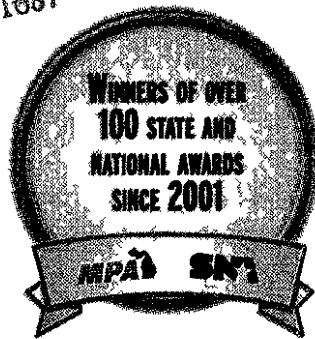
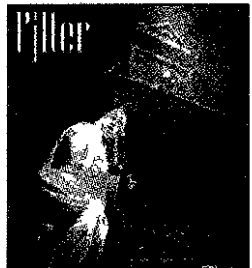


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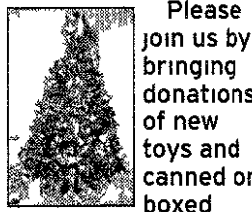


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## Cheer Club

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. Of course, you're perfectly able to remain anonymous if you prefer

For more information, give us a call at (734) 459-2700. Happy holidays, and please keep our Cheer Club in mind!

## Leaf pickup

City Municipal Services crews have started their last pickups of bulk leaves from the curb. According to city officials, if the weather permits, crews will continue working through this week on leaf pickup

A change in the weather to snow will limit the crews' ability to collect leaves and the program will stop. Residents always have the option of bagging their leaves for curbside collection on their regular solid waste collection day. Curbside compost pickup is anticipated to end this week, but will resume during the weeks of Jan. 3, 10 and 17. For complete information, contact the City Solid Waste and Recycling Hotline at (734) 455-1392

In Plymouth Township, curbside compost pickup is scheduled to end Dec. 3. Residents will be able to put out compost on their regularly scheduled pickup day through Dec. 3

Christmas tree pickup will be done the week of Jan. 3-7, at which time residents will have one more chance to put out compost. Regular collection won't resume until Monday, April 4. Township residents can call (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33

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NorthRidge Church's holiday production 'Glory of Christmas - A Change of Heart' hits the stage Friday night, with organizers promising the production will be bigger and better

## Spreading 'Glory'

### Church production seeks 'relevant' message

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Expecting thousands of people to witness their annual 'Glory of Christmas' performances, the folks at NorthRidge Church were hoping to come up with a production that was relevant and thought provoking and could provide the kind of holiday fireworks they're used to giving

In *A Change of Heart*, they believe they've come up with just such a production

*A Change of Heart* is

adapted from an idea from a member of the church and is written by a NorthRidge script writing team. The production follows one man through a mid-life crisis as he struggled with the priorities in his life and comes to grip with the long-term consequences of his life choices

This is an original script drawn from life experiences of people within the congregation, said Steve Childerston, NorthRidge's drama director. "We believe it's relevant to the life situations of many people in our culture. The

message will be something everyone can relate to. *A Change of Heart* hits the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with additional performances at 1 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and a 3 p.m. matinee Sunday. The same performance schedule is repeated Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12

It's the latest in what has become a popular massive production every holiday season at the church. Last year's production drew some 24,000 people over the two weekends. NorthRidge has become known for its audio and

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

Roxanne Powell, the church's director of programming and production, promises more of the same this year, though she declined to spoil the surprise by revealing new elements of this year's production. It's bound to be big though - it's taking some 900 volunteers

PLEASE SEE HOLIDAYS, A4

## Townships can contract cops, fire

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed into law Tuesday a bill allowing townships the option of contracting out their police and fire services to other communities. According to local officials, though, the bill, which was introduced by state Rep. Phil LaJoy (R-Canton), probably won't have much effect around Plymouth

"I would say the bill applies more to rural townships, like those up around Midland, for instance," said Plymouth Community Fire

Department Chief Randy Maycock. Those townships could look to bigger towns to contract services. "I don't think it would be something that would apply here, because we already have the support base for fire service

"That's never to say in the future they might look at it," he added, "but I think the bill is really designed for smaller townships"

Fire services are already combined in the Plymouth community, with the PCFD providing fire coverage in both Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth. Dispatch services

for both police and fire are also combined in an intergovernmental agreement that runs through 2006

Former Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann actually proposed providing contract police services for the city, a move in which the city commission has no interest

"Local police and fire departments typically provide residents a sense of community," said new supervisor Richard Reaume. "Residents typically feel strongly about retaining that identity"

On the other hand, the bill was enthusiastically

endorsed by Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, who testified in favor of the bill while it was being reviewed in Lansing

"I approached Phil about this issue some time ago and he took the lead in drafting the legislation and making sure it was pushed through," Santomauro said. "The simple reasoning is that while state law allowed cities to provide contractual services, the law did not allow townships to do that"

He said that with the way growth is occurring in

PLEASE SEE TOWNSHIPS, A4

## Nobody hurt as car crashes through auto center window

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

All Nancy Spencer wanted was a submarine sandwich and some chips from the Tubby's inside the Plymouth Super Center on Ann Arbor Road

What she got was a bird's eye view of what could have been a horrific accident

It happened shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday

PLEASE SEE CRASH, A4



Nobody was injured when two 450 pound windows were smashed by this car, which crashed through the Plymouth Super Center on Ann Arbor Road shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday

Coming Sunday in your Plymouth Observer



**Epilepsy**  
Redford man starts support group to help those with medical condition that affects every aspect of their lives. In Sunday's Health section

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**FOUNTAIN CONCEPTS**

The Plymouth Community Youth Advisory Commission is accepting "concepts" for the new "Fountain of Youth" in Kellogg Park

The commission recently took on the project of replacing the fountain in the park, which was destroyed earlier this year

Youth throughout the community of any age are eligible to submit concepts. The concepts can be a photograph, drawing or any medium desired by the artist

They must be submitted to Plymouth City Hall, 201 S Main, by 4:30 p.m. Jan. 21

**MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE**

The Plymouth Historical Museum hosts a holiday open house from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5

The event will feature special tours of the "First Ladies of Fashion" inaugural ball gown exhibit and holiday music by "Heartstrings"

The 2 p.m. program will feature Dr. Martin Brosnan, who will talk about "The Presidents' Wives" from Mrs. Buchanan to Mrs. Roosevelt

Refreshments will be served. For more information, visit the museum's Web site at [www.plymouthhistory.org](http://www.plymouthhistory.org) or call (734) 455-8940

**NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCE**

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company present *The Nutcracker Ballet* Dec. 4-5 at the Salem High School auditorium

The performance features Calin Radulescu and Sarah Dominick in a presentation from music director Nan Washburn and artistic director Dawn Greene

Performances are at 11 a.m. (with Sugar Plum Fairy Tea following) and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 5, with Sugar Plum Fairy Tea following

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for children and \$5 for the Sugar Plum Tea. They can be found at the Plymouth Symphony office, 18 Forest Place in Plymouth, Crystal Diamond Setters, 467 Forest Ave., Plymouth, Dearborn Music Company, 1745 N. Canton Center, Canton, Evola Music, 7170 Haggerty, Canton, Dancewear Gallery, 44926 Ford Road, Canton, Joanne's Dance Extension, 42020 Koppernick, Canton, Children's Dance, 561 Forest, Plymouth, and P&P Dance Centre, 329 Industrial Park, Belleville

Salem High School is located at 46181 Joy Road in Canton. For more information, visit [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org) or call (734) 451-2112

**COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT**

The Plymouth Community Band will be giving its 2004 Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 at the Canton High School Little Theatre

Canton High School is on Canton Center Road, just south of Joy. There is no admission

For more information, the band's Web link is [www.geocities.com/plycomband](http://www.geocities.com/plycomband)

**DAR MEETS**

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochran Chapter of Plymouth-Northville, host a Christmas Tea at 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, at Greenmead, Hill House in Livonia. Guest speaker will be Sue Daniel. For more information, call Pam Westerhold, (734) 420-2775

**PICTURES WITH SANTA**

RE/MAX Crossroads sponsors "Pictures with Santa," 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. Refreshments will be provided. RE/MAX Crossroads is located at 7277 N. Lilley at the corner of Lilley and Warren

**PANIC PARTY**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors a "Men's Panic Party" Dec. 16 to help men get their Christmas shopping done in downtown Plymouth

The evening will feature free gift-wrapping, "men-style" treats and extra shopping help

The event takes place from 6-9 p.m. in a variety of downtown Plymouth businesses

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540

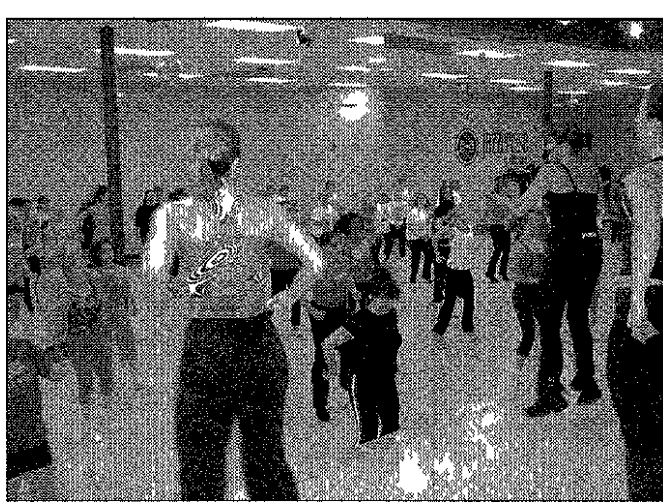
**FEATURED SOLOIST**

Plymouth resident Lauren Erickson will be featured soloist at The Tuesday Musicales of Detroit Holiday Concert at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church

Erickson (flute) will be accompanied by Lydia Cleaver (guest harpist) performing Four Medieval Dances by Joseph Lauber. She will perform *Cantabile et Presto* (1904) by Georges Enesco and *Tambourin* by Gossec, accompanied by Noriko Ernst (guest pianist). Erickson will also play flute for Jan Rae Purdy, coloratura soprano, the beautiful *Charmante Oiseau (La Perle due Bresle)* by Felicien David, accompanied by Noriko Ernst. The church is located at 19950 Mack. Admission is free, with a donation of \$5 suggested. For more information, call (248) 848-9930

**GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS**

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a holiday workshop for those who are grieving. All adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one



**Anniversary**

In honor of Jazzercise Inc.'s 35th anniversary, the students and instructors at the Jazzercise Fitness Center in Plymouth celebrated with a special anniversary class and party. More than 100 students danced for an hour on the state-of-the-art aerobic floor. Jazzercise, located at 250 N. Main in Plymouth since March 2002 offers 28 classes a week, most with free baby-sitting available. For more information, call 416-5527

are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop takes place 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6 at Ward Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville. The workshop will end with a special time of remembrance

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

**PLAYERS' PRODUCTION**

The Plymouth Uptown Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council present "The Trial of Goldilocks," 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

**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 selection 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

**MAKE IT-TAKE IT PARTY**

Kids ages 5 and older can make a special gift for holiday giving Dec. 11 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council

Class is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., so bring a lunch and be ready with create wonderful art and play some games during this fun-filled day. Participants will even make the wrapping and have it all decorated to take home. The cost is \$40 for PCAC members, \$45 for non-members. Class size is limited. To register or for more information, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278

**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 on the new program, call the chamber office, (734) 453-1540

**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](http://www.cantonband.com)

**TOY DONATIONS**

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 through Dec. 18. Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest. For more information, call (734) 455-9057

**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

**CINDERELLA PERFORMANCE**

The Canton Youth Theater presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* Dec. 2-5 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton

A classic fairy tale, this presentation will charm audiences of all ages with its timeless music and beloved heroine. Artistic sets, beautiful costumes and clever magical transformations invite everyone into this fanciful world of "dreams do come true" and "happily ever after"

For more information, call the Village Theater box office at (734) 394-5460. This production is presented by Ever After Productions, Canton Leisure Services and Re/Max Classic Bittenger Team

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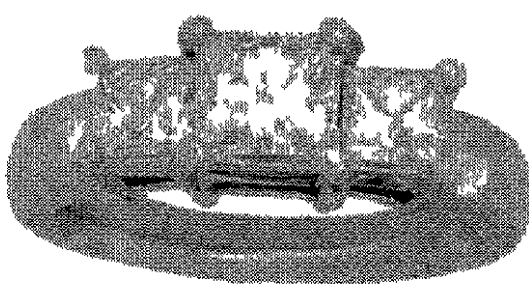
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# Taking advantage of a baby boom

Plymouth boutique satisfies demand for unique newborn market

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When Kelly Karadsheh was pregnant with her second child, she did what all moms-to-be do. She went shopping. In stores from here to Flint, she had a difficult time finding more than bedding and basic baby needs. So, after being a stay-at-home mom for more than five years, it seemed natural to Karadsheh, who had built a word-of-mouth reputation as a decorator by designing her son's room, that she'd open a baby boutique.

And just like that, Mia Bella was born. And, like most babies, this one grew quickly in its first year, forcing Karadsheh and her mother, Rosahe Whyman, to move the boutique into bigger digs.

Now business is booming at Mia Bella's new location on Ann Arbor Trail.

"There wasn't anyplace in Plymouth where new moms could come," said Karadsheh, a hairdresser by trade before getting into the retail business. "A lot of our stuff is one-of-a-kind. Our products aren't mass-produced. This is someplace you can come to find something unique."

When the store first opened in November 2003, it occupied some 800 square feet and specialized mostly in things like bedding and christening dresses and items for newborns. The store also carries things like strollers, dresses, books and baby brushes.

As word spread, Karadsheh and Whyman expanded into maternity clothes and other unique items.

"When we opened, we were mostly bedding and newborn stuff," Karadsheh said. "Business exploded, and we had such an overwhelming demand for maternity clothes. We just didn't have the space."

They've got the space now, and Karadsheh is enjoying using it. She had a hair salon for 12 years before settling down to be a stay-at-home mom, but she's always loved



Kelly Karadsheh recently moved her Mia Bella baby boutique into new, larger quarters on Ann Arbor Trail.

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## @ Work

Business: Mia Bella Baby Boutique  
Address: 853 Ann Arbor Trail  
Owner: Kelly Karadsheh  
Phone: (734) 737-9879  
Principal products: Baby and maternity items

There wasn't anyplace in Plymouth where new moms could come. A lot of our stuff is one of a kind. Our products aren't mass produced. This is someplace you can come to find something unique.

**- Kelly Karadsheh, owner**



This Black Shark pedal cart's propeller turns using pedals. It's one of the items featured at Mia Bella in downtown Plymouth.

opened the store." Now that it's open, Karadsheh and Whyman make sure the customers who've made it work are taken care of. Customer service is "the most important thing" to the two women.

"We do a lot of custom work here," Karadsheh said. "We work with every level of customer here. They all get treated the same."

While Karadsheh does much of the sewing, Whyman adds her personal touch to murals she paints. The two women complement each other in many ways.

"My mom balances me,"

sewing and has been doing it since she was 3.

After the birth of her second child, she stayed home. After decorating her son's room, Karadsheh noticed people taking note of her skill and asking her to do rooms in their homes.

"It just spread by word-of-mouth," Karadsheh said. "I had a base already before we

# Getting a grip

Invention makes trip to market easier

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

If Canton resident Dan Carter tells you to "bag it" or to "get a grip on it," he's not being unfriendly.

He's just trying to be helpful. And he hopes to make a couple of bucks in the process.

"About a year and a half ago, I was having a bad day," he said. "We'd been to the grocery store and there were bags all over the place. I was frustrated. And then it hit me like a ton of bricks."

What hit him was an idea. Why wrestle with all those plastic grocery bags from checkout counter to the car to the kitchen when you could handle them with one hand — or maybe two?

His idea was for a simple gadget — a nylon grip, sort of like a suitcase handle, that could attach to the handles on the plastic bags and allow people to carry as many as five bags in one hand.

"I wrote it out on paper and designed it," he said. "Then I took it to someone who does sewing in the basement and she made a prototype."

He now has a manufacturer for his product, a company — Wrap and Grab Products — and a Web site, www.wrapand-grab.com, where his product, the Comfort Grip, can be ordered online.

That's the only product he's making at the moment, but he has some others in mind, which he hopes to develop in the months to come.

He's also got a slogan — "Wrap it, grab it and you're good to go" — and he's even written and recorded a radio



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Dan Carter demonstrates his invention, which allows users to carry several grocery bags with one hand.

commercial. That's all part of his creative side. He studied cartooning in art school, does caricatures for private parties, wedding receptions and bar mitzvahs, and is also a vocalist.

Right now he's concentrating on promoting his gadget. He's had T-shirts printed up featuring the Comfort Grip, and has distributed some of them at his church and a private party. His next goal is to get them out on the market.

"I'd like to get it in stores at the checkout counter," he said. "And he's already lined up one store — a small chain grocery store not far from his house."

He'd also like to get his product advertised directly on grocery carts in supermarkets.

"If they have the product for sale in the store, that would be a pretty strong advertisement," Carter said.

He's got a couple of partners, Melvin Freeman, who helps put out fliers, and Mike Guback, a business owner who helps with the finances.

And Carter just wants to keep cranking out the ideas.

"I want to be one of the most creative people ever," he said.

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**CRASH**

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when Spencer, and the employees and other customers in the center, were stunned to see a 1994 Plymouth Sundance come crashing through the front windows

"We heard this absolutely horrible screeching of tires and

gunning of an engine, said Spencer, who stopped at the center with her husband, John "I turned around and saw a car driving directly into the front plate glass window of the store, right into the chip display Thank God I wasn't a couple of minutes faster or I'd have been standing right there"

No one was injured in the accident, although significant damage was done to the storefront Plymouth Police ticketed

the driver for violating a license restriction

According to reports, the driver of the car was pulling into the center, and his foot slipped off the brake

When he went to reapply the brake, he accidentally hit the gas pedal and crashed through the windows at the front of the center

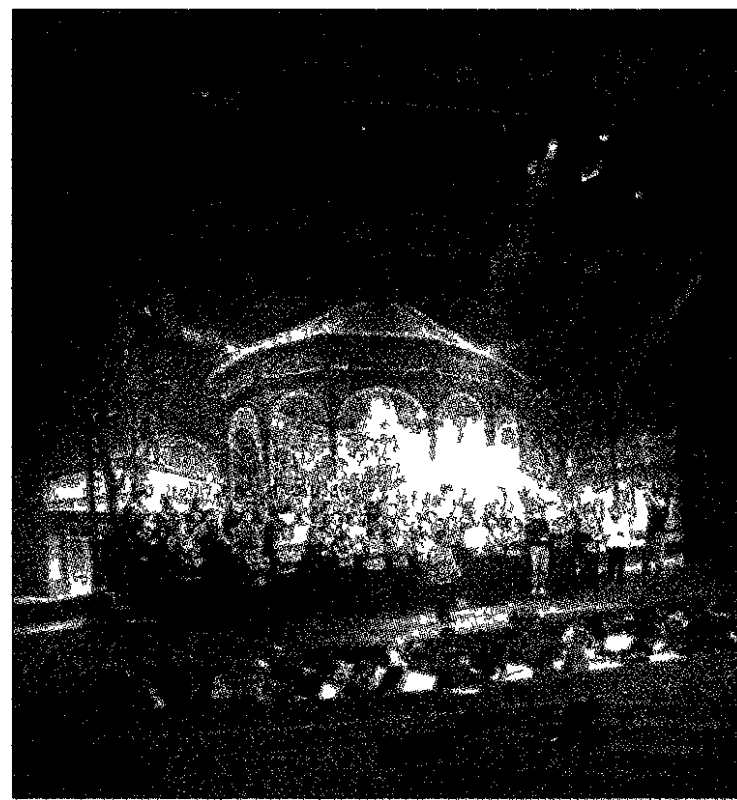
Those windows, according to Plymouth Super Center vice president Drew Wolford,

weighed about 450 pounds apiece

"That's 900 pounds of broken glass It's lucky no one was under that, Wolford said

"Fortunately, the car got hung up with the front wheels off the floor If they hadn't, the car would have crashed right through the whole store"

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Some 900 volunteers combined efforts to put on the holiday production, "A Change of Heart," which starts Friday at NorthRidge Church

**RETAIL**

FROM PAGE A1

week," said Shoumaker People have been buying gift baskets, brimming with various goodies such as chocolates, candies and snacks to use as personal gifts, corporate gifts, thank-you gifts and more

The cool thing about gift baskets, Shoumaker said, is that the packaging is almost as cool as what's inside it

"The big thing is the presen-

tation — we really try to make it look nice," he said

"Plus, I like to think they're good for the hard-to-buy-for person

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Canton's Kohls store, 44444 Ford, reported a booming Thanksgiving weekend Hot items at the store included "LeapFrog" toys, apparel, toys and novelty items, such as poker accessories

Lisa Grasso, manager of Canton's store, described the weekend as "fantastic," but would not describe sales as increased, flat or decreased compared to 2003 Thanksgiving sales

It was an amazing weekend," she said, adding that customers' spirits seemed high

"My customers, for the most part, really seemed to enjoy shopping that day," Grasso said, referring to Nov 26

"I think we'll have a very successful shopping season"

**TOWNSHIPS**

FROM PAGE A1

southeast Michigan, townships may actually be in a better position to offer contractual services than some cities

"You can't look at townships the way we would have 35 or 40 years ago," Santomauro said

"The inclination for a township to become a city is pretty non-existent anymore"

LaJoy said he was pleased his bill has now been signed by the governor

"A township deserves the same chance to be competitive and better utilize its police and fire services (as does a city)," he said

"I am pleased this bill is now law in Michigan

While more and more local governments are looking at ways to combine services, Santomauro said law enforcement and fire departments have been doing that for years

"Our fire service mutual aid pact has been in place for 40 years," he said "We have a number of partnerships in law enforcement"

Staff writer Brad Kadrich contributed to this report

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**Olde Town Grille hosts auction for Toys for Tots**

Last year, the folks hosting the Toys for Tots event at Hermann's Olde Town Grille were happy the event raised some \$3,000 and 14 bags of toys

This year, organizers are hoping to do better

The 2004 Toys for Tots event is scheduled at Hermann's for noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec 5 Admission is \$5 or a new, unwrapped toy The day will feature door prizes, "Happy Hour" prices and a disc jockey playing music

The event also includes an

auction featuring, among other items, a pair of boys' 20-inch bicycles, four girls' 20-inch bicycles, an electric sweater, a leather jacket, hotel accommodations and restaurant gift certificates

Also included are various NASCAR memorabilia donated by Roush Racing, and there will be a 50-50 drawing every hour

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**HOLIDAYS**

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working from the parking lot to the stage to put on the show

"We're very comfortable, the last dress rehearsal was (Monday), and it's going well," Powell said "We have a lot of new elements, video segments to help with the scenes, and we have a lot of surprises It's just going to be a show-stopper"

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

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

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

Roxanne Powell believes "A

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Change of Heart" does exactly that "Everyone's going through different things during the holidays, and we try to find a human condition that's relevant," she said "We tried to find some kind of relevant life position that a lot of people are in, a human condition everyone can relate to"

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Alice Aldrich, 88, died Nov. 22.  
Charles (Gene) E. Amyx, 68, of Birmingham, died Nov. 28.

**B**  
Carl Herman Berke, 53, of Pinckney, died Nov. 21

**C**  
Eugene D. Cotter, 80, died Nov. 22

**G**  
Betsy Morgan Garthwaite, 41, Nov. 24

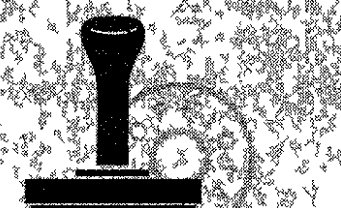
**J**  
Lallah G. Johnston, 86, of Howell, died Nov. 28.

**M**  
Maynard S. Martin, 82, of Farmington Hills, died Nov. 26  
Weston W. Meyer, 83, died Nov. 24  
Marian (Bell) Morrow, 87, of Naples, Fla., died Nov. 28

**R**  
Daryl R. Riley, 66, of Novi, died Nov. 23.

**S**  
Glenn L. Stephens, 102, of Livonia, died Nov. 27

**W**  
Lillian Marie Wilcox Whims, 92, of Coral Springs, Fla., formerly of Grosse Pointe and Troy, died Nov. 22.  
Luella M. Winning, 70, of Westland, died Nov. 23



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.

Westbrook, on Linden, on McKinley, on Chestnut, on Ivywood and on Schoolcraft, vehicle fire on westbound M-14 west of Beck, rescue run to a public building/school on Penniman

Monday, Nov. 29 - Investigation on Plymouth Road, industrial rescue run on Halyard; rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Mill Race Circle and on Joy Road, commercial rescue runs on Massey and on Ann Arbor Road

Sunday, Nov. 28 - Residential rescue runs on Northville Road, on Pine, on Beacon Hill, on S. Harvey and on Haggerty commercial rescue run on Main, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road

Saturday, Nov. 27 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 west of Sheldon and at Harvey and Linden residential rescue run on Marguerite, rescue run to a public building/school on 5 Mile

Friday, Nov. 26 - Residential rescue runs on Shadywood and on

Lincoln, rescue run on Wolf River, rescue run to a public building/school on Plymouth Road, smoke investigation on Westbrook

Thursday, Nov. 25 - Residential rescue runs on St. Andrews Square, on Ball and on Northville Road

Wednesday, Nov. 24 - Residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Willowbrook, vehicle accident on M-14 at Schoolcraft, on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon and on northbound I-275 at M-14, special run at Hamilton and Roe, hazardous materials run on Galleon, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Road

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**Thieves rock downtown jeweler**

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Police have no leads, and store owners are trying to piece together reasons why someone would target them, after someone smashed the glass out of the door at Dearborn Jewelers of Plymouth in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

The thief or thieves got away with an undisclosed amount of merchandise. No one was injured in the inci-

dent.

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll Wednesday characterized the robbery as a "smash-and-grab," and said investigators had taken some evidence to be inspected.

"It happened in the middle of the night, someone just smashed out the window," Carroll said. "We're following up some evidence, but right now we don't have many good leads."

Store owners were busy Wednesday conducting an

inventory to determine how much was stolen.

"They threw a rock through the window in the middle of the night," owner Theresa Allen said. "We're trying to do an inventory to get to the insurance company. Fortunately, no one was in the building when it happened."

Anyone with information on the incident can call Plymouth police at (734) 453-1234.

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## Hospice to offer holiday grief support workshops

Anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one knows that the holidays can be an especially difficult time. Family traditions and holiday activities can amplify feelings of loss, and quiet time can be hard to secure in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the holiday season.

Angela Hospice will offer special holiday workshops to assist individuals who may be feeling the stress of the holidays while trying to cope with the loss of a loved one.

"We want to place control in the hands of the bereaved," said Joan Lee, a social worker in Angela Hospice's bereavement department. "We try to give them options, and let them know they can make decisions on what is best for them."

The adult workshop, which will be held 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, will focus on how individuals can balance



Social worker Joan Lee will offer helpful tips at Angela Hospice's 'Getting Through the Holidays Grief Workshops.' The workshops are free and open to the public.

traditions and personal expectations with what feels right for them. The workshop discusses the choices individuals have for making the holidays easier, ways they can talk with family and friends about the changes they're making, and the feelings behind those changes.

A children's workshop meets 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, and will feature a holiday wreath activity, where kids will construct wreaths that have per-

sonal meaning to them regarding the loved one they've lost. Children will be encouraged to express their feelings by talking about what they've made and what it means to them.

All workshops will take place at the Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia. The workshops are free and open to the community. Please register in advance by calling Joan Lee at (734) 953-6012.



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John and Norma Damiani, grandparents of Erika Anstett, were on hand to light candles during last year's Compassionate Friends ceremony in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

## Friends host candlelight vigil

Members of the Compassionate Friends know the holidays are tough times for people who've lost loved ones, especially children.

In an effort to help with the grief, The Compassionate Friends, Western Wayne County (Livonia) Chapter, sponsor a candle-lighting ceremony Dec. 12 in conjunction with Children's Memorial Day.

The holidays are especially difficult for parents who have lost children, said committee member Gail Lafferty. This candle-lighting ceremony honoring them helps their memory live on.

The ceremony will include the dedication of a tree decorated with ornaments with the children's names, a candle light vigil, a reading of the children's names, poetry and songs.

The local ceremony includes the candle-lighting at 7 p.m. in conjunction with the world-wide candle-lighting. The idea is that, as candles burn down in one time zone, they're lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial.

Recognized in communities around the world, International Children's Memorial Day is already officially sanctioned by the U.S. Congress. "Hundreds of families will gather near a tree specially decorated with the names of children who have died too soon," Lafferty said.

For more information or to register a child, call or e-mail candle-lighting committee members Gail Lafferty, angel4gail@aol.com or (734) 981-4528 or Virginia Herrick, herrick@miller-canfield.com or (248) 449-7598.

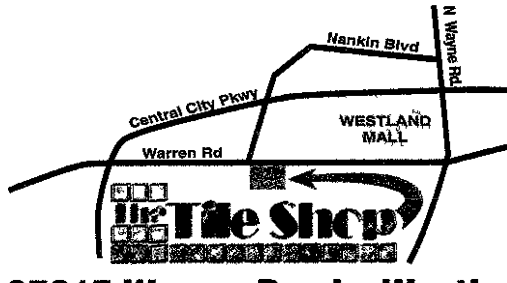
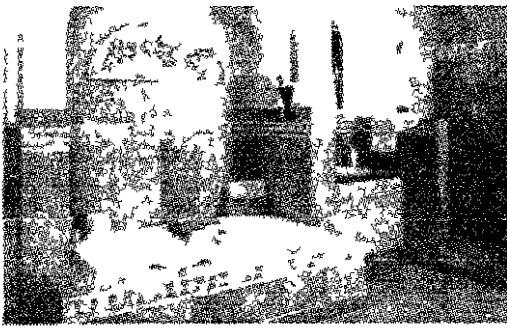
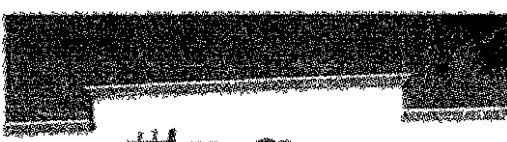
The Compassionate Friends is an international non-profit non-denominational self-help organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved families with the loss of their children.



A tree covered in ornaments with the names of the children for loved ones to find and keep is set up in downtown Plymouth for the Compassionate Friends candle-lighting ceremony.

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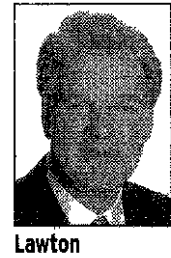
## Credit union banks on new leader

Community Financial's Vice President and Chief Operations Officer William (Bill) Lawton has been promoted to president and CEO, effective Saturday.

Lawton succeeds CEO Roger Ballard, who recently resigned to assume a position with a California credit union. Community Financial's Board of Directors is confident Bill's many years of experience with Community Financial and his participation in the community will continue our credit union's tradition of strong leadership and team building," said board chairman Ron Carlson.

Lawton joined Community Financial in 1982 as manager of information technology and later served as vice president of information technology from 1986 until 2002, when he was promoted to vice president and chief operations officer.

A resident of Plymouth, Lawton currently serves on



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investment representative James D. Potter to the Investment and Insurance Services area to help members with short and long-term financial planning and investment goals.

"Potter's considerable education and experience in the investment and insurance business will benefit our team and enhance the services we provide members," said Michael Bullis, vice president of Community Financial's Investment & Insurance Services.

Before joining the credit union, Potter worked for Cambridge Group Investments in institutional bond sales and, previously, as a financial advisor and consultant for other investment firms.

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# Thurston grad wounded in Afghanistan battle

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Army Sgt. Zachary Parnello, son of Jack and Debbie Parnello of Canton and a 1999 graduate of Thurston High in Redford, was seriously wounded in Afghanistan on Wednesday, Nov. 24, one day before Thanksgiving and two days after his one-year wedding anniversary with his wife, Sylvia.

He's recovering in a military hospital in Germany and has been taken off the critical list, according to his mother.

Two other members of his unit were killed in the incident when an improvised explosive device detonated near their location. The troops were attacked near the town of Deh Rawod, 250 miles southwest of Kabul, where the military has clashed repeatedly with Taliban militants, according to a statement released by the Army.

"He was in critical condition and in intensive care until Monday morning," Debbie Parnello said Tuesday. "His out of intensive care now and everything looks good at this point."

"Good," of course, is a relative term.

Zachary, 23, suffered a head injury that has resulted in short-term memory loss, a laceration on the spleen, and a gash on his face that extended to behind his ear.

He's got staples in the back of his head, Debbie said. "It's a miracle that he's even alive."

She said she's still not sure of all the details of the incident.

"He doesn't remember much," she said. "There was an explosion. He was in a vehicle."

Despite his serious injuries, Zachary was concerned about his family immediately after the incident.

When he got to a field hospital, Debbie said, he started fussing for a telephone. He was lying there bleeding and being stitched up, but he worried about us hearing from the military before we heard from him.

Someone found him a telephone and Zachary made the calls.

"I missed the phone call," Debbie said. "But he got



Parnello

through to his wife in Hawaii and she called us."

She said she and Sylvia are still trying to work on travel arrangements so they can visit Zachary.

Due to the holiday, we've had difficulty trying to make travel arrangements," she said. "We're still working on that with different organizations."

Zachary, who grew up in Redford and graduated from Thurston High School in 1999, joined the Army shortly after graduation.

He had just re-enlisted last November," Debbie said.

He was assigned to the U.S. Army 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, C Company based out of Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

He had served in Kosovo in 2002 and in Iraq last year. He came home in September 2003 and he and Sylvia were married in November 2003. He was sent to Afghanistan in September of this year.

Debbie Parnello issued a statement on Tuesday, in which she wrote:

"Thank you to all the doctors and nurses who have taken care of my son. Also special thanks to those who are trying to get us with him. We long to hold him."

"My husband, Jack, and I send our prayers with Zachary's comrades who didn't make it. Also to the troops who are still there in both Iraq and Afghanistan. We love you all and pray for you and your families every day."

"Thank you, God, for our miracle."

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# Bar raffle leads to unique father-daughter racing trip

BY DAN WEST  
STAFF WRITER

Rachel Medlen had no idea she was getting herself into when she submitted her name for a raffle while hanging out with friends at The Post Bar in Novi last summer.

The psychology student at Madonna University thought she was in the running for a free lighter, however, her initiative won her a pair of all-expense-paid trips to California to attend an auto racing school this weekend. The trip is valued at \$11,500, plus Rachel collected another \$3,000 in spending cash.

Medlen, 22, who's studying to become a speech and language pathologist, admits she's not a huge auto racing fan, but she's looking forward to taking the trip with her race-loving father, Michael, who once volunteered at the former Detroit Grand Prix and worked on the sound crew for ESP during a race at Michigan International Speedway.

"I'm not a fan of watching races on TV, but I love talking

about cars and I love driving fast," said Rachel, who admits to a couple of speeding tickets. "At this school, I get to drive as fast as I want without any fear of getting a ticket."

Joining his daughter for what he describes as a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Michael said the trip will cover his daughter's Father's Day and Christmas gifts for a while.

"Having followed racing for 30 years, it'll be something to experience what it's like behind the wheel on a track, firsthand," he said.

When Rachel submitted her name for that raffle last summer, her name was pulled for the free lighter. A few days later, however, she also received an invitation in the mail to join some dozens of people at MIS in August to meet driver Rick Mears and take rides in race cars along the steep banks of the track.

At MIS that day, Rachel brought her father, who was thrilled with the opportunity to meet Mears. For Rachel, a former Stevenson High student,



Contest winner Rachel Medlen isn't much of a racing fan, but her father Michael is. They'll travel to California this weekend for a racing school experience she won. It's valued at more than \$11,000.

there were some uneasy moments.

"I was scared to death," she said. "When they drove close to

the wall, I thought he was intentionally doing that to scare me. I learned that's how they drive in a race."

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## OUR VIEWS

# Chances to give are plentiful

Last week's Thanksgiving celebration kicked off the traditional holiday season most noticeably marked by throngs of shoppers hitting the retail stores and leaving empty shelves, frustrated customers and busy shopkeepers in their wake.

What also gets started in earnest at this time of year, but which very often gets much less attention, is the "giving" season, a time of year when people's charitable instincts kick in and they begin looking for ways to help those less fortunate.

And, with signs of an improving economy being slow to translate locally, there are plenty of people who need the help.

Fortunately for those willing to provide that kind of assistance, there are plenty of chances.

### Look for any number of outlets for the Toys for Tots campaign.

Want to help make sure young children have a good Christmas? Look for any number of outlets for the Toys for Tots campaign. Many of you already helped WMGC-FM (105.1) in

this regard, contributing some 2,000 toys and more than \$1,500 in cash at its annual campaign kickoff show at Compass Cafe last week.

Mel Bobcean at Mel's Golden Razor is once again collecting toys. It's not part of the Marine Toys for Tots campaign, but it's the same idea, and one Mel's had for 25 years.

Can't afford to buy toys to give away? That's OK, because there are other ways to help. The Plymouth Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign kicked off last week, too, and coordinator Kelly Zmudzynski still has plenty of openings for bell ringers. You can sign up for an hour or a day, with a variety of locations that are sure to be convenient. And it won't cost you a dime.

Don't know much about the Salvation Army? Check with local churches, all of which run some form of holiday campaign that depends on volunteer help or charitable donations.

Want one more idea? We'll plug our own effort. The Plymouth/Canton Observer Cheer Club. We're collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items, toys or clothing through the end of next week. We'll take what we collect — and over the years, you have been more than generous — and add it to the Salvation Army's program to adopt families for the holidays.

This community proves year in and year out it has a heart as big as all outdoors. If you're looking for ways to help, all you have to do is look around.

# More work needed to ensure health of our environment

Residents in Wayne and Oakland counties made significant strides in 2004 to protect the area's natural splendors.

Examples of improved environmental stewardship abound, as more of us come to understand the relationship between what we pour down our home and storm drains and the water quality of our lakes, rivers and streams.

Many parts of the Rouge River are as healthy as they have ever been, and now support a healthy ecosystem of fish, mollusks and plant life.

The same is true of the Paint Creek and Clinton River watersheds, as well as our many inland lakes, thanks to stepped up efforts to identify and correct failed septic systems and reducing the use of fertilizers near waterways.

A painful lesson also was learned about how a tiny bug from a faraway land can wreak havoc on a foreign ecosystem. The emerald ash borer has killed tens of thousands of ash trees, and a number of similar invasive species — most notably the zebra mussel — are causing similar destruction to the Great Lakes ecosystem.

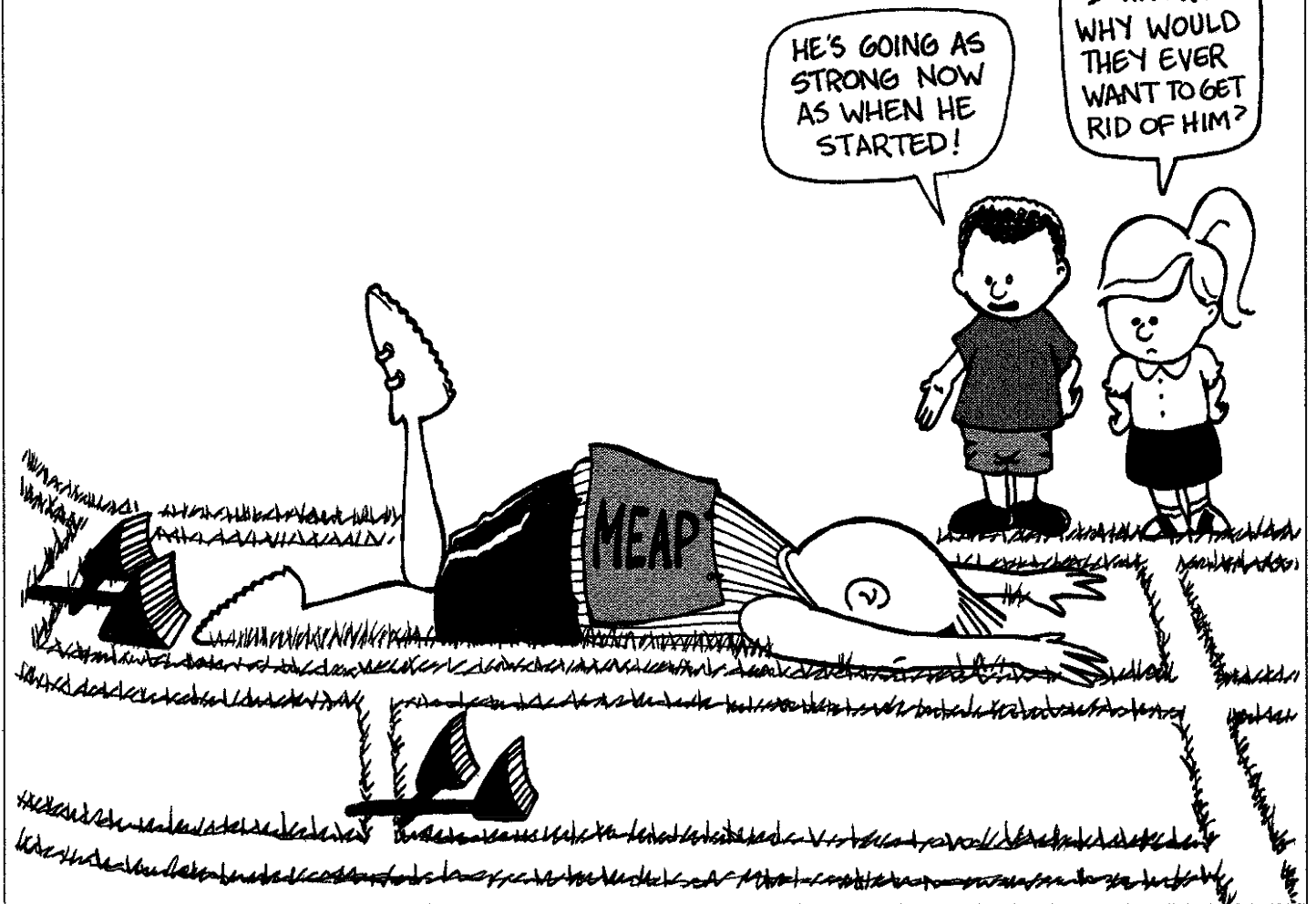
This is an area where our state and federal government officials must do more in 2005 to protect this precious natural resource, which literally defines our state.

Tougher regulations must be adopted to stop the spread of non-native species in the Great Lakes basin.

And while they are at it, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the state Legislature should be taking the lead on a joint, international effort to restrict diversion of water from the Great Lakes.

There is an old saying that you don't have anything if you don't have your health. The same is true for our environment, and it is up to all of us to ensure that health.

Geoff Brooks is 2  
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## LETTERS

### Teachers as scapegoats

It is extremely saddening to read the attitude of Mr. Kremer as he reflects on contract negotiations between PCCS and its teachers (Nov. 18 letter to the editor). First, in business it is a good, productive sign when management and labor have an interest-based relationship where they can communicate rationally in an attempt to find a reasonably fair and equitable result.

Secondly, if I were part of the PCCS teaching workforce, I would not be leaving negotiations "satisfied" knowing my salary would be about 6 percent behind the projected rate of inflation for the duration of the contract.

Nor would I be "satisfied" knowing that, after all the mathematical comparisons are done about days worked, etc., according to labor statistics I would still be tens of thousands of dollars behind in salary of other comparable "professional" level workers.

Why does society always use teachers as scapegoats by blaming them for governmental financial difficulties? Why do teachers and their families always have to suffer the monetary burdens of financial mismanagement over which they have no control, especially when the state and federal governments are not ponying up the monies for education? Why wouldn't the government increase school funding at least by matching the inflationary rates and cost-of-living increases to funding allowances?

The "financial erosion" Mr. Kremer writes of starts much higher than the school district. So, yes, in both the short and long run of it, Mr. Kremer, it is your fault and the rest of tax-paying society's fault, for not making the tough decision of greater financial respect for teachers and for the improved, realistic funding for education at the time they were needed.

Matthew Otto  
Plymouth

### Monopolistic media

Too bad, another independent publishing company is being lost to monopolistic, controlled-by-a-few-mainstream news media ("Gannett to acquire HomeTown Communications Network," *Plymouth Observer*, Nov. 21).

Such consolidation of information disseminating power obviously is the main reason behind this public, like perhaps no other in the world, being so one-sidedly informed, often purposely misled, subjected to sneaky molding of opinions held by the molders in control.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

### The whole picture

I am intrigued by the letter from Glenn Kremer (Nov. 18). Mr. Kremer seems to be quite upset about the current contract between the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. I am intrigued why he brings this up now seeing that the PCEA is in the third year of that four-year contract. Mr. Kremer

leads me to believe he does not quite see the whole picture.

I get the feeling Mr. Kremer has not kept up with the financial situation in Lansing. Since the current contract was negotiated, the foundation grant has been frozen twice, with the third year of the freeze looming at the beginning of the new year. That will be coupled with a reduction in the foundation grant. These freezes and cuts were not present or foreseen when the PCCS and the PCEA negotiated in good faith.

It does seem Mr. Kremer misses the days of Errol Goldman and his cruel tactics. Today within the district there is less of a feeling of animosity and that the teachers and administration are all working together for the children and not battling with administration in ways that detract educators from their duties (one only needs to look to Northville in order to understand what it used to be like with both sides fighting).

The dedicated teachers of this district work hard and earn the raises (2.25 percent this year) that have been negotiated, even if the raises fall short of the current cost of living adjustment, currently at 2.7 percent and historically higher than teacher raises (we are not allowed to strike due to the beloved Gov. Engler).

The contract was accepted by the Board of Education, which is the governing body of the school district elected by the people, of which Mr. Kremer is a part. If Mr. Kremer is as well-schooled in labor relations and educational funding as his claims seem to indicate, then I encourage him to step forward and run for a seat on the board.

I would be interested in how well he can hit the bull's-eye on the ever-moving target that is educational funding in Michigan.

Bob Mackelby  
Plymouth

### Red states, blue states

I awoke this morning discovering I had left the computer on. I was startled by a sea of red, but pleased that the picture was one of the United States. The picture was more grand and grandiose than that of Rembrandt.

There were a couple of minor flaws, blue smears in the upper right hand corner, blotches of blue on the left edge. But the picture was magnificent! Speaking of division in our States! The red between the blues was stupendous, a mass of red in the middle of blue burps in the East and blue burbs in the West.

Go with the mandate, George W. Bush! Socialism has been stilled for a while. Boom the economy and remain steadfast chasing the barbarians.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

### School boards cheat

Citizens turning out for general elections are entitled to the complete ballot. School boards cheat by withholding issues for more favorable forums. They insist on separate elections because these voters likely have special interests in the results.

General elections represent 11 times more citizens than school elections, but combining elections will occur only when school boards no longer win. An aroused majority voting at their polling events can defeat every proposition — good and bad. Defeated propositions tend to re-appear with a few changes until they are accepted.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

### Headlee was a friend

The American Heart Association lost a friend last week with the passing of Richard Headlee. While much has been documented about his professional life through his leadership of the Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. and his active political life including term limits, the Headlee Amendment and his unsuccessful run for governor, Dick was also a long-term heart transplant survivor.

After his transplant and move to Utah, he became active with the American Heart Association playing a role in the start of the Salt Lake City Heart Walk and becoming a spokesperson for some unique endowment initiatives in Michigan. Speaking at a 2003 American Heart Association board meeting in Detroit, Dick credited the medical community for research advancements and the newer anti-rejection drugs that allowed him to remain active to the point of playing tennis several times a week at the age of 73. He viewed the last 17 years since his transplant as a gift and treasured each one, reciting the exact number of days he'd been given to spend time with his family and meet his younger grandchildren.

His transplant came at a time when survival rates were hoped to be in the five to 10 year range. In fact, it is difficult to find statistics on long-range survivors. At 17 years he marveled at how another man's heart was still beating strong inside of him. As he noted last year, "How do you measure a gift like that?"

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— Dale Yagiela, Growth Works, on steps to be taken if the financial picture doesn't improve

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# Archaic distribution laws hurt consumers, vintners

You don't have to be a dyed-in-the-wool conservative to recognize that there are far too many instances of the 'nanny state,' where governments presume that they alone know best how to take care of people and that there is no real or imagined problem that cannot be overcome by continued and oppressive regulation.

Examples abound, including that tag on your mattress cover that forbids its removal under penalty of law and state restrictions on processing (why not 'butchering,' for Heaven's sake?) venison.

Another example has to do with the spider web of regulations covering the shipping, warehousing and selling of wine, beer and booze. When Prohibition (itself a first-class example of failed state nannyism) ended in 1933 with the adoption of the 21st Amendment, many states lost no time in combining a bow to temperance advocates with a grab for state profit by enacting elaborate regulations on the sale of alcohol.



Phil Power

Michigan, it turns out, is one of 11 states that forbid out-of-state wineries from sending bottles directly to customers. This rule, which restricts consumer choice and protects the economic turf of members of the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association (the single most powerful lobby in Lansing), is now being challenged at the highest level. Oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court will be held next Tuesday.

Advocates for change argue that the Constitution, through the Interstate Commerce Clause, gives the federal government — not the states — the right to regulate interstate trade in wine or anything else. Defendants (including Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, who should know better) assert that the 21st Amendment gives states the right to regulate everything about the sale of alcohol. This argument over states rights has been simmering quietly for a long time, but the rise of the Internet as a shopping medium and the increasing numbers of new, boutique wineries have brought the issue to a head.

The moving forces behind all this are a couple, Ray and Eleanor Heald, who have been writing a column on wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* since 1990. Four years ago, the Healds heard about the Domaine Alfred winery in California, they contacted Terry Speizer, the winemaker. They asked if he could send them a bottle of pinot noir to evaluate for their column. No, he replied, because Michigan law won't allow out-of-state wineries to send even one measly bottle into the state. Moreover, he couldn't sell

his product here because wine distributors in Michigan couldn't be bothered with stocking wines from such a small winery. So the Healds and Speizer sued.

There's little doubt that overturning the restrictive state laws that now exist in almost half our nation would benefit both consumers and small wineries. In all, 11 states have passed laws favoring in-state wineries and another 13 forbid outright all direct wine shipment. The Federal Trade Commission found in 2003 that direct shipping and online wine sales would "significantly enhance consumer welfare." One reason is price, the FTC found that buying wine online is cheaper than at local stores. Another benefit is choice, there are 3,700 wineries in the U.S., but most of them are too small for traditional wholesalers and distributors to bother with. The Wine Institute, a group arguing for regulation change, says only 13 percent of California's 800 wineries have distribution in all 50 states.

For example, consider Tantalus, a small ultra-premium winery in Sonoma County, Calif. I met Jim Harwood, Tantalus' president, last summer when I sampled his syrah wine and found it excellent. "Can I get some?" I asked. "Nope, unless you actually visit the winery in person, in which case Michigan law allows me to ship you one case."

"My output is only 3,500 cases, which is pretty small," said Harwood, who married a woman from Michigan in 1978 and found his hobby turning into a fully permitted family business in 1989.

"Over the years, I've had three distributors in Michigan, but all of them found my wines uneconomical to stock. Even a winery with a 50,000-case production is on the borderline. There are plenty of people in Michigan who would love to buy my wine, but they can't get it because of the law. And there are so many differing laws in the different states, shipping wine to Kentucky, for example, is a felony."

When asked, advocates for the present system like to throw up moralistic rhetoric about "curtailing underage drinking." Sure. Some kid is going to go on the Web and buy 40 bucks a bottle for an ultra-premium wine? A 2004 study by the National Academy of Sciences found that parties, friends and strangers are the most likely ways for kids to get booze, a finding that matches the experience of most parents. (They don't normally get in trouble with premium wines, either.)

I admire the Healds (who write a pretty darn good wine column) for their professionalism and their willingness to take on the nanny state in its lair. I hope the Supremes listen with care next Tuesday. A decision is expected sometime next summer.

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

# Hunting ban is just another step further away from Canton's roots

Another firearms deer hunting season came to an end Tuesday. In all likelihood, it was the last one ever in Canton.

At the urging of Public Safety Director John Santomauro, the board of trustees essentially approved the concept of a complete hunting ban within the township's limits last week. There are still some details to work through, such as how the ordinance would pertain to BB guns and paintball guns, but there was overwhelming support on the board to prohibit the discharge of firearms within the township.



Kurt Kuban

But the process the DNR goes through to make such determinations is very time-consuming, because the department has to hold public hearings and navigate through all the bureaucratic red tape that is state government.

Santomauro says Canton doesn't have the luxury to wait out that process, which he said can take several years. By that time, there just won't be many places left to hunt, he says. And with the exception of a few larger lots where people own more than five acres, he's right.

There just isn't much good hunting to be had in a subdivision, though you would never know it by the names that often mark them, such as Pheasant Run or Deer Creek. I think developers name subs based on the last criterion they saw chased away by their bulldozers. Despite the names, however, hunters should probably head elsewhere unless their quarry is a soccer ball or SUV.

Currently there are a few pockets on Canton's west side where hunting is still allowed, but development is quickly encroaching. Township officials, understanding the possible liability of people walking around with loaded weapons within earshot of backyards and playgrounds, see a need to act quickly on the matter.

So they are prepared to trump the DNR, and enact a law that supersedes the department's jurisdiction.

When it is finalized, this hunting ban will mark the turning of yet another page in the township's history.

Although it was inevitable that this era would come to an end because of all the

development, it is still sad in many ways. Particularly to those of us who were familiar with the town before it became the upscale community it has become.

My grandmother grew up in neighboring Nankin Township, before it became Westland and when it, too, was still a farming community like Canton.

She remembers the Canton of her youth as a place where her brother, and many others like him, would come to hunt, particularly for pheasant. In fact, I've often heard some of the old-timers say they would fire off two boxes of shells on a normal day chasing pheasants in Canton's numerous farm fields and woodlots.

In my grandmother's lifetime, she saw all the places of her youth change.

The country landscape she remembers is a thing of the past.

She grew up with horses, cows and dirt roads. It must be tough for those of her generation to see how much things have changed in this area.

What scares me even more, however, is how much Canton has changed in just my lifetime.

There is no getting around the fact that the pace of sprawl is quickening. It wasn't that long ago that I used to creep down Denton Road with a carload of friends on crisp fall nights looking for the ghost that supposedly resided under a small bridge amongst the corn fields. We never did find the ghost, but I'm pretty sure if it were there, it has been chased away just like the deer and pheasant.

And now the hunters.

One of Santomauro's main contentions for the need of a hunting ban is that Canton is very close to being fully developed, and points to all the new subdivisions on the western fringe of town. "One day you've got a field out there, the next day you've got a subdivision," he said.

It is only a matter of time, and probably not much at that, when Denton and Ridge roads will look very similar to the way Canton Center looks now. At that point, sprawl will have passed Canton by. Where will it end?

Hunting, like farming, is a casualty of this process, which some call progress. Even hunters like me must admit that it just isn't compatible with modern suburbia.

So excuse me for lamenting just one more bit of our heritage that will be relegated to a display at the historical museum.

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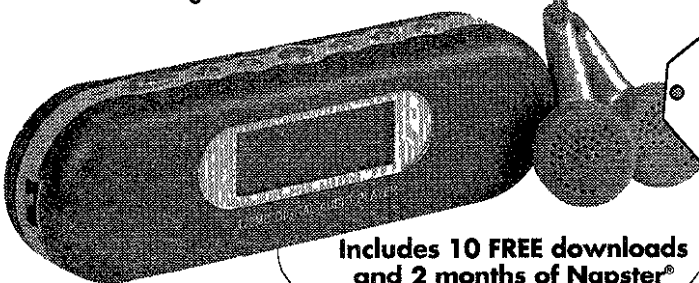
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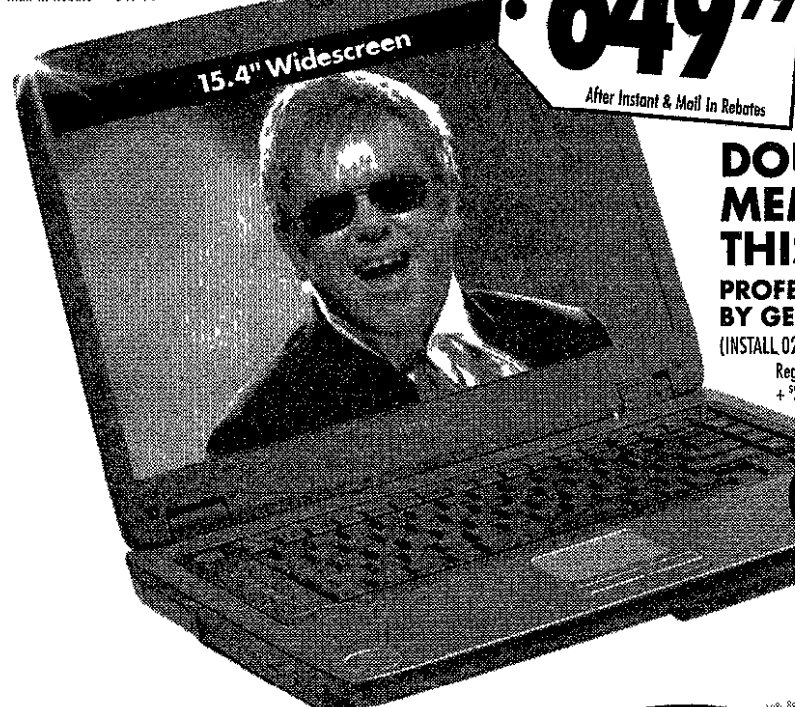
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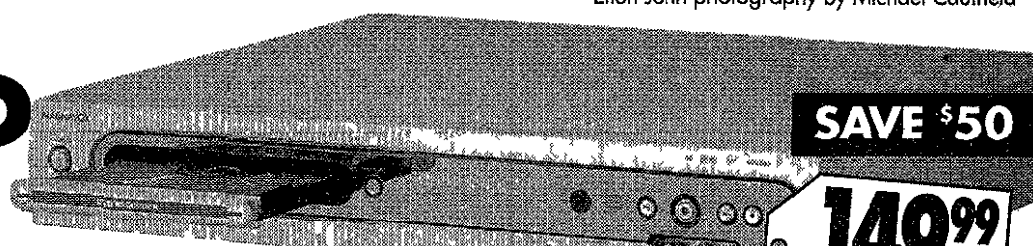
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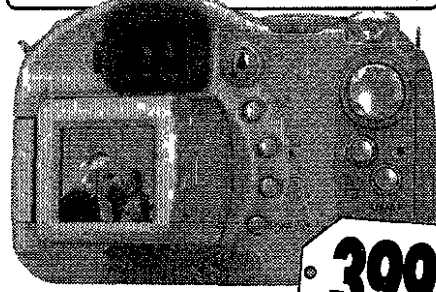
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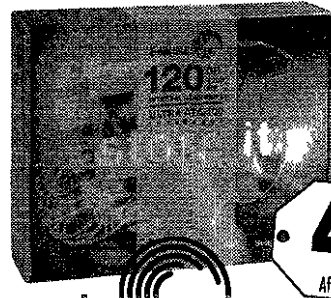
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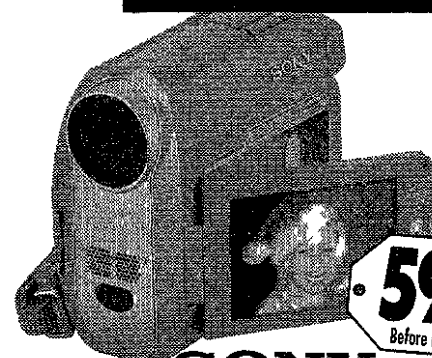
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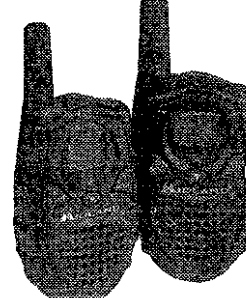
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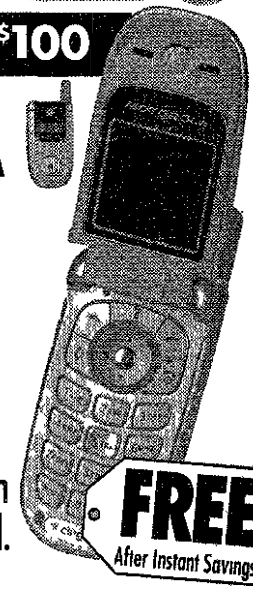
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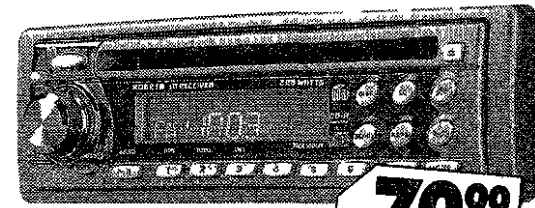
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Dan and Kyle Markey enjoy their Oakland Township home - one of several residences on this year's Holly Walk. The event benefits the Rochester Hills Public Library.

## Comfortable and joyous Holly Walk home furnished with loving care

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

It was love at first sight, Kyle Markey says. She and husband Dan wanted the Oakland Township house as soon as they saw it, the first day it was on the market. The family has lived in the house for 1-1/2 years. It is a comfortable setting for Kyle Markey's various collections and the family's antiques. With such elements as 10 foot ceilings, crown moldings and leaded glass doors, it has structural charm as well as charm from the family's furnishings. "You can love your home, we are in love with our home," Kyle said. The Victorian residence is one of the homes in the area featured on the 13th annual Holly Walk house tour, Sunday, Dec. 12, sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library (see related item). Built in 1998, the house is a replica of a residence featured in *Traditional Homes* magazine in 1982. The owners got the original plans from a home in Atlanta, and discovered it was a copy of a house in Cape May, N.J. It crowns a hilltop, on almost three acres of secluded, wooded property. Among the wildlife are 36 deer that Kyle feeds. (The deer are so used to the family that they recognize the Markey car on the nearby road and follow it up the driveway, Kyle said.) The Markeys spend a lot of time in their screened-in porch, which is filled with flowers in the summer and looks out at the beautiful view all year. The wallpaper in the breezeway has a pattern of birdhouses. From here you can see Kyle's collection of birdhouses on an outside wall. Within half an hour after she first put up the birdhouses, a chickadee had made a nest in one of them, she said.

### 'TIS THE SEASON

Almost everywhere you look, the Markey residence is decorated for the holidays. The family put up the decorations Nov. 2. "Is Christmas your favorite holiday?" Kyle is asked. "Absolutely!" she replies.

PLEASE SEE WALK, B4

# Pine time



## Do research before shopping for Christmas tree

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

For many, it's the time of year to endure the brisk December air in search of the perfect Christmas tree for the holiday season.

Although the type you choose - whether a fir or pine - depends on personal preference, there are a few things to keep in mind when browsing a Christmas tree farm or nursery.

Frank Rumi, owner of Addison Oaks Christmas Tree Farm in Rochester, suggests performing a "freshness test." In other words, put your hand firmly around a branch of a tree and pull it to see how many needles fall off.

"If a lot of needles fall off, the tree is dried out and will probably not last long," Rumi said. "Little or no needles should drop."

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, balsam firs and Scotch pines have excellent needle retention, while white pine, white spruce, Fraser fir, Colorado blue spruce and concolor fir have good needle retention.

Also, Rumi says to look for a tree that's proportionate and has a good shape. The NCTA says white spruce, Fraser fir, Colorado blue spruce and concolor fir all have a pleasing shape.

Linnea Garvey of Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center suggests checking the tree's branches, by feeling and bending them, to make sure they are strong enough to hold ornaments. Garvey said most fir trees have very sturdy branches. According to the NCTA, white spruces and noble firs are the most ornament-friendly Christmas trees.

Also, Garvey recommends looking at the color.

"You want to make sure it has a nice, rich-green color," she said. "If it's a

pea-green color, that's really not a good sign."

The NCTA rates white spruce, Colorado blue spruce and concolor fir as trees that have good foliage color.

### SMELL THE TREE

Another thing to consider when picking out a tree is fragrance. If you want a fragrant tree, Garvey said to choose a fir tree, like a Douglas fir, because it has a "sweet, yummy-evergreen" smell. If you prefer a strong pine scent, she said Scotch pines are a good choice.

If you don't want any scent, the NCTA suggests white pine and Leyland cypress, which have very little aroma. And if you don't want a bad scent, white and Colorado spruces may not be your best bet. The NCTA says these trees have a bad aroma when the needles are crushed.

Lastly, you might want to choose between a tree with soft or hard needles. Garvey said white pines and most firs have the softest needles.

### WATER, WATER, WATER

Once you've picked out your tree you want to make sure you keep it in good condition throughout the holiday season.

The key to doing that involves water, Rumi says as soon as you get your tree home, the trunk should be immediately put into lukewarm water.

"As soon as the tree is severed, the fresh wound wants to heal," Rumi said. "So, if it isn't put into water right away, the tree will start to seal itself off."

More specifically, the cut trunk will form a sap seal, which Rumi said will lessen the tree's water absorption capacity. If you can't get the tree in water right away, Rumi suggests

### TREE FACTS

Here are tree characteristics from the National Christmas Tree Association.

**White Pine** - soft flexible needles (2 1/2-5 inches long), bluish-green in color, good needle retention, little aroma. Not recommended for heavy ornaments.

**White Spruce** - excellent for ornaments, short, stiff needles (1/2 3/4 inches long with blunt tips), bluish-green to green in color, bad aroma when needles are crushed, excellent foliage color, good natural shape. Needle retention is better than in other spruces.

**Fraser Fir** - branches turn slightly upward, good form and needle retention, dark blue green in color, pleasant scent, excellent shipping characteristics.

**Colorado Blue Spruce** - sharp needles (1 1/2 inches in length), bluish-gray in color, bad odor when needles are crushed, good symmetrical form, attractive blue foliage, good needle retention.

**Concolor Fir** - small, narrow needles (1-1 1/2 inches in length and occur in rows), good foliage color, good needle retention, pleasing shape and aroma.

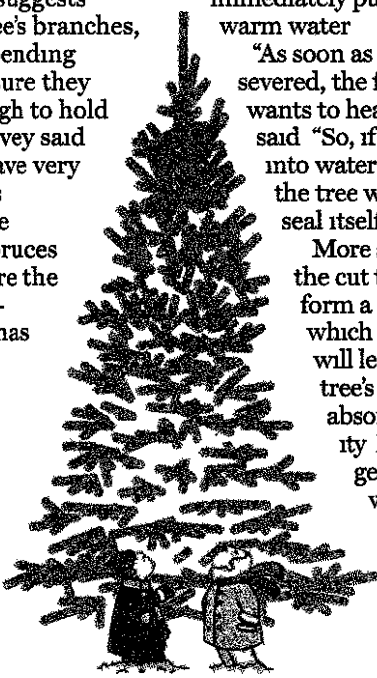
**Douglas Fir** - soft needles (1 1/2 inches in length), dark green to blue green in color, needles radiate in all directions from the branch. Needles have a sweet fragrance when crushed.

**Balsam Fir** - needles (3/4-1 1/2 inches in length) last a very long time and has a dark green appearance. Retains its pleasing fragrance throughout the Christmas season.

**Scotch Pine** - needles (approximately 1 inch in length) don't fall when they're dry, excellent needle retention. Bright green, excellent survival rate, great "keep" ability, will remain fresh throughout the holiday season.

**Noble Fir** - needles turn upward, exposing lower branches, known for its beauty, long "keep" ability. Its stiff branches make it a good tree for heavy ornaments.

**Leyland Cypress** - dark green gray in color, very little aroma, does not produce sap. Branches are stout and woody and respond very well to trimming, small-medium in size, foliage becomes extremely dense.



PLEASE SEE TREES, B3

# ACCENTS

## Update lights

If you're like many homeowners, you string up the same old Christmas lights year after year without ever giving much thought to their condition.

Here are five ways to know when it's time to retire your holiday lights.

■ **Fried and frayed.** If wires are frayed and discolored, or sparks fly when you plug them in, trash them and head straight to the store for



a new batch. You don't want to risk a fire.

■ **Big, bulky bulbs.** We've all used them, but those large bulbs, circa 1962, are out. With all of the new twinkle lights available (including the popular icicle variety), why drag out your old clunkers? By now, the paint on the bulbs is probably chipped - not to mention those old-fashioned bulbs can get mighty hot.

■ **Burnt-out bulbs.** If more lights are out than working on your string of lights, it's time to trade them in for some new ones. Let's face it, you'll never replace individual bulbs.

■ **All knotted up.** Many people uncover a knotted mess of lights when they search through the boxes of holiday decorations. Make things easier on yourself, and skip the hassle of unknotting the clump. Buy new lights, and this year, make sure to wrap them up neatly for use next year.

■ **Outrageous color.** "Thought you'd be all the rage with pink and blue lights? Well, perhaps this year you'll succumb to tradition and trade in those "unique" hues for something more Christmas-y."

## HVAC upgrade

The *Flintstones* debuted on TV in October 1960, with Fred and Wilma living in a cave in Bedrock.

While a bit "primitive" in many ways, this cave had clever upgrades that made it OK. And if your "digs" are a bit "primitive," too, you might want to do some upgrading of your own.

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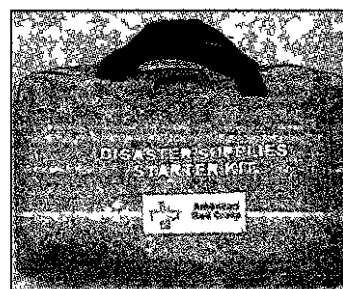
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# West Bloomfield garden is a treat for the birds, animals

Ruth Chosid's tropical garden in West Bloomfield begins its show in early spring when pink blooms of crabapple trees form a canopy above the garden.

Many daffodils and other bulbs also greet the spring season. Summer color is bright and lively and the snow cover in winter shows silhouettes of



**Garden Spot**

Marty Figley

plants and architectural objects.

An interesting tree inspired Ruth and chief landscape designer, Jim Slezinski of Goldner Walsh Nursery Slezinski says, "We took advantage of a large very old native box elder tree when we designed a garden area for the birds. Some of the large, heavy branches lie almost parallel to the ground which provides a frame of the view from a distance that is striking."

This area is a positive treat for the birds. Four types of viburnum, nannyberry, double file, leatherleaf, and withered have showy flowers, followed by decorative fruits. As they ripen, the berries turn white/pink/porcelain blue, scarlet or blue/black. Other trees include Castor Aralia that attracts birds with its black berries and serviceberry with

purple fruits. A buckthorn was removed and replaced with a Washington hawthorn. It also provides fruit for birds and a haven for them because of the thorny branches. Also, two pawpaw trees, a butterfly nolina, daylilies and sedge, with grass-like yellow/green foliage, are perfectly situated.

A summer part of the garden attracts butterflies, and they do visit often. They are treated to a smorgasbord of annual and perennial plants such as raspberry astilbe, red bee balm, red and pink hibiscus, purple Joe Pye, Brazilian verbena, blue/pink Japanese anemone, blue and white false indigo. There are also tall white spikes of bugbane, and a mixture of groundcovers, including pachysandra with leaves that look as though they have been polished, and sweet woodruff. "I can see the butterfly garden clearly from my kitchen window, especially when the sun shines on it," Chosid said.

All of the plants are very large, annuals as well as the many perennials. Most of the tropicals need to be over-wintered in the basement. An edible fig tree is put away for the

winter in a trench. The plant is bent over to fit the trench, then covered with compost. The bananas, some of them reach 12 feet in height, go to the basement for the winter, as does the orange/yellow lantana on standard.

Other tropicals are dug from the garden then are repotted to spend winter in the basement. Those that grow in pots remain in the pots when they are stored. Professional potting soil mix is used, they are watered regularly while in their winter quarters and fertilized when they are returned to the garden the first part of June, when the ground is warm. Composted cow manure, and a slow release fertilizer enriches the soil, and summer care consists of regular watering and weeding.

I never have seen such large Japanese painted ferns, New Guinea, impatiens, rocket plants and hostas. The hosta of the year 2004, a solid gold plant Sum and Substance, a blue green upright beauty with narrow curved margins is a fine addition. It was chosen for this honor by the American Hosta Growers Association.

Most of the strategically placed objects are made of resin. A large elephant reclines near the elephant ear plants. A colorful, exotic ceramic peacock adds its special beauty, and a monkey made of creeping fig and spaghnum moss swings from a tree. A little elf rests in a peaceful spot in a corner and Chosid cautions small visitors to be very quiet so they won't wake him. These art pieces are well-placed and add to the design rather than detracting from it.

Many wild animals come to visit and Chosid keeps a plentiful supply of food for them all. Consequently they generally don't harm the garden plants, but, when a banana produced fruit, the deer promptly ate it! As an extra precaution, diluted liquid fence is sprayed on the perennials to deter the more aggressive animals.

While the garden is beautiful during the day, many lights glow throughout the garden at night.

Chosid says, "The garden is a joy at any time - my own tropical paradise." **GOODGARDEN TIP** Take



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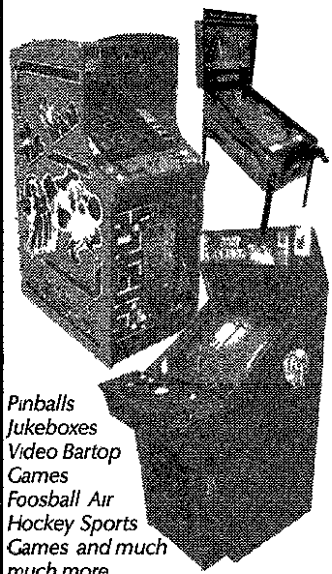
Ruth Chosid of West Bloomfield enjoys her garden with Humphrey the elephant, as they sit among the large elephant ears.

time this winter to evaluate your garden so you're prepared with ideas for the coming garden season.

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# Don't mess with the CPSC

I recently read an article in a trade magazine with the headline "Consumer Product Safety Commission disputes Consumer Reports claim of unsafe products in stores."

After reading this article in the December issue of Appliance Service News I believe that the CPSC has taken umbrage with Consumer Reports. We will hear more about this in the future.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has taken exception to a recent article in Consumer Reports magazine that claims many unsafe products are still available in retail stores nationwide, the article states. In a letter posted on its Web site, CPSC states that the Consumer Reports article, "Hazard in Aisle 5," incorrectly



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asserts that it found 48 consumer products that violated safety standards.

Based on an analysis of information from Consumers Union, CPSC technical experts concluded that at least 34 of the products listed by Consumer Reports do not violate any CPSC standard, according to spokesman Eric Criss. Two additional products had already been recalled by the agency before the article was published, he added. CPSC

continues its efforts to locate and evaluate the remaining products identified by Consumer Reports," Criss said.

The agency also says the magazine asserts that the number of recalls is declining, when, in fact, the numbers are rising. In 2003 CPSC ordered 279 recalls, compared to 356 during the first nine months of 2004. And civil penalties issued so far in 2004 on firms marketing unsafe products is \$4.2 million, the third highest in the agency's 30-year history, Criss added.

The CPSC has removed so much junk from the marketplace in 30 years and I doubt if they have ever been wrong in protecting and saving the lives of American citizens, especially the children.

I am jumping on the side of the CPSC in this one because I believe in them. I was working for Amana when the microwave was invented by Amana's parent company Raytheon. Consumers Union called a news conference with all three major television networks and reported that microwave ovens were dangerous to use and would cause all sorts of ill effects to the human body.

After causing such alarm they admitted to the errors of their ways and printed a retraction.

This time, I believe they took on the wrong people. You don't fool around with the CPSC, no matter who you think you are of American citizens, especially the children.

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## Organize your winter coats, hats

How do I organize things like coats, hats, gloves, swimming items, and other things we do not use year round?

Let's start with a system to organize winter items



### Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

It is important that you have enough storage space and that you have a system that requires low maintenance. Low maintenance means dividing items into categories and training everyone to put items back where they belong.

Create a place for every item. Store heavy coats and jackets in a closet. Another option is to mount hooks in a garage or mud room. Purchase a laundry basket in which to store boots. Everyone will be able to locate their boots quickly when a snow storm comes. Keep the basket in a mud room or on a closet floor.

You will need several containers so you can put like items together. Place gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and neck warmers in separate baskets. To avoid losing gloves, clothespin mates together as you take them off and put them in their basket. Clip the clothespin onto the rim of the basket when the gloves are in use. Put the baskets in a convenient location such as the closet floor or a shelf. You may substitute boxes for baskets to separate items.

A vinyl shoe rack can also be used to store small articles because it has many compartments for separating items. Hang this rack on a wall or the back of a door.

Separating articles and placing them in plastic grocery bags that hang from hooks provides a very inexpensive storage method. Convenient locations for gloves and hats include coat pockets or sleeves.

During warmer months store winter items in the basement or the attic. Place coats on hangers in a plastic garment bag or in a basement closet.

Protect your wool clothing with moth treatment.

Young children will need to be able to reach their coats easily, so use low hooks and avoid hangers until children are old enough to put their coats on hangers and hang them in the closet. Show them where to put their hats and mittens when they remove them. You can make a game out of organizing their items into the baskets so they will think it is fun to put things in the proper place. Put two baskets on the closet floor, one for mittens and one for hats. Tell your child to toss his hat into the correct container.

Use the same system with summer items as winter clothing. Summer items include beach, swimming, and picnic supplies. Group items by category, placing each group in a separate container.

Put beach balls, goggles, and blow-up tubes in one container.

Put pool shoes in a small basket located in your garage.

Purchase a plastic or canvas handled bag for beach or pool items. Keep it packed with beach towels, suntan lotion, sunglasses, and a change purse with coins for snacks.

Gather together items needed for a picnic and store them together. You will need a small cooler and picnic basket. Fill the picnic basket with the following items: tablecloth, plastic plates, cups and utensils, napkins, salt and pepper. You will be ready for a picnic at a minutes notice.

The shelf or closet space you designate in your basement for winter items can also be used for summer items. Simply rotate winter and summer items from the shelf or closet. Put items upstairs when they are in season. Place summer items on a shelf in your garage during the warm season. Winter things will need to be kept inside.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "In season or off season, organize all your extra items!"

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What would Christmas be without the family gathered around the tree to open presents?

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When you purchase your Christmas tree from a vendor or cut your own from a tree farm, heed the important advice to keep it well watered. This will help maintain its fresh fragrance and deep color through the holiday, as well as prevent it from becoming a fire hazard.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, a department of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Christmas trees account for more than 400 fires annually, resulting in deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in home damage.

Typically these fires are started by shorts in the electrical system of tree lights, candle flames, or matches and lighters ignited near tree limbs.

Well-watered trees can fend off a fire. Dry, neglected trees have the propensity to go up like a torch. It only takes seconds for a tree fire to spread to uncontrollable levels. To prevent the possibility of fire in your home, play it safe with your tree.

■ Keep the pine tree stand filled with water daily.

■ Inspect electrical lines for shorts or frayed wiring.

■ Do not use lit candles on your tree - you're asking for trouble.

■ Keep open flames, cigarettes and other fire-inducing objects away from the tree.

■ Place your tree away from radiators, heaters or fireplaces so it won't dry out as quickly or catch fire.

■ If your tree already shows signs of dryness, remove it from your house.

## TREES

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making a fresh cut by cutting off about a quarter inch off the trunk when you are ready to put it in water.

And once the tree is in water, keep it there.

To keep a tree healthy for the Christmas season, the most important thing to do is to keep it in adequate water, he said. "Never let the water source go dry."

Garvey agrees that water is integral to a healthy holiday tree. She said you should put your tree in water immediately after it's cut, and no later than 12 hours. She said if you don't plan to decorate the tree right away, it should be kept outside - a good place is the garage - so it doesn't lose moisture.

Make sure to replenish the water so it never goes below the cut - remember the sap seals - and keep the tree away from warm surfaces, such as televisions, heaters and fireplaces, which will cause dehydration.

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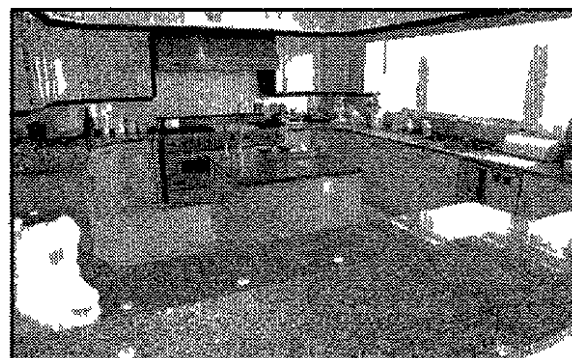
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Dan and Kyle Markey's home is decorated for the holidays inside and out. The decor furnishings and various collections are among the attractions of the house featured on the Holly Walk.



The Snowman Room in the Markey home is filled with Kyle Markey's collection of almost 700 snowmen.

**HOLLY WALK**

**What** A tour of six homes in Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library and benefits the library. Bring house slippers or plan to tour in stocking feet. Bags will be provided for shoes and boots. Refreshments will be served at the dairy barn at Van Hoosen Farm where two exhibits will be on display. Rest rooms are available at the barn. Door prizes have been donated by Dillman & Upton, Parisian, Williams' Sonoma, Chez Nous, Hepplewhite's, Sharon's Hallmark, Chapman House, 227 Bistro, the Friends Used Book Sale Committee and the Friends Library Store.

**When:** noon to 5 p.m. Sunday Dec 12

**Tickets:** \$20 sold in advance only. To buy tickets by mail, send a self-addressed envelope with a check payable to the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library to Holly Walk Tickets, Friends Library Store, 500 Old Town 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 (at the library), Heslop's at the Village of Rochester Hills, Sharon's Hallmark at Rochester Hills Plaza and University Square, and Werner's Hallmark at Adams and Silverbell and at 25 Mile and Dequandre.

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**WALK**

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The open porch and side gazebo are adorned with lights, garlands and red ribbons. A small evergreen with artificial snow and pine cones stands on a table. On a chair is an arrangement of greenery and birds.

Inside, a wreath covered with tiny Santas - which are from Kyle's Santa collection - hangs on a wall in the foyer.



This grandfather's clock from 1740 has been in the family for generations. It still keeps perfect time.

**LIVING ROOM**

In a corner of the living room stands a grandfather's clock from 1740. The clock, which still works, has been in the family for generations.

Kyle's father was a nationally recognized clock collector who owned 250 pieces. One of these, a graceful wall clock in another room, features a small, colorful pattern so delicate it almost looks as though it had been sewn.

The fireplace has a stately wooden mantel. Two sofas, and a square coffee table with a glass top and wrought-iron base, form a cozy grouping in front of it.

The rooms are inviting throughout the home, whether the furnishings are elegant and classic - such as the mantel and a magnificent armchair - or lighter in tone - such as pink armchairs and a large round ottoman dressed in a lively floral design.

"We're not formal," Kyle said.

Another room is the Snowman Room. Kyle has a collection of almost 700 snowmen, and they are in joyous

The table is set for the holidays, with two large hurricane lamps in the center, surrounded by berries and holding red candles in snow-like material.

Each place setting has a different pattern for the season. Flatware is in small stockings with holiday designs in needlepoint.

**LOWER, UPPER**

The lower level features a full kitchen, a breakfast bar, and a bath. The design and colors of the stained glass window in the bathroom door match those of the wallpaper pattern inside.

Also on the lower level is a sitting area, with sofas and a large screen TV.

And there's another tree, this one holding family ornaments that the Markeys' sons, now ages 21 and 18, accumulated while growing up.

"When they leave they will get the ornaments," Kyle said.

On the second floor, a large quilt hangs on a landing wall. The quilt was made for the Markeys by a friend, Judy Kellerman, as a housewarming gift. Each block represents a prominent woman, including Harriet Beecher Stowe, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart and Helen Keller.

The office on this floor includes a large desk, two black leather armchairs with brass studs and built-in shelves. A small winding staircase stands in a corner. Prints of loons - the family's favorite

bird - are arranged on a wall. The laundry room, also on the second floor, is cheery, with bright pink cabinets.

Pink, white and green striped wallpaper is in the center of the front of each cabinet, edged with a light green, zigzag trim.

"I had fun with this," Kyle said.

"I'm in here every day."

**HOLLY WALK**

The Holly Walk benefits the library.

"We have six outstanding homes again this year in Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township, all decorated for the holidays," said

David Bates, chairman of the Holly Walk committee.

The committee spends June, July and August - and sometimes September, too - finding residences for the tour, he said.

The 1927 dairy barn at the Van Hoosen Farm will be open for the Holly Walk, featuring two displays: A Lively Town. The History of Rochester 1817-1952 and Ride the Rails, a model train exhibit. Refreshments will be served at the barn.

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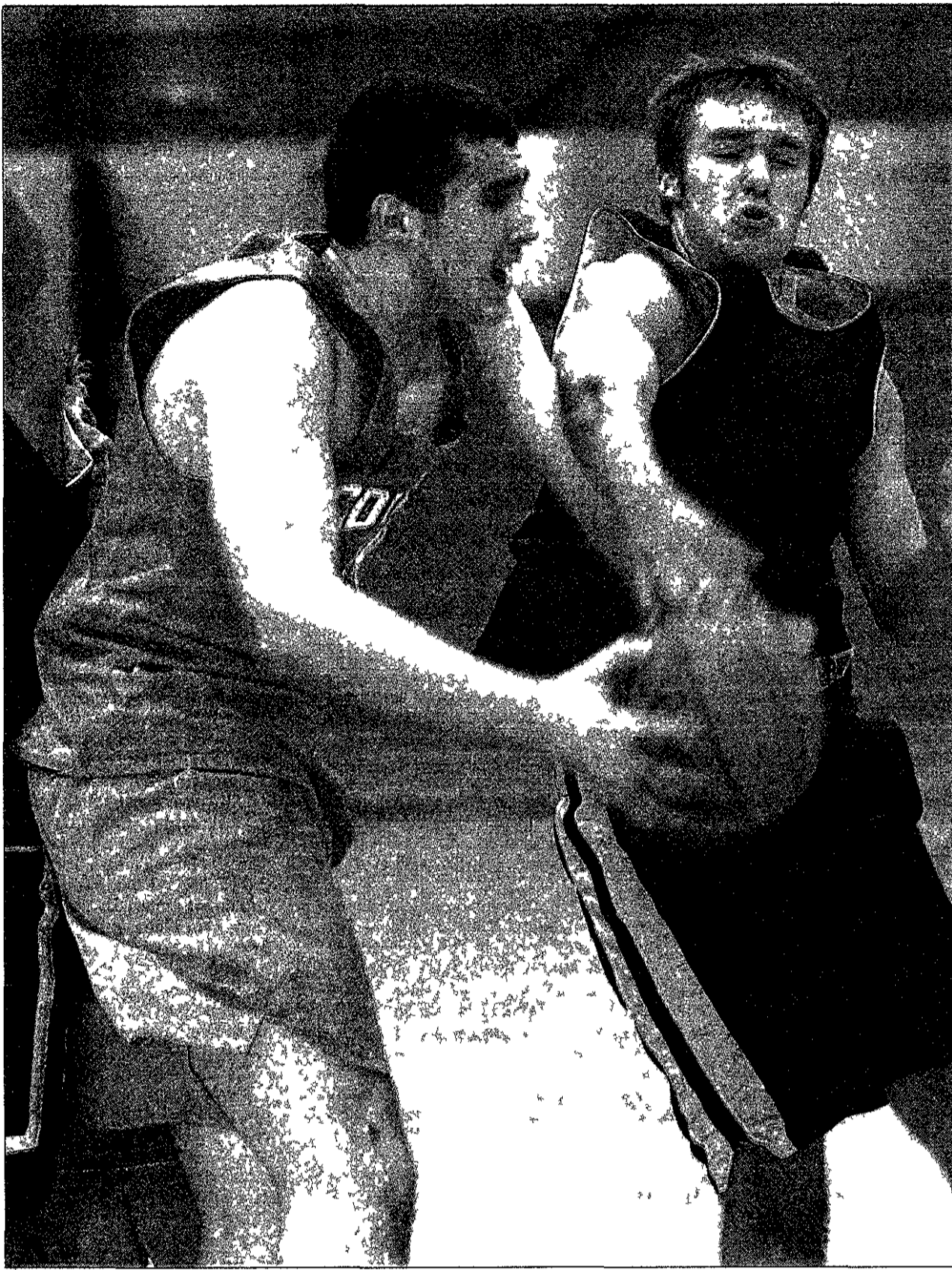
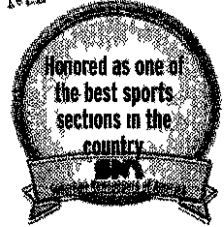
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Plymouth's Jim Wilbur (right) battles Garden City's Brandon Craft for a rebound during the two teams' pre-season scrimmage Tuesday afternoon in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Wilbur should be one of the Wildcats' top defensive players this season.

PLEASE SEE WILDCATS, C3

## Don't blink ... or you could miss plenty of 'Cat hoop action

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you blink during a Plymouth High School boys basketball game this season, you're liable to miss a few trips up and down the floor.

Under the guidance of first-year coach Tom Van Wagoner, the Wildcats plan on deploying 84 feet of defensive pressure and an up-tempo offense that pushes the ball up the court at a relentless pace.

"We have a youthful team, with no seniors, so we'll make a lot of mistakes that young teams make," said Van Wagoner, who was the head coach at Dearborn

### PREP HOOP PREVIEW

Henry Ford Academy last season. "But we have a lot of good athletes who can run the floor and they go after every loose ball. Our kids go after it in practice every day."

Van Wagoner, who will be assisted on the bench this season by his cousin, Dave Van Wagoner, said the Wildcats' pre-season scrimmage Tuesday afternoon against Garden City and Dearborn Heights Crestwood couldn't have gone better.

"I thought we played very, very well," he said. "We have a well-balanced team with several players who can score and defend. We made 10 3-pointers Tuesday and they came from a number of different players."

The senior-less Wildcats will be led this year by a nucleus of players that played a schedule that included junior varsity and varsity competition last season. Leading the way will be 5-10 junior point guard Brent Jones, who was the quarterback of the Wildcats football team, 6-4 junior forward Josh Leduc, 5-9 guard Vernon Stewart, and 6-3 sophomore forward Kulraj Sandhu.

Other key contributors will be 6-1 junior forward Jim Wilbur, a standout on the Plymouth soccer team, 6-0 junior guard D.J. Coleman, probably the fastest player on the roster, and 6-1 junior guard Alex Harvey.

First-year players that Van Wagoner will be relying on heavily are 6-5 freshman center Jake Hager, trans-

## Sidelines

### Foster honored

Air Force sophomore goalie Peter Foster, a native of Canton, was named the College Hockey America's defenseman of the week last week. It was Foster's third such honor of the season.

Foster led the Falcons to the title in the 54th annual Rensselaer/HSBC Holiday Hockey Tournament by stopping 64 of 66 shots, including 32 in the championship game.

On Friday, Air Force won its second consecutive overtime contest, defeating Sacred Heart, 3-2, in the tournament semifinals. Nineteen of the 34 shots Foster turned away came on power-play opportunities. He stopped all but one as Air Force won in the game's 73rd minute.

On Saturday, Foster posted his national-best fourth shutout of the season by turning aside all 32 Rensselaer shots, including 14 in the final period to preserve the Falcons' one-goal lead.

Foster was named to the all-tournament team and he earned the event's most valuable player award.

### 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.

### Hockey meeting

The PCCS Hockey Booster Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of current players are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 254-9234.

MSU softball clinic: The Michigan State University softball team will be holding its ninth annual All-Positions Skills Clinic Dec. 27-29 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The camp is open to players aged 10-18. The cost is \$120. Call (517) 432-1039, or visit [www.msuspartans.com](http://www.msuspartans.com), then hit the "softball" icon.

### Soccer honors

Albion College soccer player Ashley Rosaen, a graduate of Canton High School, received honorable mention recognition recently in the Michigan Independent Athletic Association for her efforts this past season for the Britons.

Rosaen played in all 20 games for the 10-8-2 Britons and tallied nine goals and two assists. She also recorded to game-winning goals.

## Rock icers take third at tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Salem wasn't the host with the most at the inaugural Salem Invitational Hockey Tournament this past weekend at the Plymouth Cultural Center, but the Rocks played well despite their third-place showing.

Salem came within an eyelash of advancing to the championship game against Utica Eisenhower, but Friday night it dropped a dramatic 1-0 contest to Chippewa Valley, the tourney's eventual champ.

Following two scoreless opening periods, the Eagles' Brian Munro scored with 6:19 left in the game to spoil a stellar game in net by the Rocks' Brandon DeMars. Chippewa Valley's Kurt Hemmingsen was equally spectacular between the pipes, turning away all of the Rocks' shots.

"It was as close of a game as the score would indicate," Salem coach Fred Feiler said. "We had our chances and they had their chances, but they were able to get one in with about six minutes left to play, and we couldn't. Our entire defensive corps played a great game. It's hard to point out one player who stood out because they all played well."

The Rocks' offense exploded for five goals in Saturday's third-place consolation contest, a 5-3 triumph over Waterford Mott. Chris Wilson opened the scoring with a goal off an assist from Tommy Cooper. John Maurer made it 2-0 at the 5:34 mark of the first period when he scored off a pass from Adam Gilkin.

The resilient Corsairs rebounded to score the game's next three goals, two by Ryan McWilliams and one from Greg Smith.

## Talented replacements to lead PCA

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

More than 33 points a game in scoring from last season's Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team walked across the stage during graduation ceremonies in June, so you'd think coach Doug Taylor may be feeling a little blue heading into the upcoming 2004-05 campaign.

But Taylor is actually pretty optimistic and for good reason.

Taylor and his Eagles will no doubt miss the graduated Daniel Carty (13.1 points per game), Ben Baloga (11.2) and Lou Tripp (5.9) from last year's 13-8 squad that finished third in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division, but the talented trio has capable replacements waiting in the wings to soar this season.

### PREP HOOP PREVIEW

"We have some good players coming back, so we have an opportunity to be better this season," Taylor said. "We have a good balance of forwards and guards, but the question is, can we put it all together?"

The Eagles' leading returner is 6-3 forward Aaron Ciborowski, who averaged a team-high 14.3 points per game and 11.1 rebounds per contest during the 2003-04 campaign. He shot 45 percent from the field and canned 73 percent of his free-throw attempts.

"Aaron is one of those kids that goes after every rebound," Taylor said. "He set the school record for most rebounds in a season last year, which is good considering we've had some good players here

over the years."

Six-foot senior point guard Stephen Sumner will quarterback the Eagles' offense. As a junior, Sumner scored 7.5 points a game, dished out over two assists per contest and shot 75 percent from the free-throw line.

Stephen should be one of the better points guards in the league this season," Taylor said. "He's a very solid, steady point guard."

Senior John Wendt (6-1) will man the other forward position for the Eagles. The other front-court starter — at least early in the season — will be newcomer Devyn Govan, a 6-2 sophomore.

"John gave us a lot of solid minutes last season," Taylor said. "He's a very good rebounder and he can run the floor on offense. Devyn can really jump and he

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## Vigilante sparks Whalers' 4-2 victory

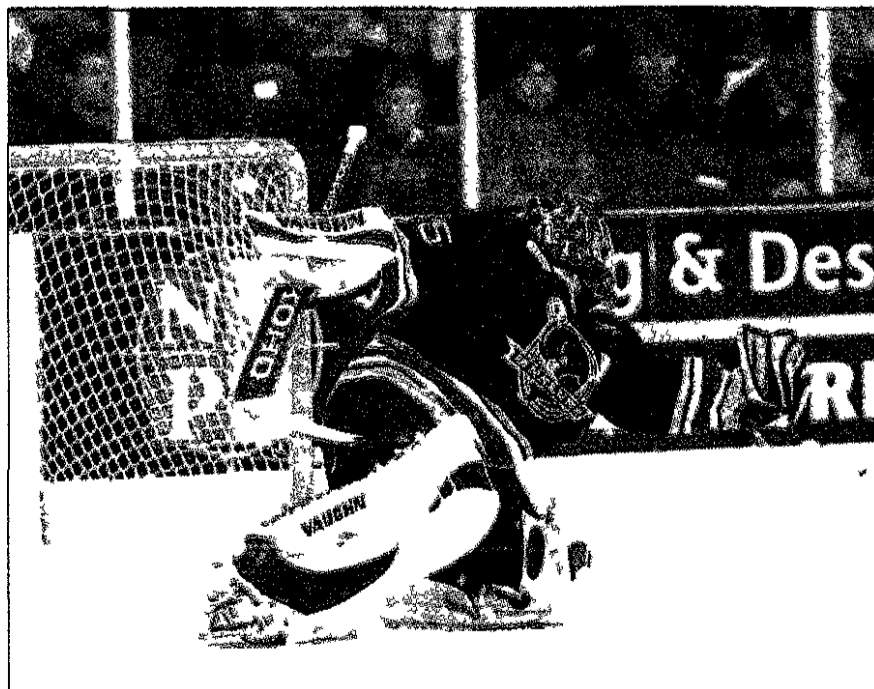
John Vigilante's goal at 15:40 of the second period snapped a 2-2 tie and sparked the Plymouth Whalers to a 4-2 victory over the Peterborough Petes in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 3,853 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Dan Collins, John Armstrong and John Mitchell also scored for Plymouth (9-11-4-2) with Mitchell and Vigilante adding two assists each. Dan Ryder and Greg Williams scored for Peterborough (12-10-3-3), which had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie continued his stellar play, stopping 38 of 40 shots and was lauded as the game's first star. Nie, who has been involved in every Whaler victory this season, leads the OHL with 1,327 minutes played in 23 games. He lowered his goals-against average to 2.31 while raising his save percentage to .921.

The win vaulted the Whalers into sole possession of second place in the OHL's West Division with 24 points, one point ahead of Sault Ste. Marie (10-12-3-0).

Plymouth returns to the ice Friday night when it hosts Mississauga at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers will host Kitchener Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.



Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie reaches to make one of his 38 saves in Saturday night's 4-2 victory over Peterborough. The win moved the Whalers into second place in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division.

# Chief grapplers are building solid future

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The speed at which successful athletic programs are built is often based on the blueprints used by the coaches.

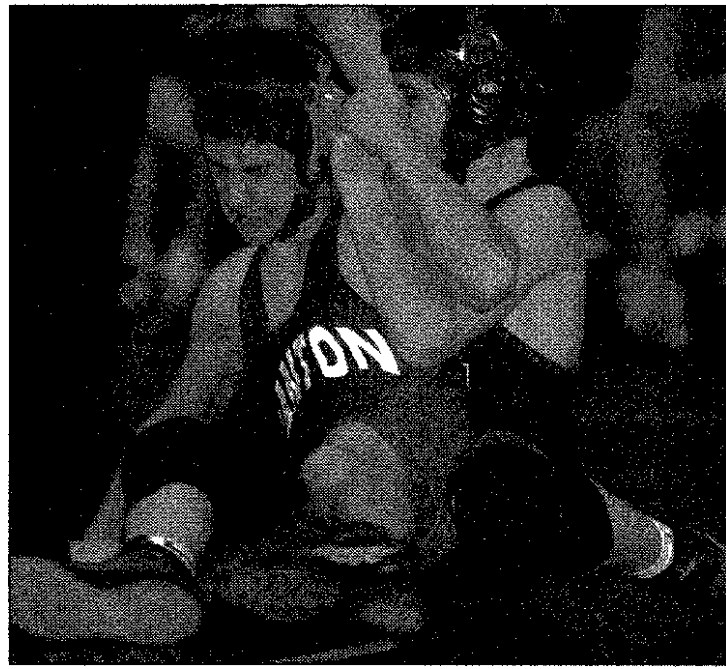
The blueprints that are being used by Canton coach Casey Randolph to construct the Chiefs' wrestling team into a consistent winner are similar to the ones he used at Hudson High School, which was a state power and went 34-1 his final year as co-coach.

That probably explains why Randolph has the Chiefs quickly heading in the right direction in his third year at the helm.

Canton finished 11-3 in dual meets last season and placed third in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Considering they lost just two starters off last year's squad, the Chiefs should be a force to be reckoned with during the 2004-05 campaign.

"We've come a long way since my first year when 11 of my 14 starting wrestlers were in their first year of wrestling," said Randolph. "This team has the ability to compete with anybody right now. A couple of our wrestlers are recovering from football injuries, but we're close to being at full strength."

Canton lost just two regular contributors off last year's



Canton's Sam Santilli will be one of the Chiefs' top returners in the lighter weight classifications this season. He compiled over 20 victories last season.

squad Steve Hosey, who wrestled at 145, and 215-pound competitor Dave Kersten.

Among the top returners will be senior captains Jay Fleischmann (119 pounds), Ryan Webb (140) and P.J. Caram (189). Webb finished eighth at last year's state meet while Caram racked up over 30 victories and qualified for the Division 1 regional tournament.

"P.J. really struggled his sophomore year and he was ready to give the sport up," said Randolph. "But he kept at it

and really turned it around last year."

Canton's most accomplished grappler is sophomore Corey Phillips, who finished seventh in the state in his weight class as a ninth-grader.

"Corey wrestled nationally for Team Michigan this summer and came within one point of being named All-American," Randolph said. "His work ethic is phenomenal and he's a tenacious competitor. For a young guy, he gets after it."

The teams lighter weights

will be filled out by junior Ryan Schnettler, junior Sam Santilli, senior Nick Poole, sophomore Adam Fleischmann (Jay's younger brother), senior Pete Bonneau and senior John McCue. Santilli was impressive last season, racking up over 20 wins. Anchoring the middle weights along with Phillips and Webb will be junior Konrad Konsitzke, who exceeded the 30-victory plateau last year as a sophomore, senior Matt Sweda, junior Marwan Faraj and senior Alex Freitag.

"Konrad is very solid and will wrestle at 140 and 145 for us," Randolph said. "I want to get Matt, Marwan and Alex all in the line-up if possible."

The top-third of the Chiefs' line-up will feature junior Alex Amberg and Chris Haase (160 and 171), senior Pat McWhirter and sophomore Keil Price (171), Caram, senior Chris Petrick and junior Tom Bonnell (215), and heavyweights Donnie Larame and Wardell Fuqua, both sophomores.

In an effort to stress strong academics among his wrestlers, Randolph has instituted a mandatory one-hour study session prior to each practice. The academic plan should turn into another strong element in the Chiefs' up-and-coming construction project.



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Plymouth wrestlers Danny Jammoul (top) and Taylor Fox work on pinning combinations during Tuesday afternoon's practice. Jammoul is the Wildcats' top 215-pound grappler while Fox wrestles at 189.

# Wildcat grapplers look to build on last year's success

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The good news for the Plymouth High School wrestling team is that no one graduated from last year's Division 2 district championship squad.

The bad news for the Wildcats is that they will be lacking crucial senior leadership this year as they are elevated to Division 1 status.

In the estimation of third-year coach Sam Amine, the good news overshadows the bad.

"We have a tough, balanced line-up that doesn't have any holes," said Amine, a former four-time All-State wrestler at Warren Lincoln High School. "But at the same time, we're very young with no seniors. The kids are in great shape, so our goal is to get to the regionals again this year. Some teams will probably look past us a little bit because we are so young, but we're going to be competitive."

Amine's squad consists of several athletes who competed for the Wildcats soccer and football teams in the fall, thus they were in prime shape when practice began two weeks ago. The former University of Michigan wrestler also coordinates a stringent off-season workout program to help accelerate the skills of his grapplers, many of whom never competed in the sport prior to high school since there are no middle-school wrestling programs in the Plymouth/Canton School District.

"Wrestling is all about endurance and attitude, and we are good in both of those," Amine said.

The five lighter weight classes will be manned by a combination of sophomore Amr Pakray, sophomore Sasha Besco (the lone female on the team), junior Ben Gibson, sophomore Ben Kosmalski and captain Steve

Korpus, who compiled an impressive 27-9 record last year.

"Steve is one of the leaders on this team," Amine stressed. "He worked his butt off during the off-season and was one of the most dedicated wrestlers when it came to our open wrestling sessions this past summer."

Leading the middle weights are freshman Andrew Tate, freshmen Andrew Saunders, sophomore Ryan Hoeman, junior Ali Youseff (a regional qualifier last season), junior Jon Hagar (the nephew of rocker Sammy Hagar), junior Brandon Garcia, junior Khalil Hakami and junior captain Ramir Pakray, the older brother of Amr.

Ramir worked really hard in the off-season and was always in our wrestling room during the off-season," Amine said. "He's very dedicated."

The top third in weight classes — which could be the team's strongest area — for the Wildcats will be filled by freshman Vincent Darofie, junior captain Taylor Fox, junior captain Danny Jammoul and heavyweight Shaun Bailey. Fox and Bailey both excelled for the Plymouth football team.

Danny Jammoul is very tough, Amine asserted. He works so hard, and he gets better the more he wrestles. "Taylor Fox is probably one of our hardest workers as well. He gives 100 percent even when he is sick."

Amine is optimistic about his team's chances, especially considering the long hours the Wildcats have spent in the wrestling room the past several months.

"I'm looking for a good season," he said. "Even though we're young, we're not going to baby ourselves and use that as an excuse. There are a lot of solid teams in our conference, but I think we can compete."

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# Inexperienced Rocks could shine in 04-05

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Attitude is everything when it comes to wrestling, according to veteran Salem wrestling coach Greg Woochuk.

If that's the case, the Rock wrestling team would be wise to feed off Woochuk's positive disposition as he heads into his 19th year at the helm of the Salem program.

While many coaches would be downcast after losing 13 starting grapplers to graduation like Woochuk did last year, he



Stump

remains upbeat and optimistic that this year team's can match — or surpass — last year's unit's 12-4 dual-meet record. "We have a lot of inexperienced wrestlers, so we're definitely an unproven team at this point," Woochuk said. "And it's tough when you don't have a middle school feeder program like a lot of the surrounding

communities have. But we have a lot of good, hard working kids who form a cohesive team. I think we're going to have a good season."

The lighter weights will be manned by sophomore Jeremy Stankewitz, senior Ryan Wallace, sophomore Nick Steiger, senior Matt Keffeler and senior Ryan Stump, who finished second in the state at 103 pounds as a sophomore.

"We're looking for a nice year out of Ryan this season," Woochuk said.

The middle-weight classes will be filled out by senior Josh Anson, junior Cory Mervyn, senior Scott Fysh, senior Ryan Plater, senior Ryan Olson, junior Jake Bennett and junior Val Gu.

"Scott Fysh has a good chance

of making it to the state meet this year," said Woochuk.

Junior Val Gu, senior Kevin Mlynek, junior Andrew Ross, senior Jeremy Henderson, senior Alex Smith and heavyweights Steve Kaptur and John Miller should give the Rocks a stellar top-of-the-roster line-up. "We have a well-rounded team, but our heavier weights are probably the strongest part of the line-up," Woochuk said.

Woochuk, who is assisted by Peter Israel, Charlie Hamblin and Ronnie Thompson, said the Western Lakes Activities Association should be very competitive with Livonia Churchill, Westland John Glenn, Walled Lake Western and Wayne Memorial at the top of the heap.

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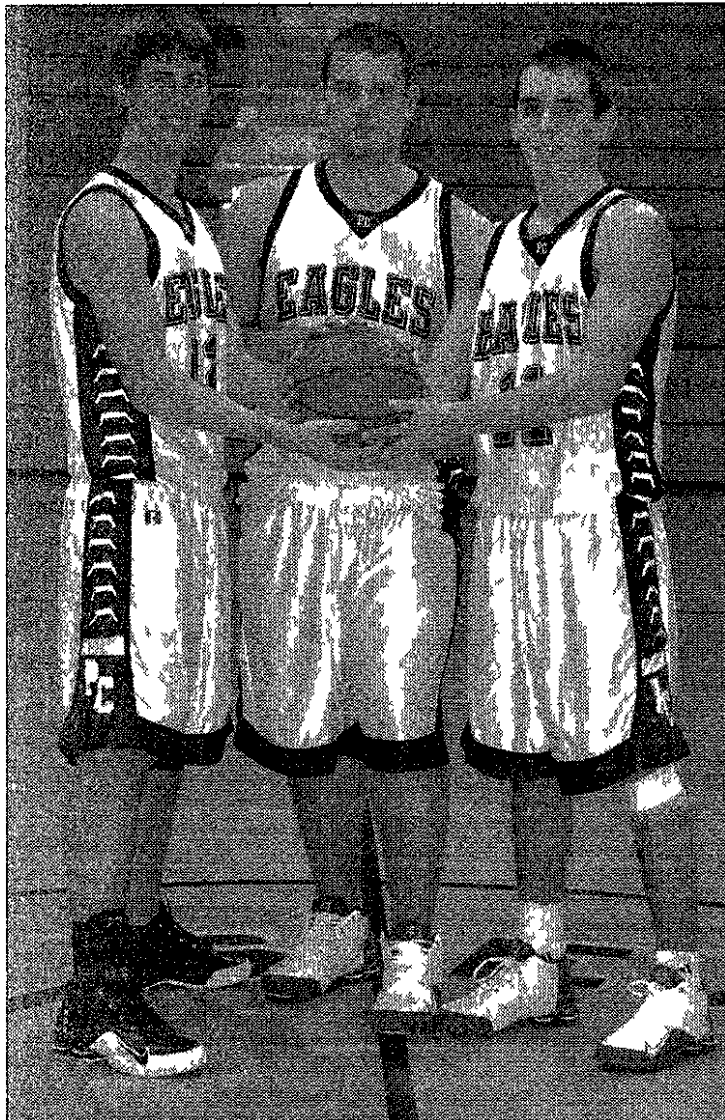
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Three top returners for the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team are (l-r) Jon Wendt, Aaron Ciborowski and Stephen Sumner. The Eagles open Dec. 7 against Livonia Clarenceville.

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fer student Li Li, a 5-3 junior guard, and sophomore Austin Bennett, an athletic 6-0 back-court player.

"Competition in practice has been good," Van Wagoner said. "Starting spots haven't been determined yet, but they will be in the near future. Everyone on the team should contribute with heavier minutes going to the players that excel early on."

Van Wagoner predicts Canton, Wayne Memorial and Northville will be the teams to beat in the competitive Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

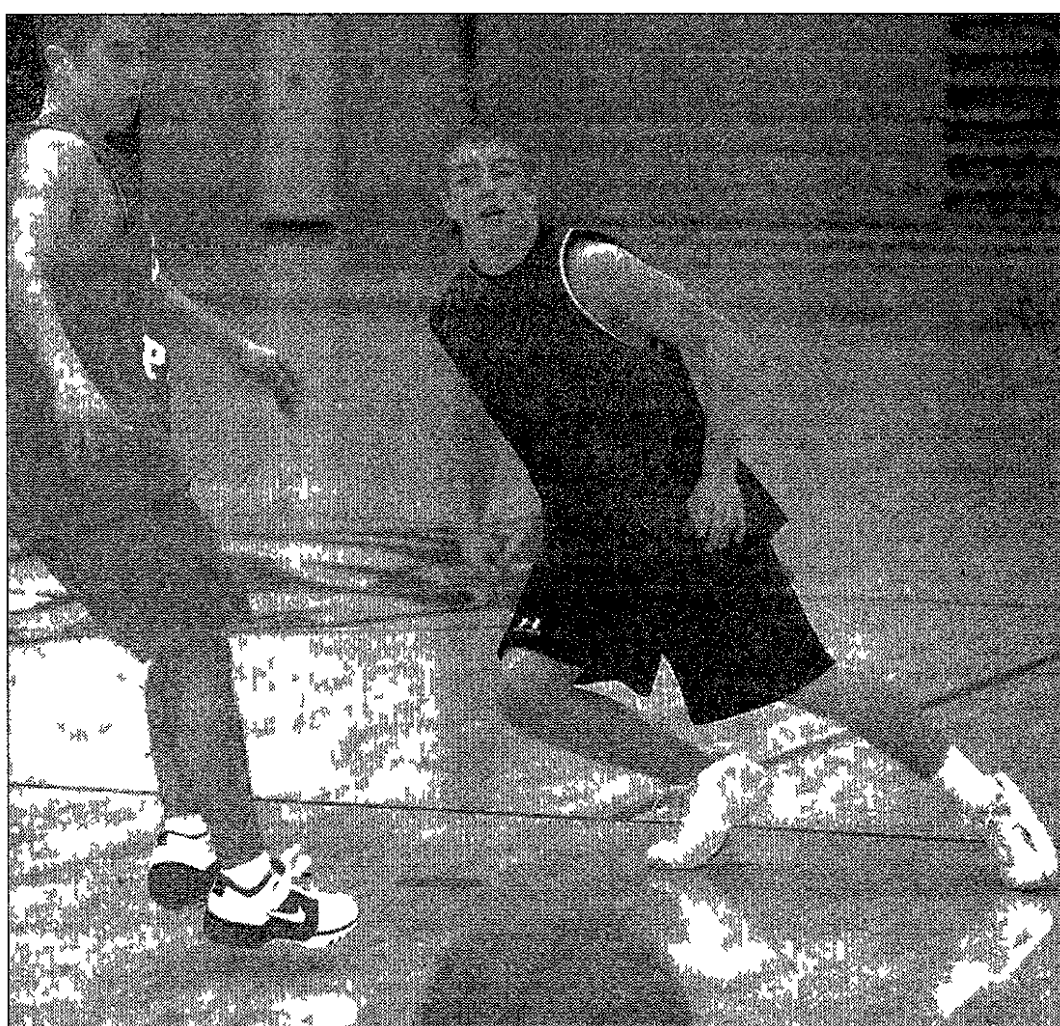
"John Glenn, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Northern look to be the top teams from the Lakes Division," Van Wagoner said.

Dave Van Wagoner will be in charge of the Wildcats' defensive schemes, Tom Van Wagoner said. Dave formerly coached at Canton and was the head man for Plymouth's top squad last year.

"I'm very happy to have Dave's help guiding the Wildcats through its first full varsity season," Tom Van Wagoner said.

The Wildcats will open Tuesday, Dec. 7, at home against Ann Arbor Greenhills. They will take on Allen Park on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and Lincoln Park on Friday, Dec. 10.

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Plymouth's Brent Jones (right) watches his bounce pass travel to a waiting teammate during Tuesday's scrimmage against Garden City. The Cougars' Scott Shaw is guarding Jones.

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has a lot of ability. This is his first experience on an organized team, so he has a lot to learn."

Senior Mike McCord, a 6-4 leaper, according to Taylor, will also get plenty of playing time. Six-foot senior Chase VanTiem has a good shot at starting at the shooting guard position for the Eagles, Taylor noted.

"Chase is a playmaker," he said. "He's a good slasher and he can pass."

Other players Taylor will be counting on heavily include 5-8 senior guard Jacob Williams, 7 junior guard Ben Welton, 6-1 sophomore swingman Matt Saagman, 5-9 senior guard

Jordan Johnston and 5-10 junior guard Nathan Baloga, Ben's little brother.

"We're focusing on six C's this season," Taylor asserted. "The first one is, 'Will we compete, or coast?' If we compete every game, we'll do well. The other C's that will be keys to our success are communication, concentration, chemistry, composure and Christian character."

"If we can develop good habits defensively and execute well on offense, we should be OK."

Taylor said defending MIAC Blue Division champ Allen Park Inter-City Baptist should be the preseason favorite to win the crown again.

"But after that, anybody can win it," he said.

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BY PAT ALLEN  
STAFF WRITER

Playing the first of only nine home games this year, Madonna University's men's basketball team and coach Chuck Henry needed a win. In their way was Rochester College, a team that had dispatched the Crusaders 79-71 earlier this season.

Thanks to 33 points by Noel Emenhiser, MU escaped with a 90-80 victory to push their record to 2-4 overall.

Emenhiser was 11-of-16 from the field and 6-of-8 from behind the arc.

"He's our best offensive weapon," MU coach Chuck Henry said. "We look to him and he seems to carry our offense at times and he wants that responsibility."

The Crusaders shot 67 percent (20 of 30) in the second half while holding the Warriors to 46 percent.

In the second half, we were able to go into a little bit more of an open offense and get (Mike) Tobin out away from the basket, Henry said. We hit some key shots and did a little pass and cut and it worked. We had the lead at the end and were able to hold onto it.

The Warriors seemed to carry the momentum early, but 3 pointers kept MU close. The Crusaders opened both halves with 3s and three of the first four Madonna field goals were from downtown.

Tobin, Schoolcraft College transfer, had 14 first half points to pace the Warriors in the opening stanza.

The teams were knotted at 35 at the break.

Both teams came out strong in the opening minutes of the second half, battling back-and-forth as the lead changed hands constantly.

Emenhiser kept the game close when the Crusaders would begin to fall behind, going to scoring spurts throughout the contest. With 12 minutes left in the game, Emenhiser scored seven straight points to put MU back in front.

Colin Wilkinson, another Schoolcraft transfer, scored 19 points in the second half for Rochester to finish with a team high 24 on 8 of-15 shooting.

Tobin finished with 23 points on 7 of-9 shooting and seven rebounds.

Our only change on defense in the second half was that we designated a player to double (Tobin) every time the ball came his way, Henry said. "We pulled them a little farther outside in the second half and forced them into shots that just didn't go in."

MU finished shooting 56 percent from the floor and hit 8 of 10 free throws to put the game out-of-reach and secure their second victory of this young season.

"We are a very good shooting team in our gym," Henry said.

A small altercation between Madonna's Jordan Napier and Rochester's William Goree resulted in a technical foul on each player and Goree's benching for the remainder of the game despite his 16 points.

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# CC icers win second straight nail-biter, 3-2

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central already is in stretch-drive mode, winning two consecutive one-goal contests to open the 2004-05 hockey season. After nipping Livonia Churchill 2-1 on Friday, the Shamrocks came back to edge Birmingham Unified Saturday, 3-2, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

CC senior Jason Lewarne talked the winner with just

1:27 to play — just 48 seconds after Birmingham's Khortnal Delvecchio tied the non-league game at 2-2. Lewarne took a feed from senior Harrison Niemann, broke around the defense and slid the puck behind Unified goalkeeper Bobby Howe.

"It didn't even reach the back of the net," said Shamrocks' head coach Todd Johnson about Lewarne's goal. Birmingham opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Brian Walsh.

That goal held up until the final minute of the second when senior John Horal scored. Assisting on the marker were Niemann and junior Tim Buttery.

That late goal seemed to spark the Shamrocks, who out-shot Birmingham 25-9. Johnson said his team played its best period thus far in the ensuing third stanza, with senior Chris New giving CC a 2-1 lead at the two-minute mark. Mike Oakleaf and Nick Kroll assisted.

Birmingham's Howe played well in defeat, stopping 22 of 25 shots.

CC goalkeeper Brian Hogan contributed seven saves for the Shamrocks.

"It was a lot closer game than the shots on goal would indicate," Johnson said. "I was impressed with Birmingham. They're a very good-skating team. It was a great early season high school matchup and we felt fortunate to win."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP HOCKEY**  
Thursday Dec. 2  
PCS Penguins at Grosse Pointe South at City Sports Arena 5:30 p.m.  
Friday Dec. 3  
Churchill vs. Salem (Edgar) 6 p.m.  
WL Central at Canton 8 p.m.  
Saturday Dec. 4  
Ladywood vs. HW Regina at Plymouth's Arctic Pond 6 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Culver Military (Ind.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic) 7 p.m.  
Dearborn United at Salem 8:30 p.m.  
PCS Penguins vs. Bloomfield at Hazel Park Ice Arena 2 p.m.  
Sunday Dec. 5  
Redford CC vs. Culver Military (Ind.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic) 1 p.m.  
**PREP WRESTLING**  
Thursday Dec. 2  
Plymouth at Warren Lincoln 5 p.m.  
Friday Dec. 3  
Redford CC at Solon (Ohio) Classic 4 p.m.  
Clarenceville Franklin N Farmington at Farmington High Quad 5:30 p.m.  
Saturday Dec. 4  
Salem at Lake Orion Invite 9 a.m.  
Redford CC at Solon (Ohio) Classic 11 a.m.  
Canton at Hudson Invite 9 a.m.  
**BOYS SWIMMING**  
Saturday Dec. 4  
Crestwood Charger Relays 11 a.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
NAIA NATIONALS  
at Point Loma Nazarene (Calif.)

**Thursday Dec. 2**  
Madonna vs. Iowa Wesleyan 11:15 a.m. (PST)  
Madonna vs. St. Mary (Neb.) 8:15 p.m. (PST)  
**Friday Dec. 3**  
Madonna vs. Fresno Pacific 11:15 a.m. (PST)  
Quarterfinals 6:15 & 8:15 p.m. (PST)  
**Saturday Dec. 4**  
Semifinals 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (PST)  
Championship final 7:30 p.m. (PST)  
**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Friday Dec. 3  
(Defiance Ohio College Tourney)  
Olivet College vs. UM Dearborn 6 p.m.  
Madonna vs. Defiance 8 p.m.  
**Saturday Dec. 4**  
Defiance (Ohio) Tourney 6 & 8 p.m.  
**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
Friday Dec. 3  
(Houghton College NY Tourney)  
Madonna vs. Huntington (Ind.) 6 p.m.  
(Schoolcraft College Invitational)  
Olive Harvey (Ill.) vs. Sinclair (Ohio) 6 p.m.  
Schoolcraft vs. Kalamazoo Valley 8 p.m.  
**Saturday Dec. 4**  
Schoolcraft Invitational 1 & 3 p.m.  
(Houghton College NY Tourney)  
Madonna vs. Daemen College (NY) 2 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday Dec. 3  
Whalers vs. Mississauga at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.  
**Saturday Dec. 4**  
Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena 7:30 p.m.  
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The MU softball team will also hold three four-week sessions of a fundamental camp that will cover all phases of fast-pitch softball.

The first session will run all four Sundays in January from noon to 2:30 p.m., another session will run all four Saturdays in January from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and the third session will run on Jan. 30, and Feb. 6, 13 and 17 from noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost of each four-week session is \$150.

For more information on the camps, contact Al White at (734) 432-5783.

### SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1). Registration forms are available online at [www.cantonsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsoccerclub.com) or at the club office, which is located at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton.

For more information, call (734) 480-7046.

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"It's a pure fishing show," said Adam Starr, of ShowSpan Inc. "Detroit sportsmen have

long yearned for such a show. For us and for them, this is an all-new event at a new venue. That's why we're calling it the Ultimate Fishing Show."

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The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free," said tour director Dan Thomas.

The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150 players. Additionally, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free. So a total of 50 players per week are playing free golf.

Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service. Scholarship awards can be increased as a student's grade-point average increases.

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8. The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at [www.Top50JrTour.com](http://www.Top50JrTour.com). Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-0000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application.

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# Irv Kempner: Little guy with big heart

Irv (Hank) Kempner was on my first league championship team in 1965. We nicknamed him "the Colonel," as he had attained that rank in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.



Ten Pin Alley

Al Harrison

We were bowling in the Mosiac #530 F&AM League at Oak Park Lanes back then and we filled up the entire house with our teams. Irv and I stayed teammates over the years until he and his wife, Mary, returned to Tucson, Arizona several years ago. Slight of build, Irv was a little guy with a big heart. He was not a high average bowler by any means, but he was the go-to guy who would come through in the clutch. He was probably that way throughout his life, for he volunteered to go to China with the American Volunteer Group (AVG) better known as the Flying Tigers led by Gen. Claire Chennault. This was prior to Pearl Harbor and the Japanese had invaded part of China and were threatening to take over all of Asia. Japanese bombers rained down their bombs on Chinese

cities virtually unopposed until the American Flying Tigers sent up squadrons of Curtiss P-40s with the nose painted up to look like sharks. They crushed the Japanese air strikes and saved the lives of thousands of civilians. The AVG fliers then entered the US military after the attack on Pearl Harbor and Irv spent more time in the air, now patrolling the vast Pacific Ocean searching for enemy submarines.

Born and raised in Detroit, Irv and Mary raised their family there and both of us became good friends through our bowling endeavors. Our league would stage a year-end, out-of-town weekend banquet with the wives. The trips were memorable and fun-filled.

Irv and Mary, along with Sandy and I, always went on these together. I am sad to report that "the Colonel" passed away in Arizona recently and was buried at the Arlington National Cemetery with an honor guard and full military honors befitting a hero. Irv is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary, along with his grown children, Sally Sklar, Andrea Blake, Janice Morgan and Steven Kempner (and eight grandchildren). Memorial services were held last week at their daughter Andrea's home in Birmingham. Irv is gone, but will be long remembered.

Jack Dahlstrom, Greater Detroit Bowling Association Director and representative for Mayflower Lanes in Redford, recently presented a 300 game award to Gerry Cole Sr. of Taylor during a short break in the action during the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic. Cole opted to take the 300 watch this time rather than add to his collection of rings. It was his 11th 300 in the GDBA. A half-hour later, Ron Bartoszek, also from Taylor, scored his second career 300 game, his first one was last year.

It's still a thrill anytime anyone rolls a perfect game, and for Bartoszek it looked like a near miss as one stubborn pin stayed up, wiggled and finally fell on the 12th shot.

Last season there were 1,839 perfect games sanctioned in the GDBA plus another 46 by members of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association. That's a lot of rings, watches or plaques. During most award ceremonies, the local association's house representative will appear and make a personal presentation to the league recipient. Some people contend that there are too many 300 games bowled and that the game has gotten too easy to attain really high scores and lofty averages way over 200. To render a solution to their problem, some people decided to make lane conditions more

difficult, thereby creating a shot that required more expertise in shooting for both strikes and spares.

It's called Sport Condition Bowling, and there were certain designated leagues set up just for that reason.

It's been around for about four years now, and yes, the scores are lower as are the averages.

It's not for everybody. In fact, the sport condition game is for those who feel the need for more challenge. Advocates say that this will also make a better bowler out of anyone when they get back to regular league conditions.

If that is what they want to do, O.K., but in every bowling publication these people are using the wrong terminology by calling it "Sport Bowling."

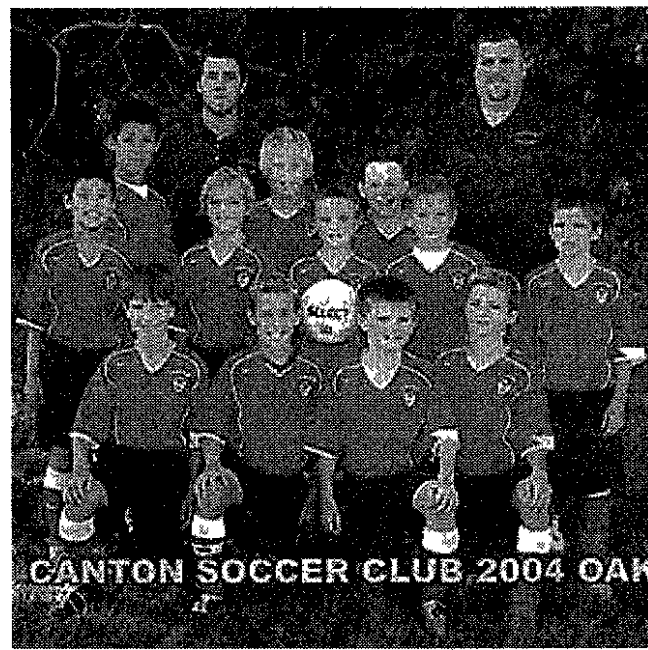
I always thought of bowling as a sport, so what is it? According to these people, it must be chopped liver.

After 45 years, I feel very slighted that a very few among us think that only their way of bowling is a sport.

Shame on them, so let them get it right for once and call their game just what it really is.

And don't omit the word condition when they write or talk about this other version of the sport of bowling.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a life member of the American Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



## Tall Oaks

The Canton Oaks U-10 boys soccer team is co-champions of the WSSL Division 1 with a 7-2-1 record. As trained and coached by Gary Bell and Lou Laure, respectively. Pictured (bottom row l-r) are Brian Egenberger, Griffin Parks, Aaron Laurentius, Derek Lord, (second row l-r) Bryan Ren, Scott Pwovar, Brent Perry, Blake Townes, Dan Kemp, (third row l-r) Chris Dierker, Justin Dunlavy and Chadd Alspach.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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## GIRLS BEST SWIM TIMES

### FINAL OBSERVERLAND BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

#### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:51:09  
Salem 1:54:61  
Livonia Churchill 1:59:36  
Canton 1:59:91  
Livonia Ladywood 2:05:36

#### 200 FREESTYLE

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:54:17  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:58:68  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:58:68  
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:00:88  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:00:94  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 2:02:72  
Katie Gorman (Salem) 2:02:86  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:03:59  
Susie Patrick (Canton) 2:03:68  
Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 2:05:35

#### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:10:64  
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 2:12:30  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:13:71  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 2:14:14  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 2:14:51  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 2:16:14  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:16:36  
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:17:27  
Heather Michalsen (Salem) 2:20:56  
Lisa Koch (Canton) 2:21:56

#### 50 FREESTYLE

Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 25:33  
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 25:53

Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 25:85  
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 26:10  
Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 25:18  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 26:21  
Kelsey Lincoln (Churchill) 26:41  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 26:41  
Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 26:56  
Susie Patrick (Canton) 26:56

#### DIVING

Ashley Aquinto (Salem) 220:20  
Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 194:70  
Sarah Bugosh (Salem) 181:90  
Chelsea Seldin (Canton) 178:85  
Jackie Demers (Churchill) 176:09  
Elena Gueorguev (Salem) 168:35  
Holly Campbell (Ladywood) 167:10  
Bryn Glotfelty (John Glenn) 162:60  
Amanda Keedle (Stevenson) 148:85  
Stephanie Bonner (Canton) 145:20

#### 100 BUTTERFLY

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:00:23  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:01:44  
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:02:11  
Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 1:02:20  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 1:02:89  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:03:37  
Heather Michalsen (Salem) 1:03:61  
Rachel Rowe (Redford Union) 1:04:61  
Caitlin Larsen (Churchill) 1:05:18  
Susie Patrick (Canton) 1:05:19

#### 100 FREESTYLE

Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 54:14  
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 54:41

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 54:44  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 55:45  
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 56:45  
Susie Patrick (Canton) 56:63  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 57:00  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 57:04  
Katie Gorman (Salem) 57:41  
Katharine Johnston (Ladywood) 57:66

#### 500 FREESTYLE

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 5:08:22  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 5:18:18  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 5:18:49  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 5:23:33  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 5:26:47  
Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 5:29:43  
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 5:30:22  
Katie Gorman (Salem) 5:34:06  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 5:35:57  
Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth) 5:37:16

#### 200 FREESTYLE RELAY

Canton 1:42:21  
Salem 1:44:89  
Livonia Stevenson 1:46:02  
Westland John Glenn 1:48:76  
Plymouth 1:49:21

#### 100 BACKSTROKE

Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:00:97

Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 1:01:83  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:03:21  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 1:03:45  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:03:66  
Kate Myers (Salem) 1:04:24  
Alyssa Johnson (Canton) 1:04:44  
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:04:99  
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:05:80  
Katie Sweeney (Wayne) 1:06:12

#### 100 BREASTSTROKE

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:05:91  
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:07:75  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:07:84  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:09:05  
Kim Heaney (Salem) 1:10:29  
Lauren Siedjik (Churchill) 1:11:63  
Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 1:12:44  
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Kristin Cruce (Stevenson) 1:14:73

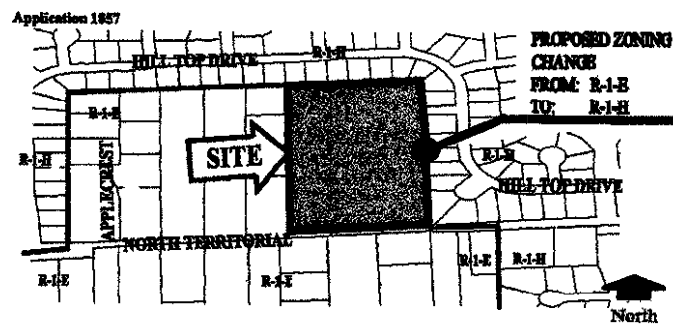
#### 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 3:42:86  
Canton 3:45:25  
Salem 3:46:87  
Westland John Glenn 3:55:59  
Livonia Churchill 3:56:83

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

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP  
**REZONE FROM:** R 1 E, Single Family Residential District  
**REZONE TO:** R 1 H, Single Family Residential District  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, December 8, 2004  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcels R-78 038 99 0001 000 and R 78 038 99 0002 000 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential to R-1-H, Single Family Residential Minimum lot size in the R 1 E District is one acre Minimum lot size in the R 1 H District is one half acre The property addresses are 48484 and 48550 North Territorial



**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 005**  
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R78-038-99-0001-000 and R-78-38-99-0002-000.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth MI 48170 or call 734-453-8131, ext. 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone (734) 453-3840 TDD users 1 800 849 3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary  
Planning Commission

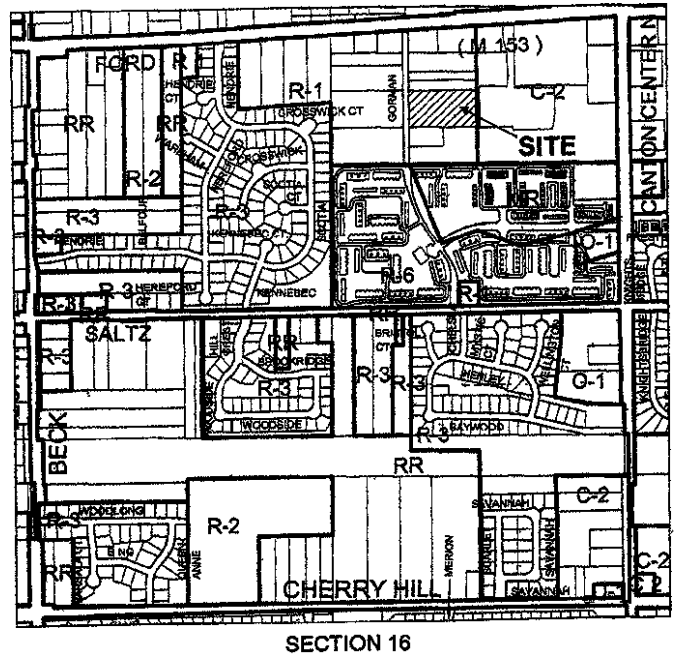
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

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 amendment to the Zoning Ordinance



**ALHASCHEMY REZONING** CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 036 01 0008 000 FROM R 1, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/ACRE) TO R 3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE). Property is located south of Ford and east of Gorman Road

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

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA December 9, 2004

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY December 9 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY CANTON MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

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Roll Call Randy Blaylock Jim Cisek Cathy Johnson Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson

Acceptance of Agenda

- James Hillman of Oscar W Larson Co 10100 Dixie Highway Clarkston, MI 48348 representing Hakim Fakhoury of BP/Amoco Gas 125 S Canton Center Canton MI 48188 for property located at 125 S Canton Center appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102 Article II Section 102 35 4 b regarding ground sign requirements Zone C 2 Parcel 086 99 0004 701 (Building) (TABLED FROM OCTOBER 14 and NOVEMBER 18, 2004 MEETINGS)
- Ross Pettinga of Goodrich Quality Theaters Inc, 4417 Broadmoor SE Kentwood MI 49512 representing Robert Goodrich of Goodrich Quality Theaters Inc 4417 Broadmoor SE Kentwood MI 49512 for property located at 43555 Ford Road appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Section 102 35 1 and Section 102 31 19 sign variance Zone C 2 Parcel 057 99 0001 007 (Building) (TABLED FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2004 MEETING)

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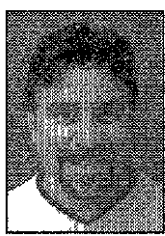
# Joey Harrington needs an Arizona encore

Five straight losses and the Arizona Cardinals coming to town. In theory, it's just what Joey Harrington's doctor ordered. A chance to relive the first shining moment in Harrington's pro quarterback career.

It happened in the season opener last year. Steve Mariucci's first game as Lions head coach. Harrington was starting his first full season. On Sept. 7, 2003, the second-year player from Oregon threw four touchdown passes in the 42-24 victory over the Cards. He was named the NFC Player of the Week.

Harrington then proceeded to lose his next six games.

Since then, Joey has won eight times. He started this season 4-2 before going backward in a five-game losing skid.



Mark Wilson

That's not fun to lose. I am not out there trying to lose. I'm fighting for my job, I know that. I will always fight for what I believe is mine, Harrington said after Mike McMahon finally replaced him in the Thanksgiving debacle against the Colts.

So, here come the Cardinals. The NFL's perennial doormat. The Lions series with the Cards goes back farther than any other team. It began Oct. 5, 1930, when the Lions were still the Portsmouth (Ohio) Spartans. The

Cardinals were the "other" team in Chicago. They tied 0-0 in that first game.

When Harrington beat the Cardinals last year, it was just the first time the Lions had done that in a decade. Arizona reeled off five straight wins against three different Lions coaches. For one week, this town was Joey crazy.

He's still our starter. Just because Mike came into the Colts game doesn't change that. Joey has to play better, Mariucci said, still seething over the way his team performed on Turkey Day.

Harrington is going to get a chance to redeem himself, but this game with the anemic Cardinals is tougher than it appears. Dennis Green is the new coach in Arizona and his team has been horrible the last few weeks. Green has had a

revolving door on players since he took the job.

Green was 12-8 against the Lions when he coached the Vikings. His Cardinals team is not those Vikings. Michigan's John Navarre is no Daunte Culpepper and his starting running back last week in the loss to the Jets had just one carry going into that game.

This is all about Harrington. He needs to find that magic he had in Game 1 of last year.

No one will say it. Not Mariucci and not Lions President Matt Millen. It's obvious, however, that Harrington is auditioning for next year. He has five games to show some progress.

Drew Brees is having a Pro Bowl year in San Diego. He will be a free agent and with the Chargers committed to Philip Rivers for the future, Brees will

be a hot commodity. The Lions have an eye out west for the former Purdue All-American.

It's not time to think about next year, not yet. Five games left, so I am not conceding anything, a focused Mariucci said.

A sixth straight loss for the second straight year won't look good on Harrington's resume and he may need that resume for a job search next season. The Cardinals may come from Arizona but, for Joey, it just could be his Waterloo.

Mark Wilson is host of the Steve Mariucci Show Mondays on WKRC 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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# Local gridder's Gaines, Harrison excel at EMU

BY ED WRIGHT  
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Gaines

Former Canton High School gridiron standout Jerry Gaines hit opponents — and the books — hard during his senior season at Eastern Michigan, and he's receiving the postseason awards to prove it.

The senior free safety, who excelled as a two-way standout at Canton during its 2000 run to the Division I state quarterfinals, was named the winner of the Elton J. Rynearson Award, which goes to the Eagles' top scholar-athlete.

Gaines, who is a marketing major, has posted a 3.2 grade-point average during his four

years at EMU. He started all 11 games on defense for the Eagles and was second on the team in tackles with 112 from his free safety position.

Gaines was instrumental in helping the team improve its record to 4-7, its best record in the four years he played at Eastern.

The 6-1, 185-pound speedster had a knack for making big plays this season. Along with his 112 tackles, Gaines recovered three fumbles and returned one 82 yards for a

touchdown. He also accounted for one of the Eagles' 13 interceptions this season.

Gaines, who has been clocked in 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash, has garnered interest from a few National Football League teams, including the Oakland Raiders, who are impressed with his size, speed and big-play potential.

## Belleville LB excels

Eastern's Kevin Harrison, a senior linebacker from Belleville High School, had a stellar final season for the Eagles. Harrison won the John E. Borowiec Award as the team's Most Valuable Defensive Player.

Harrison led the Mid-American Conference in tackles through most of the season and finished the 2004 campaign with 146 stops. He had two forced fumbles on the year, including one against Western Michigan which led to a last-second EMU score and a 35-31 Eagles victory. He recorded nine tackles for losses and had 4.5 sacks for 37 yards.

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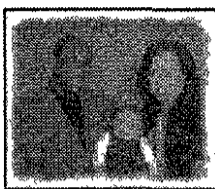
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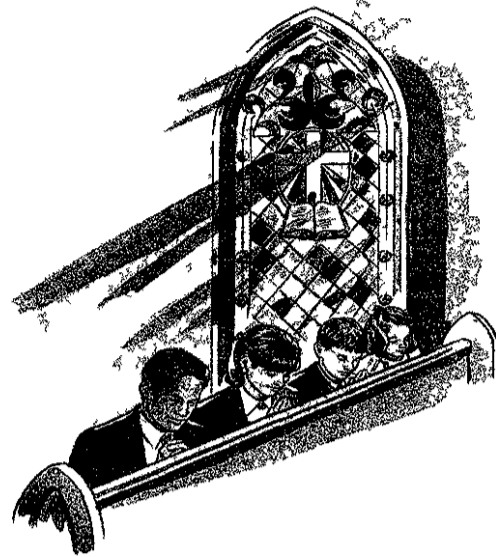
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10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 homemade Christmas and ethnic cookies and various ethnic foods at St. Clement Orthodox Church 19600 Ford Road between Southfield and Evergreen Dearborn For more information call (313) 271-3110

## Advent celebration

Mens 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 Trinity 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 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 birthday 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

## 3 Wise Men and a Baby

An adorable children's Christmas musical filled with beautiful music humor and choreography 10:50 a.m. morning worship Sunday Dec 5 at First Church of the Nazarene Eight Mile and Haggerty Northville Call (248) 348-7600

## 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

## Grief and the holidays

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a holiday workshop for those who are grieving 7:30 p.m. Monday Dec 6 at 40000 Six Mile Road Northville All adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support The workshop ends with a special time of remembrance Registration not required For more information call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966

## 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

## LOGOS

St. Paul's United Methodist Church invites all youth in grades 3-8 to participate in LOGOS beginning 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec 8 and continuing for 8 weeks at 620 Romeo Road Rochester There are opportunities for recreation music dinner and Bible Study For more information call (248) 651-9361

## Birmingham-First Concert Series

Medieval and Renaissance vocal music with Vox a professional capella 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

## Benefit concert

Singer songwriter Terry Gonda and her band will perform at a Christmas party to benefit the Haven Domestic Violence Shelter 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday Dec 10 at the First United Methodist Church 14 Judson Street Pontiac The evening includes a visit from Santa games and Christmas dinner Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children with group rates available and can be reserved by calling organizer Curtis Jacks at (248) 390-0814 or online at www.terrygonda.com

## 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) 421-1760

## Annual cookie walk

9 a.m. until sold out Saturday Dec 11

cookies plus nut apricot poppyseed and sweet breads Ukrainian kiefle and many more ethnic and traditional holiday cookies potato cheese and sauerkraut pierogies and stuffed cabbage candies and nuts pre packaged gift boxes of cookies also available at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 Seven Mile between Farmington and Newburgh Livonia Call (248) 476-3432

## Cookie walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Dec 11 at St. Michael's Orthodox Church 26355 West Chicago between Beech Daly and Inkster roads Redford

## 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

## Holiday bazaar

Over 20 vendors featuring jewelry clothing gourmet food items holiday fare crafts kitchen gadgets specialty personal care items accessories and cookbooks 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Dec 11 at Congregational Church of Birmingham United Church of Christ 1000 Cranbrook northwest corner of Cranbrook and Woodward Avenue \$5 early bird admission at 9:15 a.m. regular admission is \$1 or a canned food item for Food Bank of Oakland Call (248) 626-2150 or (248) 310-3435

## 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

## Journalist to speak

Jack Lessenberry a member of the journalism faculty at Wayne State University will speak at 9:45 a.m. Sunday December 12 in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia All are invited to attend this free event For more information call (734) 422-1470 Lessenberry is the editorial vice president of Hometown Communications a group of 64 local newspapers in Michigan Ohio and Kentucky and has been a consultant editorial advisor and is or has been a writer for many national and regional publications including Vanity Fair Esquire George The New York Times the Washington Post and the Boston Globe Locally he is a contributing editor and columnist for Hour Detroit Magazine the Metro Times the Traverse City Record Eagle the Toledo (Ohio) Blade and the Heritage Newspaper Group in Wayne and Washtenaw counties

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## UPCOMING

## 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

## ONGOING

## 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

## 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

## Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional Call (734) 421-7620

## Bible Study for Parents

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 certificates 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) 422-3494

## Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music singing prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia Come to the back of the church enter entrance No 2 For more information call Grace at (734) 464-1896 Shirley (734) 464-3656 or Geri (734) 464-8906

## Stronger Women

Walking group jogging aerobic exercise crafts speakers coffee social fun

and fellowship continues 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays through Nov 18 at Faith Covenant Church 35415 W. 14 Mile Farmington Hills Registration fee \$25, walk ins \$5 Baby sitting \$2 per child \$4 per family per session For more information call (248) 661-9191

## Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study Women of the Word studies the Book of Luke entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials Childcare available for children through age 5 For more information call (248) 348-7600

## Worship schedule

Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept 12 at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road Farmington Hills Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called Praise Forth is held on the fourth Sunday of each month For information call (248) 626-7906

## New modern-style worship

Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd. Livonia Just north of I-96) began a new MODERN style worship service on Sunday Sept 12 This multi media service will be informal using modern and praise music led by vocalists and various instruments Dramas led by the members will often be part of this service This service will be held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School youth and adult Bible classes will also be offered at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday For information call Linda Hollman Outreach Director at (734) 522-6830

## New service times

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. began Sept 12 for the fall and winter months at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W. 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476-8860

## New Sunday School

Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church 5085 Orion Road Rochester for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press The non denominational program is open to all ages No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (248) 652-7774



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## CHARLES (GENE) E. AMYX

Age 68 of Birmingham MI formerly of Plymouth MI and Lockland OH died Sunday November 28 2004 at home with family He was born May 14 1936 He is survived by his four children Charles Jr (Gale) Amyx of Eagle the Toledo (Ohio) Blade and the Heritage Newspaper Group in Wayne and Washtenaw counties

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## LALLAH G. JOHNSTON,

86 of Howell formerly of Inkster died November 28 2004 Visitation Wednesday 2-5 p.m. with Services at 5 PM at MacDonald's Funeral Home 517 546 2800

## WESTON W. MEYER

November 24 2004 Age 83 Beloved husband of Mary Sue (nee Ekelund) Dear brother of Eric Meyer Brother in law of Sally Skillman and Dodie Smith Loving uncle of Christopher Amy Newton Stephen and Timothy Skillman David Michael Douglas and the late Gregory Smith and Donald Meyer Also survived by 17 grandnieces and nephews Funeral services were held Wednesday December 1 at All Saints Episcopal Church 171 W. Pike St. Pontiac Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons 248 549 0500 Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice

## Obituary at

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## GLENN L. STEPHENS

Age 102 November 27 2004 Passed away at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia Beloved husband of the late Leona Dear father of Arthur Bob Gladys (Thomas) Smith and Don Loving grandfather of 7 and great grandfather of 16 Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia Interment Oakland Hills Novi

## JEAN MacGREGOR WEIR

Age 72 of Bloomfield Hills Michigan passed away Sunday morning November 28th at Wm. Beaumont Hospital Royal Oak after a long illness She was the beloved wife of Richard M. Weir Her daughter Wendy Weir Schulze lives here in Bloomfield with her two sons Christopher age 10 and Nicholas age 3 Jeanette went to Kingswood School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan She loved traveling golf and being with friends Following is a letter recently sent to her by her grandson Christopher Dear Grandma you are the greatest Grandma I would ever ask for Thank you for playing cards and Monopoly with me bringing me cookies and treats and presents helping with my brother when your babysitting I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving I hope that doctors figure out how to stop cancer You will always be in my mind forever Thank you for everything you have done for me We will miss you I love you grandma Visitation was from 10:20am on Wednesday December 1 2004 from the Wm. R. Hamilton Co. Birmingham followed by Funeral Service at 2pm Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery Troy

## MARIAN (BELL) MORROW

Was born in Detroit in 1917 and died Nov 28 2004 after an extended illness A Bentley Village resident in Naples Florida she formerly lived in Traverse City Michigan She attended the University of Michigan where she met and married Earl Morrow the love of her life Recently they celebrated sixty seven wonderful years of marriage Marian made family and friends her focus She is survived by husband Earl sons Tom (Merilyn) Rick (Ann) and daughter Pat Mack (Brad) six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren An angel in our lives is an angel in God's arms Always cheerful loving kind and generous Marian lived a full and vibrant life warmly touching those around her Her zest for travel phenomenal memory and professional letter writing were legendary Per Marian's request a memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date at the family's summer home in Traverse City MI In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorial gifts be made to Hospice of Naples 1095 Whippoorwill Lane Naples FL 34105

## MAE L. TAYLOR

Died peacefully on November 29 2004 at the age of 94 Loving wife to the late James Norman Dearest mother to Norma (Patrick) Connors Larry (Patty), Thomas (Mary Judith) Jim (Barbara) Alice (Jim) Padilla and the late Jack mother in law to Kathy Taylor Cherished grandmother to 27 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1pm until 9pm with a 7:30pm Scripture service at Faulmann & Walsh Golden Rule Funeral Home 32814 Utca Rd. Fraser Funeral Mass will be at 10:30am on Friday at St. Athanasius Church Roseville with a 10am visitation Memorials to Henry Ford Hospice or Meals on Wheels of Macomb Share memories with family at www.legacy.com

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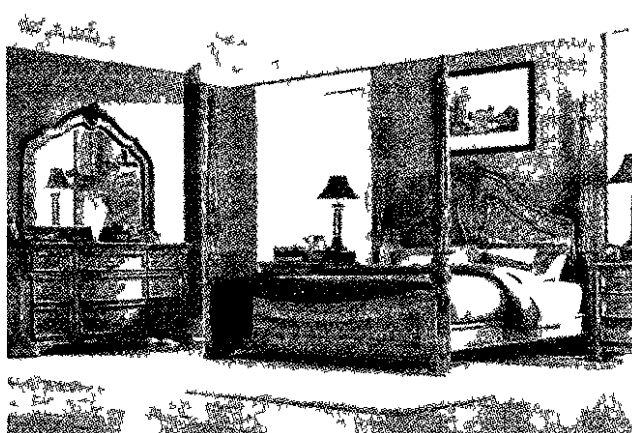
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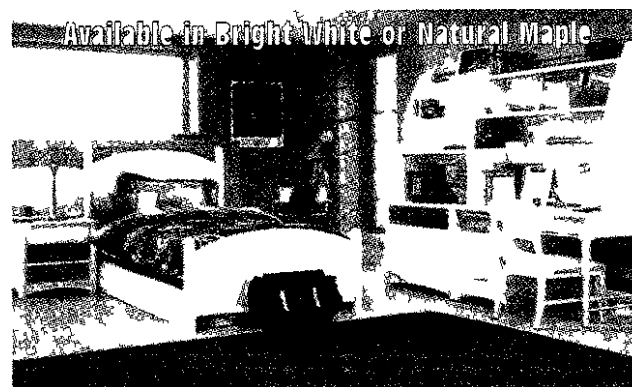
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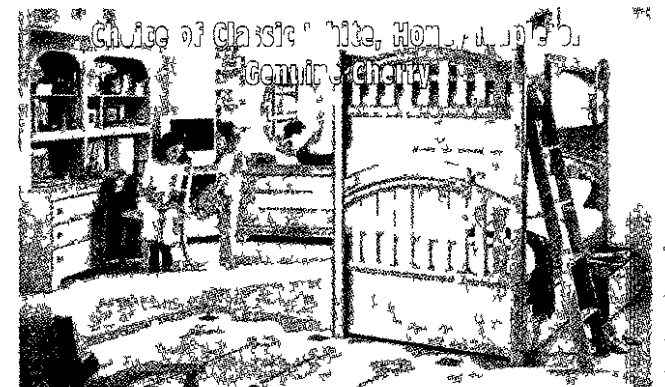
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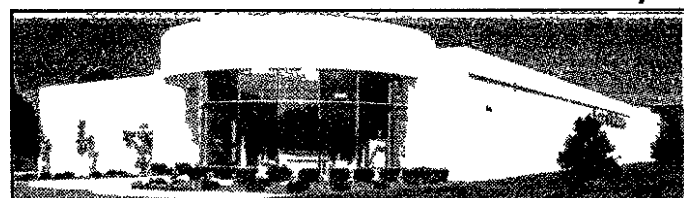
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Chandon Brut Classic (\$17), full-bodied yet soft and dry, has archetypical crisp apple character. "Think seafood," Boyd suggests. "Much as you would for a sauvignon blanc. Dishes with mussels, clams, oysters and caviar work well."

Puff pastry appetizers are another natural as is Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce because the Chandon Brut Classic is an excellent palate refresher. For the same reason, this bubbly enhances a Caesar salad with crisp romaine, anchovies for a salty element and a creamy dressing.

Boyd considers Chandon Carneros Blanc de Noirs (\$17), with its soft red fruit flavors and lingering creamy texture, the most food-friendly of Chandon's sparklers. It complements everything from fruity, spicy and salty foods to southwestern, Mexican and Asian cuisine. Try Chandon's Blanc de Noirs with a roast beef salad complemented by feta cheese and a citrus dressing or Atlantic salmon with sour cream chive potatoes.

### DELICIOUS MATCHES

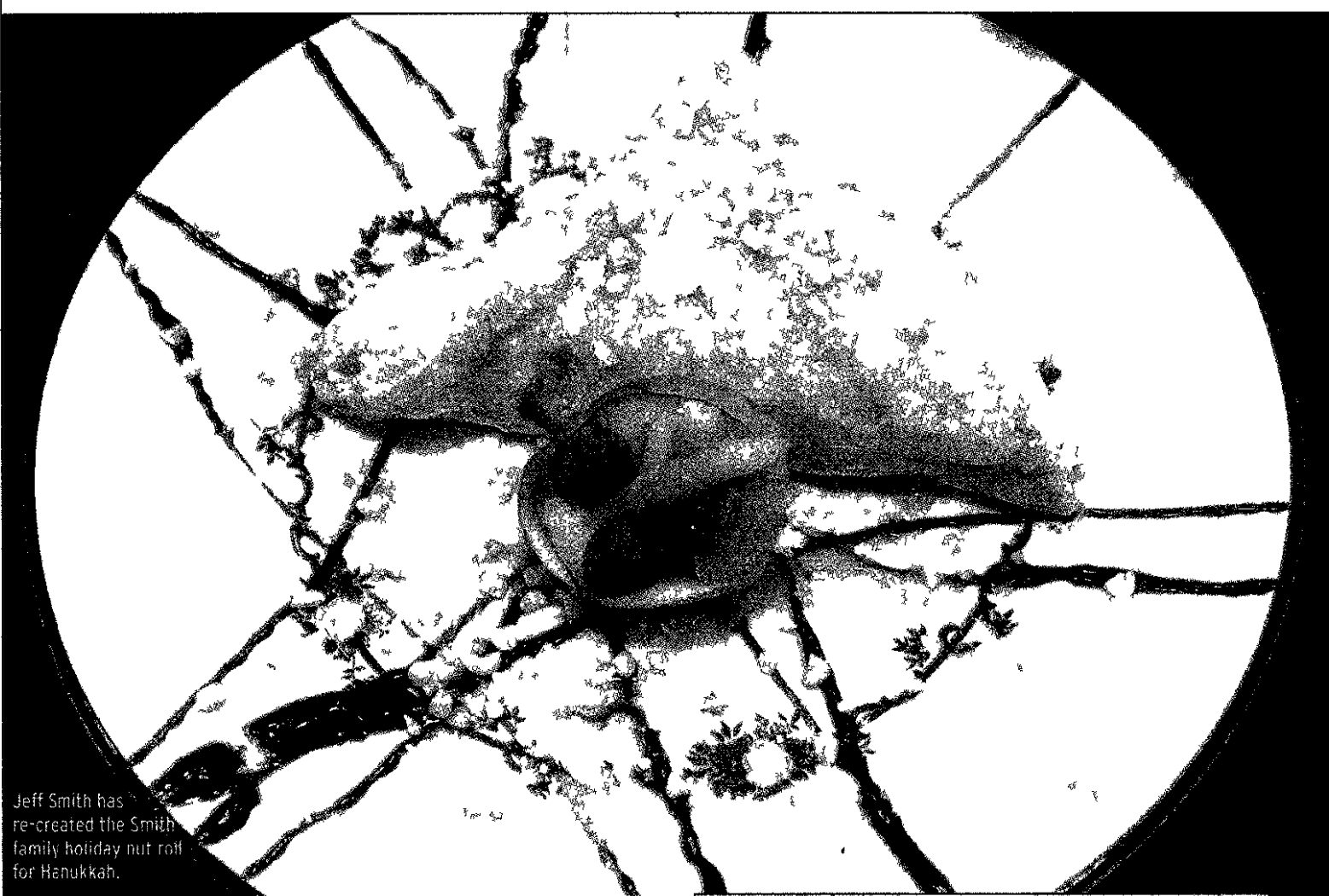
Extended aging, creating a fuller body, enables Chandon Reserve Blanc de Noirs (\$24) to stand up to smoked baby back ribs or honey and soy marinated barbecued chicken. Minced pork in lettuce wraps or spicy tuna rolls are also tasty matches.

Chandon Riche (\$17), as the name implies, pairs well with rich and spicy foods and fruit-based desserts. The sweeter style follows the culinary principle of sweet beats heat and balances the 'heat' of spicy foods with ingredients such as chiles, cilantro, lemon grass or green curry. This bubbly works as well with rich foods, such as pate and foie gras or fresh fruit tarts.

Chandon Reserve Brut (\$24), benefiting from additional aging time on the yeast, has richer, more complex, creamy, yeasty and nutty flavors that take to richer foods such as smoked fish, grilled or roasted white meats and shellfish. Boyd noted that "it also pairs with the earthy flavors of wild mushroom dishes, with Japanese favorites such as vegetable tempura, with roasted chicken or a classic roast pork tenderloin."

Chandon 1998 Etoile Brut Sur Lies (\$35) is a classic, special occasion aperitif bubbly. Great on its own, it's a 'stellar' match with a main course of sauteed sea bass,

PLEASE SEE WINE, D3



Jeff Smith has re-created the Smith family holiday nut roll for Hanukkah.

## Traditional foods are re-created for Hanukkah DELIGHTS

Hanukkah is a time for family and festive foods.

For some area residents, the celebration of this eight-day Jewish holiday will be special, thanks in part to Jeff Smith. He's making sure they enjoy special foods to mark the Festival of Lights. And they, in turn, can invite their family members to share these delicious offerings.

Smith is the executive chef at the Marvin and Betty Danto Family Health Care Center in West Bloomfield. Under the guidance of Rabbi Hershel Klainberg, he oversees the preparation of the kosher meals for the center's 150 residents.

For Hanukkah, he will prepare some foods cooked in oil, a Jewish custom during this special time. These foods, such as latkes, represent the miracle of the oil.

In 165 BCE, Judah and his followers, called the Maccabees, reclaimed the temple in Israel from the Syrians. When they went to relight the eternal flame, there was only enough oil for one day. Miraculously, it lasted for eight days, hence the length of time Hanukkah is celebrated.

Potato latkes, served with applesauce and sour cream,

PLEASE SEE HANUKKAH, D2



Jeff Smith, executive chef at the Danto Center, shows some dishes he will serve during Hanukkah. Clockwise from left, the dishes are beef with burgundy ragout, honey glaze chicken stuffed with sweet fruit and topped with sweet onion compote, and a holiday nut roll.

## Treat traditions Give the gift of cookies

If it's the holidays, it must be time for cookies.

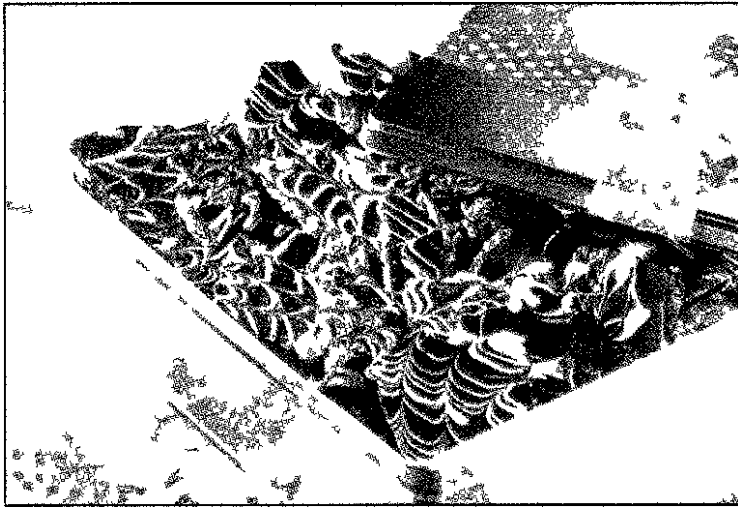
Cookie walks, bake sales and family gatherings all present a homemade way to enjoy the sweets of the season.

More than 50 varieties of cookies will be available at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 11th Annual Cookie Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile (south side) between Farmington and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

Homemade holiday cookies also will be available 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 11, at the 12th Annual Cookie & Basket Sale at the West Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 4100 Walnut Lake Road, 1/4 quarter mile west of Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Choose baskets filled with homemade jams, jellies, cookies and candies.

Then there are the holiday gatherings coming up in a few short weeks.

Giving homemade cookies as



QUAKER OATS

This holiday season add a more personal touch with holiday oatmeal cookie brittle.

gifts or selling them at a church function not only allows you to add that personal touch, but also gives you the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Baking is one of the most enjoyable holiday traditions, so make a party out of it.

Pick out a favorite recipe or two, invite a few friends or family members and stock up on ingredients. If you're short on time, divvy up the shopping list among your guests.

Need help choosing a recipe? Holiday Oatmeal Cookie Brittle is a delicious choice that's fast and festive.

While the brittle bakes, set and chat over steaming cups of flavored coffee or hot cider. The short wait will be well worth it as this easy cookie brittle is frosted with bittersweet and

white chocolate right out of the oven. A sprinkling of edible gold dust is optional. Break into pieces when cool and gift wrap.

Or, if it's more family time that you're looking for, try making No-Bake Holiday Ornament Cookies with the kids. Parents can melt the chocolate, butter and marshmallows, while kids can stir in the oats. Everyone can shape the cooled mixture into small balls and roll them in their favorite candy coatings or coconut flakes.

Continue the fun by packaging these festive sweets for gift giving. Decorative plates or clear plastic containers with lids make sturdy holders and both may be wrapped in food-safe cellophane and tied with pretty ribbons. Don't forget to include the recipe. It will be a gift that keeps on giving.

### HOLIDAY OATMEAL COOKIE BRITTLE

- 2 cups oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
- 1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup (2 sticks) cold butter cut into small pieces
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons water
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups (12 ounces) bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips
- 3/4 cup white chocolate pieces
- Edible gold dust (optional)

Heat oven to 350° F. Line two large cookie sheets with aluminum foil.

In large bowl, combine oats, flour and baking powder. Add butter. Beat on low to medium speed of electric mixer until crumbly. Add powdered sugar, brown sugar, water and vanilla. Beat on low speed until dough forms.

Divide dough in half. Place one-half on one cookie sheet, flatten with lightly floured hands into 13-by-9-inch rectangle, about 1/2 inch thick. Repeat using remaining dough and second cookie sheet.

Bake 22-25 minutes or until golden brown, rotating cookie sheets after 12 minutes. Remove cookie sheets to wire racks.

Sprinkle one cup dark chocolate pieces evenly over each large, warm cookie. Let stand two-three minutes. With spatula or knife, spread softened chocolate evenly.

PLEASE SEE COOKIES, D3

## Side dish

### What to have

Making dinner can be a snap if there are some basic items on hand, says chef Dianna Stoffer of Certified Angus Beef brand.

With some of the following items in the pantry and basic beef cuts, delicious entrees can be easy.

The basics are kosher salt or coarse sea salts -- they enhance meat with a pure salt flavor, says Stoffer. Whole peppercorns and a peppermill -- fresh ground pepper has an amazing flavor compared to pre-ground since pepper loses its flavor quickly after being ground.

The spice cupboard should include rosemary, oregano, sage and thyme. These familiar herbs each add their distinctive flavor to beef and are available in ground or whole leaf versions.

Fennel seeds are available whole and ground, and they can be used in both sweet and savory dishes.

For marinated steaks or roasts, enjoy the variety of soy sauces now available.

Remember it usually takes the place of salt in a recipe.

Worcestershire is another pantry classic that adds a tart fruit and spice flavor with salty attributes.

Teriyaki sauce is great on its own or mix it with dark beers and fresh ginger. Remember marinades need acid, making beer or wine great choices.

Other ingredients good for marinades are olive oil, beef stock, onions, garlic, packaged herb and garlic seasoning packet, packaged dry ranch dressing and French onion soup.

For information and recipes, see www.certifiedangusbeef.com.

### Sending food

The holiday season finds many people sending packages of food to members of the American armed forces. Remember to mail food gifts that are not perishable and can tolerate a range of temperatures and won't break with rough handling.

Avoid fragile cookies and items containing chocolate as they could melt in high temperatures. High moisture cakes should be avoided because they can grow mold.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends the following foods to be sent: Dried beef or poultry, such as beef jerky, turkey jerky or beef silms, dehydrated soups and mixes, canned corned beef, canned anchovies, canned shrimp and canned dips, dense and dry baked goods, such as fruitcakes and biscotti, canned nuts and dried fruits, such as raisins and apricots.

Makes sure there is a name and address on the package.

The U.S. Postal Service will not deliver mail addressed to "any serviceman."

CALENDAR

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36215 Schoolcraft Livonia 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net

Cooking at Schoolcraft

Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and Schoolcraft instructor, will teach his Five Star Restaurant Revue 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 11. Cost is \$139 per class. December classes include Wild Game with certified master chef Jeff Gabriel 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 1 (\$105). Soups & Stews 9:1 p.m. Saturday Dec. 4 (\$89) and Holiday Gift Baskets with certified master pastry chef Joe Decker 6:9 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 8 (\$109). For more information on these and other culinary arts continuing education classes visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

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Enjoy vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands-on experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include Holiday Party Foods on Dec. 1. Wilson also offers a four-week Beginning Series (the best place to start she says as this class is the most informative) Dates for the Beginning Series and details of all other classes can be found at www.macrobiotic.com. Classes are held in Garden City and the fee for each class is \$25. Visit the website or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.

Cookie walk

More than 50 varieties of cookies will be available at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 11th Annual Cookie Walk Saturday Dec. 11. Doors open at 8 a.m. the sale begins at 9 a.m. and continues until cookies are sold out. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile (south side) between Farmington and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

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Check ingredients before baking

(NAPS) - Get ready Get set Begin baking

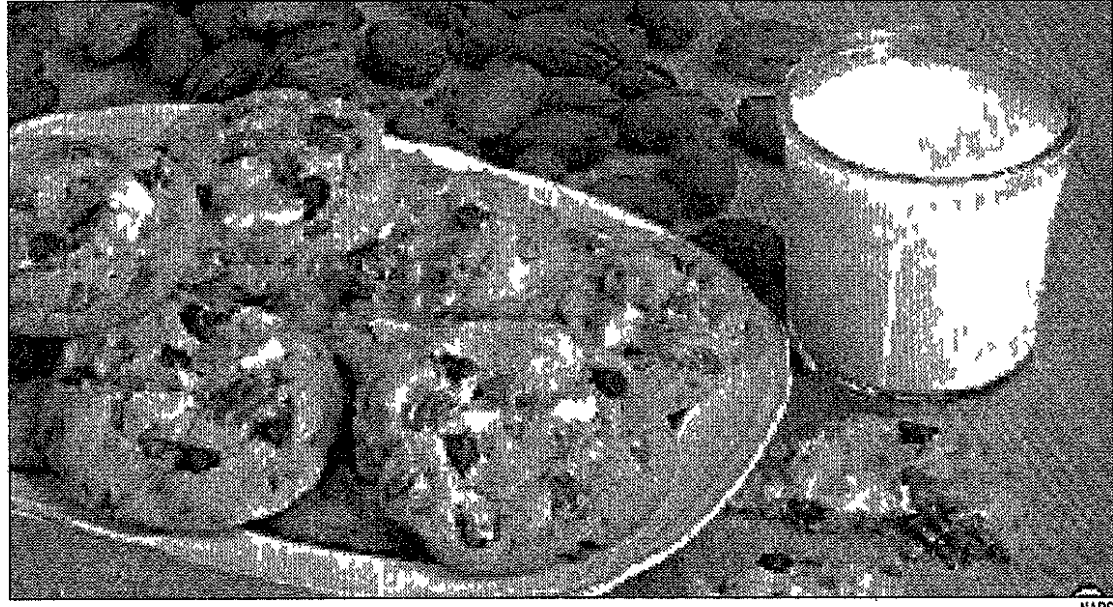
But before creating those memorable morsels, check to see that you have all the fresh ingredients you need

Choose a fall day as your annual day to replace older baking ingredients. Mark the day on your calendar so you'll remember and make a list of the basics. Your list will probably include:

Baking powder: This recipe powerhouse may be the least expensive ingredient ounce for ounce in many recipes but if it doesn't work, your recipe may fail. Even if the expiration date on the can hasn't passed, an open can should probably be replaced.

Baking soda (one for baking, one for cleaning), Cornstarch, Spices such as cinnamon, nutmeg, mace and ginger, Nuts such as almonds, pecans and walnuts, Flours, including cake flour, whole wheat and all-purpose, Baking chocolate, Canned fruits, pumpkin, milks, Dried fruits such as raisins, cranberries and apricots.

Remember to always mark the purchase date on the bottom of new ingredients, so you know whether they need to be replaced before the baking season starts. You needn't replace each item in your pantry every year, but marking dates will help you decide what to throw out. Once you're sure you have everything you need, this delicious recipe can help start your baking season with a smile.



But before creating those memorable morsels, check to see that you have all the fresh ingredients you need

PECAN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 cup pecans, chopped
1/2 cup butter, softened
1/2 cup shortening
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup brown sugar, packed
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 1/2 cups all purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup chocolate chips
1 cup white chocolate chips

In a large bowl, cream butter, shortening, sugars, eggs and vanilla. Set aside. In a separate bowl, sift together flour and baking powder. Stir flour mixture into creamed mixture until combined. Add chocolate chips, white chocolate chips and pecans. Mix

thoroughly. Drop by tablespoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° F for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen cookies. For more recipes and baking tips, visit www.homebaking.org. Replace baking ingredients at the start of the baking season to ensure success.

Duck with apples has flavor of fall for festive holiday entertaining

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL, ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) - If you're looking for an alternative to your usual meat or poultry for festive entertaining during the holiday season, an option would be to follow food writer and cooking teacher James Peterson's lead and fearlessly serve duck.

Peterson's credentials for inspiring confidence? His numerous cookbooks include 'The Duck Cookbook' (Stewart, Tabor & Chang, 2003, \$30) - illustrated, like most of the others, with his own photographs.

Recently, in a Manhattan kitchen, Peterson demonstrated for a visitor the preparation of an unpublished recipe for duck breasts cooked with cider and apples.

It was ready quickly, and it is

a simple dish to make - although Peterson's relaxed, genial manner and professional know-how would have made it appear easy anyway.

Commenting on the recipe, 'Duck just seems to lend itself to fruit,' he said, smiling, acknowledging, 'Yes, it's a cliché.'

About this particular combination, Peterson said, 'I like the sweet and sour aspect.'

He likes to use sauerkraut, too, he said, for its combination of flavor with the red meat of duck.

Peterson talked about what he was doing as he cooked, explaining his methods and suggesting variations, scoring the skin a little to render a bit of the fat, sauteing over medium heat so as not to overcook the duck - 'You want meat that's a little rare.'

DUCK BREASTS WITH CIDER AND APPLES

- (Preparation 10 minutes, cooking 30 minutes)
3 cups homemade or low sodium chicken broth
4 Granny Smith or pippin apples
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
Salt and black pepper (to taste)
6 White Pekin duck breast halves (6 ounces each)
3 tablespoons honey
1 1/2 cups sparkling apple cider
1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

In saucepan over medium heat simmer broth until reduced to 1-1/2 cups, set aside.

Peel, core and cut each apple into 12 wedges.

In large skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter with the oil until butter foams. Add apples, cook about 8 minutes, stirring occasionally,

until apples are golden-brown and tender but not mushy. Season with salt and pepper, set aside. Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. With sharp knife, score skin side of duck breasts in a series of parallel cuts 1/8-inch apart without cutting into meat. Make a second series of parallel cuts perpendicular to the first to form crosshatch pattern. Season breasts with salt and pepper.

Place breasts skin side down in heavy nonstick skillet large enough to hold them comfortably in one layer. Cook over medium heat about 8 minutes or until fat runs out and skin is golden-brown and crisp. (Some breasts may brown more quickly than others; remove each breast as it is done.)

Transfer breasts to baking dish or another skillet, skin side down, and finish cooking in oven about 8 minutes for rare, 10 minutes for medium rare and 12

minutes for medium, turning breasts after 6 minutes. Let breasts rest 3 to 4 minutes before slicing.

While duck breasts are in the oven, pour off fat from skillet. Breasts were browned in. Add honey and cook, stirring to dissolve browned duck juices in pan, about 3 minutes or until honey darkens slightly. Carefully pour in cider and simmer until syrupy. Add chicken broth, remaining butter and thyme, simmer until sauce thickens slightly (there will be about 1/4 cup). Heat apples gently in sauce, keep warm over low heat.

Cut each breast crosswise on a slight angle into 4 to 5 slices about 1/2-inch thick, fan 1 breast on each of 4 plates. Spoon sauce and apples over duck, dividing it evenly. Makes 6 servings.

Serving suggestion: Serve with a pilaf of mixed wild and long-grain rice.

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All wines mentioned are available in the metro Detroit area If a retailer does not stock a specific wine ask that it be ordered from the distributor

**COOKIES**

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over cookies Sprinkle white chocolate pieces evenly over smooth chocolate on both cookies let stand two three minutes With the tip of a knife, run through the white chocolate pieces dragging them into the dark chocolate, making marble like streaks Sprinkle with gold dust if desired Cool completely (Refrigerate 15 minutes to set chocolate if necessary)

Remove large cookies from cookie sheet and peel off foil Break each into 24 pieces Store tightly covered in a cool place Makes four dozen

Cook's Tip Edible gold dust can be found at specialty baking stores Nutrition Information One piece Calories 120 calories from fat 50 total fat 6g saturated fat 4g cholesterol 10mg sodium 40mg total carbohydrates 15g dietary fiber 1g, protein 1g Recipe courtesy of Quaker Oats

**NO-BAKE HOLIDAY ORNAMENT COOKIES**

- 1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup (5 1/2 tablespoons) butter
- 16 large marshmallows
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups oats (quick or old fashioned uncooked)

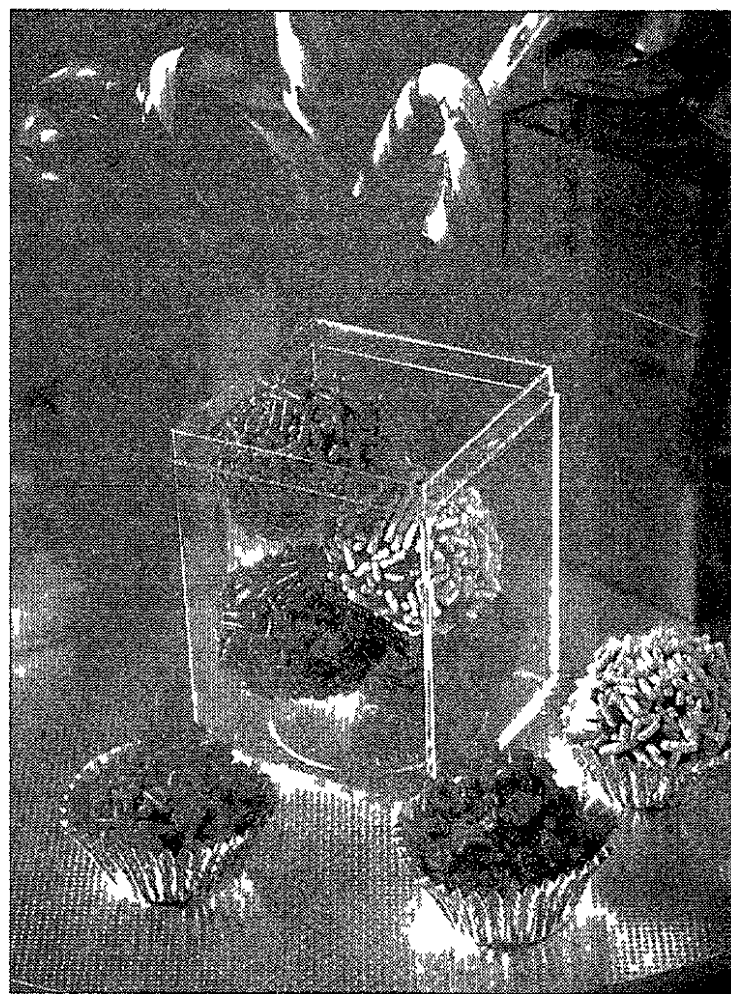
- Assorted Coatings
- Flaked sweetened coconut
- Nonpareils in holiday colors
- Red and green candy jimmies
- Tiny holiday shaped candy decorations

In large saucepan melt chocolate butter and marshmallows over low heat stirring until smooth Remove from heat Add vanilla then oats mix well Cool slightly Line two cookie sheets with waxed paper Working with one tablespoon chocolate-oat mixture, form into a ball and roll in desired coating to cover completely Place on cookie sheet Repeat with remaining oat mixture and coatings

Refrigerate ornaments until firm about 30 minutes Transfer to airtight container separating layers with waxed paper Store in a cool place Makes about two dozen

Nutrition Information One cookie (with sprinkles) Calories 120 calories from fat 50 total fat 6g saturated fat 3.5g cholesterol 5mg sodium 30mg total carbohydrates 16g dietary fiber 1g protein 1g

Recipe courtesy of Quaker Oats



QUAKER OATS

No bake holiday ornament cookies are simple festive treats for kids to make and give as gifts

**WINE**

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dungeness crabcakes or grilled diver sea scallops

For eye appeal Chandon 1998 Etoile Rose Sur Lies (\$40) is hard to beat

Of the Chandon bubbly it has the boldest fruit flavors and understated power with a delicate finish

Boyd says, think lobster Together, not only the taste but the colorful shell and the rose wine hues dazzle the eye

and palate

When serving a sparkling wine don't forget to make a toast! Either your own or this French proverb May you never want for wine, nor a friend to help drink it"

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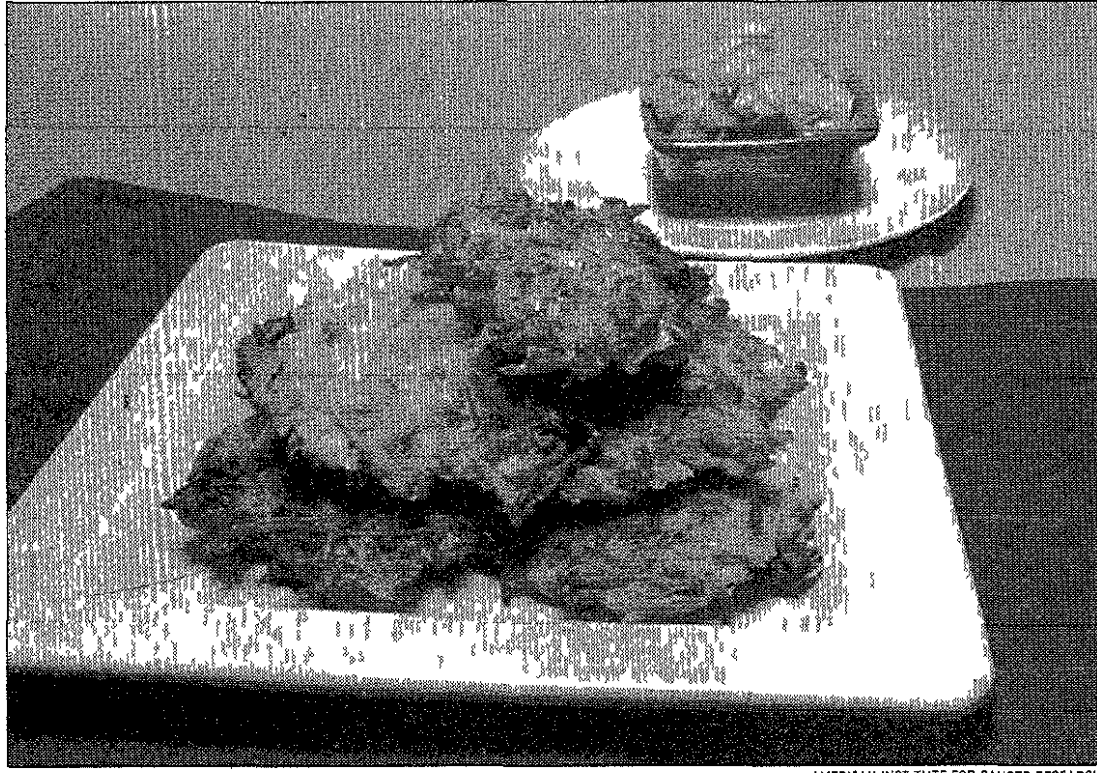
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Baking rather than frying latkes is the key to better nutrition with no loss of flavor

## Enjoy potato pancakes without the oil

The winter holiday season continues with Hanukkah, which begins Dec. 7 and continues for eight days. This Jewish "festival of lights" celebrates the tiny vial of untainted olive oil - enough to burn for a day - that burned for the entire eight days needed to restore the Jewish temple in Jerusalem.

Food prepared for this holiday is traditionally cooked in oil. Potato pancakes fried in oil are the traditional Hanukkah meal. But with a slightly different approach, latkes - as potato pancakes are also called - can be enjoyed with no guilt or worry.

Baking rather than frying latkes is the key to better nutrition with no loss of flavor. While potatoes are the main ingredient, they don't have to be the only ingredient. Using grated carrots in the mixture, for example, adds color, texture and nutrients. The carrots add the protective substances that vegetables naturally offer, such as beta carotene and other cancer-fighting phytochemicals. You could also try grated sweet potatoes or zucchini.

If you want the pancakes crispier, just pop them under the broiler for a minute after

baking. You can serve with a dollop of sour cream, or apple sauce, which is easy to make and always a treat when it's freshly homemade.

Just core and thinly slice six medium apples of any variety or mix. (You can peel the apples, but leaving the skin on gives the sauce a nice color and more fiber.) Put them in a large microwave-safe bowl. Add 1/2 cup water, cover with plastic wrap and microwave on high 10 minutes. Stir apples. Microwave uncovered until apples are very tender, about 5 more minutes. With a fork, coarsely mash the apples to the desired consistency. Mix in cinnamon and sugar to taste, if needed.

### BAKED POTATO PANCAKES

- Canola oil cooking spray
- 6 medium Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled
- 2 large carrots, scraped
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1/4 cup flat leaf parsley, finely minced
- 1 cup green onion, finely chopped
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

reduced fat sour cream or apple sauce (optional)

Preheat oven to 450° F. Spray large non-stick baking sheet with oil spray. Coarsely grate potatoes and carrots. Place them in large sieve. Set sieve into a large bowl so it nestles securely. Squeeze vegetables to wring out as much liquid as possible. If vegetables still feel wet, pat dry with paper towels, then transfer them to a mixing bowl. Stir in flour, parsley, onion, eggs, oil, salt and pepper, making sure ingredients are well combined. Spoon small mounds of the mixture on the baking sheet to form 2 1/2-inch pancakes, leaving 1 inch between each. Bake latkes until golden brown, 6 to 8 minutes per side, turning once with spatula. Pancakes can also be made in a pan, preferably non-stick, with a light coating of canola oil spray on the bottom. Heat pan to high, then reduce to medium or medium-high heat. Transfer cooked pancakes to warm plates or a serving platter and serve at once. If desired, serve with low fat sour cream or applesauce.

Makes about 16 pancakes or 8 servings.  
Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## HANUKKAH

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will be part of the festivities provided at the center. "And we will provide doughnuts, another customary treat, sweets and other special foods," said the chef. The residents will be treated to Smith's own family's holiday nut roll, which he has adapted to Jewish kosher guidelines.

Smith, who is not Jewish, is an employee of Sodexo, the contractor which provides food services for the center. He said he has enjoyed the challenge of learning how to prepare kosher foods for the residents. "I was excited when I took this position a year ago," Smith said. "I knew I would have the opportunity to expand my cooking skills. This I have done and I've also gained a wealth of knowledge of Jewish customs and traditions."

He explained, for instance, that kosher Jews can have fish, but the varieties allowed must have scales and fins and cannot be bottom-feeders, such as catfish. Also, shell fish, such as shrimp and lobster, are not allowed.

Smith's career in the culinary field began when he trained with a master chef at a private club in Southfield. He then spent two years at Disney World cooking and learning high-volume food preparation. He returned to the Detroit area and joined Sodexo seven years ago.

His current position requires him to oversee two kitchens, including two separate dishwashing operations. This is because kosher food preparation mandates the separation of meat and dairy products.

Our red kitchen is for preparing meat, the blue, the dairy items," Smith said.

Both have their own pans, cooking utensils and dishes (patterned for meat, solid for

## RECIPES

### SMITH FAMILY HOLIDAY NUT ROLL

#### Filling

- 1/2 pound shelled and chopped walnuts
  - 1/2 cup soft butter
  - 1/2 cup sugar
  - 1/2 cup milk
  - 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- Mix all filling ingredients together and set aside.
- #### Dough
- 1 cake yeast
  - 1/2 cup milk
  - 2 cups flour
  - 1/4 cup sugar
  - 1/2 tablespoon salt
  - 1/2 cup butter
  - 1 egg
  - 1/2 cup sour cream
  - 1 beaten egg
  - Powdered sugar

Dissolve yeast in warm milk. Mix all ingredients (except nut filling) together. Knead dough for a few minutes until dough is smooth. Make two balls. Roll thin and fill with nut filling. Roll like a jelly roll. Let rise 1 hour on well-greased cookie sheet.

Brush with beaten egg and bake at 350° F for 30 minutes. When cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes two loaves.

### BEEF RAGOUT BURGUNDY WITH NOODLES

- 36 ounces medium wide egg noodles
- 1/2 pound julienne cut fresh

#### carrots

- 1/2 pound diced yellow onions
- 1/2 pound diced potatoes
- 2 1/4 pounds beef stew meat, cubed
- 30 ounce can diced tomatoes with juice, divided
- 1 1/2 teaspoon ground bay leaves
- 1 1/2 tablespoon soy sauce
- 3/4 ounce beef base (no MSG)
- 5 1/3 cups water, divided
- 1/4 cup flour
- 1/2 cup Burgundy cooking wine
- 1 1/2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 6 ounces frozen peas

Prepare egg noodles according to package directions. Keep warm.

Boil carrots, onions and potatoes in water (just enough to cover) until tender. Drain.

In large soup kettle, brown beef cubes. Add 1 cup tomatoes and juice, bay leaves, soy sauce, beef base and 5 cups of water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 1 hour or until meat is tender.

In small bowl, combine flour and remaining water. Stir into beef mixture. Simmer for 5 minutes or until thickened.

Add carrots, onions and potatoes, remaining tomatoes and juice, wine, Worcestershire sauce and peas to beef mixture. Heat until warm and serve over noodles.

Makes 12 servings.  
Recipes provide by Jeff Smith.

dairy.) He added that there is separate flatware, glassware and serving trays to assure that the two food groups are not served together.

"And we have still another set of dishes and utensils used strictly for Passover," Smith said.

According to the chef, in his early days at the center he made a few mistakes by mixing meat and dairy in recipes.

We had to get rid of a few pans, but now I'm familiar with the requirements. If in doubt, I ask the rabbi or check one of the many books I

keep in my office.

As Hanukkah approaches - it begins at sundown on Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Smith is busy checking menus and adding more sweets.

We tend to restrict sweets on a daily basis and serve more fruits, he said. We're adding more cakes and other desserts during Hanukkah, as well as some of the other favorite treats of the residents.

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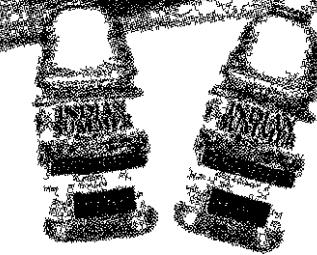
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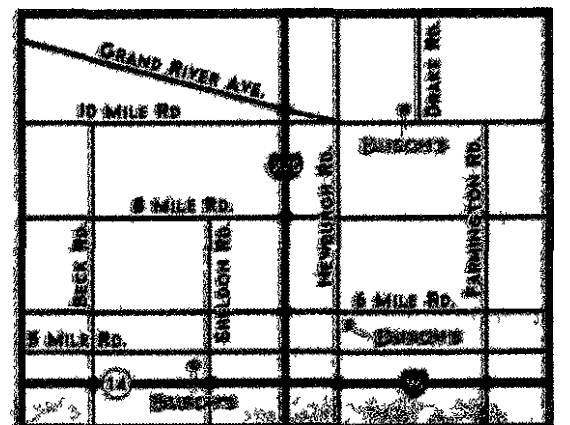
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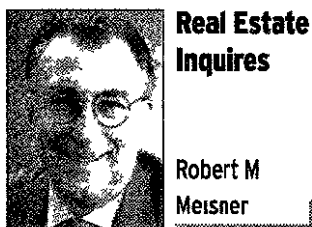
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Real Estate Inquires

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## Government must justify upgrades

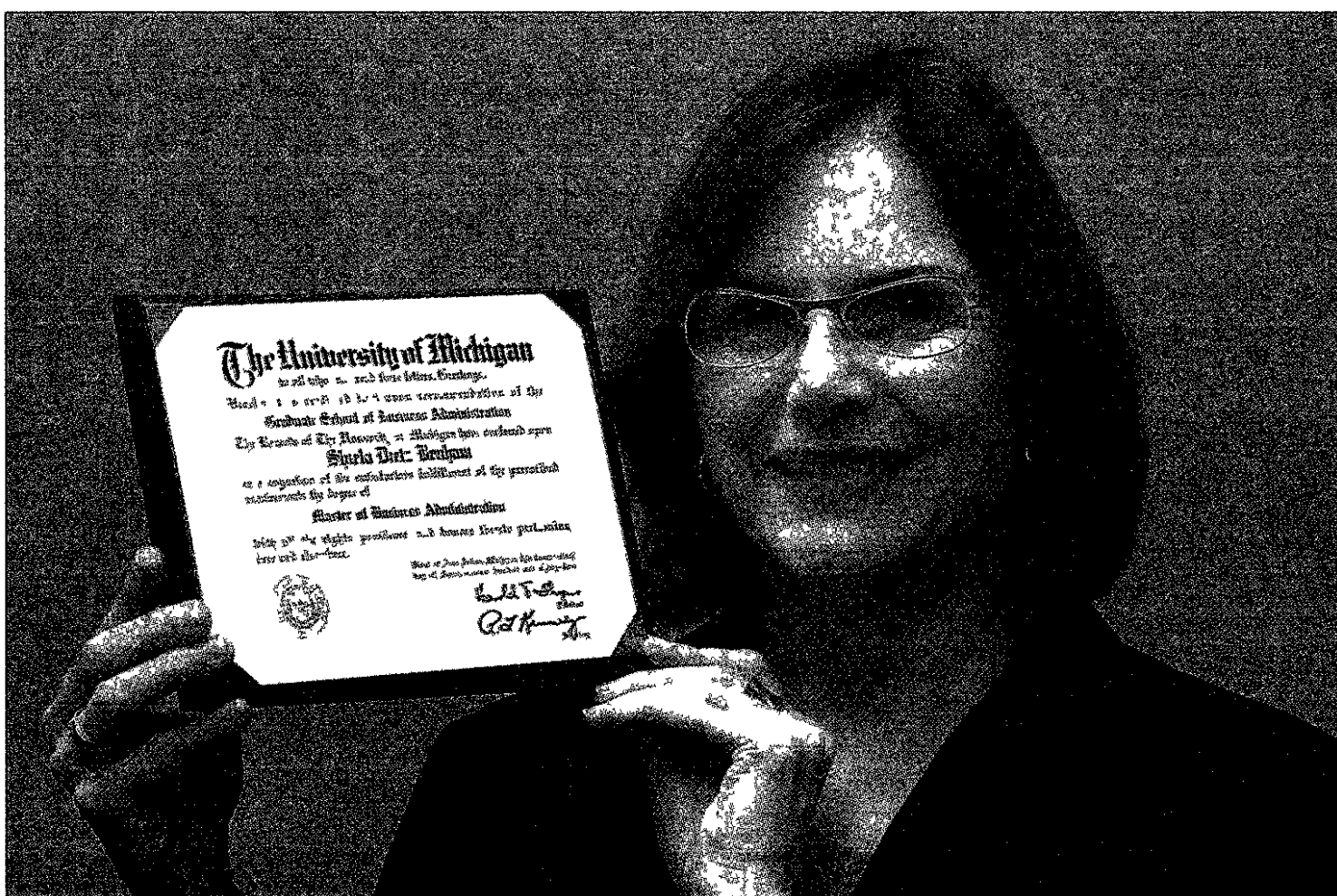
I am a builder attempting to construct a housing project but the municipality is requiring me to improve a road before it would allow housing to be built. The municipality demands that we build it with concrete rather than asphalt. I am thinking about bringing a lawsuit against the municipality but recognize the obvious problems in doing so. Do you have any suggestions?

In a similar case out of the State of Texas, the builder argued that the projected impact of the subdivision project did not warrant the degree of improvements mandated by the municipality. It also argued that it was an unconstitutional infringement upon its constitutional rights. In a decision of the Texas Supreme Court citing a 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring localities to demonstrate a "nexus between a legitimate government interest and the exaction it demands from the developer, and another case ruling that exactions must be proportionate to the impact on the development, the court found on behalf of the builder and indicated that the municipalities efforts were simply a way for the municipality to extract a benefit to which the town was not entitled. The court recognized that in cases such as this, the government has the burden of justifying the condition of exaction demanded of the developer.

I recently read an article regarding condo rage in communities where directors have been assaulted and, in some instances, murdered. How do you deal with that situation?

Short of consulting with a psychologist, the association can take various steps to deal with condo rage. Some suggestions which I have heard about include (1) staying calm, (2) listening and responding to the co-owner, (3) staying proactive as a board to deal with the problem, (4) acting quickly and consulting with your association attorney, (5) if necessary, posting off duty police to patrol your meetings, (6) getting professional assistance, and (7) if necessary, calling the police.

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Shiela Dietz is a Realtor and earned her M.B.A. from the University of Michigan

## Having an M.B.A. helps Realtors get down to business in their field

BY KEELY SCHRAMM  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes your children turn the tables as they come of age and counsel you. That's what happened to Shiela Dietz. She and her daughter, Melissa, were taking a walk through their Birmingham neighborhood and discussing Melissa's future.

She just got her B.A. from the University of Michigan and wasn't sure what to do next. I kept telling her to do what you love and the money will follow.

"For example," she told her daughter. "I will always be sorry I didn't go into real estate."

Her daughter's response was "Obviously, when you talk to me, it doesn't apply to you."

Dietz said she'll never forget that conversation, it changed her life. Melissa decided to study interior design at Parson's School of Design in New York City. And Dietz, who worked at Chrysler and Compuware before starting her own consulting firm, did something a lot of people are afraid to do, she decided to follow her dream.

It wasn't the first time she changed careers. Dietz worked as a speech pathologist for 11 years in Michigan and California before deciding to enroll in the M.B.A. program at the University of Michigan.

"I was in California when Proposition 13 reduced funding for public schools," she said. "I asked myself, 'Do I still want to be doing this for 30 years?' When the answer is 'no' you're a lame duck in your own life."

Dietz talked to people she knew, Mike Cotter and Dave Busch at Snyder, Kinney, Bennett and Keating in Birmingham. "I had bought and sold houses through them," she said. "I really respected them. They were very encouraging."

Then she took a class to prepare her to take the Michigan real estate licensing exam, passed, and began working with Snyder, Kinney, Bennett and Keating.

"Having learned how to be your

The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors in Michigan has added 30 to 40 new members a month for the past year, according to association President Chris Courtney. Laid-off executives seeking a new career are a big factor in the recent expansion, he said.

own boss and have your own business was helpful," she said. "As a Realtor, you are absolutely independent. I really do love it. It's a constant challenge. I'm really in charge of this. It's something you can manage and grow without worrying about tax referendums and corporate cycles. You can make a difference every day, it's up to you."

If Michael Aldouby, a Realtor with RE/MAX New Trend in Farmington falls, he has nobody to blame but himself.

"A lot of people don't want to do real estate because the risk. But there is no job security anymore. Here at least you have a little control. In many corporations there's politics and all that. I like controlling my destiny."

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Nearly one out of five Realtors were in management before entering the real estate industry, according to the National Association of Realtors, and 88 percent of all Realtors have had at least some college, and 42 percent have gone on to pursue bachelor's

and advanced degrees.

Aldouby earned his M.B.A. from Pace University in Manhattan and his bachelor's degree in political science. He worked as a journalist and published a newsletter, *Real Estate Broker's Report*.

After writing so much about it I decided to go into real estate myself," he said. "You're self-employed. Nobody tells you what to do. Where your business goes is up to you. You're marketing and selling ideas, it's important to have a business background. It's been really critical for me. One of the chief things I do is figure out ways to differentiate myself from my competitors."

Dietz and Aldouby said they've both built on what they learned in business school.

"Home ownership has been a more sound investment," said Dietz. "It's a big part of people's financial portfolios. Having an understanding of properties, markets and values helps you work with clients to know what finances they should relegate to housing. It's their family business, you're helping them manage that. You can be the person you wish you had when you were buying and selling a house. Things you learned in the corporate world can be brought to real estate."

Aldouby believes real estate is the perfect business to use the tools he has and his M.B.A. "A lot of people think Realtors aren't needed, and they can do the job themselves. But in my opinion, things have never been as complicated as they are today. There's a lot involved - marketing, negotiating, paperwork. People stand to lose a lot if there are errors. This is often their biggest investment."

Real estate has become very big business. "There's a tendency for M.B.A.s to gravitate toward opportunity," said Dietz. "U-M has put an emphasis on real estate in its business school. At more senior levels people are realizing these are big businesses and getting involved. It's a lucrative business and enjoyable too. I don't think you should be allowed to have this much fun."

Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips



## Combo loans help nix PMI

We loan officers usually select single mortgage products to properly fill our clients' needs - but not always. In many cases, I find that using a combination of loans yields a better result than would the use of a single loan product.

One of my favorite mortgage combinations involves the addition of a Home Equity Line-of-Credit, or HELOC, onto a conventional mortgage. This special loan combination can be used for refinances and for purchases, and is especially useful for borrowers who are paying for private mortgage insurance, or PMI.

Consider a hypothetical young couple who bought their home with a very small payment a year ago. These borrowers are likely trying to either improve their mortgage interest rate or to reduce or eliminate their PMI payments, or both. Because it is unlikely that their home has appreciated much in just one year, they may not be able to accomplish both objectives with a single loan. They could probably reduce their interest rate, but will not likely entirely eliminate their PMI.

However, they may succeed using a combination solution that calls for them to take out two separate new loans to replace their existing one. The first would be a conventional loan written at 80 percent of their home's current value, and the second would be a HELOC large enough to pay off the balance of the first mortgage, plus the new loans' costs.

By structuring the refinance in this manner, the borrowers will avoid PMI, and can pay as little as just the interest on the HELOC. Also, with that costly PMI eliminated, they can voluntarily keep their payments at the pre-refinance level, and apply the overage toward the principle on the new HELOC to build equity more quickly.

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Broder was one of four regional real estate leaders honored for their significant impact on commercial real estate in Michigan.

He launched Broder & Sachse, a commercial, residential and industrial property management and development company, with partner Todd Sachse in 1993. Today, the firm manages more than 60 properties totaling more than 6.5 million square feet, including an 82-store Walgreens portfolio. Broder & Sachse has developed and acquired 15 other properties, including the recently acquired 260 E. Brown St., a



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50,000-square-foot class-A building in Birmingham. Broder, who earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan, holds an associate broker's license in Michigan and is a Certified Property Manager of the

Institute of Real Estate Management.

A West Bloomfield resident, Broder is involved in a variety of community and charitable organizations. He is currently president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Metropolitan Detroit, and on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit, and the Board of Trustees of The American Red Cross-Southeast Michigan Chapter.

He is also a member of Capital Needs Division of the United Jewish Foundation and the properties committee of the American Red Cross.

Other 2004 award recipients included Charles Allen, president of Gramark Realty Advisors, Dominic Mocer, a partner in The Mocer Cos., and Randall Thomas, president and CEO of Insite Commercial Group.

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# Current mortgage rates a mixed bag, experts say

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates were a mixed bag this past week, with benchmark 30-year mortgages edging down, one-year adjustable-rate mortgages shooting up and 15-year mortgages holding steady.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly survey released Wednesday, Nov. 24, said rates on 30-year

fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.72, down from 5.74 percent the previous week.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. After that, rates drifted lower.

The relatively good behavior of long-term mortgage rates has pleased economists. "At this time last year, our forecast called for interest rates for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages to

exceed 6 percent by this time this year," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates this week averaged 5.15 percent, unchanged from the week before.

One-year adjustable rate mortgages, however, rose to 4.27 percent, up sharply from 4.17 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include

add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried a 0.6 point fee. One-year ARMs carried a 0.7 point fee.

Low mortgage rates are helping to keep the housing market humming.

New-home sales rose 0.2 percent in October from the previous month to an annual rate of 1.23 million, the third best showing ever, the Commerce Department reported Nov. 24.

Sales in the Northeast surged 19.7 percent to a rate of 85,000. In the West, sales jumped 12.7 percent to a record-high pace of 417,000.

But in the South sales dropped 9.1 percent to a rate of 508,000, and in the Midwest sales declined 3.6 percent to a pace of 216,000. Economists expect home sales to hit record highs for all of 2004.

"Interest rates are still front and center about keeping demand exuberant," said David

Seiders, chief economist at the National Association of Home Builders. An improved job market is another factor supporting sales, he said.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.83 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.17 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.72 percent.

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# More retirees mull move to snow country

BY BECKY BOHRER  
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Whenever Fern and Dale Johnson visited family in Wyoming, they couldn't help feeling a bit envious. People were so friendly, and the pace of life in the rural community was much slower — and more to their liking — than back home in Nebraska.

The Johnsons once dreamed of spending their leisure years in the warmth of sunny Arizona. But Sun City, it turned out, was too 'busy.' So when retirement finally came last year, they headed instead for Buffalo, a decidedly four-season town of about 4,100 people near the looming Big Horn Mountains of northern Wyoming.

Buffalo is certainly a far cry from Arizona. Winter snows can come early and stay late in Wyoming. The interstate on-ramps have permanent barriers that can be lowered when

blowing autumn leaves is starting, the Johnsons say they couldn't be happier.

"To me, the climate is so much nicer here. There's no humidity," said Fern Johnson, 66.

Florida and Arizona remain hot retirement destinations, offering the constants of sun and warmth, gardening and golf, the traditional attractions for a retiree. But Sunbelt destinations are losing some of their cool with many new retirees, who want more and are willing to live where it's cold and snowy to get it.

Some, like the Johnsons, seek small-town connections. Others seek out culture and educational opportunities in college towns. Some want active outdoor recreation. And some look for a low cost of living where they can build a dream home or start a new business.

"The hold Florida and Arizona have had on retirees is loosening, and the options are growing," said Clare Hushbeck, an economist and senior legislative representative with AARP.

Today, the nature of retirement is changing. Many people are retiring younger, with more money and more plans. For many, that includes opportunities to stay active and involved. Newly retiring baby boomers, between the ages of 40 and 60,

don't see themselves as old, said Joanne Bowlby of AARP Wyoming.

"The idea of playing golf and living in a condo with people only their own age — to them — is old," she said. "Here, we see them active mountain biking, hiking, skiing. The independent mindset fits them."

It did Marvin and JoAnne Brown. The retired Air Force colonel and his wife found a house in Lander, Wyo., that they ended up buying and turning into a bed and breakfast. Though they hadn't any particular plans to leave their home in Denver, they were bowled over by the house and its prospects and were excited about starting over in a town of about 7,000 people in mountainous western Wyoming.

Nearly 10 years later, their Blue Spruce Inn is doing well and the couple remain pleased with their move.

"Lander is the kind of place where you can be as busy or not-as-busy as you want to be," said Marvin Brown, 67. "Pick your animal and there's a group for it — elk, turkeys, fish."

Hunting and fishing are among the draws to Townsend, Mont., a town of about 1,900 near the state capital of Helena. From 1990-2003, Broadwater County, which includes Townsend, saw a 54 percent increase in the number

of people 65 and older, according to the census.

Weather, water and mountains are main draws to Sequim, Wash., a town of about 4,200 on the northern end of the Olympic Peninsula. The town's average age is 58, said Pat McCauley, Sequim marketing director.

"I actively market to kayakers and bikers and outdoor adventure people, and they move here with their kayaks and bikes when they retire," she said.

While Buffalo is attracting retirees, those same retirees are changing Buffalo.

They volunteer at places such as the Jim Gatchell Museum and food pantry. They use the YMCA to lift weights, walk or swim, and their growing number is a factor as officials look ahead at how best to meet the needs of members, chief executive officer Doug Schultze said.

Realtor Bob Snowden says he has seen a steady number of retirees move into the area over the last decade and a rise in prices for the coveted 2- to 5-acre plots uninhabited in the county. In outlying areas, clearing some snow-covered roads isn't a top priority for road crews, a fact many new residents learn after their first, big snowfall, said Ken Gross, a consultant to the city and former local planner.

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# Pattern of strong home-price gains continues in most areas

Tight housing inventories continued to drive home price increases in most metropolitan areas during the third quarter, according to the latest survey by National Association of Realtors.

The association's third-quarter metro area home price report, covering changes in 127 metropolitan statistical areas, shows 45 areas with double-digit annual increases in median existing-home prices and 11 areas posting small declines.

The national median existing-home price was \$188,500 during the third quarter, up 7.7 percent from the third quarter of 2003 when the median price was \$175,000. The median is a typical market price where half of the units sold for more and half sold for less. In the second quarter, the annual price increase was 8.9 percent.

David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said the rate of home price appreciation is cooling. Nationally, the annual rate of price growth is


slower than in the second quarter, and that is good for long-term gains in the market, he said. Home prices are still rising faster than historic norms because we continue to have more buyers than sellers.

AR President Al Mansell, CEO of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Salt Lake City, said there are other signs of balance coming to the market. 'Although home prices have risen faster than incomes over the last three years, for much of the 80s and '90s the reverse was true,' he said. To a certain extent we've been experiencing some catch-up, but the ease in price appreciation may be a sign that the level of price growth will be at a more sustainable pace in the future. NAR projects the median existing-home price to rise 5.3 percent in 2005.

The strongest metro area price increase was in the Las Vegas area where the third-quarter median existing-home price of \$283,200

was 53.7 percent higher than a year earlier, the highest rate of price growth ever measured in any metropolitan area. Next came Bradenton, Fla., with a median price of \$248,000, up 40.7 percent from the third quarter of 2003. Third was the Riverside-San Bernardino, Calif., area, at \$311,700, up 36.2 percent from a year ago.

In the Midwest, the median resale home price of \$154,000 during the third quarter was 4.8 percent higher than the same period in 2003. The strongest increase in the region was in Peoria, Ill., with a median price of \$113,000, up 16.0 percent in the last year. The next highest increase was in the Davenport-Moline-Rock Island area of Iowa and Illinois, where the median price of \$119,500 was 15.5 percent higher than the third quarter of 2003, followed by Springfield, Mo., at \$110,200, up 12.6 percent.



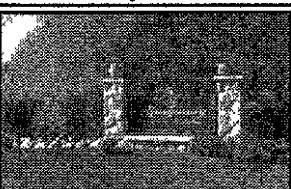
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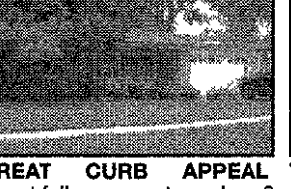
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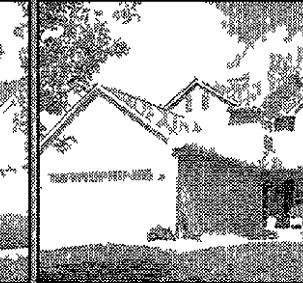
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Exceptional 3BR 2lav b ck co onal on an interior ow traffc setting Spacious kit nook Open & ary family room w/ fireplace 2 skylights & vaulted ceilings Lux master w/bath F n shed owe level (OEP72DUN) 734 453 6800



**CANTON** \$259,900  
Fantastic P ce On Ths Spacious Cape Cod Condo W/1st F Mstr Ste Expanded Kitchen W/ext a Cabinetry & Expanded Mst Bath W/jetted Tub & Sla Shw Hdwrd n The Foye F pl In The Great Rm Neutral Decor (OEN21CHE) 248 347 3050



**CANTON** \$259,000  
Relax & Enjoy Yourself In This 4br 2 5 Bath Ranch Built In 1987 18x14 Kitchen Is Beautiful W/ceramic Tile Custom Mstr Cabinet & Island door wa Leading to 2 Tiered Deck large Gr With F pl And Vaulted Ceilings (OEN37HG) 248 347 3050



**CANTON** \$230,000  
Incred ble Value Kitchen Completely Updated W/new Oak Cabinets New Floor New Dishwasher Formal Dining Rm W/crown Molding Formal Living Rm Family Rm W/natural F pl Lower Level W/hobby Rm New Hot Water Htr (OEN15WED) 248 347 3050



**COMMERCE** \$269,900  
Don't Miss Close to Village of Mt o d Immaculate 4BR co onal on lg prof rd sop corner lot Tastefully deco ated thru out Floo to ce ng br ck nat FP n FR Country living but close to amenities Warranty inc (OEP50CHE) 734 453 6800



**DEARBORN** \$109,900  
Great P ce Clean And Move In Ready Immed ate Occupancy Updated Kit W pe go Type Fir & Ce am c Back Splash Al Rooms W Cab e Full Bsmt 1/2 W d op Ce lng And Carpet Water In Gar For Washing Car (OEL52HER) 734-591 0333



**DEARBORN HTS.** \$115,000  
Gorgeous ranch n school d st 7 presently 2 bd m can be converted back to 3 You will love open floor plan completely updated and fresh Screened in porch Too many updates to ment on (OESLY57CLI) 248 437 4500



**DETROIT** \$110,000  
A B ck 2 unit Ranch Dup ex So d as ls S de by s de Units W sep Entrances 1 Car Det Gar Fo Each Unit Fu Bsmt 2 Bed each Unit Nce Layout Large LR Fenced Ya ds Currently Rented At \$600 Each Unit (OEL86LAH) 734 591 0333



**DETROIT** \$99,700  
3 Bd BungW Kit Fo m DR Bath Lvg Rm & Full F n Bsmt Beautiful HW F s T O Mstr Bd m Has 2 W Cedar C osets New Wns C cut Brk s Batr Tiles And Other Updates Bsmt Has Wet Ba Kit Has New Snk Fl & Counte (OEL18FRE) 734 591 0333



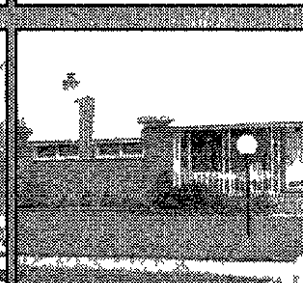
**FARMINGTON** \$340,000  
Walk To Downtown Farmington From Ths Wonderful Family Home Extensive Upgrades In The Past Year Include W ndows Tr m & S ls Siding & Gutters Keyless Entry Garage Door Entry Doors Interior Doors & Moldings (OEN23MOO) 248 347 3050



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$275,000  
Bargain Hunting stop Here Pnced To Move You! Updates Galore From The Moment You Enter The Porch Of This Stately Georgian Co on a W to ma Living/dining Rm New Powder Rm Open Kitchen W/desk New Fl (OEN56NEW) 248 347 3050



**FERNDALE** \$129,900  
Great 3 bedroom bungalow w/full basement Separate d n ng room Huge master bedroom All A/C w ndows cool ng stay Newer Walls de windows 12/03 A appliances stay Cute home very neat el Imm posses on available (OESLY54PIN) 248 437 4500



**GARDEN CITY** \$165,000  
Updated Kit W sky ght Oak Cabs That Open To Cozy FR W/tp F n Bsmt W ots Of Sto age Roof 5 Yrs Complete Tear Off W nyl W ndows Coppe Plumb Updated E ect c Landscap ng (OEL46HEL) 734 591 0333



**GENOA** \$256,000  
Outstanding Cape Cod in upscale sub on shores of Crooked Lake Enjoy the lake view from you b ck paved patio Vaulted ceilings ng eat room and large 1st flr master suite First floor laundry home wa anty (OESLY68OAK) 248 437 4500



**HAMBURG** \$184,900  
Spacious & peaceful ranch on almost an acre Lg vng rm lrg family rm w/ replace rg heated Flo da m 1st flr laundry y open bsmt w work m nestled n boe of p ne trees P ced to se quck (OESLY14HAM) 248 437 4500



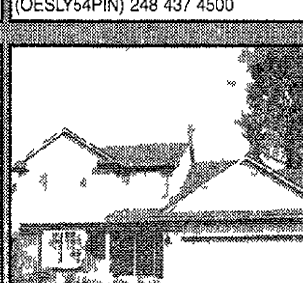
**HARTLAND** \$336,000  
Spotless 4 br 2 5 bath Co onal on 62 acres ls and kitchen w/butlers pantry Hardwood f s vto first flr Master bath w/acuzz tub & separate shower P ncess suite w/d ect access to 2nd bath Day ght bsmt (OES-Y69CLO) 248 437 4500



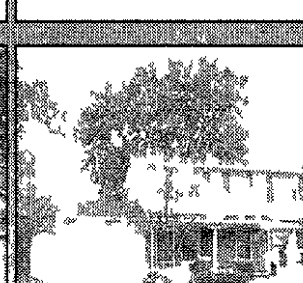
**HIGHLAND** \$549,900  
Eddie Bauer house in highest pt of Prestwick on 16th green! 2x6 Const ant heat n f in sunrm mstr bath & ent eLL w/sonart laminate flr in foyer dr study kit & GR hot water recr System vto (OEN44INV) 248 347 3050



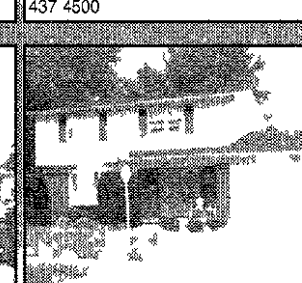
**HIGHLAND** \$229,900  
Unbelievable tr evel on ove 1 1/2 acres of fabulous fenced yard 3 or 4 bedrooms 2 5 baths 2 5 garage New kitchen windows roof garage door carpet par nt and Flor da oom w/w mant hot tub Fam rm w/wa kout (OESLY15MIL) 248 437 4500



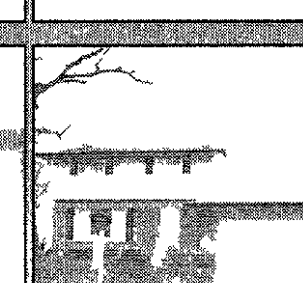
**LIVONIA** \$314,900  
What A Value On Ths Fantastic 4 Bed m 2 5 Bath Brck Co on a Lg ls and Kit W/oak Cabinets Dwa To La ge Wood Deck W bu t n Sw ng Ove king Beaut fu Landscaped Lot FR W gas Log Fp Fu Bsmt 2 Ca Att Gar (OEL20CAT) 734 591 0333



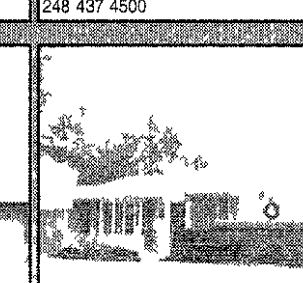
**LIVONIA** \$259,900  
Sharp 4 Bd m 1 5 Bath Brck & Alum Col W den off ce Updtd Kit W oak Cabs Coran Cntrs Ceramic T e F & A1 Apps Lg Fo ma DR FR Wnat Gas Fp Baths Updated Patly F n Bsmt 2 Car Ga V nyl Wnd T/O (OEL99BAR) 734 591 0333



**LIVONIA** \$250,000  
G eat Fam y Home n A Great Neighborhood O gnal Owner Tons Of Expsns ve Updates Have Been Done Newer Roof W ndows New D veway & Walk Neutra Throughout Cozy Fam Rm W F replace Leads To Wonderful Sunrm (OEN34BEA) 248 347 3050



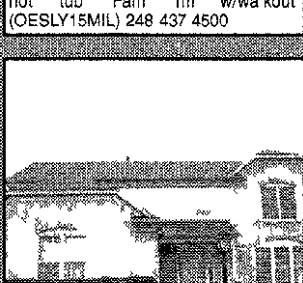
**LIVONIA** \$230,000  
Move n Cond4 Bedrm 1 5 Bath Colonial Charming L & Fmrl Dr HW Flrs Updated Kit Coran Cntrs Bu t n D w Lrg Deck Fantastic FR W FP Full Bsmt Pa t F n Hvd F s V nyl Wnd v Updated Baths 2 Car Ga (OEL44SUN) 734 591 0333



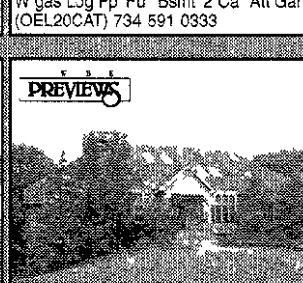
**LIVONIA** \$184,900  
Clean 3 Bdrm 2 Bath Brck Ranch In Lvon a Al App Inc Stova Refrg Washer Drye Dishwasher & Microwave F n shed Basement Has Case Bock W ndows & Tons Of Storage (OEL35LOR) 734 591 0333



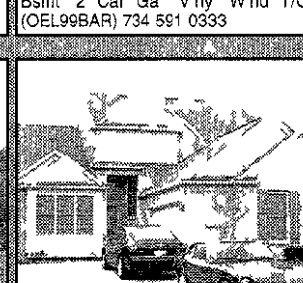
**NORTHVILLE** \$929,900  
Immed ate Occupancy On Ths Stonewater Lakefront Home Over \$130 000 In Upgrades brazilian Cherry Foo In Foye haf Bath & Kit 2 story Foye gou mat Kit W/42 Chory Cab nets W 1 ench County Account Cab nets (OEN44CLA) 248 347 3050



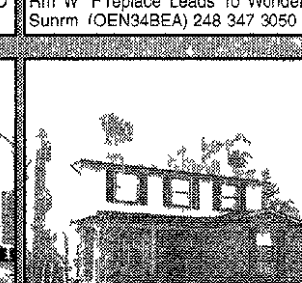
**NORTHVILLE** \$374,900  
Country Club Village Detached Condo W/de Entry Garage Backing To Pond W/mm Occupancy! 2 story Foyer ceramic Tile n Foyer half Bath & Kit 3 Fps bay Window Upgrade in Drfn Daylight Bsmt W/rec Rm (gr) W/tp (OEN95DUN) 248 347 3050



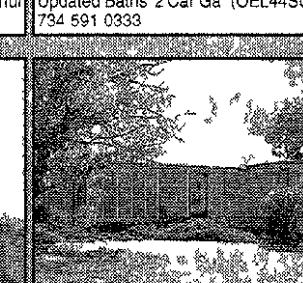
**PLYMOUTH** \$1,475,000  
Secluded wooded natural setting w/a stream & awesome contemp home w/2x6 const exposed beams 14 sky tes 2 stone FPs p antation shut lers Woodmode kit Expansve 1st flr met suite 3 d fl et eat WO LL (OEP50TER) 734 453 6800



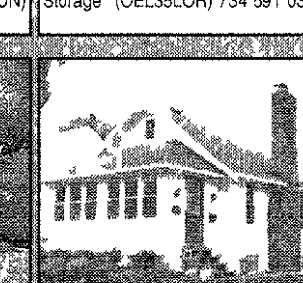
**PLYMOUTH** \$349,500  
3BR 2 1/2 BA cape cod Great pricel Lux 1st floor master w/athedra ce ng Open great oom w/ replace & soaring ce ngs Spacious kitchen & nook Forma d n ng oom 1st floor study Neuta Must see (OEP93PLY) 734 453 6800



**PLYMOUTH** \$324,900  
Qua Hollow Estates 4BR 2 1/2 BA colonial Forma d n ng room & study Fam y room w/cathedral ceiling brck f rep ace & doo rwa to patio Master has 3 closets (w/c). Part fr shed basement Newer roof & furnace (OEP81ACA) 734 453 6800



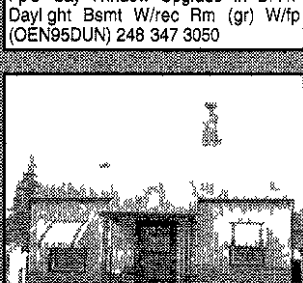
**PLYMOUTH** \$266,000  
Close To Shopping Schools Expressways Move Into A Wonderful Neighbo hood & Into An Updated Neutra Home Newer Windows Roof Ca pet Hot Water Heater Freshly Painted Into A Ows You To Move Right n (OEN29IVY) 248 347 3050



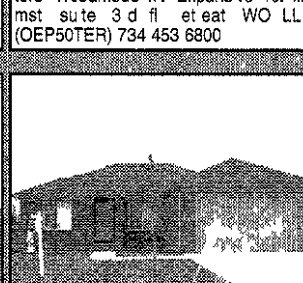
**PLYMOUTH** \$184,900  
Che y Pergo & fresh pa nt t/o Updates e ect furn & CA w ndows ext par nt gutters d veway & patio nrt & ext doors all new 03 04! Stars to fu gtt offer abundance of expan on possib les App stay (OEP74EVE) 734 453 6800



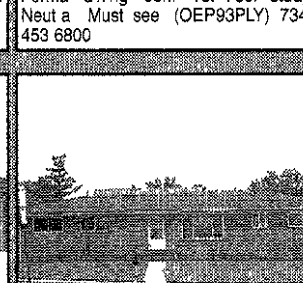
**PONTIAC** \$125,000  
Histor ca rdian Village Inviting Enclosed Entryway Leading To A Beaut fu Archad Wood Door With Bevel Glass HW Fl s Bnck FP With Pewabic Tile Covered Archways And Windows Ga ore Upper Level Is A Must See! (OEL88OSC) 734 591 0333



**PONTIAC** \$90,000  
Beautiful 3 Bedroom Home With Detached Garage Finished bsmt With Full Ba Newly Remodeled Kitchen With New Counters New Cabinets & Floors Many Newer Windows Newer Furnace And Hot Water Heater (OEL08LUT) 734 591 0333



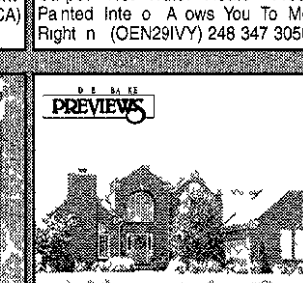
**ROMULUS** \$227,000  
Prem site backs to Farway w \$51 000 n extras Upgrades no carpet ng apc nts lighting elev deeper bsmt ext alum num sky tes overheads fans elec air cleaner hum arch shingles or mildg snck bar & more (OEP11SAN) 734 453 6800



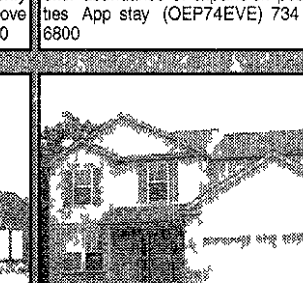
**SOUTH LYON** \$157,000  
Brck ranch wth loads of potent a w Large double oated n charming downtown 2 car attached garage Full bath in basement (OESLY20LOT) 248 437 4500



**SOUTH LYON** \$119,899  
Just reduced to se Super clean ground floor unit tucked n back of complex Nce master suite w/master bath Community pool Close to downtown Condo has been smoke free/pet f ee unit Move right n (OESLY56GRE) 248 437 4500



**SUPERIOR** \$624,900  
Your own estate! Truly custom 4BR 3 1/2 BA colonial on over 2 acres To de fr gourmet kitchen w/gran te counte tops A bedrooms have bath oom access Lux master suite Double star ways (OEP11FLE) 734 453 6800



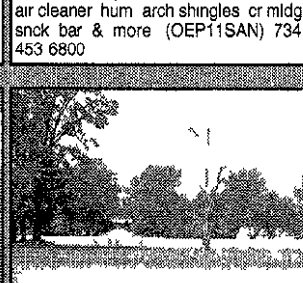
**SUPERIOR** \$1500/lease  
Premium locat on back ng & sng to tees Love y oak sland kitchen w/hard wood foo s centra a first floor aun dry f rep ace n geat oom Al appl ances stay Clubhouse w poo (OESLY52HIG) 248 437 4500



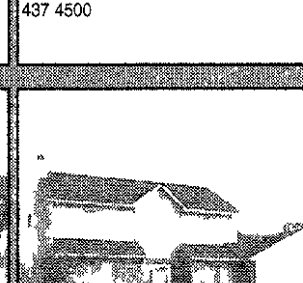
**WALLED LAKE** \$174,000  
Recently updated 1476 sq ft ranch with a huge kitchen and dining area Beaut fu landscaped waterfal/pond in the backya d ots of room for the kids Selers motivated (OESLY67PAY) 248 437 4500



**WALLED LAKE** \$99,000  
Why rent? Great condo wth lake access Boat dock and launch avai albe with this nce y updated one bedroom condo in Walled Lake! (OESLY75PON) 248 437 4500



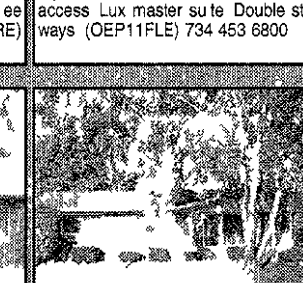
**WAYNE** \$250,000  
P rime High Traffic Area Fo New Commercial Business Wth Fontage On Van Born Ut ltes Availa b e Part Of Large Parcel Sale Cont ngent Upon City Approval Of Split B3 Comme ca Zon ng (OEL00VAN) 734 591 0333



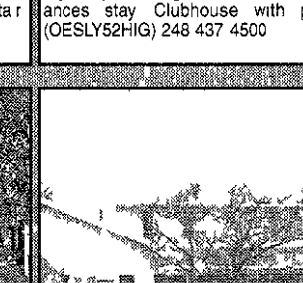
**WESTLAND** \$269,900  
What a dea 6 ya ood co onia w Lvon a schools n beaut fu Oakwest Estates Tex no maintenance deck sur ponds a gso geous poo Fencod ya d oaks over wooded preserve ed ng to Ho day Park (OEN78CHE) 248 347 3050



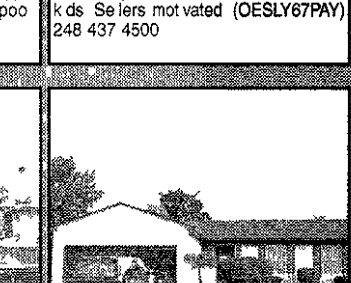
**WESTLAND** \$149,900  
Brck ranch w bsmt ga age & mst bath Updated man bath (04) garage siding door opener (03) hum d f e (02) roof (00) Other updates thermo windows e ectral coppe p umb ng & glass bock w ndows (OEP18HAW) 734 453 6800



**WESTLAND** \$129,900  
Situated On A Tee L ned St eet Ths B ck Ranch P ovides A Low ma nce nance Exterior Updated Kitchen And Bath oom Ws king D stance To Schoo s And Shopping Neutral Pa ette Is Ready Fo Your Personal Style (OEN44CHR) 248 347 3050



**WIXOM** \$215,900  
Excellent buy in the Courts of H ggate! Gorgeous ya d wth many perenn als backs to the commons area wth nature park and b ke path n one of W xorns n cest subs p ced to se (OESLY42BIS) 248 437 4500



**WIXOM** \$209,900  
Beautiful 3 Bdrm 1 5 Ba Ranch In H dden Creek Sub Remodeled Bth 2 Ca Att Gar ca W/ Closet In Mstr & Part F n Bsmt All Appliances Included Ths Home Backs To Beautiful Common Area & ls n Mint Condition! (OEL04BAR) 734 591 0333

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#### WHITE LAKE

4 BR/3 5 BA 5000+ FIN SQ FT ON 2 5 WOODED ACRES 1998 built Soaring ceilings Pics & tour www.localgem.com or 877 934 6683 ID 705 for details 24144840 **\$549,900**

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#### HAMBURG

WHAT A BEAUTY! Super maintained brick colonial on superb 1 acre lot w/wooded backdrop 4 BRs 2 5 baths deep bsmt 3 car gar patio Terrific mstr ste what are you waiting for? 2307807 **\$404,900**

734-455-7000

#### LIVONIA

NEW CONSTRUCTION WITH LIVONIA SCHOOLS-4 BR 2 5 BA colonial has 2421 SF bsmt & 2 car att gar Ceramic tile in BAs cherry cabs & birch flr in kit nook 1/2 BA foyer staircase Curtis Creek-11 hm development 24023356 **\$386,365**

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#### CANTON

FANTASTIC CUSTOM HOME Foyer shows view to gorgeous wooded lot backs to commons area Custom 3 BRs 2 5 BAs gourmet kit w/island & glass cab doors Cedar 3 seasons rm GR skylights & more 23W42154 **\$364,900**

734-455-7000

#### CANTON

DON'T MISS THIS ONE! Spacious Pulte Princeton Model 4 bedroom 2 5 bath Luxurious mstr ste Cherry cabs Ext hdwd flrs Lg private deck 3 car gar A real winner! 23N3410 **\$354,500**

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#### LIVONIA

LIVONIA SHOWCASE!!! Vacation year round in this beautiful 5 BR 2 5 BA contemporary Mstr BR ste w/sunroom overlooks pool & hot tub 1/2 acre lot on cul-de sac 348 6430 24100838 **\$319,900**

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#### LIVONIA

LOCATION QUALITY VALUE & CHARM 3 BR brk ranch built 1988 2 5 BA FR w/FP full bsmt 2 car att gar a secluded setting w/mature trees (approx 3/4 acre) 24112385 **\$314,900**

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#### NORTHVILLE

A STEP BACK IN TIME CHARMING 1920 S HOME Your chance to live in historic N ville with its parades festivals & small town ambience yet convenient to x-ways airport shopping & great restaurants 349 6200 24115156 **\$309,000**

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#### LIVONIA

A 10 ON THE WOW SCALE Gorgeous 2 500 SF 3 BR in N/W Livonia on nearly 3/4 acres and 3+ garage Hot tub in Florida room Gazebo formal living room Great room & family room M205 **\$290,000**

734-326-2000

#### SOUTH LYON

CAREFREE & RELAXED LIFESTYLE Beautiful condo w/all amenities LR w/frp/c & cathedral ceiling lovely kitchen w/hdwd flr spacious mstr w/vaulted ceiling fabulous fin d bsmt patio 2 car att d gar 349 6200 24123980 **\$275,000**

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#### LIVONIA

POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB 4 BRs 2 BAs 2133 SF Open flr plan w/vaulted ceilings in LR DR & kit New roof (04) wndw & DR Fla rm overlooking Indscp & fenced yrd 24142312 **\$269,000**

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#### CANTON

GREAT INCOME POTENTIAL! 3 Full baths 3 kitchens 5 bedrooms 2 additional bedrooms in bsmt Hdwd floors in LR & DR Appl stay Tenants can remain or vacate Call for more info 23S4017 **\$259,900**

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#### LIVONIA

WONDERFUL LIVONIA HOME! Beautifully appointed home w/hardwood flrs in nicely updated kit fin bsmt w/full bath 1st flr laundry newer roof central air hwh & furnace 349 6200 24109478 **\$248,900**

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#### CANTON

MOVE IN READY COLONIAL W/2 5 BAS 3 BRs 2 5 BAs with newer rf wndws & kit flr 2 car gar bsmt ready for finishing fncd yrd w/deck and shed Ply/Cntrn schls 349 6200 24141354 **\$244,900**

248-348-6430

#### CANTON

PICTURE PERFECT COLONIAL! Three bedroom Canton colonial built in 1998 Clean neutral decor Family room fireplace mstr bath A great home and fantastic value 23S45615 **\$239,000**

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#### WESTLAND

HOME BACKS TO PROTECTED WOODLANDS AND HAS A GREAT YRD w/privacy fence on either side w/doorwall to deck & hot tub Built in 00 w/open floor plan 4 BR mstr BA WIC family room & fireplace 24143944 **\$235,000**

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#### CANTON

BETTER THAN NEW! Newer condo in Cherry Grove 3 stories of 2082 SF Quality living gas FP lg great room dining area eat in kitchen w/doorwall to deck 2 5 bath 2 car attached garage 23C516 **\$234,900**

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#### CANTON

ORIGINAL OWNERS! 2081 Square feet 4 bedroom custom quad w/gourmet oak kitchen w/eat on island roof 2000 windows 2003 carpet 2002 master suite w/fireplace & jacuzzi Skylight pool patio & deck 24115974 **\$229,900**

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#### NORTHVILLE

LOVELY CONDO IN COVES OF NORTHVILLE contemporary 2 BR 2 5 bath with views of pond Huge great room w/fireplace opens onto deck All appliances stay Direct access to 2 car garage with lots of storage 348 6430 24136784 **\$225,000**

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#### DEARBORN HEIGHTS

NORTH DEARBORN HEIGHTS CONDO w/2 large bedrooms plus a 13x10 loft 2 5 baths vaulted ceiling in great room finished basement 2 car attached garage and very low association fee Very striking decor 24056714 **\$214,900**

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#### SOUTHFIELD

SHARP 1600 SF BRICK RANCH WITH GOURMET OAK KITCHEN family room roof (01) furnace w/central air (02) newer windows (29) glass block (99) 2 tier deck backs to woods All appliances & home warranty 24139431 **\$205,000**

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#### DEARBORN

UP TO DATE & READY TO GO! WEST DEARBORN 4 bedrooms in marvelous condition full bath on first & second floors Anderson Wood windows newer furnace & A/C Updated kitchen Florida room new 2 car garage in 99 hdwd floors 24093049 **\$204,900**

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#### LIVONIA

3 BEDROOM COLONIAL W/OVER 1500 SQUARE FEET updated fenced yard Livonia schools excellent location More photos at www.localgem.com or call 877 934-6683 ID 712 for details 24131293 **\$199,900**

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#### DEARBORN

BEST OF DEARBORN! THIS IS A MUST SEE! It sparkles! New carpet new sod freshly painted Updated kitchen & bath Extra large lot Full sized dining room Nice deck & backyard 349 6200 24102808 **\$198,000**

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#### TAYLOR

COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 bedroom 1 5 bath colonial w/a newer open kit Natural FP in family rm Some new windows & doorwall Beautifully fin d bsmt 349 6200 24134371 **\$187,500**

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#### LIVONIA

WELL MAINTAINED NEWER LIVONIA RANCH Extra large country setting backs to woods 3 bedrooms 2 baths Large deck w/hot tub great for entertaining Kitchen remodeled in 2004 Hurry! This gem won't last long 349-6200 24104374 **\$179,900**

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#### DEARBORN

VINTAGE 1 421 SF BRICK BUNGALOW WITH 3 BEDROOMS AND 2 FULL BATHS near Oakwood Hospital Nicely appointed upgrds incld fin bsmt 24137797 **\$179,900**

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#### PLYMOUTH

GREAT POTENTIAL! 3 BEDROOM RANCH IN PLYMOUTH Bring your ideas to this 3 bedroom 1 5 bath ranch w/full basement & 2 car attached garage New furnace hardwood floors family room w/natural fireplace Arbor Village subdivision w/sidewalks 349-6200 24125531 **\$175,000**

248-348-6430

#### LIVONIA

MOVE RIGHT IN & RELAX Clean & updated brick ranch Livonia schools 2 5 car garage finished basement w/full bath 3 bedrooms 2 5 baths updates Kitchen bath windows roof electrical plumbing cathedral ceilings & all appliances 24119118 **\$172,900**

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#### LIVONIA

LIVONIA/STEPHENSON DISTRICT Updated 3 bedroom 1 5 bath ranch w/beautiful bay window In desirable Spring Valley Subdivision Newer roof windows A/C vinyl and furnace Part finished bsmt 349 6200 24132857 **\$172,000**

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#### DEARBORN HEIGHTS

NEW CONSTRUCTION Here is a great opportunity to make this brand new house your home Quality built new construction w/3 bedrooms 1 5 baths 1350 square feet bsmt 2 car attached garage Visit Samsellsouses.com 24124861 **\$169,900**

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#### FARMINGTON HILLS

4 BEDROOM COLONIAL PRICED BELOW MARKET VALUE FOR QUICK SALE Huge Kit w/all appliances to stay Doorwall to decking full basement Newer Wallside windows Hardwood floor fenced yard 24107361 **\$163,899**

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#### GARDEN CITY

NEED MORE ROOM? This home has 5 bedrooms! Large master bedroom with huge walk in closet Custom window treatments throughout All appliances except freezer included H645 **\$159,900**

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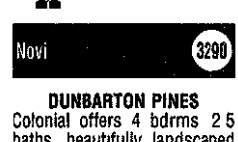
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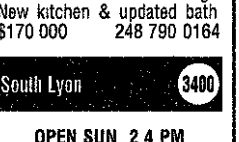
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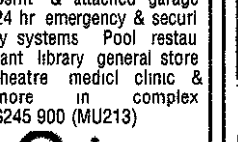
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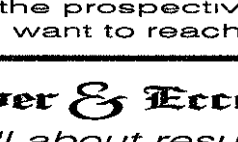
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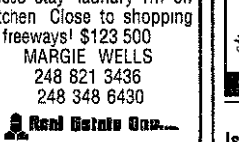
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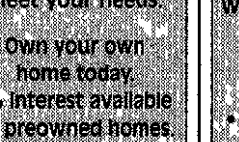
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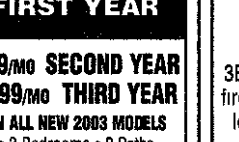
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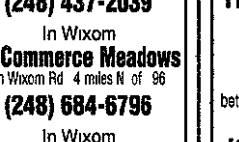
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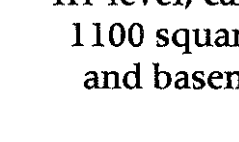
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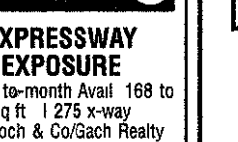
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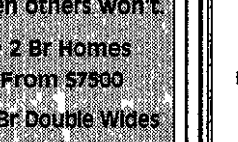
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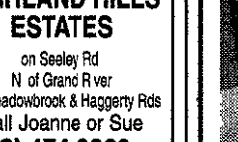
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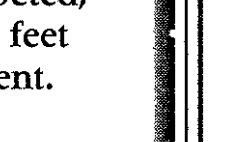
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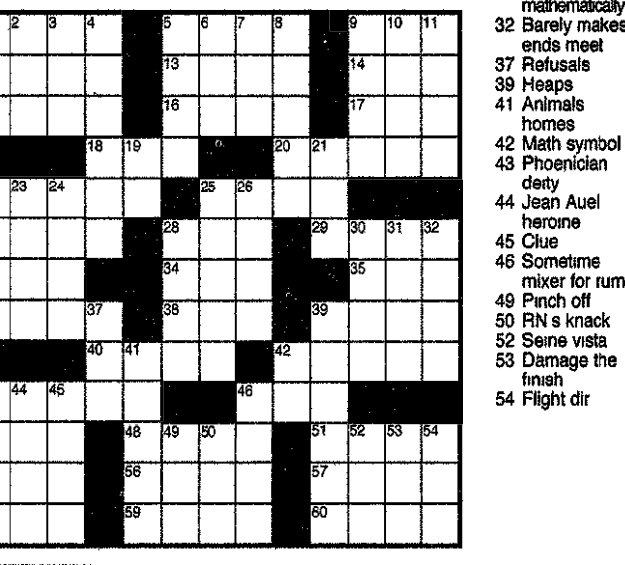
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**CANTON Luxurious Golf Frontage**  
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**LIVONIA Eye Catching**  
3 BR 2.5 BA maintenance free brick ranch. Landscaped to perfection w/huge 2 tiered private deck, neut decor oak kitchen, fireplace in FR, lg bay in LR, huge bsmt. FFL, C/A sprinkler fin 2 car att garage. Loaded.

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**FARMINGTON HILLS Best Value in Westbrooke**  
This best buy is situated on a beautiful approx. 36 acre treed lot backing to a creek. Panoramic views from this spacious 3 bedroom split level home. Including LR/DR w/vaulted ceilings, FR fireplace, newer furn & wndws.

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**LIVONIA Won't Last Long**  
3 bed room 1.5 bath ranch w/LVONIA schools. Fin shed basement w/office & wet bar. Newer appliances, roof, C/A w/windows, updated kitchen, bath & newer 2 car garage. Flor da room & built in BBQ in fenced yard.

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**LIVONIA Rosedale Gardens**  
3 bedroom brick colonial w/d world workmanship plaster walls, covered ce, ngs hardwood floors. Updated include windows, HWH & electric 2 car garage & a home warranty.

(E04BER) 734 455 5600 \$204,900



**CANTON Gorgeous Condo**  
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**HARTLAND Pristine Inside & Out**  
3 BR 2 BA home w/kit w/oak cabs & skylight. LR w/electric start fric, MBR w/WIC & full BA. FR coat on 3rd BR. W/round sound wet bar & B I trg. Full cust ceramic BA on main flr, laundry W/O to patio. All appls.

(E51NEW) 248 349-5600 \$199,900



**NOVI Stunning Colonial**  
4 bedroom 2 + 2 bath home on cul de sac backing to private woods, fully & ravine. Year round sunroom w/4 floor/walls, white bay island kitchen. Master suite w/jetted tub & finished LL w/wet bar & storage.

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**NORTHVILLE Spectacular Ranch**  
End in a cul-de-sac, great room w/crown molding, neutral carpet, gas fireplace, marble kitchen, w/white cabinets, marble apps incl. Dining area, has bay window. French doors to bsmt, plumbed & daylight windows.

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**LIVONIA Something Special**  
Updated 4 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial w/newer windows, roof, furnace & C/A. Fresh & neutral. Family room w/wood stove & 2 car attached garage.

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**LIVONIA Great 4 Bedroom Ranch**  
Nice family room w/crown ceiling & natural fireplace, newer roof on house & garage, newer windows, HWH, AC & furnace. Hardwood floors, master bedroom w/att lav. All major appls & partially fin bsmt & 2 car garage.

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**CANTON Wow, What Hasn't Been Done**  
In this 2 bedroom 1.5 bath end unit condo? Newer doors/moldings, ceramic floors in foyer, both baths, kitchen to all newer app's plus washer & dryer, newer windows & roof. Across from golf course.

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**SOUTH LYON Super Stamp!**  
Spacious 2 bedroom 3 bath condo. Great room w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen w/oak cabs & ceramic floor. Third BR in LL w/bathtub, jet tub. Upper loft, FFL, 2 car garage. Appliances. Close to schools and trails.

(E97VIL) 248 349 5600 \$216,900



**CANTON Neat Clean Neutral Condo**  
Living room has fireplace w/marble surround, finished basement, sky ghts in bath & ove stairs. Large fenced patio. A this offered in this 2 bed room 1.5 bath townhouse.

(E71VIN) 734-455 5600 \$142,000




**LIVONIA You Can Stop Looking**  
This 3 bedroom 1.5 bath solid brick ranch offers steel entry doors, hardwood floors, basement & 2 car attached garage. Updated w/vny windows, oak kitchen, roof & furnace. Also offering a home protection plan.

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**DEARBORN Desirable Dearborn Hills**  
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(E46MER) 734 455 5600 \$187,000



**CANTON Ranch End Unit**  
Great location. Newer windows, carpet, neutral T/O. Spacious LR, children's play area. Plymouth Canton schools. Why pay rent when you can own. A must see.

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**NOVI Spectacular Custom Home**  
Beautifully detailed offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 4.5 baths. Master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/iking stove. Sub Zero frg. Walkout LL w/hated floors, sauna & full granite kit.

(E55VAS) 248 349 5600 \$999,900



**CANTON You Can Have It All!**  
In this charming 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch offers family room w/ful brick fireplace, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, hardwood floors, under spa pet + new roof w/windows & updated patio door HWH.

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**WESTLAND Condo**  
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**LIVONIA Newer Ranch**  
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**LIVONIA Location! Location!**  
Across from park & close to pool! Newer roof, LR, neutral carpet, cove ceiling, kit & DR w/newer granite, fring, counter, oak cabinets, newer vinyl windows, fin bsmt w/BR, full ce, 2 full BAs, newer drive.

(E70HAR) 734 455 5600 \$174,900




**LIVONIA Only The Best Here**  
Stop looking and start enjoying your new condo! 2 story 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home built in 2001 & sh nes top to bottom. Loaded w/upgrades, premium flooring, cherry cabs, Corian counter, & cust windw treatments.

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**PLYMOUTH Walk To Town**  
Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom 1 bath condo. Neutral decor, open floor plan, doorwall to deck. All appliances stay.

(F52PIN) 248 349-5600 \$126,900




**LIVONIA Colonial**  
4 BR 2.5 BA wooded lot, cul de sac, MBR w/WIC & full BA. Birch w/d frs in foyer, LR & DR. 03 Kt fr, 03 ctnrs, 00. FR entry of & FR drw. 03 HWH, 04 FR fr, 01 ctnrs of FR. FR w/pt deck, elec inc, 1 yr warr. Stove, dishwasher, micro & disposal.

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**LINCOLN PARK Honey 4 The Money**  
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(E68MLL) 734 455 5600 \$114,900




**CANTON Classic Elegance**  
Custom built on approx. 1 acre. Foyer w/wrought iron & wood staircase. 2 story GR w/fric & crown molding, kitchen & master bath w/granite tops. 3 bedrooms have a bath & WIC. Full basement w/walk out & 3 car att gar.

(E51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$843,000



**WESTLAND Prime Location**  
Close to shopping & restaurants, yet quiet little neighborhood. Big backyard, 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch w/bsmt & gar. Sellers replaced roof, windows, furn, C/A, HWH & plumbing. Florida rm, hardwood frs.

(E02KEN) 248 349-5600 \$162,900



**SOUTH LYON Shows Like A Model**  
Freshly painted! Newer carpet, updated kitchen w/newer appliances, crown moldings, large laundry room. Condo faces courtyards. Close to shopping, schools, and churches. A must see. All the work is done.

(E34PRI) 248-349-5600 \$94,000




**CANTON Great Neighborhood**  
Wonderful spacious colonial offers 4 spacious bedrooms and 2.5 baths. Family room w/gas fireplace. Brick paver patio & wooded backyard. Quick occupancy. Also available for lease @ \$1985/mo.

(E33PON) 248 349 5600 \$299,900




**DETROIT Updated Bungalow**  
4 bedrooms 2 baths full finished basement, fenced yard. Beautifully remodeled oak kitchen, white floor, hardwood floors on main level. Appliances included. C/A & many updates.

(E18BRA) 734 455 5600 \$76,900



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**  
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**PLYMOUTH Fabulous Yet Casual**  
Close to downtown Plymouth, this top floor condo features 2 sky ghts, bay window, 1st floor laundry, w/stackable washer/dryer. Kitchen has oak cabinets, SS or offering \$1000 decor allowance. Worth vew'ng.

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**NORTHVILLE Incredible Value**  
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest sq ftg built by Moccari. Upgrades: marble granite, cust cherry cabs, 2 story enclosed porch, spiral staircase, MBR w/3 way fric, sitting rm + BA. Fin LL w/dt: BA & DR.

(E02MAN) 248 349 5600 \$1,149,900



**WESTLAND Quiet Neighborhood**  
2 bedroom 2.5 bath condo. Freshly painted & carpeted. Newer appls stay. Gas fireplace in great room w/dw to deck. 1 car DR. Partially fenced backyard. Full bath in the profes'n shed LL. Extra room w/lockset, 1 car gar.

(E09PHE) 248 349 5600 \$157,900



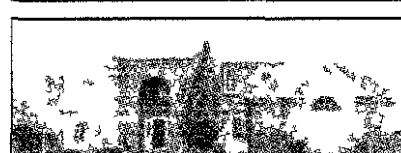
**NORTHVILLE Not Too Many Left!**  
Historical District opportunity. Neighborhood tri offers 3 bedrooms, family room, screened porch on court near downtown. Newer furniture, HWH, finished scils. Near x ways & shopping. Home warranty provided.

(E15LIN) 248 349 5600 \$265,000



**INKSTER Move Right In!**  
3 bedroom 1.5 bath home with newer windows and updated kitchen, partially finished basement, furnace & AC 1998.

(E85AVO) 734 455 5600 \$115,900



**PLYMOUTH Woodlore South**  
4 BRs full brick elevat on. Foyer w/curved staircase & hardwood flr. GR has 2 story oak, marble framed gas fric, DR, LR w/bay wndw. French doors to lib kit w/cherry cabs, master ste w/BA. 3 car att gar & bsmt.

(E99MAR) 734 455-5600 \$539,900



**LIVONIA Absolutely Charming**  
Best describes this 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial. Brick paver walkway to meticulous w/maintained home. Lush landscaping in a park like setting. Many upgrades. Newer Andersen windows and vinyl shutters. Hurry.

(E97MAY) 248 349-5600 \$299,900



**LIVONIA Open & Bright Ranch**  
The open floor plan & finished basement make this 3 bed room ranch w/2 car attached garage a great home. Updates inside & out. Appliances & home warranty included.

(E85NOR) 248 349 5600 \$184,900



**SOUTH LYON Centennial Farms**  
55+ walkout ranch, Phase II 2 bedroom 2 bath wth ceramic foye and kitchen, Florida room, Crown moldings, neut al decor, dining room and larger kitchen.

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# The Dodge Magnum 300

Advertising Feature

## Thursday Drive Time



BY DALE BUSS

Of all the things that Chrysler Group has done over the last several years to turn around the prospects for the most exciting member of America's Big Three car makers -- and that includes the PT Cruiser and the Pacifica -- no master stroke has been more important than this year's debut of the 2005 Chrysler 300 and Dodge Magnum.

The two vehicles have created true product excitement and an impressive new brand signature for Chrysler Group, representing not only some of the best American-produced hardware to appear on our roads in quite some time but also, a bit paradoxically, the zenith so far of the joint development efforts that have been gradually growing within the company since Daimler-Benz took over Chrysler.

Clearly, lots of people agree with this assessment. Not only has the 300, especially, been a hot seller since its introduction last spring, but Motor Trend magazine just named the vehicle its Car of the Year.

Simply put, the 300 represents the best blend in some time of all the factors that are important to a sedan. Its design is head-turning, its powerplant impressive and surprisingly fuel-efficient, its handling a perfect middle ground between performance vehicles and comfortable sedans, its interior both crisply designed and roomy. And all of that, perhaps most impressively, for prices that begin in the mid-20,000s.

Of course, a big part of the story with the 300 is an exterior design that is outlandishly cutting edge at the same time that it is certifiably retro. Car and Driver said some time ago that it would be a perfect car for a resuscitated Al Capone, but I think the mobster allusion actually does the 300's styling a disservice. The huge grid-design front grille is an in-your-face design that heralds a 300's arrival, and the extremely short front overhang accentuates its impact. The same thing happens when you observe the car's bold and blockish rear end.

Another distinctive aspect of the 300's design are the high doors and shallow windows. The combination may make it difficult for you to lean an arm out the window, but that's a small sacrifice to make for the streamlining effect on the overall design.

The car's performance leaves little to be desired. The standard, now-famous, 5.7-liter V-8 Hemi engine pumps out 340 horsepower and 390 lb.-ft. of torque, providing adequate output in every driving situation, but even that doesn't tell the whole story of the 300's powerplant. That's because the 300 and Magnum represent Chrysler's most advanced use of a cylinder-deactivation system that is designed to selectively "turn off" certain cylinders when the car is cruising, in an effort to improve fuel economy. The operation is invisible to the driver, or "seamless," and contributes to a remarkable overall fuel-economy level of 19 miles a gallon in the city in the 300 Limited version I drove and 27 miles a gallon on the highway.

The ride is solid all the way around, with the 300 swallowing up bumps rather effortlessly and yet always reinforcing the impression that it is totally in touch with the surface beneath it.

Inside, the 300 is well equipped with a crisp design and luxurious amenities, depending on the version. The gauges on the instrument panel have a bit of a retro look and are set off sharply against the background, aiding both the design and the visibility of information to the driver.

Legroom for rear passengers is vast. However, at least one feature of the rear passenger area is a bit



The Dodge Magnum 300

disappointing, with headroom barely adequate for passengers sitting on the right and the left of the rear compartment and a seating area that otherwise offers nothing special. Cargo room in the trunk is more than adequate.

Ditto for most of this when it comes to the Dodge Magnum, except for some obvious areas of differentiation. The most important is that Magnum is designed as kind of a cross between a traditional station wagon and today's SUVs, and succeeds handsomely in executing the "crossover" concept perhaps as well as it has been done in an American-designed vehicle.

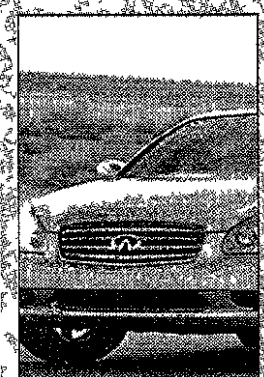
Though from the outside it may look as though Magnum wouldn't lend a lot of cargo room, the reality inside the vehicle belies that impression. Magnum provides every bit of interior space that many SUVs would, with the rear seats down, and even manages to tuck away nifty compartments that are handy for smaller bits of payload.

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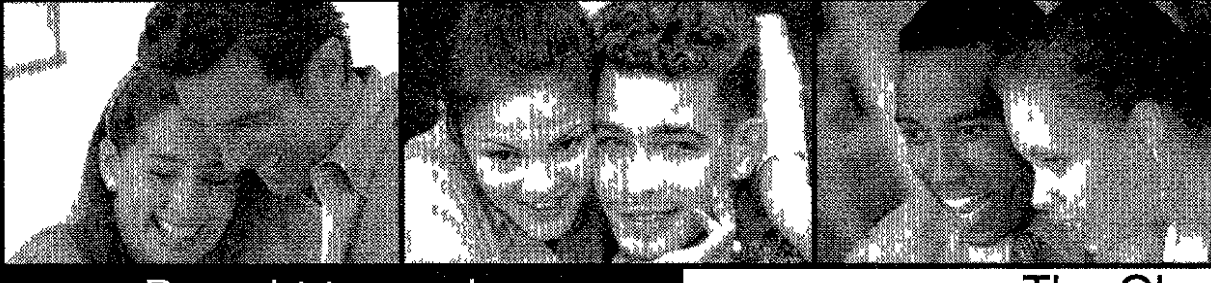
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**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS**  
SF 29 likes laughing hanging out having fun Looking for similar SM 38-41 N/S for friendship or more **2210395**

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest and down-to-earth to spend time with **2401088**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SBF 42 5'3" 140lbs enjoys film theater musicals. Seeking handsome passionate active outgoing SBM 45-55 for LTR **2704112**

**NOT INTO GAMES**  
Pette/WF 50s with herpes, willing to give it another chance seeks one-on-one relationship w/ SM Race age up important **2405736**

**SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT**  
SM 45 blonde attractive friendly kind considerate polite seeking a S/W/D/M 42-62 for friendship possibly more **2512857**

**ARE WE COMPATIBLE?**  
SBF 60 5'4" 159lbs blonde hair certified nursing assistant N/S seeks BM 61-62 for friendship dating perhaps more **2211497**

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT**  
Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young 5'17lbs thick not fat great fig interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously **2276032**

**ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?**  
But gentle of heart? Good looking firm SM 42-55 N/S Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physically in shape with eclectic interests currently accepting applications **2263584**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
32 year old African-American SF weght proportionate to the ght cute Enjoys music movs travel Seeking honest hardworking independent SBM 32-41 for friendship lead ng LTR **2773562**

**PRECIOUS ONE**  
SWF very pretty a young 39 med um dark/green works in med cal field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best friend more **2230589**

**RING MY BELL**  
SWF 35 full-figured Sagittarius smokr enjoys kids pets, camping l vng up North Seeking S/W/B/M 36-50 for friendship possible romance **2438329**

**CALL ME**  
Fun loving affectionate real SBF 32 SF 30-55 searching for down-to-earth likeable responsible mentally/physically/financially secure male I need you as much as you need me **2519124**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBF 41 4.5 wishes to meet a king-sized SBM 41+ for friendship and companionship **2595520**

**Slim and Petite**  
Easygoing active outgoing ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals, kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then **2717193**

**LET'S ENJOY LIFE**  
No drama no games 45 SBPF nterests concerts, plays movs dining and more Enjoys traveling seeking S/D/M for LTR **2243200**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF 45 tall pretty enjoys working out theater cooking comedy clubs Seeking tall SWM 42-60 attractive financially secure similar interests **2483446**

**SEARCHING**  
Sexy attractive SBF 33 5'1 145lbs brown complexion curly hair enjoys movies, dining ISO her soulmate a compatible SBM 45-55 possible marriage **2508955**

**FEELING LIKE A LADY**  
Honest pleasant long hair 42 no children Likes nature walks travel seeking children fascinating lady lady Seeking honest genuine marriage minded S/D/W/M **2578655**

**BIG BOLD BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive voluptuous SBF 33 N/S beautiful smile seeks a single man 21-60 who is adventurous spontaneous interested in dating **2511305**

**BEEN THERE? DONE THAT?**  
Take heart DWPF you're doing 5'9" blonde/hazel N/S works in a warehouse Seeking that special romantic WM 49-60 who enjoys animals camping traveling and music **2517372**

**EPITOME OF BEAUTY**  
SBF 19 5'8" 144lbs N/S loves journaling literature writing reading movies Looking for SM 19-34 for possible relationship **2518785**

**SUMMER SCHOOL**  
Down to earth spontaneous SBPF 39 teacher seeks SWM 50-65 who is interested in the night life casinos movies dining and dancing **2410942**

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
SF 28 5'11" 136lbs CNA enjoys movies travel hanging out seeking compatible SM 25-45 who shares similar interests **2472292**

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bold walks in the park Seeking tall dark handsome SBM 33-50 **2481283**

**SECRETARY OF FUN**  
SWF 36 Leo N/S blonde/green mothr of 2 seeks senous hard working SWM 35-35 N/S who is not into bars **2498442**

**ARMS OPEN WIDE**  
SBF 24 sweet and sincere ISO SM 26-36 who's honest gentle fun and caring with arms and heart open w/ds **2210588**

**JUST LET ME KNOW**  
Intelligent car ng affectionate DWF 28 5'4" brown/blond full figured enjoys help ng people the outdoors and more Seeking outgoing trustworthy affectionate SWM 24-35 for friendship maybe more **2215849**

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure independent SBCF 31 5'7" 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SM 30-45 with similar interests for possible LTR **2217475**

**LOST IN MICHIGAN**  
SBPF 29 5'9" 190lbs no children never married very attract ve outgoing la d back loves travel Looking for a sincere open minded ad back male who has his stuff together **2220089**

### CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

SBCF 30 no children seeks goal-oriented SBCM 25-37 no children who is respectful intelligent intellectual and respects woman **2281930**

**JUST THE FACTS**  
SWF 27 full figured N/S enjoys movies dinner dancing Seeking man 24-35 N/S race unimportant for friendship possible romance **2250724**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF 24 5'6" 350lbs professional employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBM **2289633**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF 28 Aquarius N/S is looking for a friend SBM 28-38 N/S Must have a sense of humor must be hard working trustworthy and goal-oriented **2759073**

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive BPF Christian 47 5.5 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys out doors movies traveling cooking Seeking romantic BPM 40-55 financially secure similar interests for LTR **2432793**

**STRONG BELIEFS**  
WF 36 5'7" enjoys go ng to movies dining out hiking concerts reading more Seeking Christian WM 36-65 with good morals **2407723**

**SEEKING A BLACK PRINCE**  
Attractive SWF 33 smoker light drinker with two children looking for SBM 21-45 for fr endsh p and fun times **2416611**

**ATTN WORKAHOLICS**  
SWF 39 5'7" 125lbs ISO professional male for fr endsh p poss ble relationship Not just arm candy have opinions fees ght don't want perfection just a r ght person **2410965**

**LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS**  
SBF 38 is looking for S/W/H/A/M who is educated fun outgoing adventurous spontaneous Laughter and conversation are good things Must be a gentleman **2252589**

**OPEN AND HONEST**  
SF 35 looking for a woman 25-45 for affection and attention Call Ltrs add some excitement to life! **2425655**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
SF 31 5'2" 145lbs N/S mother enjoys cooking movies plays having fun Seeking honest fun loving handsome SM 29-40 **2420910**

**LOVABLE AND SWEET**  
SBF 30 5'6" 170lbs mother work student Libra N/S seeks independent smart BM 35-75 for fr endsh p possible elat onsh p LTR **2437579**

**GREAT CATCH**  
Lovely SBF 31 5'1 athletic build N/S thinks N/S catch is cool oves to go sight see ng LTR **2434743**

**WHERE ARE YOU?**  
Attractive outgoing honest sexy SBF 32 ISO SM any race 31-37 for relationship I enjoy movies rollerblading come die clubs, bowling ect Serrous replies only **2455331**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading bkng long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25-30 to LTR **2465784**

**YOU WILL LIKE ME!**  
Attract ve SWF 66 5.5 blonde artist fun loving seeks well groomed SWM 60+ loves reading dining out and sharing life **2272663**

**SEARCH NO MORE**  
Genuine attractive fem n ne independ ent SBF 56 140lbs who enjoys dating com mers que et evenngs p ys n ghts n seek ng honest independent sincere fem n ne **2473831**

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF 31 5'8" N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SM 19-35 N/S to share honest fr endsh p romance quality time together **2476802**

**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 **2494338**

**TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE**  
SBF tall medium build N/S who enjoys music traveling comedy shows seeks male 45-55 N/Kids N/S outgoing affectionate stable for LTR **2444748**

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports oriented BPF 39 two teenage daughters, physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel p rices amusement parks Seeking SF 21-45 **2230380**

**HELLO HOW ARE YOU?**  
Loving down-to-earth SBCF 33 4'11" 160lbs mother N/S N/D enjoys bowling shopping movies live entertainment Seeking SBCM 32-35 N/S for friendship possible romance **2282735**

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest trustworthy down to earth? SBF 40 N/S seeks SBM 27-57 N/S who knows how to take life one day at a time **2508061**

**QUIET BEAUTY**  
SBF 46 shy but loves to laugh enjoys concerts movies seeking good honest SBM 43-50 N/S for LTR **2498245**

**LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER**  
Pretty slender Likeman lady 54 Catholic 10 years in the US Seeking car ng relationship with warm-hearted independent man who enjoys family theater travel **2512135**

**GET TO KNOW ME!**  
SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28-35 N/S for friendship first **2431382**

**NO NONSENSE**  
Nc-looking active no-nonsense gal seeks good looking active no nonsense guy 35-49 white or hispanic DWPF young 43 athletic Compan onsh p and fun desired **2448655**

**PARADISE**  
SBF 36 5'2" brown/brown ISO honest SM 35-40 who knows what he wants in life and who's looking for parad se share my love **2484900**

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
God fearing loving ntelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the outdoors laughter dining out gospel music c and more Seeking god fearing honest caring SBM 40 to 45 for fr endsh p first **2221725**

**RESCUE ME!**  
SBF 41 5'5" average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43-47 profess only employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman **2408935**

**LET'S COMMUNICATE**  
Active affectionate SBF enjoys dining out movies plays concerts traveling Seeking honest good humored SBM 55-70 w/sr mlr interests for compan onsh p **2413505**

**FUN LOVING LADY**  
SBF 43 1/2 yr smoker enjoys chocolate seeks fun loving sincere BM 34-56 enjoys conversations companionship **2438719**

**LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT**  
SWF 44 looking for outgoing guy 39-44 who is seeking for a serious relationship and commitment **2461117**

### VERY OUTGOING

Catholic DWF 59 looks much younger N/S very tall looking for gentleman 56-63 w/upbeat personality to enjoy family activities, camping travel much more **2455079**

**A REAL 10**  
DBF 42 executive very attract ve new transfer to area looking for professional male 35-48 for friendship No blue collar workers please **2480005**

**WARRIOR PRINCESS!**  
WPF 49 seeks SBPM 38-52 Lets snuggle and make this winter a total meltdown I love laughter humor read ng and life! **2480978**

**CALL ME!**  
SF 21 5'4" 140 lbs long dark/hazel N/S no children enjoys dining movies working out bowling Seeking SWM 21-40 N/S **2488873**

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
SAF 56 4'11" 105lbs desires well-groomed older gentleman 60-75 who loves to dance and travel Grose Point area preferred **2498134**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Good looking SWF 65 5.5 135lbs red dish brown hair humorous likes garden ing read ng going out to movies Seeking SWM 66 75 5.8 6.2 for companionship possible LTR Ypsilanti area **2903369**

**GET TO KNOW THIS**  
petite attract ve SBF 57 N/S enjoys music c concerts dining Looking for SBM 57-63 for fr endsh p poss ble LTR **2402995**

**DARK EBONY**  
SBF 42 5'8" full figured seeks intelligent man 48-60 5.8 6.2 med um build or heavier/seef for possible relat onsh p **2232823**

**WANTED A WIDOWER**  
who enjoys life and all it has to offer Educated professional financially secure oves music dancing travel touch ng hugg ng holding and kiss ng Beg n friendly and el relationships grow **2238923**

**AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?**  
Attractive kind hearted SBF 44 5'8" full figured enjoys dining out movies playing cards family and more Seeking friendly-oriented intelligent humorous SBM/HM 40-60 for fr endsh p and companionship **2239261**

**NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA**  
SBF 40 5'8" 160 lbs with chdren marriage minded amokr loves dramas movies dancing and crossword puzzles Seeking WM 45-60 smoker who enjoys music c and sports **2454545**

**SHALL WE?**  
DWF 40 5'4" HW proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfing suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing WM 40-49 N/S for friendship **2245669**

**YOUR WILDEST DREAMS**  
SBF 48 romantic loves jazz dining out romantic evenings and movies Seeking fem n ne SF 50 under 5'4" honest a must **2421896**

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
SBPF 47 enjoys que nt nights travel cooking read ng movs street fash Seeking wa m hearted fanc y stable outgoing man who enjoys the same to class see possible LTR **2219468**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Classy attractive SBF 60 5.5 120lbs ISO SWPM 50+ for special fr endsh p I love boating music quiet times movie at home romance outdoors travel **2233588**

**WORTH THE CALL**  
SBF 19 5'7" Sagittarius N/S stay at home mom student seeks romantic pass onate SBM 19 to 34 who enjoys family activities coud ng surprises **2415741**

**SEEKING THE RAINBOW**  
Open-minded energetic spontaneous SBF 48 5'3" seeks the star at the end of the rainbow My star someone com ng nearl ve comedy theater modern dancing **2999477**

**PLEASINGLY PLUMP FEMALE**  
42-year-old African Amer c gal female seeks tall handsome man who is mature N/S and enjoys being in the company of a beautiful woman **2798192**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
BBW blonde/brn 55 attractive enjoys many things I like BBM if you are 55-65 over 6' 250lbs-plus lets talk **2424144**

**GROUND & SEXY**  
SBF 41 5'8" HPTW with chdren N/S educated goal oriented financially secure family oriented good moral char acter down to-earth likes traveling out door activities comedy theater modern dancing **2418813**

**CUTE AND CLASSY**  
SBF 50+ physically fit enjoys jogging concerts theater quiet evenings Seeking attractive gentleman over 50 with sr mlr interests **2130522**

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**  
I could be it! Attractive SWF 60 5 102lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person Seeking SBM 32-50 for special relationship **2418068**

### SEEKING EUROPEAN MAN

Vibrant attractive EUROPEAN SWPF 60 warm hearted and cultured franc y independent seeks European sou mate **50-68 2427894**

**AAA YOUR HEART**  
Let's keep the New Year r ght Come into my world SBF 45 great smile I'm sure you'll like me **2568579**

**ARE YOU THE ONE**  
DBF 53 HW proport onate outgoing loves the arts plays dancing movies outdoors scrc drives ISO SM D/D free w/sr mlr interests smoker social drinker ok No games! **2417236**

**CONFIDENT OUTGOING**  
SWF 48 5'10" healthy medium build Sagittarius N/S, very family-oriented pet owner Seeking easygoing fun loving S/D/W/M 38-55 N/S for LTR only **2439340**

**MR RIGHT**  
Are you a tall big handsome man that could be my Mr Right for a SWF 58 attractive loving and fun lets share life together **2443339**

**SKY'S THE LIMIT!**  
SF 21 N/S oves tall an food feels Janet Jackson a living legend seeks outgoing N/S Seeking easygoing fun loving S/D/W/M 27-36 for fr endsh p romance if it deve ops **2452530**

**SWEET SINGLE FEMALE**  
looking for sweet SM SF 21 de k brown/brown 5'2" 150lbs tattoos/earngs ISO commitment minded loving kind guy interested n fr endsh p happiness and a loving ong term relat onsh p **2452322**

**EBONY SEEMS IVORY**  
DBF 42 5'3" 140lbs full-figured seeks to date SWM 40-50 in the Mount Clemens area **2455233**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
SBF 45 smoker wants to find fr endsh p poss ble more w/gentleman 40-60 who appreciates music travel spending time outdoors **2405629**

**QUIET QUALIFIED**  
SBF 47 N/S active shy w/great sense of humor enjoys nature sking plays movs music trs to savor the joyous moment Seeking BM 42-55 **2460494**

**SEMI-RETIRED**  
SF 62 5'9" slm fit likes jazz concerts symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking tall gent honest caring humorous gentleman 55-70 with a sr mlr intereste **2467171**

**GONE FISHING**  
Bat a daredevil SWF 60 brown hair/ eyes soon to retire N/S N/D Western Wayne county oves the outdoors cool nights by a fireplace Lets talk **2466412**

**LOVING AND CARING**  
Independent active loving caring down to earth SF 48 N/S vegetar an enjoys movs the dining travel Looking for handsome SWM 45-49 HW proport onate N/S professional job **2421896**

**THE LITTLE THINGS MATTER**  
SBF 41 5'4" very outgoing loving honest trustworthy hard-working enjoys raising w lng wks n the park movs concerts seeking hard working trustworthy God fea ng SM 38-50 **2471499**

**TOO MUCH JOY**  
Chubby ng SBF 63 oves to have fun in the kitchen catches all the latest movs, has good time no matter what ISO like minded SBM 48-55 **2279840**

**CAN I MAKE ME LAUGH?**  
Spontaneous SWF 61 5.4 average build happy independent humorous enjoys boating cards music dining walks travel golf Seeking good humored SM w/sr mlr interests for companionship **2962703**

**LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR**  
Attractive W/P 64 red/ey 5'5" 150lbs looking for easygoing well-groomed gentleman 65-70 who enjoys meeting new people **2476645**

**CALL ME**  
if you are a busness man 60-70 SWM N/S N/D homeowner interests in home life nature pets alternative medicine sports I'm a SWF 73 w/ht above **2416289**

**STILL LIVELY & ATTRACTIVE**  
SWF 62 N/S very active slm and attractive petite W/LTM a man up to 6' HW proportionate I enjoy dancing movies walks dining casinos more **2231338**

**BEAUTY AND BRAINS**  
Hard-working SWF 50 smoker enjoys laughing movs music conversation and more Seeking healthy trustworthy intelligent SWM 45-60 for friendship maybe more **2928511**

**LIFE IS WONDERFUL**  
SBF 40 mother of two enjoys movs plays walks in the park quiet times at home Seeking BM 45-55 N/S D/D free who loves k r **2599246**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Beautiful voluptuous SBF 42 5'6" 155 lbs traveling outdoors Seeking man 45+ race unimportant to enjoy life together for fr endsh p maybe more **2464984**

### LIFE BEGINS AT 60

61-year-old WF 6'1/2" 135lbs N/S N/D brown/blond nurse enjoys cooking Civil War Revolutionary War history travel seeking gentleman 56-70 loyal honest N/S affectionate enjoys be ng pampered **2408879**

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive SWF 50s oves all life and male arts family nature Masters helping professional Seeking big hearted secure intell gen SFM 48-64 for fun fr endsh p depth etc **2692242**

**VERY SFWY**  
BBW passionate SBF 46 honey-complexion seeks outgoing fun-loving gentleman 35-55 N/S/Drugs any race for movs pool dancing music and romance Dating possible LTR **2752243**

**ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF**  
49 HW proportionate med um build enjoys concerts dining out movs traveling Seeking honest pass onate SM 45-60 with sr mlr interests for fr endsh p possibl more **2434441**

**I LISTEN WITH MY HEART**  
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BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

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"We have many international businesses here," said Linda Wendt, festival spokeswoman. "There's 14 Japanese companies. We have Italian businesses, Mexican and more."

Every night until Dec. 31, hundreds of residents and visitors will take part in the festival, a self-guided walking tour. It includes trees decorated with international flair. A path winds around the downtown area

alongside the Battle Creek River where most of the lights can be seen.

"This year, the lights will be brighter than ever," said Kathleen Mechem, president and CEO of the Battle Creek Chamber Foundation.

Although maps recommend a specific route for the approximate 40-minute walk, most visitors make a night out of the event. They also come to dine and shop, Wendt said.

Attractions include lights and decorations at Cereal City USA, outdoor displays throughout the city and trolley rides. Kellogg's Cereal City USA will also serve as a warming center for walkers. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3 and 17. Musicians and dancers will perform 6-8 p.m. Saturday.

Festival highlights also include an illuminated path from the Kellogg House to Kellogg's Cereal City USA, displays along Michigan Avenue, the Underground Railroad sculpture, and lights at Mill Race Park.

A Living Nativity will take place every 10 minutes 6-9 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12, at St. Thomas Episcopal Church on Capital Avenue near the Battle Creek River.

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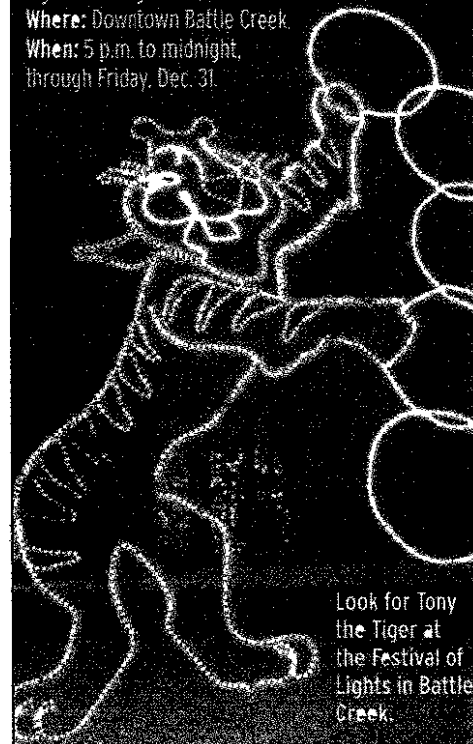
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# Singing in the city

## Noel Night ushers in the season

It's time to get merry in the big city.

One of downtown Detroit's most beloved holiday traditions — Noel Night — has just about arrived.

The mega event runs 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday in midtown Detroit's cultural center and museum district, which encompasses Wayne State University and the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"The event itself is steeped in tradition," said Maureen Riley, special events director for the University Cultural Center Association, which produces Noel Night. "The event is a cultural center open house."

Area schools, museums, businesses and other organizations open their doors and put on seasonal programming for the holiday event. This year, more than 100 holiday performances are slated.

In its 32nd year, about 25,000 people are expected to turn out for Noel Night.

This year's big show — Michigan's own The Chenille Sisters — goes on at 8 p.m. at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Also at the venue are photos with Santa Claus, Kwanzaa and Hanukkah celebrations with storytelling, other musical performances and a family holiday menu at Cafe DIA.

At the Detroit Historical Museum, two highly popular local ensembles are set to perform: Mosaic Youth Theater, with performances at 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., and the St. Paul Lutheran Handbell Choir, with three shows at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Other highlights include the annual student and alumni art sale at the College for Creative Studies, the 68th annual Holiday Show with work by 50 Michigan artists at Detroit Artist Market and Christmas exhibits from

around the world at the International Institute. Don't forget favorites like horse-drawn carriage rides from the Park Shelton and the Victorian holiday atmosphere inside the Inn on Ferry Street.

Bringing the event to a close at 8:45 p.m. is the annual community sing-along led by the Salvation Army Band along Woodward Avenue.

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

"People just fill the streets. Really, that whole block fills with people," Riley said. "And we have song sheets and candy canes and complimentary hot chocolate. It's very heartwarming."

Although it's impossible to see and do everything that's on the program at Noel Night, the event gives visitors to a chance to stop by their favorite museum or check out a new venue.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to come down with their families and enjoy these venues without having to pay the normal entrance fees," Riley said. "And on top of it, you get all the bonus programming."

### MAKE IT MERRY

**What:** 32nd annual Noel Night

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# 'Christmas with the Kranks' will make you say 'Bah, humbug'

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hollywood has offered up three Christmas movies this season. Come Dec 26, can we take them back to the mall with all those other unwanted presents and exchange them for something good? *Christmas With the Kranks* is better

than its predecessors, the dreadful *Surviving Christmas* and the bloated *The Polar Express*. Yet the movie, adapted from John Grisham's short novel *Skipping Christmas*, still is one that's best skipped.

Warm and earnest performances by Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis make it a bit more tolerable and at times, almost

cheery. But laughs are scarce, and the tinsel-thin story plays out like two separate one-note jokes.

First, Luther Krank (Allen) convinces wife Nora (Curtis) that they should duck out on Christmas and use the money for a Caribbean cruise now that daughter Blair (Julie Gonzalo) is in the Peace Corps in Peru and won't be home for the holidays. The movie's first half is a shallow succession of gags involving disbelieving neighbors, friends and colleagues who cannot fathom why anyone would forgo the Christmas rush of shopping, parties, greeting cards and decorations.

Second, Blair calls from Miami on Christmas Eve, saying she and her new fiance are coming home after all and that they're looking forward to a traditional Krank holiday, complete with a huge party, a fabulous feast and a giant Frosty the Snowman on the roof. The last half of *Christmas With the Kranks* is another shallow succession of gags as Luther and Nora bustle about trying to create an instant Currier-and-Ives holiday for Blair's homecoming.

The movie's title presumably was changed from *Skipping Christmas* to avoid confusion with Ben Affleck's *Surviving Christmas*, which already had been slotted to open a few weeks earlier. The clunky choice of *Christmas With the Kranks* was appropriate considering how humdrum the movie turned out.

A few jokes click, notably Luther's frozen face after a Botox treatment and

his purchase of the last Christmas tree on the lot, a twiggy thing that makes Charlie Brown's sapling look like a glorious blue spruce in comparison.

But producer-screenwriter Chris Columbus and filmmaker Joe Roth — the Revolution Studios boss who occasionally gets his hands dirty by directing a movie — rely on repetitive jokes that weren't terribly funny the first time.

Far too many jaws drop open in idiotic incredulity when the Kranks tell people they're skipping Christmas. Relentless attempts by a neighbor (Dan Aykroyd) and local children to prod Luther into putting up his giant Frosty decoration grow monotonous.

And the filmmakers might as well have put turnstiles up at the Kranks' doorstep to handle the cops (Cheech Marin and Jake Busey), Boy Scouts and others soliciting holiday charitable contributions, then stomping off in disgust when Luther turns them away.

Some pleasant chemistry develops among Luther, a crotchety old neighbor (M. Emmet Walsh) and his terminally ill wife (Elizabeth Franz), and that relationship provides a mawkishly warmhearted moment near the end of the movie.

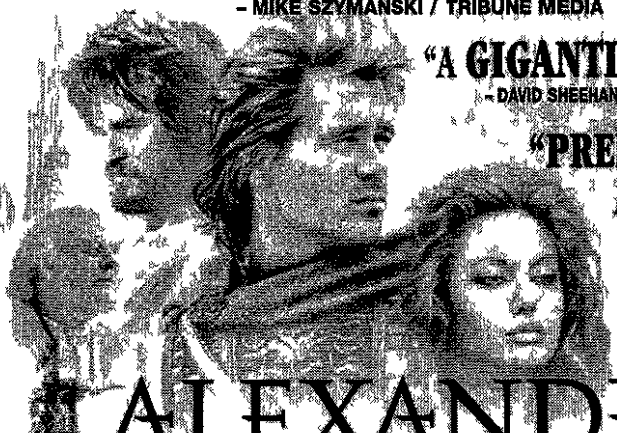
By then, though, you'll likely be dreaming of better Christmas movies yet to come in some future holiday season.

*Christmas With the Kranks*, released by Sony's Columbia Pictures, runs 98 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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Tim Allen tries but can't forget Christmas in Revolution Studios' 'Christmas with the Kranks'



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# This 'Alexander' is 'Great' ... at being cheesy and bad

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Far from great, *Alexander* sporadically lumbers toward watchable, but mostly it's just bad.

And we're not just talking kitschy, B-movie bad. At least that would have been fun. We're talking all-out, big-budget-omb bad.

About a third of the way into this exceedingly earnest three-hour epic, I wrote in my notepad, "This movie is going to tank." About two hours in, I wrote, "Ready for this to end."

Probably not the reaction director and co-writer Oliver Stone had hoped for when he began dreaming of this project decades ago. Then again, nothing about *Alexander* feels like a Stone film, at least not until a breathtaking battle toward the end involving elephants in India.

Despite the efforts of cinematographer Rodrigo Prieto, known for his visceral work on films including *Amores Perros* and *3 Mile*, *Alexander* lacks the daring and stylistic flair of Stone's best, such as *Platoon* and *JFK*.

But perhaps Stone was doomed from the start. In telling the story of the Macedonian warrior-king, who had conquered the vast majority of the known pre-Christian world by the time he was 25, he has created a film that feels both too long and too cursory. We hear Alexander (Colin Farrell) talk a lot about wanting to bring various lands and people together, but we never truly understand what drives him.

Part of the problem is the dialogue — Stone wrote the script with Christopher Kyle and Laeta Kalogridis — which alternates between stilted speeches and laugh-out-loud anachronisms. My favorite is when Alexander's dad calls him "an arrogant brat."

If he is a brat, at least he's a stylish one, dressed in a micro-mini of a toga and dressed like Brad Pitt in *Troy*. (Though as the movie goes on, his bleach-blond bowl cut grows out to something resembling a mullet, and by the end he's sporting the flowing locks of Fabio.)

Farrell gives it his all — sometimes he gives too much, showing every smidgen of ambition and anger on his puppy-dog-cute face — but despite his undeniable enthusiasm, he lacks the gravitas necessary for the role. Alexander was young, but he was no lightweight. They didn't call him "The Great" for nothing.

Also going way, way over the top is Angelina Jolie as Alexander's mother, Olympias, who has a fondness for snakes and may or may not be a sorceress. In an accent that seems to have been borrowed from George Hamilton in *Love at First Bite*, Olympias repeatedly insists that Alexander's father was Zeus, though biolo-

gy would suggest it was King Philip (Val Kilmer, back in Jim Morrison mode, blustering beneath a beard and a beer belly).

Posing the question every mother thrusts upon her son mid-guilt trip, Jolie's Olympias asks, "What have I done to make you hate me so?" (This line elicited laughs at the screening I attended.) Well, for starters, she planted the seeds for a major Oedipus complex and stage mothered him into trampling across western Asia, Persia and parts of India.

At the same time, *Alexander* sometimes fails to go far enough. His bisexuality is merely suggested. He tells his lifelong friend, Hephaestion (Jared Leto), that he loves and needs him more than anyone else in the world, and Hephaestion responds that he's jealous of losing Alexander to the worlds he's conquering. But that's it. Like Matt, the lone gay character on *Melrose Place*, Alexander gets to give and receive meaningful glances and heartfelt hugs, and he shares a quick kiss with a servant boy. But it's almost as if Stone was afraid of alienating much of his audience with an all-male love scene.

(Alexander does get it on during his wedding night, though, after marrying exotic dancer Roxane, played by Rosario Dawson.)

Considering that he's supposedly the most important person in Alexander's life, though, Hephaestion gets little to do. Leto is Farnsworth to Farrell's P Diddy, though his long, stringy hair and permanent eye liner make him look more like Ozzy Osbourne.

He's at Alexander's side for the film's two major battles — the first, against the Persians in the CGI-laden Battle of



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Colin Farrell stars as Alexander the Great

Gaugmela, the second, a gritty, magenta-hued forest fight against Indian warriors sitting atop armored elephants.

Just when things get going, though, Stone drags the film's energy to a halt by returning repeatedly to Alexander's ally Ptolemy, now aged and played by Anthony Hopkins, toddling around barefoot in a white tunic and defying his buddy years

later while surveying an incredibly fake-looking harbor of Alexandria.

"A friend to man, he changed the world," Ptolemy recalls, ever the reverent narrator. In today's vernacular, we'd say he was a uniter, not a divider.

*Alexander*, a Warner Brothers release, runs 175 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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And that is the premise of *Monster Island*, one of the worst movies to slither into the video stores in ages

There are many things awful about this movie, starting with Carmen Electra, a performer of dubious talent but unquestionable body The story Teenager Josh wins a contest to take his high school class to an MTV-sponsored concert on a tropical island that just happens to be in the Bermuda Triangle

Yeah, Bermuda, Manitoba, maybe. This Canadian production was filmed somewhere in the Great White North, as is shown by the steaming breath of the young Electra fans as they revel in their "tropical" settings

Anyway, barely does Carmen warble a sultry tune when she is abducted in mid-song by a giant flying bug, which carries her off to a big mountain Josh rallies the troops of teenage fans and they set off to rescue her, ala Fay Wray in *King Kong*

But this surely is not *King Kong* Or even *Ping Pong*, which would be more suspenseful

Still, *Monster Island* is highly watchable – in a sick sort of way This is a cheesefest of dreadful special effects No computer-generated images here, just good old-fashioned plastic models and cardboard trees

As for the dialogue You must hear Carmen try to entice a giant bug with an offer to slip into something more comfortable. The bug isn't impressed. You won't be either



Greg Kowalski

Things do pick up, however, during an encounter with a lizard man, when who should show up but mad scientist Adam "Batman" West, who does deliver some snappy lines and more importantly explains what's going on.

It seems this island is the former habitat of the Mombata islanders, who resisted the U.S. government's attempts to turn the place into an atomic bomb testing site They failed, and four bombs were exploded, causing the local fauna to go in some unusual directions, like a 30 foot tall praying mantas

The young Carmen fans continue on their quest and in the process, Josh's ex-girlfriend,

who just happens to be along, begins to turn into Xena The Warrior Princess

For reasons that have nothing to do with anything, it turns out the gal is actually the queen of the Mombata, who has come to rescue her people, who are slaves to the colony of giant ants living in the mountain The ants had kidnapped Carmen to entertain the Mombata slaves

I am not kidding


But surely the producers are, which makes this all highly entertaining – in a sick sort of way

Greg Kowalski never heard Carmen Electra sing before or since seeing this movie You should be so lucky He can be reached at (248) 901 2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net

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From left Malik Yoba, Jackie Barry Williams, Angela Bofill and Jeff Conaway perform a musical production of 'A Christmas Carol' at the Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts Dec. 7-12.

# Haven't I seen you somewhere before?

'A Christmas Carol' soothes the spirit  
and reunites us with some familiar faces

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Do you see twinkling holiday lights or lengthy to do lists? Hear Christmas bells or holiday advertising jingles? Feel more like Santa or Scrooge?

OK, let's face it, modern-day Christmas is no Candyland. We all have too much to do and too much to buy. Even the merriest among us have a Scrooge moment every now and then.

That's why we have *A Christmas Carol*, Charles

Dickens' beloved tale about an old miser who just despises all the joy and merriment only to reconnect with the true meaning and spirit of the holiday.

"That's the reason it endures," said David Regal, artistic director at Meadow Brook Theatre, which has been presenting a stage version of *A Christmas Carol* for more than 20 years. The reason it's even more popular now is because of the cynical time we live in now.

This year's Meadow Brook production continues through Dec. 23 at the Rochester Hills theater,

## THE MUSICAL

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located on the campus of Oakland University. The show has a cast of 28, including many local children, with the title role performed by TV actor Dennis Robertson. For ticket information, call (248) 377-3300 or visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com).

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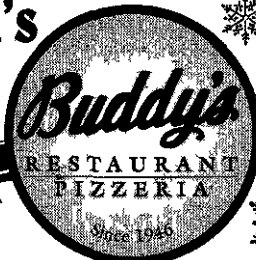
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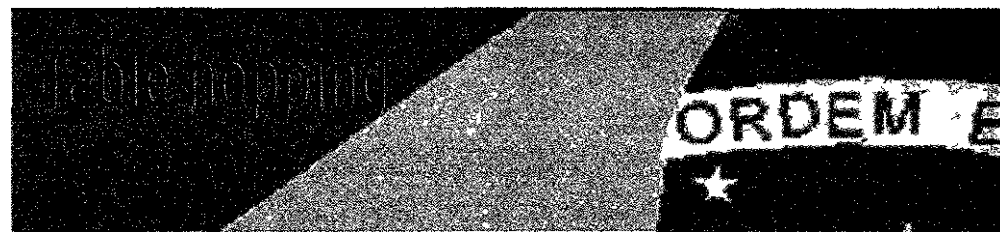
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# Go to Brazi

## Pampas Churrascaria opens in Birmingham

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Need to get away? How does southern Brazil grab you? Actually, if you're short on time, you won't need to travel farther than Birmingham for one night. But you'll need a few new culinary terms to enjoy the trip. Churrascaria (tchu-rah-scah-REE-ah) describes a restaurant serving skewered grilled meat and rodizio (row-DEE-zee-oh), the method of service by passadores (meat runners) who pull items from skewers.

Churrasco (tchu-RAH-scoh) is more than a gaucho's (Brazilian rancher's) favorite food. It's a tradition that originated among the inhabitants of the pampas (plains) of southern Brazil in the early 1900s. A churrascaria, however, is a relatively new restaurant concept that has taken major cities, such as New York, by storm.

Although a Brazilian gaucho believes that churrasco is a large portion of skewered meat, seasoned only with salt and grilled over glowing charcoal, Pampas Churrascaria Brazilian Grille, newly opened in Birmingham, broadened the concept. Its method of roasting meat, poultry, fish and vegetables in an authentic 16-foot churrasco grill conserves the characteristic taste of each and leaves it full of natural juices and flavors.

### GET WITH THE RHYTHM

"Pampas Churrascaria has a rhythm and beat, partner Phillip Kim said. It begins the moment dining guests arrive and are struck by the yellow and ochre hues complemented by copper, granite, mahogany and palm foliage with the sounds of bossa nova in the background.

An attractive bar area and a splendid wine storage unit signal that Pampas Churrascaria is a place to have fun with a group and that wine, and particularly the stuff with bubbles, is an integral part of the meal. White table cloths and waitstaff wearing sharp uniforms in the colors of the

Brazilian flag add a touch of class to a comfortable and casual dining atmosphere offering unique wine service options.

A cart with three levels can be rolled to the table. Your choice is four four-ounce pours from wines on the top shelf at a total of \$25. Next level, same total volume, but wines are better and cost \$35 or you can opt for tops at \$45. Didn't find anything on the cart that grabbed your taste buds? Use the Wine Rolodex with its various categories including "The Stash" with blockbusters, icons, legends and cult wines.

At an exhibition-style rotisserie and grill at the rear of the restaurant, grill masters prepare all the skewered foods, but you want to settle in first and feel the beat.

### MOVING ON

Begin by visiting the cold bar, featuring 20 different salads, vegetables such as asparagus and hearts of palm and a variety of cheeses. Servers will bring hot side dishes including rice and fried bananas to the table.

To dig into the real churrasco portion of your meal, find the dual-colored card placed at your table setting. Turn it from red to green to get going. Passadores (these folks wear the green vests) will begin presenting the skewered foods. If you want them to stop, until you're ready for additional portions, turn the card to red. Want more? The signal is green side up.

Don't take so many additional "hits" that you fill up before dessert. Chef Paulo Franco, with over 10 years experience and armed with a master's degree in restaurant hospitality from Cornell University in New York, has many treats in store.

They include Brazilian chocolate parfait, passion fruit mousse, guava mousse, deep chocolate cake, tiramisu in Brazilian coffee syrup, panna cotta in a guava and berries sauce, coconut cream mousse and a flan.

Pampas Churrascaria Brazilian Grille is a new concept adding even greater energy to the lively Birmingham restaurant scene.

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Williams, too, believes modern audiences look to the Dickens' holiday story to rekindle their spirit

"That's one of the reasons that this tale has maintained its popularity and longevity," the TV icon said. "The commercialization, the credit cards, so much to do, buying gifts, it can be overwhelming and we lose sight of it"

Williams portrays Thomas, the narrator, in the Music Hall production, which has a cast of about 35 actors and features both traditional Christmas carols and original musical scoring

Williams plans to greet audience members after shows

"Just to add that interaction to the party. Especially for kids, getting to meet some of the actors in the show, I think is a really nice experience," he said, adding his decision to meet with the public grew out of the show

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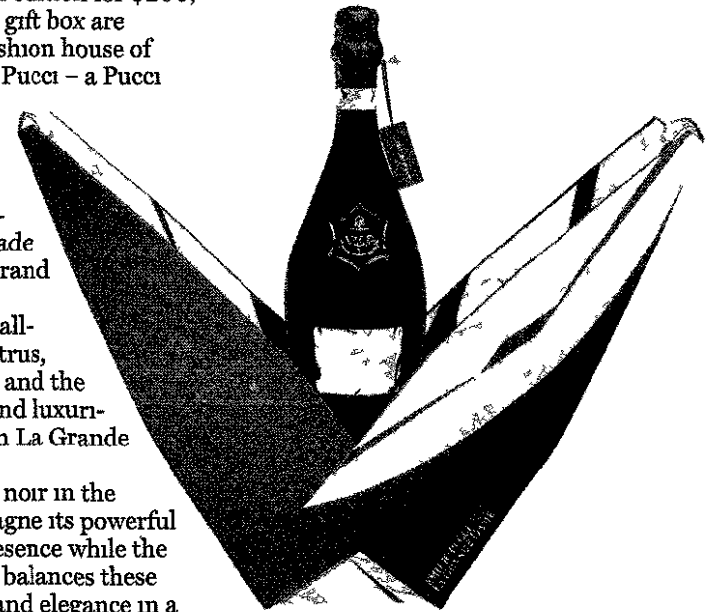
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2-6	Sat-Sun	New York Philharmonic Yannick Nézet-Séguin conductor
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7	Sat	Don James and Friends Family Performance
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10	Tue	Red Herring Ensemble <i>Book of Hours</i>
10-11	Sun-Mon	Robert Egge's <i>The Art of the Violin</i>
12	Sat	Oslo Philharmonic Anne Prentice conductor Anne Sophie Matheson violin
15	Sun	St. James Cathedral Lady Jessamine Gallery Tour

### April 05

1-2	Fri-Sat	Emo Greco Trio
7	Sat	Debra Laura Lerner <i>Haydn's Emotions</i>
8	Fri	Tim Heidecker
9	Sat	Margaux
10	Sun	Sonatas of the 18th-Century
13	Wed	Chamber Orchestra of Princeton Michael S. Brown conductor and pianist
14	Thu	La Capella Reial de Catalunya and Le Concert des Nations Jordi Savall director
20	Wed	Emily Hart <i>Swane and</i> Angela Kreuschwitz, mezzo-soprano
21	Thu	John Scofield Trio and Brad Mehldau <i>The</i> <i>Jazz at Lincoln Center</i>
28	Thu	Jazz at Lincoln Center

# Look, touch, hold

Or just throw down at the annual Potters Market

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

For Jan Robb of Troy, pottery is more than eye candy

Bowls, mugs, ceramic tiles — you name it, if a potter can make it, Robb wants to touch it

'So when I make my pottery, I want people to pick it up and hold it. I want my pottery to feel good. I want my pottery to be inviting,' said Robb, whose work goes on display along with pieces by more than 130 other potters at the 29th annual Potters Market

The event starts Friday and continues through Sunday at UF & CW Union Hall in Madison Heights

The market showcases almost 40,000 works of pottery and always draws a whopping crowd — an estimated 9,000 customers over the three-day event

All participating artists learned their craft through the ceramics technology department at the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College. And a portion of the proceeds from pottery sold at the market benefits the unique and highly

## PICK A POT

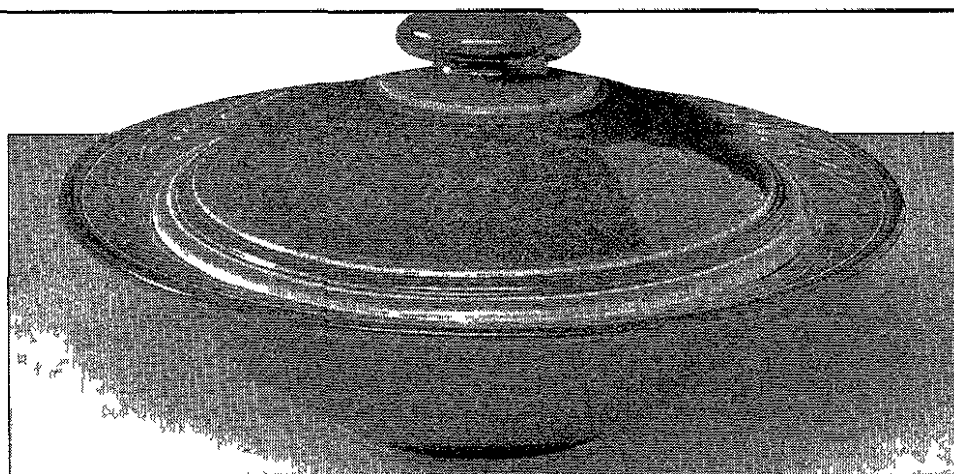
**When:** 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday Dec 3  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 and  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Dec 5

**Where:** UF & CW Union Hall 876 Horace Brown Dr. south of 13 Mile Road (between I 75 and John R.) in Madison Heights

**Admission:** No charge call (248) 246 2686 or visit [www.thepottersmarket.com](http://www.thepottersmarket.com)

regarded training program, which is run by its founder Charlie Blosser

'Charlie teaches you how to make your living as a potter,' said Robb, who has yet to give up her day job at General Motors and side business, running a Detroit Boss Hogs motorcycle dealership in St. Clair Shores. 'I would love to eventually just do pottery. That's (day job) not who I am. I'm a potter. Sometimes, I wish that I had found pottery when I was a lot younger. But it was the right time.'



COURTESY OF 29TH ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

Diane Hawkey's unique ceramic piece has a folk art sensibility

If you think Robb is crazy for pottery, that's just a taste. She describes the art form as 'magic-making.'

On the techniques used to create pottery, she says 'Hand-building is therapy without the shrink and wheel-throwing is Zen.'

Among graduates of the ceramics program, Robb isn't the only one who seems divinely inspired.

Galina Sarkasian, a West Bloomfield potter and first-time seller at the market, simply says of her passion 'I'm hooked.'

There's also a sizable number of couples who have come out of the program. Diane Hawkey met Doug Spalding in another class and talked him into studying pottery. The two emerged from the program as husband and wife and now live in Royal Oak with their 3-year-old daughter.

Spalding is one of Michigan's most prolific potters.

Priscilla and Chris Eggen of Pleasant Ridge not only are husband and wife, but also run a working pottery studio in Ferndale.

All pieces on display at the market are for sale, with the majority of proceeds going directly to the artist. All forms of pottery from vases to jewelry to sculpture are presented in a variety of styles, including stoneware, earthenware, porcelain and raku.

Turnout is high the first day of the event largely due to the misconception that the best work sells out early, Blosser said. The advantage of this sale is that we constantly restock. Having enough of the same item in order to restock is a requirement for the artists.



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To purchase tickets by phone, call **734-394-5460**. For more information about the theater and to view the complete schedule, please visit [www.cantonmi.org/CPAEC/about.asp](http://www.cantonmi.org/CPAEC/about.asp).

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## Dance

# Diversity, freedom at heart of 'Complexions'

Patrick Swayze will host the event at Music Hall

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Patrick Swayze is 52 and says hes in the best physical shape of his life

Someday soon he'd like to dance with Complexions, the acclaimed modern dance troupe that's coming to Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit Friday and Saturday

The accomplished actor/dancer/singer/conservationist is on the Complexions advisory board, and while he won't be dancing in the show, he will have a lot to say as the host

It will suck you in and bring you into a world of joy," Swayze said "Making us realize everything about humans how wonderful, complicated and stupid we are It demonstrates everything about our humanity and the ability to move the body in ways you never thought possible."

*Complexions* the show is fast-paced, powerful, high-flying and ground-breaking dance that mixes ballet, modern and other dance styles The program at Music Hall will include the pieces *Blue*, *Irreverent Tangle*, *Loop and Gesture*,

### SEE THE DANCE

**Where:** Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts 350 Madison Detroit

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday Dec 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 4

**Tickets:** \$35-\$45 at the door or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666 [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**For more information:** Visit [www.musichall.org](http://www.musichall.org) or call (313) 963-7622

*Sweet Low Rise* and *Pretty Gritty Suite*, under the artistic direction of Dwight Rhoden and Desmond Richardson, both of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center Richardson is also one of the troupes dancers

Complexions is part athletic ensemble, part multimedia, and mainly dance designed to express the intensity, freedom and diversity of the 21st Century

"Diversity is a big part of it," Swayze said "And that's one of the reasons why I loved the Detroit audience the last time we were there. It's so diverse. They welcomed us so strongly. It was beautiful"

When Swayze talks about dance, especially

*Complexions*, his voice swells with pride and passion

Desmond Richardson is the most beautiful male dancer on the planet, Swayze said "There's a reason so many dancers want to be part of *Complexions* because each one is a star"

Richardson also plays a lead role in Swayze's upcoming film, *One Last Dance*, which recently opened to critical acclaim in Poland.

It began in 1994, when Rhoden and Richardson had a vision to share their appreciation for diversity and multiculturalism through dance Their concept was to gather artists from various disciplines and let them work together

In 1995, *Complexions* received the much sought-after *New York Times* Critics Choice Award.

"I feel so strongly about *Complexions* because I've seen both rednecks and insurance agents and every type of person in-between stand on their feet and love with the show," said Swayze

Margo V. Cohen of Birmingham commissioned the choreography for *Blue* in tribute to her late husband, Morry Cohen

"The dancers take that piece very seriously," Swayze said. "They know it was commissioned out of love. Detroit is very lucky to have ladies like Margo Cohen and Maggie Allesee supporting the arts. They really are doing something real, giving to their community"

The dancers will perform 'Blue' a work commissioned by Birmingham arts philanthropist Margo V. Cohen



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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

### 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

### 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 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 intersection of 10 Mile Road at I 696 \$6 per person ages 2 and up (248) 398 0900 or 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

### 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

### The Palace

Marshalls World Cup of Figure Skating 7:30 p.m. Friday Dec 3 \$55 & \$25 reserved \$15 general admission Gaither Homecoming Celebrate Christmas 6 p.m. Saturday \$34.75 \$25.75, \$14.75 Kenny Rogers and Friends Celebrate the Season 8 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 \$35 \$28.50 \$15.50 (248) 645 6666 www.palacenet.com

### Toy & Hobby Expo

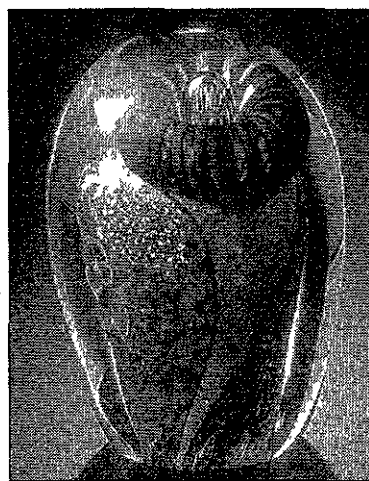
Railroad displays vintage toys 5-9 p.m. Friday Dec 3 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 \$7 children under 12 free parking \$5 (734) 455 2110

## DANCE PERFORMANCES

### Michigan Classic Ballet

#### Company

Nutcracker Ballet 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 11 3 p.m. Sunday Dec 12



Coral Head by Scott Davis is one of the works by more than 140 local and national artists offered for sale at Holiday Shop, Dec 3-12 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road in Birmingham Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday noon to 4 p.m. Sunday The Student Pottery Sale is also taking place at the center Friday-Sunday Dec 3-5 Call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.bbartcenter.org for more information

Mercy High School 29300 West 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills \$18 adult \$14 seniors children (to age 12) groups \$12 (248) 334 6964 www.geigerballet.com

### Mt Zion School of Dance

Detroit Ballet Master Iacob Lascu who passed away this past April will be celebrated with a performance of *The Nutcracker* in his honor 7 p.m. Friday Dec 3 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 Lake Orion High School Performing Arts Center 455 E. Scripps Rd. Lake Orion \$8 \$10 \$12 (248) 620 4900

### Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

*The Snow Queen and Other Dances* 7 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 Lake Orion Performing Arts Center Lake Orion High School 455 E. Scripps Road \$15 \$10 students (248) 559 2095

### MoreDances Contemporary Dance

#### Company

Winter Dances 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 Azars Gallery 670 Old Woodward Birmingham \$15 adults \$10 children/seniors at door (248) 689 4084

### The Plymouth-Symphony

Joins Plymouth Canton Ballet Company to present *The Nutcracker* 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 at Salem High School 46181 Joy Road Canton \$20 adults \$10 children Sugar Plum tea after the 11 a.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday performances Tea tickets \$5 (734) 451 2112 or www.plymouthsymphony.org

### Xhedo's Cafe

The public is welcome for a casual afternoon of coffee Middle Eastern dance and music Detroit Bellydance a professional and student dance troupe will perform at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday Dec 5 Admission is free but donations will be accepted for Sasha Farm a farm animal sanctuary in Manchester Located at 240 W. Nine Mile Ferndale For more information visit www.detroitbellydance.com or www.xhedos.com or call (586) 242 9425

## CLASSICAL/CHORAL

### The Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra

Under the direction of John Doyaras will present its Winter Concert 8 p.m. Friday Dec 3 in Kimball High School's Auditorium Crooks Road at Normandy (13 1/2 Mile Road) \$10 adults \$7 for sen-



The Chamber Music Society of Detroit will present the Claremont Trio, pianist Donna Kwong, violinist Emily Bruskin and cellist Julia Bruskin, 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 at Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W 13 Mile Road (corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Road), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School The Trio will perform works by Beethoven, Shostakovich and Mendelssohn Tickets \$33 to \$75 Student tickets are \$23, call (248) 855-6070 or www.ComeHearCMSD.org

ior citizens & students free admission for those under age 18 Tickets at the door at the door (248) 988 6991 or www.royaloakorchestra.org

### Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Holiday Brass concerts 7:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 at Christ Church Grosse Pointe and 7:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 19 First Presbyterian Church Birmingham \$35 discount for seniors/students call (248) 559 2095 or visit www.detroitchamberwinds.org 7:30 p.m. Monday Dec 13 Farmington Players Barn Theatre 32332 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills \$18 for adults \$15 for seniors and students (248) 473 1857

### DSO

J.S. Bach and Family 8 p.m. Friday Dec 3 8:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 Messiah 3 p.m. Saturday Sunday Dec 4-5 at the Max M. Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Ave. Detroit \$18 \$94 (313) 576 5111 www.detroitssymphony.com

### UMS

Messiah 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 2 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 Hill Auditorium 825 N. University Ave. Ann Arbor \$10 \$28 (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

### Christmas by Candlelight

A two piano recital featuring new staff members Jacqueline Csurgai Schmitt and Angelina Pashmakova 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 in Denk Chapman Hall Marygrove College 8425 W. McNichols Detroit no charge (313) 927 1538

### Chancel Choir

And soloists of Kirk in the Hills and the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings present a concert of Christmas music 7:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 in the Kirk Sanctuary 1340 W. Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills \$15 \$12 seniors \$10 students (248) 626

2515 Ext. 109 or at the door

### Madrigal Choral

Holiday music concert 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 Old St. Mary's Church 646 Monroe at St. Antoine in Detroit's Greektown \$15 advance \$18 door (248) 650 3208

## ART

### Epiphany Glass

Studio open for holiday show 4-9 p.m. today Dec 2 2-9 p.m. Friday Dec 3 noon to 6 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 770 Orchard Lake Road Pontiac (248) 745 3786 www.ephanyglass.com

### Native West

Jewelry Festival 5-9 p.m. today 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday Dec 3 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday Dec 5 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail downtown Plymouth (734) 455 8838

### 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

Celebrate Clay 2004 exhibition through Dec 24 Opening reception 5-9 p.m. Friday Dec 3 22620 Woodward Ave. Ferndale (248) 544 0394 or www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

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### Orchard Lake Framing and Gallery

Holiday open house 5-9 p.m. Saturday  
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### PROFESSIONAL THEATER

#### Fox Theatre

*The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*  
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Ave Detroit (313) 471 6616 \$20.50  
\$65.50 at the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis  
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counts of 10 or more call (313) 471 3099  
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#### Fisher Theatre

*Evita* through Sunday Dec 12 8 p.m.  
Tuesday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday  
Sunday 7:30 p.m. Sunday no perform-  
ances Monday 3011 W Grand Blvd  
Detroit \$32.50 \$72.50 Ticketmaster  
(248) 645 6666 the box office (313) 872  
1000 or visit  
www.nederlanderdetroit.com

#### Plowshares Theatre Company

*He is Christmas* by Gary Anderson  
Thursday Sunday 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.  
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9800 (248) 645 6666  
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Milwaukee Detroit 8 p.m. Thursday  
Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday through Dec 19  
(313) 365 4948 for the or e-mail reserva-  
tions@planetant.com

#### The Music Box

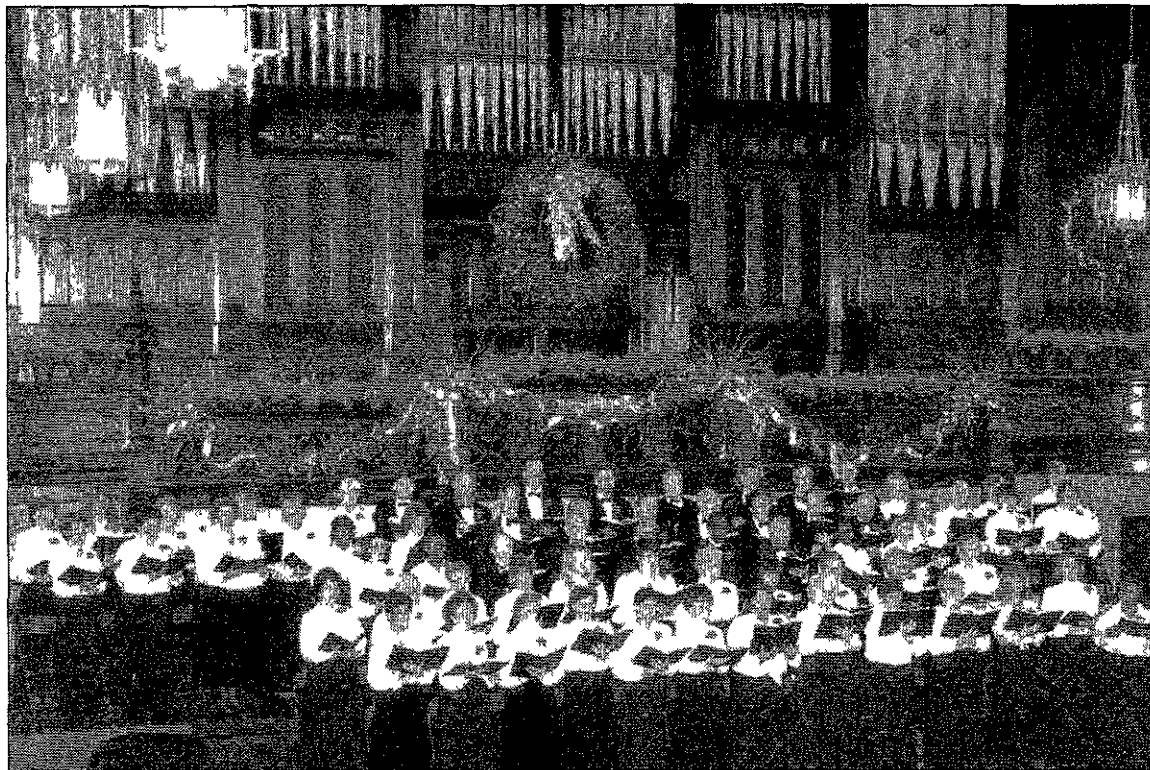
*Late Night Catechism II* through Dec 5  
at The Max 3711 Woodward Ave Detroit  
call (313) 576 5111 or www.detroit-sym-  
phony.com for tickets and show times

#### 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

#### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*Coming to Life* a comedy by Jure 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 sub-  
scriptions for 2 people \$88 10 ticket bar-  
-gain booklet \$110 (313) 868 1347 or  
www.detroitreptheatre.com



The Fort Street Chorale presents 'Messiah' 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 4, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec 5, at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W Fort St., Detroit. Tickets are \$15, call (313) 961-4533 or visit www.fortstreet.org

#### The Matrix Theatre

Motoprism 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 per-  
formances at 8 p.m. Wednesday Sunday  
3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday 137  
Park Chelsea  
\$22.50 \$32.50 (734) 433 7673 or visit  
www.purplerosetheatre.org

#### Performance Network

*She Loves Me* romantic musical comedy  
by Sheldon Harnick and Jerry Bock 8  
p.m. Thursday Saturday 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
Sunday through Dec 26 \$24.50 Thursday  
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www.performancenetwork.org

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ing music featuring the talents of many  
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Sunday Dec 5 1185 Washington Road  
one mile east of the intersection of  
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Rochester Hills \$20 call (248) 608 9077  
to reserve

#### 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 \$12 Friday Saturday (248) 625 8811  
or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

#### Farmington Players

*Charley's Aunt* by Brandon Thomas con-

tinues through Dec 11 shows 8 p.m.  
today Saturday Dec 2 4 and Friday  
Saturday Dec 10 11 2 p.m. Sunday Dec  
5 32332 W 12 Mile Road Farmington  
Hills \$13 (248) 553 2955 www.farming-  
tonplayers.org

#### Novel Productions

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8 p.m. Saturday Dec 4 Bishop Foley  
High School Stage 32000 Campbell  
Madison Heights \$8 (50 percent of pro-  
ceeds go to The Bishop Foley Drama  
Department) at the door for informa-  
tion call (248) 797 1498

#### ConLen Productions

*Amahl and the Night Visitors* a one act  
musical Christmas drama 2 p.m.  
Saturday Dec 4 Farmington  
Community Library 32737 W 12 Mile  
Road Farmington and 7 p.m. Sunday  
Dec 5 at Brighton Wesleyan Church  
7555 Brighton Road Brighton No  
charge

#### Players Guild of Dearborn

Dramatic musical comedy *1776* 8 p.m.  
Friday Saturday Dec 3 4 2:30 p.m.  
Sunday Dec 5 21730 Madison  
Dearborn \$16 reserved (313) 561 TKTS  
www.playersguildofdearborn.org

### YOUTH THEATER

#### Youtheatre

*Amelia Bedelia* Goes Camping and Other  
Stories 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday Dec  
4 Millennium Centre 15600 J.L. Hudson  
Dr Southfield \$8 (248) 557 PLAY (7529)  
www.youtheatre.org

#### 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

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of mall Lunch is a hot dog bag of chips  
cookie and beverage Tickets \$10 for  
lunch and show \$7 show only Little  
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runs 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 4 p.m.  
Sunday at Theatre Livonia Tickets \$12  
adults \$6 students/seniors (586) 344  
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#### Marquis Theatre

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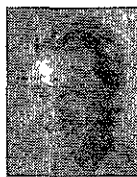
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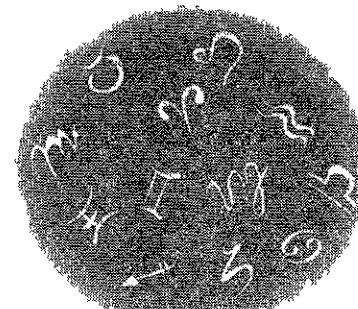
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**Star struck**

(Dec 2-Dec 4)  
By Dennis Fairchild



**ARIES (March 21-April 20)**

It's better that you cause a bit of scene this weekend than let things carry on the way they are. For some strange reason over the past week or so you've allowed someone to believe that you are weak and easily manipulated. That is a misapprehension. Well isn't it?

**TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**

It's time to put your own needs first and show cohorts and competitors alike just how ambitious you can be. In fact, with the astro angle in your solar chart which governs your reputation being energized right now, some sort of promotion or recognition is guaranteed. Ditto for your love life if you push!

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)**

Your natural empathy with the needs of others sometimes dictates that you neglect your own. Twin. The approaching winter solstice focuses on your path to enlightenment and self fulfillment. Now's the time to stop compromising (and complaining about) what you know is right for you.

**CANCER (June 22-July 23)**

The higher your expectations of those important in your life, the greater their feelings of obligation. Moon Kid - and the less prepared they will be to compromise or cooperate. A realistic view of the relationship will take you further than any amount of wishful thinking.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**

It is said that work defines our being and you certainly appear to have your work cut out for you at the moment. Lion! The Sun in your element signifies that now is the ideal time to catch up on outstanding tasks and pull in your markers. This month actions speak louder than words.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)**

Sorry Virgo, but someone you respect is apparently setting up roadblocks. Don't worry - you have the upper hand and are likely to succeed. Why try to force the pace during a retro Mercury trend when a subtle approach is more effective? Prove that you have the commitment as well as the vision!

**LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)**

You may think you know all the answers, but while you certainly know some of them, you can't see every possibility, so don't let your ego get carried away - after all, yours is the sign of balance and ethics. You'll be reminded this week that even the deepest truth is relative.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**

It seems that the more you say these days, the less you profit. Records and emotions need to be kept and kept straight because you may be confusing, not clarifying, the situation. Don't be afraid to speak your mind - the result will be sighs of relief. 2005 is your year to enjoy the gold!

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**

Common, you know that charity begins at home and according to current planetary influences, now's the time to think for yourself. Sadge! Let others know you are prepared to defend your material and emotional requirements and you will be in a strong position as the New Year arrives.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)**

There's a limit to the amount of time and sympathy you can spend on others' problems and you must acknowledge that you have needs of your own. Venus in Scorpio now gives you several opportunities to merge the two. Even if compromises have to be made, this birthday month is your chance!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)**

It is pointless to let vague doubts or fears about a project inhibit your progress - especially when the overall view is so positive. Make a concerted attempt to disguise your anxieties until they pass, then renew your efforts. What has to be done gets done before the year ends. Face front, Water Bearer!

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**

Would you please get off it? A long running saga, more a result of a family member or friend's actions than your own, is nearing its natural conclusion. The fact is that not everyone shares your view of the world. Fish! It is sometimes worth giving in for the sake of a peaceful life.

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**Pure Picks** Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

**Tribute**

I thought every performance by a Detroit garage rock band was technically a tribute to Fred Smith but they went and made it official with a showcase to the MC5 guitarist Friday at the Magic Stick Carolyn Striho, Back in Spades The Grande Nationals and the Skeemin' Nogoods are all slated to perform

There are a lot of rumors surrounding this show - some say Jack White will be playing with the Skeemin' Nogoods I've also received an e-mail that says Back in Spades has broken up - Will they play this last show? (Jackson Smith a.k.a. Patti and Fred's child does play guitar in this band er did Details were sketchy at press time and the writer cannot be bothered to check things like facts and information ) Go to the show and find out for yourself!

Cover is \$10 Doors open at 8 p.m. The Magic Stick is located at 4120 Woodward in Detroit

**Show**

If you travel like I did this very morn to the Tegan and Sara (no H) Web site (www.teganandsara.com) the front page will greet you with a large felt heart. If you delve a little deeper you will learn they are from Canada (even though they seem Swedish) and just can't seem to help it. They have the kind of press bio that includes a childhood wish to work with polar bears and a love of bicycle riding. It's bicycle riding of course not bike riding because everyone knows bicycles are cuter than bikes. If you haven't gotten the idea yet Tegan and Sara are just so precious - and they play what I can only describe as bubblegum punk (not to be confused with mail punk i.e. Good Charlotte) which is really just a nice way to say they are girls who play twee emo. Think a louder version of this generation's The Mumurs.

Touring in support of their latest *So Jealous* (Vapor) Tegan and Sara will perform Friday at the Magic Bag Ferndale. Cover is \$12-18 and up. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more click on www.themagicbag.com

**Music**

Speaking of MC5 tributes The Von Bondies will play two shows this week. Friday they will appear at Small's in Hamtramck with The Human Eye and Terror at the Opera.

This show is also your chance to be charitable during the holiday season as it's a benefit for Toys for Tots. Because you are still selfish bringing a toy for an underprivileged little one will get you a free bag of what bands and celebrities call swag. Cover is \$7. Helping is priceless. 21 and up.

Under 21 or just cold hearted and don't want to feel guilty for not bring a little kid some joy? The Von Bondies also will play Saturday with Saturday Looks Good to Me The Avatars and The Dollfaces at the Magic Stick. The first band takes the stage at 8 p.m. Cover is \$7. All ages.



I too hate it when the irons decide to get lipppy. Tegan and Sara will play Friday at the Magic Bag.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who is feisty this week. Tell her you missed her while she was on vacation or send information regarding local entertainment events to stardy@oe.homecomm.net or Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy 805 E. Maple Birmingham MI 48009. She missed you too sort of.

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