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Cheer Club

The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club. Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at



794 S. Main in Plymouth, during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday

The items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 10, when we'll turn them over to the good folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the donations to needy people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

When you bring your donations to the office, we'll ask you to leave your name and hometown, so we can recognize your generosity in the paper.

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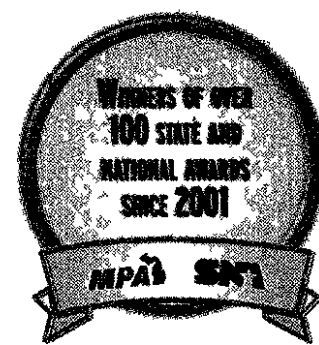
Santa's arrival

After making his list and checking it twice, Santa is due to hit Plymouth on his regularly scheduled stop at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be presented with the key to good boys' and girls' hearts, and will join the crowd in singing Christmas carols. Santa will then retire to his house on Main Street, where he will visit with children that night, and each weekend through Christmas.

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Volunteer Pamela Ewer loads canned goods into the boxes. Many of the canned goods used in the Thanksgiving baskets were donated through canned food drives conducted in Plymouth-Canton schools.

Much for which to be thankful

Annual basket donations provide holiday happiness

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Some 200 needy families in the area are celebrating Thanksgiving with a traditional meal, and they've got the volunteers and generous donors who help the Plymouth Salvation Army to thank for it.

Volunteers spent most of Monday afternoon packing some 200 boxes with the kinds of goodies traditionally served on Thanksgiving tables.

"We like to help as many people as we can, that's pretty much our mission," said Bill Moritz, the Salvation Army's outreach coordinator. "We couldn't possibly do it without the generosity of the community."

Each box contained canned goods, turkey, veggies, potatoes and a pie and other assorted goodies. Much of the canned goods came were raised in canned food drives conducted at Plymouth-Canton middle schools.

At Allen Elementary School, for instance, a pizza party was at stake for the winning class in a canned food drive, organized by the Allen Student Council.



Thanksgiving food packages move down the assembly line as Plymouth Salvation Army volunteers work to help needy families.

Competition was fierce and ended up in a tie between Terr Kolakowski's fourth-grade class and the fifth-graders in Gail Maloney's class. "It's very satisfying when you see

the children in our community care that much about helping," Moritz said. "That's a pretty good indication of what this community is like."

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Local fans sit ringside for brawl

Women were 'captains' for Palace fight night

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Gayle Weast of Plymouth and Patti Cappuccitti of Canton Township are fanatic Detroit Pistons fans. Enough so that Weast (who has season tickets), Cappuccitti and a couple of other friends attend nearly 25 games a year at The Palace of Auburn Hills to cheer on their favorite team.

The four have become quite popular at The Palace, rooting on the Pistons while wearing jerseys and buttons and slapping ThunderStix to make noise.

In fact, Weast, Cappuccitti and their friend, Bobbe Krajca of Bloomfield Township, were honorary captains at Friday night's game against the Indiana Pacers, meeting at center court with Pistons players Ben Wallace and Chauncey Billups and the Pacers' Jermaine O'Neal and Austin Croshere before tipoff.

Usually, before the game, the referees remind the team captains about good sportsmanship.

"I guess we didn't do a very good job," said Weast, whose group was treated to seats four rows behind the Pistons' bench.

With just 45 seconds left in the game, and the Pistons down by 15 points, a melee began as a confrontation on the court resulted in Pacers' players charging into the stands and fighting with fans in what is being called a "basket brawl."

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Board gets started on new term

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

New Plymouth Township Supervisor officially began his first term in elected office with a swearing-in ceremony at St. John's Golf & Conference Center Monday night.

At the other end of the spectrum, clerk Marilyn Massengill and trustees Kay Arnold and Charles Curmi began their fourth terms as the new board, elected earlier this month, officially took over after being sworn in by 35th District Court Chief Judge John MacDonald.

While Reaume was excited about starting the first year of his political career, Curmi was equally happy about starting his 13th.

"It's always refreshing and exciting, with new people and new challenges," said Curmi, first elected, along with Massengill and Arnold, in 1992. "You really can get things done. They might not be monumental things, but they're important."

Reaume was elected to replace Steve Mann, who passed the state bar exam and has taken a job with the Detroit law firm Miller

Canfield Massengill and Treasurer Ron Edwards, who earned a third term, were also returned to office. Trustee Bob Doroshewitz was elected to his first term. Also sworn in were deputy clerk Joe Bridgman and deputy treasurer Amy Hammye.

Reaume, a former trustee at Schoolcraft College, said the scope of the job is something that becomes apparent fairly early.

"Even on your first day on the job, you start to grasp the large scope of the position and

PLEASE SEE BOARD, A5



Plymouth Township trustees Kay Arnold (from left), Bob Doroshewitz, Steve Mann and Charles Curmi repeat the oath of office as Judge John MacDonald swears them in Monday night.

City waits for grant to clean brownfields

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The City of Plymouth is awaiting word on a \$200,000 federal grant to help pay for the costs of brownfield site assessments throughout the city.

City Manager Paul Sincock said the money will be used to offset costs currently being paid for by the city through its Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, which in effect rebates tax dollars to developers who clean up contaminated property.

"We'll use some of the money

for the property at 100 S. Mill Street (the former Bathey property), and the rest for other citywide sites that may qualify for initial site assessments," said Sincock, "such as the old gas station at Main and Wing streets, the CSX Railroad property (off Pearl Street) and any other old industrial properties that may qualify."

"If we get the grant, we can use some of the federal money to do some of the site work, and then we don't have to use the tax increment plan, he said. "It's good for the city."

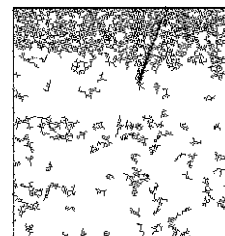
According to the grant applica-

tion, site assessment costs for the former Daisy Air Rifle property were in excess of \$100,000. Estimated costs for the environmental investigations on the Bathey property are equally as costly.

"The cleanup and redevelopment costs could potentially be many times the grant amount as evidenced by the clean up costs at the Daisy Air Rifle property, which were in excess of \$2 million," according to the grant application.

"We hope to hear about the federal grant in the spring of 2005," Sincock said.

Coming Sunday in your Plymouth Observer



East meets West  
Conference explores Chinese alternative medical therapies in Sunday's Health section

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For more information contact librarian Darlene Ursel at (734) 453-0750, Ext 206.

**GIFT WISH LIST**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, working with realtors around the Plymouth community, has come up with a way to take the guesswork out of Christmas shopping. The chamber is offering the Gift Wish List Program, where participating merchants will maintain a list of items customers have registered as being part of their "wish list." Customers will then receive a "Gift Wish Card" designating

the merchants with which they are registered. For more information, call (734) 453-1540.

**STRATEGIC FOX SHOPPING**

Christmas shoppers looking for golf-related items for any golfers on their gift list have a new place to shop. The Strategic Fox Clubhouse "Christmas Gift Shop" is now open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township. The shop will be open all week the week before Christmas (Dec 19-24). For more information, call (734) 453-7272.

**CANTON CONCERT BAND**

The Canton Concert Band presents its holiday concert, "A Sleigh-Ride Celebration," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec 11. The evening of classic and holiday favorites will be at the new Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton. Tickets are \$8, and are available at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, 734-394-5460. For more information about the concert or the band, go to www.cantonband.com.

**PLAYERS' PRODUCTION**

The Plymouth Uptown Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council pres-

ent "The Trial of Goldlocks," a one-act fairy tale fantasy in verse by Joseph Robinette. Performances are at 7 p.m. Dec 3, 2 and 7 p.m. Dec 4 and 2 p.m. Dec 5 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth. Tickets, priced at \$5, are available by calling (734) 416-4278.

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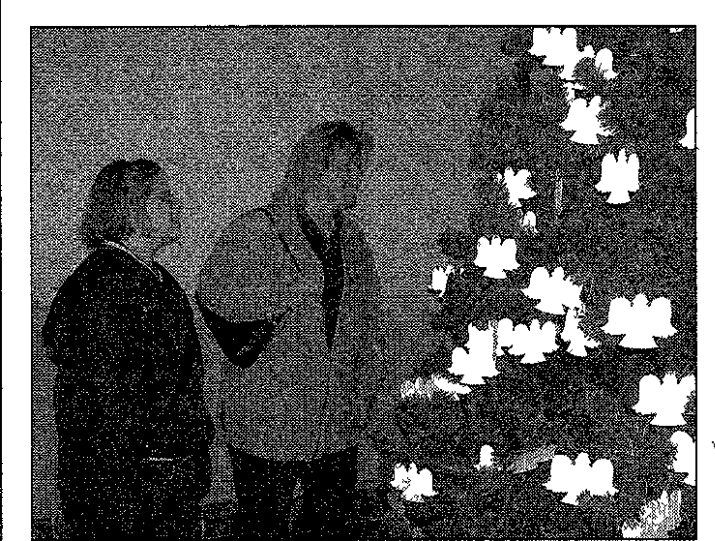
Mel's Golden Razor will once again be collecting new toys for needy families and kids. It's the 25th year the barber shop has collected toys. Donations will be collected starting Nov 25, and the program runs through Dec 18. Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest. For more information, call (734) 455-9057.

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**JEWELRY FESTIVAL**

Native West in downtown Plymouth celebrates its 15th annual "Holiday Jewelry Festival," featuring a selection of Native American jewelry from the southwest, Dec 2-5. It's a trunk show of Native American jewelry offering an assortment of sterling silver using turquoise, sparkling opals, coral and gold. The show will also feature a selec-



**Tree of Life**

Bailey and Cindy Fox of Plymouth look at the angels on the Angela Hospice Tree of Life, which opened last Saturday at Laurel Park Place in Livonia, marking the 17th year for this fund-raiser, which supports Angela Hospice's programs serving terminally ill children and adults. The Tree of Life is a familiar site to many Laurel Park Place shoppers who have placed an angel ornament honoring their loved one on the tree for a donation to Angela Hospice. The Tree of Life will be on display next to the Von Maur entrance inside Laurel Park Place through Dec 30. To add an ornament honoring your loved one, visit the Tree of Life in person during mall hours, or call Angela Hospice at 734-HOSPICE.

tion of inlay pieces with hand-cut stones.

The event runs 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec 2 (with food and refreshments), 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Dec 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec 4 (with free carriage rides from noon-4) and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec 5. Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, call (734) 455-8838.

**HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE**

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors kicks off the holiday shopping season and helps a good cause at the same time from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 1, at the Plymouth

**Cultural Center**

The Holiday Marketplace is a one-stop holiday shopping extravaganza with almost two dozen vendors. This marketplace will include everything from children's toys to gourmet chocolates, from house wares to skin care, from floral arrangements to candles and cosmetics to jewelry. It's all together in one location under one roof. Vendors will have items for take with purchases, plus accepting orders, many are offering special discounts. All vendors have donated a product representing their line to offer for our raffle to assist efforts in the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program.

In addition, we will have a complimentary refreshments & dessert station. Admission and parking is free. The Plymouth Cultural Center is located at 525 Farmer. For more information, call Pat Edmunds, (734) 454-0645.

**HOLIDAY GREENS MART**

The Plymouth Garden Club offers its Holiday Greens Mart from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec 4 at Beitner's Jewelry, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail, in downtown Plymouth. Offerings include Boxwood wreaths, Noble Fir/Incense Cedar wreaths, mixed-green bundles, mixed-green roping

and handmade bows. Proceeds support college scholarships granted to local high school students. For more information, call (313) 594-0540.

**CHORUS FUND-RAISER**

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2005 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment, sporting events and more. The price has been reduced to \$20. Books can be delivered, if desired, and can be ordered by calling Stan Kovacheff, (734) 459-6829.

**HEALTH SCREENINGS**

Advanced Screening offers six primary health screenings aimed at detecting the risk of stroke and vascular disease at the Plymouth Elks lodge Thursday, Dec 16. Screenings include a Carotid artery scan, an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm test, an Ankle Brachial Index, a blood cholesterol screen, an EKG and an Echocardiogram. The screenings are not being administered free of charge, tests cost between \$35-\$40, with an \$80 fee for the echocardiogram. Written results are provided immediately. Anyone interested in the screenings is being asked to register at least 24 hours in advance. Call (800) 541-8110 to schedule an appointment.

**CHURCH CONCERT**

The first in the 2004-2005 St. John's Episcopal Church Concert Series takes place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec 5, featuring the Madonna University Choral, and the direction of Dr. David Wagner. The chorale will perform a concert of French carols, the Christmas Motet by Francis Poulenc, and the Magnificat by Marc Antoine Charpentier, along with a sing-along. The concert is free, a free-will offering will be accepted at the door to help support the series. The concert takes place in the Nave of St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth. Tickets can be reserved by calling (734) 453-0190, Ext 16.

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It is estimated that 80% of Americans will have significant low back pain at some point in their lives. Lower back pain is second only to the common cold as the leading cause of lost workdays for adults under the age of 45. Common causes of low back pain include sprain and strain wear and tear associated with age osteoporosis and fractures or a protruding disc. Most low back pain can be treated with medication and activity modification and most research indicates that light activity speeds healing and recovery. With this in mind once the pain decreases it may be helpful to consult with a physical therapist who can guide you through a rehabilitation program. If you are suffering from chronic lower back pain ask your doctor about the benefits of physical therapy as a part of your treatment program. At HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, we provide rehabilitation for orthopedic and sports injuries including those involving necks and backs and industrial injuries. To schedule an appointment call us at 455 8370. We are conveniently located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth.

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# Tuning up

## Symphony brings music to the children

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

It only took a few bars of music before the hands began waving like flags

Most everyone in the audience knew what Antoine Hackney was playing on his viola. It may have sounded classical, but it was unmistakably Nickelodeon's *Fairly Odd Parents*.

And just as many hands shot up in the air with his second piece, the theme for the *Powerpuff Girls*.

"Wow, you guys are smart," Hackney said. "The coolest thing about playing music is that you don't always have to play the music the teacher tells you to. You can play what you want."

Hackney was part of a quartet of string and woodwind players from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra who performed at Schweitzer Elementary School Thursday, one of 20 appearances the group made in Wayne-Westland 17 elementary schools during the past 1 1/2 weeks.

Joining Hackney for the performances for third-graders were violinist Kathy Zuchniewicz, bassoonist Nina Flanigan and Susan Owen-Bissiri on the oboe.

While Zuchniewicz talked about the use of horse hair for the bow of her violin and led the group in a little of Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik*, Hackney was playing the *Star Wars* theme and telling students the violas "are right next to the cellos" in an orchestra.

When not talking about their instruments, they were answering the students' questions. Questions like how large is an orchestra - 12 to 150 musicians - the purpose of the pegs on violins and violas - to regulate the sound of the string - and how long they practice.

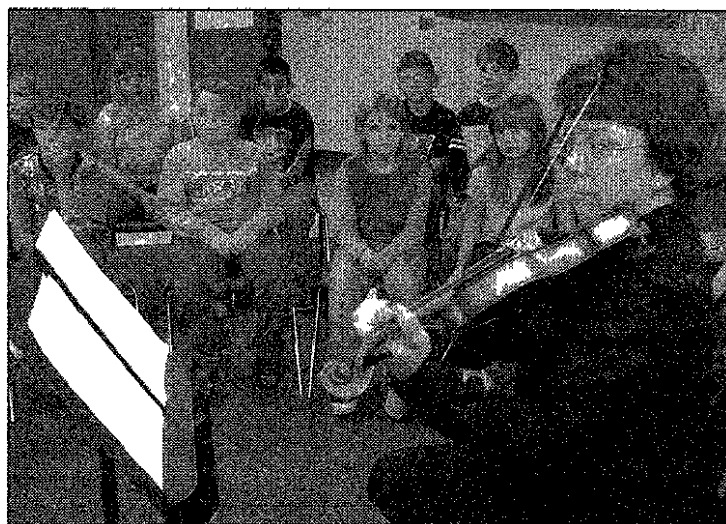
"Thirty minutes day you play a few notes, if you want to be awesome," said Hackney. "But to make lots and lots of money you have to practice a lot. I practice six hours a day." "Lots of times, they ask how long we've played and what the black thing (chin rest) is on the violin," Zuchniewicz said. "Sometimes they ask why the oboe player turns red."

### PARTNERSHIP

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra is collaborating with the Wayne-Westland Schools to bring the music enrichment program to elementary students. Organized by elementary music teacher Betsy Barthing and Cindy Swift, executive director of curriculum and staff development, it's being funded with several grants.

The program brings members of the orchestra to every elementary school in the district to talk about and demonstrate string, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments to third- and fourth-grade classes.

Members of the orchestra will visit the schools twice this year to talk to students about their instruments and how an



Violinist Kathy Zuchniewicz demonstrates the sounds produced by drawing the horse hair bow over the strings

orchestra works

"There's a lot of connection to the academic program, it's not just a fun assembly," said Swift, who watched the performance at each of the schools. "They've really made an effort to give information in age appropriate ways. They give it in a way that makes sense to the kids."

"Antoine is so much on their level."

The district's fourth-graders will get one musical visit during the winter months, then will join fifth-graders for a performance by the entire orchestra next year. They will work on their concert behavior and concert terms and read the book *Paddle to the Sea* by Clancey Holling. The Plymouth Symphony is 'a champion of new music' and is working on a score for the book, Swift said.

"When they see the symphony and hear the music selection, it will go with the book," said Swift.

But for this visit, the quartet talked about their instruments and then played selections, demonstrating their sounds. Owen-Bissiri explained how she makes the reeds for her instrument from cane that comes from the cane fields of France.

"Because it's a short instrument, it has a higher pitch," she said. "The oboe tunes up the orchestra, so all the

instruments have the same pitch as the oboe."

A high woodwind, the oboe plays melodies in the orchestra, she said, demonstrating with a staccato piece from the *Nutcracker* and a marcato, the *Waltz of the Flowers*.

### 'LOWEST VOICE'

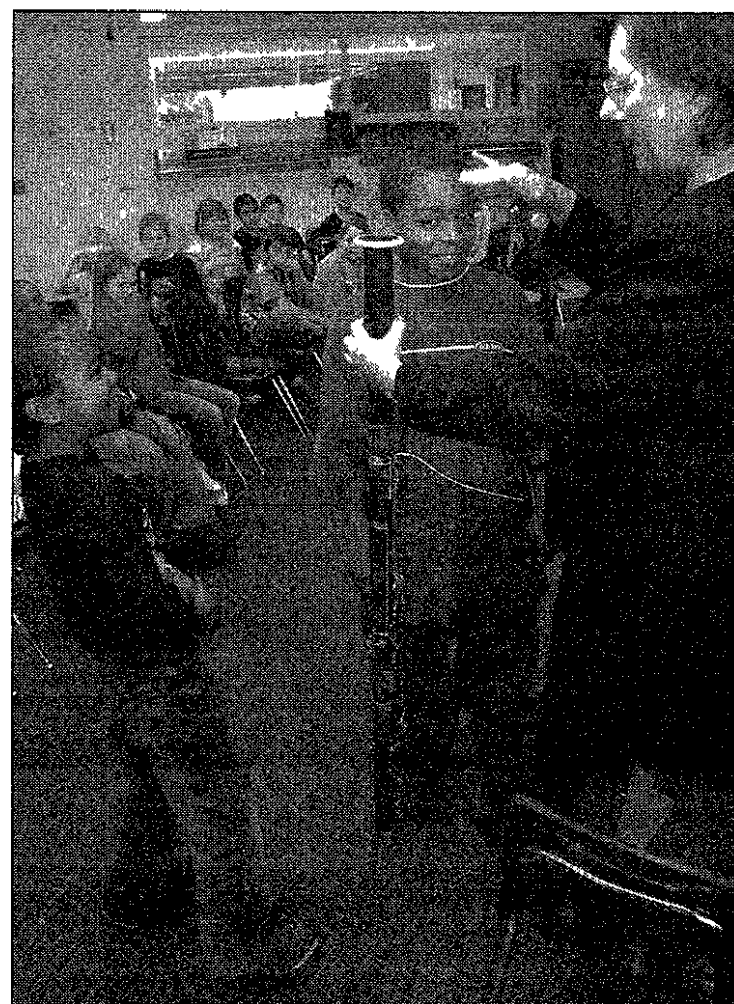
The bassoon, however, is the "bass member of the woodwinds," Flanigan told the students. It has the lowest voice and can play a low E flat, its lowest key that can sound like a boat. And unlike the oboe, the bassoon has a double reed.

"I can play something smooth up high or short notes by tonguing the notes," she added.

Teacher Carol Osterling was excited about seeing the reeds, telling the performers how her students made their own reeds and sounds.

"They took straw and cut it and learned to use their lips to make sound," she said. "This is a wonderful experience that fits in with what the students have learned about pitch."

Youngsters also were treated to the sounds of Scott



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Schweitzer Elementary third-graders Donnique Harris (left) and James Johnson measure themselves with the bassoon played by Nina Flanigan of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

Joplin whose ragtime music was the foundation for jazz. The quartet played Joplin's *Maple Leaf Rag*, a catchy tune that had one student conducting the group from her seat.

"This has been a wonderful experience," said Zuchniewicz. "A lot of kids might not see a violin, if it were not for these programs. I've always wanted to try an organize a children's concert in the schools. We're very lucky to have the funding for this."

Swift had praise for the teachers who prepared the youngsters for the visit.

She also hopes such visits will prick students' interest in instrumental music.

"Because we don't have instrumental music in the elementary, but we do have it in the middle school, we hope we can build on this and have more transition."

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# Fireworks set the stage for Lightfest 2004

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano officially opened LightFest 2004 Thursday with a fireworks display at the Merriman Hollow Area of Hines Park.

The annual display of holiday lights features more than 1 million lights on 35 animated displays. It is the Midwest's largest and longest light show. The complete Lightfest route is over four miles of Hines Drive. Lightfest is open every day through Jan. 1, except for Christmas Day.

Dec. 7, 14 and 21 will be Toy Nights. Wayne County will be lending a hand to provide toys to disadvantaged children in Wayne County. On these three nights, the community will be invited to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of the suggested \$5 donation fee. Visitors are welcome to con-



Kendall and Tyler Milo of Canton got to meet with Santa at the opening of Lightfest 2004 at Hines Park on Thursday. Santa's Workshop is at the end of the Lightfest drive at the Warrendale Picnic Area.

tribute the recommended donation.

At the end of the festival drive, visitors can stop by Santa's Workshop at the Warrendale Picnic Area for refreshments and gift shopping. Santa will be there from Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve. Outside of Santa's workshop there will be a giant mail-

box where kids of all ages can drop off their letters to Santa. Santa's elves will pick up the letters each night.

Reindeer Nights at the Warrendale Picnic Area will be held Dec. 6, 13 and 20. At the conclusion of the display, families and friends are invited to stop by for free visit with Santa's reindeer. Visiting with

the reindeer is free.

Hines Drive will be closed to traffic nightly beginning at 5:45 p.m. Lightfest will begin at 7 p.m. each night. Visitors enter Wayne County Lightfest at Hines Drive and Merriman, 2-1/2 miles south of I-96 in Westland. For more information on Wayne County Lightfest, call (734) 261-1990.

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# First Step focuses on domestic violence

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Social worker Carmen Dominguez knows issues of power and control are at the heart of domestic violence.

"Domestic violence is not physical only," she told a Tuesday, Nov. 23, meeting of the Plymouth A.M. Rotary Club. It's emotional and psychological.

Dominguez told Rotarians and guests that three out of five U.S. families have experienced some form of domestic violence. Women are more likely to be victims than men, domestic violence can occur in same-sex relationships as well.

First Step, founded in 1978 and serving western Wayne County, operates a 42-bed shelter which Dominguez said is generally full. Services also include training for police, attorneys and judges.

"We try to help them understand what domestic violence is all about," she said. "We need the understanding of the people in the criminal justice system."

The agency does some prevention work, including high school programs on sexual assault. Volunteers and staff are on call to area hospitals to aid victims of domestic

violence and sexual assault. Assistance is available at (734) 459-5900 or toll-free at (888) 453-5900, 24 hours a day. For information on volunteering or general questions, call (734) 416-1111.

"Every nine seconds, a woman gets beaten in the United States," Dominguez told the Plymouth Cultural Center audience, adding domestic violence kills more women than cancer or heart disease. The primary killer is domestic violence.

First Step, with offices in Plymouth, Redford and Taylor, serves a number of clients and their families. Dominguez cited subtle isolation from friends and family as a sign of domestic violence.

"There are a lot of red flags," she said in response to a question from Rotarian Peter Bunting. The batterer tends to check on this person a lot.

Making big decisions, such as a home purchase, on his own is another sign, she said.

Bob Scoggins, club president and retired city of Plymouth police chief, had praise for First Step. The agency has made police officers' jobs easier, Scoggins said.

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# Credit union repeats in spelling bee

How do you spell R-E-P-E-A-T?

For the second year in a row, Community Financial employees won the championship trophy from The Community Literacy Council's annual Spelling Bee competition.

This was the 14th year of the spelling bee competition, held recently at Yazaki's Learning Center in Canton. Community Financial has participated for the past five years.

Presenting the Bruce D. Berry Memorial Traveling Trophy to the credit union's 2004 Spelling Bee Champion team were Carol Saunders, president of the Community Literacy Council and Suzanne Stichler, tutor coordinator.

Community Financial's Champion Spelling Bee Team members included

employees Kim Kerr, lending quality analyst and Sue Bellaire, technical training coordinator.

They bested 11 other teams that participated in the competition that was sponsored by local businesses.

The team approach truly mirrors how we work together at Community Financial on a daily basis, said Bellaire, who also served on last year's winning team.

More than \$4,000 was raised from the annual competition and will be used by the Community Literacy Council, Inc. to provide free tutoring to adults in western Wayne County who need help reading, writing and speaking English.

Headquartered in Plymouth, Community Financial is a fed-



Accepting the 2004 Spelling Bee Champion trophy are (from left) Community Financial employees Kim Kerr and Sue Bellaire standing with Community Literacy Council President Carol Saunders and Tutor Coordinator Suzanne Stichler.

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## FOR THE RECORD

- DEATHS**
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Beatrice H. Conroy, 92, formerly of Birmingham died Nov. 20.
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Cecelia Josephine Grewe, 82, of Richmond died Nov. 20.
- K**  
Emmet Jeremiah Killeen, 82, of Livonia died Nov. 16.
- L**  
Kenneth M. Lyday, 70, died Nov. 21.
- R**  
Mary Perry Randall, 83, formerly of Redford Township died Nov. 22.  
Armella Evelyn Richmond, 93, of Perry died Nov. 21.

**For the Record** appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports section in *Passages* on page C9.

Randall W. Russell, 50, of Novi formerly of Redford died Nov. 18.

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Plymouth Township Deputy Treasurer Amy Hammye (center) and deputy clerk Joe Bridgman share a laugh with Clerk Marilyn Massengill after Massengill administered the oath of office at Monday's swearing-in ceremony

**BOARD**

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the importance of providing public safety, Reaume said. It's a very exciting time for myself and my family.

While increasing recreational opportunities and shepherding the new township hall project are main items on Reaume's agenda, he said

budget problems could come up with a looming deficit in the state's budget.

"The biggest challenge will be the current and future decline in state-shared revenue," Reaume said. "We have the potential to lose hundreds of thousands of dollars from the state. A looming billion-dollar shortfall in the state's fiscal budget can only have a direct and negative impact on all municipalities."

Curmi said he looks forward to serving the township, a service he said gives him a great deal of personal satisfaction.

"The United States was founded on people taking time out from their private lives and going out and serving," Curmi said. "Washington and Jefferson gave up great jobs to serve. When you realize that, this sacrifice is modest."

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**Police investigate carpet store owner**

BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Customers of Dalley Carpet in Farmington have filed complaints with the Farmington Public Safety Department after paying deposits for work that never happened.

The customers told police they put deposits down for carpet or flooring jobs and have received nothing in return and they have not been able to contact the store owner. The customers paid by personal check. At least 10 customers are out about \$1,000 each, said Chuck Nebus, Farmington Public Safety Department director. Dalley Carpet, located at 34801 Grand River near

Drake, has been open for a couple of months, but no one has been seen in the store for some time.

Area business people have said they haven't seen them in weeks, said Nebus.

Five formal complaints have been filed with the department.

The case is being reviewed at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office and it's uncertain at this time if the case is criminal or civil in nature, said Nebus. Criminal intent must be shown for the case to be considered criminal.

Officers continue to investigate the owner, who is a Commerce Township resident. Detectives have been to his

house and he has been in here," said Nebus.

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**PISTONS**

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"We sat just one section over (from the fighting), so we were pretty close to it," Weast, 62, said. "Television couldn't show the drama as much as watching it in person."

"We grabbed our purses and coats, but I told the girls not to head toward the floor because that's where it will probably end up," she said, "which it did."

At 4-foot-10-and-a-half-inches, Cappuccitti, 57, had a hard time seeing what was happening when fans stood up as Indiana's Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson raced into the stands to fight fans.

"I looked at the monitor and saw they were in the stands and I said 'Oh, my God!'" said Cappuccitti. "You could see the people rushing to the floor and the police came. It was unbelievable, but I didn't feel scared."

Weast, an astute fan, said the confrontation on the court between Ben Wallace and Ron Artest partially stemmed as a result of bad feelings from last year's playoffs. And, when Artest laid down on the scorer's table with his legs crossed, Weast thought the Pacers player was taunting the fans.

"And when the cup was thrown on him by the fan, it was quite frightening the way he came up in the stands," Weast said. "He was totally out of control. I wouldn't have wanted to be in his way."

And, as soon as Jackson came into the stands, it went



Gayle Weast of Plymouth, Bobbie Krajca of Bloomfield Township and Patti Cappuccitti of Canton were honorary captains at the Pistons' game Friday, shaking hands with Pistons Chauncey Billups and Ben Wallace before the game.

from bad to worse," she said. "Obviously, the fan was wrong, but Artest had no business going into the crowd," added Cappuccitti. "The guy who threw the cup was a season ticket holder, so he should have known Artest was a nut case."

If the trio had been in their regular seats for the game, they would have been sitting near the opponent's entrance, where fans were throwing beer and debris at the Pacers as they left the court.

"A very small percentage, maybe 200, of them are idiots," said Weast. "They're not real Pistons fans. If they have season's tickets, they should have them taken away."

"There seems to be a different crowd this year, a lot of younger guys who seem to be drinking a lot," added Weast. "And then we thought about it

There's no hockey this year, so maybe those fans are coming to the Pistons games."

However, Weast and Cappuccitti said they aren't afraid of going back to the Palace to watch another game.

"I have never felt unsafe there, and I can't say I felt totally unsafe when this was going on," said Weast. "Maybe if security stays at the level of that during the playoffs, it will be enough."

Cappuccitti, who went skydiving this summer, said, "I don't get afraid that easily."

"But, what makes me sad," said Cappuccitti, "is that it's nice to be able to get near the floor to see the players and the fans can get autographs, and that might be stopped."

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# Local inventor 'chases' down pet toy Tears, cheers mark new citizens

BY PAM FLEMING  
NOVI NEWS STAFF WRITER

If someone had asked Janet Brown-Smith of Plymouth a few years ago whether she wanted to be a pet toy inventor, she probably would have said no.

But, as luck would have it, she introduced her new pet toy invention, the Chase-It, at last weekend's American Family Pet Expo at the Novi Expo Center.

"It's a pet toy primarily for dogs, but cats, ferrets and other pets can play with it, too," Brown-Smith said.

The pet toy is patent-pending. A friend, Maggie Wunderlich of Canton, has served as the marketing director for the project.

"I couldn't have done this without her," Brown-Smith said of Wunderlich.

While the Chase-It was introduced at the pet expo, pet lovers can also order them online.

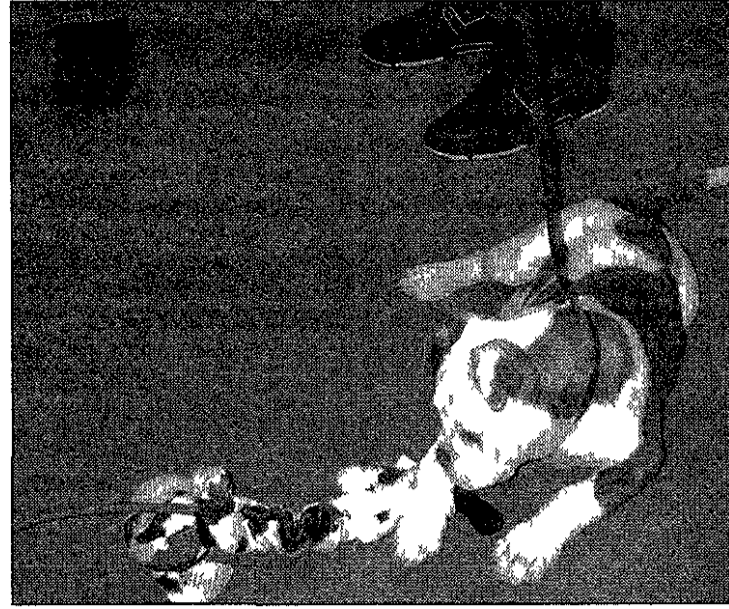
"I feel so fortunate that the toy expo was right in our backyard this year. This will be the perfect test market audience," Brown-Smith said.

Basically, any pet that likes to chase things will like Chase-It, according to the inventor.

The toy hangs from a nylon rope, and the user controls the range of motion with an ergonomically designed handle.

"It's great for rainy days when you can't get outside to exercise your pet," Brown-Smith said. "Another feature is that people with limited mobility can play with their pets more, too."

The toys feature whimsical and colorful plush animals, which small pets are sure to follow. "And, after all, the fun is



Janet Brown-Smith of Plymouth is still waiting on the patent to her new pet toy, the Chase-It, which she debuted at the Novi Expo Center last weekend.

in the chase," Brown-Smith said.

Four styles are currently available: a lizard, Lizzy, a calico cat, Mookie, and two squirrels, Fala and Squirrel.

"I plan to add more animals in the future and especially more for larger dogs," Brown-Smith said.

Two squeakers are inside the toy, which retails for \$19.95 each.

Brown-Smith's company is named Band of Mookies Pet Toys, Inc.

It's a new business, and she's been working on the Chase-It project for about seven months.

"My husband, Mark, and I have two Shelties, and they're high-energy dogs. We were always looking for new and different toys for them, but we weren't finding much on the market," she said.

The plush part of the toy is made in China, and Eastern Michigan University designed

the handle and made it into a prototype. From there, Brown-Smith found Micro-Line in Roseville to produce the handle. The toy is assembled in their home.

Besides their two Shelties, Kimmy and Lacy, the couple has three cats — Mookie, a calico, and Pie and Shoe, both Siamese.

The calico cat Chase-It is modeled after Mookie.

"I had a big part in designing these toys and worked with a toy designer in China, whom I found on the Internet," she said.

She incorporated the business about a month ago after taking business courses at Wayne State University.

"If you have a vision, just go for it," Brown-Smith said. "You never know if something might be successful or not unless you try."

For more information about Chase-It visit [www.bandofmookies.com](http://www.bandofmookies.com)

# Tears, cheers mark new citizens

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

They came from 53 countries, spent at least five years learning the customs, laws and language of the United States. And Friday morning, 251 people became Americans.

The new citizens and their family members and friends packed the gymnasium of Smith Middle School in Troy. Shaking off their jackets, still wet from the cold drizzle outside, they listened, cheered and even cried during the swearing-in ceremony.

This is a really big day for us, said Connie Khoshi, of Warren. Her husband, Rafid, moved to the United States from Iraq seven years ago. They've been married for two years, and through the ceremony, the couple's 7-month-old daughter, Ciel, smiled and squirmed and tugged at her mother's blouse.

"When he was notified that he passed his (citizenship) test, he felt like a weight had been lifted from his shoulders. He felt more like he had the right to be here as a citizen, rather than as someone who just has permission to work here,"



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Thipaporn Dhitrojana from Thailand is happy to become a United States citizen during the swearing in ceremony on Friday.

Khoshi said. "He knows it's important to have the rights and freedoms and responsibilities of being a citizen."

Just moments after taking her oath, Yan Jiang, of Canton, barely felt like a citizen, she said.

"I feel a little American, but I'm just starting to," she said. Jiang has lived in the United States since moving here from China in 1995.

"I wanted to be a citizen because this is just a great country. I gave it a lot of thought. It is a little hard to give up Chinese citizenship, but it's worth it," she said. "It's just a great country."

The ceremony gave American-born citizens a chance to think about their own heritage and what it means to be American, said Judge Michael Martone of the 52nd District Court, who recalled the story of a man he swore in years ago.

"I've been waiting for this my whole life," the man told Martone, who asked where he

was from, assuming the new citizen would tell him he had come from Eastern Europe or the Soviet Union. Instead, the man told him he was from Toronto.

"It made me think about how important my own citizenship is," Martone said. "Before that, I always thought of myself as an Italian-American. That day, I became an American of Italian descent."

It's not easy to be an American right now, especially during war time, Martone said. "We ask you to stand shoulder to shoulder with us," he said, thanking them for making the sacrifice to become citizens in spite of difficulty.

Eastern District U.S. District Court Judge David Lawson also thanked the new citizens.

"You have traveled and studied and sacrificed to become Americans," he said. "You are what makes this nation a great nation."

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## REUNIONS

### Birmingham High School

A 50 year reunion is planned for Sept. 22-23, 2005 at Radisson Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Hills. For more information contact Nancy Yarnell Schutte at (248) 646-0235 or [nys937@comcast.net](mailto:nys937@comcast.net).

### Bishop Borgess

Class of 1984. A 20 year reunion is planned for Nov. 26, 2004. For more information contact George Sullivan at (734) 891-1176 or [e-mail:bbhs84@hotmail.com](mailto:e-mail:bbhs84@hotmail.com).

### Bloomfield Hills Lahser

Class of 1984. A 20 year reunion is planned for 8 p.m. Saturday Nov. 27, 2004 at Fox and Hounds at Woodward and Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills. For more information contact

Christian George at (248) 398-2840 or [christiangorge@comcast.net](mailto:christiangorge@comcast.net).

### Brother Rice High School

Class of 1984. A 20 year reunion is planned for Friday, Nov. 26, 2004 at Birmingham Athletic Club, 730 p.m. Contact Mike Sarafa at (248) 669-7238 or [msarafa@aafdom.org](mailto:msarafa@aafdom.org).

Bernadette Donohue Dailey at (248) 334-2101 or [donohue@oakland.edu](mailto:donohue@oakland.edu). Paul Ryder at (248) 645-9140 or [recoryder@aol.com](mailto:recoryder@aol.com).

Class of 1989. A 15 year reunion is planned for Saturday, Nov. 27, 2004 at Big Rock Chop House, 730 p.m. Contact Jill Randall at (248) 709-2436. Steve Cosgrove at (248) 872-8254 or [scosgrove@twsmail.com](mailto:scosgrove@twsmail.com).

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

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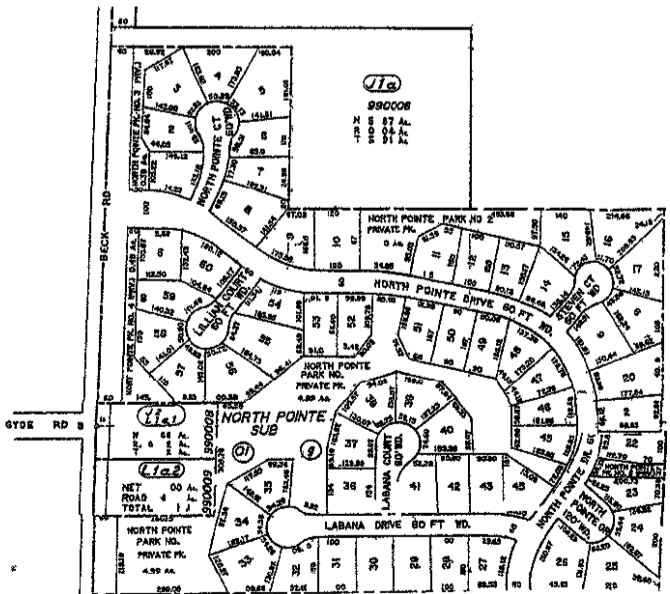
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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements consisting of road repairs, sidewalk installation, and sign installation in North Pointe Subdivision.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on **Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 2004, at 7 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit 46000 Summit Parkway Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan**, to hear objections to the public improvements and to the special assessment district thereof.



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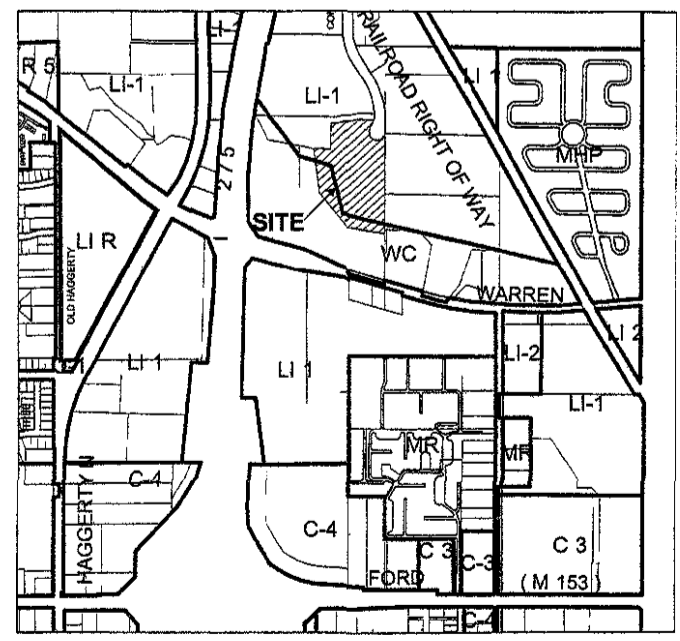
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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 6, 2004 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:

**MATERIAL SCIENCES CORPORATION SPECIAL LAND USE CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A RESEARCH AND DESIGN CENTER AND TESTING LABORATORY AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 6.08D FOR PARCEL NO 046 99 0008 732.** Property is located south of Koppernick and east of I 275.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, prior to Thursday, December 2, 2004 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.



SECTION 12

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FY 2005 ACTION PLAN

Beginning November 25, 2004 and for 60 days thereafter, The Charter Township of Canton will take public comment and project suggestions for the FY 2005 CDBG (Community Development Block Grant Program). All projects must benefit low and moderate income residents. The anticipated FY 2005 CDBG allocation is \$434,000. For information, please contact Gerry Martin, Community Services Specialist at 734-394-5194.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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# Siblings learn the meaning of giving

## Plymouth High students raise money for gifts for needy children

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

This is a Christmas story without a Grinch or a Scrooge. Although there was one humbug.

When Canton resident Marka Besco quit her job as a financial advisor three years ago to attend law school, she started driving a school bus for the Plymouth-Canton School District to bring in some extra money.

Each fall the district would distribute a list of names of children throughout the state who were in foster homes. The idea was to adopt a child and buy them Christmas presents from their "wish lists."

The program is sponsored by Operation Good Cheer.

"The last two years I'd look at the list and be tempted, but I'd think, no I don't have any money. Not while I'm in law school," Besco said.

This year, though, she had a different idea. Times were still tight and she wasn't going to buy Christmas gifts for her own two children, Santino, 14, a ninth-grader at Plymouth High School, and Sasha, 16, a junior at the same school.

But she took two of the Operation Good Cheer names and brought them home.

"I gave each of my kids one of the names and said, 'Merry Christmas. This is your job. Raise some money and buy gifts for these kids. I wanted to see what kind of kids I'd raised,'" she said.

When Besco handed them the names, with the knowledge

that they weren't getting Christmas presents themselves, they accepted the challenge.

"They said, you know Mom, we've got a lot," she said. "When they looked at the names and the reasons the children were in foster homes, they realized there were people way worse off than they were."

One of the children is 11, the other 12. The 12-year-old is in a home because of sexual

abuse, physical abuse and emotional neglect. The 11-year-old was placed in a home because of emotional neglect, home life, drug use and abuse.

Santino jumped at the chance to become the giver of gifts rather than the receiver.

"He said, Mom, can I go out there and ask for donations?" Besco said. "He mowed some lawns, collected cans, then started going door-to-door."

It was in the door-to-door phase where the humbug occurred.

"I went to this lady's house," Santino said. "She invited me to talk about it and then she said, well, I need to send the person a check."

Santino explained that there was no way she could make a check out to the people on the list.

"I said you donate to me, I give it to my mom and then we go buy the gifts," he said. "She said when I get a (solicitor's) badge to come back. And then she called the police."

Santino's mother said they didn't know they needed a solicitor's license.

The police arrived and asked what was going on. Santino explained



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Santino and Sasha Besco raised more than \$250 for children in foster homes to have some Christmas presents - and they're still going

"He said we were doing a good thing," Santino said. "He said just go get a badge so you don't get in trouble."

They went to the township on a Tuesday to apply for the badge, a process they thought was going to take a couple of days.

"But the lady was so nice," Besco said. "She said give me a couple of badges. We got it all done that morning."

Their campaign has been a success.

The first weekend they went collecting they raised \$254. They spent it all on gifts for the two kids. But Santino wasn't done.

"You don't have to buy everything on their wish list," Besco said. "Usually just one present. Maybe two or three. But Sasha

and Santino wanted to get everything on the list."

One day last week Santino went to three of the sections of their condo complex and collected another \$123.85. And he planned to go back until he had enough to complete the list.

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## Kiwanis sponsors sweat suit drive

The Kiwanis Breakfast Club of Plymouth-Canton is once again holding its annual Sweat Suit Drive. This is the seventh year of the event, which supports First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.

"We are pleased to once again sponsor this important program," said Dennis Heminger, chairman of the First Step Sweat Suit Drive.

Police will often confiscate clothing for use as evidence. This forces the victim to be discharged in nothing more than a hospital gown. The staff of First Step keep the sweat suits we collect in their cars, ready to give to victims when needed, filling an important physical, and emotional, need.

Donations of new sweat suits will be accepted throughout the months of December and January. All sizes and colors, including children's sizes are needed, since other members of a family may be affected by the assault.

"Since First Step services the entire Western-Wayne County area, we are looking for support from the entire

community," Heminger said.

Drop boxes have been set up throughout the Plymouth and Canton communities. In addition, the Kiwanis Club will accept cash donations in any amount, which will be used to purchase sweat suits. Checks can be sent to the Kiwanis Club at PO Box 6363, Plymouth, MI 48170. The following establishments have drop boxes in Canton:

- Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road (south of Heritage Drive)
  - Help-U-Sell Real Estate, 7242 N. Haggerty (between Warren and Joy roads)
  - Republic Bank, 5844 N. Sheldon Road
  - Kade's Hair Salon, 42013 Ford Road
- These businesses have drop boxes in Plymouth:
- Herriman & Associates, 41486 Wilcox Road
  - Papa Ramano's, 555 W. Ann Arbor Road
  - Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main
  - Child Time, 45678 Helm Street, Plymouth
- For more information, contact Heminger at (734) 451-3500.

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## OUR VIEWS

### When times are tough, we thank the helpers

With the war still raging in Iraq and US troops still getting killed, with the economy in a wobbly mode at best, with jobs leaving Michigan at a staggering rate, it's time for our annual "What I'm Thankful For" editorial.

On the surface, that would appear to be a bit of a challenge.

We talked to one secretary in a municipal office and asked her "What are you thankful for this year?"

She thought for a minute and finally said, "I'm thankful to be here." After thinking about it a bit longer she added, "I'm happy to be healthy enough to have a job and be able to support myself."

That is a common sentiment among many people today. Just being healthy enough to have a job and keep afloat. But others aren't even that lucky. They're the ones who don't have jobs, who struggle to put food on the table, who have life-threatening illnesses, who can't begin to buy Christmas presents for their kids.

They appear to have little to be thankful for.

That's where other people and organizations come in. And we're thankful for them. The Salvation Army has already launched its annual Red Kettle fund-raising campaign in metro Detroit. And the Christian-based organization is already taking requests for the Christmas holidays.

In addition to that highly visible campaign, the Army also provides a variety of services for young people, the elderly and struggling families. At the Plymouth center alone, the organization assists about 600 families a year with various services. During the Christmas season, that number doubles. And the Goodfellows organization has its "No Child Without a Christmas" campaign going strong.

Each year, the Goodfellows provide food and Christmas presents for needy families in their local communities. And the need is there in every community.

Last year in Canton, which is generally an affluent, growing suburb, the Goodfellows provided help to more than 500 families. This year, they already have more than 400 names on their list and the list continues to grow.

We're thankful for organizations like those.

But other groups and individuals also deserve praise.

When a 4-year-old Walled Lake girl who's been battling cancer for the last 15 months was contacted by the Make-A-Wish Foundation, she had a simple request. She wanted to be a princess for a day. The foundation sought help from the Plymouth community to make the girl's wish come true. The community responded overwhelmingly. When the ceremony was held at St. John's Golf & Conference Center, the girl and her parents rode in a horse-drawn carriage behind Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White and Belle (from *Beauty and the Beast*). By getting stories in the local paper, through an e-mail campaign and other devices, the Make-A-Wish people hoped to get 1,000 people to line the streets for her parade. But when the parade took place, about 4,000 people lined the route, some carrying signs, others dressed in costume.

We're thankful for all those people who made a child's simple wish come true. On the surface, it might seem there's little to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. But that's just on the surface.

### Give thanks, lend a hand

If you had the means to provide the food for your Thanksgiving Day dinner today, give thanks.

A lot of people in Oakland and Wayne counties are not as fortunate.

More and more families have turned to food banks for help this year, as the heads of the household have been laid off, had their hours cut or their jobs eliminated.

Requests for assistance with food are up 30 percent over last year, according to Gleaners Community Food Bank in Detroit, which distributes food to agencies in southeast Michigan.

Yet donations are not keeping pace with the increasing need.

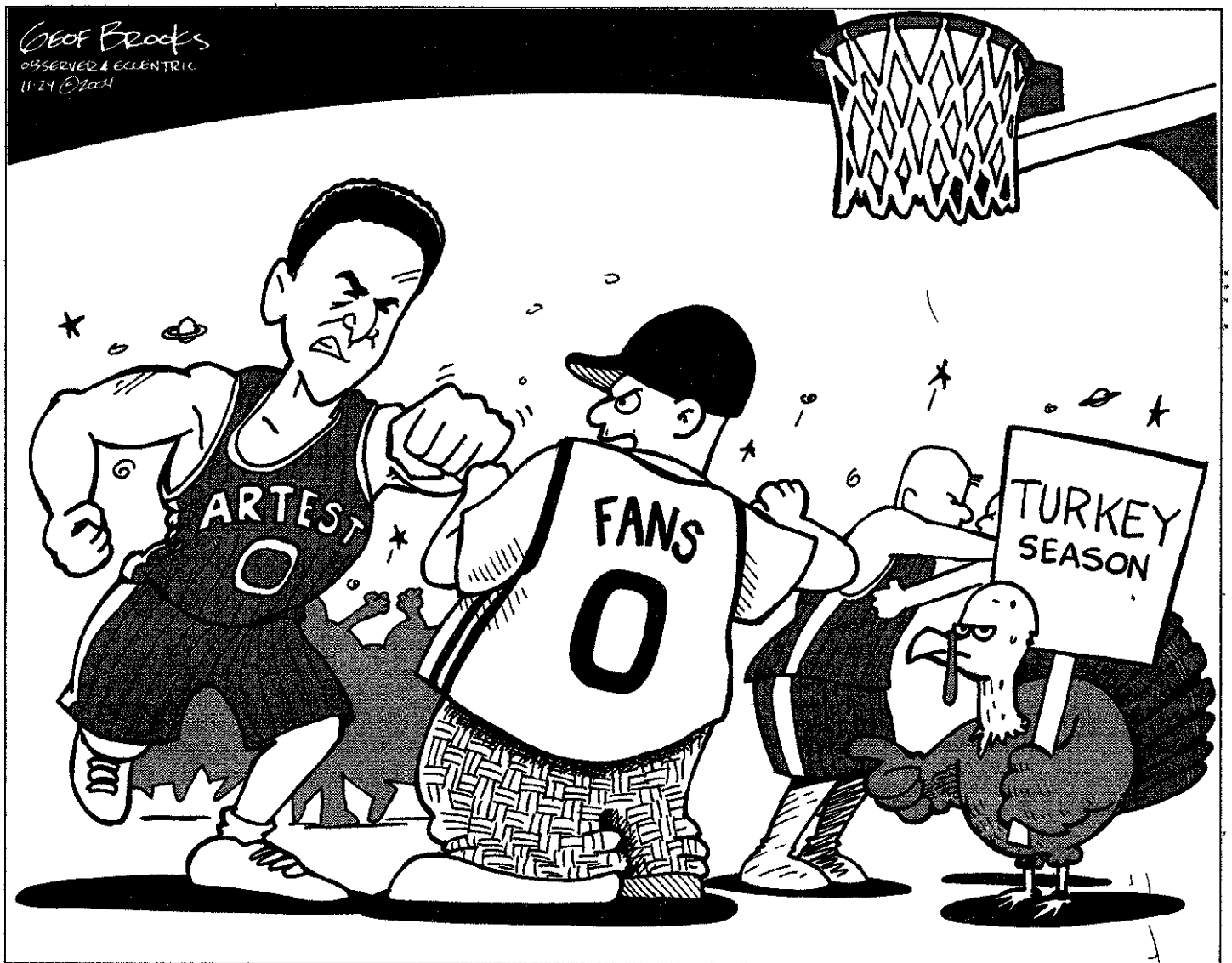
To help families not as blessed as your own, you can donate directly to Gleaners or to food banks or shelters in your area. Monetary donations are usually best because nonprofits can purchase the food at a discount and put the money toward what they need most.

Here is a partial listing of food banks and shelters in Oakland and Wayne counties that need help.

■ The Salvation Army, 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075. The Salvation Army operates 17 centers in metro Detroit and serves 6,000 meals a day.

■ Gleaners Community Food Bank, 2131 Beaufort, Detroit, MI 48207. Gleaners is about 5 million pounds short of the 25 million pounds of food needed this year to serve hungry families in southeast Michigan.

■ Redford Interfaith Relief, 15100 Aubrey, Redford, MI 48239. Redford Interfaith is assisting about 220 households per month, up about 50 more than a year ago.



## LETTERS

### Salary cuts

Plymouth-Canton Schools Superintendent Dr. Jim Ryan claims there is not much more he can cut out of the budget to meet Gov. Granholm's next executive order to reduce the district's foundation grant.

He does not want to cut transportation, athletics or increase class size. Duh.

Most sane people would expect athletics to be the first to get eliminated when it comes to cutting the school budget. After all, what is more important in the business of EDUCATION - playing sports or teachers, books, computers and decent class sizes?

Unfortunately, the minority of students who participate in sports have very vocal parents. Each time athletics is even considered for budget cuts, these parents protest for most of the night at the board meetings to get sports off the chopping block. And they always get their way.

If the members of the Board of Education really want to find some easy money to cut, they need to look at the inflated salaries of all the administrators in the district. It would be simple to cut \$30,000 from each administrator in the entire district. Most taxpayers feel the \$80,000-\$115,000 salary many are paid is outrageous. This includes administrators, principals, vice principals, coordinators, directors, etc.

No one deserves to receive that kind of income when it all comes from taxpayers. If they can't accept a cut they should try to make a living in the private sector. I am sure it is safe to say none of them could even come close to finding a similar position for the same salary they make off the backs of the taxpayer.

Pat Henney  
Plymouth

### Great sports stories

I am writing you to commend the new articles that Ed Wright has been publishing for your *Observer* newspaper for the past couple months.

I have been a Canton resident since 1988 and have always wondered why you never did "up close and personal" type stories about high school student-athletes. What a thrill for the young student-athletes and their parents! Also, it gives us readers in the community more of a sense of togetherness and being united in the uncertain times that we live.

Having coached in the community now for 15 years various sports (I actually coached against Ed and his son's soccer team when the boys and girls were combined about seven years ago), I have always heard of stories behind the athletes, yet no one took the time and interest to print them.

Some of the players whom I have coached went on to compete in college and they never had such an honor as seeing their stories printed up in their hometown local paper.

Please share with Ed my personal congratulations for his outstanding coverage.

of the local student-athletes "up close and personal" style.

Dick Williams  
Canton

### Moral values

It's only been a couple of weeks, and I'm already sick and tired of the implication that, because I voted for John Kerry, I have no moral values.

I suppose my first instinctive response would only tend to reinforce that notion, since it would refer to the end product of the bovine digestive system. So, I'll skip that part, and get right to the crux of the matter. I have moral values, which, although (apparently) different than the "moral values" of those who voted for George Bush, are no less strongly held.

I think it's immoral to start an unjustified war that kills tens of thousands of innocent civilians because they had the bad luck to live in a country whose leader our leader didn't like. I think it's morally bankrupt to take money out of public services for struggling working-class families and give it to extremely wealthy men and women who already have more money than they can possibly spend and call it "tax relief."

I think it's morally indefensible to allow Americans to die because they can't afford to pay for basic health care that would prevent those deaths. And you know what else? I think all of those things are MORE immoral than the fact that some guy I don't know might want to marry some other guy I don't know.

Karen J. Gould  
Plymouth

### Longer lunch

I am a fifth-grade student at Bentley Elementary School. I am writing this letter to you because I think our lunch period is too short at our elementary school.

I feel this way because I am an extremely slow eater. I have to throw away most of my lunch because I don't have time to eat it. My mother gets mad because I eat a lot at home. She tells me to stop eating so much and packs me an even larger lunch so I won't eat so much at home. My little sister makes fun of me and calls me a pig. My problems would be solved if only I had a longer lunch period.

These are a few reasons why we need a longer lunch.

■ I will not be famished in the afternoon.

■ I can eat slowly and have time to digest my food.

■ If you have ever seen a little kid eat, you'd undoubtedly know that they eat really slowly. They especially need extra time.

When I buy lunch I have to wait in a long line. By the time I get my food, lunchtime is already halfway over. Maybe if we had two lines we could get our food faster.

We also need a longer recess because

■ In class we won't be so hyper because our energy will be used up.

■ At recess, we will talk more so we

won't be so chatty in school.

We want the public to know we need a longer lunch period. I know the entire school would appreciate it. Please print this letter. Thank you for reading our letters.

Alyssa Downs  
Mrs. West's fifth-grade class

P.S. Maybe if we had a longer lunchtime, we wouldn't have to take one bite of an apple and throw the rest away.

### Bentley lunch

I wanted to bring your attention to a matter that is of concern to me and my class.

We would like a longer lunch and recess, let me give you some reasons why. Many children in the school eat slowly and need more time to eat. We often find ourselves leaving food because it is time to go outside for recess. Many times we have to make the decision to eat dessert first because there just isn't time to eat everything and when we buy ice cream we generally don't have time to finish it, which means throwing it away, a waste of money and good ice cream.

Our mothers want us to eat the healthy part of our lunch while we want dessert. Limited time to eat means we have to make a choice, we are children and it is not hard to guess which we are going to choose. A longer lunch time would mean we could eat both, making everyone happy.

One solution could be to give us longer to eat but less time to play. However, we need time to run and play and socialize with our friends. I believe the ideal solution would be to add 10 minutes to the lunch time and 10 minutes to recess. This way, we would be able to eat enough food to satisfy us for the rest of the school day and be able to work off excess energy in the extra recess time, allowing us to focus for the rest of the day.

I hope you will support us in our efforts and thank you for your time in reading this letter.

Jordan Lewis  
Mrs. West's fifth grade students

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## QUOTABLE

"You can't replace Target, because it was a favorite spot. I am optimistic the addition of Michaels, along with the tremendous support we get from everyone else, will allow us to meet our goal."

- Kelly Zmudzynski, Kettle campaign coordinator, on her hopes for this year's Salvation Army fund-raiser.

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## Country not so divided on values

**W**e gather together to ask the Lord's blessing, He chastens and hastens His will to make known So goes the traditional Thanksgiving hymn. It was my grandfather's favorite, and I'll be singing it in our church on Thanksgiving morning.

It's one of the nicest services of the year. A small congregation in an old downtown Episcopal church, quietly united in giving thanks for our abundant blessings. As I reflect on that service and on my fellow parishioners, my mind keeps going back to the strange and consequential election just past.

The exit polls and endless blather from the media have focused on the finding that a plurality of American voters put 'moral values' at the top of their concerns and that most of them voted for President Bush. Combine that with the graphics showing so starkly the red states and the blue states, and it's easy to conclude that our nation is bitterly split between the godless and arrogant liberals and the hard-line and intolerant religious right. Some of my fellow churchgoers voted for President Bush, some for

Sen. John Kerry. But virtually all of them share a set of fundamental American values that go far beyond any partisan divide. God, family, right and wrong, patriotism, compassion, tolerance, responsibility.

The list goes on and on. And I'd guess many observant readers have noticed that the gap between the red and blue states doesn't seem to show up as dramatically in their daily life as it does on the TV screens. What's going on here?

Part of the problem is the media's knee-jerk urge to find the most sensational way to simplify the story, which usually comes at the cost of either detail or context. Part of it comes from the triumphalist rhetoric we are hearing these days from Christian evangelical organizations intent on putting forward their claims. And part of it comes from Democrats, now firmly tucked into the fetal position, whimpering about the election results as a wholesale rejection of the data (cited in a valuable article in the respected weekly, *The Economist*) are more nuanced and much more interesting.

The share of the total vote from people who put moral values at the top of their concerns this year was 22 percent, just a few points more than those who cited the economy or those who felt terrorism was most important. Moreover, the 22 percent share is lower than it was in the two previous presidential elections, 35 percent put moral values on top in 2000 and 40 percent felt that way in 1996.

Certainly, evangelicals voted heavily for President Bush, but so too did Catholics (Bush had a 5 percent lead), Hispanic Catholics (he lost them, but his showing was up 11 percent from 2000) and regular churchgoers including mainline Protestants (favoring Bush by nearly two to one).

The only exception: African-Americans, who voted, as they generally do, for the Democrat by nine to one. The conclusion is fairly obvious: President Bush's majority is not just a bunch of right-wing evangelical Christians, but it comes from a broad spectrum of people who hold to traditional values and who are religiously observant.

Much of the sensible political commentary since the election has made this point. For example, Brad Snavely, executive director of the Michigan Family Forum, wrote in *The Detroit News*: "One thing worked against John Kerry was people of deep faith and personal conviction don't necessarily expect their president to be their advocate, but they do expect him to understand why they feel so strongly about many moral issues. The majority in this country want a president who believes in right and wrong and who can speak with moral clarity without imposing his views on the country."

So does this mean that the country is deeply and irreversibly polarized between people who believe in right and wrong and those who do not? Most experts say no, that the country is in fact a complicated overlay of all kinds of differing interests and attitudes and that the enormous majority of Americans hold pretty straightforward traditional values.

Professor Wayne Baker, who teaches in the University of Michigan's business school and conducts national studies of values, echoes what psychologists and sociologists have known for a long time: People's core values are formed during early adulthood and tend to be very stable after that.

Baker told me that "Americans have clustered around traditional values for a very long time. The notion of a bitterly divided nation is a convenient fiction — quite possibly with a political purpose — but it simply doesn't comport to the facts."

A helpful way to illustrate this point was discovered by Jeff Culver, an information graphics expert, who tried to blend the red states and the blue states to show a "Purple America," a map that shows a gradient between the two groups.

Not surprisingly, it shows blue predominating on either coast with heavy red in the mountain West, but the Midwest and the South are slightly reddish purple.

"The United States is not as divided, geographically speaking, as it seems. Differences are still deep, but more so from one individual to the next than one region to the next. It's a real mistake for a party to write off a whole part of the country."

Quite so. Gov. Jennifer Granholm was quoted in *The New York Times* arguing that Democrats must have a message that is "strong and strongly pro-work, pro-responsibility, pro-child, pro-seniors. And not to be afraid of saying God. And not to be afraid of saying that this is a country based on faith."

My own conclusions? 1) While the religious right played a big part in this election, by no means does it hold a monopoly on Americans' moral values. 2) The country is much more united around stable traditional moral values than appears at first glance. 3) Any political party that either claims to be the only repository of moral values or is perceived as scorning them will certainly get into trouble.

*Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin. God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.*

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



Phil Power

## Evidence shows students excel in single-sex classes

**A** question to mull over, as the skies gray and the temperatures dip, is whether boys and girls during those turbulent middle school years could benefit from single-sex education.

Michael Gurian, a social philosopher, family therapist, educator and author, strongly urged schools to adopt such a course last month at presentations sponsored by Birmingham Bloomfield Families in Action.

"My question to the human community is why do they have to be co-educational during those years?" Gurian said.

Public education needs to heed the new brain research showing that boys and girls learn differently, Gurian told over 500 parents, educators, counselors and health professionals in talks at both Cranbrook and Detroit Country Day.

"Separate sex options can solve many problems at all grade levels — we believe that a huge portion — perhaps at least half — of middle school learning and discipline problems would be curtailed or removed if middle schools were single-sex institutions," he said.

In light of the new research, the U.S. Department of Education in 2002 eased its rules against single-sex classes in public schools, established under Title IX. At least 10 single-sex public schools were set to open this fall in five states. Although the numbers are increasing, only about 100 of the 91,000-plus public schools across the country offer them.

Small scale studies conclude that student grade-point averages for both sexes increase in seventh and eighth grades when genders are separated, according to the National Charter School Clearinghouse. Gurian's own findings show that boys benefit more academically, girls in self-esteem.

"The research is clear that single-sex classes make a positive difference, said Roxanne Reschke, a local educational consultant who has been following single-sex education since the 1980s. As more data comes in, "it's going to have to be a treatment at least to be considered."

Of course, parochial and many private schools have always offered single-sex education.

Kingswood Cranbrook is this area's prime example of fully separated classes in middle school and a mix of single-sex and coed classes in ninth and 10th grades.

"The environment of the classroom is much more relaxed, said Cranbrook

Middle School Principal Larry Ivens, comparing it to his 21 years in coed middle school education. Neither gender is on stage during a time in their life when they're very self-conscious. They will take positive risks that they wouldn't take in a mixed environment.

"Kids feel more comfortable being themselves," echoed Kingswood Middle School Principal Fran Dagbovie, who also has taught both single-sex and coed classes over 30 years. "There are more options available to them. Girls can be more assertive. Boys can behave like boys."

"We oversexualize the kids in our culture. We love it that the girls aren't primping and don't wear makeup. There's a wider range of behavior that's open to them."

Kingswood Cranbrook sophomore Margaret Blanchard likes the separated classes so much she wrote a recent paper on the topic.

English and history classes should be maintained as single-gender throughout high school was her thesis.

"All students need a fair playing field so they can learn to the best of their neurological and psychological ability," Margaret wrote. "To keep pumping out new leaders into society we must allow them all the room for self-expression."

Same-sex classes aren't on the radar screen for either West Bloomfield or Bloomfield Hills Schools, both superintendents told me.

But in Birmingham, Berkshire Middle School offers two elective classes for eighth-grade girls and a full program of academics for low-achieving eighth-grade boys.

Teacher Karen Boyk is excited that now there is physical and physiological evidence confirming what she sees daily in the all-girls language arts and math classes she began eight years ago. "They just blossom," she said. The boys curriculum, taught by teacher Allen Einstein, has been turning boys who were not successful around since it began in 2000.

I think single-gender classes should be an alternative, Boyk said. In my opinion, it's the wave of the future.

The Clarkston school district is looking to pilot such an alternative next fall in its newly configured middle school and junior high, according to Deputy Supt. David Reschke.

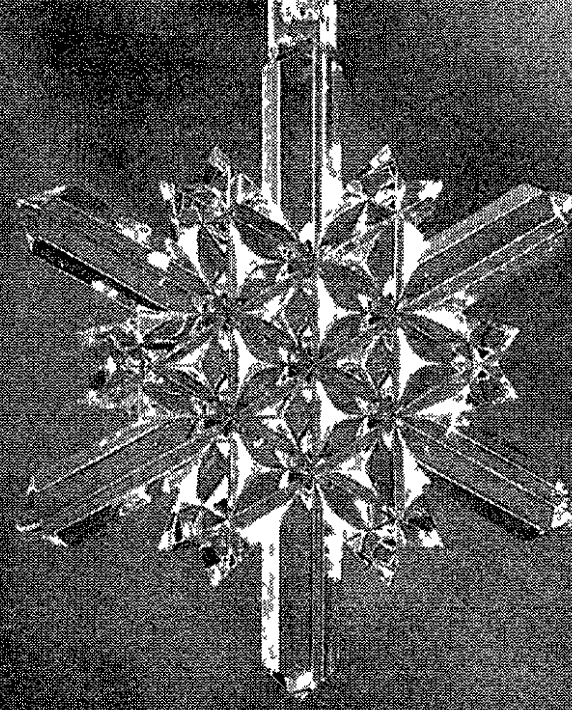
"It certainly seems like an idea to consider as public education seeks ways to make No Child Left Behind a reality."

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident is a former managing editor of the *Eccentric Newspapers*. You are welcome to comment by e-mail to jberne@att.net or to the editor of this newspaper.

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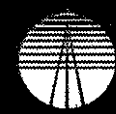
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# County executive fills homeland security posts

Following the retirement of Anthony Shannon, director of Homeland Security and the resignation of the Deputy Director, Mark Snelson, Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano has filled both positions, which are subject to Commission approval.

James P. Buford has been appointed the director of Homeland Security replacing Shannon. Buford is leaving the Wayne County Sheriff's Department where he has served as a commander for the past five years. He has more than twenty years of experience with the department including Sheriff's representative for the annual Fermi exercise, Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management liaison since 1999, and Commander of Special Response team.

Commander Buford has experience and resources in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, which brings tremendous value and skill to this most critical position, said Wayne County



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Executive Robert Ficano. He is highly qualified to be the director of Homeland Security.

Mark Hammond is being promoted within the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department. He will serve as Director Buford's deputy director. Hammond has been with Wayne County's Emergency Management Department for the past eight years.

Mr. Hammond understands the operations of Emergency Management and he has had extensive training and work experience with emergency preparedness," said Ficano. "I am confident that he is qualified to be the Deputy Director and will assist Mr. Buford in leading us forward."

# Lawmakers protest Canadian trash as security risk

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

A letter to the Department of Homeland Security from three powerful Michigan lawmakers bemoaning the increased flow of garbage trucks from Canada into the state warns of a potential chink in the country's armor against terrorism.

Senators Carl Levin, D-Michigan, and Debbie Stabenow, D-Michigan, and Rep. John Dingell, D-15, warn that the approximately 415 Canadian trash trucks — almost twice last year's 180 a day — coming into Michigan every day constitutes a threat to homeland security.

"As you know, these trucks pose a unique homeland security risk, since by their very nature trucks full of garbage are extremely difficult for Customs

agents to inspect as compared to traditional cargo. Therefore, this dramatic increase in Canadian trash trucks is extremely disconcerting. The problem is accelerating at an alarming rate and these shipments must be addressed immediately," the three wrote in a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge.

Canton Township is home to a landfill. Township Supervisor Tom Yack said the company which runs it, Canton Waste Recycling, has made assurances less than one-tenth of one percent of the incoming waste is from Canada.

"I'm not for or against Canadian trash," he said. "(The controversy) is ridiculous. Think of all the trash that comes in from other communities, should every one of them have their own landfill?"

But, he contends, this is not about garbage, it's about making a lot of noise. Yack said arguments over Canadian trash are a political football both Democrats and Republicans pull out whenever they need a device to generate headlines. Considering everything else that's going on in the state right now, worrying about what comes over the Ambassador Bridge is pointless.

"There are much bigger fish to fry," Yack said. "Michigan is not keeping up with the recovery. Revenues are not keeping up with projections and Michigan is a donor state when it comes to roads."

Orion Township Supervisor Gerald Dywasuk has a Waste Management landfill in his community. While he's been reassured no Canadian trash has been dumped there, he

knows the township has to take the company at its word. He doesn't think there should be any trash imported from the north, but there's nothing that can be done on the local level.

"I used to see huge trucks coming along I-69 with Canadian plates all the time, Dywasuk said. "The only way that's going to change is if the federal government steps in."

What he is sure of is that there aren't enough people checking what comes through the borders — trash and goods alike. Unless some kind of fee is imposed or taxes raised to cover the cost of hiring more inspectors the situation won't change.

"It's like the container ships coming over from Asia, we don't know what's in all of those," Dywasuk said.

# Legislation changes how trucks are fined

BY ALEX LUNDBERG  
STAFF WRITER

When Gov. Jennifer Granholm returns from her junket to Germany with County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, she will find a bill on her desk that could change the way construction traffic moves through the state.

House Bill 4358, which has passed the state house and senate, changes the rules communities use to assess and fine heavy trucks.

Washtenaw County state Rep. Gene DeRossett (R-52nd District) said the legislation would allow certain trucks traveling over main highways — aggregate haulers — to be a bit longer than they would now. The change accommodates changes in technology

and design already made by the industry.

"The industry has already made technological changes, moving the driver off the axle and extending the length of the truck's tongue," DeRossett said. "The extension means less chance of a rollover."

The primary thrust of the bill changes the way fines are doled out when a truck comes up heavy at a weigh station. Michigan is an "axle state," meaning the rules, and the fines for breaking the rules, for weight are judged by how many pounds each axle bears.

Under the current rules, judges will have the discretion to decide whether a truck is overloaded or misloaded, and therefore up to them to decide how much to fine a trucking company for violations.

The representative said aggregate haulers (gravel, for instance) are subject to fines if their cargo is misloaded. Even though the total weight of the vehicle is under the acceptable weight, a poor loading job can still generate a fine if there's too much weight on a single axle.

Under the proposed rule, if a truck is found to be misloaded the trucking company is given a \$200 fine per axle up to three axles. At the same time, if the misload is more than 4,000 pounds per axle it is immediately ruled an overload and a per-pound fine is imposed.

The new rules do not change the consequences for overloading a truck.

These fines can range from six cents per pound to as much as 20 cents per pound, depend-

ing on how far overweight the truck is. Therein, he said, lies the problem.

"Some communities target gravel trucks the same way they target drivers by ethnicity," DeRossett said. "They use the fines as revenue enhancement tools." He said no one likes gravel haulers, they're loud and slow, but that doesn't mean a community can target them for ticketing. Excessive overloading tickets can cost a company its insurance coverage.

The bill's passage, or failure to pass, most likely won't affect her constituents. She said her district is built out and the kinds of trucks the bill addresses will be moving through rural and developing communities. Also, she said the new law would be there to help with the exceptions that prove the rule.

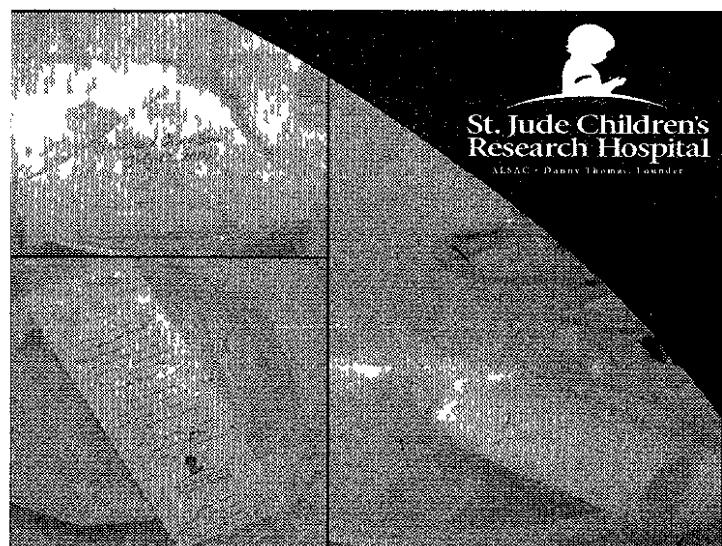
# Schoolcraft offers class in 3D video animation

Get basic, hands-on experience using 3D animation software and learn to create your own animated video or film. Schoolcraft College is presenting a series of three workshops in December that will teach the basics of 3D computer animation, modeling, lighting and rendering.

The workshops are Saturday Dec. 4, 11 and 18 from 9 a.m. until noon in the VisTaTech Center on the Livonia campus. The fee for all three is \$43. The only prerequisite is basic

experience using a computer. Although classes are geared toward FIRST robotics students, enrollment is open to anyone interested in learning about and using 3D animation software.

Randall Rockafellow, freelance 3D animator and instructor at the College for Creative Studies, will teach all three workshops. For more information, contact Continuing Education Services at 734-462-4448 or visit the Web site at www.schoolcraft.edu.



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Guardian Alarm technicians hold security cameras and equipment to be installed in the Vardon house in Oak Park for the ABC program Extreme Makeover. Keith King of Centerline (left), Richard Wiersma of Canton and Jeff Evans of Lincoln Park were members of the Guardian Alarm crew that worked on the house.

## Southfield firm assists in home makeover

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Earlier this month, ABC's *Extreme Makeover* profiled to the nation the remodeling of a home of an Oak Park family.

The remodeling required special equipment for the family. Larry and Judy Vardon are both deaf. A son, Lance, is blind and autistic. Another son, Stefan, can hear and see and communicates with them and links them to the outside world.

Family members were concerned about Lance, who tended to sometimes wander away from the home. The remodeling would need to include technology to better secure the home. Fairway Construction of Southfield, the project manager, contacted Guardian Alarm of Southfield to develop an integrated system for the Vardons. Soon Guardian met with producers from the ABC show to discuss the design of the house.

"They were really excited," said Matt Fraiberg, assistant general manager of Guardian Alarm. "They had never seen a project like this."

The remodeling project required that the home be renovated within one week. That meant more than 100 workers and contractors were working inside or outside the home at various times.

The house was originally 900 square feet, and the Vardons "didn't want to be overwhelmed with technology," Fraiberg said.

Six cameras were installed at the home. One views the kitchen and living room area, another in Lance's room and another is located in the play room downstairs. Exterior cameras view the pool, side of the house and the front door.

What really assisted the Vardons, however, was the strobes. "We had to differentiate what kind of alarms to set off," Fraiberg explained. "The white one went off when a door or window opened, while the red strobe alerted them to a panic situation, such as smoke or a break-in."

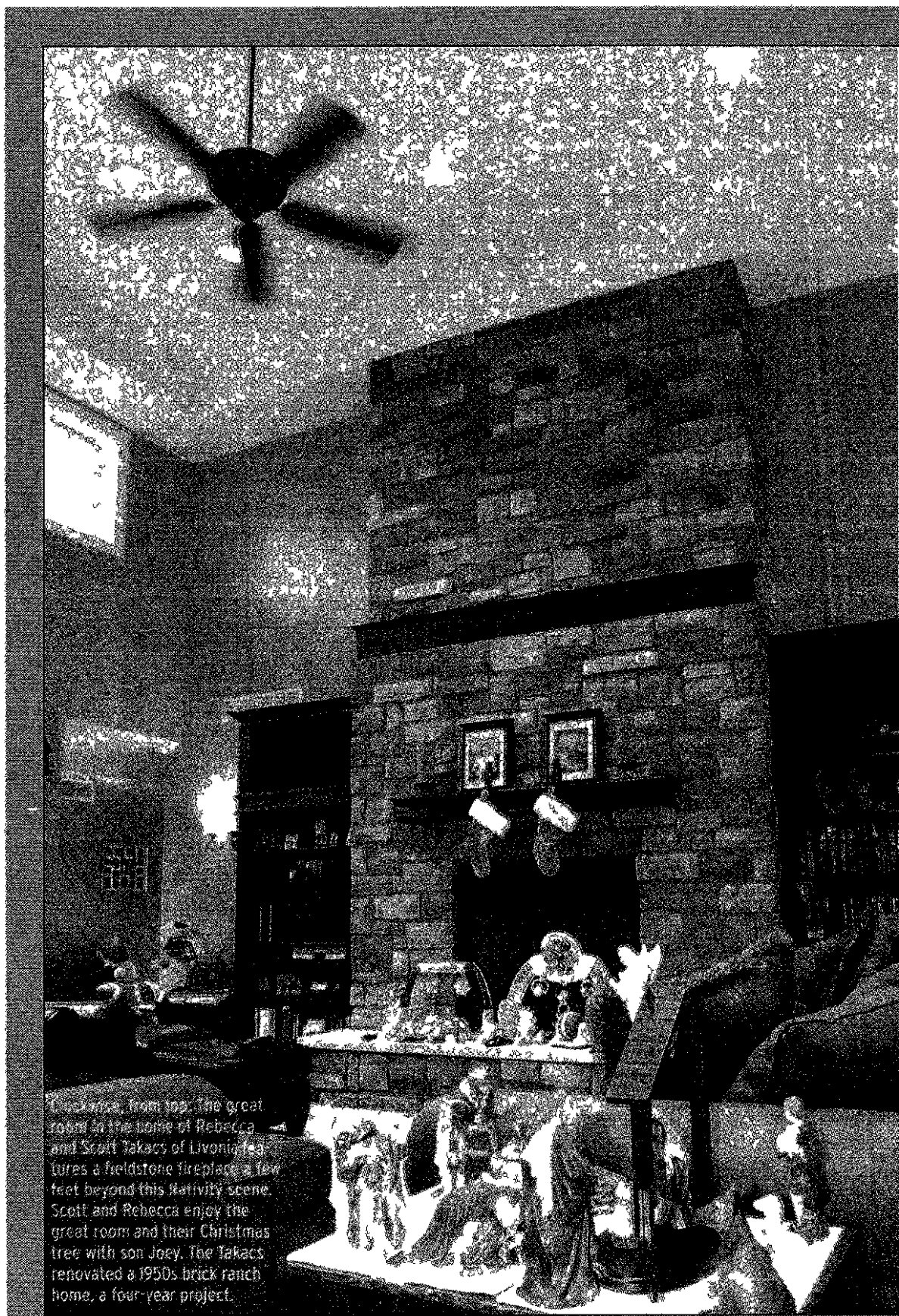
When those alerts activate, the Vardons only need to look at monitors in the kitchen, master bedroom and Judy's craft room to view the cameras. "They can switch cameras to see where Lance is at or they can look at all six cameras at once," Fraiberg said. "They can turn to the monitor in the room, and within seconds, they have (the situation) under control."

The Vardons didn't want to lock the craft room, but they wanted to ensure Lance didn't wander in there, either. Guardian installed an access system that requires a code to enter the room. (Anyone can exit the room by pushing open the door.)

Guardian's technology also extends to helping bedridden home patients in terms of security and well-being. A button and motion mats located near the bed notify family members and medical personnel when that person falls. Cameras also can keep watch over that person.

Guardian officials were thrilled to help with ABC's *Extreme Makeover* and the Vardon family.

"We showed them how to use everything," Fraiberg said. "They are always excited to see us. They are grateful. They are truly a deserving family."



Looking into, from top, the great room in the home of Rebecca and Scott Takacs of Livonia features a fieldstone fireplace a few feet beyond this Nativity scene. Scott and Rebecca enjoy the great room and their Christmas tree with son Joey. The Takacs renovated a 1950s brick ranch home, a four-year project.

PHOTOS BY GUY LAWRENCE FOR THE OBSERVER



## Santas

In Scott Takacs' words, "we ripped everything out." Five years ago this month Scott and

Rebecca Takacs bought a 1950s brick ranch house on one acre in Livonia, then embarked on a four-year remodeling journey.

"We tore down everything, the brick, the plaster, the plumbing," Scott said. "There was nothing left."

They created the home that they wanted, adding a great room with an 18-foot-high ceiling, a three-car garage and two bedrooms. They expanded a kitchen and dining room area and rebuilt a master bedroom

and bathroom. Just in time for the addition of son Joey.

The Takacs' home will be one of seven homes in Livonia showcased on the 16th annual Friends of Greenmead Christmas Walk on Saturday, Dec. 4. (See related chart.) Proceeds from this event are designated to the restoration and preservation of Livonia's historic Greenmead.

"We try to find houses like this," says Scott Takacs. "PLEASE SEE TOUR, B3"

## Home tour raises funds for Greenmead snowflakes

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

## Accents

### Jewelry festival

Native West in Plymouth presents its 15th annual Jewelry Festival Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 2-5 featuring Native American jewelry from the Southwest.

A trunk show will feature an assortment of sterling silver with turquoise, opals, coral and gold inlay pieces with handcut stones are finished in one-of-a-kind designs. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2 for the opening reception with food and refreshments, and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Free carriage rides will be offered noon-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

Native West is located at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838 for information.

### Capable cabinetry

James and Morris Carey of AP Weekly Features write the following about new kitchen cabinets:

"Want to spruce up the kitchen with new cabinets? Today, lots of folks are taking on this do-it-yourself project. Home centers are stocking up on all sorts of cabinets and parts, making things easier for you."

"First, find the highest place on your floor, it's your starting point. Then, everything else needs to be 'shimmed up' to equal that height."

"Set corner cabinets first, then work out from there. Hang upper cabinets before lower ones."

"Never use regular wood screws for hanging, or your stuff will wind up on the kitchen floor. Use special construction screws instead."

### Pet projects

Here are some gift suggestions for the little pet on your holiday list:

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The new Habitrail Playground from the Rolf C. Hagen Corp. lets hamsters stretch their legs, play and explore their surroundings, while giving their owners an unobstructed view of their pets having fun.

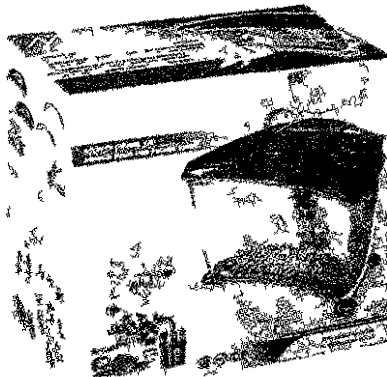
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With its sleek styling, contemporary color accents (purple or orange) and high-tech features, the Marina represents a far cry from the plain old goldfish bowl that most of us remember from carnivals and state fairs.

Aside from its upscale appearance, the Marina offers a

genuine aquarium setup that can provide a healthy environment for goldfish.

The turnkey tank includes an automated filter, flake food, a water conditioner, a silk plant and colorful gravel. Available in two sizes, 177 gallons and 265 gallons, the Marina makes an ideal desktop aquarium for an office, dorm room or den.

It can also serve as a "starter tank" for children, introducing them to fish keeping.

Available at leading pet stores, the Marina Goldfish Starter Kit has a suggested retail price of \$30 to \$40. For more information, visit [www.hagen.com](http://www.hagen.com)

# Your refrigerator tells me about you **Fishy e-mail? Maybe you're being phished**

The headline of a recent newspaper column said it all "Your refrigerator could indicate just how stylish you really are"

After reading the column, I reflected on the 40 years of fixing these products and the thousands of homeowners I met along the way I then thought about my own upbringing and how style may be measured back then, when we used a cave on

the side of a hill with a big heavy wood door called "The Root Cellar"

We progressed to a wooden cabinet with two doors, one for placing the solid ice block into the upper compartment, and the other for preserving the food. In those days, you had to look out for traces of sawdust landing in a plate of leftovers

Our first electric refrigerator

used the refrigeration technology of ammonia. I remember my mother calling the fire department because she couldn't figure out where the awful smell was coming from. The refrigerator was hauled out of the house and we ended up getting a new one (That's so long ago, I can't remember if they had warranties back then.)

The column indicated that if you had a certain refrigerator in your home it represented different traits in your character. For example, a side-by-side could brand you as the person who likes bells and whistles, icemakers and water dispensers

I tend to think that homeowners purchase a side-by-side because they have finally reached the point where they can afford to buy it. They cost a lot more than a root cellar. In the early 1960s the big seller was the bottom-mount refrigerator and then the side-by-side was created

I don't think the side-by-side has ever lost its newness in the marketplace. Sure, you lose

some freezer space because of the ice maker and dispenser assembly, but remember, your frozen goods in the freezer section are easy to move in and out. In my way of thinking, that's called easy storage

I think the world of a side-by-side and I think it will be a long time coming before it's dethroned as the ultimate image maker

I read where the top mount refrigerator indicates you are "loyal," grew up with this style and don't want to change. I think that's a bunch of bunk! You mean to tell me that you like stuffing the freezer section with frozen food and, in order to access something in the back, remove food and putting it on the kitchen counter?

Most top mount owners will purchase a side-by-side when they have the room to do so

Kitchen remodeling and new home builders make that choice for you automatically. It wasn't so many years ago you could open the page of a newspaper and there would be a big cut out of a huge side of beef. A butcher shop would sell you a

whole side and advertise the different prices per pound for different sections. Many homeowners would have these huge upright and chest freezers that could hold many hundreds of pounds of frozen food. It's a different world today, as consumers generally don't buy in such bulk

Shopping habits have changed with the times for various reasons. There are more stores in the neighborhood, quicker movement of food within a home, more fear of power outages and more education by food experts. Food that is turned over in six months or less has more flavor and nutritional value than otherwise

That author should not have tried to summarize someone's character based on what refrigerator they own. She should have simply stated how much smarter we have become

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

Finally, there's the link. Clicking it would likely take me to an official-looking Web site, where I'd be asked to provide all manner of personal information. But I know better. In my e-mail program (Outlook Express), moving my mouse cursor over the link reveals the actual Web address that's embedded in it: <http://64.23.5.7/Aol>

That's bogus AOL and other companies don't have numerical Web addresses. So before I even click the link, I've spotted plenty of red flags - any single one of which would be cause enough to trash the e-mail

Unfortunately, not all phishing is that easy to spot. Take the recent stream of messages concerning my eBay account. Apparently someone has been using it to make phony bids, and would I mind clicking here to verify my personal information?

These messages looked indistinguishable from the real deal, even to my trained eye. The return address, the Web link, the small-print legalese at the bottom - all of it seemed genuine. So how did I know it wasn't? For starters, I know that AOL, Citibank, eBay, PayPal, and other institutions have expressly stated they will never ask for personal information in an e-mail

I also know that phishing exists, so I'm naturally suspicious. Plus, I'd been using my eBay account regularly and knew everything was in order. In other words, exercise common sense. When in doubt, call or e-mail the company's customer-service department, or log in to your account manually, skipping the links in the e-mail. Don't make it any easier for the con artists

At the end there's a handy link <https://www.Aol.com/billing>. Looks pretty legit, no? Well, no. Although the message even includes an AOL logo, clues abound as to its fraudulence. One is the logo itself, which looks like a low-resolution copy

Then there's the bad spelling. Big companies hire professional copywriters, so you're not likely to see "billing informations" in any official correspondence. Likewise, look for your name, not "valued customer" or something similarly impersonal

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## Holiday Walk cites hall's 75 years

Meadow Brook Hall turns 75 years old this year and to celebrate its anniversary, organizers have returned to the celebrations of past years that have taken place within these magnificent rooms

Guests will enjoy a variety of celebrations - a glimpse of a traditional New Year's Eve celebration, Alfred Wilson and Matilda Dodge Wilson's 25th anniversary party, Danny Dodge's Halloween festivities and much more

Meadow Brook Hall's 2004 Holiday Walk offers a variety of events designed to capture the imagination of children and parents alike. Every Saturday and Sunday, children can enjoy holiday story time and visit Santa Claus in the ballroom. Other activities include writing letters to Santa, designing personalized ornaments and holiday cards

Children will also learn about the "pickle" tradition and find the "pickle" ornament on 11 trees throughout the home. This Christmas Eve German tradition is to hide a pickle [ornament] deep in the branches of the family Christmas tree

The parents hung the pickle last after all the other ornaments were in place. In the morning they knew the most observant child would receive an extra gift from St. Nicholas. The first adult who finds the pickle traditionally gets good luck for the whole year

Open to the public, the Holiday Walk 2004 75 Years of Grandeur begins Friday, Nov. 26 and runs through Dec. 19. Tours are offered daily, Monday through Sunday, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (The last admittance at 4 p.m.)

The cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for children under 17 years accompanied by an adult and children under 2 are free

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that are a cross-section of the town and are located all over town," said Jan Bennett, organizer of the Greenmead Walk. "We try to get homes that are different."

**RANCH DRESSING**

The Takacs' house is unique in that their ranch conversion has spread by word-of-mouth in the neighborhood. "We have a lot of people who just randomly stop by to look at it," Scott said. "We thought it would be good idea to volunteer our home for the Christmas tour. We've gone on house tours for Greenmead and they are a lot of fun."

The Takacs always enjoyed driving through the neighborhood on Bell Creek Lane and liked the home sites and the large lots on that street. When they first purchased the home, it was smaller than their previous home. By the time they finished remodeling, it almost tripled the size of the house. "It now looks more like a Cape Cod house," Scott said.

The Takacs have worked to decorate their home for this year's home tour with a mix of old decorations and new ones.

The couple's 12-foot Christmas tree is decorated with blue ribbons and blue and white lights in the great room. The tree was purchased from Ray Hunter Florist in Southgate. "It took two cars to get (the tree) back," said Rebecca.

A manger scene given to them by Madie Takacs, Scott's grandmother, is tucked on a shelf of one of custom cabinets made by Scott. Two other manger scenes — one that Scott purchased years ago and one from Rebecca's mother, Betty Rodgers of Taylor — also will decorate the great room.

Each of the rooms have different themes.

A guest bedroom is the home's angel room with angels from Scott's grandmother. The Red room is another bedroom decked out in a nautical theme of lighthouse photos and light-houses which originated from a trip to the Upper Peninsula and lighthouse visits.

Downstairs a Dickens Village is set up on a table. The couple, who met at and graduated from the University of Michigan, have created a maize-and-blue shrine downstairs, dedicated to their alma mater.

The kitchen displays Santa Claus, Christmas dolls and bears.

"Over the years we've collected a lot of angels and Santas," Scott said. Rebecca adds, "People like to bring us Santas." On the table is a Christmas dish collection, all set for dinner, from Scott's mother, Patricia Nagy of Plymouth.

**CHRISTMAS WALK**

**What:** 16th Annual Friends of Greenmead Christmas Walk. Seven homes in Livonia, all decorated for the holidays, will be open for viewing. Visitors can enjoy the walk and help by contributing to the proceeds designated for the restoration and preservation of Livonia's historic Greenmead.

**When:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4.

**Where:** The walk begins at the Hill House at Greenmead where hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served. (Greenmead is located on the southwest corner of Newburgh and 8 Mile. Enter from Newburgh Road.) Unique Christmas items can be purchased at the Hill House gift shop.

**Tickets:** Advance tickets are \$9 per person or \$10 the day of the event. Tickets are available from any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, Greenmead and the Department of Community Resources located on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall at 5 Mile and Farmington roads. Organizers suggest wearing shoes that slip on and off easily as shoes must be removed before entering the homes.

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**FAMILY TIES**

Other homes are unique, too.

Debbie and Jim Arnett's four bedroom colonial was selected by the Friends of Greenmead to be on the tour. It's an honor, but it's also a lot of work, said Debbie with a laugh. "We like to decorate for the holidays."

The holidays carry remembrances of family members. Debbie puts up crocheted snowflakes from Debbie's grandmother, who died in 2003. Debbie also has decorations from her parents. "These things bring back memories," she said.

The Arnetts also have a Santa collection displayed in the living room, many of them given to them by friends and relatives in travels. "We've added a few things and as of last year, we've done more with the snowmen in the basement," Debbie said.

Arnett enjoys supporting

Greenmead and its historical significance to the area. "I think it's a treasure for Livonia," she said. "It's great for anyone to help Greenmead. Our family loves historical things. It's great to have it close by."

Another home in the Rosedale Park subdivision consists of 800 square feet, but it is now an enchanted land, Bennett said. "It makes me think of the French cottages with the quaint artifacts on the walls," Bennett said. She opened up the closet and the shelves in it have special charms.

"We have several other elegant homes, which will be all set up for Christmas."

**FUN FUND-RAISER**

The walk is critical for raising funds for the Greenmead development and renovations. "The walk is the main fund raiser each year," Bennett said. She expected that the Friends of Greenmead would give \$20,000 to Greenmead this month.

"Each year or any other year, it's significant," Bennett said. "At this time, with the city budget being so tight, it's nice to keep this going," she said.

She expected funds raised will help with the renovation of the Old Blue House. People will buy tickets because some of it will go to Greenmead, but they're also coming to people's homes to look at their homes.

There's a home with a military room, devoted to a World War II veteran and a grand daughter who recently graduated from West Point.

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A guest bedroom is the Angel Room.



This dinette area is all set for the holidays.

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**HILL HOUSE**

The Hill House, built in 1841, was purchased by the City of Livonia in 1977. The Greek Revival house serves as a museum and backdrop for community events. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Livonia landmark is an annual stop on the Friends of Greenmead Christmas Walk.

Every year local quilter groups decorate the house for Christmas. In the parlor, the stockings are hung high by the Sauk Trail Quilters. They also decorated the bedroom with visions of a Christmas past. The Elmwood Station Quilters decorated the dining room. The table is set with dishes decorated with illustrations and verses from the poem "A Christmas Tree" in the bay window is decorated with candies. Quakertown Quilters have decorated the library with a festive look.

The sunroom decorated by longtime Greenmead volunteers Marian Lynch and Pauline Schweiger with an array of Santas and reindeers. The kitchen has been decorated by the Alexander Blue Quilters and has a glow of old-time charm and comfort.

The homemade cookies and cocoa are courtesy of the Friends for the Development of Greenmead.

Livonia Florist, 31110 Five Mile in Livonia, added a holiday arrangement to the trimmings of the Hill House this season.

**Military, family members remembered on holiday home tour**

Here are summaries of the other homes on the Friends of Greenmead Holiday Tour.

■ A home on Middleboro displays a candy cane walkway to the front door. A sled from the hostess' childhood piled with gaily wrapped packages welcomes visitors. The price tag is still intact, displaying \$5.95.

Animated figures adorn the living room, where you'll encounter the first of 10 or more Christmas trees. This seven-foot tree shows the hostess' love of purple and grapes making for a striking and unusual holiday theme.

The den reflects a military tribute to all service women and men, who continually

serve, especially the hostess' late husband and her father who were both U.S. Marines. The family recently welcomed home a granddaughter and her husband, both graduates of West Point after 15 months in Iraq. Of course, the tree is a blaze of red, white and blue with a reminder of Toys for Tots, especially at this time of year.

The dining room gives off a warm red glow, from the table settings to the candy cane tree.

Tovland has taken over the back porch. Teddy bears have found a new home — the tree. A collection of Campbell soup ornaments and toys are everywhere.

Of special interest is the

homeowner's extensive collection of Ron Lee clowns. They can be seen in several rooms throughout the home.

The downstairs rec room holds yet another special surprise with an impressive model train display. Merrin-Craft Florist, 13955 Merriman Rd. in Livonia, contributed to the holiday decor in this house.

■ The owner of an 800-square-foot cottage on Ingram in Old Rosedale Gardens moved all of her belongings from her former "Big House" on Arden Street and filled this little "doll house" with 36 years of Christmas treasures. The wide front porch has pillars.

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HOME CALENDAR

**Christmas in the Village**  
 Eight residences will be featured in Christmas in the Village's Holiday Home Tour 5-9 p.m. Friday Nov. 26 in Cherry Hill Village in Canton. Cherry Hill Village is at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road. Take Beck Road to Cherry Hill and travel west on Cherry Hill. This Victorian inspired community has early 1900s style architecture with old fashioned street lights, front porches on every house and white picket fences. Proceeds from the tour will benefit The Canton Community Foundation. Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance at The Summit of Canton. Holiday Market on Lilley in Canton. Canton Community Foundation (inside the Human Service Building in Cherry Hill Village). Cherry Hill Market. Curtis Building Co. Feather Your Nest on Ford (just west of Napier). Ribar Florist in Plymouth. Jinaes of Plymouth and Changing Florist in Northville. Also in the Village, the new Village Theater will present Gift of the Magi by The Great Lakes Lyric Opera Co. Friday-Sunday Nov. 26-28. Shows are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10. Free events begin at noon Saturday Nov. 27 as Christmas in the Village

will also feature juried artisans displaying their wares, strolling performers, entertainment on the main stage, samplings of Victorian era foods provided by local restaurants, a petting zoo, Victorian games and a visit from Santa Claus. Saturday's events will conclude with a tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. in the village square.

**Elf Shelf**  
 The Troy Women's Association will present the 33rd annual juried Elf Shelf Arts and Crafts Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Nov. 27 at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway. Troy High School is south of Long Lake Road between Crooks and Coolidge. Elf Shelf will feature more than 150 artisans. Proceeds benefit local charitable organizations. The \$2 donation at the door goes to local charities. For more information call (248) 988-0426 or e-mail elfshelf\_twa@yahoo.com.

The Troy Women's Association promotes projects of civic betterment and individual development. It meets 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois north of Big Beaver.

**Fridays at Cranbrook**  
 Explore the cultural treasures of Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills in a special way Friday Nov. 26.

Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, is Detroit's oldest Manor House. An English Arts and Crafts style masterpiece. It was built for George Gough Booth and Ellen Scripps Booth by architect Albert Kahn in 1908. The fourth Friday of each month Cranbrook House will remain open to the public for tours until 9 p.m. Admission is free.

A special program, Cut n Mix Fridays Art Talk and Jam with popular Detroit techno musicians playing live in the galleries at the Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, will culminate Nov. 26 with the release party of the compilation CD. The CD will include music by all musicians participating in the Cut n Mix series. Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, and free for under age 12. For information on specific events call the Cranbrook Art Museum at (248) 645-3323 or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

**Franklin home tour**  
 Notable homes in Franklin will be featured on the Candlelight Home Tour 4-8 p.m. Saturday Dec. 4. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$3 for children and available at Franklin merchants including Yanke Design, AppleTree Room, Escapades and Market Basket.

The tour is part of the Franklin Winter Festival - formerly Holly Day - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Festival events will include ice carving, children's activities, face painting, visit with Santa, crafts, bake sale, school choirs, mimes, horse drawn carriage rides (5-9 p.m.). Franklin's third annual Festival of Trees silent auction featuring trees and wreaths decorated and donated by villagers (4-8 p.m. in Franklin Community Church, admission is free) and Hanukkah candle lighting and tree lighting ceremony (6:30 p.m. in front of the Franklin library). Food, popcorn and other street activities will take place throughout the day. Schedules will be available in downtown Franklin stores on Franklin Road just south of 14 Mile.

**Holiday garland**  
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You will also learn how to make a basic bow to use many ways during the holidays. Have fun creating your own distinctive garland by adding berries, cones, ribbons and trim. The fee is \$19. Materials cost payable at the class will range from \$35 to \$50 based on the size of the project and what you want to use. To register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

**Home decor**  
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**Holly Walk**  
 Six Rochester area homes beautifully decorated for the holidays will be featured at the 2004 Holly Walk, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12, presented by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library. Tickets advance only are \$20 and benefit the library. To buy tickets by mail, send a self-addressed envelope

with a check payable to the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library to Holly Walk Tickets, Friends Library Store, 500 Olde Towne Road, Rochester 48307, no later than Saturday Dec. 4. Tickets are available at Bordine Nursery Garden Store, Dillman & Upton True Value Hardware, the Friends Library Store, Heslop's at the Village of Rochester Hills, Sharon's Hallmark and Werner's Hallmark. Refreshments will be served at the dairy barn at Van Hoosen Farm. For information call (248) 652-3549.

**Potters market**  
 The 29th annual Potters Market will take place Friday-Sunday Dec. 3-5 at 876 Horace Brown Drive in Madison Heights, south of 13 Mile and west of John R. between Montpelier and Barrington. Hours open at 10 a.m. daily and continue to 8 p.m. Dec. 3-6 p.m. Dec. 4 and 5 p.m. Dec. 6. The event, the largest pottery sale in the country, is presented by advanced ceramic students of Oakland Community College in Royal Oak. It will feature functional, decorative and whimsical jewelry, stoneware, porcelain and raku items by 130 potters. Admission is free. No strollers. For more information call (248) 246-2686, e-mail crbloss@oaklandcc.edu or visit thepottersmarket.com.

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adorned with Christmas decorations. The home owner has bordered the dining room with a beautiful toile print wallpaper, named Rosedale. This closet houses the owners dishes and stemware. Cardwell Florist, 32109 Plymouth in Livonia, provided the floral arrangement for this home.

At a home on Pembroke, this family is happy to be celebrating their sixth Christmas there. Nestled in the quiet Woodbrooke subdivision, the home was built in 1986. Upon entering, a quilt custom made for the starwell named Christmas Star hangs

overhead and is displayed year round. The living room is the Santa Room, displaying the collection that began a dozen years ago.

Many additions to the collection have been gifts, and hold special memories. Several of the home's decorations are handmade by loving family members and friends, and include Santas, snowmen, pillows and the crocheted snowflakes in the windows.

Two years ago, the homeowners made frames for the Christmas lights in the front windows. Lights are permanently attached and the frames are easily put up and taken down for storage. Nature's Floral Gifts, 37464 W. Five Mile in Livonia contributed to the holiday decor in this house.

Christmas is a very special

time of year for a home on Vanderhaven as the family celebrates the holidays in their newly constructed home with family and friends. Trees are trimmed in reds and greens, while festive mantels glimmer and gleam with glitter and gold.

Weber's Floral Gifts, 28301 Five Mile in Livonia, added a holiday arrangement to the trimmings of the Hill House this season.

A Cape Cod style home on Ladywood greets visitors with candles burning in the front windows and a collection of old fashioned sleds on the front porch. This beautifully decorated home owned by an interior designer is filled with many antiques and treasures. The large Christmas tree located in the front room is decorated with baby's breath

and country ornaments. The antique dining room furniture is accentuated with holiday greens and a collection of Santas. The walls of the adjoining country kitchen are overflowing with collectibles.

The walls of the garden room are hand painted and an antique children's table and set of chairs belonging to the owner's grandfather when he was a boy catches your eye. The Christmas tree is decorated with hand made storybook characters.

Over 100 handmade country dolls hang on the walls of the den. A Christmas tree, decorated with red apples, sits on top of an antique table. Before leaving this beautifully decorated home, you will go upstairs to the bedrooms. You will be greeted by a burst of bold and bright colors.

Each bedroom has its own Christmas tree, decorated to complement the unique colors in every room. The banister

leading you back down to the main floor is decorated with an abundance of greens, ribbon and tulle.

Holiday accompaniments were provided by French's Flowers & Gifts, 33885 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

A custom home on Van Road, built in 1992, became the owners' third Livonia home since moving here in 1969.

When you enter the two-story foyer, you will feel that, even though you have stepped indoors, that you are still outdoors, because the entire back of the house has floor to ceiling windows looking out over an abundance of beautiful trees.

The great room's 9-foot Christmas tree is decorated in shades of pink, cream, gold and burgundy with a Victorian theme.

The dining room table is set for a holiday luncheon with Royal Worcester Holly Ribbons china and Waterford

Kylemore crystal Snowmen and Santa place mats on the kitchen table await the arrival of their six granddaughters for their annual Sunday night before Christmas supper, cookie baking and sleepover.

Other decorations include a handmade Santa on the tea table, a Byers caroler collection near the fireplace, a Santa grouping on the stairway landing, and a den specifically decorated for the children.

If you look up, almost anywhere in the house you will see velvet bows hanging from the ceiling. This has been a tradition for over 40 years.

The mid-1800s secretary in the great room, the rocker in one of the guest rooms, and the hand made quilts on the twin beds, are all antiques passed down through the family.

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## Endangered Historic Places sought for list

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is accepting nominations for the 2005 America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list.

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Each year, the National Trust issues this list to identify and raise awareness of historic sites at risk from neglect, deterioration, lack of maintenance, insufficient funds, inappropriate development or insensitive public policy.

Since 1988, the list has been one of the most successful tools in the fight to save America's irreplaceable architectural, cultural and natural heritage.

The 2005 list will be announced in May.

To ensure that the most threatened sites are chosen, the National Trust uses three primary criteria to determine the 11 finalists: significance, urgency and potential solutions.

For more information about the application process and to download the application, visit [www.nationaltrust.org/11Most/nomination.html](http://www.nationaltrust.org/11Most/nomination.html), or call (202) 588-6141.

Completed nominations must be postmarked by Jan 19, 2005.

'Ever since 1988, our America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places list has been a powerful wake-up call, alerting people to treasures in trouble and galvanizing efforts to save them,' said Richard Moe, president of the National Trust.

'The list has helped save some very significant pieces of our heritage, and we're enormously proud of that fact - but past successes are not enough. Important historic sites are still in danger, and we still must work hard to protect the places that tell America's story.'

The list has brought national attention to more than 140 significant buildings, sites and landscapes.

At times, that attention has garnered public support to rescue a treasured landmark, at times, it has been an opening in a long battle to save an important piece of our history.

It has been so successful in educating the public that more than 20 states and many communities publish their own

lists of endangered historic places.

Among the many sites that have been listed are the tobacco barns of Southern Maryland, Vieux Carre in New Orleans, Ellis Island in New York Harbor, the Kennecott Copper Mines in Alaska, the Bethlehem Steel Plant in Pennsylvania, and the village of East Aurora, N.Y. Each represents preservation challenges facing thousands of communities.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is a private, nonprofit membership organization dedicated to protecting the irreplaceable.

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Its Washington, D.C., headquarters staff, six regional offices and 25 historic sites work with the Trust's 200,000 members and thousands of local community groups in all 50 states.

For more information, visit [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org).

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**About Animals**

**Dr. Brad Davis**

I met a man who becomes angered when people say "Canadian Geese." They are Canadian Geese, not Canadian Geese. A worker at my clinic cringes whenever she hears a song by rock star Avril Lavigne. My wife receives irritation from most of the things I do and say.

I have several of these irritations, many of which I have to deal with on an everyday basis. Some in the clinic, some outside.

Like when the person in front of me at the supermarket waits until the entire \$120 order is run through before even taking out their check book.

Have they had occasion where their order was free?

At the clinic, I get worn out trying to convince people to have their pet spayed or neutered.

Women tend to understand, as they have to deal with their reproductive tracts medically all the time.

Men often won't even hear of it. I can lay out all the reasons why neutering will help keep the pet healthier, all the problems it will prevent, but they often decline vehemently. I try to explain that the neuter is not retroactive to the owner, but they can't bear the thought of their little friend being 'fixed.'

Though this happens often enough that it becomes irksome, it's not every time. In fact, many men are comfortable enough in their own sexuality that they can do what's best for their pet.

It's the others that wear on my nerves.

Seemingly every drive in to

work I deal with a train.

The tracks near my house must be the finest in the area, as the trains not only go over them, but often stop to enjoy the feel against their wheels.

This turns the road into a long, thin parking lot.

It turns me into a Duke of Hazzard, thinking about jumping my car over the train in slow motion while shouting "Yee-ha!"

Once at the clinic, I'm amazed by the number of people who lecture their animals.

If a dog jumps up, pulls, or whatever else, people will shout their dog's name, then follow up with several sentences outlining how the dog should behave.

Remember, the dog hears their name, then Charlie Brown's teacher - "Fluffy, wa wa wa wa!"

If you want to correct your dog, you need to use a short correction word, such as "no."

This must be done immediately when the problem occurs, not a few seconds later. Then, when they stop, praise them.

Now they associate what they were doing with the bad thing, and associate your happy voice with not doing the bad thing.

Only use their name in praise. Yelling their name will make them less likely to come when called, as it means they're in trouble.

My greatest pet peeve, telephone solicitors, can be controlled by the no-call list, but a few still sneak calls through. I try to get their name and number, then call them back to get my number removed from their list.

They're usually not happy to get my call, but I see it as returning the favor.

The new problem I have seen this year would be the rapid increase of people buying mixed breed dogs.

I've mentioned labradoodles before, as a number of new owners have asked me about their dog, and about when they can breed him or her.

They seem very taken aback when I point out it is not a breed, and as such, it can't be 'bred.'

Breeding means making the next generation of a full breed dog better - in conformation, appearance, and in health.

People who make mixed breed dogs are not breeders, but are anti-breeders, making more mixed breed puppies like those that die at shelters every day.

We don't need more. I hope this stops soon.

(Mixed breed dogs are great! If you want one, go to a shelter. A new friend and you will find each other there!)

**Dr. Brad Davis** is the Medical Director for the VCA of Garden City 2085 Inkster Road Garden City MI 48135. Write him there with questions and comments. Listen to his nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk now heard on WSDS 1480 AM or visit the Web site at [www.AnimalTalkRadio.com](http://www.AnimalTalkRadio.com). Send e-mail questions or comments with your e-mail address to [Questions@animaltalkradio.com](mailto:Questions@animaltalkradio.com).

### GARDEN CALENDAR

#### Holiday classes

Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center 3301 John R in Troy will present classes in holiday decor.

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Participants will receive a coupon good for \$5 off a \$50 purchase made within seven days of the class.

Judy Cornellier will help you assemble and decorate your own holiday door swag in Holiday Bow and Swag Demo Saturday Dec 4 (10 a.m.) or Sunday Dec 5 (11 a.m. or 1 p.m.). Choose from decorations and fresh greens to create a stunning holiday door greeter.

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In Holiday Greens Arranging 10 a.m. Tuesday Dec 7 assemble and take home your own arrangement that will serve as a centerpiece for your holiday decor or a personalized gift. Bring in your own containers or choose one

#### Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will have a holiday luncheon 11 a.m. Monday Dec 6 at Longacre House on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. The program will be Boughs, Berries and Bunches. Judy Cornellier, a member of the Herb Society of America and chairman of the Herb Garden at Cranbrook Gardens, will show designs to brighten up winter and the holidays.

Call Nan Reid at (248) 471-2675 for reservations.

#### Troy Garden Club

The Troy Garden Club will meet noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday Dec 8 at Big Beaver United Methodist Church 3753 John R just south of Wattles in Troy. Vickie Hale and Ron Rudd will present Winter Sowing, an exciting way to keep those gardeners' hands active during the cold winter. Refreshments

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The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza and at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph.

Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com). The schedule includes Computer assisted Design Mondays Dec 6 20 in Livonia (fee is \$132, class size limited to six).

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, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail [kabramczyk@homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@homecomm.net).

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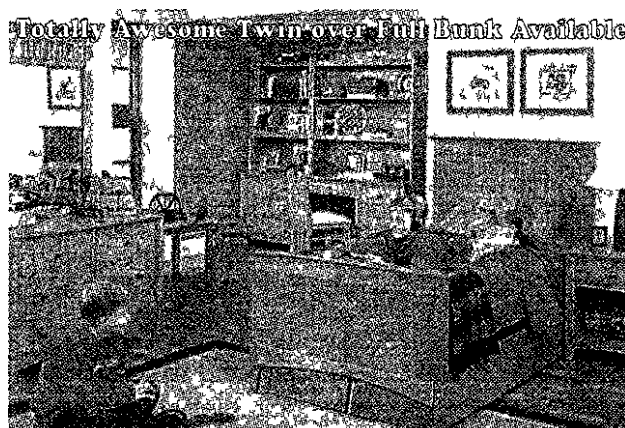


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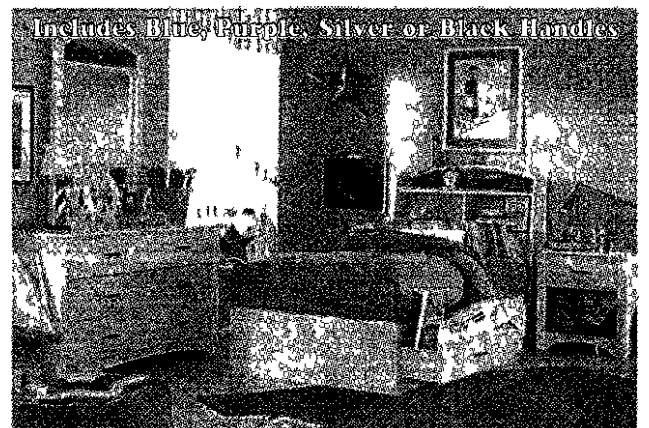
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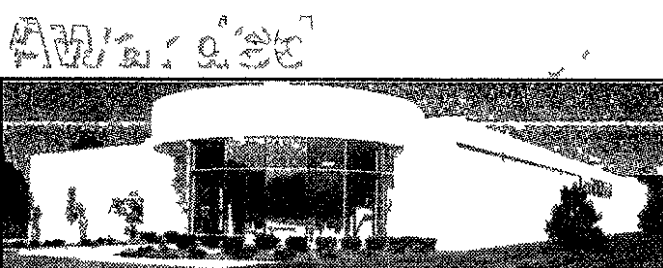
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One Drawer Night Stand	\$348	44" Student Desk	\$528	Twin Over Twin Bunk Bed	\$838



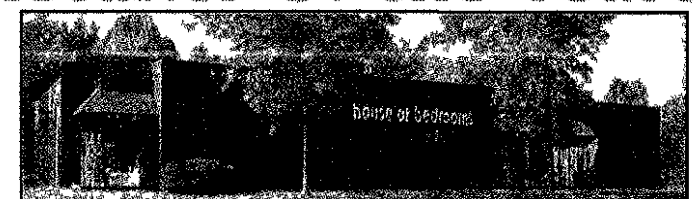
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## Lenawee Christian too much for PCA, 48-35

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
CORRESPONDENT

They lost the game, but coach Harvey Jennings' Plymouth Christian Academy team won, too

Lenawee Christian used balanced scoring and a tenacious defense Monday night to take a 48-35 victory from PCA in a Class D Regional 26 semifinal game of the state high school girls basketball tournament

But hey, the winner drew the defending state Class D champion, Lansing Christian, Tuesday night for a berth in the quarterfinals. Lansing Christian, led by Tiffanie Shives (Michigan State), shredded Camden-Frontier, 69-22, in the other regional semifinal contest. "We were last in our conference," Jennings said. "We won one conference game. But we had great seniors. For us to get this far based on statistics, we should have gone out in the first round

"But what we have to do is not define our season by this one game. We have to focus on the hard work that started back in August."

The Eagles ended 11-12, the same record the winning Cougars took into the game.

Lenawee Christian didn't put a single player in double figures but had nine players score and five getting six points or better. Freshman Abbie Forman had nine, Haley Cisco scored eight and the

trio of junior Brittany Wright, sophomore Katie Mullis and junior Elizabeth Davies had six apiece.

The Cougars scored the first eight points of the game and their zone defense kept the Eagles from penetrating or getting easy inside hoops. Lenawee Christian held a lead of 10-6 after the first quarter, 24-15 at halftime and 36-24 entering the fourth quarter.

PLEASE SEE TOO MUCH, C6

## Rocked

### Marian knocks Salem out of tourney, 49-35

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

When Birmingham Marian's fast-break is running on all cylinders, the Mustangs can turn defensive rebounds into offensive lay-ups in a heartbeat.

Case in point: Monday night when the Mustangs pushed the ball up the court and Salem out of the post-season with a 49-35 victory in the Class A regional semifinal played at West Bloomfield High School.

Marian will take its 20-4 record and sizzling transition game into tonight's regional final against the host Lakers, who dismantled Pontiac Northern, 62-47, in the other semi-final match-up.

Salem closed out its year with a 16-7 mark.

"I was disappointed in our team's effort at the district tournament, admitted Marian coach Mary Cicerone. "Before the game tonight, I asked them, 'What happened to my old team?' The effort was back tonight. We're at our best when we grab the rebound and go, and that's what we did."

As usual, the Mustangs' catalyst was senior guard Claire Aubrey, who scored a game-high 16 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out six assists.

"Claire is one of those players who always gives 110 percent," Cicerone said. "She's our best defender and she's a great leader." Salem coach Fred Thomann

PLEASE SEE ROCKED, C7



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ellen Canale tries to dribble past Birmingham Marian's Katherine Johnson during Monday night's 49-35 loss to the Mustangs in the Class A regional semi-final game played at West Bloomfield High School. Canale finished with six points.

## Friendship is strong for Rock seniors

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The illustrious high school basketball careers of Salem seniors Ellen Canale, Alyssa Guerin and Kathryn Wheatley may have ended Monday night with the Rocks' 49-35 loss to Birmingham Marian in the regional semi-final game played at West Bloomfield High School.

**'Alyssa is my right arm and Cat is my left arm. When I'm braiding my daughter's hair years from now, I'll think of them.'**

Ellen Canale  
Salem senior

But the friendship forged between the trio of hoop stars over the past several years will never diminish.

These are my sisters for life," said Canale, describing the bond that has grown between the three since they all made the Rocks' varsity squad as sophomores in 2002.

"Alyssa is my right arm and Cat is my left arm. When I'm braiding my daughter's hair years from now, I'll think of them."

As the three players stood courtside just moments after possibly the most excruciating loss of their young lives, Guerin reflected on what a positive experience the past three months had been for her and her teammates.

"I'm sad that we lost tonight, but when I look back on this season, I don't think I could have played with better teammates," she said. "Everybody on this team played hard all year."

"My senior year of basketball couldn't have gone any better," Wheatley agreed.

Before the season started, they talked about winning the district and we did that. I'm very proud of everybody on this team and what we accomplished."

Counting summer-league and high-school action, the threesome has played in well over 100 games together during their successful careers.

When you throw in the hundreds of practices they've sweat through together, it's no wonder they feel like family to each other.

"Al and I have been playing together since seventh grade," Canale said. "We met Kathryn in high school and our friendships have grown ever since."

Wheatley and Guerin will be teammates again in the spring when they compete together for the Salem soccer team. But the trio's hoop days together are over.

Or are they?

"I'm sure we'll play a little one-on-one against one another in the future," Wheatley said, smiling.

## Canton's Schmitt earns All-State status

Swimming in its own backyard, Ann Arbor Pioneer stroked to its fifth consecutive Division 1 state girls swimming/diving title last weekend at the University of Michigan.

The Pioneers accumulated 372 points, 167 more than second-place Farmington Mercy Zeeland (202), Rochester Adams (170) and Okemos (121) rounded out the top five spots.

Canton finished in 18th place with 33 points while Salem (four points) tied for 36th with Battle Creek Central.

Chief freshman Allison Schmitt proved that she will be a force to be reckoned with on the state level for several years to come as she finished seventh in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:54.26.

Schmitt's effort earned Canton 12 points.

Schmitt also captured eighth place in the 500 freestyle with a clocking of 5:14.33 in the final. The eighth-place showing was good enough for 11 points for the Chiefs.

Schmitt's efforts in both events earned the ninth-grader All-State recognition.

"Allison really swam great," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "She had her personal-best time in the 200 and she was close to her best in the 500. Our relay team

**'She had her personal-best time in the 200 and she was close to her best in the 500.'**

Ed Weber  
Canton assistant coach

performed well, too."

The Chiefs' 200 freestyle relay foursome of junior Izabela Paszkowska, sophomore Laura Landis, senior Susie Patrick and Schmitt just missed earning All-State honors when it finished 12th with a time of 1:42.21. The top 10 finishers in each event are considered All-State.

Salem's 200 medley relay quartet of junior Kelsey Lincoln, junior Kim Heaney, senior Ashley Aquinto and senior Amanda Newman finished 15th with a time of 1:54.61.

Other Western Lakes Activities Association schools also fared well at the state meet. Livonia Stevenson finished 10th with 91 points, Walled Lake Central was 29th (15 points), Walled Lake Western was 31st (14 points) and Westland John Glenn nabbed 32nd place (11 points).



## Great shot

Canton resident Tony Vitale poses with the 12-point whitetail buck he shot Oct. 13 while bow hunting on land near Pinckney. The deer – which earned a mark of 142 on the official Pope & Young Club Scoring System – was one of the largest ever shot with a bow in Livingston County, according to Pope & Young.

## Sidelines

### Lightning strikes

The Plymouth Lightning '96 select soccer team recently finished 8-0-1 to win the WSSL U9 Girls Division II title.

"The team played really well," said Lightning coach Brianna Sleek. "I am very impressed with their individual skills and overall talents and team chemistry."

The Lightning's defense – which allowed just 14 goals all season – was led by co-captain Emma Barterian, Terra Crown and Maria Pulice. Madeline Szuba and Allison First shined as the team's goalies. Offensively, the team was paced by Alyssa Dillon, Kate Morris, Samantha Riga, Alexandra Burkhart and Shannon Perry.

### 'Cat skaters win

Plymouth's boys hockey team was successful in its first-ever varsity game, ousting Pinckney, 5-3, on Saturday.

Nick Rososchacki led the way with a pair of goals. Ryan Stamm, John Knoerl and Jason O'Guinn had one apiece.

The winning goalie was Justin Desilets.

### Gym time

The 2004 USAG Jingle Bell Rock Gymnastics Invitational and Fun Meet will be held Dec. 3-5 at St. Edith's Gymnasium in Livonia.

The meet, presented by Euro Stars Gymnastics, is expected to attract 700 gymnasts in addition to family and friends. Competition will be held for girls USAG Levels 5-10 and Fun Meet Levels 2-Pre 5.

The Vietnam veterans will present flags for the national anthem. St. Edith's is located at 15089 Newburgh Road. Call meet director Diana Genrich at (734) 737-9500.

### MU's Zathay hailed

Madonna University women's soccer coach Mark Zathay, who guided the Crusaders to a 11-5-4 overall record and a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference title, was named 2004 WHAC Coach of the Year.

It was the conference's second honor for the fourth-year coach, a graduate of Livonia Bentley High School.

Three MU underclassmen also earned first-team All-WHAC recognition including junior co-captain Lacey Cattarino (Westland John Glenn), sophomore Kelly Japowicz and freshman Loren Tacconelli.

Japowicz, a forward, led the Crusaders this season with 11 goals and five assists, while Cattarino posted a team-high 11 assists. Tacconelli added six goals and four assists in her inaugural season.

Second-team All-WHAC selections from MU included freshman defenders Rachaelle Mirto and Julie Turner, along with the Crusaders' lone senior, midfielder Danielle Strickland.

# Whalers making move in division

After struggling early this season, the Plymouth Whalers are making a serious run at the top spot in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division.

Sparked by solid goal-tending, the Whalers upended Sault Ste. Marie, 3-1, Saturday night at the Compuware Sports Arena before a sellout crowd of 3,904.

The victory improved the Whalers to 8-9-4-2 (22 points) and into sole possession of second place in the division. The Greyhounds slipped to 8-10-3-0.

Plymouth goal-tender Ryan Nie earned recognition as the game's second star after knocking away 30 Greyhound shots. On Friday night, Nie was the No. 1 star in the Whalers' 3-1 triumph over Erie.

Dan Collins, James Neal and John Vigilante all scored for the home team. Collins' goal was his team-leading ninth of the campaign. Jeff Carter scored the lone Greyhound goal.

Carter's power-play goal put Sault Ste. Marie ahead, 1-0, at the 10:31 mark of the second period. Collins tied the game 13:56 into the period before Neal tallied what proved to be the game-winner at the 11:13 mark of the third period.

Vigilante added an insurance with an empty-netter with 1:03 left in the game. It was the Dearborn native's third goal in as many games.

The sellout was the fourth of the season for the Whalers, who host the Windsor Spitfires tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

# CC skaters' goal to return to 'promised land'

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Consider Redford Catholic Central on a mission to return to hockey's promised land.

That's judging by the drive and purpose shown by the Shamrocks during Monday's practice at Compuware Sports Arena.

According to CC second-year head coach Todd Johnson, a mix of talent, savvy and a strong desire to win provide many reasons why he is feeling good about what the 2004-05 season might bring.

Johnson also likes that he has 16 players coming back from the 2003-04 squad that went 20-7-3, claiming the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League and Division 1 regional championships before falling short in the state title match. Monday, he put his squad through an uptempo workout and then talked optimistically about the season, which begins 7 p.m.

Friday at Compuware against Livonia Churchill.

"We won five straight state championships and set a state record," Johnson said. "Then we got to the (DI) state championship game last year and came up a little short. I think the senior class wants to pay respect to the seniors from last year, and get back to the title game."

Seniors taking part in that 3-2 title defeat to Marquette, and perhaps with something to prove, include forwards Harrison Niemann, Jason Lewarne, Chris New, Mike Oakleaf, Mychael Evans, John Horal, Brett Storm and Bryan Gosia and defensemen/captain Kevin Horal.

Add junior forwards such as Drew Kahle and Dan Barczuk to the mix and the Shamrocks have plenty of offensive firepower up front.

## MAKING WAVES

The top four of Niemann,

Lewarne, Kahle and Barczuk lead a cast of 12 returning forwards who figure to be dangerous on opposing goaltenders. Like Monday's practice, it will be wave after wave of Shamrocks.

"I like the experience we have at forward," said Johnson, calling the position a strength of the team.

Kevin Horal and junior Tim Buttery anchor the Shamrocks blue line. When not protecting the CC net, they will each spearhead power-play units, providing booming slap shots from the point.

"They're both pretty solid," said Johnson. "They're about as good on defense as we've had."

The rest of the Shamrocks defenders are relatively inexperienced.

But Johnson sees a bright future. Among players expected to make a contribution include juniors Mike Maviglia, Adam McGee and sophomores Doug Raymond and Dominic Scala.

Senior defenseman Colin Ronayne also is new to the Shamrocks.

"Our defense is a little bit young and inexperienced," Johnson said.

"But I think they will come along fine."

But if the defense takes a while to get up to speed, they will have solid goaltenders backing them up.

Dividing netminding duties, at least during the first part of the season, will be junior Ross Tashjian and sophomore Brian Hogan.

"Both are very athletic with solid backgrounds," the coach said.

Johnson is confident Tashjian and Hogan can pick up where last year's tandem of John Garza and Andrew Godoshian left off.

"Our goaltending is pretty solid," he said. "That's a huge plus."

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### EQUIPMENT SALE

Canton Leisure Services will be holding a community-wide used sports equipment sale on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Diamonds Restaurant inside the Canton Softball Center. Shoppers may purchase gently used sports equipment for all ages.

The drop-off of equipment to be sold will take place on Friday, Dec. 3 only from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Diamonds. CLS will sell the items and return a portion of the proceeds to the seller between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 4. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

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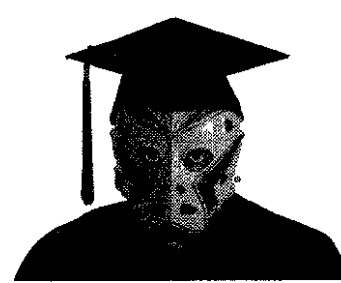
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# SC men kickers sixth

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

A sixth-place finish in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's soccer tournament couldn't dampen Schoolcraft coach Dominic Scicluna's spirit.

Two-time defending NJCAA champion Yavapai (Ariz.) won Sunday's consolation game in Tyler (Tex.) with a 2-1 win over the Ocelots, who finished the year with an 11-10 record (Seven Schoolcraft wins this season were forfeited because of an ineligible player.)

Schoolcraft finished the match, played in standing water, with only nine players after goalkeeper Liam Curran and Justin Barnett (Salem) were both ejected for red cards in the first- and second-half, respectively.

"We outshot them, outplayed them and outthrustled them," Scicluna said. "It was an unbelievable display. We were all over them."

As he did in the Central District championship final and in a 5-4 first-round loss to eventual champion Mercer County CC (N.J.), Lew Tripp (Plymouth Christian) had to

move from his left-central midfield position into goal. Yavapai's Todd Brown scored his school-record 34th goal of the season in the third minute of play on an assist from David Oberholtzer to give the Roughriders a 1-0 halftime lead.

Ten minutes into the second half, Yavapai took a 2-0 lead on Michael Randolph's goal set up by Daniel Pierce.

Schoolcraft's Renato Susnjara then broke Yavapai keeper Robert Armstrong's shutout bid with eight minutes remaining on an assist from Rod Aslani.

The Ocelots were able to stay close because of their conditioning against 23-2 Yavapai.

"It was one of the most physically demanding seasons we've ever had, four-hour training sessions which take heavy dedication," Scicluna said. "We were the fittest team there and we also had the most creative movement of anybody. We also had the ability to bring people together."

Mercer County beat Georgia Perimeter for the title, 3-1, while San Jacinto College South (Tex.) upended Johnson CC (Kan.) for third place, 3-2.



## Quest for victories

The Canton Quest 94 Premier soccer team recently completed its 2004 fall season as the Division 1 champions of the WSSL Select soccer league. The Quest compiled a record of 8-0-0, outscoring their opponents 44-7. Pictured (front row l-r) are Nicole Ineich, Kaitlyn Murphy, Megan McCormack, Mackenzie Rogers, Claire Huddas, Katelyn Watson, (second row l-r) Taryne Pagel, Robyn Mack, Victoria Pepper, Abby Livingston, Jessica Scott, Brienne Miller, Sarah Falvey, Kristina Klusek, (third row l-r) parent coach Steve McCormack and coach Jamie Scott.

# Schoolcraft women 3rd at Nationals

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team finished third in the 2004 NJCAA National Championship tournament that was held last weekend in Paradise Valley Community College Phoenix, Ariz.

The Lady Ocelots, who finished 24-1, bounced back from a heart-breaking 2-0 loss to Monroe (N.Y.) Community College in Friday night's semifinal game to defeat Lewis & Clark (Ill.), 2-1, in a shootout in Sunday's third-place game.

The Trailblazers jumped ahead, 1-0, at the 15-minute mark of the first half before Natalie Thomas (Salem) tied the match with a header with 10 minutes to go in the game. She was assisted by Jessica Saba.

Schoolcraft's Nicole Saugh was voted to the All-Tournament team.

Monroe went on to win the title Sunday with a Young Harris (Ga.), 6-2, which meant that SC lost to the eventual national champion two consecutive years.

# Madonna University spikers are still in the hunt

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

The Madonna University women's volleyball team didn't come away with the Region VIII title Saturday at Indiana Wesleyan, but that doesn't mean the Crusaders' season is over.

In fact, it's just beginning as MU earned an at-large berth in the 20-team NAIA Nationals, which begins Wednesday at Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.) in San Diego.

Despite being by Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference foe and nemesis Cornerstone in the Region VIII final in four games, 30-27, 32-30, 27-30, 30-26, the Crusaders will be making their seventh NAIA Nationals appearance since 1993 under coach Jerry Abraham.

MU will take a 40-3 record into the tournament and will be seeded eighth, grouped in Pool A with No. 1

Fresno Pacific, St. Mary (Neb.), Cedarville (Ohio) and Iowa Wesleyan.

MU and Cedarville tangle at 1:30 p.m. (PST) Wednesday in an opening-round match. Pool play continues Thursday with matches against Iowa Wesleyan (11:15 a.m. PST) and St. Mary (8:15 p.m. PST), followed by Friday against Fresno Pacific (11:15 a.m.).

The quarterfinals are set Friday night with the semifinals and finals on Saturday.

Abraham's biggest concern before the trip next week to San Diego is the health of his team.

In Saturday's Region VIII semifinal, a 30-25, 30-23, 30-24 win over Taylor (Ind.), starting libero Stephanie DeNardin collided with teammate Jacqui Gatt (Livonia Churchill) while going for a ball in the second game.

DeNardin, who leads the Crusaders in digs, had to leave with a separated shoulder.

The Crusaders also played for the second straight weekend without 6-foot middle hitter Heather Spooner, who has a high ankle sprain. Preseason All-America candidate Laura Lesko, 5-10 senior middle hitter, also missed the entire season with a stress fracture in her back.

But helping to pick up the slack in the Region VIII tourney were a pair of defensive specialists, 5-6 sophomore Becci Crane and 5-7 freshman Amy Szymanski (Livonia Ladywood).

"We had some critical injuries missing two key players, but we had other people come in and step it up," Abraham said. "Amy and Becci came in and did a great job. I'm proud of them. When you lose a player like Stephanie, it's like changing quarter-

backs. We had to do some adjusting because we already had other kids playing other positions."

Cornerstone, which has won three of five meetings this season with Madonna, improved to 47-3 overall as Shannon Burmaster had a team-high 23 kills and 43 digs, while Holly Panches finished with 51 assist-to-kills.

Natalja Timna led MU with 27 kills, while Sharyse Bush and Caryn Inman added 20 and 17, respectively. Gatt had a team-high 31 digs, while Crane added 25. Setter Ashley Frost contributed 61 assists.

In the win over Taylor (33-9), Timna collected 21 kills, while Bush added 15. Frost finished with 43 assists and Tera Morrill (Livonia Franklin) contributed a team-high 18 digs. Five Crusaders made the All-Region team including Timna, Frost, Bush, Inman and Morrill.



## Super Stars

The Plymouth/Canton Stars (Area 23) won a gold medal in the Michigan Special Olympics state soccer tournament held Oct. 9. The Stars, who are coached by Tim Johnson, finished the tournament with an undefeated record. Pictured (front row l-r) are Jordy Berlingieri, T.J. Johnson, Janie Vermeulen, Julie Trublowski, Mary Rossow (back row l-r), coach Tim Johnson, Scott Stoner, Julie Abraham and Brittany Jerden.



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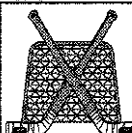
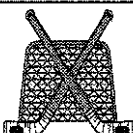


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# Lions Turkey Day tradition being tested by other owners

The Detroit Lions Thanksgiving Day game has been a tradition around these parts for 70 years. It was 1934 when first Lions owner G.A. Richards presented football on Thanksgiving. He even convinced the NBC Radio Network to carry the contest coast-to-coast. There was no television yet. Amazingly, football had survived all that time before the hit ABC show, 'Desperate Housewives'.

November 29, 1934 was the date of that first flying turkey cut. It was played at University of Detroit Stadium in front of an astonishing 20,000 fans. Yes, that was an



Mark Wilson

astounding number at the time and yes, there was once a University of Detroit Stadium. The Chicago Bears beat the Lions in that first game, 19-16 and a tradition was born.

However, there are those that want to take that from you. They want a piece of the holiday action.

Kansas City Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt has been the ring-leader. He has said for years that it's unfair that only Detroit

and Dallas get to have home football games on Turkey Day. Hunt believes it should be spread around to every team beginning of course, with his beloved Chiefs. Maybe it's because Chiefs are Indians who were a part of the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims. He just wants to stick to the history books.

A more likely reason is money.

Thanksgiving Day is a show case to the world. Lamar Hunt and other owners want to profit just like Detroit and Dallas profit from it. Lions owner William Clay Ford has been able to hold off the charge from those nasty heathens. Ford

once told me that something dating back 70 years should have a permanent stamp on it.

It's our game and I don't want to see that change, Ford said. Naturally others want in but the only way that's going to happen is if we are scheduled to play them here.

In his infamous spirited laugh, Ford makes it clear he has battled this attempt to take Thanksgiving football away many times in his 41 years at the helm. The Lions owner has immense clout in the NFL and sporting community. Does it hurt to have a car company either?

Thanksgiving football in Detroit is synonymous with the

day itself now. As far as I am concerned, it's not going anywhere. Repeated Ford.

The Lions ride a four game losing skid heading into the game. They are 4 and 6 but the tradition has never been about where the Lions are in the standings. If that was the case, Ford may have bought the team in 1963 without inheriting the Turkey Day tilt. The NFL loves its history and so far greed has not won out.

I can't imagine Thanksgiving without the game in Detroit. Just wouldn't be the same, said Lions defensive tackle Kelvin Pritchett. This will be Pritchett's 10th turkey feast with the Lions. He

has provided a lot of stuffing throughout the years.

We would be lost without the traditional Thanksgiving Parade on Woodward and the football game at Ford Field. It's just so cool to have the Lions back downtown. What started in the city will remain in the city.

And not one desperate housewife can do a darn thing about it.

Mark Wilson is host of the Steve Mariucci Show Mondays on WKRK FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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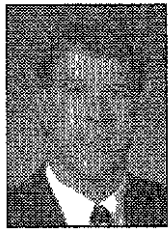
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# Penn State's Vanderlinden well traveled as coach

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER



Vanderlinden

The day following Penn State's season-ending 37-13 football win over Michigan State linebackers coach Ron Vanderlinden was back in the office 7:30 a.m. Sunday to map out his recruiting itinerary for the week.

By early Monday the Livonia native was already on the road, driving through New Jersey and back into Philadelphia in search for new talent for the Nittany Lions who finished 4-7 this season and failed to make a bowl.

Recruiting is the name of the game," Vanderlinden said. "It's basically three weeks in December and three more

weeks in January. It's a good change of pace from the 70 to 75 hours a week you put in during the season. I get to interact with high school coaches and meet new people. But it's also tough being away from home and family. It takes its toll.

Vanderlinden has always been around the game of football since his days in the Livonia Junior Football League and St. Michael's Grade School.

He played high school football at Dearborn Divine Child

under Bill McCartney and was All-MIAA center two years at Albion College where he earned a degree in Physical Education and Psychology.

I played for 14 years of football," Vanderlinden said. "When I got out of school I figured I'd coach and teach and come back eventually and coach at DC."

Vanderlinden started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Bowling Green (1978) before moving on to Michigan and Ball State. He was reunited with McCartney at Colorado where he spent nine years as a defensive assistant. He then joined Gary Barnett's staff as defensive coordinator where the

Wildcats earned a pair of Big Ten titles (1995-96).

Vanderlinden then served as head coach at Maryland (1997-2000) before returning to the Big Ten in 2001 to join coach Joe Paterno's staff as an assistant.

"I had a wonderful experience playing for Bill, sports was a way of separating myself, a way of getting some attention and getting noticed," Vanderlinden said.

"When I got to Colorado there was no money in the program. They were way down and when I took the job there it was like minimum wage, but we were able to enjoy a lot of success. Coaching under Bill opened a lot of doors for me."

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# Former SC star is on the rise

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Gary Johnson continues to take his game to another level as point-guard for the University of Central Florida men's basketball team. The 6-foot-1 senior from Wayne Memorial High and Schoolcraft College was named Atlantic Sun Conference Player of the Week after leading the 3-0 Golden Knights to the BP Top of the World Classic title in Fairbanks, Alaska. Johnson had 15 points, five rebounds and two assists in UCF's 62-58 win Sunday night over New Mexico State in the championship game. He added 11 points, six rebounds and five assists the previous night in a 55-52 semifinal victory over Utah State. (Junior forward Marcus Johnson, also of Schoolcraft, contributed seven points on 3-of-3 shooting from the floor in the win.) UCF opened tourney play last Friday with a 74-63 triumph over host Alaska-

Fairbanks as Johnson scored eight points, snared four rebounds and added three assists. For the tourney, Johnson averaged 11.3 points, 5.0 rebounds and 3.0 assists to earn tournament MVP honors. In two of UCF's three wins, he played turnover-free and was a perfect 6-of-6 from the foul line while shooting 39.3 percent from the field. Johnson said he didn't mind lugging home the big MVP trophy despite the nearly 11-hour plane ride. "We saw a lot, it was a good experience because I never thought I'd go to Alaska," said Johnson, only one of two starters back from last year's NCAA Tournament team. "It was cold, four degrees when we got off the plane. We visited North Pole (Alaska), rode snowmobiles and saw the (Alaskan) pipeline." With UCF's top three scorers gone in Dexter Lyons, Robert Morentin and Josh Bodden, Johnson has assumed even

more of a leadership role than his junior season when he averaged 7.7 points per game (while shooting 77 percent from the line). "I'm a senior and this is my last time around and there's a lot riding for me," he said. "My main focus is just not scoring, just leading and making sure everybody is ready for the next game. When you try hard and lead, you're only going to get good results." Last season Johnson helped the Golden Knights to a school-record 25 wins, including a near-upset of Pittsburgh in the first-round of the NCAAs. "Last year we'd get up on teams by 20 points and then try and hold on," Johnson said, "but I can tell by the collection of guys we have and the way they have responded this year that even when they're down, they have the ability to come back. I'm excited about that because of the way they love the game."

## TOO MUCH

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Lauren Sobiesky and junior Kelsie Tietjen scored 12 points each to lead Plymouth Christian Sophomore JoI Jennings had nine, leaving two points for Holly Johnson. "We were concerned about JoI Jennings coming into the game," coach Chen Smith of Lenawee Christian said. "She showed us a lot of skill. She's a good shooter and does well with the penetration game." "We started out man-to-man for a couple of minutes just to get a feel for how it would go, then we switched to a zone. We were concerned about their ability to press and run." "Their defense was good," coach Jennings said. "Combined with the fact we did not play our best basket-

ball. But sometimes it's like that. You want to put your best foot forward, but it doesn't happen." The Eagles trailed by six, 19-13, on a rebound basket by Tietjen with 2:55 left in the first half. But Ashlee Hill's triple got the margin up to nine and that's what it was at the intermission. JoI Jennings hit a triple to start the second half but Lenawee Christian scored six in a row and the margin was never under 10 points after that. The most difficult part of the season is that it's over. These are such great kids. You feel obliged to play them all, all the time. There was not one troublemaker on this team," coach Jennings said. "A lot of credit for this season has to go to the seniors. There was a point in the season where we were losing

every game. Our seniors, by the way they carried themselves, the way they practiced, the way they conducted themselves on the court and on the bench — they showed everybody how to do it. "That was how we were able to have a little winning streak heading into the districts. Our seniors gave up their minutes for underclassmen without a complaint. They didn't like it — I wouldn't have it any other way — but they didn't complain and didn't disrupt the team. "They showed great leadership, great character." They did something else, too. One by one, after filing out of the locker room at Whitmore Lake High School, they came up to give Jennings a hug and tell him how much they enjoyed the season. That's why 11-12 isn't always a bad season.

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**ROCKED**

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said his team was done in by missed shots and rushed shots

"I thought we had an opportunity early on, but we couldn't make our shots," Thomann said. "Then later in the game we'd shoot too soon, we'd miss, and it fueled their fast-break."

"We got to within five with the ball in the third quarter a couple of times. I thought we may have a chance if we could just make a shot and get it down to three, but it never happened."

Thomann told his Rocks to hold their heads high in his post-game speech to the team.

"I told them they should be very proud of what they've accomplished this season," Thomann said. "They won the (Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes) division, they won the districts and they made it to the regionals. I told them to keep their chins up because they played great."

Salem led 7-6 after the opening quarter as its trio of seniors - Ellen Canale, Alyssa Guerin and Kathryn Wheatley - combined for all the Rocks' points.

Whatever Cicerone told her team during the break between the first and second quarters worked as the Mustangs went on an 11-0 run to secure a lead they would never relinquish. Aubrey and fellow guard Katherine Johnson sparked the run by combining for 10 of the 11 points.

Salem received a jolt 29 seconds into the second quarter when Canale, its leading scorer this season, was whistled for her third foul. She sat out the rest of the half, which ended with Marian up 23-13.

Canale swished a triple to start the third quarter, but Marian's Katie Rashid countered with a



Salem's Alyssa Guerin drives through Marion's defense during Monday night's regional loss at West Bloomfield High School. Guerin finished with a team-high 12 points.

three of her own to put the Mustangs ahead 26-16.

Salem cut its deficit to 26-21 on a Guerin pull-up jumper from the lane with 4:15 left in the third quarter, but a three-point play by Aubrey pushed Marian's advantage back to nine.

The Mustangs led 31-22 after three quarters. They sealed the victory by outscoring the Rocks, 9-2 in the opening moments of the final quarter.

"We got beat by a very good basketball team," Thomann said. "Any team that can go 20-4 can go a long way in the tournament."

Aubrey was complemented offensively by Rashid, who had 12 points, and Johnson, who totaled 10. Bridget Mulroy tallied seven points and a

team-high nine rebounds.

Guerin paced the Rocks with 14 points and six rebounds. Canale, who fouled out with 4:22 remaining in the game, was held to six points. Teresa Coppellie scored eight and hauled down five rebounds.

Thomann said Canale's foul trouble damaged the Rocks' chances of advancing.

When your vocal leader and arguably the best player on the team has to sit out most of the second quarter and play with four fouls for a lot of the second, it hurts, Thomann said. "But I thought the girls who came in off the bench played well."

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Birmingham Marion's Katie Emig attempts a shot as Salem's Teresa Coppellie goes for the block during Monday night's regional semi-final game at West Bloomfield High School. The Mustangs won, 49-35.

**Northern suffers painful blow in semis**

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

West Bloomfield senior point guard Maria Martin suffered a painful blow to the mouth early in Monday night's regional semi-final game against Pontiac Northern.

But it was the Huskies who could have used the Novocain after Martin and her teammates laid a 62-47 hurting on Northern in the West Bloomfield High School gymnasium.

"I just had a tooth pulled, and I got hit in the same spot by the ball," said Martin, who scored six points, dished out 13 assists and played a spectacular floor game. "It was pretty painful, but when you get hurt in a big game like this, you just have to suck it up."

The victory vaults the 20-4 Lakers into tonight's 7 p.m. regional final against 20-4 Birmingham Marian, which knocked off Salem, 49-35.

"We're going to have to play well in every facet of the game to beat Marian," said West Bloomfield coach Larry Moore.

They are strong in every position.

Northern coach Leole Greer said the biggest difference in the game was the Lakers' superior height advantage.

"When their six-footers are going up against my five-footers, there isn't much doubt who's going to get the ball," said Greer, whose team was outrebounded 49-26. "I was happy with how we played. We didn't turn the ball over much (eight turnovers), we had a lot of steals (14), and we boxed out, but their size was too much to overcome."

Martin distributed the ball evenly among the Lakers' top offensive threats. Chelsea Seaborn led all scorers with 18, Randall Hurst had 17 and Nicole Clark netted 16. The 6-foot Hurst often ran the court like a 5-4 point guard. On more

than one occasion, she grabbed a rebound dribbled the length of the court, then threaded a pass to a cutting teammate.

"Randall's been doing that for us all year," Moore said. "So has Nicole Clark, especially rebounding, which is always the key to winning."

"I thought Pontiac Northern played well. They have some very quick guards and they play good defense."

The Huskies were led by senior guard Ashley Jackson, who scored 17. Jackson's back court mate, freshman Raina Chambers, chipped in with eight.

Hurst and Clark won the battle of the boards for the Lakers, hauling down 18 and 14 rebounds, respectively. Seaborn had six caroms for the winners.

Kenesha Long and Bianca Williams both had a team-high six rebounds for Northern.

West Bloomfield never trailed and led 15-7 after one quarter thanks largely to Seaborn's seven points.

Northern hung tough early, scoring the first four points of the second quarter on a pull-up jumper from Jackson and a driving hook shot from Chambers.

However, the Lakers shifted their running game into the next gear and went on to outscore their under-sized foes 17-3 over the next five minutes to take a commanding 32-14 lead.

West Bloomfield led 52-30 after three quarters. The lead only dipped below 20 in the game's waning moments then Moore cleared his bench.

The Lakers hit 26-of-55 field goals (47 percent) and a sizzling 10-of-12 free throws (83 percent). Northern canned just 16-of-68 shots from the floor (23 percent) and 13-of-19 free throws (68 percent).

The Lakers won handily despite turning the ball over 21 times.

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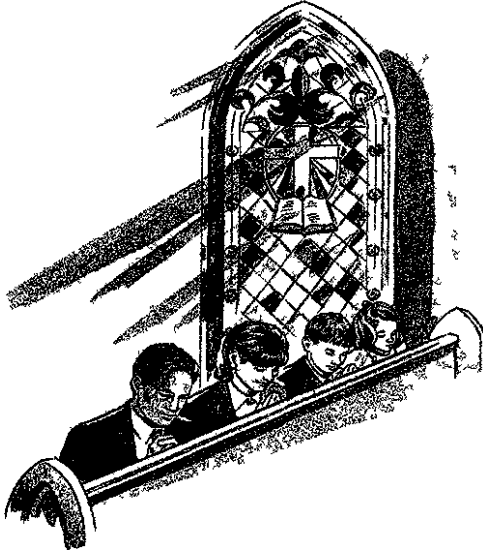
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**It's Easy To Criticize...** Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However correcting someone even in a kind or skillful manner can be very challenging since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others especially behind their backs are wrong and can become habit forming. However kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

**The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.** RSV Proverbs 12:15



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

## NOVEMBER

## Men on Fire for God

A gospel concert 7 p.m. Saturday Nov 27 at Shriners Auditorium and Conference Center (formerly Southfield Center for the arts) 24350 Southfield Road Southfield Cost is \$10 general admission \$12 reserved seating Call (313) 770-0650 A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the International Gospel Music Hall of Fame

## Candlelight services

Of lessons and carols 7 p.m. Sunday Nov 28 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Call (248) 374-7400

## Global Gifts and Crafts Shop

Items created by crafts persons and artists nearly all of whom are in the Third World gifts come from worker cooperatives resulting from the work of our ABC missionaries and partner Baptist conventions sale continues 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday Saturday through Dec 18 includes a UNICEF Card Shop at First Baptist Church Birmingham Two hours of free parking available in municipal lot adjacent to the building Call (248) 644-0550 for more information

## Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren 27350 W Chicago at Inkster is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement To participate in this cost free 30 minute class wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional) Join us as we exercise for JOY For more information call the church office (313) 937-1199

## Looking for classmates

St. Damian School is looking for former students to attend the first annual Alumni Mass and Reception 11 a.m. Sunday Nov 28 Catch up with your old classmates while touring the new church and gym St. Damian celebrates 50 years in 2005 The Nov 28 Mass kicks off the celebration For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be part of the Alumni planning committee send e-mail to alumni@stdamian.com

## Thanksgiving Praise Concert

Featuring Christian recording artist Jackie Bates 7 p.m. Saturday Nov 27 at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 42690 Cherry Hill Canton No charge but a love offering will be taken For more information call (734) 981-0286 or visit the Web site www.JackieSing4Him.com

## Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday For more information call (734) 422-1470

## Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs break fast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8:30 a.m. at the American Table Eight Mile Farmington Come when you can leave when you must For more information call (248) 924-2779

## Lecture series

Began 7 p.m. Monday Oct 11 and continues to Dec 6 at the Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church 18200 Livonia Open to anyone interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith Call (734) 422-0010

## UPCOMING

## Family story time

Join Nancy Spinelle for a special evening of Christmas storytelling 7 p.m. Wednesday Dec 1 in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington Road between Six and Seven Mile Livonia No charge Call (734) 425-5950

## Women's Advent Service

Women of all ages are welcome to attend the Women's Advent Service 7 p.m. Wednesday Dec 1 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia The service includes the reading of the Christmas story from the Bible singing communion and an advent message Afterward all are welcome to attend a cookie and punch reception in the social hall For more information call (734) 422-1470

## Christmas concert

The Farmington Musicales presents a Christmas program featuring organist Noriko Ernst soprano Sharon Cardecia with guest instrumentalists and the Musicales Chorus 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec 1 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church 23815 Power Road Farmington The public is invited to enjoy an afternoon of music with refreshments served after the performance For more information call (248) 471-6017

## Living Nativity

7:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Dec 3-4 come see the Christ child lying in a manger meet His mother Mary and father Joseph see live animals like sheep goats and a donkey and don't forget the shepherds have a cup of cocoa and a homemade Christmas cookie kids of all ages can make an ornament for their tree over 200 hundred nativity will be on display at Christ the Good Shepherd Church 42690 Cherry Hill West of Lilley Canton No charge Call (734) 981-0286

## Kings Feast

The William Tyndale College music program presents an evening of Christmas traditions including a royal catered feast and Renaissance theme with authentic period costumes wandering minstrels less than royal Master of Revels Royal Court Thespians and musicians 6:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Dec 3-4 at Kresge Chapel 35700 West 12 Mile Farmington Hills Cost is \$30 and includes dinner Families and groups welcome For tickets call Kim Swan at (800) 483-0707 ext 450

## One Night in Bethlehem

Come wander the streets of old Bethlehem hear the Christmas story as told by those who were there on that Holy Night 6:30 p.m. Friday Saturday Dec 3-4 holiday concert featuring the Rochester Conservatory Show Choir at 5 p.m. Saturday tours run consecutively from 6:30 p.m. with a special presentation of Music of the Season in the chapel at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 1610 Brewster Rochester Hills For more information call (248) 980-8715 or Mindy Linderman at (248) 373-9905

## Advent celebration

Men's Advent Communion Breakfast Celebration 8 a.m. Saturday Dec 4 keynote speaker is Rev. Syngman Rhee 212th moderator of the Presbyterian Church (USA) at Westminster Presbyterian Church 17567 Hubbell at West Outer Drive Detroit Cost is \$7 Call (734) 425-3024 or Presbytery office at (866) 345-6550 ext 220

## Bake sale

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 at St. Mary's Basilica 18100 Merriman Livonia Church tours available

## Craft show

Featuring more than 80 crafters 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 at St. Thomas a Becket Church 555 South Lilley at Cherry Hill Canton Bake sale and lunch available Admission is \$2 under age 12 free Call (734) 981-1333

## Holiday craft fair

Featuring more than 75 crafters 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 also bake sale and refreshments at Tri City Christian Church 3855 Sheldon north of Michigan Avenue \$1 admission For information call (734) 397-0819

## Marian Advent Retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 in the East Dining Room in the Residence Hall at Madonna University 14221 Levan Road Livonia This year's theme is Journey with Mary to Christmas and Rev. Daniel Jones professor Sacred Heart Major Seminary will lead the day's events Activities include quiet reflection and prayer three conferences lunch and individual reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the mysteries of the rosary with meditation prepared and led by students and Sunday Mass celebrated in the University Chapel at 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments For reservations or information call (734) 432-5419 Advance reservations required

## Jesus' Birthday Party

A child centered worship 4 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 followed by a birth day celebration with cupcakes and punch at St. Paul's United Methodist Church 620 Romeo Road Rochester Children bring an unwrapped gift for children at Methodist Children's Village or Rochester Neighborhood House Call (248) 651-9361

## Goodwill to Men

A Christmas musical 7 p.m. Saturday

Dec 4 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 explores the thought there are basically two kinds of people those that need to love more and those that need more love at Parkview Baptist Church 9355 Stark between Plymouth and Hines Drive Livonia No charge a nursery will be provided Call (734) 261-6180

## Cookie Walk

After 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday Dec 5 at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville For more information call (734) 699-3361

## Concert series

Begins with the Madonna University Chorale singing French carols the Christmas Motet by Poulenc Magnificat by Charpentier and a holiday sing a long 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 at St. John's Episcopal Church 574 South Sheldon Plymouth No charge but a free will offering will be accepted at the door Tickets necessary because of limited seating For reservations call (734) 453-0190 ext 16

## Choral concert

7:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 featuring the Chancel Choir and soloists of Kirk in the Hills and the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings features Handel's Messiah and Gloria in excelsis Deo a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach in the sanctuary at 1340 West Long Lake Bloomfield Hills Tickets are \$15 \$12 seniors \$10 students call (248) 626-2515 ext 109 or at the door

## Birmingham-First Concert Series

Medieval and Renaissance vocal music with Vox a professional cappella ensemble 7:30 p.m. Friday Dec 10 at First Presbyterian Church 1669 West Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield roads Meet the artists reception follows the program Childcare provided for children through second grade No charge but freewill offering is collected to benefit future events in the concert series

## Journey to Bethlehem

Live the story of the events leading to the birth of Christ 6:30 p.m. Friday Dec 10 and 4:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 11 Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads Tours begin every 20 minutes Call (734) 421-7660

## Holiday bake sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Dec 11 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 26212 West Six Mile Redford Call (313) 537-3778

## Seasonal concert

Crown Him with Many Crowns describes the program featuring the Birmingham Concert band and Oakland Singers Encore 3:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 12 at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 1800 West Maple Birmingham No charge but contributions to the concert band and its Music Scholarship fund are appreciated

## Christmas concert

4 p.m. Sunday Dec 12 featuring the Adult Festival Choir the Jubellation Handbell Choir the Confirmation Choir (Grades 7-8) the Laudate Choir (Grades 1-6) the Brass Ensemble and other instrumentalists performing Advent and Christmas music as well as enhancing the singing of your favorite Christmas Carols at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road north of I-96 Livonia No charge but a free will offering being taken Open to the public For more information call (734) 522-6830

## Christmas Cantata

Born is the King features music by composer and artist Matt Bono 5:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 18 at Peace Lutheran Church 17029 West 13 Mile between Greenfield and Southfield roads Southfield Call (248) 642-7047

## Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday Jan 9 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile Farmington Hills No appointment necessary For more information call (248) 476-8860

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## Contemporary service

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For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road four miles south of Michigan Avenue Belleville Child care available Call (734) 699-3361

## Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church 11575 Belleville Road 4 miles south of Michigan Ave Belleville Call (734) 699-3361

## Orthodoxy 101

Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled Orthodoxy 101 It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 W Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburgh roads Livonia The course is open to the public and there is no cost involved The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel

Come and see If you have any additional questions call Beth at (248) 348-8631

## Support group

Provides spiritual social and educational support for divorced and separated Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at St. Andrew's Parish Center 1400 Englewood Rochester For information call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860

## Grief support programs

At Hope Lutheran Church 3640 Madison at Carlyle Dearborn Families are encouraged to attend together as age specific groups are offered within one convenient location All are welcome Six week series for ages 13-17 began 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21 Adult six week series began 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21 To register call Howe Peterson Funeral Home (313) 561-6163

## Grief workshop

Began Sept 22 and continues 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Matthew's

United Methodist Church 30900 W Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia Call (734) 422-6038

## Bible studies

Birmingham Bible Institute began its fall semester Sept 21 with classes on 12 Tuesday evenings through Dec 7 22 courses will be taught at Grace Baptist Church 280 East Lincoln Birmingham Students receive certification for courses successfully completed For information call (248) 646-2000

## New contemporary service

Began 9 a.m. Sunday Sept 26 new contemporary service will be held the last Sunday of the month at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season a church event or current newsworthy situation Sept 26 drama is a look into the problem of being overloaded with requests for our time and abilities For more information call (734) 422-0494



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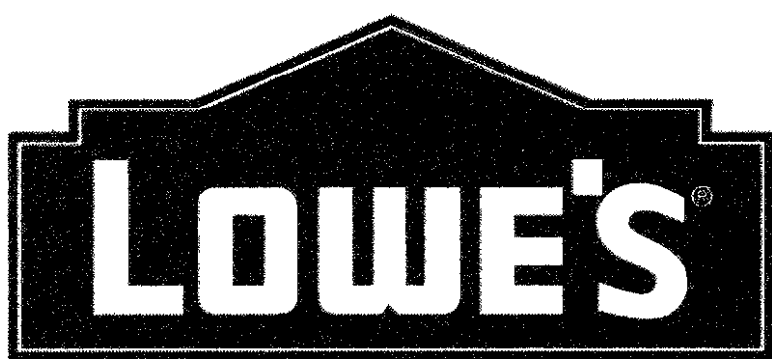
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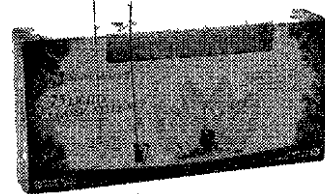
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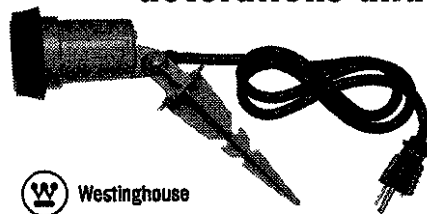


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Focus on Wine

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## Reading enhances wine enjoyment

Tasting is the best way to learn about wines and establish your personal preferences.

But how do you know what to taste and how to derive meaning from it? Read.

Among the wine books we've reviewed this year, five are standouts. Gift yourself or a wine friend with any or all of the following:

■ *Vino Italiano Buying Guide* by Joseph Bastianich and David Lynch (Clarkson Potter publishers, \$13.95). The authors share a passion for Italy, its wines and cuisine. Bastianich is the son of renowned Italian chef Ladia Bastianich and a partner with chef Mario Batali in the restaurants Babbo, Esca and Lupa in New York City. Lynch is a well-known wine and food journalist who is now the wine director at Babbo.

■ *Vino Italiano Buying Guide* is one of the surest ways to learn which are the exceptional producers and best vineyards in each region of Italy. If you're a fan of pocket guides and Italian wines, add this to your collection.

■ *The Winemaker's Dance* by Jonathan Swinchart and David G. Howell (University of California Press, \$34.95). For about a decade, the French word "terroir" has been used as the simple way to bundle the concepts that lead to the special characteristics of a unique vineyard site and a wine from that

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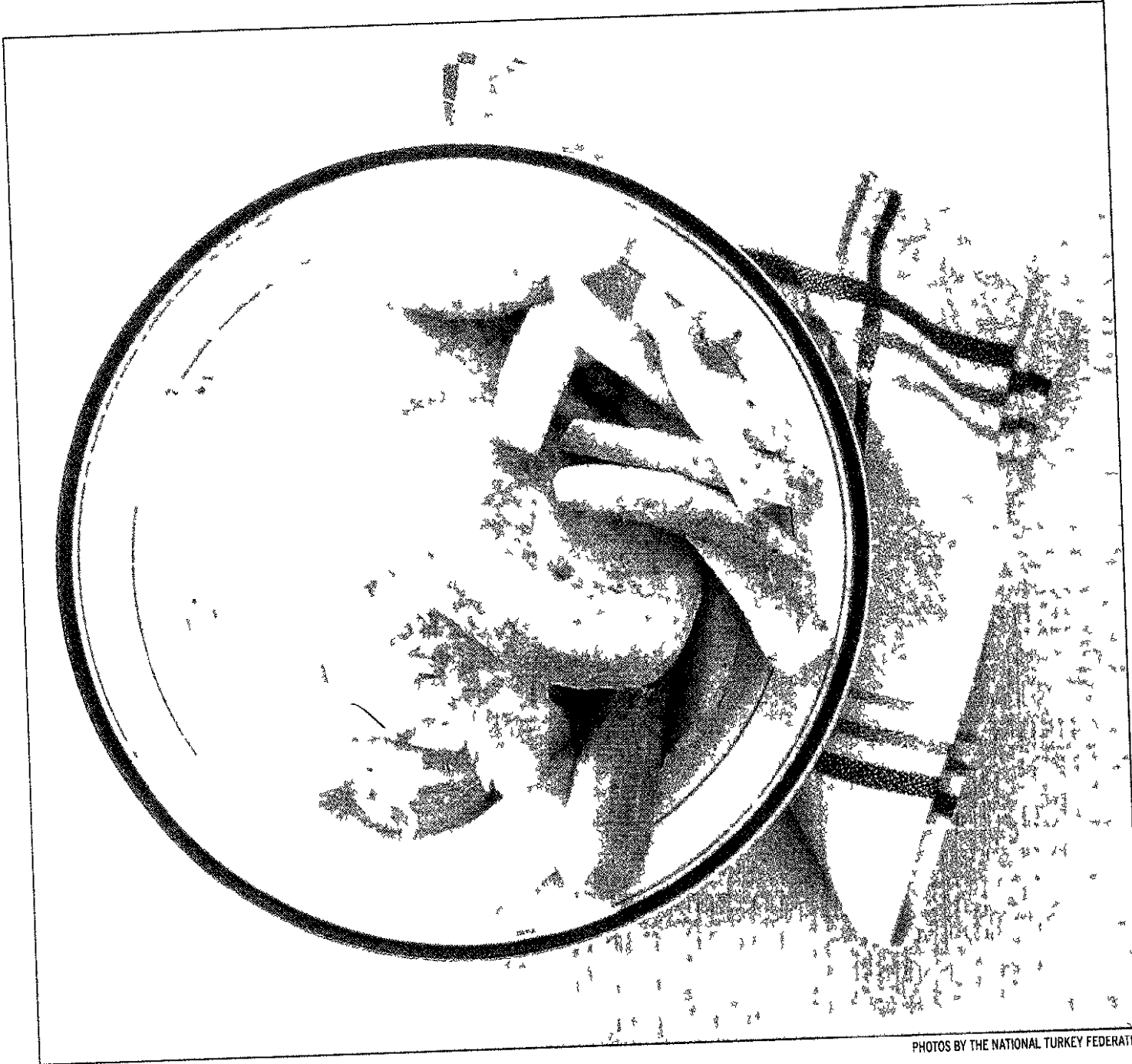
**Hockey fans take note:** Are you missing pro hockey yet? Renowned hockey legend Igor Larionov has a liquid hat trick for you!

In May 2004 Larionov, a 27-year hockey veteran teamed with business partner Mike Davis and California vintner Dave Miner to blend his first proprietary wine Hatrick made from the three primary Bordeaux varieties: cabernet sauvignon, merlot and cabernet franc grown in California's Napa Valley. With only 224 cases, it's nearly as rare as a hat trick, but it is available and worth your efforts to find a bottle or two.

Here's a little trivia you can use when serving Hatrick: In his career, how many hat tricks has Larionov had? Answer: four in the United States and 10 in Russia. When will Larionov who turns 44 in December play his last hockey game? Answer: Dec. 13, 2004, in Moscow.

All wines mentioned are available in the Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

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PHOTOS BY THE NATIONAL TURKEY FEDERATION

Create your own turkey reuben

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

# After meal

Soon you'll eat that turkey, then take that nap. Then you'll look at leftovers that you probably don't know what to do with it.

You may not want turkey Friday, but eventually you'll re-indulge in it this weekend. You'll want a sandwich with a little mayo or Dijon mustard with a few greens and veggies on a favorite bread. Or you'll just roll it up with a little cranberry sauce in a favorite wrap.

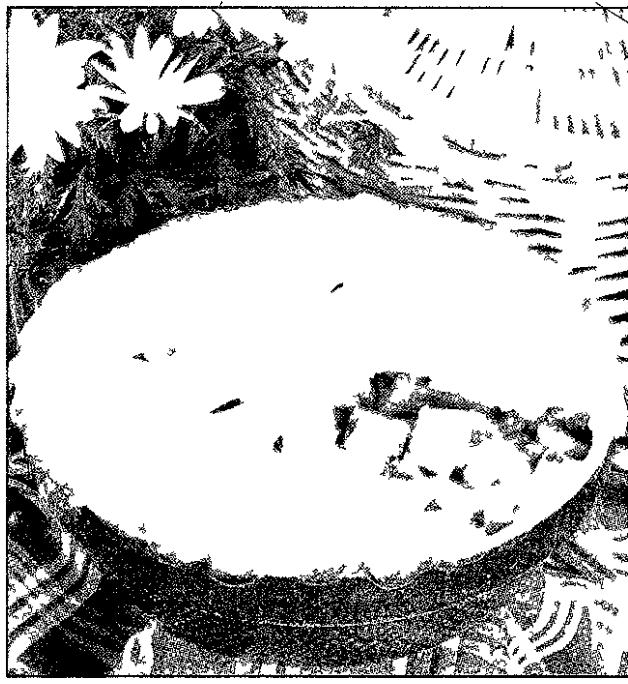
Turkey's mildness makes it a natural for almost any ethnic style of cooking. Make it Mexican with turkey tostadas, quesadillas or enchiladas, Italian with turkey tetrazzini or Indian in a favorite curry dish. Heck, you can probably go Thai and mix turkey in a stir-fry.

More leftover recipes including the turkey reuben can be found inside **Taste, Page D5.**

Make yourself a salad. Dice the turkey into a mix of greens, almonds, walnuts or pine nuts and dried cherries. Throw a whole grain in it (barley) and you have a one-dish meal. (See inside Taste for related recipe.) Mix turkey with couscous and cucumbers or toss with pasta and a few vegetables.

Then there's the traditional turkey sandwich, but use a little variety this time. Cut the fat by removing that corned beef from that reuben and make it with turkey.

Try a few new combinations. Whole Food Stores also has a few suggestions you may want to try (the strata sounds interesting), or look for additional ideas from eat-turkey.com.



TURKEY POT PIE

- 1 1-pound package frozen vegetables for stew, cooked according to package directions
- 1 cup frozen peas, cooked according to package directions
- 2 cups cooked turkey, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 1/2-ounce jar non-fat turkey gravy
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 refrigerated pie crust, room temperature

Drain any cooking liquid from stew vegetables and peas.

Add turkey cubes, gravy, herbs, salt and pepper to vegetables in oven-safe 2-quart cooking dish. Unfold pie crust dough and place on top of dish, trimming edges to approximately 1 inch larger than dish, secure dough edges to dish. Make several 1-inch slits on crust to allow steam to escape.

Bake in preheated 400° F oven for 25-30 minutes or until crust is brown and mixture is hot and bubbly.

Nutritional facts: calories, 340; total fat, 15g; cholesterol, 36mg; sodium, 1161mg; total carbohydrate, 37g; protein, 12g.

Recipe by The National Turkey Federation



TURKEY TOSTADAS

- 2 cups cooked turkey, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 package (1 1/2 ounces) taco seasoning mix
- Water, as needed
- 4 6-inch corn tortillas
- 1/4 cup canned refried beans
- 1/4 cup pepper jack cheese, shredded
- 1/4 cup tomatoes, chopped
- 1/4 cup lettuce, shredded
- 2 tablespoons onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup taco sauce
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup guacamole

In large skillet over medium heat, combine turkey and taco seasoning with measurement of water recommended on seasoning package. Bring mixture to a gentle boil, immediately reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Arrange tortillas on large cookie sheet.

Bake in a preheated 375° F oven 5 to 7 minutes or until tortillas are crispy and lightly browned.

Spread each tortilla with one tablespoon beans. Top with 1/4 turkey mixture and cheese. Return to oven 2 to 3 minutes or until cheese is melted.

To serve, top with tomatoes, lettuce, onions and taco sauce. Serve with sour cream and guacamole. Makes four.

Nutritional information: calories, 470; total fat, 24g; saturated fat, 12g; cholesterol, 100mg; sodium, 1270mg; potassium, 869mg; total carbohydrate, 32g; dietary fiber, 5g; sugars, 4g; protein, 31g.

Recipe courtesy of The National Turkey Federation

## Turkey emergency? Here's help

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 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST Monday-Friday, except Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day, when hours will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. EST.

Recorded information is available 24 hours a day at the same number. Also available in Spanish.

On the Net: <http://www.fsus.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 a free pamphlet with safety and cooking tips and recipes.

Now to Friday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST weekdays.

Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 20-21 (weekend before Thanksgiving), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

Monday-Wednesday, Nov. 22-24, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST.

Thursday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST.

Nov. 26 to Dec. 23, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST weekdays.

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 24-25 (Christmas Eve and Christmas Day), 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

Sunday, Dec. 26, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

Automated assistance available outside the above hours and all year.

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 now through Monday, Nov. 29 (including Thanksgiving Day).

After Nov. 29, the helpline is available 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. EST, Monday-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 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST weekdays year-round (except Sunday, Nov. 28, and Christmas Day). Free booklet offer with tips on safe handling of poultry.

Longer hours: Thanksgiving week Monday-Tuesday, Nov. 22-23, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST.

Wednesday, Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST.

Thursday, Nov. 25 (Thanksgiving Day), 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

On the Net: <http://www.perdue.com>

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# Bake whole wheat 'Sciscuits'

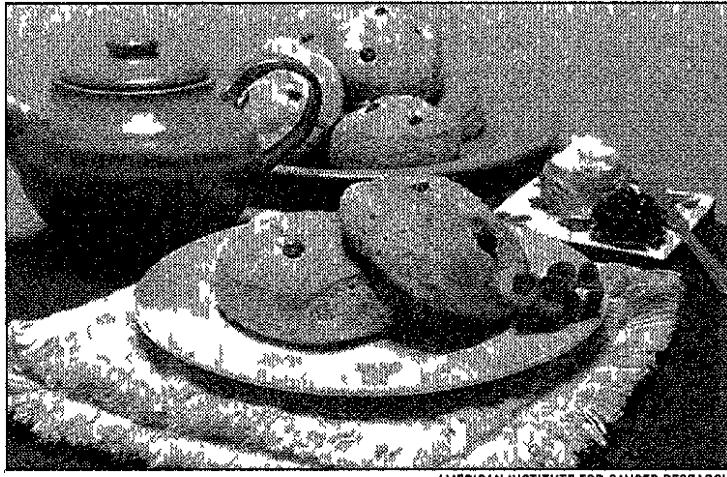
BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

What happens when you cross a biscuit with a scone? Simple a "sciscuit." And why would you want to make this fresh-from-the-oven breakfast treat from scratch? Easy. It's quick to make, super-healthy, and a great way to celebrate a holiday from the get-go. Sure, you say. With a million other things to do, you want me to bake something that has to be done at the last minute - for breakfast?

I'm betting these sciscuits will entice you to try them, since only about 10 minutes is needed to whip them up. And the version below is a revamped, healthier but yummy reinvention that will help everyone in your household start the day - festive or ordinary - in cheerful spirits.

You can do it with these sciscuits because they are whole-wheat and low in fat. The combination puts them between a biscuit and a scone, and they are easy to split so you can use your favorite toppings.

If you have kids, instead of demanding they have cereal, put out peanut butter or a low-fat cream cheese as well as their favorite jam to encourage them to have this high fiber, nutrient-packed treat. And remember, offering freshly-baked treats is a savvy way to relieve the tension that sometimes builds up by afternoon in the pressure to get all the holiday cooking on track. And don't underestimate the power



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Bake a few whole wheat 'Sciscuits' for a healthy snack or breakfast

of baking aromas and a warm afternoon snack to create a truce or a distraction during an ordinary-day argument or sulk.

### WHOLE-WHEAT RAISIN SCISCUITS

- 1/2 cups whole wheat pastry flour
- 1/2 cups unbleached white flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons chilled butter cut in small pieces
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup sugar plus 1 tablespoon divided
- 1 large egg lightly beaten
- 1/4 cup whole milk

Preheat oven to 400° F. Coat a baking sheet with cooking spray, and set aside.

In a mixing bowl, combine both flours, baking powder and salt. Work in butter, starting with a fork, then using your fingers in a quick pinching/rubbing motion. Mix in raisins and 1/4 cup of the sugar. Add egg and milk,

mixing with a fork until a soft dough forms. Turn dough out onto a work surface. Knead it briefly to work in loose bits of flour. Pat out dough until it is 1/2 inch thick. Use a biscuit cutter to cut out rounds. (Gather up excess dough with your hands and pat out again if you want to maximize the quantity.) With a metal spatula, transfer rounds to the prepared baking sheet. Sprinkle tops with remaining sugar.

Bake 20 minutes, or until sciscuits are lightly colored. Transfer them to a wire rack to cool. Serve these scones warm or at room temperature. If desired, reheat split scones, individually wrapped in foil, in a 350° F oven until hot. Makes 12-15 sciscuits, depending on the size of the biscuit cutter.

Per serving: 152 calories, 3 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 28 g carbohydrate, 4 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 155 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of *The Joy of*

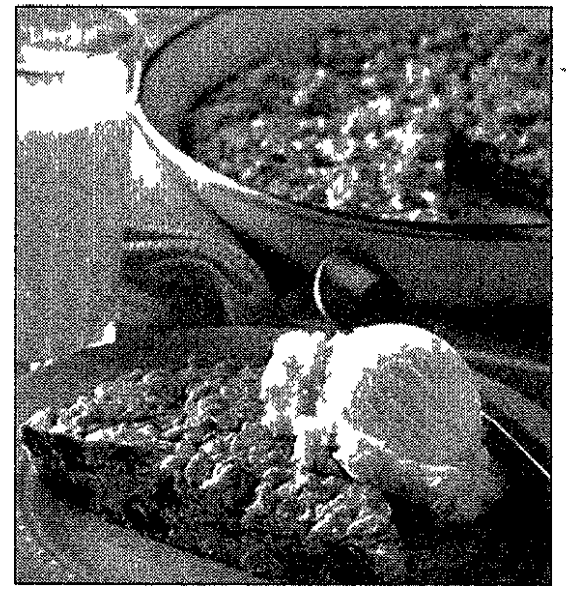
# Give your favorite oatmeal cookie a makeover

(NAPS) - There's no better time than a blustery afternoon to enjoy a batch of oatmeal cookies warm from the oven. For an easy, fast and fun twist on the traditional chocolate chip-oatmeal cookie, try an oatmeal chipper skillet cookie.

Here's the trick to this cookie makeover: Instead of dropping the dough onto a cookie sheet, press it into a skillet. Use either quick or old-fashioned oats. They're interchangeable for cookie baking.

Served right out of the skillet, the warm cookie-wedges make a terrific snack with a glass of milk, or top them with a scoop of vanilla ice cream for dessert.

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### OATMEAL CHIPPER SKILLET COOKIE

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter softened
- 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups oats (quick or old-fashioned uncooked)
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- Vanilla ice cream (optional)

Heat oven to 350° F. In large bowl, beat butter and sugars with electric mixer until creamy. Add egg and vanilla, beat well. Add combined flour,

For an easy, fast and fun twist on the traditional chocolate chip-oatmeal cookie, try an oatmeal chipper skillet cookie.

baking soda and salt, mix well. Stir in oats and chocolate chips, mix well. Press dough evenly into bottom of 10-inch nonstick ovenproof skillet. Bake 20 minutes or until top is lightly browned. (Do not overbake as cookie will continue to bake after it is removed from oven.) Cool about 10 minutes. Cut into 16 wedges. Serve with ice cream, if desired. 16 servings.

Nutritional information (1/16 of recipe): calories, 190, total fat, 9g, saturated fat, 5g, cholesterol, 25mg, sodium, 140mg, total carbohydrates, 26g, sugars, 15g, dietary fiber, 2g, protein 3g.

# Stay slim this holiday season

PRNewswire - This may be the time of year dieters dread, but it is possible to enjoy the holidays and begin the New Year healthier and guilt-free, according to Certified Personal Fitness Trainer Brad Ritter.

Ritter, who also is a fitness model and motivational speaker, says healthy holidays begin with a commitment to indulge less. Ritter advises health-conscious revelers maintain their current weight by eating less at parties and at work, squeezing in physical activity and asking family and friends to support them in their quest for better health. See [www.fitnessontheify.com](http://www.fitnessontheify.com).

With so much concern about obesity, moderation is the watchword for this holiday season, Ritter says. He suggests setting a goal of main-

taining your current weight. "Too often, we use the holidays as an excuse to overindulge, telling ourselves we'll lose the weight in January," he says. "If you commit to maintaining your weight, it becomes much easier to stay focused on moderating your eating and drinking."

Ritter offers these tips: Eat a healthy snack or meal before parties, which reduces the temptation to overeat. Arrive after parties start when the food does not look as appetizing.

Avoid congregating near the food and bar. Keep fruit and vegetables in supply, and store the goodies out of sight.

Along with extra calories, the holidays bring more stress for many people, making exercise especially important. "You

may not be able to exercise as much as you might like, but try to get some physical activity a few times each week," he suggests.

"Even brisk, 20-minute walks burn calories and relieve holiday anxiety."

With so much temptation during the holidays, it is important to ask family, friends and co-workers for support. "Don't be afraid to tell others of your commitment to improving your health," he says.

Studies show Americans gain as much as 10 pounds over the holidays.

Ritter says that often leads to a guilt-filled, holiday health hangover in January that can be avoided by making an effort to eat and drink moderately, and by making time to be active.

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## Here are last-minute food safety tips

Americans eat over 17 pounds of turkey per person a year so what makes the Thanksgiving turkey special? Maybe it's not about the turkey but about the friends and family that are gathered together!

A beautifully decorated table, a perfectly roasted turkey, all the wonderful side dishes, traditional desserts, all make the meal special. Save time to visit or chat with your guests. Here are some suggestions to make the turkey safe and perfect for your guests.

How many guests are you having?

Figure about one pound of turkey per person. If you purchase a pre-stuffed turkey, then allow 1-1/4 pounds per person. Check and make sure you have a roasting pan large enough for the turkey (Some of the foil pans are OK, but are lightweight and flimsy so you'll need to handle with care).

To stuff or not to stuff?

Remove the bag of giblets from the cavity of the bird (It's a little disturbing to find paper-wrapped giblets still inside when you start to carve!). The turkey roasts faster unstuffed, so put the stuffing in a greased, covered casserole, put in oven for the last hour the turkey is roasting.

If you decide to stuff the bird, do it just before you put it in the oven. Make the dressing ahead but refrigerate separately, stuff the bird and put it in the oven. Figure about three-fourths cup of dressing per pound of bird. Don't overstuff the bird, it needs room to expand. The stuffing should be cooked to at least 165° F to be safe.

Do I need a meat thermom-



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ter?

Yes, to be safe use a meat thermometer. Nearly one-third of food poisoning cases at home is because of inadequate cooking. Use an oven safe thermometer. Place the thermometer in the thigh muscle not touching the bone. The turkey is done when the thigh reaches 180 to 185° F, and 170 to 175° F in the thickest part of the breast. Make sure the juices run clear and not pink.

Can I roast in a bag?

There are bags made especially for oven roasting a turkey. Put a tablespoon of flour in the bag to prevent it from bursting. Do not use ordinary brown grocery bags to roast a turkey. They are not sanitary, the glue and ink may give off unhealthy fumes. These bags are not food grade. Find a cooking bag that is safe for the oven.

Can I deep-fry my turkey?

If you choose to deep-fry the turkey, practice extreme safety. Keep the cooker away from other flammable materials. Keep the children away from the cooker, the oil can burn very badly.

Do this away from the house, make sure you do not tip the cooker over, and never leave the cooker with the oil unattended. Allow three to five minutes per pound and use a meat thermometer to check the temperature of the turkey. Best advice is to follow the

directions from the manufacturer of the turkey cooker.

No time to cook?

Order a precooked Thanksgiving turkey but make sure when you pick it up, that it is HOT. Don't just keep it warm, keep it hot! Set the oven high enough to keep the internal temperature of the turkey at 140° F or above. Eat within two hours of its purchase. If dinner is later, remove the stuffing from the bird and refrigerate in shallow containers so it cools quickly.

What about leftovers and clean-up?

After dinner, refrigerate leftovers promptly. Remove meat from the bone and stuffing from the cavity. Store them all separately. Reheat leftovers to 165° F, bring gravy to a full rolling boil, and stir to make sure it is all heated. Use leftover cooked turkey within two to three days, stuffing and gravy within two days or freeze if you can't use it that soon.

Wash your hands frequently, before, during and after handling raw poultry or any food. Use paper towels when cleaning up the juices from the turkey.

They can be used and thrown away after the clean up so harmful bacteria can not spread. Make sure your meal is delicious and unforgettable. Handle the foods carefully and safely.

Thanksgiving should be a happy day and not a day for a "hospital run" because you have made someone ill with your food. Practice food safety on holidays and all days.

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## Vegetarian recipe takes on chicken fried steak

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Children are fattening.

It took me just two months of fatherhood to figure that one out. And it already annoys me.

For mothers at least there is that whole pregnancy excuse, though it irritates me to note that my wife already has rocketed back down to her pre-pregnancy 90-something pounds.

We fathers have no such crutch, and a sympathy belly seems less sympathetic once your wife's has disappeared.

So my son and his insatiable sleeplessness are entirely to blame. The sounds of the kitchen — the whirring of the mixer, the cadence of a knife on a chopping block, the hum of the dishwasher — seem to be some of few sounds that will quiet him.

Combine that with my foolhardy decision to take several months leave to bond with my joyful little bundle, and I now find myself carting around an extra bundle of my own to the tune of about 20 pounds.

With so much time on my hands I have cooked and cooked and cooked. And while Parker sleeps, I eat and eat and eat.

First there were breads. What better time to perfect one's bread baking than when one is home for days on end? Then there were cakes and cookies, and curries and sautes, and pastas and pirogues, even a few Thanksgiving test runs.

And just as I was dreading the thought of returning to work and having to again fit into real pants (why get out of your PJ's when you never leave the house and constantly are spit up on?) I was warned it will get worse.

A friend cautioned that if I think it's easy to pack on the pounds now just wait until the little one is eating solid food and it becomes my job to clean

his plate.

That's a fear I will deal with later. Perhaps by then I will have ventured outside long enough to have returned to the gym.

For now, I have committed myself to a lighter lifestyle, child be damned. I will get out and walk, pile my plate with whole grains and fresh vegetables, cut the fat. Heck, I'd even cut a few carbs.

As with all the best diets, that lasted about half a day.

Now I can shift the blame from my son to Angela Shelf Medearis, author of *The Ethnic Vegetarian* (Rodale, 2004, \$18.95), which focuses on foods with African-American and Caribbean influences.

When her book arrived for review, my first thought was to set it aside for, um, leaner times. Many of the recipes sound delicious, and deliciously fattening. A corn pudding with a cup of heavy cream would do me in.

Medearis offers plenty of recipes that don't push the scales quite so much, but frankly it was the likes of fruit and sweet potato fritters, Tanzanian baked bananas and a corn curry with three cans of coconut milk that had my eye.

I finally went over the edge when I saw her chicken-fried steak seitan. I had to try it, even if it was battered and fried. I've tried other versions of vegetarian chicken-fried "steak" and never was impressed.

Medearis' recipe calls for using cutlets of seitan, a meat substitute made from wheat gluten.

Large patties of seitan suitable for this recipe can be found in the frozen section of most natural foods grocers.

Unable to leave the house to get seitan cutlets (back to blaming the son) I substituted a similar meat-alternative patty. It worked well, and later tests with seitan proved just as good.

The result was phenomenal.

— crunchy and spicy on the outside, tender on the inside. Even my wife, who generally avoids meat substitutes, agreed that the chicken-fried steaks were terrific.

Medearis suggests serving this dish with gravy and mashed potatoes. They also are excellent with a bit of ketchup or barbecue sauce for dipping. And diets always can start tomorrow.

### CHICKEN FRIED STEAK SEITAN

1 cup whole wheat pastry flour  
3 tablespoons arrowroot  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme  
1/2 teaspoon onion powder  
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder  
1/4 teaspoon celery seeds  
1 1/2 cups water  
1/2 cup vegetable oil  
2 pounds beef flavored seitan  
drained, patted dry and cut into 6 to 8 cutlets

Place the flour, arrowroot, salt, black pepper, cayenne pepper, thyme, onion powder, garlic powder and celery seeds in a large bowl. Add the water and mix, there may be some lumps. Refrigerate the batter 10 minutes.

Heat the oil in a large, deep skillet over a medium-high flame until hot but not smoking. Dredge a seitan cutlet through the batter and shake off any excess.

Working in batches, place cutlets in the oil and fry 3 to 4 minutes.

Turn each cutlet over and fry another 3 or 4 minutes, or until golden brown on both sides. Use a slotted spoon to remove the cutlets from the oil. Place cutlets on a plate lined with paper towels to drain.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.  
Recipe from Angela Shelf Medearis, *The Ethnic Vegetarian* (Rodale, 2004, \$18.95).

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## Show some savvy with your veggies

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Italians eat vegetables as readily as we eat fat-laden chips, super-sweet desserts and soft drinks full of empty calories. What's more, they actually enjoy them.

Using fabulously easy Italian dishes might help everyone at home to eat more veggies. Here are a few tips for doing it in ways that may win over even a "veggie hater."

First, combine vegetables with other ingredients that do please. If you have a meat-and-potatoes stick-in-the-mud, feed them meat loaf. Just don't call attention to the fact that you have mixed a package of chopped spinach into the ground beef or turkey. This is one of my favorite tricks, using defrosted frozen spinach, squeezed dry and sauteed briefly with chopped onions and garlic. My neighbor's 10-year-old son, first presented with this meatloaf, declared, "I don't like spinach, but it's okay in this."

For picky vegetable-eaters, of any age, who like pasta, sauté a shredded zucchini or tiny broccoli florets in olive oil, then add a jar of prepared pasta sauce. This works especially well if you use a chunky sauce containing mushrooms or a meat sauce.

Pasta dishes are a great way, in general, to help people eat more vegetables. Start by using a vegetable-filled lasagna (the frozen kind is fine), adding extra, vegetable-spiked sauce over it. This way, it's too hard to pick out the vegetables. Worst case, remember that



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Enjoy whole wheat linguine with cauliflower

even if they eat around the veggies, tomato sauce counts as a vegetable.

If dishking vegetables is more a matter of taste than of principle, try this quick puttanesca sauce. No anchovies here, but olives, capers and garlic, plus chunky tomatoes, give it such robust flavor that the cauliflower I add usually goes unnoticed.

This sauce is excellent over whole-wheat pasta, either linguine or penne, which adds extra nutrients and health protection to a meal.

### WHOLE WHEAT LINGUINE WITH CAULIFLOWER PUTTANESCA SAUCE

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
2 garlic cloves, chopped  
1 can (28 ounces) plum tomatoes  
2 cups small cauliflower florets  
2 tablespoons chopped black Kalamata olives  
1 tablespoon capers in vinegar, rinsed and drained (optional)  
Ground black pepper  
1/4 pound whole wheat linguine

Heat oil in a deep saucepan. Stir in garlic, and cook 30 seconds. Add tomatoes, with their liquid, using a wooden spoon to break them up. Add cauliflower and olives (and capers, if using). Cook for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Season sauce to taste with pepper.

While the sauce cooks, boil a large pot of water and cook pasta according to package directions. Drain it in a colander, and divide pasta among 4 wide, shallow bowls. Top it with the sauce, and serve.

Makes 4 servings (about 5 cups).

Note: To reduce their sodium content, use capers preserved in vinegar, which contain less sodium than those in salt. Soak them in water for 10 minutes, then rinse and drain them before using.

Per serving: 336 calories, 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 57 g carbohydrate, 13 g protein, 11 g dietary fiber, 363 mg sodium.

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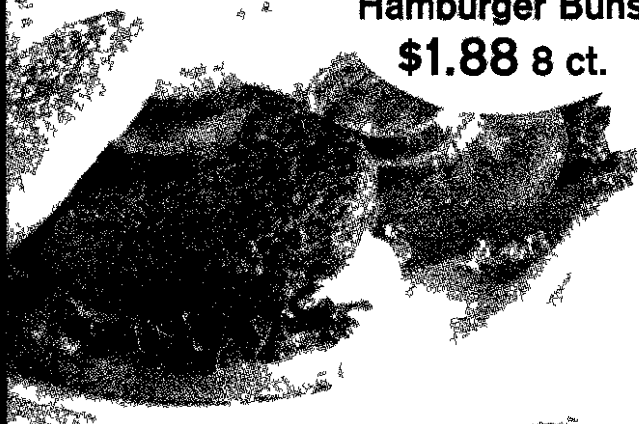
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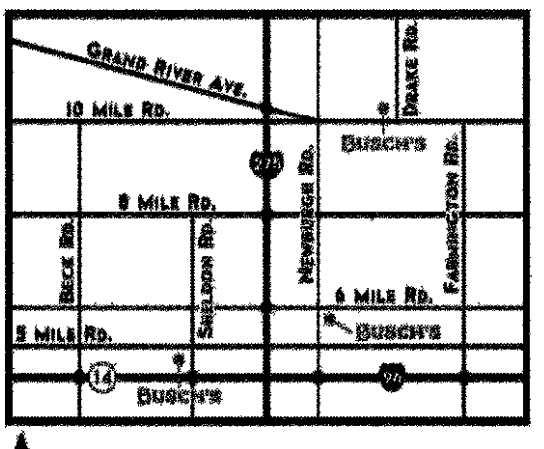
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# It's easy to make the perfect pizza

BY J M HIRSCH  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - It seemed like such a great idea at the time, and for that I blame those cursed home improvement shows.

I also blame the Italians, who so wooed me with their tasty wood-oven pizza during a vacation several years ago that I became obsessed with re-creating the experience at home.

When I proposed gutting the kitchen to make way for a fancy (and pricey) indoor wood-cooking oven, my wife proposed not. She instead found a book with plans for a do-it-yourself on-the-cheap outdoor pizza oven.

*Building Barbecues and Outdoor Kitchens* (Sunset Books, 2001, \$14.95) says that its "simple adobe oven can be constructed in a matter of days (elsewhere it says two or fewer) and is great for cooking pizzas, roasts, vegetables and crusty loaves of bread."

Right. So I was just a week-end project away from perfect pizza.

Before construction could begin, there was the issue of where to put the oven. That's where the project grew.

The only logical place in our yard was behind a large and unused carport. And if we did that, why not build a deck under the carport, call it an outdoor dining room, and furnish it with a massive table with seating for dozens? The home improvement shows do it all the time.

### THREE STEPS

**Step 1** The deck. It was to be a simple 25-by-30-foot platform, roughly the footprint of the carport. But simplicity doesn't come cheap. Contractors wanted thousands and thousands of dollars to build it. How hard could it be?

So I harassed help from a friend. His day job: food photography. His deck-building experience: his own, unfinished for two years.

An afternoon project, he assured me. Six hours at the most. Right. A month later I had my simple platform deck.

**Step 2** Furnishings. No wimpy table would do for a deck this size, so I spent a week designing, ruminating, redesigning and finally building my own. Four 4-by-8-foot sheets of plywood, dozens of tiles and foot-long bolts later, I had plenty of seating.

**Step 3** The oven. With the rest of the furnishings left to my wife, I enlisted my parents as laborers for the oven construction. We were now nearly a month and a half into the two-day project.

### THE OVEN

Sunset's design calls for building a base of concrete blocks topped with heat-resistant firebricks. Wire and half a cardboard barrel are used to form a dome over this base. The dome and base then are covered with about a foot of cement mixed with adobe.

clay. The oven cooks by heat retention, not direct flame. Start a fire, let it burn down, scoop out the ashes, add food, close door and cook using heat that has built up in the oven's thick clay-cement walls. I had my doubts.

The materials checklist was basic and a trip to the home-renovation superstore provided everything but the adobe. Web sites by others who have built this oven suggest digging the adobe from your back yard.

That's fine in the Southwest, but New England? Would granite work?

Sunset's book offers little guidance for finding sources of adobe clay. Three weeks and countless telephone calls later, I had one. For \$4 per load and four loads, I had a huge heap of mud in my driveway.

Nearing the three-month mark, we began what should have been the second day of the project.

Making the form for the dome from the cardboard barrel and wire was easy. Making the cement-adobe mud to be packed over it was not.

The book says that the adobe clay and cement should be mixed in a 3-1 ratio. A hoe and wheelbarrow seemed insufficient for the quantity we needed, so we rented an industrial cement mixer.

This would have worked well if the clay didn't turn into a solid mass once water hit it, gumming up the bottom of the mixer and refusing to, well, mix in any way with any thing.

In the end, a combination of hand and electric mixing was the laborious winner.

Three and a half months later, the construction was complete. Pizza time? Not quite. The oven had to be carefully covered in wet towels and plastic tarps and allowed to dry for one week.

Two weeks later it was mostly dry and time for the initial firing, which finishes the drying and burns away the cardboard barrel form. Then a coat of exterior-grade latex paint to waterproof the oven.

More than four months after the two-day project began, I had a pizza oven. But would it cook? The residual-heat approach left me concerned. I was convinced that without an active flame it wouldn't stay hot long enough to cook.

The result? Nothing short of oh-my-god! It not only cooked, it cooked fast. A 12-inch pizza loaded with cheese and toppings baked up perfectly - brown crust, crispy outside, tender and chewy inside, cheese sizzled - in just 3 minutes. What sort of heat was I dealing with to cook a raw pizza so quickly? Turns out something around 750 degrees Fahrenheit.

Lessons learned? This wasn't an easy project, I doubt many people could complete it in two days. And if I was to build another there are a few things I would do differently.

But was it worth it?

Absolutely. The pizza is fantastic, and the oven is fun to use.

### PERFECT PIZZA

Of course, the perfect pizza oven needs the perfect pizza. Toppings are too individual to dictate, but a good crust and sauce are essential. While store-bought dough is fine in a pinch, freshly made is best.

There certainly are more involved recipes, but the folks at *Cook's Illustrated* magazine have an easy-to-make winner in their recent book, *Baking Illustrated* (America's Test Kitchen, 2004, \$35).

### PIZZA DOUGH

- (Preparation 2 hours)  
1/2 cup warm water (about 110 degrees Fahrenheit)  
1 envelope (about 2 1/4 teaspoons) instant yeast  
1 1/4 cups water room temperature  
2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil  
4 cups bread flour (22 ounces) plus more for dusting work surfaces and hands  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
Olive oil or cooking spray for oiling a bowl

Combine the warm water and yeast in a 2-cup measuring cup. Let stand until the yeast dissolves and swells, about 5 minutes. Add the room-temperature water and oil and stir to combine.

Process the flour and salt in a food processor, pulsing to combine. Continue pulsing while pouring the liquid ingredients (holding back a few tablespoons) through the feed tube.

If the dough doesn't readily form a ball, add the remaining liquid and continue to pulse until a ball forms. Process until the dough is smooth and elastic, about an additional 30 seconds.

The dough will be a bit tacky so use a rubber spatula to transfer it to a lightly floured work surface. Knead by hand for a few strokes to form a smooth, round ball. Place the dough in a deep bowl that has been lightly oiled.

Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let rise until doubled in size, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Press the dough to deflate and shape.

Makes dough for 3 medium pizzas.

(Recipe from *Baking Illustrated*)

The absolute best sauce I have ever encountered is an adaptation of a crushed tomato sauce in Peter Reinhart's *American Pie: My Search for the Perfect Pizza* (Ten Speed Press, 2003, \$24.95).

This is almost as easy as opening a jar, and tastes much better.

### TANGY TOMATO SAUCE

- (Preparation 5 minutes)  
28 ounce can crushed tomatoes  
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper  
1 teaspoon dried basil  
1 teaspoon dried oregano  
2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
1 teaspoon salt
- Combine all ingredients in a bowl and mix.  
Makes 4 cups.

### WINE

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particular place.

Without doubt, California's Napa Valley has a unique terroir and geologist authors Swinchatt and Howell take the reader on a journey that began millions of years ago when the clash of continental plates created the Napa Valley. Their driving tours through the valley today illustrate the landscapes, wineries and influences that make wines from the region taste the way they do.

■ *North American Pinot Noir* by John Winthrop Haeger (University of California Press, \$34.95). The author's fascination with the heartbreak red grape from France's Burgundy region and how it has achieved world-class status in North America is well-documented in

an easy and engaging read.

Haeger profiles more than six dozen prominent producers of Pinot Noir in California, Oregon, British Columbia and New York and spotlights seven producers he considers "the ones to watch," with the most important element - what the wines really smell and taste like.

■ *The Wines of Bordeaux: Vintages and Tasting Notes 1952-2003* by Clive Coates (University of California Press, \$60). Having visited and written about French vineyards for more than 35 years, Master of Wine Clive Coates is the world's foremost expert on the wines of Bordeaux. Whether you're a novice or a collector, a buyer of top wines from the grandest estates or seeking to learn more about the modest properties in the Bordeaux satellite regions of Cotes de Bourg or Entre-Deux-Mers, Coates is your

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## LEFTOVER TURKEY RECIPES

## TURKEY REUBEN SANDWICH

1/4 cup unsalted butter softened  
8 slices rye bread  
1/2 cup sweet honey mustard  
8 slices Swiss cheese  
1 pound cooked turkey breast sliced thin  
1/2 cup sauerkraut well drained  
4 whole dill pickles

Spread butter on one side of each bread slice. Spread the other side of each slice of bread with sweet honey mustard.

Top four of the bread slices (mustard side up) with 1 slice cheese, 4-ounces sliced turkey and 2 tablespoons well-drained sauerkraut. Place remaining cheese and bread slices atop each sandwich.

Heat a large skillet over medium high heat. Grill sandwiches until browned, then turn and grill until heated through and cheese is melted.

Serve with pickles.

**Nutrition Facts** calories, 620, total fat, 33g, saturated fat, 16g, cholesterol, 115mg, sodium, 1880mg, potassium, 425mg, total carbohydrate, 48g, dietary fiber, 4g, sugars, 16g, protein, 35g  
Recipe from The National Turkey Federation

From the turkey to the mashed potatoes, leftovers are a staple of every holiday meal. Whole Foods Market team members have several ideas for turning Thanksgiving leftovers into new recipes.

## SONOMA TURKEY SALAD

**Dressing**  
1/4 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar  
1 tablespoon honey  
2 teaspoons poppy seeds  
salt and white pepper to taste

**Salad**  
2 cups turkey diced  
1/2 cup celery diced  
1/2 cup pecans lightly toasted  
1/2 cup grapes cut in half

To prepare dressing, whisk ingredients in a small bowl until thoroughly combined and set aside. To prepare salad, toss turkey, celery, pecans and grapes together. Pour dressing over salad and mix thoroughly. Taste and adjust seasonings.

This salad can be served on a bed of lettuce or stuffed into an avocado half. Serves six.  
Recipe courtesy of R Adam Smith a Whole Foods Market chef in Emeryville Calif.

## THANKSGIVING WEEKEND STRATA

2 cups leftover bread stuffing  
2 cups cubed bread (any type will do leftover dinner rolls are a great option)  
3/4 cup whole milk  
3 large eggs  
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard  
1 tablespoon hot sauce (optional)  
1 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper  
1/2 tablespoon butter  
2 cups white or assorted mushrooms quartered or diced  
1 white or yellow onion chopped  
1/2 cup green onions thinly sliced

## Squash those turkey leftovers

A good, healthful way to use leftover turkey is the base for a casserole. With a whole grain, you can make a flavorful and rich-textured but healthful one-dish meal.

You might start with barley – a grain that's been popular since the Stone Age. A single cup of this easy-to-prepare grain contains eight grams of fiber – the same amount of fiber found in seven cups of white rice. Barley also is rich in protein, potassium, calcium, iron and B vitamins.

Barley's nutty flavor goes well with onions, mushrooms, or peas. Butternut squash also is a good complement. This large, pear-shaped winter squash has sweet, orange flesh. With onion, green pepper and sage, you'll be glad you had turkey leftovers.

## BARLEY, TURKEY AND BUTTERNUT SQUASH CASSEROLE

Cooking spray  
2 small butternut squash  
2 teaspoons olive oil  
1 green bell pepper seeded and diced  
1/2 cup minced onion  
1 teaspoon dried sage  
Freshly ground black pepper to taste  
2 cups fat free reduced sodium chicken broth

12 cups cooked leftover turkey diced  
6 ounces cheddar cheese shredded (or use your favorite melting cheese here)  
1 large apple cored diced  
1 cup leftover cranberry sauce (optional)

To prepare, butter a 9-by-12-by-2-inch baking dish. Combine the leftover bread stuffing and the cubed bread in a large bowl. Place half of the mixture at the bottom of the baking pan and set aside. Whisk together the milk, eggs, mustard, hot sauce, salt and pepper and set aside.

Heat the butter in a pan and saute the mushrooms and onions quickly on a high heat. Combine the mushroom and onion mixture with half of the green onions, leftover turkey, cheddar cheese and diced apples. Arrange this mixture evenly on the stuffing and bread mixture in the baking dish. Place the remaining stuffing and bread mixture on top. Slowly pour the liquid mixture into the baking dish making sure to distribute evenly. Sprinkle the remaining green onions on top for garnish. Press down on the bread cubes, if necessary, to ensure that all bread is coated with the liquid. Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350° F. Bake uncovered for approximately 60 minutes or until the top is golden and an inserted knife comes out clean. Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes before serving. If desired, additional shredded cheddar cheese can be sprinkled on top about 10 minutes before finished. Top the strata with cranberry sauce and enjoy. Serves four to six.

Recipe Courtesy of Michele DiPietro in Rockville, Md

## THE GOBBLER WRAP

2 tablespoons leftover cranberry relish  
1 flour tortilla  
2 lettuce leaves  
6 ounces leftover stuffing  
6 ounces leftover turkey  
2 tablespoons turkey gravy

To prepare the wrap, spread cranberry relish on top portion of tortilla. Place lettuce then spread stuffing, turkey and gravy on tortilla. Roll and cut in half. Serve with hot chocolate or apple cider. Makes one wrap.

Recipe courtesy of Richard Daddario, a Whole Foods Market chef in Edgewater, N.J.

## TURKEY SWEET POTATO CURRY

1 pound leftover turkey diced  
2 tablespoons fresh ginger minced  
2 tablespoons fresh garlic minced  
2 teaspoons crushed red pepper  
2 tomatoes diced  
2 tablespoons curry powder  
2 tablespoons garam masala (an Indian spice blend)  
1 cup nonfat yogurt  
1/2 bunch cilantro chopped  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 small Spanish onion diced  
1 pound leftover sweet potatoes diced  
3 tablespoons brown sugar  
2 tablespoons half and half (optional)

1/2 cup quick cooking barley\*  
1/2 pound cooked turkey breast cubed or diced  
1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese

Preheat oven to 350° F. Coat a 4-quart baking dish with cooking spray.

In a large pot of rapidly boiling water, boil squash halves 5 minutes or until not quite tender. Drain. When cool enough to handle, scoop flesh from each half and dice. Set aside.

In a large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add green pepper, onion and diced squash. Sauté 3 minutes. Add sage and pepper and stir to coat. Add broth and bring to a boil. Add barley and return to boil.

Reduce heat to low, cover and cook 10 minutes, until barley is tender and liquid is absorbed. Mix in diced turkey.

Transfer mixture to prepared baking dish and top with feta cheese. Bake, uncovered, 30 minutes, or until cheese is golden. Makes 6 servings.

\*Most supermarkets and health food stores carry quick cooking barley.

Per serving: 275 calories, 5 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 42 g carbohydrate, 18 g protein, 10 g dietary fiber, 368 mg sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

To prepare, marinate the turkey overnight in a mixture of ginger through cilantro and place in refrigerator. Remove the turkey and marinate from the refrigerator. Heat oil in large skillet or saucepan over medium heat and saute onions in oil until translucent. Add turkey, marinate sweet potatoes, brown sugar, and half and half (if desired). Toss to heat through. Present in large serving bowl with lightly toasted pita bread. Serves four to six.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Hall a Whole Foods Market chef in Plantation, Fla.

## CRISPY MASHED POTATO AND SCALLION CAKES

1/2 cup leftover mashed potatoes  
1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese  
3/4 cup bread crumbs  
1 egg  
2 scallions, trimmed and minced  
Chopped fresh parsley, to taste  
3 tablespoons flour  
1/2 cup canola oil

These cakes are a great way to use mashed potatoes and add flare to any meal. They can also be made larger and flatter and topped with grilled leftover turkey and gravy.

To prepare the potato cakes, mix mashed potatoes with shredded Parmesan. Add half of the bread crumbs, egg, scallions and parsley to the potato mixture. Stir to mix well and set aside. Form the potato mixture into four-inch cakes about one inch thick. Mix the remaining bread crumbs and flour together. Coat both sides of potato cakes with bread crumb and flour mixture evenly. Heat oil in a large nonstick or cast iron skillet over medium-high heat. Saute the potato cakes in the preheated oil four-five minutes per side, until light brown and crispy. Drain the potato cakes and pat with a paper towel to remove excess oil. Serve warm with applesauce. Makes six-eight cakes.

Recipe courtesy of Mischa Conner a Whole Foods Market chef in Chicago.

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# Pears are the pick of the season

(NAPS) - With the prevalence of obesity and weight issues a major health concern, people are encouraged to eat healthier meals

Low-carb and other restricted diets don't give the balance of fiber, vitamins and minerals found in food plans that encourage healthy fruits and vegetables

With that in mind, and to champion the importance of the dietary benefits of fresh produce, Weight Watchers launched the Pick of the Season, a public health initiative spotlighting one specific fruit or vegetable each season with nutrition information and delectable recipes. As part of Weight Watchers seasonal cornucopia of recipes featuring a select fruit or vegetable, this season's "pick" is the pear

In addition to its health benefits, pears are a great-tasting food that can be baked, sauteed, poached or eaten fresh out of hand. Here's an Acorn Squash and Pear Soup that reflects the food values inherent to the Weight Watchers philosophy that eating should be satisfying as well as

healthful. For additional recipes, visit [WeightWatchers.com](http://WeightWatchers.com)

### ACORN SQUASH & PEAR SOUP

- 1 medium acorn squash baked and seeded
- 1 small onion chopped
- 1 garlic clove chopped
- 2 cups vegetable broth
- 1 large ripe pear pared, cored and cut into chunks
- Salt and pepper to taste

Scoop squash pulp into bowl, discard skin

In a 2-quart saucepan sprayed with non-stick cooking spray, cook onion and garlic over medium heat, stirring constantly, until soft, about 5 minutes. Add broth, pear, and squash pulp. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer until pears are soft, 5-10 minutes.

Cool soup slightly. Transfer in small batches to blender, process until smooth. Return to saucepan, reheat. Serve hot.

Per serving: 97 calories, 0 g fat, 4 g fiber. Makes 4 servings.



Pears are not only packed with essential nutrients and natural sugars, they taste great

Soup should be cooled slightly and blended in small batches to avoid overflowing. Recipe courtesy of Maria Walls, senior nutritionist with Weight Watchers.

# Lime mini tarts fine for dessert

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Go ahead, have dessert. A sweet treat can be the perfect way to end a meal, especially if it's light and refreshing as a miniature lime tart can be.

This recipe comes from *Family Circle Eat What You Love & Lose* (Regan Books).

Author Peggy Katalinich suggests using store-bought mini phyllo pastry shells (found in the freezer section of your local grocery store), which also makes this an easy dessert to whip - or, more accurately, whisk - up.

The total preparation and cooking time is about 20 minutes, then the tarts need to be refrigerated for at least two hours but can be refrigerated up to six hours before serving.

- 3 packages (21 ounces each) mini phyllo pastry shells (15 pre-baked shells per package, 45 shells total)
- 1 firm ripe mango peeled, pitted, sliced and cut into 1 by 1/4 inch pieces
- 1 cup sliced strawberries

In a heavy-bottomed, medium-sized saucepan, whisk together eggs, sugar, ginger and lime juice. Cook over medium heat, whisking constantly, just until boiling and mixture is thickened, about 6 minutes. (Mixture should register 160 degrees on an instant-read thermometer.)

Transfer to a medium-sized bowl, stir in lime rind.

Cover surface with plastic wrap, refrigerate 2 hours or until chilled.

Once chilled, spoon 1-1/2 teaspoons of lime curd into each phyllo shell, top with a piece of mango and a strawberry slice.

Serve immediately or refrigerate up to 4 hours.

Garnish with additional grated lime rind, if desired.

Nutrition information per mini tart: 45 cal, 1 g fat (0 g saturated), 1 g protein, 7 g carbohydrate, 0 g fiber, 14 mg sodium, 14 mg cholesterol.

### LIME MINI TARTS

- Lime curd filling
- 3 large eggs
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/2 cup fresh lime juice
- 1 tablespoon grated lime rind
- Tart shells and garnish

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someone they love just in time for the holidays. Class is 10 a.m. - noon Saturday, Dec. 4 in the Christian Life Center of the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 West Maple Road. Log on to [www.chefgirl.com](http://www.chefgirl.com) for information or contact the First United Methodist Church at (248) 646-6407 ext. 3148 to register. There is a \$20 registration fee. This class is open to the public.

### Cooking at Schoolcraft

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## Disclosing affiliation good business

Our insurance agent was recommended by our management firm. I just learned that a former employee of the insurance company is now a principle in the management firm, that was not disclosed to us. Our condo board wonders if that is any type of breach.

I have seen instances where former associates or employees of accountants and/or law firms have gone to work for management companies who then refer their clients to the accountant and/or law firm without disclosure. While there may not be an absolute obligation to disclose the relationship, it would appear that good business practice would require that any affiliation between the management company and your insurance agent regarding employees should be disclosed to you, if for no other reason than to avoid any appearance of impropriety and/or favoritism. I would confront your management company with this development and ask them why it was not disclosed to you. Depending upon their reply, I would decide whether I want to continue to do business with the management company and the insurance agent recommended by it.

We are the co-owners in an RV park who purchased a lot with cement slabs so we could park our trailers. When we purchased the property, the only stipulation was that the RV had to be a minimum of a certain length and certain age. Now after a number of years, the operators decided to turn it into a RV park for fifth wheels and motor homes only. We believe this is in violation of our original Purchase Agreement. What do you think we can do?

It depends on your Purchase Agreement and the Bylaws of the RV park. If it is a condominium, you may have recourse against the developer and the question then becomes whether the owner/operator had the right to amend the documents without membership approval. You are best advised to consult with an attorney experienced in condominium law. 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@meisnerassociates.com

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BY KEELY SCHRAMM  
STAFF WRITER

Thinking about families celebrating their first Thanksgiving in new homes makes area Realtors and developers thankful. After all, people buying homes are their bread and butter. But they're not just in it for the money.

Charlie Jackson, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Schweitzer in Northville, is thankful that "we are in the wonderful state of Michigan where earnest, hardworking people create a need for new condos and housing, and become lifelong friends along with creating a customer base for us."

Mary Lou Flatter, a Realtor with Prudential Cranbrook, Realtors in Bloomfield Hills, is thankful for her colleagues and loyal customers. This may shake out to be the best year

ever at Snyder, Kinney, Bennett and Keating in Birmingham.

"I'm thankful to interact with quality people in southeastern Michigan's most sought-after communities," said Michael Cotter, associate broker principal. "I feel lucky that we've been around 73 years and have maintained a successful place in the market. When you say thanks, it makes you remember to be thankful. It's a huge joy to have someone walk into a house and say 'You know, this one feels right'."

Darlene Larsen is happy the election is over and the phones are ringing again at Prudential Cranbrook, Realtors in Bloomfield Hills. "It was slow. Now we can get back to work."

Larsen is also thankful for the 30 years she's worked at Prudential Cranbrook as a Realtor. "This business has given me a great life," she said. "I'm raised by two sons alone, educated them, and gifted them with equity for the houses they live in."

Glenn Champion, sales manager of Weir, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke in Plymouth, is thankful interest rates have remained at historical lows. "It's been driving the real estate market through an economic downturn that we seem to be creeping out of, finally," he said. "I'm thankful for creative financing that's helping a lot of buyers. There's 100 percent financing to prompt more people. It seems more people are able to buy a house."

Jim Bagley, president of Pulte Homes of Michigan, is thankful for low interest rates and the strong economy. "We've attracted a lot of new buyers by expanding our product line. We offer everything from homes in the low \$100,000s to \$800,000," he said. "It's been a great year, and we expect the same in 2005."

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100 in Novi, is really "grateful for her many wonderful sellers and buyers who are wonderful to work for and with and get me great referrals which are helping me build my business," she said. "This has been a harder year for sellers because it's been such a strong buyer's market, but the sellers have been trying their best to be very patient and the listings are starting to move even though it's

the end of the year," said Firestone. Rachel Mukh, a Realtor at Century 21 Today in Farmington Hills, helps families relocating to Michigan find new homes. "I don't sell houses," she said. "I help them find what they're looking for, homes to be with their families, it's very rewarding."

She recently helped a family who moved here from Ohio after the father took a job at a growing automotive supply company in Troy. "I think we live in a great state and have to be optimistic," she said.

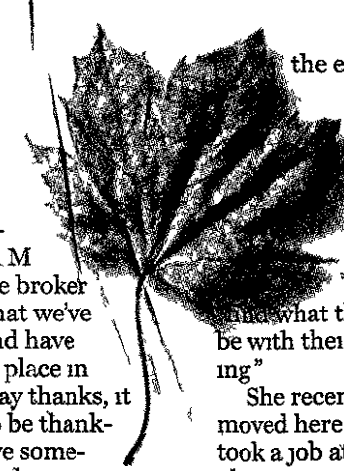
Joseph M. LoChirco, president of LoChirco Custom Homes in Rochester, recently broke ground on a three-story, \$5-million condominium and retail project in downtown Rochester. "It has been a great year for LoChirco Custom Homes," he said. "I grew up in Rochester, and love the area. The Walnut Street condo/retail project is a dream come true. I feel thankful we were able to break ground on a high quality project that will increase residential street traffic and add excitement to downtown Rochester."

David Jacobson of Jacobson Brothers Real Estate in Birmingham, is "thankful for being able to provide both renters and buyers a safe and pleasant environment, and for having established a solid reputation in residential real estate in the Detroit metropolitan area." He's also thankful for his employees. "Talon Development Group has a lot to be thankful for as we wrap up 2004," said Michael V. Polsinelli, president and CEO of the Bloomfield Hills-based company. "We broke ground on the Maywood Pointe Condominium Project on Woodward Avenue in Pleasant Ridge. This proved to be the ideal project for people looking to buy in the thriving Royal Oak market as we only have a few units left to sell. We are also appreciative of the opportunity to develop a distinctive brownstone condominium project in Plymouth Township. Plymouth Village brings residents to the bustling Ann Arbor Road corridor and offers luxurious living at affordable prices. We are thankful for the assistance we received from city officials in Pleasant Ridge and Plymouth Township, the successful relationship we have with our real estate team, and to the buyers who loved our projects. We look forward to 2005 as we hope it will bring as much prosperity as we have experienced this year."



## Giving thanks for a

# Bountiful Year



**Mortgage Bits**



Timothy Phillips

## Renters can be inflation savvy

Why rent a home when you can own one? Mortgage interest rates remain excellent and there is an abundance of homes on the market. In fact, if you are currently renting and your lease expires in the next few months, you should review your home financing options right now.

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There may be a good reason for you to rent year after year, but there is one huge reason not to rent for that long - inflation. To know inflation is to love inflation - if you can get it working for you instead of against you.

Your inflation-savvy landlord owns property that will continue to gain value every year. If her operating expenses for your property squeeze her profit margin too much, she will tell you that you need to pay her higher rent. Your choices are then to pay more or to move out.

How can inflation compel you to own instead of rent? Well, in 1970 a U.S. postage stamp was 6 cents, a gallon of gas was about half a dollar, and a simple three-bedroom ranch put you back \$30,000. Today, you can mail the letter for 37 cents, tank up for 30 bucks, and that same home costs about \$150,000.

Using the same historical inflation rate ratios, in 2038 you will pay \$2.28 per stamp, \$1,800 to fill up, and a cool \$750,000 for that cute starter home. Look, don't yell at me, it's just math.

Unless your landlord agrees to "freeze" your current rent payment for the next 30 years, your decision is not whether or not to buy a home, it is how soon should you buy. At today's rates, your \$1,000 per month rent payment should get you a mortgage of \$110,000 to \$145,000, depending on your credit, down payment, and loan type.

Mortgage lenders today have many innovative loan programs - bruised credit, small down payment, no income validation - to help renters realize their dream of home ownership. Create wealth for yourself, not for your landlord. If you are renting, contact a mortgage lender today. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll free at (866) 369 4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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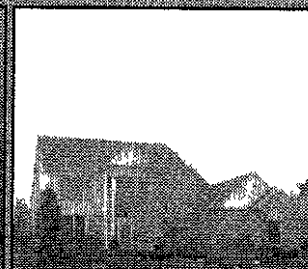

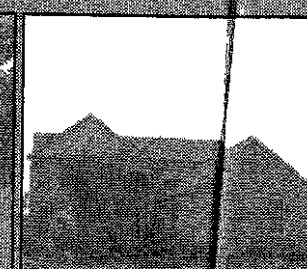

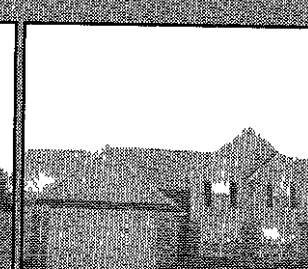

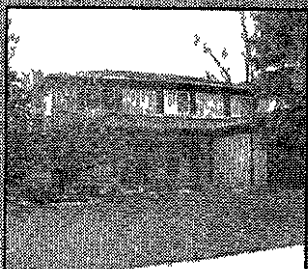


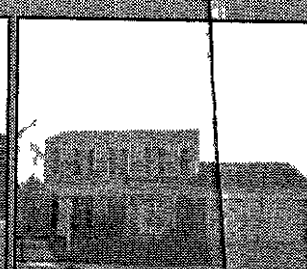

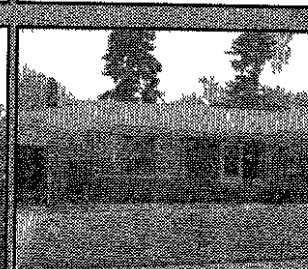




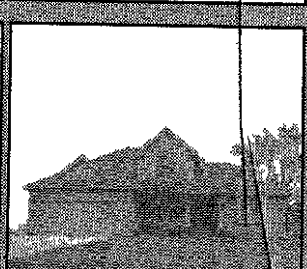

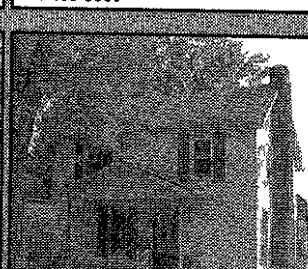


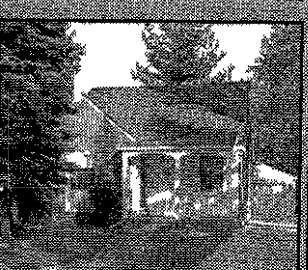
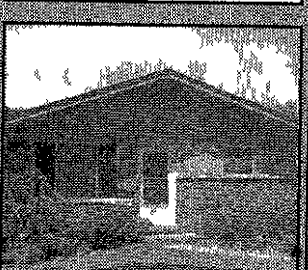
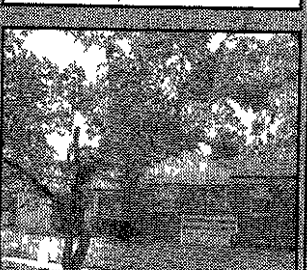




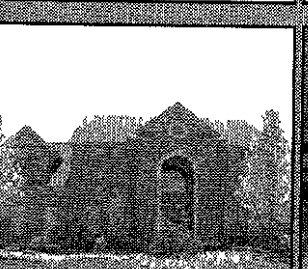
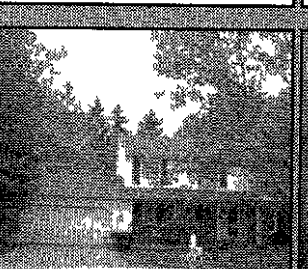
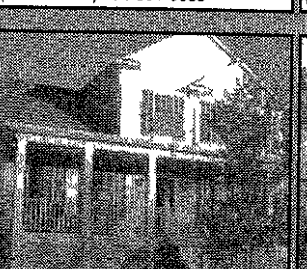
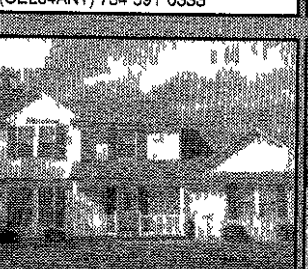
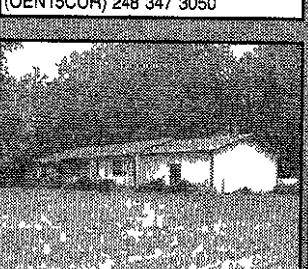
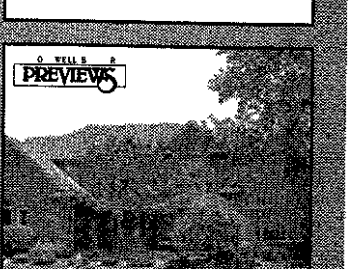

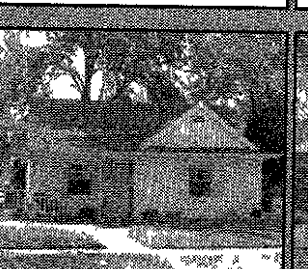
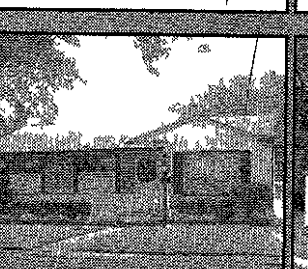

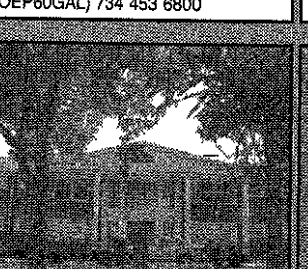

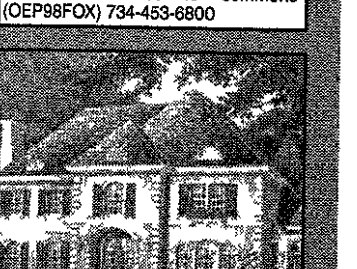


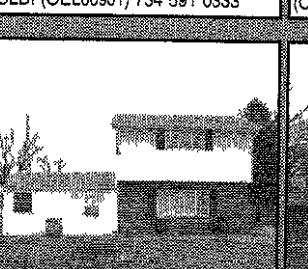
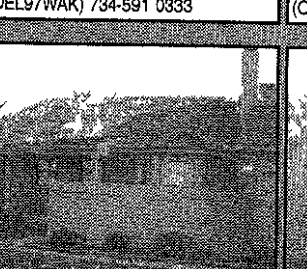
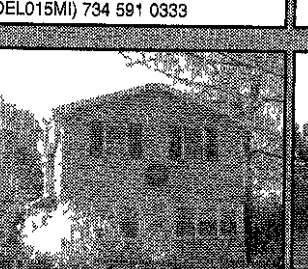

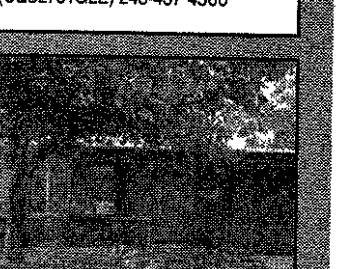
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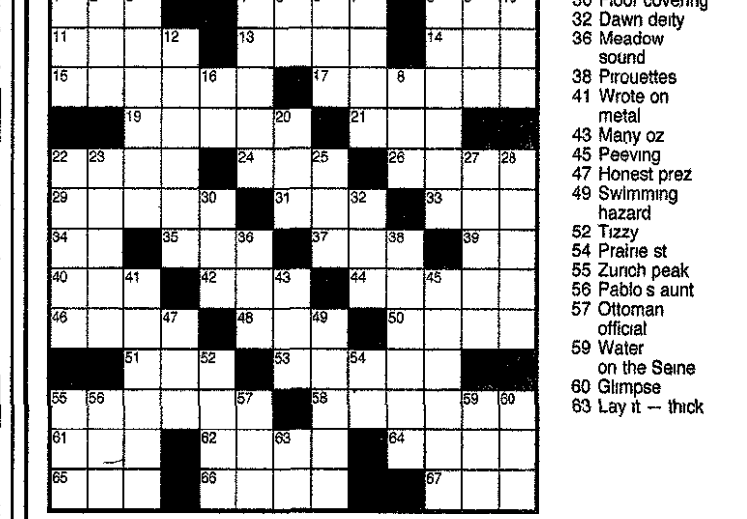
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**BLOOMFIELD** 4 bdrm 3 baths Also 2 bdrm condo in luxury high rise All major credit cards accepted 248 563 2727

**BLOOMFIELD** 4 bed 2 1/2 bath family room 1st floor laundry bsmt garage \$1 975 per mo Call 248 225 3600

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**DEARBORN HTS N** Super clean 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath brick ranch \$1100/mo Lease option avail 734 718 1899

**DEARBORN** Spacious ranch bsmt garage \$750/mo Small charge RENTAL PROS 734 513 RENT

### Homes For Rent 4050

**NOVI** Freshly painted 4 bdrm 2 5/2 bath fireplace 2750 sq ft 3 car deck hot tub \$2500/mo D&H Properties 248 737 4002

**NOVI** Freshly painted great room library 3153 sq ft deck 3 car air \$2400/mo D&H Properties 248 737 4002

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**LIVONIA** 3 bed brick ranch updated corian kitchen appliances bsmt 2 car \$1075 D&H Properties 248 737 4002

**ROYAL OAK** 3 Bdrm Bungalow near downtown wood floors appliances \$1250/mo ShareNet (248)642 1620

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**WESTLAND** 3 bedroom base ment attached garage fenced yard \$1050 +security deposit (734) 846 8801

**WESTLAND** Beautiful 3 bdrm brick ranch w/bsmt garage c/a appliances no pets \$1000 + sec (734) 461 6004

### Southern Rentals 4090

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**PLYMOUTH OLD VILLAGE** Brand new 1200 3600 sqft office warehouses 12x14 overhead door 20 ceiling double net 275 sq ft office \$250/mo 120 sq ft office \$150/mo 450 sqft heated warehouse \$300/mo (734) 453 0284

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**BEVERLY HILLS** 2 Bdrm fire place 2 car garage \$750/mo 3 Bdrm \$850/mo Small fee RENTAL PROS 248 373 RENT

### Homes For Rent 4050

**BRIGHTON SCHOOLS** Fonda Lk access 2 bdrm 1 bath lg fenced yard no pets non smoking \$800/mo \$1200 security 810 231 2442

**CANTON** 2500 sq ft immaculate! Appliances partially finished bsmt huge deck \$2000 734 516 1107

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**FARMINGTON** Tiny 1 bdrm house Appliances quiet wooded area Pet fee \$335/mo + utilities (248) 357 1132

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**NOVI** 3 br 2 bath 2 garage located 9 Mi & Meadowbrook \$1450/mo (248) 760 3373

**NOVI** 3389 sq ft colonial 4 bed 2 5/2 baths & partly finished bsmt One year lease Non smoking \$2 900 per month (655/MI) Call Vicki Max Brook Realtors (248) 923 8300

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**NOVI** Spacious 3 bed 1 1/2 bath bsmt & attached garage Novi schools \$1 600/mo (248) 225 3600

**OK PARK** Brick ranch appli nces fenced yard pets negotiable \$700/mo Small fee RENTAL PROS 248 356 RENT

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**WESTLAND** Livonia schools 4 bdrm 2 bath garage on 1 acre lot \$1375+ security deposit (734) 846 8801

**WESTLAND** lovely large mint 2 bed duplex appliances laundry hook ups Section 8 ok \$750/mo 248-651 2824

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**WESTLAND** Norwayne 2 bdrm full bsmt new carpet fresh paint \$725/mo Immed late occupancy 734 276 0503

**WESTLAND NORWAYNE** Duplex 2 Brs bath Available Now! Brand new carpet and tile! Good Landlord! No credit check \$625 per month Call 248 842 0679

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**WESTLAND** 3 Bdrm fenced pets ok shed \$725/mo Small charge RENTAL PROS 734 513 RENT

**WESTLAND** Brick ranch garage fenced for pets \$765/mo Small charge RENTAL PROS 734 513 RENT

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**ORTONVILLE HOME** 3 Brs All sports lakefront 2 bath garage all appliances 8 min N of Clarkston 1 75 & M15 \$1050 248 909 1150

**PLYMOUTH** 751 Sunset 3 bedroom 1 bath cape cod 2 5 car garage all appliances pur chase option 734 368 7207

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**BIRMINGHAM** Charming 2 bdrm home maple floors recessed lighting appliances avail Dec 1st 248 797 9118

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**CANTON** 720 Scottsdale 2300 sq ft brick colonial 4 beds 3 1/2 baths family room w/fireplace Finished bsmt 2 car garage Patio Appliances Shed \$1495 Shown Wed & Sun @ 6pm or by appt Office 248 593 0064 Mobile 313 920 5966

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**FRANKLIN** Charming residence on private estate \$3250 248 539 1955

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**INKSTER** Sharp 3 bedroom ranch immediate occupancy 2 5 car garage Option to buy avail \$650 (248) 788 1823

**LIVONIA** \$1200/mo + deposit 3 bedroom brick ranch attached garage water appli nces & lawn maint incl Call John 9am 5pm 248-478 7019

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**ROYAL OAK** Newly remod eled 3 bedroom bungalow 1 5 baths central air all appli nces pets welcome \$1100 (248) 398 8827

**LIVONIA** Ranch appliances shed fenced pets ok \$675/mo Small charge RENTAL PROS 734 513 RENT

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**S REDFORD** 3 Bdrm bsmt 2 car garage section 8 well come \$895/mo Small charge RENTAL PROS 248-356 RENT

**SOUTH LYON** Lease for beautiful 4 bedroom home available January 2005 Call Russ Graham Kessler and Company 248 643 9099 #104

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**SOUTHFIELD** 3 Bdrm finished bsmt C/A pets negotiable \$975/mo Small charge RENTAL PROS 248 356 RENT

**SOUTHFIELD/FARMINGTON AREA** 2 Bdrm section 8 ok \$750/mo plus security Includes appliances Large yard (734) 523 3157

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**WALLED LAKE** 3 Bed w/sauna & fireplace All kitchen appliances lake privi leges \$900 (734) 327 5025

**WALLED LAKE** Ranch on large lot Lake access pets negotiable \$700/mo Small charge RENTAL PROS 248 356 RENT

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**BIRMINGHAM** Move in condition Built in 1997 Fabulous gourmet kitchen 4 bdrm 4 5 baths fireplace master ste w/marble bath finished lower level 3982 sq ft \$5000 lease

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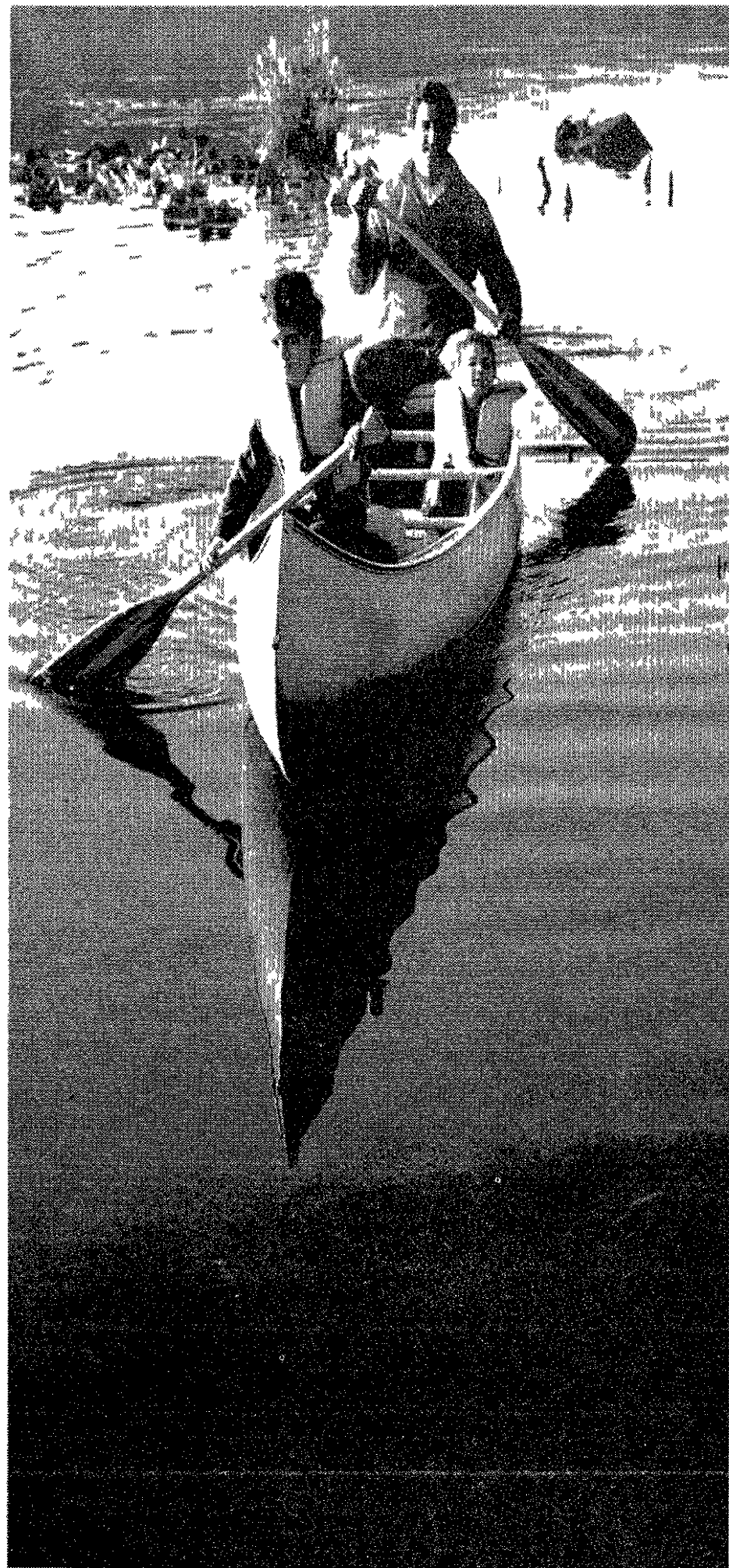
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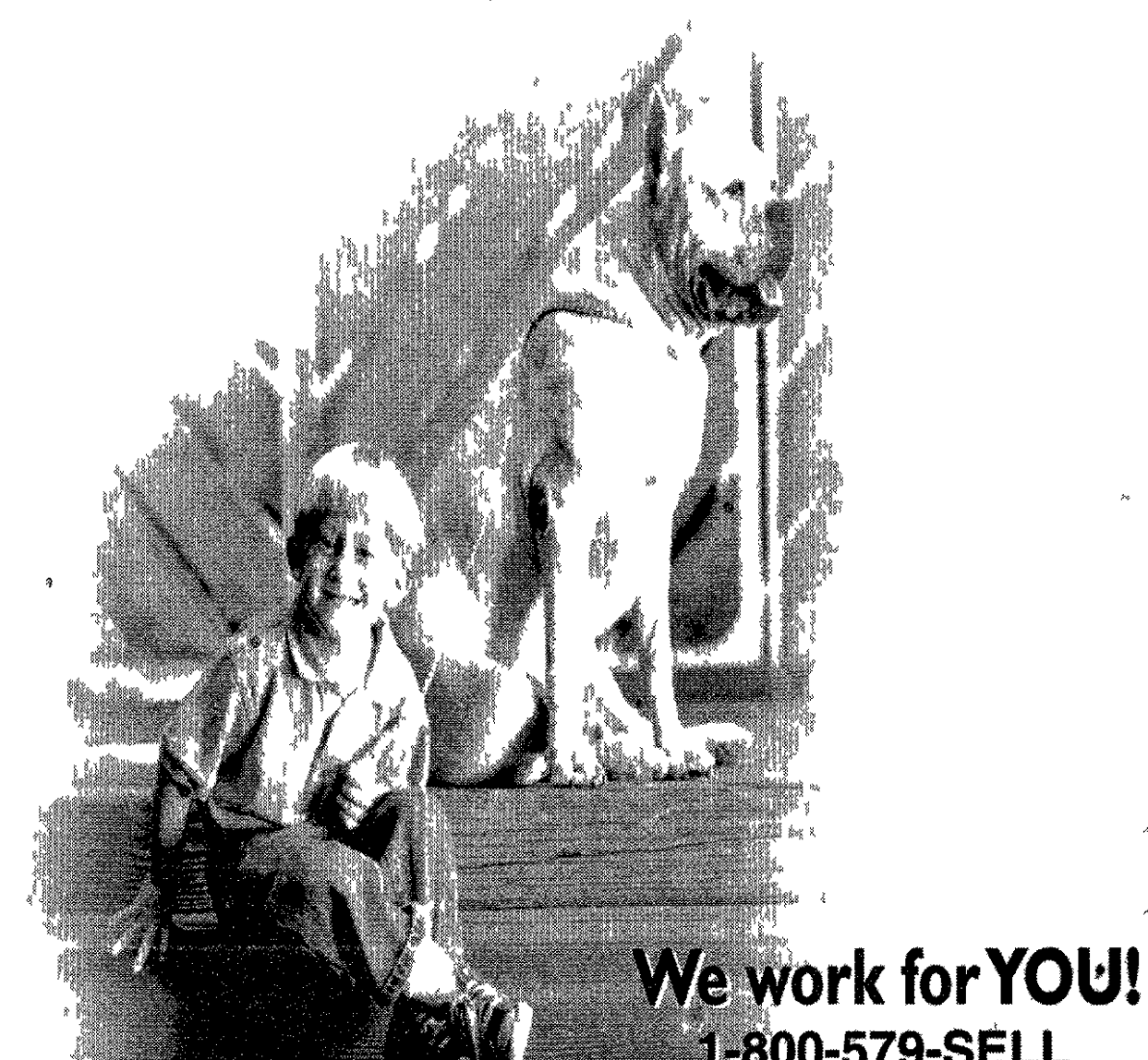


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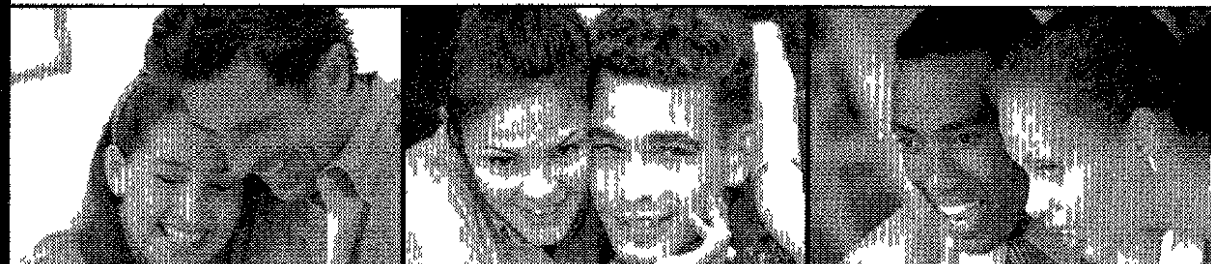
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**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS**  
SF 29 likes hanging out with fun looking for a similar SM 38 41 N/S for friendship or more **2510395**

**SECRETARY OF FUN**  
SWF 36 N/S blonde/green mother of 2 seeks serous hard working SWM 35-35 N/S who is not into bars **2498424**

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for a handsome SBPM who is honest and down to earth to spend time with **2401088**

**VERY SPICY!**  
BBW passionate SBF 46 honey complexion dipsy seeks outgoing fun loving gentleman 35-55 N/S N/Drugs any race for movies pool dancing music and romance Dating possible LTR **2752243**

**CALL ME!**  
SF 21 54 140lbs long dark/hazel N/S no children enjoys dining movs working out bowling Seeking SWM 21-40 N/S **2486573**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Beautiful voluptuous DBF 42 56 likes traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race unimportant to enjoy life together for friendship maybe more **2446944**

**POTENTIAL LOVE**  
SWFF 44 tall N/S attractive down to earth enjoys boating the outdoors dining out Seeking SWM 28-58 N/S similar, for possible LTR **2483846**

**YOU WILL LIKE ME!**  
Attractive SWF 66 55 blonde artist fun loving seeks well groomed SWM 60+ loves outdining dining out and sharing life **2752243**

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest trustworthy down to earth? SBF 40 N/S seeks SBF 27 57 N/S who knows how to take life one day at a time **2509061**

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive SBF 39 47 5'5" 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys outdoor movs traveling cooking Seeking romantic SBPM 40 55 1 man city sec a similar interests for LTR **2432799**

**PEOPLE PERSON**  
SBF 45 young children enjoys working out playing cards qu et evenrns gals at home Seeking emotionally/financially secure man for compan onsh p leading to more **2611381**

**IN IT FOR THE LONG TERM**  
SBF 38 56 loves to get away for the weekend would like to get to know SBM 23 41 w/passion for travel and life **2509782**

**SEARCHING**  
Sexy attractive SBF 33 51 145lbs brun complexion enjoys dining movs dining ISO her soulmate a compatible SBM 45 55 possible marriage **2509955**

**GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?**  
28-year-old S/F fun various interests enjoys sports currently in grad school seeking S/M 25-35 funny sincere honest carng **2501624**

**COULD IT BE ME?**  
Romantic female 36 educated loves travel cudi ng playing music s nging art time wilderness sports and exploring new things w/Christ as the head of my life **2517421**

**CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND**  
SBFC 30 no children seeks goal oriented SBPM 25-37 no children who is respectful intelligent intellectual and respects woman **2818950**

**LOOKING 4 WHITE CHOCOLATE**  
SBPF 27 53 98lbs black/gay N/S degreed graduate student seeks SWFM 24-45 for friendship first possible LTR **2263824**

**HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?**  
Living down to earth SBF 33 41 110lbs mother N/S N/D enjoys bowling shopping movies live entertain ment Seeking SWM 32-35 N/S for friendship possible romance **2829735**

**NO NONSENSE**  
Nice looking active no nonsense gal seeks good looking active no nonsense guy 35-49 white or hispanic intelligent intelligent intellectual companion onsh and fun desired **2448655**

**ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?**  
But gentle of heart? Good looking firm SM 42 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 33 emotionally and physically in shape with eclectic interests currently accept ing applications **2263824**

**GET TO KNOW THIS**  
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57-63 for friendship possible LTR **2402995**

**SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST**  
SF 43 smoker student looking for SM 25-35 N/S who is trustworthy a good listener and will make me happy **2484338**

**CALL ME**  
if you are a beautiful man 80 70 N/S N/D homeowner interests in homeite nature pets alternative medicine sports I'm a SWF 73 w/the above **2416289**

**MICHIGAN RESIDENT**  
SBF 41 who likes to travel/reads several times a year Seeking BM 42-who likes dining movies comedy clubs **2432325**

**FULL FIGURED BEAUTY**  
Light complexioned SBF 25 55 265lbs brown eyes dimples enjoys movs parks playing pool Seeking SM 18 32 who is sweet treats a woman with respect **2112932**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SBF 42 53 140lbs enjoys film theater musicals Seeking handsome passionate active outgoing SWM 45 55 for LTR **2704112**

**SEEKING MR DO RIGHT**  
Full figured SBF 29 seeks tall/average SBM 29 37 who is intelligent down to earth and has an honest spirit **2664314**

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
SF 28 51 135lbs CNA enjoys movs travel hanging out seeking compatible SM 25-45 who shares similar interests **2752243**

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT**  
Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5 175lbs thick not fat great figure interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live sponta neously **2776032**

**ALL MY LOVE 4 YOU**  
Down to earth woman 25 RN enjoys beaches dining theater romantic times Seeking a special man to share life love and TLC **2850979**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Good looking SWF 65 55 135lbs reddish brown hair humorous likes gardening reading going out to movies Seeking SWM 66-75 58 62 for compan onsh p possible LTR Ypsilanti area **2930369**

**TRY ME!**  
SF 37 blonde/blue 5 5 mother enjoys bowling pool concerts long park walks cycling music (especially Rod Stewart) more Seeking Maicom man to share happiness with **2404691**

**STARTING OVER**  
Employed widowed grandmother 56 loves old-school music playing cards concerts and park walks Searching for a similar man, 48 62 **2648146**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
25 SWF average build seeks SM 27 35 who s daring and enjoys outdoor and indoor act vty **2446263**

**CALL ME**  
Fun loving affectionate real SBF 32 enjoys playing cards the outdoors candlelight dinners hang fun seek ing SWM 30 30 for dating **2474943**

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF 31 N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19 35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together **2476802**

**SEARCH NO MORE**  
Genuie attractive fem nine inde pendent SBF 58 140lbs who enjoys jazz romantic dinners qu et evenings plays nights in seeking honest inde pendent sincere feminn SF 30-42 **2473831**

**PRECIOUS ONE**  
SWF very pretty young 39 medium dark/green works n med cal field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best friend, more **230588**

**LOVES THE OUTDOORS**  
SF 29 CNA single mother of three enjoys the outdoors watching football hokey relaxing at home seeking SWM 31 37 for dating **2479493**

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance being walks in the park Seeking tall dark hand some SBM 33 50 **2481293**

**BEAUTY AND BRAINS**  
Hard working SWF 50 smoker enjoys laughter movies music conversation and more Seeking healthy trustworthy intelligent SWM 48 60 for frndshp maybe more **2828511**

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
SAF 56 41 105lbs desires well groomed older gentleman 60 70 who loves to dance and travel, Grosse Pointe area preferred **2489245**

**QUIET BEAUTY**  
SBF 46 shy but loves to laugh enjoys concerts movies seeking good honest SBM 43 50 N/S for LTR **2498245**

**ONE OF A KIND**  
prefers to be two SWF 40s attractive romantic seeks SWM N/S who carng has good SOH and looking for a one on one with a great gal **2878448**

**WARRIOR PRINCESS!**  
WFF 49 seeks SBPM 38 52 Lets struggle and make life w/er a total meltdown! I love laughter humor reading and life! **2480978**

**OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER**  
DWF 54 brun blonde heavyset 50 sweet loving Christian You a DM 48 60 for dating or Christian ready for LTR leading to marriage **2342080**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF 28 Aquar us N/S s ooking for a friend SBM 28 38 N/S Must have a sense of humor must be hard w/ k in life trustworthy and goa o oriented **2759073**

**LOVE A NURSE**  
SBF 43 Cancer survivor 53 fullfig ued nu se hombody new to the a ea seeks an honest down to earth brown hair seeks honest a core trust worthy secure educated SPM for friendship/relat onsh p **2988093**

**LOST IN MICHIGAN**  
SBPF 29 55 190lbs no child en never married very attractive easygoing no laid back loves travel Looking for sincere open minded laid back male who has his stuff together **2229089**

**SLIM AND PETITE**  
Easygoing active DWF 67 retired ISO fun loving 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking an male likes popcorn w/ing to go to a tuxedo now and then **2271793**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF 24 56 350 lbs profes sional employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks hand some, honest SBM **2286383**

**STRONG BELIEFS**  
WF 36 57 enjoys going to movs dining out hiking concerts reading more Seeking SWM 38-55 with good morals **2407728**

**ATTN WORKAHOLICS**  
SWF 39 57 125lbs ISO profession al male for friendship possible relat onsh! Not just arm candy have opinions feel like don't want perfect on just right person **2410985**

**LET'S COMMUNICATE**  
Active affectionate SBF enjoys dining out movies plays concerts traveling Seeking honest good humored SBM 50-70 w/similar interests for compan ionsh p **2413503**

**GREAT CATCH**  
Lovely SWF 31 51 150 lbs athletic build N/S th nks Nickelback is cool loves to go sight seeing Seeking SWM 35 43 N/S for excellent LTR **2453116**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25 30, for LTR **2465764**

**GET TO KNOW ME!**  
SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28 55 N/S for frndshp frst **2431382**

**LOVE IS HARD 2 FIND**  
SBF 28 libra N/S N/D no children sweet fun and affectionate seeks SBM 25 35 for frndshp and possible LTR **2938990**

**LIFE IN THE COUNTRY**  
SF 30 57 medium build college-edu cated real estate agent dog breeder seeks SF 27 55 w/ pass ons goals and mot vat on n life **2120949**

**SHARING MY HOME AND HEART**  
75 year-old romantic W/F 63 fullfig ued N/S N/D disease free likes tall men swimming TV and home life Seeking SWM 50 80 **2552079**

**ARMS OPEN WIDE**  
SBF 24 sweet and sincere ISO SM 26-36 who's honest gentle fun and canng with arms and heart open w/de **201588**

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure independent SBF 31 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SM 30 45 with similar inter ests for possible LTR **2127475**

**OPEN AND HONEST**  
SF 35 looking for a woman 25 45 for affection and attention Call lets add some excitement to life **2424565**

**PARADISE**  
SBF 36 52 brown/brown ISO non SM 35-40 who knows what she wants n life who's looking for paradise share my love **2849800**

**SIXTIES SPIRITED**  
DWF 50 N/S tattooed healthy happy creative B/W nto music art hobbies Seeking non smoking like minded confident S/D/W/M 50 58 for compan onsh p possible LTR **2491103**

**TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE**  
SBF tall mecum build N/S who enjoys music comedy shows seeks man 45 55 N/kids N/S outgoing affctate stable for LTR **2444748**

**A REAL 10**  
DBF 42 expect very attractive new transfer to area looking for profess on al male 35-48 for friendship No blue collar workers please **2480005**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF 45 tall pretty enjoys working out theater cooking comedy clubs Seeking tall SWM 42 60 attractive finan cially secure similar interests **2483446**

**LIFE IS WONDERFUL**  
SBF 40 mother of two enjoys movies plays walks n the park quiet times at home Seeking BM 45 55 N/S D/D free, who loves kids **2589246**

**VERY OUTGOING**  
Cathol c DWF 69 looks much younger N/S very tall looking for gentleman 56 63 w/upbeat personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more **2455079**

**LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT**  
SWF 44 cooking for outgoing guy 39-44 who is looking for a serious relat ionship and commitment **2461117**

**LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR**  
Attractive W/F 56 red blue 5 150lbs looking for easygoing well groomed gentleman 65 70 who enjoys meeting new people **2476645**

**R U OUT THERE?**  
Attract ve thrling SBF 39 never been married no kids enjoys music sports Seeking same in tall SBM 30 45 preferably with facial hair **2914171**

**FUN LOVING LADY**  
SBF 43 Virgo smoker loves choco late seeks fun loving sincere BM 34-56 enjoys conversations companion ship **2439719**

**OLD FASHIONED LAID BACK**  
SBF 59 Vrgo smoker loves watching basketball and cooking Seeking an unde standng BM 55 65 smoke who loves fishing volleyball and pc **2359504**

**STILL LIVELY & ATTRACTIVE**  
SWF 62 N/S very active slim and attractive pet te W/LTM a man up to 6 H/W proportionate I enjoy dancing movies walks dining casinos more **231335**

**LONG HAIR A PLUS**  
SWF young 49 N/S nature/animal lover enjoys ga denng old cars and qu et nights at home Positive attitude and drama free is a must Attract ve and fit you be too! **2298396**

**LONESOME**  
Sen or W/F 54 active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please SO hurry up and call me! **2449585**

**LOVELY CULTURED TRIM**  
DWF 43 N/S well liked to meet an d the qualities who loves to dance Seeks tall attractive nicely built edu cated gentleman to share a loving romantic LTR **63 73 2506895**

**ZEST FOR LIFE**  
SF 60 160 attract ve intellig ent an ce a outgoing easygoing down to earth romant c spontaneous sens tive with great SOH oves to laugh smile enjoys music paves con crete seeking compatible com pan ionsh p **2444319**

**ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF**  
49 H/W proportionate med um build enyos cruses concerns dining out more traveling Seeking honest pas sionate SM 45 60 with similar inter ests for datng possibly more **2134441**

**THE SPICE OF LIFE**  
Attract ve SWF 56 56 165lbs em ployed educated no dependents seeking monogamous compassionate male 49-62 N/S preferred with wide variety of interests **2502822**

**HOPE WE CAN TALK SOON!**  
I am a 52 brunette da k years early 60s searching for a tall financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady **2466121**

**AAA YOUR HEART**  
Lets keep the New Year right Come into my world SBF 45 great smile I'm sure you'll like me **2686779**

**RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM**  
SWF 43 N/S well liked to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35-53 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family **2115795**

**DINNER FOR TWO**  
SBF 51 57 H/W proportionate foster mother like taking cooking family things going out dining Seeking compat ible SB/MW 47 67 has interest n children possible LTR **2989391**

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Attract ve SWF 50s loves all life and male arts family nature Masters help ing profession al Seeking big hearted secure intelligent WM 48 64 for fun frndshp depth etc **2892242**

**CHIC 60S CHICK**  
Widowed W/F N/S N/D young at heart looks sprit and attitude Tall talented temptress waiting for you call **2692042**

**LOVE AND SINCERITY**  
SBFC 40 55 good personality carng supportive enjoys church family travel shopping and more! Looking for SBM 40 55 N/S **2813534**

**LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY**  
SWF ISO SWM 33-45 she likes clas sic cars and Nascar most outdoor act vtes motorcycles holidays and family for possible LTR **2286526**

**THIS COULD WORK**  
K nd fun oving DF 55 enjoys movies music dining out affect on outdoors theater Seeking fun loving caring SM 55 60 N/S for companionship Nathan least number please call again **2958828**

**FABULOUS AND FULL FIGURED**  
Cute sexy SBF 41 N/S will try any thing once loves movies plays dancing holding hands cuddling Seeking attract ve sexy 31 50 N/S w/ similar interests **2113224**

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
SBPF 47 enjoys qu et nights travel cooking reading movs street fairs Seeking warm hearted financially stable loving man who enjoys the same for happiness possible LTR **2218468**

**DARK EBONY**  
SBF 42 58 full figured seeks intell gent man 48 60 58 62 medium build or heavyset for poss ble relation sh p **2326293**

**SHALL WE?**  
DWF 40 54 H/W proportionate light brown hair N/S oves golfing sus pense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing WM 40 49 N/S for friendship **2245969**

**TOO MUCH JOY**  
Chruchgoing SBF 53 loves to have fun n the kitchen catches all the lat est movs has good time no matter what ISO like minded SBM 48 58 **2279840**

**LIFE BEGINS AT 60**  
61 year old W/F 51/2 135lbs N/S N/D w/overplus nurse enjoys cook ing Civi War Flevo utonary War h story travel seeking gent man 56 70 loya honest N/S affect onate enjoys being pampered **2498679**

**SEMI RETIRED**  
SF 62 59 slim fit like jazz concert symphony theater frndshp and outdoors activities Seeking tall gent honest carng humorous gentleman 55 70 w/ similar nterests **2467917**

**MR RIGHT**  
Are you a tall b/g handsome man that could be my Mr right for a SWF 51 6 attracted to you and fun lets share a life together **2443339**

**SWEET SINGLE FEMALE**  
ooking for sweet SM SF 21 dark brown/brown 52 150lbs latooos/peprongs ISO commitment minded loving fun loving interested n frndshp happiness and a long loving tem relat onsh p **2462322**

**SKY S THE LIMIT!**  
SF 21 N/S loves Italian food feels Janet Jackson is a living legend seeks outgoing SBM 27 38 for frndshp romance if it develops **2452830**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
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SBPF 40 ong hair light complexion seeks enjoyable SBPM 40 56 N/S for LTR and much more **2803343**

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Young energetic SBF 47 140lbs seeks financially compatible so nritual ly stable SWM 39 55 for healthy monogamous relationship H/W proportionate race open **2813903**

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**WANTED A WIDOWER**  
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**FEELING LIKE A LADY**  
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**ANYONE FOR GOLF?**  
Wonderful WF 55 N/S likes to dance dine out catch movs golf travel Seeking SM 50 60 w/similar interests **2270941**

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SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping more Looking for SBM 43 47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman **2408835**

**WORTH THE CALL**  
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**TAKE A CHANCE**  
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**CONFIDENT OUTGOING**  
SWF 48 50 healthy med um build Sagittarius N/S very family oriented pet owner Seeking easygoing fun lov ing S/D/W/M 38-55 N/S for LTR only **2439340**

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SM 33 59 195lbs enjoys my ghil n working out basketball movs Seeking SF 27-42 for possible re lationsh p **2257939**

**READY FOR COMMITMENT**  
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**FUN AND HONEST**  
Outgoing low key easygoing fun lo ve to meet and outgo ng woman I enjoy movs adventure and having fun Looking for a fun loving and beautiful woman **2507634**

**MR RIGHT**  
SBM 29 64 200 lb seeks SBF for possible LTR I enjoy cooking quiet evenings at home looking for someone who knows what they want **2509038**

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**TAKE ANOTHER STEP**  
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**FOUND LIKE YOU?**  
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**WYANDOTTE Spacious Starter Home**  
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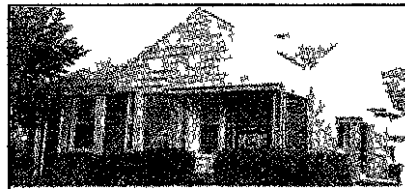
**LIVONIA Most Wanted List**  
This hot new listing is located in the heart of Livon a and has just what you're looking for Great floor plan w/large LR updated kitchen FR/DR 1st bsmt w/lav deck fenced yard Att 2 car garage and its move in ready  
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Custom built Cape Cod w/2 story entry ceramic floor custom lighting First floor master w/etted tub Dual staircase oversized 3.5 car heated garage w/hot and cold water A must see  
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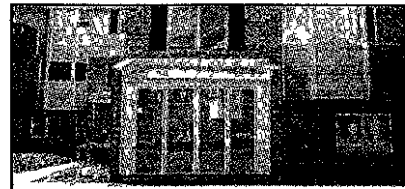
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Nicely updated 2 bedroom 1 bath brick ranch Newer 2003 roof kitchen w/ n ever oak cab nets & vinyl floor 1.5 car garage Security system Fenced yard  
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**PLYMOUTH A Real Charmer**  
Custom built all brick contemporary b/g lot in little Plymouth Very clean & well taken care of Has built in double ovens newer roof & HWH Unique floor plan in the 2 bedroom 1.5 bath home  
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**PLYMOUTH Walk to Downtown**  
Desirable Pinewood Village condo Newer Berber carpet & freshly painted 14 oak kitchen cabinets Why rent? Neutral decor All appliances stay Occupancy negotiable  
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**NOVI Sharp 3BR 1.5BA Condo**  
Newer vinyl siding ceramic baths & newer carpet Nov school's swimming pool tennis courts clubhouse All appliances included Immediate occupancy Assessment to be paid by se ers  
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**NOVI Rare Find in Novi**  
Updated 3 bed com 1.5 bath ranch w/famly room living room & den Private 2 tier deck h/dwds under carpet Fin bsmt master bath updated w/elect cal pane viny windows & flooring n kitchen  
(E05MEA) 734 455 5600 \$234 900



**SOUTHFIELD Check Out This One**  
Almost new condo w/neutral walls & carpet across from park setting w/ vaulted ceilings 2 skylights great room & 21x13 loft area kitchen w/ white cab nets & all appliances & attached garage w/opener  
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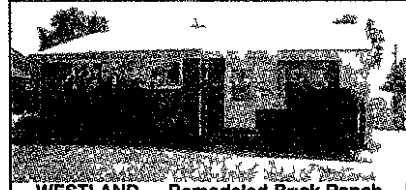
**PLYMOUTH Spacious Ranch**  
Great neighborhood presents 3 bedrooms 2.5 baths 2 fireplaces tied family room hot tub updated w/o appliances 2 car att garage n cely finished basement hardwood fls newer patio sprinkler s att c fan  
(E48CED) 734 455 5600 \$229 900



**LIVONIA Buyer Friendly**  
3BR 1.5BA brick ranch Updated kit wall appl LR/DR combo Hardwood floors Nice size rooms partially finished back yard w/cedar deck 2 car gar and Stevenson H gh School All this could be yours to enjoy  
(367NOR) 248-349 5600 \$178 000



**FARMINGTON HILLS Remodeled Home**  
Come enjoy this updated 4BR 2BA home large master w/WIC & full bath Full Beautiful LR FR w/wood stove large deck & 2 car garage Kitchen appliances stay large patio fenced yard Roof new 02 carpet 03 Updated  
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**WESTLAND Remodeled Brick Ranch**  
Remodeled kitchen & bath refinished hardwood floors newer roof w/windows cement plumbing & electrical service all offered in this 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home with 2 car garage & finished basement w/possible office  
(E51BIR) 734 455 5600 \$139 900



**PITTSFIELD Exceptional Condo**  
1st floor end unit w/ a balcony overlooking commons area Open flowing floor plan w/ lots of windows White tile kitchen cabinets compartment a great kitchen Detached garage  
(E99MIL) 734 455-5600 \$159 900



**DETROIT Warrendale Bungalow**  
Cute freshly painted brick home w/ 3 bed rooms 1 bath hardwood floors covered garage newer windows roof & finished basement & fenced yard  
(E10BRA) 734-455 5600 \$89,900



**LIVONIA Eye Catching**  
3BR 2.5BA maintenance free brick ranch Landscaped to perfection w/huge 2 tiered private deck near a deer oak kit Feldstone FR in FR large bay in LR mammoth bsmt FFL C/A sprinklers 1 n 2 car att gar  
(E13MUN) 248-349 5600 \$259 900



**NORTHVILLE Established Colony Estates**  
Terrific residence situated under towering trees features charm & comfort from the roomy BR's through inside FR to the custom bonus area n LL and all in this This is try a must see  
(E46WIN) 248 349 5600 \$339 900



**REDFORD Won't Last Long**  
Beautifully updated ranch offers 2 car garage w/ n ever roof finished basement w/ dry bar newer tile nace C/A kitchen floor w/ndos 6 pane doors & front porch  
(E28GAR) 734 455 5600 \$124 900



**MILFORD New Construction**  
Pick your colors in this lovely 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial with 2 ca attached ga age basement studio ceiling n famly room & vaulted ceiling in master bedroom  
(E63TUR) 734 455 5600 \$284 900



**WESTLAND This One Has It All!**  
2 bdrm 1.5 bath townhouse Master Bdrm has access to full bath & lg WIC kit w/wood laminate flrs wood cabs & app's Dining area has doorwall to deck frp c in LR att gar & bsmt  
(E64PHE) 734-455-5600 \$164 900



**LIVONIA Opportunity Knocking**  
This brick ranch can't be beat Spacious & open floor plan w/huge kitchen Large LR 1.5 baths on 1st floor Great basement w/rec room & add'l BR poss be Appliances One year home warr & quick occupancy  
(E72MER) 248 349-5600 \$162,500



**DEARBORN Brick Colonial**  
Updated and shining a brick 3BR 1.5BA home w/new windows floors paint and carpet in 2004 Breakfast room & formal dining room Near Ford Headquarters and shopping Well built and updated  
(E16WES) 248 349 5600 \$179 900



**WYANDOTTE Updated w/Plenty of Charm**  
Newer Pergo flooring n kitchen & vng room 2 car garage partially finished basement spacious eat n kitchen w/ n appliances A this n this 3 bed com 2 bath bungalow  
(E83ORC) 734 455 5600 \$131 000



**WESTLAND Move Right In**  
Livonia Schools 2 bedroom 2 full ceramic bath condo backing to tranquil pond All appliances replace in living room newer windows & doorwall Walking trails p vale pool & clubhouse  
(E95WOO) 734 455 5600 \$83,000



**CANTON Sharp Brick Ranch**  
3BR 2BA home w/cathedral ceilings Master suite w/walk in closet sepa ate bath & corvwall to deck Partially finished basement att garage 1st floor laundry & numerous updates  
(E67RID) 248 349-5600 \$219 900



**NOVI Check Out This Beauty**  
4BR 3.5BA Colonial w/prof landscaping 2 tier wrap around deck Fin W/O can be teenage or in few yrs has BR/playroom or sep off ce full bath LR or rec area white Bay Island kit w/Corian counters h/dw flrs Great basement w/rec room occupancy Not a drive by  
(E62MAR) 248-349-5600 \$479,900



**SOUTH LYON Stunning Walkout Colonial**  
Premium elevation w/stunning views of wooded nature preserve from each of 3 stories 4BR 2.5BA Colonial features a 2 story entrance w/hardwood flrs massive kit bay in LR FR in FR Enjoy luxurious master suite  
(E33WES) 248 349-5600 \$349 900



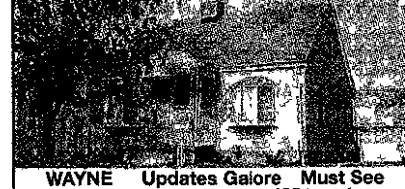
**BELLEVILLE Country in the City**  
3 BR 1.5 bath ranch w/ 5 baths 2.5 car garage w/opener elec & heat Newer windows roof vinyl siding Eat n kitchen w/ n appliances A this n this 3 bed com 2 bath bungalow  
(E24ECO) 734 455 5600 \$149 000



**LINCOLN PARK Affordable Starter**  
3 bedroom brick front ranch C/A full basement newer windows & water heater 1 ca garage fenced yard d app onces stay newe carpet freshly painted Move n condition Must see  
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**SOUTHFIELD Craftsman Style Cape Cod**  
Unique & charming 3BR 2BA Cape Cod on wooded approx 1 acre lot Country living in the city w/easy access to expressways and shopping Home has lots of detailed woodwork n fireplace & fm basement  
(E61EVE) 248-349 5600 \$228,000



**WAYNE Updates Galore - Must See**  
Numerous updates in this charming 3BR bungalow n kit BA carpet windows HWH driveway paint & more Fin bsmt 2 car garage Close to comm center Across from park 1mm occupancy Not a drive by  
(E60JOH) 248-349 5600 \$135,000



**NOVI Sunsets on Walked Lake**  
View of Walked Lake from wrap around porch Open floor plan neutral decor & some hardwood 4 bedrooms 2 full baths Stove & refrigerator Home warranty Lake priv leges  
(E20SLA) 248-349 5600 \$229 000



**GARDEN CITY New Community**  
Very nice detached condo ranch w/2 full baths fireplace daylight windows in basement 2 car attached garage spacious floor plan dining room kit w/snack bar P assure to show But lets pay tax  
(E26BIR) 734 455 5600 \$184,900



**LIVONIA A Real Doll House**  
Hardw flrs in LR & BRs kitchen updated w/cab nets & Pergo floor W a s de windows elec panel newer vinyl siding & a new roof 04 & partially finished basement 2 car gar & Florida rm All in this 3 bedroom bungalow  
(E16JOY) 734 455-5600 \$152,000



**WIXOM Amazing Home and Lot**  
4BR 3BA home on approx 5 acre wooded lot Home boasts huge country kit w/earth area 2 story GR 1st flr MBR FR screened in porch prof landscaped brick pave walkways sprinklers one year home warr  
(E64HED) 248 349 5600 \$399 900



**REDFORD This is a Charmer**  
2BR ranch w/ots of updates Home boasts updated kitchen newer windows roof furnace and HWH Home is well maintained w/neutral decor Kitchen has white cabinets Nice yard and over sized 2 car garage  
(E47FIV) 248-349-5600 \$82,000



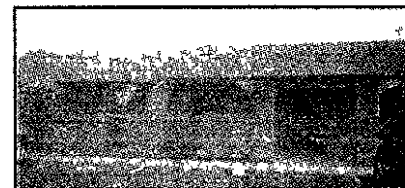
**SOUTHFIELD Your Search is Over**  
This incredible 4BR 2.5BA Cranbrook Village Colon is one of the larger models in sub Offers a newer white kitchen with oak floors FR w/FFL trend site n sub & more  
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**GROSSE ILE Wonderful Colonial**  
Large 4 BR 2.5 bath home wooded lot offers master suite w/ Jacuzzi tub and vaulted ceiling formal living room dining room fam room w/hirep ace 1st floor laundry tin bsmt 2 ca att ga sprinkler s & brick patio  
(E82BAL) 734 455 5600 \$339,900



**REDFORD Country Pleasure**  
Great 3 bedroom brick ranch on approx 48 acre lot C/A newer vinyl windows updated kitchen full basement hardwood floors neutral decor 2 car garage w/opener Move n condition Must see  
(E15WES) 734 455 5600 \$152 000



**SOUTH LYON Colonial Acres Condo**  
Walkout ranch w/large family room & patio Extra sink/vanity n master dressing area Bright kitchen w/skylight Clean and neutral All appl onces stay Great pond view  
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**NOVI Autumn Park Colonial**  
Amazing 4BR 3.5BA home on premium wooded lot n one of the finest subs Two story FR 4 season sunroom Extra deep bsmt w/daylight windows brick paver patio kitchen w/map e cabs formal DR 2nd flr laundry  
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**CANTON Don't Miss This One!**  
New paint n this ove 3 bed com 1.5 bath colonial on a condo kitchen has light cab nets pantry & breakfast ba Spacious rooms dining room ove ooking common area a ga basement & carport  
(E74FRA) 734 455 5800 \$139,900



**CANTON Meadowbrook Colonial**  
Spacious 4 bed com 2.5 bath home w/ 2 ca att garage full basement step up master suite hardwood floor s fam y room w/replace bay windows vaulted ceilings p ccess onally landscaped lot  
(E57MYS) 734 455 5600 \$349 900



**NORTHVILLE Best Kept Secret in Town**  
1st flr MBR suite w/h s & her WICs Gourmet kitchen w/hardwood flrs granite & stainless appls L b w/bu it in cabinets 9 ft ceilings on 1st & 2nd floors Extensive c own mold ngs Sound system 2.5 ca garage  
(E35LIN) 248 349 5600 \$789 000



**GARDEN CITY Country in the City**  
This charming ranch home is move n ready Great over sized lot w/fru trees updated roof shingles Andersen windows T/O & much more Great floor plan 2/2BR FR Updated bath hurry  
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**SOUTH LYON Beautiful Brick Colonial**  
Like new Spacious open floor plan in this 4BR brick carriage club house Serene view of natura pond Gourmet kit black appliances maple cabs Basement plumbed to bath Many custom extra Neutral co o s  
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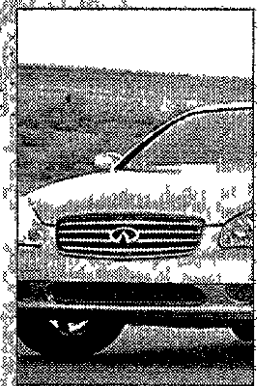
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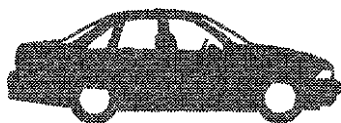
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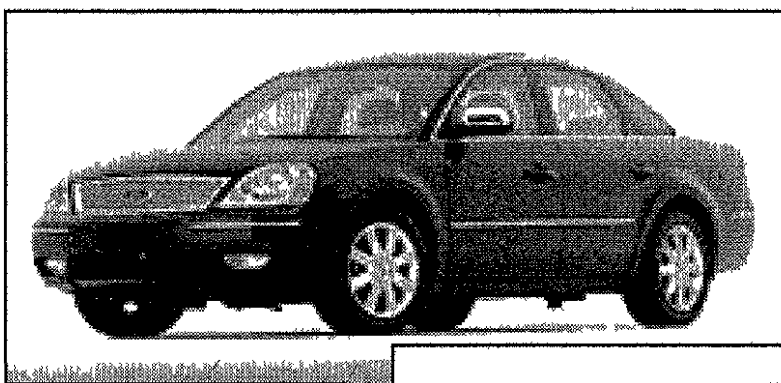
As Ford Motor Co. has sought to overhaul its new-product lineup this year, the company has gone in two divergent - but equally crucial - directions simultaneously. On the excitement end, Ford has introduced the racing-stance GT and soon will introduce a new version of the venerable Mustang, an all-new execution that promises to be the best manifestation of this nameplate in many years.

On the other hand, Ford also is using this season of lineup transformation to strengthen itself in basic, dependable, value-oriented vehicles the likes of which it has always provided, such as the Taurus and Sable sedans. In this case, for 2005 Ford has introduced two new mid-level entries, the Five Hundred sedan and the Freestyle sport-utility vehicles, companions based on a single mechanical platform.

In each case, Ford has hit the mark, offering transportation that performs, provides interior comfort, and looks good, all for reasonable sticker prices. They're the kind of vehicles that will carry Ford a long way toward stability in the highly competitive automotive marketplace.

A 2005 Freestyle served as the platform for a family weekend trip to Chicago recently and it performed ably in all areas. Because it's based on a car platform, Freestyle displayed the best characteristics of a car-like vehicle, including easy ingress and egress, responsive handling and very respectable highway mileage. And yet it presented the roominess for passengers and cargo that is crucial even for short trips. In accomplishing all of that, Freestyle established itself, for me anyway as a true contender for best new executive of a crossover vehicle.

In Freestyle, Ford has combined a space-consciousness with friendliness toward people and their needs that produces a very friendly totality. Three rows of seats provide either six- or seven-adult capacity, although the third-seat space is a little snug. Still, even with all three rows of seats deployed, there was enough room in the cargo well



2005 Ford Five Hundred

2005 Ford Freestyle



for several pieces of luggage and other accouterments for four people for the weekend. Each version of Freestyle depends on a new 3.0-liter, V6 engine that is rated at 203 horsepower. All are equipped with a continuously variable transmission, or CVT, that helps the modest-sized powerplant make the most of its available resources.

Freestyle comes in three trim levels, starting with the \$25,000 SE level that I drove. Yet even SE comes with features that you wouldn't always expect to find in a base model, including a six-way power driver's seat, cruise control, tilt steering wheel, four-wheel disc brakes with ABS and traction control, as well as air conditioning, power windows, outside mirrors and central locking, and AM/FM/CD stereo. Even all-wheel drive is optional on the SE version, for \$1,700.

The Five Hundred is Ford's bid to take back a trail-blazing position in the sedan market, which it last staked out in 1986 when it introduced 'jellybean' styling to the world via the Taurus and Sable - and made them the best-selling cars in the country for many years. Toyota Camry and Honda Accord have stolen the lead in subsequent years.

The Five Hundred makes a credible stab at restoring some of Ford's past glory in this segment. Styling is crisp if not spectacular, featuring big wheels and sharply creased fenders, although some people believe it too closely resembles the Volkswagen Passat. The Five Hundred is built more like a crossover SUV than a sedan, with tall fenders, a high roofline (61 inches, five inches higher than

Taurus) and an elevated position for drivers. In fact, the interior is probably the Five Hundred's best feature, providing ample headroom and backseat legroom, lots of windows and simple, understandable controls for the driver.

The Five Hundred's styling and stance, in those ways, are redolent of Chrysler's hot-selling new 300C sedan, although the latter is much more boldly styled. Camry is nearly a foot shorter, three inches lower and 650 pounds lighter than the Five Hundred.

The same continuously variable transmission that smoothes the path for Freestyle also is present in the Five Hundred, keeping the engine speed within a narrow range instead of distinctly shifting from gear to gear. Nevertheless, the car's acceleration proved barely adequate for some routine situations, perhaps indicating that Ford compromised a bit too much to achieve fuel-economy levels of 21 miles in the city and 29 miles on the highway, about matching the best of its competition.

Overall, with a base price of \$26,145, Ford is back in the mid-size sedan game with the Five Hundred.

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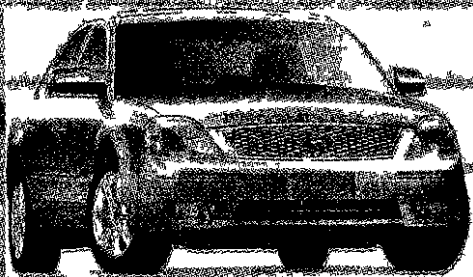
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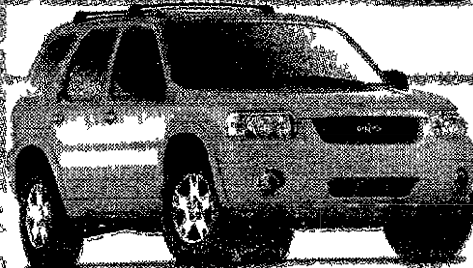
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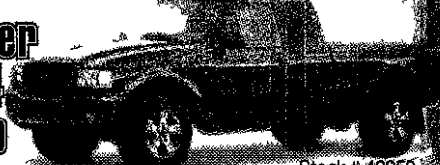
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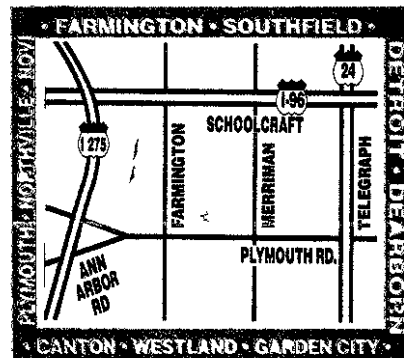


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## Handel's Messiah

UMS Choral Union  
Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra  
Jerry Blackstone, conductor  
Ilana Davidson, soprano  
Susan Platts, mezzo-soprano  
Richard Clement, tenor  
Brett Pellegrino, baritone

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 8 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2 PM

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The UMS Choral Union, with Jerry Blackstone as its permanent music director, returns to Hill Auditorium for its annual performances of Handel's beloved oratorio, *Messiah*. This glorious work was composed in only 21 days when Handel was 56 years old as part of a series of concerts that the composer was giving in Dublin to benefit various charities. Although the premiere was largely considered successful, the oratorio's popularity blossomed only after Handel's death and is now one of the most celebrated works of all time.

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Hill Auditorium

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- 10 Wed Sam Shalom: *The Piano Project*
- 13 Thu Stephanie Bleil: *Women's Songs*
- 14 Fri Del Sol: *Rebirth of a Nation*
- 16 Fri Sun Mon Ronald K. Brown: *Pedance*
- 26 Wed LaBil Symphony Orchestra  
Gunnar Van't Hof, conductor  
Louis Wolfe, solo
- 30 Sat Andrea McDaniel

## February 05

- 5 Sat New York Philharmonic  
Leonard Slatkin, music director
- 10 Thu Mathematisches Wind Ensemble
- 11-12 Fri Sat Kenic Harris: *Patience*; *Katcha Makhia*
- 13 Sat Michigan Chamber Players
- 18 Sat Sumere Gospel Choir
- 19 Sat Jarkko Tuomela: *Lain Kielet*
- 20 Sun Javac Quartet: *Complete Bartok*  
*Soloist Quartet Cycle*
- 21-23 Mon Wed Kodo Drummers
- 25 Fri *A Madam's Night's Dream*  
A Semi-Stage Cabaret Performance

## March 05

- 4 Sat Dan Jones and Friends: *Family Performance*  
*Flanagan Trio*
- 9 Wed Fred Herch: *Ensemble Years of Grass*
- 10 Thu Robert Lopez: *The Girl with the Moon*
- 10-13 Fri-Sat Oslo Philharmonic  
Andre Previn, conductor  
Anne Sophie Mutter, solo
- 13 Sat St. James Gateway: *Lineam*  
*Lady in the Gateway*

## April 05

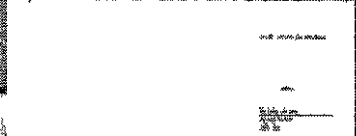
- 1-2 Fri-Sat Eino Siro: *IPC*
- 7 Sat UMS Choral Union: *Haydn's Creation*
- 8 Fri Trio Medieval
- 9 Sat Malouma
- 10 Sun Songs of the Sufi Brotherhood
- 13 Wed Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia  
Igor Stravinsky, conductor  
Capella Real de Catalunya and  
Le Concert des Nations  
Jordi Savall, director
- 20 Wed Felicity Coler: *Soprano and*  
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# Hot ticket

# Jump, skip, rejoice



The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago takes us to the Land of Snow in the ballet 'The Nutcracker.'

## Dance into the holiday season with 'The Nutcracker'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

There are dancing sugar plums and candy canes and snowflakes a handsome prince and even life-sized mice doing battle with regal soldiers

It may be the imaginings of a child at Christmas time, but *The Nutcracker* is a holiday dance tradition that puts us all in the mood

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago is set to perform the beloved ballet Dec. 2-5 at the Detroit Opera House

A tradition at the downtown Detroit venue, *The Nutcracker* is set to a score by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky and unfolds the night before-Christmas bedtime dreams of a young girl named Clara

This year's production features three youth choirs from metropolitan Detroit and numerous local dancers

Among them is 13-year-old Monica Ray of Bloomfield Hills. "It's like a Christmas fairy tale," said Ray, who appears in the production as a mouse in the second act's battle scene. Ray studies at the Dance Academy of Bloomfield Hills.

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Ray, like many young dancers, has seen *The Nutcracker* many times.

"I never get sick of seeing it. It's a fun show to go see with your family."

Appearing in a professional production of the ballet, though a dream come true for any aspiring ballerina, is hard work.

Ray and other local dancers have been rehearsing every weekend since auditions were held in September.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's fun," said Candace Meadows, a 13-year-old dancer from Livonia who has never performed in a production of *The Nutcracker*.

Meadows, who's a soldier in the battle scene, has been studying dance for about 10 years and currently takes classes at Broadway Bound Dance Academy in Livonia.

About 120 local children appear in the production. The three participating youth choirs, the Marvin L. Winans Academy of Performing Arts, Fine and Performing Arts East and Detroit County Day School, perform in rotation.

The Joffrey Ballet's rendition of *The Nutcracker* was created in the spirit of the original work by the French-born choreographer Marius Petipa. It also features puppets created by Kermit Love, best known for his work with Muppet creator Jim Henson.

A magical experience for kids and adults alike.

# Big screen

## You have to dig to find good things about 'National Treasure'

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When in the course of human events did it become necessary for Jerry Bruckheimer and Nicolas Cage to continue collaborating on bad action flicks?

The Founding Fathers might not have been so quick to put their John Hancocks on the Declaration of Independence if they

had known Bruckheimer and Cage would use it as a cheap prop a couple of centuries later in *National Treasure*

The movie offers a potentially refreshing twist on the heist genre, with Cage playing a well-meaning adventurer plotting to steal the document to prevent a bad-guy rival from obtaining the treasure map concealed on the parchment

Yet all *National Treasure* delivers is a

series of obtuse clues interspersed with feeble car chases, gunplay and the odd explosion, the action paltry by the usual Bruckheimer standards, which produced such Cage vehicles as *The Rock*, *Con Air* and *Gone in 60 Seconds*

Mining *Indiana Jones* territory, director Jon Turteltaub unearths something more akin to a Lara Croft *Tomb Raider* movie, where it's not necessary for things to make much sense as long as they remain in motion

Cage plays Benjamin Franklin Gates, a painfully obvious name in a movie that makes little effort at subtlety

A maverick historian considered a crank by colleagues, Ben Gates comes from a long line of adventurous misfits who have spent generations hunting down clues of a rumored fortune in antiquities hidden somewhere in America by Freemasons, successors to the legendary Knights Templar

When Ben learns that the key to the treasure's whereabouts is contained in invisible ink on the flipside of the Declaration, he ends up in a race to filch the document against former partner Ian Howe (Sean Bean) who wants the fortune for his own bank account

Ben, on the other hand, is a noble thief,

trying to obtain the Declaration to preserve it and the legacy of the Templars

"The fact is, the only way to protect the Declaration is to steal it," Ben concludes

He enlists the help of techno-geek buddy Raley Poole (Justin Bartha) who follows Ben around unquestioningly for no apparent reason other than providing meager comic relief

The two fall in by accident with National Archives historian Abigail Chase (Diane Kruger) - whos conveniently attractive, available and willing to become Bens partner in romance and crime

Jon Voight is tossed in as Bens skeptical father, who has come to view the Templar treasure as an elaborate hoax Harvey Keitel is barely present in a small role as an FBI agent on Bens trail, and Christopher Plummer appears in an even smaller part as Bens grandfather, spinning the long history of the Knights Templar

There's no real energy or chemistry among any of these people, the characters shuffling along awkwardly from riddle to riddle, solving each in none-too-credible fashion

*National Treasure* a Disney release is rated PG for action violence and some scary images Running time 131 minutes One and a half stars out of four

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## Kids will be happy to see 'The SpongeBob Square Pants Movie'

BY CHRISTI LEMIRE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Absorbent and yellow and porous is he, but SpongeBob SquarePants proves there's a limit even to what he can achieve.

Sorry, boys and girls, I hate to break it to you, but I did not love *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie*. And I really wanted to, because I'm a fan of the series.

Oh, the film is just as bright and colorful as the animated Nickelodeon TV show, a perennial presence at the top of the cable Nielsen ratings. All the characters you know and love are there, voiced by the same talented actors you've come to recognize, under the direction of series creator Stephen Hillenburg.

But part of the program's charm is its quickness and quirkiness. You get two episodes in a half-hour, each of which is what, about 10 or 12 minutes? And there's a wonderfully goofy energy to them, which, at its most off-kilter, is reminiscent of some of the weirder stuff that took place on *Ren & Stimpy*.

By extending the premise to a 90-minute feature, *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie* feels dragged out and slowed down. It feels strained, a phenomenon that has never plagued the TV show. Not that this review will hold water

with kids — they'll love the movie, then they'll demand to have it in their homes when it comes out on DVD. Some parts might be too scary for really young children, though. We'll get to that in a minute.

Similar to *Pee-wee's Big Adventure*, an expansion of TV's *The Pee-wee Herman Show*, the movie begins with SpongeBob (voiced as always with great heart and enthusiasm by Tom Kenny) waking up, going through his morning routine and getting dressed for what he hopes is a big day. Mr. Krabs (Clancy Brown), his boss at the Krusty Krab restaurant in the underwater village of Bikini Bottom, is opening a Krusty Krab 2, and SpongeBob is certain he'll be named manager.

He isn't — the uptight squid Squidward (Rodger Bumpass) gets the gig because Mr. Krabs thinks SpongeBob is just a kid. SpongeBob drowns his sorrows in ice cream sundaes with his dimwitted best pal, Patrick the starfish (Bill Fagerbakke), and the very funny sequence finds them staggering around an ice cream parlor, bleary-eyed, then waking up hungover on the floor the next morning.

But SpongeBob finds a way to prove his worth to Mr. Krabs. The scheming Plankton (Mr. Lawrence, as the actor calls himself), owner of the competing Chum

Bucket restaurant, frames Mr. Krabs by making it look as if he stole the crown from the merciless King Neptune (Jeffrey Tambor). SpongeBob and Patrick offer to travel to the dangerous Shell City, where the crown supposedly has been sold, and bring it back.

They get help in the gadget and self-esteem departments from King Neptune's mermaid daughter, Princess Mindy (Scarlett Johansson).

Some of the obstacles they encounter along the way may be a bit too frightening for very small children. They include the intimidating bounty hunter, Dennis (Alec Baldwin), who drives a motorcycle and tries to step on SpongeBob and Patrick with his giant, spiked boots.

*The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie* a Paramount Pictures release is rated PG for some mild crude humor. Running time: 90 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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# Small screen

# 'Elf' delivers one big sleigh full of holiday cheer

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

■ *Elf* - Will Ferrell proves that Santa's helpers come in all sizes. Last year's holiday smash stars Ferrell as a towering human, raised among Santa (Ed Asner) and the little people at the North Pole, who spreads child-like Christmas cheer on a journey to New

York City to find his real dad (James Caan). The two-disc set has a load of games and behind-the-scenes background aimed at young fans, including sing-alongs on some Christmas songs and a set tour by Ferrell. There also are some cute featurettes on people who obsess on holiday decorations and Santa Claus. Ferrell provides audio commentary, while director Jon Favreau con-

tributes separate commentary for the full movie and deleted and alternate scenes. DVD set, \$29.95 (New Line).

■ *The Chronicles of Riddick* - Vin Diesel's science-fiction adventure, a followup to his mini-hit *Pitch Black*, was an entirely unnecessary sequel given its overblown action, shallow characters and absurd visual style. Even more unnecessary is the DVD direc-

tor's cut, which adds 14 minutes, padding an already bloated cinematic mess to well over two hours. Diesel plays an outlaw drawn into the fight against an evil overlord. DVD extras include five minutes of additional deleted footage and commentary by director David Twohy. The theatrical version also is available, if you want to save 14 minutes of your life. DVD, \$29.98 (Universal).

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# On stage

## The musical 'Evita' replicates the original Broadway show

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

You have to admit a good rags-to-riches tale, no matter how cliché, has appeal

Call it a guilty pleasure

But that's why the Broadway musical *Evita*, which debuted back in 1979, remains popular today

"It's a political Cinderella story," said Kathy Voytko, who plays the title role in the touring production, which opens Tuesday, Nov. 30, at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit. "It has a little bit of the glitz."

The musical runs through Sunday, Dec. 12.

The stage show, like the 1996 movie-musical version starring Madonna, unfolds the life story of Eva Peron, the wife of former Argentine dictator Juan Peron.

At age 15, Eva left her working-class hometown in Argentina for the country's capital, Buenos Aires, and went on to become a model, broadcaster and film actress. Eva met Juan Peron, then a high-ranking military leader, at a charity event in 1943, and subsequently turned her efforts toward making Juan

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the nation's president. Along the way, Eva became an icon, with adoring crowds chanting to her "Evita, Evita, Evita."

"It's a very extraordinary tale," said Voytko. "They often say they just can't make this stuff up."

Playing Eva on stage is quite challenging, she said. Not only was Eva an important and controversial historical

figure, but Andrew Lloyd Webber's score for the character is considered one of the most demanding in musical theater. Eva performs 13 songs, including the beloved "Don't Cry For Me Argentina" and rarely leaves the stage despite having 14 costume changes.

"Vocally, it's a very tricky role because Andrew Lloyd Webber wanted the character to have as much fire as the person did," Voytko said, explaining the musical key was lowered for Madonna's portrayal in the movie version. The stage version sounds higher and angrier. And the movie is of course cinematically gorgeous, but it's a little bit more representational on stage.

The musical garnered seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical and Best Score, the year it debuted. Since then, *Evita* has run in 28 countries in 14 languages. The Broadway cast album won a Grammy Award in 1981.

The touring production practically replicates the original Broadway show. "It's almost just like the original. The sets and costumes and staging are as close as possible," Voytko said, adding the director "thought it was as timely and relevant as it was 25 years ago."



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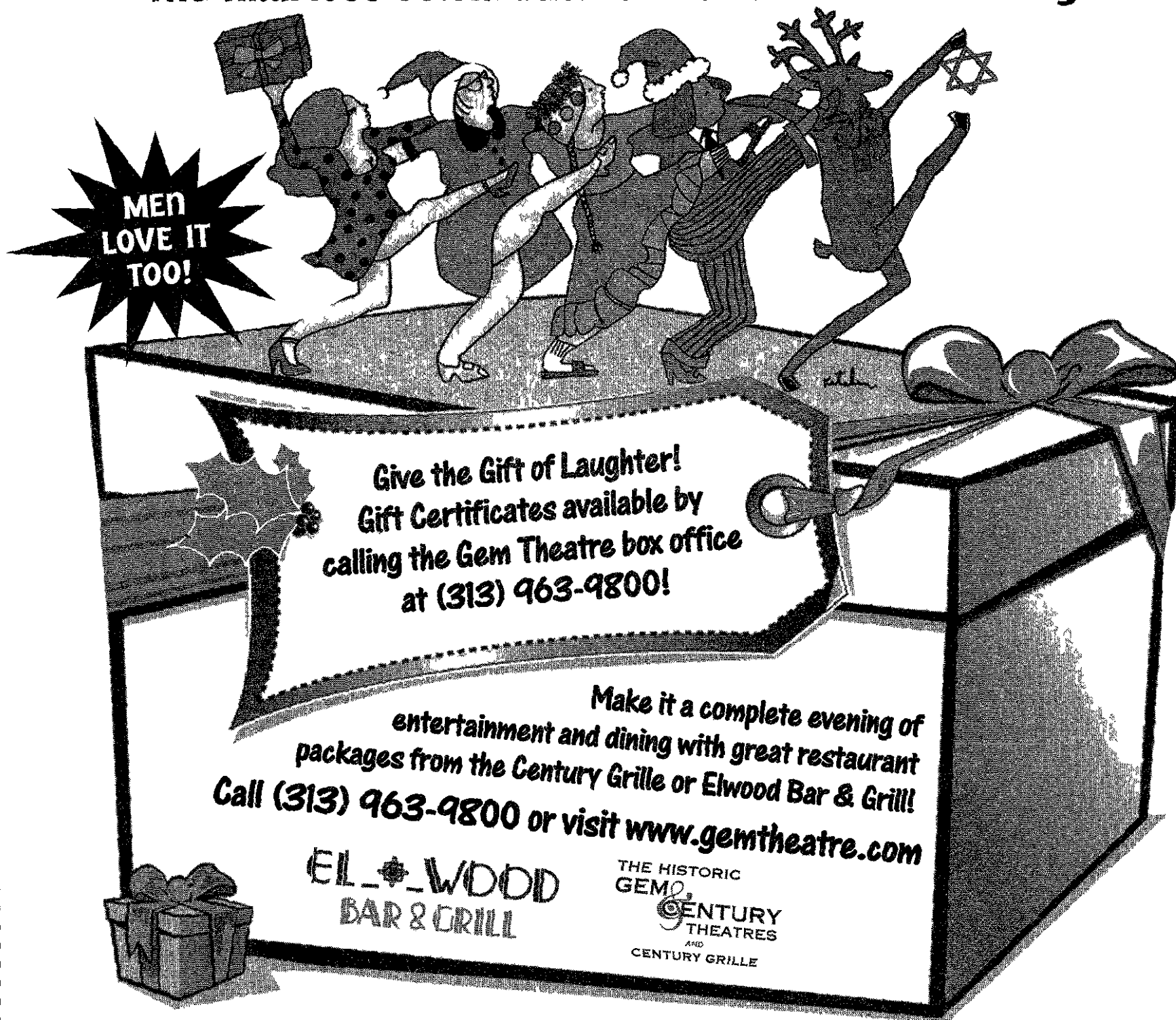
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# A dream come true

Being a Rockette is all that it's cracked up to be for some

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER



Rockette Jennifer Fiandt, of Rochester Hills during this season's first day of rehearsals

It's nearly noon on a Tuesday and Jennifer Fiandt and her fellow Rockettes have already been dancing for several hours

They've rehearsed every day for weeks in a studio at the Masonic Temple, and will continue until opening night of the *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* featuring the Rockettes at the Fox Theatre on

Friday

Despite a rigorous physical schedule, the dancers look perfect, and their energy level seems high

"We try to get a lot of sleep and we try to eat well but I'm not too fanatical about it, I just don't eat a lot of junk," said Fiandt, who lives in Rochester Hills

This is her third year as a Rockette,

and the excitement of the prestigious title hasn't worn thin

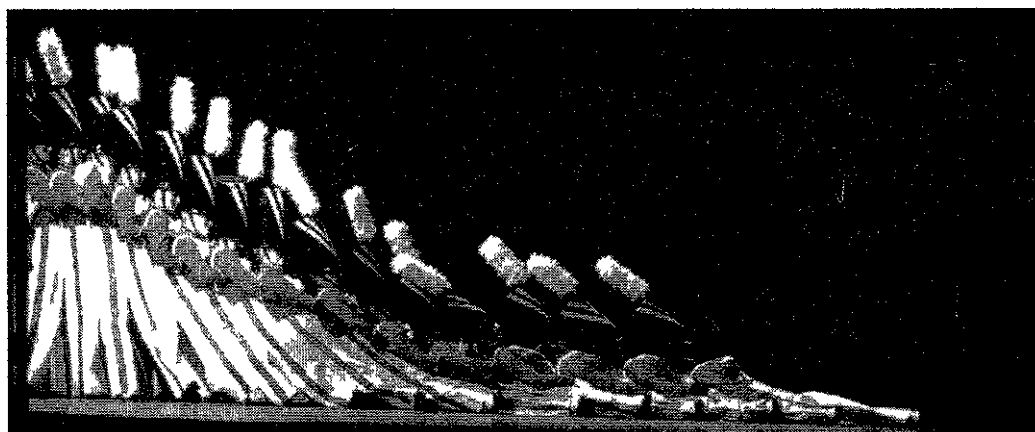
Only a few hundred women since 1933 have been able to claim a Rockettes title

"I know how special it is," Fiandt said "I'm reminded of it when I see the excited look on people's faces when they hear I'm a Rockette. It's really wonderful"

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## Noble Fish House impressiv

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

What exactly is "noble" when it comes to sushi, sashimi and Japanese food?

To answer that, one might check Webster's to learn that noble means impressive in quality or appearance

Since 1984, when Noriaki Kamishima opened Noble Fish in Clawson, such a definition has been his goal

He exceeded that earlier this year when he opened Noble Fish House in Troy as both a self-service eat-in and take-out Japanese eatery

"When looking for a location, said manager Ken Hamagishi, we recognized that interested sushi customers were in the residential neighborhoods and office buildings near the intersection of Crooks Road and Long Lake Road

### MODERN JAPANESE

Mr Kamishima designed his 47-seat eatery to be minimalist, streamlined and modern Japanese, bright during the day and lights dimmed after 6 p.m. offering enhanced atmosphere for dinner. Blond wood tables and chairs, flooring split between blond wood and ceramic tile and other tile accents add style

At the sushi bar, a TV monitor scrolls through color reproductions of various menu offerings. A refrigerated display case

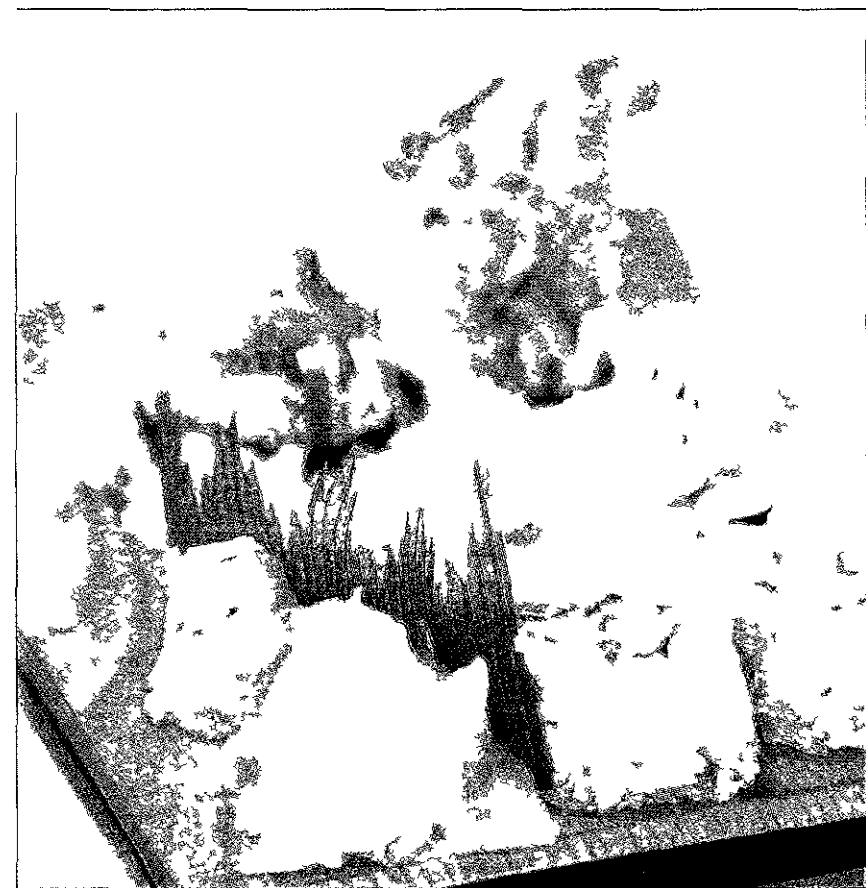


Hayao Takahashi, (left) assistant manager, works in the kitchen preparing sushi.

in front of the sushi bar holds freshly pre-packaged sushi, and another in the back stocks salads, desserts and a few Japanese grocery items

### ON THE MENU

A one page menu is divided into Nigiri



Among sushi rolls the Spider Roll is the most frequently ordered

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#### nigiri

Among sushi rolls, he said the fresh fish Michigan Roll, prepared with spicy tuna, avocado and cucumber and the Spider Roll, made with a deep-fried soft shell crab, are the most frequently ordered

For something out of the ordinary try Futomaki, which because of its size is cut into eight pieces instead of the usual six. When cut, futomaki has a pinwheel shape with many fillings in addition to rice.

Its size makes it difficult to eat, but the taste is worth the effort.

#### AFTER SUSHI

Miso soup is a good way to transition from sushi to Teriyaki (either salmon or chicken) or one of several Noble Fish House udon (noodle) dishes including Tempura, Chicken, Kakiage, Sansai and Wakame.

Green Jasmine and Tung-Ting Oolong teas are available along with soft drinks.

Still hungry? Noble Fish House offers plain and flavored rice cakes, steamed cheese cake and a few "western-style" desserts.

Looking to the future, Mr. Hamagishi said that Noble Fish House is considering going to full service at dinner hours if competent servers can be hired.

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Sushi then subdivided into fresh fish, cooked fish and other.

To make nigiri, a small mound of sushi rice is topped with wasabi and an oblong piece of fish. It is not rolled.

Mr. Hamagishi pointed out tuna maguro (fatty tuna), toro and salmon sake as the most popular fresh fish.

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BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
CORRESPONDENTS

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Bowmore trio above really is a perfect dram for a cocktail or after a rich dinner "digestif."

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Slainte!

# ROCKETTES

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On this Tuesday afternoon, the women are practicing a number that includes miniature xylophones. During the *Carol of the Bells*, each Rockette rings in Old Man Winter by playing the xylophone that's strapped on the shoulder of each dancer.

"It's one of my favorite numbers," Fiantt said.

Her other favorite parts of the show are the *Rag Doll* dance that takes place among the elves inside Santa's workshop. And her favorite costume is the toy soldiers uniform worn during the *Parade of the Wooden Soldiers*.

Maybe because it's so recognizable? The *Parade* has been part of the show since its inception.

Fiantt, who studied at Deborah's Stage Door Center for the Performing Arts, teaches dance at Cranbrook Theatre School and studies public relations at Western State University. She has a strong dance background with focus on technique, tap, ballet, jazz and modern. Tap is her specialty.

To be a Rockette, dancers must be skilled in all those styles.

Fiantt said she doesn't know how long her Rockette career will last, but she can't imagine not loving it.

"This was my first professional dance job," Fiantt said. "Where could I go after this that would be as great? Maybe Broadway!"

Fiantt's personality is warm, friendly, confident, yet humble. She speaks of her fellow Rockettes as if they're family. During the season, they all live in the same apartment complex and form strong relationships.

The cast of 53 includes 20 Rockettes, 22 singers and dancers, four children, six little people, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

The Rockettes portray an image of glamour, unity and elegance. It seems natural for Fiantt.

"They search for a certain personality during auditions," Fiantt said.

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placed on the ends to create the illusion of equal height among all dancers.

"It's all about oneness, so we all appear similar," Fiantt said. "We all wear red lipstick, any shade we want as long as it's not too orange or blue."

For the record, Fiantt wears MAC brand red. And it matches the signature Rockette Red velvet costume almost perfectly. Also for the record, the Detroit dancers wear red, the New York Rockettes wear signature green.

The Rockettes are also supporters of the U.S. troops, they visit Selfridge National Air Guard Base and also partner with the Marines' Toys for Tots.

Created by Russell Markert in 1925 and originally called the Missouri Rockets, the dance troupe is considered one of the world's most famous precision dance teams that has kicked its legs and tapped its way to prestigious events nationwide.

The dancers entertained troops in World War II, performed at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parades and for the 2001 Presidential Inauguration. The live shows are seen annually by 2.1 million people.

For years, the show was only in New York but was broadened in 1994 to cities such as Atlanta, Branson, Chicago, Fort Lauderdale, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Seattle, Phoenix, Nashville and Detroit.

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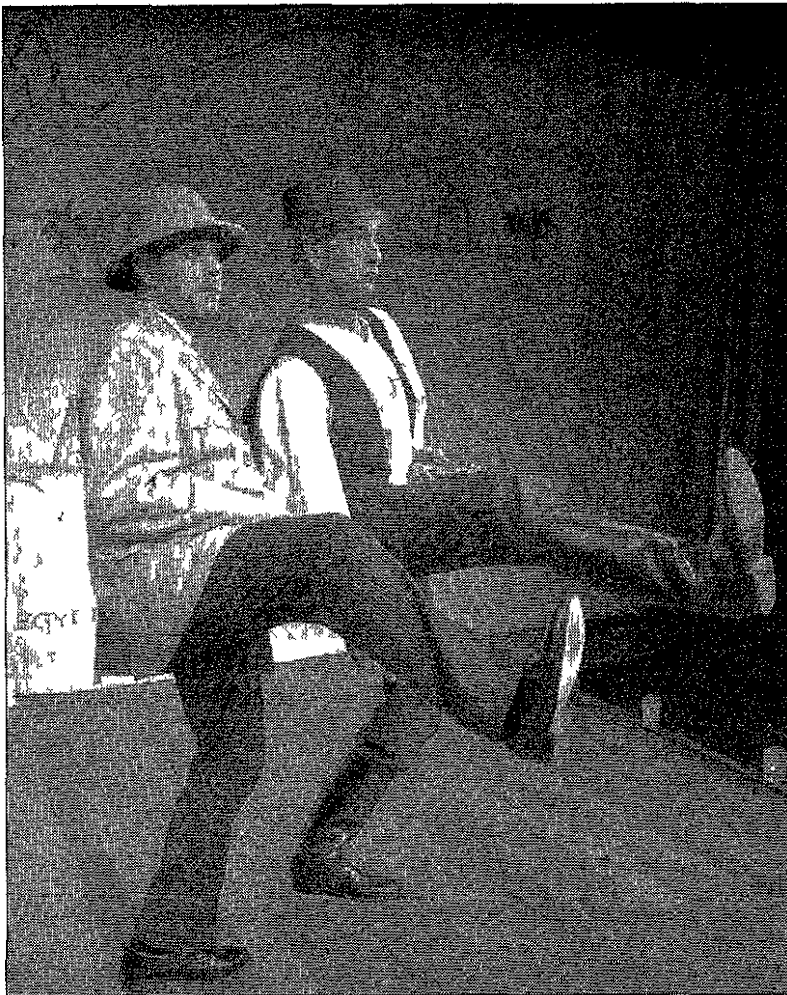
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John Seibert, (left) and John Lepard perform in 'The Mystery of Irma Vep,' at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea

# Purple Rose Theatre artists working as hard as ever

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

The theater season is in full swing at the Purple Rose Theatre

The campy comedy, *The Mystery of Irma Vep*, a spoof on Gothic horror films, is getting laughs at the Chelsea venue

Meanwhile, the theater's artistic director, Guy Sanville, is directing a production of Mitch Albom's *Duck Hunter Shoots Angel* at the new City Theatre, formerly The Second City, in downtown Detroit

The play, which continues through Jan. 2, is a comedy about a tabloid journalist in search of two Alabama swamp poachers who believe they've shot down a celestial being

Actor and playwright Jeff Daniels, founder of the Purple Rose Theatre, commissioned Albom to write the play, and its 10-week premiere in Chelsea sold out

The Nederlander Company is presenting the Detroit debut in an arrangement with the Purple Rose, with the original cast

*Irma Vep*, by Charles Ludlam and named one of the best plays of 1984, shows through Dec. 18. The play features two actors doing eight roles and

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The story is set in an English country house, but the narrative is deliberately untidy and illogical. You'll find yourself in an Egyptian tomb at some point. Just know *Irma Vep* is a ghost story, murder mystery and vampire saga all wrapped together in one.

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# Family fun

## Celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

Forget modern-day Christmas and all its commercialism this year

Instead, step into the past and enjoy the holiday season the old-fashioned way during Holiday Nights at Greenfield Village beginning Thursday, Dec. 2

Celebrating Christmas in 12 nights reminiscent of centuries past, Holiday Nights takes visitors back to a wholesome and simpler time

It's a celebration of Christmas past. It's an amazing escape from the modern hub-bub of Christmas today, said Jim Johnson, manager of special programs at Greenfield Village. "It's a combination of nostalgia and a small town busting at Christmas time."

Embracing a 'Dickensque London' feel and blanketed by the soft, orange glow from hundreds of kerosene and candle lanterns, cozy fires and warming fire barrels, the village features an abundance of holiday fun.

New this year is a skating rink with real ice. People can rent skates or bring their own.

We did the rink last year with artificial ice, but it was not up to the standard of what we wanted to offer people,



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Johnson said

Also featured are nonstop musical performances - including carolers, the 1st Michigan Colonial Fife and Drum Corps and the Dodworth Saxhorn Band - that take place on four stages throughout the village in the Porches & Parlors, Liberty Craftworks and Main Street districts.

As in past years, visitors can take rides in carriages and Model T's, and on the 1913

### HOLIDAY NIGHTS

**What:** Twelve nights of holiday fun at Greenfield Village 20900 Oakwood in Dearborn

**When:** 6:30-10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Dec. 2-4, Dec. 9-11 and Friday-Wednesday Dec. 17-22. Fireworks at 9:45 p.m. each night.

**Admission:** Non-members \$15 adult, \$10 children; members \$12 adult, \$8 children. Call (313) 982-6001 to reserve tickets for holiday events or visit [www.TheHenryFord.org](http://www.TheHenryFord.org)

#### Additional events

- **Holiday Nights Dinner Package** at the Eagle Tavern. 5 p.m. or 8 p.m. seatings Dec. 2-4, 9-11 and 17-22. \$60 per person.
- **Holiday Homes Tour** in Greenfield Village.

9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Friday Nov. 26 to Sunday Jan. 2

■ **Greenfield Village Tree Lot** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and 6:30-10 p.m. during Holiday Nights Dec. 2, 4, 9, 11 and 17, 22.

■ **A Christmas Carol**, a musical in Anderson Theatre (inside Henry Ford Museum) 2:30 p.m. performances Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18-19, 21, 22 and 27, 30. admission \$7.50 per person at door.

■ **Heads Up! Historic Parade Heads** exhibit in Henry Ford Museum 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through Jan. 2.

■ **Ultimate Museum Holiday Celebration** evening dining in Henry Ford Museum 7 p.m. hors d'oeuvres and cash bar 8 p.m. full course gourmet buffet dinner Dec. 9 or Dec. 16. \$70 per person.

Herschell-Spillman Carousel, tour some of the village buildings, shop for unique gifts at Liberty Craftworks Store, munch on favorite holiday treats like roasted chestnuts that are available for purchase, and mingle with the nearly 100 workers dressed in turn-of-the-century period clothing who will be walking throughout the village.

And Santa Claus will be there, too. Visitors can stop by and see him and his reindeer at the Robert Frost Home.

Last, but certainly not least, each evening will culminate at Town Hall for fireworks.

"There's nothing like Holiday Nights anywhere else in the world," Johnson said. "It's truly a unique thing, a local treasure, right in people's back yards."

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# Holiday movies

## Shut up! There's a film made just for you this season

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Department stores, gift shops, craft emporiums, Hallmark - retailers of all shapes and sizes depend on the holiday season for a hefty portion of their profits. So does the motion picture industry.

And that's why current silver-screen options are in a state of superabundance. Hollywood's holiday gift to the world can be summarized in the saying, "There's something for everybody."

From sequels to action-packed dramas to quirky comedies, no movie-house junkie will go without some big-screen downtime this holiday season.

Where to start? Actor Jude Law, who will have six movies out by Christmas, is the obvious choice. Although Jude may make us giddy, let's go with the stuff that's generating good buzz.

The best place to start, of course, is on *The Polar Express*. Already playing in theaters, the film has more than a few things working in its favor. Based on a beloved children's story by Chris Van Allsburg, it stars the ever-popular Tom Hanks and shows off the latest and greatest in cutting-edge filmmaking techniques.

Courtesy of advanced motion capture technology, director Robert Zemeckis (*Forest Gump* and *Cast Away*) has created an animated world inhabited by real-life actors and their movements. Rated G, *The Polar Express* evokes the Christmas spirit and is a perfect choice for families. Be warned: The high-tech can get in the way of the heartwarming story - a young boy's enlightening train ride to the North Pole.

Another sure pick for the family is *The SpongeBob Squarepants Movie*. Based on the Nickelodeon cartoon about a silly sponge who lives in an underwater paradise, the movie is rated PG and opened just last week.

For the child-at-heart movie-goer looking for something a bit more sophisticated, *Finding Neverland* is a must-see. The film is a fictional take on Scottish author James Matthew Barrie and his creation of the child literary favorite Peter Pan. Johnny Depp stars as Barrie, along with Kate Winslet, Dustin Hoffman and Julie Christie. *Finding Neverland* is rated PG and just opened.

On the other end of the spectrum is *Kinsey*, a dramatic portrait of the American sex researcher Alfred Kinsey, played by Liam Neeson. Kinsey changed American culture in 1948 with the release of his book, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*. The film, rated R and just released, also stars Liza Minnelli, John Lithgow and Lynn Collins.

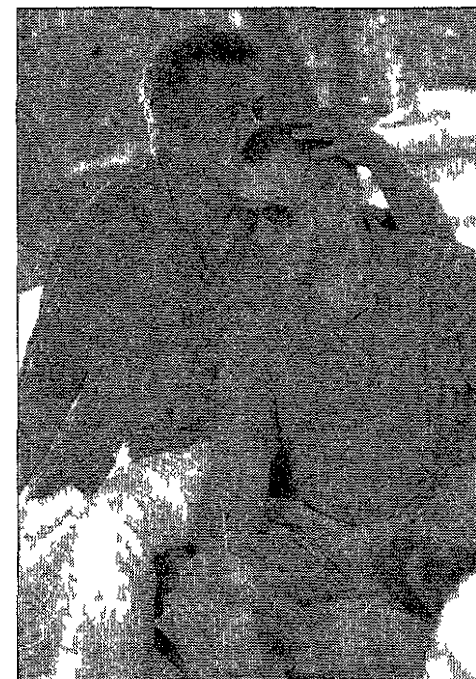
To quirky adventure *The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou* opens Dec. 22, 2004. It's a comedy starring Bill Murray as a down but not-out oceanographer on a quest.



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On the quirky side is 'The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou, starring Bill Murray as the down but-not-out oceanographer on a quest

movie tracks oceanographer Steve Zissou, played by Bill Murray, and his sailboat crew on the hunt for the mysterious, elusive, possibly nonexistent Jaguar Shark that killed Zissou's partner during the making of a documentary. The film, rated R, also stars Cate Blanchett, Owen Wilson, Anjelica Huston and Willem Dafoe.



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Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro are the fathers-in-law in 'Meet the Fockers,' the sequel to 'Meet the Parents.'

In the sequel category, there are two big ones to consider: *Bridget Jones's Edge of Reason*, rated R and already playing, and *Meet the Fockers*, a continuation of *Meet the Parents* with Robert De Niro and Dustin Hoffman, rated PG-13 and opening Dec. 22.

What else looks promising? *Spanglish*, a

movie by director James L. Brooks about a collision of cultures opening Dec. 17, and *Closer*, a tale about love and loneliness with Julia Roberts, Jude Law and Natalie Portman, also opening in early December.

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## Tank of gas

# Lumber baron's mansion decked for old-fashioned Christmas

BY MIKE NORTON  
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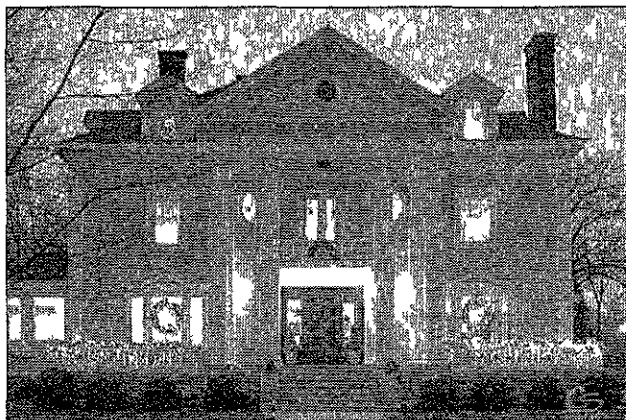
When Barb Rishel bought the run-down mansion of Michigan lumber baron William Carey Hull in 1999, she had Christmas on her mind

An old-fashioned 19th-century Christmas, to be exact – with chestnuts roasting on an open fire, silver trays of cookies, gleaming pots of tea, and great sweeps of ever-green boughs and red ribbons. It was a vision that helped sustain Rishel through five years of painstaking restoration, renovation and redecoration as she slowly brought the 99-year-old neoclassical home back from the brink of ruin.

Today the Hull house is a bed & breakfast called the Wellington Inn, whose scrupulously restored halls and rooms recall the era when Traverse City was a thriving Great Lakes lumber port. But each December, Rishel pays homage to her original Yuletide vision by inviting crews of local florists, designers and artisans to dress the place up for Christmas, and then throwing the doors open to the general public.

'We wanted to find a way to share the house with the community at Christmas,' she said.

The annual event, 'The Inn at Christmastime,' takes place 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5. The entire mansion is decorated with holiday designs, fully decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, garlands and other trimming. Admission is \$15 and includes including holiday refreshments in



Traverse City's Wellington Inn, the former home of lumber baron William Carey Hull, features 12 restored rooms and a third-floor ballroom. Each year at Christmastime owner Barb Rishel invites local florists and designers to exercise their imaginations by decorating the 1905 mansion for the holidays.

the third-floor ballroom. A portion of the proceeds is donated to a local charity that provides Christmas toys to needy youngsters.

Needy animals also get some attention in Traverse City over the holidays. For more than a decade, residents of this Lake Michigan resort town have been bringing edible Christmas gifts to the bears, beavers, elk, wolves and other creatures who live in the city's tiny

Clinch Park Zoo. This year the annual "Christmas with the Animals" is Sunday, Dec. 5.

It's quite a sight to see children arrive with loads of carrots, apples, oats, straw, hay, corn and even rawhide chew bones for their favorite animals.

Northern Michigan folk refuse to let the winter chill alter their normal routines – so it's no surprise that each December the town's downtown merchants hold a Christmas version of their celebrated midsummer block party, Friday Night Live. On Friday, Dec. 10, they'll close the downtown to automobile traffic and open it up to pedestrians for an evening of refreshments, entertainment, hands-on fun – and, yes, some in-store specials.

But if you ask some people, the real Christmas treasures in this neck of the North Woods are musical ones. Half the population of Traverse City seems to belong to an orchestra, dance troupe or choral ensemble of some kind. (After all, the renowned Interlochen Center for the Arts is just up the road.)

In December, the town is so packed with top-flight holiday entertainment that there's hardly an evening without some sort of concert, program or play going on.

For more detailed information about the holiday events and celebrations in the Traverse City area, listings of other winter activities and attractions, help with accommodations and a free copy of the 108-page 2005 Traverse City Area Guide, contact the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) TRAVERS or log on to [www.mytraversecity.com](http://www.mytraversecity.com).

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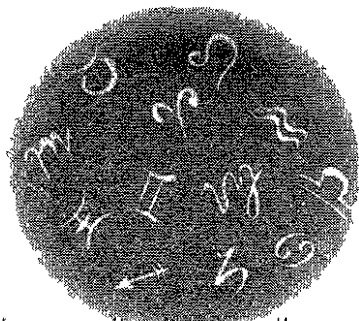
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## Star struck

(Nov 25-Nov 27)

By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)



Having staked your claim for better things, it's now a matter of keeping up the pressure and making sure others are aware. Self confidence breeds success. Act as if you are in total control even though you may not have a clue what's going on. With the Sun in your element, it'll make sense soon. Ram.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



In the last person to call you a cash flow kvetch. Bull. However, money may be a bit tight for you over the next three weeks, but that doesn't mean you have to abandon your plans. On the contrary, it simply means you must find more creative ways to get things done that don't depend on your bank account.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



You're in danger of underestimating your need for others now, particularly when it comes to what should clearly be a team endeavor. Delegate and decide before the 30th. You stand to gain more through sharing potential accolades or tasks now than doing everything solo.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)



The time has come to share a responsibility that is making too great a weight on your pocket or your patience. As long as you're prepared to shoulder the full weight of the burden, others will be only too happy to let you kiddy. Only you can call a halt! It's time to grow up and stop dwelling on the past.

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



You have an unexpected ally in someone who is in a position of influence. Lion. This weekend's Full Moon signals the end of one phase of your plans, so start planning! The rung of the ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold your foot long enough to put the other a step higher!

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



Your finances still leave much to be desired, but cosmic forces in your element soon are edging you toward an important resolution, and you will be in a position to make more desirable (even essential) changes. Don't believe everything you're told right now, think twice.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



A friend or loved one seems to require reassurance now, and it's up to you to provide it (even though Balancers don't like being the Bad Guy or Gal). With this weekend's Full Moon in your element, encouraging you to build for the future, it would be a mistake to neglect those who need to be rescued from the past.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



You are being far too sensitive about something another said or you overheard. Venus now in your sign will enable you to smooth ruffled feathers while giving others the chance to smooth yours. Be kind rather than cranky. Scorp! This is no time to turn an ally into an enemy.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



Someone is trying to take advantage of your goodwill. Archer, and unless you do something quickly, you are liable to become resentful and frustrated. Tact and diplomacy all have their place, but this Full Moon happens to be one of those occasions when unvarnished straight talk is what the doctor ordered.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



Thanks to the Sun soon entering your sign before Christmas, you're now given a chance to initiate, revitalize, or resume a love affair or redefine your must-do list for love. However, be sure to assess the long-term cost - materially, morally, and emotionally. Take your time, kiddo!

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



Speak your mind over this holiday weekend, especially where financial matters are concerned. But make sure your assumptions are backed up by facts or you run the risk of alienating colleagues and family. Make time for afternoon naps, warm tubs, Water Bearer.

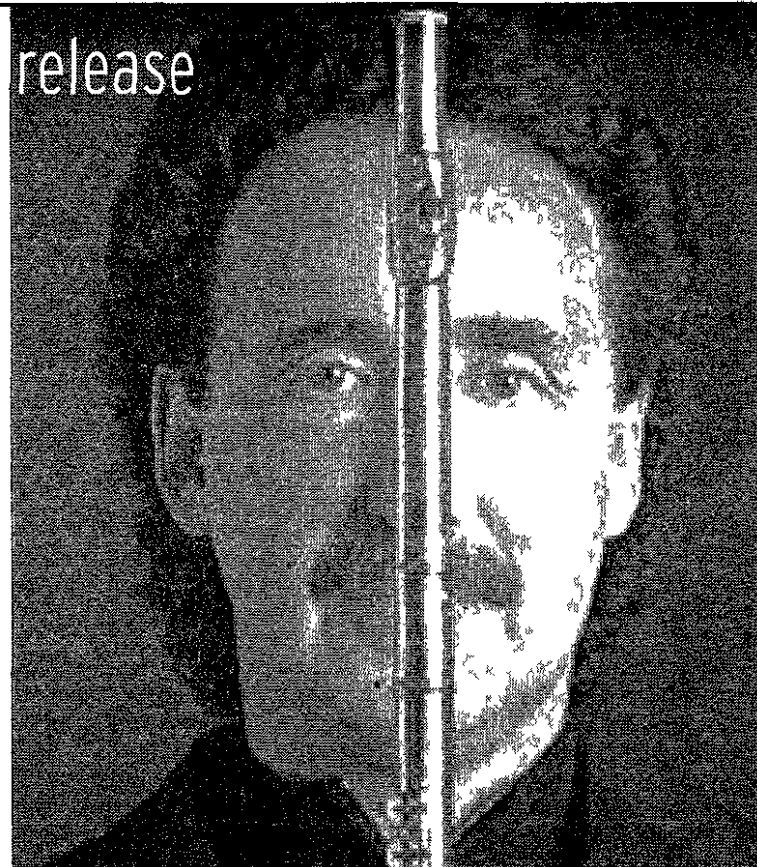
### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



No matter how close you feel to someone, there is always the danger of crossed wires. Spell out your feelings about recent events clearly and concisely, and reduce any likelihood of any future misunderstandings in the New Year. You have nothing to lose and mucho to gain. Fish.

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## CD release



In addition to his long-standing music career, Alexander Zonjic hosts a popular morning show on Smooth Jazz V98.7 FM weekdays 5-9 a.m.

## 'Seldom Blues' shows Zonjic's funky side

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

In his newly released CD, *Seldom Blues*, jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic kicks it up a notch with some extra pizzazz.

"*Seldom Blues* is a bit livelier, edgier and funkier than past albums," Zonjic said. "A lot of the tunes are danceable."

To celebrate his 11th CD, released worldwide Tuesday on the Heads Up label, Zonjic and special guests Bob James, Kirk Whalum and James Lloyd are performing live at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, in the Marriott Renaissance Center's Ambassador Ballroom.

Going into the *Seldom Blues* project, Zonjic said he set out to record tunes that would sound good live. But, he said, "Regardless of what game plan you have going into a project, the project always takes on a life of its own."

This album turned out to be really high-energy, he added.

Zonjic said his 10-track CD is a tribute to the nightclub he co-owns, Seldom Blues, which opened in June 2004, and the city of Detroit.

He describes the nightclub, in the Renaissance Center facing the Detroit River, as a "stunning-looking" jazz supper club that has exceptional views, five-star dining, incredible architecture and live jazz music seven nights a week.

"I had to name the CD after the restaurant because it's just such a cool place," he said.

The title track, which has been described as "hip-hop flavored," was written by Bob James and his daughter

### ALEXANDER ZONJIC CD RELEASE PARTY

**What:** Zonjic and special guests Bob James, Kirk Whalum and James Lloyd celebrate the release of Zonjic's newly released CD *Seldom Blues*.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday Nov. 28 at the Marriott Renaissance Center's Ambassador Ballroom on E. Jefferson in Detroit.

**Admission:** \$40 general admission, \$60 VIP. VIP tickets include front row seating and admission to a party at Zonjic's Seldom Blues Jazz Supper Club, also in the Renaissance Center. Tickets available at Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645-6666. For information, call (313) 964-5050.

Hilary James, and performed by famed Detroit-based musician Kem. Others included on the CD are Angela Bofill, Earl Klugh and Peter White.

"This album is a lot of fun and all my friends are on it," Zonjic said. "I love the diverse nature of it, too. It covers a lot of ground, but most of my albums do. Most of them are eclectic."

As for Zonjic's favorite track on *Seldom Blues*, he said he can't pick one.

"It's very difficult for me to lean toward a favorite. There are 10 tunes and the same hard work went into all of them," he said. "I love them all for different reasons. They all have their own personalities."

# Get Out!

Your Guide to Entertainment

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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### Big holiday adventure

Spend an afternoon at America's Thanksgiving Day parade studio, 9500 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, 28. \$5 children age two and under, admitted free. Tickets for activities and food are \$1 each, with several arts and crafts activities free of charge. Event features face painting, games and prizes, arts and crafts, live entertainment, treats, artists repairing papier mache heads, a kiddie Carnival ride, float construction demonstrations and much more. Visit [www.theparade.org](http://www.theparade.org) for more information or call (313) 923-7400.

### Heads up

An exhibit of historic papier mache heads and props from The Parade Company's collection of 400 heads at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn through Jan. 2. Admission \$10, \$14 children under 5 free. (313) 982-6001 or [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org).

### Edsel & Eleanor Ford House

Holiday tours begin Friday and continue 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, except for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve when the final tour begins at 3 p.m. \$7 adults, \$6 senior citizens (60 and over), \$5 children (ages 6-12). Children age five and under admitted free. Nutcracker teas and other holiday activities, 1100 Lake Shore Road, between 8 and 9 Mile Roads, Grosse Pointe Shores. For more information go to [www.fordhouse.org](http://www.fordhouse.org) or call (313) 884-4222.

### Wild Lights

Holiday light show at the Detroit Zoo, over 400,000 lights and animal sculptures. Local choirs and bands perform. 5:30-9 p.m. Nov. 26-28, Dec. 2-5, Dec. 9-12, Dec. 16-19, Dec. 22-23, and Dec. 26-30. Intersect of I-10, Mile Road and I-696. So-

per person, ages 2 and up. (248) 398-0900 or [www.detroitzoo.org](http://www.detroitzoo.org).

### Wayne County Lightfest

Annual holiday display of more than 1 million lights on 35 animated displays along Hines Drive, open every day through Jan. 1, except Christmas Day. \$5 enter at Hines Drive and Merriman, 2 1/2 miles south of I-96 in Westland. (734) 261-1990.

### Metroparks

Thanksgiving Holiday Appreciation Days, no entry fees on Thanksgiving and Friday, Nov. 26. All parks will be open. For more information visit [www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com).

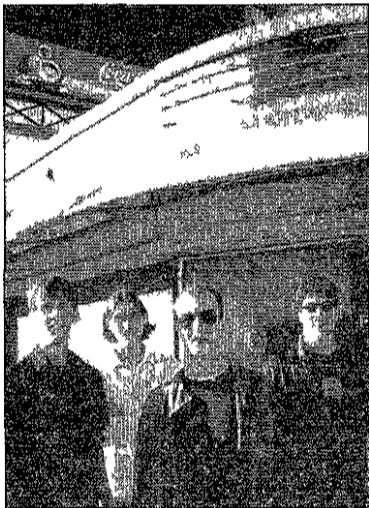
### Christmas Parade

On Main Street in downtown Rochester, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5. Volunteers needed to perform a variety of tasks before and during the parade. The parade features 60 floats, 10 marching bands and thousands of marchers. Will be telecast live on WXYZ-TV. Call (248) 651-6700 to volunteer or for more information.

## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

### The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Family opera *The Gift of the Magi*, a



Foundation, local bank with Birmingham roots, will be appearing at Dick O'Dowd's Irish Pub, 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26. The band features melodic funk-fueled rock with elements of blues and jazz. Dick O'Dowd's is at 160 W. Maple in downtown Birmingham. Patrons must be 21 or older to attend.

Christmas story about the magic of giving with love. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, performed by Great Lakes Lyric Opera. \$10 available at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway and The Village Theater Ticket Office, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Call (734) 394-5460 or visit [www.canton.mi.org](http://www.canton.mi.org).

### Meadow Brook Theatre

*A Christmas Carol* opens Friday, continues through Dec. 23 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Show times vary. \$30-\$38. (248) 377-3300 or [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com).

### Seligman Performing Arts Center

*A Stoop on Orchard Street*, musical about Jewish immigrant life in the tenements of New York's Lower East Side, around 1910 by Jay Kholos, through Sunday, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, 22305 W. 13 Mile Road. \$43-\$55 at the box office or (248) 645-6666. [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### Plowshares Theatre Company

*He Is Christmas* by Gary Anderson, Thursday, Sunday, Nov. 26 through Dec. 24. General Motors Theatre at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 335 E. Warren, Detroit. \$20-\$35 discount for tickets purchased in advance. (313) 872-0279.

### Century Theatre

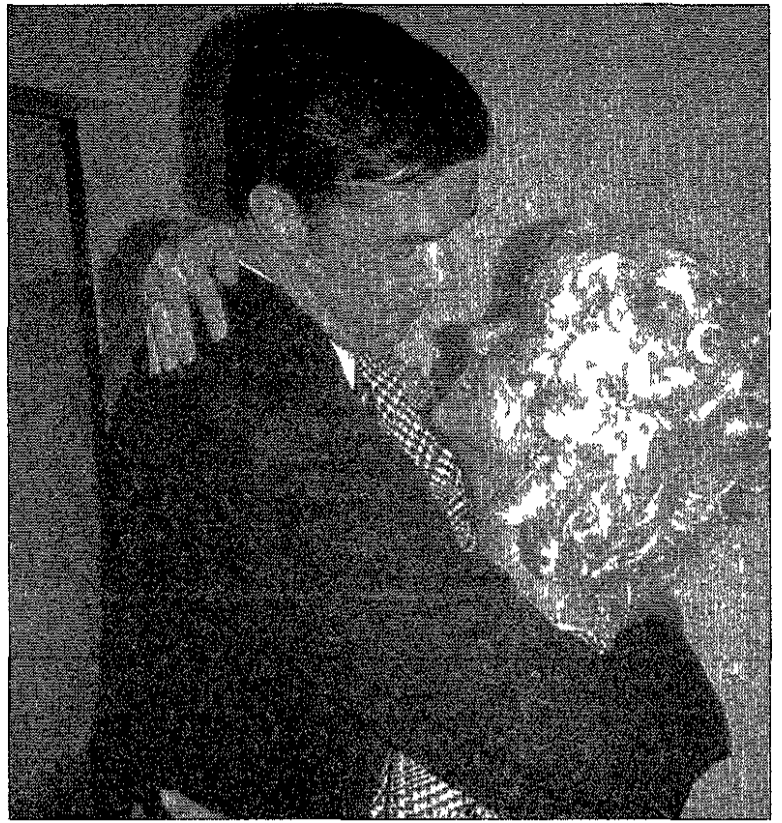
Musical extravaganza *Forbidden Christmas* through Dec. 31. Shows 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday, 2:30 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. \$30-\$50 to \$39-\$50. 333 Madison, Detroit. (313) 963-9800. (248) 645-6666. [www.gemtheatre.com](http://www.gemtheatre.com).

### Planet Ant

*The Shape of Things* by Neil LaBute, through Sunday, 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 2357 Caniff Hamtramck. \$15-\$10 students/seniors. (313) 365-4948. [www.planetant.com](http://www.planetant.com). An second alternative version of Frank Baum's classic *The Wizard of Oz* at Theatre Hastings Street Ballroom, 717 E. Milwaukee, Detroit. 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 2. (313) 365-4948 for the or e-mail reservations@planetant.com.

### The Music Box

*Late Night Catechism*, 11 p.m. Friday



Rob Chrenko and Kristen Dick star in the comedy 'Pillow Talk' presented by Rogerland Productions at the Clawson Troy Elks Club, 1451 East Big Beaver Road in Troy. Dinner 6:30 p.m., show 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday through Dec. 18. \$25 show, only \$12. Call (586) 776-9844 for reservations and information.

at The Max, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 576-5111 or [www.detroitstymphony.com](http://www.detroitstymphony.com) for tickets and show times.

### City Theatre

Mitch Albom's *Duck Hunter Shoots Angell* through Jan. 2. Shows 8 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. Saturday, Sunday. Tickets \$35-\$40. 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20-\$29.50. Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com).

### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*Coming to Life*, a comedy by June August, today through Sunday, Dec. 26. Shows 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 3103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$17 subscriptions for 2 people. \$88-10 ticket bargain booklet. \$110. (313) 868-1347 or [www.detroitreptheatre.com](http://www.detroitreptheatre.com).

### The Matrix Theatre

Motopism presents *The Reality Buffet*, opens 8 p.m. Sunday, 2370 Bagley, Detroit. \$10. (313) 967-0999 or at door. Open run.

### Purple Rose Theatre

*The Mystery of Irma Vep*, a spoof on Gothic melodrama, through Dec. 18. Performances at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sunday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday. No show on Thanksgiving Day. 137 Park Place, Roseville. \$22-\$50. (734) 333-6777 or [www.purplerosetheatre.org](http://www.purplerosetheatre.org).

### Freedorn Hill's Ralph A. Liberato Hall

Tony and Tina and their hilarious families from *Tony & Tina's Wedding* have extended our terrific holiday season. Call (313) 365-4948 for tickets.

The interactive comedy will run Thursday, Saturday, Nov. 27 through Thursday, Dec. 30. \$60 in advance includes a full Italian style dinner by Andiamo's, champagne toast and piece of the wedding cake. A live band provides music for dancing. Doors open at 7 p.m. Call (586) 268-7820 or visit [www.freedomhill.net](http://www.freedomhill.net). Tickets also available through Ticketmaster by calling (248) 645-6666 or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### Performance Network

*She Loves Me*, romantic musical comedy by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock, 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, through Dec. 26. \$24.50 Thursday & Sunday, \$29.50 Friday, \$32.50 Saturday, 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor. (734) 663-0681. [www.performancenetwork.org](http://www.performancenetwork.org).

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### Clarkston Village Players

*The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild* by Paul Zindel, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, to Dec. 4 at Clarkston Village Players Depot Theatre, \$10 for Thursday and Sunday and \$15 for Friday, Saturday. (248) 625-8811 or [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org).

### Birmingham Players

*Charlie's* by Brandon Thomas, continues through Dec. 1, shows 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Nov. 26, 2 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Dec. 10, 11 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, Nov. 27, Dec. 12, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, Nov. 27, Dec. 12. \$15-\$25. 1115 S. W. 11th St., Birmingham. (248) 677-1115. [www.birminghamplayers.com](http://www.birminghamplayers.com).

### Marquis Theatre

*Rumpelstiltskin* through Jan 16 shows  
2:30 p.m. Saturday 20 27 Dec 4 11 18  
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135 E. Main St. Northville (248) 349 8110

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Presents *The School for Wives* by  
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p.m. Saturday Dec 4 Bishop Foley High  
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797 1498

### Paper Bag Productions

Babes in Toyland noon (lunch) Saturday  
show 1 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. (lunch) show 2  
p.m. through Dec 19 Theatre Livonia in  
Livonia Mall 29516 Seven Mile Road  
Livonia use G entrance on north side  
of mall Lunch is a hot dog bag of chips  
cookie and beverage Tickets \$10 for  
lunch and show \$7 show only Little  
Shop of Horrors opens 8 p.m. Friday and  
runs 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 4 p.m.  
Sunday at Theatre Livonia Tickets \$12  
adults \$6 students/seniors (586) 344  
7774

## COLLEGE THEATER

### Hilberry Theater

Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* through  
Saturday Dec 11 in rotating repertory  
with *The Merry Wives of Windsor* by  
William Shakespeare and *Mother  
Courage and Her Children* by Bertolt  
Brecht Wayne State University campus  
4743 Cass Ave. corner of W Hancock  
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(313) 577 2972 for show times

### Henry Ford Community College

*Hiawatha Peacemaker of the Iroquois* 7  
p.m. Friday 3 p.m. & 7 p.m. Saturday 3  
p.m. Sunday Nov 26 to Dec 12 5101  
Evergreen Dearborn \$7 adults \$5 chil-  
dren (313) 845 6475

## CLASSICAL/CHORAL

### Detroit Concert Choral

*Messiah* 3 p.m. Sunday at Old St. Mary's  
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0118 www.detroitconcertchoir.org

### DSO

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Ivan Moravec 8 p.m. Friday 8:30 p.m.  
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www.detroitssymphony.com

### Fort Street Chorale

*Messiah* 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 3  
p.m. Sunday Dec 5 historic Fort Street  
Presbyterian Church 631 W Fort St  
Detroit \$15 (313) 961 4533

## JAZZ/BLUES/FOLK/ROCK

### Hot Club of Detroit

At Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph  
Southfield 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Nov 23



Tangerine Trousers share the Trinity House Theatre stage with Ellis on Friday Nov 26 Doors open 7:30 p.m., tickets \$12, call (734) 464-6302 Trinity House is at 38840 W Six Mile Road in Livonia For more information, visit www.trinityhouse.org

Dec 21 Dec 28 Jan 11 and Jan 25 at  
Shield's Pizza (248) 476 2674 http://hot  
clubofdetroit.com

### Edison's

Thornetta Davis 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.  
Friday Saturday 220 Merrill St  
Birmingham (248) 645 2150

### Blue Martin!

Bugs Beddow Band 8 11:30 p.m. Saturday  
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3005

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Pete Siers 8 p.m. Saturday \$20 Gemini  
family show 1 & 3 p.m. Sunday \$8 316 S  
Main St Ann Arbor (734) 761 1800  
www.theark.org

### Live! From the Living Room

Jere Stormer Bruce Bale 8 p.m. Friday  
Blue Note Cafe 7 N Saginaw Pontiac \$5  
(248) 451 0765

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Miranda Stone 8 p.m. Saturday \$10 38840  
W Six Mile Road Livonia (734) 464 6302

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The Mega 80s 8 p.m. Friday Saturday  
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## ART

### Mary Kim

*Oblique Structure Odradek Tower* draw-  
ings and models The Museum of New  
Art 7 N Saginaw Pontiac through Dec  
18 (248) 210 7560  
www.detroitmona.com Kim is a graduate  
of Cranbrook Academy of Art and teach-  
es at the College for Creative Studies in  
Detroit and Lawrence Technological

### University in Southfield

### Washington Street Gallery

Holiday Gifts Nov 30 through Dec 23  
artists cards ornaments jewelry fibers  
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(734) 761 2287 Open noon to 5 p.m.  
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Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Sunday

### District Arts Gallery

*Double Vision* an exhibit of photographs  
by five photographers through Jan 8  
opening reception 5 8 p.m. Saturday  
Dec 2 955 S Eton Birmingham (248)  
258 9300 www.districtarts.com

### Lawrence Street Gallery

Accepting entries for the Celebrate Clay  
2004 exhibition scheduled to run Nov 30  
to Dec 24 Opening reception 5 9 p.m.  
Friday Dec 3 For a complete prospectus  
with entry forms call (248) 544 0394  
noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday Saturday or visit  
www.lawrencestreetgallery.com Gallery  
is at 22620 Woodward Ave Ferndale

### Epiphany Glass

Opens studio for holiday show 4 9 p.m.  
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3 noon to 6 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 770  
Orchard Lake Road Pontiac (248) 745  
3786 www.ephiphanyglass.com

## AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

### Stagecrafters 2nd Stage

*Angels in America Part One Millennium  
Approaches* by Tony Kushner 7 p.m.  
Monday Tuesday Nov 29 30 at the  
Huntington Woods Library 26415 Scotia  
(west of Woodward Ave south of 11 Mile  
Road) Open adult auditions Audition  
details available at  
www.stagecrafters.org or (248) 541 8027  
Show dates are Feb 25 to March 12

### Ann Arbor Civic Theatre

Seeking directors for its 2005-06 sea-

son Deadline for submissions is 2 p.m.  
Wednesday Dec 1 Submissions can be  
mailed or dropped off to the A2CT office  
322 W Ann St Ann Arbor MI 48104  
Applications are available at the A2CT  
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### Bloomfield Players

Community Theatre will hold auditions  
for Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man*  
Wednesday Thursday Dec 8 9 at West  
Hills Middle School 2601 Lone Pine Road  
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can audition 5 30 7 p.m. and adults 6 30  
9 p.m. Performances March 4 6 and 11 13  
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## COMEDY

### Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Don Friesen 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday  
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(248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

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Tim Walkoe 8:30 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday  
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Heywood Banks 7 & 9:30 p.m. Friday 8 &  
10:30 p.m. Saturday 7 p.m. Sunday \$17  
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Horace Sanders 8 & 10:30 p.m. Friday  
Saturday \$12 at Kicker's 36071 Plymouth  
Road Livonia Sunday Open Mic 6 p.m.  
Tuesday Improv 8 p.m. (734) 261 0555

www.kickerscomplex.com

### Joey's Comedy Club

Jason Benci 8:15 p.m. & 10:45 p.m.  
Friday Saturday (\$12) 7 p.m. Sunday (\$8)  
at Paisano's 5070 Schaefer Road  
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### Posh Nightclub

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ing night of Posh's Salsa Nights on  
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## MUSEUMS

### Detroit Historical Museum

Enterprising Women 250 Years of  
American Business through Jan 9  
www.detroithistorical.org or www.ente-  
rprisingwomenexhibit.org 5401  
Woodward Ave (corner of Kirby \$5  
adults \$3 seniors no charge for children  
4 and under (313) 833 1805

### University of Michigan Museum of Art

*Art of Lega Meaning and Metaphor in  
Central Africa* an exhibition of African  
art made by the Lega people of the  
Democratic Republic of Congo to Jan 16  
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525 South State University of Michigan  
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a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Friday  
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763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

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**Children's theater**



'Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping and Other Stories' a musical medley by Story Salad productions, show cases another story featuring everyone's favorite maid, Amelia Bedelia

**Amelia Bedelia pitches her tent at Millennium Centre**

Amelia Bedelia, everyone's favorite maid, is fresh from a sold-out review in New York City and arriving at Southfield's Millennium Centre on Saturday, Dec 4, for two performances

With a professional cast from New York's Story Salad Productions, *Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping (and other stories)* promises to be as exciting and educational as ever. On her first camping trip with the Rogers family, Amelia pitches the tent, puts the coffee on the grill, and catches a fish. As usual, she always does exactly as she's told - even when she's told to go jump in a lake.

"Amelia Bedelia has been a tradition at Youtheatre for many, many seasons," said Youtheatre executive director Paul Berg. "Every year, families and children have come to expect a new Amelia adventure. Story Salad Productions is carrying on that tradition proudly."

As part of Youtheatre's Weekend Family Series, performances are scheduled 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at The Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, in Southfield. General admission tickets are \$8 per person. The show will feature a question and answer session with the cast after each performance where kids can find out what it's like to be a professional actor. For more information, visit the Youtheatre Web site at [www.youtheatre.org](http://www.youtheatre.org) or call the Youtheatre box office at (248) 557-PLAY (7529).

Youtheatre, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the performing arts, is celebrating its 40th Anniversary Season. All Youtheatre performances are staged by professional actors, dancers and musicians. Youtheatre also provides community outreach through the Disadvantaged Youth Program and Student Philanthropy Program.

The season continues with *A Christmas Carol* presented by TheatreworksUSA, 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec 18, at the Millennium Centre. Tickets are \$8 each. Kids can enjoy a Snack with Santa at 12:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person and include cookies and milk. Event also features photographs, candy canes and a special reading by Santa. Call or visit the Web site for details.

*Forever Free* - a new musical based on an untold story of the Civil War - will be presented by Theatre WorksUSA Saturday, Jan 15. When Kofi is separated from his family at a slave auction, the young slave joins the Union Army's Black Regiment to fight for freedom and reunite with his family.

The Actors Company brings *Sleeping Beauty* to the Youtheatre stage Saturday Sunday, Jan 22-23. A sleeping beauty, spellbound prince and more fairies than you can shake a stick at are all part of this quirky musical adaptation. Meet and greet the cast after the show.

# Object lessons

UMMA exhibit of African art tells of cultural teachings

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
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So often we overlook the profound role art plays in the lives of human beings

The exhibit, *Art of Lega Meaning and Metaphor in Central Africa*, continuing through Jan 16 at the University of Michigan Museum of Art in Ann Arbor, shows us how an organization of people in one nation depend on art for its continuation

The group is the Bwami society, to which all the Lega people of the Democratic Republic of Congo may choose to belong. Most Lega art work comes from the Bwami, which uses finely carved wood and ivory pieces as tools for teaching ethical, social and political values

"It's a very elegant style, many of the shapes are very refined," said Carole McNamara, assistant director for collections and exhibitions at the museum. "And most of the Lega pieces are quite small since they would be held by teachers or used in group ceremonies. They're very intimate pieces."

The exhibit, which was curated at the University of California Fowler Museum of Cultural History in Los Angeles, consists of more than 200 Lega works, most of which probably date back to the 19th century or earlier.

Historical information about Lega art work and knowledge about contemporary Bwami society is incomplete due to change and civil strife in the region. The nation became the Belgium Congo in

## FROM THE CONGO

**What:** *Art of the Lega Meaning and Metaphor in Central Africa* a major exhibition of art by the Lega peoples of the Democratic Republic of Congo

**When:** Through Sunday Jan 16 museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** University of Michigan Museum of Art 525 South State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor

**Tickets:** Admission is free suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763-UMMA or visit [www.umma.umich.edu](http://www.umma.umich.edu)



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A Lega wood and pigment human figure from the Democratic Republic of the Congo is one of the works making up *Art of the Lega Meaning and Metaphor in Central Africa*

1908 Authorities outlawed Bwami in 1933 and then again in 1948. In 1960, the Congo became independent but civil warfare continues even today.

Lega art takes the form of masks, baskets, spoons, human figures and animals. In Bwami society, each object connotes more than a single meaning. So while a carved human figure may symbolize the ideal Lega man, the piece also might serve as a warning lesson.

"It seems with the Lega works, one object evokes a whole cluster of meaning. It can mean both something good and bad. It can be a warning and a protection. There is a kind of branching out of meanings," said McNamara.

The works of art were often incorporated into ritual ceremonies of song, dance and poetry.

Interestingly, the exhibit, which is divided into nine sections, seeks to reproduce the process of initiating a new member into Bwami society. As the visitor progresses through the exhibit, text panels and didactic materials become more scarce and the art work increasingly powerful. Each room is darker than the last.

"It mirrors or mimics the path that you would take as an initiate," explained McNamara. "As you go through, you are essentially acquiring this refined collective knowledge of the Bwami. It's a wonderful exhibition for allowing you to delve deeply into a culture."

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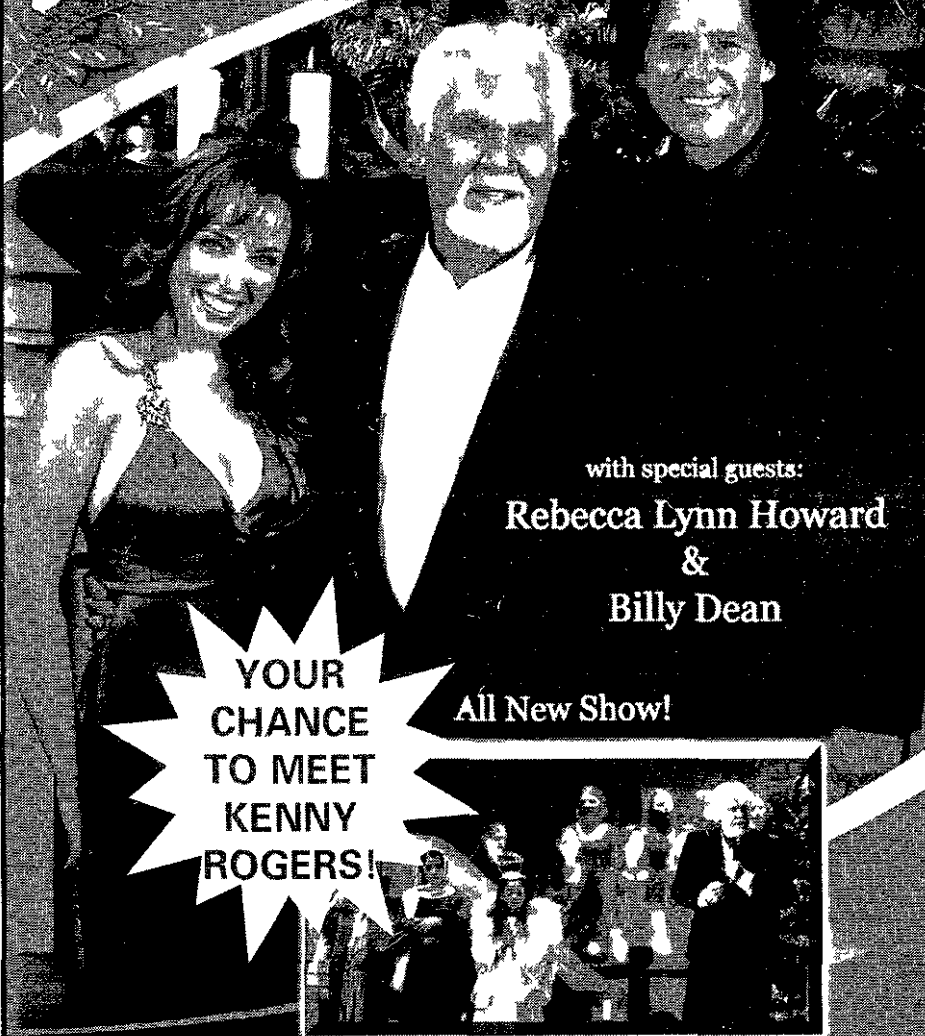
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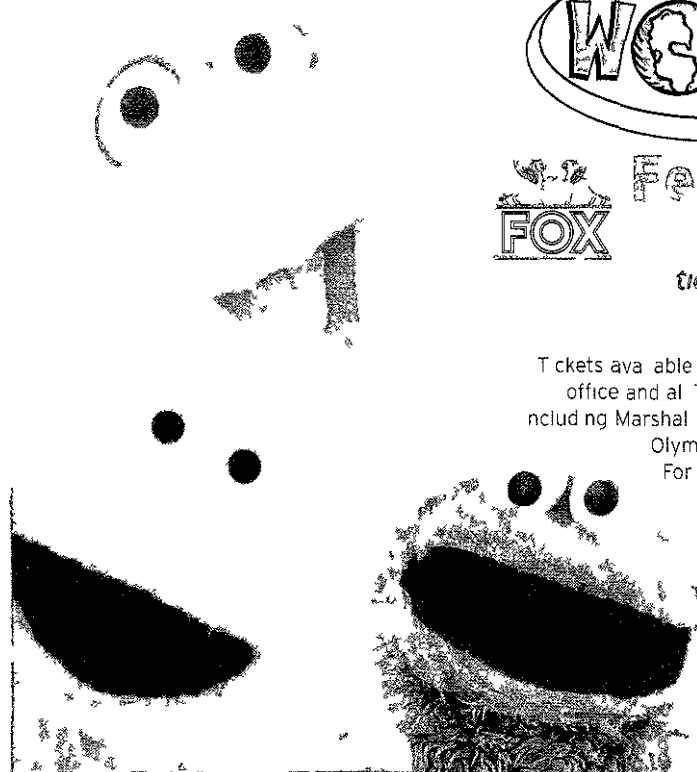
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