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

Clarification

Sunday's 'Our Kids Can't Wait - Fair Funding for Schools' story should have indicated that the \$110-\$120 per student cost for retirement is the increase in the payment school districts must make in 2004-05.

Last year, the districts' contribution was 12.99 percent of teachers' actual wages. It jumped to 14.87 percent this year. For example, for a teacher earning \$60,000, the retirement cost would have been \$7,794 in 2003-04. This year's cost would be \$8,999.

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Eyes of a child

Two-year-old Olivia Masters of Canton peeks into Santa's House in Plymouth's Kellogg Park during his arrival to town. She was waiting to see the jolly old elf after his big arrival. Her sister Elizabeth, is behind her. Santa welcomes visitors to his house on Main Street just outside the park every weekend, 6-8 p.m. Fridays and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Lessons learned

Lockdown helps park prepare for terrorism situations

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

It's been nearly two years since Canton Township police stormed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park one Thursday morning — about 7 a.m., as classes were about to begin — reacting to a 9-1-1 call from a frantic parent who noticed a man carrying a rifle into Plymouth High School.

Attempts were made to lock down the three-high-school campus as police searched for the gunman. Plymouth High School was entrenched in lockdown mode, while Canton and Salem never got the word and went about business as usual.

"Here we are, carrying AR-15s, fully loaded and ready to go, looking for a gun," said Canton police officer Robert Smedley, who was the school resource officer at the time. "Students at Plymouth weren't roaming the halls, but it wasn't a complete lockdown. They were sitting in their seats, when they should have been on the floor with the lights out."

"In the gym, kids were still playing volleyball," Smedley added. "They needed to take it seriously."

Fortunately, the incident turned out to be a science teacher with a BB gun for an experiment. However, had it been the real thing, P-CEP wasn't prepared to respond.

Tuesday morning at the Park, officials followed up previous table-top exercises with a 19-minute drill, part of the requirement for homeland security grants totaling \$613,000 for Canton Township and \$55,000 for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Bob Hayes, director of student services, said lockdown drills have been done at all the other school buildings in the district, but not at the Park.



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Canton Police Officer Robert Smedley finds an unlocked door during an emergency lockdown drill at Salem High School Tuesday morning.

"We've never tackled the high schools before because it's so huge and imposing," Hayes said, "but we've got to do it."

"It's a lot easier when you have a self-contained building with 800 children, rather than three high schools with more than 5,000 students," he said. "What we've learned from other incidents around the country is that we have to be ready. When the incident happens, the best you can hope for is controlled chaos."

All three high schools were put in lockdown mode as several dozen Canton Township police personnel, P-CEP security staffers and administrators walked the halls, looking for unlocked classroom doors and anyone roaming the hallways during the drill. Students and teachers were required to lock classroom doors, turn off all the lights and keep away from windows from 8:58 a.m. to 9:17 a.m.

Smedley found a couple of classrooms on the second floor of Salem where he could peek into the windows and see students inside.

"If I'm coming through here and all I want to do is shoot and kill people, I can see them," he said. "My job as a

shooter is to get my body count up." Sgt. Jerry Hardesty said the whole idea of a lockdown is to get people out of sight, to limit the targets for possible bad guys.

Schools are fairly high on the threat assessment because terrorists consider schools a soft target," Hardesty added. "We just don't prepare for a tornado or school shooter, we try to prepare for any type of casualty."

Supt. Jim Ryan, who participated in Tuesday's drill, knows all about needing an emergency plan. When he was superintendent of Waverly Community Schools in Lansing, there was a chemistry experiment explosion that created chaos.

"One child got burned badly, three others had minor burns," Ryan said. The firemen wouldn't go in the room because it was a hazardous materials situation, and the principal was screaming for them to come in.

"We didn't shut down the ventilation system, parents were taking kids home and we didn't know who was leaving," he added. "In the debriefing the next day, the police and firemen were

PLEASE SEE LOCKDOWN, A4

City adds to fund, but still eyes deficit

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Financial cutbacks in the 2003-04 fiscal year by the city of Plymouth resulted in nearly \$203,000 being added to the general fund.

However, the expected executive order by Gov. Jennifer Granholm cutting state revenue sharing funds will mean more financial hardships as the city looks ahead to balancing a projected budget deficit of \$300,000 in 2005-06.

The 2003-04 fiscal year audit indicates the city's fund balance

grew to \$312,111. "This, with the budget stabilization fund (\$550,000), gives you a good cushion," auditor Dave Williamson, of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel in Plymouth, told commissioners at Monday night's meeting. The unreserved fund balance is 5.17 percent of total general fund expenditures.

"It's very subjective as to how much is enough, that's a political decision," Williamson said. The state says they have to have a surplus, but it doesn't say how much.

Finance Director Mark Christiansen said cutbacks were the main reason for the increase

in the general fund. "This increase was the result of continuing efforts to contain operational expenses in anticipation of severe budgetary cuts impacting the fiscal year 2004-05 budget, as a result of declining revenue streams," Christiansen said. "The city's full-time staffing was reduced from 59 employees to 48. Early departure of many of these employees resulted in reduced levels of expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year." Christiansen said in the past three years, the city lost \$214,000 in state revenue sharing funds. He projects another cut of \$98,000 in the 2005-06 fiscal year.

'No criminal intent'

AG closes file on township clerk

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill admits signing a poll worker's name to the poll book during the 2002 election was "a stupid thing to do."

And, while the Michigan Secretary of State Elections Bureau and the state attorney general's office agree with her, they also believe the incident doesn't merit criminal prosecution.

The attorney general's office has notified the secretary of state that the incident, one of 10 allegations of misconduct Massengill faced as a result of a letter to the state by her former deputy, "doesn't rise to the level of criminality," according to Randall Thompson, a spokesman for the attorney general's office.

"They went through it with a fine-toothed comb and it didn't rise to the level of felony intent," Thompson said. "There was no allegation of impropriety or fraud, no allegation it affected the outcome of the election."

The allegation was one of 10 made in a letter sent in June by former Deputy Clerk Sandra Groth, alleging various points of misconduct by Massengill. The Secretary of State's Elections Bureau looked into them and found that in six of the instances Massengill had done nothing.

PLEASE SEE CLERK, A5

Plymouth commissions charter panel

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth City Commission voted unanimously Monday night to elect a nine-member city charter commission next November.

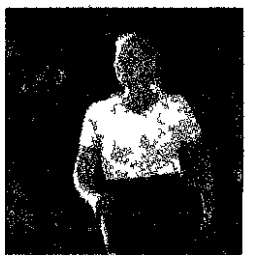
In March, an appointed charter committee ended 16 months of work by recommending 32 pages of changes to the current city charter. The city commission could put several of those changes on ballots in future elections, but City Manager Paul Sincock estimated it would cost nearly \$3,000 per ballot issue, as well as several years, to vote on and implement the suggested changes.

City commissioners are hopeful the election of a charter commission — on the general election ballot — would consist mainly of those who served on the committee, thereby limiting the amount of time and expense. The recommended changes could then be presented to residents in one ballot question.

PLEASE SEE PANEL, A7

Coming Sunday in your Plymouth Observer

Keep in motion
Exercise is important to having a better quality of life especially for seniors. In Sunday's Health section.



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CLARIFICATION

A story in the Sunday, Dec 5, *Plymouth Observer* should have said the phone number for Physiotherapy Associates is (734) 451-9878

JAYCEE TOY DRIVE

The Plymouth Jaycees are running a toy drive for Detroit Children's Hospital and St Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, which help families and youth through crisis

The toy drive runs through Dec 17 with drop-offs at Lou LaRiche Chevrolet (Plymouth Road at Haggerty), Engraving Connection (1205 S Main) and Michigan Made and More (830 W Ann Arbor Trail)

Donors can also call the Jaycee Hotline, (734) 453-8407 and leave a message to arrange for a pick-up

WALK OF TREES

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors the "Walk of Trees" around Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth

The trees were each decorated by a local family, club or business and are lit 24 hours a day through Christmas

For more information, call

the chamber, (734) 453-1540

CAREER WOMEN MEET

The National Association of Career Women holds its holiday meeting from 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Dec 14 at Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275

The meeting will feature a talk by Tracy Van Hook, an artist specializing in faux finishes and painting. A holiday ornament exchange will celebrate the season

Lunch is \$18 for members, \$22 for nonmembers, guests are welcome. For more information or to RSVP, call Landa Shoumate at (734) 459-4506

TOP EMPLOYEE

Charlena Owens is the December 2004 Employee of the Month at the Plymouth Bennigan's

According to LaBelle Management spokesperson Alicia Wickert, employees are recognized "based on job performance, customer service, attitude, team spirit, dependability and professionalism"

LaBelle Management owns and operates 33 restaurants, including the Plymouth Bennigan's, and six hotels in Michigan and Indiana

CHARLIE BROWN AUDITIONS

Auditions for The DuBois

Theatre production of the Broadway musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* take place from 3-6 p.m. Jan 5-6 in The DuBois Theatre at Canton High School

Potential actors should attend an audition workshop Wednesday, Dec 15 to learn the music and get audition tips. Those who can't make the workshop should see Shannon Henry for audition packets

For more information, contact Mrs. Henry via e-mail at henrys@pces.k12.mi.us

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

DAR MEETS

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane 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

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

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

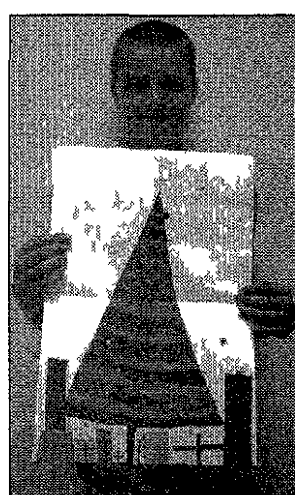
The evening of classic and holiday favorites will be at the new Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Rd., Canton

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

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



Holiday greetings

Buyers still looking for a good deal on Christmas cards can get them from the New Hope Center for Grief Support in Northville. Designed by John Chadwick of Plymouth, this year's featured artist, the cards are \$20 per package of 20 cards/envelopes with \$13 being tax-deductible. Staff limitations prevent New Hope from mailing the cards, however, buyers can call the New Hope office at 113 E. Dunlap in Northville, (248) 348-0115, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday to stop in and pick them up. Proceeds from the sale of these cards will fund New Hope's numerous support groups, workshops and services to those who are grieving throughout southeastern Michigan

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

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Getting a foot into the wine business

There's no stomping, but vintner lets customers make their wine

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

It was a natural progression for Kathy Nowacki, who, with her husband, Darryl, just opened Vintner's Cellar on Lilley Road in the Golden Gate Shopping Center south of Joy

The business is a small winery, in which wines are made and sold, or where customers can come in and make their own wines - with a little help from Nowacki

"I'm Italian and the first time I made wine was with my grandfather when I was just a kid," she said. He grew his own grapes. I don't remember stomping any, but he had a grape press in the basement. I've been drinking wine all my life."

Her husband spent time in Germany while he was in military service and got interested in German wines

So when her job as a legal assistant was eliminated awhile back, she started thinking of a kind of business to start up

"I didn't want to get into food service, she said. I wasn't going to be delivering pizza at 2 a.m. or worry about my drivers."

Meanwhile, she and her husband started looking for wine kits from which they could make their own wine. On the Internet they came across the Web site, www.vintnerscellar.com, and after some discussion decided to buy a franchise and open a shop in Canton

Nowacki said Vintner's Cellar is very big in Canada, where there are about 1,700 similar stores. There are now six stores in Michigan (hers is number six) and probably about 10 to 12 throughout the



Kathy Nowacki, owner of Vintner's Cellars, sits in her store with a glass of Cianti

United States

All the wine that is sold in this store is made in this store," she said. "You can come in and taste any wine before you buy it. Try that at your local store."

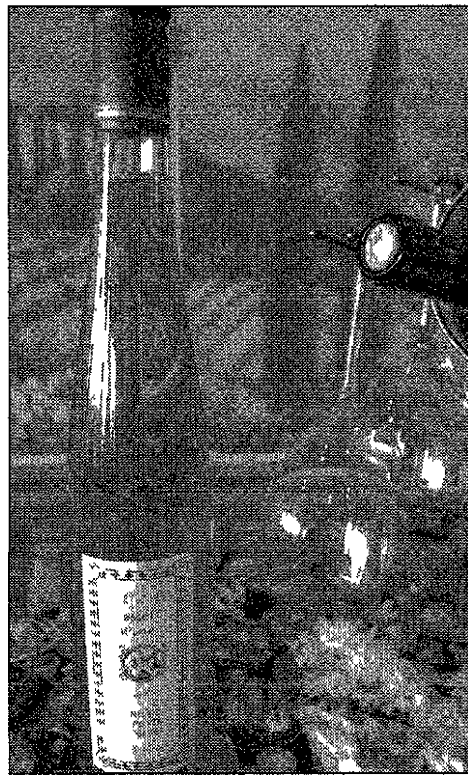
But the best part may be making your own wines, customized to your own taste.

The wine is made from kits that are assembled in Canada and shipped to the local stores.

The process is simple enough. If you want to make your own wine, you choose a variety, sample it and they'll customize it to your taste - sweeter, drier, more oak taste, whatever.

Then the grape juice, or grape juice concentrate or a blend is put into a fermentation jar with added ingredients to help the yeast work. Once the customer adds the yeast, the mixture stays in the fermentation jar for six or eight weeks depending on the variety.

At the end of the process the customer is called back to the store to bottle, cork, seal and label their custom made wines. And while the store furnishes standard labels, customized



In addition to allow customers to make wine, Vintner's also sells their own, including their popular ice style dessert wines

labels are also available so you can create your own chateau

These wines are not like the ones your grandfather made from Concord grapes. The grapes come from all over the world, from California, France,

Australia, Italy. The varieties range from Merlot to Chardonnay, from Pinot Noir to Riesling.

One particular favorite, according to Nowacki, is ice wine, which originated in Germany in the 1700s made from grapes that were allowed to stay on the vine until the first freeze or frost. The freeze/thaw cycle caused the sugar in the grapes to become concentrated.

"It's a dessert wine that is particularly appropriate for the holidays," she said. "But it's so sweet, you really don't need dessert - just the wine."

Nowacki also offers gift baskets, wine racks and a few other accessories. She also holds wine tastings after regular hours for groups of up to 20 people, who can bring their own hors d'oeuvres or she'll furnish them.

Store hours for the moment are Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Thursday and Friday, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call (734) 354 WINE.

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Animal rescue group sponsors photos with Santa

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Fran Mika of Canton can't say enough about her cats. "Pets are the best stress relief," said Mika. "They give you so much love back."

Her two cats are Snowball ("And she's not all white") and Midnight, nicknamed Pee Ah Bee or P.A.B. Mika finds the pets help her cope with the demands of a job and graduate school.

"They give me love every day," she said, noting a vacation to a sunny clime would provide only short-term pleasure. "I think a pet is the best thing for someone who has a medical challenge."

Mika planned to bring Snowball and Midnight to the PETSMART on Ford between Haggerty and Lilley in Canton for a Guardian Angel Animal Rescue "photos with Santa" session. Sessions began Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5, and will continue on weekends through Dec. 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

"PETSMART puts this on every year," said Sandy Mezza of Livonia, one of the founders of the no-kill animal rescue group. The price per photo session is \$9.95 for two pictures, with the rescue group receiving half.

Guardian Angel has pets at the store in Canton seven days a week during store hours. The group usually has representatives at the store on weekends when they're not off at another charitable event.

"That just means we're somewhere else," said Katie Elder of Redford, noting the group has rescued animals from throughout southeastern Michigan as well as up North.

"We span one end to the other," Elder said. Mezza was holding Annie, a rescued German shepherd about seven years old and available for adoption. Annie was in a kennel up North for about four years.

"We have put a lot of money into a lot of animals," Mezza said. Fund-raisers such as the Santa photos help the group has held picture sessions in the past at the PETSMART.



Annie, a 7-year-old German shepherd available for adoption, visits with Santa, played by Eli Orsette. The Guardian Angel Animal Rescue/PETSMART photo sessions will continue weekends through Dec. 19 at the Canton store, on Ford between Lilley and Haggerty (north side).

Northville store and had a great response.

The group takes animals from veterinarians, Mezza said, as well as many animals from the streets. Elder said Guardian Angel is selling 2005 calendars for \$17 featuring animals.

"That puppy got adopted today," she said while looking at the cover photo for the calendar.

Eli Orsette played Santa Saturday, and agreed the pets will get great gifts in their stockings this year.

"They've been very good," Orsette said.

Gerry Kruse of Plymouth Township was Santa Sunday and also enjoyed his time in the red suit. "It was nice and they thanked me, they thanked us," Kruse said.

Elder and Mezza, whose organization emphasizes spaying and neutering for pets as well as adoption, agreed there's much to love about animals.

"Their companionship," Elder said. "They love you no matter what."

"What's there not to love?" Mezza said, adding some owners don't treat their pets with love.

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue can be reached at P.O. Box 511309 Livonia, MI 48151 or online at www.gaar.petfinder.com. The phone is (734) 332-9459. e-mail: kelder@twm1rr.com

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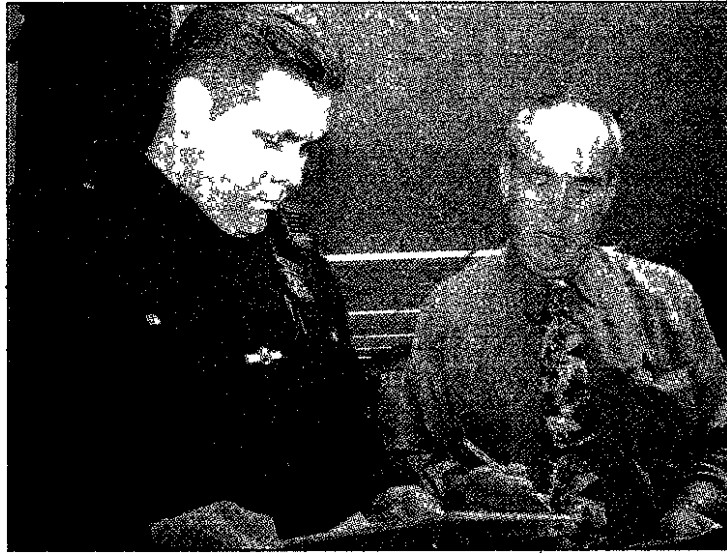
LOCKDOWN

FROM PAGE A1

screaming at us. We couldn't have done more wrong." Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostom, before an executive session debriefing, concluded the lockdown went well. "There was some excessive chatter in the rooms that needs to be addressed, and I closed one person's door, who thought the drill had been canceled," he said. "By law, we do 10 fire drills and two tornado drills each school year. I think we may do two of these a year." In one class, Smedley heard students laughing and carrying on inside the classroom, until

he pounded on the door screaming, "This is the police. Open the door." Students then became silent. "They told us to be quiet, but we didn't listen," said Emily Theodore, 14, of Plymouth. "When the police knocked on the door, then we started to be quiet." Chelsey Rizzo, 18, of Canton said uncertain times call for the need to be prepared for all situations. "It should be done, considering we're at war right now, and the other things that are going on," said Rizzo, a Salem senior. "I think it's scary we have to practice terrorism and attack drills, or for a smper on campus."

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Canton Police Officer Robert Smedley and Bob Hays, director for student services, talk about what happened during the emergency lockdown drill at Salem High School Tuesday morning.

FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

B
Matthew Todd Bilbey, 33, of Grand Blanc, formerly of Clarkston, died Dec. 3.

K
Paul S. Kittredge, 86, of East Tawas, formerly of Clarkston, died Dec. 6.
Bruno E. Kobernik, 89, died Dec. 5.

M
Christian Mayer, 74, of Garden City, died Dec. 4.

P
Sophie G. Pace, of Westland, died Dec. 4.
Ruth Perry, 79, of Livonia, died Dec. 5.

R
Edmund J. Repucci, 79, of Farmington Hills, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Nov. 27.

T
Margot Thielemann, 82, of Farmington Hills, died Dec. 2.

W
Steven Donald Wedge, of Birmingham, died Dec. 6.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Dec. 1-7:

■ Tuesday, Dec. 7 - Residential rescue runs on Quail Run, on Sheridan, on Top of the Hill Court and on Meadow Hill, vehicle accidents on northbound I-275 north of I-96 and at Penniman and Church, investigation on Harvey, downed wires on Postiff on General Drive and at Southworth and Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Sheldon, single-family fire on Joy.

■ Monday, Dec. 6 - Vehicle accidents with wash-down at Ann Arbor Road and McClumpha and at Beck and Powell, vehicle accident on eastbound M-14 at Robinwood, residential rescue run on Newporte.

■ Sunday, Dec. 5 - Residential rescue runs on Ball on Colony Farms Circle and on Northville Road, commercial rescue runs on Beck and on Haggerty, rescue run on Hartsough, industrial rescue run on 5 Mile.

■ Saturday, Dec. 4 - Residential rescue runs on Morgan, on Heritage, on Harvey, on Arthur and on Fox Ridge, vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 south of Ann Arbor Road and on M-14 west of Napier.

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.

■ Friday, Dec. 3 - Vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Trail and Riverside, residential rescue runs on Maria and on Fox Drive, wash-down at Sheldon and Helm, rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road and on Ann Arbor Trail.

■ Thursday, Dec. 2 - Residential rescue runs on St. Andrew's, on Aspen and on Mill Race Circle, commercial rescue run on Sheldon, rescue run on Mill Race Circle, vehicle accidents at Hines and Wilcox, on eastbound M-14 west of Beck and at M-14 and Sheldon, vehicle accident with wash-down on southbound I-275 at Ann Arbor Road.

■ Wednesday, Dec. 1 - Residential rescue runs on Pine, on Northville Road on Sheldon, on Susan and on Burroughs, industrial rescue run on Concept Drive, rescue run on 5 Mile, commercial rescue runs on Main and on 5 Mile.

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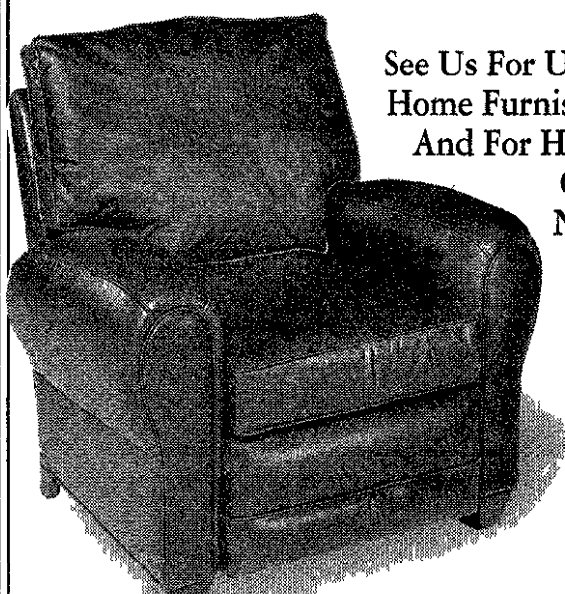
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The donation was presented at Strategy Network's recent open house, where Strategy Network's team was joined by nearly 150 business associates, friends and family to celebrate five years of growth

President and founder Kathy Nagy was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for helping to "Share the Power of a Wish" by Make-A-Wish director of development Matt Shinabarger

It was such a fantastic opportunity to share our success with all those close to us, and with the Make-a-Wish Foundation, Nagy recalled. Founded in 1999 by Nagy

and chief operating officer Lisa Sanders, both Plymouth residents, Strategy Network began with four team members, a vision and a purpose. In just five years, the company has grown to provide a customized network of marketing resources with a team of 18 professionals

We offer a unique environment for exceptional people to flourish and make a difference, Nagy said. 'The end result is a great team doing great work for great clients'

People are the best part of Strategy Network," added Sanders, "both our own team as well as our client and vendor partners"

Strategy Network provides comprehensive strategic marketing services, supporting clients in achieving their business and marketing objectives

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Strategy Network President and founder Kathy Nagy and chief operating officer Lisa Sanders show off the certificate they received in honor of a \$5,000 donation made to the Make A Wish Foundation on behalf of the Livonia-based marketing agency

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For more information on this emerging company, please visit www.strategy-network.com or call (734) 464-8100

Trinity concert turns silver Citizens for Peace meet on Dec. 14

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Trinity Presbyterian Church's 25th-annual Christmas concert is expected to be a marriage of traditional songs, contemporary songs and high-tech multimedia entertainment

Trinity's 'Unwrap Your Heart' Christmas concert is scheduled 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 11 at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, at the northeast corner of Beck and Gotfredson. Tickets are \$2 per person and can be purchased by calling (734) 459-9550

"We're really going to try to engage all people's senses," said Elie Schupra, Trinity's director of outreach

Big screen TVs, videos, and

live drama are all expected to be part of the show - all tied into a Christmas theme, Schupra said

"We're doing a little bit of variety," she said. Tony Capianetti, who specializes in pop and jazz, will serve as guest soloist. Directing the entertainment will be Steven SeGraves, choral director at Trinity. He also is director of the Farmington Community Chorus

One contemporary tune audience members may recognize is "Peace," originally performed by former Doobie Brothers member turned solo artist Michael McDonald

Schupra said that she would like to see people turn to Trinity's annual Christmas

concert as one of their holiday traditions - akin to *The Nutcracker* and Handel's *Messiah*

"Christmas is just a traditionally emotional and nostalgic time of year," she said. "I think people look for those kind of options"

Dave Loewe, along with his wife, Robyn, have been members of Trinity's choir for 25 years

"We'll be doing a lot of holiday classics that people are familiar with," said Loewe, referring to *Sleigh Ride* and *Tell it on the Mountain* as two examples

Performing the Michael McDonald song will be the icing on the cookie, though

"We're really excited about that," Loewe said

The 11th Congressional District "Citizens for Peace" will host an ethnic pot luck and gift exchange at the Plymouth Library, Tuesday, Dec. 14

The meeting will celebrate the group's accomplishments during its first year. Goal setting and events for the year 2005 will be discussed

All interested persons are invited. This will be the last meeting at the Plymouth Library. Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 11, "Citizens for Peace" will meet at the Unity Church of Livonia (North side of Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster)

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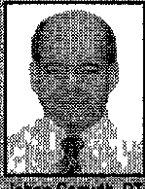
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PANEL

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"I hope the people who were on the previous committee run, because I think they did a great job," said Mayor Pro Tem Dan Dwyer. But, how do we cap the cost on this commission?

City commissioners are concerned if the previous committee members don't all get elected, and the elected charter commission takes another 16 months or longer to come up with changes, the cost of attorney fees and other expenses associated with the process could become excessive for the city's cash-starved budget.

Sincock said the committee spent approximately \$5,000 - primarily on attorney fees - and about \$11,000 in administrative time. Sincock is budgeting about \$10,000 for the elected charter commission, but cautions the cost could go higher.

"I can support the \$10,000," said Dwyer.

"But \$50,000 would be really hard for us. We budget everybody else, there's got to be a way to budget this. I'm not looking to hamper them, but I also don't want to give them free rein with the city's budget."

Commissioner Michele Potter said she's willing to spend whatever it takes to complete the city's charter revision.

"We've gone through this process twice in the past 12

years, and it's stalled both times," said Potter. "This time, alone, we spent an estimated \$6,000 on it, which is just money out the window if we don't move forward."

"I personally don't have an issue in spending \$6,000-\$12,000, whatever it takes, to finally getting it done," she said. "To say Thank you for your hard work but we're not going to do squat, that shows a huge lack of faith."

Sincock said the city will move forward, though he recommended against it because of both time and money.

"We're concerned about costs in both administrative time and potential legal costs," said Sincock.

"The commission has set a direction and that's what we're going to do."

Currently, all but three of the nine former committee members sit on other city boards. Sincock said they would have to step down from those positions to run for the elected charter commission.

Bob Mundt, who was a member of the charter committee and is now on the Downtown Development Authority, said he would like to finish the job he started.

"I'm interested in seeing all the work we did come to final fruition," said Mundt. "I think it's important for the city commission to finish the process by authorizing a revision of the commission and a rewrite of the city charter."

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Swedish club celebrates holiday season

The Jenny Lind Club of Michigan welcomes the Christmas season in the Swedish tradition with a Lucia pageant on the evening of the club's 66th-annual dinner dance at the Heathers Club of Bloomfield Hills Friday.

According to Plymouth's Marie-Louise Capote, the club's publicity chair, legend holds that Lucia, a young betrothed Italian girl, gave her entire dowry to the poor and confessed being a Christian. She carried food and drink to the Christians hiding in the catacombs and wore candles in her hair to help light the way.

Capote said the legend also holds Viking travelers returned to Sweden with tales of Saint Lucia and she became their symbol of hope, peace and light.

Queen of Lights for this

year's pageant is Mallory Brown of Grosse Pointe Woods, who will wear a crown of candles and lead the St. Lucia procession signaling the start of the holiday season. She will be accompanied by girls clad in white gowns bearing candles.

According to Capote, boys wearing tall white hats and gowns will hold star wands. Also, she said, young children known as Tomtens will be dressed in red, looking like miniature Santas. Among the Tomtens will be Capote's grandson, Ethan Powell of Trenton. Her granddaughter, Rachael Louise Powell of Trenton, will be an attendant.

"According to legend, the Tomten is the friendly old troll who makes nocturnal visits to farms in winter," Capote explained. "He feeds and cares

for the farm animals while speaking in his unique language and reassuring them spring will come."

The Tomten has never been seen, Capote said, but in the morning tracks from his tiny feet in the snow show evidence of his visits.

The Jenny Lind Club's purpose is to encourage Swedish traditions and is named after the renowned Swedish coloratura soprano, known as "The Swedish Nightingale," of the 19th century. On Dec. 13, in Swedish homes, the eldest daughter serves coffee and specially baked saffron buns to her parents in the early morning clad in a white gown and wearing a crown of lit candles, Capote explained.

Younger children accompany her while all singing "Santa Lucia."



Mallory Brown (center) as Lucia. Ethan Powell as a Tomten and attendant Rachael Powell will be among those participating in the 66th annual Jenny Lind Club banquet Friday. Ethan and Rachael are the grandchildren of Marie-Louise Capote of Plymouth, the Swedish club's publicity chair.

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OUR VIEWS

Schools are fine, but need support

This past year, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* have presented a series of articles, Today's Lesson, taking an in-depth look at issues facing our public education system.

With the implementation this year of the 2002 federal No Child Left Behind Act and the 10th anniversary of Proposal A, which changed the way Michigan finances its schools, this seemed like the perfect opportunity to jump into education's alphabet soup from Proposal A to MEAP to NCLB to AYP.

We met with state officials, local school board members, administrators, teachers and students to see what impact all these innovations are having on the education of our children.

What we found were dedicated but frustrated teachers, financially strapped administrators, teaching students afraid they won't find a job, and students who, in spite of everything, are making the grade under difficult circumstances.

We have a positive and optimistic view of our school districts, but we realize they face major challenges in both funding and designing an educational program that will meet the needs of the 21st century and competition from every corner of the world.

■ No Child Left Behind is a major effort by the federal government to place its stamp on public school education. The bill was passed in 2001 with bipartisan support, the end result of years of progressive ideas about how to improve public education, especially those schools in high-poverty areas that receive Title I federal funding.

We believe there is much to praise in the legislation. It has the admirable goal of 100 percent proficiency for all students in math and reading by 2013-14. It recognizes the need for school accountability and testing, while leaving the specifics to each state. It recognizes the need for higher standards for teachers. It provides for an early reading program. It includes the needs of students with special problems.

But the act has been rightly criticized by educators. While federal education spending has been increased, No Child Left Behind was not fully funded even as it mandated more programs, paperwork and potentially expensive remedies for some schools. Though only schools receiving Title I money face penalties, all schools are being evaluated under NCLB guidelines as administered through Michigan's Education YES! program.

The remedies suggested for "failing" Title I schools have also been criticized as an attack on public schools rather than a well-conceived strategy for dealing with myriad problems, many outside the classroom, that create failing schools.

■ Michigan's annual report card has drawn complaints. In the recent high school report cards, several area high schools scored well in the letter grade portion but failed to make adequate yearly progress because subgroups within the schools did not improve. While it is important that any evaluation system account for underadvantaged students, students with disabilities and students who aren't proficient in English, it might be better and less confusing if these groups are evaluated separately.

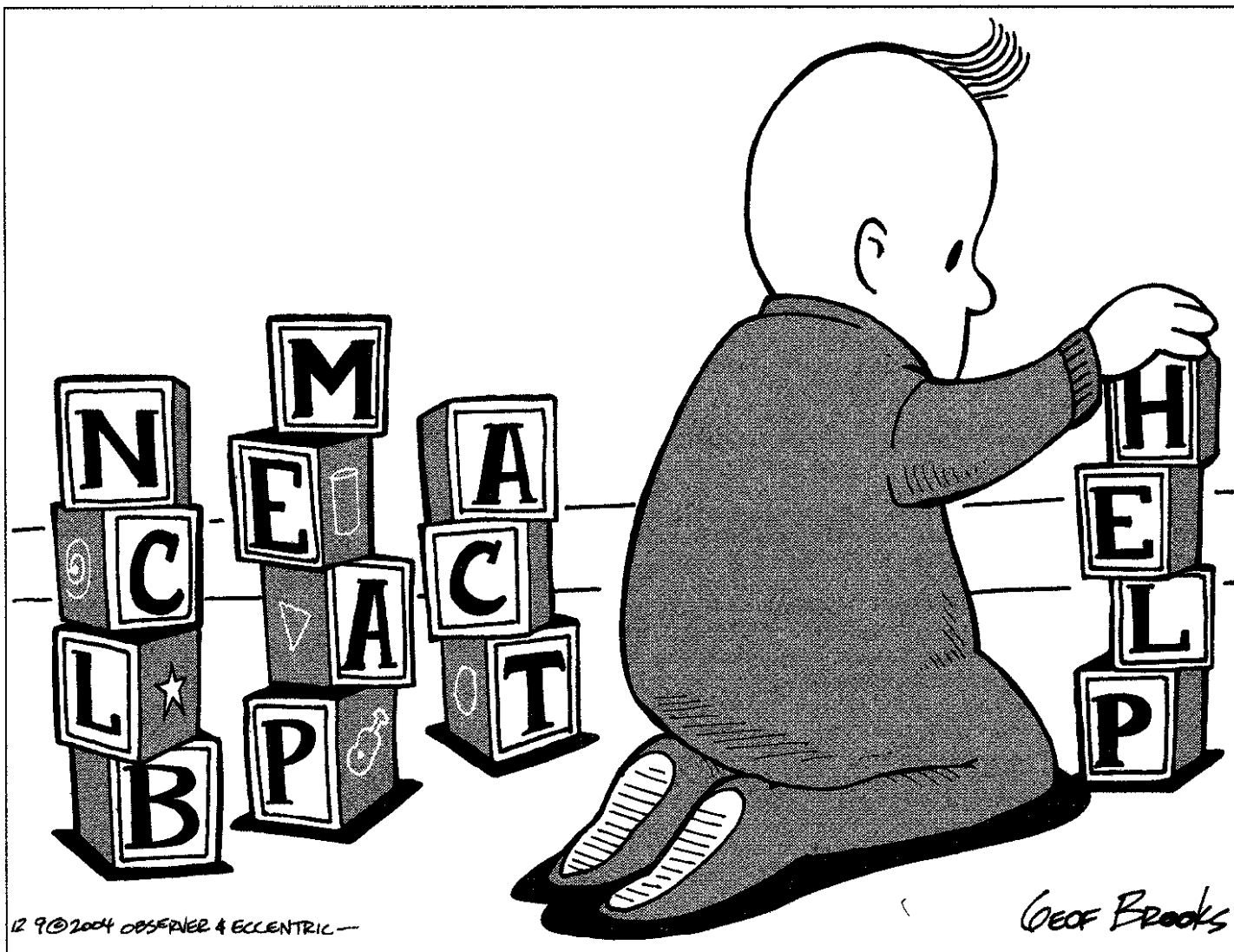
■ The Michigan Education Assessment Program test was originally designed to show the state Board of Education whether or not schools were meeting standards in core subject areas. It has also become a test to evaluate the progress of individual students. We believe the MEAP should continue to be the test used in elementary and middle schools.

At the high school level, a test needs to be devised that satisfies two goals, an evaluation of the school and, for those students who are college-bound, a test to judge a student's ability to do college level work. We believe substituting the MEAP with the ACT or similar test doesn't fulfill those two goals.

■ When Proposal A was originally approved by voters in March 1994, it was intended to slow down runaway property tax increases by shifting school funding to the sales tax. A secondary intention of the proposal was to equalize school funding, to narrow the gap between wealthy districts and poor, primarily outstate, districts.

The proposal has generally been successful. Property taxes leveled off. The gap between districts narrowed. But Michigan's struggling economy has resulted in an annual game in which districts wait to see whether they will have to take another cut in state funding. In addition, some more prosperous districts are chafing at not being allowed to increase their millages, even when residents would readily approve increases to keep their school programs intact.

We believe Proposal A was needed. We also believe that it is time to re-evaluate Michigan tax laws and school funding to adjust flaws in tax legislation that are hurting school districts and local government programs.



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Geoff Brooks

LETTERS

Putting things right

Duty-conscious sailors do not abandon ship in distress at stormy sea, but try to save it from sinking as long as there is any such hope.

Truly patriotic and proud citizens of a country do likewise. They don't leave their country because it is in trouble, or when things seem to be heading in the wrong direction, but rather stay put and do their best to save it from whatever the difficulty is, contribute their talents and efforts for setting things right.

Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski, who didn't seek draft deferment, but as an officer of the Army proudly served his tour of duty in Iraq fighting enemies of this country, said, and rightly so, that moving to Canada isn't the answer ("Rocky stands for America" *Observer*, Dec. 5).

American general and Sen. Carl Schurz once said, "Our country right or wrong. When right to keep it right, when wrong to be put right."

This is how it should be. Don't run, instead, strive to put it right.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

State has the power

Phil Power makes a good point about over-regulation (case in point: wine and alcohol sales) in his Dec. 2 column ("Archaic distribution laws hurt consumers, vintners"). His point about the "spider web of regulations covering wine, beer and booze" is well said.

However, it is ironic that Mr. Power concludes by hoping that the U.S. Supreme Court will rule that the states do not have any authority to regulate alcohol sales, but that all regulation must be done by the federal government pursuant to its authority to regulate interstate commerce.

In other words, Mr. Power is arguing for more federal regulation, and less authority for the states to decide what is best for their citizens.

Although I agree that Michigan's liquor laws are antiquated and paternalistic, the last thing we need is more federal regulation of anything. I would argue, instead, that the state should change its laws. Why get the federal government involved? Don't we have too much interference from Washington already?

We repeatedly hear conservatives argue that less government is better, and that we, the people, know more about what's best for us than the politicians in Washington. Despite that rhetoric, though, the federal government (even under this compassionate conservative administration) keeps extending its control.

Look at our school systems, traditionally under local control. Now the federal government (under the No Child Left Behind legislation) is dictating not only the curriculum, but what happens if a school doesn't meet certain federally imposed criteria. Does anybody really believe that Washington knows how to educate our children better than we do?

Our state legal system, too, is coming under attack from Congress. President Bush has promised national tort reform. Michigan has, over the past

dozen years, instituted a number of legal reforms. Those reforms were the subject of wide and spirited debate in Lansing and in the press.

We, in the State of Michigan, discussed and decided which reforms to adopt and which to reject. Why can't Washington accept that? Why does Congress feel they have to force their opinions on us? Conservatives consistently argue about returning government to the people, but continue to create new federal regulations to take the government away from the people.

We hear a lot of talk about our rights under the U.S. Constitution, but the Tenth Amendment, the last of the Bill of Rights, has been completely ignored. The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, or to the people. True conservatives shouldn't be so eager to ignore that part of our constitution.

George Shea
Plymouth

Generation answers call

I would like to give a salute to the young people who are giving their lives and limbs for us. I am of the "baby boom generation." I was drafted during the Vietnam war in 1969. I served one year in "Nam" and was glad to get out with only unseen scars. My generation and people my father's age were skeptical about this "X-Generation," what with Game Boys, Nintendo, skateboards, loud heavy metal music, and a seemingly fond disregard for authority for elders and their parents. Then the call to arms came. They have answered that call with great pride, heroism, determination and a commitment to freedom.

I am proud to see them in news interviews respond with such maturity and confidence for their reasons for fighting. I thought with this generation we were probably in "Big trouble" (sans), if our country ever had to go to war again. I'm happy to admit that I was wrong. These men and women deserve all of our support and respect. I am proud to be an American, along with all these fine young people.

T. Smith
Canton

Fond hunting memories

I really enjoyed your column, "Hunting ban is just another step further away from Canton's roots" (Nov. 2). I grew up on the farm of my stepfather, Bud Corwin, in Canton. In the 1950s and 1960s, Canton was an agricultural community. Yes, that is hard to believe today. The major produce was sweet corn. Thus Canton was known as the sweet corn capital of Michigan. Field corn and soybeans were also prevalent. This gave abundant food and hiding areas for pheasants. The woodlots harbored squirrels and, along the creek beds, you could always find rabbits.

There was nothing like coming home from school grabbing the ole faithful 20-gauge bolt action from the back porch and a handful of shotgun shells. Then walking to the garage where my faithful black

mongrel (mostly spaniel) King waited for me.

Most farm boys of Canton had good school attendance records. Except on opening day of pheasant hunting season. This was like a holy ritual (similar to some deer hunters of today's time). I remember one year when I was planning on skipping school on opening day. My English teacher told us a big part of our grade was an emotional speech to be given that day. The teacher assigned me the topic: why students should not take opening day of pheasant hunting off school. This was my first class of the day so I decided to wear my hunting clothes to school, give my speech and skip out. You can imagine I was not very emotionally involved in my topic and might as well have just skipped the class.

After pheasant season, rabbits and squirrels were abundant game in the Canton woodlots. I remember spending many hours hunting squirrels in the woods on the north side of Ford Road about halfway between Ridge and Napier Roads. Amazingly these woods are still there. Those pesky rodents were so smart. They would be in the tree and hide on the opposite side. About the time you got to the other side they had moved to the side you just came from. I remember the first squirrel I shot. I was so proud of the achievement and my good mother fried it up to add to that night's supper.

One strange thing about today's suburbia is there are many more deer in the area than there were in the 50s and 60s. Rarely were deer seen in Canton.

Oh, what great memories of hunting in Canton as a kid. I only hope today's youth in their later years will enjoy the memories of playing with their Game Boys as much as I remember farming and hunting in Canton.

You mentioned this is one more bit of our heritage that will be relegated to a display at the historical museum. If you know of anyone who has pictures of their hunting success in Canton, I would appreciate the opportunity of making copies of those pictures so they can be saved for future generations at the historical museum. Thank you for reminding me of the memories.

David Curtis
president, Canton Historical Society

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QUOTABLE

"If they said it once they said it 20 times: 'Until we start hearing from voters we don't believe there's a crisis in funding education ...' We (administrators) can yell all we want (but) voters need to let legislators know."

Dr. James Ryan, Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, on the summit to discuss school funding problems

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State is spiraling toward a real financial disaster

Here we go again. News of fresh fiscal disaster for Michigan came out of last week's "revenue estimating" meeting between the House and Senate fiscal agencies and state Treasurer Jay Rusing. This year's state budget, which took effect Oct. 1, is already \$370 million in the red as a result of less money coming in than was forecast. The deficits show up in both the General Fund (\$257 million) and the School Aid Fund (\$113 million).

The Michigan Constitution requires the state budget to be balanced, so the new forecasts will require Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Legislature to cut spending in the current year by at least \$370 million. And the governor is already talking about whacking another half-billion out of the budget she is preparing for the fiscal year that starts next October, she has already put state departments on notice to expect cuts from 5 to 7 percent.

Sound familiar? Yup. We've seen the same dreary show played out in Lansing for three years running. First the revenue estimating meeting projects a deficit, usually bigger than expected because the state's economic recovery is lagging. Next, the governor and legislative leaders moan about how dire the situation is. Finally (and after much to and fro) our leaders cobble together a mixture of mid-year spending cuts, tax and fee increases and miscellaneous accounting gimmicks.

Over the past three years, the state has undergone \$3 billion (that's 'billion' with a "b") in budget cuts. That's serious money, you've gotta lose a million a thousand times to be out a billion. The autopsy shows multiple malformations. State general fund revenue has fallen from \$9.75 billion in fiscal 2000-01 to an estimated \$7.85 billion this year, a drop of nearly \$2 billion, not even considering inflation.

Revenue sharing — the money the state does out to counties and communities — has taken a \$429 million (or 27 percent) cut over the past three years. State spending on our 15 public universities has dropped from \$1.91 billion to \$1.69 billion over the same period, a \$220 million hit. For a glimpse at the bigger picture: The state today contributes around 40 percent of the universities' total revenue, it was 75 percent 10 years ago.

There isn't much more down to get, as they say in the south. Reality check: Sorry, but it is really not the time for "here we go again." We need to recognize some simple realities that our leaders would rather gloss over.

1) What we have been doing for the past three years is little more than re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Budget cuts here and there, tax and fee increases and accounting gimmicks might be sufficient to get Michigan through a temporary period of a down economy. But it's now clear that our

economic situation is not temporary and that we are undergoing a profound and lengthy change in our economic base. Short-term nips and tucks here and there are not going to cut it, long term.

2) The underlying cause of Michigan's budget problems for the past three years is a chronic structural deficit between what the state takes in tax revenue and what services it provides to its citizens. This structural deficit is estimated by the experts at the non-partisan, nonprofit Citizens' Research Council (the best in the business) at more than \$1 billion each year!

Basically, that means we are set up to automatically earn less than we spend. The general fund, over which lawmakers have direct control, is about \$8 billion. So our built-in deficit is more than 12 percent. No household I know of can withstand a shortfall like that for very long without making serious and drastic changes. Normally, in fact, if they are already on a tight budget, they try to find ways of bringing in more money.

3) We have yet to see the worst. It now looks as though the city of Detroit's budget shortfall is around \$300 million, with the red ink at the Detroit school system adding up to another \$200 million. Rumor is that the accounting firm that just finished the audit of the schools is considering an opinion that questions whether the school system can continue as a going concern.

If the finances of Detroit or its schools or both implode, somebody is going to get stuck with the tab. One of the most thoughtful and knowledgeable observers I know told me last weekend that Michigan is now on the cusp of the largest crisis we have faced since the Detroit riots in 1967. I think he's right.

The scariest thing about all this is that the political class doesn't seem to get it. Legislative leaders continue to blather on and on about cutting state spending. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce keeps bleating about cutting more taxes. Granholm keeps appointing more advisory commissions. Nobody seems interested in saying we've got big problems and that we've got to take some serious steps to deal with them.

The axiom is that democracies usually fail to deal seriously with big problems until a crisis becomes so large enough that even the most expedient politicians can't sweep it under the rug. This is what is then called "leadership." Well, the water is lapping at our ankles and Michigan's leaders need to start leading and stop fudging. Now.

Psychiatrists say that a good clinical definition of insanity is when people keep doing the same damaging thing over and over and over again. I wonder how a competent mental health professional would diagnose our present leadership.

What I am certain about is that treatment needs to happen, soon.

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



Phil Power

County needs federal help to pay for programs for abused children

As county commissioner for the communities of Redford Township, Garden City and Dearborn Heights, I am privileged to be the voice of my constituents and the guardian of their county tax money. Sometimes, this privilege requires that I be an advocate for Wayne County citizens on a national level.

I am one of 25 representatives on the National Steering Committee for Health, Human Services and Education for the National Association of Counties (NACO). During our recent annual meeting, we set the organization's legislative agenda for the coming year. In the weeks and months ahead, NACO staff members will be lobbying Congress on critical human services and education issues.

One of the most pressing concerns facing a county like Wayne is our obligation to fund child care services. By child care, I am not referring to day care for working parents. Instead, child care services means funding services for abused and neglected children.

Every county in Michigan is required by the state to pay for foster care programs. Unfortunately, Wayne County has a larger proportion as well as a higher number of wards than other counties in Michigan.

We get federal and state money to help pay for these programs, but a large portion is funded by county tax dollars. The federal reimbursement rate has not been increased since 1996. However, the expenses continue to rise at a significant pace. As a result, county tax money must make up the shortfall.

This presents a delicate dilemma. Do we make an economic decision and cut services, or do we do what is right for the children? I have always been a proponent that if you invest in children on the front end, it will cost you less on the back end. Society will also be a better place.



Philip Cavanagh

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We are hoping that our NACO lobbyists can convince Congress to increase federal funding for abused and neglected children to a realistic level. This will help us maintain quality programs and help put these kids on a positive track going forward.

The NACO meeting also included a disturbing presentation about the growing threat of methamphetamine use in counties across the country. Better known by its street name of crystal meth, this is a very addictive drug that is very cheap and easy to manufacture.

It's more addictive than crack cocaine, and its use by teenagers and young adults has become more prevalent in both urban and rural areas. All of us — parents, teachers and government officials — need to be diligent so that crystal meth doesn't become a problem in Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Redford Township.

As always, I appreciate receiving input from citizens on any issue or topic. Please contact me by e-mail at pcavanag@co.wayne.mi.us or call my office at (313) 224-0930.

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LETTER

We need complete ballot

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.

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Farmington

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The full story unfolds as Nancy Seaman testifies

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Seaman was the fixer when there was a problem.

But it wasn't until two days after killing her husband, Bob Seaman, with a hatchet in their Farmington Hills garage that she realized the problem this time was unfixable.

She cleaned up the blood in the garage with bleach, wrapped up her husband's bloody body in a tarp and duct tape and painted over the blood on a wall in the garage.

She said she had no intention of dumping her husband's remains when Farmington Hills police discovered the body two days later.

"He was my husband, I couldn't do that to him," she testified this week in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The fourth-grade teacher at Farmington's Longacre Elementary School is charged with first-degree murder in the death of her husband May 9.

Seaman was asked by her attorney to recall her 31-year marriage. After thinking about it seriously in jail for the past seven months, Nancy Seaman, 52, said she was stunned to recall 94 incidents of physical abuse in their relationship.

She broke down and wept. The abuse came and went. She said he had affairs. Still, she would always give him one more chance to change.

"I loved him," she explained.

HER EXPLANATION

Nancy Seaman said she bought a hatchet on May 9 at a nearby Home Depot with the intent to clear small branches in the back yard where it appeared the branches had not been cut for more than a year.

"I have been doing yard work for most of our mar-

riage," she said.

She put the hatchet on top of a portable generator in the garage next to other gardening tools for her upcoming project.

Despite going to a different home improvement store earlier in the day with her son, Jeff, and his wife, Rebecca, Nancy said she didn't buy a hatchet then because Jeff was in a hurry.

Nancy testified that she got up around 5:30 a.m. Monday from her upstairs bedroom and was surprised to see her husband already up and in the kitchen. Even though she didn't have to be at Longacre until around 8:20 a.m. on school days, she testified that she always left the house hours earlier to avoid conflicts.

"He said, 'I think it's time we talk about going our separate ways,'" Nancy testified.

She told him she couldn't deal with such a conversation that morning. After more attempts to discuss it, Nancy said she finally gave in and told Bob she was "ready for this. I already have plans."

That's when Bob Seaman told her he found out the condominium that she was looking at was not for their son, Greg, but for her.

"I was stunned," she said, realizing Bob had found boxes in their home filled with her personal items.

After an attempt to run out the front door, Nancy said she discovered the deadbolt lock with an inside key removed. The door was locked.

She ran to the back door that entered the garage when she was violently shoved down by her husband.

Nancy said Bob was screaming at her, saying, "You'll never live to move into that condo."

Fearing for her life, she curled in a fetal position and covered her face with her arms, she testified.

"I can hear him coming



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Nancy Seaman testifies in her trial.

toward me and I said to myself, 'I've got to get up,'" she told the jury.

He grabbed my leg and as I got up with one hand and with my other hand I felt the handle of the hatchet," she said.

"I picked it up and swung it at him," she continued, making contact with this face. Bob Seaman maintained his grip on her leg after the initial blow, she said.

"I kept swinging it and swinging it," she said while breaking down in tears. "I had to stop him."

An autopsy showed Bob Seaman had 16 chop wounds to his head.

THE KNIFE

Nancy Seaman testified her husband drew blood on top of her right hand with the knife she used while they argued before entering the garage.

He took the knife to the garage, she said. She found it nearby when she let go of the hatchet. She said she doesn't remember stabbing him, but an autopsy showed he had more than a dozen stab wounds on his back. His throat was cut.

After the attack, Nancy Seaman said she ran upstairs to her bedroom.

Despite an attempt to call in

a substitute teacher for her that day, an automated phone service told her it was too late for a replacement.

She threw her bloody clothes into the bathtub, showered and went to school. She returned home at lunch, entering through the front door.

With the home's door to the garage open, she saw through the passageway her husband's legs on the floor.

There was blood everywhere," she said. "I can't believe what I saw."

All that went through her mind was, "I can't let (my son) Jeff see his dad like this. I knew I had to clean it up and fix it and make it OK," she said.

Nancy bought cleaning supplies, including gallons of bleach. She said she dragged her husband's body over to the classic Mustang that was being restored in the garage. She wrapped the body, but said she couldn't bring herself to look at his face while she did it.

By the time oldest son Jeff Seaman came to see her on Monday night, the garage was pristine. Jeff Seaman testified earlier he found nothing at the

home out of place.

Nancy Seaman went to school Tuesday. She didn't know that two Farmington Hills police officers earlier in the night went inside her unlocked home for a welfare check after receiving several missing person calls from friends and relatives of Bob.

The officers testified they found nothing out of place.

After school, she admitted she shoplifted a similar hatchet at the same Home Depot. She returned the shoplifted hatchet to wipe the purchase-off her credit card record.

She called in for a substitute teacher the next day.

Meanwhile, family members and friends grew increasingly concerned about Bob's disappearance. On that Wednesday afternoon, two detectives came to the Seaman home to talk with Nancy. They found her husband's body in the back of Nancy's Ford Explorer. Earlier that day, she drove to a Meijer store with the body in the SUV.

TURNING HERSELF IN

Nancy testified that just

before police arrived she planned to take the body to her father's home downriver where she would ask to use his father's attorney to turn herself in.

She said when she went to the Farmington Hills police in the summer of 2002 to make a domestic abuse complaint, an officer told her her husband would be arrested and put in jail if she made the report. "I was scared," she said when she lied to police about the whereabouts of her husband, telling them to investigate the roofing business in Northville.

On cross examination, Nancy Seaman said her intent was not to kill her husband but to protect her own life.

She also admitted she lied to her son, Greg, during an initial phone call from jail. She told her son police had the wrong murder weapon and that she returned the hatchet days later.

The teacher finished testifying in her own defense Tuesday. Her attorneys are expected to rest their case Friday after a medical expert in domestic abuse testifies.

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More and more homeowners are turning to the sleek look of new appliances. This room looks like a kitchen, but it really is a laundry room.

Refrigerators, microwaves part of new technology

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

A washing machine that talks to the dryer about how to care for garments sounds like an episode from *The Jetsons*, a 1960s show about a space age, futuristic family life.

Well, the future has arrived with technology sold in your hometown. Put a sweater in the washing machine with specific cleaning instructions and the washing machine, made by General Electric, tackles the stain and tells the dryer what to do.

Today's dryers are just as "smart." Models with built-in sensors automatically stop when clothes are dry. That results in lower energy bills since the dryer isn't operating unnecessarily.

"A lot of products that are out there are energy efficient," explains Gordon Hartumian, president of ABC Appliance Warehouse with 42 locations including Troy, Southfield, Redford, Farmington, Novi, Birmingham, Waterford and Brighton.

More and more people are buying front loader washing machines that use less water. They also have stronger spin cycles that extract more water and take less time to dry.

Those front loaders sell from \$499 to \$1,300, according to Henry Reynolds, sales associate with Walter's Home Appliances, which has stores in Brighton, Canton and Livonia. Reynolds estimates the unit will pay for itself in 10 years.

A new refrigerator could save you money in the long run, too. A newly developed refrigerant allows you to run the appliance for \$50 annually. Five years ago, a similar model would cost around \$85 annually to run.

New dryers also have features that refresh clothes that haven't been soiled. A jacket that reeks with smoke, for instance, is passed through a filtered air system and comes out with a just-washed smell.

"Washing machines and dryers aren't things people gravitate toward, they seem to be replaced when they have to be replaced," Hartumian says. "But, now they accomplish so much they're replacing them with some of the new products."

Styles in dishwashers have changed, too. Today they have bigger interiors than in the past to accommodate the trend toward larger plates, Reynolds said.

"There's also an automatic clean cycle that senses that if a lot of food is going into the disposer that it would turn on the clean cycle again," he says. A delayed timer that will turn on whenever you want is another new dishwasher feature.

Most appliances are much quieter now. "You can't hear them at all," Reynolds says.

Consumers are finding, too, that new isn't always better. "There are certain things people go for and certain things they won't," says Reynolds.

One technology that bombed 15 years ago, for instance, was a microwave oven that would print-out the ingredients needed for particular

PLEASE SEE **TECHNOLOGY, #3**



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The formal parlor area of the historic Hill House at Greenmead, wonderfully decorated for the holidays.

Deck the Halls

Your home can dazzle for the holidays, adorned in decor that's as elaborate or elementary as you choose. While traditional colors and elements are still popular, don't be afraid to think beyond them. That's among the suggestions offered by area designers, decorators and others who are involved in dressing up sites for the holidays.



The dining room of Hill House at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia is set with a 'Twas the Night Before Christmas theme, complete with settings that display the poem.

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

"One of the shifts in the industry is a lot more people are having (decorating) done before Thanksgiving," said John Collins, general manager of the English Gardens Landscape Department.

English Gardens, with stores in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Dearborn Heights, Clinton Township and Eastpointe, provides interior and exterior holiday decorating services.

Business has increased "500 percent" in the 10 years the services have been available, Collins said.

"We started decorating in October (for this season)," he said.

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Designers and decorators see more than red and green for the holidays.

For example, copper and sage are this year's colors, Collins said. Earth tones are in, said Barry Harrison of the Art-Harrison Interior Design Studio in Birmingham.

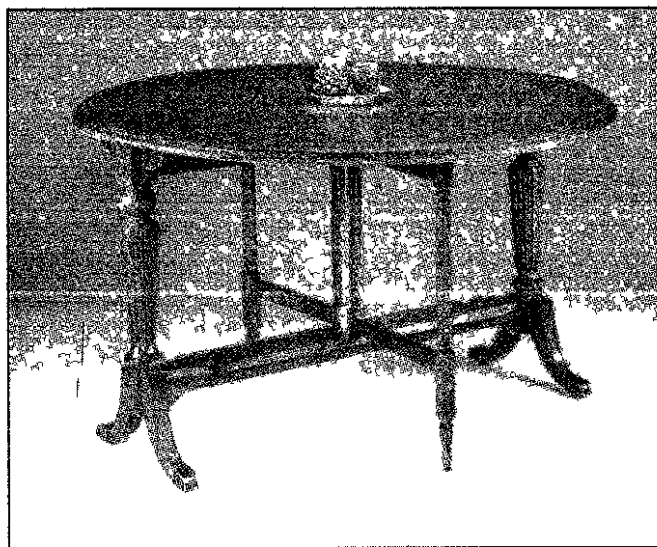
"With pink being so popular this year, put it on the tree," said Debbie Sinclair, owner of Nature's

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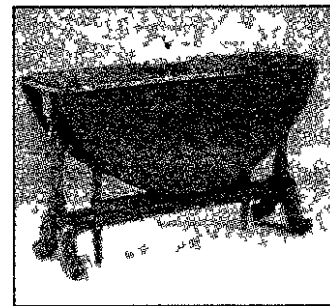
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Stylish table

The Gate Leg Table is one of those multi-functional items that can be used for a number of purposes, sofa table or small dining table. They are crafted of select solid hardwoods and veneers, designed and finished to coordinate with many popular table groups.

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Accents

Winter tips

When the cold weather comes in and takes hold, household expenses and utility bills run high.

Kitty Werner, author of *The Savvy Woman's Guide to Owning a Home*, (RSB Press, Waitsfield, Vt. \$14.95) offers some advice to those wanting to keep their energy costs as low as possible and avoid a crisis in the middle of the winter.

■ Set your thermostats lower - 68-70 degrees Fahrenheit during the day, 62-64 degrees at night. Grab extra blankets and comforters for beds, couches, and chairs. Program your thermostat to turn the heat down when you don't need it.

■ Inspect the roof and siding for damage. Repair and replace as needed. Clean out the gutters.

■ Look for drafts around windows and door trim. Caulk from the inside. Install inexpensive, but highly effective, plastic window covers. Replace damaged weather strips around doors and windows. Install storm windows. Don't forget basement windows, or garage windows and doors.

■ Hang heavy drapes over the windows. Better yet, get insulating drapes. Close them at night to keep cold air out, open them during the day to let the sun aid in heating the house.

■ Change the air filters on your heating system. Have a furnace pro do a maintenance check on your furnace. Clear all furniture and boxes from heating registers.

Getting upscale

Laminate manufacturer Wilsonart Laminates interviewed kitchen designers to determine how a few simple tricks of the trade can give ordinary kitchens an upscale appearance.

A few creative elements bring some impact and custom look to a kitchen that is in need of a little oomph.

"It can be as simple as adding low-voltage halogen lighting," said Marcello Luzi, a Philadelphia-based interior designer. "This lighting makes everything look better and brings the kitchen to life. Even the food looks better."

John Oetgen of Atlanta likes to use glass-front cabinetry. Refacing existing cabinets and incorporating glass fronts is an economic and creative way to makeover kitchen cabinets, he says. "It's a lot cheaper than replacing the cabinets, and if you don't want to show what's inside, use frosted glass," Oetgen said. Other design options include colored or textured glass and lighting the cabinets from the inside.

Other ideas include metallic laminate backsplashes, tall cabinets, custom laminate countertops, chandeliers as pot racks and colored window panes.

Think about that new family room in the basement before starting project

Holidays are a great time for a celebration

Brenda from Garden City writes "How can I repaint over basement walls that have enamel paint on them? I've tried the product, Kilz, with no luck. I also would like to turn my basement into a family room and need creative storage ideas that do not include stacking up plastic boxes."

Terri Guastella Before addressing your specific questions about your basement, Brenda, let's back up for just a minute. Utilizing your basement as living space requires a little planning.

Start with taking an objective look at the entire basement. Where is the best location for a TV/family room? Is there a need for unfinished storage, an office, craft room or workbench? Which of these areas requires natural light? As you can see, some forethought in basement planning is necessary to achieve the desired results.

Since you inquired about a difficult paint situation, I contacted the paint experts at Sherwin-Williams through the website www.sherwin-williams.com. Their recommendation is to clean all contamination off of the walls and thoroughly rinse TSP (or trisodiumphosphate) is a great product to use before painting any surface, just be sure and follow instructions about ventilation, wearing gloves, etc. TSP can be purchased at any hardware store, such as Home Depot or ACO.

Once the walls are cleaned and rinsed, apply one coat of Sherwin Williams PrepRite Bonding primer to the walls. This primer is intended to help adhesion of the top-coat to slick surfaces like enamel paints. After the primer has completely dried,

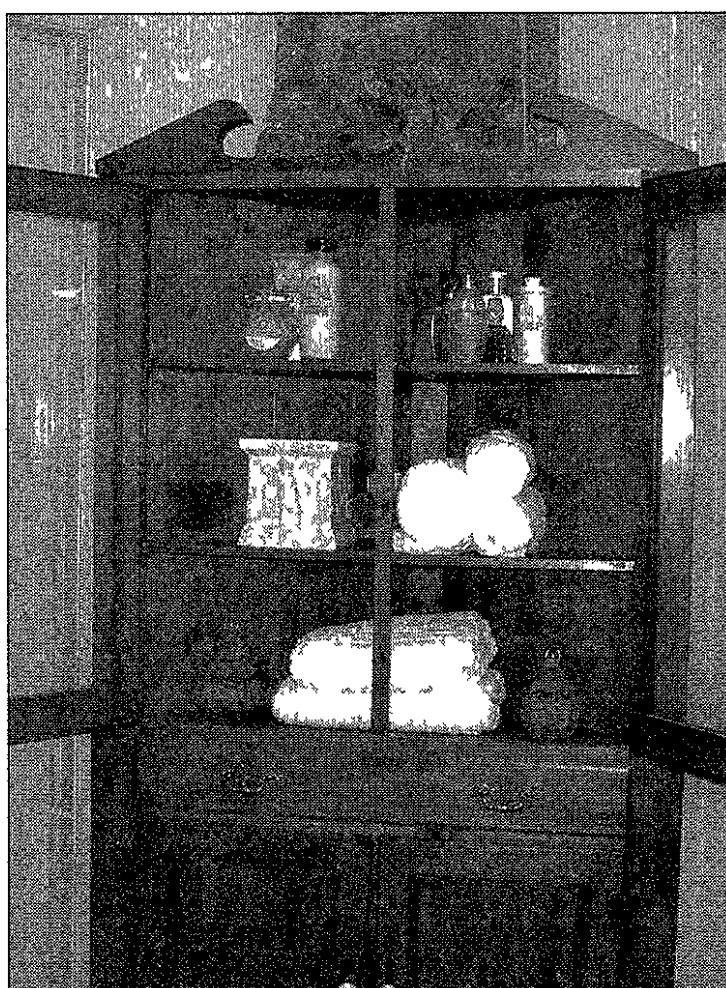
apply your new color to the walls. This should take care of your paint dilemma, but should you have further questions, Sherwin Williams is a great resource.

Basement storage is an entirely different issue. Stackable, plastic containers are fine for concealed storage. Like you, many people do not like the look of these as a design element in their homes, even if it is in the basement. Attractive storage solutions on a budget, requires some creative thought and legwork. Remember that the basement holds the potential to be just as beautiful and functional as the main level of the house.

One approach to solving your storage problems is to scour garage and estate sales for shelving units. The bargains can be amazing if you are willing to take the time and seek them out. Wood or laminate bookshelves, buffet tables and armoires, are all pieces that will bring a more finished look to the basement, while meeting your storage needs.

Do not hesitate to use a piece in a different way than it was intended. A small chest of drawers can be repainted and serve double duty as an end table. A dining room buffet can be used as a sofa table in the basement and hold games, crafts, or whatever needs to be stored out of sight.

If estate sales are not in your time frame, another option is ready-made. Many companies, like Sauder, make furniture you can assemble yourself. There are lower cost knock-offs out there that compete with Sauder, but may not have as much style. You also should check out some of the new organization stores that sell ready-made storage items from small cubbies to armoires. Keep in mind that you will spend more money if



A corner china cabinet is used as creative storage in a master bath

you go this route than with the estate sale route. One advantage to buying new is that all of the pieces you purchase can be coordinated with each other. If you, or someone you know, are handy with carpentry, consider custom storage units. This is the most expensive route, depending on the size and complexity of the design. The advantage to choosing the custom route is that your storage needs are specifically met, you choose the materials, and the unit will fit perfectly into the designated space.

As you acquire items for your basement, always think about how this item will help meet your storage needs. For instance, if you would like a

coffee table or ottoman in front of the sofa, make sure there is storage space inside. Do not consider purchasing something, even from a garage sale, if it does not meet your specific needs. Be a critical shopper, and be patient. The results will be worth the effort and you will be able to use your basement as additional living space, while meeting all of your storage needs. Good luck!

Terri Guastella is an interior designer and a Canton resident specializing in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella with your questions at exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com

The responsibility for many of holiday parties falls on my



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shoulders each year. This year, I want to make them the best ever. I need some fresh ideas.

The holidays provide a great opportunity to throw a party. People are usually in a festive mood and ready to celebrate.

Planning is easy because decorations are available everywhere and many stores run sales on consumable items. You can choose to plan an elaborate, expensive party or a simple, inexpensive party depending on time available and your budget.

Before making such decisions, consider how many of the holiday parties are at your home. Do you entertain on Thanksgiving, Christmas or Hanukkah, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day? If you host every holiday party, you may want some help with the preparations.

Begin your preparations by buying home and food magazines. They contain ideas on food preparation and home decorations. You might also want to use some of the suggestions listed below on giving parties.

Elaborate and expensive: Arrange a dinner to be prepared and served by a caterer. You should check on having the food prepared by a restaurant, which may be less expensive. (All you have to do is pick up the food and serve it.) Hire a service to clean or decorate your home for the appropriate holiday season. Use your finest china, crystal, and silver. Use linen tablecloths and napkins. Serve champagne or wine with the meal. Buy fresh floral arrangements to coordinate with the holiday. Place a wrapped gift for each guest at his table place, such as a unique ornament. Gourmet chocolate works for any occasion.

Simple and inexpensive: Buy your decorations and paper goods when they are on sale. The best time to make these purchases is at the end of the season. Store them in a labeled plastic container for next year. Take advantage of the traditional holiday decorations already adorning your home. For other parties during the year you might need to buy banners, crepe paper, and bal-

loons to create a festive atmosphere.

Plan a traditional American meal or introduce a change in the menu by preparing an ethnic food such as Italian, Mexican, German or Greek. Keep in mind, however, that traditional foods such as turkey, ham, sweet potatoes and dressing are discounted during this time of year.

Coordinate a potluck in which each family brings a food dish to share with the group. (Cleanup is simplified because you have not created such a large mess preparing food.) Use plates, glasses, and silverware that can be cleaned in the dishwasher.

Decorate the center of each table with a candle or a single flower surrounded by greenery. Fill a clear dish with the appropriate holiday candy for another centerpiece idea. For Christmas, use red and green candies. Wrap garland in a circle and put some ornaments in the center.

For crowds of more than 12 people, consider using paper plates, cups and napkins as an alternative.

At your New Year's party include a piece of paper and festive pencil (as a party favor) at each place. Have each guest make a list of their New Year's resolutions.

Designate an area for soft drinks, tea, coffee and punch so everyone can serve themselves. Red punch coordinates well with a Christmas party but if spilled, is not easily removed from the carpet.

Make games available for all ages. You may choose group games such as Charades, Outburst or Win, Lose or Draw. Another alternative is to set up several card tables for cards and board games.

Hosting suggestions for any type of party: Plan ahead with food preparations to eliminate kitchen crisis and stress when the guests arrive. Clean your house the day before, not the morning of the party. Set your tables the day before the celebration. Greet each guest personally as they arrive.

Do not spend most of the time in the kitchen with food preparations and clean-up. Enjoy your guests.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "The love of family and friends is the most important ingredient in a holiday party!"

Send your questions and success stories to **Diana Koenig**. Email dianakoeng@hotmail.com or www.domesticplanner.com

GARDEN CALENDAR

Holiday classes
Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center 3301 John R in Troy presents classes in holiday decor. Class fee is \$5. Pre registration is required. Call (248) 689-8735. Participants will receive a coupon good for \$5 off a \$50 purchase made within seven days of the class. Judy Cornellier will help you assemble and decorate your own holiday door swag in Holiday Bow and Swag Demo 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12. Choose from decorations and fresh greens to create a stunning holiday door greeter. All materials will be

available for purchase. Cornellier will also demonstrate bow making and offer dozens of beautiful ribbons for purchase. Materials extra. In Holiday Greens Arranging 10 a.m. Saturday Dec. 18 assemble and take home your own arrangement that will serve as a centerpiece for your holiday decor or a personalized gift. Bring in your own containers or choose one of the wicker, ceramic or resin planters at Telly's to hold your creation. All materials will be available for purchase. Materials extra. **Holiday Magic** Goldner Walsh Nursery will present a

free program Making Holiday Magic in Minutes. Decorating Forgotten Spaces 1 p.m. Saturday Dec. 11. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations. In the program Detroit News garden columnist Nancy Szerlag will show you how to deck the halls with panache and put together a holiday look that reflects your own style for table and home. Learn such things as how to pull together an elegant tabletop embellish the back of your dining chairs and make all those fabulous bows

that seem more difficult than they really are. Refreshments will be served. After the program Szerlag will autograph copies of her two books Annuals for Michigan and Perennials for Michigan. The books are available for purchase at Goldner Walsh for \$18.95. If you have an item for the calendar please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net

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Build your own gift this season Here's to cold milk and scrapers

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

As far as we're concerned, there is absolutely nothing more meaningful than receiving a handmade gift - and nothing more joyful than being the creator of such a gift.

Here are some ideas that you might enjoy making and giving to family and friends this holiday season.

For fun, we'll start with a project that can be used for several purposes. It can be a compact disk holder, a VHS holder, a mini bookcase or even a DVD rack. And best of all, it's easy and inexpensive to build.

You will need two pieces of 1-by-6 lumber, each about 10 to 12 inches long (you choose the exact size and species). Regardless of what size you end up with, it's pretty important for both pieces of wood to end up matching in length and width.

You also will need two pieces of half-inch dowel stock, each about 12 inches long, preferably the same species as the 1-by-6s. Clamp the two pieces of 1-by-6 together and sand around all four edges until they match in size and shape.

While they remain clamped together, drill a pair of half-inch holes through both pieces at once. The holes should be side by side about 1-1/2 inches on center in from one of the narrow ends, which end makes no difference. The holes should be spaced so that they are about 1 inch or so on center from each side. Exact placement of the holes can vary, but they must be in the exact same position on both 1-by-6s.

Once the holes are drilled, sand or ream them out about 1/16-inch or so to ensure that the dowels will slip through easily. Slip the dowels through the holes, and your project is complete except for stain and varnish or paint.

How about that! A project that requires no screwing, hammering or bolting, and it can be done in less than an hour. By the way, if you want to get fancy you can route the edges of the 1-by-6s or you can carve them.

PICTURE FRAMES

Here's an easy one. Round wooden shower curtain holders are getting hard to find, but work best for this gift-giving project. However, plastic ones work almost as well.

Gather up several and simply spray paint them in your favorite color. (We love gold.) Take family photos and cut them in a circle about the diameter of the shower curtain loop. Finally, glue the photo to the loop.

The time-consuming part of this project is waiting for the paint to dry. Shower curtain hook picture frames make inexpensive photo gifts that can be used year-round or as Christmas tree ornaments, or both!

PYRAMIDS

Again, easy is the key word here. For this project you will need two pieces of wood or particle board cut into matching triangles.

We used a piece of 1-by-14 clear pine. We cut its length to exactly match its width and then made a perfect diagonal cut. We clamped the two pieces of wood together and sanded all three edges until both pieces were identical in size and shape.

We marked the exact center of the two pieces (between the base and apex), and cut a 3/4-inch wide notch from the bottom (base) to the center of one piece and a 3/4-inch wide notch from the top to the center in the other piece.

By the way, our notch was cut to match the width of our

1-by-14. Had we decided to use half-inch material, our notch would have been a half-inch.

With the notches cut and sanded, we were then able to interlock the two pieces into a pyramid-shaped stand with four sides.

The final step involved cutting slots into the four sloping edges of the pyramid. We used a small hand saw to cut half-inch deep slots 1/4-inch apart along all four sloping edges. We decided to paint ours green to simulate a small Christmas tree.

ORNAMENTS

Often a project is so simple that we completely overlook how special it can be. Making a tree ornament out of a scrap of wood can be fulfilling, personal and fun. A gingerbread man, a toy soldier, a snowman - all of these shapes and more can be trimmed out of plywood, particle board or dimensional scrap lumber in minutes with nothing more than a jig saw.

Use a cookie cutter to transfer the shape onto the material. Clamp it to your workbench and cut. Sanding the edges completes the job unless you enjoy carving. The figure can be handpainted or simply finished by writing someone's name on it.

We made chubby little snowmen and used a Forstner drill bit to drill a circular recess in each snowman's belly. We then cut out a family picture to fit the circular recess and glued it in place with contact cement. The result: a little white snowman wearing a black top hat, with black eyes, an orange nose and a family picture in its belly.

And, that's all there is to it. For more home improvement tips and information, visit www.onthehouse.com, or call us at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (EST) Saturdays. And, good luck!

I almost forgot how good a glass of cold milk tasted until the other day when I pulled a gallon jug out of the refrigerator which sits in our garage.

I sat down with a plate of homemade cookies (thanks to our neighbor Mellisa) and I told Valorie that the milk was so cold, it reminded me of years ago.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

By the way, that refrigerator is a 1948 model which keeps items at a constant 34 degrees. That can be as much as 10 degrees colder than the modern refrigerator of today. I've accepted the way things are today so much, that I have not been smart enough to put the milk in the garage refrigerator.

Today's modern refrigerator should not be placed in a garage because you can experience serious problems with it, many of which that are not covered by the warranty.

Here's the message: Before you serve the children milk, chill it - much like a bottle of wine - then ask them if it tastes better. We may have healthier kids running around tomorrow.

And as far as the milk is concerned, the extreme cold temperature gives milk a taste that might entice more children to drink it and

like it.

We visited Valorie's brother Bill Lough and wife Dawn in Minnesota for Thanksgiving Day.

They have a beautiful kitchen range which is 10 years old. The top is a dark color.

They love the range except for the stains which are quite noticeable and Dawn said that they can't be removed. She showed me the cleaner that she uses.

I went out to the garage to get one of those razor type scrapers, applied some of her cleaner product and scraped the cooking residue off the top of the stove.

She thought it was wrong to use the scraper but was pleased with the results.

I told Dawn that these smooth-tops were once made in white only and those units really showed the stains.

The change to darker colors helped lessen the complaints from consumers, but didn't stop the problems.

Today, when you purchase many of the smooth top ranges, they come with a special cleaner and even include a razor scraper.

Here's the message: If you want the beautiful look of a smooth top in your kitchen, be prepared to be the perfect homemaker.

A homeowner who purchases a new gas or electric range today, replacing one that was 15 years or older, is sure to complain about the oven temperature.

Their cooking ways have been set for years, always

working with near perfect temperatures to match the oven control knob.

In today's modern range you can expect fluctuations in temperatures of at least 25 degrees, either too high or too low as to what is set on the temperature control.

This is a fact of life today with new kitchen ranges and you have no choice but to make an adjustment yourself.

Here's the message: Buy a thermometer and check out the oven temperature so you know the variance in degrees.

Pre-heat your oven for 30 minutes before you begin cooking the sensitive products and learn not to peek or open the door until finished.

In closing today I would like to ask you why the above information is necessary to make you an informed consumer.

I know that some of this knowledge just doesn't make sense but let me tell you that service technicians across this country have to educate homeowners every day on just about every appliance.

Forty years ago, we didn't have to do this much explaining and there was good reason for that. Companies built these units better and to last longer.

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

Check plugs, freshen fuel in snowblower

If you drained the fuel and stored your snowblower properly last spring, getting it started will be a breeze. Regardless of how responsible you've been, now is the time to make sure your snowblower is ready for winter. Follow this winter-ready snowblower checklist, and you're well on your way to a clean driveway all winter long.

SPARK PLUGS

Inspect your spark plugs and replace them as needed. Spark plugs should be replaced if damaged or worn. Also, take a look at the wires to make sure they're in good shape. Check your owner's manual for replacement recommendations.

OIL

The best time to change the

oil is before you store your snowblower at the end of the season. If you didn't complete the task last spring, run the machine for a while until it warms up. To drain the old oil, place a container underneath the oil drain plug, and then remove both the oil drain plug and the fill cap so that the oil flows out. Once it has drained, replace the oil drain plug and carefully refill the oil just until full. Check the oil level with a clean dipstick to make sure you haven't overfilled it. Replace the fill cap and clean off any spilled oil.

FUEL

Fresh gas makes starting your snowblower easier. Gasoline is formulated seasonally so engines start better in cold weather and stay cooler in

hot weather. So, hold off buying gas as long as you can. Once you've purchased new fuel, add a good quality fuel stabilizer to your gas can. Stabilizers help slow the aging process of the gas. Be sure that your snowblower's gas tank is full of fresh fuel.

Last but not least, it won't hurt to take a look at the belts and tires as well. Make sure belts are not cracked or falling apart and regulate the tire pressure according to the owner's manual.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

If your snowblower needs professional help, be sure to get it into your local service center early. If you wait until the first snowfall, chances are you'll be without your machine just when you need it most.

TECHNOLOGY

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recipes, Hartman explains.

Clear refrigerators didn't go over real well, either, Reynolds says.

When it comes to style, retro seems to be taking over appliances, too. One old favorite that has been brought back are 'bottom out' refrigerators with the freezer below the fresh food spot.

'The fresh food side is all in your face,' Reynolds says.

'We're selling a lot of those lately.'

New refrigerators also offer a specific temperature control that lets you see the actual temperature instead of using a dial that uses a number range of 0 to 10.

'Some people like things a little colder,' Reynolds says.

'It depends on the individual and the food that you put in there.'

Another convenience in refrigerators is slide-out drawers that allow you to pull the drawer out instead of reaching

to the back and groping for yesterday's leftovers.

'As we get older, we can't reach things as easily,' Reynolds says.

Microwaves that also cook with conventional heat and can even broil is another new appliance that has a strong following. They're products that are far more advanced than anything we've had in past, Hartman says.

Diane Gale Andreassi is a freelance writer for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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Wire brushing, acid will clean brick fireplace

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

John asks, "Could you recommend a treatment to remove the white streaks and efflorescence on a natural red brick fireplace, which were caused by a leak at the roof-chimney connection?"
We have tried washing it with pool acid and had little or no success.
First, our compliments on your terminology. Efflorescence is the proper term to identify the process that caused the white streaks on the surface of your fireplace face.
As the leaking water evaporated at the surface of the brick, it left mineral deposits

behind in the form of a white powder.
A sponge isn't heavy-duty enough for the kind of scrubbing required to remove efflorescence. Try wire-brushing the area without using any acid at all.
If that doesn't do the trick, then acid will be needed. The pool acid you used may have been overdiluted. A 10-percent solution of muriatic acid (one part acid, nine parts water) is recommended. Keep the area very moist with a wet sponge while alternately scrubbing with a steel wire brush (brass will be too soft).
Caution: Muriatic acid is dangerous. Always use eye protection, protective clothing, and gloves.

Take simple security precautions

Guardian Alarm of Southfield advises holiday travelers that burglars are trained to notice the telltale signs of an empty home, and they cannot be easily fooled.
Some of the things they look for include a buildup of newspapers, uncollected mail, and lack of interior lighting. Don't run a holiday trip by coming home to an empty, burglarized house.
Devote a little time to take the following precautions:
Lock and double check windows and doors. Don't forget the garage doors and windows. Give your house an occupied look by keeping adequate lights on, having someone cut the grass or shovel snow, and suspending all daily deliveries of mail and newspapers.
Give a nearby relative or trustworthy neighbor a house key so he or she can make periodic security checks.
If you have a monitored electronic security system, verify your emergency notification

information with the alarm company.
Turn the volume level on the telephone to its lowest setting.
Inform your local police or sheriff that you'll be leaving and ask if they provide security checks on unoccupied homes. A written record of possessions will help to recover your belongings if a robbery should occur.
When leaving, take a walk around the house and check all doors and windows and make sure the last person out sets the alarm system and locks the door.
When you are on the road to visit family and friends, don't let your guard down. Use travelers checks and credit cards whenever possible and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Make sure that all luggage and belongings are in the trunk of the car and out of sight.
Be as security minded when you travel as you are when you are at home. Be alert and aware of your surroundings.

Do these chores before winter comes

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Why gamble when the weather is extreme?
GARDEN TOOLS
This time of year is our last chance to clean, oil and store our gardening tools.
Before it gets too cold to comfortably walk outside - let alone clean anything - get your garden tools pressure-washed, oiled and stored in a dry location. Wooden handles rot and splinter in wet weather and unprotected metal will rust, even if it is indoors.
Don't be shy about oiling the handles as well. Wet winter air, leaks in the tool shed roof and walls - not to mention damp ground - all promote moist storage conditions.
WOOD SURFACES
Besides tool handles, this time of year also is our last chance to oil exterior wood surfaces to protect them against water damage.
Oil preserves wood. Once absorbed into the wood's fibers, the oil displaces water that would otherwise cause fungus damage and rot.
Unfortunately, once winter rains begin, exterior surfaces absorb the water and won't absorb much oil.
Therefore, oiling wet wood is a futile practice that, simply stated, is worthless and useless.
FURNITURE
This time of year is our last chance to clean, protect and store our barbecue and our garden furniture.
It is important to remember to clean these items before storing them. Small pests are attracted to mud-covered wood and metal.
If the barbecue is outside

Winter is setting in and the cold, wet days to come will prevent us - or at least make it very difficult for us - to perform important tasks that affect our comfort and our pocketbook.
If the temperature in your area, for example, has dropped to an average below 55 degrees Fahrenheit, then the possibility of patch-painting exposed wood surfaces is lost until spring.
Yes, you can paint. And, the paint job will probably look as good as ever. But chances are it probably won't stick.
Paint just doesn't cure when its temperature is below 55 degrees.
When it doesn't cure properly, it doesn't stick. When it doesn't stick properly, it will peel off prematurely. Mid-winter and the hottest days of summer aren't meant for painting.
CONCRETE
Concrete is another product that doesn't do well in extreme temperature conditions.
A cool day is great for concrete because it takes longer to cure and the slow curing time actually reduces the potential for cracking. But, once the temperature gets into the mid-50s, the curing process changes and you can end up with concrete soup.
Be cautious of the contractor who tells you that it's OK because there are additives that can change curing time even on very cold days.
This is true to some extent, but do you want to be the one who owns the cracks if the concrete company fails? It is hard enough to get proper curing when the weather is perfect

and built-in, shut off the fuel source and protect areas where spiders can nest and lay eggs. Not because the spider could be unfriendly, but because the webs they weave can clog fuel lines and orifices.
WINDOWS, ROOF
This time of year is our last chance to paint and caulk exterior windows and doors to reduce high energy bills. Paint won't cure when it's too cold outside. And nothing (paint or caulk) sticks to a wet surface.
This time of year is our last chance to make ready your storm windows and shutters.
We all know that storm windows increase home comfort and reduce energy bills. But it is very human to wait until the last minute. Unfortunately, waiting until the last minute results in long lines at the window store and other places that offer storm window repair and maintenance.
This time of year is our last chance to replace loose or missing roof shingles to prevent damage to our home's interior.
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creosote buildup.
Creosote buildup can combust or explode when the fireplace is used. Cracks in the firebox or flue can allow flames and hot gases to come into contact with combustible surfaces in our home. A deadly fire can result.
FURNACE, WATER HEATER
This time of year is our last chance to have our furnace checked at a decent price and in a decent period of time.
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This time of year is our last chance to have our water heater cleaned and checked. Cold water in the summer is bad enough. But, there is nothing worse than no hot water in the dead of winter.
LIGHT BULBS
This time of year is our last chance to change exterior light bulbs.
Picture yourself changing an exterior light bulb when the temperature outside is near or below zero. Change all exterior light bulbs now. It is inexpensive and could save someone a slip on the ice.
This is definitely an important time. It's your last chance for the year to do a lot of things.
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Breaking gardening traditions is good - sometimes

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Now is a good time of year to attack some gardening traditions - five, to be exact - associated with planting trees and shrubs.
Why now? Because the first tradition has to do with the best time to plant.
Tradition dictates spring planting, but fall is actually a better time.
Plant now and roots have some time to grow before spring warmth coaxes leaves from bare stems. Also, the soil is often too slurry to dig early in spring, now should be perfect for digging.
The next tradition has to do with the size of the planting

hole.
Better a \$5 tree in a \$50 hole than a \$50 tree in a \$5 hole, goes the old saying. Not so. The planting hole for a tree or shrub doesn't need to be any larger than the spread of the roots.
Digging a bathtub-sized hole is, anyway, futile because any tree or shrubs roots will - or should - eventually spread beyond even that hole.
Also, there's no reason to use great quantities of organic materials, such as peat moss, leaf mold or compost, to fluff up the soil in the planting hole (Tradition No. 3).
Create too fluffy a soil and roots have little reason to leave the planting hole, and

they should as soon as possible!
Similarly, don't put organic matter or gravel in the bottom of the hole to improve drainage.
The actual effect is the opposite. A perched water table is created, leaving roots gasping for air.
Right after planting, all the best gardeners have traditionally staked their newly planted trees (Tradition No. 4).
In fact, it is generally better not to stake a tree.
Trunks allowed to sway in the wind become stronger and develop better. Even the roots grow more on an unstaked tree.
The gardener who follows

traditional wisdom in planting a bare root tree or shrub has one final task - Tradition No. 5 - after the plant is in the ground.
That task is to cut back some stems "to balance the loss of roots." Don't do it!
It turns out that hormones produced in stem buds, especially those at the stem tips, help stimulate root growth and, hence, stem growth.
Keep pruning to a minimum, and remove a few stems at their origin rather than shorten many stems.
Notice that throwing these planting traditions out the window makes for less work.
Do choose the site carefully, mulch, and water regularly the first season, though

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HOME CALENDAR

Holly Walk
Six Rochester area homes beautifully decorated for the holidays will be featured at the 2004 Holly Walk noon to 5 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12 presented by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library. Tickets advance only are \$20 and benefit the library. Tickets are available at Bordine Nursery Garden Store, Dillman & Upton True Value Hardware, the Friends Library Store, Heslop's at the Village of Rochester Hills, Sharon's Hallmark and Werner's Hallmark. Refreshments will be served at the dairy barn at Van Hoosen Farm. For information call (248) 652-3549.

Doll show
A Holiday Doll Show will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12 at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born in Wayne. Admission is \$5 free for under age 10. For more information call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 485-2110 or visit <http://www.ameritech.net/users/rprp/mo/show/list.html>. For dealer application visit <http://www.ameritech.net/users/rprp/mo/dealer/application/plyhtml>.

Santa visits
Santa Claus will visit Kids Castles at some area Art Van Furniture stores to greet children and pass out special treats. Parents may bring their cameras. Santa will be at the stores in Southfield (22555 Greenfield, phone (248) 569-3770) noon to 2 p.m. and Novi (27775 Novi Road, phone (248) 348-8922) 3 p.m. Saturday Dec. 11 in Westland (8300 Wayne Road, phone (734) 425-9600) noon to 2 p.m. Saturday Dec. 18 and in Shelby Township (14055 Hall, phone (586) 566-1490) noon to 2 p.m. and at 6500 14 Mile in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100) 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 19.

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Toys for Tots
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Home decor
Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, presents a variety of home decor classes for different skill levels. The schedule includes Fabric Covered Boxes (fee is \$20) Sunday Dec. 12. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com for registration and other information.

Children's activity
A special program designed around the classic poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' will take place 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday Dec. 18 in the Friends Meeting House at Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. The event is recommended for ages 4-8. Space is limited and reservations are required. Cost is \$6 per child. All tickets are sold in advance. For information call (248) 477-7375. The program will include an interpretive reading of the poem, a Christmas

craft to take home, a Christmas sing-along and a Christmas treat to eat. Proceeds will benefit Greenmead.

Kwanzaa celebration
The Storytellers will share stories about the African American tradition of Kwanzaa 2-4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 18 at Art Van Furniture, 13855 E. Eight Mile in Warren. This enthusiastic duo, which will demonstrate ethnic musical instruments, performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of children in attendance.

Maybury greens
Maybury Farm in Northville is selling wreaths in all forms for the holiday season now through Dec. 20. Fresh greens have been made into wreaths, candy cane wreaths and swags. Each wreath purchased will have hung on one of the Maybury Farm barns. Prices range from \$20 to \$30. The Maybury Farm Welcome Center also offers a delightful array of candles, votives and many other items. Maybury Farm is just inside the entrance to Maybury State Park on Eight Mile 1 1/2 miles west of Beck Road. Your donation will help with the rebuilding of Maybury Farm Hayrides or sleigh rides (if there is snow) are offered 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until Dec. 20. Cost is \$3 adults, \$2 children. For information call the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

Holiday Walk
The 2004 Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, continues through Sunday, Dec. 19. Tours are offered daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday (last admittance at 4 p.m.). Cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for under age 17 accompanied by an adult, free for under age 2. Every Saturday and Sunday, children can enjoy holiday story time and visit Santa Claus in the ballroom. Other activities include writing letters to Santa, designing personalized ornaments and holiday cards. For more information call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org. The Holiday Walk is a major fund-raising event for Meadow Brook Hall. Proceeds are used for the preservation and interpretation of the historic property. Meadow Brook Hall is the fourth largest historic house museum in the country. It was built in the 1920s as the residence of OU founders Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred Wilson. If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@ohhomecomm.net.

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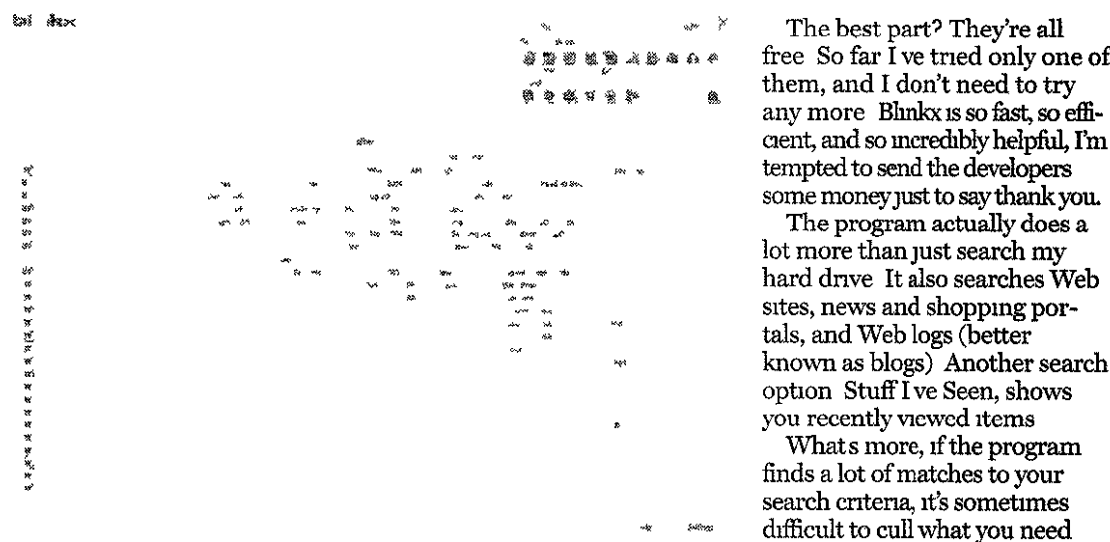
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Overcome hard drive clutter with new desktop search tools

I hate clutter. It not only insults my sense of order but also makes things impossible to find. This being a technology column, you know I'm not talking about my closet (though I could certainly use some help in that department). No my white whale is computer clutter - the thousands of Word files, digital photos, e-mail messages, MP3s and other items.

I've accumulated over the years and continue to accumulate. Despite my best efforts to keep things organized, clutter ultimately wins out. And when the time comes that I need to find something, it often takes considerable time and effort. Enter desktop search tools, the biggest thing since, well, Google. A desktop search tool is like a search engine for your hard drive. You know how Google produces almost instantaneous results when you check Search? Desktop search tools offer the same speed and convenience, but focused on your own PC instead of the Web. For example, suppose I'm looking for an old PowerPoint presentation I don't remember the filename or where I saved it, only that it contains a reference to one of my shamelessly self-promoted books, *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld* (which, by the way, makes a great gift). Old way: Sift through a bunch of folders, open numerous presentations in hopes of finding the right one, and just generally waste a bunch of time. New way: Use a desktop search tool to find the document in about the time it takes to read this sentence.



Rick, 1 Clutter, 0. Desktop search tools are now available from Blinkx (www.blinkx.com), Copernic (www.copernic.com), and Google (desktop.google.com). Microsoft plans to unveil one of its own later this month.

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HOLIDAYS

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Floral Gifts in Livonia "It doesn't have to be red and green" The store is decorating a tree in purple, she said "We like to play with color, something else besides green and red," said Arturo Sanchez of Art-Harrison "Why can't you use tropicals?"

Your decorating colors can pick up the hues in the room. For example, some of the holiday accents in a room at the Hill House at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia have colors that coordinate with the shades of pink in the wallpaper

HISTORICAL

Greenmead also offers another decorating idea. Take a new look at the old

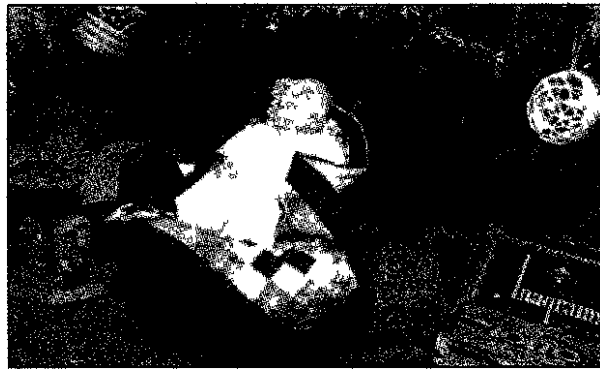
Members of the Elmwood Station Questers, Mill Race Questers, Quakertown Questers, Sand Hill Questers and Sauk Trail Questers and many other volunteers dress up the Greenmead structures in keeping with the time - and rural setting - in which they were built "You have to think not only the (year), you have to think country," said Linda Wiacek, recreation supervisor, Livonia Department of Community Resources Hill House was built in the 1840s. Among its Victorian era decor are table-top Christmas trees, and greens at the tops of portraits and mirrors. The house is also decorated with a theme every year. For this year's theme of

Twas the Night Before Christmas, in the dining room, the chandelier is draped with a garland of sugarplums, artificial "mice" rest on the table, and the place settings feature a motif of the classic poem

NATURAL

To borrow from Michigan's motto. If you seek pleasant decor, look around you. Natural features, such as branches from the yard, can become original ornaments for the inside of the home

A client recovered a branch



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with an antler form from a birch tree, and turned it into a decoration by adding votive lights, Harrison and Sanchez said

To make a faux tree, tie some ornamental grass in a bundle and hang it upside down, Sanchez said. The grass will spread out on the sides, creating an evergreen tree shape

For wreaths, Harrison and Sanchez suggest using magnolias and hydrangeas for inside the home, and turnips and radishes for outside (squirrels won't eat them). Spray glitter on one side for a dramatic effect

At the Shaw House at Greenmead, osage oranges - with their wrinkled, chartreuse skins - are arranged on steps and with berries in a bowl on a chest. The house also features hydrangeas, bittersweet in a pitcher, and pomanders made of cloves and oranges

On the tree, Sinclair suggests having a theme - toys or candy, for example, or one that shows your interests, such as sports. Use different elements, such as feathers, things from your yard, silk and Teddy bears, she said

TABLE

Don't stop at decking the halls. The holiday table has more to it than place settings. Eric Lundy, visual coordinator at Forte Belanger Catering in Troy, suggests an organic look for the table. The elements he suggested included fresh evergreens or holly down the middle of the table, and a cylinder vase filled with cranberries or small ornaments

Lundy said he gets mismatched glasses at clearance sales and uses them for table accents, placing them around

the settings or clustering them in the center. They are good for holding floating candles

In the Hill House dining room, the table centerpiece is a large glass bowl filled with colorful glass ornaments, on a red runner with a poinsettia design. The crystal goblet at each setting holds a bright ornament too. For a table display at the Orchestrations for the Home showcase at Michigan Design Center last month, Harrison and Sanchez glued oranges into a tower and filled gaps with sprigs of green

FLOWERS, FEATURES

Poinsettias aren't the only flowers of the season. Flowers and bulbs like paperwhite and amaryllis are

becoming more popular than poinsettias," Sinclair said

New features abound for decorating. "Interior decorating has grown tremendously," Collins said

The biggest innovation is the prelighted Christmas tree, he said. These lifelike trees come with lights already on them. The heights include 3 feet, 7-1/2 feet, 9 feet (the biggest seller) and 24 feet

In English Gardens' decorating services, professional designers and installers dress up homes and businesses, using existing decorations or adding new items. Workers also take down the decorations and offer optional storage. A warranty hotline is always open, to handle such situations as replacing light bulbs

"We like to say that we're not only putting up lights, we're saving marriages," Collins said

The business asks for a lead time of at least 10 days but will be flexible, Collins said

He said to be sure you use top-quality products, such as a heavy duty grounded power cord

And putting your decorations away in an organized way when done really helps for the next year, Sinclair said



The historical Hill House is decorated throughout for the holiday season

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Canton grapplers pin foes at Hudson tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team pulled off an impressive reversal at Saturday's Hudson Team Wrestling Tournament held at Hudson High School.

With their backs figuratively pinned to the mats after starting 0-2, the Chiefs bounced back to win the five-team Hudson dual-meet invitational by racking up a 4-0 record. Among their wins was a record-setting 75-0 trouncing of Hillsdale. The 75 points was the most ever scored

in a dual meet by Canton, which also defeated Napoleon (33-32), Hudson (37-30) and Jonesville (63-9) to run their dual-meet record to 4-2.

I think the message I sent to the kids after last Wednesday's losses sunk in, said Canton coach Casey Randolph, who grew up in Hudson. "We got some confidence back after losing our first two meets. Six kids went undefeated Saturday, which was huge."

Even though the teams we beat aren't Division 1 teams, a couple of them have outstanding programs and tradition.

Hudson is a top-10 Division 3 team and Hudson had seven state qualifiers last season. And Jonesville beat us last year at this tournament, so they have some talent."

The six Chiefs who went unbeaten Saturday were Ryan Schnettler (103 pounds), Nick Poole (112), Corey Phillips (130), Ryan Webb (135), Konrad Konsitzke (140) and P.J. Caram (189).

Canton's one-point victory over Napoleon was a thriller, Randolph said. "If our last wrestler, Matt Sweda, gets pinned, we lose," he explained. "The kid had Matt on his back, but he fought him

off and almost came back to win the match (Sweda lost 12-11). It was pretty exciting. The whole team was off the bench cheering."

Randolph heaped praise on sophomore Chris Hasse for the way he took on state qualifier Eddie Haynes in the in over Hudson.

It was the last match and Chris didn't have much experience, being only a sophomore, Randolph said. "Even though Haynes was a senior, he struggled to get points against Chris. He did a great job." ewright@oe homecomm net | (734) 953 2108

Sidelines

WMU signs Marrone

Western Michigan University announced the signing of six players to NCAA letters-of-intent including Redford Catholic Central pitcher and outfielder Greg Marrone (Plymouth).

The 6-foot-2 Marrone, a three-year varsity starter, earned Catholic League All Central Division honors last year for the 25-10 Shamrocks, who reached the state semifinals in Division I. During the summer with the Michigan Indians, a 17-and-under squad in an 18-and-under local Connie Mack circuit, Marrone threw 33 innings and had 35 strikeouts with a 1.91 earned run average. He also hit .370.

Rock mat tourney

The Salem High School Varsity Wrestling Invitational will be held Saturday in the school's gymnasium. The meet will begin at 9 a.m. Finals should begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. Joining Salem will be teams from Canton, Novi, Redford Catholic Central and Belleville, among others.

Blazers perfect

The Canton Blazers Girls U13 team finished 8-0 this fall to win its division in the Great Lakes Soccer League. The Blazers outscored their opponents, 38-0.

Players are Michelle Armer, Hilary Genrich, Shelby Jones, Danielle Letang, Michelle Letang, Megan Maynor, Andrea Revels, Bethany Swanberg, Brooke Perry, Autumn Harper, Anne Marie Mattarella, Kristen Holland, Kacey Taylor, Rebecca Krul, Amanda Burnard, Melanie Kuliczky, Katelyn Dostater. The team is coached by Pat Armer and Bruno Genrich.

Tigers lauded

Former Belleville football players Jerriell Burrus, a redshirt sophomore, and junior Michael Hall were honored recently at the Wayne State University football banquet.

Burrus was named the squad's special-teams MVP after making every WSU punt return this season. His 131-yard return average ranked 18th in the country. Burrus also had 52 tackles and broke up a team-high six passes from his defensive cornerback position.

Hall was honored with the Ron Solack Memorial "35" Award. He made 44 tackles and had three sacks this season. He also forced two fumbles and broke up two passes.

MU cagers fall

The Madonna men's basketball team fell 75-63 to Olivet College Saturday in the consolation game of the Purple and Gold Financial Tournament held at Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio.

The Crusaders trailed 33-32 at the half before Olivet pulled away late in the game. Noel Emehiser paced MU with 22 points, 12 of which came from beyond the three-point line. He also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

2004-05 PREP BASKETBALL OPENING NIGHT

PCA paves Franklin Rd. in opener, 66-38

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball team wiped out a rough start with a smooth finish Tuesday night in their opener against Novi Franklin Road.

The Eagles were hit with a slight case of opening-night nerves, before surging in the final three quarters to a 66-38 victory over NFR.

"We had some first game jitters in the first quarter, PCA coach Doug Taylor confirmed. We only had eight turnovers in the first half, but four of them were mistakes you only see in an opening game."

"They played a two-three zone and we didn't shoot well early. We were shooting too early in the offense. Once we became more patient with the ball, we hit some shots."

PCA's Steve Sumner proved to be the catalyst of the Eagles' victory. His game-high 30 points included four three-pointers.

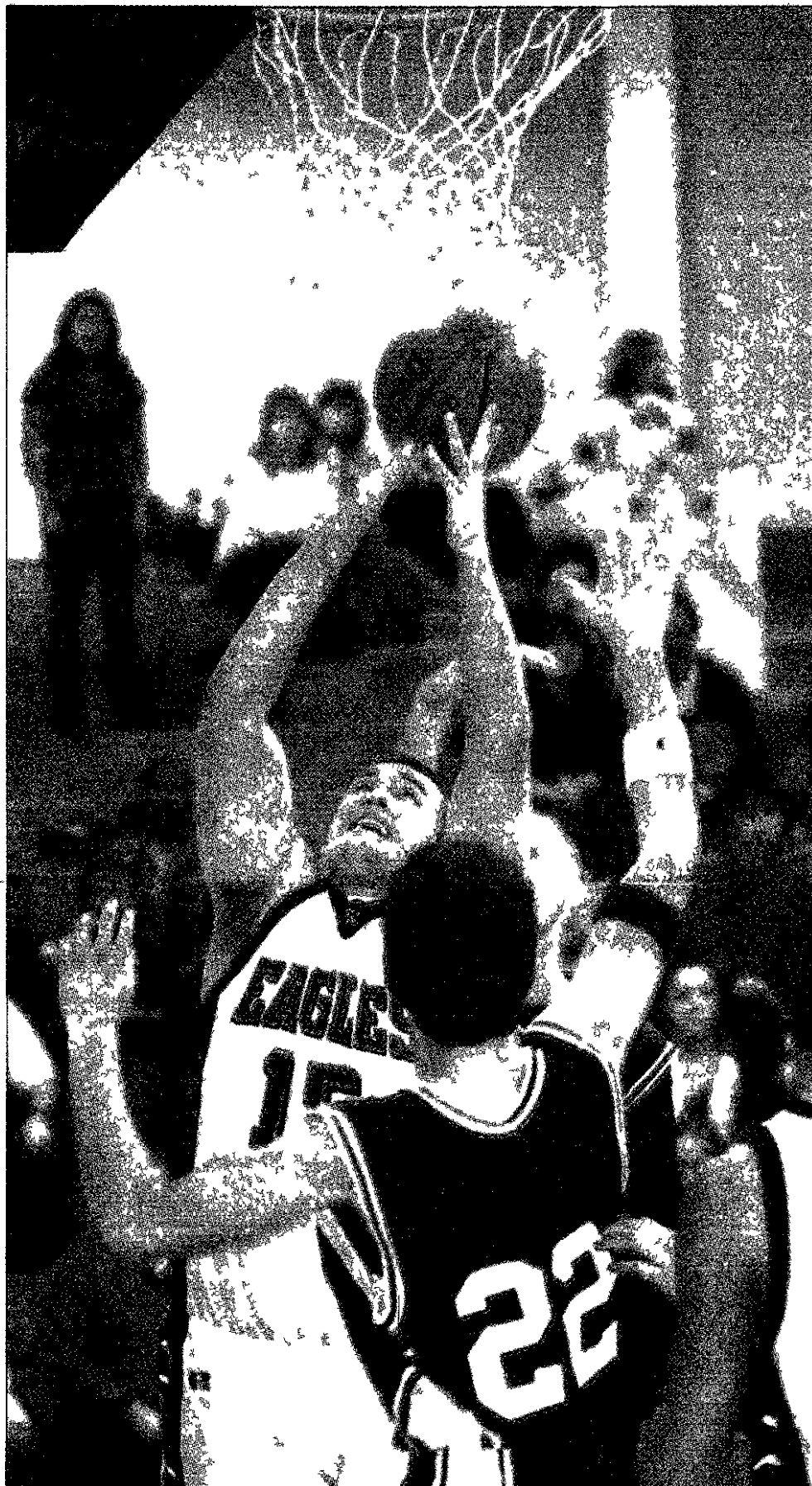
"Steve played a great all-around game for us," Taylor said. "He not only shot well, but he did a nice job of handling the ball."

Sumner's back-court mate Chase VanTiem also made NFR pay for playing a zone, as he buried a pair of threes on the way to a 13-point night. Aaron Ciborowski played well in the paint, netting 10 points and nine rebounds.

"I thought Matt Saagman had a strong game for us, too," Taylor added. "He only scored four points, but he had 10 rebounds. He actually led us in rebounds in the first half."

The Eagles did a nice job of neutralizing NFR's 6-6 center Josh Boisseau, who was limited to just eight points.

"Aaron did a nice job of locking up



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Plymouth Christian Academy's Aaron Ciborowski deposits the ball in the net after grabbing an offensive rebound during the second quarter of Tuesday night's 66-38 victory over Novi Franklin Road. Ciborowski finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.

PLEASE SEE PCA, C3

Salem spikers young, but talented

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The coach is new, but the youthful talent is still around for this year's Salem volleyball team.

First-year coach Jennifer Peterson, who called the shots at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard the past four seasons, inherits a team dominated by proven underclassmen who helped lead the Rocks to a second-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association's regular-season standings during the 2003-04 campaign.

Salem, 8-1 in WLAA matches, finished just one game behind WLAA champion Livonia Churchill and compiled a 17-2 overall game record in the conference.

"This team wants to work so hard that I have to kick them out of the gym every night," said Peterson, who

played collegiate volleyball at Michigan Tech University.

"We have some powerful hitters and a lot of girls who are 5-8 or taller. We've been practicing since Nov. 18, so we're ready to start playing."

"We're young, so we'll make some youthful mistakes, but every girl on this team is a hard worker, so I'm optimistic."

Perhaps the Rocks' most talented returner is 5-11 junior Lauren Price, who hones her skills on competitive club teams during the off-season.

"Lauren has played a lot of volleyball, and it shows," Peterson said. "She has excellent skills."

Two returning sophomore starters - 5-10 Lauren Kurtz and 5-10 Theresa Coppielle - will give the Rocks a solid front court that should make life miserable for many Salem



Salem junior Lauren Price will be a key component in the Rocks' quest to unseat Livonia Churchill in the race for the Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball title this season.

PLEASE SEE SALEM, C7

Rock icers win two straight

Salem's hockey team improved its record to 4-3 Tuesday night with a 5-3 home victory over Walled Lake Central at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Adam Gillikan put the Rocks ahead 1-0 when he scored at 4:21 of the first period off a pass from Stephen Tripp.

The Vikings' Tim Henderlong knotted the score at 1:14 four minutes later when he pushed the puck past Salem goalie Brandon DeMars.

Salem scored the game's next three goals to lock up the victory. Chris Wilson made it 2-1 with just over four minutes left in the opening period. The hosts then received goals from Nathan Werda and Gillikan early in the second period.

Wilson added some insurance later in the period when he scored off assists from Gillikan and John Maurer.

On Saturday night, the Rocks ousted Dearborn, 4-1, in a game played at the Cultural Center. Salem got goals from Maurer, David Carey (two assists), Tripp and Wilson. Ed Simeone, Chris Brant, Craigen Bauldry, Brooks Belhart, Gillikan and Maurer were credited with assists for the winners.

Lance Wojewiczki tallied the lone goal for Central. Derek Edelen played well in goal for Salem.

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Salem, Canton matmen open with varied results

The Salem and Canton wrestling squads opened their dual-meet seasons at the same place, but with different results Wednesday night.

The Rocks jump-started the 2004-05 campaign with a pair of victories 34-25 over the Chiefs and 60-15 over Wayne Memorial.

Canton is now 0-2 after its loss to Salem and a 35-33 heart-breaker to the host Trojans.

"It was a nice way to start the season," said fourth-year coach Greg Woochuk. "The wrestlers who I am expecting a lot out of this year did well against some good competition."

Canton coach Casey Randolph said he was disappointed in his team's performance.

"I was frustrated and I talked about it with the kids on the bus," Randolph said. "We need to re-group now, which I think they will do because they responded well in practice on Thursday and Friday."

Double winners for the Rocks included Jeremy Stankewitz (103), Matt Keffler (119), Ryan Stump (125), Val Gui (152), Jeremy Henderson (189) and John Smith (275).

Two-time Canton victors were Corey Phillips (135), Ryan Webb (140), Konrad Konsitzke (145) and P.J. Caram (215).

SALEM 34 CANTON 25
Dec. 1 at Monroe High School

189 pounds: Jeremy Henderson (S) won by

PREP WRESTLING

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Dec. 1 at Monroe High School
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MONROE 35 CANTON 33

Dec. 1 at Monroe High School
160 pounds: Mark Myers (M) dec Marwan Faraj 54 171 Alex Amberg (C) pinned David Warnke 343 189 P.J. Caram (C) won by major dec over Nick Ragsdel 175 215 Kyle Hawkins (M) won by tech fall over Pat McWhirter 161 275 Jeff Maddux (M) pinned Tom Bonnell 155 103 Zac Stevens (M) pinned Ryan Schnettler 214 112 Raulin Massingill (M) pinned Sam Santilli 325 119 Dan Taylor (M) dec Nick Poole 108 125 Jay Fleischmann (C) pinned Taylor Eisaman 257 130 Hunter Duncan (M) pinned Pete Bonneau 547 135 Corey Phillips (C) won by tech fall over Kelley Poupard 204 140 Ryan Webb (C) won by tech fall over Joe Hess 172 145 Konrad Konsitzke (C) dec Kyle Whitard 53 152 Matt Sweda (C) won by major dec over Devin Duncan 80

FIGURE SKATING

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m., figure skaters who train at Canton's Arctic Edge will be skating in a holiday exhibition at the facility, which is located on Michigan Ave., just west of Canton Center. Admission is free to see some of the top skaters in the area performing to Christmas music.

PCS girls start to play like a team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team is not only starting to play like a team — it's starting to win like a team.

The Penguins improved their record to 5-2 Tuesday night with a 6-3 triumph over Grosse Pointe North. The Lady Norsemen fell to 0-3.

I told the team after the game that they're really starting to play like a team, said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "Earlier in the season, girls would carry the puck end to end. Now, we're passing the puck better. I'm very happy with the effort this team gives every night. If we continue to work as a team, we'll continue to do well."

North's Emily Nelson gave the Lady Norsemen an early 1-0 lead when she slid the puck past Penguin goalie Kristie Kowalski.

The lead would be short-lived as PCS's Olivia Pennebaker scored two minutes later to knot the game at 1-1. Amanda Rowley and Lisa Ealy picked up assists on the goal.

The Penguins' Adrienne Cercone gave her team a 2-1 lead at the 11:55 mark of the second period after taking a pass from Sharla Gillespie.

After Nelson tied the game at 2-2, PCS's Tara Bohard gave the Penguins the

lead for good when she scored off assists from Cercone and Keely Kowalski. Stephane Murray, Erika Perkovich and Ealy finished off the scoring for the winners, who got a strong game between the pipes from goalie Kristie Kowalski.

PCS 10, BLOOMFIELD 0: On Saturday, nine different Penguins scored goals in the mercy-rule-shortened victory over Bloomfield, which is experiencing growing pains in its first year of existence. PCS led 9-0 after the opening period and added its 10th goal early in the second. According to league rules, goals are 10-goal advantage, the game is officially over.

"We played out the rest of the second period, but the three goals we scored after our 10th goal didn't count," explained Callahan. "Even though they're a new team, I thought Bloomfield did a nice job with their positioning. Once they improve their skating speed, they'll be very good."

Olivia Pennebaker scored a pair of goals for the Penguins. Bohard, Ealy, Kristen Schwan, Amy Coleman, Lauren Coleman, Perkovich, Sarah Skonieczny and Keely Kowalski each scored one goal for the winners. Pennebaker, Kristin Callahan, Perkovich, Gillespie, Cercone, Kristina Creith, Murray, Keely Kowalski and Skonieczny all tallied assists for the Penguins.

Kristie Kowalski recorded the shutout.

between the pipes. **GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 4, PCS 2:** The Penguins gave the two-time defending state champion Blue Devils everything they could handle before succumbing to a pair of late goals.

"I think we surprised South by how well we played," Callahan said. "Last year, they beat us pretty badly, so I think they thought it was going to be a blowout this year, too. Even though we lost, I think it was a mental win for the girls. They never gave up."

Trailing 1-0, the Penguins evened the score at 1-1 when Bohard scored off an assist by Callahan with just 44 seconds left in the opening period.

South regained a 2-1 advantage 1:02 into the second period, but PCS responded again, tying it on a goal from Schwan, who was assisted by Murray with 13:21 to go in the second period.

The Blue Devils scored the game-winner with 7:21 left in the second period. They added an insurance marker 1:13 into the final period.

Kristie Kowalski turned in a stellar performance in net for the Penguins.

"She stopped a lot of shots," Callahan said.

The Penguins return to action Saturday afternoon at Port Huron.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOOP TRYOUTS

The Plymouth/Canton Crossfire girls basketball organization will hold tryouts for the upcoming season on Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Plymouth Christian Academy gymnasium.

The school is located at 43065 Joy Rd. (between Morton Taylor and Lilley roads).

The school sits behind Calvary Baptist Church. Tryouts will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for girls 13 and under.

The tryout fee is \$15. All girls interested in trying out should arrive a few minutes early to register.

For more information on the tryouts, please contact Gary Wheeler at (734) 459-7574.

LEARN TO SKATE

The winter session of the Novi Ice Arena's Learn to Skate program will run from Jan. 4 through Feb. 19, 2005. Classes are offered in a variety of times on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Skate rental is available.

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Open registration for Learn to Skate begins Dec. 5.

For more information, call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit its Web site at www.novoicearena.com.

Tyree leads Ocelot lady cagers to win

Westland John Glenn's Sara Tyree scored 17 points and grabbed six rebounds to pace a balanced attack Saturday as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team routed Olive-Harvey (Ill.), 70-39, to wrap up the Schoolcraft Invitational title.

Amantha Combs (Belleville) added 11 points and team-high eight rebounds for the Ocelots, now 6-2 on the season.

Char Gibson, Ashley Gibson and Takara Tuff each added 10 points in the win for the Ocelots, who led 30-15 at halftime. Ashley Gibson also had a team-high seven assists and four steals.

Keyanna Mayfield led Olive-Harvey (6-5) with 11 points.

DAEMEN (N.Y.) 66, MADONNA 48: Tournament MVP Germany Jackson scored a game-high 24 points to lead Daemen College (N.Y.) past Madonna University in Saturday's championship final of the Houghton College (N.Y.) Tournament held at the Nielsen Center.

The Wildcats (6-3) shot 51.9 percent from the floor (27 of 52) while the Crusaders (3-7) shot 25.4 percent (17 of 67) including just 3 of 24 from three-point range.

Jessica Ruddell added 15 points for Daemen and Joanna Daugenti, who also made All-Tournament, added 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists.

MU's Martina Franklin (Redford Union) had 19 points and 10 rebounds. Stephanie Childs scored nine points while Sarah Thomson had eight points and 13 rebounds. Jackie Pingleton dished out five assists.

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Lions need big piece of cheese Sunday at Green Bay

On Dec 15, 1991, the Detroit Lions waltzed into Green Bay and snoozed their way to a 21-17 victory over the Packers. It wasn't even that big a deal. The Lions had just won their fifth in the past six meetings in Wisconsin.

Brett Favre became the Packers' quarterback in 1992 and the Lions haven't tasted triumph in cheeseland since, unless you like a chunk of rotten Lamberger.

Thirteen straight times they have fallen to Green Bay on the road. That includes a playoff loss in '94 and three losses in Milwaukee, where the Packers don't even play anymore. The only thing frozen about the infamous "frozen tundra" of Lambeau Field has usually been the Lions' offense.

"It's a tough place for anyone to play, but that is certainly one streak we must



Mark Wilson

break,' said Lions coach Steve Marucci, who had a hand in beating his current team in five of those games when he was an assistant to Mike Holmgren.

The man who is desperate to beat Green Bay at Lambeau on Sunday is the same man who helped start this streak. Marucci was the Packers' quarterback coach. Favre was the quarterback.

Gee thanks Mooch "Funny how things turn out sometime, huh?" Marucci said. The Lions stand at 5-7 and are heading back into Lambeau after the Packers

suffered their worst defeat in 14 years. Beaten by 30 at Philadelphia will make Favre that much more angry, that much more hungry.

"We've got to file the loss to the Eagles away and just get ready for Detroit," Favre said. "The loss wasn't even cold yet and already the future Hall of Famer was thinking about the Lions. That can't be good."

Favre has lost to the Lions eight times in Detroit — seven at the Silverdome and once at Ford Field. Beating him here hasn't been a tough trick. This is a week where everything has to go right. Joey Harrington has to have a career day and Kevin Jones needs to come close to his rushing total of 196 yards against Arizona last Sunday.

Defensively, the Lions must finally find a way to stop Favre at Lambeau. His

consecutive start streak continues and hits 202 games this weekend. His touchdown pass streak ended in Philly at 36 straight games.

"We know he will be an angry quarterback when we face him there. It will not be easy by any stretch, but we have to find a way," Lions cornerback Dre Bly said.

Big-play Dre had two of the Lions' four interceptions against Arizona rookie QB John Navarre. Comparing Navarre to Favre is like comparing well, there is no funny analogy. The football gods won't even allow you to put Favre and Navarre in the same sentence.

Oh wait. There is one comparison. Each guy has a "v" in his name. See? Wasn't that funny, was it?

It will be cold and nasty at Lambeau on Sunday afternoon. That doesn't even

include the weather. The Packers just aren't gracious hosts. Since the Lions losing skid began in '92, Green Bay has lost only 19 games total at home. No team in pro football has been better in front of its own crowd than the guys in green and gold.

It's a great opportunity for the Lions. They need to let it all hang out Sunday. They need to quiet the cheeseheads. They need to show fans in Detroit that Marucci really is 'building something good here' as his slogan suggests.

If that happens? We can all go have a victory pizza with extra cheese, of course.

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Harrison's Woods has good start at Missouri

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Marcus Woods of Farmington Hills appears to have a bright future as a college football player at the University of Missouri.

The redshirt freshman tailback played in all 11 games and finished as the team's third-leading rusher with 428 yards on 101 carries.

Woods, a two-time all-stater at Harrison High School, scored his second touchdown in the season finale Saturday as Missouri upset Iowa State, 17-14.

He capped a nine-play, 94-yard drive in the first half as the Tigers took a 7-0 lead.

Woods' 5-yard touchdown run followed a 24-yard run by him on the previous play in which the 5-foot-8, 185-pound speedster broke two tackles.

Adam Crossett's 25-yard field goal in overtime won it for the Tigers, who finished 3-5 in the Big 12 Conference and 5-6 overall.

The victory ended Missouri's five-game losing streak and knocked the Cyclones out of the Big 12 championship game.

A win would have made Iowa State the North Division winner outright and given the Cyclones a chance to play Oklahoma for the conference title.

As a senior at Harrison, Woods was offered a scholarship by former Michigan State coach Bobby Williams, who was later fired. The offer was rescinded by new coach John L. Smith, and that's how Woods ended up at Missouri.

With junior Damien Nash, the starting tailback and team's leading rusher, announcing this week he was leaving the program, the door could be open for Woods to be the starter next season.

Only Nash, with 792 yards, and quarterback Brad Smith (553) rushed for more yards than Woods, who averaged 4.2 per carry and 38.9 per game. Woods also caught eight passes for 60 yards and

ranked seventh on the team in pass receiving. Woods was fifth in all-purpose yards with 488.

Woods had two starts this season, against Texas and Kansas State. He scored his first collegiate touchdown in the latter game, in which he had 10 carries for 68 yards. He had 17 carries for 81 yards against Iowa State for his best single-game performance.

Woods, a four-year varsity player in high school, is the all-time leading rusher at Harrison with 4,803 yards on 660 carries and the school's career scoring leader with 540 points. He scored 90 touchdowns for the Hawks (1999-2002).



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Canton works hard for first-game win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

They may wear red-and-white uniforms, but Canton turned in a blue-collar effort Tuesday night in its season-opening 48-45 victory at Monroe

"I thought we played extremely hard," said Chief coach Charlie Paye. "It was a defensive battle on both ends. It seemed like every shot was contested."

To say Cantons scoring

attack was balanced would be an understatement. Three seniors — Kevin Thornton, Julian Smith and Andy Cortellini — paced the Chiefs with 10 points a piece.

Thornton almost achieved a rare triple-double, finishing with 10 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

Jake Thompson led Monroe with 16 points.

Canton roared to a 32-21 halftime advantage as it had few problems breaking the Trojans' full-court pressure.

However, the hosts cut their deficit to 42-35 after three quarters and actually had a chance to tie it in the final seconds.

"They stole the ball from us following an in-bounds pass with four seconds to go and they got off a half-court shot at the buzzer," Paye said. "We played real well in the first half offensively, but we took the air out of the ball in the final minutes of the fourth quarter and we missed some free throws, which let them get back into the game. We didn't get good shots in the second half like we were getting in the first half."

The Chiefs were strong on

the boards as sophomore Ryan Waidmann (six rebounds), Smith (five) and Steve Paye (four) combined with Thornton to limit the Trojans' second shots.

Jason Houdek and Smith each dished out a team-high four assists. Cortellini had three.

Canton opens the home portion of its schedule when it hosts Novi Friday at 7 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

"They've beaten us four straight times, including twice last year, so it should be a tough game," Paye said.

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Livonia Clarenceville at PCA 7 p.m.
Monroe at Salem 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Novi at Canton 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday Dec. 10
Northville at Plymouth
at Plymouth Cultural Center 8:30 p.m.
Walled Lake Northern at Canton
at Arctic Edge Ice Arena 8 p.m.
Saturday Dec. 11
PCS Penguins at Port Huron
at McMorran Place 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Chelsea 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING
Saturday Dec. 11
Canton and Salem at Salem
Invitational 9:30 a.m.
Plymouth at Armada Tournament TBA

PREP VOLLEYBALL
Saturday Dec. 11
Plymouth Christian and Canton at
Livonia Stevenson Invitational TBA
Salem at South Lyon Invitational 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Saturday Dec. 11
Salem, Plymouth and Canton at
WLAA Conference Relays at Salem 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Sunday Dec. 12
Monawick College at Schoolcraft 3 p.m.
Friday Dec. 10
(Bethel College Ind. Tourney)
Madonna vs Bethel (Ind.) 8 p.m.
Saturday Dec. 11
Bethel (Ind.) Tourney 6 & 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday Dec. 10
(Kalamazoo Valley CC Tourney)
Schoolcraft vs Columbus St. (Ohio) 1 p.m.
Kalamazoo Valley vs Highland (Ill.) 3 p.m.
Saturday Dec. 11
K-zoo Valley Tourney 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday Dec. 10
Whalers at Sarnia Sting 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Dec. 11
Whalers vs Owen Sound
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Sunday Dec. 12
Whalers at Guelph Storm 3 p.m.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 23, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday November 23 2004 at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7 00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the Regular Board Minutes of November 9 2004. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Expenditure Recap for November 23, 2004**

General Fund	101	\$ 416 729 08
Fire Fund	206	108 388 40
Police Fund	207	68 309 83
Summit Operating	208	45 151 18
Cable TV Fund	230	147 616 93
Twp Improvement	246	2 498 75
E 911 Utility	261	1 663 54
Auto Forfeiture (w/wa)	267	18 626 72
Federal Grants Fund	274	1 423 00
Auto Theft Grant	289	913 00
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	22 122 86
Cap Proj - Road Paving	403	109 119 53
Golf Fund	584	36 668 15
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1 710 315 20
Post Employ Benefits	736	138 57
Saltz Road Paving	803	5 393 14
Lotz Road Paving	804	2 465 43
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815	7 550 40
Koppernick Corporate	852	77 00
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Total - All Funds		2,705,443 71

PRESENTATION RECOGNITION OF TOM GEROU FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Mr. Gerou not present.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1 BUDGET AMENDMENT - ENGINEERING SERVICES - OVERTIME (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Engineering Service Fund Budget to increase Overtime. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase (Decrease) Appropriations**, Overtime #101 447 708 0000 \$2 000 00 Contracted Services #101 447 818 0000 \$(2,000.00). This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Engineering Services Fund Budget.

Item 2 CONSIDER A WARD OF BID FOR PURCHASE OF 1-INCH TYPE - K COPPER TUBING (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for 89 000 feet of 1 inch type K Copper Tubing in 150 100 rolls to Liberty Plumbing Supply Company 29101 Michigan Ave PO Box 390 Inkster, MI 48141 in the amount of \$66 105 00 (account # 592 000 111 0002, Inventory Construction Materials). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CANTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for the Canton Community Foundation's Christmas in the Village. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4 SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Tri City Christian Women's Ministry's holiday craft fair. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5 GRANT FUNDING TRANSFER AND BUDGET AMENDMENT (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of \$300 000 State of Michigan grant funding for the Performing Arts Center from the Community Improvement Fund (account #246 000 899 0000) to the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund (account #246 959 965 4000). I further move to approve the following budget for this transfer. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6 DEDICATE RIDGE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY (LSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the dedication of a 43 foot right of way along Ridge Road (Cherry Hill School property) going north to the north property line of parcel 71 071 99 0007 000 and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Ridge Road right-of-way documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7 ESTABLISH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES FOR 2005 (CLERK) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2005 as follows: first, second, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 00 p.m. to be held at Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan. Proposed as of the second week of February meetings will be moved to the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building Board of Trustees meeting room first floor 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Item 1 CONSIDER THE INTERSECTION AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2005 INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to accept the Intersection Audit

Committee's recommendation for the 2005 Intersection Safety Improvement Program as noted and further move to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County to provide design and construction engineering services for these projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2 CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER MAINTENANCE OF 16 01 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 16 01 miles of local roads and authorize the payment of \$49,319 00 from account no 101 441 950 0000 (Wayne County Road Maintenance). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3 AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE PERSONNEL TO ATTEND SCHOOL OF FIRE STAFF AND COMMAND (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the expenditure of \$5 000 (Account # 206 336 952 0000 Fire Department Training) for tuition for Lt Battistone and Le Daubresse to attend the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4 FIRST READING TO AMEND THE CURFEW ORDINANCE (CLERK/PUBLIC SAFETY) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to table Ordinance Chapter 46 Article VIII Division 1, Section 46 503 Curfew Ordinance with first reading on November 23, 2004. Publication on December 9 2004. Second reading on December 14, 2004 with publication and effective date on December 23 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, SUMMARY OF CURFEW AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE VIII DIVISION 1 SECTION 46 503 TO PROVIDE FOR CURFEW FOR MINORS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY, TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES SEVERABILITY AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 1, SECTION 46-503 Chapter 46, Article VIII Division 1 Section 46 503 is hereby amended to read as follows: **Sec 46-503. Curfew**

(a) This section provides for a curfew for any minor under 17 years of age between 12 00 midnight and 6 00 a.m. and for any minor under 13 years of age between 10 00 p.m. and 6 00 a.m.

(b) This section provides for the following defenses to a curfew prosecution: the minor is accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian or an adult designated by the minor's parent or guardian, the minor is on an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian or an adult designated by the minor's parent or guardian without any detour or stop, the minor is in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel, the minor is engaged in an employment activity or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop, the minor is involved in an emergency, the minor is attending an official school, religious or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the township, a civic organization or another similar entity, the minor is exercising First Amendment rights, the minor is married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with law.

(c) This section provides that it is unlawful for the parent or guardian to allow such child to violate the provisions of subsection (a).

(d) This section provides that it is unlawful for the owner operator or any employee of an establishment to knowingly allow a minor to remain upon the premises in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2 VIOLATION AND PENALTY. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500 00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. REPEAL. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4 SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings prosecutions for violation of law penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6 PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk cause this Ordinance to be published.

SECTION 7 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Item 5 FIRST READING TO AMEND ORDINANCE FIREARMS (CLERK/PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to table Ordinance Chapter 46 Article IV Division 2 Firearms Ordinance with first reading on November 23 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF FIREARMS PROVISIONS AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV DIVISION 2 SUBDIVISION II TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS TO PROHIBIT THE POINTING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS TO PROHIBIT THE RECKLESS CARRYING OR USE OF FIREARMS TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES SEVERABILITY

AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS SECTION 1 AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46 ARTICLE IV DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II. This section provides that Chapter 46 Article IV, Division 2 Subdivision II is amended to read as follows:

Sec 46-241 Definitions. This section provides for definitions of terms used in this subdivision.

Sec 46-242 Exemptions. This section provides that authorized officers of the in the performance of their duties and people acting for the lawful protection of life and property are exempt from the prohibitions.

Sec 46 243 Pointing or discharge of firearm. This section provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally point a firearm toward any other person and that it shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm within the township except at an approved range.

Sec 46-244 Possession while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. This section provides that it shall be unlawful for an intoxicated person to carry or possess any firearm.

Sec 46 245 Reckless carrying or use. This section provides that it shall be unlawful to recklessly use, carry or handle any firearm.

SECTION 2 VIOLATION AND PENALTY. This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may upon conviction be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500 00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 3. REPEAL. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4 SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5 SAVINGS CLAUSE. This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings prosecutions for violation of law penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk cause this Ordinance to be published.

SECTION 7 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 during regular business hours.

Item 6 RIVERS EDGE AT CHERRY HILL VILLAGE (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution for the final site plan for River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON TOWNSHIP Final Site Plan for River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr. Steve Chusek has requested final site plan approval for River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village to be located on Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Napier Roads identified as part of tax EDP #074 99 0010 706 and **WHEREAS,** the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant final site plan approval conditioned upon receipt of the following:

1. Financial guarantees for landscaping sidewalks or lighting along common areas entrance monuments and other similar items
2. Two copies of the Master Deed and by laws in recordable form
3. Confirmation of final engineering plan approval by Wade Trim as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Steve Chusek to approve the final site plan of the proposed River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT Bill Rice and Director Faas

OTHER Supervisor Yack stated that on December 7 2004 there will be a Board Study Session on Paperless Board Packet. On December 8 2004 there will be a Special Board Study Session on Board Orientation and Goal Setting. On December 9 2004 there will be a meeting for strategic planning for the Cultural Commission. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to move to closed session to discuss the purchase of property at 8 00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Reconvened to open session at 8 15 p.m. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to authorize the purchase of the property located at 5645 Beck Road (71 065 99 0001 000) from Hal Rosin in the amount of \$125 000 plus closing costs. The purchase of the property will be taken from the Community Improvement Fund Public Works Account # 246 440 970 0000. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8 21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

THOMAS J YACK, Supervisor
TERRY G BENNETT Clerk

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Fourth-quarter comeback pushes Eaglets past CC

SALEM

FROM PAGE C1

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

'I learned my team will compete and play with a lot of heart and desire.'

George Porritt
St. Mary's head coach

For most of Tuesday night, Redford Catholic Central's frontcourt dominated their opening-game opponent from Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The host Shamrocks took a 37-32 lead into the final quarter. But that's where it all unraveled, as the Eaglets stepped up their game at both ends of the floor and escaped with a 47-46 Catholic League crossover victory.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes," lamented Shamrocks head coach Rick Coratti. "If we eliminate those we'll be a pretty good team."

At the top of the list of mistakes was a foul on St. Mary's sophomore guard Kalin Lucas — who led all scorers with 23 points. Lucas had no chance to make a desperation try as the third quarter expired, but he was fouled anyway. Instead of the Shamrocks leading 39-30 after three, Lucas hit two of three foul shots to trim the lead to seven.

That didn't help matters, Coratti said. "Instead of being up nine we were up seven."

And the fourth got off to a

poor start for the home team as St. Mary's sophomore guard Dionte Allen stole the ball and went in for a layup, slicing the Shamrocks advantage to 39-34. Allen's bucket was the first field goal for the team since the second quarter, all five of the team's third-quarter points were via free throws.

Still, Catholic Central managed to hold a 44-34 lead with more than six minutes to play, thanks to a layup by 6-7 junior center Chris Harding (eight points and several blocked shots) and a left-wing triple by junior guard Antyrio Raimer (16 points).

Back-to-back buckets scored by St. Mary's (Lucas and senior forward-center Chris McLaurin) trimmed the lead again, this time to 44-38

and — unlike earlier in the frame — the Shamrocks did not have an answer.

A three-point play by Allen with 1:59 left made it 46-45. Catholic Central and set the stage for the winner. Allen took the ball away in the St. Mary's end, went coast-to-coast and dropped in a layup with 1:35 on the scoreboard.

The Eaglets got the ball back and took precious time off the clock, eventually forcing a late foul. But when the front end of a one-and-one did not drop for St. Mary's, the Shamrocks regained life. Unfortunately, they could not get the ball inside for a good scoring opportunity.

"We weren't patient on offense," said Coratti, referring to a couple of rushed long jumpers during the fourth, when the Shamrocks maintained a slim lead and had the chance to both knock off seconds and add to the advantage.

St. Mary's head coach George Porritt called it a "special win" for his team.

"I learned my team will compete and play with a lot of heart and desire," said Porritt, whose squad was without

sophomore forward Jon Tassin due to illness.

Also in double figures for Catholic Central was junior center Aras Butkanas, with 11 points.

For much of the first three quarters, Butkanas and Harding altered a number of St. Mary's shots while taking care of the boards.

Those efforts led to several low-post baskets for the Shamrocks, particularly in the third. Harding canned a layup following a steal and then made a bank shot with a minute left in the frame, opening up a 39-29 lead.

But Catholic Central could not keep that positive trend going in the final eight minutes, when the Eaglets stepped up defensive pressure.

Coratti did say he was encouraged at times by the play of his low-post players.

But there were other times I thought they could have been more aggressive."

Catholic Central's next game is 5:45 p.m. Saturday against Southfield-Lathrup at Detroit Country Day.

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"I like our balance and our versatility," Peterson said. "We have several girls who have good size, but who can play anywhere you ask them to."

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The Rocks' first home match is Wednesday, Jan. 5, when they host Westland John Glenn.

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Registration will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 305 of Canton High School's Phase III building.

Practices will be held Mondays and Wednesdays. Athletes from first through eighth grades may participate. Practices will be divided into beginning and advanced wrestlers.

For more information, contact Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083 or e-mail him at c_randolph44@yahoo.com.



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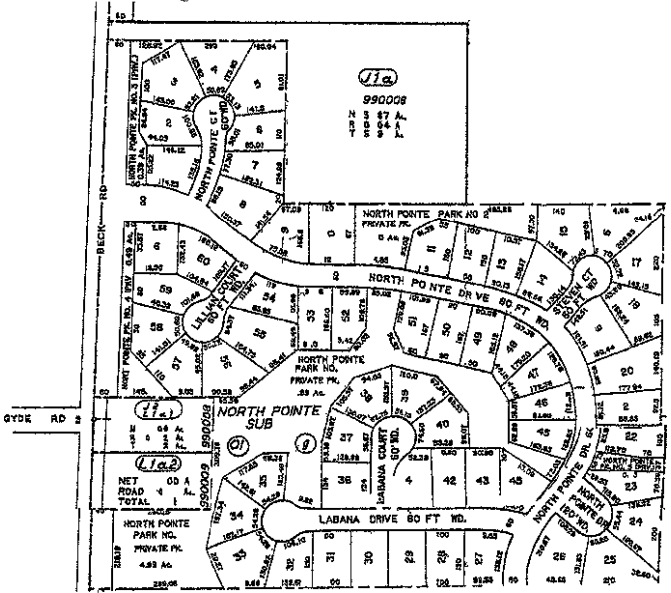
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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1954 as amended the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements consisting of road repairs, sidewalk installation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

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

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

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



Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

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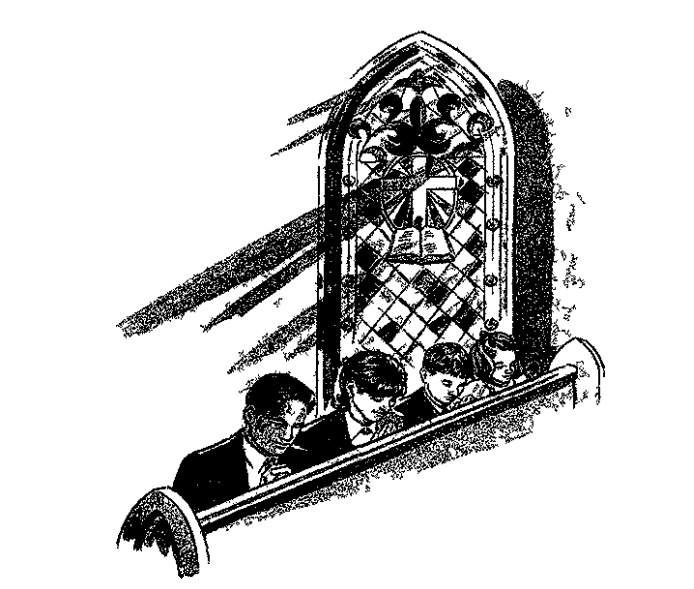
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DECEMBER

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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 the Manager

A musical with concert choir about the journey to the Depression area Renaissance Italy streets of England and back to the 21st century to discover the true meaning of Christmas 6 p.m. Saturday Dec. 11 12 First Baptist Church of Wayne 36125 Glenwood between Newburgh and Wayne roads No charge Call the church at (734) 721 7410 or Martin Whitehead (734) 326 4342

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 sauer kraut 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 Beach 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 The bazaar is a fund raiser for the Senior High Fellowship's 2005 Work Camp Program providing free home repairs to deserving citizens in Savannah Georgia For more information call (248) 626 2150 or (248) 310 3435

Voices of Christmas

8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Dec. 12 at Orchard United Methodist Church 30450 Farmington Road between 13 and 14 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 626 3620

Holiday concert

Featuring the ARPI Swedish Men's Chorus directed by Arthur Elander and the Scandia Women's Chorus directed by Ruth Anne Zimmer 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12 at Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 West 13 Mile at Farmington Road Farmington Hills Tickets are \$10 and available by calling (248) 626 7906

Advent Candlelight Service

Featuring adult and children's choirs as well as handbell and wind choirs 7 p.m. Sunday Dec. 12 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church 1343 Penniman

Plymouth Pastor Paul Schaefer of St. Peter's and Pastor Tom Schroeder of neighboring Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Novi will read Advent scripture passages after which the various choirs will respond with selections appropriate to the message Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus coming to earth as the Savior of the world Christmas services at St. Peter's will be at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve and 10 a.m. on Christmas Day For more information call (734) 453 3393

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 Jubilation 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

Living Nativity

7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia For more information call (248) 476-8222

Christmas Cantata

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

Choir cantata

I'll Be Home for Christmas choir cantata 11 a.m. Sunday Dec. 19 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church 8828 Wormer Redford Everyone is welcome to attend call (313) 537 7480

Global Gifts and Crafts Shop

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

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 option

al) 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

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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 Carlisle 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 0494

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

Adat Shalom

Synagogue Services are 6 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. Sunday at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 851 5100

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615 5574 for more information

Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups Overeaters Anonymous a 12 step program for eating disorders meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays Alcoholics Anonymous a 12 step program for alcohol related problems meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous a 12 step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church 300 Willits one block north of Maple one block west of Old Woodward Parking adjacent to church's north entrance

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems drugs alcohol overeating gambling etc? Come to the meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach 23800 West Chicago Redford For more information call (313) 255 2222 Ext. 244

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THOMAS NATHAN ABBOTT
Age 53 of Westland, died December 2 2004 He was born January 5 1951 in Kalamazoo He was a 1970 graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia and also graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo He is survived by his mother G Jean Wells his sisters Jeanne Abbott Mary Kathryn (Angelo) Constantine and Nancy Carol (Ted) Nelson and numerous nieces and nephews Services were held Saturday December 4 at Schrader Howell Funeral Home Plymouth Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan the American Cancer Society or Leader Dogs for the Blind

BRUNO E KOBERNIK
Age 89 December 5 2004 of Livonia Beloved husband of Caroline Dearest father of the late Gerald (Margaret) Richard (Judith) Larry (Pat) and Karen (Phil) Gibson Dear brother of Gertrude Wilde Kurt Robert and Carl Grandfather of 10 Great grand father of 5 Funeral service Wednesday 11 AM (instate 10 AM) at Calvary Missionary Church Visitation Tues 11 9 PM at the R G & G R Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd Livonia Family suggests contributions to Calvary Missionary Church

RUTH PERRY
Age 79 December 5 2004 of Livonia Preceded in death by her husband Ira brothers Duke Glenn and Carl Taylor Visitation at the R G & G R Harris Funeral Home 15451 Farmington Rd Livonia Wed 1 5 PM and Thurs at St Alexander Catholic Church 27835 Shawassee Farmington Hills from 11 30 until time of funeral mass at 12 00 Rosary Wed 1 00 PM Donations to Michigan Humane Society

EDMUND J REPUCCI
Age 79 of Farmington Hills died November 27 2004 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Mr Repucci was born August 11 1925 in Mansfield MA Formerly of Bloomfield Hills and Green Valley Arizona Mr Repucci taught math at Oakland University and Xavier University in Phoenix Arizona He was also a science and math consultant for Walled Lake Schools Mr Repucci is survived by his daughter Path (Steve) Parks son Bob (Marsha) French 8 grandchildren 7 great grandchildren and brother Robert Repucci He is also survived by several nieces and nephews Mr Repucci is preceded in death by his wife Alice French Repucci and parents Victor and Josephine Repucci A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday November 30th at St Gerald Church 21300 Farmington Road Farmington Hills Visitation held Monday November 29th at Lunch & Sons Funeral Home 1368 N Crooks Road (between 14 15 Mile Rds) Clawson Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Southfield Memorials appreciated to Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament Farmington Hills

MINA OPAL MAXWELL
Age 80, passed away December 7 2004 Beloved wife of the late Arthur David dear mother of David Michael (Esther) and Jerry Scott (Debbie) loving grandmother of Jason David and Shannon dear sister of Raoul Salsbee Ronald Salsbee and Felice Leser Funeral service will be held at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home 41555 Grand River Novi (1 248 348 1800) Friday 11 00am Visitation Wednesday 5 9pm and Thursdays 1-4 & 6-9pm Donations in Mina's memory may be made to the Michigan Humane Society PO Box 214182 Auburn Hills MI 48321 4182 On line sympathy messages at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JAMES SUTHERLAND
Long time Farmington Hills resident passed away on Monday November 29 at the age of 64 Born May 28 1940 in Cambridge Massachusetts He grew up in Cambridge Oxford Ohio and Ann Arbor Michigan Survived by his brother David Sutherland of Ann Arbor David's spouse Enid their children Katherine Sutherland Ruml and Charlie Sutherland, a great niece Julia Ruml and two nephews James and Geoffrey sons of his late brother Gordon Upon graduation from Oberlin College Mr Sutherland served two years in the Peace Corps in Malaysia In 1970 he began teaching in Farmington He taught at the old Farmington Junior High Warner Middle School and Dunckel Middle School He was a respected and loved teacher and colleague and retired in 2001 Mr Sutherland also served for a period of time as a park ranger in Michigan With a deep love of nature he was a member of the Audubon Society and Nature Conservancy He was an avid bird watcher and writer of poetry Mr Sutherland encouraged his students to express their greatest joys and life's experiences through writing He was a mentor and coach for many students trying to find their poetic voice He will be greatly missed No memorial arrangements have been made at this time Condolences may be sent to Mr and Mrs David Sutherland, 801 Miner St Ann Arbor Michigan 48103

STEVEN DONALD WEDGE
Age 55 Steve Wedge was diagnosed with Prolymphocytic leukemia (PLL) three years and fought every day to beat this cancer After countless attempts to achieve remission of the cancer he underwent a stem cell transplant in November of 2003 under the excellent care at Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit Steve eventually overcame the cancer but passed away after unfortunate complications from the treatments on December 6th 2004 For the final week of his life, he was constantly surrounded by the care and love of his family at home in a bed with a view of a beautiful Christmas tree and the outdoors Everyday was a battle but Steve continued to go to work until a month before his death because he had such a puritan work ethic and desire to always support his family Even though his favorite suits became too large because of weight loss he still took pride in putting on his suit and tie everyday to go to work Physicians and staff were often mind-boggled by his ethical conviction and desire to beat cancer and support his family Mr Wedge's son Robert said that he was the definition of the word gentleman and has been a mentor throughout my entire life and taught me to work hard and take care of the ones I love Being a husband and a father were the greatest priorities in his life He always put his family paramount to their needs and unselfishly went beyond the calls of duty to give all he could to keep them happy Mr Wedge was a graduate of Birmingham Seaholm High School in 1967 and attended Eastern Michigan University and Walsh Business College A visitation will be held on December 8th 2004 from 3 30pm at William Hamilton Funeral Home on 820 E Maple Rd in Birmingham and the funeral will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills on December 9th 2004 at 11am Survivors are his wife Carol and his two children Kate and Robert Memorials may be made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or Hospice of Michigan

KELLY VARGO
Born Sept 21 1983 passed away tragically in an auto accident on Dec 5 2004 Beloved daughter of Sue Ruggiero sister to Terri and Christopher beloved granddaughter of Patrick and Ruth Ruggiero niece of Kathy Hellen Patrick Ruggiero (Cretchen) Tony Ruggiero (Lois) Karen Ruggiero and Michael (Brooke) Ruggiero She will also be missed by her nine cousins She was preceded in death by her father Gary Vargo and great grandmother Anna Rogero Kelly was a graduate of Redford Thurston in 2002 and was attending Michigan Career Technical Institute Plainwell MI studying the Culinary Arts Funeral service will be held at St Robert's Church Redford, at 10am Thursday Arrangements entrusted to Turowski Funeral Home Middlebelt Rd Livonia MI

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Whalers deal Lundmark to Saginaw for '06 pick

The Plymouth Whalers traded veteran defenseman Erik Lundmark to Saginaw Tuesday in exchange for a seventh-round draft choice in the 2006 Ontario Hockey League Draft. Lundmark came to the Whalers as an undrafted free agent in 2002 and was in his third season with Plymouth. After playing 92 games over the past two years with the Whalers, Lundmark was a healthy scratch for much of this season, playing in five games and scoring one goal with penalty minutes. Overall, Lundmark played in 97 games for the Whalers, scoring four goals with three assists and 49 penalty minutes. "Unfortunately, Erik was caught in a numbers game this season," said Whalers coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "He deserves a lot of credit for earning a spot on the roster as a free agent two years

ago. He worked very hard here in Plymouth. We wish him all the best in Saginaw." Busy weekend. The Whalers play three games this weekend. They're in Sarnia on Friday night, they host Owen Sound on Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena, and they travel to Guelph on Sunday for a 3 p.m. game. Saturday's game will be the Whalers' final home game before the Christmas holidays. Plymouth plays in Toronto on Friday, Dec. 17, Belleville on Saturday, Dec. 18, and on Sunday, Dec. 19, they visit Oshawa. Plymouth returns to action at home on Tuesday, Dec. 28, when it hosts Brampton at 2 p.m. and Sarnia on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400.



Turkey champions

The Livonia Mite Predators captured five consecutive games to win the Eddie Edgar Thanksgiving Tournament. They defeated teams from Novi, Saginaw, Plymouth and Southfield en route to the title. They won the championship with a 6-1 win over the Kensington Valley Eagles. The members of the Predators, who outscored their tourney opponents 23-8, include (front row, from left) Dylan Becker, Rachel Fradette, Mickey Sinclair, goalie Nicole Russell (16 goals against average), Julia Lutz, Clifford Brookman, Riley Firman (second row from left) Mark Cummings, Justin Reinholtz, Brendan Whitney, Joshua Mann, Anthony Rotondo, Cameron Mount-Campbell, Brandon Gabrielson, Dominic Lutz, Michael Licata (third row from left) assistant coaches Ed Lutz, Jerry Cummings, Dave Whitney, head coach Mike Sinclair and assistant Brian Gabrielson. Team sponsors include Mr. Chicken of Redford, Rotondo Brothers Contracting and Russell Landscaping.



Hockey champs

The Livonia Pee Wee Predators defeated the Novi Lynx 4-0 to win the Sports Weekend Extravaganza Thanksgiving Tournament (Nov. 24-26) in Melvindale. Predators captain JJ Pettersson, who scored a hat trick, was named game MVP. Other members of the Predators include Erik Cipparone, Steven Gazley, Matthew Jarecki, Cody Johnstone, Ian Kain, Charley Kuder, Jimmy Labby, Sebastian Morelli, Justin Osborn, Nicholas Qassis, Trevor Ralph, Michael Rybinski, Michael Schwarz, Matthew Thomas and Connor Zagata. Coaches include Roger Labby, Eric Olsen and Mark Pettersson. Team sponsors include Baskin Robbins, Expert Tile & Marble, Jet's Pizza, Munchies Pizza and Outback Steakhouse.



Steel City champs

During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Livonia Knights '91, a Bantam A hockey team, captured the Steel City Tournament in Pittsburgh (Pa.) with a 1-0 win over the Canton Crush. Tournament MVP Robby Brzezinski scored the game-winning goal. Other members of the Knights, who won a tourney earlier this year in Cleveland, include Richie Dunphy, Kody Strong, Adrian Motta, Tyler Barnes, Erik Bird, Dan Bostick, Anthony Capatina, Joe Catalano, Steven Deuby, Carson Gurski, Jake Hermann, Robert Louwers, Kenny Masiarczyk, Brent Mishowski and Alec Smythe. Robert Smythe is head coach, assisted by John Strauch, Shawn McGowan and Mike Herman.

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SOME BACKGROUND

After completing his education at age 25, Alain Thiénot began a banking career. But he was bored. Equipped, however, with finance and management skills, he returned to the Champagne region, where he discovered a passion for the soil and what it produces best — wines that bubble.

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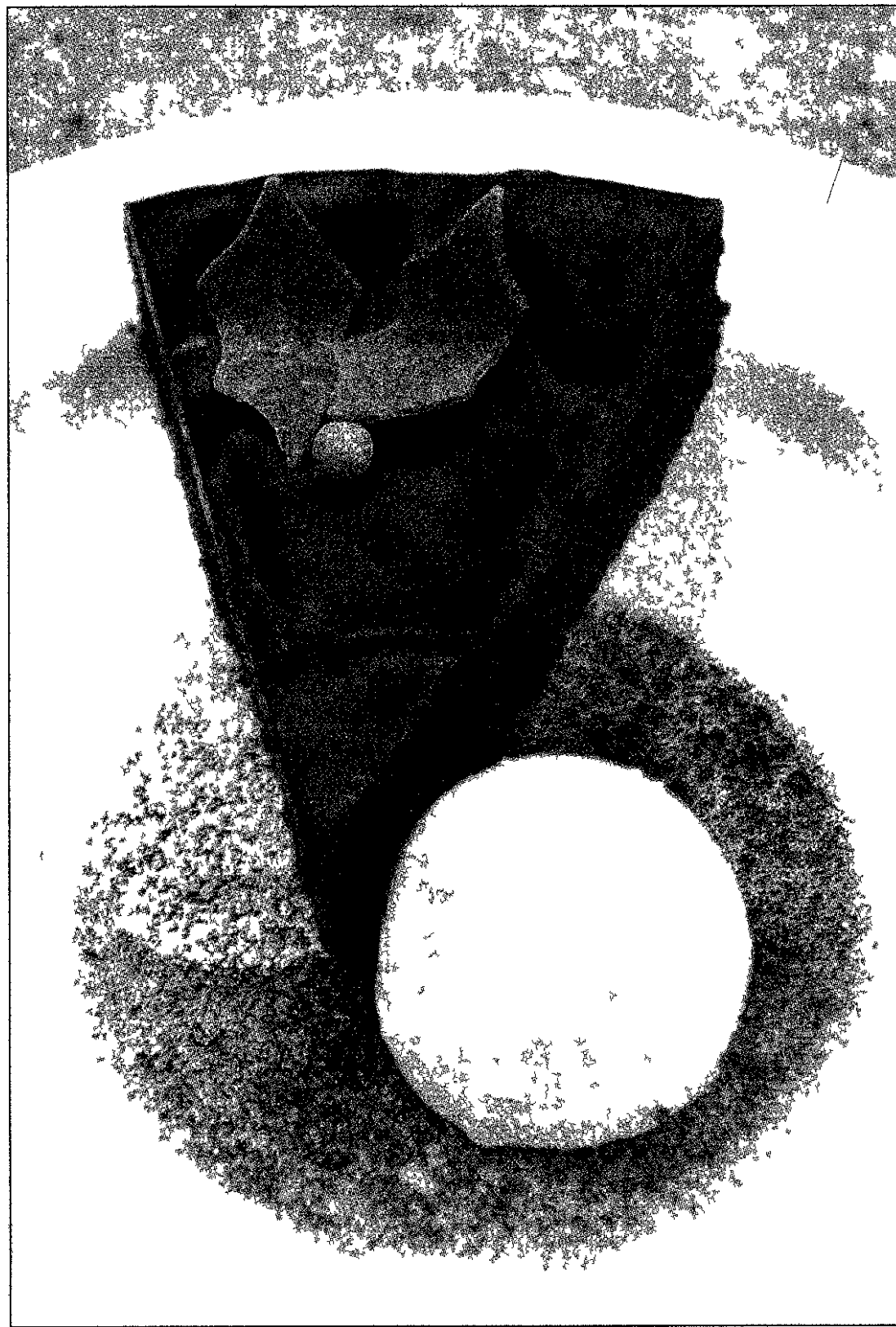
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As the whites are ready, combine the yolks and chocolate mixture.

(Do not overmix this

portion of the recipe. Just until combined.)

Fold the meringue in three stages or so.

Pans should be greased and floured. Fill 3/4ths of the way.

Bake at 375°F for 15 minutes and then turn down oven to 350°F and continue to bake.

Cakes are done when they just begin to fall back in and a skewer comes out clean, about another 15 minutes or so.

Garnish with holly and berries made with Marzipan.

(See Marzipan recipe in the Buche de Noel recipe on page 5.)

Recipe courtesy of Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

Sweet!

You'll top off the holidays with these dynamic desserts

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

OK, you're getting together with your siblings or friends for a Christmas potluck.

Your sister's bringing the ham, your parents will prepare the kielbasa and your brother is baking bread.

And you've got dessert.

Gulp! The pressure's on.

But it's OK.

When thinking about what to prepare this Christmas, get back to basics, says Joe Decker, instructor at Schoolcraft College and one of only two American Culinary Federation's certified master pastry chefs in the United States.

"Simplicity and elegance still guides my philosophy in creating desserts," Decker said. "Think of classical food combinations and present them in a contemporary fashion."

Decker does just that when he takes two traditions and combines them for a delectable pecan flan.

And what would be Christmas be without chocolate? Gateau Nancy, a flourless chocolate cake, is created with French dark chocolate, then coated with Yvonne's Chocolate Glaze, named

after Yvonne Gill, the one-time owner of Yvonne's Magasin de Cuisine and Tweeny's Cafe in Birmingham, who taught Decker how to make this sauce.

Then there's the Buche de Noel, a log-shaped flourless almond sponge cake made with French buttercream and almond paste.

This dessert is reserved for the artistic, more daring home chefs who are undaunted by any task in a kitchen. That dessert can be displayed as a centerpiece on a table, surrounded by hors d'oeuvres as it was recently at Schoolcraft.

PECAN FLAN has a wonderful blend of flavors of cream cheese, pecans and short dough for the crust.

PECAN POINTERS

Researchers have identified a delightful ally in the fight against chronic disease and aging — pecans.

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Side dish

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TASTE CALENDAR

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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. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Cost is \$139. 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.

Cookies with Santa

Children will create a dozen cookies and meet Old Saint Nick himself for a special treat at Shield's Restaurant and Pizzeria in Troy at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Shield's will provide pre-baked cookies and all the doo-dads. The cost for the event is \$7, which includes a beverage for children, a visit with Santa Polaroid photo and small gift. Parents can reserve a spot for their children in advance by visiting Shield's 1476 Maple Road at the corner of Maple and Crooks in Troy or by calling (248) 637-3131. Walk-ins are welcome but space is limited and will be given to those who sign up in advance.

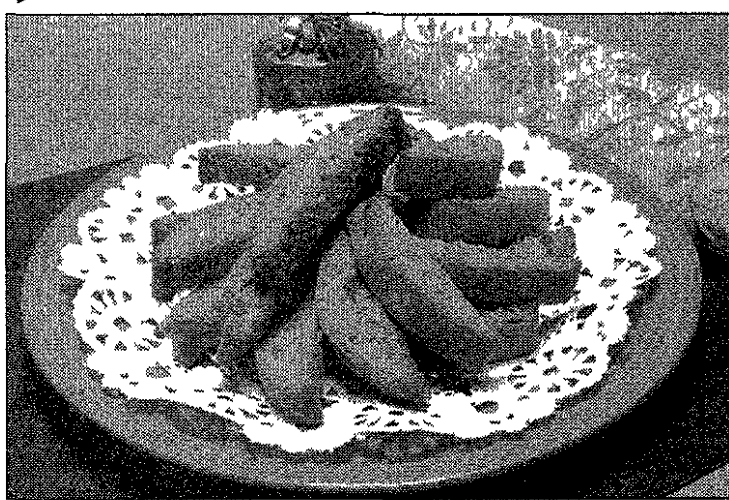
Cookie sale

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Cookie walk

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Here are tips for healthful holiday baking



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Using apple sauce and canola oil instead of butter and margarine can cut the trans fat in this biscotti.

is in a more liquid form than butter, you can substitute less fruit puree or less canola oil for butter.

To replace cream, try low-fat evaporated milk or fat-free half-and-half. Substitute two egg whites for one whole egg, or try packaged egg substitute, if desired. Replace half the fiber-poor white flour with whole-wheat pastry flour, made from soft wheat berries. It has a lighter, finer texture than regular whole-wheat flour, making it perfect for cakes and cookies.

Many of these cooking techniques are used to create these Ginger Spice Biscotti.

GINGER SPICE BISCOTTI

- Canola oil spray
- 1/4 cups unbleached all purpose flour
- 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour
- 4 teaspoons ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup unsweetened apple butter or applesauce
- 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries or other chopped dried fruit

Preheat oven to 325° F. Coat a

large cookie sheet with oil spray. Set aside.

Mix dry ingredients together in a bowl. Use a food processor or hand mixer to mix eggs with oil and apple butter until blended. Blend in the sugar. Add half of the dry mixture and blend until smooth. Add remaining dry. (The dough will be soft and sticky but easy to handle.) Transfer dough to a large bowl. Fold in the dried fruit.

Place one-half of the dough at each end of the cookie sheet. With damp hands, form each piece of dough into a log 3 inches wide and about 1/2-inch high. Place logs about 4 inches apart. (Logs will spread during baking.)

Bake 25-30 minutes, or until firm to the touch. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes. (Leave heat on.)

With a serrated knife, cut each log into 1/2-inch cookies cut on the diagonal.

Bake 10 minutes. Turn each cookie over and bake 10 more minutes.

Turn off heat and leave biscotti in the oven 10 minutes. Remove and cool on a wire rack.

Makes 40 biscotti.

Per serving: 63 calories, 2 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 10 g carbohydrate, 1 g protein, less than 1 g dietary fiber, 38 mg sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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This cooking needs few ingredients

BY J.M. HIRSCH
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The five-ingredient fad mostly has yet to impress me.

In recent years publishers have produced a steady stream of inane books that claim to help you pull together a 12-course meal with nothing but five or fewer common ingredients.

My issue isn't with the supposed ease. Nothing turns me off more than a recipe with 25 ingredients and 50 steps (and here's a tip to publishers: Numbering the steps makes it look even worse).

My gripe is that most of these recipes actually call for more than five ingredients (perhaps the authors need those numbers). Even when they do limit themselves to five items, they too often call for prepared items from the freezer section.

Don't get me wrong, convenience foods can be a lifesaver. But let's not pretend that heat-

ing up a frozen entree in a broth of condensed soup with a side of biscuits from a tin is home cooking. Some truth in advertising would be nice.

Which got me thinking that surely there are good five-item recipes that actually call for fresh ingredients, while still offering the promised ease of low-impact cooking.

I was pleased to discover that the newly redesigned *Vegetarian Times* magazine was way ahead of me.

During the course of overhauling the 30-year-old standard bearer of vegetarianism, the publishers added a new column dedicated to five-ingredient recipes that rely primarily on fresh ingredients.

In the November-December issue, the first since the redesign, food writer Nava Atlas offers a selection of simple recipes that draw on common, fresh ingredients.

The shortcuts that are included seem more reasonable than your typical five-

ingredient fare. Beans, roasted red peppers and chutney sauces are items I'm not likely to prepare from scratch no matter how much time I have.

Atlas' selections all include quick-cooking whole grains, a nice change from the usual pasta used in so many speedy recipes.

Other highlights of the magazine's new look include a column focused on recipes for quick one-pot meals, such as lentil-vegetable soup, tips and recipes for putting healthy foods in child-friendly forms, and a piece called 1 Food 5 Ways, which offers a variety of preparations (sweet and savory) for cranberries.

CHUTNEY BULGUR WITH CURRIED CHICKPEAS

- (Preparation 30 minutes)
- 1 1/4 cups bulgur wheat
- 20 ounce can chickpeas drained and rinsed
- 3 medium ripe tomatoes diced
- 2 teaspoons curry powder or to taste

8 or 9 ounce jar sweet and spicy chutney such as mango

Cover the bulgur with 2 cups boiling water in a heatproof container. Cover and let stand until water is absorbed, about 30 minutes. For a faster preparation, combine water and bulgur in a saucepan and heat over a medium-low flame until water is absorbed, about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine the chickpeas, tomatoes and curry in a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer over a medium-low flame. Heat for 2 to 3 minutes, then cover and keep warm until needed.

Stir the chutney into the bulgur and season with salt. To serve, mound a portion of bulgur on each plate and top with chickpea mixture.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 340 cal., 6 g fat, 10 g pro., 65 g carbo., 12 g fiber.

(Recipe from the November-December issue of *Vegetarian Times* magazine.)

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mented in small oak barrels. Champagnes are often ranked by stars, three being the top. Thienot Grande Cuvée is a three-star champagne.

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honey and an egg yolk glaze that will shine a holiday glow from the nearby Christmas lights. Chocolate flourless cake was developed in the Gâteau Nancy region of France.

"It's simplistic and wonderful with ice cream," Decker said. "Its structure comes from eggs, a little from the chocolate. You melt the chocolate and the butter, whip with egg yolks, and fold in egg whites, just as they start to form moist, firm peaks."

The log is more challenging, but if you can handle rolling a sponge cake and decorating it with French butter cream, then that Yule log may fire up your holiday crowd.

Of course, there's the marzipan garnishes on the desserts — the holly leaves and holly berries and the snowman, picket fence on the Buche de Noel, created for this story by Teresa Summers of Farmington Hills, who is Decker's sous chef and culinary student enrolled in the advanced baking and pastry program at Schoolcraft.

"The log is done with a fork," she explains about the log look. "You pipe it on, then use a fork to make it wavy and straight. It's extremely creamy."

That dessert can take as long as six hours to create, and the meringue should sit overnight, Decker said. The chocolate cake and pecan flan take a little as two hours and can keep overnight if you wish to work ahead, Decker said. The short dough for the flan should sit overnight, Decker said. The marzipan garnishes for all of them can be made ahead. Decker recommends a



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Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department, and Teresa Summers, Decker's sous chef and advanced culinary student, prepare festive holiday desserts.

practice run on creating new desserts. "It's always good to practice one before they come over," Decker said. "The second time we do anything, it's always better."

HOLIDAY RECIPES

YVONNE'S CHOCOLATE GLAZE

- 3/4 ounces butter
- 8 ounces bittersweet couverture (see note)
- 1/4 cup corn syrup
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup kirsch
- 1/4 cup brandy

Line a stainless steel bowl with the butter. Place chopped chocolate, water and corn syrup on top.

Melt on double boiler till 3/4 melted.

Turn off heat and allow residual heat to finish melting the ingredients together. Stir with wire whip to combine. Cool to 95°F and stir in the kirsch and brandy. Apply at 85°F.

Note: Couverture is a mix of chocolate with cocoa powder. You can use Baker's semisweet or bittersweet chocolate or Peter's and Valrhona (50-50) but not too much Valrhona according to Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and Schoolcraft instructor.

Decker said he learned this recipe from Yvonne Gill, who owned Yvonne's Magasin de Cuisine and Tweeny's Cafe, which were both located in Birmingham.

Pecan Flan

- Yellow Short Dough
- 2 pounds butter

- 1 pound sugar
- 3 yolks, cooked and sieved
- 3 eggs
- 3 pounds cake flour

(For chocolate short dough substitute 8 ounces cocoa for 8 ounces of cake flour and add 1 egg.)

Cook 3 egg yolks slowly and stir frequently until cooked, then push through sieve. Cream together the butter, sugar and sieved egg yolk to a smooth paste, about 1 minute on low to medium speed. (You do not want this mixture aerated.)

Add the eggs and scrape down the bowl. Add the flour all at once and mix on low speed till the ingredients are thoroughly incorporated. Roll into a tube and wrap in saran. Label, date and refrigerate.

Cream Cheese Filling

- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 5 ounces sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 12 ounces pecan halves (or enough to cover cream cheese filling)

Allow the cream cheese to sit at room temperature for a while to warm and soften. Begin by mixing just the cream cheese. Mix low speed to avoid over-aerating the cream cheese. Scrape down two times.

Add the sugar and continue to

mix at low speed. Scrape down two times.

Add the eggs one at a time and scrape down between additions.

The vanilla can be included with the eggs. (Note: Use pecans when assembling flan.)

Glaze for Pecan Flan

- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine all ingredients in a moon bowl and whisk to combine.

Allow to sit for a few minutes. A foam will rise to the top of the glaze.

This should be scraped off and reserved to be added back later. For each 11-inch pecan flan, place a little less than 1 cup of glaze on the surface of the pecans.

To assemble flan, create crust with short dough, then place cream cheese filling inside. Top with pecans, then add glaze.

Bake in the oven on a hearth at 350°F for 30 minutes or so. Till the edges are golden brown and the center is set and dry. Remove from oven and lightly apply apricot glaze to each flan. Allow to cool.

Recipe courtesy of Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

EGG NOG CREAM WITH CRANBERRY PORT WINE SAUCE

- 1 cup egg nog
- 3 egg yolks
- 1/2 vanilla bean
- 2 teaspoons gelatin
- 1 tablespoon water
- Nutmeg pinch
- Angostura bitters to taste
- 1 cup heavy cream

Remove from heat. Bloom the gelatin in cold water. Stir into above hot mixture. Stir in the nutmeg and bitters. Cool the mixture to 75°F.

Whip the cream to soft peak and fold into the cooled mixture. Pipe into glasses immediately. Garnish with whipped cream and cranberry sauce (below).

CRANBERRY PORT WINE SAUCE

- 8 ounces cranberries
- 3/4 cup port wine
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- Lemon juice and zest to taste
- Salt to taste

Bring the ingredients to a boil and strain through sieve. Cool and drizzle over the egg nog cream.

Recipe courtesy of Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

Deck the halls with Buche de Noel

BUCHE DE NOEL: A YULE LOG CAKE

Flourless Almond Sponge Cake

- 7 eggs separated
- 1 cup ground almonds
- 3/4 cup sugar

Combine the egg yolks and the sugar and whip on high speed till light and ribbony, five minutes or so. Remove mixture from the mixer and stir in the finely ground almonds.

In a separate bowl, whip the whites with

a little cream of tartar to moist firm peaks. Fold in all at once into the yolk mixture.

Spread out onto a sheet pan (9- by 13-inch) on parchment paper that has been greased and floured.

Bake at 350°F for 30-35 minutes or so until rich golden brown. Cool it and freeze it with parchment paper still attached.

French Butter Cream

- 1 pound sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 vanilla bean
- 12 egg yolks
- 1 1/2 pounds butter

Whip the yolks till light and ribbony. Cook the sugar solu-

tion to 250°F. Pour the hot solution into the whipping yolks. Whip until cool.

Cream the butter and add the cooled yolk mixture in three stages and mix till incorporated. Do not overmix.

French Meringue

- (for mushrooms on top of cake)
- 4 ounces (approximately 2-3 fresh egg whites)
- Cream of tartar pinch
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 4 ounces powdered sugar

Whip the whites with the cream of tartar to create soft

peaks, then gently rain in the granulated sugar. Whip the whites on high speed until firm moist peaks are formed.

Remove the meringue from the mixer and immediately fold in the sifted powdered sugar. Pipe immediately to make little mushrooms and dry in a pilot oven overnight or until crisp and dry.

Marzipan for Modeling

(to create snowman in this recipe or holly leaves in Gâteau Nancy for decorations)

- 8 ounces almond paste
- 6 ounces powdered sugar
- 1/4 ounces corn syrup (amount of corn syrup may vary)

Heat the corn syrup on a double boiler to 180°F.

Place the almond paste in a 5-quart KitchenAid bowl with a paddle and add the hot syrup.

Mix together to smooth dough.

Add the sifted powdered sugar and mix in. Wrap airtight in cellophane and refrigerate.

Divide dough into appropriate quantities. Break into small portions and color them. Pieces are precolored before formed and shaped into desired decorations (i.e. holly leaves).

To assemble the Buche de Noel

While sponge cake is still frozen, flip it over onto clean parchment paper. Peel off old parchment paper that was used to cook sponge and lay back down on sponge cake. Return sponge to upright position. (This technique of reusing the same baked paper allows the sponge to be rolled up tighter.)

Spread about 2/3rds of French Butter Cream on cake.

Form log by making sure length of log is left to right, then pull paper down slightly and toward you so it is tight. (The sponge cake is frozen, but it is flexible.)

The edge of the sponge becomes the seam and should be at the bottom of the roll as it allowed to set up in the refrigerator.

Make sure the paper is left on the roll as it helps form the log into a nice round shape. Allow to set three or four hours or until firm in refrigerator.

Place the seam side down and leave the paper around it before decorating.

Cut the ends.

Spread remaining cream on the outside of the log, creating a bark texture with a knife.

Add meringue mushrooms and decorate with Marzipan by creating a snowman or other Christmas or winter decorations.

Recipe courtesy of Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

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Take biscotti to your next party

BY DANA JACOBI
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During the holidays, including the weeks of special parties leading up to them, surrendering to the season's sweet temptations can actually produce less guilt, and add less to your waistline, if you take an active role in producing those temptations.

Here are some strategies that will create great pleasure and minimize the regret.

Take dessert along wherever you go.

Make it a surprise if you are not asked to contribute something to the menu.

Make cookies and other baked desserts, but substitute an ingredient low in fat for a high-fat ingredient.

Evaporated skim milk, for example, can be used in place of cream, and "lite" olive oil can replace butter in many recipes.

You can also reduce at least slightly the sugar called for.

Decorate the tops of cakes with a light dusting of confectioners sugar rather than those high-fat, super-sweet icings.

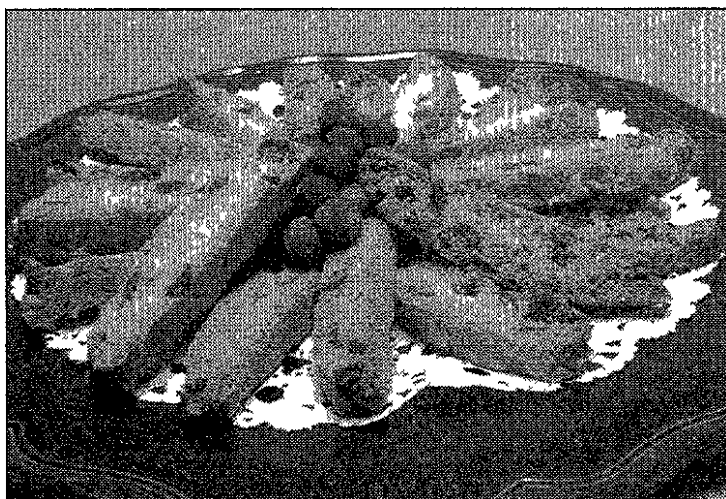
If ice cream will be served, make fresh fruit compote.

It's as simple as dicing up apples, for example, that are cored but with their peel on, and cooking them slowly (tightly covered) with apple juice concentrate, grated citrus zest and a vanilla bean until tender and slightly caramelized.

The whole bean adds a melon sweetness extract does not. It lets you also add little or no other sweetening, depending on your taste.

(One bean costs a small fortune, but I reuse mine at least 10 times in fruit desserts. Or you can substitute a cinnamon stick.)

For a sophisticated but healthful treat, try these whole-wheat biscotti with almonds and fruit.



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CRANBERRY & ALMOND BISCOTTI

- ¾ cup dried cranberries
- ¾ cup whole almonds
- 1 cup sugar divided
- ¼ cups unbleached all purpose flour
- ¾ cup whole wheat pastry flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup golden raisins
- 3 eggs lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp almond extract

Cover cranberries in warm water in a small bowl and soak to plump them, about 20 minutes. Drain, gently squeeze out excess moisture and pat them dry with a paper towel.

Set a rack in the center of the oven, and preheat to 350° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper (or foil lightly coated with canola oil spray). Set aside.

Grind the almonds with 2 tablespoons of the sugar, pulsing in 5-second bursts until most of the almonds are a powder, about 30 seconds.

Place the nuts in a large mixing bowl.

Add the remaining sugar, both flours, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt to the nuts. Toss the cranberries and raisins with a tablespoon of this mixture, then stir them into the

dry ingredients, mixing well. Mix in the eggs, vanilla, almond extract and 2 tablespoons water. With a wooden spoon, mix until a sticky, dense dough forms, working in all the flour.

Halve the dough. Moisten your hands lightly with cold water, shape the dough into two flattened 13- by 2½-inch logs, spaced 4 inches apart on the lined baking sheet.

Bake until golden and firm to the touch, about 25 minutes. Cool logs on the baking sheet for 15 minutes. Transfer logs to a cutting board.

With a serrated knife, cut each log diagonally into ½-inch thick slices. Arrange them cut-side down in one layer on the baking sheet, with slices touching each other. Bake 10 minutes, turn, and bake 10 more minutes, or until biscotti are a honey color and dry to the touch. Turn the oven off and leave biscotti there for 10 more minutes. Remove them from the oven and let them cool on the baking sheet. Store sealed in an air-tight container for up to 3 weeks.

Makes 3½ dozen cookies.
Per cookie: 70 calories, 2 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 12 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 40 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of *The Joy of Soy*.

Books can be gratifying food for thought

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
AP FOOD EDITOR

NEW YORK (AP) - Most cookbooks earn their keep in the kitchen. But there's a whole category of books that dwell lovingly on the subject of food, ingredients or cooking, and that seem more appropriately savored first of all as gratifying armchair reading.

That doesn't mean they can't also have a recipe content that may later lead the reader into the kitchen.

Both kinds may be what you buy as a present for someone else before indulging yourself. 'Gift books' tend to be larger, or more expensive, usually handsomely illustrated, or charmingly decorative.

Among many candidates for gift lists published this year are the following:

■ *The Compleat Squash: A Passionate Grower's Guide to Pumpkins, Squashes, and Gourds* (Artisan, \$40) by Amy Goldman.

Goldman, author of *Melons for the Passionate Grower*, writes as gardener, cook and advocate of preserving the world's heritage of fruits and vegetables.

The science of the squash she describes is balanced by a variety of mouthwatering recipes.

The book becomes a work of art through photographs by Victor Schrage, which persuade the reader that squash are as beautiful to look at as they may eventually taste.

■ *Bordeaux Chateaux: A History of the Grands Crus Classes 1855-2005* (Flammarion, \$60) is a luxurious wine book whose text is an accessory to a pictorial tour of the French country estates and mansions of the Bordeaux wine region.

Large-format, double-page spreads alternate with smaller details in the color photographs by Christian Samarron that, yes, do include vineyards and wine, bottles and glasses, but focus mostly on the chateaux at the center of wine production.

There's a foreword by Hugh

Johnson to the work of a team of writers: Jean-Paul Kauffmann, Dewey Markham, Cornelis van Leeuwen and Franck Ferrand.

As a related bonus gift for the serious connoisseur, note *The Wines of Bordeaux: Vintages and Tasting Notes 1952-2003* (University of California Press, \$60) by Clive Coates, a detailed reference book, as opposed to a picture book.

Famous professional chefs have produced books lavished with fine photography as well as recipes for those who aspire to attempt some of the masters' dishes.

■ *Bouchon* (Artisan, \$50) by Thomas Keller. This is a weighty, detailed account, by the owner of Napa Valley's renowned French Laundry, of his other restaurant, Bouchon, located next door, and of its bistro style of cuisine.

Photographs by Deborah Jones in color and black and white set the scene and bring the food, it can seem, just a bite away. Definitely one for the armchair.

■ *Patrick O'Connell's Refined American Cuisine* (Bulfinch, \$45) is based on O'Connell's work at the highly rated restaurant The Inn at Little Washington, Va., of which he is chef and co-owner.

The book's title aptly categorizes the stylish but down-home American-based cooking on which the recipes are based, while the photographs by Tim Turner show not only the food but also some of the inn and countryside.

■ *Frank Stitt's Southern Table* (Artisan, \$40) by Frank Stitt.

This is sophisticated Southern, another large-format tome. The book's subtitle is *Recipes and Gracious Traditions from Highlands Bar and Grill*, in Birmingham, Ala., of which Stitt is chef-owner.

Photographer Christopher Hirsheimer makes the food look more than good enough to eat and includes some scenic context.

■ *Gerónimo: Fine Dining in Santa Fe* (Ten Speed Press, \$50) is by Cliff Skoglund and Eric DiStefano.

Skoglund is owner and DiStefano is head chef of Gerónimo, a popular restaurant in a historic hacienda building popular for its "new American" cooking combined with cosmopolitan fusion elements.

Photographer Peter Vitale gives the food and setting handsome visibility.

■ *Foods of the Americas: Native Recipes and Traditions* (Ten Speed Press, \$39.95) by Fernando and Marlene Divina, and the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, moves beyond the United States in its scope.

Written by a chef and his wife, it features modern recipes and background essays on the North, Central and South American cultures in which they originate.

Color photos by Maren Caruso alternate with period and archival photos of people and artifacts.

■ *Bringing Tuscan Home: Sensuous Style From the Heart of Italy* (Broadway, \$29.95) by Frances Mayes, with Edward Mayes, elaborates on the details of the Mayes life in Italy to inspire admirers of it to adopt some of that detail into their own lives, wherever they live.

This includes house and garden as well as kitchen and food. There are plenty of glowing color photos by Steven Rothfeld to back the text.

■ *A Celebration of Herbs: Recipes From the Huntington Herb Garden* (Huntington Library Press, 2004, \$29.95) is based on the lectures of Shirley Kerns, former curator of the Huntington Herb Garden in Pasadena, Calif.

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Nosh on these delicious potato knishes Create a feast from Venice for the holidays

BY J M HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - The holidays are upon us, and that means there is a lot of eating to be done.

Thankfully, the season is scheduled to create the perfect celebratory eating circuit. Start with Thanksgiving, follow it closely with Hanukkah, then cruise through Christmas and end with a New Year's banquet bash.

Not Jewish? So what? Just as you don't need to be Christian to celebrate Christmas, you also needn't be Jewish to appreciate Hanukkah - or at least to savor some of its traditional foods.

Though I'm not Jewish, my father is. That meant that while I may never have had a bar mitzvah, I've enjoyed plenty of great Jewish foods, including my grandmother's raisin kugel (think chewy cake and cookie in one).

If you're new to Jewish cuisine, start with latkes, deliciously crunchy fried potato cakes that go so nicely with applesauce. Depending on the recipe, latkes will remind most people of really crispy hash browns.

Or there is matzo brei, a sweet French toast-like dish in which sheets of matzo bread are soaked in warm water, then squeezed dry before being coated in egg, fried and served with cinnamon and sugar.

When I was a teenager my father and I would make matzo pizza as a midnight snack. Take a large sheet of matzo bread, spread a thick layer of tomato paste (sauces are too watery), top with cheese and bake until the cheese melts.

While we're on matzo, don't forget matzo ball soup, a dish in which delicious doughy balls seasoned with ginger, onion, allspice and nutmeg are served in a rich broth.

But perhaps my favorite Jewish food is the knish (pronounced kuh-NISH), a sort of burrito for the Hanukkah set. Soft dough is baked around a variety of fillings, potatoes and mushrooms among the more traditional choices.

We usually bought our knishes at a grocer.

They were good, but not great. Too bad we didn't know how easy they can be to make, and how much better than anything you can buy.

A great source for a wide variety of veg-friendly Jewish recipes - including a number of knish options - is Steven Raichlen's *Healthy Jewish Cooking* (Viking, 2000).

Among the many tempting options is what he calls Jewish polenta (traditionally known as mamahga).

The recipe is similar to its

Italian cousin, but Raichlen stirs in cottage cheese instead of Parmesan.

For a great starter knish, try Raichlen's fat grandma's potato knishes, which he says are easier to form than the more traditional bread-coated variety.

FAT GRANDMA'S POTATO KNISHES

(Preparation 1 hour 5 minutes)

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 large onion minced (about 2 cups)
2 cloves garlic minced
1 tablespoon paprika
2 1/2 pounds baking potatoes (about 3 or 4) peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
Salt
3 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs such as chives, parsley, basil and dill
1 egg
Freshly ground black pepper
3 to 4 tablespoons flour or bread crumbs

Spray oil
Optional crust
1 cup unflavored bread crumbs
2 teaspoons paprika
1 teaspoon onion powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.
Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over a medium flame. Add the onion and cook about 6 minutes. Reduce heat to low, add garlic and paprika and cook until caramelized, another 6 to 7 minutes.

Meanwhile, place the potatoes in a large pot with cold salted water to cover. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until the potatoes are soft, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Drain the potatoes and return them to the pan. Cook the potatoes over a medium flame 1 to 2 minutes to evaporate any remaining liquid. Remove the pot from the heat and let cool slightly.

Mash the potatoes in the pot. Stir in the onion mixture, herbs, egg and salt and pepper, to taste. Mix in the flour or bread crumbs. Potato mixture should be thick enough to form with your hands.

Wet your hands and form the potatoes into patties about 1 1/2 inches thick and 3 inches across. To use the optional crust, combine the bread crumbs, paprika, onion powder and garlic powder in a shallow bowl. Dredge each knish through the crumbs, shaking off any excess.

Arrange the knishes on a nonstick baking sheet lightly sprayed with oil. Spray the tops and sides of the knishes with oil. Bake until golden brown, about 30 to 40 minutes, turning the knishes with a spatula after 15 minutes.

Makes 8 knishes.
(Recipe from Steven Raichlen's *Healthy Jewish Cooking*, Viking, 2000.)

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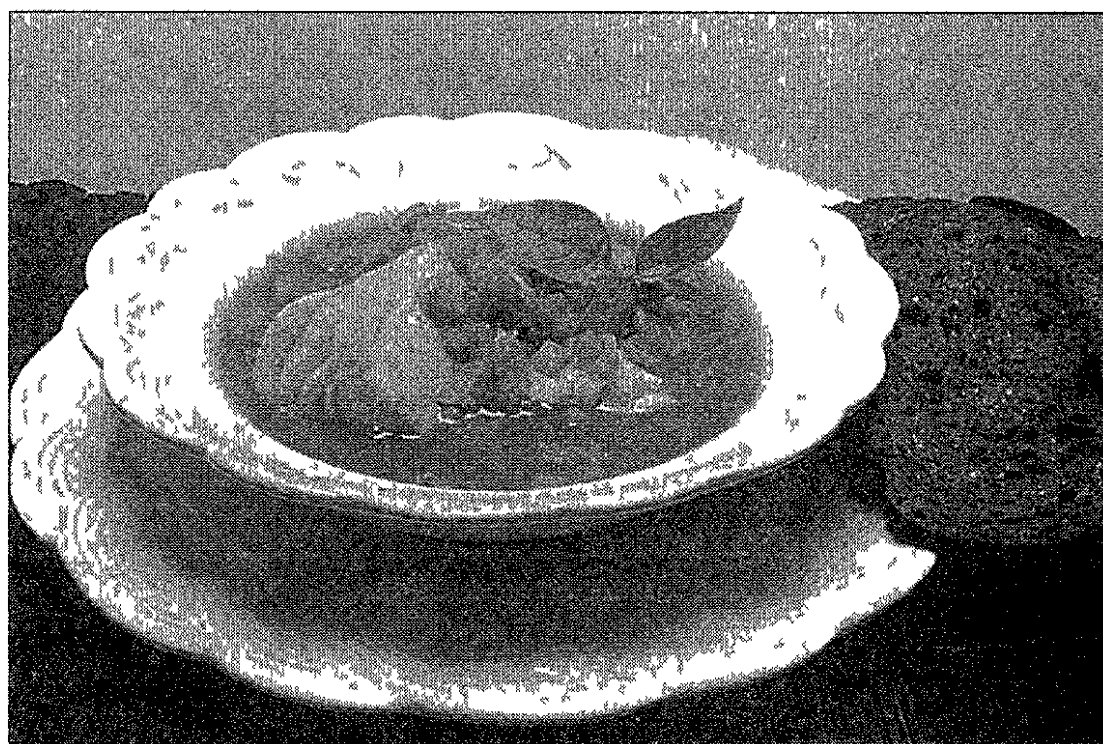
Despite the influence of American fast food that has spread across the globe, Italian cooking remains distinctively national as well as regional. Visitors to Italy still find that many of the dishes they have tried in one place are quite different in a town just five miles away.

Given this provincialism, I find it particularly striking that the cooking in two Italian regions is markedly influenced by many sources that are not even Italian. These two regions, the Veneto and Sicily, sit at opposite ends of Italy.

Venetian and Sicilian cooking both reflect their regions' associations with various cuisines, including Arab, Turkish, North African, French, Spanish and Asian. Sicilian food reflects the succeeding influx of seven waves of invaders, starting with the Phoenicians, and including the ancient Greeks, Arabs and the French. In the Veneto, it was the region's adventurous merchants who brought recipes for exotic dishes and the spices home from as far away as Asia (remember Marco Polo), and even introduced polenta, made from corn that originated in the Americas.

In both Venice and Sicily, Christmas Eve is celebrated with fish dishes. The Jews of the Venetian Ghetto developed their own seafood recipes. With the start of Hanukkah, this week is the perfect time to make Zuppa di Pesce, a lovely fish soup, almost a stew really that derives from the Italian Jewish community.

Observant Jews do not eat shellfish, so this recipe features chunks of firm, sweet halibut. Sea bass is also good, or a com-



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bination of meaty fish, including red snapper, which is ideal. You may even find imported branzino, a Mediterranean sea bass flown in from Italy these days, which is also known as spigola, for those who appreciate this succulent aristocrat of the sea.

VENETIAN FISH STEW

2 carrots coarsely chopped
2 celery ribs coarsely chopped
1 large onion coarsely chopped
3 whole garlic cloves plus 1 clove finely chopped
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 pound halibut steak halved
1 tablespoon and 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
Pinch of red pepper flakes
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoons tomato paste

2 tomatoes seeded and chopped
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
8 large basil leaves cut in very thin strips for garnish (optional)
4 slices toasted rustic bread (optional)

Place the carrots, celery, onion and whole garlic cloves in a deep saucepan. Add 4 cups cold water and salt. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes. Add the fish. Simmer gently 12 minutes. Remove the fish with a slotted spoon. Remove the skin and bones from the fish and add to the pot. Set the fish aside.

Simmer the mixture, which is now a stock, 20 minutes or until reduced to about 3 cups. Strain into a large bowl and set aside. Discard solids. Rinse and dry the pot.

Heat the oil in the pot over medium heat. Add the chopped garlic and ginger and sauté gently until garlic colors lightly, 30 seconds. Add the stock, pepper flakes, lemon juice and tomato paste. Return the fish to the pot. Heat until the stock is steaming. Add the tomatoes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately, garnished with the basil, if using, along with the bread if desired. (After being refrigerated overnight and reheated, this stew may take on a fishy taste.)

Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 245 calories, 7 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 13 g carbohydrate, 32 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 415 mg sodium.

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Pork tenderloin, fruit make tasty dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pork tenderloin can be lean enough to star in a low fat dish of style and taste, especially if the recipe also includes some of the fruity elements that complement pork so well.

The ingredient list for this fruited pork tenderloin dish includes raisins and dates, but almost any other dried fruit will work, say the editors of *Cooking Light* magazine who have compiled a fall 2004 special edition.

The publication, *The Best of Cooking Light: Quick and Easy Around the Clock* (\$4.99), features this recipe among 115 others, for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Recipes are arranged to make up 25 menus, and they're packaged with a variety of kitchen tips and shortcuts.

Most of the recipes can easily be made in less than half an

hour. The editors point out that the tenderloin in this recipe cooks quickly because it's sliced.

Suggested side dishes for the pork are wild and white rice blend, and Brussels sprouts.

FRUITED PORK TENDERLOIN

2 teaspoons olive oil
One 1 pound pork tenderloin trimmed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 cup chopped pitted dates
1/4 cup golden raisins
1/4 cup water
1/4 cup apple juice
1/4 cup tawny port or other sweet red wine
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
2 whole cloves
Parsley sprigs optional

Heat olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium high heat. Cut pork crosswise into 8 slices. Sprinkle with 1/4 teaspoon

salt and pepper. Add pork to pan. Cook for 2 minutes on each side or until the pork is browned.

Add remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, dates, raisins, water, apple juice, port, mustard and cloves. Cover and simmer 2 minutes or until pork is done. Remove pork from pan.

Bring date mixture to a boil, cook until reduced to 1/2 cup (about 5 minutes). Remove

cloves, discard. Garnish with parsley sprigs, if desired.

Makes 4 servings (serving size 3 ounces pork and about 2-tablespoons sauce).

Nutrition information per serving: 265 cal., 8.6 g total fat (2.5 g saturated), 23.9 g protein, 19.7 g carbs, 1.6 g fiber, 75 mg chol., 382 mg sodium.

(Recipe from *The Best of Cooking Light: Quick and Easy Around the Clock*.)

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In this time-pressed day and age, when making traditional gifts like cookies or jam takes too much time, one of my favorites is a generous jar of Chocolate Spiced Chai Mix

Spooned into a mug containing a tea bag, boiling water turns this unique instant mix into an aromatic, heart-warming treat. Combined with hot milk, it makes a lovely, soothing cup of cocoa

Supermarkets carry everything you need to make this mix. Assembling it requires only measuring the ingredients into a large mixing bowl. And the recipe can be doubled or tripled, making it an easy present for coworkers or everyone in your club, neighborhood, or class

For packaging, I scoop the mix into one-pint canning jars, or empty jam and mustard jars. I saved because of their pleasing shape. To dress up the jar, you can cut out squares of fabric and tie them in place over the cap using a length of ribbon. If you don't have fabric, use squares of heavy gift paper, pleating them to fit round the cover

One reason I love this gift is its flexibility. For casual giving, I simply tie a tag with instructions around the neck of the jar. Sometimes I also tie on a few cinnamon sticks to use as stirrers

For more special recipients, I line a small basket with an inexpensive cloth napkin, and set in the jar of Chai mix plus a box of black tea bags and a bundle of cinnamon sticks

For very special friends, I might take time to bake biscot-



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Give a generous jar of chocolate spiced chai mix

ti, which keep well and whose shape looks nice in the basket. Or, instead of cookies, include a decorative mug or two

The ingredients in this mix also offer options. If you can spend a bit more on them, try using ground chocolate (sold in a canister and found next to unsweetened cocoa in some stores), which makes an even richer cup of chai

For the powdered milk, those with a larger grain dissolve most smoothly and rapidly

THREE-WAYS HOT COCOA MIX

- 1 cup instant nonfat dry milk powder
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup Dutch process cocoa powder
- 1/4 cup dried egg whites
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon ground clove
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 6 inch cinnamon sticks (optional) for garnish
- Black tea bags

In a mixing bowl, vigorously whisk together the dry milk powder, sugar, cocoa, egg white powder, cinnamon, allspice,

clove, ginger, and black pepper, making sure all the tiny clumps are broken up

Spoon the mixture into a jar, and seal tightly

This mix is intended to be used with 1 percent milk to make hot chocolate, or a tea bag for making chai. If giving this mix as a gift, include instructions for using 1 to 2 teaspoons, according to taste, per serving

Makes 2 1/2 cups mix

For chai, brew one tea bag in a cup or mug of hot milk. Remove the tea bag and stir in the mix. Add a cinnamon stick as a stirrer, if desired

For hot chocolate, place the mix in a mug and gradually stir in hot milk

Add a cinnamon stick as a stirrer, if desired, or 2-3 drops of vanilla extract, or 1 drop of almond extract

For Hot Mocha, mix 1/4 teaspoon instant espresso into the Hot Chocolate

Per serving of hot chocolate: 112 calories, 3 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 24 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein, less than 1 g dietary fiber, 129 mg sodium

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of *The Joy of Soy*

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, Taborn & 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 cook faster and are more tender for this dish, he said, whereas duck thighs are better braised or slow-roasted

To tell when the duck breasts are done, when browning them in the skillet, Peterson said, "I look for plumpness, cooking them on

the skin side - on the flesh side I would really only cook to sear a little"

For the apples, sometimes a little sugar is nice, depending on your taste. Making the sauce, Peterson suggested other liquids that work well for cooking with duck - wine, Madeira, sherry or beer

Put the last piece of butter into the sauce cold, he said. "You want it to stay emulsified. The butter pulls it all together"

To serve the duck, Peterson said, it's easier to cut it skin side down, at an angle. He did just that, and the duck in its apple sauce was tender and flavorful, quite as good as the smell as it cooked

What to drink with this duck? Peterson suggested red wine, a pinot noir, perhaps a French Burgundy

The duck breasts used in this recipe are from the White Pekin duckling, also known as Long Island duckling. With its mild-flavored, very lean meat, this is the most common variety on the market, readily available in food markets

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
- 1/2 teaspoon 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 1/4-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

Nutrition information per serving: 410 cal, 16 g fat, 157 mg chol, 452 mg sodium, 31 g carbo, 17 g fiber, 37 g protein

(Recipe developed by the Duck Council) On the Web: <http://www.duckling.org>

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

No need to renew recorded bylaws

Do condo bylaws require periodic renewal with a state agency to keep them in effect? One of my friends stated that he failed to renew their bylaws with the state and now the bylaws are no longer in effect. Could that possibly be true?

It is difficult to answer your question with exactitude without looking at your bylaws but, generally speaking, the bylaws once recorded with the Register of Deeds, are valid and do not have to be renewed by the state unless there is some provision in the bylaws to the contrary. Indeed, the state has gone out of the regulatory business of reviewing condominium documents since 1983. Your friend should consult with a condominium association attorney to clarify his misperception.

We are dealing with a management company who can't take criticism and whose principal threatens us with a libel suit if we make any disparaging comments about his management company to other members of the board.

This is unfortunately a tactic of intimidation which is being practiced by one or more management companies in the Detroit area to keep their business and intimidate directors who do not like the way the management company is doing business. Of course, if you make a knowing false statement about the management company with malice, you could be held accountable. However, if you are a director, you are entitled to a qualified privilege in regard to the association's business if you are operating in good faith in terms of your statement. The fact that you criticize the management company should not be a basis for any libel or defamation suit. The management company, more than likely, realizes that I would immediately terminate the management company and find a company that is more ethical.

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Agents and staff from Century 21 Town and Country in Commerce Township gather together with a few of the coats the office has collected as part of their annual share the warmth coat drive

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Realtors 'Share the Warmth' by helping others at holiday time

BY KEELY SCHRAMM
STAFF WRITER

Local Realtors are 'Sharing the Warmth,' collecting Toys for Tots and money to buy phone cards for troops in Iraq. At Real Estate One in Bloomfield Hills, the staff is making holiday wishes come true for two senior citizens.

This business is not about houses; it's about people, said Mike Dowdle of West Bloomfield, a Realtor with the Birmingham office of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate.

The community is everything to us. We want to contribute to it. All 15 of the metro Detroit Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate offices are collecting Toys for Tots. Dowdle and other staff members will help sort the toys that will be delivered to needy children. "It's a very worthwhile cause and we believe in the spirit of giving," said Kathy Schweitzer, director of administration for Coldwell Banker Schweitzer. "There's nothing more beautiful than having a child unwrap a new toy. It's important give back to the community."

The staff at Century 21 Town and Country's Commerce Township office, 2730 Union Lake Road, is collecting coats for the needy through Dec. 31. Cash donations will be used to buy coats, hats and mittens.

Last year, we collected 1,100 coats and our goal for this year is to collect at least 1,200 coats," said Suzanne Shew, event chair. "We're halfway there, but hope to surpass our goal. We are in need of all types of coats, jackets and outerwear in all sizes.

Donated items are being distributed to the needy by Baldwin Church & Center and

Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac and Open Door Outreach and Leggett Elementary School in Waterford Township.

We deliver the coats to the facilities regularly and don't wait for them to accumulate," said Shew. "People are cold now and need coats. The community has just opened up their hearts. We have people who wash and mend coats that need it, and two local dry cleaners donated their services."

Shew believes it's important to give back to the community, because "the community gives so much to us. They come to us to help them make the most important sale of their lives, which is the sale of their homes. We appreciate their trust in us, and would like to give back."

Most of us feel very fortunate," she added. "Almost everyone has gone through a bad time when they needed help, it's nice to give back. Someone helped us, and now we're helping somebody else."

Brent Cleland, a Realtor with Max Broock Realtors of Rochester, participates in the city's annual Christmas parade, held this year on Dec. 5.

If you're receiving an income from a community, you need to give back, be involved

and helpful, he said.

We built a float for the parade - a magic castle playhouse - and auctioned off the playhouse at the Womens Council of Realtors luncheon. It brought \$4,000. The money will go to the Community Housing Network in Troy which provides housing for the disabled. It makes you feel very good. We did the same thing last year. The parade is lots of fun, it brings people together."

Lots of people think about children during the holidays, but senior citizens are sometimes forgotten. That's why the Real Estate One office in Bloomfield Hills is adopting two senior citizens through the Oakland Lighthouse Emergency Services program.

It's a great time to give back, seniors can be an overlooked population at Christmas," said Kathy Robinson, who is organizing the charity drive.

It's heartbreaking to hear what they want - toilet paper, a pan, a reacher to grab things on high shelves, such simple things, added Laura Cantin. "Who remembers these people who are often alone?"

In addition to shopping for the seniors they adopted, the staff of 25 is working at The Lighthouse on Dec. 15 to help

with deliveries.

"Our job is people and their housing needs," said Cantin. "We get very involved and want to give back. Working in real estate makes you realize how lucky we are."

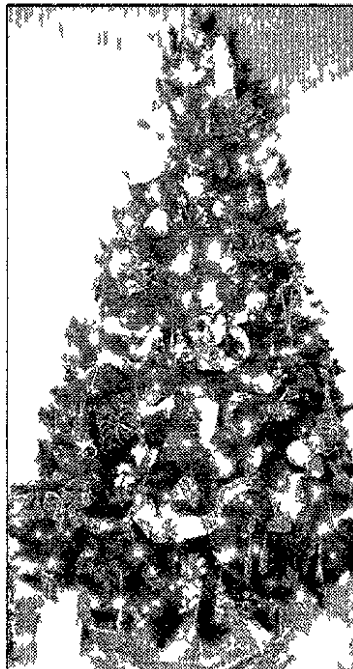
Chris Courtney, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, is helping the Farmington Hills-based organization collect money to buy phone cards for the troops in Iraq.

"We're taking up a collection at the office and I take the fish bowl to all of our events," said Courtney, reciting a long list of holiday parties and meetings. "We want to collect as much as we can. It's the holidays, you want to be home, but if you can't the next best thing is calling home."

On Dec. 13, more than 1,000 people will gather at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn for the Great Lakes Region Metro Detroit Century 21 Broker Council's annual holiday breakfast. In addition to buying a ticket, everyone is expected to bring canned goods or toys for the needy.

This is massive, you can't imagine the stuff that gets collected for the Salvation Army, and I mean good stuff," said Linda Gratz, marketing director for Century 21 Today. "They also take up a collection."

Century 21 Today has five offices in metro Detroit - Redford, Livonia, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Farmington Hills. "Each of our offices does different things," said Gratz. "The office sponsors a needy family. It makes us feel good to help. Most Realtors make appreciable salaries and this is their way of giving back and doing good stuff in the community."



Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

Fannie, Freddie set limits

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, America's two largest home loan repositories, will now lend borrowers more money for their purchases. Beginning in January, conventional mortgage limits for single-family homes will be \$359,650. Both companies say that the increase will help more than a quarter of a million homeowners now qualify for conforming mortgages.

Though Fannie's average mortgage amount was only about \$140,000 in 2004, this increase will have a profoundly positive effect on other homeowners whose loan amounts are at or above the previous upper limit as these borrowers could save tens of thousands of dollars as a result of the changes. Freddie Mac estimates that total mortgage interest savings for a borrower with a typical 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at the new conforming loan limit is as much as \$24,800 over the life of the loan.

Jumbo borrowers with current loan balances between \$333,700 and \$359,650 may have a lot to gain by refinancing their existing mortgages into this new extended "non-jumbo" category. For example, if an existing jumbo borrower with a \$350,000 balance can improve her rate by a mere half percent, she may drop her total interest payments by about \$1,400 per year. Alternatively, she may opt to take out \$20,000 in cash and still lower her interest rate and mortgage payment a bit.

Additionally, these ex-jumbo borrowers may now access other conforming loan products that may improve their situations. Short-term adjustable rate mortgages are very popular for borrowers with loans approaching the upper conforming loan limit. In most instances, a three- or five-year ARM can save homeowners enough money to pay for a subsequent refinance many times over.

Even homeowners who remain slightly above the new limit can benefit from the change. Piggy-back or split loans are still great alternatives for those seeking the warmer waters outside the jumbo zone. If you are not sure if the new loan limits affect you, you can usually get a decent analysis of your situation with a quick phone call to your mortgage loan officer.

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Rates on 30-year, 15-year mortgages rise sharply

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages rose sharply as expanding economic activity raised inflation concerns among Wall Street investors.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly survey released Thursday, Dec. 2 said rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages climbed to 5.81 percent, the highest since early October, up from 5.72.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. After that, rates had drifted lower as the economy hit a soft spot that eased concerns about an inflation flareup.

Recently, there have been signs that the economy is moving ahead at a solid pace.

"Recent economic indicators

came out better than had been anticipated, buoying financial markets and reinvigorating confidence in financial markets that the last three months of the year will post a very positive rate of economic growth," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"Of course, with the signs of strong growth come fears of inflation and that tends to push up long-term mortgage rates," he added.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates this week averaged 5.23 percent - also the highest since early October. That compared with 5.15 percent the previous week.

Even with the increases, mortgage rates are still low by historical standards. And that's powering home sales, which are

expected to hit record highs for all of 2004.

One-year adjustable rate mortgages, however, sank to 4.19 percent, from the previous week's rate of 4.27 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried a 0.6 point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.89 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.22 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.77 percent.

Separately, home prices increased nearly 13 percent during the 12 months ending Sept. 30, reported the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. "The growth in house prices over the past year surpasses any increase in 25 years," said director Armando Falcon.

Book shows how to profit from property

(NAPSI) - A growing number of people now see how their house is more than a place to live. It is also their primary investment.

And, as with any other kind of investing, there are strategies that can increase a person's chances of turning property into profit.

A new book is said to share these strategies, showing how to invest in real estate in a wise, safe and profitable manner.

According to Dan Auito, author of *Magic Bullets in Real Estate*, (Hathshire Press), "Real estate is the best thing one can invest in - and it's open to anyone - but too many times I see people making foolish mistakes and costly errors, or utilizing bad judgment."

The tips offered in the book include how to:

- Use other people's money to get ahead

- Locate dream tenants, screen potential buyers, seek out the best properties

- Price a property right and advertise it properly to sell for a quick profit

- Select an agent - and understand the different types of agency relationships

- Attend an appraisal course but not get a real estate license

- Network for deals, how to negotiate a deal, how to find a real estate mentor, and how to locate properties that pay off

- Leverage someone else's research to evaluate good locations

- Understand all of the available financing options

- Know when to improve or expand a property - and when not to

The book also shows how the

average person can build wealth in real estate by:

- Creating networks
- Avoiding the traps and conditions that can sabotage good deals
- Finding and rehabilitating run-down homes in just 10 days

A dual-licensed real estate agent and appraisal assistant, as well as a founder of a nonprofit drug prevention corporation and a real estate consulting group, Auito says he was motivated to write the book because he was sick of seeing people "ripped off and taken advantage of."

Designed to be used as a workbook, the book also contains a comprehensive glossary and a listing of Internet resources.

The book is available at the www.MagicBullets.com Web site, Amazon.com and wherever books are sold.

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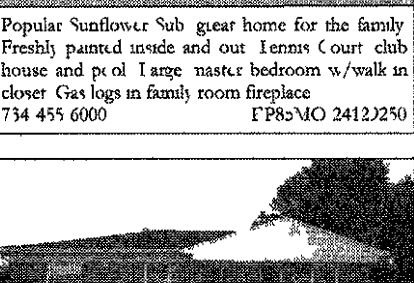
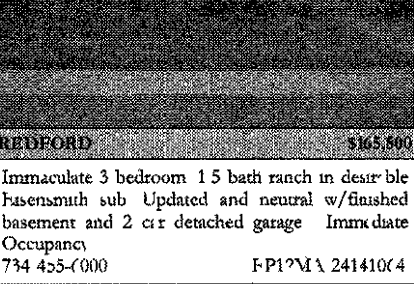
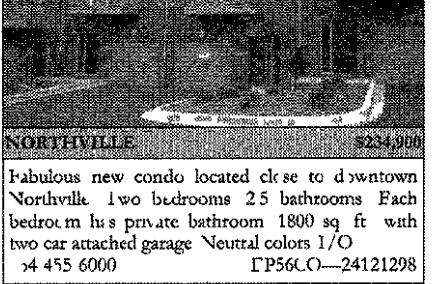
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 CANTON \$339,900 Popular Sunflower Sub gear home for the family. Freshly painted inside and out. Tennis Court club house and pool. Large master bedroom w/walk in closet. Gas logs in family room fireplace. 734-455-6000 FP8VO 2412250	 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4PM 9111 COREY COURT N OF JOY E OF BECK PLYMOUTH \$324,900 Wonderful open floor plan this contemporary 4 bedroom 3 baths 3900+ sq ft Colonial offers 2 story foyer and family room. Corner cabinets put finishing touches in spacious kitchen 4 season room. 734-455-6000 LP11C 24105780
 REDFORD \$165,900 Immaculate 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch in desirable Basensmith sub. Updated and neutral w/finished basement and 2 car detached garage. Immediate Occupancy. 734-455-6000 FP1MA 2414104	 NORTHVILLE \$234,900 Fabulous new condo located close to downtown Northville. Two bedrooms 2.5 bathrooms. Each bedroom has private bathroom 1800 sq ft with two car attached garage. Neutral colors 1/O. 734-455-6000 FP56C 24121298
 LIVONIA \$184,900 Remarkable home for 1st time buyer. 3 bedroom 1 bath hardwood floors 1/O. Upd t/s incl cl kitchen carpeting finished basement roof & gutters. Storage shed & deck. Appliances included. 734-455-6000 FP01HT 24132809	 WAYNE \$139,900 Clean & Ready. Great start and price on this clean 3 bedroom 2 bath home. Partially finished basement and 2 car over-sized garage. Spacious patio area. 734-455-6000 FP41FO 24140466

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 CANTON 4 BEDROOM CANTON COLONIAL. Stunning 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial court location backs to woods. Over 2800 sq ft with island kitchen large master bedroom with jacuzzi & separate shower. Beautiful finished basement. Stamped patio & 2.5 car garage. (P227IF) \$365,000	 CANTON CAVALIER VILLAGE SOUTH SUB. Lovely 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial deep in the sub. Professionally landscaped. Backyard is fenced in with maintenance free vinyl fencing perfect for a dog or kids play. Newer roof furnace & A/C. Household intercom! MUST SEE!! (P65PAL) \$229,900
 CANTON SMOKLER TRUESDALE SUB! Great family home with loads of updates! 4 bedrooms 1.5 baths. New maple kitchen with ceramic floor. Cul-de-sac location. Home warranty at closing! (P99WAL) \$199,900	 NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE ESTATES HALF ACRE SITE! This spacious tri-level features 2865 sq ft, 3 huge bedrooms, 2.5 baths, updated kitchen & walkout family room. Private wooded lot. All this for \$299,000 (P66SLUM)
 PLYMOUTH BREATHTAKING PLYMOUTH RANCH CONDO. Exclusive Eaton Estates. Finished walkout. Master suite with jet tub and separate shower. 2 fireplaces. 3 baths. oak kitchen with island & 2nd kitchen in lower level. Priced below SEV. (P88EAT) \$379,900	 PLYMOUTH EXCEPTIONAL 3 BEDROOM CAPE COD! Luxurious 1st floor master suite. Great room formal dining room island kitchen walk out basement 3 car garage. Professionally landscaped. Metichulous! Call today! \$439,900 (P25QUA)
 CANTON GREENBROOK VILLAGE SUB NO 1. Beautiful newer kitchen w/corner counters & cabinets. Open to a larger family room 3 brm 2.5 baths finished bsmt that makes a great rec room. Walk out to landscaped yard that everyone will envy. Much more. (P79RUB) \$228,500	 LIVONIA SPARKLING LIVONIA BRICK RANCH! Totally updated 3 bedroom 1.5 bath in popular Castle Gardens! Unique 1st floor laundry w/skylights. New kitchen carpet in LR & FR. Updated 8 panel doors newer furnace HWH C/A roof. Fin shed basement w/glass block windows 2 carport garage & fenced yard. Nice! (P96SUS) \$229,900
 PLYMOUTH WALK TO SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD! 4 BR 2 full BA, large FR w/gas fireplace. Updated kit w/Pergo floor. Updated baths new furn & gar door. Priv fenced yard has underground sprinklers lush perennial gardens & mature trees. Quick occupancy available. (P19FAR) \$239,900	 WESTLAND HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS! 3 brm brick ranch 4th brm in bsmt. Oak kit w/Pergo floor updated crpt & windows. Dining area in LR. Roof replaced w/tearoff. Oversized gar. Just a great house! (P05BEE) \$149,900
 WESTLAND COUNTRY IN THE CITY! This must be the place. Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial sitting on about an acre. Over 2,900 sq ft. custom built. FR (32x20) it's gorgeous. Oak kitchen formal DR & finished basement add to the list. MUST SEE (P27COW) \$285,900	 WESTLAND WHY RENT WHEN YOU CAN OWN? Great ranch with lots of updates. New roof with tearoff in 2004. Updated windows, large living room with dining area. Huge yard for an addition & garage. Priced to sell! Immediate occupancy - don't wait! (P10H4Z) \$119,500

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of July 26 30 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office Listed below are cities addresses and sales prices

43645 Amber \$250 000	1431 Ledgewood \$233 000	29870 Elmwood \$75 000	9840 Garvett \$188 000	50573 Elmwood \$427 000	31528 Ann Arbor \$139 000
6985 Ardley \$200 000	41727 Lyndon \$390 000	31741 Elmwood \$110 000	9901 Garvett \$167 000	42629 Five Mile \$160 000	829 Autumn Ridge \$251 000
41507 Bedford \$137 000	2061 Marlowe \$182 000	6520 Fairfield \$154 000	14625 Gary \$190 000	12010 Glenview \$353 000	8555 Berwick \$100 000
41584 Bedford \$138 000	50171 Monroe \$163 000	2204 Henry Ruff \$171 000	36473 Grove \$220 000	1441 Hartsough \$280 000	39174 Brookfield \$162 000
41717 Bedford \$134 000	971 Paddington \$256 000	32612 James \$167 000	36095 Hees \$191 000	798 Irvin \$220 000	7560 Donna \$149 000
1924 Brookfield \$178 000	47907 Pavilion \$448 000	32672 James \$157 000	29739 Hoy \$157 000	40829 Newport \$270 000	8706 Donna \$172 000
42050 Brookview \$190 000	446 Pleasant Ridge \$378 000	30561 John Hawk \$169 000	29535 Lamar \$140 000	9005 Peppridge \$175 000	34808 Farragut \$145 000
794 Burlington \$252 000	7770 Provencal \$227 000	31109 Maplewood \$140 000	18162 Lathers \$128 000	51008 Richard \$134 000	34241 Fernwood \$129 000
46633 Camelia \$275 000	48198 Red Run \$390 000	1655 Moeller \$128 000	36271 Lawrence \$185 000	41107 Russett \$185 000	32303 Glen \$138 000
2036 Cameo \$494 000	48226 Red Run \$350 000	287 N Venoy \$350 000	29821 Linda \$154 000	10049 Spies \$202 000	8300 Gray \$185 000
47960 Candace \$406 000	1900 Roundtable \$205 000	6622 Schaller \$406 000	14248 Livonia Cres \$129 000	45815 Trillium \$233 000	8711 Hugh \$85 000
1550 Centennial \$494 000	48200 Royal Pointe \$406 000	28717 Warren \$405 000	14100 Merriman \$160 000	11542 Waverly \$175 000	8226 Huntington \$73 000
1588 Centennial \$547 000	756 Sandalwood \$405 000	29622 Windsor \$281 000	33003 Middleboro \$170 000	180 000	33536 Lancashire \$174 000
7660 Charrington \$258 000	8276 Sandpiper \$281 000	29645 Windsor \$200 000	11060 M Iburn \$157 000	18235 Brady \$157 000	613 Lansdowne \$206 000
386 Charterhouse \$169 000	42217 Saratoga \$190 000	9075 Adams \$205 000	9059 Montana \$195 000	16641 Central Ave \$195 000	1711 Leslie \$135 000
42291 Chase \$292 000	42225 Saratoga \$190 000	36616 Angel ne \$350 000	37932 N Laurel Park \$205 000	8888 Dale \$138 000	1443 Lillian \$110 000
1675 Christopher \$153 000	44781 Seabrook \$350 000	19644 Antago \$302 000	14078 Nola \$174 000	25939 Dover \$235 000	30501 Lonnie \$138 000
663 Concord \$218 000	703 Sorel \$302 000	14748 Arden \$149 000	34745 P netree \$221 000	16576 Garfield \$211 000	34273 Marquette \$165 000
209 Dartmouth \$259 000	46261 Spinning Wheel \$269 000	14761 Auburndale \$176 000	20109 R verside \$176 000	19627 Garfield \$225 000	37744 Marquette \$212 000
39673 Dorchester \$306 000	47752 Torrington \$423 000	29840 Barkley \$171 000	30878 Robert \$197 000	16625 Glenmore \$390 000	30080 Marshall \$212 000
2087 Fairway \$216 000	1195 Tradition \$171 000	32755 Barkley \$450 000	31653 Saint Martins \$184 000	9641 Grayfield \$175 000	7834 Moonwood \$256 000
9497 Forrest \$189 000	48227 Wadebridge \$547 000	9108 Beatrice \$236 000	31634 Scone \$120 000	11338 Hemingway \$158 000	8310 N Henry Ruff \$138 000
43568 Gatehouse \$275 000	7704 Wheaton \$258 000	38212 Bloomfield \$240 000	9811 Seltzer \$270 000	19940 Indian \$210 000	6120 N Parent \$130 000
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7343 Green Meadow \$215 000	42291 Chase \$292 000	15956 Brentwood \$157 000	18723 Southampton \$189 000	225 000	30680 Nelson \$217 000
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219 Harvard \$254 000	32425 Alvin \$156 000	9231 Cal forma \$88 000	18067 University Park \$187 000	13031 Nathalie \$285 000	1414 Shoemaker \$116 000
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	29896 Bridge \$200 000	11732 Farmington \$153 000	11876 Beacon Hill \$200 000	9990 Virgil \$182 000	1631 Westchester \$122 000
	28690 Cambridge \$130 000	11740 Farmington \$137 000	1650 Cassidy Place \$208 000	15538 Wakenden \$182 000	6251 White Oak \$184 000
	29050 Dawson \$165 000	11758 Farmington \$137 000	15006 Garden \$157 000	15498 Winston \$435 000	
	29745 Dawson \$117 000	16948 Farmington \$117 000		15378 Woodbine \$359 000	
	33628 Donnelly \$160 000	15006 Garden \$157 000		2096 Alberta \$335 000	
	31762 Dover \$171 000				

New Web site designed especially for home builders

PRNewswire - Houseplans, Inc., a leading supplier of ready-to-build house plans on-line, has launched its ProHouseplans.com Web site. This new Web site, designed exclusively for residential home builders and contractors, provides the largest on-line catalog of stock house plans in the US and Canada. It also provides features and services sought after by builders, including advanced plan search, saved plan collections, builder-friendly pricing, and no-hassle purchasing options.

"We are delighted to offer this on-line service to the large homebuilder community," said Marvin Mauer, CEO of Houseplans, Inc. "We are confident this builder-friendly Web site will be a hit with residential contractors who want to select plans from the largest house plan collection available on-line and then purchase, knowing they are getting a fair price and quality service. In the near future, we will add features to this Web site of additional value to builders including construction cost estimating, plan design changes, plan reproduction services, and builder-owner design sharing forums," added Mauer.

ABOUT HOUSEPLANS, INC.
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Downtown Plymouth apartment building with good off street parking. Very little exterior maintenance and a good rental history. Four-one bedroom units available. \$249 900 (318BL)



AFFORDABLE LUXURY
Fabulous colonial in Central Park Estates with 4 spacious bedrooms formal living & dining family room w/fireplace neutral décor and designer touches make this home easy to love. \$399 900 (803GR)



ROOM TO ROAM
Beautiful colonial with a spacious and totally updated interior. New oak kitchen family room w/fireplace newer windows furnace roof carpet air and a finished basement. 2.5 car garage. 3 beds 2.5 baths. \$199,900 (192SE)



DELIGHTFULLY DIFFERENT
Exceptional colonial with 4BR/3 BA 9 ft ceilings granite & maple kitchen luxury master 3 car garage complete appliances pkg sprinkler sys & much more. If you're looking for something beyond the norm call today! \$489 900 (483BU)



BRAND NEW! Lowest priced new construction colonial in the Plymouth Canton school district! Inviting entry 9 ft ceilings oak kitchen w/island great room w/oak fireplace nice master and a wooded backdrop. \$224 900 (556W)



PERFECT START. It's all here! 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths basement roomy kitchen and a huge 30x10 master. All of the important updates have been completed. Pleasant rear yard. \$129 900 (562IN)



OPPORTUNITY ABOUNDS.
Gorgeous ranch condo that was the model home. Vaulted ceilings oak kitchen ceramic floors & paver patio! Huge bath with dual sinks, private lav & jacuzzi tub. \$124,900 (433KI)



COMMERCIAL PROPERTY
Great Canton location off of Michigan Ave for easy access to the main roads. 2 lots w/the building currently being used as a landscaping and an excavating business. Zoned light industrial. \$128 900 (258CO)



COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY
Wonderful ranch in Huron school district. Plenty of cabinets in kitchen w/deep sink & spacious breakfast nook. Master suite w/WIC & jetted tub. Home is located on 2.79 acres. \$234 900 (433CA)



NORTHVILLE HILLS GOLF CLUB
Superb Toll built 2 story with 4BR/3.5BA. Fully loaded w/maple floors 9 ft ceilings stone fireplace granite & maple chef's kitchen solarium room exquisite mstr w/lux bath zoned heating & cooling. Best value in the sub! \$659,000 (837SP)



ALL IT TAKES. Is a little imagination to create over 5 000 sq ft of beauty & insightful design. Priv owned 17 acre wooded park w/2 ponds shared by 6 homes. Extensive landscaping 3 fireplaces dual staircases 10 ceilings & attention to detail. \$949 900 (840VA)



DRAMATIC ENTRY
With palatial windows & spiral staircase. Dual sided epic in the family room sunroom skylights corner 5 person hot tub luxury master 4 bay windows & extensive use of Brazilian tile. \$499 900 (242WA)




LOVELY 5 ACRE RANCH
Spectacular 5 BR ranch with a finished walkout basement and den. Formal dining room family room 3 baths 2 fireplaces and more. All on a quiet street with lots of room for a large family. \$484 900 (150HA)



OVER HALF AN ACRE
3 bedroom Cape cod in Plymouth on a tree lined street with many important updates. Newer kitchen some windows roof shingles & more. Huge FR w/nice view basement and garage. \$287 500 (780HA)



QUAINT PLYMOUTH CHARM
1924 charmer with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths situated on a tree line street. Newer roof and windows original Cherry woodwork and main level bedroom. Walk to downtown. \$282,900 (861W)



LET'S TALK
About owning a home rather than renting. It's easy to start in this 3 bedroom home with updated windows partially finished basement vinyl siding large wood deck fenced yard and appliances. Close to parks and schools. \$114 500 (085MI)



BREATH OF FRESH AIR
Enjoy peaceful country living in this 2001 contemporary in desirable location. Special features include volume ceilings main fir mstr neutral décor formal dining & skylights. 1 acre parcel on a cul-de-sac. \$369 900 (870SC)



SHARP CANTON COLONIAL
This home has 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths & many desirable features. Family room 1st floor laundry formal dining professionally finished basement. Maintenance free exterior deck & sprinklers. \$274 900 (371RE)



MAPLES OF NOVI
Sharp 3 bedroom 2.5 bath condo offering ceramic & hardwood floors, crown moldings vaulted ceilings fireplace cedar deck partially finished w/workout room & plumbed for a bath plus an attached 2 car garage. \$224 900 (363CC)



TASTEFULLY UPDATED
Just move in and enjoy this 4 BR Canton Colonial. Newer Andersen windows newer furnace, HWH roof flooring and paint. Updated kitchen & baths. Fenced yard with private patio & deck garage & shed. \$229 900 (175DU)



WONDERFUL COUNTRY AREA
This 3 bedroom ranch is close to all sports. White lake and enjoys lake privileges on Duck Lake! Nice open floor plan with a beautifully remodeled oak kitchen. Fresh paint & many updates. \$134 900 (890CL)



ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!
Prime lot backs up to a commons. Beautiful 3 bedroom home with a huge 1st floor master finished basement with an office entertainment area & guest room. Family room w/fireplace & doorwalk to the patio. \$209,900 (609BR)



CANTON CHARM
Totally updated 3BR/2 BA ranch! Updated w/apples furnace windows & roof shingles. Fresh paint inside & out. Neutral carpet nice finished basement w/wet bar and luxury bath. 2 car garage and screened in porch. \$187 500 (592CH)



WOODED SETTING
Fantastic lot to build your dream home! Private wooded setting for walkout building plans in an area where you can appreciate the beauty of nature and quality homes. Close to Salem Hills Golf Course. \$129 900 (860PL)




AWESOME TOWNHOUSE CONDO
Neat and clean condo w/updated windows kitchen flooring furnace roof & carpet! Master with his/hers closets basement w/rec room and the newer apps will remain. Seller says BRING YOUR OFFER. \$126 900 (012NO)



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME!
3 lots available. 2.5 acres each, one lot is a walkout. 2,400 sq ft minimum to build. Gas & electric. Saine schools. Can build a pole barn on all 3 lots. \$129 900 (400PE)



LOVELY PLYMOUTH CONDO.
Everything has been done for you to move right into this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Finished basement fireplace patio and deck. All appliances stay in the maple kitchen. Amenities include pool & clubhouse! \$182 000 (413WO)



LINCOLN PARK COLONIAL.
Cathedral oak kitchen w/ceramic floor. New doors recessed lights Barber carpet t/o ceramic tile updated bath elec & plumbing furn, C/A roof shingles w/tear off roof vinyl siding & trim on house & garage. \$129 500 (607DE)

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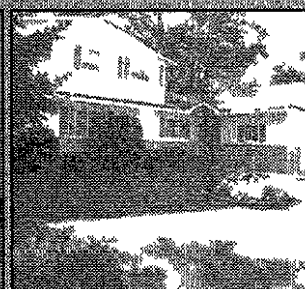

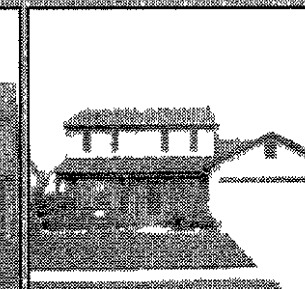
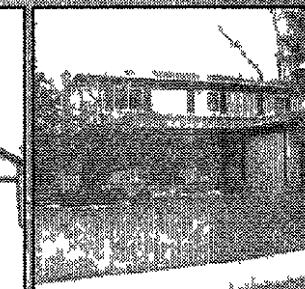
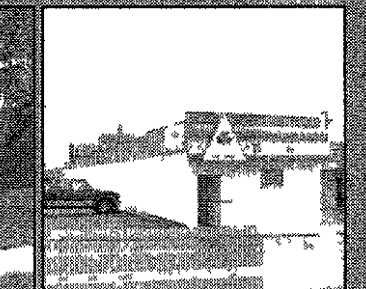







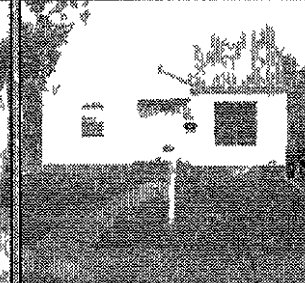
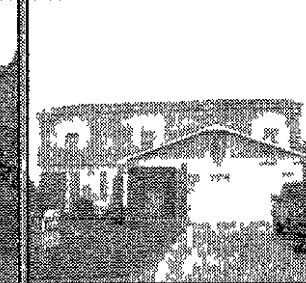


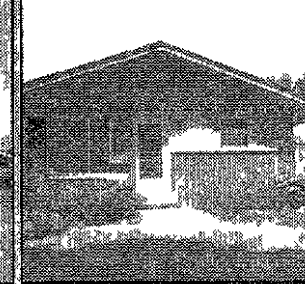




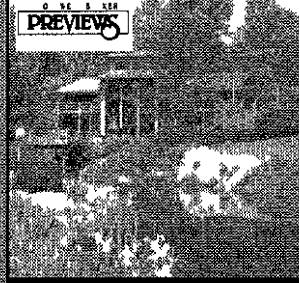

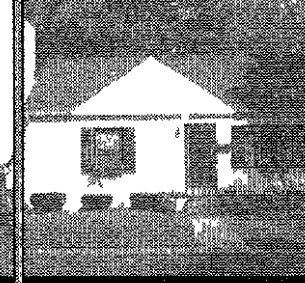

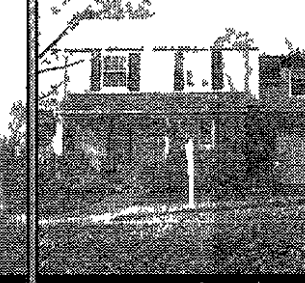
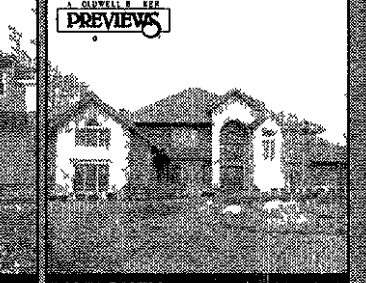


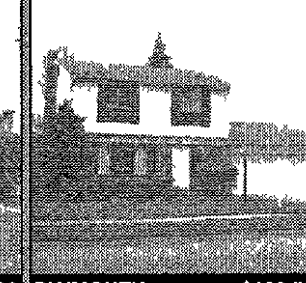
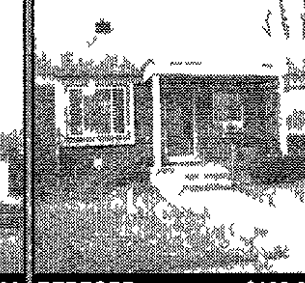
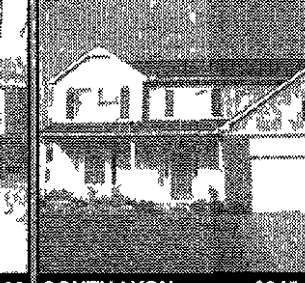
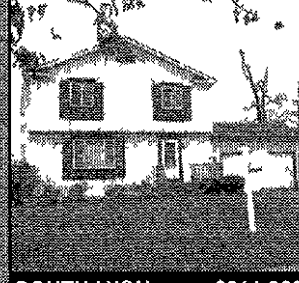
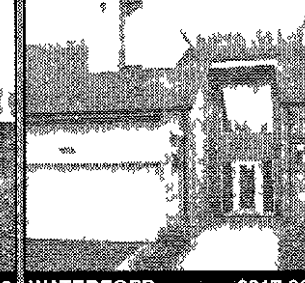
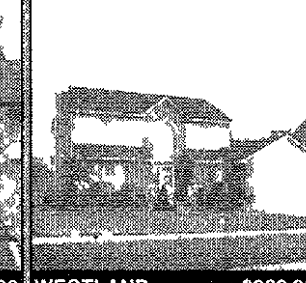
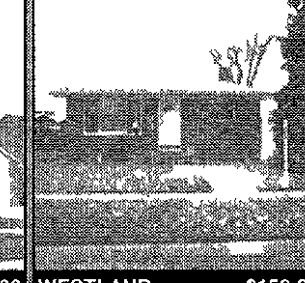

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3000-3190 Real Estate For Sale. POLICY section regarding advertising rules.

Birmingham 3050. JUST LISTED! WALK TO DOWNTOWN! Lovely 3 bdrm bungalow w/ updated kitchen...

Clawson 3095. CLAWSON NEW HOMES. Approx 1500 sq ft 3 bedrooms. 2 1/2 baths open floor plan...

Farmington Hills 3145. JUST LISTED! ELEGANT RANCH. Professionally decorated! 3 Bdrm 1 1/2 bath living room with fireplace...

Howell 3230. JUST LISTED! WARM & COZY 3 bedroom home with hardwood flooring thru out! Newer kitchen window and 2 1/2 car garage...

Livonia 3250. CHARLOTTE JACUNSKI Livonia Homes (734) 377 3282. Stevenson High \$129 900! 2 Bdrm home on 56x183 wooded lot...

Livonia 3250. ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS HERE! Inviting updated 3 bedroom ranch situated on a half acre in Livonia's award winning school district!

3900-3980 Commercial/Industrial. List of properties for sale or lease.

Brighton/Howell 3080. Builders close out! Only 3 lots remain! Your plans or ours! Great location w/sewers, side walks...

Birmingham 3050. JUST LISTED! WALK TO DOWNTOWN! Lovely 3 bdrm bungalow w/ updated kitchen renovated bath & ref finished hardwood floors...

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3000-3990 Real Estate For Sale. Open Houses section with details on various properties.

Berkley 3047. JUST LISTED! IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! On huge 280' deep lot sharp 3 bdrm ranch Dining room w/ built in hutch Kitchen w/ oak cabinets...

Birmingham 3050. JUST LISTED! HURRY OVER TO SEE THIS Nicely decorated colonial Many updates french doors leading out to a private backyard & common pool tennis courts...

Farmington Hills 3145. JUST LISTED! IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY On 5 acre lot 3 bdrm 2 bath cape cod within walking distance of historic downtown Farmington Living & dining rooms Kitchen w/ appliances Deck & patio 2 Car garage Many updates \$216 500 (LA229)

Farmington Hills 3145. JUST LISTED! CUL DE SAC LOT For 1997 Built 2 419 sq ft 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath brick color mtl Living/ dining room combo Family room w/ fireplace island kitchen w/ hardwood floors Luxury master ste w/ glamour bath 1st Floor laundry Bsmr Appliances stay Paver patio Immediate occupancy \$320 000 (PA237)

Farmington Hills 3145. SPOTLESS 3 BEDROOM Brick ranch w/ updated kitchen & bath finished bsmt 2 car garage \$156 000

Livonia 3250. BUCKINGHAM VILLAGE 3 BDRM BRICK RANCH Many important updates partly finished basement & 2 car garage Best price in area! \$179 000 (20ARC) CENTURY 21 ROW (734) 464 7111

Livonia 3250. LIVONIA 1200 sq ft 3 bdrm 2 bath brick ranch w/2 car gar & prf fin bsmt Newer roof C/A & HWH Remodeled bath w/dbl sink family rm w/replace doorwall to covered patio Very clean!

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Livonia 3250

JUST LISTED! HAVE IT ALL 4 bdrm 2.5 bath colonial w/dining room updated kitchen family room w/fire place 1st floor laundry 2 car garage & finished bsmt \$284,900 Charlotte Jaccuski (734) 377-3282 Century 21 Row 734 464 7111

LIVONIA RANCH! 3 bedroom 1.5 bath Many updates Bsmt & garage \$184,900 GREAT STARTER! Charming 2 bdrm ranch w/ fireplace & garage \$109,900 Century 21 Towne Pride (734) 328 2803 www.century21townepride.com

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JUST LISTED! SHARP CONTEMPORARY with open floor plan 3 bdrm 2.5 bath Great room w/fireplace 1 1/2 kitchen w/harry cabinets Pergo floors & appliances Lower level family room Bsmt Garage Prime private lot \$269,900 (PE157) Century 21 Today 734 462 9800 www.century21today.com

JUST LISTED! WELL MAINTAINED 3 Bdrm brick ranch finished bsmt oversized garage Newer windows furnace & more \$172,000 (20HAT) CENTURY 21 ROW (734) 464 7111

WESTERN LIVONIA RANCH 3 Bdrm ranch 1.5 bath 2 car attached garage on cul de sac Remodeled kitchen & bath Newer windows Move in condition Clean! \$194,900 734 751 1319

WHY BUY NEW? Stunning 3 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial in friendly Castle Gardens Sub. opens like a model! Sunny Florida room professionally finished basement attached garage \$224,000 248 887 6900 FIRST AMERICAN

JUST LISTED! 3 ACRES OF WOODS & HILLS Surround 3,600 sq ft country estate Updated 3 bdrm 3.5 bath colonial w/finished walk out bsmt Living room dining room family room w/fireplace & office w/private entry Kitchen w/nook adjoins deck Security gate Immediate occupancy \$474,900 (GA275) Century 21 Today (248) 855 2000 www.century21today.com

JUST LISTED! PHEASANT HILLS 5 Bdrm colonial w/ nearly 4,300 sq ft. Open floor plan Walk out lower level Kitchen w/ all appliances Library Family room w/ fireplace Huge utility area 3 Car garage \$569,000 (MC938) Century 21 Today 734 462 9800 www.century21today.com

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BY OWNER 1991 red brick colonial wooded lot w/mature trees 4 bdrm 2 1/2 baths many updates appliances incl \$235,900 248 391 4552

Plymouth 3347

GORGEOUS LOT 3200 sqft + 1200 sqft finished walk out 5 bdrm 5 bath Colonial \$659,000 (734) 414 0446

PLYMOUTH Unique historic 4 bdrm 2.5 bath c 1870 is wonderfully restored with antique charm Picket fence carriage house & playhouse 2 acres New mechanicals & roof \$465,000 Marilyn Parkinson 734 747 7777 eves 734 944 3722 Charles Reinhart Co Realtors #2410357

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1920 s English Tudor on 3 lots! Built in bookcases crown moldings extensive updating Basement w/office 2 car garage Must see! \$265,000 (57HOW) CENTURY 21 ROW (734) 464 7111

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GREAT BUY! 3.4 Bdrms 1.5 bath ranch w/ updated roof windows plumbing & carpet Lg finished bsmt w/ 4th bdrm & glass block windows 2 Car garage Home warranty \$119,900 (WA184) Century 21 Today 734 462 9800 www.century21today.com

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LARGE LOT Surrounds beautiful 3 bdrm 1.5 bath brick colonial Spacious kitchen opens to family room w/fireplace Partially finished bsmt Deck Fenced yard \$229,900 (LE666) Century 21 Today 248 647 8888 www.century21today.com

GREAT WAY TO START! FHA/VA terms! Renovated 3 bdrm 1 bath ranch w/ fenced yard & 2.5 car garage Tons of updates Must see \$114,900 CENTURY 21 PREMIER (734) 453-4300

West Bloomfield 3440

MORE THAN 1/4 END OF CUL-DE-SAC Great home to enter 3 bdrm 2.5 bath Master suite 1.2 walk in closets dress area vanity 2 sinks Jacuzzi shower custom built-in 2nd bdrm walk in closet Many updates Home warranty \$219,000

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Must be exp have own tools & transportation Immediate positions available Benefits Call btwn 10 3 734 341 8858

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Part time Plymouth Equipment Rental Call Mark (734) 981 0240

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My nail tech is moving and the clientele is waiting Great pay Livonia/Westland area 248 349 0256

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Exp Part to full time Interior designs abilities helpful Plymouth area 734-454 9222

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Days part time Experience preferred Call for details (734) 578 5920

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Experience required for a growing home care agency Exc wages & benefits 1 800 968 8195

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Livonia seafood distributor seeks person for sanitation and walk in freezer work 6 day work week with overtime Early morning start Position pays \$9/hour 734 425 5748

SERVICE PARTS PICKER/PACKER

Full time Temporary Position Service Parts Picker/Packer needed for 3 to 4 months to pack and pack parts in busy service parts department of manufacturing firm for delivery to customers Must be high school grad with good math skills and basic computer knowledge Send resume to Diamond Systems Attn H R Dept 23400 Haggerty Road Farmington Hills MI 48335 www.diamondsystem.com Equal Opportunity Employer

SET UP/ DISPLAY, SALES

for bridal promotion company Livonia area Light travel Hourly plus commission Part/full time Eves & week ends required Please fax resume to (734) 422 8640

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CORT Furniture Rental has an opening for a Showroom Consultant in Novi location Candidate will have at least 1 year of retail/customer service experience self motivated organized and multi tasking CORT offers competitive base salary in the mid \$20k range and unlimited commission plan flexible benefits 401(K) educational expense reimbursement and employee discount Email confidential resume AND salary requirement to jwette.ferguson@cort.com or call (734) 262 0112 EEO/AA/MP/DF/DV

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\$75/hr & up! Must have own truck w/plow Quick pay Call Mike 734 817 6453

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KLEIMAN CARNAY & GREENBAUM one of the leading Certified Public Accounting firms in Southeastern Michigan is looking for an individual with general computer skills to provide internal administrative support Knowledge in Word Excel and general data entry required Be part of a group that since 1971 has been providing quality service to our clients while maintaining a commitment to our staff and community Excellent compensation package available Please send resume to attention of KCG Employment 31500 Northwestern Hwy Suite 150 Farmington Hills MI 48334

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For small chemical company good communication & computer skills salary negotiable Please email resume to sales@chemsol.com

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Fast growing Wixom based co seeks part time clerical person General office duties Fax resume 248 926 4365

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Personal injury attorney 15 hrs/wk Bingham Farms (248) 594 0009

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Downtown Detroit law firm with general practice Emphasis on commercial and real estate transactions bankruptcy and probate Minimum of 2 years experience Email resume to bsmson@skszpc.com or mail to Hiring Partner 422 W Congress Suite 350 Detroit MI 48226

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MENTAL HEALTH MEDICAL BILLER

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DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR/PART-TIME

Valassis one of Fortunes Top 100 Companies To Work For in the US has an opening for a part time department coordinator Responsibilities include managing departmental invoices and processes the coordination of our project request system Applicants should possess intermediate skills in all Microsoft programs excellent written and verbal communication skills and the ability to work independently Applicants should apply via our web site at www.valassis.com

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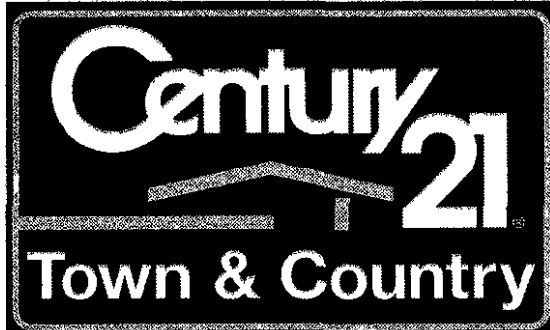
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READY TO MOVE IN canalfront home on all sports Cass Lk Beaut deck for entertaining 3 BRs Fla rm updt FR w/frpic Grt cottage or hm 24141202 \$239 900
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SPRAWLING RANCH WITH LAKE PRIVILEGES Shows like a model! 1st flr laundry white kitchen skylights Library Finished lower level w/BRs bath Deck overlooks woods 4 BRs 3 full BAs White Horse Lk privileges 24145606 \$225 000
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- SOUTHFIELD**
SPACIOUS QUAD FRIC of room to roam in this great family home located in a quiet neighborhood of Southfield Hardwood floors under the carpet and a eat in kitchen A must see 24144317 \$223 900
248 644-4700
- WATERFRONT**
ALMOST NEW CUSTOM BUILT 3 bedroom/ 2 1/2 BA colonial Lake privileges on Cass Lake Gorgeous kitchen w/islnd & maple cabinets Great room vaulted ceiling Master suite w/BA This one is a 10! 24146796 \$219 900
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COZY LOVING OLDER HOME! A rare find! One of Lathrup s great older homes with quality & detail not found in newer homes Lrg eat in kitchen w/bay and much more 3 BRs 1 1/2 BAs 2 frpics & lrg dbl lot 24109881 PC251032 \$219 000
248 644-4700
- WATERFRONT**
GREAT SUB W/SIDEWALKS & NATURE PRESERVES Island kitchen overlooks great room w/gas fireplace 1st floor laundry 4 spacious bedrooms w/good closet space Home is situated on large lot in middle of sub 24114302 \$215 000
248-851-4100
- SOUTHFIELD**
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248-723-0055
- ROYAL OAK**
COMPLETELY UPDATED & PRICED TO SELL! Updated 3BR 2 BA cozy 2 story home Newer kitchen w/applincs ceramic foyer hwd flrs open fr plan Updated baths jetted tub Party fin bsmt Enjoy front and rear decks! 24116860 \$209 900
248 851 1900
- NOVI**
GORGEOUS BRICK RANCH 3 bedrooms 2 baths New kitchen cabinets conan counters stainless steel appliances and much more Enjoy subdivision pool clubhouse and lake 24080392 \$209 900
248 851 4100
- FERDALE**
MAKE THIS HOUSE YOUR CASTLE! Att col in trendy Ferndale 50x152 lot w/mature trees Spa tub brand new carpet new floor in kitchen Needs a little TLC 349 6200 24125470 \$209 000
248-348-6430
- WALLED LAKE**
3 BEDROOM NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO in resort like community Still time to pick out some selections Across the street from Walled Lake Beautiful inside and out! 24141508 \$207 495
248 851-4100
- FARMINGTON HILLS**
CAREFREE RELAXED LIFESTYLE CAN BE YOURS 2 BRs 2 BAs Tiled entry Open fr plan MBR w/WIC Eat in kit Spacious LR w/gas FP Formal DR 1st flr Indry Full bsmt Brck paver patio 349 6200 24089471 \$199 500
248-348-6430
- WALLED LAKE**
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Beautiful 2 BR 2 full BA condo Includes all applincs gas frpic att gar maple kitchen cabinets ceramic tile baths Lakeside living + pool clubhouse commons 24141754 \$195 950
248-851-4100
- COMMERCE**
MINT CONDITION 3 bedroom home Pergo floors first floor laundry two car attached garage Totally updated with lots of storage Walled Lake schools 24138722 \$194 000
248-363-8300
- HIGHLAND**
BRICK HOME DUCK LAKE PRIVILEGES! Meticulously maintained home large lot! Spacious living room and family room with fireplace Nice kitchen with eating area and doorwall to deck 24113365 \$193 900
248 684 1065
- WATERFRONT**
RELIVE MEMORIES OF THE PAST! Updt 1901 farmhouse w/4 BR 2 BA on huge lot! Updates incl rd kitchen baths A/C H2O htr win dows & more! 2 car det heated gar w/bonus rm plus shed 349 6200 24101833 \$189 900
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WHAT A GREAT VALUE! 3 BRs 2 baths w/Troy schls Large rm sizes & lot Updated kitchen 24121670 \$180 000
248 813-4900
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LOVELY RANCH Home features a natural frpic in FR Fin bsmt large fenced backyard w/ patio att garage 24106051 \$179 900
248 723-0055
- WEST BLOOMFIELD**
SELLER SAYS MUST SELL! CHECK COMPS! Fantastic ranch unit Prvt entrance front deck overlooks city MBR w/WIC full BA LR has frpic recessed fls Newer Pergo fr in kit w/ eating area Fin bsmt 24134997 \$178 900
248 851-4100
- ROCHESTER HILLS**
3 BR/2 1/2 BA Streamwood condo Newer refing water heater humidifier & gar door opener Applincs/ceiling fans incld Backs to commons community pool/tennis ALL187 \$178 900
248 652 6500
- FARMINGTON HILLS**
CONDO IN CROSSWINDS Lovely ranch end unit great prvt loc Perfect move in condition Fresh paint dramatic cth clngs Cal closet in MBR & gorgeous fin bsmt All appl 349 6200 24129415 \$175 000
248 348-6430
- SOUTHFIELD**
BRIGHT AND AIRY COLONIAL Priced right colonial w/updated kit w/all applincs Updt baths w/newer flooring Newer roof and windows 24130383 \$175 000
248 723-0055
- INKSTER**
SPACIOUS 3 BR 3 1/2 BA BRK RANCH on 3 lots FR w/frpic LR DR library & mstr ste w/ jacuzzi Finished lower level with recreation room 2 car attached garage 24107479 \$175 000
248 851-4100
- SOUTHFIELD**
SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH! Great for first time buyers Updts incld newer roof gutters wndws furnace plumbing flr & a/c Top of the line sec sys All appliances incld Florida rm Hm Wrmtly 24124451 PC250802 \$173 900
248-644-4700
- WATERFRONT**
GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR BUYERS! Newer 3 BR colonial, large eat in kitchen, open floor plan Walkout bsmt has doorwall to patio AC plenty of storage Close to Waterford rec area parks 24106049 \$170 000
248 851 1900
- ROCHESTER HILLS**
GREAT LOCATION! 3 BR condo 2 car gar All appliances Neutral decor Gas fireplace Fin LL w/full bath Pool & clubhouse Close to J 75 & new mall RIR12 \$169 900
248-652-6500
- SOUTHFIELD**
DESIRABLE CRANBROOK VILLAGE Beautiful ranch on spacious lot Updated kitchen w/all appliances to stay Newer roof furnace & windows including glass block in basement 24143589 \$169 900
248-723-0055
- ROYAL OAK**
VERY NICE NORTH ROYAL OAK RANCH 3 BRs with att gar on large lot Open floor plan with hwd floor New kitchen and updated bath Must see! END24096204 \$169 000
248-851-4100
- SOUTHFIELD**
SPACIOUS TOWNHOUSE Ownership with pride as this 3 BR 2 BA townhouse shows Nestled in a quiet area but close to freeways shopping and schools 24122742 \$167 900
248 644 4700
- WEST BLOOMFIELD**
UPPER STRAITS LK PRIVILEGES Grt mch w/ extensive decking and views of lk pool Walled Lake schools Very nice 24119974 \$165 000
248 363 8300
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4 BR COLONIAL Priced below market value for quick sale Huge kit w/all applincs to stay Doorwall to decking full bsmt Newer Walled wndws Hwd flr fenced yard 24107361 \$163 899
734 591 9200
- SOUTHFIELD**
LARGEST CONDO IN CHELSEA CROSSING Spacious 3 BR 2 1/2 BA 2 story and unit W/wooded yard eat in kit 1st flr indry all applincs Mstr suite has his/hers WIC New roof 2 car carport Very motivated! 24116888 \$159 900
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- ROCHESTER HILLS**
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248 652-6500
- TROY**
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248 813 4900
- DETROIT**
KING SIZE COMFORT Fabulous 5 BR w/hwd flrs updated kit w/granite countertops recessed tile ceramic flrs Decks on lower/ upper levels This home is immaculate 24131719 \$145 000
313 273 0800
- WESTLAND**
RANCH ON CORNER LOT Great starter home on corner lot with 2 1/2 car garage Screened porch Sprinkler system Finished basement Privacy fenced A great buy! 24146504 \$144 900
248 851 1900
- SOUTHFIELD**
GREAT FAMILY HOME Nice ranch w/updated kitchen spacious family room newer capeting throughout 24127560 \$143 900
248 723 0055
- SOUTHFIELD**
SPACIOUS CONDO W/2 FULL BATHS Updtd kit w/applincs to stay Both baths are also updated w/ceramic flrs 2 space carport at the door 24142687 \$143 200
248-723-0055
- FARMINGTON HILLS**
FABULOUS TOWNHOUSE CONDO w/private 2 story 2 BR 1 1/2 BA townhouse w/br/watv entry AC pool tennis courts Great location 24104515 \$139 900
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- OAK PARK**
MOVE RIGHT IN & UNPACK that is all you have to do This ranch has Hanson windows throughout formal DR & a rec rm in fin bsmt 24132368 \$139 900
248 723 0055
- DETROIT**
BEAUTIFUL RUSSELL WOODS COLONIAL Large LR & DR stunning custom window treatments Updated kit w/breakfast bar Fin bsmt new roof add'l rm could be den/BR nat'l frpic Move in condition 24044953 \$139 900
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- PONTIAC**
NEW 2 BEDROOM/2 1/2 BATH TOWNHOUSE in area of much new construction Fully carpeted all kitchen appliances attached garage and full private basement 24140115 \$136 900
248-851-4100
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TERRIFIC CHOICE Clean and neat 2 BRs nice size kit full bsmt new siding vinyl windows new roof and kit cabinets Close to park A must see! 349 6200 24116701 \$129 900
248 348 6430
- BLOOMFIELD HILLS**
UPDATED CONDO Quiet location w/courtyard views Updtd kit BAs plus newer wndws furn A/C Wshn/dryer in unit Bloomfield Hills schools 24091239 \$124 900
248 644-4700
- REDFORD**
CUTE 3 BR BUNGALOW Lots of updates nwr vinyl siding remold bath furn C/A vinyl wndws front & side doors Fin bsmt w/gas flpic 2 car gar Nice kit 24136799 \$123 424
248-851-4100
- FARMINGTON HILLS**
COMFORTABLE COZY & GLISTENING CLEAN! Freshly painted 2 BR 1 BA New since 2000 furn h2o htr crpt kit and bath fr gar dr and door Dbl lot 349-6200 24118754 \$118 000
248-348-6430
- BLOOMFIELD HILLS**
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248-644-4700
- HAZEL PARK**
YOU WON'T HAVE TO DO A THING Totally renovated 2 BR/1 full bath Newer kit w/cer tiles study new electric plumbing windows Immaculate GEO103 \$98 000
248-652-6500
- FARMINGTON HILLS**
WOW! GORGEOUS CONDO IN POPULAR INVERRARY Updates galore incld kit beautiful bath flopping windows All applincs + washer & dryer in unit 24123275 \$89 900
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women seeking men

LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL
n a SBM 38-50 + 190+ Must be honest and laid back I enjoys movies going out walks nice conversation d n g more **2531635**

VERY CUTE
SBF 30 5'8" 140lbs homeowner college-educated down to earth no kids SWM 30-42 for possible LTR **2510428**

LOST IN MICHIGAN
SBPF 29 55 190lbs no children never married very attractive easygoing laid back loves travel Looking for sincere open-minded laid-back male who has his stuff together **2522089**

RING MY BELL
SWF 35 full figured Sagittarius, smoker enjoys kids pets camping living up North Seeking SW/M 36-50 for friendship possible romance **2438329**

SEARCHING
Sexy attractive SBPF 33 51 145lbs brown complexion curly hair enjoys movies dining ISO her soulmate a compatible SBM 45-55 possible marriage **2508955**

BIG, BOLD BEAUTIFUL
Attractive voluptuous SBF 33 N/S beautiful smile seeks single man 21 50 who is adventurous spontaneous interested in dating **2511305**

WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE
SBF 27 Capricorn smoker 5 stable financially secure seeking a SM 25-45 who is stable and knows what he wants in life **2531401**

ATTRACTIVE PRINCESS
seeks knight SBF 25 5 desires SBM 25-35 for possible LTR must be ambitious enjoys pets long walks sports be employed and full of possibility **2530839**

MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES
SWF 51 411 155lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50-62 for friendship first, possible LTR **2530393**

LOVES TO DANCE
Tall brunette very attractive 5'9 long black/green looking for an available SWM 53-70 5'10+ who loves to dance also **2531151**

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF 19 55 brown complexion thick student like weekend gets away sun on fresh air out of town, romance flowers Seeking caring compassionate considerate commitment minded man to share the good things in life **2520419**

LET'S COMMUNICATE
Active affectionate SBF enjoys dining out movies plays concerts traveling Seeking honest go out guy SWM 55-70 with similar interests for companionship **25413506**

TOO MUCH JOY
Charming SBF 53 loves to have fun in the kitchen catches all the latest movies, has good time no matter what ISO like-minded SBM 48-56 **2279840**

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**

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE
SBF tall med build N/S who enjoys music traveling comedy shows seeks man 45-55 Nicks NS outgoing affectionate stable for LTR **2447476**

TAKING IT
SWF 52 52 190lbs youthful looking shoulder length hair brown/brown love motorcycles James Taylor d'ring seek SWM 48-59 **2530084**

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE
SWFF 57 long brown hair looking for an educated man 35-55 who likes politics reading and going to movies **2529129**

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR?
28-year-old SJF fun various interests enjoys sports comedy movies and more seeking SWM 25-35 funny sin care honest caring **2501624**

JUST FOR THE LONG-TERM
SBF 30 5'6" 140lbs looking for a guy for the weekend would like to get to know SBM 23-41 w/passion for travel and life **2509782**

SELF-EMPLOYED
Intelligent funny SBF 35 full figured Aries, marriage-minded N/S likes jazz music comedy and action movies Seeking man 29-45 **2523251**

GIVE IT MY ALL
SBF 37 down to earth 5'10 big and beautiful N/Drugs for fun and dating **2572722**

SOMEONE SPECIAL
SBF 42 5'3" 140lbs enjoys film the musicians Seeking handsome passionate active outgoing SBM 45-55 for LTR **2470412**

PRECIOUS ONE
SWF very pretty a young 39 medium dark/green works in medical field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best friend more **2520589**

NOT INTO GAMES
Pettite WF 50s with herpes willing to give it another chance seeks one-on-one relationship with SM Race age unimportant **2405796**

WHERE ARE YOU?
Attractive outgoing honest sexy SBF 32 ISO SM any race 31-37 for relationship I enjoy movies rollerblading comedy clubs bowling etc Serious replies only **2455371**

QUIET QUALIFIED
SBF 47 N/S, attractive shy/wgreat sense of humor enjoys nature skiing plays movies music tries to savor the joy of a moment Seeking BM 42 55 **2460494**

CALL ME
Fun loving affectionate tall SBF 32 enjoys playing cards the outdoors can't wait to dine out living fun seeking SWM 30-60 for dating **2474843**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS
SF 29 likes laugh ng hanging out, having fun Looking for similar SM 38-41 N/S for friendship or more **2510395**

YOU NEED ME
Very attractive young full figured med build SBF 30 5'6" searching for down to earth tall responsible mentally/physically/financially secure male I need you as much as you need me **2519124**

COVAL
SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue professional chef green thumb petite enjoys cooking boating seeks compatible SWM 43-50 N/S for dating and possible relationship **2556732**

ATTN WORKAHOLICS
SWF 39 5'7" 125lbs ISO professional male for friendship possible relationship Not just am candy have opinions feelings don't want perfection just right person **2410965**

LET'S HANG OUT
SF 28 51 135lbs CNA enjoys movies travel hanging out seeking compatible SM 25-45 who shares similar interests **2472592**

SECRETARY OF FUN
SWF 36 Leo N/S blonde/green mothaer of 2 seeks serious hard working SWM 35 35 N/S who is not into bars **2484442**

MAYBE US?
WWF 42 devoted mom 5'7 145lbs seeks handsome child friendly SWM 37-47 who enjoys bowling movies dining out festivals for friendship possible relationship Prefer N/S ND/D-free **2510109**

HAVE FUN AND CHILL
SF 64 250lbs works in medical field seeking a SM who wants to have fun and chill with her **2517112**

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE
Full figured African-American woman attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32-38 to spend quiet evenings I'm carefree love laughter good time concerts plays sporting events traveling and quality time **2290167**

LOST AMAZING BOYFRIEND
SBF 21 53 HPTW He wasn't tall dark or even handsome but he was fun loving house-broke played well Similar? Or know someone like that? I'm a remarkable award **2425838**

JUST LET ME KNOW
Intelligent, caring affectionate DWF 28 5'4" brown/blonde full figured enjoys helping people the outdoors and more Seeking outgoing trustworthy affectionate SWM 24-35 for friendship **2515849**

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB
Financially secure independent SBFC 31 57 160lbs enjoys concerts movies dining quiet times and more Seeking SWM 36-42 for friendship possible romance **2217475**

CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND
SBFC 30 no children seeks goal-oriented SBFC 25-37 no children who is respectful intelligent intellectual and respects women **2519950**

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 **2520724**

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBF 41 45 wishes to meet a king sized SBM 41+ for friendship and companionship **2556520**

SLIM AND PETITE
Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then **2271793**

A LOT TO OFFER
Outgoing SBF 24 56 350lbs professional single employed loves the fun and excitement of festivals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBM **2286633**

A PRECIOUS JEWEL
Very attractive BFF Christian 47 55 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys out doors movies traveling cooking Seek romantic BPM 40-55 financially secure similar interests for LTR **2432793**

FRIENDS FIRST
SBF 26 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**

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE
Sports-oriented BFF 39 two teenage daughters plays cally changed over jazz sports basketball museum parks Seeking SF 28-45 **223080**

LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS
SBF 38 is looking for SW/HAM who is educated fun outgoing adventurous spontaneous laughter and conversation are good things Must be a gentleman **2522598**

OPEN AND HONEST
SF 35 looking for a woman 25-45 for affect on and attention Call lets add some excitement to life! **2424565**

A LOT TO OFFER
SF 31 52 145lbs N/S mother enjoys cooking movies plays having fun Seeking honest fun loving hand some SM 29-45 **2520110**

COVABLE AND SWEET
SBF 30 5'2" brown/brown 170lbs mother working student Libra N/S seeks independent smart BM 35-75 for friendship possible relationship LTR **2437579**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE
No drama no games 45 SBPF rier este concerts plays movies dining and more enjoys having fun seeking S/D/M for LTR **2432000**

ARE WE A MATCH?
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors rollerblading biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SWM 25-30 for LTR **2465784**

YOU WILL LIKE ME
Attractive SWF 66 55 blonde artist fun loving seeks well-groomed SWM 60+ loves cuddling dining out and shar ng life **2272663**

SEARCH NO MORE
Genuine attractive feminine Independent SBF 56 140lbs who enjoys jazz romantic dinners quiet evenings plays nights in seeking honest independent sincere feminine SF 30-42 **2473831**

IT'S ALL GOOD
Cool SBF 31 58" N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19-35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together **2476902**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bowling walks in the park Seeking tall dark, handsome SBM 33-50 **2481293**

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**

HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?
Loving down-to-earth SBF 33 411 180lbs mother N/S ND enjoys bowling shopping movies live entertainment Seeking SBM 32 35 N/S for friend ship possible romance **2529735**

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**

FEELING LIKE A LADY
SWFC honest pleasant long hair 42 no children Likes nature walks travel cooking children feeling like a lady Seeking honest genuine marriage minded S/DWCM **2579655**

GET TO KNOW ME!
SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for working man 28 55 N/S for friendship first **2493192**

EPITOME OF BEAUTY
SBF 19 58 146lbs N/S loves journal st literature writing reading movies Looking for SM 19 34 for possible relationship **2518785**

A LOVE MATCH
SPF 43 travels on business a lot Looking for laid back happy financially secure man 50-60 who needs someone n his life **2508982**

A LOT TO OFFER
Widowed WCF 47 Iian background with grown kids N/S is looking to meet a man 45-50 N/S **2541030**

STILL LOOKING
Attractive tall SBF 48 N/S business woman Enjoys fishing boating movies long walks Seeking 35+ w/same interest N/S **2525043**

LOVELY CULTURED, TRIM
Professional with many interests and fine qualities who loves to dance Seeks tall attractive nately built educated gentleman to share a loving romantic LTR 63-73 **2505899**

RESCUE ME!
SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43-47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman **2408636**

CALL ME!
SF 21 54 140lbs long dark/hazel N/S no children enjoys dining movies working out, bowling Seeking SWM 21-40 N/S **2493973**

SHALL WE DANCE?
SAF 56 411 105lbs desires well-groomed older gentleman 60-75 who loves to dance and travel Growth Point area preferred **2498134**

ROMANTIC LADY
Good looking SWF 65 55 135lbs reddish brown hair humorous likes gardening reading going out to movies Seeking SWM 66 75 5'8-6'2 for companionship possible LTR Ypsilanti area **2503969**

GET TO KNOW THIS
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57 63 for friendship possible LTR **2402995**

NO NONSENSE
Nce-looking active no-nonsense gal seeks good looking active no-nonsense guy 35-49 white or Hispanic C DWPFF young 43 athletic Companionship and fun des red **2448655**

STRIKING
blue eyed blonde Slim sensuous romantic fun caring seeking attractive fit, fun loving male, 47-57 Friendship LTR I enjoy movies walks music hugs, laugh ter quiet times Lets get to know each other **2529332**

DARK EBONY
SBF 42 58 140lbs seeks intelligent gent man 48-60 5'8-5'2" medium buil d or heavyset, for possible relationship **2325993**

AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?
Attractive kind-hearted SBF 44 58 full figured enjoys dining out movies play N/S very tall looking for gentleman 58-63 w/ubate personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more **2455079**

SEMI RETIRED
SF 62 59 slim fit likes jazz concerts symphonies theater travel and outdoors activities Seeking intelligent honest caring humorous gentleman 55 70 with similar interests **2467917**

GOING FISHING
Bat a date! SWF 60 brown hair West Virginia county loves the outdoors color nights by a fire place Let's talk **2466412**

LOVING AND CARING
Independent active outgoing caring down-to-earth SF 46 N/S vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining travel Looking for handsome SW/HAM 45-49 HW proportionate N/S, professional job **2412896**

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?
Spontaneous SWF 61 54 average build happy independent humorous enjoys boating cards, music dining walks travel golf Seeking good-humored SM w/sim lar interests for companionship **2522703**

LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR
Attractive WWF 64 reddish 5'10lbs looking for easygoing well-groomed gentleman 65-70 who enjoys meeting new people **2476455**

A REAL 10
DBF 42 executive very attractive nature transfer to area looking for professional male 35-48 for friendship No blue-collar workers please **2480055**

WARRIOR PRINCESS!
WFF 49 seeks SBPM 38-52 Let's snuggle and make this winter a little milder down I love laughter humor reading and life! **2480978**

CALL ME
If you are a business man 60-70 SWM N/S ND homeowner Interests n home life nature pets alternative medicine sports I'm a SWF 73 white above **2416289**

STILL LIVELY & ATTRACTIVE
SWF 62 N/S very active slim and attractive petite W/LTA man up to 6 HW proportionate I enjoy dancing movies walks dining casinos more **2231338**

BEAUTY AND BRAINS
Hard-working SWF 50 smoker enjoys laughter movies music, conversation and more Seeking healthy trustworthy intelligent SWM 45-60 for friendship maybe more **2292511**

TAKE A CHANCE
BBW blonde/hazel 55 attractive enjoys many things likes SBM If you are 55-65 65+ 250lbs-plus lets talk! **2424144**

GROUND & SEXY
SBF 41 58 HPTW w/ich dren N/S educated good oriented financially secure family oriented good moral character down to earth likes traveling outdoor activities comedy theatre modern dancing Seeks SBM **2418813**

CUTE AND CLASSY
SBF 50+ physically fit enjoys jogging concerts theater quiet evenings Seeking attractive gentleman over 50 with similar interests **2130522**

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5 105lbs w/ing to try just about anything with the right person Seek ng SBM 32 50 for special relationship **2418088**

SEEKING EUROPEAN MAN
Vibrant attractive European SWPF 60 warm hearted and cultured financially independent seeks European soul mate 50-68 **2427594**

AAA YOUR HEART
Lets keep the New Year right Come into my world SBF 45 great smile I'm sure you'll like me **2568679**

ARE YOU THE ONE
DBF 53 HW propoionate outgoing loves the arts plays dancing movies outdoors scen drcs ISO SM D/D free w/similar interests smoker seek a drinker ok No games **2417236**

CONFIDENT OUTGOING
SWF 48 5'10" healthy med uild Sagittarius N/S very family oriented pet owner Seeking easygoing fun loving S/DW/M 38-55 N/S for LTR only **2439340**

FUN-LOVING LADY
SBF 43 Vrgo, smoker loves chocolate seeks fun loving sincere BM 34-56 enjoys conversations companionship **2438719**

MR RIGHT
Are you a tall fit handsome man that could be my Mr Right for a SWF 58 attractive loving fun and lets share life together **2443339**

SWEET SINGLE FEMALE
looking for sweet SM SF 21 dark brown/ brown 5'2" 150lbs tattoos/perc ngs ISO comm tment minded loving kind guy interested n friendship happy seas and a long long term relationship **2452322**

EBONY SEEKS IVORY
DBF 42 53 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40 50 in the Mount Clemens area **2455323**

MAKE ME LAUGH
SBF 45 smoker wants a kind friend ship possibly more w/gentleman 40 who appreciates music travel spending time outdoors **2460269**

VERY OUTGOING
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BY DALE BUSS

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That was particularly the case for last Turkey Day, when I took a 2005 Yukon Denali on the trip for our family of four, plus a small dog. The vehicle was perfect for the trip. Large enough on the outside to ensure a feeling of safety, roomy enough on the inside for everyone to have their own space for the nine-hour ride, powerful enough to respond well to every traffic condition, tight-handling enough even for nimble cone-avoidance maneuvers on the mean streets of Chicago, packed with enough amenities to make the trip reasonably entertaining, and spacious enough in the back to pack not only normal luggage but also bags of Christmas presents and extra duffel-bags full of garb for the family's annual turkey bowl.

True, Yukon Denali is no world beater when it comes to mileage. Packed down with four people, one canine and lots of luggage, the SUV only averaged about 15 to 16 miles a gallon -- even in high-way mileage -- for the whole trip. But as long as gasoline remains below \$2 a gallon, having to make the occasional \$40 stop for a fill-up seemed a small price to pay in order to gain all of the vehicle's other advantages.

Yukon Denali is indeed a "premium" SUV in every way. It's not much to look at on the outside, bearing the distinctive utilitarian style that always has been GMC's calling card (but which was somewhat modified by the appearance of the stylish new

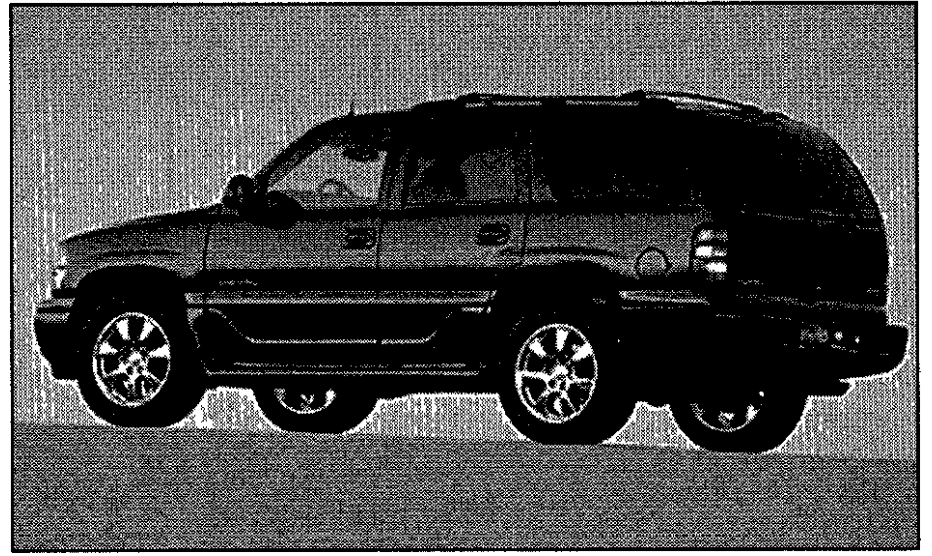
Envoy recently). Yet Denali isn't an ugly vehicle by any means, with some nice organic lines complementing a basic boxiness. And, of course, that boxy shape comes in very handy when you're looking for interior room.

Powered by GM's Vortec 6000 six-liter, V8 engine, which puts out 325 horsepower, Yukon Denali makes drivers and passengers alike feel that they're in good hands. The power-train provides substantial power from the start, of course, and is coupled with the Hydra-Matic four-speed electronic transmission to provide smooth transitions up and down the gear ratio. Cruising at 70 mph on the highway seems effortless.

Fortunately, all that power is controlled by nicely tuned handling, for a family vehicle, and by a suspension system that swallows up unexpected obstacles on the road without feeling like a rolling living room.

Just as fortunately, however, there are aspects of Yukon Denali that do resemble a rolling living room. Seating up front is very ample and comfortable, with several power buttons providing adjustments to both driver's and passenger's sides. The console in the middle is very ample as well, with plenty of holes and slots for just about anything that's looking for space on a trip, including cell phones, sunglasses, drinks, CDs and a box of Kleenex.

And here's where the advantage of boxiness comes in. Unlike some other passenger-haulers,



Yukon Denali is indeed a "Premium" SUV.

such as the Town & Country minivan by Chrysler, space in the front isn't at all tapered, giving driver's and front passenger's legs and everything else plenty of room.

It's difficult even for teenagers on a long trip to get bored in this vehicle. For example, unlike in some other SUVs, even some competitors to Yukon Denali, this vehicle's second-row seats recline significantly, making sleeping from Ann Arbor to Benton Harbor that much easier for rear passengers. Plus, of course, there's the DVD rear-entertainment system. And for passengers who want more "natural" entertainment, there's a sunroof.

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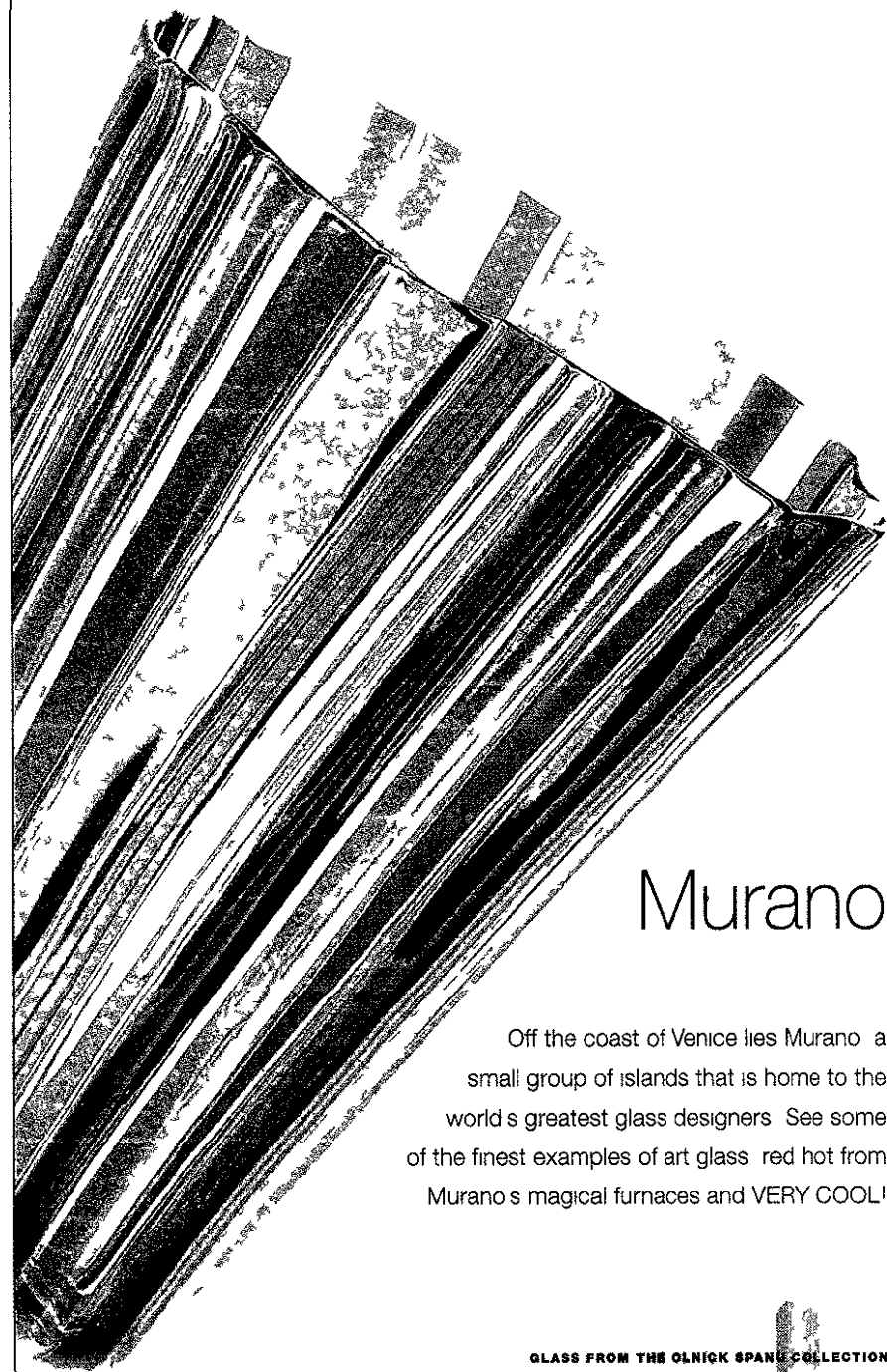
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Clay Aiken will perform Christmas and pop favorites with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra as part of his 'Joyful Noise Tour.'

LeAnn Rimes will sing some of her biggest hits, and traditional Christmas songs, when she visits Detroit.



The DSO is 'Home for the Holidays'

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

American Idol star Clay Aiken will share the spotlight with the 96-piece Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Masonic Temple on Dec. 23 in one of several Christmas-themed DSO shows this month.

Aiken's performance is part of his 20-city *Joyful Noise Tour*. He will perform both holiday and popular songs.

The December DSO concerts include *The Von Trapp Children's Christmas* Dec. 15 and *A LeAnn Rimes Christmas* Dec. 16.

"It's very different from our classical shows," Kendra Witlock, director of pops and specials for the DSO, said of the performances featuring nationally known singers. "We usually only have one rehearsal day for the show, the artist is usually on tour."

The December festivities open this week with the DSO's traditional *Home for the Holidays* concerts today through Sunday at the Max M. Fisher Music Center in Detroit. Led by Windsor Symphony Music Director John Morris Russell, these shows feature a 200-voice combined chorus made up of the Highland Park Baptist Church of Southfield Chancel Choir, the Ford Motor Company Chorus, and the Christ Church of Grosse Pointe Choir for Boys and Girls.

After more than a decade of *Home for the Holidays* shows, "We kind of have this down now," said Witlock. "It's an experience you can't really get anywhere else in town."

On the program is music from *The Nutcracker*, *March of the Toys* from *Babes in Toyland*, and the *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah*.

The big choir is featured in *The First Noel*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *I Saw Three Ships* and *Deck the Halls*.

The range of holiday-themed selections ranges from Rimsky-Korsakov's *Dance of the Tumblers to Mele*

Kalinka, made famous by Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters.

Tenor Jason Wickson will make his DSO debut singing *O Holy Night*.

Russell adds to the festive atmosphere by sharing stories about the works, and inviting the audience to join in a sing-along. He has conducted two national broadcasts for CBC Radio and recently taped a Christmas special for that network.

Also returning for the Christmas season is the *Young People's Holiday Concert* on Saturday. It features traditional favorites, a fun new *Kids Medley*, and interaction between children and Russell.

Kids will be able to meet Santa in The Max lobby, and learn about orchestra instruments through demonstrations and solo performances. Holiday shopping is also available at Shop @ The Max.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE DSO

- What:** ■ Home for the Holidays - 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday Dec. 10/11 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12
 ■ Young People's Holiday Concerts - 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday Dec. 11
 ■ The Von Trapp Children's Christmas - 8 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 15
 ■ A LeAnn Rimes Christmas - 8 p.m. Thursday Dec. 16
 ■ Holiday Swing with the Duke Ellington Orchestra - 8 p.m. Friday Dec. 17
 ■ Empire Brass Christmas - 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 19
 ■ George Winston - 8 p.m. Wednesday Dec. 22
 ■ Clay Aiken - 8 p.m. Thursday Dec. 23

Where: Rimes and Aiken will perform at the Masonic Temple Theater, 500 Temple Detroit. All other shows are at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave. Detroit.

Tickets: Prices vary for more information call (313) 576-5111 or go to www.detroitssymphony.com

Get into the spirit with carols and a movie

BY KEVIN BROWN
STAFF WRITER

The free Holiday Classic Film Series is back for a 10th year at the historic Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor

And before each film, the public can enjoy classical pieces and holiday carols played on the 15-ton theater organ built in 1927

It's a nice aesthetic thing to happen, but it's also got a business reason behind it, said Lee Berry, theater marketing director

The movies are free because State Street Area Association businesses promote the series to draw shoppers to the business district east of downtown Ann Arbor

The films are *A Christmas Story*, *White Christmas*, *Miracle on 34th Street* and *It's a Wonderful Life*

"They're not the biggest blockbuster films, but they have



Jimmy Stewart stars in 'It's a Wonderful Life' one of the most popular holiday movies ever made

a traditional feeling, Berry said. They're holiday films that are family friendly. Hopefully people will come in and shop a little bit before the movie and maybe stick around after.

Fans of the historic theater raised \$10 million in two separate renovation drives, one in

the mid-1980s and a second wrapping up last year as a new authentic scale marquee replaced a larger one

"The marquee was restored to look like it did in the 20s, Berry said

Each year, 300,000 people view concerts, films and other events at the Michigan Theater, home of the Ann Arbor Symphony and Ann Arbor Film Festival

We look at it as the center of cultural activity in Ann Arbor, Berry said. The university has its venues, but frankly they're not used that often. We're open every day."

The 1,700-seat main auditorium is now joined by a 200-seat screening room. The holiday films are shown in the auditorium

Renovation work included restoring the gold leaf trim in the main auditorium, new seats and extensive work in the lobby, foyer and balcony

HOLIDAY CLASSIC FILM SERIES

What: *A Christmas Story* - 3:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 12. *White Christmas* - 7 p.m. Tuesday Dec 14. *Miracle on 34th Street* - 3:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 19. *It's a Wonderful Life* - 7 p.m. Tuesday Dec 21

Where: Michigan Theater 603 E. Liberty Ann Arbor

Getting there: Via I-94 - Go west to State Street exit. Take State north to University of Michigan campus. Turn west on Liberty the theater is a half block away on right. Look for parking in nearby parking structures. Via M-14 - Go west to Main Street exit. Take Main south into downtown Ann Arbor turn left on Liberty and continue for four blocks until traffic is forced to turn right a half block from theater. Nearby structure parking available

Admission: No charge. For more information visit www.michtheater.org

"It's a source of major pride," Berry said

There are only 43 such original theater organ installations remaining in the United States. Only a few are used on a regular basis

The list of films changes every year, although some including, *It's a Wonderful Life* and *A Christmas Story*, appear more frequently than others

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Celebrities, models, musicians 'Rock the Catwalk'

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The cast from *American Pie* — Heather Stifler, Finch and Kevin — will hang out and show support. Models will strut the runway wearing clothing from sizzling designers Betsey Johnson, Dolce Moda and others while the funky Brothers Groove plays in the background.

Dinner from Lily's Seafood will be served to the VIP crowd. Soulful rock band Shipwreck Union will perform and late, into the night, Detroit's DJ Quig (who has worked with Eminem) will spin.

All this makes-up *Rock the Catwalk*, Friday, Dec. 17 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. It's a stylish music and fashion event to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan.

"We're hoping this will be an annual event in the spirit of the season that helps kids and also highlights a new band each year," said Jennifer Young, *Rock the Catwalk* leader and Shipwreck Union manager.

"The *American Pie* cast are all really good friends, Young said. Mena Suvari will be in Detroit to promote her children's book — she and the others were really cool



Shipwreck Union brings its eclectic sound to Rock the Catwalk

about this and wanted to come."

Recycled Reunion is among the local designers participating along with Johnson and Maxmara. Some Somerset Collection stores will also be represented.

"The new designers are outstanding on the runway," Young said.

Shipwreck Union founder and singer/songwriter Nick Lucassian, formerly of the defunct but well-known Detroit rock band Big Block, has personal feelings about Children's Hospital.

"My younger brother was in an accident

when he was a kid and was at Children's Hospital," Lucassian said. "The kids taken there have serious problems, it's a serious place."

Shipwreck Union's music is a blend of country, roots, Motown, soul and rock.

All the guys in the band have different influences, they all bring something different, Lucassian said.

Lucassian plays guitar, piano, organ, drums, and anything with strings. Bass player Scott Krause, formerly of the band Jesus Chrysler, was also a jazz drummer.

Drummer Eric Hoegemeyer brings R&B influence and lead guitarist Steve Zuccaro has a rock edge.

The band isn't scheduled to release its CD *Self Defense* until next year, but has toured Europe and North America with Uncle Kracker. They'll perform songs from the CD at *Rock the Catwalk*.

Shipwreck Union will also perform for the kids at Children's Hospital this month. "Maybe help them smile for a few moments," Lucassian said.

Brothers Groove is synonymous with funk and have been honored numerous times with Detroit Music Awards. DJ Quig helped create various popular dance nights at St. Andrew's Hall, The Shelter, The

ROCK THE CATWALK

What: Music, fashion and celebrities to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Music: Shipwreck Union, Brothers Groove and DJ Quig.

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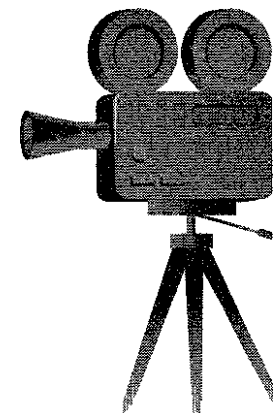
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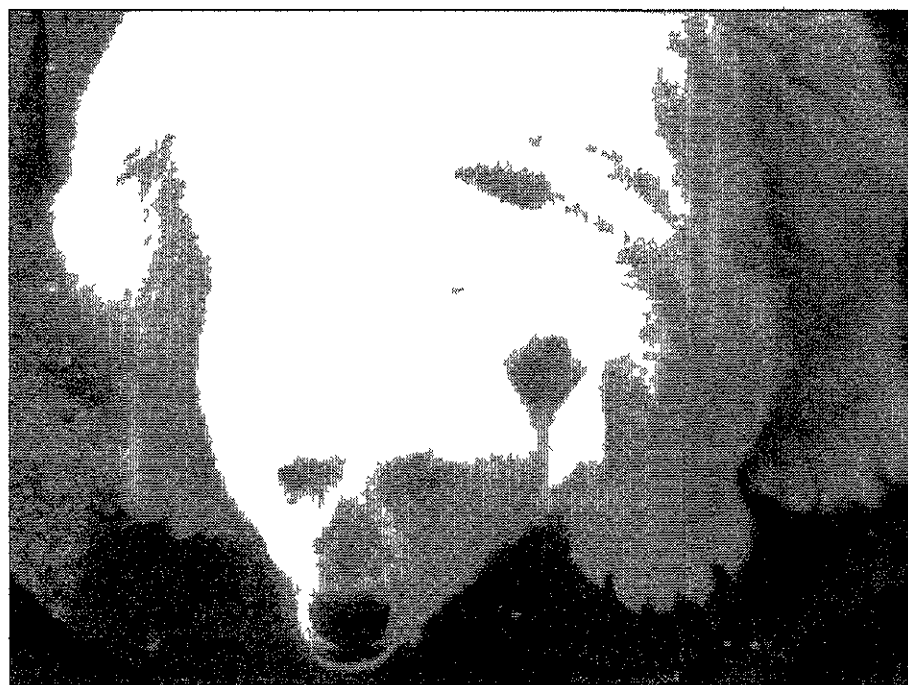
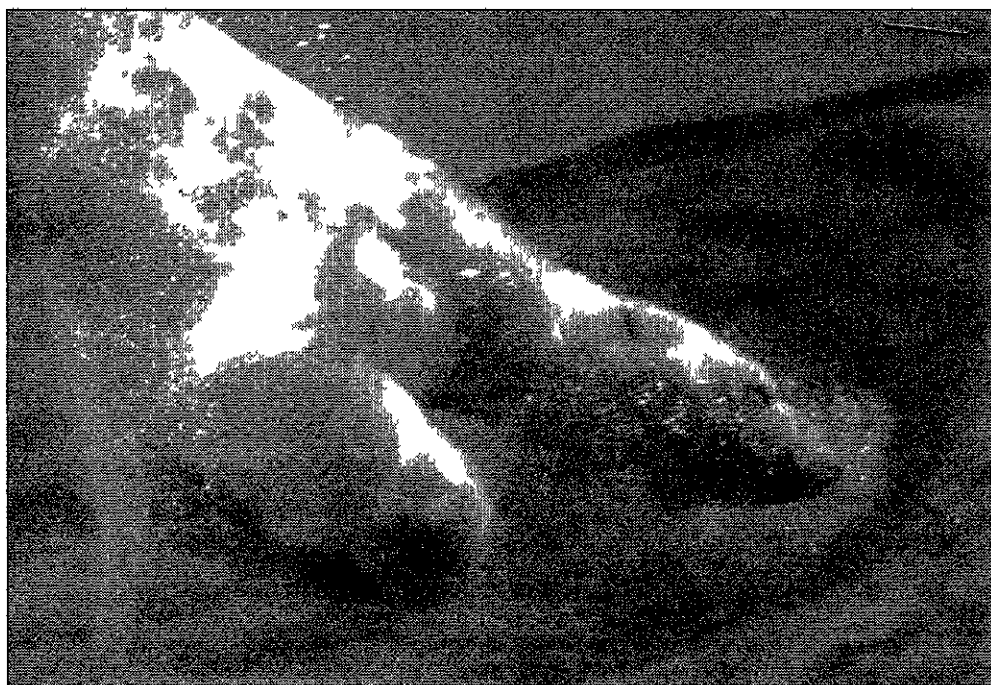
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Going polar

BY NICOLE STAFFORD | STAFF WRITER

They're big, they're bad, they're fun.

We're talking **polar bears** at the **Detroit Zoo**, and they're extra feisty come winter time.

So while it sounds illogical — who in their right mind goes to the zoo in December? — now is an ideal time to take on the wild weather and just go polar.



ZOO TO DO

What: Breakfast with Santa Wild Lights display and the Arctic Ring of Life's unique North Pole experience see below for details on all activities

When: Regular winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday Sunday through March 31 special event times are noted below

Where: Detroit Zoological Institute 10 Mile Road at Woodward Avenue off I 696 Royal Oak

Admission: Adults \$10.50 kids age 2-12 \$6.50 seniors, \$8.50, children under age 2, free parking is additional for more information call (248) 398-0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

■ **Breakfast with Santa:** 8:30-10 a.m. Saturday Dec 11 and Dec 18 with family-style pancake breakfast Santa meet and greet with photos and kid's gift in the Wildlife Interpretive Gallery tickets \$25-\$35 and include regular zoo admission, reservations required call (248) 541-5717

■ **"Wild Lights:"** a display of 400,000 holiday lights plus live entertainment runs 5:30-9 p.m. Dec 9-12 Dec 16-19 Dec 22-23 and Dec 26-30 admission \$6 per person kids under age 2 admitted free

"It's a great outdoor experience," said Rana Kozouz, the zoo's director of public relations. "When people are feeling kept inside and depressed, it's a great way to get outside and reconnect with nature."

Besides, the zoo hosts special activities in December, most notably its "Wild Lights" exhibit, an outdoor display of 400,000 holiday lights continuing through Dec. 30.

This is back after a four-year hiatus," Kozouz said, adding, "it's quite an expensive project. It's one of the area's largest light displays and one of the area's longest running light displays. And it's just a wonderful stroll through the zoo at night time."

So popular is "Wild Lights," the zoo gets an estimated 70,000 visitors during its run.

Staff and volunteers put up the winding trail display, which features more than 40 lighted animal sculptures. Local choirs

and performance groups provide live entertainment. Visitors can stop by indoor animal exhibits near the trail, sip on hot chocolate or take up an arts and crafts project inside a warming tent. The movie *Santa's Late*, a simulated Santa sleigh ride across the globe, runs concurrently with "Wild Lights."

Also for the holidays, the zoo hosts a family-style pancake breakfast with Santa Claus, Dec. 11 and Dec. 18. The event takes place in the magical, butterfly-filled Interpretive Wildlife Gallery and includes photos with St. Nick, a small gift and costumed characters.

It beats going to the mall to get your photo taken with Santa," Kozouz said. "There won't be any lines, there's no overcrowding and there's breakfast."

Each event is limited to 110 guests, and reservations are required. After breakfast,

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BY ELEANOR HEALD | CORRESPONDENT

Celebrating its 50th anniversary this month, Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro is one of metro Detroit's oldest restaurants

As Detroit's first "bistro," Diamond Jim's opened in 1954 when owner Tom Brady's father, Jim, located it on Seven Mile Road in Detroit. The restaurant changed locations from Detroit to the Prudential Town Center in Southfield and, in 1991, moved to Novi to continue culinary traditions

A tavern-like venue seating 100 is home to the kitchen of Certified Executive Chef Mary Brady (Tom's wife), who is equally adept at presenting innovative dishes as well as the best burgers in town. It was the latter, along with the legendary chili, that put Diamond Jim's on the map 50 years ago

POPULAR FOR 50

What does it take to keep a restaurant popular for 50 years? "It's all about the people who work at Diamond Jim's," Chef Brady said. "Not only the owners, but the employees who offer a corner bar feel where everybody knows your name"

That's the James Beard principle. When this legendary chef was asked, "What is your favorite restaurant?" he answered, "Where they know me"

Chef Brady estimated that at Diamond Jim Brady's, 99 percent of diners are known, recognized and greeted by name. If you're not one of them, you need to try DJ's, where you will find a seasonally-changing menu that suits Chef Brady's passion to use only the freshest ingredients and create healthy dishes. "Low-carb is here to stay," she said. "I address this with specials"

Chef Brady, one of fewer than 200 female certified executive chefs in the world, energizes her creative juices by traveling. She's inspired by San Francisco and Napa Valley chefs. On the East Coast, she praises Manhattan chefs for their food and professional service. She garners Mediterranean influences from Provence and Nice in France and her "Little Plates" menu receives inspiration from Spain

ON THE MENU

On a first visit or to keep the tradition alive, try the DJ big burger, vegetarian black bean chili or the 50-year-old chili. "There's no secret to a great burger," Chef Brady said. "Use high-quality ground beef and keep the juices in by searing at a very high temperature"

Some items on the menu never change, however weekend specials supplement a core of popular items such as the signature garlic and brown sugar marinated filet, served with "the best caesar around" or baby greens tossed with sun-dried cranberries, toasted pine nuts



Kay Clancy (left) and Julie Palquist catch up during lunch at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro

and a low-fat citrus vinaigrette

Fish and chips may ring plebeian, but when it has Icelandic cod prepared in an onion beer batter and served with housemade potato chips, it's anything but. Sous Chef Tony Lapser, a 2001 Schoolcraft College culinary grad, oversees the kitchen staff that keeps legendary dishes alive

Vegetarian sweet potato burrito, a sweet potato puree wrapped in a whole wheat lawash, topped with black bean chili, Monterey jack and cheddar cheeses, cilantro, sour cream and tortilla straw makes vegetarians happy

Lobster pomodoro features succulent lobster meat, penne pasta, artichokes, shitake mushrooms and roasted red peppers, tossed with a rich tomato, vodka and cream sauce. Topped with Parmesan reggiano and a chiffonade of basil, it's Italian!

MORE GREAT STUFF

A sensibly-priced wine list offers nearly every wine by the glass. Both 2002 Rocca Delle Macie Rubizzo, a sangiovese at \$20, and 2000 Morgan Syrah (\$30) pair with the house signature filet.

Stick with tradition and order the bananas foster or, if you wish to experience Chef Brady's innovative side, go for the dessert nacho as a fitting finale to a visit at Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro

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Drinkology

What's a quinta?

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

In Portuguese, "quinta" translates as farm, but in the production of Ports in the Duoro Valley, it has come to mean a single estate vineyard

Fonseca's 2001 Quinta do Panascal Vintage Port (\$50) falls into this category

This quinta, located on the banks of the River Tavora in the Duoro Valley, dates back to the 17th century. It was purchased in 1978 after the property had been supplying grapes to Fonseca for more than 20 years.

Noted for concentration and sturdy backbone, the wines from Panascal are a key component of Fonseca's Vintage Ports.

But in an undeclared year, such as 2001, Quinta do Panascal is bottled as a single quinta Port.

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Serve either of these Ports fireside to end a holiday meal with style.

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children can explore the gallery or take in *Santa's Late*.

Or they can head over to the zoo's Arctic Ring of Life exhibit and see those playful white polar bears and imagine they've made the trip to the North Pole.

The four-acre exhibit is both indoor and outdoor and features a 70-foot long clear underwater tunnel where visitors can watch seals, as well as polar bears, glide through the water.

"People love seeing the polar bears in the winter time because they're so much more active," Kozouz said.

Many other Arctic Life species are also best observed in colder weather.

The zoo's snow monkeys, for example, retreat to a hot tub in the winter time. The tub simulates their natural habitat, in Japan, the monkeys head to natural hot springs when it's cold outside.

Likewise, the Arctic fox turns from a dull gray to a beautiful stark white in the winter to blend into its environment.

Animals elsewhere in the park respond playfully to the cold weather, including the chimps, who form snowballs, and the wolverines, who are fond of making snow angels.

"People tend to think the zoo is closed during the winter time. But it's a really cool thing to do," Kozouz said. "Each season has its magical elements."

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The Bosco is way cool, even by New York standards

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

We've often said in *Filter* that The Bosco lounge in Ferndale is hot

And it's not just sizzling by Detroit standards The Bosco is as cool as any New York, Chicago or Los Angeles club

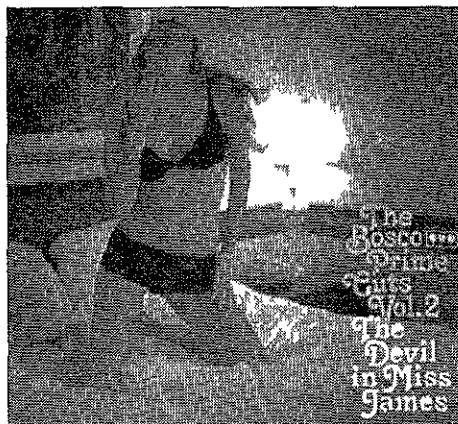
Nightclub & Bar magazine recently named it one of the top 100 nightclubs in the country *Fine Living Network* recognized The Bosco for its contemporary style

The chilled-out, sleek lounge that attracts diverse, hip, creative types is hosting a release party for its second CD Thursday, Dec 16

The Bosco Prime Cuts Vol 2 The Devil in Miss James is a compilation of obscure vintage funk, reggae/dub and hip-hop music by musicians from around the world Its groovy sound reflects the vibe of the lounge

Brothers Daniel and Jeremy Haberman, The Bosco's owners, use these words to describe the CD Organic with a tart groove, smoothed out by a little chill and shaken up with distinct Detroit flavor

Miss James is a snapshot of the musi-



The Bosco's second compilation CD is a combination of vintage funk, Reggae and Dub and hip-hop

cal flavor we consistently feature at the lounge," Daniel Haberman said "The new release has more of a gritty, organic flavor that is uniquely Detroit"

In Washington D C, Paris and other cities worldwide, lounge owners are producing CDs as a way to brand their establishment The music lets people outside the lounges gain a sense for the feeling inside it

Lucky for Detroit, the Haberman boys

BOSCO CD EVENT

What The Bosco released a music compilation CD *The Bosco Prime Cuts Vol 2 The Devil in Miss James* which reflects the style of the lounge

When 8 p.m. Thursday Dec 16

Where 22930 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 541 8817

For more information The CD can be purchased at the lounge or by visiting www.thebosco.com

weak U.S. dollar made it costly to purchase music from England The biggest obstacle was dealing with licensing trying to track down the artists or labels of these unknown musicians'

As Daniel Haberman said, lifeless, common, club-pounding music was purposely not included in the CD The brothers wanted organic, interesting music with a soul

"The Bosco isn't just exceptional for Detroit," Jeremy Haberman said "The lounge has set a new standard throughout the nation The *Prime Cuts* CD series is the soundtrack that articulates the diversity of The Bosco experience"

The names of both CDs, *Mr Reynolds Opus* and *Miss James*, pay homage to films and the brothers' childhood The name *Mr Reynolds Opus* is a mix of their Detroit elementary school-principal with the Richard Dreyfuss film *Miss James* gives a nod to their childhood neighbor and a 1970s porn flick. The Bosco itself was named after a Cass Corridor playground where the boys spent their much of their youth

Daniel Haberman said the lounge should be "amazingly packed" the night of the CD release party

are tapped into underground music The musicians featured are mostly unknown artists from England Poets of Rhythm, James Hardway, The Chi-Lites, Bad Medicine and more, plus a few well-known artists like Sly & Robbie and Tenor Saw

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Novi Theatres

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. (248) 347-0400



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Broadway Onstage

The Nutcracker's Nuts, comedy by Dennis Wickline, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Dec. 10-11, Dec. 17-18, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19, 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer (8 1/2 Mile Road), Eastpointe. \$15, (586) 771-6333

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A Christmas Carol, Scrooge and Marley, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, to Dec. 20 at the theater inside Summit Place Mall between Kohl's and Claire's, 315 N. Telegraph, corner of Elizabeth Lake Road, Waterford. \$12 adults, \$10 children under 12. (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net

Stagecrafters Youth Theatre

Musical adaptation of *A Christmas Carol*, 7 p.m. today, Friday, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. Sunday, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. (248) 541-6530, www.stagecrafters.org

Flint Youth Theatre

Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge by Christopher Durang for adults and older teens, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Elgood Theater, 1220 East Kearsley St. \$5 includes staged reading, talk back with performers and light refreshments. (810) 237-1530

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Babes in Toyland, noon (lunch), Saturday, show, 1 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. (lunch) show, 2 p.m. through Dec. 19, Theatre Livonia in Livonia Mall, 29516 Seven Mile Road, Livonia. Use G entrance on north side of mall. Lunch is a hot dog, bag of chips, cookie and beverage. Tickets \$10 for lunch and show, \$7 show only. Little Shop of Horrors opens 8 p.m. Friday and runs 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 4 p.m. Sunday at Theatre Livonia. Tickets \$12 adults, \$6 students/seniors. (586) 344-7774

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Old-fashioned Christmas fun at Greenfield Village in Dearborn, 6:30-10 p.m. today, Saturday, and Dec. 17-22. Fireworks begin around 9:45 p.m. \$15 adults, \$10 children. **Heads up!** an exhibit of his toric paper-mache heads and props from The Parade Company's collection of 400 heads at Henry Ford Museum con-



The Ghoul's alter-ego, Santa Ghoul (a.k.a. Ron Swede) visits with adults and kids 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Thomas Video & DVD, 122 S. Main Street in Clawson. For more information, call (248) 280-2836 during business hours, 10 a.m. to midnight daily.

tinues through Jan. 2. Admission \$10, \$14 children under 5 free. *A Christmas Carol*, Holiday Play, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 11-12, Dec. 18-19, Dec. 21-22, and Dec. 27-30 at the Anderson Theatre inside the museum, \$7-\$50, (313) 982-6001 or www.thehenryford.org

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Oakland Community Chorus

Handel's *Messiah*, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, Christ Church Cranbrook, corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook Roads, Bloomfield Hills. \$20 seniors/students, \$15. (248) 852-9395, www.oaklandcommunitychorus.org

Birmingham Concert Band

With the Oakland Singers Encore youth choir, join forces to present *Crown Him With Many Crowns*, a holiday concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple, Birmingham. No charge, contributions to the scholarship fund and band appreciated.

Birmingham-First Concert Series

Christmas with Vox, a professional cappella ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Friday, 1669 W. Maple, Birmingham. Medieval and Renaissance vocal music, newly commissioned composition, a Gregorian chant entitled *A Light Shall Shine*. No charge, free will offering.

The Pfeifers

Gospel music artists perform, 6 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, First Baptist Church in Waterford. (248) 882-2501

Detroit Concert Choir

Christmas Brilliance, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke Road, Bloomfield Hills, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Ambrose Church, 15004 Hampton Grosse Pointe Park. \$18 adults, \$15 seniors/students. (313) 882-0118, www.detroitconcertchoir.org

New Cranbrook Singers

Christmas Through the Ages, 4 p.m. Sunday, The First Presbyterian Church, 529 Hendrie Blvd., two blocks east of Woodward, between 11 Mile Road and Lincoln, Royal Oak. \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors. (248) 545-8655, www.newcranbrookingers.org

Boychoir of Ann Arbor

Christmas concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Plymouth, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor. \$15 adult, \$10 seniors/students, \$5 children under 17, \$40 family. (734) 663-5377, www.aabochoir.org

OCC Choral

Winter concert, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, Room 303 of Building 1, Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, south of I-696, Farmington Hills. No charge.

The Spirit of Christmas

A concert of music for organ and voice, 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, Covenant Baptist Church, 5800 W. Maple West, Bloomfield, featuring organist Ron Houser and soprano Gail Mitchell. \$5 suggested donation, refreshments follow.

Motor City Brass Band

Sounds of the Season, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., corner of Greenfield, Dearborn. \$12 adults, \$10 students, no charge children under 12. (313) 943-2354

Pure Picks

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Holiday cheer

Ah Christmas music. How I hardly missed
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Singles) and a ton more. Start with *Holiday
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(Rescue), move to *I Hope You Like
Christmas* by Will Yates (The Singles) and
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run out).

Past comps from 2003 and 2002 are also
available at that site.



The Hard Lessons are busy bees who appear in two picks this week. They will play Sunday with the Sights at Jacoby's. They also appear on the Suburban Sprawl Music Holiday 2004 Sampler.

Local music

I haven't talked about my love life in quite a while and I bet you miss the uncom-
fortable declarations of personal information that have absolutely nothing to do
with the entertainment world. Ahem. My new boy really likes The Sights. And he
has good taste. (I mean, he's dating me, right?) If you have good taste as well, you'll want to exercise it by seeing The
Sights at one of their three shows this weekend.

Should I even explain who The Sights are? Wasn't the fact that the boy I'm dating likes them enough? OK, OK - 60s
revivalist, catchy hooks, seem to listen to a lot of old Zombies records, the English love them. There, you happy?

The Sights will play Friday with Bulldog and The Ambitious Brothers at the Magic Stick. Six bucks for cover. Doors
at 9 p.m. 18 and up. They will play Saturday at Jacoby's with All Night Push and Danny Doll Rod. And Sunday at
Jacoby's with The Hard Lessons and Danny Doll Rod. Jacoby's is at 24 Brush St. in Detroit. For more on those shows,
call (313) 962-7067. For more on The Sights, click on www.wearethights.com.

Venue

I've talked in this column
before about how much I
love the Detroit Art

Space It's too hot in the summer, too cold in
the winter, and they serve like one kind of beer,
but the no-frills space was home to some of the
best times I've experienced in Detroit. So you
can imagine my sadness to hear that after
three years of generally rocking our collective
socks, the DAS is closing its doors after the new
year. Sigh. What this means is you only have the
rest of the month to hang on its church pews
and see some great local music. (Or forget the
pews and come dance.)

May I suggest you check out Lee Marvin
Computer Arm on Friday? Best band in Detroit
is not that far off the mark. Certainly one of the
spazziest, mostest funnest ones to see. The
final DAS rock (not ever that's on the 29th)
show also will include minimalists Misty and the
Rants with South Paw. Cover is \$5. Show at 9 p.m.

The crew (which I thought was really just one
guy) behind the DAS still plan to produce and
promote other artistic and music events around
the city. You can keep track of these events on
the Web site
(www.detroitartspace10eastern.com) where you
will also find a complete listing of the final
shows. Sigh.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who is
making all her holiday gifts this year, which really
just means she is glutton for punishment. Make her
list by sending information regarding local enter-
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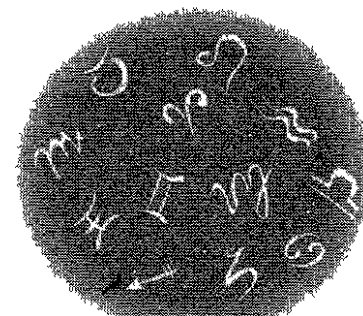
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Star struck

(Dec 9 Dec 11)
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. 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 put 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. Saddle! 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.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations phone (248) 646 3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

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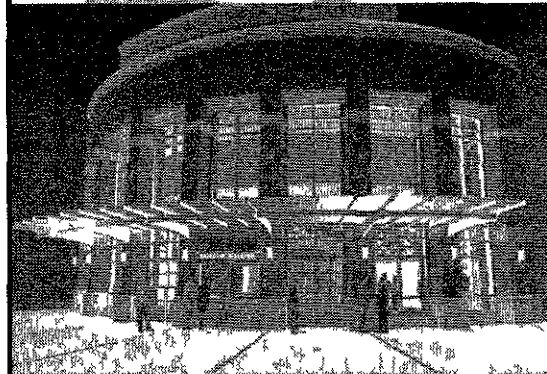
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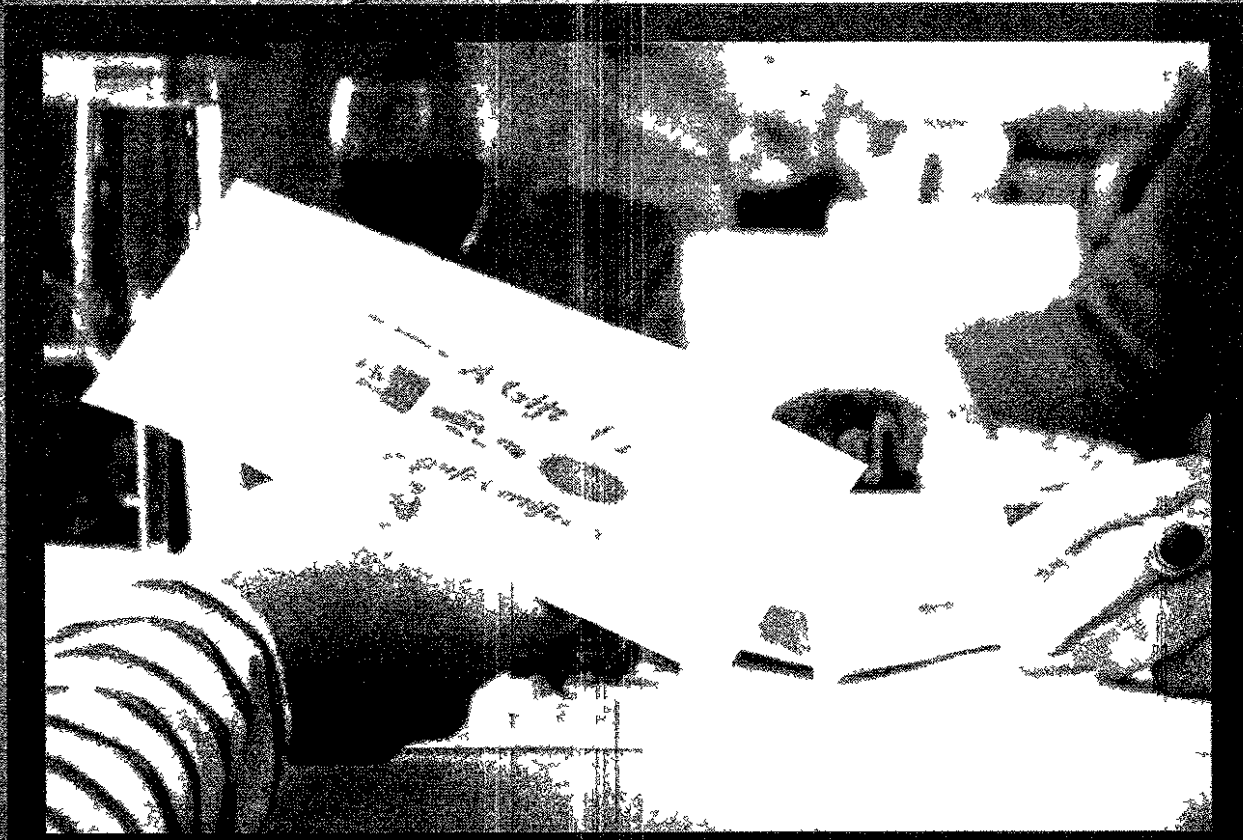
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