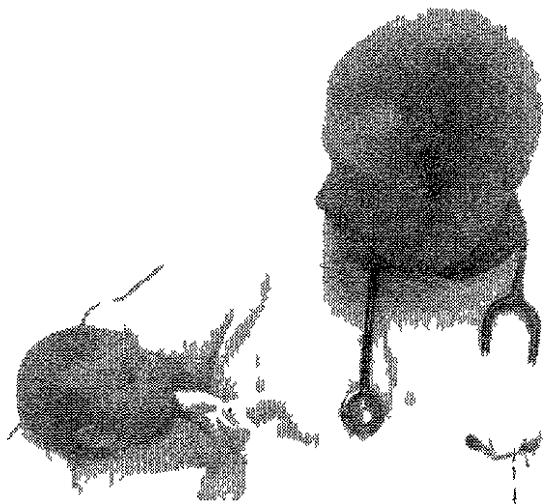
thing. To try to rate and rank art is kind of silly. We took an athletic scoring system and tried to adapt it and it doesn't work too well, but it brings us together."

And it brought the P-CEP marchers back, this time as spectators, for the finals performance on Saturday night to appreciate and cheer for the hard work of fellow band members from across the country, including the Westfield High School Band from Houston, Texas, who won the Grand Nationals championship trophy this year.

"It's what being a good band member is all about," Spohn said.

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OBITUARIES

**Paul Michael Neff II**  
 Services for Paul Neff, 30, of Clarksville, Tenn., were held Nov 15 at St. Matthew United Methodist Church in Livonia with the Rev. Mary Margaret Eckhardt officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.  
 Mr. Neff was born Oct. 9, 1973 in Charleston, S.C. and was killed in action Nov. 7, 2003 while aboard the Black Hawk helicopter, which crashed after being shot down in Tikrit, Iraq. Mr. Neff was



Mr. Neff

assigned to Bravo Company, 5th Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, where he served as 1st Flight Platoon Sergeant. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Senior Aircraft Crew Member Badge, the Good Conduct Medal, the Air Assault Badge and the Order of Saint Michael for his faithful duty to aviation while serving in the U.S. Army.  
 Mr. Neff was a member of Tega Lutheran Church in Fort Mill, S.C. for five years. He enjoyed sking, broomball,

swimming, soccer, baseball, and hunting and fishing. He was a member of the V.F.W., Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts.  
 Survivors include father, Paul Michael Neff of West Branch, mother, Judith Ann Neff, son, Christopher Michael Neff of Tennessee, sister, Dawn Irene Brastad of Seattle, and fiancée, Sabrina Campbell of Clarksville, Tenn.  
 Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.  
**Margaret B. Krieman**  
 Services for Margaret B. Krieman, 87, of Farmington Hills were held Nov. 18 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Sanford Burr

officiating.  
 Mrs. Krieman was born May 30, 1916 in Detroit and died Nov. 15 in Livonia. She came to the Farmington Hills community from Detroit 25 years ago. She was a member of the Farmington Seniors and the Neighbors Club. She had many interests: playing bridge, going to casinos, reading, traveling and she enjoyed music.  
 Mrs. Krieman was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Krieman.  
 Survivors include son, John C. (Judy) Krieman of Plymouth, and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.  
 Memorial contributions may be made to Paws With A Cause, National Headquarters, 4646 S. Division, Wayland, MI 49388.  
 Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Plymouth with the Rev. William Pettit officiating.  
 Mr. Ardanowski was born Jan. 27, 1928 in Detroit and died Nov. 15 in Livonia. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Renault, Plymouth Elks and the Plymouth Goodfellows.  
 Survivors include wife, Frances, son, Paul (Debra), daughter, Anne, and sister, Lillian.  
 Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or Plymouth Goodfellows.  
 Arrangements made by Fred Wood Funeral Home.

RALLY

FROM PAGE A1

Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education Vice President Mark Slavens, who along with Trustee Joanne Lamar attended the meeting. "Why does it have to be an equitable cut across the board when we're receiving inequitable funding from the state?" said Slavens. "It's time for these legislators to start keeping the promise of Proposal A, which was to bring about equity with regards to school funding."  
 The three districts vowed to draw enough people to the 10 a.m. rally on Dec. 1 to drive home their point to Granholm that school districts, which took a hit on the foundation grant last year, can't afford grebacks again this year.  
 Plymouth-Canton Schools could find itself cutting \$3.4 million from its budget if Granholm moves forward with her executive order.  
 Under her proposal, the Plymouth-Canton foundation grant would drop from \$7,025 per pupil to \$6,829. "It doesn't mean I'm going to get the same dollar amount as another school district, but it's certainly going to give me enough to make me strong and solvent, so I can operate a good, educational program," added Jim Taylor, president of the Redford Union Board of Education. "I don't need to be underfunded all the time and constantly scrape from the bottom of the barrel."  
 "We want them to stop cutting at the school level, because sooner or later the bills will come due, and it won't be money bills," added Taylor. "We won't be able to produce in terms of an educational product for the students. We're going to be shortchanging these kids, and we're going to lose a whole generation of kids playing these games."  
 The three school districts had hoped to be accompanied by representatives from nine other districts from around the state, including Livonia, South Redford and Wayne-Westland.  
 But despite the lack of participation at Monday's session, the group felt it could get enough districts to join them to collectively voice their concerns.  
 "We are never going to make a difference unless we have both sides of the state working together," said Sara Haines, a parent from Rockford Schools, which receives a \$6,700 foundation grant.  
 "That's why today was really a great day for the kids in the state of Michigan."  
 Slavens said he's had enough with the little or no response from state legislators.  
 "I think we need to get our collective voices together," Slavens said. "We can convene with our legislators, but I've done that until I'm blue in the face."  
 "It's dead wrong when I send in my sales tax dollars that other school districts get more from the state than my school district," he said.

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**Sanford L. (Sam) Knapp**  
 Services for Sanford Knapp, 88, of East Lansing (formerly of Plymouth) were held Nov. 18 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery.  
 Mr. Knapp was born March 6, 1915 in Plymouth (in Lower Town) and lived all but the last three years in Plymouth before moving to East Lansing. Mr. Knapp died Nov. 15 in East Lansing. He was a local haberdasher with Davis & Lent men's clothing store in Plymouth. He was a long-time member of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, the Mayflower Round Table and served on the Riverside Cemetery Board. He loved to golf and play poker.  
 Mr. Knapp was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances Knapp.  
 Survivors include sons, Michael (Lori Wood) Knapp of Grand Rapids and Robert (Linda) Knapp of East Lansing, grandchildren, Michael, Jr., Heather (Tim) Werkema, John and Adam, and great-grandchildren, Lyndsay and Sam Werkema.  
 Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010.  
 Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**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 and her husband, Bob 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.  
 Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.  
**Truman (Trudy) Maughan**  
 Services for Trudy Maughan, 81, of Plymouth were held Nov. 15 at Neely-Turovski Funeral Home in Livonia with the Rev. Deborah Thomas officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.  
 Mrs. Maughan was born Jan. 16, 1922 and died Nov. 12, 2003 in Westland. She was a secretary for a religious service.  
 Survivors include daughter, Sandra Marowski, and grandchildren, Donna and Darn.  
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# Funeral home sponsors candlelight services Whalers, United Way pair to toss Teddy Bears

As a member of the National Funeral Directors Association, Vermeulen Funeral Homes is taking part in *For A Life Worth Celebrating*, a national consumer education campaign.

Along with hundreds of funeral homes across the country, Vermeulen is participating by providing funeral service information to the community so families can gain a better understanding of their options when planning a funeral or memorial service.

"As the leading funeral service organization in the United States, NFDA and its members are committed to educating the public on how to plan a meaningful funeral service," said NFDA Chief Executive Officer Christine Pepper. "By taking part in this national campaign, Vermeulen Funeral Homes is demonstrating its resolve to help families better understand their options on how to plan a personalized funeral or memorial service."

The campaign was developed in response to the results of NFDA's two-year marketing study. From the study, NFDA learned that the public values funeral service as a part of the grieving process but does not fully understand what their options are when planning a funeral.

"We hope that by offering the community an informative look into what it is we do, people will feel better prepared when the time comes to plan a funeral for themselves or a loved one," explained James B. Vermeulen, president of Vermeulen Funeral Home, Inc., a family owned funeral home for more than 25 years.

A variety of educational brochures are available at the Vermeulen Funeral Homes in Plymouth and Westland. They are excellent, informative resources to help families and include some of the most commonly asked questions and answers. Brochure titles include *Helping Children Through Their Grief*, *Healing After the Loss of a Loved One*, *Planning Ahead for Your Funeral Needs*, *Understanding Cremation*, and *Planning a Meaningful Funeral*.

Another example of the community minded services offered by Vermeulen Funeral Homes is the special Memorial

Candle Lighting Service to be presented at both locations during the upcoming holiday season.

For many, the approaching holidays hold a variety of new experiences and expectations along with some uncommon and possibly very difficult emotions.

In an effort to provide assistance through what may be a joyful, yet for many a difficult season, Vermeulen is inviting the community to attend one of these two services.

After a helpful presentation regarding *Handling the Holidays*, special tribute to the memory of loved ones will be paid during a beautiful candle

lighting service.

For the families of the Canton, Plymouth, Westland and surrounding communities, the first candle lighting service will be held from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. Anyone planning to attend should RSVP by noon Dec. 10 by calling (734) 459-2250.

The second service takes place from 6-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Rd., Westland. RSVPs for that one should be made by noon Dec. 14 by calling (734) 326-1300.

The Plymouth Community United Way and the Plymouth Whalers hold their second-annual Teddy Bear Toss during Saturday's game against the Erie Otters at Compuware Arena.

Fans are being asked to bring a new teddy bear to toss onto the ice when the Whalers score their first goal. The bears will be given to the Salvation Army, which will distribute them to needy children.

Last year, the United Way — with the help of the Whalers — collected 450 teddy bears that were thrown onto the ice when the Whalers scored.

Saturday's game begins at 7:30 p.m.



JERRY TRUMPKA

Shooter the Plymouth Whalers mascot and Whalers players will participate in a teddy bear toss Saturday to benefit the Plymouth Community United Way.

## Symphony, ballet and singers present 'Nutcracker'

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

Performances will be 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

All performances are at Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Following the Saturday 11 a.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. performances the Plymouth Symphony League will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria.

Formed in 1989, the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company has been performing the *Nutcracker* annually with the Plymouth Symphony since 1990.

These performances are made possible through the generous support of the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Admission is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children. Sugar Plum Fairy Tea tickets are an additional \$5. Groups of 10 or more will receive a 10 percent discount. For tickets please contact the Symphony Office at (734) 451-2112 or at plymouth-symphony@aol.com.

Tickets are also available at the following outlets: Crystal Diamond Setters in Plymouth, Dancewear Gallery, Evola Music, or Dearborn Music in Canton, Bunny Sanford's Dance in Livonia, or through the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

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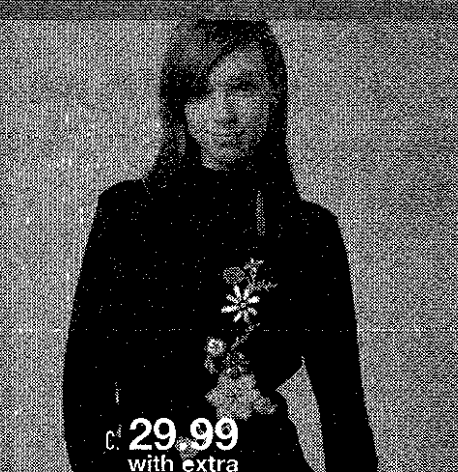
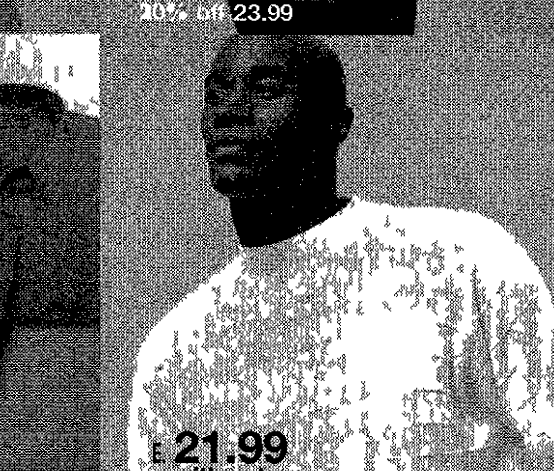
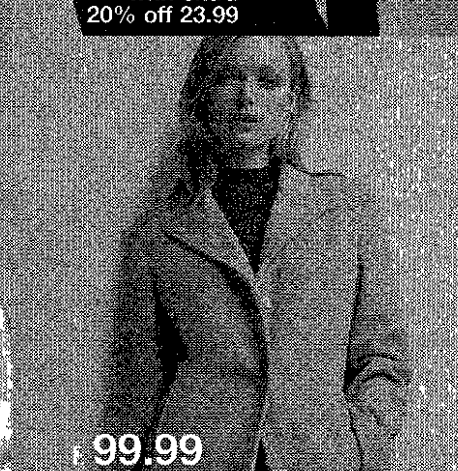

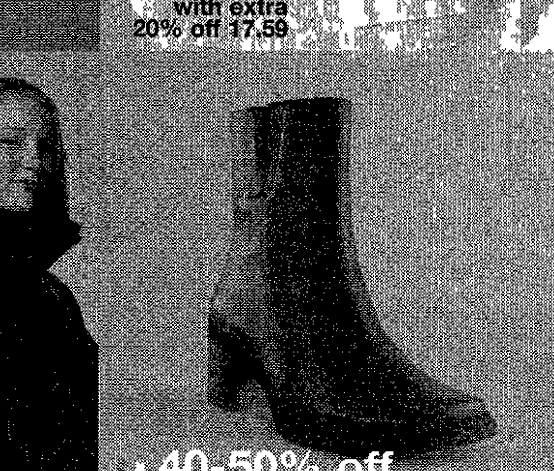

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**INCREASES**

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trustees were not raised. The recommendation raises Mann's salary to \$85,731 in 2005, while Edwards and Massengill will make \$77,367.

A motion was made to reject the commission's recommendation. According to the township ordinance, a two-thirds majority is required to reject Tuesday's vote was 4-2, with Edwards and Massengill voting against it. Mann and trustees Ron Griffith, Kay Arnold and Chuck Curmi voted to reject the raises.

"It's not a big raise, but if we want our employees to tighten their belts, I suggest we do a little tightening," Curmi said. The compensation commission was established in 2001 to make recommendations on the pay levels of the township board members. It meets and makes its recommendations in odd-numbered years, and those recommendations are frozen for two years.

Commission chairman Roy Hart said this year's recommendation was based on the Consumer Price Index and salary ranges in similar communities.

"We evaluated comparable communities and what their salaries are, based on information we got from the Michigan Townships Association," Hart said. "We considered everything we could get our hands on."

Munfakh, excused from the

meeting because he was out of town, tried to get the compensation commission's recommendation delayed until the township's Dec. 16 meeting. Making the request through Griffith, Munfakh said he thought the entire board should be present for the discussion.

However, the ordinance forces the board to take action within 30 days of the commission's recommendation, which came on Nov. 10.

Without such action, the recommendation becomes reality automatically.

Munfakh couldn't be reached for comment, but most observers felt he would have voted to reject. It's a decision with which even Mann, a frequent Munfakh critic, agrees.

"I voted against them the first time," Mann said. "I believe in the commission and we certainly appreciate the job they do. It's certainly a better way to determine wages rather than having the board decide on their own."

"These are some very tough times that we're in and, although Plymouth Township is doing very well financially, I feel the wages are at an appropriate level."

But Edwards said the hike isn't a big one, particularly compared with what other governments are making.

"If you compare it to what they're making in other places, it really isn't out of line," he said.

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**WISH LIST**

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58 recommendations for the "wants" list. At the top is the expansion of elementary school buildings to regain art and music rooms. The next three priorities - improving alternative education facilities, a staff development center, and renovation of Central Middle School - come with various options which depend on the fate of Central.

The committee came up with four options for Central: renovating the aging building to remain as a middle school, upgrading Central for non-middle school uses, such as to house alternative education and administrative offices, demolishing two-thirds of Central and housing alternative education, special education and the staff development center at the remaining structure, or keeping Central to house some of the aforementioned groups, as well as keeping the gym and pool.

"The public wants equal middle school facilities, and we couldn't do that with Central and gain anything," said Jeff Grimes, one of the tri-chairs of the committee. "We did not consider the obvious, of just getting rid of the school. We got a little bit into the politics in saying we may not pass a bond (with the Plymouth vote) if we closed Central. Being sensitive to that, we considered what to do with it if we kept it open."

Building a new elementary school in southwest Canton to address student population growth was 10th on the "wants" list.

According to the report, the community cost for a new elementary school is esti-

**NEEDS AND WANTS**

This chart shows a partial list of items of needs put together by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Bond Steering Committee.

ITEMS NEEDED	COST
Repaving parking/drives	\$3,541,100
Expand parking lots	1,579,500
Replace roof/repairs	6,865,300
Exterior door replacement	1,606,800
Masonry/EIFIS upgrades	11,325,600
New classroom enclosure	3,677,700
Flooring upgrades	8,366,800
Upgrade science labs	4,387,500
Unit ventilators	30,280,900
Fire alarm upgrades	2,750,540

Here are the top 10 wants as prioritized by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Bond Steering Committee.

ITEMS WANTED	COST
Elementary art/music rooms	\$3,905,200
A/E Ed improvements	3,700,000
Staff development center	1,200,000
Renovate Central Middle	10,751,000
Industrial arts remodeling	3,745,000
Art room upgrades	1,366,300
Life skills upgrade	1,082,900
Classroom furniture	2,650,700
Temperature controls	unavailable
Build new elementary school	13,700,000

SOURCE: Steering Committee Report

mated at \$13.7 million, while the cost to expand five elementary schools to handle the projected increase in student enrollment would be \$12.5 million.

"The needs and wants became a bit easier once we evaluated what we wanted them to be," said Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township, a member of the committee.

"Even though we have a prioritized list, it's not etched in stone which ones will fit with the community, how can be put them together as a package (in a bond), what will

the community support?" Trustee Tom Wysocki said the realization for Plymouth-Canton Schools taxpayers is the fact there are a lot of older buildings that need upgrades.

"A lot of people say schools are important to them," he said. "So, we'll probably be coming and asking how much are you really willing to pay to help schools?"

Board President Judy Mardigan said she'd like to conduct a survey of the school community to determine the threshold of bond support.

"I don't think we can do everything we want to do," she said. "There will have to be some tradeoffs."

Debbie Madonna, another of the tri-chairs of the committee, told board members she couldn't support the final report.

"While much of the data was provided, I have serious concerns about the accuracy and completeness of some of the information," said Madonna. "I believed it was important that our committee ask many questions and insist on complete answers before taxpayers are asked to approve a bond."

Two members, Mark Horvath and Roland Thomas, left the committee before the final report was drafted.

"I completed the task I committed to, to collect data that would give the board the opportunity to decide where they wanted to go with a bond," said Horvath. "I couldn't support the use of additional expert opinions and anecdotal data to draw conclusions."

Thomas would only say there "were some differences that I don't think could have been bridged."

The Bond Steering Committee held a fourth Vision meeting Wednesday night to give the public the final report.

**OFFICER**

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However, because of the city's budget deficit projections, the commission voted to accept the recommendation of City Manager Paul Sincock to not replace the officer, who served as the business liaison.

Hiring the replacement officer would clearly address some of the specific requests and needs of the downtown and

Old Village area," said Sincock in his memo to commissioners. "However, because of the previous budget projections and the defeat of Proposal 1, it is clear that the city is not in a position to maintain current staffing levels."

Sincock said the city would not be required to repay the \$47,000 to the federal government.

"At 16 (officers) you're reducing the level of service in the downtown area, and revenues

on parking violations will go down," said Police Chief Wayne Carroll, when asked by Commissioner Phil Pursell about the effects of the cutback.

Commissioner Dan Dwyer said the loss of one officer is a significant one.

"Having a police presence for the business community and the people who go down there is really important," said Dwyer. "Having said that, this is going to be the first of a lot of votes I'm going to vote yes for, even

though I don't agree with it." Carroll said the business liaison officer will now become part of the road patrol.

"What we lose is the very personal contact that position gave us, which will be picked up by the traditional road patrol, he said. "The program just won't be as consistent as it is with one person who is dedicated to those problems. But, it's not going to impact the level of service to the majority of the community."

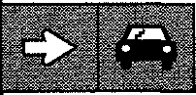
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## PRODUCTION

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MediLodge Group, Inc., and its affiliated facilities will distribute more than \$35,000 in scholarships to high school graduating classes of 2004.

MediLodge Group president Frank Wronski made the announcement recently. MediLodge Group, a for-profit group of 15 skilled nursing and three assisted living facilities, is a Michigan-based company whose facilities include West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth.

MediLodge Group, based in Washington, Mich., provides nursing care and services to over 2000 Michigan residents. The scholarships will be made available to high school seniors in the district that West Trail serves.

"It is a way of giving back to our communities for their continued support. The local communities we serve are vital to the functioning of our facilities, and it is important that we recognize this and give back accordingly," Wronski said.

The scholarship program began in 2002 and has received an overwhelming response.

Each of the 15 nursing facilities will award a \$250 winner from each of the eligible schools in their area and an overall \$1,000 winner from the schools participating.

The 15 overall winners will then be placed in a final competition for the grand prize scholarship.

At a reception May 6 at the MediLodge Group home office, the high school senior who wins will be presented with a \$10,000 check made payable to the college of their choice.

The scholarship applications are located in the counseling offices at Plymouth, Salem or Canton High Schools.

This scholarship is available to all choices of career. For further questions, you may contact West Trail Nursing Center and ask for Cathy Newsom at (734) 453-3983.

ent the message of Christ in new ways," Powell said. "When the church presents it the same way every day, it loses its impact. We believe too many churches are trying to communicate in a historical way. We try to communicate it in a relevant way. If we don't do that, we don't get the message across."

This year's production tells the story of a middle-aged man who is transported to Jerusalem at the time of Christ. The man tries to find his way home, learning lessons about his life and his relationships with others through experiencing the life of Christ firsthand.

Director of programming and production Roxann Powell said the Glory of Christmas, in its 11th year, will be better than ever. The storyline is new, as are many of the songs. She said some of the special effects will

## ON STAGE

Performance dates and times for Glory of Christmas 2003 at NorthRidge Church

- Friday Dec 5 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday Dec 6 - 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday Dec 7 - 3 p.m.
- Friday Dec 12 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday Dec 13 - 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday Dec 14 - 3 p.m.

Tickets are on sale through TicketsPlus at 800-585-3737. Cost is \$10 or \$12 depending on location, plus \$2 processing fee per ticket and a \$2.50 handling fee per order. For more information, call NorthRidge Church (734) 414-7777.

be tried for the first time in this area.

"They've been done in the South, but never in the Midwest," said Roxann Powell, who declined - with a smile - to divulge the effects. "We want to make things new and different all the time."

They've had no problem doing that. NorthRidge has

become known for its audio and video capabilities - church officials traveled to New York and made a moving video after the 9/11 terrorist attacks - and for doing things bigger and better.

While many observers would expect something smaller in scale from a church, NorthRidge officials think their philosophy is the right one.

"We believe there's always another way of communicating Christ's message with excellence," Brad Powell says of his church's Broadway-esque production. "The reason Toronto and Broadway are successful is they do their entertainment with unbelievable excellence."

"Excellence inspires people," he added. "We believe it behooves the Church of Christ, which is far more important (than entertainment) to put on a program with the greatest amount of excellence that proclaims the excellence of Jesus Christ."

More than 500 volunteers have put in months of preparation for the production, which hits the stage at NorthRidge the first two weekends in December. Those volunteers do everything from singing - 120 of them are in the choir - to dancing and parking lot duty.

And their reasons for doing it are simple, according to the Powells.

"Jesus has changed every one of their lives, and they want people to know it," Brad Powell said. "It's about the vision."

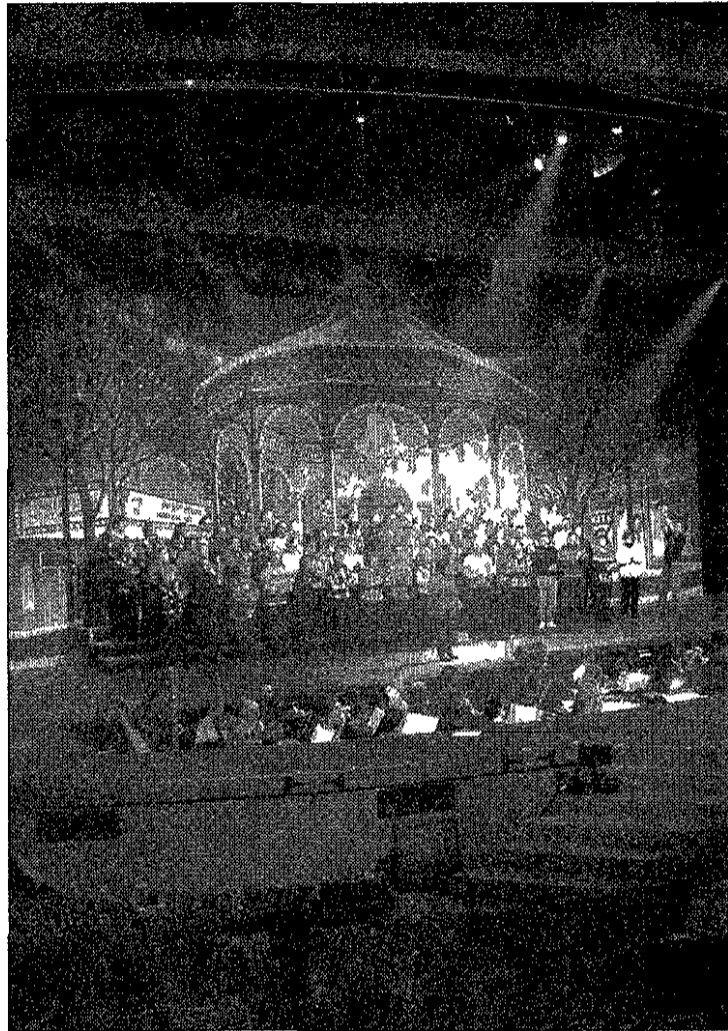
Each of them has had Jesus transform their lives. They buy into the mission of the church.

Church officials are expecting some 24,000 spectators spread over the eight performances. Many of them will be surprised to see a production of this magnitude.

"I think when people think of a church musical, they think of a high school production," said Wayne Kurtycz, the church's director of outreach events.

The vast majority of reaction has been positive - "Most people can't believe a church can do this," Roxann Powell said - and that drives home the church's main point.

Said Brad Powell, the pastor: "It tells people we're absolutely dead serious about Christ."



More than 500 volunteers put on the holiday production Glory of Christmas, at NorthRidge Church. The production opens Dec. 5.

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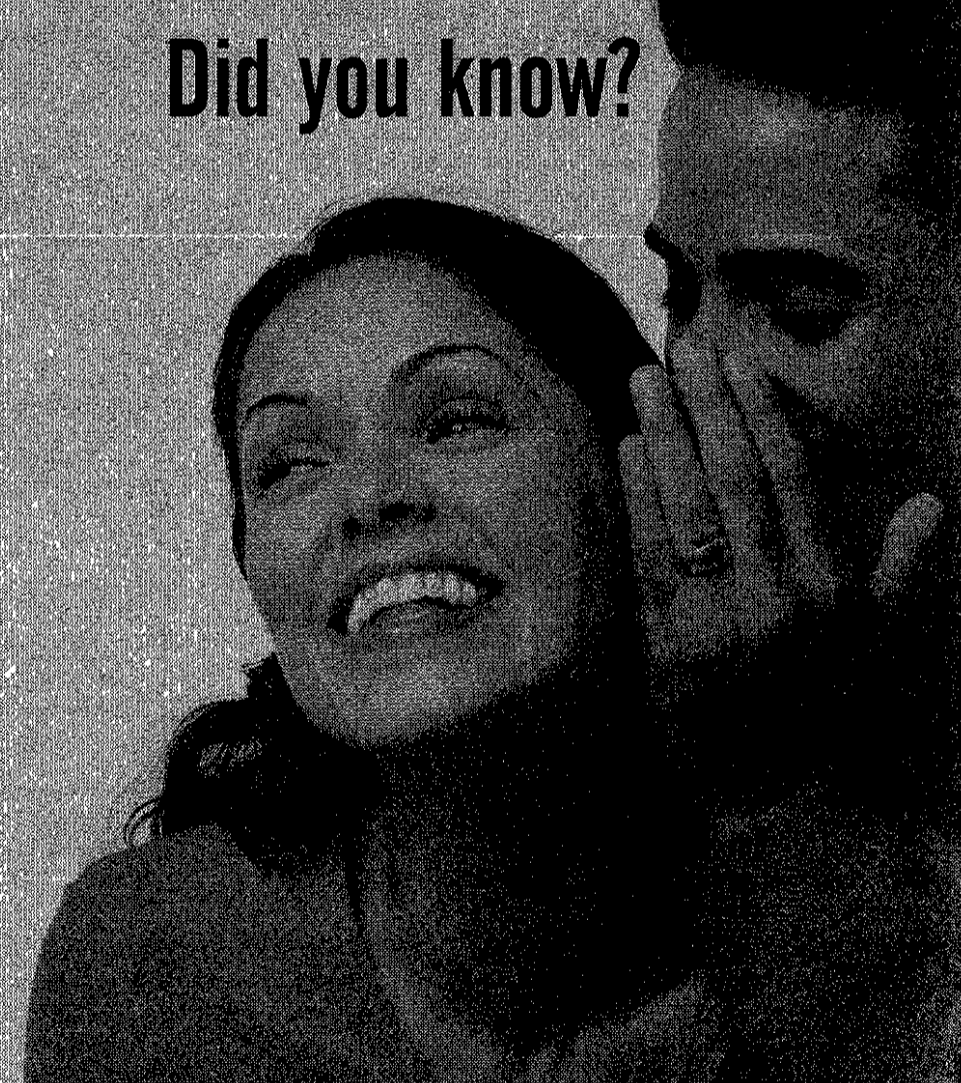
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## OUR VIEWS

# Solving crisis is a group effort

With a more than \$900 million budget shortfall, Gov Jennifer Granholm has been traversing the state to get residents' opinions on what to do. Even state lawmakers also have come calling, to talk about what's going on in Lansing.

You need only read the newspaper to know Education is taking another hit. Cities also are facing more cutbacks in shared revenue. The City of Plymouth, for instance, has lost \$300,000 in state-shared revenue. City voters just turned down a request to raise taxes, and now the city faces a nearly certain cut in services.

No one wants to have their revenue stream cut, but it is apparent something has to give. Lawmakers shudder at the mention of the T-word. Raising taxes can be the kiss of death for a politician at election time - just ask former Gov James Blanchard - so they look for more fat and lean to cut from the budget.

We are fast approaching the point of no return in this crisis, the point where cities, one by one, turn off the lights and go into receivership, where school districts, one by one, begin doing as Kalkaska did in the 1990s and end the school year several months early.

We are at the point where we need to answer John F. Kennedy's call to "ask not what you can do" on very personal terms. What are we willing to do to turn our state, our city, our school district around?

We encourage residents to decide what they can do and then let their elected officials know. Call them, e-mail them, send them a letter.

John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) represents the Plymouth community in the House of Representatives. You can e-mail him at johnstewart@house.mi.gov, call him at (517) 373-3816 or write him at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48903-7514. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) is our state senator. You can reach him at senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov, at (517) 373-7350 or at P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909-7514.

Our government from the national level right down to the local level is founded on the principle of "for the people, by the people and of the people." Now is the time for the people to speak. If the state is to do something meaningful to resolve its fiscal problem, we must all be a part of the solution.

## Get ready for higher gas bills

Natural gas prices are increasing and consumers should be prepared for sticker shock when they receive their home heating bills this winter.

And although it may feel good to vent about the cost, it won't keep you warm this winter.

There are, however, some practical ways for natural gas customers to lower their monthly bills and stay warm this winter. In addition, for those who qualify financial assistance programs are available.

Here are some tips for those looking to reduce heating bills:

- Lower thermostats or install a programmable thermostat that automatically lowers temperature at night and when no one is home.

- Clean or replace furnace filters.
- Caulk and weather-strip around doors and windows.
- Add insulation to attics and walls.

If you, or someone you know, needs help paying their heating bills this winter, the following programs exist:

- Utilities have budget payment plans. If you know you qualify and need help don't wait until the bills are unmanageable. Talk to your energy provider now.

- Winter protection plans, created by the MPSC and administered by utilities, are available for senior citizens ages 65 and older, people receiving assistance from the Family Independent Agency or people with incomes below 150 percent of the poverty level.

- The Michigan Home Heating Credit from the Michigan Department of Treasury is available. Forms will be available on-line on Jan. 2, 2004, and at www.michigan.gov/treasury and in public offices after Feb. 1, 2004.

- Local FIA offices administer a State Emergency Relief Program.

- The IRS offers an Earned Income Credit on federal tax forms.

- The MPSC offers low-income and energy efficiency grants to agencies that offer help with heating bills to those who qualify. The agency recently authorized \$13 million in grants to four organizations including the Salvation Army and THAW (The Heat and Warmth Fund) for low-income energy assistance (call (800) 866-8429).



Here's one more Attaboy for the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band, which finished 15th in the nation at last weekend's national championships in Indianapolis. It was the first time since 1987 this highly decorated unit did not reach the top 12.

## LETTERS

### Walking the walk

In your recent article, "Governor orders cuts that could cost \$3.4M," I was quite disappointed in the lack of concern with the loss of funding for our schools, by the representatives of this district. I would hope that they had been working diligently in Lansing to protect the schools that they represent.

A good, strong, healthy community needs strong leadership to protect their schools. With the cuts Lansing proposes, I would hope that they would be out working to make sure that their school district gets its fair share. I have not seen any evidence of work being proposed to protect the school districts they represent. Their apathetic attitude to our school districts per pupil funding is disgraceful.

To allow and not change (or even attempt to change) the inequities to our school district funding is deplorable. Their willingness to allow an across the board cut (\$196 per student) is unbelievable. This will affect our school district's future terribly.

If they truly are concerned with the future of education in our district this is not an option that they should allow. They have an opportunity to make sure that this does not occur. This order will not go into effect until Dec. 5. This gives them plenty of time to demand fairness and equity for our schools.

Bruce Patterson, Philip LaJoy and John Stewart, if you really believe in the future of our children you need to stop talking the talk and start walking the walk.

Dian Slavens  
PCCS parent

### A 'guy thing'

Steve Mann is not lying when he declares that the Taj Mahal-Township-Hall will not be paid for by a tax increase.

The township hall fee was already sucked out of everyone's pockets over the past few years! It was spelled out as a specific line item in the budget. It was disguised as the rainy-day fund or other things.

So when do residents begin to replenish the \$12 million that used to be available in the budget? Over the next 25 years, of course. Just don't call it a tax increase, since you are already overpaying for it now anyway.

This whole township hall thing is just a "keeping up with the Joneses" charade. I think it's really a case of hall-size envy. It's a guy thing. A real Mann would have just come out and admitted this in the first place, rather than evoking images of poor elderly folks walking through snow, or the embarrassment of employees who must use the old Friendly's deep fryer as a file cabinet, or those babies crawling across the hot parking lot blacktop behind their bill-paying mommies.

Glenn Kremer  
Plymouth

### Band is great

Just a note of thanks for the fabulous editorial about the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band.

We are proud to be part of an organiza-

tion that is so well thought of in our community. But, as you pointed out, the real credit goes to the devoted students who practice tirelessly five, six, even seven days a week at times to perfect their performance.

Their focus on being the "best they can possibly be" is an inspiration to us all. Their strong desire to excel by practicing with nary a complaint is a tribute to their fortitude. It's not just a Marching Band we have here, it's a character-building organization.

We have a real gem in our school district in the P-CEP Marching Band. They demonstrate what great things can happen when parents, kids, instructors, the school district and the generous support of our community can do when we all work together.

The community support has and will continue to pay dividends into the future because disciplined young minds lead to great citizens, honest leaders and future productive employees and entrepreneurs.

Are we a little biased? Yes, but we are the proud parents of two kids who've been through the program and we know how beneficial it was for them. If parents want their kids to be involved in an activity where dedication, discipline and teamwork are the norm, then by all means jump in and hold on tight for the ride.

After six years of our direct involvement in the marching band and the music boosters we're sorry to see it end, but we'll continue to support this wonderful group and the exceptional students who are a part of it.

Scott and Yvonne Lorenz  
Plymouth

### Stop the madness

There is enough money in the federal budget to cover next year's national debt and prescription drugs for all, if the Congress rescinds the tax cut for the wealthiest citizens and eliminates the unnecessary pork from the military budget.

The military budget for next year is \$399 billion, contains expensive pork that the Pentagon does not even want, and the budget does not include costs of the war in Iraq. Make the military accountable to do what the military is designed to do.

The National Missile Defense project in Alaska is costing \$9 billion for a system that has not been tested and probably will never work, according to experts.

Insanely, the government is refurbishing and maintaining nuclear weapons in Tennessee, and doing research to build more nuclear weapons, even though we have more than 10,000 nuclear weapons and are pledged to reduce that number.

The U.S. government has pledged \$7 billion for new nuclear weapons.

The national debt reached \$6.8 trillion and is growing. That is about \$23,000 for every man, woman and child in the United States. About 12 percent of the national budget goes for interest on that debt.

When will this military madness stop and the dollars go to unmet human and environmental needs? Cutting entitlements further just shifts the burden to

the people least able to pay.

Fern Katz  
national board member Women's Action for  
New Directions

### Why shoot harmless doves?

Any person that would shoot a mourning dove is not a hunter, but a sick person.

Please publish the names of the elected officials that voted to approve HB 5209. This will make my decision in the next election very easy. I could not vote for a person that has no compassion for a harmless dove.

John Bennie  
Livonia

### Charter system is segregated

This letter is in response to (Hugh Gallagher's column) dated Sunday, Oct. 5, concerning charter schools.

I am a DFT special education teacher who was in Lansing on Thursday. I take issue with the term "short sighted" you used to describe teachers' participation.

What is short sighted in this debate about charter schools is that there is not a charter school in Michigan that accepts students with disabilities. Where do these children go? The students are educated in the public schools by certified teachers.

The charter schools are about the "haves and have-nots." This should be a civil rights debate. In the state of Michigan there are waiting lists for services to children with disabilities. Where are the special education programs in charter schools that give students with disabilities choices?

The laws provide that all students have access to charter schools. Let's deal with the reality, the haves and have-nots is a segregated system called "charter schools." Why doesn't Bob Thompson build a high school where special education students can learn next to their peers, in full inclusion, with accommodations?

Jan McCosky  
teacher of the speech language impaired  
Detroit Public Schools and Livonia resident

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## 2003 was very good year in fight to free wine market

For many years, the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association succeeded in making many folks with an interest in fine wine into lawbreakers.

Here's how Michigan state law contains a provision that requires Michigan retailers to obtain any beer or wine sold in the state from a wholesaler. Not surprisingly, the wholesalers have been interested in maximizing their profits by vigilantly guarding their legislatively granted monopoly. And as a result, the Wholesalers Association has become one of the most powerful lobbying outfits in Lansing.



Phil Power

Of course, consumers have suffered over the years from this monopoly, in part because there is no real price competition in the Michigan market for beer, wine and booze (a fact well-known to any Michigander who visits Chicago). Just as bad has been the restriction of choice imposed by the wholesalers, who simply are not interested in stocking odd, interesting, out-of-the-way or rare wines.

So as a practical matter, if I wanted to get a bottle of Screaming Eagle (a big-time California cult wine), I had a couple of choices in how to break the law. I could drive to Chicago, buy my bottle and drive home (obeying all speed limits and rules of the road to deter arrest by the Michigan State Police) or I could have sent an e-mail to Screaming Eagle winery, asking them to ship me a bottle in a plain brown wrapper to avoid scrutiny by the authorities.

Enter Eleanor and Ray Heald, wine aficionados and wine columnists for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. In the course of trying to obtain the wines they review for tasting, they repeatedly ran into the Michigan statutory ban on direct importation of wine into the state. Just as bad, they couldn't get samples of wine from out-of-state wineries to use at their wine-tasting classes at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

So three years ago, the Healds brought suit in federal district court against the state of Michigan for unconstitutionally restraining free trade in wine. A big part of the argument in court was whether direct-to-consumer shipping would result in a sudden surge in underage wines getting their stuff from out of state. The Healds lost in district court, but they appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

This past July, the Federal Trade Commission dealt the state's argument a blow in its report "Possible Anticompetitive Barriers to E-commerce wine." The report concluded that "E-commerce

offers consumers lower prices, greater choices, and increased convenience," while finding no evidence that direct shipping increases underage access.

And in August, the Sixth Circuit Court ruled that Michigan's ban on direct-to-consumer shipments from out-of-state wineries was an unconstitutional restraint of free trade. One judge asked a lawyer arguing in favor of Michigan's monopoly whether there was any empirical evidence that allowing free shipment would result in increased consumption of alcohol by minors. When the lawyer couldn't offer any, the judge instructed him to abandon that particular line of argument.

In its wisdom (in the person of Attorney General Mike Cox), the state of Michigan asked the Sixth Circuit for a rehearing by the full court. That got turned down a couple of weeks ago. So now, Cox has a choice to make: Appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court (a step that would cost the state upward of \$1 million it doesn't have) or comply with the Court of Appeals.

I hope the attorney general decides to let matters stand. If we have learned anything from history, it is that monopolies — whether controlled by business or government — are inherently bad. They drive up prices and drive down service. They shackle the workings of the market which, if left unfettered, would normally provide customers with the products and services they want, at competitive prices they are willing to pay. And the monopoly profits, whether going to the coffers of corporations or state governments, are simply gouged from the pockets of ordinary consumers.

There is much talk in Lansing about how important it is for the state to get out of the way of the workings of the free market. If the Michigan ruling stands, we would become the 27th state to break a legislated monopoly and allow for direct-to-consumer shipping of wine.

Moreover, Michigan winemakers would be allowed to export their own wines to consumers around the country. So everybody will be better off if our attorney general uses good common sense.

As a wine lover myself, I'm happy to raise my glass in a toast to Eleanor and Ray Heald. They had the guts to take on the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers lobby and the state of Michigan. And they had the persistence to fight the case through the federal Court of Appeals. For them, 2003 has proven to be a very good year!

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.

## Ramadan: For Muslims, entire body, mind fast

You must be kidding! You don't eat and drink all day long for the whole month?"

This used to be the response I would get when explaining fasting in the month of Ramadan. Although most Americans now know that their Muslim friends and neighbors fast from dawn to sunset in the month of Ramadan, many still don't know that fasting is just one aspect of Ramadan.

God says in the Quran (2:183), "O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that ye may (learn) self-restraint." And then again in (2:185), "The month of Ramadan is the one in which the Quran was sent down, as a guidance for mankind, with clear proofs for the guidance, the Criterion, so whoever amongst you witnesses this month, let him fast in it."

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar year. Because of the lunar calendar, Ramadan falls in different seasons, as it moves up about 11 days every solar year.

This year it started on the 27th of October. Fasting in the month of Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam. The other four being belief in one God, obligatory charity, pilgrimage to Mecca once in a lifetime (if physically and financially able to do so), and performing the five daily prayers.

Fasting has always been an important part of religious life. Every faith has it in some form or the other. For Muslims, fasting in the month of Ramadan is obligatory.

Every able Muslim who has attained puberty should fast, with exception being granted for the mentally and physically ill, the pregnant and nursing mothers, and for travelers. The goal during this month is to attain self-restraint and to become God-conscious in every aspect of our lives.

The Imam (spiritual leader) at the Islamic Association of Greater Detroit, Rochester Hills, mentioned in his recent Friday's sermon that Ramadan is comprised of three ingredients: fasting, prayers and charity.

Fasting teaches us self-restraint, prayers bring us close to God, and charity lets us thank God for His bounties. In particular, a Muslim performs extra acts of worship toward God, and acts of charity as service toward His creations in this month of Ramadan.

In addition, fasting is not a mere abstention from food, drink and sex. It also entails an abstention from seeing or hearing evil, speaking ill or gossiping or back-biting, going to sinful places, or doing any act that is contrary to God's pleasure and command.

Upon breaking the fast, the night is spent in acts of devotion and necessary sleep, not feasting and partying.

By fasting (not eating by choice) in this month, we remind ourselves that although we might live in material luxury, there are millions of our fellow human beings who cannot afford a meal every day.

By performing extra prayers this month we enrich ourselves spiritually and ask for the well-being of our family and of humanity at large. By giving charity we purify our material wealth and help those in need.

In addition, fasting is not a mere abstention from food, drink and sex. It also entails an abstention from seeing or hearing evil, speaking ill or gossiping or back-biting, going to sinful places, or doing any act that is contrary to God's pleasure and command. As such, the entire mind and body of a Muslim fasts, including the eyes, ears, tongue, hands and feet, beyond the aforementioned restrictions.

According to the late Dr. Aljazeera Izbekovic, former president of Bosnia, "The Islamic fast which is the union of asceticism and joy — and even pleasure in certain cases — is the most natural and most radical educational measure that has ever been put into practice."

It is equally present in the king's palace and the peasant's hut, in a philosopher's home and a worker's home. Its greatest advantage is that it is really practiced.

The end of Ramadan, Eid-ul-Fitr, is celebrated by a day of feasting, socializing, kindness to all and especially children and elders, and acts of both obligatory and voluntary charity.

Quaid Saifee is a Rochester Hills resident and member of Islamic Association of Greater Detroit (IAGD) located on Livernois and Auburn. He can be reached at quaid.saifee@hotmail.com.



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# Seniors pay homage to Marine Corps



A figurine of a Marine, in full-dress uniform, 'stands guard' over a display at Independence Village, which recently honored Marines

Independence Village of Plymouth, as part of their observance of Veteran's Day, held a buffet luncheon marking the 228th birthday of the United States Marine Corps on Nov 10

Honored guests were Staff Sgt Phillip Callis and Sgt Alex Hathaway currently serving as recruiters in Westland and Martin Martinez, recently returned from serving in combat in Iraq as a US Marine. Martin is the grandson of Jean Martinez, the activity director of Independence Village

The event allowed residents to show their appreciation for the Marine Corps. A display, with a figurine of a Marine in dress blues, was set up and every Marine in attendance was given an American Beauty Red Rose as a token of gratitude

"The residents wanted the visiting Marines, as guests of honor, to be the first to partake of the buffet but the young men insisted that the residents eat first," Jean Martinez said. "They said, 'These are the folks that we serve and work for, they always come first'"

As the residents approached to say welcome and thanks, the Marines greeted each person warmly, Martinez said. The young men made sure to compliment Chef Bode on the fine foods served as they returned to the buffet for seconds, she pointed out

The dulcimer music played by Peggy Kustra provided a pleasant background and



Independence Village resident Ruth Yanke, a Marine in World War II, engages in 'Leatherneck' conversation with (from left) Martin Martinez, Staff Sgt Phillip Callis and Sgt Alex Hathaway



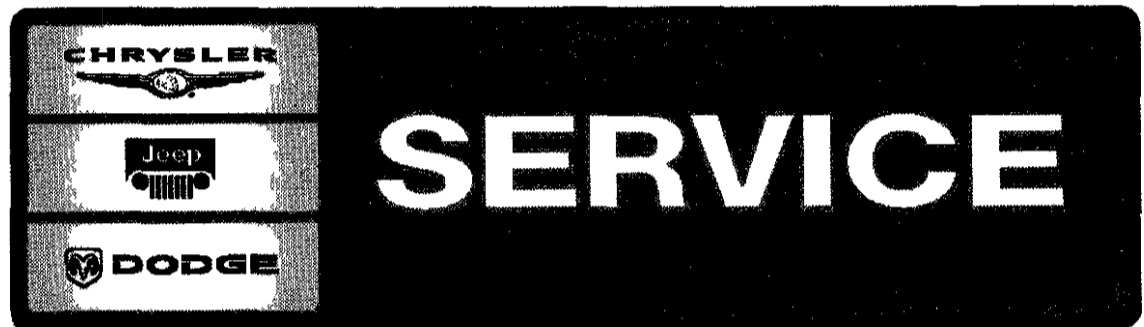
John Carlton, whose brother is a resident at Independence Village and who served in the Marines during World War II and in Korea, shakes hands with Marine recruiter Sgt Alex Hathaway during a ceremony honoring the Marines

when the Marine Corps Hymn was played, all the Marines in the room stood at attention. The observance continued Sunday, Nov 16 with an Award

Honor Guard doing a presentation of colors. There event included a tribute to veterans as a bugler took participants from "Taps" to "Reveille". Then

the Patin Trio of Grand Rapids performed the songs of the Andrews Sisters, including Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy, as part of the celebration

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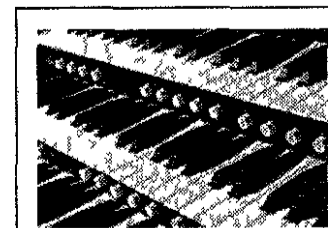
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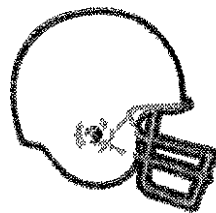
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## Sidelines

### League champs

Western Michigan University's men's soccer team collected its first ever Mid-American Conference Tournament title with a 5-0 victory over Bowling Green State Sunday.

The win allowed WMU to tie the school record for wins in a season with 12. The Broncos record is 12-6-2.

They now advance to the NCAA Tournament, playing at University of Wisconsin Milwaukee at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Scott Duhl, a senior at WMU and a Salem HS graduate, had one assist against Bowling Green, adding to his already impressive totals. Duhl is tied for second on the team in goals scored with five, including three game-winners, he also has three assists to give him 13 points for the season.

### 1st goal

Kyle Larman, a freshman at Bentley College (Waltham, Mass.) and a Canton HS graduate, scored his first-ever collegiate goal for the Falcons' hockey team last Saturday.

Larman's power-play shot, taken from just above the circle, found its way through traffic and into the net behind Canisius goalie Bryan Worosz. The goal gave Bentley a 3-1 lead in the third period, but they couldn't hold it.

Canisius fought back in that final period, scoring twice to forge a 3-3 draw.

Larman finished the game with a goal and an assist, getting the latter on a first-period goal scored by teammate Paul Markarian. Bentley is 1-7-2 overall, 0-2-2 in the Atlantic Hockey Association.

### Hornets honored

A pair of soccer players for Kalamazoo College's women's team were recognized for their outstanding play.



Amy Drayback, a freshman midfielder and a Canton HS graduate, was an honorable mention all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association selection. Drayback had two goals and two assists for the Hornets this season.

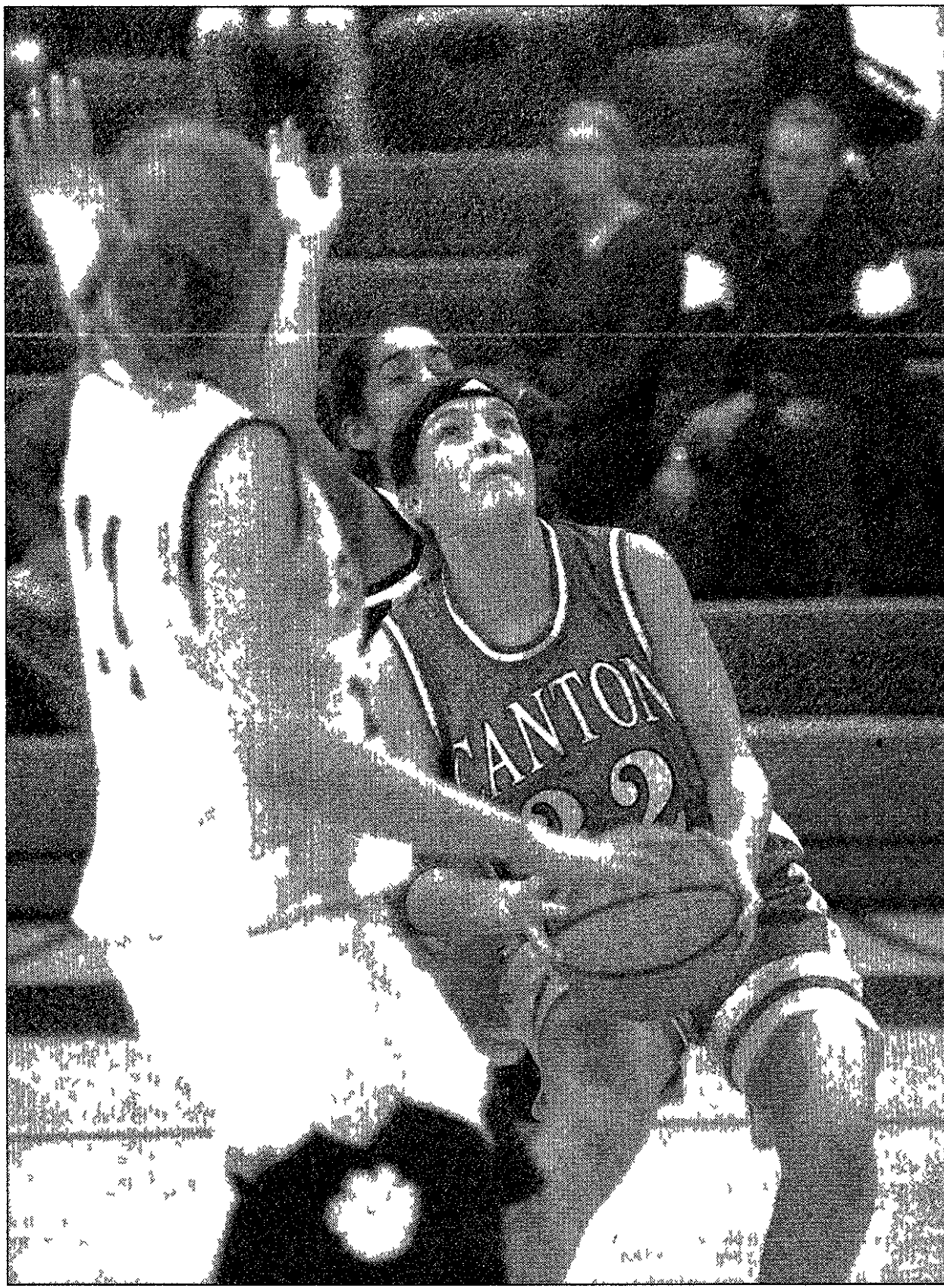
Macy Lepper, a freshman midfielder and a Salem HS graduate, also received honorable mention all-MIAA praise. Lepper had one goal for Kalamazoo, as the Hornets finished their season 9-10-1 overall.

### All-MIAA

Danielle Shepard, a freshman at Albion College and a Canton HS graduate, was selected to the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's women's soccer second team.

Shepard, a first-year forward, was second on the team in goal scoring with five — a figure that tied her for 10th in league goal scoring. The Britons finished third in the MIAA.

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B2



Canton's Lisa Ealy (with ball) looks to go to the basket over South Lyon's Meghan Waldrop. Ealy scored 15 points to spark the Chiefs' triumph.

## Victory puts Canton in district final

Experience — that's what counts at tournament time, right?

Perhaps. But if Wednesday's state district semifinal between Canton, a team with a 17-3 record through the regular season, and host South Lyon, which was 9-12 after winning its district opener Monday, is an accurate indicator, well — forget it.

The Chiefs were up against a team that didn't seem particularly fast or mobile, but the Lions were able to hit their shots. Consequently, with the fourth period a couple of minutes old, Canton found itself trailing South Lyon.

And in trouble.

So who comes to the rescue? Not the usual cast of heroes, like Katie Cezat and Rachele Guastella. They did their share, to be sure, but with the game on the line, the Chief that stepped up big time was

Lisa Ealy, who's just a sophomore.

Not renowned for her scoring skills (she's averaging about five points a game), Ealy found the touch against South Lyon, scoring seven fourth-quarter points to lead Canton to a 46-43 triumph.

Now 18-3, the Chiefs face cross-campus rival Salem at 7 p.m. Friday for the district title. The winner advances to the regional tournament hosted by Auburn Heights Avondale.

"She had a great game, didn't she?" said Canton coach Bob Blohm of Ealy. "Not only did she step up and make shots, but she did great defensively."

And she did it when the Chiefs needed it most. The host Lions weren't giving in, to be sure. A pair of three-pointers in the opening period gave them a 12-7 lead after one period, a basket by Shannon Waddell with 6:17 left in the second quarter pushed them to a 19-8 advantage. An 11-1 closing run saved Canton, making it a one-point game (20-19 South Lyon) at the half.

Problem was, the Chiefs were facing a defense they were unused to. Cezat's inside prowess had made her such a threat in the paint, most opponents used zones against the Chiefs to force them to beat them from the perimeter.

Not the Lions. They stuck with their man-to-man, double-teaming Cezat when she got the ball inside. And they kept scoring. For the game, South Lyon connected on 18-of-36 floor shots (50 percent) and

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B5

## Salem must rediscover its offense

Last year was superb for Salem's hockey team.

The Rocks finished just a point behind first-place Livonia Stevenson in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes

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Division, tied with Livonia Churchill for second. But they fought their way to the state regional final before losing, compiling a 20-5-1 record.

However, last year's team was built around the offensive firepower of Mark Nagel, Bryan Young and John Schultz, who were all among the top five scorers in the WLAA. They're gone now, off to college, leaving Salem coach Fred Feiler with a rebuilding job on his hands.

"We only have three forwards back from last year, two goalies back and four defensemen," noted Feiler. Which seemed to indicate defense would be Salem's strength. "Probably," Feiler agreed. "At least at the beginning of the season."

Certainly the players manning the blue line won't be inexperienced. Returning is senior Andy Thackaberry, who was a team captain a year ago and returns in that role this season. Joining him on the blue line will be senior Ryan Jones and juniors Craigen Bauldry and John Maurer.

All played last year and figure to give the Rocks a strong presence in front of their own net.

Anything that gets past them will be dealt with by junior goalie Brandon DeMars, a starter for Salem as a sophomore. Also back is senior Ray Kraft.

The forward lines are more untested. Aaron Cheesman, a sen-

## Rocks' defense stops Mustangs

The first two times these Western Lakes Activities Association rivals met this season, Salem used a man-to-man defense against Northville.

But on Wednesday, it was the state tournament. The big show. Go with the best you got.

Which is just what Salem coach Fred Thomann did. He went to the zone defense that worked so well in bottling up Canton in the Western Lakes Activities Association Final.

It worked, too. In a methodically paced Class A district semifinal at South Lyon HS Wednesday, the Rocks kept Northville frustrated, the Mustangs hitting just 4-of-19 first-half shots (21 percent) and an even worse 2-of-24 in the second (eight percent) in absorbing a 30-23 drubbing.

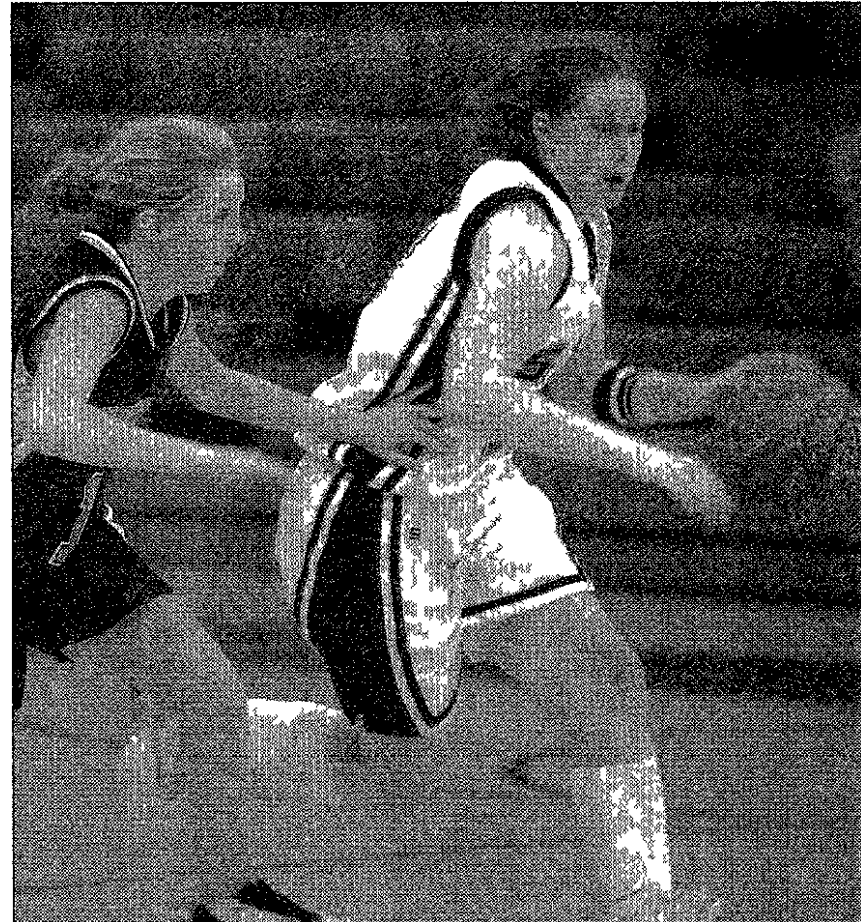
Salem advances to the district final opposite Canton Friday at South Lyon with a 15-6 record. Northville bows out at 11-11.

"We just didn't shoot the ball well from the perimeter," said Northville coach Pete Wright. "We had trouble scoring against zones during the season, so I wasn't surprised that Salem used it against us."

"That was the difference in the game. We didn't make shots, and you only get one shot at this."

Certainly the Rocks made the most of theirs. They led 8-4 after one quarter on the strength of

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B4



Salem's Alyssa Guern (with ball) drives past the pressure applied by a Northville defender. It wasn't an easy win, but the Rocks managed to hold off Northville Wednesday.

## Rocks make impact on Observer team

Going into the season, no one expected Salem's boys cross country team to be dangerous. They had little to build around, fielding a team of nearly newcomers.

Even their coach, Geoff Baker, wasn't sure what to expect. At least not until early October, when the potential began to show.

"At the beginning of the season, no one thought we could get here," Baker said. "We had one experienced runner returning."

"But as the season progressed, we got better and better and better."

What the Rocks did was save

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their best for last, something all coaches in similar sports would like to do. At the Wayne County Championships, Salem finished second in the 21-team race, at the Western Lakes Activities Association Championship meet, they captured top honors, edging Walled Lake Western by a point.

Next came the state regional meet at Willow Metropark, Redford Catholic Central, a heavy favorite, edged Salem by three points. Nonetheless, the

Rocks' second-place finish earned them a berth in the state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

And even though the Rocks placed just 21st at state, it would be hard to displace Baker as the Observer's coach of the year. As he described it, "Everybody ran their personal bests, so we have to be happy."

Baker's ability as a coach is well-documented. Among some of his past standouts are Nick Allen, now a senior at Wayne State where he won both the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional race and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference race, and Donnie Warner, a 2001 Salem grad now at DePaul University who placed sixth in the Conference USA

Championships, helping DePaul to a fourth-place finish. With one senior among their top four runners, it seems Salem's future is indeed a bright one.

Now here's the Observer boys cross country team.

Dave Lucas, Sr., Redford CC. On the area's most consistent cross-country squad, Lucas is the team's most consistent runner.

He was an All-Stater as a

PLEASE SEE ALL-OBSERVER, B5



# Late Whaler mistake allows Sarnia to tie Chiefs set for division challenge

Holding a 2-1 lead with just over one minute to play, the host Plymouth Whalers appeared to be headed to their 12th Ontario Hockey League victory Saturday night at Compuware Arena. Instead, a miscue on a Plymouth clearing attempt found the puck in the back of the net as the visiting Sarnia Sting tied the game at 2-all heading into overtime. Holding a 5-1 shot advantage

in the extra period served the Whalers no justice as they failed to get the puck past the Sting and had to settle for the tie. "I thought we played a very solid game at both ends," Plymouth Whalers general manager/head coach Mike Vellucci said. "That was a tough break at the end, but we had some great chances in overtime. These guys have no reason to hang their heads

after the effort they gave tonight." The Whalers, who travel Friday to London and return to action this Saturday at home against Erie, are 11-6-5-0 in the OHL, while Sarnia moves to 12-6-2-1. Sarnia scored the lone goal in the first period on the Sting's third power-play chance of the period — John Hecmovic's 16th of the season — when his shot from the point beat a screened Whalers

netminder Ryan Nie at 13:21. The Whalers got on the board at 1:06 in the second period when Jonas Fiedler scored on a pass from Ryan Ramsay. The other assist went to Canton's James Wisniewski (from Canton). Ramsay added his second point of the game on what seemed to be the game-winning goal at 2:20 with John Vigilante and Gino Pisellini earning assists.

A lot has changed with the Canton hockey team since the end of last season. Dan Abraham is no longer the coach, having resigned at the conclusion of the 2002-03 campaign. But that's not the biggest change, because replacing him is Jim Wheaton, who served as Abraham's assistant at Canton.

No, what will be more difficult to adapt to is the departure of such key players as forward David Commiskey, defenseman David Bak and Casey Skrzypek, and goalie Charlie Kemp. Other important players are gone, too — a total of eight seniors who were part of last season's 15-10 team, a Canton squad that won the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title.

But Wheaton has some talent to build around. "We had a real strong team last year," he said. "We should be equal to it this year. I don't know if we'll be better, but we should be equal."

There's a lot for Wheaton to be encouraged by. "We're very deep," he said. "We have a lot of depth, with three good lines up front, a legitimate three lines. They're all looking good, looking solid. We spent a lot of time in the summer with workout programs."

Even considering the player losses, there are some dangerous returnees for the Chiefs. Lake senior forwards Matt Oliver, Kyle Tollison and Mike Stewart, and junior forwards Reece McCabe and Brian Wioncek.

Indeed, two of Canton's top three scorers, Tollison and Oliver, are back from last season. The defense is anchored by returnees Mike French and Brett Baker, both seniors, and sophomore Aaron Amin. The graduation of Kemp, last season's starting goalie, might seem a problem, but Wheaton has two others back who were

on the varsity last season. Chris Garrett, a senior, and Tony Hylko, a junior, both have some varsity experience. Michael Olandese, a junior who played two years ago but was on the junior varsity last season, is also on the squad. "We'll miss (Kemp), but we've got some good replacements," said Wheaton.

Among the seven other new players, two defensemen have looked good in particular: Ben Lauren and Pat Davison, both juniors.

It all tends to make this season's Canton team, which among its other accomplishments of a year ago managed to split its two-game sets with WLA champion Lavonia Stevenson and Division I regional finalist Salem, look promising.

There are things to be done, to be sure. "We've got to work on getting those new guys up to speed," Wheaton said. "They have to learn their positions."

And Tollison and Oliver will be counted on to provide the leadership. At least that's the plan, and thus far there's been no reason to dispute it.

"It's been a smooth transition," said Wheaton. "I'm seeing that we do have a relationship. The kids know what to expect of me."

As far as the WLA is concerned, Wheaton believes the team to watch is Lavonia Churchill. "The hot team is Churchill," he said. "They're the team to beat."

Salem has lost much of its offensive firepower, and Stevenson has much to replace Walled Lake Central is growing in strength.

Then there's the Western Division. Both Northville and Walled Lake Western are improving, question is, will Canton still be better?

Wheaton won't make any rash predictions in that regard. But it seems he believes his team is in a position to stay near the top of the WLA.

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ior and team captain, is back to center one line, Mike Barr, a senior in his fourth year on the team, and Rob Quigley, a junior, will play at wing.

That, however, is it for experience on this season's Rocks team, which opens against Walled Lake Central Friday at Lakeland Arena.

That means Feiler will have to count on newcomers to fill the voids, particularly those left on offense by the departures of Nagel, Young and Schultz.

"It's unusual to have players like that," said Feiler. "We'll have to play a better defensive game, so that we don't have to put four or five goals up a game."

Of the newcomers on this season's squad, several show promise. Although there aren't that many returnees, Feiler will have 10 seniors, 10 juniors and three freshmen on the roster.

Among the newcomers are senior forward Matt Van Hoet, who played for the Plymouth Stingrays Midget AA team last year, and senior forward Buddy Musa, a former Canton Crush Midget AA player. John Peterson, a junior defenseman, also played for the Crush a year ago.

There are others Feiler hopes will step up and contribute, like senior forward Andrew Majoranna, a "big kid who covers a lot of ground in a hurry," and junior forward Ryan Sharrow, who played on the junior varsity last season.


Others to watch include senior forward Dan Crockett, who was in the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association last season, junior forward Kyle Emmons, who played with the Ice Dogs, and freshman goalie Joe Moore, who has shown "a lot of promise."

Still, everything considered, it seems Feiler will have his coaching work cut out for him. "We're trying to teach them the defensive part of the game and get that under control first," the Rocks' coach said. "I think we'll be more balanced in Lines One-through-Three. But we have to stay out of the penalty box. We don't have the big guns to play short-handed a lot."

"It's always a factor, this year more than ever."

Last season's Lakes Division race was jumbled, and Feiler can see that happening again, and in the Western too. "Top to bottom on both sides, it's real competitive," he said. "In the Lakes, Stevenson, Churchill and Walled Lake Central are a step ahead of us at this point."

Now the Rocks must see if they can catch them.



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# 1 step at a time: Penguins keep building

Lose a game 7-1 and it can be difficult to find something positive about it

But Sue McDowell can. The new coach of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem combined girls hockey team knew her Penguins would be pressed by a Livonia Ladywood team with a lot more game experience, compared to a PCS squad that is just starting its second season

McDowell takes over for Chad Roy, and brings with her a wealth of coaching experience. Her job will be multifaceted, not just teaching them how to win, but how to play

"We have several girls who haven't played organized hockey before," she said. "Well, we're off to a rip-roaring start. But this was a better game than the score would indicate. I was very pleased with the way the girls played tonight."

The Penguins' only goal came in the third period. Olivia Pennebaker, a junior, scored it unassisted.

The loss isn't likely to deter this team. McDowell, who has coached the University of

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Michigan club team and was an associate director of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, has the team's goals well defined.

"This is a building year for us, a growing year for us," she explained. "We have a lot of girls who are new to the sport. We have to blend them, the newer players with the more experienced players, and make them play as a team."

And, as she noted, "even the experienced players are learning a lot." What they have found out is that there's a lot to learn.

"Everyone here has something they're good at," said McDowell. "But good teams have players who are good at multiple things."

"We need to find our strengths and keep honing them."

So far, McDowell is impressed with her team's defense. "We have four very solid defensemen," she said,

referring to juniors Amanda Rowley and Lauren Coleman and sophomores Kelly Bargowski and Sarah Skomieczny. "All are returning defensemen who are solid."

One key senior on this rather young squad is goalie Amanda Watkins, who had 41 saves against Ladywood Tuesday. Another is team captain Jessica Rzetelny, a forward from whom McDowell "expects good, strong leadership and good, strong scoring. She's one of our offensive threats."

Others who should create some offense are Pennebaker, junior Sharla Gillespie and junior Stephanie Murray, all quickly learning the "skating and stickhandling skills we need."

Some others who are making an impact are sophomore forward Kristina Creith, junior forward Adrienne Aronhalt ("they've really picked up their play the last few games"), and junior forwards Jenn Emmert and Erika Perkovich. ("Both are new to the sport and both are improving by leaps and bounds.")

Jessica Martin, a freshman, is being groomed as the back-up goalie. Three other freshmen — Melissa Butzow, a forward, Kristin Callahan, a defenseman, and Allie Burciaga, a defenseman — are learning the ropes.

I see our improvement in our skating over the course of the year, said McDowell. "We're working on that now. And we're working on our stickhandling, too."

"We've got to get stronger in these skills, and we will get stronger."

Does that mean the Penguins will move up the ladder in the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League? They were 7-12-1 last season in the 12-team conference.

"Our main goal is to take it up a notch across the board," she said.

"Then we'll work on our strengths. Ladywood was bigger, stronger and more intense than we were because they had the basics under control."

Seems McDowell has this team well under control.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### TURKEY SHOOT

Step right up to the free throw line and win a turkey when you compete in the Thanksgiving free-throw shoot. Boys and girls will compete in the following age divisions: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13.

Participants are encouraged to wear athletic shoes to the contest. Kids can pre-register at the Summit Gymnasium or on-site from 8-9 a.m. the day of the event. The contest begins at 9 a.m. This is also an Elks Hoop Shoot regional qualifier. A birth certificate is required at the time of registration.

### 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.

### HITTING CAMP

The Madonna University soft-

ball hitting camp will come in three sessions. Session One is from 9:30 a.m. - noon on Sunday, Dec. 21. Session Two is from 2-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27, and Session Three is from 2-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 28.

The camps will feature two hitting cages plus one live pitching station working off tees and soft toss, including slap, bunting and more. Each session is limited to 24 girls. Cost is \$30 per session. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball.

Call Madonna softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.

### PLAYERS WANTED

The Canton Alley Cats, a 10-and-under baseball team, needs two or more players for the 2004 season.

Those interested must be Plymouth/Canton residents. Contact Glen Potter at (734) 844-8981 for information.

# Cornerstone upsets Madonna in WHAC final

The Madonna University women's volleyball team lost for the first time at home in two seasons Saturday, ironically on the same day, to the same team, as Cornerstone University defeated the Crusaders in four games to take the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament title.

The 30-26, 30-25, 22-30, 30-23 win also enabled Cornerstone, now 36-11 overall, to host the NIAA Region 8 tournament beginning Friday in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders, 38-3 overall, take on Indiana Wesleyan at 6 p.m. followed by the Cornerstone-St. Francis (Ind.) match at 8 p.m.

The winners will play at 1 p.m. Saturday with the Region 8 champion advancing to the NIAA Nationals, beginning

## VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 3 at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif.

Cornerstone was the last team to beat the Crusaders, two years ago to the day.

"Cornerstone played superb, it was one of their best matches of the year," Madonna coach Jerry Abraham said. "This wasn't our 'A' game. It was an emotional match, but we just came up short with the results. I hope the loss hurt (the team) for awhile because it hurt me."

In the first game, Cornerstone jumped out to a quick 5-2 lead, but Madonna tied it up at 14, complements of a Sharaye Bush tip shot.

MU took a 20-19 advantage after a Caryn Inman service

ace, but the lead didn't last as the Golden Eagles rallied for a 30-26 win.

After losing the second game, Madonna was reeling, facing the possibility of elimination going into the third game.

Trying to stay alive and get a much needed victory, MU took a 4-0 lead to begin the third contest. With opportune blocks and the intangibles working in the Crusaders' favor, MU scored a 30-22 win.

Although the win sparked the Crusaders going into the fourth and ultimately last game, Madonna's hopes were extinguished as Crusader comeback faltered with Cornerstone taking home the trophy, clinching the tourney with a 30-23 victory.

WHAC Player of the Week Shannon Burmaster had a

game-high 23 kills and also amassed 22 digs for the Golden Eagles. Teammate Amanda Rizer added 15 digs.

WHAC Setter of the Week Allison Park compiled 46 assist-to-kills, while leading the team with three service aces. Park also assisted with six blocked shots, with Karen Anderson registering four solo blocks and six block-assists to go along with 10 kills.

Natalja Timna and Laura Lesko each had 15 kills for the Crusaders, while Inman added 14.

Tera Morrill paced MU with 26 digs, while defensive specialist and WHAC Player of the Year Amanda Suder (Salem) added 21.

Setter Ashley Frost recorded all of the Crusader assists with 51 to go along with 14 digs.



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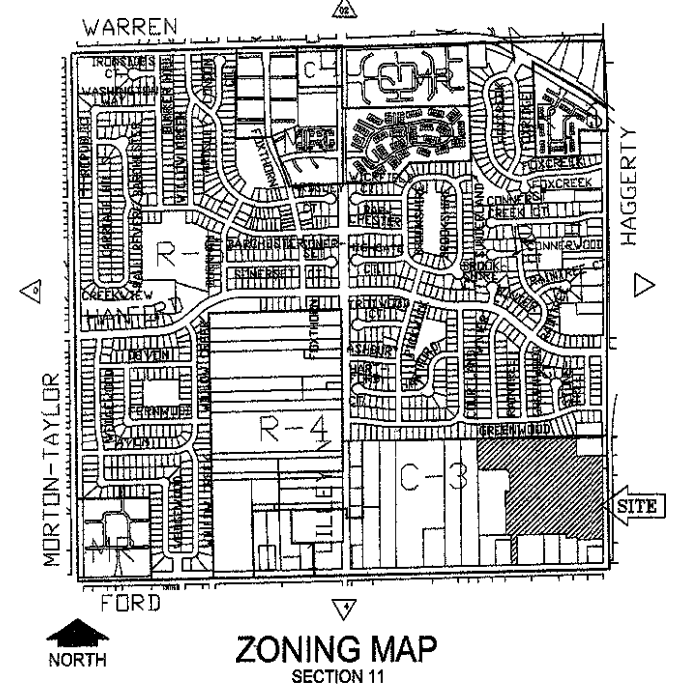
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**PLANNING COMMISSION  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday December 1, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7 00 p m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27 03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance

**CRAIGS CRUISERS SPECIAL LAND USE** CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT DEVICE ESTABLISHMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17 02B FOR PARCEL NO 044 99 0017 706 Property is located north of Ford and west of Haggerty Road



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Wednesday November 26 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review

**VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman**

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# Ocelots edge past Lorain CC

It wasn't pretty, but the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team held off a second-half rally Saturday to beat visiting Lorain (Ohio) Community College, 87-83

Schoolcraft is 2-0 overall, while Lorain falls to 3-1

The Ocelots enjoyed a 47-32 halftime advantage before Lorain fought back

Ryan Baumgartner, a guard from Muncie (Ind.) South High School and transfer from Miami of Ohio, led Schoolcraft with 16 points He was 6-of-6 from the foul line

Ricky Morgan, a transfer from Iowa State, added 15 points, a team-high six assists and seven rebounds Marcus Johnson contributed 11 points and a team-high nine rebounds, while Anton Palmer had 10 points and seven rebounds

**MEN'S HOOP**

Schoolcraft shot 24-of-36 from the foul line (66.7 percent) and 33-of-82 from the field (40.2 percent)

Lorain's A. Montgomery led all scorers with 27 points T Hodges chipped in with 20

Schoolcraft returns to action at 7 30 p m Friday when it hosts the Rochester College JV squad The game was originally scheduled for 3 p m Saturday at Schoolcraft

**Calumet (Ind.) 76, Madonna 73:** In an effort to try and go 3-0 Saturday, the Madonna University men's basketball team came up short at the horn as the Crusaders lost to visiting Calumet (Ind.) College

Both teams are 2-1 on the season

Leading 44-42 at halftime, Madonna increased its advantage to 11, going on a 9-0 run to open the second half

The Crimson Wave battled back however, countering with gritty half-court traps that led to many of the 20 total Crusader turnovers With the heavy defensive pressure, Calumet eventually tied the score at 67 with 6 54 left to play

Angel Rosado, while on his way to scoring 15 points, converted a free throw which gave the Crimson Wave a one-point edge, 68-67, as they never looked back

Madonna's last chance to possibly tie the game came in the waning seconds

With Calumet ahead by three, MU guard Noel

Emenhiser, who shot 4-of-6 from beyond the arc on the night, failed to convert a last-ditch three-point shot at the buzzer

Emenhiser led all scorers with 20 points, while John Bennett (Livonia Churchill) came off the bench to score 16 Guard Joe Kofahl grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds

Ed Gipson tallied 16 points for Calumet, while Mike Hayes and Geoffrey Lalic each contributed 11 points for the Crimson Wave

Calumet shot 13-of-30 (43 percent) from the line and hit 28-of-67 (41 percent) shots from the field

Madonna shot 46 percent in the first half from beyond the three-point arc, going 7-of-15, followed by a 2-of-8 showing in the second half

**ROCKS**

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three-pointers by Ellen Canale and Alyssa Guerin The Mustangs kept it close in the second (the only quarter in which they had more than one basket), trailing 16-14 at the half

But the combination of the Salem defense and their own poor shooting ruined any chances they had for a second-half comeback The Rocks ran off seven-straight points — five of them by Canale — and never again trailed

Northville did manage to trim it to four in the fourth quarter, but the Rocks withstood the onslaught

"That was the goal — to get to the next game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann "They beat us the last time we played because we didn't take care of the basketball"

"This time, we did what we had to do to win the game"

Which meant forcing the game to played in the half-court "Their speed, quickness" were a concern to Thomann "In our last game, they scored way too many run-out baskets on us

"When they don't have their dribble-drive, which I thought

we did a good job taking away, they're in trouble"

Canale was the offensive show in this game, pouring in a game-high 16 points for the Rocks Alyssa Guerin added seven

Northville got six points apiece from Simone Toney and Danielle Toney

Which takes Salem to the brink of its final goal "At the beginning of the season, we had three goals," said Thomann "To win our division, to win the conference and to win the district"

Two of those are accomplished If the Rocks can beat Canton for a second time in three meetings, the third will be, too

**Canton Agape 46, Bishop Borgess 13** If the first half wasn't enough the second half was in Tuesday's Class D district opener at Detroit Urban Lutheran

Canton Agape Christian opened up a 14-4 lead after one period increased it to 21-8 by halftime then blew Redford Bishop Borgess away with a 17-0 third quarter surge

Agape improves to 11-10 going into tonight's district semifinal against Plymouth Christian Academy at Urban Lutheran

Emily Long a senior point guard paced the Wolverines with 12 points. Stephanie Johannes contributed three points and nine steals

The winner of tonight's semifinal plays for the district title at 7 p m Friday

**Notre Dame 44, Plymouth 44:** Despite their effort Plymouth could not overtake Notre Dame Prep in a Class B district game Monday at Livonia Ladywood

The Fighting Irish built a 10-5 lead by half time and increased it to 29-18 after three quarters as the Wildcats finished their season at 13-6

A win Wednesday gave Notre Dame a 13-9 record and put the Irish into Friday's district final

Defensively we did a nice job said Plymouth coach Michelle Reilly We missed some easy baskets some layups But it was a great 32 minute effort by the team

Jeanne Moise led the Wildcats with 21 points and 10 rebounds Cassie Andrews netted 16 points for Notre Dame Amanda Gorski added 15

# SC women lose 2

An eye-opener

That pretty much describes the trip Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team took to the Chipola Classic in Marianna, Fla., last weekend

The Ocelots were never in either game for very long, losing to Vincennes (Ind.) College 82-49 Friday and defending NJCAA Division I champ Gulf Coast CC 86-32 on Saturday

The two losses left SC at 1-2 overall Vincennes is 3-1, Gulf Coast is 4-0

In Friday's loss, Vincennes' long-range shooting did the Ocelots in The Trailblazers connected on 12-of-21 first-half three-pointers (57 percent) SC, meanwhile, was having problems hitting any shot, the Ocelots were 6-of-31 from the floor in the first half (19 percent)

Vincennes led 24-3 10 minutes into the game and 40-21 by halftime India Monteiro led SC with 14 points and six rebounds, Tara Charles contributed eight points and six boards

The Trailblazers got 19 points from Margaret Batteast (including four three-pointers), 14 points from Rachel Dixon (with four more triples) and 13 from Carla Gheorghe

Gulf Coast was even tougher on Saturday The Ocelots trailed 13-6 five minutes into the game, then the Commodores went on a 30-4 run and it was 43-10 with just over four minutes left in the half By the intermission, Gulf Coast's lead was 46-17

Poor long-range shooting again plagued the Ocelots They made just 3-of-33 from three-point range (nine percent) and were 10-of-66 from the floor (15 percent)

Gulf Coast, on the other hand, was 34-of-69 from the floor (49 percent), including 6-of-14 (43 percent) from three-point range in the first half

Monteiro's nine points was best for SC Crystal Pittman was next with seven

Gulf Coast got 17 points from Shadea Marshall, 16 and 12 rebounds from Marquita Greene and 12 from Helen Johnson

**Madonna 69, Trinity Christian (Ill.) 55:** Madonna University earned its first victory in four starts with a triumph Saturday afternoon over Trinity Christian College (Ill.) in the consolation final of the Huntington College (Ind.) Tournament

Marwa Ayoub was the standout for the 1-3 Crusaders, finishing with 17 points, 13 rebounds, four blocks and four steals

Filling in for injured center Courtney Rehbine, sophomore center Sarah Thomson made the most of her opportunity by adding 14 points Freshmen Stephanie Childs and sophomore Lydia Pruzinowski each added 10 points for Madonna

Jessica Eenigenburg had a game-high 21 points for the Trolls, while Cheryl Miersma followed with 12 and Katie DeKoekkoek had 10

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**ALL-OBSERVER**

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sophomore and senior and is a three time member of the Academic All State first team All Catholic and All Observerland teams Lucas won five meets including the Division I regional and the Catholic League and was second in two other invitationals His best time of the year came at the state final in Brooklyn where he finished 13th in 15.35 He is a total team runner said CC coach Tony Magni He sets the pace for everyone to follow David is a real team leader and an accomplished runner His times continued to improve each race He was our team stabilizer and never disappointed us

**Dan Horgan Sr Redford CC:** Horgan was the No 2 runner for the Shamrocks but could have been the No 1 runner on just about any other team in the area He's a two time All Catholic and All Observerland first team selection with a season best time of 16.13 set at the state finals where he finished 37th

He was also second at the regional and one other invitational third in two other invites and fourth in another

While quiet by nature he has manifested remarkable leadership qualities not only as a student but also in his capacity as a leader of our team said Magni He has run some great races for us this year He will be missed

**Max Working Jr. Redford CC:** Working battled ankle injuries that kept him out of some meets late in the season Still the junior finished third in the regional fourth in the Catholic League and had a season best time of 16.53 in his 52nd place finish in the state final

Working was also a two-time selection for All Catholic Academic All State and All Observerland teams

Despite his setback he never lost his determination to get himself back on the varsity lineup said Magni He has a positive attitude and a competitive edge He runs with the same concentration and focus during practice that he does at the meets

**Adam Warner, Sr Salem:** The Rocks only senior with experience among its top runners Warner delivered what was needed both in strong performance and leadership

Warner was 12th at the Wayne County Championships fourth at the WAAA Finals (earning all WAAA honors) and fourth at the state regional meet At the state finals Warner placed 54th in 16.26 his best time of the season

He had a great year as a runner and as a team leader said Salem coach Geoff Baker He had his best races when it counted

**Connor Schultiz, Jr. Liv Churchhill:** The junior earned eight medals this fall including a third in the WAAA conference meet and a fifth in the regional

He was also Livonia Public Schools champion and placed 70th at the Division I state meet

Connor has really developed into a good runner the last few months Churchhill coach John McCrevey said He ran an excellent 16.21 at the MIS during the state meet He has come a long way since his freshman year when frankly he had a miserable experience

Connor was our most improved runner this year and now has established himself as

**ALL-AREA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM**

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- Max Working Jr Redford CC
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- Matt Hays Sr Liv Stevenson
- Dan Kapadia Soph Salem
- Jimmy Walsh Soph Salem
- Scott Fysh Jr Salem
- Dominic Piro Jr Redford CC
- Matt Patra Jr Redford Union

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- Mike Rossiter Sr Redford CC
- Adam Kosteva Jr Salem
- Timothy Howse Soph Liv Churchhill
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Churchill's best runner Most of this is due to the support he receives from his family

Schultiz carries a 3.78 grade point average in Churchhill's math science and computer program He is also an accomplished singer

He had some impressive shoes to fill (Brother Logan 1st team All Observer in 2001) McCrevey said He didn't fill them he went out and got himself his own pair

**Matt Hays, Sr. Liv Stevenson:** The senior finished 98th at the Division I state meet after placing sixth in the regional

Hays also took a third in the Lakes Division meet and was fourth in the Livonia Public Schools meet

Matt is very talented he came on late and improved all year long even though he didn't run in the summer Stevenson coach Leigh Bateman said He's got natural ability a great kid very smart and a hard worker in practice

Hays got a late start in cross country because he played football

He's relatively new to the sport Bateman said

**Dan Kapadia, Soph. Salem:** Kapadia represents a big part of the Salem cross country future As a sophomore he finished in the top 10 at the Wayne County meet (he was eighth) in the all WAAA Finals (sixth) and the state regional at (ninth) His best time this season was 17:00 he placed 104th at the state finals

Kapadia's performances earned him first team all conference honors second team all county and all region accolades

As for his talent his Salem coach Geoff Baker summed it up like this Danny is a racer

**Jimmy Walsh, Soph. Salem:** Walsh got it going at just the right time for the Rocks this season The sophomore placed 82nd at the state meet in a season's best 16:45

That came after a 16th at the Wayne County meet earning him all county third team honors a 13th at the WAAA Finals giving him a berth on the all WAAA second team and a sev-

enth at the state regional putting him on the all region team

Jimmy had a great sophomore year said his coach Geoff Baker We are looking forward to the next two years with our sophomores.

**Scott Fysh Jr Salem:** Next year it will be Fysh's turn

The junior became a force to be reckoned with this season earning second team honors at both the WAAA and county meets (he was 13th at the county 14th at the conference) At the state regional meet Fysh placed eighth and was named all region He finished 106th at the state finals

Scott had a break out year said his coach Geoff Baker He'll be ready to be a team leader next year

**Dominic Piro Jr Redford CC:** Piro's first season in cross country was an impressive one led by a season best time of 17:04 set at the state finals. He was also 21st at the Division I regional and helped lead the second pack of CC runners throughout the season

Dominic impressed us all season said Magni He just got better and better with each race This was his first experience as a varsity runner and he proved it's where he belongs No doubt Dominic will be among the top runners next year

**Matt Patra Jr. Redford Union:** Patra was a solid runner on a solid team helping the Panthers to a first-place tie with Wyandotte in the Mega White He ran in the 17s for much of the season with a best time of 17:13

Patra placed in the top 10 in eight of the meets he ran in winning one invitational and placing in the top five on two other occasions He was sixth overall in the Mega White 10th in the regional and was a first time state qualifier

He excelled as a leader demonstrated toughness and perseverance to be successful in each of the sports he plays said RU coach Brian Flatter

He strives for self improvement and to make the athletes around him better



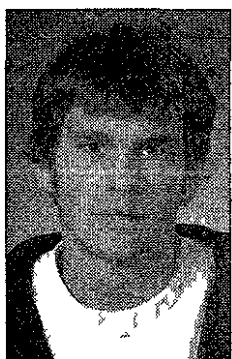
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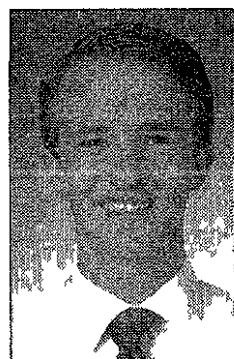
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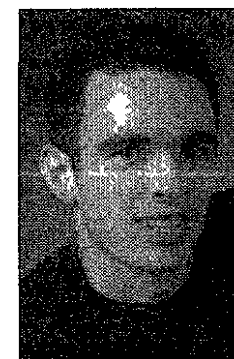
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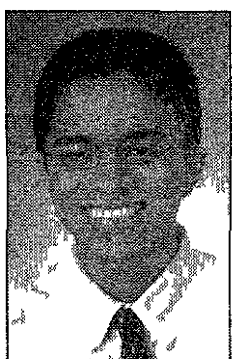
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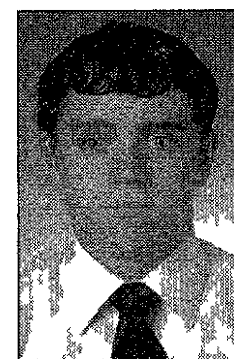
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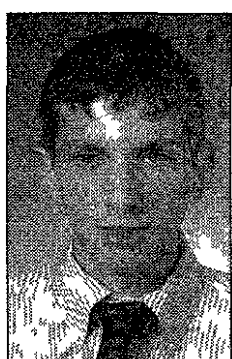
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**"GI" isn't just for the military**

By Jehangir Rao, M.D., gastroenterologist

Do you suffer from heartburn?

Do you have frequent bouts of diarrhea or upset stomach?

If so, you could be suffering from a gastro-intestinal (GI) condition There are many GI ailments which could be the cause of such problems, Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), colorectal cancer, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), ulcers or gallstones

Chronic GERD or heartburn, if not treated properly can lead to further disease such as esophageal cancer With the holidays coming up here are some guidelines to help prevent heartburn You should limit your intake of chocolate, caffeine, alcohol, spicy and deep fried foods Smoking and going to bed immediately after eating should be avoided

If you suffer from GERD, you can try over-the-counter treatments such as Tums, Rolaids or other antacids For a persistent problem you should seek an appointment with a physician

Some of the treatments prescribed by a physician include a prescription for medicine, such as Nexium or Prevacid You may need further testing such as a diagnostic gastroscopy This endoscopy procedure is performed by sedating the patient and then carefully inserting a flexible tube through the mouth and into the esophagus It is then advanced into the stomach and the first part of the small intestine (duodenum) The scope is a "little camera" that shows any abnormalities on a video screen Once the minimally invasive procedure is completed, the physician will be able to more accurately diagnose and treat the ailment, so you can get back to your normal life

Not all GI diseases can be diagnosed through an endoscopy procedure Sometimes a colonoscopy needs to be performed A patient would have a colonoscopy for symptoms of diarrhea, rectal bleeding or lower abdominal pain A colonoscopy procedure is similar to that of a gastroscopy, the main difference being that the scope is inserted through the rectum and the inside of the patient's large intestinal tract is examined

Guidelines from the American Cancer Society suggest that everybody over 50 years of age have a baseline colonoscopy to check for polyps or colon cancer

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**CANTON**

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had four three-pointers Canton was 16-of-46 (35 percent) and did not make a triple

"I didn't think we had that much energy early in the game," said Blohm And he knew where such a lapse could lead "It's tournament time You get one game and one shot at it, and then you're out"

It seemed, for a while anyway, that the Chiefs would begin to assert themselves in the third quarter An eight-point run in the middle of the period carried them from a three-point deficit to a 31-26 lead with two minutes left

But in the final 47 of the third and the first two minutes of the fourth, South Lyon out-punted Canton 8-2 to go up 34-33

That's when Ealy stepped forward

After making two free throws in the first half, she scored six points in the third quarter, then knocked down seven of

Canton's 13 fourth-quarter points, converting 3-of-4 at the free-throw line — including two with 42 to play and the Chiefs clinging to a one-point lead

Ealy finished with 15 points, six rebounds and four steals Cezat contributed 15 points and 13 rebounds, and Guastella had eight points

The Lions were paced by Waddell with 12 points and Megan Mannarino with 11 "I'm really elated, really happy to be in the district final," said Blohm "This team has gotten progressively better as the season went on"

As for Salem, he added, "They're playing really good basketball right now We're going to have to bring our 'A' game to match up with them"

"It's going to be interesting to see how we step up in the final"

Canton won the first of two meetings with Salem, the Rocks beat the Chiefs in the conference championship Friday's district final will be on a neutral court, with a season-extension at stake

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Friday Nov 21 Championship final 7 p.m.  
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at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD  
Friday Nov 21 Championship final 7 p.m.  
(Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Riverview vs Grosse Ile district champion)

**CLASS C**  
at MONROE ST. MARY CC  
Thursday Nov 20 Lutheran High Westland vs Summit Academy Ecorse winner 7 p.m.

**Saturday Nov 22 Championship final 7 p.m.**  
(Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ecorse vs Detroit Dominican district champion)

**CLASS D**  
at DETROIT URBAN LUTHERAN  
Tuesday Nov 18 (A) Detroit Urban Lutheran vs (B) Redford St. Katharine Drexel V cariate 6 p.m. (C) Redford Bishop Borgess vs Canton Agape Christian 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday Nov 20 Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs Urban Lutheran St. Katharine Drexel winner 6 p.m. Plymouth Christian Academy vs Bishop Borgess Agape Christian winner 7:30 p.m.  
Friday Nov 21 Championship final 7 p.m.  
(Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Whitmore Lake vs Adrian Lenawee Christian district champion)

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Tuesday Nov 18  
Ladywood vs Canton Salem Plymouth at Arctic Edge Arena 6 or 7 p.m.  
Wednesday Nov 19  
Ladywood vs Northville at Arctic Pond 6 p.m.  
Stevenson vs W.L. Central 6 p.m.  
Churchill vs Redford CC 8 p.m.  
at Livonia's Edgar Arena 8 p.m.  
Friday Nov 21  
Franklin vs South Lyon (Edgar) 6 p.m.  
(Metro H.S. Invitational at Novi Arena)  
Stevenson vs Nov 6 p.m.  
Northville vs Farm Un fed 8:30 p.m.

**Saturday Nov 22**  
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# Big Red will be tested by CC

It's rare for two teams from the same league to get into the state semifinals

Sometimes, there's luck involved

In this case, there's a lot of talent, too

In Lansing on Saturday, Grandville will square off against 11-0 Utica Eisenhower - king of the Macomb Area Conference's Red Division - in one Division 1 semifinal

Catholic Central (11-1) gets the Red's runner-up in the other semi - Clinton Township Chippewa Valley - at 1 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm

But runner-up is a misleading, but accurate, term. The Big Reds (11-1) gave up a touchdown to Eisenhower with 48 seconds left in Week Two to lose 14-7. Otherwise, they'd be perfect.

team," said CC coach Tom Mach. "They've got a big line and they're very physical. We saw them on tape three times and in that stretch, their quarterback got touched once - he was sacked on a blitz."

The Big Reds - Division 2 champs in 2001 - know that CC is also big and physical too

When you think about CC, you have to stop their ground control," said Chip Valley coach Mike Carr. "You don't want to let them control the clock and field position. You have to stop the ground game and with those backs and that line, it's tough to do."

The Big Reds do have a solid defense of their own - one that held Dearborn Fordson to just 28 yards on 29 carries in the regional final

"And we're proud of that," said Carr. "We still understand that CC is a different animal than Fordson. But we feel good

about playing that way." Many of the Big Reds are two-way players. They're a little smaller up front on defense than they are on offense, but that's because the 4-3 defense is designed to be quick.

Middle linebacker Patrick O'Leary and safeties Jeff Deliz and Steve Lyons are the leaders of the pack.

"They're kind of the heart and soul of the defense," said Carr. Pat's the leading tackler, then the other two."

Mach doesn't plan any changes to counter a defense that's given up 115 points this year.

"We'll do what we do to everyone and go right at them and make our adjustment from there," said Mach. "If we can continue that, fine. If not, we'll move on to Phase Two. I just don't know if we know what Phase Two is."

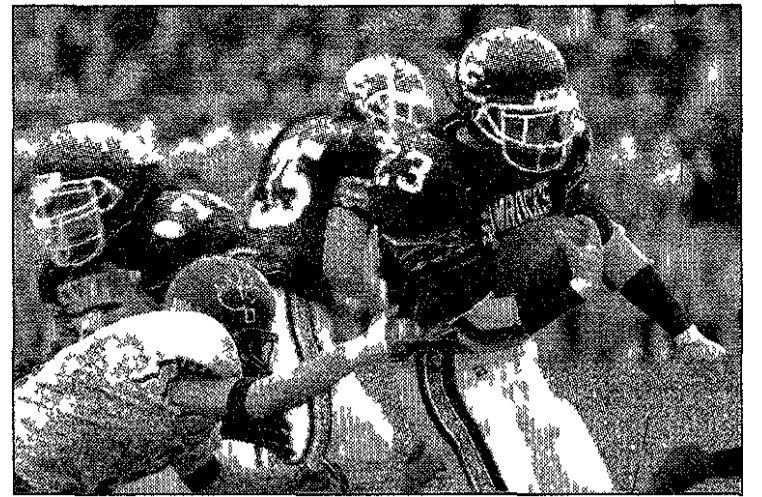
perhaps a shade smaller than CC's - averaging about 6-1, 270. The Big Reds run a 70-30 run-pass mix out of the offset I and have a solid quarterback in Eddie Skowneski, whose tied a school record with 16 touchdown passes this year. During the regular season he threw for nearly 1,400 yards.

"He runs well and throws well," said Carr. He's a two-year starter, but he's also a state champion wrestler (the defending Division 1 champ at 145 pounds) and so he's got a toughness about him."

Anthony Tocco and Jamaris Miles share the load at tailback, combining for about 1,600 yards during the season.

As for CC, the one thing the Shamrocks have to avoid is a letdown after dominating Canton in Friday's 38-7 win over the Chiefs.

"That was a game that everyone was excited to play," said



Derek Brooks has been the Shamrocks key threat running the ball throughout the season - and the playoffs

Mach. "That kind of put us in the position that brought out more aggressive play early and it proved to be beneficial. If we can get them back to that point, then we'll be able to give them a good game."

"I don't worry about us letting down. It's (the players') team. They want to go and get another title. There's something to be said for the rivalry the Shamrocks have

developed with the MAC Red opponents. Since 1995, CC has faced a MAC Red opponent - Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower, Sterling Heights Stevenson and now Chip Valley - in all but two seasons.

"Yeah, it seems like we always play (one of those schools)," said Mach. "We wouldn't mind playing them during the year, but they seem to have to have their schedules set."

## Geography, pairings have little in common

During the first week of the football state playoffs, this column railed on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's peculiar pairings.

Specifically, it was how the MHSAA could justify putting teams in close proximity into different regions. For example, Farmington and North Farmington, both in the same small geographic school district, wouldn't have met until the Division 2 finals and Walled Lake Western and Central wouldn't have met until the Division 1 finals.

While those were longshots, this one isn't. Two schools from the Macomb Area Conference Red Division - a little more than 11 miles apart on the streets and a little more than six as the crow flies - could wind up playing for the Division 1 state title.

Yes, perennial state confeder Utica Eisenhower - the top team in the MAC Red - and 2001 Division 2 champ Clinton Township Chippewa Valley - the Red's runner-up - could meet for the state title if they beat Grandville and Catholic Central, respectively, Saturday.

OK, you might say that 11 miles is far enough apart. We say bullcookes. The problem lies in the way the MHSAA draws up the pairings - starting with the western portion of the state and working from there toward the Detroit area.

"I was surprised how it aligned, too," Chippewa Valley coach Mike Carr said. "We're just a few miles away and (Eisenhower) ends up on the other side of the state in their bracket."

Chippewa Valley and Eisenhower should have been in same region, if not, then at least in adjoining regions playing in a semifinal - assuming one of them got past CC.

CC should have been in the same district as Wayne, Canton and John Glenn. It would have put Saline in with Brighton, South Lyon and Walled Lake Western.

This isn't to say the two MAC schools don't deserve to play in the finals - talent-wise. They very well could be two of the top four teams in the state.

Logistically - and logically, for that matter - the MHSAA is wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong.

As for wrong, C.J. Risak was the only person to miss the Canton-CC game last week and dropped his record to 7-3. Paul Beaudry improved to 7-3 overall by picking CC, while Brad Emons improved to 9-1.

This week, let the chips fall where they may.

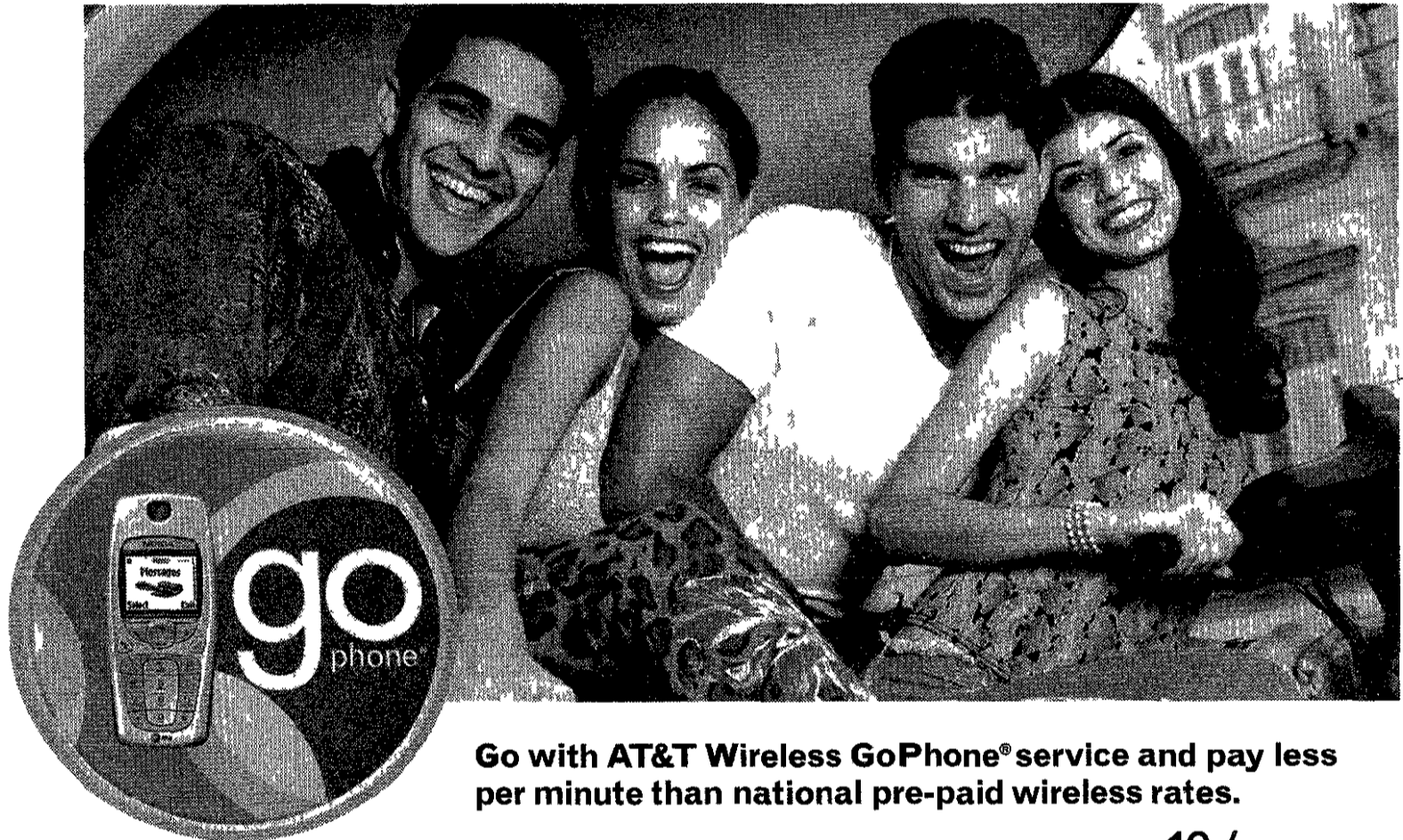
Redford CC (11-1) vs. Chippewa Valley (11-1) at Birmingham Seaholm 1 p.m. Saturday. Who are we kidding? CC stepped it up Friday against Canton, not by a notch but several levels. The Shamrocks have solid backs, a huge talented line and a solid defense.

This is not to say that Chippewa Valley doesn't have talent because it does. The only loss for the Big Reds was to Eisenhower and that was only in the last 48 seconds.

The Shamrocks might not win their third straight title next week. But they'll get the chance to try PICKS CC - Beaudry Risak Emons.

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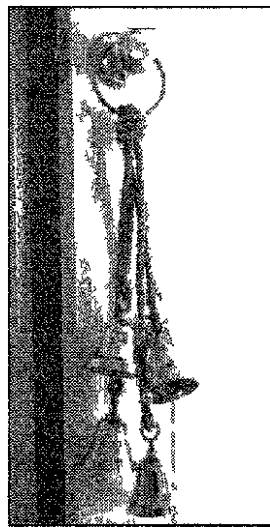




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The boy on the rocking horse, depicted on the ornament, is inspired by an authentic Victorian illustration of a child's joy at Christmas. The hand-painted, cold-cast porcelain figurine is surrounded by a 24-carat gold finished brass wreath with enameled colors.

The ornament is 23rd in a series started by the White House Historical Association in 1981. The ornament costs \$16 plus shipping and handling and can be ordered from the White House Historical Association, P.O. Box 96586, Washington, D.C. 20090-6586 or call toll-free (800) 555-2451, or visit the association online at [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org). Each of the past 22 ornaments are available, along with educational brochures.

# Beacons of hope

## Festival of Trees lights up children's lives

Children's Hospital represents a beacon of sorts for thousands of Michigan families with children stricken with life-threatening illnesses.

Each year for the past 18 years, the metro Detroit community steps forward to donate time, work and decorations to the Festival of Trees, the major fund-raiser for Children's Hospital.

This year the festival is moving to Dearborn.

Larry Kralowski, a Livonia resident who has been the executive director of the Festival of Trees for five years, said the move to the new conference center in Dearborn from Detroit's Cobo Center will allow for more new designers to join the others who've participated over the years. "We've got a lot of new exhibitors and designers to show the public something new," Kralowski said.

Festival planners also added more events with hopes of raising more money.

Hundreds of professionally decorated trees and wreaths, an elaborate gingerbread village, festive gift shop, live entertainment and fun-filled children's activities will decorate the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn Nov. 23-30. All proceeds from Festival of Trees benefit the Evergreen Endowment Fund for pediatric research at Children's Hospital. (See related chart.)

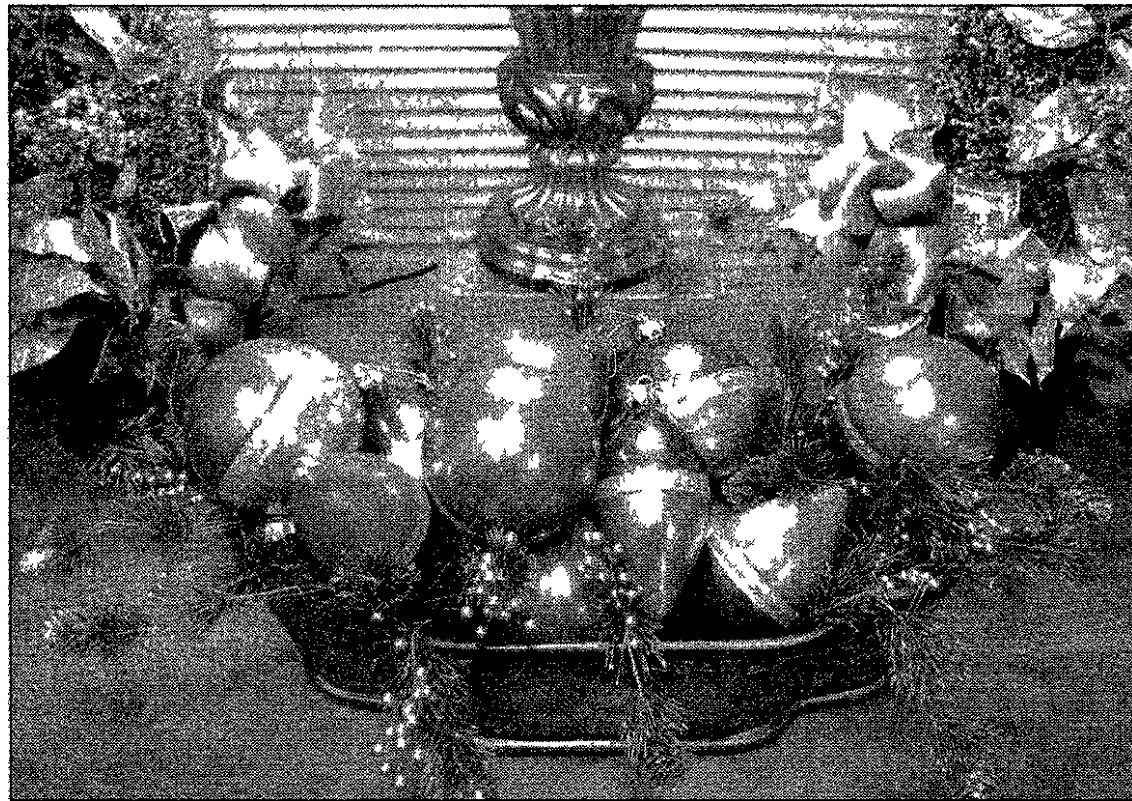
Honorary chairpersons for Festival of Trees 2003 are Ford Motor Co. President and COO Nick Scheele and his wife, Ros.

Carol Czechowski, who owns Michigan Floral on Franklin in West Bloomfield with her daughter Meg, is also the co-chair of centerpieces for the Festival of Trees. Her company has designed 50 centerpieces for the event which will be sold to help the fund-raising event.

"It's really a unique charity," Czechowski said. "You'll find that designers come back year after year. You want to do something for Children's Hospital."

Homeowners are now decorating their homes earlier, she said. "They want (the decorations) to last longer than they ever did."

Pastels, jewel tones, plums



Julie Husak created this centerpiece design for the holidays that will be at the Festival of Trees for Children's Hospital of Michigan Nov. 23-30.



Carol Czechowski (left) and Julie Husak have donated their holiday centerpiece designs to the Festival of Trees at the Ford Convention and Conference Center Nov. 23-30. Proceeds from the event go to Children's Hospital of Michigan.

and rubies are among popular colors. "I pick out colors I like and look for different kinds of textures and work for his or her

colors," Czechowski said. She likes ruby, gold, plum and egg-plant colors.

David McKnight, owner of



Silk flowers for the holiday can brighten up any room and can be used each holiday season for years to come.

Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills, will be chairing the inaugural Fash Fest. He says he wants guests to dress

### TREE TIME

**What:** 19th annual Festival of Trees. All proceeds benefit the Evergreen Endowment Fund for pediatric research at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

**Where:** Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center, 1151 Village Road, Dearborn.

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chic, glitzy or crazy. They can enjoy a fashion show, dinner and catch a view of the trees all in one evening.

McKnight became involved about 10 years ago with displays and vignettes. In recent years he completed a Grinch tree, an upside-down tree and Candyland tree. This year's tree will be a "surprise, trend-setting" tree. "It's absolutely remarkable that we can get all these folks involved and that they are all providing help to this cause," McKnight said. "And the more events that you have, the more we can give back."

McKnight also will add a raffle at Monday's event for a special prize — a holiday home decor package.

McKnight added, "You should grab a friend, a neighbor or an associate on Monday night with the kickoff for the Festival (of Trees), enjoy the fash bash and look at a lot of beautiful trees."

Kralowski has been involved with the festival since his daughter, Sarah, was hospitalized at Children's Hospital.

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, C3

# Let your holiday plants grow — here's how

BY MARTY FIGLEY  
CORRESPONDENT

This is the time of year when we think about houseplants that are associated with the seasons.

Many pots of chrysanthemums grace our entrances and rooms in our homes now and add their "autumn" colors to the decor. After Thanksgiving, we turn our thoughts to Christmas colors and plants.

It's helpful to know the botanical name and some basic care, especially if they look very similar. For instance, there are three plants called holiday cacti that bloom at specific times of the year, some even twice.

The question is, how to know which is which?

According to the latest nomenclature, *Zygocactus truncatus* with its flat-jointed leaves and saw-toothed edges, is the Thanksgiving cactus.

*Schlumbergera bridgesii* with rounded teeth is the Christmas Cactus, while *Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri* with no teeth is the Easter cactus. It is often very difficult to tell the difference.

Color choices include white, yellow, violet-red, various shades of red and pink and others, according to the variety.

The blooming period can be extended if the plant is put in a cooler location once the buds have set.

These cacti all have similar needs. They prefer bright light, but not prolonged sunlight, soil that's kept moist, but never too wet, a rich humus soil mixture, and good air circulation.

Fertilize lightly every two weeks during the growing season from late spring through August.

The Poinsettia, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, still is the most popular Christmas plant. The leaves (bracts) of these beauties are available in shades of red, maroon, pink, cream and white, and they will be in their full glory when purchased. The flowers are actually those tiny yellow dots at the center of the bracts.

Poinsettias like a warm,

sunny place and grow best in loamy soil that should dry out between waterings. Mist frequently during active growth and avoid all drafts. After flowering, reduce water and place in a cool dark place when plant looks ragged, if you wish to keep it for another season. (I plan to give instructions for this in another column.)

More orchids are sold at Christmastime than any other season. Colors include pink, red, orange, white, yellow and violet, to name a few. Know the cultural needs of the plant you are purchasing so it will match the conditions in the home.

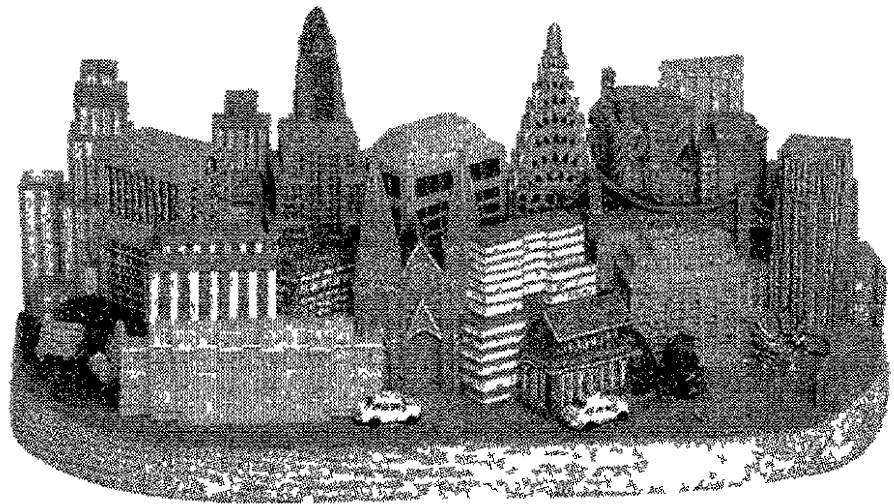


MARTY FIGLEY

The poinsettia is still the most popular at Christmastime.

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### MARKET PLACE



### Aquatic skylines

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# Putting a frame on family treasures

Many of us have family photos, albums, hand-crafted keepsakes, heirlooms and other treasures gathering dust in the attic or basement.

Fortunately, with a little bit of planning and the right tools and materials, it's possible to rescue these items and share them with the world - or the next generation - by creating a frame that will preserve and showcase them.

The right tools and materials in this case are a router, miter saw and rosewood. Using different router bits can produce a frame with a unique shape.

Start by cutting the rosewood in pieces large enough to produce the overall height and width. The total length of each piece needs to accommodate the card mount (the inside of the frame), plus twice the finished width of the frame.

By selecting different router settings, it is possible to create different profiles for the frame. The profile is what determines how deeply the picture or photo is set back in the frame.

Using a combination of router cuts can create a more complex profile for the frame.

You can also use the router to rabbet, or groove, the inside of the frame. A two-level rabbet will allow for a recess to hold the picture and a second recess to hold the glass that covers the picture.

After using the miter saw to cut corners of each piece of rosewood at 45° angles, use the router to create routed slots to join the frame with biscuits, or small wooden discs. Make sure the slot is large enough or the disc will prevent the miter joint from joining properly.

Once the frame is prepared, glue the joints lightly, and clamp them together.

It's the versatility of a router that makes this project possible. Some of the latest developments in routers can be found in the models available from Porter-Cable, such as the Model 890 series. Routers in this series offer time-saving features for faster transitions between jobs and on bit changes to an auto-engaging spindle lock for single wrench bit changes.

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# Organize your holiday wrapping space

I never enjoy the month of December because of all the preparations and expenses. I spend late nights wrapping presents. Sometimes I have to unwrap a gift because I forget who it is for. How can I make this a 'holiday season' instead of drudgery?



**Domestic Planner**  
Diana Koenig

The holidays are quickly approaching. You need to buy Christmas gifts and have your purchases wrapped before Dec. 25. All this work can steal the fun from the holidays.

Set a goal to complete Christmas gift preparations by the first week of December. This is attainable and it allows you to spend the remainder of the month enjoying holiday activities. There are three guidelines to follow when you purchase and wrap Christmas gifts. This process must be efficient, economical and enjoyable.

Start shopping for Christmas early. You will have the opportunity to take advantage of sales. Try to complete most of your shopping by Thanksgiving.

You will need to arrange an

area to store these gifts. I have several large shelves in my basement on which to store my gifts. Use a computer or handwritten list to keep track of the people you shop for and the gifts bought. Type each person's name and list the gifts for each individual. This list is important to use when you are shopping and wrapping.

Take the list to the store when you Christmas shop and write down what you have purchased next to the person's name. Once the gift is wrapped, circle the individual's name and gift on the shopping list. This will help you keep track of the purchased and wrapped gifts.

Begin wrapping in November. Create a wrapping center somewhere in your home. I use my basement. This allows time for short or long wrapping sessions, because supplies are always

ready. Arrange three tables in a "U" shape with a chair in the middle. One table is empty for wrapping. Another table is used to rotate wrapped and unwrapped presents. The last table has supplies separated into categories.

Wrapping materials are divided into containers. Paper, tissue, ribbon, bows, tags, tape, scissors, pen and shopping list. Gifts are wrapped early so you have several weeks to enjoy the beautifully decorated gifts.

Wrapping materials are expensive, especially when you consider that most of it ends up in the trash in a matter of minutes. You need to be efficient and thrifty with wrapping.

Buy your supplies on sale and store them yearly. After Christmas, everything is drastically discounted. This is a good time to stock up. Look for other bargains throughout the year. For instance, green, red, gold and silver ribbon/tissue can be purchased year round.

Discounted paper supplies can be found on a regular basis. Handmade supplies are cheaper. Decorate paper bags

with stickers and stencils. Cards can also be made. You can buy card stock paper with envelopes in large quantities at a local printer.

Create your own cards using photos, stickers, colored pens and cutouts from colored paper. The time spent on these cards is not only worth the savings but the personal touch carries more meaning.

You will want to enjoy the month of December and not feel the pressure of holiday preparations. If your shopping, wrapping and sending of cards and gifts are done by the first of December you can devote the rest of the month to baking, parties and sight-seeing.

Each year watch the hustle, bustle, rush of everyone at Christmas and be thankful for your system. It works!

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# Define expectations for home repair bids

FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Memo to homeowners who feel victimized by shoddy home repairs or improvements: take plenty of pictures, then call your attorney and the Better Business Bureau.

But before dialing for damages, the odds are high you abetted the disaster when you partook in that most American of pastimes: buying an old bid. Bill Asdal sees homeowners play the low price game almost daily. And he rarely sees a winner.

"Just look at the American psyche, it's a cultural game to get the lowest price on anything," says Asdal, owner of a New Jersey remodeling firm affiliated with The Home

Service Store. "That's the core problem with the home improvement business. Consumers purchase not on quality of work or reputation or service. They only want the low bid."

At issue is what Asdal terms "first cost" vs "total service life cost." The allure of first cost is low, low pricing but perhaps without the quality the consumer expects. The cost of the total service life, with higher degrees of material and work quality, is spread across the longer life of the project.

Rather than exact a pound of flesh from the offending contractor, Asdal recommends an ounce of prevention to head off shoddy work before work ever starts.

Homeowners may have expectations but those hopes and dreams don't trickle down to the contractor. Homeowners assume the contractor knows what to do.

Contractors need at least cursory guidance. Many hope for any sign from a homeowner that tips their hand what they really want. More often than not, the consumer doesn't let on.

"The number one thing the homeowner can do to help their cause is to define their expectations," says Asdal. "Once they set the bar, the contractor understands what needs to be done."

Expectations ought to clarify budget, schedules, and materials. In fact, Asdal is glad consumers put price on the table. "I like to hear about price because it sets the budget for me," he says. "Then I know if they are realistic or not."

Next on Asdal's wish list from the informed consumer project specifications.

"Specs" spell out the quality of materials to be used and the construction practices the homeowner wants to see. He suggests homeowners raise the knowledge bar several rungs by becoming familiar with installation instructions and spec sheets attached to products. It's fair game to talk with contractors about construction practices and product installation.

Without guidance, anything goes, especially with unscrupulous contractors.

An educated and prepared consumer is the first line of defense against contractors who know price is king for

many unwitting homeowners. A low ball price is often achieved by intentional exclusion of items from a bid sheet.

"The number one error in estimates are omissions," points out Asdal. "If the contractor forgot something on purpose, they'll probably try to make up the difference through expensive change orders."

"When people constantly harp on price, the simple answer is if the homeowner shops hard enough, they will find an incompetent person willing to do the job at the right price," says Asdal. "By the time the jig is up, the contractor - and much of your money - will have pulled away from the front door."

E-mail questions about homeowner and contractor relations to [davidbradley@aphouseoftheweek.com](mailto:davidbradley@aphouseoftheweek.com)

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But at this time of year, who really wants to think about buying a new furnace, right?

That's why I'm pleased Santa has asked for my help. In addition to the \$500 instant cash-in-your-pocket rebate, here's what else I'm going to give you:

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Call 248-449-8487 right now to make an appointment for your no-cost, no obligation Needs Analysis and Replacement Estimate. The sooner you call, the sooner I'll hand you that \$500 you can use any way you want as an early present from Santa. And here's one more thing Santa asked me to do:

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**PLANTS**

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These popular plants aren't hard to grow, but do need particular care. It's wise to purchase mature, blooming orchids, as young plants can take years to flower.

The graceful flowers will hold center stage when they bloom. Growers often set them among other houseplants so after they bloom the unattractive foliage will not be so noticeable.

Holly fern, Cyrtomium, has shiny, leathery fronds that resemble holly leaves. It will stay small so there won't be a problem where to put it. It likes low-light areas, medium light of an east window or low light of northern exposure,

average house temperatures.

Keep it slightly moist but not drenched, no constantly soggy soil, it doesn't like dry soil. Amend the soil with additional peat to make it slightly more acidic. Feed with a mild solution of fern fertilizer and remove yellow or damaged fronds.

To fill with new fronds, cut plant back to soil line. Avoid insecticides. Brown dots on underside of leaves contain spores, they aren't scale insects.

Cyclamen, Cyclamen species, carry heart-shaped leaves and graceful waxy flowers. Some varieties may bloom for months. Bloom colors include bright clear red, pinks, white and others. They like an east window and their soil evenly moist. Avoid water directly on leaves. Water less

after bloom. Keep barely moist when foliage dies back and plant is dormant.

Resume watering when leaves resprout. Mist daily, raise humidity. Daytime temperatures should be no higher than 68°F (dropping 10° at night). Avoid drafts. Fertilize weekly during active growth. Remove yellow leaves by slightly twisting the stem near the corm and pull. Repot after leaves die back.

The Norfolk Island Pine, Araucaria heterophylla, is a graceful plant with delicately opposed branches of a pine tree. Needles are stiff, but soft. It's a slow-grower. It likes medium (bright indirect light) and not full sun. It will shed needles if light is too low. Allow soil surface to dry between thorough waterings, mist around but not directly

on foliage, likes humidity, but tolerates dryness.

Here are more growing tips for this plant. Maintain cool temperatures (even into 40s) at night, otherwise average temperatures. Avoid cold drafts. Use porous soil and, when necessary, pot up into a pot two sizes larger.

Feed every 21 days during active growth, although less during fall and winter. Removal of tip will deform plant. Hang a few small Christmas balls on the branches or tuck in a few tiny birds for any holiday.

This plant will be a lasting gift.

**Marty Figley** is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953 2047 on a touch tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644 1314.

**OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED**

A highlight for this year is a raffle drawing for a 2004 Ford Thunderbird. Raffle tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling (313) 966-TREE.

**Other events include:**

**Gala Preview Party:** Saturday Nov 22 Dinner 6 p.m. \$250 reception 7:30 p.m. \$150. The black-tie annual Gala Preview Party is the official kickoff of Festival of Trees. New this year will be a steak and lobster dinner prepared by Opus One. Highlighting the event is a live auction of the donated trees and other items, entertainment by Jerry Ross, hors d'oeuvres stations, a cash bar and a pastry room made possible by local bakeries, hotels and restaurants.

**The American Girl Tea & Fashion Show:** 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday Nov 23. \$25 a ticket. Peek into the past and then see what's new for special occasions, school, sleep and play. Celebrate the sparkle and spirit of American Girl style and enjoy refreshments, favors and prizes.

**Fash Fest - Somerset Collection:** Monday, Nov 24 6-10 p.m. \$75 a ticket. The hottest trends in fashion will be paired with a dinner by Opus One, all set amid the dazzling backdrop of Festival of Trees. Presented by Emerald City Designs. Dress to impress for this one.

**Lunch with Santa:** Friday and Saturday Nov 28 and 29 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets: adults \$25, children \$15. Guests will enjoy a hot lunch, music and entertainment provided by Living Energy, and lots of fun activities for the entire family. Space is limited and tickets will not be sold at the door for this event.

**Holiday Dance:** 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov 28. \$25 per person. Dance in the setting of hundreds of decorated trees and twinkling lights. Fabulous live music by Living Energy, delicious hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will make it a magical evening.

**FESTIVAL**

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Kralowski looked for a way to give back to the hospital, and so he became involved with the festival as a decorator, and now has overseen the show for the past five years.

Since its inception in 1985, Festival of Trees has attracted more than 400,000 visitors from all over Michigan, Ohio and Canada, and has raised more than \$8.5 million for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Monies raised helped fund a robotics unit for children, Kralowski said. The unit assists with surgery and, if a specialist is needed who lives outside Michigan, that doctor can be contacted and the doctor can program the robotic arm during surgery.

"The turnaround (recovery from surgery) because of the robotic arm is incredible," Kralowski said. "We don't fund anything but research."

Festival of Trees funds are raised in a variety of ways: underwriters, sponsorship of trees, exhibit areas, special events and activities, in-kind donations of goods and services, sales of trees, wreaths, gin-



Julie Husak has put the finishing touch on several of her centerpiece designs.

gerbread houses and gift shop merchandise, benefactors, patrons and Friends of Festival

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**NOVEMBER**

**Book signing**  
Karen Correll signs copies of inspirational novel Saturday Nights at the God Cafe 1 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 22 at Dicksons Christian Bookstore on Seven Mile in Livonia

**Holiday craft fair**  
More than 50 crafters display their wares 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Nov 22 at Trn City Christian Church 3855 Sheldon north of Michigan Ave Canton Cost is \$1 Refreshments and bake sale For information call (734) 397 0819

**Craft sale**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 22 at St John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Road west of Farmington Road between Freedom and Grand River Farmington Hills All crafts priced \$5 or less and have been made by church members Proceeds benefit the church building fund For information call (248) 474 0584

**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

**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

**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 Wilkits 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

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**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 2800 or send e-mail to TrinCovCh@aol.com

**Interfaith Thanksgiving service**  
7 30 p.m. Wednesday Nov 26 at St John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills Sponsored by Farmington Area Interfaith Association the service includes music from a combined choir and a song of blessings from all directions by Native American Medicine Helper Dr William Martin of the Beha Community Rabbi Daniel Nevins of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills will give the evening's message An offering will be taken to benefit the work of UNICEF A reception follows the service The event is open to all For more information call (248) 474 0584 or (248) 848 1750

**Advent services**  
Begin Sunday Nov 30 and continue to Dec 21 9 15 a.m. and 11 a.m. services at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile Farmington Hills Families will light the Advent wreath and read scriptures For more information call (248) 476 8860

**UPCOMING**

Advent Christmas Hymn Festival

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

7 30 p.m. Wednesday Dec 3 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road north of I 96 Livonia Call (734) 522 6830

**'Tis the Season**  
Farmington Musical presents a program featuring an accomplished handbell choir from the Tuesday Musicales of greater Farmington and the Farmington Musicales Chorus 1 p.m. Wednesday Dec 3 at North Congregational Church 36520 W 12 Mile west of Drake Farmington Hills All are welcome refreshments will be served For information call (248) 471 6017

**Living Nativity**  
6 9 p.m. Friday Saturday Dec 5 6 at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 42690 Cherry Hill Canton No charge More than 200 natives on display Children can have their photo taken in the Child Size Living Nativity Enjoy a cup of cocoa and a homemade Christmas cookie while listening to live Christmas music The church is collecting blankets warm gently used men's clothes men's boots shoes cans of soup and all types of men's hygiene products The items will be donated to New Life Rescue Mission Shelter For more information call (734) 981 0286

**Caribbean Christmas**  
Oakland University Steel Drum Band presents a Caribbean Christmas concert 7 30 p.m. Friday Dec 5 at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham 1669 W Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield roads Meet the artists reception follows Free will offering to benefit the band tour to Trinidad for the World Steel Pan Festival For information call (248) 644 2040

**Christmas Fellowship Luncheon**  
12 15 p.m. Friday Dec 5 at Newburgh United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail east of Newburgh Livonia The program features The Choralation a choreographed song and dance group from Churchill High School in Livonia Cost is \$7 reservations required Call (734) 453 1599 by Monday Dec 1 If baby sitting is needed please call the same number by the same date Bring a wrapped White Elephant gift valued up to \$5 to exchange during the Right Family Christmas game No need to purchase something new Bring something you might have around the house that is in good condition and that you no longer want Also bring canned or boxed foods for local soup kitchen

**Christmas Creche Exhibit**  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday Saturday Dec 5 6 and Monday Dec 8 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday Dec 7 at the Ann Arbor Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints 1385 Green For information call (734) 665 7852 or (734) 663 3699 The family oriented exhibit features more than 900 creches (Nativity scenes) from 100 countries around the world

**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 Daly and Inkster Redford

**Advent Communion breakfast**  
Presented by Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council 8 a.m. Saturday Dec 6 at 631 W Fort St Detroit Cost is \$7 Call (313) 345 6550 or (734) 425 3024 Speaker is the Rev Ben Mathes president of Rivers of the World (medical and religious agency)

**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 Fore more information call (734) 981 1481

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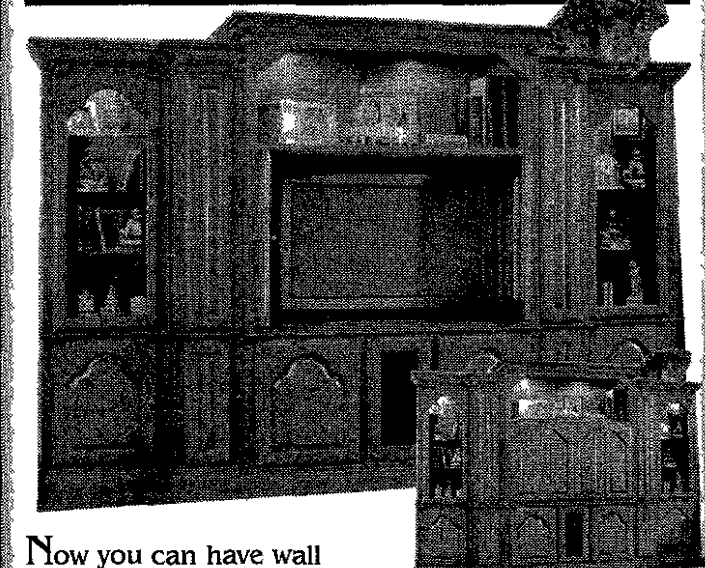


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# Learn contrast for better quality shots

Contrast can be defined as the range of tonal values in a scene. As a photographer, you need some knowledge of contrast because it will help you get better photographs.

On a bright, sunny day, tones can be found from very black to very bright. On the other hand, a misty or overcast day will produce softer tones, often resembling pastels in color prints or soft grays in black and white. You might say that high contrast days will produce bold, dramatic shots while low contrast days will result in soft, almost muted pictures.

Use of contrast can be effective in expressing yourself through your photography and can have a considerable effect in the success or failure of your shot.

It is important to understand that your eyes see differently than film. Human eyes see details in bright highlights while at the same time they pick out minute texture in the deepest shadows.



## Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

We would expect to see the same details in our photographs, but unfortunately, film is more restricting and can't see the same way we can. Its tonal range is much more limiting and therefore some tones are always lost in a photograph. But usually, loss of detail in the darkest and lightest parts of a photograph goes un-noticed as long as middle tones appear acceptable to our eyes.

Are you at the mercy of lighting conditions? Do you have to accept whatever contrast may be recorded on your film? Not necessarily. You do have some control over contrast if you shoot black and white film and do your own developing.

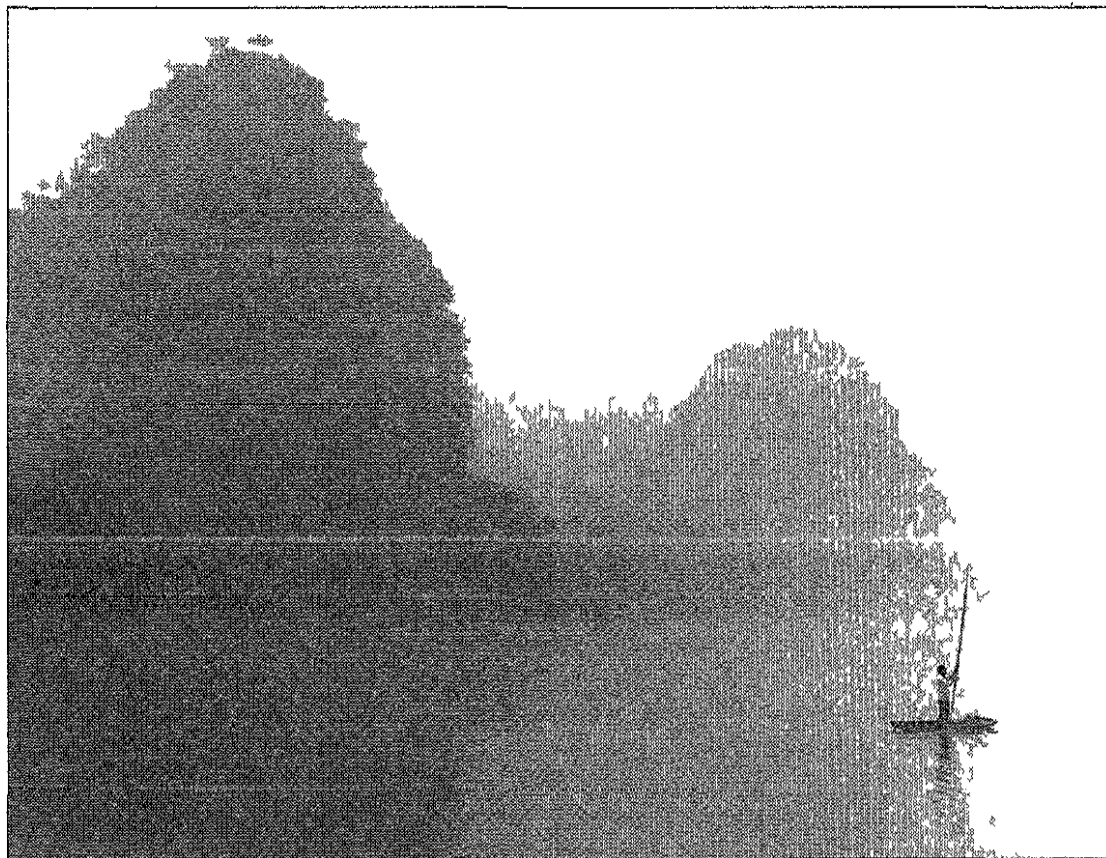
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narrow in its tone and you desire more contrast in your finished print, simply overdevelop the film to expand the contrast range. Just the opposite, if you photographed on a high contrast day and you want to reduce contrast in your print, then you underdevelop the negatives. Of course, the black and white printer has the added flexibility of multi-contrast filters and developer dilution to increase or decrease contrast.

With color film, the developing procedure is designed to give average contrast. With color, you need to rely on the original scene and its lighting conditions and accept the resulting contrast.

So get out of the shadows and into the highlights with a better understanding of contrast and how it can help you to improve your photographs.

**Monte Nagler** is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message at (734) 953-2047. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Early morning mist enabled Monte Nagler to get this low contrast but mood filled photograph in Gulin, China.

# Keep the holidays safe; follow these decorating tips

Looks like its time to start holiday decorating again.

This year sure seemed to go by at light speed (pun intended). As far as the outdoor decorating goes, I usually procrastinate until the coldest day of the year, telling the family that if your hands don't get good and cold it just doesn't seem right. Some even believe me.

I'm listing some tips to help keep your decorating, both inside and outside, safer for you and yours the holiday season.

Check every strand of lights before using them. Besides plugging them in to see if they



## Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

light, visually inspect them for damage to plug ends, sockets and cord insulation. If any damage is apparent, dispose of them.

When purchasing replacements, look for ones that have been tested by an independent testing agency (such as Underwriters Laboratories). While checking the light strings,

look over your extension cords.

Be certain that the extension cords you use are capable of carrying the load of lights. As a rule of thumb, a typical household extension cord can supply up to three mini-light strings, depending on the number of lights on the string. Heavier cords (such as awg No. 12 garden/outdoor cords) can support more.

Spread the lighting among several circuits. A common 14-amp household branch circuit can handle 1,320 total watts. This figure includes all appliances and devices on that circuit. A branch circuit is not necessarily one plug but

can be spread over several locations in the house. A branch circuit is one fuse or circuit breaker.

Keep the plug connection dry. I like to cut the bottom from a 1-gallon milk container. I set that on the ground, place the cord connections in it then cover that with a small pail turned upside down. A rock or some other weight helps keep the pail in place.

Be sure to fasten light strings securely to prevent them from being damaged by wind. Be careful not to damage the wire insulation when using staples or other metal fastener to secure light strings.

Keep your natural tree watered well and away from heat sources. Fireplaces and space heaters are obvious sources of potential problems. Heat registers though seldom are hot enough to ignite a tree, do pose a drying effect on the needles. Dry trees burn with explosive heat.

Older ornaments and decorations can be painted with lead based paint. Keep them out of children's reach.

With you are purchasing an artificial tree, or other decoration, look for a statement on the packaging that states it is fire resistant.

Avoid artificial trimmings

that look like food. Children may try to eat them. Some live plants and greenery are poisonous, these include Boston and English ivy, Holly berries and mistletoe.

By and large the best advice to keep safe is use common sense. Happy holidays.

**Harry Jachym** writes about home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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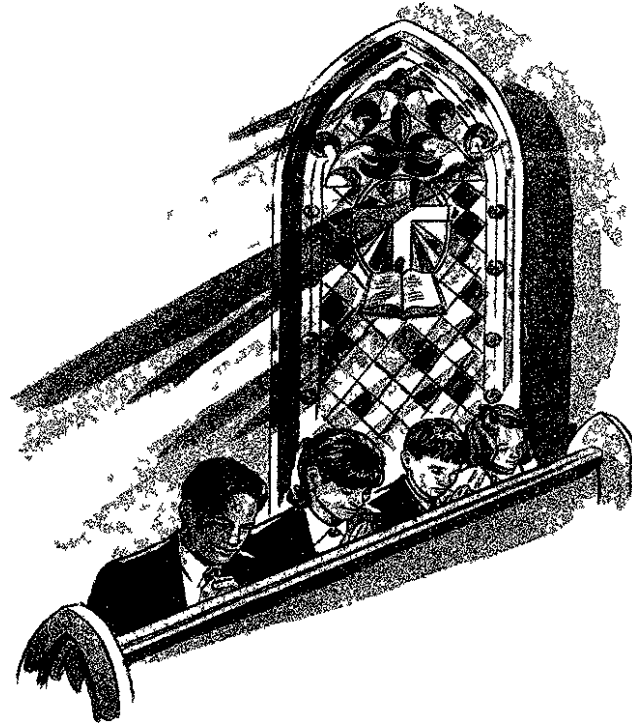
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**A Simple Prayer....**

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



# Kids love color, so why not decorate with them?

Ask any child his favorite color and he'll say blue. A second later he'll say no, it's red. Yellow. Purple. Orange. Green. In fact, kids love color. All colors. That alone should be inspiration when thinking about decorating your children's bedrooms or playrooms.

That they love color - the more the better - also makes do-it-yourself decorating projects with your kids easy and fun.

The key is to relax, keep things simple and inexpensive, and don't sweat the small stuff (like big messes). Use your creativity with your kids and watch theirs spring to life.

Let kids add color to unexpected places and have it be OK. If color is what a room lacks, kids can use GelGems on any non-porous surface such as windows, refrigerators, computer monitors and bathroom tile.

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in virtually any shape and color - hearts, letters, paisley, dots, fish, flowers or seasonal shapes - and can match any room theme or help create a new one around special holidays.

Enjoy playtime with pillows. Purchase fabric crayons or paint at the craft store, along with cotton material. Cut two matching squares out of material, tape one piece securely to a work area, such as a thick piece of cardboard, and have children design the front of a pillow. After they're done, sew the pieces together leaving a hole on one side big enough to put a hand through, stuff with filling and stitch the hole shut.

Modern art has never been so inexpensive. Children's artwork can be priceless - after all, a family or self-portrait drawn by their own hands is often more precious than a professional one. With the money you save on artwork, invest in a nice frame to give

your children's masterpieces a finished look that blends with your rooms' decor.

Press some style and fun onto stale-looking walls. Have children dip their hands into an accent paint color. Help them press their hands onto the walls to create a room boarder: around the middle of the wall. Vary the position of the handprints, switching 45-degree angles to the right and left to create a pattern.

Boot out the old, in with the new. Here is a use for the cute little rain boots they no longer wear, but you cannot bear to give away - planters. Pound a few holes in the bottom of the boot with a nail then pour a thin layer of gravel in the bottom of the boot for proper drainage. Fill with potting soil and Gerbera daisy or other small flower.

For more colorful decorating ideas, or to learn more about GelGems and where you can find them, visit [www.gelgems.com](http://www.gelgems.com)

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Holiday Shop

Brighten your holiday décor with beautiful artificial arrangements designed and created by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club floral committee. The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club presents the second annual Holiday Shop 2-6 p.m. Thursday Nov 20 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday Nov 21-22 in the Coach House at Meadow Brook Hall on Adams Road south of Walton. All proceeds will benefit the Gardens at Meadow Brook Hall. Free admission. For information call (248) 299-3948.

### Food drive

Help Forgotten Harvest help others. English Gardens will hold a perishable food drive at all five English Gardens stores 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Nov 22 for people to drop off the makings for Thanksgiving dinner such as turkeys, bags of potatoes, milk, butter, eggs, salad ingredients and vegetables. Forgotten Harvest will deliver the donations to numerous food providers and shelters. Forgotten Harvest is metro Detroit's food rescue organization whose mission is to rescue fresh perishable food and deliver it to emergency food providers in the tri-county area.

### Greens Market

Seasonal greens and arrangements will be sold at the Milford Greens Market 2003 5-8 p.m. Friday Nov 28 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Nov 29 at the Milford Presbyterian Church corner of Main and Liberty in Milford. Baked goods and home decor items available. For information call (248) 684-2121.

### Grand tours

Experience the adventure of the Grand Tour at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester by retracing the journey of the Dodge Wilson family. Guests will receive boarding passes upon arrival into the Great Hall where they will be part of a festive bon voyage before embarking on their Grand Tour. Tours are offered daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the last admittance at 4 p.m. starting Friday Nov 28 through Tuesday Dec 23.

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### Holiday greens

The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills will have a Holiday Greens Sale 10 a.m. Saturday Nov 29 in the Heritage Park Visitor's Center Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. A variety of loose holiday greens, roping and wreaths will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit civic beautification and educational programs. For information call (248) 737-5505.

### Farmington Garden Club

Cathy Bell, a designer with Goldner Walsh Nursery will show several designs to brighten up winter and the holidays at the Christmas Luncheon of the Farmington Garden Club noon Monday Dec 1 at Longacre House on west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Call Dotti Young for reservations at (248) 615-3616. Reservation deadline is Nov 26. A \$5 donation is requested. Visitors are welcome.

### Juniors workshop

The Hill & Dale Junior Gardeners Workshop featuring Holiday Magic for ages 5-12 will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday Dec 6 in the downtown Farmington Library 23500 Farmington Road. Admission is free. For information call (248) 553-0300.

### Holiday Tea and tour

Spend a leisurely afternoon with a tour at 3 p.m. Dec 6 and 13 of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House 1100 Lake Shore Drive (between 8 and 9 Mile roads) Grosse Pointe Shores. The tour will be followed by sandwiches, pastries and tea in the Tea Room. The

tea and tour are \$23. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222 for more information.

### Greenmead Christmas Walk

Seven homes in Livonia will be featured on the 15th annual Friends of Greenmead Christmas Walk 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday Dec 6. The homes will be decorated for the holidays and open for viewings along with the Hill House at Livonia's historic Greenmead. Start your walk at the Hill House where hot chocolate and home made cookies will be served. Unique Christmas items will be available for purchase at the Hill House gift shop. Tickets can be purchased for \$9 in advance and \$10 in person the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased at any of the Livonia libraries: the Livonia Civic Center Library Gift Shop at Farmington and 5 Mile, Greenmead at 8 Mile and Newburgh and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. For information call (734) 466-3540 or (734) 425-4855.

### Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday Dec 11 in the Day Camp of the Heritage Park Visitor's Center Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. The meeting will feature a holiday evergreen workshop presented by Stacy Buatt, past president of Hill & Dale and a floral business owner. Materials for a project are needed. For information call (248) 426-9037.

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, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail [kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net)

## HOME CALENDAR

### Help a needy family

Drop off your old life like tree to any English Gardens location through Nov 26 and it will be donated on your behalf to Focus HOPE. The trees will be distributed by Focus HOPE to needy families throughout metro Detroit. You'll receive \$10 off the purchase of a new lifelike tree.

### Home decorating

The Do It Yourself Center 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township offers fun and easy home decorating classes for the talent impaired. None of the window treatment classes requires sewing. None of the furniture building classes requires the use of power tools or a saw. Each class takes place 7-10 p.m. and costs \$35. Class size is limited due to hands on training. Call (586) 739-6319 to register or for a current schedule.

### Cranbrook Holiday Tables

A Legacy of Excellence is the theme for Holiday Tables 2003 at historic Cranbrook House 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Holiday Tables has been a Cranbrook House tradition for 28 years. This year's event will feature 15 uniquely decorated tables. Each table will offer an abundance of innovative ideas from creating a festive centerpiece to arranging heirloom silver and china. The event will be open for general admission 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday Nov 21 and 22 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Nov 23. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets may be bought by calling (248) 645-3147. All proceeds from Holiday Tables 2003 will benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House. Cranbrook House is the oldest surviving manor home in Detroit. It was designed by Albert Kahn in 1908 for Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps Booth.

### American Regional Revisited

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Michigan Scarab Club member paintings focuses on representational and modern works at the American Regional Revisited presented by the Golden Fig and the Antiques Center of Troy. The exhibition features works by Harold Cohn, Carol Wald, Charles Waltensperger, William Greason and others. The exhibition's opening is 6-9 p.m. Nov 20 and runs through Dec 20 at the The Antiques Center of Troy located on the northeast corner of Maple and Coolidge. For information call Ron Povlich at (248) 614-0148 or Judy Frankel at (248) 649-4399.

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### Letters to Santa

Children can prepare a special letter to Santa including all their holiday wishes every day from 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Friday Nov 28 Tuesday Dec 23 at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Children also can visit with Santa at Knole Cottage. Frances Dodge's built to scale playhouse 11 a.m. 3 p.m. Friday Nov 28 Tuesday Dec 23.

### Holiday tours

The elegant style of Eleanor Ford can be seen in the lovely decorations that adorn the house during this festive season at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House 1100 Lake Shore Drive (between 8 and 9 Mile roads) Grosse Pointe Shores Nov 28 Jan 4. Call (313) 884-4222 for more information.

### Holiday Centerpieces

Learn to make a fresh evergreen

arrangement suitable for your holiday table or mantle at a Holiday Centerpiece workshop from the Meadow Brook Hall floral committee 2:30-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dec 2 and 9 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. Fresh greens and containers will be provided. Bring clippers, a utility knife and any trims that will match your decor. You will take home a finished arrangement that will last through the holidays. Fee is \$25 payable in advance. All proceeds benefit the gardens at Meadow Brook Hall. For reservations call (248) 652-4676.

### Nutcracker Tea

Kids and their guests can enjoy tea sandwiches and desserts before a special visit with Santa in the Play House at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House 1100 Lake Shore Drive (between 8 and 9 Mile roads) Grosse Pointe Shores. Reservations are required. Cost is \$11. Dates of the teas are 4 p.m. Dec 3, 5, 8, 12, 15, 18 and 4 and 6 p.m. Dec 9 and 15. Call (313) 884-4222 for more information.

### Pet Photos with Santa

HomeFurEver Animal Rescue will be sponsoring Pet Photos with Santa 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday Dec 13 at the Pet Supplies Plus on Orchard Lake Road near 13 Mile in Farmington Hills. Minimum donation of \$5 for photos. Basket raffles will be conducted throughout the day. Win a basket of pet care products.

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# Floating hardwood floors

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

What makes floating hardwood floors different from traditional hardwood flooring is that such floors aren't glued and/or nailed to the wood subfloor or concrete slab.

Hardwood flooring always has been a problem to install over

concrete slabs due to attachment difficulties and moisture.

The floating floor eliminates all that. Instead of being glued to the subfloor or slab, the various planks are edge-glued to one another. The planks rest on a one-eighth-inch layer of foam that is placed upon a vapor barrier - one layer of 6-mil plastic sheeting. The vapor

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# Fireplace repair provides fall, winter comfort

With winter fast approaching, many homeowners are preparing to spend a significant amount of time indoors. An excellent source of indoor comfort and relaxation during the fall and winter is a fireplace. Unfortunately, standard wear and tear to a fireplace can result in minor brickwork damage, reducing its overall appearance and use.

Homeowners can easily and effectively address damaged brickwork on a fireplace in a time- and cost-efficient manner to maximize indoor enjoyment during the fall and winter months. In addition to facilitating a warm and dry home environment while improving energy efficiency, homeowners can personally handle minor exterior fireplace brickwork repair without the services of a professional to improve the appearance of their home.

The tools and materials required for repairing brickwork on a fireplace include QUIKRETE Mortar Mix, plugging or joining chisel, bricklayer's hammer, wire brush, jointer, pointing trowel, and a wheelbarrow. The following step-by-step instructions will allow homeowners to successfully repair fireplace brickwork.

**Mixing the mortar mix** - Mix the required amount of QUIKRETE Mortar Mix with just enough water to achieve a firm, unworkable mix that retains its form when pressed into a ball in the hand. The resulting mix will be slightly drier than that normally used to lay new brick. Only mix enough mortar that can be used in about 45 minutes.

**Preparing the joints** - Use a chisel to cut out the mortar joints to an approximate depth of 3/4-inch to 1 inch and brush out any remaining loose mortar or sand. A clean, solid surface is required for good bonding.

**Replacing bad bricks** -

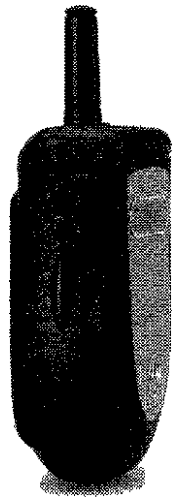
Any bricks in the wall that are badly broken or deteriorated should be cut out and replaced prior to re-pointing. Select new bricks that match the old bricks as closely as possible. Cut the old brick completely out of the wall, then clean out the recess carefully. Dampen the cavity and the replacement brick with water. Apply a thick layer of QUIKRETE Mortar Mix to the bottom and sides of the cavity. Apply mortar to the top of the brick and slide it into the cavity. Mortar should squeeze out from the joints. Follow finishing instructions below.

**Re-pointing** - Dampen the cleaned joints with a brush and water. Load the trowel with mortar and press firmly into the joints - vertical joints first, followed by horizontal joints. This sequence allows unbroken horizontal strokes with the jointer to form straight, even bed joints. In most cases, joints are filled flush to the wall face, then slightly depressed with the jointer and brushed clean. For extremely deep joints, fill in about half of the joint depth, wait until the mortar is thumbprint hard and re-point the remainder of the joint.

**Finishing** - When the mortar is thumbprint hard, tool the joints to match the surrounding mortar. In hot conditions, dampen the re-pointed joints to prevent the mortar from drying too fast. Keep the mortar joints damp for at least 48 hours to aid in the curing process. Tool the joints to match those in the sound sections of the wall.

QUIKRETE recommends homeowners service their fireplaces on a regular basis to include having all interior chimney brickwork repair done by a certified professional. For more information on concrete and related do it yourself projects visit [www.quikrete.com](http://www.quikrete.com) or call (800) 282-5828.

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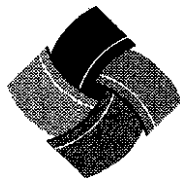
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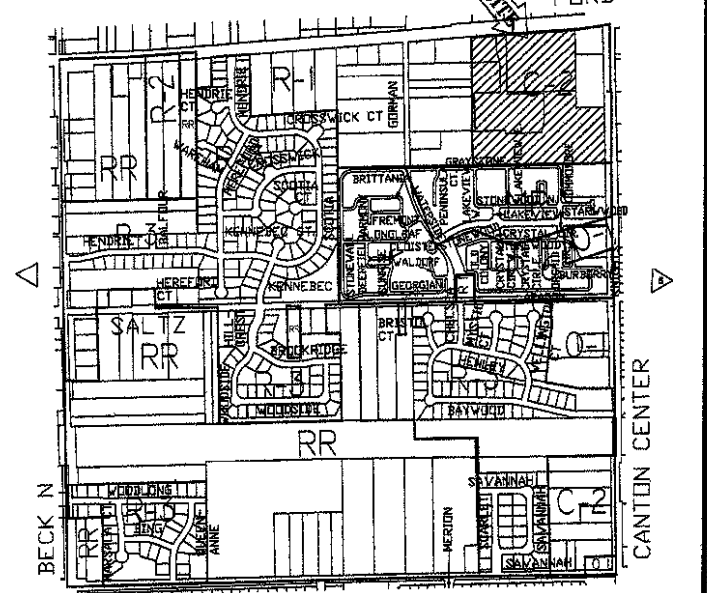
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**CENTRE VILLAGE SPECIAL LAND USE** CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B FOR PARCEL NOS 061 99 0002 002, 061 99 0003 702 AND 061 99 0003 703. Property is located south of Ford and west of Canton Center Road.



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Wednesday, November 26, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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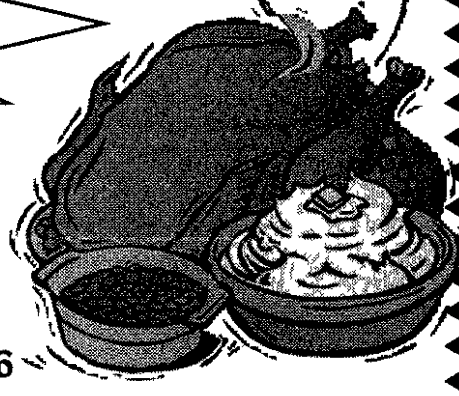
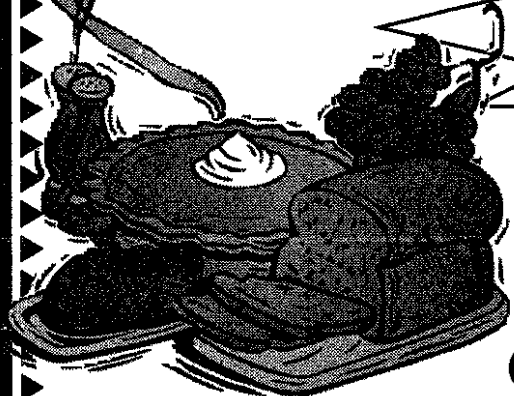
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# Five mansions decked out for Dec. 7 holiday walk

The Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers Club will hold its annual Holiday Walk fund-raiser noon 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The self-directed tour will feature five Grosse Pointe mansions dressed up for the holidays.

Two spectacular waterfront mansions, including a 14,000 square foot home designed by William Stratton, reveal breathtaking views of Lake St. Clair. The tour will also include three charming historic estates, sure to offer what organizers call an experience of a lifetime to visitors. Exquisite gardens, Pewabic tiles and old-world craftsmanship are displayed throughout an original Lakeshore Tudor Mansion, built by Leonard Willeke in 1927.

From an English Country estate with four fireplaces, spiral staircase/grand foyer

and two kitchens to the custom built New England-style waterfront, reminiscent of the Hamptons out east, these five stately homes are as diverse as they come and complement a variety of decorating tastes.

The tour will also offer wonderful pastries and music. Michelle Bommarito, renowned local pastry chef who trained at the historic Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, will share her art of decorating petitfours throughout the afternoon. Grosse Pointe South High School musicians will perform in various ensembles at selected homes.

Proceeds from the 2003 Holiday Walk will benefit Grosse Pointe South's Scholarships, Enrichment and Preservation. Five local businesses are sponsoring the homes on this year's tour: Adlhoch and Associates Realtors, Chase Manhattan

Mortgage Corp., The Hill Association, Phil Pitters Masonry and Concrete, and A J Gallagher of Michigan, Insurance.

Tickets are available at the pre-event ticket price of \$15. The day of the tour tickets will be \$18 and can be purchased at any of the tour homes. Tickets are available at the following Grosse Pointe businesses: Cavanaugh's Office Supply and Gifts, Hickey's-Walton Pierce Clothier, Grosse Pointe War Memorial, Pointe Pedlar, Rennell & Co., and the Grosse Pointe South School Store. Tickets can also be purchased at Heslops, located on Mack Avenue in St. Clair Shores.

For more information, contact Lynne Maxwell at (313) 822-0438 or e-mail her at anna.maxwell@bms.com. (Children must be at least 10 years of age. Photographs are prohibited during the tour.)



Co-chairs Jane Bashara (left) and Kelle McMillan prepare for the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club Holiday Walk.

# Prepare soil now for planting for less work in the spring

BY LEE REICH  
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Preparing the ground now for planting lets you get your first seeds into that ground earlier in spring.

Although wet soil often delays spring soil preparation, in fall the soil is usually just right for digging - moist, but not sodden.

Fall tillage is less work because your goal is to leave

the soil in rough clods, rather than to create a fine seedbed. Freezing and thawing in winter breaks those clods so simple raking crumbles them into a smooth seedbed.

An even easier way to avoid delay in spring planting is by not tilling at all. We till soils for aeration, but that's needed because we compact soils by walking on them. Lay out your garden in permanent beds and paths and you never have to

walk where you plant, so the soil never needs tilling.

Whether or not you till your soil, now is also a good time to get a jump on weeds. Waiting until spring gives annual weeds plenty of time to ripen and disperse their seeds, and perennial weeds time to get a strong foothold.

Either hoe weeds to death or pull them out, roots and all. Garden edges need special attention to prevent creeping

weeds, such as quackgrass and ground ivy, from sneaking in.

Fall is also a good season to make and use compost. All at once, so much compostable material is available: tomato vines, rotted fruits and vegetables, trimmings and pits from canning and freezing, tree leaves and grass clippings. A compost pile built this fall should be thoroughly broken down and ready for use within a year. Use compost to blanket untilled beds.

If you till, spread compost over the surface after you till.

An inch or two of compost each year supplies much of the nutrition that plants need, but your garden might also need more concentrated fertilizers and, perhaps, lime.

Fall is also a good time to apply lime and fertilizer, especially organic fertilizers, which are less likely than synthetic fertilizers to leach out of the soil by spring. Soybean meal is

an organic fertilizer that is rich in nitrogen (7 percent) and inexpensive. Usually, one feeding, at the rate of 6 cups per hundred square feet, is all that's needed for the year.

Don't worry about having nothing to do in spring. With soil readied, you can channel your primal urges to get out into the garden in spring into such activities as pruning, mowing, tidying up - and sowing seeds, of course.

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### Wassail Feast

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will present its 18th annual Wassail Feast at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, Thursday, Dec. 4. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of 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 a historic experience.

Admission is \$50 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Call (248) 522-3703 for tickets.

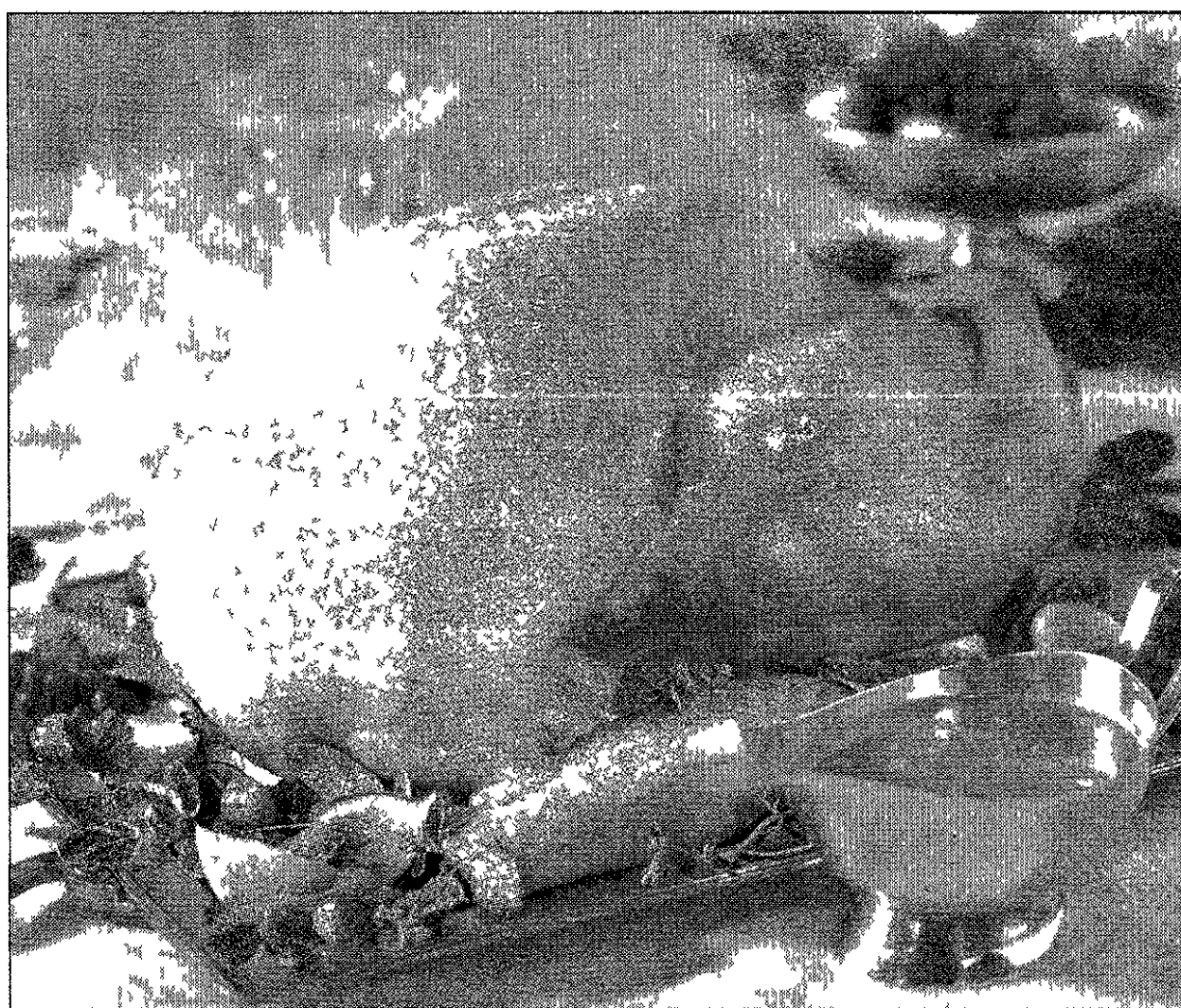
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Look for the roasting wand at your local kitchen or gourmet shop, or you can order the roasting wand directly from the manufacturer (630-257-7476) or from the Web site ([www.roastingwand.com](http://www.roastingwand.com) for \$19.95, plus shipping and handling). While supplies last, you'll receive a free kitchen thermometer with your purchase.



BUTTERBALL

Turkey traditionally takes centerstage for Thanksgiving meals, along with side dishes of stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy.

# Holiday helpings

## Tradition fills Thanksgiving platters

### But variety spices up some dishes

Thanksgiving remains the American holiday most associated with food.

It is hard to think of another celebration that is recognized like Thanksgiving for its traditional dinner and its importance for family gatherings or friends getting together.

Many enjoy the traditional foods associated with the holiday. Others may look to vary their menus for lighter fare without compromising the taste.

We've tried to incorporate a variety of recipes to suit a variety of tastes in today's Taste section. Next week, we'll tackle the leftovers.

### A DINNER IN PLYMOUTH

Diane Montagano prepares a Thanksgiving meal for herself, her sister Judi Valentine of Whitmore Lake and a family friend at her Plymouth home.

"Thanksgiving is probably my favorite meal," she said. It was one she used to enjoy at a grandparent's home, then her mother prepared it — today, she prepares it. Loaded mashed potatoes, cranberry



Diane Montagano will create her cranberry sauce supreme for her Thanksgiving meal at her home in Plymouth.

ry sauce supreme and paradise pumpkin pie will be on her menu.

Traditions remain on these dishes, but there is some variation.

The oranges tone down the cranberry taste, she says. "It adds more of a fruity flavor," Montagano said. She also likes to add horseradish, which gives it heat like a picante

sauce. "It picks up the flavor," she said.

Montagano says she has had the recipe for her paradise pumpkin pie for at least 35 years, clipped from either a *Family Circle* or *Woman's Day* magazine. It's the only pumpkin pie she says her sister will eat.

"The cream cheese makes it lighter tasting," Montagano said. "It's not as — shall I say — 'squashy' tasting." She pre-cooks the crust so it doesn't get soggy when pouring in the pumpkin-cheese custard mixture.

And the turkey? Since the gathering is so small, she prepares only a turkey breast, and not the entire bird. She'll rub the outside with Lawry's seasoned salt and pepper and maybe a little garlic salt, then melt butter and dried parsley. She'll cover it with foil and cook at 400°F for 15 minutes, then at 325°F for a half-hour and baste it.

She'll keep an eye on it before removing the foil to brown it even more. For a 6- to 8-pound breast, she gives it 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 hours before it is done.

### FLORINE MARK

Florine Mark of Weight Watchers says harvest festivals and

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### CORNISH HENS WITH APRICOT SAUCE

- 1 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup and 4 tablespoons coffee liqueur
- 1/2 cup apricot preserves
- 4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 4 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 4 (1/2 pounds) Cornish hens, quartered

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Combine the orange juice, liqueur and preserves in a small saucepan, bring to boil. Cook, stirring until the preserves melt, 1-2 minutes. Reduce heat and simmer until syrupy, about four minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the vinegar and mustard. Transfer 1/2 cup of the sauce into a small bowl.

Gently lift the skin from the meat on each hen, brush one tablespoon of the sauce from the bowl under the skin of each. Place the hens in a single layer in a roasting pan. Roast until cooked, about 25 minutes.

Just before serving, bring the sauce back to a boil. Place two pieces of hen on each of eight plates, spoon the sauce over each.

Serve with rice pilaf or risotto and simple vegetables, such as Brussels sprouts or sautéed green beans. If entertaining, leave the birds whole for a dramatic presentation. Whole birds should be roasted at 350°F for about one hour (an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thigh should register 180°F). Makes eight servings.

For a more traditional and slightly sweeter sauce, use ruby port instead of coffee liqueur.

Serving size: 1/2 Cornish hen with about 2 tablespoons sauce.

Nutritional information per serving: 296 Cal, 5 g Fat, 1 g Sat Fat, 103 mg Cholesterol, 279 mg Sodium, 30 g Carbs, 0 g Fiber, 24 g Protein, 34 mg Calcium. Weight Watchers points per serving: 6.

Recipe from Weight Watchers Best of Weight Watchers Magazine Vol. 1 courtesy of Florine Mark.



WEIGHT WATCHERS

These Cornish hens are flavored with apricot preserves, Dijon mustard and balsamic vinegar.

## Celebrate Thanksgiving with American wines

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. American wines, especially those from California, have contributed much to our culture and added festivity to celebrations.

A traditional Thanksgiving feast, however, offers wine one of its biggest challenges as a flavorful accompaniment to traditional foods, which range from spicy dressing to sweet potatoes and on to piquant cranberry sauce.



### Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

A good choice for a pre-dinner wine is a chardonnay with balanced oak. If truth be told, California has stepped back from the overoaked lumber yard wines so prevalent a few years ago.

With chardonnay, what you pay is "generally" what you get in flavor, richness and overall generosity with finesse. The following are good choices:

**Chardonnay picks of the pack:** 2001 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Arcadia Vineyard (\$45), 2000 Chalk Hill (\$42), 2001 Cuvaison Estate Selection (\$34), and 2001 Dutton-Goldfield Dutton Ranch (\$30).

**Chardonnay flavor-packed values:** 2001 Kendall-Jackson Camelot Bench (\$17), 2001 Beringer Vineyards (\$16), 2001 Mazzocco Vineyards River Lane Vineyards (\$15), and 2002 R.H. Phillips Toasted Head (\$14).

**Wallet-friendly chardonnays:** 2002 Sonoma Hill (\$13), and 2002 Andretti Selections (\$10).

An other-than-chardonnay superb choice is pinot gris. One of the best we've ever tried is 2002 MacMurray Ranch Pinot Gris (\$23). It's also an excellent choice for a white wine at dinner for anyone who does not care to drink red wine.

The 2002 Bonny Doon Pacific Rim Dry Riesling (\$10) is another fruity, light, easy-to-drink white. It has an easy-to-open screw cap closure.

### MOST AMERICAN RED

Although zinfandel is one of California's oldest grape varieties, it's not native. Yet it is growers and wineries in California that have given it world renown.

On that count and because it is versatile with a variety of food flavors, zinfandel is our red wine choice for Thanksgiving.

No doubt, the Dry Creek Valley of California's Sonoma County is prime zinfandel land. Coming on strong is the Lodi region of California, nestled between the Sierra Foothills and the San Francisco Bay Delta.

Lodi offers the ideal climate for producing juicy, ripe, full-flavored zins with good structure and mellow tannins.

Since the late 1800s, Lodi has a long history of producing some of the finest zinfandel grapes.

Since grapes were shipped east to home winemakers, Lodi vineyards survived Prohibition.

In the 1970s and 1980s, these vineyards added the growth of white zinfandel. Now, they have emerged as some of the finest grape sources for old vine red zinfandel at reasonable prices.

**Recommended zins from Lodi:**  
■ 2001 Bogle Old Vine Zinfandel (\$12)  
■ 2001 Kenwood Old Vine Zinfandel (\$13)  
■ 2002 Laurel Glen ZA ZIN Old Vine Zinfandel (\$18)  
■ 2001 Michael David 7 Deadly Zins Old Vine Zinfandel (\$18)  
■ 2001 Robert Biale Spenker Vineyard Zinfandel (\$35)  
■ 2001 Talus Zinfandel (\$9)  
■ 2001 Windmill Estates Old Vine Zinfandel (\$12)

Although not from the Lodi region, Bogle makes another unique wine, 2000 Bogle Phantom (\$16), a blend of 40 percent old vine zinfandel, 50 percent petite sirah and 10 percent old vine mourvedre. It pleases with a little more heat.

### SELECT SCREW CAPS

For no fuss, select wines with a screw cap closure. That's not Three Buck Chuc's "Ten Clam Graham" from Rana's "rahm, owner of California's Bonny Doon Vineyard.

Under his Ca'del Solo brand, it's hard to beat the balanced flavors in 2002 Big House White (\$10) and 2002 Big House Red (\$10).

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine spirits food and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them at (734) 953 2047 mailbox 1864#.



THANKSGIVING

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# Enjoy 'new age' stuffing with old-fashioned taste

Thanksgiving celebrations of sorts were held by ancient Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Chinese and Egyptians

"Festivities lasted for days, celebrating anything from fighting off spirits that threatened crops to the fertility of women," Mark said

The Romans' harvest festival was called Cerealia, honoring their goddess of corn, Ceres, which is where the word cereal comes from

The Chinese baked "moon cakes," Jewish families hung fruits and vegetables inside huts when celebrating Sukkoth, and the Egyptians paid homage to Min, their god of vegetation and fertility

The original Thanksgiving feast by the Pilgrims and Native Americans included boiled pumpkin, berries, corn, fish, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison and plums, but no turkey, Mark said

Today Thanksgiving meals continue to evolve, she said. "Even though most of us relish in serving up a traditional feast, many of us look for new twists on holiday spreads," Mark said

If you can't imagine Thanksgiving without turkey and the usual trimmings, try smoking or frying yours for a unique flavor

And if you want to give your meal a truly inspired taste, there are many wonderful Thanksgiving recipes with a southwestern, French or southern flair

"Even my vegetarian friends tell me tofu turkeys are quite tasty!" Some of Mark's favorites include Cornish Hens with Apricot Sauce, Sage & Herb Whole Wheat Stuffing, and Pumpkin Risotto

Please see accompanying recipes, including some from Montagano, Mark and Papa Joe's Gourmet Market

Stuffing doesn't have to be on the cannot-eat list this Thanksgiving. Although typically high in fat and loaded with refined carbs, stuffing can be updated with health considerations without sacrificing flavor

One easy way is to use whole grains - full of health-protective dietary fiber and nutrients - in place of refined bread. Another is to use a non-stick pan and just enough oil to prevent sticking, thereby cutting calories and fat in the sauteing process

Substituting dried fruit for some of the bread adds texture and color as well as nutrients. A generous use of herbs and seasoning also adds flavor. This stuffing, made with cranberries and walnuts, is almost good enough for dessert

**WHOLE-GRAIN STUFFING WITH CRANBERRIES AND WALNUTS**

1 24-oz loaf sliced 100 percent whole wheat bread, one day old

2 cups dried cranberries, or mix of dried cranberries, cherries and golden raisins

2 teaspoons canola oil

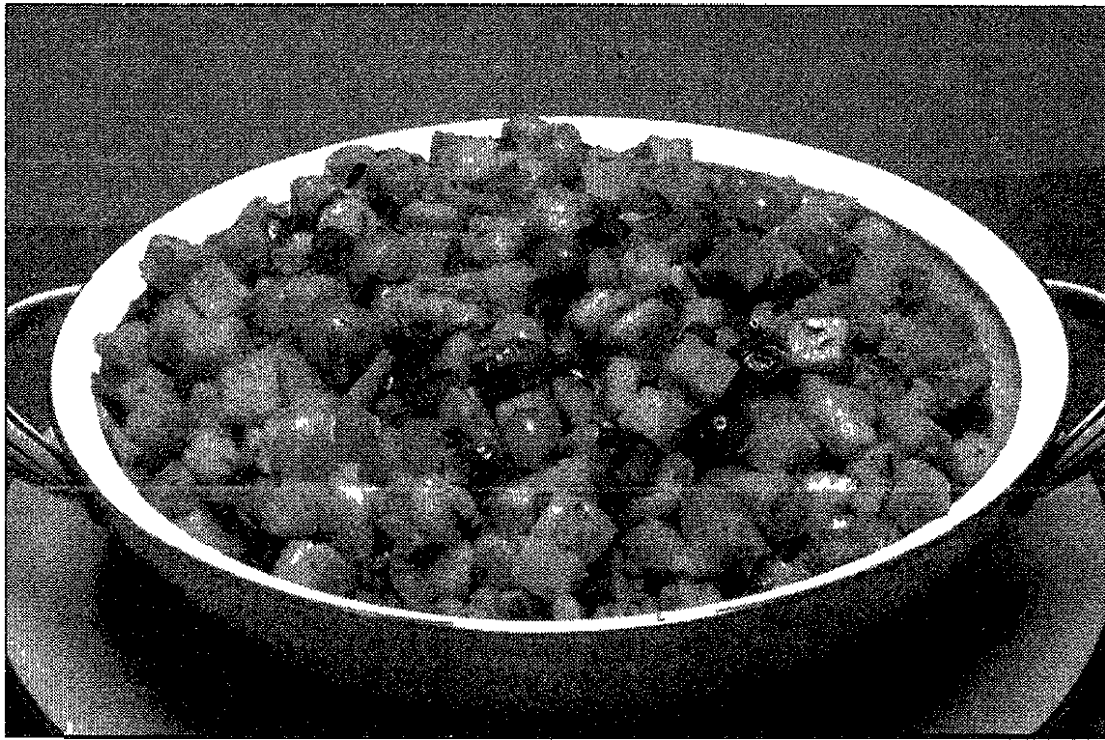
1 medium onion, chopped

1 bunch scallions (green onions), trimmed and finely chopped

2 teaspoons dried thyme, or to taste

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

1/4 cup finely chopped flat-leaf parsley



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Enjoy whole-grain stuffing with cranberries and walnuts

3/4 cup chopped fresh chives  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
3 1/2 cups (about) canned non-fat, reduced-sodium chicken broth, heated until hot

Preheat oven to 250°F. Arrange bread slices on oven rack and leave in oven until very dry but not brown, about 30 minutes. Shut off oven and

allow bread to cool until easily handled

Transfer bread to large bowl. Turn oven back on and pre-heat to 325 degrees

Meanwhile, place dried fruit in large, heat-proof bowl and cover with very hot water. Let stand until water is lukewarm. Drain and set fruit aside in large bowl

Heat a non-stick pan over medium-high heat until very

hot. Place oil in pan and heat until very hot

Add onion and saute, stirring constantly, until onion is translucent and golden. Stir in scallions and thyme. With slotted spoon, transfer mixture to bowl containing drained fruit

In a large bowl break bread into coarse crumbs. Mix in dried fruit and sauteed onions. Mix in walnuts, parsley and

chives. Season to taste with salt and pepper

Tossing gently so stuffing does not get compacted, and constantly so liquid is evenly distributed, add enough hot broth until mixture is moist but not wet

(Depending on type of bread used, additional broth may be needed.) Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary, adding salt, pepper and thyme, if desired. If mixture seems dry, add additional hot broth, as desired.

To bake stuffing, lightly coat a shallow baking pan with canola oil spray and transfer stuffing to 9-by-13-inch pan

Using canola oil spray, lightly coat the dull side of a sheet of foil large enough to seal pan. Cover and seal baking pan with foil (shiny side out) and bake about 1 hour

If less moist stuffing with a slightly crisp top is desired, remove foil halfway through baking time

Serve immediately or store, tightly covered, in refrigerator for up to 2 days. Reheat chilled stuffing before serving

Makes 9 cups of stuffing or 18 one-half cup servings

Nutritional information per serving: 175 calories, 4 g total fat (<1 g saturated fat), 28 g carbohydrate, 6 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 293 g sodium

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

## More Americans enjoy meatless Thanksgiving

Millions of Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving this year in hotel ballrooms, community and church halls, and private homes with a wholesome assortment of the earth's bounty: grains, vegetables, and fruits

The bill of fare also may include an "unturkey" lentil or nut roast, stuffed squash, corn

chowder or chestnut soup, candied yams, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie or pecan pie and carrot cake

Plant-based eating is becoming increasingly popular as consumers discover the health, environmental and ethical benefits of kicking the meat habit. More than 30 million Americans have explored meat-

less eating, and one in three teens think vegetarianism is "cool." Mainstream health advocacy groups are touting plant-based diets, and major food manufacturers and retailers are marketing meatless meals

Even Burger King now offers veggie burgers, and McDonald's is test marketing its own version on the West Coast

Vegetarians have a plethora of options to make a sumptuous Thanksgiving meal. If pressed for time, they can order a delicious, healthy, ready-to-eat "unturkey" made of tofu and seitan, with traditional trimmings, either on-line or from their local health food market

Those who prefer a more traditional meal, cooked from

scratch, have a large variety of cookbooks and web sites to choose from

For recipes please visit [www.ivu.org/recipes/holiday/](http://www.ivu.org/recipes/holiday/), [www.vegetarian.net/thsgiving.html](http://www.vegetarian.net/thsgiving.html), [www.vegweb.com/misc/thanksgiving](http://www.vegweb.com/misc/thanksgiving), [www.vegkitchen.com/thanksgiving](http://www.vegkitchen.com/thanksgiving), [www.peta.org/feat/canada/](http://www.peta.org/feat/canada/), [www.vegsource.com/thanks.htm](http://www.vegsource.com/thanks.htm)

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### Congratulates the Feature Teacher for November 2003

*Each teacher will receive a dozen roses and 4 movie passes courtesy of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Wesley Berry Florist and Star Theatres.*

— Angela Gadlage —

— Tim Spriggs —

Congratulations to Angela Gadlage of Leonard Elementary School in Troy, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Outstanding Teacher for November.

Mrs Gadlage has a true gift with children making them feel secure and important, while making learning an adventure, wrote Patty Davis, a parent from the Troy School District.

Mrs Gadlage communicates through notes to calm anxious parents sending their kindergartner off to school. She always keeps parents informed. She also offers parents the opportunity to be involved in so many ways, said Mrs. Davis.

These include the Secret Reader in which weekly a parent surprises the class by coming in to read. Also 'Cooking Helper' where weekly the kindergarten class learns a letter of the alphabet. A parent helps the class in making something edible that corresponds to that week's alphabet letter. And finally, a classroom helper where parents, working with small groups of students, uses hands on games and activities to reinforce spelling and letters.

Mrs Gadlage send home a weekly newsletter. I find this gives me the opportunity to reinforce what is being taught.

She respects our children so much that they willingly respect her as their figure of authority. Her classroom remains in her control even when the children are bursting with excitement.

Angela Gadlage makes learning a fun experience. For all of her hardwork and dedication to the youngest of students, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers her as November's Feature Teacher.

Congratulations to Tim Spriggs, music and humanities teacher at St. Fabian Catholic School in Farmington Hills for his selection as the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Feature Teacher of November.

Tim's position as music and humanities teacher has taken him into every classroom (K-8) at St. Fabian. In addition to the two specialty choirs, all 470 school students sing in recitals and at Mass every Friday.

For the past nine years, Tim has touched the lives of thousands of students, parishioners and community members. He has gone way beyond the call of duty to coordinate, produce and direct this endeavor. His philosophy is that every student who tries out has a part. And with that, he has an amazing ability to maximize the gift each participant possesses. Each student comes away more killed and confident.

This is noteworthy because Tim accomplishes everything most full-time teachers do in a part-time position. His full-time job is Liturgical Musician at St. Fabian Church where he leads the congregation at five masses weekly (plus special ceremonies) and directs two student and three adult choirs. He wrote his nominators.

Tim has talent, commitment and enthusiasm and for that the Observer & Eccentric is pleased to name him a Feature Teacher for November.



## Set the table with sage stuffing, cranberry relish, and rice-mushroom casserole

### SAGE AND HERB WHOLE WHEAT STUFFING

12 slices whole wheat bread stale or dried  
1 medium onion chopped  
1 cup celery (include leaves) chopped  
1 teaspoon dried sage  
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme  
1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
2 egg whites lightly beaten (optional)  
1/2 cup chicken broth or Butter Buds liquid

Take eight of the 12 slices of bread and tear them into small pieces. Place the pieces in a food processor or blender, and process into coarse crumbs. There should be 4 cups. (Adjust the amount if necessary.) Cut the remaining bread into cubes.

Place the bread crumbs and cubes in a large bowl, and add all of the remaining ingredients except for the chicken broth. Toss to mix well. Slowly add the broth as you continue tossing.

Coat a 2-quart casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Loosely spoon the stuffing into the dish, and bake uncovered at 325°F for 45 minutes to an hour, or until heated through and lightly browned on top. Serve hot. Makes 12 servings.

Serving size 1/2 cup. Nutritional information per serving: 92 Cal, 1 g Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 205 mg Sodium, 2.5 g Fiber, 3.7 g Protein. Points Per Serving: 1.

Recipe courtesy of Florine Mark from Weight Watchers International.

### PUMPKIN RISOTTO

3 1/2 cups low sodium chicken broth  
4 teaspoons olive oil  
2 onions chopped  
1 garlic clove minced  
1 cup Arborio rice  
1 cup dry white wine  
1 cup canned pumpkin puree  
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
Ground white pepper to taste  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Bring the broth to a boil in saucepan. Reduce the heat and keep at a simmer.

Heat a large nonstick saucepan over medium-high heat. Swirl in the oil, and then add the onions and garlic. Cook until softened. Add the rice and cook, stirring, until the outer shell is translucent, about 1 min.

Add the wine and 1/2 cup of broth, stir until they are absorbed. Continue to add broth, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring until it is absorbed before adding more, until the rice is just tender. The cooking time from the first addition of broth should be about 20 min. Stir in the pumpkin, cheese, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt, and pepper, heat through. Sprinkle with the nutmeg and serve at once.

A classic in Italian restaurants, pumpkin risotto with a touch of spice is an elegant choice for a special dinner, and surprisingly simple to make. Be sure to have the table set and the rest of the meal ready before you start, you'll need 20 minutes of stirring time at the stove. Serve it right from the pan.

To make fresh pumpkin puree, chop 1/2 pound of peeled pumpkin (butternut squash works well too) into 1-inch chunks.

Boil the pumpkin in 1 cup water until tender, and then puree the pumpkin with about 1/2 cup of the cooking liquid in a food processor or blender. Makes four servings.

Serving size 1-1/4 cups. Nutritional information per serving: 357 Cal, 10 g Fat, 3 g Sat Fat, 8 mg Cholesterol, 439 mg Sodium, 48 g Carbs, 1 g Fiber, 11 g Protein, 187 mg Calcium. Points Per Serving: 8.

Recipe courtesy of Florine Mark from the Best of Weight Watchers Magazine, Vol. 1.

### PINEAPPLE JALAPENO CHUTNEY (FOR A HOLIDAY HAM)

1 pound honey pineapple peeled cored and cut into medium chunks  
1 medium Very Sweet onion diced in small pieces  
2-3 jalapenos seeded & sliced (Note: Adjust this ingredient to your taste buds as jalapenos can get very hot)  
1/4 cup of canola oil  
2 red sweet bell peppers cored seeded & diced into small pieces  
1 cup brown sugar  
2 tablespoons cumin seed toasted  
6 ounces fresh roma tomato concasse (diced small)  
Kosher salt to taste  
Ground black pepper to taste  
1 cinnamon stick  
1 cup of rice vinegar  
4 tablespoons cilantro chiffonade (snipped into thin strips)

Sauté onion in canola oil. Add red pepper, jalapeno, cinnamon stick and soften, then add toasted cumin seed, pineapple, vinegar and brown sugar, and salt and pepper to taste.

Add the tomatoes and adjust the seasoning. Add cilantro and toss, then chill. Recipe courtesy of Papa Joe's Gourmet Market.

### SWEET & SNAPPY FRESH TANGERINE CRANBERRY RELISH

5 pounds fresh cranberries  
2 quarts tangerine juice  
1 cup tangerine zest  
1 cup fresh ginger  
1 quart rice vinegar  
Approximately 2 pounds brown sugar  
1 quart water  
2 pieces chili peppers (note: adjust to your taste buds)  
2 pieces cinnamon stick  
2 ounces of water and arrowroot  
Kosher salt to taste  
Ground black pepper to taste

Wash cranberries and sort them. Mix all ingredients except the arrowroot and tangerine zest. Bring ingredients to a bowl and simmer until cranberries soften.

Reduce the heat and then add arrow root and tangerine zest. Adjust your seasonings & chill. Recipe courtesy of Papa Joe's Gourmet Market.

### MUSHROOM-RICE CASSEROLE

1 cup raw white rice  
1 can consommé (undiluted)  
1 can onion soup (undiluted)  
1 large can mushrooms drained  
1 stick butter melted

2 teaspoons dill weed  
1 teaspoon ground pepper

Mix together. Bake in covered dish for 1 hour at 350°F. Recipe courtesy of Diane Montagano of Plymouth.

### SQUASH CASSEROLE

3 cups of a mix of zucchini and yellow squash chopped  
1/4 cup onion chopped  
4 tablespoons butter  
2 eggs beaten  
1/4 cup half & half  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper  
1 cup Romano cheese grated  
1 cup Ritz crackers crushed

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sauté squash and onions in butter. Drain.

Add remaining ingredients except cheese and crackers. Put into 9-by-13-inch casserole dish. Top with cheese and crackers. Bake 20 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of Diane Montagano.

### LOADED MASHED POTATOES

4 pounds Golden Yukon potatoes  
1 cup half & half  
12 ounces French onion dip  
1 1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 cup shredded Asiago or Parmesan cheese  
1/2 cup cooked and crumbled bacon  
Chopped green onions (for garnish)

Peel potatoes, cut into eighths and bring to a boil. Simmer until tender, drain and mash. Add milk, dip, salt and pepper. Put in shallow 2-quart baking dish, then sprinkle with cheese and bacon.

Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes, sprinkle with chopped green onions. Serves 8-10.

Recipe courtesy of Diane Montagano of Plymouth.

### PARADISE PUMPKIN PIE

8 ounce package cream cheese softened  
1/4 cup sugar (#1)  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
1 egg  
9 inch unbaked pie shell  
1 1/4 cups canned pumpkin  
1/2 cup sugar (#2)  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon ginger  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
dash of salt  
1 cup evaporated milk  
2 eggs slightly beaten  
Maple syrup  
Chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350°F. Combine cream cheese, sugar (#1) and vanilla, and blend well. Add egg, mix well. Spread onto bottom of pie shell. Combine remaining ingredients, mix well. Carefully pour over cream cheese mixture. Bake 1 hour and 5 minutes or until done. Cool. Brush with maple syrup and sprinkle with nuts.

Recipe courtesy of Diane Montagano of Plymouth.

## Holiday cooks can find help on phone hotlines and online

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toll-free telephone services and Web sites offer a variety of specialist answers to cooking and food-safety questions during holiday preparation times.

Here are some of them: ■ U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline (888) 674-6854.

Food safety specialists answer calls about meat and poultry preparation and cooking questions, year-round Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST, except Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day, when hours will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Recorded information is available 24 hours a day at the same number. Also available in Spanish.

On the Net: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>  
■ Butterball Turkey Talk-Line (800) 288-8372.

Home economists and nutritionists answer holiday cooks' questions, in both English and Spanish, for callers in the United States and Canada. Callers can request free pamphlet with safety and cooking tips and recipes.

Nov. 3 to Nov. 21, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST  
Nov. 22 to Nov. 23, weekend before Thanksgiving, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST

Nov. 24 to Nov. 26, Monday before Thanksgiving, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST  
Nov. 28 to Dec. 23, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST  
Dec. 24 to Dec. 25, Christmas Eve-Christmas Day, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 26, day after Christmas, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

On the Net: <http://www.butterball.com>

■ Foster Farms Turkey Helpline (800) 255-7227. Turkey-cooking questions are answered and information given by live operators 24 hours a day Nov. 19 through Dec. 1 (including Thanksgiving Day). Before and after those dates, the helpline is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST, Monday through Friday.

On the Net: <http://www.fosterfarms.com>

■ Perdue consumer help line (800) 473-7383. Consumer-relations representatives answer cooking, storage and other questions about poultry products weekdays year-round (except Nov. 28 and Christmas Day) 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. Free booklet carrier with tips on safe handling of poultry.

Longer hours Thanksgiving week: Monday, Nov. 24 and Tuesday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST.

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

On the Net: <http://www.perdue.com>

■ Shady Brook Farms Turkey Line (888) 723-4468. An automated service offering information on buying and cooking turkeys.

On the Net: <http://www.shadybrookfarms.com>

■ Empire Kosher poultry customer hotline (800) 367-4734 or (717) 436-5921.

Help is offered by consumer-affairs representatives year-round Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST, Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

Program offers recipes,

newsletter, tips on defrosting and cooking poultry.

Closed Jewish and secular holidays.

On the Net: <http://www.empirekosher.com>

■ Reynolds Turkey Tips Line (800) 745-4000.

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# Here are the top 10 worst Low-Carb Taste Fest is Saturday turkey day mistakes

You haven't even put the summer clothes away for the season and it's already time to plan the annual cooking of the bird. You do recall that last year's turkey was, well, a real turkey.

The meat was tough, dry, and tasteless. How to prevent this year's meal from going to the birds? Turkeyhelp.com, brought to you by Cook's Illustrated, offers up a list of the top 10 mistakes to avoid.

**The Wrong Bird:** It's not necessarily true that fresh birds are better than frozen. The secret to a good frozen turkey is to buy one that has been basted - that is, it has been injected with a solution of turkey broth, salt, and other ingredients.

In a testing of 8 brands, Marval was the winner among frozen birds. Empire kosher turkey was the favorite fresh bird tasted.

**It's still frozen!** Most people don't realize that a 20-pound bird can take four days - not a mere 24 hours - to thaw out in the refrigerator. You do not want to thaw a turkey on the counter because bacteria multiplies quickly at room temperature.

**The early (stuffed) bird gets the worm:** Stuffing is the perfect environment for the growth of bacteria. If you must stuff the bird, do so just before roasting to ensure safety and cook until the stuffing reaches 165 degrees.

**To truss or not to truss:** No, you do not want to truss the turkey (unless it is stuffed). Leaving the cavity open allows for better circulation of hot air and will speed up cooking of the dark meat. This means that the breast meat is less likely to dry out.

**Pop goes the thermometer:** Miniature turkey thermometers often pop at temperatures at or about 180°F, which, for most birds, is too high. It is best to use your own



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Turkey traditionally takes centerstage for Thanksgiving meals, along with side dishes of stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy.

**instant-read thermometer**  
**Dull knives:** Most home cooks have very dull knives, which makes carving next to impossible. Sharpening steels will not rescue a really dull knife, but a good electric knife sharpener will. Cook's Illustrated recommends Chef's Choice Knife Sharpener (the three-slot model).

**Mashed potatoes (or glue?)**  
Mashed potatoes need to be handled gently or they turn into glue.

The best method is to boil the potatoes (use russets or Yukon Golds) in their skin, peel them, and mash them with either a handheld masher or a ricer.

Immediately mix with hot melted butter and then add warm half-and-half and other flavorings, such as cheese.

**Store-bought pie shells:** The consensus: Don't buy them! Except for the pie shell made by Whole Foods, all brands tested were universally rejected as artificial tasting.

**The pie dough disaster:** The worst, most disaster-pro-

voking recipe directive is the one that says, "add just enough water so that the pie dough holds together."

The truth is, add plenty of water so that the dough easily holds together (and is actually a bit wet).

Sprinkle the dough with flour and let it rest in the refrigerator for at least an hour. The dough will now roll out easily.

**Canned cranberry sauce:** You know the kind. It's the jelly sauce that slips out of the can accompanied by a giant sucking noise. Try the recipe on the back of bag of fresh cranberries instead. It tastes great and takes only a couple of minutes.

For more information on how to cook a foolproof holiday meal, log on to the recently redesigned Turkeyhelp.com. This Cook's Illustrated Web site features many new recipes for festive main courses, side dishes, and desserts. For recipes and other information, contact Deborah Broide at (973) 744-2030 or DeborahPub@aol.com.

Imagine eating all your favorite holiday foods and still being able to lose weight.

Better Health Store, 39600 14 Mile Road in Walled Lake, will host a Low-Carb Holiday Taste Fest 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

This free event will feature a sampling of tasty low-carb holiday foods. Each guest who

shows an AdvantagePlus Saver's Card will receive a free holiday cookbook with recipes for eggnog, cranberry sauce, stuffing, latkes, pumpkin pie and more.

"Many health-conscious people know about low-carb diets, especially Atkins, but few realize just how many products and recipes are available," says

Tedd Handelsman, owner of Better Health and The Vitamin Outlet. "New products are coming to market each month, and they keep getting better."

Better Health/The Vitamin Outlet has 15 locations throughout metro Detroit and Lansing. Better Health is located at 48925 West Road in Wixom.

## Spice up the turkey for a new twist

America's interest in ethnic flavors is evident as seasonings like adobo sauce and cumin make their way on to restaurant menus and grocery stores shelves.

Based on the increased popularity of fusion cuisine, the experts at the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line (1-800-BUTTERBALL or www.butterball.com) are offering ideas on how to add extra flair to a traditional holiday feast.

Nearly 50 Butterball Turkey Talk-Line home economists and nutritionists are on call answering questions.

In addition to offering ideas on how to create exciting and zesty holiday meals, the experts

will give advice on everything from how to easily prepare a tender and juicy turkey to what size bird to buy.

"Many of our callers want to preserve tradition, but ask how they can spice up their holiday staples. As people discover and enjoy new food trends, such as Latin fusion, they are eager to replicate them at home," says Sherleen Clausen, director of Butterball Kitchens in Chicago.

Miami-based Butterball culinary expert Astrid Volpert adds, "Because turkey blends so well with many different flavors, it's perfect if you're looking to experiment with different spices." Following are some of Volpert's Latin traditions that

can introduce zest into a holiday meal.

■ Prepare turkey with a cumin-based rub using lemon juice, cilantro and Tabasco sauce for an extra kick.

■ Put some "zing" into your favorite stuffing by adding chorizo (Mexican sausage).

■ Substitute traditional gravy with mole (a chocolate-based sauce) for a twist to your turkey.

■ Rather than adding butter or garlic to mashed potatoes, try mixing in cilantro, onions and peppers.

■ In addition to pumpkin pie, serve flan—a custard dessert. While there are many variations, try adding ground nutmeg and vanilla.

## Papa Joe's to host 3-2 Gourmet Rachell Hall

Who says the food you eat to lose weight and maintain it has to be boring and repetitive?

Author and chef Rachell Hall will help answer that question as she conducts a book-signing and cooking demonstrations 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 and 23, at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market, 34244 Woodward in Birmingham. Copies of her latest book, *3-2 Gourmet*, will be available for purchase, along with her exclusive 5 Gourmet Spice Blends.

In 3-2, Hall expands the high protein/low carbohydrate diet to a new level as she introduces international gourmet recipes

corresponding to the original 3-2 plan. This concept is a general eating guide that allows 3 things you can eat: fresh meat, poultry and fish (baked, broiled, or barbecued), green vegetables and fresh fruit. Then there are 2 things you can drink: 120 ounces of water each day (not carbonated or flavored) and real, fresh fruit juice (not juice drinks). Her dishes call for fresh ingredients, all-natural seasonings and no salt or sugars so that even the gourmet foodie with health problems such as diabetes will also find relief from bland and boring foods. Hall will be demonstrating

Protein Cuisine and talking about recipes in her book which takes you around the world with Moroccan Kabobs, Mexican style Chorizo, Peking Chicken, Scampi style Shrimp Provencal, and Spanish Paella to name a few.

She will also be sharing some of her favorite entertaining tips. She has ideas for a relaxing Sunday brunch, faux fun substitutes for alcohol and sodas, recipes for special sauces, and accessories that make gourmet cooking easier.

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# Pilgrim fare updated is sweet and wholesome

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adapting traditional recipes to accommodate current needs is as old as the first English settlers, and there's no reason not to follow their example.

Old-fashioned Indian pudding lavished with cider sauce, and classic gingerbread are perfect Colonial-era desserts to update, says the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Most desserts served at Thanksgiving are high in fat and calories, but AICR has worked out versions trimmed of excess calories and fat that still keep a rich, satisfying flavor.

These classic American desserts deserve wider popularity, because they can be as healthful as they are delicious and easy to make, says Melaine Polk, AICR's director of nutrition education.

The colonists adapted their favorite desserts to local realities. For the earliest British settlers, desserts meant hearty puddings, porridge-like concoctions of flour and milk, usually sweetened with molasses or maple sugar, and flavored with spices. Wheat, sugar and spices, however, were scarce in Colonial America, having to be shipped in from England.

Food historians believe the early settlers made do with native corn, which was far more plentiful than wheat, to make their favorite puddings. The first colonial holiday feasts are thought to have included a cornmeal-based pudding adapted from the Narragansett Indians.

Eventually, this dessert came to be called Indian pudding. It was originally made with milk, molasses and, when available, cinnamon and nutmeg.

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

In a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, heat milk with salt until small bubbles appear along sides. (Don't let milk get too hot or boil. Scalding takes place just below the boiling point, which is 212 F.)

Gradually stir in cornmeal. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is thick like cooked cereal, about 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm.

When cornmeal mixture is nearly cooled down to lukewarm, preheat oven to 350° F. Using canola oil spray, coat insides of 6 single-serving baking cups or ramekins, or an 8-inch baking dish and set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, molasses, sugar and spices until well blended. Gradually, a little at a time, whisk egg mixture into cornmeal mixture. Pour mixture into prepared cups, ramekins, or baking dish. Bake until almost set (Pudding continues to set after it is taken out of the oven.) If cups or ramekins are used, check every 10 minutes or so to monitor how quickly the pudding sets. If a baking dish is used, baking time is about 1 hour.

Remove from oven and allow pudding to cool slightly before serving. To serve from a baking dish, use a sharp paring knife to cut into portions and flexible metal spatulas to lift each portion out and onto individual plates.

(Puddings baked in individual cups or ramekins can be served in the containers.) Serve warm with cider sauce, if desired.

Makes 6 servings

**Nutrition information per serving:** 174 cal., 4 g fat (2 g saturated), 28 g carbo., 7 g pro., less than 1 g dietary fiber, 286 mg sodium

Using a blender or a large bowl and whisk, mix together cider, sugar and cornstarch. Transfer mixture to a nonstick saucepan and heat over medium heat, whisking while sauce comes to a simmer and thickens, 3 to 5 minutes. Immediately remove from heat and whisk in lemon juice and ginger. Serve warm with Indian pudding or gingerbread.

Makes 2 cups of sauce

**Nutrition information per 1/4-cup serving:** 34 cal., 0 g fat (0 g saturated), 7 g carbo., 0 g pro., 0 g dietary fiber, 4 mg sodium

### CLASSIC GINGERBREAD

Canola oil spray  
2 cups cake flour  
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar  
1/2 tablespoon ginger  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup dark molasses  
1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce  
6 tablespoons canola oil  
1 large egg  
1/2 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 350° F. Coat inside of a 10-inch sponge-cake type deep pan (12-cup capacity) with canola oil spray.

Sift together flour, sugar, spices, baking soda and salt into a medium bowl.

In a separate, large bowl, whisk together molasses, applesauce, oil and egg until well blended. Add dry ingredients and stir until well blended. Whisk in boiling water.

Pour batter into baking pan. Bake until cake begins to pull away from pan and tester inserted near center comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Transfer to a baking rack and cool in pan 30 minutes. Invert cake onto a platter and cool to lukewarm, about 15 minutes. Cut into squares and serve warm or at room temperature, with cider sauce, if desired.

Makes 10 servings

**Nutrition information per serving:** 134 cal., 5 g fat (less than 1 g saturated), 22 g carbo., 1 g pro., less than 1 g dietary fiber, 162 mg sodium

### OLD-FASHIONED INDIAN PUDDING

3 cups low fat (2 percent) milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup yellow cornmeal  
Canola oil spray  
2 eggs lightly beaten  
1/4 cup molasses  
1/4 cup packed light brown sugar

### CIDER SAUCE

2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
2 cups unsweetened apple cider  
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice  
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# Free booklet serves up pork recipes

Whether in the city or on the farm, gathering the family at dinnertime is a priority. To celebrate the ritual of shared mealtime, the National Pork Board created *Farm Table to Family Table*, a free recipe booklet featuring recipes straight from the experts - America's pork producers. Available free to any family cook, this recipe booklet features family favorite pork recipes from some of the more than 80,000 pork farms across America. From weeknight dinners to birthday celebrations to holidays, the booklet has recipes for every occasion, and some tips and tools to spend less time in the kitchen and more time with family. The recipe booklet also offers a snapshot of America's pork-producing families, people who help feed America, and an opportunity to hear the stories

behind their favorite recipes. The booklet also includes tips for involving family members in meal preparation. The National Pork Board is offering *Farm Table to Family Table*, with a suggested retail price of \$3.95, free of charge to home cooks everywhere. To order the free recipe booklet, and for hundreds of other meal ideas, go to [www.otherwhite.com](http://www.otherwhite.com) and click on "Offers" on the menu bar. The recipe booklet also is available by sending a self-addressed mailing label to Farm Table to Family Table Recipe Booklet, National Pork Board, P.O. Box 9114, Des Moines, IA 50306. The *Farm Table to Family Table* recipe collection was created by the National Pork Board to recognize the contributions of America's pork producers.

# Special baked apple is treat for holiday dinner

AP - This recipe is the creation of chef Bruce Sherman, of North Pond Restaurant, Chicago, whom Food & Wine magazine named one of the best new chefs of 2003.

apples in buttered baking dish and set aside. In a small saucepan, heat honey and butter until blended. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Fill cavities of apples evenly with honey mixture. Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes or until apples are tender. To prepare Caramel Sauce: While apples are baking, pour 1/2 cup of water into heavy saucepan. Pour sugar into center of pan, keeping sugar from sides of pan. Bring to boil over high heat. Continue boiling until syrup is thick and straw-colored, about 15 minutes. In separate saucepan, heat heavy cream to simmer. Remove sugar syrup from heat, slowly whisk hot cream into syrup until smooth. Whisk in butter, stir in pecans. Place apple on plate. Top with warm caramel sauce. Makes 6 servings.

- HONEY BAKED APPLES**
- For the Baked Apples
  - 6 Golden Delicious apples
  - 1/2 cup honey
  - 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
  - 1 tsp vanilla extract
  - For the Caramel Sauce
  - 1/2 cup water
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 1 cup heavy cream
  - 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter
  - 1/2 cup pecan pieces
- To prepare apples: Core apples with melon baller or round teaspoon to form cavity. Stand

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**Weight Watchers**  
Learn about healthy soup presentations during November free to the public at the following Weight Watchers meeting rooms: Wonderland Shopping Center (Plymouth and Middlebelt) Livonia 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. noon Friday Nov 21; Weight Watchers Center Northwood Shopping Center 30935 N Woodward Royal Oak 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Monday Nov 24.

**Marshall Field's**  
Take a Frango chocolate cooking class at Marshall Field's. Classes are \$25 per person and include a complimentary \$10 Marshall Field's GiftCard. Classes are 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday Nov 20 at Oakland Mall in Troy and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday Nov 21 at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and the Somerset Collection in Troy. Reservations are required. To reserve a space call 1(800) 274 6728.

**Five Lakes Grill**  
Brian Polcyn, chef at Five Lakes Grill now offers a series of casual Tuesday night food and wine classes at Five Lakes Grill, 424 North Main Street in Milford. During the first five week series, guests can sample foods and wines from various regions of Italy. The night of food, wine and camaraderie begins at 7 p.m. and includes five wines and five complimentary appetizers for \$20. A guest wine aficionado and Chef Polcyn will host the evening and share information on the featured vineyard and indigenous foods that accompany each of the selected wines. Reservations can be made by calling Five Lakes Grill at (248) 684 7455.

**Good Food Fast** will be taught at 7 p.m. Monday Dec 1 at Bonnie's Patisserie, 29229 Northwestern Highway Southfield. Other classes include Holiday Treats Monday Dec 8. Classes are \$35. Call (248) 357 4540 for information.

**Cuisine du Jour**  
Chef Frank Turner of Morel's and Unique Restaurant Corp. will discuss a new twist on your family's favorites including a pumpkin creme brûlée 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday Nov 20 in the culinary training auditorium at Trevarrow 1295 Opydyke in Auburn Hills. Chef Kipp Bourdeau of Bistro

### TASTE CALENDAR

**Bourdeau of Auburn Hills** will instruct how to cook a Southern Style Holiday Feast 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thursday Dec 4. Class is \$30 per person. For information call (248) 377 2300.

**Gingerbread workshop**  
The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe annual Parent and Child Gingerbread House Workshop is planned from 2-5 p.m. Sunday Nov 30 and 1-6 p.m. Monday Dec 1. The parent and child team will create a completed house in one class. \$30 per team. Advanced registration a must. Call (734) 261 3680. Mary Denning's is located at 8036 N Wayne Road, Westland.

**Taste Fest 2003**  
This holiday event in Westland is a culinary adventure featuring 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. 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).

**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. 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 information please call (248) 203 3800.




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## Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

## Great cities to consider investing in

I noted in traveling to Vancouver that there are a number of high-rise residential buildings going up on the waterfronts around the city. Do you have any information on that?

As in any great city, Vancouver has its share of new developments — primarily condominiums and high rise apartment buildings overlooking the waterways. The price of housing in Vancouver is, of course, much higher than in the suburbs, but there apparently is a strong market for new construction overlooking the bays. There are also, of course, a number of apartments that are available for rental and the market continues to be strong.

I am inquiring as to the possibilities of investing in Fairbanks and/or Anchorage, Alaska, in regard to condominium development as I understand that there is an upsurge in the economy. Do you have any information concerning these investments?

Alaska has a state policy of encouraging persons to move to Alaska as a permanent residence with financial incentives. While Fairbanks appears to be somewhat depressed and small-townish, Anchorage appears to be growing in population and affordable housing. While the climate and darkness may impact on the nature of the housing constructed, there are opportunities throughout Alaska, including Fairbanks and Anchorage. Recreational developments around Denali National Park are also available because of the recreational services available. Additionally, there is a great deal of new construction, by way of example, near Denali National Park including commercial and business enterprises. You are best advised to consult with the economic development arm of the state of Alaska before making any decisions concerning further investment, as well as talking with a knowledgeable real estate attorney and broker.

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](mailto:bmeisner@mich.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Large windows bathe this great room with light and bring the outdoors in. A Pewabic tile fireplace is centered between two sets of glass French doors.

## Great room creates feeling of being up North

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

It measures 20-by-25 feet with a vaulted ceiling. It's a room dedicated to freedom.

"We wanted space," said Marsha Gordon, who, with her late husband, built the house in 1989. "We wanted height, openness, and a feeling of freedom."

In this in-town Birmingham home, freedom calls, Gordon said, from beyond the great room's French doors, from the tranquility of the walled garden and the bustle of the swimming pool.

"We wanted a space that would enhance our art collection, that brought the outdoors in and that gave us light and a general feeling of well-being," she said.

They wanted, Gordon said, to see nature blending with the interior.

"If you look out the back, you could be up north," she said, recalling her camping days in Kalkaska County.

While it doesn't feel like a city house, Gordon said, the location offers the option



A vaulted ceiling creates a sense of openness in this great room.

of being up north and down here at the same time.

The room is ideal for entertaining and features a Pewabic tile fireplace centered between two sets of glass doors, said sales agent Ronni Keating, a co-owner of Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating, in Birmingham.

"It's such a surprise when you come in." She describes the architecture as "soft contemporary."

In addition to the great room, this 4,427-square-foot house also has a master suite, three bedrooms, a library and second-floor exercise room. The asking price is \$2.8 million, Keating said.

The *Observer & Eccentric* features rooms that help sell houses once a month in the Real Estate section. To recommend a home for a story, contact Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor. Features *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. e-mail: [kkaleski@oe.com](mailto:kkaleski@oe.com) or fax (248) 644 1314.



This great room is ideal for entertaining and was designed to enhance the homeowner's art collection.

## Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

## Debt arbitrators can assist homeowners

It's that time of year again. Bargain hunters of all kinds prowl online malls, local boutiques and department stores searching for prey that will be served up as a delectable holiday gift. However, unlike traditional hunters who may return afflicted with perhaps numb feet or hangovers, these power shoppers can suffer a severe ailment that often spans many months, or even years — excessive consumer debt.

Overzealous consumers often find themselves saddled with huge credit card bills following holiday shopping binges. It's not a fun place to be. The best remedy is prevention. However, paying off expensive credit cards with less expensive, tax-deductible interest through the use of home equity lines of credit or "cash-out" refinances is a common prescription.

Of late, however, mortgage brokers and other financial alchemists are tacking on a concomitant dose of debt arbitration, or negotiation, to the mix. Savvy debt managers (hopefully like your mortgage broker) have learned how to recognize opportunities for debt arbitrators to help accelerate the cure.

## MAKING BAD SITUATIONS BETTER

Debt arbitrators are independent third-party companies who take bad consumer debt situations and make them better. They normally get paid a percentage of the amount that they reduce their clients' debts. Thus, these arbitrators have a direct financial interest in reducing those debts as much as possible.

Unlike consumer credit counseling, debt arbitration usually takes only a few days, and very rarely appears on a consumer's credit report. Debt arbitration is perhaps most effective when used simultaneously with non-conforming or "bad credit" refinances because it can help homeowners save literally thousands of dollars. (If they are using equity to pay off debts anyway, why not negotiate lower payoffs for those debts?)

Homeowners who possess little or no equity in their homes and renters can also have their debts arbitrated, but they will typically receive a negotiated monthly payment schedule instead of a single payoff figure.

Generally, the worse a borrower's credit situation, the better the results of the arbitration. In fact, if your debts are small and credit good, it's not for you. You may find more information on debt arbitration services at [www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com](http://www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com).

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Archives at [www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com](http://www.HomeQuartersBIZ.com) or call toll free (866) 369 4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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# Some like houses on busy Telegraph Road

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Most suburban homebuyers and builders try to get away from major roads, seeking quiet neighborhoods instead.

Three West Bloomfield families have bucked the trend and have built large homes right on Telegraph Road, one of the state's busiest surface roads.

Another family is doing the same on Telegraph in Dearborn.

Everyone is talking about these homes because everyone has difficulty understanding it," said Aude Sisk of Cranbrook.

Realtors in West Bloomfield "What I keep hearing people say is 'Why? Why? Why?'"

The answer is culture, the buyers say.

Vergine Kanouno and Angela Bercea, raised in Lebanon and Romania, respectively, say they recognize that Western thinking has the wealthy building their mansions in secluded, heavily wooded and often gated lots.

But in their native lands, living on a main street is desirable and a sign of social prominence. "Anywhere in the Middle East, a house near a shop-

ping center or near commercial buildings, they are worth more. It is considered a more prestigious place to live," Kanouno said.

When Kanouno was ready to leave a modest home in Southfield, she said she fell in love with a lot in Bloomfield Township on Telegraph. She built a 5,000-square-foot colonial with four bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms, three fireplaces and a three-car garage.

"We always sleep like babies," said Kanouno, who moved into the house in 2001. "This is my dream house. I love the location. I feel very private here."

# Tools give real estate pros an edge

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nokia showcased Real Estate Solutions at the 2003 Realtors Conference and Expo in San Francisco. Nokia Real Estate Solutions empower real estate professionals with time saving applications like wireless access to Mobile MLS (multiple listing service), a mortgage calculator, and Agent Care service accessed from the Nokia 3600 and Nokia 3650 imaging phones.

Most real estate professionals carry four mobile devices, each with a distinct function. The combination of a device like the Nokia 3650 phone, and applications designed specifically for their needs, busy agents and brokers have an ideal business tool to help them stay informed, remain productive, and connected to their clients and co-workers," said Jake Sagehorn, Nokia's Director & GM, Terminals, Enterprise Solutions. "Working with companies like Pocket Real Estate to enable value-add

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# If you rent, get some insurance

Renters shouldn't overlook the need for insurance to protect their personal belongings. "Renters should ask themselves if they could afford to replace everything they own if it were damaged or stolen," said Doug Cruce, executive director of the Insurance Institute of Michigan. "Most likely, the answer would be no." If the renter's building is destroyed, the insurance policy purchased by the landlord or property owner will cover the structure only. To recover for the loss of personal items, including furnishings, the renter must have purchased a policy. However, a recent study released by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America indicated that nearly two-thirds of those living in U.S. rental properties are uninsured. There is a policy tailored to fit the needs of renters, according to

the insurance industry spokesperson. The renter's policy or HO-4 covers damage to possessions which result from perils such as explosion, fire or lightning, wind-storm or hail, not or civil commotion, theft and vandalism. It is similar to the package policy which is purchased by the owner of a house. The average renter's insurance policy in Michigan costs \$153 a year. Generally, the policy reimburses losses on an actual cash value basis. This means that the insurance company will pay replacement cost, less depreciation. For an additional premium, many insurance companies offer an endorsement to the policy which will cover contents on a replacement cost basis. Although the renter's policy covers personal belongings such as furniture, appliances, clothing and jewelry, there are limitations on the amounts of coverage for cer-

tain types of personal property which are especially susceptible to loss. For example, coverage for cash generally has a \$200 limit. Dollar limitations for other valuables, such as jewelry, furs, firearms and silverware vary between \$1,000 and \$2,500 for loss by theft. Also, most renter's policies provide limited or no coverage for home computers. For an additional premium, consumers can purchase a policy endorsement which specifically describes each item and includes its dollar value. The policy usually includes other coverage, such as additional living expenses which might be incurred if the residence is temporarily uninhabitable following a loss, personal liability insurance if someone is injured in your residence, and alterations or improvements the renter has made to the building at his/her own expense.

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# North Myrtle Beach looks to save its historical houses

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's old along the Grand Strand isn't the same as what's old in Georgetown or Charleston

You won't find antebellum mansions along Ocean Boulevard or eighteenth century cathedrals downtown. What's considered historical, however, is relative to each city - its past, its character and the conditions under which it changes over time.

North Myrtle Beach planners this year have been working to inventory homes and properties that could be considered for historical status. Through researching county tax records and interviewing local historians, they have come up with almost 100 sites.

North Myrtle Beach is among a growing list of towns along the Grand Strand that are starting to realize they have some things worth holding on to.

"Anything that survived (Hurricane) Hazel is going to be of some value," said Joyce Rowley, North Myrtle Beach principal planner, referring to the hurricane that wiped out much of the Grand Strand in 1954.

The city has found homes from the early 1900s to the 1940s that could someday get a plaque or other recognition listing their historical status.

The city isn't yet sure how it will preserve the homes. But it first will have to hire an expert to survey the properties for authenticity. Some of the tax records have proven to be inaccurate, whether through bookkeeping errors or computer typos.

"As soon as we started looking at things, we realized we needed to hire someone

professional," Rowley said. "We don't have the expertise."

One home in Cherry Grove, for example, was listed as having been built in 1916, but owner Rick Wall said his home was actually built in 1987.

"I'm not a historical person by any means," said Dawn Snider, North Myrtle Beach planning technician, who did all the research to find the older homes. "I had to rely heavily on the tax records."

The city will present its findings to City Council in late November as part of the comprehensive plan update.

## RUSTIC

Some of the homes on the list are rustic beach houses that were there before the pavement.

The Altman house in Cherry Grove was built in 1918. Rosa Witherspoon Altman, who has since died, bought the house in 1945 and rented it out as the Jolly Roger Apartments, named for one of her sons who was shot down by the Japanese in 1943 during World War II. Her son's squadron was called the Jolly Roger.

Rosa's grandson, Dayton Altman, and his wife, Cathy, who now own the weathered home, said the same families used to stay in the house summer after summer. And as the kids in those families grew older, they would stay at the house with their own families.

"People still stop by to see the house and see how we are," Cathy Altman said.

The couple plan to renovate it in the winter and eventually rent it out as apartments again. But they will never give the

house up. Before she died, Dayton's grandmother made them sign a document promising they would never sell.

C.B. Berry, longtime land surveyor and local historian, has lived in Horry County since 1937. He moved to Crescent Beach in 1945 before it joined other beaches in the area to form North Myrtle Beach in 1968.

"We don't have any (buildings) old enough to rate like more than a century old," he said. "Our homes are mostly 60 or 70 years old."

One of Berry's favorite historical places in North Myrtle Beach is the Edge Cemetery on U.S. 17 in Crescent Beach, deduced in 1888.

## PART OF HISTORY

The dead buried there include the ancestors of state Rep. Tracy Edge (R-North Myrtle Beach) and of his brother, Horry County Coroner Robert Edge.

The church once attached to the cemetery was torn down in 1950.

"It was the oldest structure we had here at the time," Berry said.

After an expert certifies the building dates of the properties, North Myrtle Beach planners will look toward preservation.

It's a task that has been on the city's comprehensive plan for years but never acted upon.

And with rapid development eating up the once quaint and rustic beach front, the city knows the time to save its past is now.

"As rapidly as development can occur," Rowley said, "you can lose it very quickly."

## HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of July 7-11 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.	Livonia	Westland	
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29621 Barkley	\$165,000	18685 Brady	\$100,000
16134 Blue Skies	\$274,000	18674 Central a	\$104,000
19686 Deering	\$146,000	12840 Dixie	\$170,000
28491 G ta	\$208,000	15445 Fenton	\$115,000
15135 Hix	\$180,000	9653 Hazelton	\$180,000
39165 Jamison	\$220,000	15370 Lons	\$75,000
37363 Kingsburn	\$400,000	18319 MacArthur	\$129,000
9386 Knolson	\$193,000	17737 Wakenden	\$130,000
28876 Olson	\$100,000	18439 Wakenden	\$127,000
14877 Santa Anita	\$304,000	9535 Woodbine	\$118,000
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680 Concord	\$231,000	697 Adams	\$210,000
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6698 Kings Mill	\$448,000	1201 Hartsough	\$228,000
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670 Roosevelt	\$50,000	1246 W Ann Arbor	\$268,000
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# Old Sears house moved to new location

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nearly a century after its construction, a house that was purchased through the Sears Catalog has been moved.

In the early part of the 20th century, Sears Catalog homes were shipped in kit-form from Oregon, complete with blueprints, to be used by homesteaders

While it took two flatbed railroad cars to transport the necessary materials to build the 1,700-square-foot home in 1908, mover Bruce Miller hauled the intact farmhouse another six miles down the road Friday with a 10-wheel truck atop two 80-foot steel beams.

And while Sears homes are rare, the house that was located south of Filer,

Idaho, is by no means one of a kind. After the turn of the century, about 75 Sears homes were brought to the area, Miller said.

Sears manufacturers used West Coast fir, which Miller said is "the best lumber money could buy."

The house was built on an 80-acre homestead and belonged to William A. Lincoln

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<p><b>COUNTRY CHARM</b> This home has a wonderful country feeling but still close to freeways only 20 minutes from Ann Arbor and the downtown area. 3 bedroom Bungalow on a 80x200 lot in a great sub! Remodeled kitchen and bath. Newer roof, furnace, AC, windows and appliances. \$141,900 (040EN)</p>	<p><b>COMFORT, VALUE, AND CHARM</b> Ground level ranch style end unit in a peaceful setting overlooking a commons area. Bright open floor plan with extra windows throughout. 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths in the desirable Lilley Pointe Sub. One year home warranty included. \$128,900 (808LI)</p>	<p><b>BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD</b> 4 bedroom, 2 full bath cape cod with a huge 27x16 family room with a cozy gas fireplace, oak mantle and built in book shelves. Updated kitchen, separate dining room, basement and a 2 car garage with a walk up loft. 1754 square feet of living space! \$176,900 (176SE)</p>	<p><b>EXPRESS YOURSELF HERE</b> Almost new 4 BR/3.5 BA colonial in a tranquil golf course community. Impressive 2 story family room w/FP formal living &amp; dining rooms plus a library. Master suite fit for royalty w/cathedral ceilings. WIC and glamour bath. Guest suite with ceramic bath. 3 car garage and more! \$439,900 (450DE)</p>	<p><b>FANTASTIC VALUE!</b> You can't beat this price with 1268 square feet 3 bedrooms and a maintenance free brick exterior! Ready to move into in a great Redford community close to shopping and highways. Huge master dining room w/bay window and built in china cabinet. Hardwood floors and a fenced yard. \$121,000 (012VI)</p>	<p><b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b> 2350 square foot Colonial with 4 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths backing to the woods. Large open floor plan with formal living and dining rooms. Hardwood floors. 2.5 car garage and a basement with 9.6 foot ceilings. Maintenance free exterior. \$299,900 (906SO)</p>	<p><b>RARE FIND IN REDFORD</b> It doesn't get any better than this 4 bedroom 2.5 bath brick Colonial. Updated windows, interior and exterior doors, copper plumbing, partially finished basement and much more! \$155,000 (443CA)</p>
<p><b>VERY COMFORTABLE LIFESTYLE</b> 3 BDRM brick &amp; vinyl ranch with a large living room w/walnut ceiling, eat in kitchen, full basement &amp; plenty of storage space. 2.5 car garage, storage shed &amp; huge covered deck in a lovely yard with a privacy fence. Appliances &amp; home warranty included! \$124,900 (717FI)</p>	<p><b>PLYMOUTH'S FINEST!</b> 4 BR 2.5 BA Colonial on beautiful treed lot. Formal dining &amp; living. Oak kitchen w/built in overrange &amp; huge nook. Family room with fireplace, library with shelving. Master w/spa, jetted tub in main &amp; trim. California closets &amp; neutral carpet. \$389,500 (084MU)</p>	<p><b>DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE</b> In town 3 bedroom 2 bath brick Bungalow on a beautiful treed lot on a quiet dead end street. Rich hardwood floors, wet plaster walls with coved ceilings, updated windows, baths, roof, furnace and AC. Family room with fireplace and a 2 car garage. \$259,900 (860SP)</p>	<p><b>A DIFFERENT DRUMMER?</b> Enjoy the distinction of this 4 BR 2 story featuring a formal dining room inspiring great room with 17' ceiling, dream kitchen with nook &amp; butlers pantry. Master with a tray ceiling, WIC &amp; luxury bath. Finished basement and breathtaking views from the paver patio. \$469,000 (751SA)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE LOCATION</b> One of the few remaining building lots in the Plymouth/Northville area that has all utilities, private wooded and affordable. \$149,900 (00VLA)</p>	<p><b>FORMER BUILDERS MODEL</b> For Lease w/option to buy. Premium lot on 1/2 acre with 3 BR/2.5 BA plus a loft. Custom window treatments, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, gas fireplace, upgraded kitchen, cabs, luxury master w/tray ceiling &amp; bath. 3 car garage w/finished bonus room &amp; more. \$319,900 or \$1,900/L (140NO)</p>	<p><b>ONE OF A KIND</b> Custom built brick ranch with a bright open floor plan. Situated on a large private and picturesque wooded lot w/a fully fenced yard! 3 BR/2 BA huge great room with FP, finished basement, hardwood floors, soaring ceilings all in a great location with Farmington Schools. \$249,900 (225PI)</p>
<p><b>COUNTRY LIVING</b> Feels like the country in this 3 bedroom ranch on a double lot in a nice quiet neighborhood in Farmington Hills. Spacious living room, newer Berber carpeting and double closets for extra storage. Ready to move into. \$139,900 (225PA)</p>	<p><b>NORTHVILLE'S POPULAR</b> Spacious cape cod with 4 bedrooms, close to commons &amp; close to elementary. 2 huge BR w/Jack &amp; Jill bath. Formal LR &amp; family room w/fireplace. Finished basement with natural fireplace. Full updated windows &amp; baths, freshly painted kitchen with appliances &amp; Pergo floor. Private fenced patio area. \$166,000 (955SC)</p>	<p><b>POPULAR BRICK BEAUTY</b> Wonderful brick cape cod with 4 bedrooms, new windows, new carpet and paint throughout. A full formal LR &amp; family room w/fireplace. Finished basement with natural fireplace. Full updated windows &amp; baths, freshly painted kitchen with appliances &amp; Pergo floor. Private fenced patio area. \$166,000 (955SC)</p>	<p><b>HISTORICAL HOME</b> For lease with the option to buy. 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths with 1500 square feet! Updates include kitchen, bath, electrical, plumbing, newly plastered walls, first floor laundry and more. Situated on a huge wooded lot with a wrap around porch. \$1,750 per mo. \$389,900 (116RO)</p>	<p><b>INVESTOR SPECIAL</b> New roof, plumbing, electrical, siding, 95% EFF furnace, windows, carpet, bath and fresh paint. This home needs a kitchen and a bath to be completed. Hardwood floors and 1st floor laundry. \$220,900 (679AD)</p>	<p><b>CONTEMPORARY BACKING TO COMMONS</b> Freshly painted interior and exterior. Ceramic flooring. Huge 22x14 family room with vaulted ceiling, skylights and a cozy fireplace. Bright open kitchen with work island. Master suite with a balcony. Finished basement and 1st floor laundry. 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. \$299,900 (564BU)</p>	<p><b>GARDEN CITY RANCH</b> Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a large fenced back yard in a great Garden City neighborhood. 2 car garage, some hardwood floors and a finished basement with a possible 4th bedroom. \$139,900 (612CA)</p>

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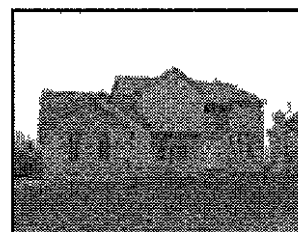
**Vacant Land**  
ANN ARBOR \$500,000  
Tremendous opportunity with this parcel Frontage on Joy and Vorheis Beautiful setting hardwoods and pines Great building sites Splits available Call listor for details Land contract terms available (BGSlyVL17V) 888 870 9131



**BEVERLY HILLS** \$149,900  
Great Opportunity! For investor builder or 1st time buyer 2 br 1 bath updated kitchen garage Birmingham Schools Land contact possible (BGN28KIR) 888 870 9123



**BRIGHTON** \$392,900  
Ultimate Wooded Paradise on 1 17 Acres! 2457 sq ft 2000 year built 3 br 2.5 bath 3 car garage walkout bsmt Fieldstone fireplace jacuzzi tub in master Leaded entry (BGN98VAN) 888 870 9123



**CANTON** \$354,900  
Under Construction Great Open Floor Plan Bay Windows Side Entry 3 car Garage Located On Large Private Court In Woodcreek Sub Completion In Time For The Holidays Choices Still Available OEL49WOO 888 870 9105



**CANTON** \$318,900  
Country in the City! Spacious 4 BR 2.5 BA brick colonial on a private dr Lg kit & nook w/Pergo floors Gigantic fam rm w/2 way FP into LR New carpet T/O New Wallside wnds New furnace BGP 63Che 888 870 9127



**CANTON** \$309,900  
Many Upgrades Kit Cabinets Ceramic Tile In Foyer & Bthrms Neutral T/O Lg Master W/ Dress Area Prof Fin Bsmt W/full Kit & Bthrm 3 car Gar Prof Land w/sprink OEL18KIM 888 870 9105



**CANTON** \$220,500  
Super Sharp End Unit In Great Condo Complex Deck Over Looks Pond & Commons 3 Bdrms 1st Fir Mstr 1st Fir Laund Att 2 Car Gar All Appliances 10 X 12 Loft For Computer Area 2 Sky Lights & Gas Frpl In GR Full Bsmt OEL06LON 888 870 9105



**CANTON** \$207,300  
Beautiful 2 bdrm 2 bths 1 lav Condo! Ceramic tile foyer great rm w/cathedral ceiling gas frpl Oak cabs gourmet kitchen 2nd flr has loft built in entertainment center All appl stay Sec System (BGN66HER) 888 870 9123



**CANTON** \$1,500/MO  
LEASE Hwf In Foyer Kitchen Powder Room & Laundry Room Kitchen With Big Center Island Upgraded Cabinets & Windows Fr w/Cathedral Ceilings & Fp Large Mbr w/ Vaulted Ceiling OEL93CRE 888 870 9105



**DEARBORN** \$259,900  
Spacious & Unique! 3 Bedroom 3 Bath cape cod with spacious master suite master bath 16 X 13 Florida room with gas fireplace heater professionally finished basement with kitchen & bath BGP 20Wav 888 870 9127



**DEARBORN HTS** \$218 900  
1 300+ sq ft brick ranch on double lot! Newer fence Prof fin bsmt New FL rm wind & door (01) New furn & A/C (02) freshly painted T/O Hardwood/carpet 2 natural fireplaces (LR & Bsmt) huge backyard! Crestwood Schools OEL05ROU 888 870 9105



**DEARBORN HGTS** \$134,900  
Tree Lined Street! Brick ranch in great location! 3 bdrms 2 full baths updated kitchen hardwood floors Finished basement 2 car garage large deck School of choice Not in flood zone BGP 52Car 888 870 9127



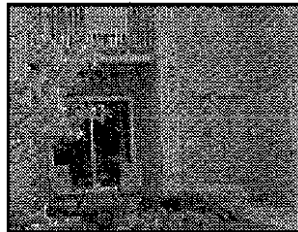
**DETROIT** \$52,000  
Hardwood Floors A Possible Doll House Basement Has Some Minor Moisture And The Home Is Priced Accordingly Seller Will Pull City Certs buyer To Sign Acr & Assume City Certs OEL06ART 888 870 9105



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$244,900  
Brand New in Farmington Hills! Cape cod huge wooded lot hardwood floors jacuzzi 1st floor master suite vaulted ceilings & circular driveway (BGN10ORC) 888 870 9123



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$179,900  
Welcome Home! This 4 br brick home has everything you want in a home Family rm w/frpl finished bsmt 2.5 car garage fenced yard w/deck & brick patio (BGN46ONT) 888 870 9123



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$159,750  
Spacious 2 br 2 bath Ranch Condo! w/bsmt Prime end unit w/extra large living room w/fireplace & kitchen Many windows for superb light exposure Looks brand new Meticulous! (BGN80EIG) 888 870 9123



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$144 900  
Spacious 3 bdrm 2 full bath Ranch! With 2.5 car garage Located on an oversized lot in Farmington School district Large kitchen separate living room & dining room c/a & more (BGN20TUL) 888 870 9123



**GARDEN CITY** \$169,900  
Brick Colonial on lrg lot Updates windows C/A elec & more LR w/exposed hwdw flr Kit w/newer counters sink & ceramic flr FR w/frpl w/raised brick hearth Updated bath w/oak cab & solid surface Counter w/dbl sink OEL91LEO 888 870 9105



**GREGORY** \$235,000  
10.3 acres pole barn w/cement floor and elec! Over 3000 sq ft home plus large garage/workshop! This home is 3 bedrooms 2 baths walkout Come take a look Great price Motivated seller! (BGSly75GRE) 888 870 9131



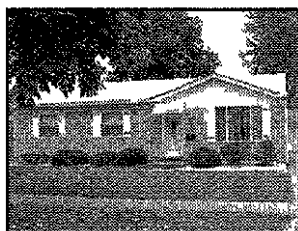
**LIVONIA** \$254 900  
3 BR 1.5 Bath Brick Tudor Colonial In Rosedale Gardens On double lot Lr w/fireplace Nice kitchen w/updated built in oven range & counters Formal DR To 3 season Fla rm Oversized 2.5 car garage Newer tear off roof shin gles OEL30AUB 888 870 9105



**LIVONIA** \$234,900  
Your Private Resort Best Describes 3 bdrm 2 Full Bath home LR W/Fp Kitchen W/Oak cabinets & appliances Large FR Overlooking 1/2 Acre Lot w/above Ground Pool w/large Wood Deck OEL21GRA 888-870 9105



**LIVONIA** \$189,900  
Pride of Ownership! All brick ranch 3 bdrm 2 bath beautiful hwdw floors family sized kitchen large dining area w/doorwall to large yard 2.5 car garage finished bsmt Home warranty (BGN94HOU) 888 870 9123



**LIVONIA** \$184,999  
Brick Ranch w/Great Value! This buyers choice has newer roof & vinyl windows Copper plumbing full basement & spacious 2 car garage Easy access to highways (BGN65HIX) 888 870 9123



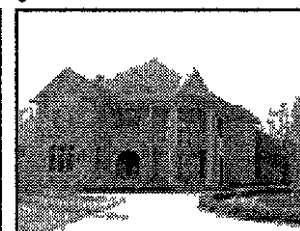
**LIVONIA** \$164 900  
3 bdrm 1 Bath Ranch Living Room w/newer Carpeting Large Country Kitchen w/stove & Built in Dishwasher Updated Furnace C/A Vinyl Windows 2-Car Heated Attached Garage OEL66BRO 888 870 9105



**MACKINAW** \$990,000  
Motel and resort 365 ft on Huron 11+ acres 50% developed Bridge & Island views 24 units 4 RV approved for 25 many return customers Land contract 15 years for present owners (BGSly46US2) 888 870 9131



**NORTHVILLE** \$284,900  
Stunning 3 br ranch in Highlands Fireplace in LR & FR Lg master w/bath Finished basement w/full bath Fenced in yard backs to woods Walking distance to 4 lakes Lake privileges Florida room (BGSly63RIP) 888 870 9131



**PLYMOUTH** \$2 500,000  
World Class Residence! 9+ acres w/pond & woods 1st flr mstr ste w/lg wic & jac tub w/waterfall Granite tops in both kits French drs to 5 balconies Addl 10 acres available for \$250 000 BGP 31ANN 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$560,000  
Perfect Court Location! Stunning 4 BR 4.5 BA formal LR w/Fp dual staircases & library w/built-ins Spacious kit w/island opens to FR w/Fp & access to yard w/paver patio & spa Prof fin LL BGP 07Whl 888 870 9127



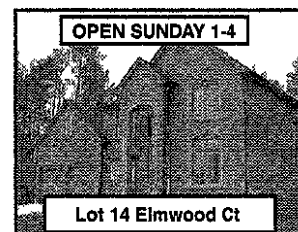
**PLYMOUTH** \$549,000  
What A Beauty! One acre wooded lot! Well maintained & updated Open floor plan w/granite cnter tops & hwdw flrs Casement wndws cer tile lots of recessed lites Fin bsmt w/poss 2 brs BGP 00Bpt 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$539,900  
Exceptional Brick Colonial! Low traffic court setting Estate size lot Spacious kitchen & nook w/granite countertops Prof fin lower level w/kit bar half bath kids play area family room & more BGP 60Fcl 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$509,900  
Builders Own! Almost every custom feature known to man! 2 story foyer and Family room 2 staircases to 2nd floor Extensive custom decking perfectly decorated with only the finest BGP 62Dee 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$439,900  
New Affordable Construction in Plymouth! On small lake w/stonecast FP cherry cbnt granite cntrs Custom mlids & trim Brazilian hwdw flrs Ceramic BA & laundry 4 BR 2.5 BA daylight bsmt Available in Nov BGP 00 Elm 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$254,900  
Cute as They Come 3 BR 2 BA bungalow Spacious master br w/master bath Liv Rm w/hwdw flrs & coved cgl Updated kit 02 new CA 02 new roof 01 Award winning landscaping BGP 25Art 888 870 9127



**PLYMOUTH** \$204,900  
Near Downtown Plymouth! Remodeled baths newer windows roof shingles furnace & central air deck w/awning extra wide driveway hardwood floors & coved plaster ceilings (BGN20HOL) 888 870 9123



**REDFORD** \$124,900  
New Kitchen w/light Oak Cabinets w/pull Out Shelves updated Bath w/ceramic Surround c/a New Carpet paver Patio new Opener On Garage Door All Appliances OEL31ROY 888 870 9105



**REDFORD** \$159,000  
Quality Built Newer Home Inviting open floor plan includes island kitchen w/built in dishwasher fireplace master bedroom with bath and walk in closet 2 car garage full basement (BGSly74GAR) 888 870 9131



**REDFORD** \$149,900  
Tired of The City Life? Enjoy the up north feeling you get in this 3 br brick ranch! Lovely wooded view natural fp in living rm family rm bsmt 2 car garage large lot & much more! (BGN56DEL) 888 870 9123



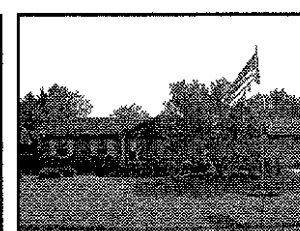
**ROMULUS** \$125,900  
Nice 3 br 2 bath ranch priced below current market for immediate sale & occupancy All appliances window treatments & wood burning stove in LR stay Eat in kitchen & large LR Landscaped with sprinkler system Alarm system OEL22RIV0 888 870 9105



**SALEM** \$194,900  
New construction home in growing small town! Superior craftsmanship in this 3 bdrm 2 bath home Master on 1st floor 2 car garage 200 sq ft unfinished bonus room over garage Super insulation package (BGSly54MCF) 888 870 9131



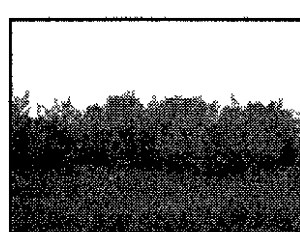
**SOUTH LYON** \$315,000  
Beautiful wooded lot Cape cod on an acre with four beds and baths Walkout unfinished basement Hardwood floors and new carpet Home warranty Move right in What more could you want? 888 870 9131 (BGSly47NOL)



**SOUTH LYON** \$259,900  
Wow! What a great home! Immaculate home with 20x26 cathedral ceiling Great room finished basement hot tub Forever decking with pool! This home is maintenance free on 1/2 lot Hurry! (BGSly04SEC) 888 870 9131



**SOUTH LYON** \$140,000  
Co op 55+ community Immediate occupancy 3 br 2 ba Won't disappoint you All appliances included Central air Lake priv on sandy beach Call for appt (BGSly45ARL) 888-870 9131



**SOUTH LYON** \$119,000  
Excellent location for your dream home 10 acres in area of farm and fine homes Township says no splits available Engineered septic system expected (BGSlyVLSIX) 888 870-9131



**SOUTH LYON** \$114,900  
Adult 55+ Coop Gorgeous end unit Move in condition Beautifully maintained All appl stay LL 3rd BR Fireplace in LL Florida rm for added enjoyment Inground pool & clubhouse (BGSly05CON) 888 870 9131



**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$399,900  
Beautifully House w/many Upgrades Awaits! 4 br 3.5 bath with bright kitchen w/island professional landscaped Large deck Two fireplaces & finished walkout w/900 sf of extra living space (BGN34CHE) 888 870 9123



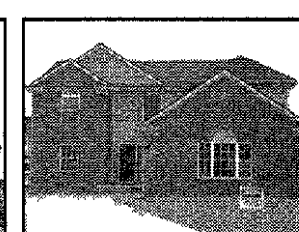
**WESTLAND** \$174,900  
Move In Condition Colonial! With 4 bdrm 3 bath 3+ car garage Many updates Large family room w/wood burning fireplace Motivated seller! Immediate Occupancy! (BGN02HAZ) 888 870 9123



**WHITE LAKE** \$369,900  
Waterfront At Its Best! Built in 1991 2 X 6 construction class E thermal windows 120 of Lake Neva frontage 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths & absolutely beautiful! BGP 69Bog 888 870 9127



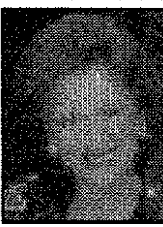
**WHITMORE LAKE** \$225,000  
Beautiful home on a gorgeous lot Built in 1998 neat and clean and ready to move in! Kitchen appliances included! (BGSly36CHE) 888 870 9131



**YPSILANTI** \$254,500  
Brand New & Ready To Go! The Windsor 2 model w/mmm occ court location has HWF in the foyer kit nook and bath Kit w/oak cab & DW Gas FP in FR Full of possibilities! Price reduction! BGP 52Col 888 870 9127



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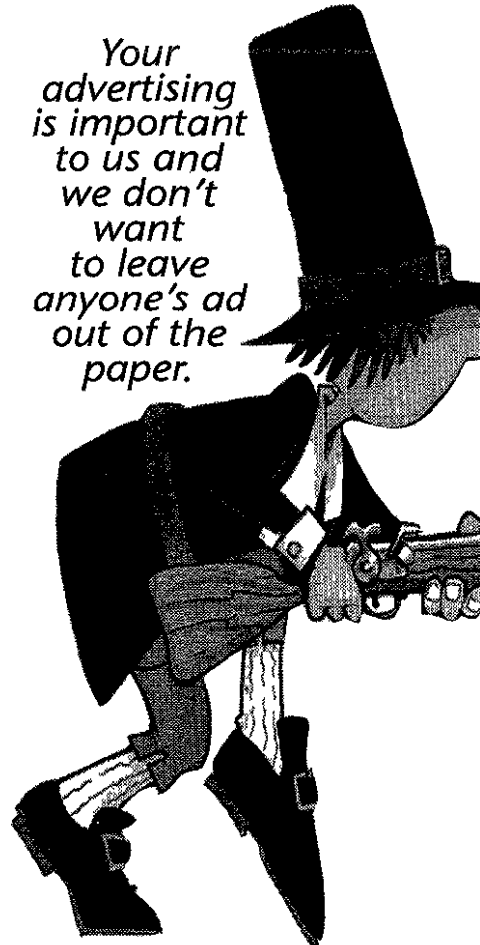
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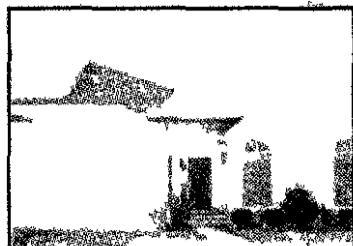
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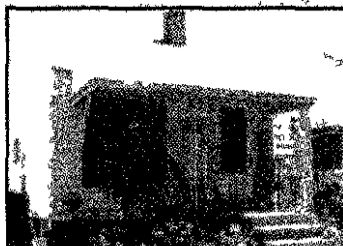
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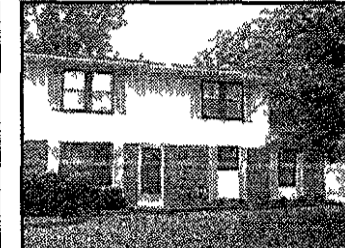
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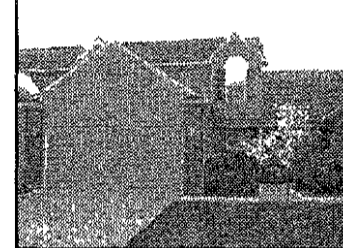


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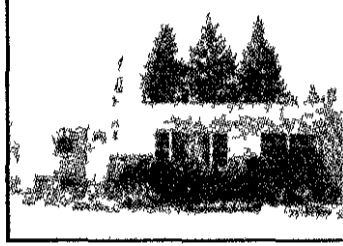
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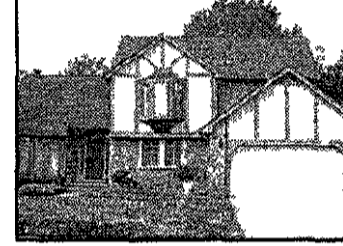
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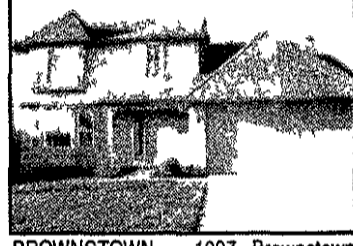
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**LIVONIA** - Clean tudor style home 3 bed room 2 1/2 bath tudor Kitchen w/oak Pergo Corian formal dining room library fireplace FFL fin bsmt 50 gal hot water heater C/A organizers in all bedroom closets Newer carpet and roof 2 car garage Deck overlooking tree surrounded yard \$324 900 (85MYR) 248 349 5600



**LINCOLN PARK** - Quiet tree lined street Well maintained 3 bedroom all brick ranch in desirable area Newer remodeled kitchen w/2nd kitchen in partially finished basement Patio & shed in lovely backyard One year home warranty offered Move right in \$107 900 (75MIC) 248 349-5600



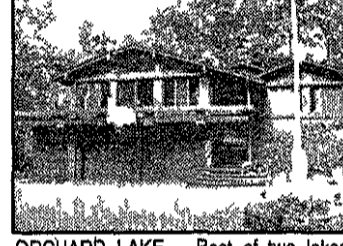
**BROWNSTOWN** - 1997 Brownstown Beauty Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath colonial w/basement 2 car attached garage family room w/replace master bedroom w/walk in closet & full bath 20x37 deck freshly painted inside + 1 year home warranty \$199 900 (36TIM) 734 455 5600



**REDFORD** - Charming brick cape cod Maintenance free beautifully kept easy access to freeway 3 bedrooms 2 baths car att gar fin bsmt nat trpic hwdw firs woodwork & built ins throughout Updates & fresh paint Big deck & fenced yard A home w/character \$179 900 (02FAR) 734 455 5600



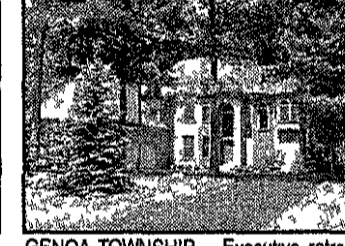
**DEARBORN** - Terrific bungalow 3 bed room 2 bath brick home offers hardwood floors updated master bedroom dining room w/ceramic tile C/A & appliances Partially finished basement w/full bath & glass block windows Home warranty \$143 900 (28ROB) 734-455 5600



**ORCHARD LAKE** - Best of two lakes Views will amaze you Orchard Lake in front and Upper Straits in back 6 bed room 3 1/2 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



**NORTHVILLE** - Incredible Value Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub Largest sq ft built by Mocer! Every imaginable upgrade marble granite cust chrl rycabs 2 story enclosed porch spiral staircase MBR w/3 way fireplace sitting room + glamour bath fin LL w/kit bath & bdrm \$1 249 000 (02MAN) 248 349 5600



**GENOA TOWNSHIP** - Executive retreat Pine Creek sub offers this 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath home w/open floor plan 2 story LR w/2 way trpic Open FR butlers pantry cherry cabs w/Corian counters Andersen win dows & prof landscaped w/sprnk 2nd fr sun deck w/porch Access to Brighton Lake \$585 000 (64ARB) 248 349 5600



**NEW BOSTON** - Better Homes and Gardens home Absolute beauty! 4 bed room cape cod sitting on 3/4 acre lot w/FF master ste w/WIC & Jacuzzi tub 2 1/2 baths LR w/gas FP DR large country kit w/lt oak cabs oak fir in foyer ft oak trim t/o 2 1/2 car att gar 90% eff furn & C/A Home warr \$308 900 (09BRY) 734 455-5600



**GARDEN CITY** - Custom built ranch Unique fir plan surrounds inground pool offers lg living area + 2 kitchens 2 laundry areas separate heating & cooling Newer furnace & C/A units, vinyl siding newer roof attached garage all sitting on approx 1/2 acre lot \$193 500 (11DAW) 734-455 5600



**DEARBORN HGTS** - Don't miss this beautifully remodeled colonial situated on a wooded street Kitchen & baths have been completely updated Newer windows C/A furnace doors roof & 24x24 2 1/2 car garage w/electricity Must see inside Home warranty \$139 900 (28FOR) (734) 455-5600



**WESTLAND** - Great starter home 3 bed room 1 bath ranch Large eat in kitchen w/ceramic tile First floor laundry Large fenced in yard Neutral throughout Newer carpet Newer roof 5 years Large fenced in yard \$120 000 (35FOR) 248 349 5600



**ROSEVILLE** - Roseville Ranch Ready to move in 3 bdrm 1 bath ranch w/updated Newer cabs & tile in kitchen updated bathroom all newer wndws furnace A/C roof driveway carpet plumbing & electric Kitchen appls stay 2 plus car garage w/220 & work area \$127 900 (24BAY) 248 349 5600



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Condo Convenience 2 bedroom 2 bath condo located in an adult community that offers full service plus health care options Spacious ranch w/replace 1st floor laundry dry attached garage & basement Wonderful private wooded setting Like new \$247 900 (29ARC) 248 349 5600



**WESTLAND** - Wonderful court setting Just move in & enjoy! Beautiful hardwood floors updated kitchen w/oak cabs newer windows roof furnace C/A cement Partilly finished basement w/full bath 2 car garage fenced yard This home is very clean & well cared for! \$169 900 (45BAL) 734 455 5600



**YPSILANTI** - Newer construction Lg 4 bdrm 2 full & 2 1/2 bath colonial built in 1995 offering 2 car attached garage finished bsmt 2 way trpic in master bedroom & master bath Special features include vaulted & cath ceilings skylights Jacuzzi tub & more \$257 900 (80JUS) 734 455 5600



**REDFORD** - A Regal Redford Ranch Beautiful brick 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath ranch w/large lot plenty of room for kids to romp + 2 car attached garage family room & much more \$159 900 (91RYL) 734 455 5600



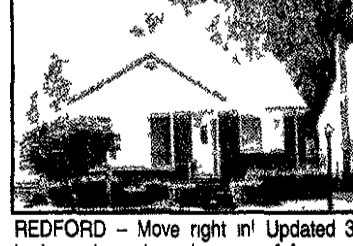
**NORTHVILLE** - Beautiful lot 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath home recently updated w/crptg fresh paint crown moldings & car bath Kit has lt oak cabs and ceramic floor On approx 1/2 acre w/lots of perennials trees & brick paver patio Short walk to elementary school Close to Maybury park & x ways \$274 900 (42CHI) 248 349 5600



**NOVI** - Buy Big Pay Small 4 bdrm colonial in wooded sub w/Novi schls Home has been updated Spacious sprinkler system electric fence huge deck Hardwood floors newer kitchen roof & furnace Home warranty included \$315 000 (83ENN) 248 349 5600



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Ready for you 2 bedroom 2 bath garden level condo w/newer hot water heater kitchen & dining room flooring Lots of storage and in unit laundry All appliances including washer & dryer Freshly painted & 6 panel doors Carpet located outside your door \$110 000 (70TWE) 248 349 5600



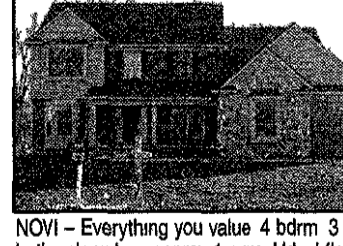
**REDFORD** - Move right in! Updated 3 bedroom bungalow w/newer roof furnace A/C windows kitchen floor sink disposal countertop & newer appliances Partially finished basement private yard w/patio & garage Great location \$133 899 (23ELM) 734-455 5600



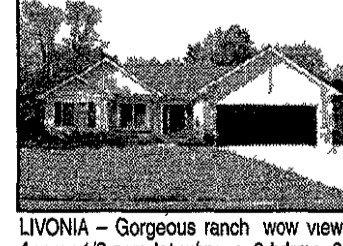
**LIVONIA** - Don't Miss This One! Cute clean 3 bedroom ranch w/great floor plan freshly painted updated bath w/ceramic tile fireplace hot water heater steel entry doors + 2 car garage \$124 500 (01GIL) 734-455 5600



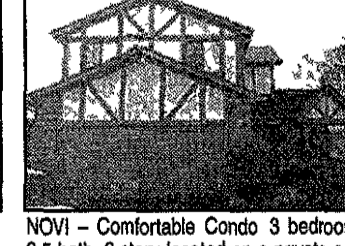
**LIVONIA** - Clean & Neat Huge lot fenced yard big kitchen beautiful hardwood flooring basement w/dry bar extra parking space Home warranty \$159 900 (20SAI) 734 455 5600



**NOVI** - Everything you value 4 bdrm 3 1/2 bath colonial on approx 1 acre Hwdw firs granite counters butlers pantry & 2 trpics Formal LR w/bay windows Dr study FFL 3 car garage Extra deep basement Extraordinary master suite Northville schools much more \$549 900 (81DEE) 248 349 5600



**LIVONIA** - Gorgeous ranch wow views Approx 1/2 acre lot w/views 3 bdrms 2 1/2 baths kitchen w/white bay cabs 2 car att garage maple floors loop shag crpt Vaulted ceiling master w/walk in closet sprinklers nat trpic Footings for 4 sea sons room A beauty \$274 900 (84SUN) 248 349 5600



**NOVI** - Comfortable Condo 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath 2 story located on a private setting in desirable 20 unit complex w/northville schls Neutral and move in ready 2 car attached garage and basement Private deck faces secluded wooded area Well maintained & ceramic tile floor \$229 800 (23CHE) 248 349 5600

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**PLYMOUTH** \$365,000  
**GREAT CURB APPEAL** 4BR 3 1/2 BA with Pergo, new paint french doors crown molding in den bay window wood trim Fin bsmt drywall 1st floor laundry Gazebo deck perennials (R956)

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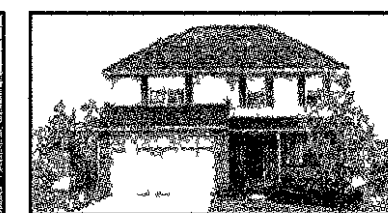
**LIVONIA** \$309,900  
**GREAT BRICK COLONIAL!** Nearly 2100 square feet 4 bedrooms 3 1/2 baths finished basement 2 car attached garage and more! (A15429)

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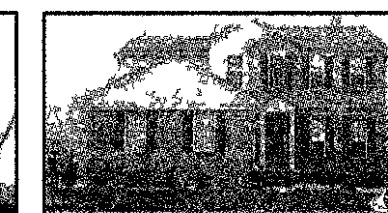
**NOVI** \$300,000  
**CONTEMPORARY DESIGNED HOME** Great open flr plan nice kit fin's bsmt w/fr bar bonus rm & extra storage Deck w/built in storage pvt entry brick paver patio & yard w/ commons feel (76JAM2)

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**NOVI** \$284,900  
**GOLF CLUB COMMUNITY, MAPLES OF NOVI** Detached condo 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths fam rm/cathedral ceiling fireplace Generous deck overlooks a nice open area dining room full basement 2 car att garage (14PAL2)

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**WESTLAND** \$279,900  
**PRIME! PRIME! PRIME! LOCATION** Over 2500 SF Colonial 3 1/2 baths finished walkout basement many custom and upgraded features thru out Built in 94 Immediate occupancy Sharp! (C38301)

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$269,900  
**KING SIZE COMFORT IS YOURS** In this 4BR 2000 Sq ft Colonial 3 full baths master suite formal dining room 2 1/2 car att d gar rec rm C/A newer windows furnace & roof shingles (R271)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$269,900  
**BEST BUY IN FARMINGTON HILLS!** Fabulous schools and highly sought after subdivision! Gorgeous hwd & ceramic tile flrs up & down Updated kit & BAs newer furn a/c rd elec & much more! (G29011)

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**NOVI** \$259,000  
**OVER 1/2 ACRE IN NOVI!** Almost 2000 SF 2001 bld 3 BR 2 1/2 BA Colonial w/formal DR/sunken LR den FR open flr plan & Novi schools Must see! (36CLA2)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$250,000  
**CHARMING RANCH CONDO** Lovely condo w/ 2 BR & 2 full BA Eat in kit Main flr laundry Well located w/pvt backyard & deck incl appls Very sharp & neutral Close to downtown Farmington (56LAR2)

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**CANTON** \$246,500  
**LUXURY GOLF COURSE VIEW CONDO** 2 bed room 2 1/2 bath has professionally finished Sports Bar basement w/separate office or bedroom w/1/2 bath 2 car att garage Low association fee (P165)

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**YPSILANTI** \$238,900  
**BETTER THAN NEW!** Upgrades & extras done! Professional landscaping deeper bsmt extd hwd flrs C/A upgraded cabs Sitting rm or 4th bdrm Kit appl included Move right in! (23H7629)

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**NORTHVILLE** \$229,900  
**HISTORIC NORTHVILLE** In for the holidays! Third bedroom currently used as ff laund/lav Beautiful lot w/ig trees for privacy Det gar newer windows basement Great oppor tunity (25CLE2)

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**NOVI** \$229,900  
**DELIGHTFUL HOME WITH LOTS OF UPDATES** Wonderful 3 BR brick ranch Charming LR lovely kit & brkfst area comfortable FR w/tp all vinyl windows partially fin d bsmt & maintenance free exterior (28BOR2)

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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 cond w/2 stry GR RM w/corner FP Loft w/full BA crown moldings skylights 1st Flr Laundry & 2 Car Att Gar! (03SHE2)

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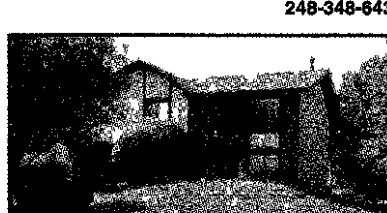
**NOVI** \$224,900  
**STUNNING NOVI RAISED RANCH!** Numerous updates this year include gorgeous kitchen hardwood flrs 6 panel doors more Newer furnace windows & roof (C23536)

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**LIVONIA** \$220,000  
**LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM!** This well maintained 3 BR 2 1/2 BA brk colonial has it all with 1700 SF of quality living area mstr BR w/full BA Updates incl wndws kit & carpet Nice ynl (W19960)

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**NOVI** \$219,900  
**POPULAR VILLAGE OAKS HOME** Great 4 BR 2 Bath home in Novi sub w/lake pool & clubhouse 1734 Sq Ft 1 Block from elem school Open airy floor plan FR w/FP Home Warranty incl (69GU12)

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**PLYMOUTH** \$214,900  
**YOU WILL RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP** 3 BR 1 1/2 BA brk colonial tastefully decorated w/brkfst area comfortable FR w/tp all vinyl cabinetry FR w/gas log FP remodeled bath hwd flrs & much more! (C9343)

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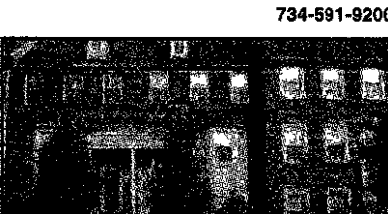
**CANTON** \$208,500  
**SELL THE LAWNMOWER!** Easy living describes this 2 bdrm 2 1/2 bath Townhome in Canton GR w/gas fp kitchen w/appliances Formal DR full bsmt 2 car gar nice deck Backs to pond (23O1926)

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**PLYMOUTH** \$204,900  
**A CHOICE LOCATION IN PLYMOUTH!** Walk ing distance from downtown limited traffic sub 1236 SF 3 BR 1 1/2 BA low maintenance in & out Brk FP in FR 2 car gar newer wndws furn HWH & more! (A42520)

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**WESTLAND** \$185,000  
**BEAUTIFUL BROWNSTONE CONDO** Comfortable living on all 3 floors Bay windows on 1st & 2nd floors fireplace hardwood floors near shopping & restaurants Must see to appreciate! (C677)

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**LIVONIA** \$179,900  
**HIGHLY DESIRED COVENTRY GARDENS!** 1753 SF tri level with large lot A great opportunity at this price! (C34037)

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**LIVONIA** \$179,900  
**YOU WON'T FIND MORE HOME FOR LESS MONEY!** 3 good sized BRs 2 BAs lg LR with gas FP den/computer rm could be 4th BR 3 season sun rm off rear w/8 drwl full fin bsmt w/ wet bar dayl wndws att'd gar (S19941)

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**LIVONIA** \$169,900  
**NEVER SHOWN!** This 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath raised ranch has just become available Updates in clude roof & chimney (03) wndws furnace A/C HWH & humidifier Pleasure to show (23B30143)

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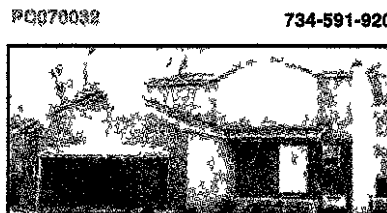
**WAYNE** \$159,900  
**NICEST BUNGALOW IN WAYNE** Fabulous decor in the 3 bdrm 2 bath Updates include roof siding cement 22X20 garage kitchen dining room Large L shaped deck with jacuzzi! First class (F439)

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**WESTLAND** \$159,900  
**WESTLAND HOME- LIVONIA SCHOOL!** Spacious 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath tri level Walk to elementary Newer windows furnace A/C Excel lent starter or empty nester home Clean & ready for you! (23D8023)

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**REDFORD** \$159,900  
**HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to call this newly constructed 3 BR 1 1/2 BA 1260 SF 2 car att'd gar colonial w/bsmt your new home! Act fast this quality workmanship won't last long! (S19335)

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**REDFORD** \$155,900  
**TONS OF SHARM & CURB APPEAL** Shade trees decks and too many updates to mention Over 1 500 square feet Formal dining room updated kitchen fireplace walk-out basement 2 car gar & more (S143)

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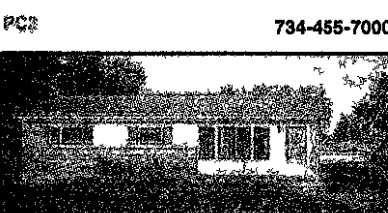
**LIVONIA** \$155,000  
**WONDERFUL HOME READY NOW!** 3 bed room 1 1/2 bath all brick ranch full finished bsmt 2 car garage Cute clean many updates Great neighborhood & Livonia Schools too! (A8646)

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**NORTHVILLE** \$150,000  
**DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE BUSINESS!** This card shop has it all cards stationary gift wrap shower supplies balloons Computer & card generating softwars Complete w/ fixtures cash register etc (15MA12)

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**REDFORD** \$141,900  
**A RARE FIND!** 3 bedroom brick ranch Remo ded kitchen with bevelled counter tops updated furnace c/a windows & roof Finished basement w/rec rm 2 1/2 car garage (L18347)

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**REDFORD** \$134,444  
**GREAT VIEWS** of lush greenery & mature trees Open floor plan w/1384 sq ft 3 bedrooms new windows hardwood floors Attached gar w/roll up door 30 acre lot (23L16078)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$129,900  
**BELIEVE IT, FARM HILLS** You can make this your dream house relaxing screen porch formal dining Much room to expand on property Hurry on this one Pre appr & 3% at offer \$129,900 (43FOL2)

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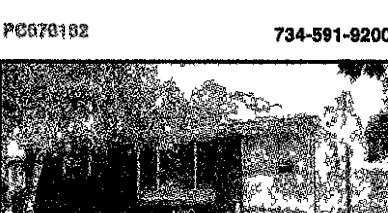
**DEARBORN** \$129,900  
**CUTE AND COZY DEARBORN BUNGALOW** This freshly painted home has 3BR 1BA hwd flrs on main flr Updated win elect HWH & upstairs carpet Part fin bsmt 2 car gar Home warranty (15MAD2)

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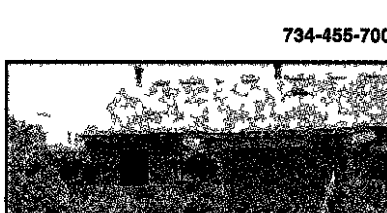
**GARDEN CITY** \$129,900  
**IMMACULATE RANCH** Home features many updates inside and out including newer roof vinyl siding windows carpet and pa nt Oversized lot with hot tub and deck Must see (E285)

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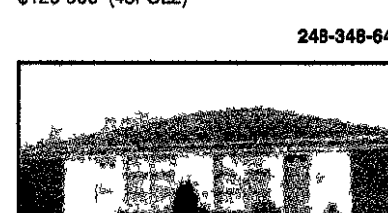
**INKSTER** \$119,900  
**TERRIFIC OPPORTUNITY!** Updated roof sid ing windows furnace C/A & front porch 3 bed room brick ranch Part finished basement w/dry bar Hardwood floors garage w/electricity (23V135)

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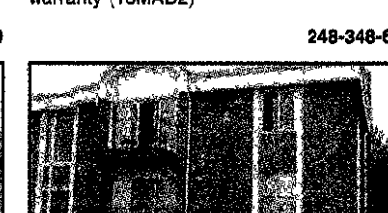
**SOUTH LYON** \$104,900  
**SOUTH LYON RANCH CO-OP!** 55+ adult co op 2 bdrm 2 bath end unit w/extra wndws & part fin bsmt Open floor plan w/vaulted ceilings Private courtyard entry Florida rm Move in ready! (23P25369)

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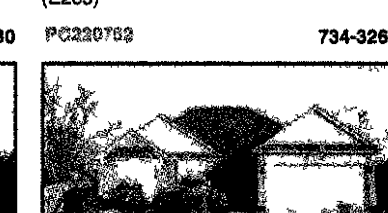
**WESTLAND** \$85,000  
**JOB RELOCATION FORCES SALE** Nicest unit in Greenview Newer windows gutters entry door furnace & C/A Finished basement offers family room study/exercise laundry storage areas (A238)

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**LIVONIA** \$82,500  
**DESIRABLE GROUND FLOOR END UNIT** With the added bonus of an in unit stacked washer/dryer Newer C/A New Berber carpet through out Custom mirrors in dining area Master has walk in closet (B294)

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**LIVONIA** \$1,650  
**LEASE TO BUY THIS BEAUTIFUL HOME!** 2 yr old ranch loaded with upgrades incl Top notch ceramic tile maple floors master bath ample closets Conv located to freeways shopping & schools (26TAY2)

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**NORTHVILLE**  
**CONVENIENCE, STYLE, & FUNCTIONALITY!** Immediate occupancy in this end unit with all appl incl New berber carpet paint & lg ldry rm w/lots of storage Neutral decor 1 car gar fin bsmt Hurry! G21228 \$189,900 734-591-9200

**FARMINGTON**  
**PRETTY AS A PICTURE** Cozy ranch freshly painted new carpet ready to move in Brick & wood trim 3 BR cute kit c/a 2 car gar w/brand new door Home protection plan provided 67FOL2 \$178,500 248-348-6430

**DEARBORN**  
**OUTSTANDING LOCATION!** Open & airy 3 bedroom bungalow Cove ceilings huge master sky lite 2 car garage with workshop Most appliances included 01NEW2 \$159,900 248-348-6430

**WESTLAND**  
**WOW!** Homes this clean this updated just don't come on the market too often Check out these updates lot windows roof bth most carpeting hwh c/a furn Move in! F34425 P07090 \$129,900 734-591-9200

**DETROIT**  
**INTERESTED IN INVESTMENTS?** Nice bungalow with room to expand upstairs Newer furnace circuit breakers kitchen & some carpet Sun porch on back Grow your work & investment! 23L11399 \$55,000 734-455-7000

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Antique bed & oak dresser, curio cabinets, sectional recliners, patio set, yard tools, household misc & Christmas. 21845 Cass Rd 9 W of Farmington Fri Sat Nov 21 22 10 4pm

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Sat 10 4 Furniture, house hold misc 31344 Roslyn

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PLYMOUTH Sat Nov 22 9 2

quality toys, games, books, bikes, clothes, christmas items, 8860 Tavistock Dr E/1 275 Ann Arbor Rd/Joy

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everything goes 2471 Turner N of Lone Pine E of Middlebelt Nov 21 22 9am 5pm Neon signs, art, toys, tools, refrigerator, furniture, TV's, stereos, household

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Clothing (7140)

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and living room sets good cond \$500/ea or best 734 459 7187

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CHAIRS Cherry includes pad \$1000 (734) 421 4639

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new Ethan Allen solid maple sierra finish 42 x 68 2 18 leaves \$800 734 812 2248

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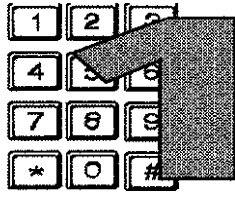


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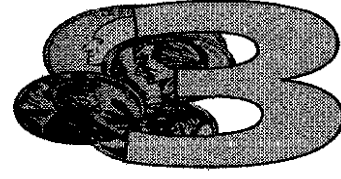
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SEARCHING SWF 44 who loves the loud blues Harley's also likes The Red Wing a Seeking SWM 45 55 Ad# 501033

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ONE OF A KIND SWF 48 attractive intelligent loving and dedicated Seeking a SWM 45+ a N/S who is a nice intelligent humorous and honest for a long term devoted relationship Ad# 448774

GOOD NATURED SWF 55 6 1 medium build college graduate non smoker Enjoys working out theater movies walking and more Seeking a SWM 63 plus 53 62 who is well groomed and professional for friendship first Ad# 470261

COMPARE INTERESTS Thin SWF 55 7 attractive brown eyed brunette seeks tall athletic energetic trusting and educated SWM 60 60 N/S Please call Ad# 539521

JUST ME SB Mom 18 5 8 dark complexion a smoker Likes going to the mall watching TV and movies Looking for a sincere SWM 18 26 Ad# 583856

HOME ALONE? SWF 52 short full figured Insh look alike energetic & good natured My enjoyments are the theatre movies or staying at home Would like to meet a easy going good friend SWM 45 55 for nice times Ad# 562867

CUTE BLONDE WIDOW I'm 5 105 lbs 50 romantic secure SWF seeking a nice looking male 5 7 to 6 slim to medium build who enjoys dancing golf live theater and good conversation 16m Macomb County Ad# 403892

UNDERSTANDING SWF 49 with black hair and brown eyes medium build Looking for the outdoors etc Searching for a SWF 40 55 who is educated fun loving and communicative Ad# 561932

PURSUE ME SB Mom 23 5 8 searching for a fun loving SWM 22 32 with ambition and goals Must love kids Ad# 581855

ALL AROUND GOOD WOMAN Funny quiet natured SWF 31 5 8 weight proportionate light complexion hazel eyes one son Enjoys reading movies and family time Looking for an up front SWM 32-40 Ad# 561671

SIMPLE GIRL Fun to be around SWF 27 5 2 Enjoys walking reading and writing Seeking a SWM 23 35 who enjoys children and having a good time Looking for an up front SWM Ad# 661516

SOMETHING MISSING 56 years young want a special friend in my life Missing the little things a hug a kiss holding hands Enjoys just about everything but missing the most important thing in the other half in my life Ad# 406107

CHALLENGE ME I'm a very nice attractive SWF 38 friendly quiet SWF 51 pleasantly plump Enjoys the arts watching movies & Church activities I would like to meet a loving partner under 65 to enjoy life Ad# 570006

ARE WE ALIKE? SWF 50 with above average looks good communicator amusing loving soul mate Seeking S/DWM 45 60 clean cut gentleman looking for a serious relationship Ad# 482566

COLORFUL Generous hearted impulsive care free professional SWF 41 a rare find I'm seeking honorable fun SWM 35 55 cheerful yet can be humorous Ad# 557303

VISIONS OF LOVE I'm 6 3 with dark brown hair/eyes A personable SWF 44 who enjoys quality time with my children race cars & a variety of interests Seeking a loving relationship with a creative SWM 42 58 who is a happy & confident Ad# 558955

DO WE CLICK? P'fess onal SWF 45 5 2 tall fun loving Enjoys spontaneous fun fishing and horses Seeking best friend companion first N/S N/D professional DR/WM with real heart Ad# 557779

SUGAR & SPICE SWF 55 loves animals God nature interior decorating and more I'm seeking companionship with SWM 54 65 someone to talk with and care about Ad# 567587

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP SWF 60 5 2 medium build brown hair outgoing looking for a personable caring SWM 60 70 5 9+ with time to devote to a relationship Likes to go places quiet times and is able to show affection Ad# 444245

BIG & BEAUTIFUL Happy to meet you outgoing beautiful artist 70 avid reader movie fan with many many hobbies Seeking well groomed SWM 55 75 down to earth Let's meet Ad# 580800

BIG & BEAUTIFUL Laid back loving SWF 33 values family and friends Seeking friendly upbeat humorous SWM 26 29 with similar characteristics for platonic relationship Ad# 566339

SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE SBF 50 5 7 127 lbs light skinned short hair Funny outgoing and always brings sunshine to the room Enjoys bowling skating partying and cooking Looking for a SWM 25-42 with similar interests who can make her smile Ad# 554500

FROM THE HEART Funny honest outgoing SWF 49 5 8 medium build Auburn brown hair hazel eyes Enjoys bowling darts shooting pool long walks & dining out Hoping to find an open minded SWM 45 60 with like interests who share special times together Ad# 539251

JUST BE YOURSELF Young looking SWF 18 with light brown eyes outgoing carefree straightforward avid reader writer Looking for goal oriented SWM 18-22 same attributes Ad# 554301

VIVACIOUS Attractive SWF 46 seeking social intellectual someone times crazy SWM with similar traits Must be daring and risk taker Ad# 553757

FROM THE HEART She's a lovely SWF 29 who values family first enjoys tractor pulling to theater and the Arts Seeking happy family man 27 40 for friendship first with varied interests Ad# 552859

A FRESH START SWF Mom 34 k ds looking for new friend family man SWM 27 40 variety of interests Not into bar scene enjoys dining out and family events Ad# 552389

WILL YOU ACCEPT ME? I'm a 5 8 medium build SWM 27 years old who enjoys movie pool quiet evenings long drives and much more Seeking a SWM 28 38 who is honest caring and understanding Ad# 498396

BOOK SMART Professional trainer SWF 33 with varied interests Seeking well groomed athletic-minded SWM 28 50 who stays in shape has book smarts and knows how to practice what his beliefs are Ad# 550742

LIKE I AM Medium/large built amusing SWW/WWF 48 looking for real hunter fisherman camper SWM 45-55 open honest for dating possibly more Stardust dancing? Ad# 560584

INTRODUCE YOURSELF Brown hair/eyes fun loving SWF 39 1 like sports trying new things Seeking SWM 47 32 good friend a love someone with similar interests Ad# 499946

HONEST TO YOU SBF attractive 31 5 20 135 lbs brown hair seeking mature SWM 40 45 for conversations dating and a possible relationship Ad# 548285

DAISHN TREAT SWF 39 outgoing attractive 5 7 135 lbs with blonde hair enjoys long walks dining dancing and much more Looking for a SWM 40 60 to enjoy our passions together Ad# 547194

GET IN TOUCH Confident humorous fun spontaneous SWF 23 5 2 medium build Looking for a SWM 23 31 N/S N/D drug free Ad# 545721

FLINT AREA Family oriented SWF 55 years old disabled Loves concerts dining out etc Seeks honest kind SWM 50 60 with a sense of humor and similar interests Ad# 545605

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? SWF Mom 39 5 4 blue eyed blonde fun to be around I love long walks movies and time with my daughter I'm seeking a tall honest SWM 24 45 who likes children Ad# 544961

FOLLOW ME Gregarious SWF 53 5 7 slim brunette with many interests Looking to meet a handsome and financially secure SWM 45 66 who is 5 10 or above with a slim build Ad# 544561

HONESTY ABOVE ALL Want to be spoiled? I'm a fun loving SWF 55 tall with green eyes & blondish brown hair who enjoys movies carting sewing cooking and time at home Looking for a sincere warm genuine SWM 55 68 who enjoys life Must be a non smoker Ad# 543698

YOU SB Mom 19 short light complexion funny and sweet Seeking a respectful kind fun loving SWM 18+ Ad# 543945

THERE'S STILL HOPE DWF 28 affectionate honest sincere with one child Seeking SWF 29 40 non smoker emotionally financially secure man Ad# 542629

ENJOY LIFE Friendly caring SWF 57 5 3 medium build dark hair/eyes Enjoys spending romantic evenings at home cuddling and holding hands Looking for a SWM social drinker 56 60 who shares the same interests for companionship and possible more Ad# 504863

LETS TALK Outgoing and friendly SWF 19 5 8 brown hair blue eyes smoker Enjoys an arts crafts the out doors and loves roller coasters Looking for an honest and up front SWM 40 51 with similar interests who has a get up-and-go attitude Ad# 559780

BROWN EYED LADY SWF 5 4 8 lady barbeque ribe funny movie page turning books Desires SWM N/S 40 55 that can look up to who can make me laugh is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self Ad# 479551

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SOCIAL BUTTERFLY Brown eyes light skinned SWF 22 nice kind jokes around enjoys going to movies watching television enjoying social nights out Seeking companionship with a good man Ad# 539573

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KINDRED SPIRIT Looking for conversations companionship with a quality gentleman 72 76 I am attractive fun SWF 27 32 Christian local Ad# 533625

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## The 2003 Honda Element

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### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

The first thing that occurred to me when I got close to a Honda Element was "What were they thinking?" But it wasn't long before I had figured out what Honda was after when it introduced this funky, scrappy little vehicle several months ago. Honda wanted Element to become a poor man's H2 - as in Hummer 2 - with the spirit of the old Jeep Wrangler thrown in. Then I understood.

For far less than half the price, even approaching one-third of the price of the oh-so-hip Hummer 2, buyers of Honda Element also can drive around in a vehicle of crazy-quilt design that demands to be noticed, screams ruggedness, has a highly unconventional interior, has been built for play as well as show and breaks the mold for the auto maker that is marketing it. It's just that I wouldn't want to be in the Element if the two vehicles ever were in a head-to-head accident.

And I'm still not saying that Honda's gambit with Element makes complete sense. Take my friend Tom who owns the local Dairy Queen. After he saw me drive up in the Element recently, he first wanted to make sure I didn't actually own the vehicle. Then he proceeded to tell me how much he and his wife disliked it. Alright, they're boomers like me, and we certainly aren't the target market for the youth-oriented Element - but we actually like the Hummer 2. The point is that Element is clearly iconoclastic, but breaking the mold isn't necessarily enough in itself to make a vehicle worth purchasing.

Element indeed attracts attention. Its exterior design is at best described as crazy quilt, a very boxy SUV with some panels in a body-color metal, others of a hard, gray-colored composite that is meant to resist all the scratches and dings that the action-oriented typical Element driver surely would attract. A clamshell tailgate and center-opening cargo side doors make for easy loading, to be sure. A removable skylight in



There's a lot to explore with the affordable Honda Element.

the rear of the vehicle comes standard with the four-wheel-drive models. I'm not sure why the designers deprived front-seat passengers of some sort of view of the sky, but it's great for the folks in the rear. The far-forward windshield, however, is a treat for front-row passengers who enjoy a feeling of spaciousness as well.

Under the hood, not surprisingly for a Honda, Element is more than capable. Its 2.4-liter engine pumps out 160 horsepower, exceptional for the small-SUV class, and it has a reported 1,500-pound towing capacity. The four-wheel drive system was highly capable on the roads I traveled and certainly would be a good bet to perform in many off-road situations as well. The ride is much smoother than you'd expect for a vehicle that also, as I indicated earlier, clearly owes part of its inspiration to Jeep Wrangler, the tinny-feeling side doors also owe more to the Wrangler than to the inspiration of the behemoth H2.

A big benefit of Element compared with most of its off-road-oriented competitors is that it achieves 24 miles a gallon on the highway, with mileage of 21 mpg in the city.

The entire interior carries on the theme of ruggedness. The back-seat area is absolutely

huge, providing almost limousine-like dimensions for the two rear passengers. Like the skylight, it sure is nifty for them. The rear seats can be folded down, folded up to the sides or completely removed. That flexibility, combined with the almost perfect box shape of the cargo compartment, and easy access through the doors, make for a very functional hauling machine. Plus the front seats also fold down, matching up with the rear to make for an instant double bed - obviously, one of the reasons for all the rear-seat room in the first place.

Beyond that, it's almost as if the interior is built to be amphibious. There is no carpet on the floors that can be soiled but, rather, a urethane coating and an industrial-style no-slip surface. The seats are made of some sort of waterproof fabric. Other cool touches include a shifting lever that is mounted on the dashboard, not on the floor, and a small overhead bin near the front middle of the driver's row whose bottom is a netted material so that you can see what you've stashed up there.

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### Win tickets to 'Spectacular'

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](mailto:kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net).

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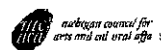
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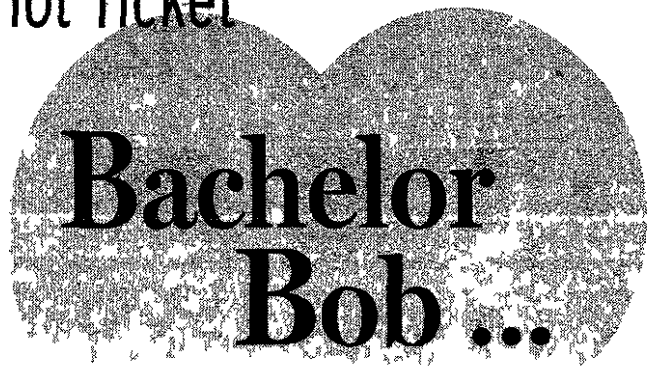
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# Hot Ticket



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**WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES: HOW LIFE'S UNEXPECTED SETBACKS CAN LEAD TO UNEXPECTED LOVE**

By Bob Guiney Tarcher/Penguin, hardcover \$17.95

BY KEELY KALESKI  
STAFF WRITER

One of America's favorite bachelors, Bob Guiney, will be in town Sunday to sign copies of his book, *What a Difference a Year Makes*, and greet fans.

Guiney's just an average guy from Ferndale whose wife left him. He catapulted to fame after two young women he worked with asked, "If we were to set you up on a date, would you go?" They submitted his biography, including photos, to *The Bachelor* Web site and the rest is reality TV history.

Well, there's really a lot more to the story than that. Guiney was heartbroken after his wife filed for divorce. He spent a lot of time asking why, and trying to figure out what went wrong before he started dating again.

It wasn't pretty. Guiney threw himself into his work and longed for the way things used to be. "Life," he writes, "was testing me in a way I had never been tested before."

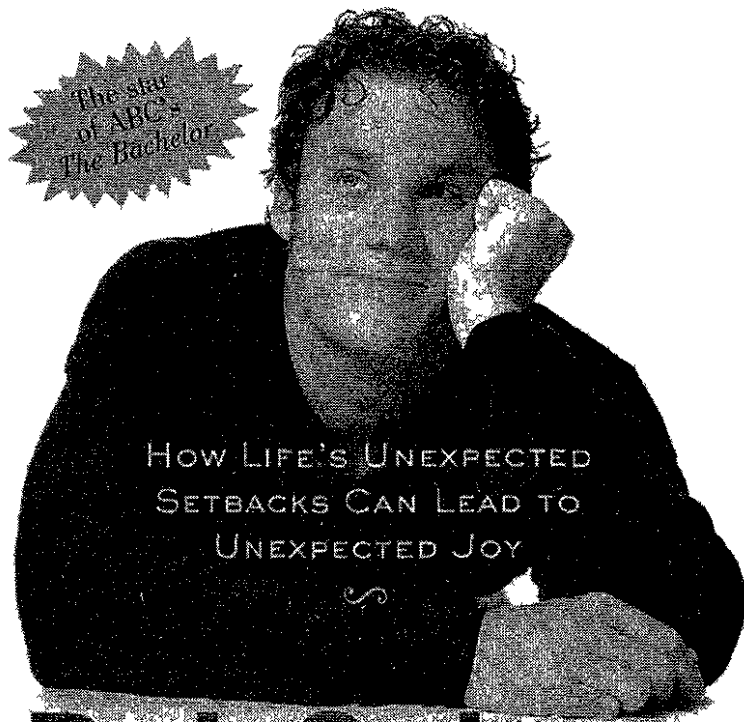
Guiney doesn't pretend to have all the answers. His book, he writes, is "simply an effort to let those who have gone through tough times know that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Especially when there seems to be none."

*What a Difference a Year Makes* is about relationships and what happens when you let work get in the way. It's about being sad, lonely, gaining weight, and not being able to exercise because of a knee injury. Guiney's story is encouraging, heartwarming, and sincere.

If you've recently suffered a loss, or are just a Bachelor Bob fan, *What a Difference a Year Makes* will give you hope, make you smile and help you believe in happy endings.

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# What a Difference a Year Makes



# Bob Guiney

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**Where & When:** 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Barnes & Noble, 2800 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills; and 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham.



# Big screen

## Sentimental 'Love Actually' stays away from corny

BY JOCELYN NOVECK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

There are two things you must know up front about the new British comedy *Love Actually*

It's unabashedly sentimental, premised on the relentlessly upbeat message that love is everywhere  
And it's about Christmas

You might be tempted to roll your eyes. But try not to, because then you'd have to take them off the screen. Keep them open, and chances are that at the end of this chaotic, somewhat manipulative but highly entertaining film you'll be wearing a big, silly grin on your face.

It's hard to say why this movie doesn't suffocate with its sweetness. Perhaps because writer Richard Curtis,

who also penned such successful romantic comedies as *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Notting Hill* and *Bridget Jones's Diary*, has a knack for turning to humor just split seconds before a scene becomes unbearably corny.

### TERRIFIC CAST

Or perhaps it's the terrific cast he's assembled for his directorial debut, including Emma Thompson, Liam Neeson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Laura Linney, Billy Bob Thornton and of course, that perennial of British romantic comedy, Hugh Grant — appearing here as no less than the prime minister of Britain.

The film stakes out its ground in the first moments, with real scenes of happy reunions at the Heathrow arrivals terminal. Love, Grant declares in a voiceover, really is all around.

The evidence follows. We track 20 or so loosely interconnected Londoners in various stages of life and love — just before Christmas, naturally.

There's the new prime minister, who on his first day in office becomes besotted with a young aide (the British TV and pop star Martine McCutcheon) who serves him tea and can't seem to control her salty language.

There's the comfortably married couple (Rickman and Thompson) who are getting just a bit too comfortable, as the wife learns when her husband becomes dangerously infatuated with a lusty employee.

There's the brooding widower (Neeson) caring for his 10-year-old stepson (the adorably doe-eyed Thomas Sangster) who is desperately, agonizingly in love with the coolest girl in school.

There's the mystery-novel writer (Firth)

who heads to the south of France to recover from a broken heart and falls for his Portuguese cleaning woman.

There's the sex-starved sandwich delivery guy who spends all his money on a ticket to Wisconsin, convinced that he'll have a hot girlfriend within minutes.

And so on. But the best story is that of Billy Mack, the aging rock star who is cynically reissuing his old hit in time for Christmas, with the word "Christmas" substituted for "love." Mack, in a deliciously funny and dirty portrayal by Bill Nighy, hits the airwaves to promote his record but can't stop himself from being brutally honest. Asked to send a message to his young fans, he obliges: "Kids, don't buy drugs (Beat). Become a pop star, and they'll give you them for free!"

Apart from Nighy, the best work comes from Thompson, who with a mere glance can add depth and meaning to a throw-away line. It's truly excruciating to watch her slowly realize that her husband's attentions are shifting to his younger and prettier colleague.

As for Grant, it may be farfetched to imagine him as prime minister, but that's nothing compared to the leap it takes to accept Billy Bob Thornton as the U.S. president.

Yes, you may end up feeling manipulated when you find yourself chuckling over Grant's prime minister boogieing through the halls of 10 Downing St. to the Pointer Sisters' *Jump (For My Love)*, or sense a tear forming as the love-triumphs-over-all ending reaches its poignant climax — in an airport, of course.

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The Prime Minister (Hugh Grant) and Natalie (Martine McCutcheon) are caught off-guard (and quite by accident) at a Christmas pageant in Richard Curtis' romantic comedy, 'Love Actually'

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# Small screen

# Chaplin classic still applies to 'Modern Times'

DAVID MACGREGOR  
CORRESPONDENT

What film closed out the 2003 Cannes Film Festival? None other than a beautifully restored version of *Modern Times*, Charlie Chaplin's 1936 masterpiece of silent filmmaking. If you have never seen a silent film, this would be an excellent place to start. *Modern Times* came out a full eight years after the first full-length talkie (*The Jazz Singer*) had been released, and it represented Chaplin's farewell to both silent films and to the Little Tramp character that had made him easily the most recognizable person on the planet.

The film does have a soundtrack and sound effects, but there is no spoken dialogue, aside from the sly joke that Chaplin plays on the audience at the end of the film.

After completing his previous film, *City Lights*, Chaplin had taken a world tour during which he met various luminaries such as Winston Churchill and Mahatma Gandhi. But the larger effect on Chaplin was that he became much more aware of the poverty and dire circumstances in which many people

around the world lived. So while *Modern Times* does operate largely as a comedy, there is a subtext in it as well, a subtext that critiques the



Chaplin plays the Little Tramp, perpetually down on his luck, in 'Modern Times'

dehumanizing effects of industrialization while at the same time asserting everyone's right to have their most basic needs fulfilled.

As usual, Chaplin plays the Little Tramp, a perpetually down on his luck fellow who keeps on going regardless of how badly the world happens to treat him. As the film opens, Charlie actually

has a job on an assembly line, and in one of his most inspired scenes ever, he is strapped into an automated feeding machine so that he can keep tightening bolts even as he is eating his lunch. Not surprisingly, the machine goes berserk, and shortly thereafter so does

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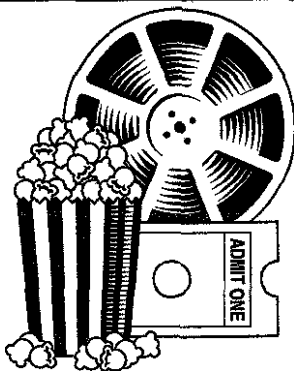
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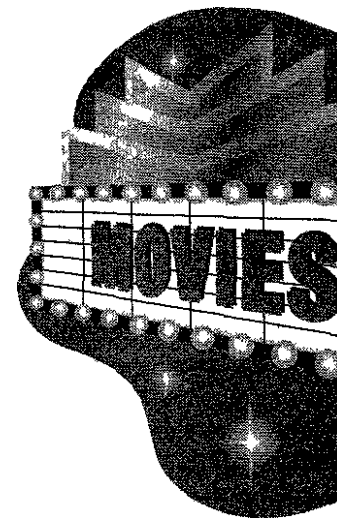
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# CHAPLIN

FROM PAGE E5

Charlie, earning himself a ticket to a mental hospital

## HAPPY CAMPER

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He likes it so much that he is considerably disconcerted when he foils a prison break and the warden gives him his release.

In fact, once he is out of jail he is soon trying to figure a way to get back in, and it's only when he meets a homeless girl (played by Paulette Goddard, who Chaplin would subsequently marry) who is down on her luck that he determines to be her rescuer and hero.

One of the unexpected pleasures in watching an old film like this is that in many ways, it is surprisingly modern. You wouldn't expect there to be jokes about

flatulence, cocaine and naked female statues in a 1936 film, and yet there they are.

But the real appeal of this film is Chaplin himself. He wasn't the most famous movie star in the world for nothing. In addition to starring in the film, he also wrote, directed and produced it. His physical comedic talents are on full display here, his timing is impeccable, and he does a tour de force scene while blindfolded and rollerskating.

In 1936, a major selling point of *Modern Times* was that it was promised to viewers that this would be the film in which they would finally get to hear

Chaplin's voice. And at the end of the film, you do.

But if you think Charlie is going to give in completely to sound and abandon the physical comedy that made him a star, guess again.

He gives the audience what they want, or what they think they want, and then the Little Tramp walks off down the road and into film history.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

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# Reality Kicks

Rockettes from Michigan tell it like it is

You could say the Rockettes are the eternal American idols of Christmas. They're as popular today as they've ever been.

After all, it wasn't until 1994 that popular demand caused Radio City Entertainment to present the show outside New York.

But despite their enduring popularity and glamour-girl status, they're basically hard-working dancers who rehearse seven hours a day, six days a week. And, aside from their killer legs, they're ordinary women who like to shop, talk and even "veg out" in front of the television.

We caught up with two members of the Detroit Rockettes cast during their rehearsals at the Fox Theatre where this year's whopping 54, 120-minute shows feature three new scenes.

**Stevi Van Meter, 35,** grew up in Keego Harbor and attended West Bloomfield High School. She's been a Rockette for eight years and lives in New York. **Annie Gibbons-Syke, 27,** currently lives in Highland Township and has been a Rockette for nine years. She's also a new mother.

**Filter: What's the greatest misconception about the Rockettes?**

**Stevi:** That we don't eat. I'm an Irish girl, a steak-and-potato girl.

**Annie:** Yeah, we hear that all the time. But you have to eat the food that will get you through performing three shows a day.

**F: In getting through the shows, do you count the kicks, can you estimate the number of kicks you do?**

**Annie:** Of course we count! Approximately 300 kicks per show. Three shows a day with rehearsals. I'd say you could round it off to a nice 1,000 per day.

**F: Are your legs insured?**

**Annie:** We get that question a lot. No, they're not. It's our responsibility to warm up and take care of ourselves.

**F: Are your legs your prime instrument?**

**Annie:** I think the audience comes to see our legs and our kicks.

**Stevi:** Your body is definitely your facility.

**F: If you had to rate your legs on a scale of 1 to 10, what would you give yourself?**

**Annie:** I just had a baby, so I would have to say an 8.75.

There's always room for improvement. But maybe I should go a bit higher. I'm going to go with a 9. I'm the shortest Rockette, and my legs give me the illusion of height.

**Stevi:** I'll give myself a 9 too.

**F: Do you ever wish you could break out of line and do your own thing?**

**Stevi:** I personally don't because I do other things outside the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

**Annie:** Although we're trained to dance alike, I think everybody's individual personality comes out. We're not trained to smile exactly the same way.

**F: What do the Rockettes do for fun during the season?**

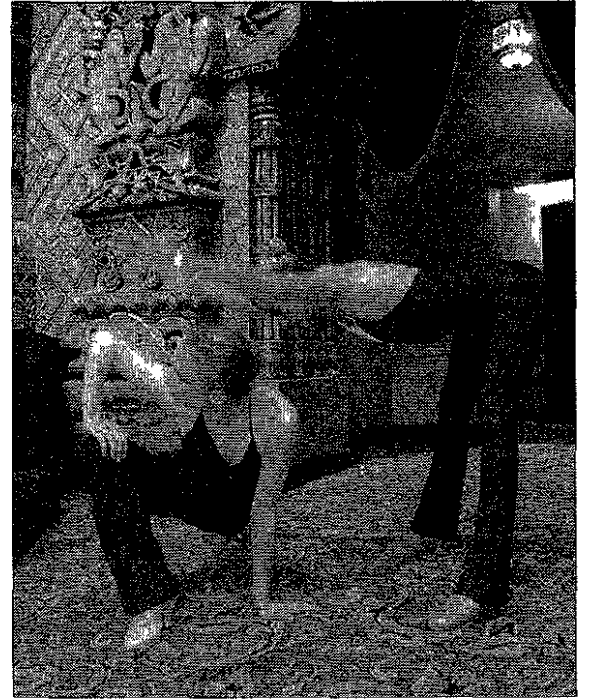
**Stevi:** Go to dinner, go to the mall. We have game night.

**Annie:** We are very normal people.

**Stevi:** We do like to go out dancing but nothing that would jeopardize our jobs.



Annie Gibbons-Syke (left) has been a Rockette for nine years. Stevi Van Meter has been performing eye-high kicks for eight years.



Detroit Rockettes, Annie Gibbons-Syke (left) and Stevi Van Meter, who grew up in Keego Harbor, warm up and stretch in an aisle of the Fox Theatre where rehearsals began last week.

PLEASE SEE ROCKETTES, E9



## Style

# Jewelry is big on variations

They say change is a good thing. At Charlotte, a new downtown Royal Oak jewelry store, change is everything. Interchangeable jewelry systems is the sole fare at Charlotte. But the possibilities are practically endless.

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## ROCKETTES

FROM PAGE E8

**F: When do you shop for Christmas presents?**

Annie: Oh, it's so hard!

Stevi: It has to be last-minute for us.

**F: When did you first see the Rockettes and how did that play into becoming one?**



Detroit Rockette Annie Gibbons-Syke, 27, of Highland Township, jokes around while waiting to rehearse the show at the Fox Theatre.

Stevi: It was at my grandma's house on television. They were performing The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Every year after that, I just loved them. I knew I wanted to be a dancer. I would have loved to be a Rockette, but I didn't really understand what it meant. I was 8 or 9.

Annie: I was a bit older, about 13 or 14. I started dancing when I was 13, and I went to a performing arts high school like *Fame*. I remember one of the directors bringing in tapes of different groups, and that's the first time I saw the Radio City Rockettes. And I knew I would love to have a chance to be a Rockette. The rest is history.

**F: What's your favorite dance step or move?**

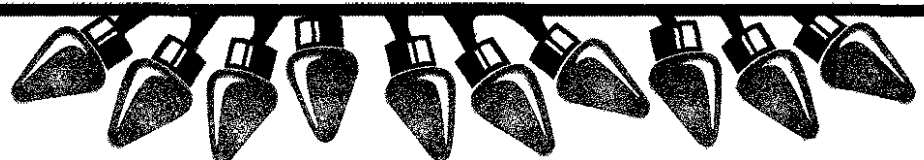
Stevi: I do love to kick!

Annie: My favorite number is The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers.

**F: What's the best thing about being a Rockette?**

Stevi: The children.

Annie: The faces in the audience. To know you're a part of this great holiday tradition. And dancing!



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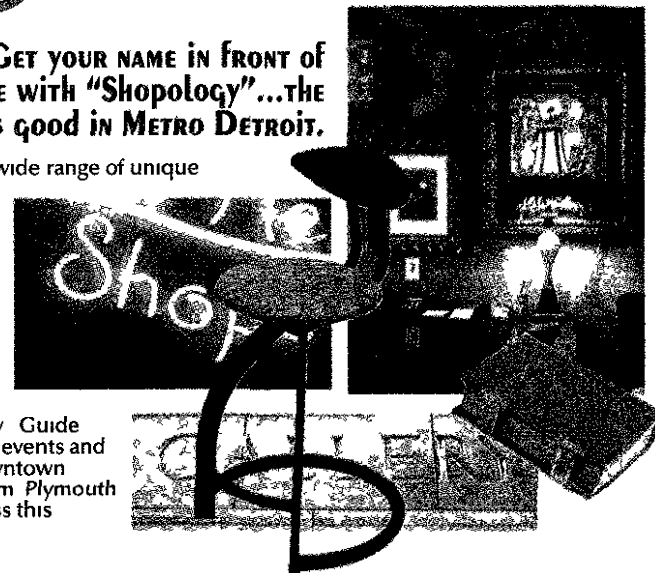
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# A bit of France in the

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
 CORRESPONDENT

Galettes de crabe, huitres au champagne, tournedos au cognac poivre and cote de veau

That and more are on the menu at The Earle Uptown, which opened this past July in Ann Arbor. It's about as French as it gets in metro Detroit.

"The French have great respect for food, Executive Chef Shelley Caughey Adams said. "They take food seriously, and in food preparation, they take more care than the average American. High-quality ingredients are a priority.

"Fastidious is a good word for a French chef."

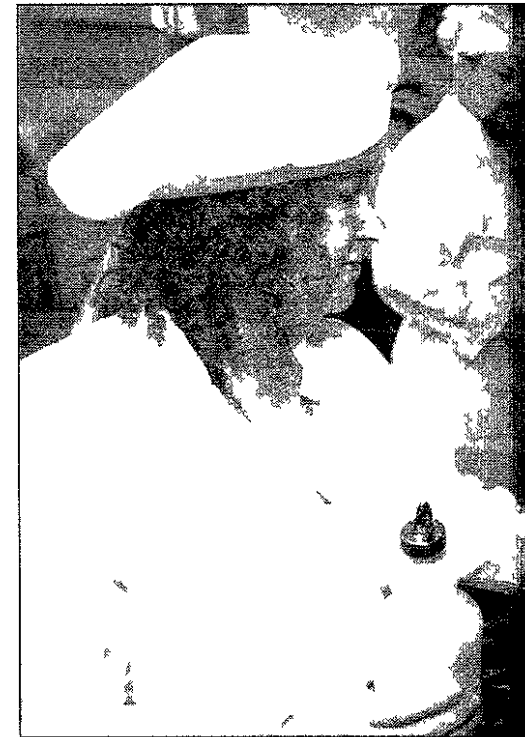
### MICHIGANDER COOKS FRENCH

Although Chef Shelley dubs her food style as a "personal interpretation of French cuisine," she's well prepared to do this.

Born and raised on Detroit's northwest side, Chef Shelley graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York in 1983. At the CIA, French techniques are not simply learned, they're mastered. She began her tenure at the original Earle in 1984. Now, doing double duty, she's in charge of both kitchens.

Considering it a climb up the career ladder, chefs tend to move around. "I can't do that," said Chef Shelley, who with her husband, Stephen Adams, is raising a family in Ann Arbor. "When you're a working mom like I am, it's great to have an accommodating owner like Dennis Webster, who does not run his restaurants with a corporate mentality."

Although the current menu indicates "Fall," Chef Shelley said that it contains



Chef Shelley Caughey Adams makes a flambe at The Earle.

many core items that will remain throughout the winter. "When I make a change, it's for something special or it's based on seasonally available ingredients," she added. "This is a menu of favorites. Repeat diners are returning to enjoy a preferred dish again."

### LEGENDARY EARLE

Ann Arbor's original The Earle was founded in 1977 by Webster, David Rock and Rick Burgess. All three continue their

ownership. In The Earle Uptown, Webster is joined in ownership by his wife Mary Lou.

The Earle Uptown occupies the previous location of restaurant Escoffier in The Bell Tower Hotel.

Former patrons of Escoffier will find updates to the restaurant's interior design, created by Mary Lou Webster.

Window coverings and comfortable chairs are her most obvious and welcomed changes to the 90-seat restaurant.



Dennis Webster, owner of The Earle Uptown in Ann Arbor, displays three of the many French red wines he offers at his restaurant. They include a 2000 Lirac, a 1983 Hermitage and a 1998 Couvent des Jacobins.



# metro area? Mais oui



le Uptown in Ann Arbor



A festive trio of sorbets is offered for dessert at The Earle Uptown in Ann Arbor

Beef tenderloin with cognac and cracked pepper is an alternate grade prime beef selection to three grillades choices a 20-ounce Porterhouse, 14-ounce New York strip or 14-ounce Delmonico

Desserts are housemade along with the French bread and eight-grain bread To end a meal, try warm apple tart with clove ice cream and caramel sauce or frozen hazelnut souffle with hazelnut praline

**... AND MORE**

Just as it is at the original The Earle, the wine list represents the savvy selections of wine steward Steve Goldberg, who has worked for the Earle since its earliest days Only limited by storage space, Goldberg's list includes gems that can be found on only a few wine lists in the area

Located across the street from the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium and within walking distance of the Power Center, Michigan Theater and Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre, The Earle Uptown's French-influenced menu is a welcomed addition to the cultural heart of Ann Arbor

Contact Eleanor Heald at (734) 953 2047 mailbox 1864#



Tournedos Au Cognac Poivre a beef tenderloin with cognac and cracked pepper is a specialty dish

The kitchen received the biggest renovation The Websters have given Chef Shelley custom units and state-of-the-art equipment with which to create her French dishes

**CHEF SELECTS**

Chef Shelley pointed out diner favorites on The Earle Uptown a la carte menu Among les Hors d'oeuvres, galettes de crabe (crab cakes with roasted red pepper and basil sauce) and huitres au champagne (oysters in champagne sauce) take the lead

Although two soups come across as warming on chilly nights, bisque de crevettes (shrimp) bests puree de haricots (beans)

Among salads, champignons sauvages, sauteed wild mushrooms on greens with balsamic vinaigrette, and mesclun with pears, roquefort and a walnut vinaigrette top the list

**THE EARLE UPTOWN**

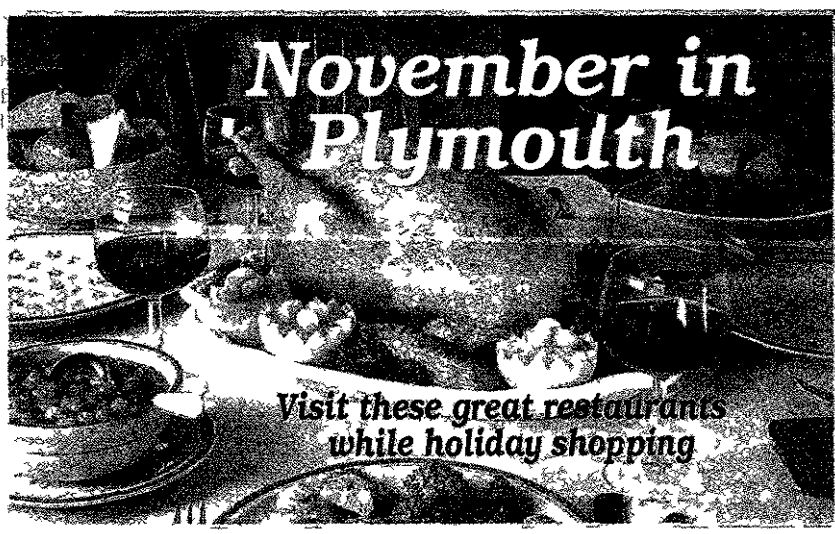
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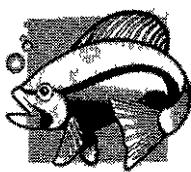
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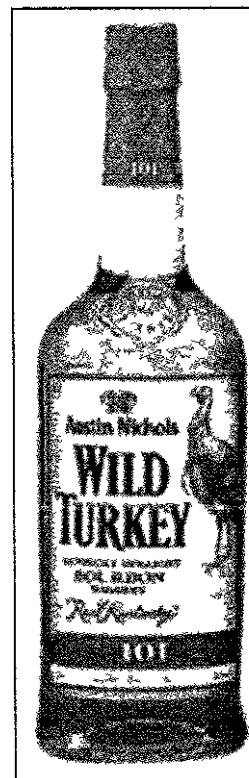
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# Music

## Road is home for songwriter Ari Hest

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He's called the road home for the much of the past three years, and will be performing Friday at Alvin's, a popular hang-out for Wayne State University students. *The Rubber Meets The Road* tour includes bands Psuedopod and The Clarks.

Hest has played hundreds of college towns and clubs, jumping from one city to the next to promote his latest CD, *Story After Story*. The 24-year-old acoustic rock singer/songwriter is inspired by college favorites Dave Matthews, Sting and Jeff Buckley. His music, he said, is for people who want to escape.

In fact, music was his refuge growing up.

"I wasn't into the chques at my school, so to escape I learned Smashing Pumpkins and Pearl Jam songs," Hest said.

With a warm gravelly voice reminiscent of Peter Gabriel, Hest has gone from being a college student who dabbled in music to a career musician.

"I want to sing and play for people every night," he said.

*Story After Story* captures Hest's heart-

### ARI HEST

**Genre:** Acoustic rock

**When:** 8 pm Friday

**Where:** Alvin's: 5756 Cass Ave. Detroit

**Admission:** \$10, call (313) 831-4577 for information

**CD:** *Story After Story* available at [www.arihest.com](http://www.arihest.com) or [www.cdbaby.com](http://www.cdbaby.com)



Ari Hest will play Friday at Alvin's in Detroit

felt, introspective songwriting and rich voice. The songs *Consistency* and *Not For Long* are recent autobiographical powerhouses that reveal the New Yorker's rock instincts.

Hest chose producer David Rolfe (Rufus Wainwright and Patty Griffin) to help record *Story After Story*. Veteran studio drummer Shawn Pelton and keyboardist Doug Petty joined the project.

"Hest has that rare, intangible quality that elevates an artist above mere talent and craft," Rolfe said. "It's honest, you recognize the moment your hear it."

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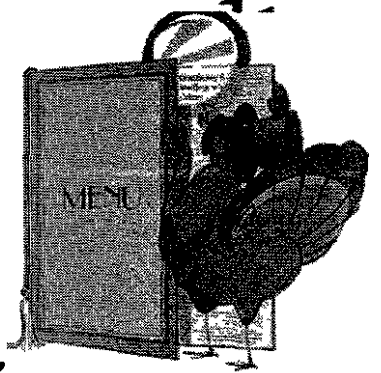
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The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. at the Detroit Public Library on Putnam at Woodward Avenue and marches south to

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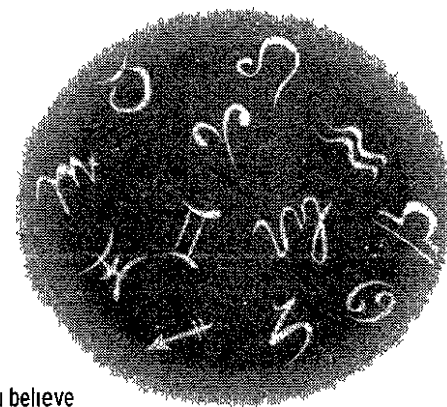
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# Horoscope



## Star Struck

(Nov 20-Nov 22)  
By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

What others say is true and what you believe is true will (still) be at opposite ends of the spectrum during the next few days. Rams: Back up your convictions and question everything you see and hear and shut up! Your eyes and ears won't lie, but others surely will.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Bulls can be extremely emotional, but they are also quite indifferent. Current planetary setup warns that you may be giving someone you're fond of the impression that you no longer care, which could be disastrous! Don't make waves while the tide is turning.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

An ongoing ambition is hindered by your busy sense of duty, and you need to make certain that you are not overestimating your obligations or being overlooked. Feeling the way you do is admirable, but not if it prevents you from accomplishing genuine priorities.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Don't pretend that you're fearless when deep down inside you're shaking in your boots. Moon Kids get anxious, and often so! What is worrying you now is nothing to be ashamed of. The sooner that you own up to your fears, the quicker you'll overcome them.

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Not everything attempted can be achieved, so stop being weird or feeling guilty about falling short of your (peculiar to some) standards. Stellar trends enable you to see things as they really are now. Start fretting about the future. Stop living in the past. Be do now!

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You're going to have to see matters from the perspective of others right now if you're going to get anything accomplished before. O4! It's time to compromise for the sake of progress and peace. Far from being defeatist, it's your astrologically most intelligent option.

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Your natural galactic generosity must be curbed at this time, even if it means saying no to someone whose support you think you need. Don't fret or worry - the situation is about to improve by leaps and bounds. To make the most of it, be strong and go solo.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Even though you want to follow a certain course of action, you must be sure that the possible outcome will fulfill your expectations. Current astro aspects demand some kind of decision. Base it on facts rather than dreams. Scorpi! Don't let others take control.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

No one is trying to take something that is rightfully yours, so you have no need to feel quite so defensive about the actions or reactions of a colleague, relative or friend. What occurs over the next few days will help you understand the reasons behind their behavior.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You appear to have something on your mind and would be well advised to share it with someone who can help solve the problem. Changed circumstances mean changed priorities, so don't be afraid to reconsider a decision. Think innovative, not idiotic.

### AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Your mind is working and percolating quickly now, making you impatient with those whose thought processes seem slow by comparison. Steer clear of large groups of people and spend as much time by yourself as you can. You don't have to suffer fools.

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Something will happen over the next few days that scatters your personal reality view, but don't let it shatter your faith in yourself. Uh-huh! It pays to be suspicious. What you've been led to believe may be false, but what you feel deep inside is real and enduring.

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](mailto:DenFairchild@aol.com).

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At one time poet Sylvia Plath's *The Bell Jar* was the unofficial handbook for artsy disaffected young women With its graphic depictions of suicide attempts electroshock therapy and 1950s era mental institutions the book spoke to a new breed of female one both feminist and tired of the patriarchal pressure of society It also didn't hurt that Plath had her share of soap opera like dramas in her own intense personal life Now her story is being brought to the big screen for the second time (the first being 1979's *The Bell Jar*) *Sylvia* follows the true story of the American poet (played by Gwyneth Paltrow) and her turbulent relationship with English poet Ted Hughes (Daniel Craig) While Plath's children condemned and refused to cooperate with the film it's still a must see for anyone who has ever had a *Bell Jar* phase Run time 1 hour 50 mins Rated R The film is playing at the Landmark Maple Art 4135 West Maple Road in West Bloomfield Call (248) 263 2111 for show times

## Local music

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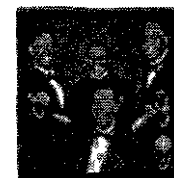
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Two day actors workshop presented by Gordon Michaels 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Sunday Genitt's Theatre 108 E Main St. Northville \$175 call (888) 876-4673 for enrollment information

## DINNER THEATER

### Genitt's Hole-in-the wall

*Motel Murders* 7 p.m. Thursday 6:30 p.m. Saturday 6:30 p.m. Saturday Nov 22 and Nov 29 6:30 p.m. Sunday Nov 30 dinner and show \$45 108 E Main Northville (248) 349-0522 www.genitts.com

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### Storytelling

The Detroit Story League will present *Tellabration* an evening of storytelling for adults 7 p.m. Friday Livonia Civic Center Library 32777 Farmington Road Livonia \$5 at the door

### 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

### Broadway on Stage

*All's Well in 804* comedy by local author Ed Thomas 8 p.m. Friday Saturday through Saturday 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 Baldwin Theatre 415 S Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 541-6430 www.stagecrafters.org

### Clarkston Village Players

*Light Sensitive* by Jim Geoghan 7:30 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. Friday Saturday \$10 Thursday & Sunday \$12 for Friday Saturday (248) 625-8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

### Players Guild of Dearborn

*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

### Grosse Pointe Theatre

*Annie* featuring Dennis Martel! of Livonia as Daddy Warbucks 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium 32 Lakeshore Dr. Grosse Pointe (313) 881-4004 www.gpt.org

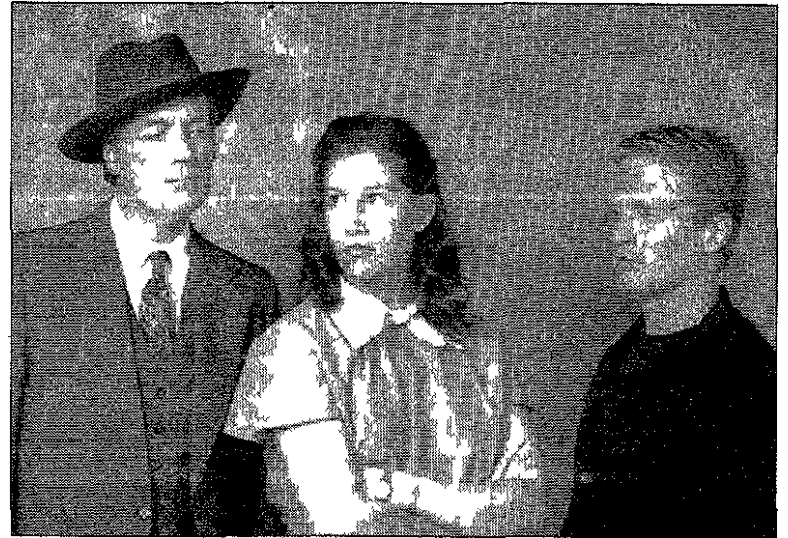
## COLLEGE

### Hilberly

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



The Mark Newton Band plays 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre on the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College, 739 S Washington Tickets \$15, call (248) 246-2625 or (248) 246-2627



Village Players of Birmingham presents 'Stage Door,' a classic play about theater, which inspired the 1930s movie, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. The play features Bryan Conroy (from left) Lauren Franklin and Adam Schomer. Tickets \$15, call (248) 644-2075

## Eastern Michigan University

*The Secret Garden* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 21 22 Thursday Saturday Dec 4 6 2 p.m. Sunday Nov 23 30 and Dec 6 Quirk Theatre EMU campus Ypsilanti \$6 Thursday performances \$14 Friday Saturday \$12 Sunday \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 30 minutes in advance (734) 487-1221

## YOUTH

### 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

### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

*Cinderella* 7 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. Saturday 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday 400 Lone Pine Road west of Christ Church Cranbrook Bloomfield Hills \$7 in advance \$8 door (248) 644-0527 www.stdunstanstheatre.com Portion of proceeds benefit Camp Make A Dream

### Youtheatre

*Laura Ingalls Wilder* 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday Millennium Centre 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. Southfield \$8 advance \$10 day of show (248) 557-PLAY www.youtheatre.org

## DANCE

### Ballroom Dancing

Moondusters will host ballroom dancing to live bands featuring popular swing fox trot waltz cha cha and other Latin 8:30 11:30 p.m. every Saturday \$6 Dressy attire Meet at the Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road and Five Mile Livonia Ballroom dance lessons 7 8 p.m. Saturday call Joe (248) 968-5197

## COMEDY

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Paul Mercurio 8 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday 269 E. Fourth

Royal Oak (248) 542-9900 www.comedycastle.com Next week Horace H B Sanders

### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Mike Green 8 p.m. Thursday (\$7) 8 & 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday (\$10) 314 E Liberty downtown Ann Arbor discount for tickets purchased in advance (734) 996-9080

### Second City Detroit

Ten 8 p.m. Wednesday Thursday (\$15) 7:30 p.m. & 10 p.m. Friday Saturday (\$20) Best of the Second City Touring Company 7 p.m. Sunday (\$12) 2301 Woodward Ave. Detroit (313) 965-2222 Dinner show packages available Call for information

## CLASSICAL/POP

### DSO

Itzhak Perlman performs Beethoven 8 p.m. Thursday 8:30 p.m. Saturday The Max 3711 Woodward Ave. Detroit (313) 576-5111 www.detroitssymphony.org

### Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Night Notes series 8 p.m. Friday Hagopian World of Rugs 850 S Old Woodward Birmingham Kenneth Thompkins trombone Kathryn Goodson piano vocalist/pianist David Vaughn \$19 \$10 children 12 and under (248) 559-2095

### Livonia Symphony Orchestra

Simply Elegant benefit dinner concert Friday at Laurel Manor 39000 Schoolcraft Livonia Doors open 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and a brass quintet four course dinner 6 p.m. followed by silent auction At 8 p.m. the orchestra will present a program that includes Broadway Pops \$50 (734) 591-0266

### Eastman Choral

Birmingham First Concert Series presentation 7:30 p.m. Friday First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham 1669 W Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield Roads Meet the Artists reception follows program Freewill offering

### Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

Pops conductor Charles Greenwall leads



the BBSO 7 p.m. Sunday in a concert featuring flutist Alexander Zonjic at Temple Beth El 14 Mile Road at Telegraph \$25 no charge for kids when accompanied by an adult. Ticket packages are available for a series of three concerts for \$59 (248) 645 2276 www.BBSO.org

#### Chamber music

There are a limited number of single concert tickets for the 2003-04 Chamber Music Society of Detroit season available. Concerts include Dec. 13 Emanuel Ax on piano Jan. 10 2004 Bergen Woodwind Quintet with Orli Shaham on piano. Tickets may be purchased by calling the CMS of Detroit (248) 855 6070

#### FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

##### Blackthorn

At O Mara's Restaurant and Pub 2555 W 12 Mile Road Berkley 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov. 28-29 Dec. 5-6 Dec. 19-20 (248) 399 6750 www.blackthorn1.com

##### Ric Hordinski

Trinity House Theatre 38840 W Six Mile Road Livonia 8 p.m. Saturday \$12 (734) 454 6302

##### The Ark

Greg Brown with Ruthie Foster 7 & 9:30 p.m. Friday Jeff Lang with Grey Delisle 8 p.m. Saturday Holly Near & Cris Williamson 7:30 p.m. Sunday 316 S Main St. Ann Arbor (734) 763 8587 www.a2ark.org

##### Alan Jackson

With Joe Nichols 7:30 p.m. Saturday The Palace \$45.50 & \$29.50 (248) 377 0100 (248) 645 6666 www.palacenet.com

#### JAZZ/BLUES/MOTOWN

##### Ron's Fireside Inn

Harvey Thompson vocals 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 26 28937 Warren Garden City \$5 cover with dinner \$10 cover without dinner and two drink minimum reservations recommended (734) 762 7756

##### Kurt Elling Trio and Marcus Belgrave

At the Max 3711 Woodward Ave. Detroit 8 p.m. Friday \$18 \$52 (313) 576 5111 www.detroitssymphony.org

##### Tribute concert

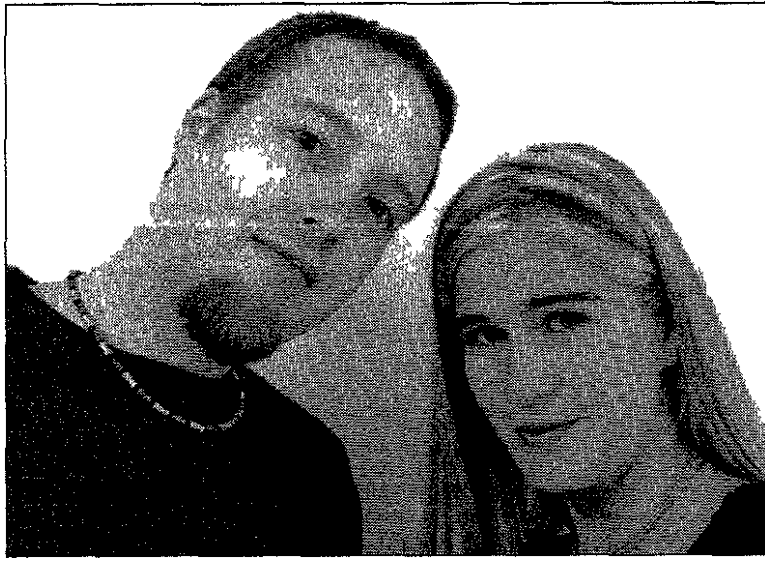
To Donny Hathaway 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Millennium Centre Theatre 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. north of Northland Mall features Thornetta Davis Renee King Jackson Augustus Williamson and other musicians \$25 (248) 645 6666 or (248) 644 4777

##### Battle of the Blues Contest

At Memphis Smoke 100 S Main St. downtown Royal Oak 8 p.m. to midnight. For more information call (866) 464 2947

##### Wood-Ruffs Supper Club

Bob Mervak Trio 8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday 6:9 p.m. Friday Saturday Imperial Rhythm Section 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Paul Vornhagen Duo 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday 212 W Sixth St. Royal Oak (248) 586 1519 www.woodruffs.com



Penumbrae, (pictured) joins Jill Jack, Joe Serrapere, and Chris Buhals 8 p.m. Friday for a concert to benefit singer-songwriter, playwright Alejandro Escovedo at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W Six Mile Road in Livonia. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10, call (734) 464-6302

##### Neptune Quartet

Cello bass guitar and mandolin 8 p.m. Saturday Kerrytown Concert House 415 N Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor \$25 \$15 & \$10 (734) 769 2999

##### Mocha's Coffee Bar and Cafe

Classic tunes of saxophonist Alan Posner and keyboardist Justin Wedes 8-11 p.m. Friday Dec. 12 6343 Haggerty Road West Bloomfield (248) 669 7400

##### Edison's

Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday Stoney Mazar & the Westsiders 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday Saturday 220 Merrill St. Birmingham (248) 645 2150

##### Full Blown Trio

Composer pianist Dave Burrell bassist William Parker percussionist Andrew Cyrille 8 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 25 Kerrytown Concert House 415 N Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor \$25 \$15 & \$10 (734) 769 2999

##### Crown Royal Comedy Soul Festival

Features Earth Wind & Fire The Isley Brothers Rickey Smiley Earthquake Bruce Bruce and Adele Givens 7 p.m. Saturday Fox Theatre (248) 645 6666 (313) 471 6606

#### ROCK

##### Silky's Martini & Musical Cafe

Jill Jack (acoustic rock) Thursday KGB (Motown) Friday Crossroads Blues Band (R&B) Saturday 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. 21931 Michigan Ave. Dearborn \$5 cover week ends after 8:30 p.m. (313) 565 6278 www.silkyslounge.com

##### John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

Annie Capps Band (folk rock music) 10 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 Die 4 9:30 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 26 10 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov. 28-29 33338 Grand River Farmington (248) 474 5941 www.johncowleys.com

##### Audra Kuba

Celebrates release of her new album *Million Year Old Sand* with Terror at the Opera 8 p.m. doors open 9 p.m. per

formance Saturday the Players Club 3211 E. Jefferson Detroit \$10 cover (313) 259 3385

#### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

##### Village Potters Guild Holiday Sale

The work of 20 artisans will be available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Community Arts Council 774 N Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Prices start at \$3 (734) 207 8807 or (734) 416 4278

##### Swedish Christmas Fair

At the Finnish Club 35200 W Eight Mile Road Farmington Hills 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday Swedish food books craft and import items offered for sale Lucia pageant 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. www.swea.org (248) 608 8573 or (734) 207 9732 cash or checks only

##### Kerrytown Concert House

Art for Music's Sake 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday jewelry glass fiber arts pottery purses and other hand-crafted gifts live music portion of proceeds to benefit Kerrytown Concert House 415 N Fourth St. Ann Arbor

##### Epiphany Glass

Holiday show 2-10 p.m. Friday Dec. 5 noon to 5 p.m. Saturday Dec. 6 770 Orchard Lake Road east of Telegraph Pontiac Glass demonstrations by artists throughout the day (248) 745 3786

##### Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center

Holiday shop will offer works by over 90 local artists for sale Dec. 4-13 1516 S Cranbrook Road Birmingham Shop and Champagne preview 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 3 Preview tickets \$40 in advance \$50 at the door \$100 for patrons Holiday shop hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Admission is free On Dec. 6 and 13 children can participate in several fun workshops Call (248) 644 0866 for preview tickets information about the shop

##### Pewabic Pottery

Holiday Invitational Earthly Treasures continues through Dec. 31 items from \$10 to several hundred dollars 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Saturday open until 8 p.m. on Wednesday 10125 E. Jefferson Ave. Detroit (313) 822 0954 www.pewabic.com

##### Thanksgiving Brass Band Festival

The Salvation Army Dearborn Heights Citadel 26700 W Warren between Beech Daly and Inkster Roads 6 p.m. Sunday festival of brass band music Freewill offering (313) 563 4457

##### Holiday Light Ceremony

Farmington City Hall 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 25 (248) 871 5500

#### GALLERY RECEPTIONS/OPENINGS

##### Detroit Institute of Arts

Artseen Founders Junior Council reception 7-11 p.m. Friday in the new DIA dining room hors d'oeuvres and open bar private viewing of *On the Edge* contemporary art from the DaimlerChrysler collection after party 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Congress Restaurant Lounge tickets \$25 in advance \$30 door (313) 833 6760

##### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Tribute to Henry Moore sculpture by Ken Thompson and a Pewabic Pottery exhibition and sale opens 6 p.m. Friday and runs to Dec. 23 Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in historic Avon Township Hall 407 Pine St. downtown Rochester \$5 suggested admission (248) 651 4110 www.pccart.org

##### Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Interior Particular (Jane Lackey) opening reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday artist talk 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 6 on the Oakland University campus next to Meadow Brook Theatre Rochester Exhibit continues to Dec. 21 (248) 370 3005 www.oakland.edu/mbag

##### Maniscalco Gallery

Jazz legend Harvey Thompson & Friends tasting of fine wines and food pairings by John Cowley & Sons 7-10 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 25 17728 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe Work of British artist Fletcher Crossman along with other artists will be available at a special auction beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 per person \$40 per couple 6:30 p.m. reception for early arrivals Pay at door or call (313) 886 2993 www.maniscalcogallery.com

##### Tangent Gallery

Saucy a night of art fashion and music that brings pulp fiction to life doors open 10 p.m. show starts 11:30 p.m. with entertainment by Sparky Devil at Intermission Cost is \$8 drinks popcorn snow cones and other food available 715 Milwaukee Blvd. Detroit Call (248) 336 6633 or (248) 396 0748

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

##### Dog show

Oakland County Kennel Club all Breed Dog Show and Obedience trial 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Sunday at the Pontiac

Silverdome Schedule available at [www.oaklandcountykennelclub.org](http://www.oaklandcountykennelclub.org)

##### Classic car/model train auction

Collection of over 350 collector vehicles from classics and sports cars to muscle cars toy trains and accessories Friday Sunday Novi Expo Center admission \$15 for entire weekend children under 12 free (800) 211 4371 www.rmauctions.com

#### FILM

##### Uptown Birmingham 8

Classic Film Series 11-10 a.m. 110 p.m. 3:15 p.m. 5:15 p.m. 7:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday 211 S Old Woodward Ave. Birmingham \$5.50 (248) 644 FILM

#### MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

##### Cranbrook Institute of Science

Full Circle First Contact Vikings and Skraelings in Newfoundland and Labrador through Jan. 4 39221 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills \$7 adults \$5 children (877) 462 7262 www.cranbrook.edu

##### Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday Saturday at the museum on Van Hoosen Road one mile east of Rochester Road (248) 645 4663 or visit [www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm](http://www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm)

##### Ann Arbor Hands On Museum

Celebrating 20 years of discovery museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science 220 E. Ann 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Sunday \$7 \$5 children students and seniors (734) 995 KIDS or [www.lahom.org](http://www.lahom.org)

##### The Henry Ford

Fall harvest at Greenfield Village Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday \$8.50 \$13.50 (313) 271 1620 For IMAX ticket prices and show times call (800) 747 IMAX (4629)

##### Meadow Brook Hall

Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday Sunday and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday Sunday cost is \$12.50 \$8.50 seniors over age 62 \$6 children under 12 children under 2 free Tea on Tuesday \$35 at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester Visit [www.meadowbrookhall.org](http://www.meadowbrookhall.org)

#### CLUBS/BARS

##### Sevin The Nightclub

Sevin 40 W Pike St. Pontiac (248) 745 7461 [www.sevinthenightclub.com](http://www.sevinthenightclub.com) Hours are 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday Friday and Saturday Ranges from \$5 to \$20 no charge for ladies

##### George & Harry's Blues Cafe

George & Harry's, 22048 Michigan Ave. Dearborn Call (313) 359 2799 Friday and Saturday shows begin at 10:30 p.m. Weekday shows begin at 9 p.m.



## Gallery exhibit

# Breathtaking photographs honor 'Palaces of Prayer'

Laszlo Regos has a story to tell. It's about the powerful beauty of synagogues worldwide, and told in *Palaces of Prayer*, an exhibit of 52 photographic images at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery.

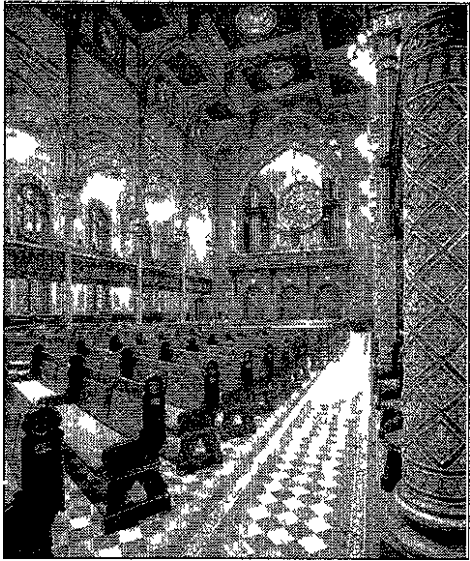
Regos begins with his first visit to Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest, and explains how he was captivated by its rich history. The synagogue, the second-largest in the world, has endured a lot.

"When I was a little boy, my father took me there the very first time. I didn't like the place at all," Regos said. "It was dark, gloomy, the lingering smell of crumbling plaster and mildew was in the air. I didn't understand why everyone's eyes were filled with tears."

"Later, when I understood all too well, I went back (to the synagogue) whenever I could to say Kaddish for my grandparents. They perished, along with 600,000 other Hungarian Jews, during the Holocaust."

### RENOVATION

Regos left Hungary in 1979 for the U.S. to seek political, religious and artistic freedom.



The Central Synagogue in New York City is a replica of the Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest.

### PALACES OF PRAYER

**What:** an architectural photography exhibit by Laszlo Regos

**Where:** Janice Charach Epstein Gallery at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield (248) 661-7641

**When:** Through Wednesday, Nov. 26

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Friday-Saturday.

When he finally returned to Hungary, he visited the Dohany synagogue and was astonished by its renovation.

"She was gorgeous, and probably better than when she was born in 1859. Her breathtaking beauty made me fall in love," he said.

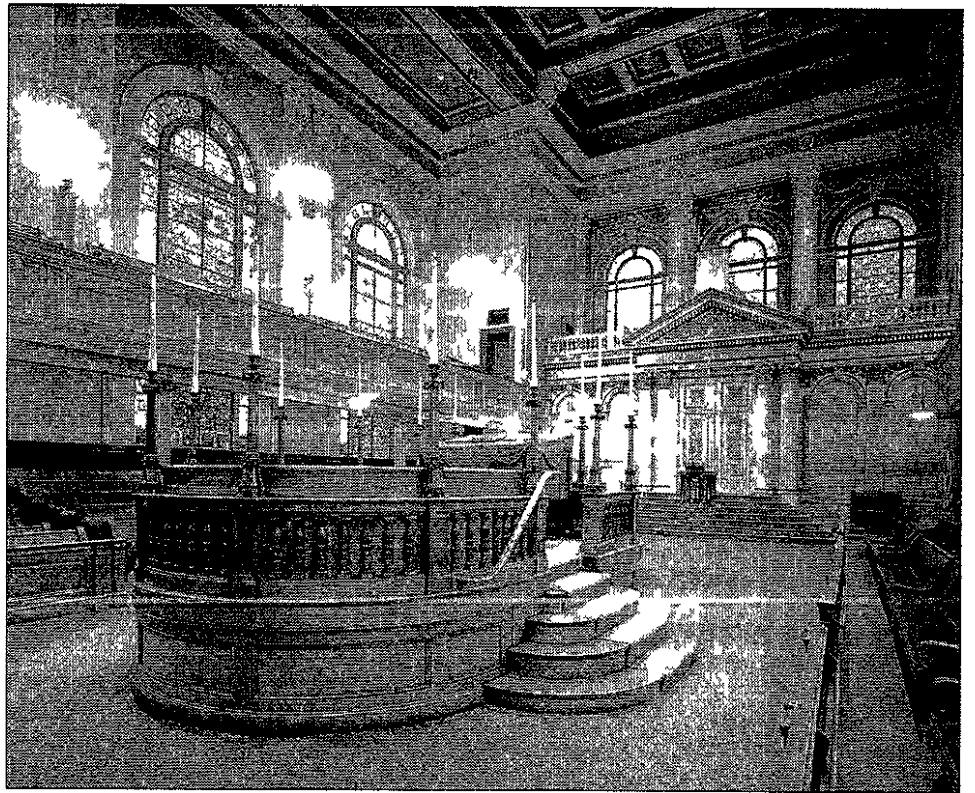
In New York, he saw a replica of his beloved Budapest synagogue. The photographer snapped images of it and from there his project took off. He began photographing synagogues worldwide, from Michigan to California to Budapest and beyond.

His award-winning photographs have been published in many architectural magazines.

In *Palaces of Prayer*, Regos placed several photographs of the ceilings of synagogues on the ceiling of the gallery, so don't forget to look up.

Harvey Friedrich, executive director of Beth Shalom in Philadelphia, a synagogue designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, describes Regos as a photographer with an exceptional eye.

"Laszlo looks at a building in ways other people do not normally see it," Friedrich said. "That is where his creativity really shines. Many of his synagogue photographs are breathtaking."



Laszlo Regos' exhibit of synagogue photographs includes the Shearit Israel Spanish Portuguese Synagogue in New York.

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# Billboard has something to say about Detroit

Call it drive-by art, if you like

But you can't disregard the fact that everybody who passes the corner of Woodward and Maplehurst in downtown Ferndale sees The Public Art Project

It's a billboard on the exterior of the Lemberg Gallery where artists' works are rotated about every six weeks

The overall mission is to give the gift of art to the public and give the artist a different forum and audience for their work, said Sarah Tanner, director of the project and an assistant at the gallery

## ON DISPLAY

Currently on display through Saturday is local artist Sacha Eckes' *DETROIT*, a colorful yet somber, graphic depiction of the city

Eckes grew up in Belgium and moved to Detroit from San Francisco after a fire destroyed everything she owned. Eckes, who was just visiting the Detroit area, said the city's abandoned and burned-out buildings spoke to her situation, so she decided to move here

"I kind of related to the city, and, initially, I really felt this opportunity I was intrigued. Detroit is unlike any other city I had seen before," said Eckes. "Then I got to thinking, 'Why is it taking so long to rebuild this city?'"

The question inspired *DETROIT*, which Eckes describes as both somber and hopeful in that it depicts a city that's making, at best, a feeble attempt to rebuild itself. Nonetheless, the city does try and "I do feel some

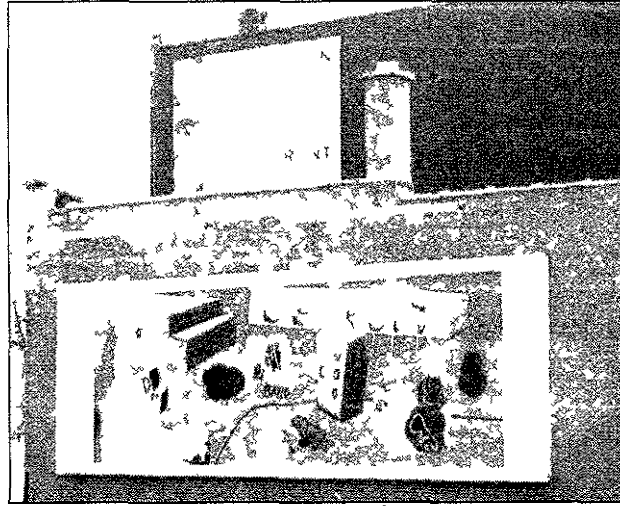


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'DETROIT' by artist Sacha Eckes, is a commentary on the city

energy in the city, she said

Eckes attributes her perspective to her European upbringing. Cities devastated by war there are rebuilt quickly, there isn't much tolerance for waiting, she said

## EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

*DETROIT* aims to get viewers to see Detroit through

## ON THE BOULEVARD

**What:** The Public Art Project's current outdoor billboard exhibition *DETROIT*

**When:** Daylight hours through Saturday

**Where:** Billboard outside the Lemberg Gallery, 23241 Woodward Ave., just north of 9 Mile Road at the corner of Maplehurst, on the west side of Woodward

**Information:** No charge for more details or to make a donation to the project. Call (248) 591-6623 or send an e-mail to sarah@lembertgallery.com

the European perspective

Eckes' piece is representative of the work sought by The Public Art Project, said Tanner. "It has to in some way speak to the fact that it's on a billboard and somehow to its context."

The criteria explains why mostly local artists are featured. The project began more than 10 years ago and recently was organized as a nonprofit organization. Tanner hopes to eventually expand its reach.

"We'd like to have more billboards in Detroit and be more rotational, maybe have a piece that starts in Ferndale and then moves to Detroit and so forth."

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**Wednesday, Dec. 3rd-Gifts and Jewelry**  
Philip Cox-Johnson from Gospel Colors will be available with stoles

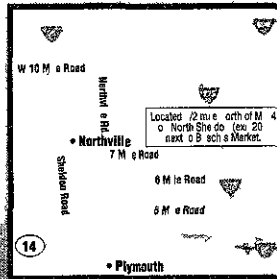
**Thursday, Dec. 4th-Education Resources**

**Friday, Dec. 5th-Preaching, Worship & Lectionary Resources**  
Tim Cochran from Collegiate Cap & Gown will be able to answer your robe questions

**Saturday, Dec. 6th-Children's Books, Videos, Music**  
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Sunday, January 25—4:00 p.m. Tickets \$19-\$25

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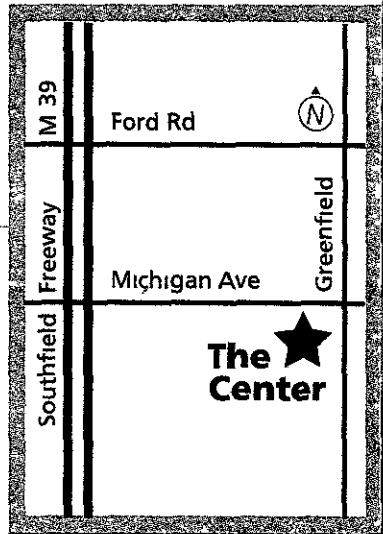
Saturday, April 24—8:00 p.m. Tickets \$29-\$32

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Friday, May 14—8:00 p.m. Tickets \$35-\$39



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