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Holiday hours

Offices in the City of Plymouth will be closed or offering limited hours during the upcoming Christmas-New Year holiday period Dec. 24-Jan. 3

Residents wishing to pay taxes will be able to do so by using either of the 24-hour drop boxes or by coming into City Hall Wednesday or Thursday, Dec. 29-30, at the Church Street entrance lobby or the drop box by the outside book return at the Plymouth District Library

The city police administrative services section will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 28, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 29-30

The city's Department of Municipal Services will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29. There will be no delay in city solid-waste pickup during the holiday. For more information, call the city, (734) 453-1234.

Plymouth Township offices will be open for normal hours except when they close for the holidays on Dec. 24 and Dec. 27, and again Dec. 31 and Jan. 3. The Plymouth Township treasurer's office will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 31 for tax purposes.

McCotter hours

Staff members from the office of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, will host office hours for constituents in the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 21, at the Plymouth District Library. The hours will be hosted by McCotter's staff, not the representative himself.

Jaycee toy drive

Friday is the final day for the Plymouth Jaycees' toy drive for Detroit Children's Hospital and St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, which help families and youth through crisis. You can still drop toys 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 pickup.

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Marlicia Tabor, 9, lights her family member's candles as they remember her uncle, Glenn Tabor, during The Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil Sunday. The event is designed to give grieving families a chance to honor the memory of their children.

Light shines for the children

Candle ceremony helps keep memories alive

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

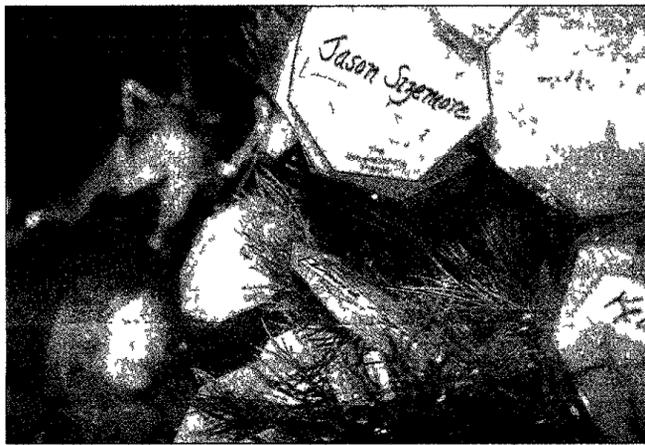
It either snowed or rained most of the day leading up to the start of Sunday's local observance of the International Children's Memorial sponsored in Plymouth's Kellogg Park by The Compassionate Friends' Livonia chapter.

Then a funny thing happened on the way to a rainout. Just before hundreds of people began to gather to honor the memories of children lost too soon, the clouds stopped dumping their rain on the ceremony.

And Gail Lafferty, the Livonia woman who is treasurer for The Compassionate Friends, doesn't think Mother Nature had anything to do with it.

"I think the kids took care of us," she said with a smile.

The local memorial shares a simple purpose with the international movement: "To provide a 24-hour wave of light that encircles the globe in loving memory of all children that their light may always shine." It does this when



Tara Rotthoff and her daughter Mackenzie look for the ornament that has Tara's niece's name, Rae Whitney, during The Compassionate Friends' candlelight vigil in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Sunday.

candles are lit at 7 p.m. in each time zone. As they burn down in one time zone, they're lit in another, providing the 24-hour light.

More importantly, the ceremony provides an opportunity for friends and loved ones to gather together in a group where empathy is possible.

Nancy Glumb of Canton lost a son four years ago, then lost her daughter, Tabitha Allen, just over a year ago.

Tears rolled as she held her candle and thought about her family lost.

"This is a moment for me to remember my children, it's like closure," said Glumb, who attended Sunday's service with Tabitha's two children. "I can feel like I'm with other people who are feeling the same way."

The evening featured music, poetry

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Budget woes won't freeze ice fest

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular say a sponsorship loss of \$30,000 won't keep the event from carving its niche for the 22nd consecutive year.

Farmer Jack Supermarkets pulled its sponsorship of Fantasyland, which annually is located in The Gathering.

However, Plymouth International Ice Sculpture, Inc., president Ron Loiselle said the show will go on.

"Financially, we're not as good as last year, but not awful considering we lost Farmer

Jack," he said. "We'll still do some nice, quality ice sculptures. Maybe not as many around downtown as in the past."

Loiselle is hoping a commitment from Rock Financial for \$8,000 and local companies Sanden International (\$7,000) and Amp Agency (\$6,000) will help make up some of the loss of funding from the supermarket chain.

The Ice Spectacular has lost \$50,000 in funding the past several years. Along with the \$30,000 from Farmer Jack, the city's \$16,000 contribution toward city services and \$4,000 from the Downtown

Development Authority have also evaporated.

Loiselle said if all pending contributions come through, this year's budget will be \$130,000, which is down from last year's about \$200,000. And, a far cry from the early years when the budget was well over \$200,000.

"If we don't get all the expected sponsorships, we could be forced to dump Fantasyland," said Loiselle. "We usually collect about \$5,000 from the collection box in the Gathering, but it's a far cry from what it costs."

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A6



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Organizers believe crowds like this one last year will still be able to enjoy an excellent Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular despite the loss of some sponsorships.

FBI hopes to bag 'Ziploc' bank bandit

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The FBI is searching for a serial robber described as the Ziploc bandit for a holdup at the Bank One branch on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth on Friday.

"We believe this is the man known as the Ziploc bandit, who brings in plastic Ziploc bags and hands them to tellers to put the money in," said Dawn Cleney, FBI special agent in Detroit. "We think he's good for about 15 bank robberies throughout Michigan."

Cleney said the suspect walked into the bank at 980 Ann Arbor

Road about 5:50 p.m.

"The suspect walked into the bank and had a weapon which was visible, waving it around," said Cleney. "He had some Ziploc bags and gave them to tellers and told them to put money in them. He left with an undisclosed amount of money, and is still at large."

"While he didn't hurt anyone, anytime we have a bank robbery suspect who waves around a weapon we consider him armed and dangerous," she said.

Cleney described the bank robber as a white male, in his late 30s to early 40s, 5-foot-6-inches to 5-foot-11-inches tall with a medium

build. At the time of the robbery, the suspect was reportedly wearing a blue bandanna that covered the lower part of his face, a dark winter coat, dark pants and a light-colored, shoulder-length wig covered partially by a baseball cap.

Birmingham police arrested a man robbing a Comerica branch Tuesday afternoon, who subsequently confessed to robbing several other banks. However, Cpl. Doug Manigold said the suspect admitted to robbing banks in Oakland County, and none in Wayne County. Anyone with information about the Bank One robbery can call the FBI at (313) 965-2323.

New test draws mixed reviews

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The decision by state lawmakers to scrap Michigan's high school MEAP test in favor of a new set of exams for 11th-graders — that will also serve as a college admission standard — is getting mixed reviews from Plymouth-Canton Schools staffers, parents and students.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm is expected to sign the bills that will expel the MEAP test, designed to measure the effectiveness of a school district's curriculum, and replace it with a college entrance test that will be an indicator of a student's success.

Mike Bender, Plymouth-Canton's director of secondary education, said the Michigan Merit Exam is a positive move and will fit with compliance of the federal No Child Left Behind act.

"I think there will be some type of adjustment period to get used to it, and we'll need to do some aligning of our curriculum to teach what is expected on the Michigan Merit Exam," said Bender. According to the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, the new test lines up favorably with state standards and benchmarks.

"I think students will find it more appealing because the test can be used by college admissions when they submit an application for college, and it will also be considered for the merit award," added Bender. For those who will enter the workforce, it will give them feedback on readiness.

The new high school test will be used to determine qualifiers of the \$2,500 merit scholarships awarded to students to help pay for college tuition.

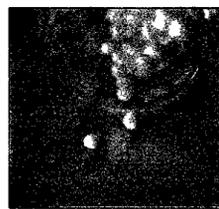
At Salem High School, English teacher Pat Barry disagrees with the change, saying it's a terrible decision by the state.

"It's a test for college students, it will take years to shift over to teach what they want taught on the new test," said Barry. "All those students who don't plan to go to college, this test will be highly inappropriate for them."

PLEASE SEE TEST, A4

Coming Sunday in your Plymouth Observer

Prescription savings
Medicare card helps seniors save on drugs. See Sunday's Health section.



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**CRAFTS FOR KIDS**

Kids can enjoy a Winter Craft session on Tuesday, December 21 at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Registration is required. Call the Plymouth District Library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. All supplies are provided for this free session.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce still has plenty of gift certificates available at its Main Street office. The certificates "make great Christmas, shower, anniversary, graduation and coaches gifts, according to chamber officials. The certificates can be used at more than 40 shops and 25 local restaurants. The certificates can be purchased only through the chamber office, located at 386 S. Main. Chamber staffers will also take credit card orders over the phone. Call (734) 453-1540.

**ORCHESTRA PERFORMANCE**

The Celebration Youth

Orchestra presents a concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16 at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony and is conducted by Lindsay Riemer, the Plymouth Symphony's Assistant Conductor. The orchestra is comprised of two ensembles - the Celebration Strings and the Celebration Sinfonia. The group debuted in fall 2003 for orchestral musicians ages 9 and up. The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

The Celebration Youth Orchestra is presented with support from the Westland Community Foundation, the Canton Community Foundation, the Plymouth Optimist Club and Pfizer. It is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program which will impact more than 5,000 students this year. Donations to the Symphony's No Kid without a Concert Education

Campaign help to fund the CYO as well as many other programs for students throughout Southeastern Michigan.

Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased through Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460 or at the Village Theater box office two hours before performances. For more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by email at info@plymouthsymphony.org

**WALK OF TREES**

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

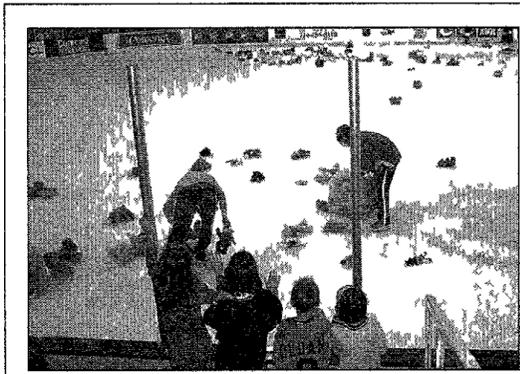
The trees were each decorated by a local family, club or business and are lit 24 hours a day through Christmas.

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

**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



**Bear-ish behavior**

Youngsters crowd the plexiglass surrounding the Compuware Arena ice during the annual "Teddy Bear Toss" sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers and the Plymouth Community United Way. More than 500 teddy bears were collected at the Whalers' game Saturday. Along with another 346 bears collected by Johnson Controls, Inc., the bears will be sent to Angela Hospice, First Step, Community Opportunity Center, the Plymouth Salvation Army and Plymouth Goodfellows. The bears are given to children going through tough times.

workshop should see Shannon Henry for audition packets.

For more information, contact Mrs. Henry via e-mail at henrys@pcps.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" today, 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.

**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.

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The bushmaster, which is considered the largest and most venomous snake in the Americas can reach 12-feet in length

## Canton man removes snakes from home

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

The venomous snakes are gone, shipped out to other locations where, apparently, it is not illegal to possess them

That's what Tim Cronin, an attorney representing Canton Township, told 35th District Judge John MacDonald at a hearing Tuesday morning.

The township had requested the hearing in the case of Rudolph Hatfield who had more than 50 snakes in his southwest Canton home. Police said if the snakes were not removed by Tuesday they would ask the court for an order to dispose of them. They also said they would seek restitution for expenses incurred in dealing with the situation.

The case came to light after Hatfield was bitten by one of the snakes, a 9-foot-long bushmaster, while he was attempting to clean its cage on Dec. 4. Hatfield was treated at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and later transferred to Detroit Receiving Hospital. Luckily for him, the Detroit Zoo had an antidote to the venom.

He's recovering, but at Tuesday's hearing he was nursing a swollen and painful right hand. At the hospital he told officials about his other snakes. When police and firefighters went to the house they found the snakes in cages in an upstairs bedroom. Hatfield was issued a citation by the township for violating a local ordinance making it unlawful to possess certain animals, including "poisonous reptiles, spiders and insects."

At Tuesday's hearing, Cronin told the court that Hatfield had relinquished his right to the bushmaster, which is presently in quarantine at the Detroit Zoo.

A zoo official said the bushmaster will not be euthanized, but will be transferred to another zoo," he said. "The zoo wouldn't take the other snakes."

He said Hatfield had reached an agreement with Canton Police to remove the other snakes from his property.

Mr. Hatfield has removed the other venomous snakes, Cronin said. "They've been shipped to other locations where, apparently, it's not illegal to possess them."

He said there were still three non-venomous snakes on the premises, but Hatfield told the court he was getting rid of them also. When MacDonald asked Hatfield how he pleaded on the citation for possession of a venomous snake, he replied, "Guilty."

He was fined \$500 plus court costs. "I've talked to Mr. Hatfield about expenses incurred by the township," Cronin said.

He said police and fire expenses amounted to \$1,852.97. Hatfield said he would reimburse the township for that amount. In addition to the restitution, MacDonald fined him \$150 plus court costs for the incident.

# Generosity feeds Cheer Club

### Local donors team to provide presents for kids

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Thanks in large measure to a contest among the Student Congress and individual classes at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, the Observer's annual Cheer Club was once again able to make a sizeable donation to the Plymouth Salvation Army's holiday adoption program.

Some 2,000 toys, including 479 from Tom Kimball's class at Plymouth High School alone, were collected by the students during the annual contest. Students raise money and then use that money to purchase the toys themselves.

It's a spirited contest, said teacher Lauren Cummings, Student Congress advisor. "The kids take it seriously, they have fun with it and they always do a fantastic job."

While the Student Congress donation accounted for the largest portion of the overall Cheer Club success, it certainly wasn't the only donation as dozens of local residents stepped up to help the annual holiday drive.

According to Bill Moritz, outreach director for the Plymouth Salvation Army, the toys will now be used in the Army's Toy Shop. Families for whom adoptive families could not be found in the Salvation Army's annual adoption program will be able to come in to the Toy Shop and pick up Christmas presents for their children, Moritz explained.

In addition to the PCEP Student Congress and the many donors who requested anonymity, Observer officials



Tom Kimball's class collected nearly 500 toys for the Toys for Tots drive, which netted some 2,000 toys overall.

wanted to thank the following donors who were generous enough to give:

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■ From Canton — Ann Confer and family, Donna Anderson, the Salem High School Student Congress, Marc Nancy Kurt and Calle Faerber, Elise Jeff and Courtney Simpson, the Daniels family, Cindi Fry, Don and Rose Lebbon, Linda Chomin, Jonathan Vracan.



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Tammy Moyer and Joe Krogman of the Plymouth Salvation Army load donations from the Observer Cheer Club, which will help the Salvation Army provide Christmas presents to needy children from around the local area.

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and the success rate will plummet

"All the state benchmarks are designed to be tested on the MEAP, and this ACT test is not aligned directly with our curriculum," said Barry "It will take years to make the two align, and it's going to be a mess for years to come. It's political, and it's terrible"

High school junior Dustin Maynes, 16, of Canton, will be taking the MEAP exam this year. However, he believes the change to a college entrance type exam will benefit students

"I think if they do something more like the SAT and ACT tests, it's going to be more beneficial because that's what the colleges want," said Maynes "The MEAPs are partially considered a waste of time by students"

Nancy Haskin of Canton, who has a sophomore and seventh-grader attending Plymouth-Canton Schools, agrees with the change in tests

"I just don't think the MEAP is a true sense of how a child is doing in school," said Haskin "If you have a child that falls

into special needs, it's not a true measure

"I think a college entrance type test is more of a true measure, and it's going more toward what the colleges are looking for," she said

Laura Michalski, waiting to pick up her daughter, Kristin, a senior at the Park, said if changes are made the level of education will have to step up "Personally, I wasn't prepared for that type of test (in high school)," said Michalski "I think the MEAP measures better. I would kind of like to see it stay"

Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education President Mark Slavens said he's unhappy the state went forward without discussing the change with local school districts

"We've invested a lot of money in aligning our curriculum with the MEAP, and now suddenly they arbitrarily making the change without checking with school districts to see what effect it will have financially on the districts," he said "They pushed this bill through too quickly"

Bender said he expects the Michigan Merit Exam to be piloted in some school districts in the spring, with the remaining school districts to begin using the test in 2006

DEATHS

**A**  
Sherry L. Arebaugh, 45, of Rochester Hills, died Dec 2

**B**  
Doris C. Barkham, 80, of Rochester, died Nov 30  
Milma M. Bratton, 93, of Rochester Hills, died Dec 4  
Patricia H. Breuning, 75, of Rochester, died Dec 9  
William F. Brown, Sr., 98, of Auburn Hills, died Dec 5

**C**  
Amy J. Capuano, 44, of Rochester Hills, died Nov 25  
Russell G. Carter, 89, of Rochester Hills, died Nov 21  
Grant Chamberlin Jr., 81, of Northville Township, died Nov 25

**D**  
Robert R. Dildine, 82, of Rochester Hills, died Dec 3  
Jeanne Elizabeth Dolan, 60, of Hamburg, formerly of Garden City, died Dec 10

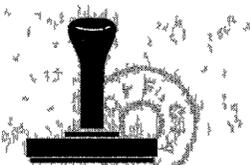
**F**  
Nathan D. Farnsworth, 67, of Clarkston, died Dec 7  
Margaret A. Foust, 76, of Royal Oak, died Nov 19  
Margaret E. Frank, 97, of Rochester Hills, died Dec 5

**G**  
Marguerite (Peggy) Osmon Gail, 92, of Hilton Head Island, died Dec 7  
Leonard H.T. (Terry) Gartz, of Westland, died Dec 12  
Barbara J. Gerczak, 66, of Linden, formerly of Rochester, died Dec 3

**H**  
Darryl Robert Harvey, 41, of Leonard, died Dec 4  
Sam Hill, of Westland, died Dec 12

**J**  
Ellie Rebecca Jakubowski, 3 months, of Plymouth, died Dec 6

**K**  
Mildred G. Van Saw King, 91, of Florida, formerly of Rochester, died Nov 20



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 C1.

Charles M. Kleindl, 74, of Pontiac, died Dec 1.

**L**  
Stephen Mayes LaSalle, 75, of Northville, died Dec 7  
Betty J. Lease, 80, of Clarkston, died Dec 5

**M**  
Albert A. Martin, 68, of Rochester Hills, died Dec 2  
Alene M. Masterson, 72, of Woodhaven, died Dec 9

**N**  
Mina Opal Maxwell, 80, died Dec 7  
LaSalle Mayes, 75, of Northville, died Dec 7

**O**  
Mary A. McCright, 92, of Plymouth, died Dec 10  
Larry G. Miller, 64, of Rochester Hills, died Nov 28

**P**  
Edward O. Perttola, 82, of Canton, died Dec 6

**R**  
Stella D. Rogalski, 85, of West Bloomfield, formerly of Livonia

**S**  
David Carson Sutton, 53, of Waterford, formerly of Madison Heights and Royal Oak, died Dec 9

**T**  
Ruth S. Weber, 85, of Auburn Hills, died Dec 1

**W**  
Steven Donald Wedge, died Dec. 6, 2004  
Robert O. Weir, 78, of Clarkston, died Dec 11

Elva M. White, 87, of Troy, died Nov 12

POLICE BLOTTER

Drug bust

Plymouth Township police last week arrested a suspect for possession of suspected crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia after originally thinking they were busting someone for stealing a lamp. It started when dispatchers got a 9 1-1 call from someone saying they saw two people loading a stolen lantern into the back of a van at the Red Roof Inn. The lantern, it turns out, had been stolen the night before from Atlantis Restaurant, according to police reports. When police questioned the man, who had outstanding warrants in Westland and Livonia, he said he'd found it in the bushes outside the restaurant. During the questioning, the suspect denied having any drugs in the van. Police called the K-9 unit and found suspected crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia. The man was arrested for those alleged offenses, as well as the outstanding warrants. The woman who was with him was also arrested on outstanding warrants.

No Christmas spirit

A Standish Court homeowner called Plymouth Township police to report someone had damaged the Christmas lights hanging on his house. Police arrived to find two strings of lights, valued at about \$2 each, damaged.

Car break-in

Sometime between 10 15-10 40 a.m. Dec. 8, someone removed a number of hand and power tools from the rear of a 1996 van parked in the parking lot of Carl's Golf Land on 5 Mile. Police have no suspects in the theft.

Radio-active

A Maplewood Lane homeowner told Plymouth Township police he parked his 2001 Ford Explorer in his driveway around 11 30 p.m. Dec. 8. When he came back out to the vehicle shortly after noon the next day, he discovered someone had broken out the door lock on the driver's door and stolen the factory radio, a briefcase and a tool box.

Fizzled fireworks

A Quail Circle resident told Plymouth Township police that sometime between Nov. 30 and Dec. 6, someone broke into his 1992 Nissan and lit a purple firework. The firework apparently fizzled, but left a purple dye all over the interior. The owner said the car is rarely

used and has been the target of other vandalism in the past

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Dec. 8-14:

■ Tuesday, Dec. 14 - Residential rescue runs on Haggerty and on Mill, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, rescue run to a public building/school on Beck

■ Monday, Dec. 13 - Single-family fire on Maple, hazardous materials run on 5 Main, commercial rescue runs on Haggerty, residential rescue runs on Adams, on Orchard Court, on Heritage and on Northville Road

■ Sunday, Dec. 12 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Beck, on Ann Arbor Road at Sheldon and on eastbound M-14 between N Territorial and Ridge, residential rescue runs on Jener, on Pacific, on the outstanding warrants on Northville Road, on Penniman and on Maria, commercial rescue run on Sheldon, downed wires at Ann Arbor Road and Beck, rescue run to a public building/school on Farmer.

■ Saturday, Dec. 11 - Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at I-275, southbound I-275 and M-14 and at Beck and N Territorial, residential accident with wash-down on 5 Mile over I-275, residential rescue runs on Purcell, on Eastside, on Lakewood and on Hartsough, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road

■ Friday, Dec. 10 - Residential rescue runs on Sheldon, on Northville Road, on Morgan, on N Territorial and on Byron, vehicle accidents at Beck south of 5 Mile, on westbound M-14 east of Beck and on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon

■ Thursday, Dec. 9 - Industrial rescue runs on Industrial Drive and on Sheldon, residential rescue runs on Sheridan, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road and Lilley, commercial rescue run on Helm

■ Wednesday, Dec. 8 - Vehicle accident on northbound I-275 north of Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Irvin, on Lilley and on Northville Road, rescue run at Marlowe and Ann Arbor Road, vehicle accidents on I-275 at Ann Arbor Road and on Main, commercial rescue run on N Territorial, investigation at Ann Arbor Trail and Mill

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## Fire damages Maple home

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Community Fire Department spent about an hour extinguishing a small fire at a rental home in the 500 block of Maple Street Monday night.

"I pulled into my driveway after work and heard a beeping sound," said next door neighbor Larry Barkoff. "No one was home, so I walked to the side of the house and it was glowing red and there was some fire."

"I went back into my home

and called the fire department, and told the neighbors before calling the owner," said Barkoff.

Lt. Charles Russo said there was a "utility fire of some kind" that caused the damage.

"There was a burning around the gas meter, and it extended into one bedroom and the basement," said Russo. "It went up the side wall inside and out. There were some flames, but it wasn't a very serious fire."

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## Holidays won't change trash pick-up schedule

Plymouth Township and City of Plymouth residents should see no change in their trash pick-up during the holidays, according to municipal officials in both communities.

Because both Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Saturdays this year, township director of public services James Anulewicz said, residents should "place your items to the curb on your regular collection day."

The same is true for city residents.

Anulewicz also pointed out the holiday season "usually brings with it increased amounts of trash," and urges township residents to make sure no bag or container exceeds 50 pounds.

Christmas tree collection, and one last yard waste pickup, will be done on residents'

regular collection day the week beginning Jan. 3. Christmas trees must be free of tinsel and ornaments and cannot be in a plastic bag. Yard waste must be set out according to regular season guidelines.

Brush and branches up to six inches in diameter must be tied with string or twine in bundles no longer than three feet long. Leaves and grass clippings can be put into paper yard waste bags or in a 35-gallon container identified with a compost sticker or marked clearly with two large "Xs" or "Cs" on the container.

It's the last chance for residents to get rid of any yard waste in the township until regular curbside collection resumes in April.

For more information, call the solid waste department, (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33.

## Board OKs sewer pact

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Tuesday approved a motion that flushes out an agreement between Plymouth and Canton townships to provide sanitary sewer service to a Detroit Water and Sewerage Department pumping facility on Joy Road in Canton.

The agreement provides service for a toilet facility on the DWSD site, "which is a major component of the DWSD water system and provides the majority of our water supply," township DPW manager Thomas Hollis told board members in a memo.

Since Canton doesn't have sewer service in the area and Plymouth Township provides such service to two adjoining properties, Plymouth Township was asked to allow DWSD to connect to its sanitary sewer main located on the north side of Joy Road.

DWSD paid a sewer agreement of \$4,850 and will also pay the sewer rates required in the Plymouth

Township ordinance.

In other business, the board approved a request for single-family cluster option for Plymouth Hollow a residential condo community at McClumpha and Ann Arbor Road.

Tabled a proposed amendment to the Noxious Weeds Ordinance. The ordinance will be modified and changed after input from the Board of Trustees.

Appointed supervisor Richard Reaume and clerk Marilyn Massengill as authorized officials for the Township Pension Plan.

Amended budgets for the 2004 general fund, the 2004 improvement revolving fund, the Downtown Development Authority and the 2004 and 2005 water and sewer fund.

Appointed first-term trustee Robert Doroshewitz to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term that expires Dec. 21, 2007.

Set a public hearing for Jan. 11 to a special assessment district that will provide funding for rehabilitation of roads in the subdivision

displays or signs.

Jim Tucker, the senior design project manager for Target, said the company had worked closely with the planning commission on the site plan.

"We appreciated the work the planning commission did, he said. "We worked through the issues with them and I think we have a better project because of that."

Tucker also told the board that contrary to what he had implied earlier, the store will not get a Starbucks inside. He said some other Target stores are adding Starbucks but the Canton store is not one of them.

Yack asked him what makes a Target a superstore.

"Generally that refers to a combined grocery and general merchandise," Tucker said. "This is not going to be a Super Target."

He said the store would have an enlarged food offering, but not a full grocery section.

Construction is expected to start next spring with completion expected by October 2005.

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## Couple hosts fund-raiser for Ronald McDonald House

Paul and Silvia DePalma of Plymouth host the second-annual Children's Charity Ball to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18 at Laurel Manor in Livonia.

For a donation, friends of the Detroit House will have an opportunity to help raise money for the House through a silent and live auction of more than 400 items. Prizes range from a trip to Cancun, Mexico complete with limousine ride to the airport, 12 tickets to the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes show to Pistons and Red Wings memorabilia.

In addition, there will be plenty of food and spirits. Event participants hope to raise \$30,000 this year.

Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, open since November 1979, serves families of hospi-

talized children with a home-away-from-home. Only minutes away from a hospital room, families can nurture and support their kids undergoing specialized medical treatment. A nominal per day fee is charged for a guestroom and use of common areas including a kitchen, play and entertainment area. No family is turned away due to a lack of funds.

Donations made through the ball can really make a difference for the House," said Jennifer Litomsky, executive director of the Ronald McDonald House of Detroit. By generously supporting the House, hundreds of parents and family members of hospitalized children from all over the world each year are provided a safe, secure and affordable haven.

Proceeds generated through the charity ball will be used to

support the day-to-day needs of House residents. These needs include food, cleaning and laundry supplies, bed and bath items, children's toys and games and office supplies.

In an effort to bring friends and family together to celebrate the holidays, Paul and Silvia DePalma of Plymouth, took party planning one step further.

The charity ball was created as a way to give to those less fortunate. They researched several charitable organizations and in a unanimous decision of friends and family, The Ronald McDonald House of Detroit would be the charity of choice.

My wife and I love children, said Paul DePalma, owner of Modern Building Corporation in Canton. "The Ronald McDonald House of Detroit was the most obvious

choice in deciding where donations would make the most impact."

Not only helping children, but their families as well during their most difficult time, when a child is sick."

McDonald's is the leading global foodservice retailer with more than 30,000 local restaurants serving nearly 46 million people each day in 121 countries. Approximately 80 percent of all McDonald's restaurants worldwide are owned and operated by independent franchisees.

For more information about Ronald McDonald House of Detroit, visit www.rmhdet.org or for information about Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Ronald McDonald House program, visit www.rmhc.org.

Laurel Manor is located at 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia.

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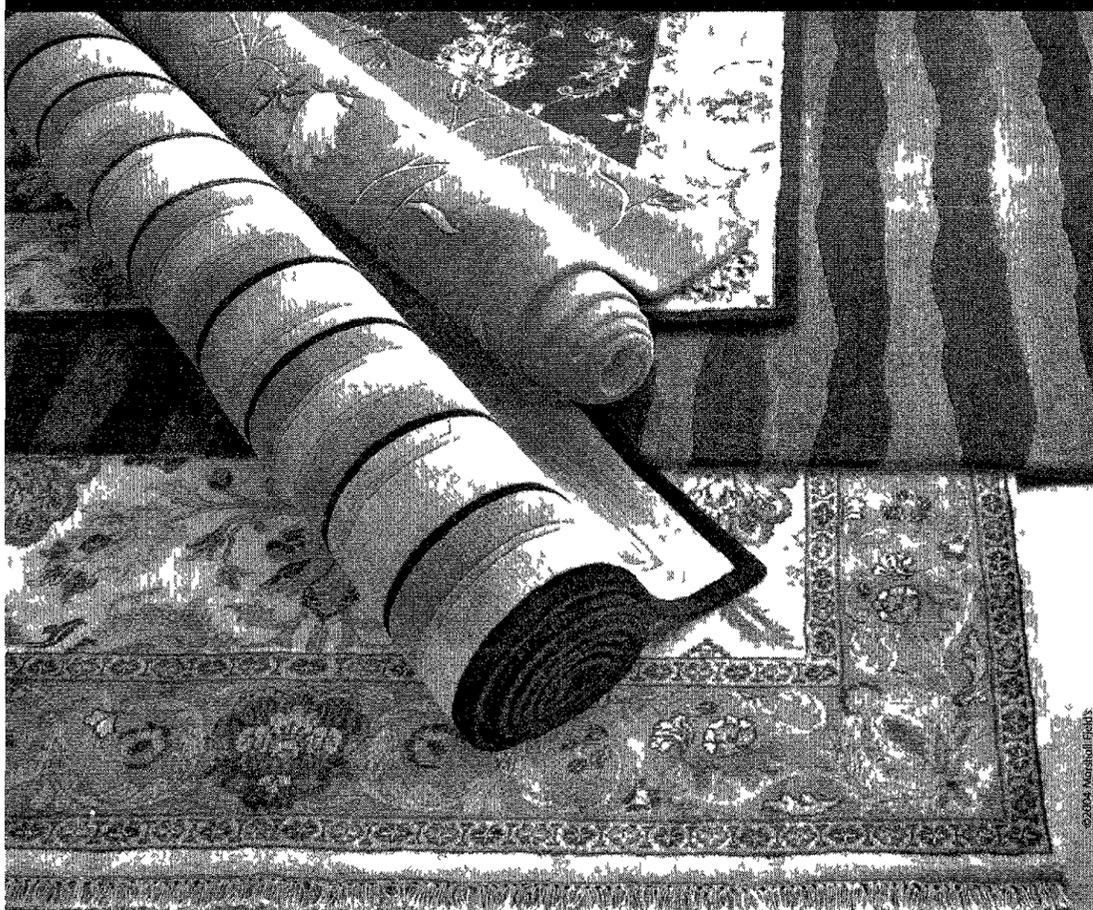
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JOHN STORMZANO | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carver Yasuo Matsuda of Japan helped give the ice festival its international flavor, something organizers expect the festival to have again this year

**FESTIVAL**

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Mike Watts, owner of WATTS-UP, Inc., and the festival's coordinator, said it costs \$20,000-\$25,000 to carve Fantasyland

"If the money doesn't come through, we'll have to cut something," said Watts. "There's a lot of ice and effort that goes into it. That's the least of our options."

Loiselle said there's a possibility the Ice Spectacular, which is spread throughout downtown, could be confined to Kellogg Park if sponsorships dwindle.

"That's an alternative, but if everybody comes through we'll still have nice, quality sculptures to view," he said.

This year's theme is "Rock'n in the Ages," with Fantasyland to consist of carved dinosaurs and other prehistoric creatures.

This year's Ice Spectacular will be a couple of days longer than in the past, but will start about a week later. Because of date changes for the North American International Auto Show and a Super Bowl 2006

**"The ice festival is a great image builder for the city, and really puts Plymouth on the map throughout the country."**

Chip Falcusan  
Box bar owner

event, the Plymouth ice festival — which usually ends on the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday — will begin on that day, Jan. 17, and run through Sunday, Jan. 23.

"It's imperative we have the Ice Spectacular start after the opening of the auto show to get the attention of all the out-of-town and foreign journalists who do stories on the event, as the auto show winds down," said Watts. "Since we don't have an advertising budget and can't compete with the auto show, we try to outsmart them."

Watts said he hopes Fantasyland and the sculptures displayed outside Plymouth businesses will be ready on Jan. 17th, with other carvings to take place during the week.

"Our goal is to show people how it's done and give them an opportunity to view the ice carvings as it happens," he said. "If you want to see it complete, we suggest you come the final few days to view it. A lot depends on the weather."

A professional ice-carving team from Japan will show its skills during the ice fest, as will world champions Ted Wakar from Canton Township and Tajana Rankar of Plymouth.

And, there will be exhibitions and competition among culinary arts students from Schoolcraft, Washtenaw, Henry Ford, Macomb and Oakland community colleges, as well as from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Box Bar owner Chip Falcusan will pay \$600 to have an ice sculpture displayed outside his business during the ice fest.

"It's one of the two biggest festivals of the year for us, the other being Art in the Park," said Falcusan.

"We have to stock up on everything."

"It helps all of the businesses downtown. Sometimes it has an immediate affect and sometimes it's residual, people see the stores and come back later,"

he said. "The ice festival is a great image builder for the city, and really puts Plymouth on the map throughout the country."

Loiselle said he's hoping for temperatures to hover between 20-30 degrees with no snow.

That way, it's easier for people to walk around, and the ice is easier to carve," he said.

"If it gets too cold, the ice gets brittle. If it's too warm, it melts."

The week-long event is expected to use 250,000 pounds of ice, costing as much as \$20,000.

"The ice we use has to be made in a special process so it's really clear," said Watts.

"It costs a little extra because they literally make it one block at a time. The clarity it and keep the air bubbles out so it will be crystal clear for ice carving."

Despite the budget constraints, Watts is convinced the Plymouth event remains at the top of its class.

"The Plymouth Ice Festivals still the biggest and best ice carving show in North America," he said.

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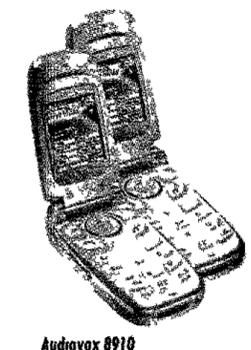
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HEATHER BOUSSU  
Greg Blackwood (front left) is surrounded by family and friends as they gather around a tree bearing a photo of his daughter, Amy Blackwood, during The Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil in Plymouth's Kellogg Park Sunday.

**LIGHTS**

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and the traditional reading of the names of children who have passed away. Christmas trees covered with ornaments featuring the names of the children also dotted the Kellogg Park landscape.

According to Lafferty, who lost her son Max in a car accident at Christmas in 1995, the evening is a chance for grieving parents, siblings and friends to gather together and get through the holidays.

"This is always a difficult

time, Lafferty said. The most important thing is we have a connection with other people. It brings back wonderful memories — our families are here or siblings are here — it's a real connection. It's a special night.

That's how Jessica Linto of Westland feels about it, too. Linto, 22, lost her older brother in a car accident eight years ago. She has come out to The Compassionate Friends event every year to remember, and honor, her brother.

"It definitely helps me," Linto said. "I'm happy they put something like this together, it's wonderful they bring people together."

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# Lighting up Christmas comes to Nankin Mills

The holiday light show along Hines Drive has a little competition following the official tree lighting at Nankin Mills Saturday.

Participants sang Christmas carols on the lawn of the historic mill.

They were joined by Santa Claus who arrived with a Ho-Ho-Ho in time to listen to requests from youngsters in attendance.

Youngsters also had an opportunity to make ornaments and punched tin decorations as well as participate in holiday-themed games like fruitcake bowling, pin the tail on Rudolph and a reindeer antler toss.

The event was sponsored by Wayne Parks and the Friends of Nankin Mills, a volunteer organization which works with Wayne County to preserve the historic grist mill.

Built after the Civil War, the mill was purchased by



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Ten-year-old Amanda Zammit wraps ribbon around her thistle ornament one of the crafts that kids could try at the mill's tree lighting program.

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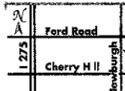
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# Home for the holidays

## Local soldier counts the days until 2nd Iraq tour

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Michelle Roe couldn't have asked for a better Christmas gift. The Canton woman received all her wishes a little early with the sudden visit of her son, 27 year-old

Johnathan Roe, earlier this week

Johnathan, a staff sergeant with the U.S. Army, spent a year in Iraq, and has recently been stationed at Ft. Carson in Colorado Springs, Co., awaiting his orders to return to the war-torn country.

This week he took the opportunity to make a short visit home to see his parents, Michelle and Greg, and his 4-year-old son Kaleb, who the couple have been watching since Johnathan got his papers telling him he was headed for Iraq.

Johnathan, a 1996 graduate of Belleville High School, joined the Army a year after graduation. He vividly remembers the day he received his orders on Valentine's Day, 2003. He would be going over for a year. The news wasn't something he was unprepared for, however. The possibility of combat is always in the back of a soldier's mind, he says.

I knew that was part of the deal when I signed up. If

something happened, I was willing to go," said Roe, who was in Iraq from March, 2003 until April of this year. "After Sept. 11 (2001), I knew something would happen. I didn't know it would take this long."

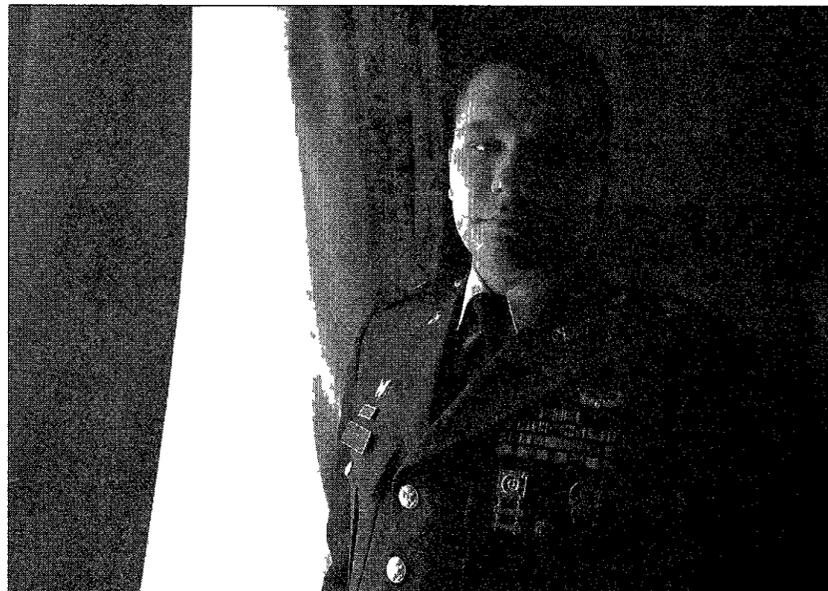
After that, Kaleb went to live with his grandparents. Johnathan's wife, Janice, is living on base at Ft. Carson, but the couple have moved around so much, they thought their son was better off in a stable environment.

It has been a tough time for Johnathan. Not only has he missed his family, but he has also had to deal with all the perils a soldier in war always has to deal with. Twelve-hour shifts, and nightly mortar attacks. Guys he's known have been killed in action. And life in the desert is often brutal, he says. Summer heat that gets up to 140-Fahrenheit, and winter nights so cold they chill your bones.

"I knew it was going to be hot. But I don't think any of us realized how cold it gets there in the winter," he says.

Roe is a radio operator with the Ironhawk 3/3 Armored Cavalry Regiment. He spent the latter stages of his tour working as a gunner on patrols that included impromptu road blocks and searches of local homes looking for insurgents. He said these patrols were often quite intense and often led to combat-type situations.

"You're always a bit scared. After a while it becomes rou-



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Army Staff Sgt. Johnathan Roe is home for the holidays after a year's service in Iraq. He will be heading back in March or April.



Roe sits atop a military vehicle during a patrol in Iraq earlier this year.

time, but you always have in the back of your mind some thing could happen at any time," he said.

Roe recently learned he will be heading back to Iraq for another year, probably in March or April, which is why he wanted to take advantage of the opportunity to come home this week.

Michelle Roe said these have been very tough times for both her and Greg, to say the least. They are both dreading the day when Johnathan must head back to Iraq. However, Michelle said

having Kaleb makes it a little easier to bear.

"Thank God this boy is here. He is my lifeline," she said.

Johnathan Roe is approaching his next tour with optimism. It will be the last or next to last tour of the war.

Like most Americans, he is hoping the Iraqi elections, scheduled for January, will turn the tide of the war and give the Iraqis the ability to fight it for themselves. He said he was generally treated with respect over there, and

he gets the sense that the average Iraqi believes in what America is doing.

As for Roe himself, he said the experience has forever changed him, and his outlook on life.

"I've grown up since then. Now, I look at every day and try to improve myself. I wake up and think how I can be closer to my son," he said. "Personal possessions aren't as important anymore. It has opened my eyes a lot."

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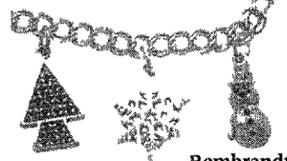


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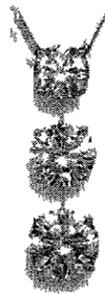
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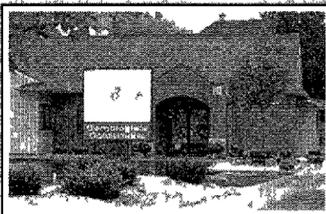
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## OUR VIEWS

# Time for voters to be heard

Dr. James Ryan, superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, said he made up five different budgets using five different state revenue sharing figures because there's no way to predict what that number will actually be.

Plymouth Finance Director Mark Christiansen and City Manager Paul Sincock have already lopped the city's \$236,000 worth of statutory state revenue sharing out of their five-year budget plan, although there are indications they'll lose it much sooner than that.

Plymouth Township officials have had perhaps the easiest time weathering the state's current budget storms, mostly because of a healthy fund balance and conservative budgeting. This despite fairly hefty spending — a couple of million on Lake Pointe Soccer Park, some \$12 million projected for the new township hall.

But it's becoming a fact, even for financially sound communities, budgetary title waves like the ones being caused by the state's burgeoning fiscal woes will eventually come crashing down on local municipalities.

School officials in districts like Plymouth-Canton, and others who make even less money per student, have been crying for years that education funding provided for by Proposal A is not only unfairly distributed, but isn't enough in any event.

The school district will have to put a lot of things on the table — expansion of the current pay-to-play athletic policy and transportation costs among them — if their foundation grant gets cut any further. Gov. Jennifer Granholm has pledged to hold schools harmless, but school officials have heard that before.

The city of Plymouth has been financially strapped the last couple of years, and is eyeing a deficit next year despite the presence of more than \$300,000 — for the moment — in its general fund balance.

City commissioners have already made some cuts, including staffing and services, and will have to look at just about everything. That could eventually include police coverage, despite their protestations to the contrary.

Plymouth Township officials, with a lesser menu of services from which to cut, may eventually wind up slicing from the township's police/fire budgets.

The point? Local residents could start seeing a reduction in services and they could start seeing it soon, if state officials don't do something to fix the budget crisis. Is the problem? Legislators told folks gathered at a summit on education finance last week Lansing isn't likely to do much, particularly about school funding, unless they start hearing directly from voters.

Not sure how to get hold of them? State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, can be reached by calling (517) 373-3816 (he'll call you back if you can't afford the phone bill). State Sen. Bruce Patterson has a toll-free number, (866) 262-7307.

With Lansing trying to deal with the problem, and voters needing to voice their frustration, there's no time like the present.

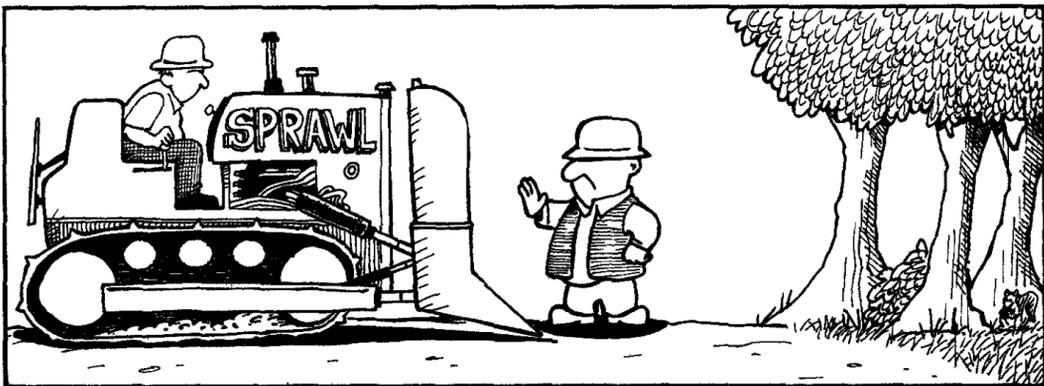
# We need Detroit as much as it needs us

We folks in the suburbs may think we're pretty self-sufficient — we've got everything we need out here and we don't need that big, bad city on the river. How many times do we hear the refrain: Let them keep their crime, poverty and administration scandals, let them worry about their school district failures, and let them deal with their withering economy?

Well, try to see a major league football, baseball or hockey game in the suburbs — you can't. (Some might argue you can't in Detroit, either.) You also won't find world-class offerings comparable with the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Detroit Science Museum, the Detroit Zoo (OK, it's technically in Royal Oak) and other major theatrical attractions like the Fisher and Fox theaters and many others. The search for architectural treasures that rival Detroit's historic churches, hotels and office buildings would be just as futile here in the suburbs.

The point is that we need a culturally vibrant and economically vital central city as much here in the suburbs as Detroit does.

Next month, many of us will pause in our suburban towns to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. and his message of peace, justice and equality. We should also remember that, while our suburbs may be great places to live and raise children, we must appreciate our interdependence with the city of Detroit.



## Captured spirit of evening

Just a note to thank you for your work in the Dec 5 *Observer*. I very much enjoyed your article titled "not going to take it anymore." I felt you captured the spirit of the evening and accurately reflected the purpose of gathering all those people together.

As the superintendent of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, I hope that something can be done to address the funding shortfall. We are on the brink of doing some truly amazing things in P.C. that will be severely curtailed if we have another mid-year cut or another Foundation Grant freeze for 2005-06.

Thanks again for your work.

Jim Ryan

superintendent Plymouth Canton Schools

## Disturbing ad

As I was browsing through Thursday's paper (Dec. 9), I took an interest in an article on the terror readiness of the Educational Park. It's good to know our community recognizes the need to have a solid program of readiness. It's even better when weaknesses are recognized in programs designed for public safety. Half the solution is in realizing a problem may exist.

What I was not too pleased to see was the huge advertisement space given to a gun and knife show on the same page as the description of our safety weakness at the Park! Egads, what an eye catcher! I personally find it distasteful and irresponsible use of advertisement space. Granted the space was bought and paid for, but the ad did not have to be put on the same page as an article describing the shortcomings in protecting our high schools against those who commit violent crimes! Please use better judgment in the future.

Vickie Pavloff

Canton

## Benefits need changing

Your article on school funding problems identified two problems.

Politicians don't like spending caps, only when used to get tradeoffs that they have every expectation of nullifying at a later date. Proposal A has been a success. Now younger families and seniors like us can afford to remain in our home because of capped property taxes. Nothing is said about rolling back the increase in the sales tax that was part of the trade-off.

The biggest problem is retirement costs. It's time the teachers union join the rest of us and drop defined benefits and change to defined contribution. It was rather telling that the biggest problem was the pension costs, not educating students. Many of us have taken hits from the economic downturn, teachers appear to think they should be immune to it.

Perhaps one of the first steps should be changing the teacher's pension fund into a 403(b), like the 401(k) that most of us have. Teachers only reinforce the perception that federal and state bureaus are one big retirement club.

Proposal A is not the problem. Run.

## LETTERS

away costs are the problem. Jim Ryan from the Plymouth-Canton Schools might explain why the new Canton High School looks more like a corporate headquarters than a teaching building.

Taxpayers are not unlimited financial resources to state and local municipalities. We live in the real world and they should join us.

Joanne Sonnenberg

Canton

## Hunting ban not progress

I am also sorry that this area went the way of so-called "progress." As I see it, there are at least three problems. First, people are leaving areas like Detroit to get away from that mess. Second, you have immigration. Everybody that comes over has to live somewhere. Third, you have the politicians and real estate people who most of the time are one and the same and jack up the value of the property and force people to sell because of taxes. If you are for any of these things, then your getting what you want. If not, the attitude of the people has to change, and I don't see that happening.

Robert Eberts

Westland

## Our real heroes

Decades have come and gone since the day the common war and woof was that young men and women became military personnel because they were incapable of performing any task in the world of work. That the enlistees were incapable and lacked more than ordinary intelligence was never true, of course, and I can attest both to the ability and the intelligence of men and women in the military in the 40s. I was there, Charlie.

Today, our very best are in the military. But to get close to home and in the house, they are our real heroes. We go through many of our days without a thought to the welfare of our fighting men and women, snug and smug. But they fight for our safety and our freedom. Every day.

More of us must become true supporters of our military. We can support our troops by voting "yes" on proposals to increase spending for military projects and armament. Maybe we can get the secularists to "pray" on occasion for our military's well-being.

Neil Goodbred

Livonia

## 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

Hank Borgman

Farmington

## Save manufacturing

Congress will soon be asked to approve U.S. entry into the 34-nation free trade area of the Americas (FTAA).

There is no doubt that such "free trade" agreements have cost Americans millions of jobs.

Recently the *Christian Science Monitor* reported the staggering fact that "free trade" is the reason manufacturing jobs have fallen from 19.3 million in 1980 to 14.6 million over the past 25 years.

The Bush administration boasts about the jobs being created.

Economist Paul Craig Roberts countered these claims. He stated jobs being created are low-paying domestic services that cannot be exported. The jobs held by American middle class are those that are under attack and being programmed for extinction.

Creation of FTAA will result in more middle-class jobs leaving our nation. Congress must say no to the FTAA.

Ron Yarbrount

Livonia

## Separate church, state

It is quite ironic that George W. Bush, in light of ridding the world of an oppressive and despotic entity as the Taliban, with its iron rule against freedom, especially toward women, that he panders to the same mentality of the brain-washed religious fundamentalists, who are trying to legislate their dogma to control us all.

It is time for the IRS to investigate the churches for their political activity and take away their tax-exempt status. The separation of church and state has to be protected.

George W. Bush, by far the most arrogant, self-righteous hypocrite to ever sit in the Oval Office, has an obligation to keep religion out of politics, as should many of our state and national legislators.

Edward Parrine

Farmington Hills

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## QUOTABLE

"I'm now satisfied the members of both the House and Senate appropriations committees have failed us ... Rather than leave this very important topic to the appropriation committee members, who obviously haven't done a good job, I'm going to step in and try to find a solution."

— State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, on finding solutions for the financial problems facing the state

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# State's ability to compete rests on higher education

When I graduated from high school lots of people felt that a (high school) diploma was the ticket to a good job with good pay Today that's simply not the case The economic future of Michigan's citizens depends absolutely on getting post high school education

- Lt. Gov John Cherry

He's right, of course And so the big idea to come out of Cherry's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, which will release its final report this week, is that Michigan should guarantee "universal higher education" for all students

The product of six months of work by a 41-person commission (full disclosure I was one of 'em), the report is a collection of ideas on how to achieve Gov Jennifer Granholm's goal of doubling the number of people with post-secondary degrees within 10 years This comes at a time when Michigan is losing high-paying manufacturing jobs, average wages are dropping and unemployment remains stubbornly high

Some examples of our recommendations  
 ■ Require school districts to adopt "rigorous high school standards," whether graduates are headed for college or a vocational career The commission also endorsed junking the MEAP test in favor of the more college-oriented ACT

■ Create an "emerging economy initiative" by supporting the Technology Tri-Corridor We also recommended creating a "21st century research fund" that matches dollars invested in any research that could have commercial applications, although the report didn't mention any specific numbers

■ Encourage a "culture of entrepreneurship" by offering courses in high school and college in investing in venture capital opportunities

■ Allow community colleges to offer four-year baccalaureate degrees in high-demand areas such as heating and cooling technology

The commission's research concluded that family incomes are directly linked to post-high school education Each year of college brings an annual increase in earnings, on average, of 10 percent But the commission also found that Michigan's relative standing in per capita personal income had fallen sharply We ranked 20th among the states in 2001, but from 1969 to 2001 our income dropped nearly 12 percent, 47th worst

The commission endorsed the idea that Michigan's economy badly needs to make the transition from brawn based to brain based

but it found our state woefully unequipped to do what needs to be done Fewer than one-quarter of Michigan adults have a B.A. or higher, far lower than high-growth states like Massachusetts and California, where the figure is one-third Tragically, while 90 percent of the state's ninth-graders say they want to go on to college, only 41 percent enroll directly after leaving high school, and less than half of those emerge four years later with a bachelor's degree

The underpinnings of the commission's report is an emphasis on changing Michigan's culture in by promoting a "new compact" that would provide all children access to higher education How that would be paid for is not clear, although the commission talked about repackaging existing state and federal aid programs I expect Granholm will propose more details in her State of the State and budget messages early next year

All told, the commission's report points in exactly the right direction Michigan must do everything in its power to "transform itself once again to be a leader in an era where knowledge is the key ingredient to economic success"

But there are problems, especially with money and focus Michigan has cut state support for higher education by more than \$200 million in the past two years, and the budget outlook this year and next is dire I don't understand how we can endorse the Cherry Commission's call for doubling post-secondary degrees in 10 years at the same time we tolerate a state that is dangerously withdrawing support for our public universities It just doesn't add up

As to focus, I fear political correctness required the commission to say nice things about schools, community colleges and the various universities around the state Certainly, each of them has a role to play in helping us to a brain-based economy But anybody who knows anything about economic development, high-tech growth and entrepreneurship knows that it is the state's research universities — the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State and Michigan Tech — that are going to play by far the most important role

Having the political courage to focus resources where they will do the most good is always tough We've been "eating our seed corn" for the past few years by cutting appropriations to our best universities, and I hope Granholm and the new Legislature have the wisdom — and the guts — to do something about it before it is too late

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@hometownlife.com



Phil Power

# Ceremony lights the way through fog of pain for grieving families

Memories are the mirrors of my mind reflecting my joy at having loved you Memories are the treasures you have left behind Thoughts of you keep the lamp of love lit in the recesses of my mind Memories are the miracles of my mind

- Eloise Cole

I spent much of the day Saturday sitting on hard plastic bleacher seats in the gymnasium at Berkley High School, watching my son, a 14-year-old freshman, wrestling in the Berkley Invitational



Brad Kadrich

I watched Marcus take part in the sport I loved when I was his age, and pleasant memories came flooding back I spent the day surrounded by parents doing the same thing

Then I spent Sunday evening surrounded by parents who can't

The Livonia chapter of The Compassionate Friends held its annual candle-lighting ceremony Sunday

in Kellogg Park, braving elements that would have kept most people indoors It's part of an international children's memorial honoring — and, more importantly, remembering — children lost too young

The idea is to light candles at 7 p.m. in every time zone around the world As the candles fade in one zone, they're lit in another, providing a 24-hour wave of light encircling the globe "in loving memory of all children that their light may always shine"

For a large part of Sunday, it looked like there was no way Mother Nature was going to let that happen It was freezing It snowed It rained

Then, literally minutes before the event was to start, the mist that had replaced the snow stopped altogether It was still cold, but candles light in the cold People can huddle in the cold What they needed was the rain to stop, and it stopped

And Gail Lafferty, the group's treasurer, doesn't think it had anything at all to do with Mother Nature Lafferty believes in her heart a higher power took over

"The kids were definitely taking care of us, she said with a smile

Smiling comes easier now for Lafferty, a Livonia resident who lost her son, Max, at the age of 18 when he died in a car accident the day after Christmas in 1995 This annual rite is one of the things that helps her get through the holidays, a season that might otherwise be lost to her

"This is always a difficult time for us," Lafferty said "This helps us get through the holidays The most important thing it does is give us a connection to other people It brings back wonderful memories Our families are here, siblings are here It's a real connection"

The causes of loss are all different — from car accidents to drug overdose, from cancer to suicide — but the sense of loss is the same The memorial features the singing of songs and the reading of inspirational poems

The tears flow from the first minute to the last, from the eldest eyes to the youngest. Grieving parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends all gathered to cry, to laugh — but mostly to remember

Jessica Lunto of Westland lost her older brother when she was 14 He was 18 at the time, and he died in a car accident It was hard at first but, as it does for so many others, it gets easier Maybe not easier, the pain is always there and it's always deep

It's dealing with the pain that has gotten easier, or at least bearable, for Lunto, now 22 and able to smile when she remembers her brother. She can talk about him, with family, with friends It's perhaps the biggest lesson she's learned in the eight years since his passing

"Your friends want to talk to you, but they don't know what to say, or how to say it," Lunto said "I've come to the conclusion it's better to talk about him It definitely helps me"

Nancy Glumb of Canton hasn't gotten to that stage yet She's lost two children a son four years ago, her daughter Tabrtha Allen just over a year ago

The tears started falling for Glumb, who attended Sunday's ceremony with Tabrtha's two young children, as soon as the first poem was being read

"It's like closure, a moment for me to remember my children," Glumb said "I feel like I'm with other people feeling the same things"

That's the incredible part of this annual ritual, this yearly group hug that gets hundreds of people through one more holiday season It's a difficult pain to imagine if you haven't gone through it, an impossible pain to manage if you have, a seemingly unbearable burden if you're just starting to go through it But the candle-lighting ceremony helps

"People feel good being here, although they're very sad, especially the newly bereaved," said Lafferty, the Livonia woman who is getting through her ninth holiday season "It's a special night"

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## TOOLS

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

**B**rady Kalep, store manager for Marsh Power Tools in Livonia, remembers his first tool — a quarter-inch electric drill purchased for him by his mother when he was about 12. “Anytime you needed a hole drilled — whether I was hanging mirrors or pictures, fixing a broken hinge or a broken fender on a bicycle — or anytime a door handle needed new holes for the screws, I’d get the drill and drill those out,” Kalep said. Basic power tools like a drill and hand tools are critical for the owner of a first home. Sometimes it’s better to start with the basics and work your way up. Perhaps you have the basics and a few power tools, but want to move into some of the new technology. Whether you are Harry Handyman, Neil the Neophyte or Roberta the Remodeler, this holiday season you can find tools to improve your precision and craftsmanship.

### BACK TO BASICS

Homeowners need that first tool box to assist them with minor repairs, whether it is small engine repairs on lawn equipment, plumbing or heating and cooling adjustments.

Dennis Wright received his first 20-inch steel toolbox 27 years ago, when he and his wife were first married. The owner of Wright Hardware in Livonia says it’s hard to imagine owning a home and operating lawn equipment without basic tools.

A toolbox, screwdriver set, 25-foot tape measure, pliers and fiberglass claw hammer are just some of the basic items a first-time homeowner needs,

Wright said. “A fiberglass claw is a little more durable than the wood,” Wright said. “Channel lock (pliers) are great for plumbing.”

Adam Becker, co-owner of Fairway Construction in Southfield, whose company recently completed a home renovation on ABC’s television show *Extreme Makeover* for an Oak Park family, says he uses screwdriver more than anything else. Ratchet sets and pliers are probably the most important tools for

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## Chimney sweeps bring safety as well as good luck to home

BY MARY KLENIC  
STAFF WRITER

It’s comfortable and comforting to have a fire in the fireplace. But it’s something that calls for responsibility as well.

Your thoughts of chimney sweeps might involve characters in Dickensian garb singing and dancing on rooftops. Legend says that a chimney sweep brings good luck.

Legends and images of

sweeps aside, keeping the chimney clean — removing creosote and soot deposits — is essential.

“It’s very important,” said Marie Gilreath of the High Hat Chimney Sweep Co. of Plymouth. “If you burn at least one or two fires every week during the fall and winter, it should be cleaned once a year.”

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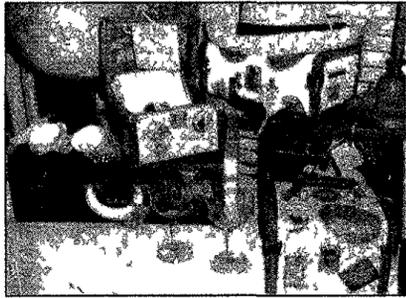
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# Don't let grout turn you into Grinch

Several weeks ago I received an e-mail from Andrea W asking about grout replacement. Her problem was that the grout in her bathrooms was disintegrating. She also, in her words, graduated from the School-for-the-Mechanically-Challenged and didn't believe she could complete the project herself. Disintegrating grout can be easy, or a challenge, depending on why it is disintegrating.

The problem may be the grout itself breaking down, or perhaps you just want a fresh look. You can remove the grout with a variety of tools, such as a utility knife, awl, screwdriver or can opener, but the best tool is a grout-removing tool, sometimes called a grout rake or grout saw. These can be found at just about any home improvement or tile store.

The work is pretty labor intensive and messy. The old grout will get all over the floor. To further compound the problem, there will be a considerable amount of dust in the air. Before removing the grout, you should try to completely seal the room the best you can, including the warm and cold air registers. After you remove the old grout, vacuum the grout lines and surrounding area, then wipe them with water.

Apply new grout with a grout float - available where tile supplies are sold - to work the grout into the lines. Wipe the excess grout away with a damp sponge, then polish the powdery haze with a dry cloth after the grout is thoroughly dry (or after about 24 hours).

You can choose to use premixed grout or powder. Premixed grout is easier to use, but the powder is less expensive and gives you greater color selection. If you use powdered grout, I suggest mixing it with a polymer (latex) additive,



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

according to directions. Avoid getting the new grout wet for about 48 hours, depending on the humidity. After 48 hours, apply silicone-based sealer to the grout and let dry as directed.

Tile grout is porous and consequently allows moisture to pass through it. Unfortunately, in newer construction, too often tile is placed on moisture-resistant drywall (called greenboard) or worse yet, regular drywall, rather than cementboard (a stronger substrate for tile). In the case of greenboard or drywall, there is a life expectancy of about 10 years or less.

If failing substrate is causing the tile/grout problems in your home, it will probably be best to call on a professional to do the replacement. Grout replacement is not difficult even for those who graduated from the School-for-the-Mechanically-Challenged and can save you money by doing it yourself.

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## TOOLS

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homeowners, he says.

A lot depends on whether they are building things," Becker said. "You are now seeing cordless saw kits and drill kits. These sets are relatively inexpensive. Those are probably the most useful things for your readers."

Socket sets ranging from quarter-inch to half-inch help with small engine repair, and retractable utility knives assist on a variety of house projects, whether marking drywall or wood, or cutting small wires.

## MORE POWER

Power tools are a necessity for the serious home remodeler. Wright said his circular saw is probably the most important power tool, followed by the saber saw, palm sander and belt sander.

"A Sawzall (reciprocating saw) is great for any demolition work," Wright said. That tool cuts through walls for easy removal.

A cordless drill is something you can't live without, but you'll still need the electric drill," Wright said. "Cordless drill-drivers are great for drywall, while the electric drills work on concrete."

Becker says screw guns, cordless palm and cordless saw kits and reciprocating saws are important for the handy homeowner who may want to undertake a project or two.

The jigsaw is another tool used by Kalem for wood projects, namely step stools and wooden boxes for birds.

## TOOL IDEAS

Here is a list of tool ideas for the holidays:

### First-time home owner

- Screwdriver set
- Hammer with claw
- Wrench set
- Pliers (regular and needle-nose)
- Vice grips
- Channel-lock pliers
- Socket set
- Drill and drill bits
- Circular saw
- Wire cutters
- Retractable utility knife
- Circular saw
- Jigsaw

### For the serious remodeler

- Drill driver and drill driver
- Hammer drill
- Acts as a power screwdriver and drill
- Hammer drill allows user to drill into concrete

- Compound miter saw
- Table saw
- Bandsaw
- Naigun

### For the tool junkie who has everything

- Laser level
- Sliding compound miter saw with laser
- Digital protractor
- Reciprocating saw

### For woodworkers

- Planer
- Router

Kalem recently expanded his Livonia home. For major home renovations, Kalem recommends the following power

tools in a tool kit: a 7 1/4 -inch circular saw, finish nailer, brad nailer, framing nailer, screw gun and roofing nailer.

Builders use finish nailers for doing trim, casings, base and crown molding, while brad nailers help on thin materials that may split, such as shoe molding. Framing nailers, well, frame studs to create walls and help out in hard-to-reach angles. Screw guns help in hanging drywall.

Altogether, those tools can cost in the range of \$1,000-\$1,300, Kalem estimates.

Drill drivers and drill driver hammer drills are critical tools for the serious home remodeler. "Most of these have built-in adjustable clutches, and the hammer drill can drill into concrete," Kalem said.

## GOING LASER

Lasers are the new technology in the tool chest. They may be on many a builder's Christmas list, too.

For builders who have everything, the digital protractor may fit the bill for those difficult miter cuts and angles. "When they operate it, it gives them a precise angle," Kalem said.

One Bosch unit has an Anglefinder and a Compound Cut Calculator to give the exact miter and bevel settings to make each cut of crown molding more precise.

"We are finding line lasers are real popular," Kalem said. "You want to track a point on the wall, then shoot it over there (on an adjacent wall). It's great for chair rail molding and wainscoting when you need to get from Point A to Point B."

Lasers are entering the world of compound miter saws, too. "You're seeing more with the laser-guided miter saws, and these are more and more popular," Kalem said. "It gives you better precision." While the builder's mantra "measure twice, cut once" may never reach obsolescence, the laser helps with accuracy of the cut itself.

Wright likes the new laser levels, which can be used to mark for borders, moldings or drop ceilings. "That's where a laser level really helps," he said.

A belt sander and finishing sanders assist floor installers in sanding hardwood floors. Finishing sanders are used around the edges. "They need a better finish," Kalem said.

Screw guns need electricity, but they make drywall quick work.

"They are much faster at up to 4,000 rpm, as a drill driver is about 1,800 rpm," Kalem said.

For the heavy duty demolition, reciprocating saws make quick work of destruction to remove walls.

"If you really want to tear out a room, that's what you would use," Kalem said.

Routers aren't always required for every project, but for the serious woodworker, they help in making cabinets and doors. Marsh offers three lines of router bits from Freud, CMT and Bosch.

Wright said customers often stop in his store "right when they're in the middle of a project. They need something right then and there."

"They are on a mission."

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## CHIMNEY

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"If you burn a cord of wood, you should probably have your chimney cleaned," said Nyla Bendixen of Ben & Sons Chimney Service of Rochester Hills. Most importantly, if you just bought a house that's 30 years old and has a fireplace for heaven's sake, have it

cleaned before you use it."

In the combustion process of wood burning, solid materials are produced that build up in the chimney and are highly combustible. Cleaning the chimney involves loosening and removing the material.

"Most times wood-burning fireplaces should be looked at after burning two to three face cords of wood," said Neal Bartholomew of Neb's Chimney Service Inc. of Rochester, who has been in the

business almost 30 years. (A face cord measures about 2 by 4 by 8 feet, he said.) "Gas fireplaces should be checked periodically, every five years."

Cleaning will prevent chimney fires and improve the draft as well, according to the Michigan State University Extension bulletin, *The Creosote Problem*.

Creosote can be seen if you open the damper plate and look up into your chimney.

Second degree creosote appears gray black and fuzzy. Third-degree creosote looks hard, black and shiny, said Gilreath, whose husband, Ray, will have been in the chimney cleaning business 22 years next month.

Another indication that your chimney requires cleaning is if you notice a heavy sooty smell in the room with the fireplace on a rainy day, Bendixen said.

The smoke chamber area, the ledge above the damper plate, and the space between

must be cleaned, Gilreath said.

A chimney sweep can inspect your chimney for cracks and deterioration. Some can do the repair work as well.

Vacuums and other modern tools are used, as well as brushes.

Gilreath, for example, uses the August West vacuum system, a high-speed dust collector. Some companies use cameras to view the inside of the chimney.

The cleaning process involves laying down sheets and tarps, to catch the debris and protect furniture and carpets. Bartholomew also places runners from the fireplace to the door. He leaves his vacuum outside, and runs a hose from it into the house.

Prices vary. Bartholomew charges around \$75, Ben & Sons \$69, Ray Gilreath \$85 to \$150.

Fall and spring - when people are starting to use their fireplaces more, or to use them less - are the busiest times for chimney cleaning, Bartholomew said.

When hiring a chimney sweep, ask what is involved in the cleaning procedure and whether the sweep is insured, Gilreath and Bendixen said. "Find out how long they've been in the business and what training they've had," Bartholomew said.

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Here are some recommendations: *Easy and Elegant Rose Design*, *Beyond the Garden*, by Ellen Spector Platt (\$19.95, Fulcrum) is suitable for beginners as well as seasoned floral designers.

## Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Platt has written another winner with her ninth flower book, enhanced by the lovely photography of Alan Detrick. Whether using dried or fresh flowers, Platt's designs are innovative, from a single rose in a vase to a lush arrangement.

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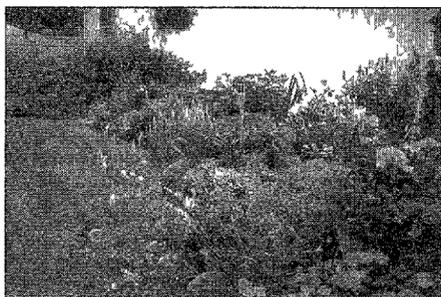
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*The Jewel Box Garden* by Thomas Hobbs (\$34.95, Timber Press) is the perfect book to keep nearby as you study and enjoy the 160 marvelous photographs of David McDonald. I predict that you will especially appreciate the beauty of the flowers and foliage when seen through the camera lens. Hobbs gives a short description of each garden as he shares why they work.

Hobbs encourages gardeners to tap into their creativity and put their heart and soul into creating oases of beauty - intimate spaces where they can escape the pressures of modern life. The recipient will thank you many times for this treasure.

## FLAVOR AND FRAGRANCE

*Lasagna Gardening with Herbs* by Patricia Lanza (\$15.95, Rodale) teaches gardeners how to enjoy flavor fra-



Proper horticultural information will make a successful garden.

grance and beauty with no digging, tilling or weeding. Sound too good to be true? Well, Lanza has proved this can happen if you follow her directions.

This practical approach to lasagna gardening includes a chart of the materials to use, where to find them, how to use them and Lanza's comments. Each herb is given center stage as it is described by the author who shares personal experiences with each one. Written in a friendly, "I'll-help-you" manner, you'll find ways to use the herbs in recipes, wreaths, teas and edible flowers. The book may even encourage someone to start an herb garden next year.

Two books by Brooklyn Botanic Garden would make lovely hostess gifts this season. *Designing an Herb Garden* (Beth Hanson, editor) includes the history of herb garden design and features several types of such gardens. The information is complete with guest writers sharing their expertise. Whether your garden area is shady or sunny, there's a plan here for you.

*The Butterfly Gardener's Guide* (Claire Hagen Dole, editor) begins with descriptions and photos of the various butterfly families.

The guide includes information about migration and how to encourage caterpillars to find a home in your garden. How to create a butterfly garden and how to enjoy these lovelies in their natural habitats.

The booklet is broken down into sections of the country where specific butterflies can be found. (Each booklet is \$9.95.)

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## DISCOVER PLANTS

A very special book *Plant Discoveries, A Botanist's Voyage Through Plant Exploration* by Sandra Knapp, (Firefly Books, \$60) will keep readers occupied for many hours.

Plants have played a large part in people's lives for centuries and their history is the story of the advancement of science as well as the story of adventure and human achievement. The book captures the excitement and wonder of scientists and explorers pushing back the frontiers of knowledge. Knapp says, "the book is a voyage through the history of my science - taxonomy - using plant paintings made over the centuries as the vehicle. These images are the tip of the iceberg that are the art collections of the Natural History Museum."

*Encyclopedia of Garden Plants* by Frances Tenenbaum (Houghton Mifflin, \$45) provides excellent information about trees, shrubs, roses, perennials, annuals, bulbs and ground covers. The book focuses exclusively on garden plants of North America and provides all the information for growing, propagating and maintaining the best species for every sort of garden, climate and growing condition. This would be a most welcome addition to any library and I predict it will become a favorite.

**GOOD GARDEN TIP:** As the flower buds of your amaryllis bloom, use tweezers to remove the pollen-bearing anthers before they begin to shed. This adds days to the flowering period.

Marty Figley is an advanced master

# Baking is a big part of the holidays

When do you start baking for the holidays? What do you bake and how much baking do you do? I have participated in cookie exchanges



## Domestic Planner

Diana Koenig

and have been disappointed with the cookies I have brought home. How do you produce a delicious cookie? Baking can be one of the most special parts of our holiday preparations.

Besides the shopping, addressing cards, decorating, and entertaining, we want to fill our home with the smell of baking cookies. Baking is usually one of our final preparations. We could always purchase pre-packaged goodies, but those are no real substitutes for homemade treats.

Preparation for next year can start Jan. 2. Gather up the newspapers and magazines that have accumulated over the holidays and begin looking for holiday recipes to add to your recipe file. Keep them together in one location. This will help you avoid searching through hundreds of recipes later.

Continue to add new cookie recipes to your collection throughout the year. Call friends or relatives and ask for their favorite recipe. Carry index cards in your purse and use the time in the doctor's waiting room to look through magazines for cookie recipes. Look for sales on baking goods and stock up well in advance. You will save money and have ingredients available if you unexpectedly get the

opportunity to bake because a meeting is canceled or a snowstorm hits. Put nuts and chocolate chips in the freezer. Candy toppings and sugar can be stored for a long period of time on the shelf in tightly closed containers. Flour will last longer in the refrigerator.

Depending on your schedule, you may need to prepare cookies ahead of time. They will stay fresh if you freeze them or store them in a cool place. I spend the month of December baking, not every day, but certainly often.

It is important to schedule baking times. If you double or triple the cookie batch, be sure to measure the ingredients carefully, because you have also doubled or tripled the number of cookies that will not be up to snuff if you make a mistake. Minimize the kitchen mess by cleaning up as you work. Divide your kitchen into stations. Set up an area for mixing, putting cookies on baking sheets, removing from baking sheet and putting into storage containers.

If you have more cookies than cooling racks, use an old tablecloth for cooling. To save time and minimize the mess on baking day, you may want to mix the batter the day before. You can spend one session mixing and another session baking.

Cookie baking is a great opportunity to spend time with your children. Children enjoy helping with the preparations and tasting the end results. Younger children can help by pouring in measured ingredients, putting on candy sprinkles and placing cookies in storage containers. Older children can measure ingredients, put cookies on baking sheets

and remove them.

## GOOD COOKIE TIPS

■ Never overbake. Remove cookies from the oven a minute or two before you have been instructed to.

■ Store cookies in airtight containers. Make sure cookies are completely cool before you put them in containers. To insure freshness, avoid opening the container often. Keep a separate container for your family's use and fill it with their favorites.

■ Make small cookies. Your cookie supply will last longer. People tend to count the number of cookies they eat, giving little thought to the size.

■ You should add a few new types of cookies to your repertoire each year, but always include the basics that you know everyone will enjoy.

■ Make enough different kinds of cookies that a cookie tray would look festive and inviting. Use candy sprinkles and food coloring for some of your cookies to add color to your display.

■ Use a wooden spoon to mix cookie batter instead of a mixer. Finally, bake more cookies than your family can eat.

Purchase or collect tins of different sizes to fill with baked cookies to give to neighbors and friends. A baked gift often expresses appreciation far better than a more expensive purchased gift.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "Mix, bake and indulge!"

Send your questions and success stories to Diana Koenig's e-mail at [dianakoeng@hotmail.com](mailto:dianakoeng@hotmail.com) or [www.domesticplanner.com](http://www.domesticplanner.com)

## Seasonal centerpieces

From Christmas trees to Hanukkah centerpieces, Thrifty Florists - with stores throughout the Detroit area - offers a wide variety of decorations for the season.

These centerpieces are two examples. Winter Sleigh Ride features a sleigh basket filled with assorted fresh evergreens, carnations, chrysanthemums, natural pine cones and decorations. It is 13 inches tall and costs \$34.99. Winter Glow Hurricane has an arrangement designed with fresh evergreens, carnations, chrysanthemums, pine cones and decorations, a candle taper and an old-fashioned glass hurricane jar. It is 12 inches tall and costs \$35.99.

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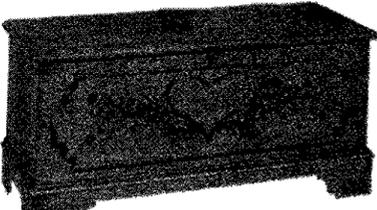
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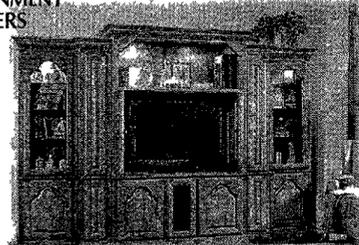
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## Keep kitchen safe during holidays

With the approaching holidays and the preparation of festive meals, safety experts are warning about the dangers of cooking fires in the kitchen.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, 96,200 home structure fires were associated with cooking equipment. These fires killed 331 people, injured 4,183 others and caused \$511.3 million in direct property damage.

"Three out of every ten reported home fires start in the kitchen, more than any other place in the home," says John Drenenberg, manager of Consumer Affairs for Underwriters Laboratories Inc (UL), the not-for-profit product safety testing organization. "Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States."

"These fires are caused by unattended cooking and human error, not mechanical failure of stoves or ovens." This holiday season, UL and the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers are combining efforts to help prevent home cooking fires. They offer these ingredients of kitchen safety, whether you're stirring up a quick dinner or creating a multi-course masterpiece.

Supervision is key. Never leave cooking food on the stovetop unattended and regularly check food cooking inside

the oven.

**Get in the zone** Keep children and pets away from cooking area by creating a 3-foot safety zone around the stove.

**Keep away from the heat** To reduce the chances of bumping pots and pans and spilling their contents, turn panhandles in, but away from hot elements and burners.

**It's not a closet** Never use the oven for storage. The oven can be turned on - burning or damaging the items stored inside.

**Keep it clean** Keep the cooking area clean and clear of anything that can burn - towels, potholders, drapes, food packaging or other flammable objects.

**It's made for food** Only use the oven for its intended use. Never use it to heat a room.

**Roll 'em up** Make it a point to wear short, close fitting or tightly-rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto burners and catch fire.

**Too hot to handle?** Use thick, dry, flame-resistant potholders when handling lids and pans. A wet potholder or oven mitt presents a scald danger if the moisture becomes heated.

**Protect your valuables** When removing pot and pan lids, tilt them away from you to protect your face and hands

from steam.

**Keep a cool head** In the event of a range-top fire, put on an oven mitt and smother the flames by turning off the burner and carefully sliding a lid onto the pan. Leave the lid in place until well cooled. Never carry the pan outside.

**Water and grease don't mix!** Never use water or flour on a grease fire. Doing so can shoot burning grease around the kitchen, actually spreading the fire.

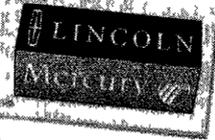
**Use the right tools** If you're familiar with using a multi-purpose fire extinguisher, keep one handy in the event of a grease fire. Inexperienced users, however, can spread the fire. Make sure you know how to properly use a multi-purpose fire extinguisher.

**Prevent flame spread** If you have an oven fire, immediately turn off the heat and keep the door closed to prevent flame spread.

**Call for help** If you can't extinguish the fire yourself, leave your home, call 9-1-1, and wait in a safe place until emergency personnel arrive.

**Life-safety devices** are a must. Make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home. Never disable smoke alarms and check them regularly.

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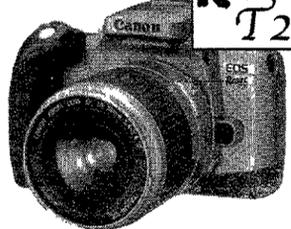
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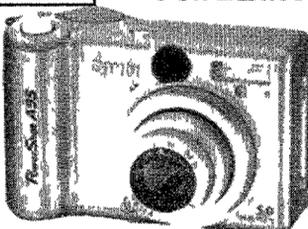
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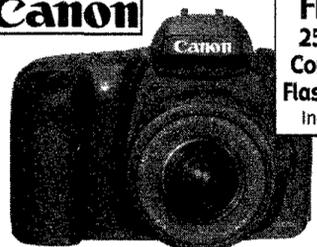
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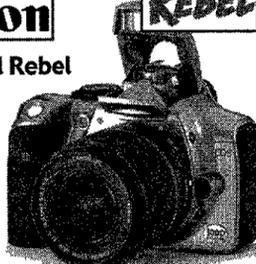
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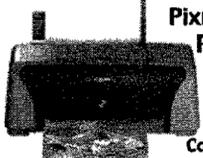
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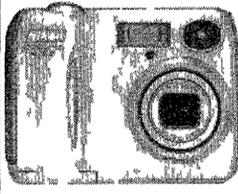
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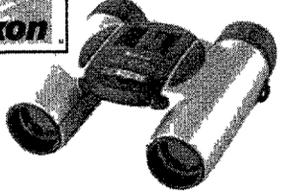
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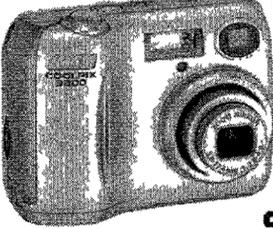
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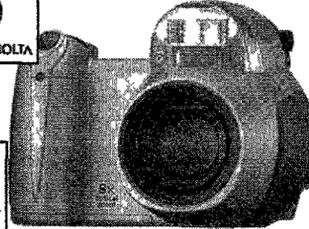
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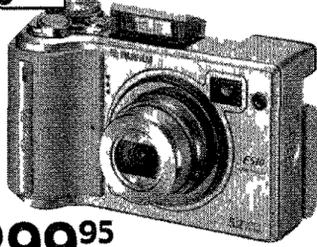
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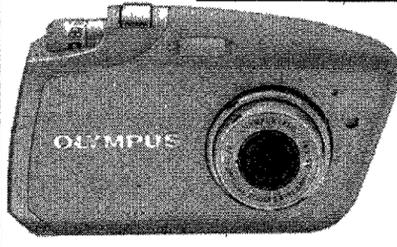
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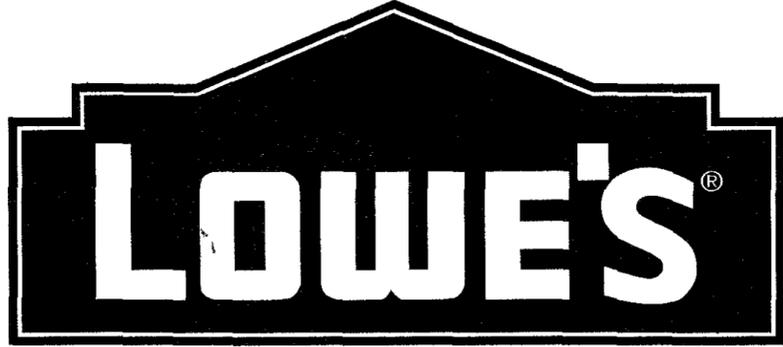
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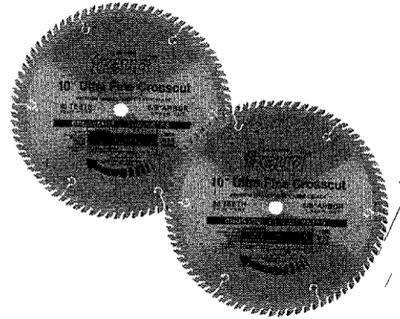
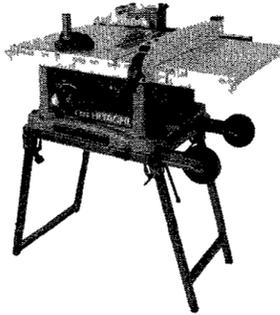
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Canton's Nick Landis helped lead the Chiefs to a third-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly relay at Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays held at Salem High School. Canton finished fourth overall, one spot behind Salem.

## Stevenson prevails in WLAA Relays

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Stevenson couldn't ask for a better way to start the boys swim season.

The Spartans opened their season last week with a 127-59 dual-meet win (Dec. 7) over visiting Dearborn, posting four state qualifying times.

And the week ended Saturday as Stevenson repeated as Western Lakes Activities Association Relays champion, edging Northville for the team title, 254-238.

Host Salem finished third with 214 points followed by Canton (196), Livonia Churchill (155), Walled Lake Northern (143), Walled Lake Central (119), Westland John

Glenn (84), Walled Lake Western (82), Plymouth (81), Wayne (80) and Livonia Franklin (52).

"I thought we swam OK," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "But we have a lot of work to do. Some swimmers who haven't had a chance to compete in the past got an opportunity and they did all right."

Three meet records were set including two by Northville and one by Stevenson.

"I knew it was going to be a close meet," Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker said. "We swam well and swam consistently. So far, so good, but we have a couple of areas to improve in."

"Now we have three solid

weeks of training. We'll go on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. These guys want to do something at the (Division I) state meet this year, just not show up."

Stevenson's 400-yard medley relay team of Jeff Pauza, David Gosdzinski, Garrett Baringhaus and Matt Massman set a meet record in 3:47.22, breaking the mark set in 1989 (3:48.11) set by Stevenson's Aaron Reider, now the head coach at Churchill, Alex Goecke, Scott DeWolf and Mike Goecke.

Shoemaker's lineup adjustment also reaped the 400 freestyle relay title as Adam Whalen, Salvatore Lora, Ryan Zuhke and Travis Hatt clocked a 3:30.79, just 6/100ths of a second

ahead of Northville.

"We did not put that much emphasis into this meet, but we had a couple of gambles that paid off," Shoemaker said. "Putting Travis (Hatt) in the 400 at the last minute — he does a 48.5 split as the anchor — was a great win. That was a 12-point swing. It was that close."

Stevenson also took the 200-butterfly relay as Steve Bruestle, Andrew Schoff, Joseph Fava and Baringhaus were clocked in 1:43.92. Stevenson's diving tandem of Cody Stafford and Steve Smith also placed first with a total of 337.05 points.

Our divers also came through for us, Shoemaker

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## The sting

### Hornets hold off Salem comeback

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

In the movie *Jaws*, you knew the shark was coming when you heard the threatening music and saw its fin cutting through the water.

In Tuesday night's boys basketball game against Salem, Saline coach Terry Breneman knew a Rocks comeback was approaching, he just didn't have any warning when it would hit. Salem's dramatic rally unfolded in the fourth quarter when the always-hustling Rocks trimmed a 16-point deficit to just four with three minutes left. However, Saline stuck a harpoon in the comeback with some clutch jumpers and free-throw shooting to hold off Salem, 57-47.

The setback dropped Salem to 0-3. Saline improved to 3-0 with the victory.

"Even when we were up 16, I knew Salem had a run in them," Breneman said as he wiped sweat from his brow moments after his team's narrow escape. "They're a well-coached team and they're the kind of team that you can never get comfortable with because they play so hard. They ran some different defensive looks against us that confused our young players at times. We're 3-0, but we're lucky to be 3-0 after this game."

Breneman said his Hornets and the Rocks are similar in many ways.

Salem is young and inexperienced like us, Breneman said. "We had a good season last year, but my son (senior guard Geoff Breneman) is the only player we have back who started last year. This was a good win to get on the road."

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## Sidelines

### Chief spikers excel

The Canton volleyball team captured first place in the silver playoffs Saturday at the Livonia Stevenson Invitational tournament.

The Chiefs ousted Royal Oak Kimball, 25-10 and 25-14, before sweeping Gibraltar-Carlson, 25-16 and 25-23 in the playoff round.

Canton opened the day by splitting with Marian Catholic (25-8 and 25-20) and losing to eventual tournament champion Saline (27-26 and 25-21) and Monroe (26-24 and 25-15).

"We were playing in a very competitive pool," said Canton coach Alex Perrin. "Saline finished third in our pool, and ended up winning the 16-team tournament without dropping one playoff game."

"Our level of play was very high throughout the pool play. We had a seven-point lead against Saline in the first game before losing a few at the end. In the second game, we were tied at 21 before they scored the final few."

Chief standouts included Marie Martin (17 kills on 33 attempts, 48.5 hitting percentage), Stephanie Price (70 assists on 185 sets, five aces and 21 service points), Kelsey Bailey (14 kills, 11 aces and team-leading 2.05 serve-receive average); Lisa Western (17 kills, a 224 hitting percentage, and 196 serve-receive average), and Izabela Paszkowska (13 kills and 11 blocks).

### Bear toss

When Plymouth Whalers rookie Cory Tanaka scored on a breakaway late in the first period against the Owen Sound Attack Dec. 11 at the Compuware Sports Arena, he set off a chain reaction.

Many in the crowd of 3,129 pelted the ice with new teddy bears, brought to the game for Teddy Bear Toss Night, an event that occurs across the Ontario Hockey League and hockey venues around North America.

Officially, 514 bears were collected by Compuware service personnel and the Novi Bantam AA team after Tanaka's goal. It was the highest number of bears collected at a Whalers' game.

"It's a great cause," said Whalers coach Mike Vellucci. "It's pretty entertaining when you see all those teddy bears come out of the stands. The OHL does a great job in helping less-fortunate kids. We're just happy to be part of the effort."

Although the Whalers schedule the event and the Plymouth United Way distributes the bears, the event is made a success by the fans.

"It's a win-win situation for all involved," said Whalers director of corporate sales and marketing Rob Murphy. "We've enjoyed a long relationship with the Plymouth United Way and our fans came through in a big way. It's a fun event for a great cause."

## Squeaker

### Canton gymnasts edge Brighton by less than one point

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls gymnastics team won its opening meet Tuesday night by the width of a balance beam.

The Chiefs nipped Brighton, 139.75 to 139.15, in one of the closest competitions veteran Canton coach John Cunningham can remember witnessing.

"I knew going in that both teams were pretty equal, but, to tell you the truth, I didn't think we were ready," Cunningham said. "I thought Brighton would win by a point or two. But after the first couple of events we were ahead and we were going to finish with the floor, which is our best event. We ended up doing OK on the floor — not great — but we won by six-tenths-of-a-point. That's like saying one fall (five-tenths) decided the meet."

Cunningham said he didn't notify his gymnasts of how close the meet was prior to the final event.

"I don't want to add any more pressure to the girls' performances than necessary," Cunningham said. "It's not good to tell a girl, 'If you get a 9.0 we win and a 8.5 we lose.' They knew it was close going into the last event."

Sophomore Alyssa Kelley was brilliant for the Chiefs, placing first in all four events to win the all-around with a score of 36.80.

Jessie Murray also excelled for Canton, placing second in the vault (9.05), third in the bars (8.45), and fourth in the floor (8.95).

Canton returns to action Saturday at Vassar High School.

"We should win that meet," Cunningham said. "So instead of starting 1-1 like I expected, we should be 2-0 heading into the new year."

For a complete statistical wrap-up of the meet, please see page C2.

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## CC grapplers triumph at Salem invite

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central's depth took a "heavy" toll on the Shamrocks' competition at the Salem Invitational Wrestling Meet held Saturday in the Salem High School gymnasium.

CC grapplers finished either first or second in the five heaviest weight classifications — 160 through heavyweight — to lead the Shamrocks to a first-place showing. CC earned 253.5 points, 21 more than runner-up Salem and 51 more than

third-place Canton Belleville (158.5), Wyandotte (149.5), Adrian (142) and Novi (117) filled out the seven-team field.

Three CC wrestlers turned in gold-medal efforts: Trevor Stewart (160 pounds), Brad Bartram (171) and Eric Vojtkofsky (215). Five other Shamrocks — Andrew Nadhir (125), Robert Price (130), Sean Dong (135), Matt Farmer (189) and John Morasso (heavyweight) — all copped second-place finishes in their respective weight classes.

The host Rocks were led by

first-place performers Matt Keffler (119), Ryan Stump (125), Jake Bennett (145), Val Gui (152), and Jeremy Henderson (189), who all posted 4-0 records over the course of the event.

"All five of our wrestlers who were in a finals match won, which was good to see," said Salem coach Greg Woohuk. "Matt Keffler looked dominant at 119 for us and Ryan Stump is really working his way back into form at 125. Scott Fysh, Val Gui, Jeremy Henderson and Jake Bennett wrestled well, too."

Two Chiefs won their respective divisions: 130-pound Corey Phillips and 135-pound Ryan Webb.

Webb, who defeated Dong, 8-6, in the final match, was voted the meet's Most Valuable Wrestler for the lighter-weight classes.

CC's Stewart was honored as the MVW for the upper-weights.

Shunning for Belleville were Greg Rochon, who finished first at 140 pounds, and Scott Golden, who captured the heavyweight title. For complete results on the meet, please see page C2.

## RU duo hands Canton 1st loss

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

You can't stop Redford Union's high-scoring backcourt of Gregg Hill and Anthony Smelley, but you can try to contain them. Or so the saying goes.

But Canton couldn't quite succeed on that account as Hill and Smelley combined for 36 points — including all of RU's second-quarter scoring — to pace the host Panthers (2-1 overall) to a 44-40 non-league victory Tuesday night.

Redford Union head coach Brett Steele raved about the games turned in by Hill (20 points, four rebounds) and Smelley (16 points, four rebounds).

"They're big-time players who played well in a big-time game," Steele said. "That's what they're supposed to do. They're seniors and they've been through these things for three or four years. That's why

they're two of the best players in the area."

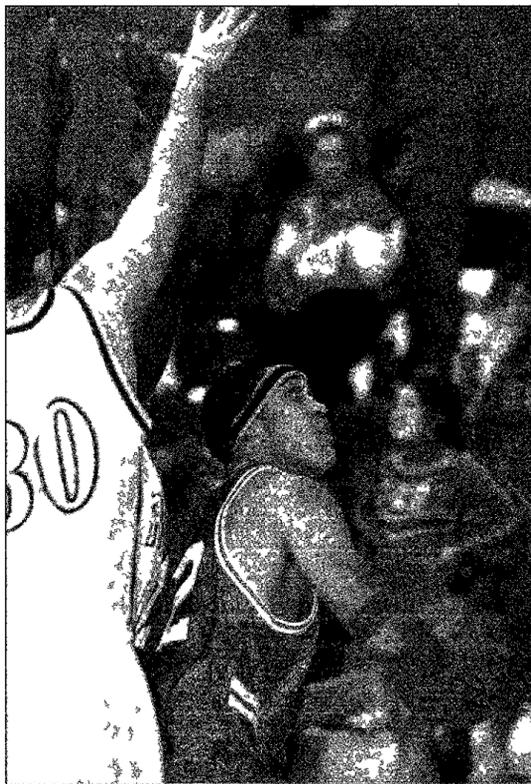
Steele said the duo could even take their play to another level. "They're really difficult to defend, they're very good off the dribble and they're getting better at learning when to pitch it, or pull up and shoot it," he said.

Canton coach Charlie Paye probably wouldn't want to hear that, since he said Hill "threw up some stuff that amazed me."

Paye said Hill and Smelley did a lot of damage during the first half, but that the Chiefs (2-1 overall) fared better defending them after intermission, when the Panthers led 25-21.

"We did better against them in the second half, but down the stretch we missed some shots that we normally make," Paye said. "Our intensity was there, but that (Redford Union) is a good

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Canton's Julian Smith attempts a shot against Redford Union's David Johnson III during the third-quarter of Tuesday night's non-conference game at RU.

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**WRESTLING RESULTS**

**Salem Invitational Wrestling Meet**  
**Dec. 11 at Salem High School**  
**FINAL RESULTS**  
 1 Redford Catholic Central 253 5 2 Salem 232 5 3 Canton 202 5 4 Belleville 158 5 5 Wyandotte 149 5 6 Adrian 142 7 Novi 117  
**103 pounds** 1 John Cole (W) 4 0 2 James O Keeffe (B) 3 1 3 Jeremy Stankewitz (S) 3 1 4 Ryan Schnettler (C) 2 2  
**112** 1 Jerry Boggs (W) 4 0 2 Dustin Zak (B) 3 1 3 Nick Steiger (S) 3 1 4 Sam Santilli (C) 2 2  
**119** 1 Matt Keffler (S) 4 0 2 Christian Cullinan (W) 3 1 3 Ed Mohr (A) 3 1 4 Antonio Cosme (C) 2 2  
**125** 1 Ryan Stump (S) 4 0 2 Andrew Nadhr (CC) 3 1 3 Tim Davis (B) 3 1 4 Alan Marvin (A) 2 2  
**130** 1 Corey Phillips (C) 4 0 2 Robert Price (CC) 3 1 3 Cory Mervyn (C) 3 1 4 Jeff Phillips (B) 2 2  
**135** 1 Ryan Webb (C) 4 0 2 Sean Dong (CC) 3 1 3 Scott Fysh (S) 3 1 4 Eric Mohr (A) 2 2  
**140** 1 Greg Rochon (B) 4 0 2 Konrad Konsitzke (C) 3 1 3 Alex Baum (N) 3 1 4 Ryan Olson (S) 2 2  
**145** 1 Jake Bennett (S) 4 0 2 Matt Sweda (C) 3 1 3 Ty Waters (A) 3 1 4 Matt Crawford (N) 2 2

**152** 1 Val Gui (S) 4 0 2 Jamie Kelle (A) 3 1 3 Steve Shaughnessy (W) 3 1 4 Alex Freitag (C) 2 2  
**160** 1 Trevor Stewart (CC) 4 0 2 Marwan Faraj (C) 3 1 3 John Favorite (N) 3 1 4 Chris Hasse (C) 2 2  
**171** 1 Brad Bartram (CC) 4 0 2 Justin Cameron (N) 3 1 3 Pat McWhirter (C) 3 1 4 Dusty Crowley (W) 2 2  
**189** 1 Jeremy Hendersor (S) 4 0 2 Matt Farmer (CC) 3 1 3 Mike Carrier (W) 3 1 4 Keil Price (C) 2 2  
**215** 1 Eric Vojtkofsky (CC) 4 0 2 John Kinville (CC) 3 1 3 David Kennedy (B) 3 1 4 Alex Smith (S) 2 2  
**HWT** 1 Scott Golden (B) 4 0 2 John Morasso (CC) 3 1 3 Steve Kaptur (S) 3 1 4 Cameron Holbrook (A) 2 2  
**Southgate Anderson 34 Canton 31**  
**Dec. 8 at Canton High School**  
**189 pounds** Joe Higgins (SA) pinned Keil Price (C) 2 52 215 Eric Davis (SA) decisioned P.J. Caram (C) 6 5 HWT Josh Craig (SA) pinned Donnie Laramie (C) 1 24 103 Ryan Schnettler (C) decisioned Joe Nguyen (SA) 13 10 112 Nick Poole (C) won by major decision over Mike Roberts (SA) 11 0 119 Stuart Bies (SA) won by major decision over Jay Fleischmann (C) 13 5 125 Pete Bonneau (C) pinned Peter Jarbo (SA) 32 130 Corey

Phillips (C) pinned Joe Berchiny (SA) 3 53 135 Ryan Webb (C) won by a technical fall over Paul Shear (SA) 16 0 140 Konrad Konsitzke (C) won by a major decision over Joe Gniwsek (SA) 15 5 145 Mark Esshaki (SA) pinned Dave Dauzy (C) 39 152 C.J. Lynn (SA) won by a major decision over Marwan Faraj (C) 14 0 160 Ian Grimsley (SA) won by a technical fall over Alex Freitag (C) 24 5 171 Pat McWhirter (C) decisioned Joe Pajor (SA) 4 3  
**Canton 61 Birmingham Brother Rice 12**  
**Dec. 8 at Canton High School**  
**HWT** Mike Banion (BR) pinned Donnie Laramie (C) 29 103 Ryan Schnettler (C) won by forfeit 112 Sam Santilli (C) pinned Mike Kazanawski (BR) 1 59 119 Nick Poole (C) pinned Marcel Orow (BR) 3 55 125 Jay Fleischmann (C) won by major decision over Adam Michalski (BR) 9 1 130 Pete Bonneau (C) pinned John Birney (BR) 5 20 135 Corey Phillips (C) pinned Andrew Boschert (BR) 1 53 140 Ryan Webb (C) pinned Shane Shunia (BR) 5 34 145 Konrad Konsitzke (C) pinned Jon Pazck (BR) 14 152 Marwan Faraj (C) decisioned Anthony Wong 9 3 160 Alex Freitag (C) pinned Nick Deck (BR) 2 55 171 Joe Klima (BR) decisioned Pat McWhirter (C) 7 5 189 P.J. Caram (C) pinned Matt Shango (BR) 115 215 Manuel Suleiman (BR) decisioned Tom Bonnell (C) 10 5

**BASKETBALL**

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team. They have two very good players.

**TAKING OVER**

Both teams pretty much traded baskets throughout the hard-fought game.

It was 12-11 Canton after one frame, following a last-second putback by sophomore forward Steven Paye (six points).

Hill and Smelley took over in the second, scoring six and eight points, respectively. They also hooked up on perhaps the prettiest basket of the night, as the half ended. Working the ball for a final shot, Hill sent a nifty bounce pass to Smelley for a lay-in.

With Canton turning it up in the defensive pressure department, the Chiefs rallied to go up 32-30 with the third quarter coming to a close when Hill — again — came to RU's rescue. He took the ball through the lane and scored with a crowd-pleasing finger-roll to deadlock the score at 32-32.

A trey by Redford Union junior guard Chris Brown opened up a 37-32 advantage with 5:50 to go. Brown let it fly

from beyond the top of the arc and when the ball went through, he thrust out an arm in excitement.

Characteristic of the game, however, Canton quickly closed the gap to 37-36 and did not go away quietly.

A defensive block by 6-4 senior forward Julian Smith at one end led to a layup by scrappy senior guard Andy Cortellum (five points) at the other to make it 40-38 Panthers with 3:15 left.

But Smelley pretty much capped off the RU win in the final minute. He blocked a Canton pass attempt and dribbled to the other end for a layup to give the Panthers some breathing room.

Several players not named Hill or Smelley contributed to the RU victory.

Senior center David Johnson III scored only two points and pulled down three boards. But Steele emphasized that the 6-3, 230-pound player shadowed Canton's 6-8 senior center Kevin Thornton so well that he scored only four points and wasn't a factor in the rebounding department.

**SHADOWING**

"David Johnson III did a tremendous job on their big

kid, Thornton," Steele said. "He averages 16 points and 13 rebounds and we held them to four." He (Thornton) had no room."

Steele added that senior forward Bill Johnson (three points, five rebounds) put the clamps on another tough Canton player, Smith. All seven of Smith's points came during the first minutes of the third quarter, sparking the Chiefs to a brief rally that erased the RU halftime lead and put Canton up 28-27.

For the Chiefs, senior guard David Cahille scored nine points and chipped in with three assists.

Paye said it didn't help Canton's chances for a victory that Cortellum inadvertently took an elbow to the head while closely guarding Smelley, and had to leave with about two minutes remaining. The coach added he didn't know whether Cortellum will be able to play Thursday at South Lyon.

Redford Union's next game is 7 p.m. Friday, at home against Southgate Anderson. The Panthers will follow that up with a game slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Redford Catholic Central.

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**GYMNASTICS RESULTS**

**Canton 139 75 Brighton 139 15**  
**Dec. 13 at Plymouth High School**  
**Vault** 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 45 2 Jessie Murray (C) 9 05 3 (tie) Katlin Pietila (B) and Nicole Drouillard (B) 8 9 each 5 Rachel Page (B) 8 85 6 Kate Staley (C) 8 8  
**Bars** 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 8 9 2 Rachel

Page (B) 8 85 3 Jessie Murray (C) 8 45 4 (tie) Katie Carlson (B) and Alexis Johnson (B) 8 40 each 6 (tie) Kate Staley (C) and Becky Cook (B) 8 3 each  
**Balance Beam** 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 0 2 Nicole Drouillard (B) 9 0 3 Rachel Page (B) 8 95 4 Kate Carlson (B) 8 8 5 Kara Ahern

(C) 8 7 6 Jessie Murray (C) 8 45  
**Floor** 1 Alyssa Kelley (C) 9 45 2 Nicole Drouillard (B) 9 3 3 Katie Carlson (B) 9 2 4 Jessie Murray (C) 8 95 5 (tie) Katlyn Burns (C) and Kara Ahern (C) 8 90  
**All Around** winner Alyssa Kelley (C) 36 80

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# Belleville escapes with 58-55 victory

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK  
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If the best team won, its coach didn't think it deserved to.

Yes, Coach Mike Krogel of Belleville could afford to praise Wayne Memorial after the Tigers edged the Zebras, 58-55, Tuesday night.

But he saw a lot of things that a state-ranked team shouldn't be displaying.

Enough turnovers to choke a horse, a multitude of missed shots, plus inconsistent defense and rebounding.

Still, it was a win — and Belleville isn't likely to give it back.

It was very disappointing," Krogel said after his team's third straight win over a Western Lakes Activities Association opponent. "I don't want to take anything away from Wayne. He (Coach Wayne Woodard) had a lot of guys step up. We didn't. The team that deserved to win, didn't."

It still shows up as a loss," Woodard said after Wayne dropped its second game in as many tries.

What Woodard didn't care for was watching his team

squander a 42-35 lead after coming back from a 27-20 deficit.

The Zebras had just four turnovers in the first half, then coughed it up 12 times in 20 possessions over a nine-minute span starting right after the Tigers' Tommie Clark made a pair of free throws with 3:13 left in the third period to cut Wayne's lead to 42-37.

"Our first point of emphasis was to value the basketball," Woodard said. "There were times we did. There were times when we didn't. We made a lot of bad passes."

Wayne showed some stretches of terrific man-to-man defense, highlighted by back-to-back fast-break layups that gave it a 40-35 lead midway through the third quarter.

The Zebras ran off nine unanswered points in fashioning their seven-point lead.

But Belleville ran off eight unanswered points of its own thanks to four consecutive shot-less possessions by Wayne.

The Zebras turned the ball over without getting off a shot on five of their last seven

possessions of the third quarter. The Tigers led, 45-43, entering the fourth quarter.

Sophomore guard Rodrick Walker led all scorers with 27 points for Wayne, including a triple with 1:47 to play that shaved Belleville's lead to 55-52. Maurice Nelson canned a three with 31 seconds to go to make it 57-55 but the Zebras weren't able to get off an open shot in their effort to tie the score.

Junior Leon Freeman led Belleville with 23 points and Isaac Kindell added 16 for the Tigers.

"I think we were lucky this time," Krogel said, "and I hope we can get better."

"We did not play decent basketball. We were not consistent on defense or on the boards. We were very lackluster on offense. But sometimes it's easier to correct things when you win."

Wayne played over an ankle injury to center Gene Nix, which occurred in practice Monday, that kept him on the bench most of the game. His minutes were sparse and he did not score.

"Our kids are hard workers," Woodard said. "We kind of

knew what we were getting into. We've got a lot of new kids and we're still all getting on the same page."

"I think for the most part we played hard. We just need to play a little bit smarter."

Belleville jumped out to leads of 10-5 and 14-9 before settling for a 14-11 lead after the first quarter.

Freeman hit two three in a row and Kindell added one to pad the margin to 27-20 before Wayne went on a 9-2 run. The half ended with the Tigers holding a 31-30 lead.

"Whenever we did get a little momentum going," Krogel said, "we couldn't get a break. But that goes back to Wayne playing hard. When you play hard, things seem to go your way more often."

Belleville made eight turnovers in the first half and nine in the second and also did a far better job on the offensive boards than Wayne did.

And even though the Tigers aren't members of the WLAA, it's going to be the first or second week in January before any WLAA team has beaten more league opponents than Belleville has.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### YOUTH WRESTLING

The second session of the Canton Wrestling Club will run from Jan. 3 through March 13. The cost is \$45 and includes membership in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association and a club T-shirt.

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.

### 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. In addition, Learn to Skate students who are registered will receive free admission to open skating at the Novi Ice Arena throughout the seven-week session.

The following classes will be offered: beginning tots, Snowplow Sam 1-3, basic 1-8, freestyle 1-2, adult 1-4, and home school.

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](http://www.novoicearena.com).

### SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1).

Registration forms are available online at [www.cantonsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsoccerclub.com) or at the club office, which is located at High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton.

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

## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>PREP BASKETBALL</b> Thursday Dec 16 Canton at South Lyon 7 p.m. Friday Dec 17 Belleville at River Rouge 7 p.m. Salem at Warren Cousino 7 p.m. Agape Christian at A.P. Inter City 7:30 p.m. Lutheran Westland at Plymouth Christian 7 p.m. Friday Dec 17 Waterford Mott at Salem at Plymouth Cultural Center 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 18 PCS Penguins at Northville at Novi Ice Arena 5 p.m. Plymouth at Ypsi Chr. Xmas Tourney at Arctic Edge 9 p.m. Canton at Northville 3 p.m. Sunday Dec 19 Plymouth at Ypsi Chr. Xmas Tourney at Arctic Edge noon <b>PREP WRESTLING</b> Thursday Dec 16 Dearborn Fordson at Belleville 6:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 18 Canton and Salem at Canton Novi at one 9 a.m. <b>PREP VOLLEYBALL</b> Thursday Dec 16 Lutheran Westland at Agape Christian at Discovery Middle School 7 p.m.	<b>Friday Dec 17</b> Plymouth Christian at Lutheran West 6:30 p.m. <b>Saturday Dec 18</b> Plymouth Christian at N Farmington Invitational TBA Plymouth at Madonna University Tournament at Plymouth HS 8:30 a.m. <b>GYMNASTICS</b> <b>Saturday Dec 18</b> Canton at Vassar noon <b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b> Friday Dec 17 (Notre Dame Ohio Tournament) Madonna vs Tiffin (Ohio) 8 p.m. Saturday Dec 18 Genesee Co. at Schoolcraft 7:30 p.m. (Notre Dame Ohio Tournament) Madonna vs Notre Dame 5:30 p.m. <b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b> Saturday Dec 18 Genesee at Schoolcraft 1 p.m. Madonna at Taylor (Ind.) 3 p.m. <b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE</b> Friday Dec 17 Whalers at Toronto 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 18 Whalers at Belleville Bulls 7:15 p.m. Sunday Dec 19 Whalers at Oshawa Generals 6:05 p.m. TBA - time to be announced
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# Last-minute goal gives Chiefs' tie

Pat Davison's goal with 33 seconds remaining Saturday night earned Canton's hockey team a 3-3 tie with Chelsea.

Davison one-timed a pass from Reece McCabe into the back of the net to cap a dramatic comeback. Mike Kondratk also was credited with an assist on the goal. Canton was 4-1-1 heading into Wednesday's cross-campus game against Salem (results will appear in Sunday's Observer). The tie left Chelsea with a 5-1-2 mark.

We pulled our goalie with about 40 seconds to go and Chelsea kicked the puck, said Canton coach Mike Behen describing the Chiefs' final-

minute heroics. "We were very patient bringing it back up the ice and Reece did a nice job of taking the puck out to the wing then finding Pat. It was a real exciting game. I wish we could have played overtime, but both coaches have to agree to it."

Canton led 1-0 on McCabe's first-period goal. After Chelsea scored twice in the second period, the Chiefs' Brett Giacchino tied the game at 2-2 with four minutes left in the second period. He was assisted by McCabe and Kondratk.

After Chelsea scored early in the third, the Chiefs found themselves in unfamiliar territory this season — behind late in the game.

"We haven't had to come back too much this year, so I was happy to see how well we reacted to being behind," Behen said.

Plymouth-Canton-Salem 1, Port Huron 0. The Penguins improved to 6-2 (5-1 in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League) when Lisa Ealy scored with 11:06 remaining in the third period off a pass from Keely Kowalski. Port Huron slipped to 1-4. PCS is in second place in the MMGHSHL, just one game behind Grosse Pointe South, which is unbeaten.

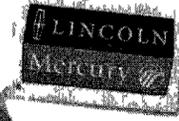
Our defense did a nice job said PCS coach Lori Callahan. We had some good

opportunities to score, but we couldn't find a way to put the puck in the net except for Lisa's goal. The puck was either in the neutral zone or at our end of the rink for most of the game."

The Penguins outshot the Rebels, 31-7.

Kristie Kowalski recorded the shutout between the pipes for the winners.

Kristie didn't have a lot of chances, but when she did get them, she made the saves, Callahan said. They shut us down offensively. Their goalie (Kristen Walker) was very good. When you get 31 shots like we did, you expect to score more than once.



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## women seeking men

**GET IT TOGETHER**  
SBF 29 5'5" N/S plus-sized brown hair would love to spend some time with a nice SBF 30-40 NS who has his life together. **2543576**

**BRIGHT EYES**  
SWF 28 5'5" average build N/S seeks easygoing SBF 27-44 who wants to talk about see where things go from there. **2541942**

**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 **2523058**

**WHERE ARE YOU?**  
Attractive outgoing honest sexy SBF 32 ISO SM 27-44 who N/S for relationship I enjoy my life watching comedy clubs bowling etc Sarous replies only **2545371**

**MUST HAVE SIMILAR VALUES**  
SWF 51 4'11" 115lbs blonde hair two grown children loves animals church children sports Seeking a good Christian man 50-62 for friendship first possible LTR **2530353**

**MAYBE US?**  
WWF 42 devoted mom 5'7" 145lbs seeks handsome child-friendly SWM 37-47 who enjoys bowling movies, dinning out festivals for friendship possible relationship Prefer N/S N/D/D-free **2510109**

**LOVELY CULTURED, TRIM**  
Professional with many interests and qualities who likes to dance seeks tall attractive nice/built educated gentleman to share a loving romantic LTR **2530695**

**TALK COOKING**  
Attractive tall SBF 48 N/S business woman enjoys fishing boating movies long walks Seeking 35+ w/similar interests **2525043**

**POTENTIAL LOVE**  
SWF 44 tall 120lbs down to earth enjoys boating the outdoors, dining out Seeking W/MF 28-58 N/S similar for possible LTR **2548384**

**CIRCLE THIS AD**  
Widowed WCF Italian background with grown kids N/S would like to meet a man 45-50 N/S **2541030**

**TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE**  
SBF tall medium build N/S who enjoys music traveling comedy shows seeks man 45-55 N/S who is caring affectionate, stable for LTR **2544748**

**LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL**  
in a SBF 38-50 6' - 190+ Must be honest and laid back I enjoys movies going out walks in conversation dining out **2531119**

**LOVE AND MARRIAGE**  
Very romantic and shy Russian lady 39 5'10 slim Sagittarius would like to meet an intelligent romantic man with a strict no ality who is looking to ove possible marriage **2529118**

**TRY ME!**  
SBF 37 blonde/blue 5'6 mother enjoys bowling pool concerts on park walks cycling music, respect ally Red Steward Seeking nice man to share happiness with **2540481**

**ATTRACTIVE PRINCESS**  
seeks knight SBF 26 5'5 cesires SBM 26-35 for possible LTR must be ambitious, enjoy partying, walks, sports, be interested and full of passion **2530939**

**LIFE IN THE COUNTRY**  
SBF 30 5'7" medium build college-educated real estate agent dog breeder seeks SF 27-55 with passions goals, and motivation in life **2530939**

**LOST IN MICHIGAN**  
SBFF 29 5'5" 190lbs no children never married very attractive easygoing laid-back loves travel Looking for sincere open minded laid-back man who has his stuff together **2529118**

**SEARCHING**  
Sexy attractive SBFF 33 5'1 145lbs brown complexion curly hair enjoys movies dining ISO her soulmate a corny passive SBM 45-55 possible marriage **2539855**

**THICK AND HEALTHY**  
SBF 30 5'5" 240lbs N/S N/D no kids enjoying Seeking nice-looking SM 20-35 who N/S for friendship possible only **2534102**

**COULD IT BE ME?**  
Thick cute BFD 32 single parent enjoys kids, likes movies music bowling humor conversation looking for BM 28-37 with a romantic side **2535542**

**SELF-EMPLOYED**  
Intelligent funny SBF 35 full figured Aries marriage minded N/S (likes jazz music comedy and action movies) Seeking man 29-45 **2528351**

**WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE**  
SBF 27 Capricorn 5'6 stable financially secure seeking a SM 25-40 who is stable and knows what he wants in life **2531401**

**SINGLE MOM**  
BF 31 sweet and sincere looking for respectful intelligent fun loving SM 38-40 who is honest and trustworthy Must like children **2532284**

**SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE**  
SWFF 57' tall brown hair looking for an educated man 35-55 who likes politics reading and going to movies **2529123**

**LOVES TO DANCE**  
Tall brunette very attractive 5'9" tall black/green looking for an available WM 37-50 10+ who loves to dance also. **2531151**

**ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF**  
49 HW proportionate medium build enjoys cruises concerts dining out movies traveling Seeking honest passionate SM 45-60 with similar interests for dating possibly more **2513441**

**TAKING IT IN**  
SWF 62 5'2" 190lbs youthfull-looking shoulder length hair brown/brown love motorcycle James Taylor dining seeking SWM 48-59 **2530084**

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
SWF 61 looking for a man who likes good books good conversation and appreciates the many differences between man and woman 59 to 70 **2532307**

**FULL-FIGURED BEAUTY**  
Light-complexioned SBF 25 5'5" 265lbs, brown eyes, dimples enjoys movies parks, playing pool Seeking SM 18-32 who is sweet treats a woman with respect **2511232**

**CUTE GIRL NEXT DOOR**  
Me 26 4'9" 155lbs brown-complexioned epiteful intelligent fun loving SM 38-40 single drama free handsome friendship first maybe long-term later **25271252**

**LET'S COMMUNICATE**  
Active affectionate SBF enjoys dining out movies plays concerts traveling Seeking honest, good-humored SWM 55-70 w/similar interests for companionship **2541306**

**YOU NEED ME**  
Very attractive young full figured inebriated SBF 30 5'6 searching for down to earth SM 30-40 responsible financially secure male I need you as much as you need me! **2519124**

**ATTN WORKAHOLICS**  
SWF 39 5'7" 125lbs ISO professional male for friendship possible relationship Not just arm candy have opinions feelings don't want perfection just right person **2541095**

**CALL ME**  
Fun loving affectionate real SBF 32 enjoys playing cards the outdoors can delight dinners having fun seeking SWM 30-60 for dating **25474843**

**TOO MUCH JOY**  
Chirchpong SBF 53 loves to have fun in the kitchen catches all the latest movies has good time no matter what ISO like minded SBF 48-56 **25279840**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF 45 tall pretty enjoys working out theater cooking comedy clubs Seeking tall SWM 42-80 attractive financially secure a similar interests **2489446**

**HAPPY HEALTHY**  
adventurous athletic SWF 39 5'2" smoker mother of 2 seeks adventurous energetic W/MF 35-45 with a good sense of humor **2542710**

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark, handsome SBPM who is honest and down to earth to spend time with **2540098**

**SECRETARY OF FUN**  
SWF 36 Leo N/S blonde/green mother of 2 seeks serious hard working SWM 35-55 N/S who is not into bars **2489442**

**GIVE IT MY ALL**  
SBF 37 down to earth 5'10" big and beautiful N/D/ugs seeking clean-cut SM 38-55 N/D/ugs for fun and dating **2587222**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SBF 42 5'5" 140lbs enjoys film theater musicals Seeking handsome passionate active outgoing SBM 45-55 for LTR **2540412**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SBF 19 5'8" brown complexion thick student likes weekend getaways sun shirt fresh air quiet times romance flowers Seeking caring compassionate considerate commitment minded man to share the good things in life **2520418**

**YOU GOT A FRIEND?**  
SPF 54 N/S ND HPTW enjoys going out and having a good time not into bars seeking the right SBF 36-43 for friendship first **2531171**

**SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE**  
Full figured African American woman attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32-38 to spend quiet evenngs in carefree love laughter good times concerts, plays sporting events traveling and quality time **25290167**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
SBF 45 attractive woman friendship, possibly more w/gentleman 40-60 who appreciates music travel spending time outdoors **25460269**

**LOVE IS HARD 2 FIND**  
SBF 26 5'8" 190 N/S ND no children sweet fun and attractive SWM 35-45 25-35 for friendship and possible LTR **2539880**

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure independent SBFF 31 5'7" 190lbs, enjoys concerts movies dining out times and more Seeking SCM 30-45 with similar interests for possible LTR **2517475**

**CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND**  
SBFF 30 no ch d an seeks good onant ed SBMCM 25-37 no children who is respectful nice guy intellectual and respects women **2519950**

**OPEN AND HONEST**  
SF 35 looking for a woman 25-45 for affection and attention Call lets add some excitement **25424655**

**SEEKING MR. DO RIGHT**  
Full figured SBF 29 seeks tall average SBM 29-37 who is intelligent down to earth and has an honest sp **2544314**

**A LOTTO OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF 24 5'6 360lbs professional employed loves fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome honest SBM **2528633**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF 28 Aquarius N/S is looking for a fun loving N/S who has a sense of humor must be hard working trustworthy and goal-oriented **2579073**

**SWEET SINGLE FEMALE**  
looking for sweet SM SF 21 dark brown/brown 5'2" 150lbs tattoos/piercings ISO commitment minded loving kind guy interested in friendship happiness and a loving long term relationship **25452322**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading riding bike walks and romantic dining out Seeking for SWM 25-30 for LTR **2465764**

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF 31 5'8 N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19-35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together **2547802**

**ARE WE COMPATIBLE?**  
SBF 60 5'4" 155lbs blonde hair certified nursing assistant N/S seeks BM 61-62 for friendship dating perhaps more **2514347**

**BEEN THERE? DONE THAT?**  
Take heat DWF young active 53 5'9" blonde/hazel N/S works in a warehouse Seeking that special romantic WM 49-60 who enjoys animals camping traveling and music **2517371**

**LOVE MATCH**  
SPF 43 travels on business a lot Looking for laid back happy financially secure man 50-60 who needs someone in his life **2526882**

**ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?**  
But genes of heart? Good looking trim SM 42 5'5" N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emotionally and physically in shape with eclectic interests currently accept ing applications **2526984**

**FEELING LIKE A LADY**  
SWF honest pleasant long hair 42 no children likes nature walks travel cooking children feeling like a lady Seeking honest genuine marriage minded S/DWCM **2578655**

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bowling walks in the park Seeking tall dark handsome SBM 33 50 **2541283**

**EPITOME OF BEAUTY**  
SBF 19 5'8" 140lbs N/S loves journal ing literature writing reading movies Looking for SM 19-34 for possible relationship **2518785**

**HELLO HOW ARE YOU?**  
Loving down to earth SBFF 33 4'11" 180lbs mother N/S N/D enjoys bowling shopping live entertain ment Seeking SBM 32 35 N/S for friendship possible romance **2529735**

**PARADISE**  
SBF 36 5'2 brown/brown ISO honest SM 35 40 who knows what he wants in life and is looking for parad se share my love **2549600**

**ALL MY LOVE A YOU**  
Down to earth woman 25 RN enjoys beaches dining theater romantic times Seeking a special man to share life love and life **2530973**

**JUST LET ME KNOW**  
Intelligent caring affectionate DWF 28 5'4" brown/brown full figured enjoys helping people the outdoors and more Seeking outgoing trustworthy affectionate SM 24-38 for friendship maybe more **2515849**

**CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?**  
Spontaneous SWF 61 5'4 average build happy independent humorous, enjoys boating, music, dining, walks travel golf Seeking good humored SM w/similar interests for companionship **2562703**

**TEACHER BY DAY**  
likes to laze pose at night SBF 47 N/S N/D teacher loves dancing dining movies having fun music good friends seeking SBM 33 55 with similar interests **25894112**

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports-oriented BF 39 20 teenage daughters, physically challenged loves jazz sports, gospel picnics amusement parks Seeking SF 29-45 **2523080**

**LOYAL**  
SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue professional chef green thumb petite enjoys cooking boating ceeks compatible SWM 43-50 ISO for dating and possible relationship **25958732**

**HAVE FUN AND CHILL**  
SF 64' 250lbs works in medical field seeking a SBF who wants to have fun and chill with her **2517112**

**IN IT FOR THE LONG-TERM**  
SBF 30 5'6" loves to get away for the weekend would like to get to know SBM 23-41 w/passion for travel and life **2530978**

**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 **25484338**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBF 41 4'5 wishes to meet a long-sized SBM 41+ for friendship and companionship **25455520**

**RESCUE ME!**  
SBF 41 5'5 average build enjoys church family shopping much more! Looking for SBM 43-47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman **2408835**

**RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM**  
SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non-smoking man, 35-53 who likes outdoors, bicycling, walking family **25116795**

**YOU WILL LIKE ME!**  
Attractive SWF 66 5'5" blonde artist fun-loving seeks well groomed SWM 50+ loves outdoor dining out and sharing life **25272683**

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
SAF 56 4'11 105lbs desires well groomed older gentleman 60-75 who loves to dance and travel Grossa Point area preferred **2598134**

**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 **2508062**

**QUIET BEAUTY**  
SBF 48 shy but loves to laugh enjoys concerts movies seeking good honest SBM, 43 50 N/S for LTR **2488245**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Good looking SWF 66 5'5 135lbs reddish brown hair humorous likes gardening reading going out to movies Seeking SWM 66 75 5'8 5-2" for companionship possible LTR Ypsilanti area **25990369**

**STRIKING**  
blue eyed blonde S m sensual romantic fun caring seeking tall active fit, fun loving man 47-57 **25482517** LTR enjoy movies walks hugs laughter quiet times Lets get to know each other **2526232**

**EBONY SEKS IVORY**  
DWF 42 5'7" 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40 50 in the Mount Clemens area **2455323**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Classy attract ve SBF 50 5'3 120lbs ISO SWPM 50+ for special friendship I love boating music quiet times movies at home romance outdoors travel **2533568**

**GET TO KNOW THIS**  
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57 63 for friendship possible LTR **2540295**

**R U OUT THERE?**  
Attractive thrlng SBF 39 never been married no kids enjoys music sports Seeking same in tall SBM 30-45 prefer ably with facial hair **2514171**

**GOOD MAN WANTED**  
Attractive SBF marriage minded 5'6" average build 40 Caporn N/S seeks BM 40-41 N/S to enjoy life and more **25992032**

**SHARING MY HOME AND HEART**  
75 year old romantic WF 59' full figured N/S ND, disease-free likes tall men swimming TV and home life Seeking SWM 50-90 **2552079**

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive BFF Christian 47 5'5 145lbs honey brown N/S enjoys out doors movies traveling cooking Seeking romantic BFM 40-55 financially secure similar interests, for LTR **25432793**

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**  
I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5'5 105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM 32 50 for special relationship **25418068**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SF 68 NS no children blonde/hazel BWW attractive enjoys many things Seeking big beautiful man 65-65 6+ 250lbs+ Lets talk! **2542144**

**FUN-LOVING LADY**  
SBF 43 Virgo, smoker loves chocolate seeks fun loving sincere BM 34-56 enjoys conversations companionship **2538719**

**WORTH THE CALL**  
SBF 19 5'7" Sagittarius NS stay at home mom student seeks romantic, passionate SBM 19 to 34 who enjoys family activities cuddling surprises **2415741**

**DINNER FOR TWO**  
SBF 51 5'7" HW proportionate foster mother likes baking cooking family things going out dining Seeking comatible SB/WWM 47-67 has interest in child ren possible LTR **2598391**

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
SBF 19 wants to meet a man who loves working out reading books playing with dogs and playing basketball! **2530694**

**CHIC 606 CHICK**  
Widowed WF NS ND young at heart looks sport and attitude Tall talented temptress, waiting for your call **2592042**

**OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER**  
DWF 54' blonde/blue heavyset 50 sweet loving Christian you a DM 45-60 loving gentle Christian ready for LTR leading to marriage **2534208**

**DARK ELEGANCE**  
SBF 42 5'8 full figured seeks intelligent man 48 54 5 9 2 medium build or heavyset for possible relationship **2525693**

**SHALL WE?**  
DWF 40 5'4" HW proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfing suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing WM 40-49 N/S for friendship **2545969**

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
God fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the outdoors laughter dining out gospel music and more Seeking god-fearing honest caring SBM 40-45 for friendship first **25221725**

**SLIM AND PETITE**  
Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun loving 60+ who has long hair loves reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then **25271793**

**AAA YOUR HEART**  
Lets keep the New Year right Come into my world SBF 45 great smile I'm sure you'll like me **2546293**

**MR RIGHT**  
Are you a tall big handsome man that could be my Mr Right for a SWF 5 8" attract ve loving and fun lets share life together **2545309**

**VERY OUTGOING**  
Cathol D W/MF 60s looks young man 56 N/S very tall looking for gentle young 63 w upbeat persona ty to enjoy fun and active camping travel much more **25453079**

**SEMI RETIRED**  
SF 62 5'9 5 m fit likes jazz concerts symphon as Seeking travel and out doors act vites theater nlight gen est ears caring humorous gentleman 55 70 with similar interests **2547817**

**CALL ME**  
if you are a business man 60-70 SWM N/S ND homeowner Interests in homele nature pets alternative medicine sports 1M a SWF 73 white above **2546229**

**STILL LIVELY & ATTRACTIVE**  
SWF 62 5'9 very active sm and attractive petite W/LTM a man up to 6 HW proportionate I enjoy dancing movies walks dining, casinos, more **25231338**

**CALL ME!**  
SF 21 5'4" 140lbs long dark/hazel NS no children enjoys dining movies, work ing out bowling Seeking SWM 21-40 N/S **2488573**

**LIFE IS WONDERFUL**  
60 mother of two, enjoys movies, plays, walks in the park quite times in home Seeking SWM 45-55 N/S D/D-free who loves kids **2589246**

**LIFE BEGINS AT 60**  
61 year-old WF 5'12" 135lbs, N/S ND, brown/blue nose enjoys cooking Civil War Revolutionary War history travel seeking gentleman 56-70 tall honest N/S affectionate enjoys being pampered **2540879**

**LONESOME**  
Senior WF retired 54' active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please So hurry up and call me! **2449585**

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive SWF 50s loves all life an mals arts family nature Masters helping professional Seeking big-hearted secure intelligent SPM 48 64 for fun friendship depth **2592242**

**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 **2528511**

**LISTEN WITH MY HEART**  
attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship Lets create sparks and watch them fly **2539272**

**VERY SPICY!**  
SBM passionate SBF 48 honey-com plexion D mplees seeks outgoing fun lov ng gentleman 35-55 NS N/D/ugs any race for movies pool dancing music and romance Dating possible LTR **2572243**

**SEEKING THE RAINBOW**  
Open minded energetic, spontaneous SBF 48 5'3" seeks the star at the end of the rainbow I/y star someone commu nicative kind hearted who enjoys romance exploring life **2598477**

**AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?**  
Attractive kind-hearted SBF 44 5'8" full figured enjoys dining out movies playing cards family and more Seeking family-oriented intelligent humorous SBHM 40-60 for friendship and companionship. **2532821**

**HOPE YOU CAN TALK SOON!**  
I am a 5'2" brunette dark eyes, early 60s searching for a tall financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady **2566121**

**PLEASEASING PLUMP FEMALE**  
42 year old African American female seeks tall handsome man who is mature N/S and enjoys being in the company of a beautiful woman **25798192**

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**EVENINGS AT HOME**  
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Sincere sensible SWM 45 gentleman down to earth mild mannered quite attractive seeks fun loving romantic SWF age open **2547287**

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SWIMMING

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said "Last year we had more of a cushion (38 points over runner-up Canton) Northville has some really top-notch swimmers and Chuck Olson of

Salem is one of the best coaches in the state. It's going to be an interesting league meet. Northville broke the 500 crescendo freestyle relay record with a 4:19.9, eclipsing the mark of 4:21.61 set by Salem in 1988. The Mustangs also shattered

a six-year-old record set by Canton in 1998 in the 200 backstroke relay with a 1:45.16 (Canton's mark was 1:45.69). Churchill's 200 breaststroke relay team of Mark Gordon, Erik Foulds, Patrick Hayes and Jan Protic also emerged victorious in 2:13.15

Plymouth cagers win in home-stretch, 41-38

Home cookin' is treating the Plymouth basketball team well. The Wildcats improved to 3-1 Tuesday night with a hard-fought 41-38 victory over feisty Trenton in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

All four of Plymouth's games so far this season have been played in the comforts of their home gym. Bloomfield Hills Andover will visit Plymouth on Monday before the Wildcats hit the road for the first time Jan. 4 when they travel to Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

The Trojans made themselves at home in the first half, running to a 30-17 lead. However, Plymouth battled back behind Josh LeDuc, Jim Wilbur and Kulraj Sandhu, to outscore Trenton 24-7 over the final 16 minutes.

LeDuc finished with a season-high 17 points and 10 rebounds. Jim Wilbur and Kulraj Sandhu both twined eight points for the winners.

"Josh played like a man tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "We changed defenses in the second half, switching to a half-court man-to-man instead of a full-

court press and we locked them down. The Wildcats drained 11-of-17 free throws while the Trojans made 5 of 8 shots from the charity stripe.

Detroit Urban Lutheran 51, Canton Agape 47: The Wolverines surged to a 27-20 halftime lead before falling to a determined DUL second-half comeback.

Gabe Molnar paced Agape with 14 points. Brian Horning contributed 10 and Derek Leathers just missed a double-double, netting nine points and 15 boards.

The key was they out-rebounded us in the second half," said Agape coach Keith Anleitner. "They took 35 shots in the second half compared to our 20. They played an excellent man-to-man defense, too, and they just wore us down."

Agape will travel to Allen Park Inter-City Baptist on Friday in what Anleitner says promises to be an exciting

game. "It should be a physical game with a lot of up-and-down the court action," he predicted.

Novi 56, Westland John Glenn 47: The Rockets could muster only 10 total points in the middle two quarters in Tuesday's loss at Novi. Guard Anthony Harbin scored a game-high 24 points to lead the victorious Wildcats, now 2-1 on the year.

Glenn, which falls to 0-3, got 10 points apiece from Duncan Jones and Derrick Bush. Nathan Beard added nine for the Rockets, who shot just 2 of 9 from the foul line.

Novi is now 16-of-45 from the foul line (35.5 percent) this season.

Novi was 13-of-19 from the foul line.

Glenn's top scorer, 6-foot-6 senior center Barry Eberhardt, finished with only four points.

He sat out much of the second half with an ankle injury.

SWIMMING RESULTS

WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION BOYS SWIM RELAYS Dec. 11 at Salem High School FINAL RESULTS 1 Livonia Stevenson 252 2 Northville 238 3 Salem 214 4 Canton 196 5 Livonia Churchill 155 6 Walled Lake Northern 143 7 Walled Lake Central 119 8 Westland John Glenn 84 9 Walled Lake Western 82 10 Plymouth 81 11 Wayne Memorial 80 12 Livonia Franklin 52

400-yard medley relay 1 Stevenson (Jeffrey Pauza David Gosdzinski Garrett Baringhouse Matt Massman) 3:47.22 2 Salem (Matt Jurcak Stan Chen Nick Dixon Mike Higgs) 3:51.47 3 Northville (Jon Bardsley Westen Laabs Will Bickie Brody Bickie) 3:55.16 4 Canton (John Faroni Matt Carlson Shogo Unc Nathan Phillips) 4:01.08 5 John Glenn (Perry Johnson Jon Whitt Jon Wejroch Loren Dashi) 4:54.54 6 W.L. Northern (Kyle Ratliff John Shaw Eric Attard Ryan Gerber) 5:01.20 7 Churchill (Steve Jones Jan Protic Andrew Randall Michael Lalonde) 5:19.22 8 Franklin (Nasser Naser T Tyler Andrew Rossiter Shane Shelton) 5:39.56

400 freestyle relay 1 Stevenson (Adam Salvatore Loria Ryan Zuhike Travis Hatt) 3:30.79 2 W.L. Central (Jack Oliver Phil Watkins Brian Gurta Ryan Booms) 3:30.85 3 W.L. Northern (Eric Erdos Matt Zavislak Roman Sandler Joel Rinkevich) 3:36.34 4 Northville (Greg Sheppard Adam Pulliam Colin Smith Mark Stuber) 3:44.55 5 Canton (David Conzelman Ben Eberlein Derek Schmitt Jonathon Templeton) 3:44.92 6 Salem (Nick Eonc Nick Hoffmeyer Steve Moore Cory Price) 3:57.49 7 Wayne Memorial (Ray Hunter Jordan Holland Kevin Folster Danny Porta) 4:23.05 8 Franklin (Jeff Douglass Robbie Glab Steve Wurster Scott Davis) 4:33.96

200 breaststroke relay 1 Churchill (Mark Gordon Erik Foulds Patrick Hayes Jan Protic) 2:13.15 2 W.L. Western (Shane Rauss Fedor Dokshin Shawn LaOuc Ben Jylkka) 2:14.51 3 Stevenson (Kyle Hermann Jeffrey Chudzinski Matt Herrord Jeff Weber) 2:16.38 4 Salem (David Xia Rick Strahan Adam Clark Eric Martian) 2:18.19 5 Canton (Ross Schwarz Iman Heghooc Kevin Karlinski Dan Anthony) 2:18.69 6 W.L. Central (Scott Stevens Mike Wilson Just N Zerber Geoff Wrobel) 2:19.23 7 Wayne Memorial (Andrew Hermatz Derek Grubbs Kevin Erdmann Kyle Erdmann) 2:21.57 8 Northville (Dan Schavimann Dan O'Brien Paul Young Joe Kargula) 2:35.34

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Raiko Taylor Yannous Ryan Gerber Paul Coldren) 5:43.83 8 John Glenn (Ryan Myers Dan Rice Josh Eldridge Dan Fabrey) 5:57.79

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings December 7 2004

A joint study session meeting of the Board of Trustees and of the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday December 7 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 Zarbo Yack Planning Members Bovitz Greene Gustafson Johnson Lieberman Staff Present Director Minghine Kathleen Salla Downtown & Community Development Coordinator Christine Haas Rosanna Caccola Eric McDaniels Brad Thompson Additional Presenter Ed Reed Account Manager Michigan Economic Development Corporation Others Present Richard Reaume Robert McCausland Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. STUDY SESSION - INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES TAX ABATEMENT POLICY I Overview of Economic Development Activities A Current Status B Tax Abatement - Economic Development Tool C Outlook for Future II Tax Abatement Policy Discussion - Philosophy A Review of Current Policy B Revisions to Policy Mr. Ed Reed, State of Michigan EDC indicated that tax benefits under PA 198 are granted to local legislative bodies to grant Industrial property tax abatements. These are incentives for Michigan manufacturers to build new plants expand existing plants renovate aging plants or add new machinery and equipment. PAPERLESS BOARD PACKETS I. Explanation and demonstration of Paperless Board Packets A. Navigate the Paperless Board Packets B. PDF e-mailed to Director for review/edit C. Directors e-mail PDF to Finance Director and Supervisor for review and approval PDF files e-mailed back to departments for revisions (All copying is eliminated) D. Assembly E. Distribution F. What is a PDF? Portable Document Format G. Demonstration of System The Electronic Board Packets will be live February 8 2005. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. -Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- December 8, 2004

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Wednesday December 8 2004 at 46000 Summit Parkway Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett Caccamo Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin Zarbo Yack Staff Present Director Faas Director Conklin Director Durack Director Minghine, Director Santomauro

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL SESSION: TEAM BUILDING AND GOAL SETTING SESSION: History of Goal Setting. Work product to be produced:

Identify major areas of effort for the 2005-2008 time frame 1. List of major areas of effort. Identify goals for each major area of effort. Goals to be accomplished. Identify leadership team guidelines. 1 Characteristics of an effective team I Identify the members of the Team. Propose that the team is comprised of the Board of Trustees and the Directors II Consider and list major areas of effort for the next four years. III Consider and list goals to be accomplished over the next four years. IV Consider and list the characteristics of an effective team V Communication/Feedback. Supervisor Yack will compile the work product and return it to the Leadership Team for review and the addition of any additional goals. Feedback on this will be due back to the Supervisor by December 24, 2004. The next step will be to establish individual objectives for each goal. This will be done by Directors and the Board of Trustees. A final product will be assembled for review and modification and a consensus will be reached. The strategic plan will then be renewed and amended. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett Clerk

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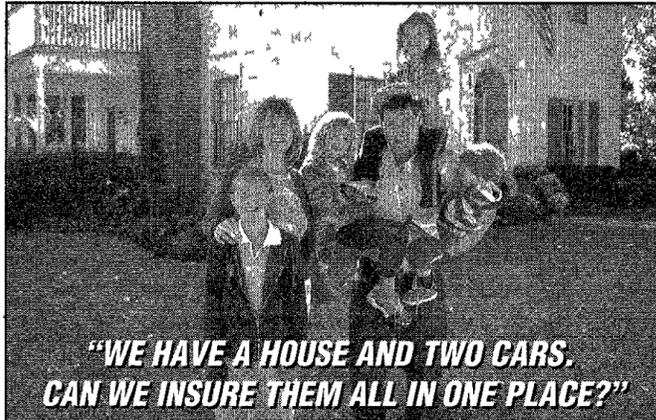
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TERESA CISCHKE CPFA City Treasurer

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# Running back Kevin Jones is Lions' football franchise future

Some 632 yards rushing in one month. Sounds like something from the Hall of Fame career of Barry Sanders. Maybe it's a Jim Brown retrospective. Possibly a tribute to the late Walter Payton.



Mark Wilson

Hello! Welcome to the world of Kevin Jones. The Lions rookie running back was not supposed to be this good this fast. Oh, a bust out game or two, but not 632 yards in one calendar month. If four of those five games hadn't been losses, Jones would be the toast of the NFL. As it is, many are raising a glass over what he has done since being anointed Detroit's feature back. Jones is doing this just a few months after leaving his Virginia Tech campus. K.J. is the first Lions rookie to have consecutive games of 150 or more yards

rushing. We have seen the future and the future is a 22-year old native of Chester, Pa. I'm just doing the best I can to help my team win, Jones said before his Lions rookie record 33 carries Sunday. He's not boisterous and probably won't do many shummy-shakes after touchdowns. Jones has a bit more flare than Sanders, but both are cut from about the same cloth. Make no mistake, it is far too early to compare Kevin to Barry Sanders. Jones excelled for 10 years. Jones has barely done it for 10 games. The Lions are 5-8 with the Minnesota

Vikings coming to Ford Field this Sunday. They have to win their remaining three to even have an outside shot at the final wild card spot. Jones now gives opponents a new headache. Minnesota, Chicago and Tennessee have to plan for a guy who could be the NFL Rookie of the Year. Jones is just 141 yards away from becoming only the third Lion to rush for 1,000 in his first year. Sanders and Billy Sims are the others. That's pretty lofty company even for a guy who has been a star since his sophomore year in high school. Back on Nov. 7, no one was talking about breaking Sanders' records. Jones was still recovering from an injury and had just slugged out 20 lousy yards in the loss to Washington. The talk was about whether Joey Harrington would

ever get some help on the ground. Now the talk is will Jones ever get some help in the air. "We have got to balance our offense. The first six weeks, Joey did fine and we were 4-2. Kevin is now running great, but we have gone 1-6, Lions coach Steve Mariucci said. Sure, it's frustrating to lose. All I can do is my best," Jones said. He won't be a quote machine. K.J. is a smart guy. He knows he has a long way to go and a lot to prove in the NFL. Even at Virginia Tech, he never took anything for granted. Privately it still stings him that he wasn't the first running back taken in the draft. Steven Jackson of the Rams got that honor. The Vikes, Bears and Titans are beatable teams. Losing by three in the final seconds at Lambeau Field against the

Packers was rough, but if Jones continues his torrid running, an 8-8 record is very possible. A lot of that will depend on how Harrington plays in the last trio of games this season. For now, the Lions actually have a running game. Jones is exciting to watch. The sky is the limit with him. He won't be 23 until the preseason in 2005 and he will only get better barring injury. "I am just going to run hard each time they give me the football," Jones said. Hey, K.J. That's all anyone around here can ask. Mark Wilson is host of the Steve Mariucci Show Mondays on WKRF FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan SportsCaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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# Witty Holtz continues to captivate audiences

BY M B DILLON  
SPECIAL WRITER

Supporters of Ann Arbor's Thomas More Law Center passed up basketball games and holiday events to hear legendary football coach Lou Holtz, eighth on the all-time win list in major college football history, at a fund-raiser last Friday night at Oakland International Airport in Pontiac.

The law center has hosted many speakers, but never have we received so much adulation for one individual, said Richard Thompson, president and chief counsel of the public interest law firm, addressing a full house.

The not-for-profit law center, whose advisory board is chaired by former baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn, is dedicated to defending the religious freedom of Christians across the U.S.

Holtz recently announced his retirement as football coach at the University of South Carolina. Prior to his five years there, Holtz led the University of Notre Dame to nine consecutive bowl games and a national championship.

Holtz, who turns 68 on Jan. 6, regaled his audience with a delightful mix of football lore, praise for the Thomas More Center, self-deprecating humor and a little Life 101 with a magic trick thrown in.

A few highlights: ■ Did you know Notre Dame was supposed to be in San Diego? asked Holtz. "In 1842, the French priest Father Sorin set out from the east to establish a university in California. It was windy and snowing, and they stopped in South Bend, Indiana."

Father Sorin said to his men, "I'll tell you what: We are going to set up camp here tonight. We'll move the minute the weather gets better."

■ There were lean times at South Carolina.

I had a kicker who said, "Coach, I can't kick when you're watching."

I explained to him that I was going to be at the games."

■ "If there is one thing we need to give the youth of America, it's respect for authority," said Holtz. "That has to be taught in the family and reinforced in the schools. If you don't have respect for authority, you're not going to be able to hold a job or lead people."

■ "When I left the University of Notre Dame, I was not tired of coaching, I was tired of maintaining," he said. "When you try to maintain, there is no way you are either going to grow or you are going to die. It doesn't have anything to do with age. It has everything to do with whether you have goals, dreams and hopes."

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# Good answers

## Early results promising for Chief spikers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

First-year Canton volleyball coach Alex Perrin walked into the Chiefs' pre-season scrimmage Dec. 4 with a few question marks regarding his relatively inexperienced team. A few hours later, he walked out of the gym with many of the questions answered. "We did better than I expected," Perrin said, "especially considering there were a lot of very competitive teams at the scrimmage. I wasn't sure how we would do, but I was pleasantly surprised. The girls played very well against teams like (Farmington Hills) Mercy and (Birmingham) Marian. We only have one returning starter, so I was pleased."

Perrin coached the previous five years at Farmington High School, where he helped transform the Falcons' once-struggling program into a competitive team in the Oakland Activities Association's top division. "I moved from Birmingham to Plymouth this year, so when the Canton job opened up, I

applied," he said. "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to coach a group of outstanding athletes. We don't have a lot of players who play club volleyball, but the previous coaching staff did a great job because the girls are well-trained. We have some good decision-makers and we're good at controlling the ball."

Canton finished fifth in the Western Lakes Activities Association last season with a 5-4 overall match record. The Chiefs were second in the WLAAs' Western Division behind Livonia Churchill. Canton's lone returning starter is senior Andrea Johnson, a 5-foot-8 outside hitter. Among the other returning players include co-captains 5-6 senior Stephanie Price, who will serve as the team's starting setter, and 5-7 senior defensive specialist Molly Conlon. "Stephanie was a part-time setter last year," Perrin said. "She's a good leader, she has good hands and she's a great decision-maker."

Other key returners include 5-6 senior Christie Daniels, a

defensive specialist, 5-7 senior Laura McKendry, primarily a right-side hitter, and Lisa Western, a 5-11 junior, who plays a lot of volleyball during the off-season, according to Perrin.

The newcomers include 5-11 junior Izabela Paszkowska, 6-2 freshman Marie Martin, 5-4 junior Rachael Beaudoin, 5-6 junior Sarah Alexander, 5-7 junior Krista Holcomb and 5-7 junior Kelsey Bailey. "Marie is the only freshman who has played for one of my varsity teams," Perrin revealed. "She has the skills of a junior and she is highly coordinated."

The Chiefs opened their season yesterday at the Livonia Stevenson Invitational. On Tuesday, Dec. 28, they will compete in the West Bloomfield Tournament.

**Plymouth**

The Wildcats finished 46-7 last season playing a schedule that consisted of an equal mix of varsity and junior-varsity competition. Despite having only sophomores and freshmen, they advanced to the finals of their Class B district tournament before getting ousted.

Third-year coach Kelly McCausland, who played high school volleyball at Redford Union and collegially at Madonna University, has high hopes for this year's team, which consists of 10 juniors and two sophomores. "I'm very optimistic," McCausland said. "It's going to be difficult competing without seniors, especially because we're in such a tough league. But since I've been able to coach these girls since they were freshmen, I've been able to prepare them for what we're about to face. I'm looking forward to the challenge."

"With Salem, Churchill and Stevenson, we have one of the toughest leagues and districts around. But this is what we've been working towards the past two years. We're excited to get going."

McCausland's top player is 5-10 junior middle-hitter Jeanne Moise, who also excelled for the Wildcats basketball team this past fall. "Jeanne has been our MVP the past two years," McCausland said. "She's very athletic and has great game sense. She has played a lot of club volleyball. Jeanne is our best offensive attacker, so we'll be going to her most of the time."

Other key returners include juniors Sarah Haskins, 5-8, who has been the team's starting setter for the past two seasons, Janet Hanchett, a two-year starter at outside hitter, 5-7 outside hitter Katie Hughes, 5-9 outside hitter Jackie Dorre, 5-10 outside hitter Colleen Flaherty and 5-6 outside hitter Lauren Stemberger. Juniors Brandi Swynhart (a 5-5 defensive specialist), Lindsey Vogelsberg (a 5-5 defensive specialist) and 5-10 middle-hitter Rachelle Hardar (a 5-10 middle hitter) will provide McCausland with depth along with sophomores Kim Klonowski and Chelsea Quinnlan.

The Wildcats open the season Saturday, Dec. 18, when they host the 15-team Madonna Invitational. Plymouth Christian Academy.

The Eagles captured their first ever Class D district tournament championship last year when it defeated cross-town rival Canton Agape Christian in the final. Sixth-year coach Missy Henry lost starting setter Lindsay Pew and starting middle-blocker Melane Dunlap to graduation, but she's still optimistic heading into the

upcoming campaign. "The girls played together in several tournaments this past spring, so we have good team chemistry," said Henry, who is an elementary school teacher at PCA. "This was the second year we've had a team in the USA Michigan tournaments and it's proven to be very beneficial."

The Eagles will be led by senior defensive specialist Corinne Kimberlin. Corinne is an excellent server, Henry said. "She had a 96-percent serve average last season."

Junior Julie Bahbah and senior Kelli Feiler will serve as the team's captains this season. "Both are all-around players for us," Henry said. "Julie has developed into an outstanding hitter and Kelli is an outstanding defensive player."

Other key returners include juniors Bre Ruark and Kelsie Tietjen. "Bre is an all-around player who has played on the varsity since her freshman year," Henry said. "She is an excellent player and a great leader. Kelsie is only about 5-7, but she has an incredible arm span that makes her a tremendous blocker. She led our team with 98 blocks last year."

Providing PCA with excellent depth will be juniors Rachel Wiard, Stephanie Auwers and Jessica Lowman, and sophomores Kate Wendt and Megan Moriarty. "Our No. 1 goal is to win the district title again," Henry said. "We'd also like to do well in regionals and win our conference."

PCA opened Saturday at the Livonia Stevenson Invitational.

**Belleville**

Coach Danny Simpkins has eight seniors returning from last season's team that finished fourth in the Mega White Division. The Tigers were upended by Westland John Glenn in the championship game of their Class A district tournament. "We have an experienced team coming back, so we should do well," Simpkins said. "Our goal is to vie for the conference title."

Setter Tammy Mida, 5-5, will serve as a captain for the Tigers. "This is her third year as our setter, so she'll be our catalyst," Simpkins said. "She's the quarterback of our team. The better she plays, the better our teams play."

Belleville's top hitter is 5-11 senior Cindy McGoldrick, who is the team's assistant captain. "Cindy is a phenomenal volleyball player," Simpkins said. "She has great hitting skills, great blocking skills and she's smart. Whenever we need a put-down to get a point back in our favor, we turn to her."

Danell Dotson, a 5-6 senior, is the Tigers' top defensive specialist. "Danell is very smart and she knows where to put the ball," Simpkins said.

Other returners include Tiffany Chudzinski, a 5-7 defensive specialist, Christina Solomon, a 5-10 outside hitter, Tessa Coleman, a 6-0 middle-blocker, Nicky Malls, a 5-11 outside hitter, and Meghan McNally, a defensive specialist. Serving in reserve roles for the Tigers will be underclassmen Ashley Williams, Felicia Arnold, Vanessa Rivas, Tiffany Jablonski and Brandie Craig. Belleville opened its season Saturday at the South Lyon Invitational. "Wyandotte and Dearborn Fordson should be the teams to beat in the Mega White this year," Simpkins predicted. "Wyandotte moved down from the Mega Red, but they're good. Fordson always plays well."

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# Regaining WLAA crown is goal of Salem swimmers

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## PREP SWIMMING PREVIEW

Last season was a rarity for the Salem boys swim team, which didn't win the Western Lakes Activities Association title for the first time in 12 years.

The Rocks were de-throned by Livonia Stevenson, which proved it will be a strong contender again this season following Saturday's first-place finish in the WLAA Relays at Salem.

"In order to win the conference, you need quality and depth," said veteran Salem coach Chuck Olson, whose team stroked its way to a third-place finish on Saturday. "We have good quality this year, but we don't have the depth we've had in the past. Hopefully, we can match up well against most teams and take advantage of our strengths against their weaknesses."

Four senior captains — Nick Dixon, Penn Chou, Matt Jurcak and Billy Horgan — will lead the Rocks into competition over the next three months. Dixon, a four-year varsity performer, placed in the individual medley and backstroke at the Division 1

state meet. Jurcak has been a state qualifier the past two seasons in the 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke. "Penn is probably our most versatile swimmer," Olson revealed. He'll swim a lot of breaststroke, IM and freestyle, plus he'll probably be on our 400 free relay team. Billy is versatile, too, swimming in the IM, fly, back and free."

In senior Andrew Murawski, the Rocks have one of the top divers in the area. He'll be joined in the diving corps by senior Brad Sokolowski, who played basketball last year after excelling on the board as a sophomore.

Other seniors who should make valuable contributions are Mike Higgs, Patrick Sautural, John Khne, Eric Martin, David Xia and Tim Skeeter. "Stevenson will be tough as usual," Olson said, sizing up the WLAA race. "We'll do the best we can and see what happens. It's so early now, I'm not quite sure how we stack up against the other teams."

## Canton

Sixth-year coach Ed Weber has 26 returners from last year's team that finished second in the WLAA.

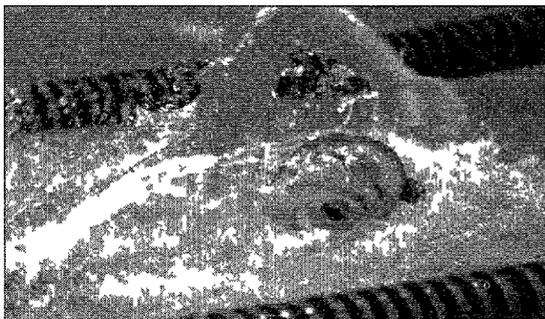
"We lost a lot of power from last year's team," said Weber referring to the graduated Joe Le (All State), James Sattler, Steve Reaser, Sam Manees, Neal Brunner, Kenny Brunner and Aaron Vanproyer. "We have a lot of ability this year and we have quite a few kids who are capable of being state qualifiers."

"We have potential. We have some juniors and seniors who haven't been asked to help the team like they will be asked to do this season. Now is their time."

Weber said he expects at least three other teams to qualify for the WLAA's top spot this year.

Northville has quite a few proven swimmers back, he said. And I know Stevenson has quite a few state qualifiers back so we'll have our hands full with them. Salem will be good, too.

Seniors Kevin Cafarelli (diving), Dave Conzelman (backstroke) and John Faraoni (a number of events) will serve as



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Salem's Matt Jurcak will be a key contributor to the Rocks' swimming success during the 2004-05 season.

captains for the Chiefs this season.

Kevin has been diving all four years for us, so he has great potential. Weber said he is very capable of qualifying for the state meet. Even though he had to deal with some injuries last year, he came very close to qualifying. This year, if he stays healthy, he has a great shot.

Other key contributors for Canton this season include sophomore Matt Carlson (breaststroke and 200 IM)

junior Nick Landis (freestyle events, 100 fly), junior Nathan Phillips (IM, backstroke) and junior Shogo Uno (50 free, 100 fly).

## Plymouth

The Wildcats are extremely young as their senior-less roster is dotted with just three juniors.

"We don't have a lot of experience, but we will improve as the year goes on like we always do," said coach Doug Schade, who has overseen the Plymouth

program since its inception in 2002.

The Wildcats will be led by junior Andy Kniseley, who holds practically every school swimming record and is a two-year state qualifier.

Andy should come close to making it to the second day of the state meet this year," Schade predicted. He's a great athlete who participates in whatever sport is going on during that particular season. He also runs track and he played football this year.

Schade is also optimistic about the future of sophomore David Kong, a backstroker, and junior Somn Opriean, who excels in the fly and backstroke.

Sophomores who work for points this season include Casey Molloy, Jake Napier, Alex Alber and Justin Magill, a diver.

The Wildcats should also receive steady contributions from freshmen Ben Ambrose, Michael Conger, Jack Distel, Anoop Gopal, Justin Huey, Kevin Jaskolski, Ryan Kolesar, Robert Mattar, Justin Scaparo and Frank Su.

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# Newcomers should infuse Canton gymnasts with talent to spare

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

## GYMNASTICS PREVIEW

There's good news and bad news for the Canton girls gymnastics team this season.

On the down side, the Chiefs will be competing without last year's high scorer, Audra Ahern, who graduated and is now an assistant gymnastics coach at Eastern Michigan University.

The good news?

We have two girls who have the potential to be as good or better than Audra," said veteran Canton coach John Cunningham.

Ahern led the Chiefs to an eighth-place finish in last year's Division 1 state meet. With the addition of talented newcomers Jessie Murray, a freshman, and sophomore Hillary Brach, a higher state finish may not be out of the question for Canton at the 2005 state meet.

"Hillary is a cheerleader who is going to compete in gymnastics as well this year," Cunningham said. "She has been out of competitive gymnastics for three years, but she is an exceptional athlete. Jessica is an outstanding gymnast as well."

Senior Megan Chappo will be one of the Chiefs' top contributors this season once she overcomes an ankle injury that will have her on crutches for a few more weeks.

"It looks like she could be back by mid-January," Cunningham said. "She's one of our best gymnasts, so the sooner we get her back, the better."

Canton's group of sophomore athletes compares to any other 10th-grade class in the area.

"They really came on last year as freshmen," Cunningham said, referring to Kate Staley, Alyssa Kelley, Kaitlyn Burns, Chelsea Selden and Andrea Houdek. "They all have the ability to score between the 32 and 36 range, so they give us a lot of depth."

Among the team's junior standouts are Kara Ahern, last year's team MVP, and Mina Pirzadeh.

Patty Ahern, Jillian Hoard and Heather Wagner will provide the team with important senior leadership.

"Our league, the Western Lakes Activities Association, is one of the toughest in the state," Cunningham said. "We have six of the top eight teams in the state in our league, so it will be very competitive as always."

## Salem

The Rocks finished ninth in the state last season under the guidance of coach Dana Driscoll.

"I have a positive feeling about this team," said Driscoll. "We did well last year and we have a lot of girls back, so we have the potential to improve."

The Rocks' top returner is senior captain Ashley Aquino, who placed fourth overall at the Division 2 state meet last spring. She was 11th in the vault, sixth on the bars, fifth on the beam and 14th on the floor.

Ashley has improved and learned tremendously all four years she's been here," said Driscoll.

Another senior who is expected to rack up big time points for the Rocks this season is Elena Gueorguiev, who earned a second-place finish in the bars at the Division 2 state meet. She was 12th in the floor-exercise event and ninth all-around.

"Last year was Elena's first on the team and she did great," Driscoll said. "She's very powerful and is excellent in all the events. She is very motivated, too."

Sophomore Sarah Bugosh finished 14th on the bars at last season's Division 1 meet.

"Sarah is still competing for her club team, so she is doing a lot of double practices," Driscoll said. "She is very talented."

Senior Meghan Negele, a four-year competitor, will serve as a captain along with senior Megan McCarthy, who unfortunately will not compete this year due to an injury.

Two freshmen with club experience — Brittany Young and Katanna Karots — should both contribute immediately.

## Plymouth

Coach Melissa Chang took over the reins of the Wildcats program towards the latter stages of last season. She has just five gymnasts to work with after losing 11 from last year's squad to cheerleading.

Of the five, only Danielle Leist competed in the team's opening meet against Ann Arbor-Huron last week due to injury and illness that bested the other competitors.

Even though she is new to the sport, Danielle did a great job performing for the first time," Chang said. "Gymnastics is a very difficult sport to excel in if you don't have experience, but she did well."

Paige Tofil is the lone returner from last year's Wildcat roster. The sophomore is especially competitive in the beam and floor-exercise routines.

Junior Laura Rowe, who is also a diver for the Plymouth swim team, and freshmen Aerial Shafer and Jordan Brodehl will also compete for the Wildcats this season.

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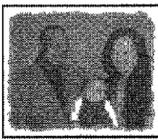
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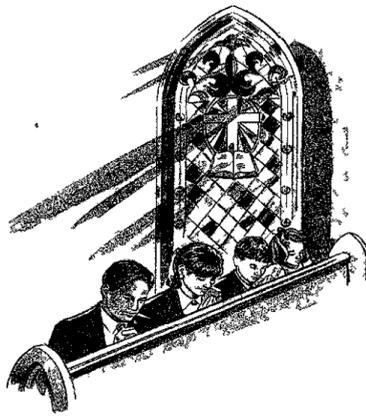
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It's Easy To Criticize...  
Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our  
comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to  
instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never  
sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or  
actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often  
seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at  
the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Fault-finding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their  
backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.  
The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15

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

## DECEMBER

**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 There will be guided tours of scenes from Bethlehem refreshments and crafts for the children This is a free event

**Labyrinth walk**  
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**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

**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

**Christmas Shepherd**  
Santa is yielding his annual visit to Nativity Church this year in favor of a special appearance by the Christmas Shepherd 10:30 a.m. Sunday Dec. 19 at the church 9435 Henry Ruff Livonia The Christmas community candlelight service takes place 7 p.m. Dec. 24 Call (734) 424-5406 or (734) 646-5766 for more information

**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

**Christmas services**  
7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve Dec. 24 and 10 a.m. on Christmas Day Dec. 25 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church 1343 Penniman Plymouth For more information call (734) 453-3393

**Family friendly service**  
5 p.m. Friday Dec. 24 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church 620 Romeo Road Rochester The candlelight serve features glow sticks for children candles for adults Call (248) 651-9361 for more information

**Christmas Eve services**  
For families 6:30 p.m. Friday Dec. 24 followed by Candlelight Service at 11 p.m. at First Congregational Church Wayne Road between east and west bound Michigan Avenue Wayne Call (734) 729-7550

**Holy Eucharist services**  
Festive Christmas Eve service with guest organist Joan Haggard 6 p.m. Dec. 24 and Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Dec. 25 at The Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia

**Christmas Eve services**  
Candlelight services 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Friday Dec. 24 at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt Call (734) 421-7620

**Festival Services**  
5 p.m. Family Service and 10 p.m. Choir Concert and Candlelight Festival Eucharist Friday Dec. 24 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist and 10 a.m. Lessons and Carols Sunday Dec. 26 and 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist and 10 a.m. Chalking the Door Service Epiphany Feast Saturday Jan. 1 at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Rd. Belleville Call (734) 699-3361

## 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

**Catholic Church update**  
Were you once Catholic? Beginning Monday evening Jan. 11 for six weeks St. Mary's of the Hills Parish will host

sessions entitled While You Were Away Join the discussion of what's happened in the Catholic Church as it relates to Mass Sacraments and beliefs/practices For more information or to register call Jan Hall at (248) 853-5390 ext 123

**Birmingham First Concert Series**  
Presents Everyone Dance a varied program of music based on dance with concert organist Tom Trenney and Friends 7:30 p.m. Friday Jan. 14 in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church 1669 West Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield roads A meet the artists reception follows the program No charge but a freewill offering will be collected to benefit future events in the concert series For more information call Trenney at (248) 644-2040 ext 136

## ONGOING

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

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

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

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

**Bible Study for Parents**  
For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road four miles south of Michigan Avenue Belleville Child care available Call (734) 699-3361

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**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**  
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**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 contentary 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 Forward 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**  
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**Kolei Moshe**  
Kolei Moshe Institute for Lifelong Jewish Learning located at Congregation B'nai Moshe 6800 Drake Road West Bloomfield holds Total Beginner Learn to Read Hebrew at 11 a.m. Sundays starting Jan. 9 It is taught by Jewish Academy of Metro Detroit student Judy Margolin Co-sponsored by NJOP National Jewish Outreach Program No charge Advance registration requested Call coordinator Nancy Kaplan at (248) 737-1931



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**EBEN G. BABIDGE IV**  
Age 83 formerly of Southfield, died in his sleep Saturday December 11, 2004 in Melbourne FL He was many things to many people his accomplishments and contributions great, but most of all he was a loving father to his daughters Lisa Babbidge Caskey of Colorado and Lynne Babbidge of Arizona and a devoted husband to his beloved wife of 62 years Anne We have been blessed to have been a part of his life and to have learned from his wisdom and shared in laughter He will forever be in our hearts Arrangements by David Seawinds Funeral Home, 321 254 1532

**JEANNE ELIZABETH DOLAN**  
Hamburg MI age 60 died Friday December 10, 2004 in her home with her husband by her side She was born on July 21 1944 in Detroit MI the daughter of Harley and Mary (Hale) Elwell Jeanne was a Wife Mother and Homemaker On September 1 1962 she married her sweetheart Dennis Dolan in Garden City MI Jeanne is survived by her husband Dennis son Dennis (Mary) Dolan Jr. of Garden City MI, daughter Linda Dolan of Garden City MI son Michael (Tabitha) Dolan of Pinckney MI brother Harvey Elwell of Lake Havasu AZ sister Elaine Miller of Prudenville MI and her seven wonderful grandchildren She was preceded in death by her parents A celebration of Jeanne's life was held on Wednesday December 15 2004 at 2pm at Borek Jennings Funeral Home Hamburg Chapel Please sign Jeanne's guest book at borekjennings.com

**ALENE M. MASTERSON**  
Age 72 December 9 2004 of Woodhaven Loving mother of James (Mary) Mallory (Hal) Newton Susan (Gary) Koch Danny (Karen) and Cathy (Rick) Lawrence Also survived by 14 grandchildren 12 great grandchildren and 3 sisters Preceded in death by 3 brothers Service was held Saturday from John Molnar Funeral Home Brownstown Chapel

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**MARY A. MCCRIGHT**

Age 92, of Plymouth and formerly of Detroit died December 10 2004 She was born April 30 1912, in Wheeling West Virginia She was a resident of Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth and a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth She worked as a sales associate at J.L. Hudson's for 25 years She is survived by her son David McCright of Troy as well as a number of nieces and nephews She is preceded in death by her husband, Clifford V. McCright her brothers Charles Keller and Joseph Keller and her sisters Elizabeth Spangler and Helen Corrigan Services were held Tuesday December 14 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery Detroit Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home (734) 453-3333

**VIRGINIA D. SMITH**

Age 85 December 12 2004 Resident of Peterborough Ontario Canada Former resident of Detroit Michigan Beloved Wife of the late Carl E. for 49 years Loving Mother of Carolyn (the late Gerry Beranger) Smith Judith Ann Smith & Susan (Nick) DeVault Dearest Grandmother of Clayton & Cole DeVault Dear Sister of Elmer Arthur Bob Grisdela Jean Deakin & Bill Hardwick Virginia graduated from Farmington High School and was a devoted homemaker her entire life Visitation Thursday 4-8 PM & Funeral Friday 11 AM at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME Farmington Interment at Oakland Hills Cemetery Novi Memorial contributions to Alzheimer's Association

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## Lady Ocelots claim title at K'zoo Valley tourney

Five Schoolcraft women's basketball players reached double-digits as the Lady Ocelots took home first place Saturday night at the Kalamazoo Valley Community College Holiday Classic. Schoolcraft blew by the host-Cougars 87-68, using a 48-28 second half to claim victory. Char Greer led the way for the Ocelots with 23 points on 9-of-11 shooting, while Ashley Gibson added 14 points with six assists and five steals. Schoolcraft compiled 20 steals in forcing KVCC (4-4 overall) into 33 turnovers while holding the Cougars to 28 percent shooting in the second half. Lindsey Brown was their only consistent weapon for the Cougars as she torched Schoolcraft for 29 points on 9-for-18 shooting and snagged a game-high 15 boards. Schoolcraft shot 54 percent from the field and 85 percent

from the charity stripe in the easy victory. Erika Mims (14 points), Lizann Charles (12 points, six assists) and Miki Williams (11 points, six steals) also contributed for the Ocelots, as they improve to 9-2 on the season. **SCHOOLCRAFT 94 COLUMBUS STATE (OHIO) 68**. After trailing 39-40 at halftime the Lady Ocelots took the lead and blew it open in a hurry Friday in the Kalamazoo Valley CC Holiday Classic. Char Greer scorched the Cougars for 24 points and snagged 14 rebounds as Schoolcraft improved to 7-2 overall. Sara Tyree (Westland John Glenn) added a dozen points and a half dozen boards for the Ocelots and Shareece Cosby hit four buckets from beyond the arc to finish with 12 points as well. Mickey Williams also added 11 points as Schoolcraft took advantage of their 28-13 advantage in the turnover department to come away victorious. Defensively the Lady Ocelots held Columbus State to 34 percent shooting in the second half as they quickly and easily pulled ahead to defeat the Cougars for the second time in this young season. Brandi Hoffman led the way for Columbus State with 17 points.



## Kings win Showcase

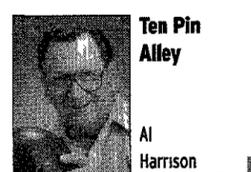
The Livonia Bantam Kings finished 3-0-2 to win the Little Caesars Thanksgiving Showcase at Modano Arena in Westland. Goals by Bryan Fortney and Matt Regan propelled the Kings to a 2-1 win over the Livonia Blues in the finals. The Kings opened with a 5-1 victory over the Novi Panthers on goals by James Leffler, Tyler Vines, Ian O'Malley, Shaun Venditelli and David Wells. Goals by Venditelli and Steve Regish gave the Kings a 2-2 tie vs the Westland Predators. The Kings also battled the Dearborn Heights Mustangs to a 2-2 draw as Regan and Alex Hoelzel scored. In a semifinal rematch against the Mustangs, goaltender Chris Maceri, the tourney MVP, stopped all 15 shots in a 2-0 win as Regan and Venditelli tallied third-period goals. Other members of the Kings include Michael Aja, Brian Azar, Mark Johnston, Blair Veit, Sean Venditelli, Thomas Wagner and Stephen Zoski. Coach Bob Regan was assisted by Mark Vines, David Wells, Tom Leffler and Jeff Elberling. The team manager is Mary Maceri. Team sponsors include Conner's Family Restaurant, Bates Hamburger's, Taste of the Orient and Tim Horton's.

## S'craft men win handily

Even though the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team is down to eight eligible and healthy players, the Ocelots continue to win. Mohawk College (Ontario) was the latest victim on Sunday, 100-56, as Schoolcraft improved to 10-1 overall. Second-year guard Ty Scott led the Schoolcraft scoring attack with a game-high 26 points, hitting 10-of-18 shots from the floor, including 4-of-9 three-pointers. Swingman Martin Samarco (Belleville) added 24 on 9-of-14 shooting, including 6-of-9 beyond the arc. Point-guard Genois Safford (Wayne Memorial) scored 16 points, missing just one shot on the day. He also dished out a team-high nine assists and five steals. Oakland University transfer Courtney Williams finished with 12 points and a team-high 13 rebounds. Jarred Axon contributed eight points. Schoolcraft was 38-of-66 from the floor (57.5 percent), including 14-of-28 from three-point land. Mohawk (6-12) was led by Marko Gacic with 16 points. Joe Palango and Orlando Hall added 11 and 10, respectively. **ST AMBROSE (IA) 101 MADONNA 85**. In Saturday's consolation final of the Gates Automotive Classic in Mishawaka, Ind., St. Ambrose (IA) got 23 points and 10 rebounds from forward Ryan Johnson to beat Madonna University.

# San Diego contingent highlights Old-Timers

Garden City's Rick Eiermann, was the overall winner of the 2004 edition of the 74th Old Timers Tournament held Thanksgiving weekend at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park. The event, as usual, was played to a full house. In keeping with a tradition established several years ago, the San Diego (Calif.) Bowling Ambassadors came to town for the event, including a new member, Bob LaRoque, a U.S. Navy World War II veteran who survived the attack on Pearl Harbor 63 years ago on Dec. 7, 1941. He was introduced by hall-of-famer Tony Landemann during the opening ceremonies. Eiermann, 51, came through with games of 219-258-266 for a 743 series. He also serves as a director on the Old Timers organization and helps with the planning and operation of this event. The late, great Joe Norris loved to come here from his San Diego home and participate in it each year until he passed away. He persuaded the other San Diego resident to form the group primarily to come here



to the Motor City each year and help spread goodwill. Among the other age-group winners: Under 50 — Jeff Goga, Woodhaven, 728, 50-59 — Lee Snow, Wixom, 739, 60-64 — James Hendrix, Warren, 703, 65-69 — Dick Beattie, Dearborn, who repeated with 708, 70-74 — Lloyd McNab, Warren, 676, 75-79 — Milton Patten, River Rouge, 682, 80 and up — Andrew Covell, Warren, 591. Winners in each age group were awarded commemorative wrist watches. The oldest participant was Mel Trbovich of Livonia, still bowling well at 93. Mitchell Kye of Warren had the highest single game with a 297. Thanks to the untiring efforts of John Chmelko and his son John, Jr., the event was a huge success and everybody went home a winner. Ted Kress of Redford

videotaped it all. It is scheduled to be aired at a time and date to be determined on Brighthouse Cable Systems in Livonia, Redford, Farmington and Farmington Hills. ■ "Bring back the ladies professional bowling tour." That's said quite often around the bowling scene and the Women's International Bowling Congress now owns the rights and assets of the Professional Women's Bowling Association, which it acquired in June. "We're progressing steadily," said Jan Schmidt, WIBC director of tournaments and marketing. "However, advancement has been slow as anticipated due to the magnitude of the project and the many initiatives underway at WIBC, including transition to the U.S. Bowling Congress. The women's pro tour planning team is now in place and working. The group also includes Steve Miller, President and Executive Officer of the Professional Bowlers Association (PBA) pros Kim Adler and Cathy Dorin-Lizzi, Roseann Kuhn, WIBC Executive Director, Frank

DeSocio, President of Strike Ten Entertainment, Chip Zielke, President of Circle Athletics, Barbara Waldorf, Director of Bowling Inc. Shared Services, Kathy Oberholzer and Donna Schroeder, both of the WIBC. Restating a women's professional tour should be a chief priority in all bowling organizations," Miller said. Added Schmidt "The PBA has provided invaluable assistance by sharing details on its successful quest to revitalize the televised Pro Bowlers Tour. With all of these good people working toward the same goal, we hope to see the women's tour on TV sometime in the near future. ■ On tap for the weekend is the 15th annual Budweiser Michigan Majors Bowling Association Tournament of Champions, hosted for the first time by Oak Lanes in Westland. This event features the top players of the organization. The "best of the best" describes the field of 60 bowlers for this tournament. All entrants must have won at least one title and are eligible on a point-basis only.

Lou Ansara's Big Boy restaurants will co-sponsor the Tournament of Champions with \$1,500 going to the winner. Qualifying rounds were held Saturday with the finals set for 10 this morning. Qualifiers will try to dethrone Hall of Famer Eiermann, who won it all last year. It is also the third jewel of the Michigan Master Bowling Association's triple crown, which also includes the Championship and the Match Game tourneys. Larry Walker of Garden City and Gene Stus of Allen Park are the only MMBA members to have completed the Triple Crown. ■ You're a good man, Charlie Ruffe, who rolled an 812 series on games of 213 and back-to-back 300s in the Friday Night Men's Invitational League, Nov. 29, at Westland Bowl. Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia a life member of the American Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.

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Wendy's has rolled out a new menu that will "fundamentally change the way people think about combo meals," according to Tom Mueller, president and chief operating officer of Wendy's North America. Customers now can order a small chili, baked potato or one of two side salads - instead of French fries - in their combo meals at no extra charge.

"Everyone wants variety in their combo meals from time to time," said Mueller. "We believe this approach will help Wendy's stand apart from the competition. It's another example of how we're actively responding to consumers' requests for more varied and nutritious options."

Instead of eight combo meals - featuring hamburgers, chicken sandwiches or homestyle chicken strips - Wendy's is now giving customers 40 different ways to create a combo to meet their individual tastes and preferences. Consumers can substitute a small chili, baked potato, Caesar side salad or regular side salad for French fries.

### Toast the New Year

Whether you call it champagne, bubbly or just plain fizz, sparkling wine is just the thing for holiday celebrations.

Whether you serve it to your friends, or take it as a thoughtful house gift to someone else's party, wines that fizz and bubble really are perfect.

Here are a few sparkling ideas, and best

of all, they come from right here in Michigan. Larry Mawby of L. Mawby

Vineyards in Suttons Bay offers Conservancy, an Extra Dry sparkler voted best in class at the 2004 Michigan State Fair wine competition.

Bel Lago near Cedar makes a vintage-dated Brut from a red-white combination Tabor Hill's Grand Mahr and Good Harbor's Moonstruck are also highly rated Michigan fizzies, according to the Michigan Grape & Wine Industry Council.

If you enjoy Reising, the council also suggests Shady Lane Cellars and Chateau de Leelanau or sparkling wines with a twist, such as St. Julian's Sparkling Raspberry or Passionate Peach.

Representatives of Michigan's wine industry will join with the Michigan Department of Agriculture for in-store Select Michigan demonstrations at Meijer, Kroger, Super Kmart and Family Fare stores in Detroit and Grand Rapids in December. For dates, locations and times, visit [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda) under Michigan Marketplace.

# Variety spices up sauces for the holidays Fondue

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

See related story on The Melting Pot in this week's edition of Filter, Section E.

Forget the date. Remember the food. That's how Aaron Van De Mark thinks of his first experience with fondue several years ago in Raleigh, N.C., taking a woman to The Melting Pot on a first date.

"I really wanted to impress her," Van De Mark said. "I brought her there and we had the time of our lives. The conversation wasn't the greatest, but the food was great."

Van De Mark says he never dated that woman again, but fell in love with the fondue dining experience. "It's interactive, it's a dining experience and it's totally unlike any other dining experience," Van De Mark said.

He loves fondue so much, that he is now owner of The Melting Pot, 888 Big Beaver Rd. in Troy, which opened last week.

"It's people getting together and sitting down and relaxing with food for about two hours," he said.

### CLASSICALLY SWISS

If you've traveled to Switzerland, you may have enjoyed a Classic Swiss Fondue or you may remember fondue from the 1960s. Whether you've been to Switzerland or not, it's easy to bring fondue into your home at your next holiday party.

PLEASE SEE FONDUE, D4

### FONDUE RECIPES

You don't have to buy a specific "fondue vessel" as a small chafing dish works as well. Fondue should be heated on the stove and transferred to a fondue pot or chafing dish to serve and stay warm while you're eating. Fill the pot less than half full. If it's too full, it's easier to lose your dunking medium and harder to keep well-mixed.

If the fondue is too thin, turn up the heat a little and stir rapidly until some of the liquid evaporates, without letting it boil. If it gets too thick while people are eating, add some more wine, turn up the heat and stir vigorously until the fondue is smooth, without letting it boil.

Fondue always can be used as the cheese component for gourmet macaroni and cheese casserole. Toss cooked pasta with the fondue, top with additional cheese or bread crumbs, and bake at 350° F until bubbling.

PLEASE SEE RECIPES, D4

# Salsa takes on a new 'beet'

Salsa, America's favorite condiment, is quickly evolving from the traditional tomato mixture to creative, colorful combinations of vegetables, fruits, beans, spices and herbs.

With their delicious flavor and ruby-red color, beets make a great tasting and nutritious ingredient for flavorful, brilliantly hued Festive Beet & Citrus Salsa.

Two types of citrus - orange and lime - enhance sweet and sour Harvard beets while fresh ginger adds a burst of heat.

Serve the salsa as an accompaniment for meats or poultry, as an appetizing topper for pita chips or

crackers, or as a sandwich spread with deli meats or leftover holiday ham, turkey or beef.

For nutrition, beets are hard to "beat." Beets and oranges are high in disease-fighting antioxidants, plus fiber and potassium.

"It's easy to design a great-tasting healthy dish, if you know your colors," says Roberta Duyff, registered dietitian and author of 365 Days of Healthy Eating From The American Dietetic Association (John Wiley & Sons, 2004), who created this recipe.

"Orange, red and yellow fruits and green vegetables are high in antioxidants

When you combine those ingredients, the result is a colorful, nutrient-packed dish," she says.

### FESTIVE BEET & CITRUS SALSA

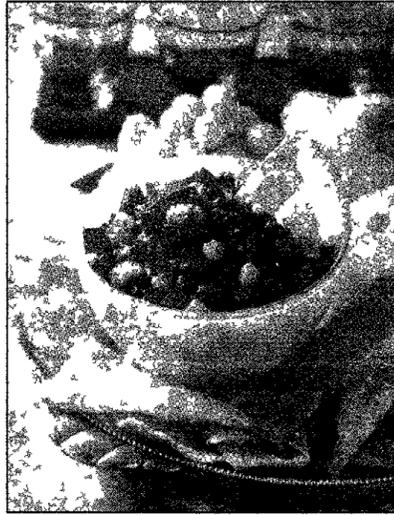
- 1 jar (15.5 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Ruby Red Sweet and Sour Harvard Beets rinsed, drained and chopped or one jar (16 ounces) sliced or whole pickled beets, drained and chopped
- 1 medium orange, peeled, seeded and diced or 1/2 cup diced drained mandarin oranges
- 2 tablespoons chopped green onion
- 2 tablespoons minced cilantro
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

- 2 teaspoons minced fresh ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Place all ingredients in medium bowl, stir gently to combine. Cover and refrigerate about 30 minutes to let flavors blend. Serve with crackers, flatbread or chips, as desired. Makes about two cups (serving size one tablespoon).

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 12 calories, less than 1 g protein, 3 g carbohydrate, less than 1 g fat, 60 mg sodium, 0 mg cholesterol, less than 1 g dietary fiber, less than 1 mg iron, 10 mg potassium, 21 IU Vitamin A, 2 mg calcium.

Recipe courtesy of Seneca Foods



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Citrus and ginger keep the focus on bold flavors in this colorful and brilliant beet salsa.

# It's cookie season!

## Go to the kitchen and bake

BY BARBARA ALBRIGHT  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

WILTON, Conn (AP) - It's the time of year when even non-bakers push up their sleeves and get out the baking equipment. Making cookies is a family activity that works well because it spans the generations - and, of course, eating cookies seems to know no age boundary either! Here are some basic reminders to make sure your baked goods turn out delicious every single time.

■ Read the recipe instructions and gather all the ingredients and equipment you will need to prepare the recipe.

■ Make sure your baking powder and baking soda are current and that use-by dates have not expired. Baking is a precise science.

■ Measure ingredients correctly. Use clear glass or plastic cups to measure liquid ingredients and use stacked cups to

measure dry ingredients. Measure the flour carefully and as directed in the recipe. Spoon it lightly into the appropriate size of dry measuring cup and level the top off with the flat edge of a spatula or knife.

■ Check your oven's temperature with an oven thermometer and adjust accordingly. To avoid overbaking, check the cookies a few minutes before the minimum baking time. Bake cookies on the center rack in your oven for even browning. If you use more than one rack to speed up the baking process, make sure to rotate the baking sheets halfway through the baking time front to back and from one shelf to the other.

To get you started in the kitchen, there are a couple of new books on making cookies.

First up, *The King Arthur Flour Cookie Companion* (The Countryman Press, \$29.95), subtitled *The Essential Cookie Cookbook*.

This is an absolutely wonderful baking book, dedicated to telling the reader clearly and concisely how to make every kind of cookie imaginable. Helpful and charming illustrations supply technical detail on how to make cookies that come out tasting terrific, just the type of cookie you want to make.

For several favorite cookies, they have broken the category down further. For instance, there is the Essential Chewy Oatmeal Cookie, the Essential Crunchy Oatmeal Cookie, the Essential Crisp Oatmeal Cookie and so on. Then eight variations are added to change any one of these cookies into vanilla oatmeal, say, or cranberry-chew cookies, or Coconuttutes.

In the center of the book, there's a section of mouthwatering color photographs of some of the cookies. Although the book is written by a flour company, I found several cookies that did not contain flour, and all-in-all, this is a serious cookie book written by folks who take baking seriously. Here's one our family liked.

### SOFT MOLASSES COOKIES

- 1 cup (2 sticks, 8 ounces) unsalted butter
- 1 cup (7 ounces) sugar, plus more for coating the dough
- 1/4 cup (6 ounces) molasses
- 2 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 2 large eggs
- 3 1/2 cups (14 1/2 ounces) unbleached all purpose flour

In a large mixing bowl, cream together the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add the molasses while mixing at slow speed, then the baking soda, salt and spices. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Scrape down the sides of the bowl to make sure everything is incorporated. Stir in the flour. Cover the bowl and refrigerate the dough for 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Lightly grease (or line with parchment) two baking sheets.

Shape or scoop the dough into 1-1/2-inch balls, a tablespoon

cookie scoop works well here. Roll them in granulated sugar and put them on the prepared baking sheets, leaving about 2 inches between them.

Bake the cookies for 10 minutes. The centers will look soft and puffy, which is OK. As long as the bottoms are set enough to lift part way off the cookie sheet without bending or breaking, they're ready to come out of the oven. Cool the cookies on the pan for 10 minutes before transferring them to a rack to cool completely.

Makes 44 cookies

Recipe from *The King Arthur Flour Cookie Companion*. The Countryman Press, \$29.95

For fans of chocolate chip cookies, Dede Wilson, food writer, cookbook author and television food-show host, has put together a collection of 75 different ways to make this all-American favorite.

Her new cookbook, *A Baker's Field Guide to Chocolate Chip Cookies* (Harvard Common Press, \$16.95) includes cookies, bars and brownies, all related to the traditional chocolate chip cookie. It's a handy hardcover book with a concealed ring binding so it can lie conveniently flat on a kitchen counter.

As its name says, the book is set up as a field guide with notes and symbols that explain concisely each recipe's type, its description, whether it's kid-friendly or especially quick to make, whether the dough freezes or stores well (Lifespan) and whether you can substitute ingredients (Related Species).

Among cookies featured in the book are Caramel Chocolate Turtle Cookies, White Chocolate Bittersweet Chunk Brownies and Ginger Chip Brown Sugar Shortbread Fingers. The following recipe for chewy cookies with a rich brownie flavor baked up fine and went down very well with my family.

If you like, Wilson says you can substitute milk or white chocolate morsels instead of the semisweet and use pecans instead of the walnut.

### CHEWY BROWNIE CHIP DROPS

2 1/2 cups all purpose flour

- 1/2 cup Dutch processed unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups (3 sticks) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate morsels
- 1 cup walnut halves, toasted and chopped

Preheat oven to 350° F. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Sift flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt together in a medium-size bowl.

In a large bowl with an electric mixer on medium-high speed, beat butter until creamy, about 2 minutes. Add granulated sugar and brown sugar gradually, beating until light and fluffy, about 3 minutes, and scraping down bowl once or twice. Beat in vanilla, then eggs, one at a time, scraping down bowl.

Add about one-third of flour mixture and mix on low speed. Gradually add remaining flour mixture, mixing just until blended. Stir in chocolate morsels and nuts. Drop by generously rounded tablespoon 2 inches apart on prepared cookie sheets.

Bake until firmed up around the edges but still a bit soft in the center, about 10 minutes (you want to keep them chewy). Slide parchment onto racks to cool cookies completely.

**Good Cookie Tip:** These cookies are so dark that it's hard to gauge doneness by color. Follow these textural clues. They should be firm around the edges, yet soft in the center.

Makes 48 cookies. Recipe from *A Baker's Field Guide to Chocolate Chip Cookies* by Dede Wilson, Harvard Common Press, \$16.95

### FAVORITE SUGAR COOKIES

Almost every year, I make cut-out cookies, baking along with others. This started with my mom, then continued with my friends, and now with my kids.

Following is the recipe that I think makes the best cut-out cookies. A tablespoon of light corn syrup makes the dough a

little more easy to handle. Rolling the cookies in between sheets of waxed paper or plastic wrap instead of on a floured surface keeps them from getting too tough from absorbing excess flour.

If the shapes are too soft to transfer to the baking sheet, another technique I employ is to simply pop the baking sheet into the freezer or refrigerator until the dough is firm. It then becomes much easier to transfer the cookies to the baking sheet for baking.

### SUGAR CUT-OUT COOKIES

- 3/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tablespoon light corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract

In a medium bowl, mix the flour and salt. In a large bowl, stir together the butter and sugar until creamy. Stir in the egg and then the corn syrup and vanilla extract. One-third at a time, add the flour mixture until thoroughly mixed. Pat the dough into two disks, wrap them in plastic, and refrigerate for 1 to 2 hours, or until firm enough to roll. If the dough is too firm, soften at room temperature for about 5 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 375° F. Roll the dough to a 1/4-inch thick between two pieces of waxed paper or plastic wrap. Remove the top sheet of waxed paper and cut out the cookies with cookie cutters. Using a spatula, transfer the shapes to an ungreased baking sheet, leaving about 1 inch between the cookies. Sprinkle the shapes with colored sugar or sprinkles, if desired. (If the dough is too soft, place the sheet with the waxed paper and cut-out shapes in the freezer for 5 to 10 minutes to make it easier to remove the shapes.)

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, or until the cookies start to brown lightly around the edges.

Set the baking sheet on a wire rack and cool for about 5 minutes. Transfer the cookies to racks and cool completely. The cookies can be stored in an airtight container in the freezer for up to 1 month and for up to 3 days at room temperature before you frost them.

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This recipe for turkey meatloaf is a good example of how to enjoy more healthful comfort food. Chopped parsley, minced bell pepper and shredded carrot add color, fiber, taste and nutrition.

## Have your comfort food and eat it, too

This time of year can be stressful. In times of stress, we want comfort foods — the foods we used to eat on special occasions, at grandmother's house, or when we were sick and mom pampered or nurtured us back to health with special dishes.

Unfortunately, many comfort foods are high in calories and fat but low in the nutrients and protective phytochemicals necessary to reduce risk of chronic diseases, like cancer, and to keep a healthy weight.

Many of these foods come from a time when the relationship between diet and disease was not well known.

But in recent years, cooks have learned to make such foods with less fat and fewer calories. With a few substitutions and some changes in technique, comfort food can be fed your health as well as your memories.

Substitution is the first step toward healthier comfort food. Substitute an ingredient low in fat for a high fat ingredient. For example, evaporated skim milk can be used in place of cream, and

olive oil can replace butter in many recipes.

Adding a few healthful ingredients such as vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans can enhance the nutritional quality of the dish. Add diced bell pepper and zucchini to your spaghetti sauce, for example, and some variety of beans to your chili.

Finally, watch portion size. Most comfort foods are meals in themselves.

If you serve them in smaller portions and add a few side dishes such as cooked vegetables and salad, you'll have a more healthful meal and still enjoy your favorite comfort food.

The following recipe for meatloaf is a good example of how to enjoy more healthful comfort food.

Chopped parsley, minced bell pepper and shredded carrot add color, fiber, taste and nutrition.

### TURKEY MEATLOAF

- 1 pound ground turkey breast
- 1/2 cup ground beef
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 cup unseasoned whole wheat breadcrumbs

- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/4 cup green bell pepper, minced
- 1/4 cup red bell pepper, minced
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 3 tablespoons ketchup (optional to use as a topping)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Combine all ingredients except 3 tablespoons of ketchup in a large bowl.

Transfer mixture to a 9 by 5 inch non-stick loaf pan. Bake 1 hour, uncovered.

Remove from oven. Spread the 3 tablespoons ketchup on top, if desired.

Cover lightly with foil and let meatloaf rest 10 minutes.

Cut into slices and serve. Makes 5 servings.

Per serving: 278 calories, 10 g total fat (3 g saturated fat), 23 g carbohydrate, 24 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 420 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## Fruity Christmas trifle is long-time holiday favorite

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### CHRISTMAS TRIFLE

- For the custard cream:
- 2 1/2 cups milk
  - 1/2 cup granulated sugar
  - 3 tablespoons cornstarch
  - 5 egg yolks
  - 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
  - 2 cups heavy cream
  - 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

Heat the milk in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until barely simmering.

Separately, mix the granulated sugar, cornstarch and egg yolks with a pinch of salt in a heavy bottomed medium saucepan, and heat over medium heat.

Whisk in the hot milk slowly, about 1/2 cup at a time, until all the milk is incorporated into the egg mixture. Stir constantly with a wooden spoon and cook for 12 to 15 minutes, or until lumps of custard begin to form. Lower the heat and whisk until smooth.

Remove from the heat and mix in the vanilla extract.

Transfer the custard to a large bowl. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap, poke a few holes in the plastic, and cool.

Place the heavy cream and confectioners' sugar in a medium mixing bowl. Whip on medium speed for 4 to 5 minutes, or until stiff peaks form, and refrigerate. Reserve 2 tablespoons of the whipped cream for decoration.

Once the custard has cooled, mix in one third of the whipped cream with the custard using a rubber spatula to lighten. Gently fold in the remaining whipped cream and refrigerate the custard cream.

For the trifle:

- 1 1/2 pounds vanilla or lemon pound cake, sliced 1/2-inch thick
- 1 cup raspberry jam
- 4 ounces dry sherry

10 kiwifruit, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch slices, reserving several slices for decoration.

24 ounce container pineapple or mango, drained and cut in chunks (in the fresh fruit section).

Two 10 ounce containers frozen strawberries with their juices, thawed, reserving 1 berry for decoration.

1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted (about 1 ounce) for decoration.

Preheat the oven to 350° F.

Lay the pound cake on baking sheets and bake about 10 minutes, or until partially dried. Remove from the oven and cool. Spread each slice of pound cake with a thin layer of raspberry jam.

Place a layer of pound cake slices, breaking them to fit evenly, into an 8-inch-deep trifle bowl, or 3-quart glass bowl. Drizzle one-third of the sherry onto the pound cake.

Line the edge of the bowl with the kiwifruit, leaving a slight gap between each slice. Fill in the gaps with chunks of pineapple. Spoon on one-third of the strawberries with their juices, making some visible through the kiwifruit.

Add additional kiwifruit, pineapple and strawberries to level out the layer. Add in and spread evenly one-third of the custard cream. Repeat this layering process twice, ending with a layer of custard cream on top. Decorate with the reserved whipped cream, kiwifruit, strawberry, and the toasted almonds.

For individual portions, layer the glasses proportionately and decorate each serving. Makes 16 servings.

Recipe from *Holiday Fare Favorite Williamsburg Recipes, Colonial Williamsburg, 2004*. \$19.95 by John R. Gonzales.

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**FONDUE**

FROM PAGE D1

Once considered unsophisticated, it is now an ideal party food - inexpensive, interactive and of course fun. One of the best parts about fondue is that its ingredients are flexible. You can use one cheese or a combination.

Accompaniments include breads, cherry tomatoes, grapes, cubes of chunks of celery or carrots, cubes of meat, lightly steamed broccoli, cauliflower and asparagus, apple and pear wedges or another seasonal vegetable or fruit. Just about any "dippers" will please a hungry crowd and will taste good with cheese, too.

Guests will hover over the Classic Swiss Fondue from *Cooking for Company* by Nicole Aloni, HP Books. And you'll have them grow a fondness for fondue.

It is the season to entertain and share time with family and friends, enjoying the great food and camaraderie of the occasion. This year, in the spirit of the season, host a "giving" party.

Remember those less fortunate. Ask guests to forego the traditional host or hostess gift. Instead they can bring a holiday gift identified by contents and whether it's for an adult or child, which the host will give to a charity for distribution.

And in turn, treat guests to a

special evening of "dipping and dining."

What better way for everyone to connect than with a communal meal around the fondue pot? Dipping together encourages conversation, and it's fun.

For an easy main dish fondue, serve cooked beef top sirloin steak as the dipper. Simply season the steak, then pan-broil in a skillet. Cut it into bite-size pieces for dipping into two delicious fondues.

Colorful Roasted Red Pepper Fondue is made with roasted red bell peppers and garlic which are pureed and then heated with Gruyere cheese and cream. (The peppers can be roasted a day in advance to save time.)

For the second dipping choice, Gorgonzola-Port Fondue makes a great presentation with the port wine drizzle glistening atop the white fondue. It's truly festive, and a delicious complement to the beef.

Round out the simple but satisfying supper with vegetable crudites, assorted bread sticks and crusty bread. Holiday cookies with eggnog or espresso are a perfect ending to this special occasion.

Information for this story also was obtained from the Cattlemen's Beef Board and National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

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**RECIPES**

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**FONDUE**

- 2 teaspoons cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons kirsch
- 1 clove garlic, smashed
- 1 to 1 1/4 cups dry white wine
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 pound Gruyere or 8 ounces Gruyere and 8 ounces Emmentaler, grated (4 cups)
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- White pepper

To serve, you will need the following items: fondue pot or small chafin, fondue forks or skewers, small plates, cocktail napkins, bread cubes, crostini or pita wedges, green apple wedges, blanched carrots or cauliflower.

In a small bowl, whisk the cornstarch into the kirsch to dissolve.

Rub the garlic clove around the inside of a heavy saucepan over medium heat and then drop it in. Add the 1 cup white wine and lemon juice and bring to a gentle simmer. Add the shredded cheese, one handful at a time, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon.

When the cheese is completely melted into the liquid, add the kirsch mixture and whisk to blend. Let simmer several minutes to thicken. If the mixture is too thick, stir in some additional wine. Season with the nutmeg and white pepper. Transfer immediately to a fondue pot and

serve with bread cubes, fruit or vegetables.

Serves 8 to 10 as an appetizer or 4 as an entree, makes 3 cups.

**ROASTED RED PEPPER FONDUE**

- 1 boneless beef top sirloin steak cut 1 inch thick (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 2 teaspoons garlic pepper seasoning
- Roasted Red Pepper Sauce
- 3 medium red bell peppers
- 3 large cloves garlic, unpeeled
- 1/2 teaspoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 cups shredded Gruyere cheese
- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Press garlic-pepper seasoning evenly onto beef steak. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steak in skillet, cook 15 to 20 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Remove to platter, keep warm.

Heat oven to 425° F. Toss bell peppers and garlic with oil in large bowl. Place peppers and garlic on aluminum-foil lined metal baking sheet sprayed with nonstick cooking spray.

Bake in 425° F oven 30 minutes, turning peppers and garlic once, cool slightly.

Remove and discard skins, stems and seeds from peppers. Remove and discard skins from garlic.

Place peppers and garlic in food processor or blender container. Cover, process one minute or until mixture is

pureed. Combine pepper mixture, cheese and cream in medium saucepan. Heat over medium-low to low heat 8 to 12 minutes or until cheese is melted and mixture is smooth, stirring constantly. Stir in salt.

Pour cheese mixture into fondue pot set on low heat. Carve steak into bite-sized pieces. Serve with fondue. Makes six servings.

**Cook's Tip:** Before using a fondue pot, always follow manufacturer's instructions for proper care and use.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 356 calories, 22 g fat (12 g saturated fat), 7 g monounsaturated fat, 107 mg cholesterol, 388 mg sodium, 5 g carbohydrate, 12 g fiber, 35 g protein, 83 mg niacin, 0.8 mg vitamin B6, 1.9 mcg vitamin B12, 2.0 mg iron, 35.8 mcg selenium, 6.1 mg zinc. Recipe courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

**GORGONZOLA-PORT FONDUE**

- 1 boneless beef top sirloin steak cut 1 inch thick (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 2 teaspoons garlic pepper seasoning
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup minced shallots
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 12 ounces crumbled Gorgonzola cheese (about 3 cups)
- 1 tablespoon all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1/4 cup port wine

Press garlic-pepper seasoning

evenly onto beef steak. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place steak in skillet, cook 15 to 20 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Remove to platter, keep warm. Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium heat until hot. Add shallots and garlic, cook and stir four minutes or until tender. Reduce heat to low.

Toss cheese with flour, gradually add to saucepan, stirring after each addition. Whisk in milk and cook about 12 to 13 minutes or until sauce is smooth and creamy, stirring frequently.

Meanwhile in medium saucepan, cook port wine over high heat 8 to 10 minutes or until reduced to about two tablespoons (consistency will be syrupy).

Pour cheese mixture into fondue pot set on low heat. Just before serving, drizzle wine over cheese. Carve steaks into bite-sized pieces. Serve with fondue. Makes six servings.

**Cook's Tip:** Before using a fondue pot, always follow manufacturer's instructions for proper care and use.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 462 calories, 27 g fat (14 g saturated fat), 10 g monounsaturated fat, 96 mg cholesterol, 1006 mg sodium, 9 g carbohydrate, 0.2 g fiber, 40 g protein, 8.4 mg niacin, 0.8 mg vitamin B6, 2.3 mcg vitamin B12, 2.2 mg iron, 42.3 mcg selenium, 6.6 mg zinc.

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Find perfect wine to pair with festive meal

(AP) - Picking the perfect wine to complement your holiday dinner and please your guests' palates can be a puzzle.

Master sommelier and Target Stores wine consultant Andrea Zimmer has several wine suggestions to guide your choice.

In many homes, ham is a Christmas favorite for guests of all ages. This holiday tradi-

tion is best paired with tangy, racy white wines from the Riesling grape.

Prime rib, or another fine cut of beef, is a hearty way to celebrate the season of giving. A rich Australian shiraz pairs beautifully with red meat.

Try pairing tasty gingerbread men and other Christmas cookies with demi-sec (slightly sweet) cham-

pagne or sparkling wine to complete your Christmas meal.

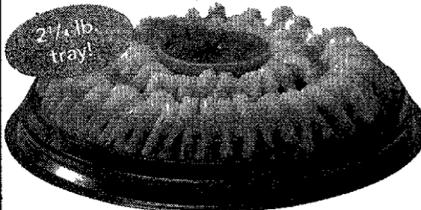
Shrimp is the perfect finger food for a New Year's cocktail party. Paired with pinot grigio, these tender morsels taste sweet and succulent.

Vegetables and dip are a delectable snack. The raw vegetable flavor of

crudites is enhanced with a racy, herbaceous sauvignon blanc.

Chocolate-covered fruits are a treat to tempt chocolate lovers. Guests will savor the taste of demi-sec (slightly sweet) champagne or sparkling wine while enjoying their chocolate-dipped bites. (Source: Andrea Zimmer, for Target Stores)

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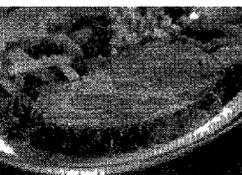


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# Here are tips for feeding party guests

(AP) - The entertaining season is here, time to plan spreads full of holiday cheer

Here are some suggestions for feeding a crowd, whether office colleagues, family, friends or all the above

Make it easy with a potluck party or simple finger foods, and enjoy these festive holiday events

**Potluck party** - Invite a group of friends to celebrate at your place and ask each to bring their favorite dish

A simple and easy option is a tasty tart

Line a tart tin with pastry shell and bake for 10 minutes. Peel and slice 6 tomatoes and 3 onions very finely. Fry onions in a saucepan until transparent

Spread a thin layer of Dijon mustard over the base of tart

Cover with a layer of tomatoes, then a layer of onion and sprinkle with 1-1/2 cups grated Swiss cheese. Season with salt and pepper, bake for an additional 30 minutes and serve warm

**Warm welcome** - Greet guests with a finger food to start. Prepare succulent jumbo shrimp with a delicious honey-mustard dip

Combine 3 cups of water, 3 peppercorns, 1 lemon slice and 1 bay leaf, bring to boil. Add shrimp, boil until they turn pink. Drain shrimp, add ice to stop the cooking process

In a small saucepan, combine 2 teaspoons scallions, 1

teaspoon lemon juice, 2 teaspoons honey Dijon mustard, stir with fork until warm. Transfer to a bowl, arrange shrimp over the edge of bowl and serve

**Dazzling dip** - Impress the company with a creamy, delectable dip for crackers or chips

Mix a 6-1/2-ounce jar of liquid from marinated artichoke hearts, an 8-ounce package of cream cheese and 1/4 cup of Dijon mustard

Add sliced artichokes from jar. Blend until smooth and chill

**Seasonal gravy** - Spice up traditional gravy by adding a seasonal fruit flavor

Combine 1/2 cup fresh cranberry sauce, 2 tablespoons whole-grain mustard, and 1 tablespoon orange rind with gravy powder

Blend with water, simmer over low heat until thickened. Serve over turkey, mash potatoes or fresh vegetables

Also bring fruit into the festivity by using it as decorations around the mantel and the dinner table

**Holiday ham** - A fine asset at the holiday feast is a honey-baked ham

One version calls for 1 egg yolk mixed with 3 tablespoons honey Dijon mustard

Spread mixture over ham and sprinkle with 2 or 3 tablespoons of bread crumbs. Bake until it turns a golden brown color

Slice and serve (Source: Maille Fine French Condiments)

# Lentil soup doesn't take long to make

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A hearty soup made from scratch doesn't have to be a long project

Here's a case in point: a savory lentil soup with flavor that comes from vegetables and plenty of garlic, that you can serve up in your soup bowls or mugs in about half an hour

The recipe is from the "fast" cooking feature in *Food & Wine* magazine's December issue

If you cannot easily find Spanish serrano ham, use prosciutto for a similar Mediterranean touch in the ham and arugula garnish

Most other ingredients you will probably find you already have at hand in your kitchen

## LENTIL SOUP WITH SERRANO HAM AND ARUGULA

(Total time: 30 minutes)

- 1 1/2 cups lentils
- 8 cups very hot tap water
- 1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 2 medium onions, very finely chopped
- 3 medium carrots, very thinly sliced
- 2 celery ribs, thinly sliced
- 5 garlic cloves, 4 thinly sliced and 1 minced
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste

- Crushed red pepper
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 ounces thinly sliced serrano ham or prosciutto, cut into 1/2-inch wide strips
- 1 bunch arugula (1/4 pound), thick stems discarded

In a large saucepan, cover the lentils with the water and bring to a boil

Meanwhile, in a medium soup pot, heat 1/4 cup of the olive oil until shimmering. Add the onions, carrots, celery and sliced garlic. Cover and cook the vegetables over moderately high heat, stirring occasionally, until they are softened, 5 to 6 minutes

Carefully add the lentils and

the boiling water. Add the tomato paste and 1/2 teaspoon of crushed red pepper to the soup and season with salt and black pepper. Cook the soup over moderate heat until the lentils are tender, about 20 minutes

Meanwhile, in a small skillet, heat the remaining 1 tablespoon of olive oil until shimmering. Add the minced garlic and cook just until fragrant, about 30 seconds

Add the ham and a generous pinch of crushed red pepper to the skillet and cook for 30 seconds

Add the arugula and cook just until wilted, 30 seconds longer. Ladle the soup into large bowls, garnish with the ham and arugula, and serve

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Adding tart cranberries gives the French Cran-Apple Pie flavor and color. The tart cranberries are balanced with slightly sweet apples.

## Try a baking short cut and use frozen crusts

Holiday pie bakers take note: Bringing the pie is easy with frozen crusts.

No matter how you slice it, a piece of delicious homemade pie marks the perfect ending to a festive holiday gathering.

Bakers who usually shy away from volunteering to bring pie to family celebrations or office potlucks may want to entertain the idea this year and try their hand at making a simple pie using a convenient pie crust in its own portable tin.

"During the peak of pie baking season, go portable and start with a pre-made Pillsbury Pet-Ritz frozen crust in a to-go tin," recommends Marilyn French, senior home economist for Pillsbury.

For some bakers the crust is the most challenging part. I like to assure people that they can bake a pie if they choose a crust that's ready to fill, bake and take.

The first one-crust recipe developed by French features a new twist on a traditional apple pie. Adding tart cranberries gives the French Cran-Apple Pie a burst of flavor – and vibrant color. The hint of tart cranberry flavor is balanced with slightly sweet cooking apples such as Golden Delicious or Cortland. This is a creative way for bakers to combine two favorite seasonal flavors into one beautiful dessert.

A pie baker whose gathering includes a large number of chocolate lovers may opt to bring a layered Creamy Chocolate-Mint Pie that looks as decadent and rich as it tastes. A mint-flavored cream cheese layer provides a festive green touch, and it's topped with a creamy chocolate filling that will please the chocolate fans. Serve with a small bowl of chopped chocolate mints and let each guest top off a slice with a few extra morsels of the favorite after-dinner sweet.

French recommends keeping

several frozen crusts on hand during the holidays for unexpected company or last-minute desserts. Canned fillings from the pantry – such as pumpkin, cherries or apples – help create delicious, flavorful spur-of-the-moment desserts. Visit [www.pillsbury.com](http://www.pillsbury.com) for more one-crust pie and holiday dessert recipes.

### FRENCH CRAN-APPLE PIE

1 Pillsbury Pet Ritz frozen deep dish pie crust

#### Filling:

4 cups sliced peeled apples (4 medium)  
2 cups fresh or frozen (thawed) cranberries  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/4 cup all purpose flour  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

#### Topping

1/2 cup all purpose flour  
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
dash nutmeg  
1/4 cup firm butter or margarine  
1/2 cup chopped pecans

Heat oven to 375° F. Place cookie sheet in oven to preheat.

In large bowl, stir together apples and cranberries. In small bowl, stir together remaining filling ingredients. Add dry ingredients to fruit. Toss to coat. Pour into crust lined pan.

In small bowl, stir together all topping ingredients except butter and pecans. Using pastry blender or fork, cut in butter until crumbly. Stir in pecans. Sprinkle evenly over top of pie. Place pie on cookie sheet in oven.

Bake 45 to 55 minutes or until apples are tender and crust and topping are golden brown. Cover edge of crust with stripes of foil after 15 to 20 minutes of baking to prevent excessive browning. Serve warm with whipped cream

or ice cream if desired. Makes eight servings.

Bakers tip: Use a slightly sweet cooking apple, such as Golden Delicious or Cortland in this recipe to balance the tartness of the cranberries.

### CREAMY CHOCOLATE-MINT PIE

1 Pillsbury Pet Ritz frozen deep dish pie crust  
1/4 cups milk  
1 package (4 serving size) chocolate pudding and pie filling mix (not instant)  
1 cup semisweet chocolate chips  
4 ounces cream cheese softened  
1/2 cup powdered sugar  
1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract  
3 to 5 drops green food color  
2 cups frozen (thawed) whipped topping  
2 thin rectangular chocolate and green mints unwrapped

Heat oven to 400° F. Bake pie crust as directed on package for One Crust Baked Pie Shell. Cool completely about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, in two quart saucepan, stir together milk and pudding mix. Cook as directed on package. Continue cooking over low heat while adding chocolate chips, stirring until melted. Set aside.

In medium bowl, beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, peppermint extract and one to two drops of the green food color until smooth. Gently fold in one cup of the whipped topping.

Spread cream cheese mixture in shell. Top with chocolate mixture.

Refrigerate at least two hours until set. To color remaining one cup whipped topping, in small bowl, stir together whipped topping and remaining two drops food color. Garnish pie with whipped topping. Chop mints and sprinkle over whipped topping.

Cover and store in refrigerator. Makes eight servings.

Recipe courtesy of Pillsbury

## Stir-fried pork dish on table in 20 minutes

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Food authority Mark Bittman has great credibility when he offers a recipe for making a tasty dish with a minimum of time and fuss.

Usually, he has refined its ingredients and their cooking down to the essentials.

But that's Bittman's culinary forte.

He's famous as *The Minimalist*, the title of his weekly column in *The New York Times* – and to further inspire confidence, remember that one of the most popular books he has written is *How To Cook Everything* (Wiley, 1998).

Here Bittman turns his attention to pork, offering a recipe that will take only about 20 minutes to put on the table.

What basics should the cook keep in mind?

"I rely heavily on fresh ingredients, but having the right pantry staples around makes daily life much easier," Bittman said.

This recipe combines the fresh meat with simple items – soy sauce, garlic and onion

Pork is often his choice for such recipes, he says, because its distinctive flavor marries well with countless others.

"The key is start simple and get yourself comfortable with the cooking basics."

### STIR-FRIED PORK IN GARLIC SAUCE

(Preparation and cooking time: 20 minutes)

2 tablespoons peanut or vegetable oil  
2 tablespoons peeled and chopped garlic  
2 dried hot red chilies or to taste (see note)  
1 to 1 1/2 pounds boneless pork tenderloin or shoulder cut into thin shreds  
1 bunch scallions or green onions trimmed and cut into 2-inch lengths (separate the white parts from the green parts)  
3 tablespoons soy sauce  
4 cups cooked white rice

Put oil in large nonstick skillet (12 inches is best) and turn heat to high. A minute later add garlic and chilies, cook, stirring

occasionally until the garlic begins to color, just a minute or so.

Add pork and stir once or twice.

Cook until it begins to brown about 1 minute. Add white parts of the scallions and stir cook another minute, stirring occasionally.

Stir in the green parts of the scallions and stir, cook for 30 seconds then turn off heat and add the soy sauce.

Serve immediately with white rice.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: Bittman suggests standard hot red chilies, or any variety of dried chilies you like to taste. They are left whole – but not eaten, presumably, he says.

Nutrition information per serving: 497 cal, 14 g fat (3.7 g saturated), 77 mg chol, 980 mg sodium, 57 g carbo, 31 g pro, 2 g fiber.

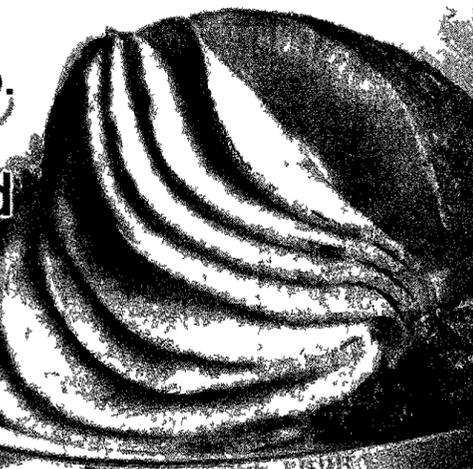
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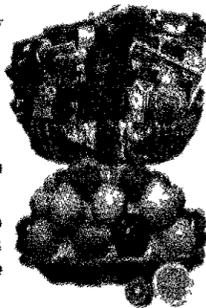
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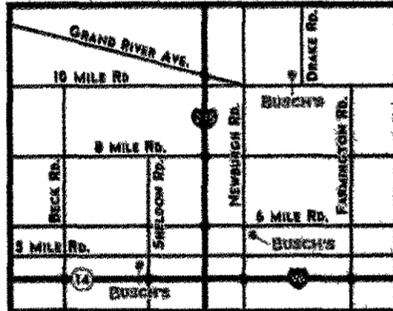
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## Association Web site needs parameters

One of our board members is thinking about a Web site for our community association. Do you have any comments on that?

Web site may be an excellent way to improve communication between the association and its members as long as certain protections are provided in regard to the format of the Web site and access to same. It may also be a source of revenue for the community association inviting property managers and other service providers to advertise on the Web site. However, it should not be undertaken without a clear understanding of the responsibilities of the board overseeing the Web site with the benefit of legal counsel advising the board as to the parameters and limitations of the Web site.

Our management company refuses to allow members of the board to look at certain expenditures made by the management company on behalf of the association even though we have attempted to get that information. We have now terminated the management company but are wondering what recourse we have.

Most management contracts provide that the management company will provide an accounting of the its expenditures both during and at the end of its representation of the association. In addition, if you think there has been any fraud or mismanagement on the part of the management company, you should demand an audit of the books and records of the management company's affairs as it relates to your association. Your CPA can help you in that regard and, if necessary, your attorney can advise you as to what remedies you have against the management company for failure to provide proper accounting to the association. There are some management companies who have actually absconded with funds from an association and you are best advised to make sure that that has not happened in your case.

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Mary Winkler believes giving clients tickets to a community theater performance like the Farmington Players is a great way to introduce them to the community and say thank you.

## Looking for gifts? Realtors offer suggestions for saying thank you

BY KEELY SCHRAMM  
STAFF WRITER

A nice closing gift can leave a positive lasting impression and lead to more business. That's why Realtors give them. But it's not the only reason.

My card says A Realtor and a Friend said Renee Reyer, a Realtor with Remerica Country Place in Canton. "I want them to really understand that it's not just I got my check and I'm outta here. I want them to say 'Wow! She really thought about this and went the extra mile, she cares about me.'"

One of her clients had a particularly hard time getting a mortgage. Reyer helped the couple get a starter house and bought them a lawn mower after the closing because they didn't have one.

"It depends on the clients and what their needs and interests are," she said. First-time homebuyers might need sheets and towels. Some might be so broke for the first couple of months after buying a home that a gift certificate from Meijer's might come in handy, they can even buy groceries.

### EVENING OUT?

If you're looking for the perfect gift for someone difficult to buy for, you might be inspired by some of the gifts Realtors give their clients.

Mary Winkler suggests giving tickets to a play or musical at the Farmington Players community theater.

"It's a brand-new theater, shaped like a barn, and located on 12 Mile Road between Farmington and Orchard Lake roads. This is a great way to introduce buyers to one of the amenities of their new community, and show them you value

them as clients. Tickets range from \$10 to \$15 each. Celebrate a house closing. Buy tickets for your clients - they will be impressed, remain loyal and call you back for future business.

For more information visit [www.farmingtonplayers.org](http://www.farmingtonplayers.org) or call (248) 553 2955. The next show, *Proof* by David Auburn, opens on Jan. 28.

Winkler worked in commercial and residential real estate before relocating to Michigan from California after her husband, Jim, accepted a job here a year ago, she and her family got involved in the Farmington Players after her son, Chris, 14, got a part in *On Golden Pond*.

"We just have fun volunteering," she said. "I am always thinking for novel ways to get the word out about the theater. It's good for Realtors to know about things in their community. If I'm sold on something I have no problems telling everyone about it."

One of a Realtor's jobs is to educate people about what amenities are available in different communities. Buying tickets to a community theater production, Winkler said, is terrific for building a Realtor/client bond, and costs very little.

She's also taken clients baskets filled with wine and nice things to eat after a closing to help them celebrate their new house.

### FRIENDSHIP

Barbara Quinn, a Realtor with Century 21 Today in Farmington Hills, also surprises clients with incredible baskets after closing.

"You get to be friends," she said. "You don't want to sell houses people won't be happy in. You help them find the



Play tickets are a gift option for Realtors

house they want to live in. I usually buy my buyers and sellers a basket with wine, cheese and crackers and different candies. It's good for moving day - they have snacks - people absolutely love it."

If she sells a very expensive home, she'll surprise her clients with Waterford Crystal wine glasses or a vase. New couples appreciate receiving towels for the bathroom or something for the kitchen.

After the closing for clients returning to Florida, Dawn Pfaff, a Realtor with Max Brock of Bloomfield Hills, presented them with gift certificates to restaurants in the area of their new Florida home, and a subscription to *Coastal Living* magazine.

Another client was moving to a condo with beautiful gardens but was nervous about her lack of a green thumb. Quinn got her a gift certificate for gardening consulting and a nice vase to showcase her new skills.

When a family bought a home with a home theater, Pfaff gave them a large popcorn bowl filled with theater

candy, microwave popcorn, gift certificates to Best Buy and a one year subscription to *Entertainment Weekly* magazine.

Pfaff gives first-time homebuyer a toolbox with hammer, crew drivers, tape measure, a carbon monoxide detector and Home Depot gift certificate.

George Jonte of Real Estate One in Novi goes to Bronner's in Frankenmuth every year and purchases *Our First Christmas in Our New Home* ornaments and puts them in decorative bags for first-time home buyers.

Sean Haas of Real Estate One in Milford has an artist do a pencil sketch of every client's home. He then frames it and presents it to them. Jane Evans of Real Estate One in Troy shops online at Roland's Housing Warming Gifts, [www.rolandsgifts.com](http://www.rolandsgifts.com). She picks out planters and has the client's name and address etched on them. Roland's offers a variety of gifts that can be personalized including address plaques, doormats, mailboxes and birdhouses.

Tina McNeal, a Realtor and associate broker at Real Estate One, enjoys surprising clients at closing, "when there's a lull in the paperwork," with something they always wanted but never bought for themselves.

Instead of trying to guess what clients need and want, McNeal gives certificate booklets that can be redeemed at [www.selectagift.com](http://www.selectagift.com).

Clients enter their certificate number and are directed to more than 50 items to choose from including pots and pans, tool kits, and even watches.

"They love the fact that they get exactly what they want," said McNeal. "It's not as impersonal as a gift certificate, there's some thought to it."

## Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

## Relieve stress, take control of your debt

It's often difficult for people saddled with debt to see clearly. Many feel too embarrassed or guilty to place a call for help. Others are too busy with the day-to-day task of robbing Peter to pay Paul to even consider whether or not they have other choices. Sadly, many allow depression to fool them into believing that bankruptcy is their only choice when, in fact, help may be a mouse click or a phone call away.

If you are not a homeowner, your choices may be limited to a debt arbitration (or negotiation) regimen to establish a more manageable payment plan based on reduced payoffs for a complete debt settlement. I have never recommended the use of "for profit" entities like Consumer Credit Counseling for any of my clients. Instead, I have them exhaust nonprofit sources for help first.

"A-FAMILY" is among my favorites. Their Web site, [www.family.org](http://www.family.org), is filled with online resources to help people understand debt and how to better manage it. You can help yourself to a fast start by searching that site using the word "debt." If you cannot get online you can phone them at (800) A-FAMILY for print resources.

If you are a debt-laden homeowner, you will still benefit by using the Focus on the Family organization. However, unlike your contemporaries who may not be sitting on a helpful pool of home equity to help, you may have some very useful options. It may be a proper choice to relieve your consumer debts - credit card balances, furniture payments, and even overdue collections - with a restructured mortgage against your home.

Next week, I will show you how to mathematically determine whether or not a debt consolidation/refinance is right for you. If you cannot wait until then, or you want me to do the arithmetic calculations for you instead, you may contact me directly on my toll-free number below.

If your debt is stressing you out, you must change something. Take control of your debt and you will take back control of your life.

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**Mortgage rates fall sharply, experts report**

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Mortgage rates around the country fell sharply, a development that should bring a dose of good cheer for people wanting to buy a home

Freddie Mac's weekly survey released Thursday, Dec 9 showed that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 5.71 percent, compared with 5.81 percent the previous week It was the lowest rate since early November

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13 After that, rates, while bouncing around, had drifted lower as the economy hit a soft spot Rates shot up last week as the economy flashed growth signs, but fell this week as a lackluster jobs report eased investors' inflation fears "Responding to a weak labor market report that showed November job

growth to be far less than had been anticipated, long-term yields - and that includes mortgage rates - reversed last week's hike," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, sank to 5.14 percent from 5.23 percent

One-year adjustable rate mortgages fell to 4.15 percent, compared with the previous week's 4.19 percent

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points Thirty-year and one-year ARMs each carried a 0.7 point fee Fifteen-year mortgages carried a 0.6 point fee

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.02 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.36 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.77 percent

Separately, the seasonal-

ly adjusted percentage of mortgage payments 30 or more days past due dipped in the third quarter to 4.11 percent, from 4.43 percent in the previous quarter, the Mortgage Bankers Association reported

The share of mortgages that started the foreclosure process in the July-to-September quarter stood at 0.39 percent, unchanged from the previous quarter The performance of delinquencies and foreclosures is improving as expected" helped by a solidly expanding economy, said Doug Duncan, the association's chief economist

In another report, U.S. households saw their net worth in the third quarter rise to a record \$46.68 trillion, reflecting in part higher home and other real-estate values, the Federal Reserve said The third quarter's figure surpassed the previous all-time high registered in the second quarter of this year



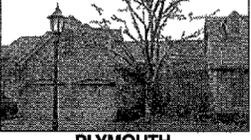
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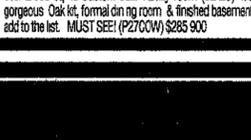
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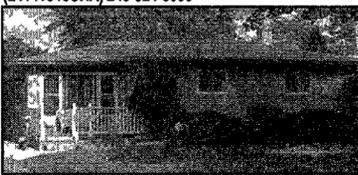
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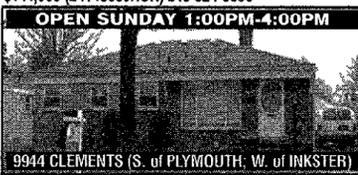
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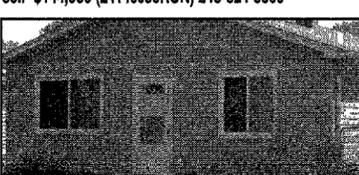
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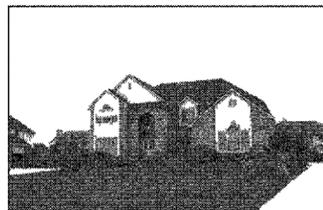
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These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug 26 2004 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	43103 Avon	\$222,000	Westland	37725 Avondale	\$165,000
Canton	1458 Bayberry Pa k	\$236,000	Westland	321 Bedford	\$209,000
Canton	42496 Beechwood	\$247,000	Westland	36255 Canyon	\$160,000
Canton	8430 Brewster	\$425,000	Westland	8605 Cavell	\$182,000
Canton	48991 Brooklyn	\$323,000	Westland	7734 Cherrywood	\$298,000
Canton	6646 Carr age Hill s	\$224,000	Westland	32823 Comanche	\$178,000
Canton	39465 Cather	\$180,000	Westland	8606 Fremont	\$141,000
Canton	1533 Commodore	\$186,000	Westland	32119 Gen	\$141,000
Canton	44125 to d	\$695,000	Westland	33553 Harvard	\$233,000
Canton	7086 Fox ridge	\$300,000	Westland	32205 Hazelwood	\$120,000
Canton	40452 Glen Eagle	\$184,000	Westland	8166 Hunt ngton	\$67,000
Canton	4557 G aystone	\$182,000	Westland	33604 Krauter	\$133,000
Canton	3714 Herbey	\$162,000	Westland	33343 Lynx	\$150,000
Canton	657 Highlands	\$415,000	Westland	214 Mar gold	\$140,000
Canton	1409 Kens gton	\$350,000	Westland	32614 Montcalm	\$97,000
Canton	2215 Kno wood	\$176,000	Westland	6070 N Newburgh	\$162,000
Canton	2233 K io yood	\$190,000	Westland	38293 N Rickham	\$175,000
Canton	44210 Leeann	\$207,000	Westland	38308 N R ckham	\$160,000
Canton	42453 Majestic	\$215,000	Westland	38620 Northampton	\$167,000
Canton	650 Manton	\$233,000	Westland	39224 Phlox	\$210,000
Canton	42136 Mar ssa	\$317,000	Westland	1741 Regene	\$135,000
Canton	45651 Morn ngs de	\$345,000	Westland	645 S Marie	\$162,000
Canton	1645 Morr son	\$204,000	Westland	15039 Willowbrook	\$73,000
Canton	406 N W ard	\$226,000	Westland	5119 Woodgrove	\$100,000
Canton	47208 No thgate	\$320,000			
Canton	43612 Oakbrook	\$245,000			
Canton	2245 P nec oft	\$192,000			
Canton	2263 P necroft	\$210,000			
Canton	43446 P octo r	\$184,000			
Canton	3755 Shello d	\$340,000			
Canton	2535 Stanton	\$398,000			
Canton	46613 Svanne e	\$327,000			
Canton	3981 Timber ne	\$297,000			
Canton	2832 Wakefie d	\$345,000			
Canton	5879 Wedger ood	\$235,000			
Canton	100 W dwood	\$242,000			
Garden City	583 Arcola	\$195,000			
Garden City	31625 Balmora	\$130,000			
Garden City	31028 B ch awn	\$50,000			
Garden City	32250 Bock	\$175,000			
Garden City	29661 B owin	\$157,000			
Garden City	30942 Ford	\$225,000			
Garden City	33605 John Hawk	\$150,000			
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**BACKS TO A WOODED PARK** - Livonia 2002 built colonial Formal areas hardwood floors fireplace expansive oak kitchen mud room garage w/additional storage master bath w/jetted tub & shower basement w/glass block is plumbed for bath \$344,900 (302TR)

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**NORTHVILLE BEAUTY** - Newer feature rich colonial with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths Huge kitchen with an oversized island & abundant cabinets 2 story family room & foyer Master w/walk in closet Oversized side entry garage \$439,900 (405WI)

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**CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN** - Cute ranch less than a third of a mile from downtown Northville Newer AC carpet and interior paint Newer porch updated kitchen windows and front door Updated bath full basement and the appliances stay \$159,900 (334PE)

**HARD TO FIND** - Beautiful Cape Cod situated on 1.6 acres with 4 bedrooms and 2 baths Quiet private road huge 3000 plus floor plan large 2400 sq ft outbuilding and so much more Definitely worth a look \$364,900 (585TR)

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**55+ COMMUNITY** - Plymouth ranch condo with newer windows stripped and re shingled roof lovely brick paver patio and full basement Pergo floor heated 3-car garage and private lake access w/beach Priced under appraisal at \$249,900 (081GR)

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**BEST BUY - VACANT LAND** - Only a few build able lots left in Canton for this bargain price Private road and location Plymouth Canton Schools Owner will build to suit or bring your own builder Water and sewer at the street \$70,000 needed \$239,900 (217WI)

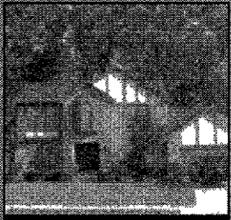
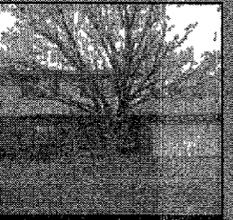
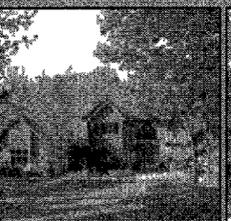
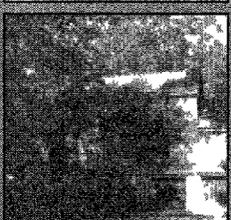
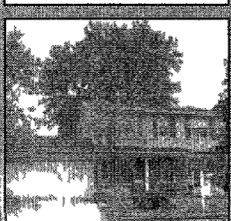
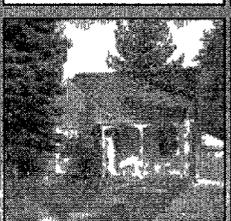
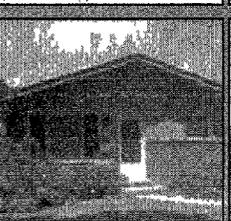
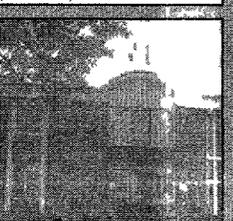
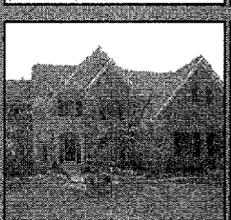
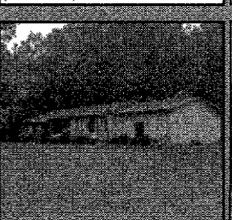
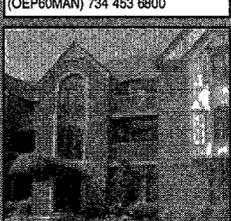
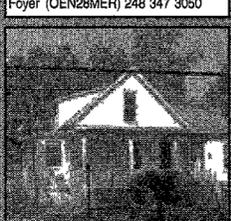
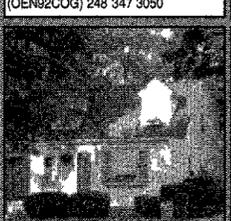
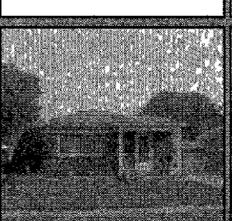
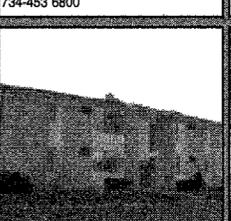
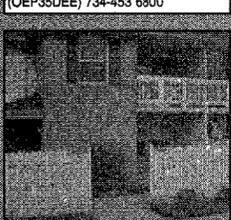
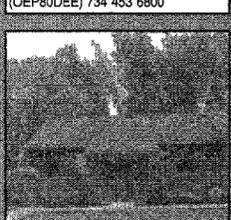
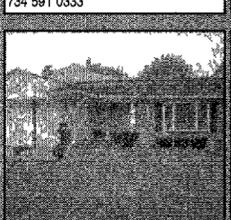
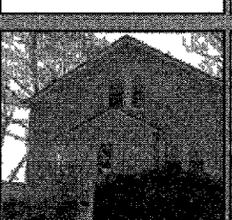
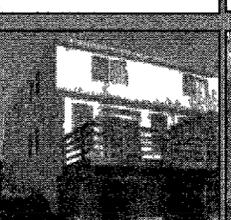
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 <p><b>FARMINGTON HILLS</b> \$329,900 Beautiful 3 Bdrm 2 1/2 Bath Det Condo W/wooded Setting On Lg Lot Cath Ceilings Nat Frpl Lg Mstr Ste W/WIC Dressng Area &amp; Jacuzzi Tub Kit Boasts Island Eating Area Hdwd Floors Private Wrap Around Deck (OEL67BUR) 734 591 0333</p>	 <p><b>GREEN OAK</b> \$449,000 In the middle of a hrdwd forest backing to Moose Ridge Golf Course All appl stay Master has a separate rm for the nd hot tub w/ its own private deck One of a kind home like lvng up with out the drive (OESLY43AND) 248 437 4500</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vacant Land</b></p>		 <p><b>HARTLAND</b> \$359,900 Newer Cape Cod backing and siding to protected land! 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath 3 car garage basement w/daylight windows 2 story great room w/corner fireplace Upgraded lightening and rier com (OESLY63GIO) 248-437-4500</p>	 <p><b>HOWELL</b> \$239,900 Spectacular spacious colonial with open floor plan neutral colors great room with fireplace and extra large master suite with bath and walk in Oversized garage full basement and professionally landscaped (OESLY84ASH) 248 437 4500</p>	 <p><b>INKSTER</b> \$95,000 Absolutely Stunning! New Berber Carpet new Vinyl Wndws W/marble Sills ceramic Tile In The Bath all Oak Kit Furnace Twh &amp; Roof All Under 5 Yrs Old Wonderful Fin Bsmt W/tar &amp; Built In Seating Huge Mast Suite (OEL32WES) 734 591 0333</p>	 <p><b>LIVONIA</b> \$279,900 Well Maintained 3bdrm 2 1/2 Bath Colonial Lr Formal Dr 1st F Den &amp; Fam rm W/frpl Spacious Eat n Kitchen White Cabinets Mco n Ceramic Bath Stack Washer Drye n Deck Enjoy Park like Yard (OEN88VAC) 248 347 3050</p>
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 <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> \$223,900 Tucked away serene setting of The Meadows in this upper unit ranch w/elev access &amp; undgrnd heated gar Amenities inc cer entry &amp; ba welcoming rm 2 bay win balcony off gr all app stay Lush Indscp &amp; canopy (OEP35DEE) 734-453 6800</p>	 <p><b>PLYMOUTH</b> \$189,000 2 blks to dwtwn Plymouth on quiet street! Seller will assist w/land contract newer drywall electricity baths kit furn &amp; air Needs new roof! Zoned for office use w/value in land See MLS#24063732 Fenced yard! (OEP80DEE) 734 453 6800</p>	 <p><b>REDFORD</b> \$150,000 Mechanics Dream Studio/garage! On 5 Acre Lot Wrksp Is 23x20 w/220 h2o &amp; Gas Hookups skylights &amp; Is Attd To A 2 Car Gar Cape Cod Home w/Expsd Hdwd Flrs LR 3 Bdrms! Updated Bath Windows &amp; Plumbing (OEL45MER) 734 591 0333</p>	 <p><b>REDFORD</b> \$118,900 Nice 3 Bdrm brick Ranch W/part Fin Bsmt &amp; 2 Car Garage Great For First Time Buyers Home Offers New Windows &amp; Doors (04) New Furnace Central Air &amp; Humidifier (04) &amp; New Bathroom (OEL28KIN) 734 591-0333</p>	 <p><b>REDFORD</b> \$55,000 1st flr Build Equity By Owning Your Own Home Assoc Fee Covers Heat water &amp; Maint Pets Assoc \$20 More Per Month Common Pool Xtra Storage And Laundry Located In Common Bsmt \$1000 Paint And Carpet Allowance (OEL20JOY) 734-591 0333</p>	 <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> \$449,900 New construction Quality thru out! Beautiful executive home featuring tray ceilings walk in closets bay windows garden tub Jack and Jill bath Open floor plan Landscaping and sprinklers (OESLY31GLE) 248 437 4500</p>	 <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> \$199,999 A stylish brick ranch in a quiet mature neighborhood minutes from downtown South Lyon Freshly painted newer appliances Private basement mature trees flower beds and patio Must see! (OESLY61ORC) 248 437-4500</p>	
 <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> \$123,900 South Ridge condo beautiful end unit 2 bedroom 2 bath 1st floor laundry with private master suite with large walkin closet Great location Close to pool shopping and walking trails (OESLY70GRE) 248 437-4500</p>	 <p><b>SOUTH LYON</b> \$94,900 55+ Adult co op Priced to sell! Brng all offers! Great co op with 2 bedrms dining rm and living rm Finished basement with bedroom/study Large work rm and a utility rm Florida rm walking distance to clubhouse (OESLY65LEX) 248 437 4500</p>	 <p><b>SOUTHFIELD</b> \$239,900 Beautiful Updated Quad Spacious FR W/gas FP formal DR &amp; Lv Rm W/new Bay Wndw Lg Mstr Bdrm W/ Bath WIC Refin Hrdwd Flrs In All Bdrms Freshly Painted Glass Blk Wndws updated Elec 1 Yr Home Warranty (OEL35KNE) 734 591 0333</p>	 <p><b>SOUTHFIELD</b> \$89,900 1st Time Buyers Or Investors Move In At Closing Updates Including Windows Roof Chimney Carpeting Kitchen And Bath Great Location On Low Traffic Street All Measurements Approx Easy Showings Home Warranty (OEL49PD) 734 591-0333</p>	 <p><b>WESTLAND</b> \$143,000 3BR br home w/open flr plan &amp; updates newer roof heating hot H2O flooring &amp; carpet Lg mste ste w/wood stove over looks fenced yd w/patio BBQ grill w/2 5 car gar 1st flr Indry &amp; eat in kit w/wi prtry All appl (OEP00LIB) 734 453 6800</p>	 <p><b>WESTLAND</b> \$137,900 This Freshly Painted 2 Story End unit Condo Is Ready For Immed occup Sharp Kitchen Comes W/stove Refig Microwave &amp; Dishwasher Private Deck Off Living Rm Overlooks Wooded Backyard Upscale Ceiling Fans In Fam Rm (OEN15WAR) 248 347 3050</p>	 <p><b>YPSILANTI</b> \$334,900 Positively immaculate! HDWD fls n kt foyer &amp; powder rm Lg island kt w/ons of cab &amp; closet space Pass th u FP n FR &amp; den Mass ve mstr ste w ga don tub sep shower &amp; huge WIC Backs to woods Imme occupancy (OEP56EAG) 734 453 6800</p>	

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#### NOVI

WONDERFUL HM IN POPULAR CHASE FARMS Home w/a great open flr plan, spacious kitchen & brkfst area formal LR & DR comfortable den, FR w/cath ceiling brick patio deck & great fin d bsmt 349-6200 24125231 **\$487,500**  
248-348-6430

#### ANN ARBOR

PRIVACY IN THE WOODS You will love this 6 acre Executive Estate 4 BRs, 3 1/2 baths 3+ gar large kitchen w/brkfst rm over looking golf course LR w/large FP mstr suite w/whirlpool tub T354 PC220342 **\$454,900**  
734-326-2000

#### NOVI

ROYAL CROWN EXCEPTIONAL COLONIAL 2 story features 4 BRs, including step-up mstr w/2 walk-in closets 2 vanities & soaking tub Island kitchen, great room w/ volume ceilings & professionally finished lower level 349-6200 24101543 **\$449,900**  
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SPECTACULAR FINISHED BSMT! Pride of ownership shows in 4 bedroom, 2 full & 2 half bath colonial Golf community Bright airy home Beautiful mature landscaping Call now for appointment 23W45996 **\$427,000**  
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#### LIVONIA

NEW CONSTRUCTION W/LIVONIA SCHOOLS 4 BR, 2 5 BA colonial has 2421 SF, bsmt & 2car att garage Ceramic tile in BAs cherry cabs & birch flr in kitchen nook 1/2 BA foyer staircase Curtis Creek-11 hm development 24023356 **\$374,900**  
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#### PLYMOUTH

LUXURY PLYMOUTH WALKOUT RANCH CONDO Super walkout & deck to private woody yard & fresh pond 2000 square feet 23N51013 **\$359,900**  
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#### LIVONIA

WELCOMING SPACIOUS RANCH Over 2060 SF w/3 BRs 2 5 BAs kitchen DR FR w/FP & mstr w/BA & WIC Full finished bsmt Fenced yard w/cement patio garage & shed Numerous recent updates! 349-6200 24110562 **\$337,500**  
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#### LIVONIA

LIVONIA SHOWCASE!!! Vacation year round in this beautiful 5BR, 2 5BA contemporary home Master BR suite w/sunroom overlooks pool & hot tub 1/2 acre lot on cul-de-sac Close to everything! 348-6430 24140669 **\$319,900**  
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#### LIVONIA

LOCATION QUALITY VALUE & CHARM 3 BR brick ranch built 1988 2 5 BAs FR w/FP full bsmt, 2 car att gar, a secluded setting w/mature trees (approximately 3/4 acre) 24112385 **\$314,900**  
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#### CANTON

BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD / A LOT TO OFFER Desirable Covington Sq sub New hwd laminate flrng throughout kit/GR New carpet throughout 4-tier cedar deck w/hot tub Fin bsmt 23D1174 **\$299,900**  
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#### CANTON

3 BR 2 5 BATH COLONIAL In wonderful Sunflower Sub Newer neutral carpet, freshly painted roof 03, new stainless steel appliances new garage door opener FR is open to kitchen w/fireplace & doorwall to deck 24129532 **\$282,500**  
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#### LIVONIA

POPULAR BURTON HOLLOW SUB 4 BR 2 BA 2133 SF Open flr plan w/ vaulted ceilings in LR DR & kitchen New roof (04) window & DR Florida rm overlooking landscaped & fenced yard 24142312 **\$269,000**  
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#### LIVONIA

WONDERFUL HOME! Beautifully appointed home w/hardwood flrs in nicely updated kitchen finished bsmt w/full bath, 1st flr laundry, newer roof, central air, hwh & furnace Livonia schools! 349-6200 24109478 **\$248,900**  
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#### ROMULUS

SCORE LOW- LIVE HIGH with this 3 bedroom cape on the 13th green Great room dining room 1st flr mstr w/2 showers 2nd bedroom has a 17 walk-in closet Large bsmt w/ rough plumbing for 3rd bath Located on a court 23M5949 **\$244,900**  
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#### ALLEN PARK

SPACIOUS COLONIAL! Lovely home totally renovated & expanded in 92! Over 2900 square feet! LR area & FR! Multiple bedroom suites - perfect for guests/extended family! 349-6200 24079621 **\$239,000**  
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SPACIOUS CAPE COD 3 BR, 2 5 bath, 2248 square feet cape cod Master suite & laundry on 1st floor Cathedral ceilings in great room Family room w/gas FP Lincoln Consolidated schools 23T7896 **\$229,900**  
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#### WARREN

FABULOUS UPDTD/SPACIOUS RANCH! 1736 square feet 1st flr Indry 2 car att gar, 3 BRs 2 5 BAs Full finished bsmt w/BA Large kitchen, great rm & mstr bedroom Built in 1987 Fireplace tool 24146412 **\$224,900**  
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#### WAYNE

FABULOUS RAVINE LOT 1 865 square feet brick bungalow fireplace cove ceilings formal dining room sunroom, C/A & much more W321 **\$219,900**  
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WALK TO DWNTWN NORTHVILLE- LOVELY RANCH Desirable Yerke Estates Open floor plan Neutral decor oak floor updated kitchen newer window & furnace new deck & brk patio fin bsmt large fenced yard 1 year home warranty 349-6200 24121746 **\$214,900**  
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#### PLYMOUTH

FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2-story ceiling makes this LR inviting FR w/adjacent powder rm Can be bit w/3rd bedroom Available upgrades Exterior landscaping, sprinkler system lawn maintenance & snow removal Prime location 23A1205 **\$210,900**  
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#### LIVONIA

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#### WESTLAND

DESIRABLE MILLPOINTE SUB! Ceramic foyer, large kitchen w/oak cabinets vaulted ceilings, skylights FP in LR 4th bedroom in full fin bsmt & ceramic shower & bath C/A deck 2 car garage S200 PC220072 **\$194,900**  
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WELCOME HOME! A show stopper! All brick custom built ranch corner lot 2 FPs Florida rm Fin bsmt Built-in range Well maintained beautifully decorated This is a lot! 23R25305 **\$189,900**  
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#### PLYMOUTH

THE 'ARBOR HAS AN OPEN FLR PLAN Fin'd LL rec rm next to Indry & powder rm Townhome comm will feature landscaping sprinkler system lawn maintenance/snow removal Low association fees 23A1205 **\$184,900**  
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#### DEARBORN

VINTAGE 1 421 SF BRICK BUNGALOW with 3 bedrooms and 2 full baths near Oakwood Hospital Nicely appointed with upgrades that include a finished basement 24137797 **\$179,900**  
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#### GARDEN CITY

EXPANSE NOT EXPENSE is this remodeled 3 bedroom Garden City cape cod w/2 400 square feet, remodeled kitchen w/all appliances & bath w/vanity deck 3 car garage & huge master bedroom P330 **\$177,500**  
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#### PLYMOUTH

CONTEMPORARY FLAIR!! Enjoy this spacious condo! Vaulted ceilings! Skylights! 2 car gar! 2 BRs/2 5 BAs! Neutral decor! Frplc! Convenient location! Quick occupancy! Won't last!! 349-6200 24043061 **\$176,500**  
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UP NORTH FEELING IN THE CITY! Great fully fenced 6 acre lot with a 3 car gar w/heat & 220--mechanic s dream! Cape cod 1272 SF, 3 BRs 1 5 baths Large family rm w/deck overlooking backyard 24147495 **\$174,900**  
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#### WESTLAND

OUTSTANDING LOCATION Clean well kept condo New carpet on 1st floor oak kitchen cabinets all appliances included Fin basement Access deck from doorwall Absolutely turn key! 349 6200 24103092 **\$172,500**  
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#### LIVONIA

DESIRABLE STATE STREET SUB 3 bedroom brick ranch with 1 1/2 baths Hardwood floors, family room in finished basement Covered patio 2 1/2 car garage 24150100 **\$170,000**  
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#### LIVONIA

MOVE RIGHT IN & RELAX Clean & updated brick ranch Livonia schools 2 5 car garage finished bsmt w/full BA 3 BRs, 2 5 BAs Updates Kit, BA, windows, roof electrical plumbing, cathedral ceilings & all appliances 24119118 **\$169,900**  
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SPARKLING RANCH -NORTH DEARBORN HEIGHTS 3 BRs, 2 full baths New kitchen roof wndws & more Beautifully finished bsmt and all appliances stay This home is immaculate & offers immediate occupancy 24102450 **\$164,900**  
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hardwood floors Luxury  
master ste w/ glamour bath  
1st Floor laundry Bsmt  
Appliances stay Paver patio  
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Appliances stay Paver patio  
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place Island kitchen w/  
hardwood floors Luxury  
master ste w/ glamour bath  
1st Floor laundry Bsmt  
Appliances stay Paver patio  
Immediate occupancy  
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under carpet Updates  
Roof windows siding &  
more 2 Car garage  
\$239 900 (QU279)

**Farmington Hills 3185**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
CUL DE SAC LOT  
For 1997 Built 2 419 sq ft  
4 bdrm 2.5 bath brick colo  
nial Living/ dining room  
combo Family room w/fire  
place Island kitchen w/  
hardwood floors Luxury  
master ste w/ glamour bath  
1st Floor laundry Bsmt  
Appliances stay Paver patio  
Immediate occupancy  
\$320 000 (PA237)

**Farmington Hills 3190**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
ELEGANT RANCH  
Professionally decorated! 3  
Bdrm 1.5 bath living room  
with fireplace Updated  
kitchen with walk in pantry  
Full bsmt hardwood floors  
under carpet Updates  
Roof windows siding &  
more 2 Car garage  
\$239 900 (QU279)

**Farmington Hills 3195**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
CUL DE SAC LOT  
For 1997 Built 2 419 sq ft  
4 bdrm 2.5 bath brick colo  
nial Living/ dining room  
combo Family room w/fire  
place Island kitchen w/  
hardwood floors Luxury  
master ste w/ glamour bath  
1st Floor laundry Bsmt  
Appliances stay Paver patio  
Immediate occupancy  
\$320 000 (PA237)

**Farmington Hills 3200**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
ELEGANT RANCH  
Professionally decorated! 3  
Bdrm 1.5 bath living room  
with fireplace Updated  
kitchen with walk in pantry  
Full bsmt hardwood floors  
under carpet Updates  
Roof windows siding &  
more 2 Car garage  
\$239 900 (QU279)

**Farmington Hills 3205**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
CUL DE SAC LOT  
For 1997 Built 2 419 sq ft  
4 bdrm 2.5 bath brick colo  
nial Living/ dining room  
combo Family room w/fire  
place Island kitchen w/  
hardwood floors Luxury  
master ste w/ glamour bath  
1st Floor laundry Bsmt  
Appliances stay Paver patio  
Immediate occupancy  
\$320 000 (PA237)

**Farmington Hills 3210**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
ELEGANT RANCH  
Professionally decorated! 3  
Bdrm 1.5 bath living room  
with fireplace Updated  
kitchen with walk in pantry  
Full bsmt hardwood floors  
under carpet Updates  
Roof windows siding &  
more 2 Car garage  
\$239 900 (QU279)

**Farmington Hills 3145**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
NICELY UPDATED  
4 Bdrm colonial has new  
roof siding windows  
kitchen cabinets deck &  
C/A Family room w/ fire  
place \$224 700 (BA234)

**Farmington Hills 3150**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
SHARP RANCH! Custom  
wood carpet marble foyer  
marble columns & barless  
n formal dining area lg  
bdrm 3 baths 2 lay New  
deck roof patio Huge  
farr lot \$465 000

**Farmington Hills 3155**  
**BEAUTIFUL UPDATED**  
RANCH! New 2004 roof  
windows carpet kitchen  
furnace and water hoses  
included Newer downwell to  
500 sq deck Large fenced  
yard paved drive central air  
2nd fireplace in family room  
in lower level Wow! Fenton  
Schools \$219 900  
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A HOME FOR YOU!  
Move in condition 3 bdrm  
ranch w/finished bsmt  
Hardwood floors All appli-  
ances stay Heated Florida  
room w/large attached  
wood deck Nicely land  
scaped front & back  
\$147 500 (GA624)

**Farmington Hills 3165**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
CUL DE SAC LOT  
For 1997 Built 2 419 sq ft  
4 bdrm 2.5 bath brick colo  
nial Living/ dining room  
combo Family room w/fire  
place Island kitchen w/  
hardwood floors Luxury  
master ste w/ glamour bath  
1st Floor laundry Bsmt  
Appliances stay Paver patio  
Immediate occupancy  
\$320 000 (PA237)

**Farmington Hills 3170**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
ELEGANT RANCH  
Professionally decorated! 3  
Bdrm 1.5 bath living room  
with fireplace Updated  
kitchen with walk in pantry  
Full bsmt hardwood floors  
under carpet Updates  
Roof windows siding &  
more 2 Car garage  
\$239 900 (QU279)

**Farmington Hills 3175**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
CUL DE SAC LOT  
For 1997 Built 2 419 sq ft  
4 bdrm 2.5 bath brick colo  
nial Living/ dining room  
combo Family room w/fire  
place Island kitchen w/  
hardwood floors Luxury  
master ste w/ glamour bath  
1st Floor laundry Bsmt  
Appliances stay Paver patio  
Immediate occupancy  
\$320 000 (PA237)

**Farmington Hills 3180**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
ELEGANT RANCH  
Professionally decorated! 3  
Bdrm 1.5 bath living room  
with fireplace Updated  
kitchen with walk in pantry  
Full bsmt hardwood floors  
under carpet Updates  
Roof windows siding &  
more 2 Car garage  
\$239 900 (QU279)

**Farmington Hills 3185**  
**JUST LISTED!**  
CUL DE SAC LOT  
For 1997 Built 2 419 sq ft  
4 bdrm 2.5 bath brick colo  
nial

**Garfield City 3170**

**CLEAN 3 BDRM RANCH**  
With remodeled kitchen finished bsmt freshly painted thru out \$129,900

**SHARP LOOKING**  
3 Bdrm brick ranch family room large kitchen finished bsmt oversized 2 car garage many newer updates \$154,900

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(E12LEG) 734 455 5600 \$170,000



**CANTON Tee It Up**  
28x10 deck overlooks 13 & 14 hole. Extensive finished basement Cherry wood wet bar recess light carpet bright open kit w/angled sink pull out drawers pantry Mstr ste w/3 closets 2 car att gar. End unit condo.  
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**VAN BUREN Awesome Cape Cod**  
Elegance from the front door to the back yard presenting 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths 2 car attached garage basement ready for your custom finishing DR FR w/frp & library Built in 2001 & ready for you!  
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**MILFORD Custom Built 2001**  
This custom built 3 BR 2.5 BA contemporary shows like a model. Two story GR custom moldings library with French doors double oven & cooktop. Newer custom deck. On approx. 3 acres w/ho sees a lot of sun!  
(E87HOL) 248 349 5600 \$450,000



**FERNDALE What A Charmer!**  
Newer roof siding windows and updated electrical. Large master bedroom. Great garage storage. Freshly painted throughout. Neutral decor. Park at street end.  
(E11BRO) 248 349 5600 \$116,900



**PLYMOUTH Fabulously Renovated**  
4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial in Old Village just a short walk to downtown offers 1st floor master suite 2nd floor family room w/frplac 1st floor family room in LR finished basement 2 car gar w/opener & kit appls.  
(E61ADA) 734 455-5600 \$359,600



**CANTON Quality Built Pond Setting**  
A winning combination. Premium lot overlooking pond master suite w/Jacuzzi tub WIC 2 story foyer maple kitchen FFL deck 2 car full basement Private golf course Community pool & clubhouse.  
(E27HOG) 734 455 5600 \$241,900



**SHELBY TWP Outstanding Open Floor Plan**  
Spacious 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial on a premium part wooded lot presents 2 story great room w/frplac lg kitchen w/island 2 car attached garage part finished basement doorwa to lg deck & stamped concrete.  
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**NOVI Novi For Under \$125,000**  
Priced to sell. Clean well maintained 2 story town home 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths with private entrance and private patio in back. Updated kitchen newer windows T/O newer carpet newer front door.  
(E84OLD) 248-349 5600 \$119,800



**GARDEN CITY Curb Appeal Updated & Clean**  
Spacious open floor plan LR w/crown molding custom woodwork & open stairs to 2nd floor. Kitchen w/oak cabinets newer floor & eat in kitchen. Newer siding & windows. Fin shed basement & 2 car garage.  
(E42RUS) 734 455 5600 \$141,900



**LYONS Just Like New**  
Bright open floor plan w/3 bedrooms 2 baths light oak lot w/wood and hardwood floors secluded master suite w/Jacuzzi tub & doorwa to deck track lights in GR w/double doorwa to deck +2 car attached garage basement w/marble flr.  
(E46EME) 734-455-5600 \$314,920



**LYONS Martindale Meadows Home**  
Located across from walk on park. Less than 20 year new home w/updates. Neutral decor & beautiful landscaping. 3 bedrooms 2 full baths.  
(E15STE) 734 455 5600 \$224,900



**DEARBORN Mrs Clean Is Moving!**  
Wonderful 3 bedroom brick bungalow that's clean as a whistle. Hardwood floors part w/updates. Remodeled kitchen w/large DR Cedar closets updates throughout the home. Walking distance to Lavagood PK & Dvine Child.  
(E11MAY) 248 349 5600 \$182,500



**CANTON Condo Comfort**  
Move in ready perfect on 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths. Finished basement and attached garage make this the affordable choice. Plymouth Canton Schools. Great complex with low association fee.  
(E35BED) 248 349 5600 \$154,400



**BELLEVILLE Beautiful Colonial**  
4 bedrooms 2.5 baths 2 car attached garage 2 story foyer & GR catce lings ha dwood t/o kitchen Master bed oom w/cath ceiling & bath w/jetted tub & separate shower. Basement planned for 3 baths.  
(E05WIL) 734 455 5600 \$265,000



**GARDEN CITY Mr & Mrs Clean Live Here**  
3 bedroom brick ranch w/bsmt 2.5 car gar updated kit w/wood cabinets. Ande sen doorwa cabs & light ng. So nker system. Newe sod n front newe oak gutters s d ng. HWH gar door w ed to sound.  
(E48CHE) 734 455 5600 \$169,900



**PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful**  
Gorgeous 4 bedroom 2.5 bath w/3 car garage basement family room w/gas fireplace bra y cherry kitchen w/island and granite counter s door wa to deck 1st floor aund y & so much more.  
(E06WIL) 734 455 5600 \$422,900



**DEARBORN HGTS Spacious**  
3 bedroom colonial Full of charm Front porch homey decor Updates include newer roof oak kitchen cabinets bathroom floor & more. Hardwood floors T/O formal LR & DR Deep backya d w/shed C/A & FFL Under \$100K.  
(E03NEW) 248 349 5600 \$99,900



**LIVONIA Welcome Home**  
Immaculate 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch. Newer carpet roof and custom triple paneled woodwork windows. Open kitchen w/doorwa to a ge deck 2.5 car extra deep garage. Fin shed basement w/ba ea. FR 6 ex rm.  
(E64COU) 248 349 5600 \$199,900



**WESTLAND What A Buy!**  
Extremely clean 1st floor condo offering 2 bedrooms 2 baths w/open floor plan. Master bedroom w/WC separate laundry & appliances.  
(E68SHO) 734 455 5600 \$109,900



**NOVI Rare Find In Novi**  
Updated 3 bed oom 1.5 bath ranch w family room vinyl room & den. Private 2 car deck. Hardwood floors under carpet. Fin shed basement master bath updated w/ice amct e. Newer vinyl windows & flooring n kt.  
(E05MEA) 734-455-5600 \$234,900



**SOUTH LYON Great Family Home**  
Charming 4 bed oom 1.5 bath level w/open floor plan updated oak kitchen w/stramc tile floor. Family room walkout basement 2.5 car garage.  
(E54LYO) 734 455 5600 \$179,900



**LIVONIA Honey Stop The Car**  
A awesome brick ranch w 3 bedrooms & 2 full baths. Super finished bsmt. Has wet bar & office. Let's party! Great house for entertaining inside & out. Fireplace & updated kit. Most mechanicals & windows updated.  
(E10OH) 248 349 5600 \$189,999



**NOVI The Best In The West**  
Convenient location to x way & shopping. Awesome 2 bedroom ranch condo only attached by garage. Everything's been done. map e kt bath HW flrs furn windows Storage. Open flr plan w/vaulted ceiling.  
(E10GLE) 248 349 5600 \$129,900



**BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Newer Home**  
3 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch offering n 2003 offer s 2 car attached garage w/bsmt ceramic floors skylight master bedroom w/WIC 1st floor laundry & eat room w/gas fireplace.  
(E08JUN) 734 455 5600 \$222,900



**WESTLAND Recently Remodeled Brick Ranch**  
Remodeled kitchen & bath re finished hardwood floors newe roof w/dows cement plumbing & electric. Service al offered n this 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home w/2 car garage & fin bsmt w/poss office.  
(E15BIR) 734 455 5600 \$139,900



**NOVI Pottery Barn Perfect!**  
Just move into this spacious updated home. Nume updates Ceramic entry HW floors carpet fresh paint. Profess n LL w/FR w/FP & office. LG LR w flp. Newer blinds T/O. High ceilings Tennis pool & pond.  
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**NORTHVILLE Ranch Condo**  
Beautiful 2 BR condo features updated kit 2 skylights w/cath ceilings. Private location w/attached garage. Open floor plan C/A and easy living. Community pool tennis courts & huge clubhouse & much more.  
(E77ONA) 248 349 5600 \$127,500



**NOVI Won't Last Honest**  
Superior 3 BR 2.5 BA colonial in excellent location. New this year kitchen patio doorways some carpet. Newer roof windows & more. Great finished basement drywa & full bath. Loaded w/extras. Move in condition.  
(E05JAM) 248 349 5600 \$279,900



**NOVI Nothing Could Be Finer**  
Charming 2 bedroom 2 bath ranch overlooking a lake. Ke pond offers gas fireplace C/A basement patio some appliances hickory hardwood floors.  
(E07PON) 734-455 5600 \$218,000



**WYANDOTTE Updated With Plenty Of Charm**  
Newer Pergo flooring in kitchen & living room. 2 car garage partially finished basement spacious eat in kitchen w/appliances. All this in this 3 bedroom 2 full bath bungalow.  
(E63ORC) 734-455 5600 \$131,000



**LIVONIA Looking For A Ranch?**  
Offering 3 BR LR DR & 2 BA White eat in kitchen. Finished FR in LL w/frplac. Updates Appliances stay. Hardwood floors T/O Glass block windows large fenced rear yard. Garage insulated & drywalled & C/A.  
(E93DEE) 248 349 5600 \$169,000



**NOVI Mint Novi Township**  
Beautiful 2 BR condo features updated kit 2 skylights vaulted ceilings finished basement WIC in MBR. Newer carpet & roof. Fresh paint T/O Close to pool & tennis courts. Come buy & enjoy life at Crosswicks.  
(E70PON) 248 349 5600 \$164,900



**CANTON Delightful Brick Ranch**  
This awesome home was just recently painted carpeted & had wood flooring installed. Backs to Freedom Park of Canton. Offers 3 bedrooms 2 baths great room oak kitchen FFL basement C/A 2 car att garage fenced yard.  
(E36RID) 248-349 5600 \$209,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS A Home For All Seasons**  
3 bed ooms 1.5 baths extra shower stall C/A great n kt flrplac in fam y room nce doorwa to patio oversized 2 car garage shed for extra storage newer windows eect ca panel & bath fixtures.  
(E19CRE) 734-455-5600 \$205,000



**PLYMOUTH Private Treed Interior Lot**  
In Rdge wood Hills Full front porch hardwood floors in LR DR kt & hb. Kt new 03 w/co pan counter & sink cherry cabs. fo mal DR w/newer Andersen bay w ndow. FR w/rlac 21 erted deck basement & 2.5 car att gar.  
(E86WOO) 734 455-5600 \$365,000



**WIXOM Nearly 1/2 Acre**  
In prestigious sub 4 bedroom 2.5 bath w 3 car garage. Master suite with cath ceiling. Hrs & hers wa k in closets & oak ng tub. Ceram tile n kitchen & nook. Security system. Intercom w/radio. Spr nker system.  
(E09DEV) 248 349 5600 \$319,800



**WESTLAND Rare 3 BR Qual Run Condo**  
This one's move in ready. Neutral colors throughout. Light oak hardwood floors in foyer & kitchen. Master bedroom with vaulted ceiling double closets and master bath.  
(E57QUA) 248 349 5600 \$182,500



**DEARBORN Beautiful Bungalow**  
Near the historic district 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths updated kitchen w/dows eect c HWH & roof. Original trim redone hardwood floors 2 car garage w/new door. Walk to Ford Eng near ng.  
(E05AUD) 248-349 5600 \$159,900



**DEARBORN Stunning Dearborn Hills Colonial**  
3 bedroom 1.5 bath w/huge family room overlooking extra deep private yard. 2 car garage updated kitchen 7 bath. New vinyl windows & carpet 11/04. Hardwood floors in living room/din ng oom. Walk to golf course.  
(E35MOH) 734-455-5600 \$269,000



**PLYMOUTH Move Right In!**  
Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bedroom condo has newe carpet kitchen cabinets din ng room flooring & windows in living room. Large private basement and more.  
(E99SHE) 734-455 5600 \$90,900



**SOUTH LYON Great Home**  
Clean 2 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch on double lot. Third s included. Two car detached garage heated porch & deck over oak ng wooded ya d. Some updates newer carpet and kitchen floor. Appis stay. Take a look.  
(E38DON) 248 349 5600 \$179,900



**NORTHVILLE Northville Township**  
Looking for land to build your dream home? Don't look any further these two parcels come to approximately 2.76 acres. Currenly zoned residential with the right developer t could be RM 1 mater a.  
(E91RID) 248 349 5600 \$500,000



**REDFORD Newer Brck/Vinyl Ranch**  
3 bedroom 2 bath partilly finished basement C/A lg above ground pool deck privacy fence walk in closet n MBR. Newer siding w/dows 2 car garage w/opener & insulated door 150 amp electrical service.  
(E00MIN) 248 349 5600 \$178,900



**BELLEVILLE All Sports Lake Living**  
2 bedroom 2 full bath home on Belleville Lake offers a gas age updated kitchen & baths upstairs deck off master bedroom w/whirlpool tub. Newer vinyl windows.  
(E95POT) 734 455 5600 \$249,900



**CANTON Edenbrooke Estates**  
Wonderful 3 bedroom 1.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage partilly finished basement newer roof & vinyl windows C/A privacy fence & deck. Updated oak kitchen w/sland.  
(E27HYS) 734 455 5600 \$199,900



**LIVONIA Super Sharp Ranch**  
Beautifully decorated & immaculately clean home with a huge fenced in yard. Home boasts hardwood floors coved ceilings custom window treatments newer bath large updated kitchen. Newer windows and roof.  
(E91FLO) 248 349 5600 \$139,900



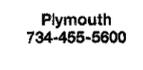
**MACOMB TWP Ground Floor Ranch Condo**  
Newer home w/2 BR 2 BA 1 ca att ga w/opener. Prime location. Open floor plan w/updates. Neutral decor C/A FFL & LR w/frplac. Open kit w/marble cabs. Appis stay. Recessed lighting. Low assoc fee. Pool.  
(E20WAR) 248 349 5600 \$164,900



**NORTHVILLE End Unit Ranch Condo**  
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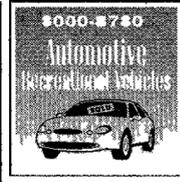
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## THE 2005 MAZDA MPV

Advertising Feature

### Thursday Drive Time



BY DALE BUSS

The minivan category has been revitalized over the last couple of years by a spate of new and improved entries from all the major players. In a way, this is a surprise, because the rejuvenation of minivans has occurred in the midst of the market's continuing focus on sport-utility vehicles and various hybrids of SUVs, station wagons and minivans - seemingly, a development that would tend to leave minivans even more marginalized.

But the reason minivans are enjoying a bit of a renaissance with the automotive consumer is that there still is a huge and appropriate niche for them in the market, and the major van producers refused to give up on the category.

Ford, Chrysler, Nissan, Honda and Toyota are among the major automotive manufacturers that have introduced new or vastly improved minivan models in the last few years. Toyota has upgraded its Sienna model a few times, making it a fair to middling entry. Ford's new Freestar model is basically an overhaul of its old Windstar minivan, but even the new rendering leaves Ford clearly in the middle of the pack in this category.

Honda's Odyssey has vastly improved in its most recent iteration, finally making it an overall competitor to Chrysler's Town & Country and Dodge Caravan, though Odyssey's exterior styling still leaves lots to be desired. Nissan shook up the segment last year with the introduction of its new Quest minivan, a quirky machine with sunlights that run lengthwise into the passenger compartment and both exterior and interior design that make it look a bit like something out of Lost in Space.

I had a difficult time deciding, after driving around a 2005 Mazda MPV for about a week, where Mazda's entry fits into - or how it con-

tributes - to the advancement of the market's minivan fleet overall.

Available in just one body length, not a stretch version that is available in most of its competitors, MPV is among the smallest minivans. It uses a 200-hp V6 engine and 5-speed automatic transmission. ABS is standard. Two models are offered: LX with 16-inch alloy wheels, and top-shelf ES with 17s. Front side airbags and traction control are optional on LX, standard on ES. For 2005, rear air conditioning moves from standard on LX to optional, it remains standard on ES.

MPV's seat seven. The second-row bucket seats can slide together to create a two-passenger bench. The three-passenger, third-row bench folds into the floor. Dual sliding side doors are standard and have roll-down power windows. Power-operated side doors are available. The best I can say for the performance of MPV is that it is adequate. Acceleration by the 3.0-liter, DOHC, 200-horsepower, V6 engine is ample, and so is the powertrain in every routine traffic situation. But neither is there ever the feeling that MPV has a lot of power in reserve. Handling is nice and precise, and the interior of MPV is plenty comfortable even in the relatively unadorned version that I drove.

Where I think MPV is above the norm for the category is at least two areas. The first is styling.



The Mazda MPV has deep surrounding windows that give you a great feeling of being visually in touch with everything.

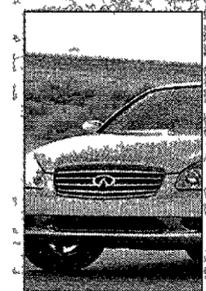
Believe it or not, I like how MPV is molded on the outside, with a front end that is much more of a protuberance that with most other minivans. I'm not sure if it's actually longer from the tip of the front bumper to the bottom of the windshield on the MPV than on competitors, but it seems that way, somehow. Perhaps it's because the front hood seems to have a lower overall profile. In any event, while the styling is relatively simple, I like how MPV looks.

More important is how things look from inside MPV, and in that regard I believe this vehicle may be best in its class. The windshield and, actually, all the windows surrounding the car are deep, and you're seated up high enough in the vehicle to give you a great feeling that you're in touch visually with everything necessary for completely safe operation of the vehicle - not to mention the enjoyment inherent in the feeling of openness. So overall, I would count MPV as a contributor to the gradually rising quality and increasing appeal of the minivans that are available to American consumers. At a suggested retail price of \$26,190 for the version I drove, MPV makes a worthy consideration.

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49 HW proportionate medium build enjoys cruises concerts dining out movies travel Seeking honest passionate SM 40-50 with similar interests for dating possibly more. **25134441**

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**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
SWF 61 looking for a man who likes good books good conversation and appreciates the many differences between men and women 59 to 70. **2522307**

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Fun loving affectionate reea SBF 32 enjoys playing cards the outdoors can delight dinners having fun seeking SW/M, 30-60 for dating. **2547843**

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Ch ubgoing SBF 53 loves to have fun in the kitchen catches all the latest movies has good time no matter what ISO like minded SBF 48 56. **25279840**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF 45 tall pretty enjoys working out theater cooking comedy clubs Seeking tall SW/M 42-80 attractive financially secure sim/r interests. **2493446**

**HAPPY HEALTHY**  
adventurous athlete SBF 39 52 smoker mother of 2 seeks adventurous energetic W/M 35-46 with a good sense of humor. **2542710**

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBF/M who is honest and down to earth to spend time with. **25401083**

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SWF 36 Leo N/S blonde/fair moth er of 2 seeks serious hard working SW/M 35-35 N/S who s not nto bars. **2498442**

**GIVE IT MY ALL**  
SBF 37 down to earth 5'10" big and beautiful N/Drugs seeking clean cut SW/M 35-55 N/Drugs for fun and dating. **2527222**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SBF 42 53 140lbs enjoys film theater musicals Seeking handsome passion ate active young SBF 45-55 for LTR. **2504112**

**LOOKING FOR ME?**  
SBF 19 55 brown complexion th ck student like weekend getaways sun shine fresh air quiet times romance, flowin Seeking caring compassionate considerate commitment minded man to share the good things in life. **2520419**

**YOU GOT A FRIEND**  
SBF 54 N/S ND HPTVW enjoys go out and having a good time not into bars seeking the right SBF 38-43 for friends p first. **2531171**

**SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE**  
Full figured African American woman attractive 44 no children ISO African American male 32-38 to spend quiet time together I'm caring and like good times concerts pays sport events traveling and quality time. **2529167**

**MAKE ME LAUGH**  
SBF 45 smoker wants to find friendship possibly more w/gentleman 40-60 who appreciates me must be spending time outdoors. **2540229**

**LOVE IS HARD 2 FIND**  
SBF 28 180 N/S ND no children sweet fun and affectionate seeks SBF 25-35 for friendship and possible LTR. **2538680**

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
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SBF 30 no children seeks goal orient ed SBF/M 27-30 no children who s respectful intelligent intellectua and respects women. **2519950**

**OPEN AND HONEST**  
SBF 35 looking to a woman 25-45 for affectionate relationship. Ca lets add some excitement to life. **2524565**

**SEEKING MR DO RIGHT**  
Full figured SBF 29 seeks tall/average SBF 29-37 who s intelligent down to earth and has an honest spirit. **2534314**

**LOVE OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF 24 56 350lbs professional emp eyed loves the fun and excitement of fast vals enjoys new movies and concerts seeks handsome honest SBF/M. **2526633**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF 28 Aquarius N/S looking for a friend SBF 28-38 N/S Must have a sense of humor must be hard working trustworthy and goal oriented. **2575973**

**SWEET SINGLE FEMALE**  
looking for sweet SBF 21 dark brown hair 5'2 120lbs N/S ISO ISO commitment minded loving kind guy interested in relationship happens and a loving on-term relat onsh p. **2545222**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF 28 enjoys the outdoors rollerblat ing biking long walks and romantic dinners Looking for SW/M 25-30 for LTR. **2465764**

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF 31 58 N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBF 19-35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together. **2527592**

**ARE WE COMPATIBLE?**  
SBF 60 54 155lbs blonde hair certified nursing assistant N/S seeks BM 61 62 for friendship dating perhaps more. **2514347**

**BEEN THERE? DONE THAT?**  
Take heart DW/F young acting 53 5'9 blonde/hazel N/S works in a warehouse Seeking that special romantic W/M 49-60 who enjoys animals camping traveling and music. **2515732**

**A LOVE MATCH**  
SPF 43 looking for a busi ness a ltt looking for laid back financially secure man 50-60 who needs some one in his life. **2526882**

**ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?**  
But gentle of heart? Good looking trim SM 42 55 N/S? Very cute SBF 53 emot onally and physically in shape with select c interests currently accept ng applicat ons. **2526384**

**FEELING LIKE A LADY**  
SW/F honest pleasant long hair 42 no children Likes nature walks travel cooking children feeling like a lady Seeking honest genui ne marriage minded S/D/W/C/M. **2517855**

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bowling walks in the park Seeking tall dark handsome SBF, 33-60. **25481293**

**EPITOME OF BEAUTY**  
SBF 19 58 148lbs N/S loves journal ist literatu re writing reading movies Looking for SBF 19-34 for possible relationship. **2518785**

**HELLO HOW ARE YOU?**  
Loving down to earth SBF 33 411 180lbs mother N/S ND enjoys bowling shopping movies live entertainment Seeking SBF 32-35 N/S for friendship possible romance. **2529735**

**PARADISE**  
SBF 36 52 brown/brown ISO honest SM 35 40 who knows what he wants in life and who's looking for paradise share my love. **2594900**

**ALL MY LOVE 4 YOU**  
Down to earth woman 25 RN enjoys beaches dining theater romant c times Seeking a special man to share life ove and TLC. **2550979**

**JUST LET ME KNOW**  
Intell gent caring affect onate DW/F 28 54 brown/blond full figured enjoys hang ing people the outdoors and more Seeking outgoing trustworthy affection ate SBF 24-35 for friendship maybe more. **25215849**

**CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?**  
Spontaneous SBF 53 165 lbs average build happy independent humor ous enjoys boating cards music dining walks travel golf Seeking good humored SM w/s m/r interests for companion onsh p. **2592703**

**TEACHER BY DAY**  
likes to let loose at night SBF 47 N/S ND teacher loves dancing d nng movies having fun mus c good fr ends seeking SBF 33-55 with similar inter ests. **2594112**

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports oriented BF 39 two teenage daughters physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel c onics amusement parks. Seeking SF 29-45. **2523080**

**LOYAL**  
SWF 43 Leo N/S blonde/blue profess onal chef french thumb pat e enjoys cooking boating seeks compatible SW/M 43-50 N/S for dating and possi ble relationship. **25956732**

**HAVE FUN AND CHILL**  
SF 64 230lbs works in med cal field seeking a SM who wants to have fun and chill with her. **2517112**

**IN IT FOR THE LONG TERM**  
SBF 30 66 loves to get away for the weekend would like to get to know SBF 23-41 w/pass on for travel and life. **2520782**

**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. **2544338**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBF 41 45 wishes to meet a king sized SM 41+ for fr endsh p and compan onsh p. **2595520**

**RESCUE ME!**  
SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBF 43-47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman. **2540835**

**RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM**  
SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an out going friendly non-smoking man 35-53 who has outdoors bicycling walking. **2515795**

**YOU WILL LIKE ME!**  
Attractive SWF 66 55 blonde art st fun loving seeks well-groomed SW/M 60+ loves cuding d nng out and shar ing life. **2527263**

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
SBF 58 11 106 lbs desires well groomed older gentleman 60-75 who loves to dance and travel Grosse Pointe area preferred. **2498134**

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest trustworthy down to earth? SBF 40 N/S seeks SBF 27-37 N/S who knows how to take life one day at a time. **2530861**

**QUIET BEAUTY**  
SBF 46 shy but loves to laugh enjoys concerts movies seeking good honest SM 43-50 N/S for LTR. **2498245**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Good looking SBF 85 85 135 lbs reddish brown hair humorous I kes gardening reading going out to movies Seeking SW/M 66-75 6-8 for companion poss b LTR Ypsilanti area. **2593069**

**STRIKING**  
b ue eyed blonde S m sensual onic fun car ng seeking act ive f t fun loving male 47-57 Friends p LTR I enjoy movies walks music hugs laughter quiet times Lets get to know each other. **2593232**

**EBONY SEEMS IVORY**  
DBF 42 53 40 lbs full figured seeks to date SW/M 40-50 n the Mount C emens area. **2545323**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Cassy attractive SBF 55 85 120lbs ISO SW/M 50+ for special friends p I love boating music quiet times movies at home romance outdoors travel. **2532668**

**GET TO KNOW THIS**  
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBF 57-63 for friendship possible LTR. **2529032**

**R U OUT THERE?**  
Attractive thrilling SBF 39 never been married no kids enjoys mus c sports Seeking same tall SBF 30-45 prefer ably with a car. **2591471**

**GOOD MAN WANTED**  
Att active SBF marriage minded 5 6 average build 40 Caprom N/S seeks BM 40-51 N/S to enjoy life and more. **2529232**

**SHARING MY HOME AND HEART**  
75 year old romantic W/F 59 full figured N/S ND disease-free likes tall men swimming TV and home life Seeking SW/M, 60-80. **2552079**

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive SBF 47 55 145lbs brown/blond full figured enjoys doors movies travel ng cooking Seeking romantic BPM 40-55 financially secure sim/r interests for LTR. **2542793**

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**  
I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5 105 lbs w/ long hair try just about anything with the right person Seeking SBF 32 50 for special relationship. **2418068**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
SBF 56 N/S no children blonde/fairze BBW attract ve enjoys many things Seeking big beautiful man 55 65 6-250lbs+ Lets talk. **2424144**

**FUN LOVING LADY**  
SBF 43 Virgo enjoys loves chocoate seeks fun ovng sincere BM 34-55 enjoys conversat on companionship. **2438719**

**WORTH THE CALL**  
SBF 19 57 Sagittarius N/S stay at home mom student seeks romantic passionate SBF 19 to 34 who enjoys family activities outdng surpr ses. **2415741**

**DINNER FOR TWO**  
SBF 51 87 HW proportionate foster mther I kes bakng cooking family things going out d nng Seeking compat ible SBF/M 47-67 has interest in chil dren possible LTR. **25898391**

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
SBF 19 wants to meet a man who loves working out readng books p ying w th dogs and playing basketball. **25906394**

**CHIC BOB CHICK**  
Widowed W/F N/S ND young at heart looks spirit and attitude Tall talented temperess waiting for your call. **2592042**

**OLDER LOVE IS SWEETER**  
DVG 62 blonde/blue heavyset 50 sweet loving Christian You a DM 45-60 dvng gentle Christian ready for LTR leadng to marriage. **2542080**

**DARK EBONY**  
SBF 42 58 full figured seeks intelligent man 48-60 5-8 5-2 med um build or heavyset for possi ble relationship. **2525593**

**SHALL WE?**  
DWf 40 54 HW proportionate light brown hair N/S loves golfing suspense movies and travel Seeking active outgoing W/M 40-49, N/S for fr endsh p. **2524599**

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
God fearing loving intelligent SBF 43 enjoys church the outdoors laughter d nng out gospel music c and more Seeking god fearing honest caring SBF 40-48 for friendship first. **2521191**

**SLIM AND PETITE**  
Easygoing active DW/F retired ISO fun male 60+ who kes bridge tennis readng hiking animals kids popcorn w/lng to don a tuxedo now and then. **2521793**

**PLEASE ME WITH YOUR HEART**  
Let's keep the new Year rlt Come into my world SBF 45 great sm r I'm sure you I like me. **2568679**

**MR RIGHT**  
Could you be a tall b handsome man that are you a Mr R gnt for a SWF 58 attract ve looking for love lets share life together. **2443339**

**VERY OUTGOING**  
Cathol c DW/F 59 looks much younger N/S very tall looking to gentleman 56-63 w/outpete personality to enjoy family activities camping travel much more. **2525299**

**SEMI RETIRED**  
SF 62 59 5'11 seeks jazz conee s symphonies theatre tave and out doo s a v es Seeking rnt gent hon est ca ng humor ous gentleman 55-70 with sim/r interests. **254679 7**

**CALL ME**  
f you are a busi ness man 60-70 SW/M N/S ND homeowne interests in homele r rates pats alternative med one sports I'm a SWF 73 with the adv. **2516289**

**STILL LIVELY & ATTRACTIVE**  
SWF 62 N/S very active slm and attrac ve petite W/LTM a man up to 6 HWV proportionate enjoy dancing movies walks d nng carnes more. **2521938**

**CALL ME!**  
SF 21 54 140 lbs long dark/hazel N/S no children enjoys dining movies work ng out bowling Seeking SW/M 21-40 N/S. **2548573**

**LIFE IS WONDERFUL**  
SBF 40 mother of two enjoys movies plays walks in the park quiet times at home Seeking BM 45-55 N/S D/D free who loves kids. **2589246**

**LIFE BEGINS AT 60**  
61 year-old W/F 5'12" 135lbs N/S ND brown/blond nurse enjoys cooking Civil War Revolutionary War history travel seeking gentleman 50-70 loyal honest N/S affect onate enjoys being pamperd. **2409879**

**LONESOME**  
Sen or W/F ret red 54 active honest healthy Need the attent on of a W/M 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please So hurry up and call me. **2449556**

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive SWF 50s loves all life ane mals arts family nature Masters help ing profess onal Seeking big hearted secure rntel gent SBF 48-64 for fun friendsp. **2582242**

**BEAUTY AND BRAINS**  
Hard workng SWF 50 smoker enjoys laughter moves mus c conversation and more Seeking hearty trustworth y intelligent SW/M 45-60 for friendship maybe more. **2529511**

**LISTEN WITH MY HEART**  
Attractive DW/F late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games W/M 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship Lets care sparks and watch them fly. **2539272**

**VERY SPICY!**  
BBW passionate SBF 46 honey complex on dimples seeks outgoing fun lov ng gentleman 35-55 N/S/Drugs any race for moves pool dancing music and romance Dating possi ble LTR. **2522243**

**SEEKING THE RAINBOW**  
Open minded outgo ng spontaneous SBF 48 5 3" seeks the star at the end of the rainbow My star someone commu nicative kind hearted who enjoys romance exploring life. **2598477**

**AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?**  
Attractive kind hearted SBF 44 5 8 full figured enjoys d nng out movies playng cards family and more Seeking family oriented intelligent humorous SBF/M 40-60 for friendship and companionship. **2528281**

**HOPE WE CAN TALK SOON!**  
I am a 52 year old dark eyes early 60s searching for a tall financially secure gentleman who knows how to eat a lady. **2466121**

**PLEASEASLY PLUMP FEMALE**  
42 year old African American female seeks handsome man who s mature loving gentle Christian ready for LTR leadng to marriage. **2542080**

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**EVENINGS AT HOME**  
Respectful SM 39 511 sim build N/S delivery man I kes to watch movies eat d nng dancing seeks SBF 23-35 N/S to LTR. **2527179**

**SEEKS OUTGOING SISTER**  
SBF 34 works in a ea es oves bowling going to shows seeking a nice SBF 26-34 no dependents who s established outgo ng. **2533322**

**KIDS OK**  
SBF 31 59 mustache and beard s m build Pceses marriage mced security guard smoker seeks woman early 30s. **2538147**

**LET'S HANG**  
Easygoing SBF 39 58 170lbs brown hair N/S no moves d nng out ea ng at home seeks SWF 28 40 N/S with good persona ty more and values. **2540750**

**MY SPECIAL ONE?**  
SW/M 28 5 150 lbs enjoys camp ng fishing bowling hanging out with fr ends seeking that special pe son 25-29. **2531232**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO**  
meeting you SW/M 32 58 210 lbs med um build seeks SWF 28-40 med um build or voluptuous d nng out sporting events occas onal road trips. **2542328**

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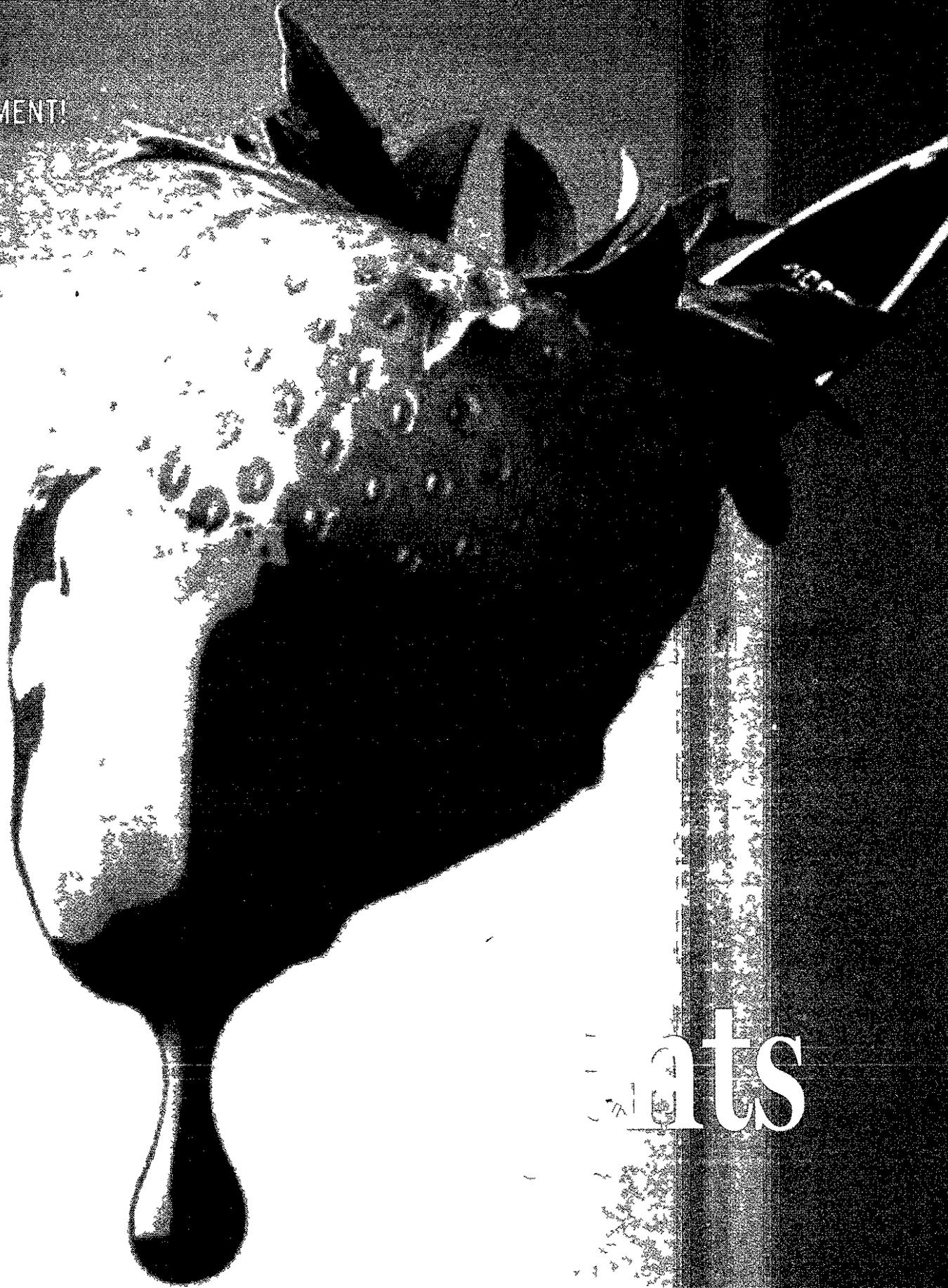
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## Night spot

# Have a happy 'electronic' Christmas

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

He writes his own songs and mixes some 1980s guitars with U2, the Chemical Brothers and others to create original, electronic new wave music that's melodic and beautiful

Electronic Musician Reid\_ is hosting a holiday party with Bahbiss Cobb on Friday, Dec 17, at The Detrouter Bar in Greektown. Christmas lights, Christmas cookies and Reid's electronic new wave songs should create an interesting atmosphere in the sports tavern that serves beers, gyros and burgers

Bahbiss Cobb is a musical project created by metro Detrouter Eric Curry. The style is drum and bass, ambient, nice grooves and melodies

Reid, who goes by Reid\_ online, has been an active Detroit musician for 15 years. A few years ago, he was bass player for the now defunct electronic-punk band Love Hammer — once rated one of the 100 best unsigned bands in the nation by *Musician* magazine. Today he flies solo, writing songs that are well-received by fans



Reid

"I got tired of being in bands that were always breaking up, but I still wanted to make music," Reid said. "But playing with a band was really fun."

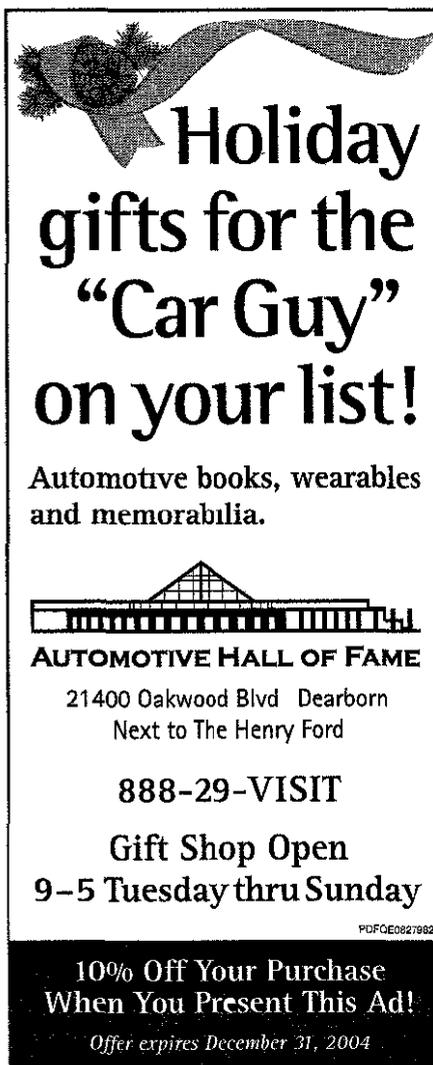
Don't mistake him for an electronic DJ. While those mixing masters generate sounds for the dance floor, Reid can do that, too, but he'd rather create songs.

I'm more interested in songwriting than just mixing other people's music for the dance floor, Reid said. "It's music to listen to."

His music has multiple layers and is well-produced. In 2000, his single *Wide Awake Fast Asleep* went to No. 3 on Mp3.com's popular electronic list. He also produced the hit single *Me, Myself and* by Swedish pop star Peggen. The song was made for the movie *Baldarar*. Reid also played bass for Peggen's Midwest tour.

The Detrouter Bar on Beaubien Street at the edge of Greektown is casual with a mixed crowd. Hockey fans, club-goers and laid-back regulars help create the feeling that everyone is welcome there — and everyone is.

The show is at 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Detrouter Bar, 655 Beaubien, Detroit. Admission is free with canned good donation. For more information, visit [www.reid-noise.com](http://www.reid-noise.com) or call (313) 963-3355.



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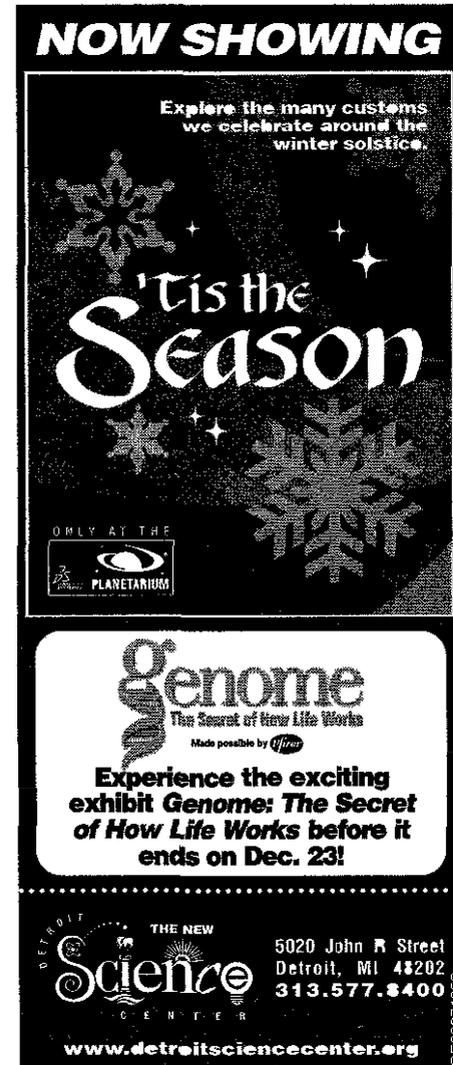
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# Hot Ticket

# Should rock 'n roll be auld forgot?

The Romantics, Was (Not Was) and The Ramrods bring high-energy styles to the Royal Oak Music Theatre

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

If you're a music lover living in Detroit, you know The Romantics. And if your musical interest level goes beyond the surface, you know Was (Not Was). Dig a little deeper into Detroit's music history for The Ramrods.

The Romantics are among Detroit's original garage rockers and earned national popularity in the 1980s. Their sound is tinged with a mod-British influence. Former Detroiters, Was (Not Was) is an art-funk, contemporary R&B group that was also popular in the 1980s. More importantly, perhaps is that Was (Not Was) co-founder Don Was is one of rock music's leading producers. The Ramrods is a name unknown to mainstream Michiganders, but music aficionados know them as one of punk's first bands.

All three groups will play New Year's Eve at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. The \$35 ticket offers guests a glimpse into Detroit rock history. The show is one of just a handful of dates for Was (Not Was) and a rare performance for The Ramrods. The Romantics still tour the country regularly.

Was (Not Was) is an on-again-off-again band that has been off for the last few years. As (the band) members



Don Was (from left), Sweetpea and David Was of the band Was (Not Was) reunited for a handful of shows

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each grew older, I realized if you want to do it again, you've got to do it now,' bass player Don Was said. "We're not 25 years old anymore. Life goes by really fast, especially when you hit 40."

Was is 52 and lives in Los Angeles.

Was (Not Was) created the hits *Everybody Walk the*

*Dinosaur* and *Spy in the House of Love*.

He doesn't hesitate to talk about the massive highs and equally extreme lows of his career. Doing so helps clear the view of how rock 'n' roll impacted his life, and his own influence on rock.

In the 1970s, Was (Not Was) played any Detroit club that

would hire them.

"When we heard a club was going to close or was in financial trouble, we'd ask for a gig—they were the only ones who would let us play," Was said.

Life was similar for The Ramrods, the early punk band that played Detroit's biker clubs in shows that often ended in chaos.

"I remember Ramrod shows. A lot of them resulted in (singer) Mark Norton getting the s--- kicked out of him and sometimes he deserved it," Was said.

Norton doesn't disagree. Real punk rock usually isn't accepted.

"Usually I'd end up with a bloody nose," Norton said. "Things were crazy, but somehow it was all OK."

Then in 1980, tired of being poor, Was quit music and found a job in Detroit repairing copy machines.

"I was driving to work in my Ford Maverick that literally had no passenger door," Was said. "I was so angry, thinking all my dreams had disintegrated. I remember listening to a tape I made that had one song repeated over and over, The Rolling Stones' *I Can't Get No Satisfaction*. I was so afraid that it drove me to go out and get a record deal."

Fourteen years later, Was produced The Rolling Stones' *Voodoo Lounge* album. Three years later, in 1997, he produced their *Bridges to Babylon* LP.

"All my wildest dreams have come true," Was said. "I still remember being young, listening to the Stones, driving that car, having nothing—and then recently I'm in France."

PLEASE SEE **BANDS, E11**

# Music

## All together now, musicians gather for peaceful benefit

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The 3rd Annual Concert for Peace at The Ark isn't all about Ann Arbor liberals crabbing about George Bush's re-election

The way I look at it is, no matter who won, the next day we still have to deal with the troops in Iraq and some of the civil liberty issues, said Chris Buhalis, a pre-em-

inent Ann Arbor singer-songwriter who is hosting the Dec 19 event

But while organizers stress the concert is non-partisan, Buhalis admitted, "I would have rather that Bush didn't win. I have friends who are in the National Guard who have spent over a year in Iraq doing stuff they didn't really want to do

The event has sold out the 450-seat Ark each year. Show-goers can expect perform-

ances in the range of musical styles one typically sees at the Midwest's folk and roots music mecca—everything from singer-songwriters to bluegrass to Americana bands

"We have performers ranging from Sari Brown, who is a teenager, to Jay Jay Stielstra, who's been performing at The Ark for over 30 years," Buhalis said

Some play topical political songs, some are more into spiritual holiday type of songs—it's a really nice mix

Buhalis delighted Ark-ians at the first peace concert, skewering U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft in a Woody Guthrie-esque talking blues, *Talking Sounds Just Like Joe McCarthy Blues*

While Bush won re-election, at least Ashcroft is resigning. "I'll never be sad to see John Ashcroft leave anywhere," Buhalis said

The show is a benefit for the Ann Arbor Area Committee for Peace. "We were formed because post 9/11, we saw a need for peaceful responses to international conflict," said Phyllis Engelburt, executive director

Group activities have included fighting the civil liberties backlash against Arab-Americans, registering low-income voters, organizing peace demonstrations and placing a peace message on three billboards around Ann Arbor. Proceeds from the con-

### THIRD ANNUAL CONCERT FOR PEACE

**Where:** The Ark 326 S Main downtown Ann Arbor

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 19

**Tickets:** \$15 available online at [www.theark.org](http://www.theark.org)

**The lineup:** Chris Buhalis, Dave Boutette, Brian Lillie, Jo Serrapere, Jay Stielstra, Whit Hill & Al Hill Duo, Annie Capps, Sari Brown, Hoodang, Fubar, John Latin, Jason Dennie, Jim Roll, Corndaddy, Hillrays, Learn more about the Committee for Peace at [justpeaceinfo.org](http://justpeaceinfo.org)

cert help make up the group's annual \$70,000 budget, which pays for the range of activities

Of the peace concert, Engelburt said, "It's special because people love it and it's becoming an Ann Arbor tradition. The musicians are all at their best, there's a feeling of togetherness"

Buhalis concurred. "The whole spirit of the show is special"



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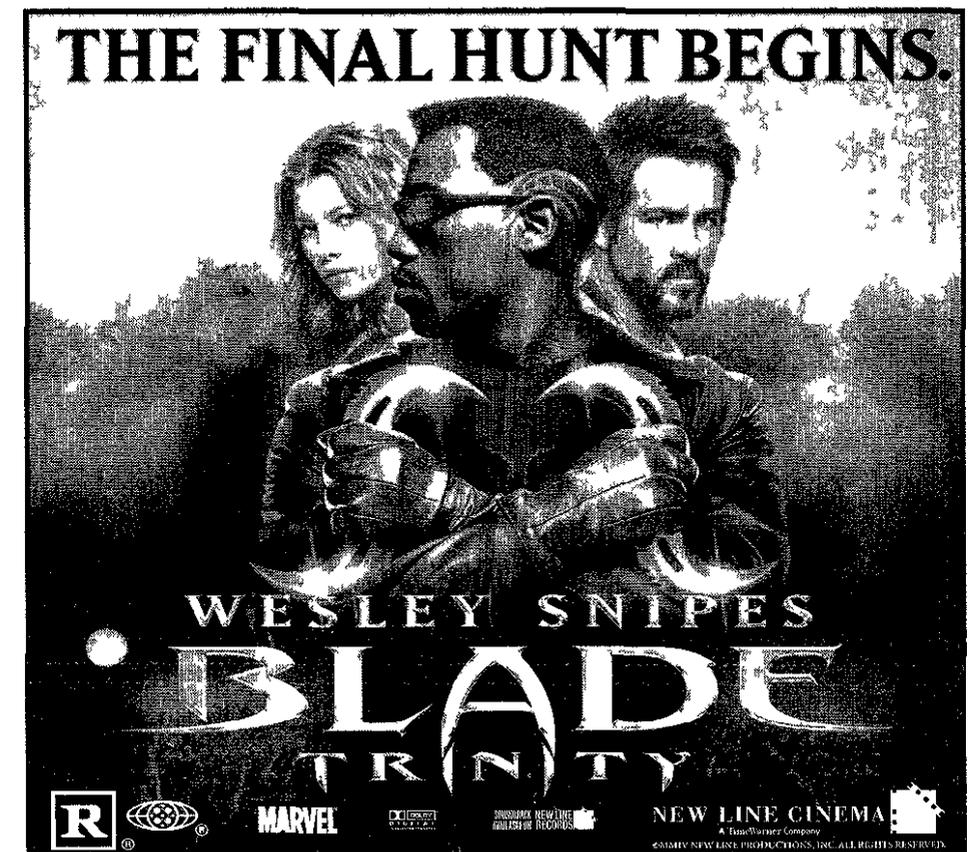
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# On stage

# Talented duo keeps the spirit of 'The Dybbuk'

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The new version of the classic tale of unrequited love *The Dybbuk* substitutes 28 actors with just two — who play all 28 parts

They say the essence of drama is surprise, well there's a surprise every three minutes," said Evelyn Orbach, creative director of the Jewish Ensemble Theater

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That's because the actors — Loren Bass and Shelly Gaza — must change their physical appearance, voice, posture and manner to evoke the cast of the play first produced in 1919

Orbach long sought to produce the play, but a 28-member cast was cost prohibitive But after director Gillian Eaton said a former colleague, British actor-writer Bruce Meyers, had come up with a two-player version, she jumped at the chance to put it on

That led to some frantic dialogue via transatlantic fax machines, to obtain the rights to present the play

Orbach said that while she's seen *The Dybbuk* performed in New York and Chicago, "I think this is more exciting You're so riveted because these two people are so good They actually assume different characters without costume changes It's so seamless you can't believe it

The story first centers on two men friends who vow that if they should have a son and daughter, the two should wed They indeed make a son and daughter — but the father of the son becomes poor,

while the girl's dad becomes rich

The children meet and fall in love, but the rich father decides to reject the poor suitor, which causes the youths death — and his spirit or Dybbuk possesses the daughter The concept of the Dybbuk, which can possess a body, comes from Jewish folklore

A main theme of the play is the struggle

between spirituality and materialism

The old sage in the play says if you look through the window you can see through to the other side, but if silver paper is behind it you only see yourself," Orbach said, adding silver stands for riches "When you're concerned with wealth, you're only looking at yourself rather than what's out there in the world

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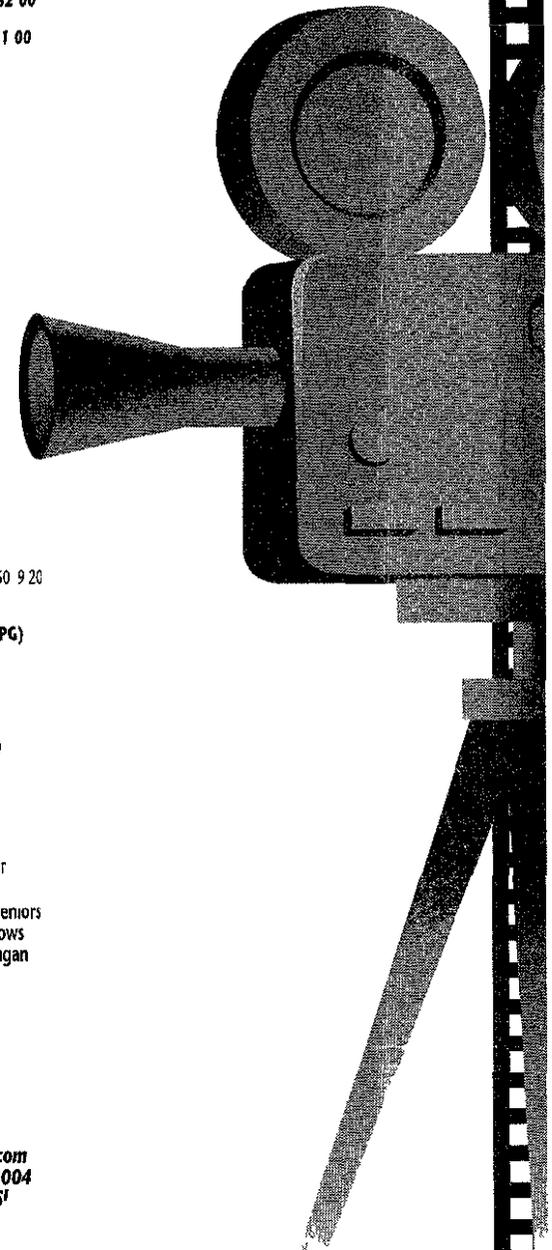
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# Exhibit makes you look and come closer at Cranbrook

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Strange shapes capture our attention  
Then we look elsewhere or keep walking  
But artist Luisa Kazanas' odd forms  
operate differently

They whisper – as softly as a cloud –  
'come hither' and then, before we know  
it, we are confronted with an ugly truth  
ambush-style

'The best phrase that's been used to  
describe my work is a smile with a knife  
at your back,' said Kazanas, an emerging  
artist based in Brooklyn, NY, whose work  
is set to go on display in *Origins  
Unknown/Luisa Kazanas* at Cranbrook  
Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills

The exhibit, Kazanas' first solo show,  
opens Friday and continues through  
March 26. Running concurrently is a  
selection of the museum's holdings chosen  
by the artist and entitled *Kazanas Selects  
Treasures of Cranbrook Art Museum*.

'I think people will be seduced by her  
work,' said the museum's director,  
Gregory Wittkopp. 'At the same time, her  
works are humorous. It's a conflation of  
beauty and seduction, a mix of irony and  
humor. And that's a mixture that's going  
to make for a very interesting experience  
in the gallery.'

Kazanas' work is best described as sur-  
real multimedia, but many of her pieces  
are sculptural. She admittedly has an

## STRANGE BEAUTY

**What:** *Origins Unknown/Luisa Kazanas*  
running concurrently with *Luisa Kazanas  
Selects Treasures of Cranbrook Art  
Museum*

**When:** Opens Friday and runs through  
March 26

**Where:** Cranbrook Art Museum  
39221 Woodward Ave. Bloomfield Hills

**Admission:** Members, free, general  
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affinity for working with plastic.  
'Plastic is everywhere,' said the 35-  
year-old artist. 'When I was young, most  
of my toys were made out of plastic, so I  
have an emotional attachment to it. But  
working in bronze, steel and wood – I  
wanted to move away from that. I felt like  
they were a little bit too limited in terms  
of the contemporary nature of the materi-  
als. With plastic, it felt to me like the pos-  
sibilities were endless and somehow posi-

tively hopeful.'

Though Kazanas portrays the distanc-  
ing effect of technology and science, she  
also suggests the same technology may  
work to reunite us with ourselves and  
nature.

Consider her series of stark, but eerily  
beautiful, space-age habitats, two con-  
taining taxidermic songbirds perched  
atop plastic leafless trees. Two of the habi-  
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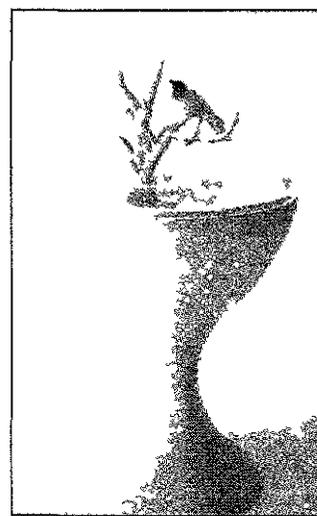


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A taxidermic songbird perches inside a transparent dome atop an Eero Saarinen-style pedestal in 'To Reach You.'

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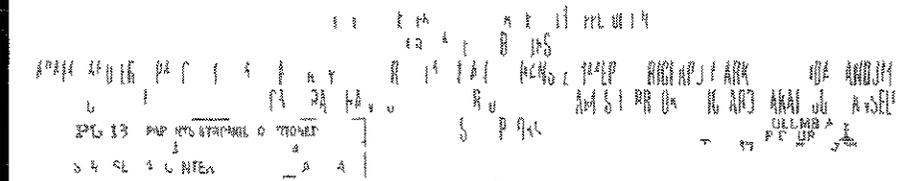
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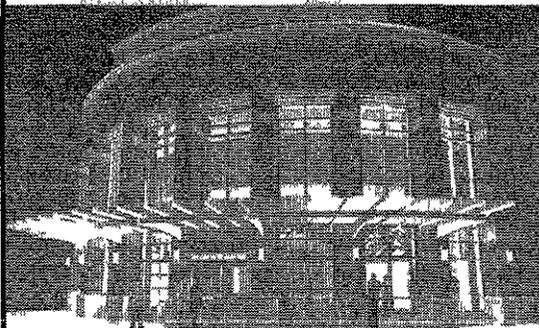
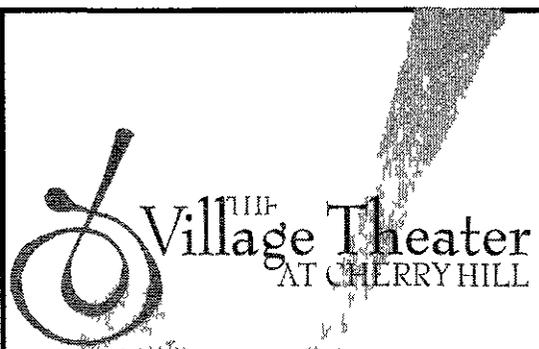


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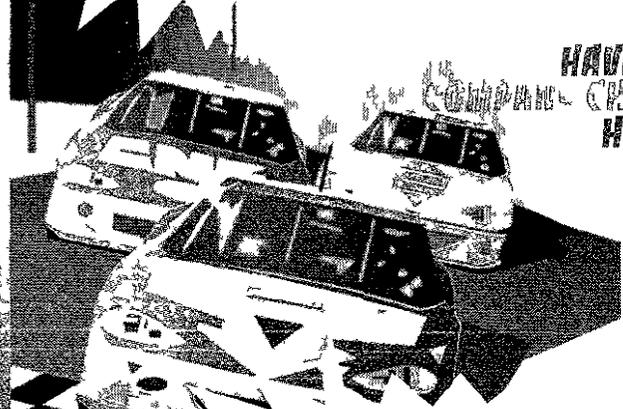
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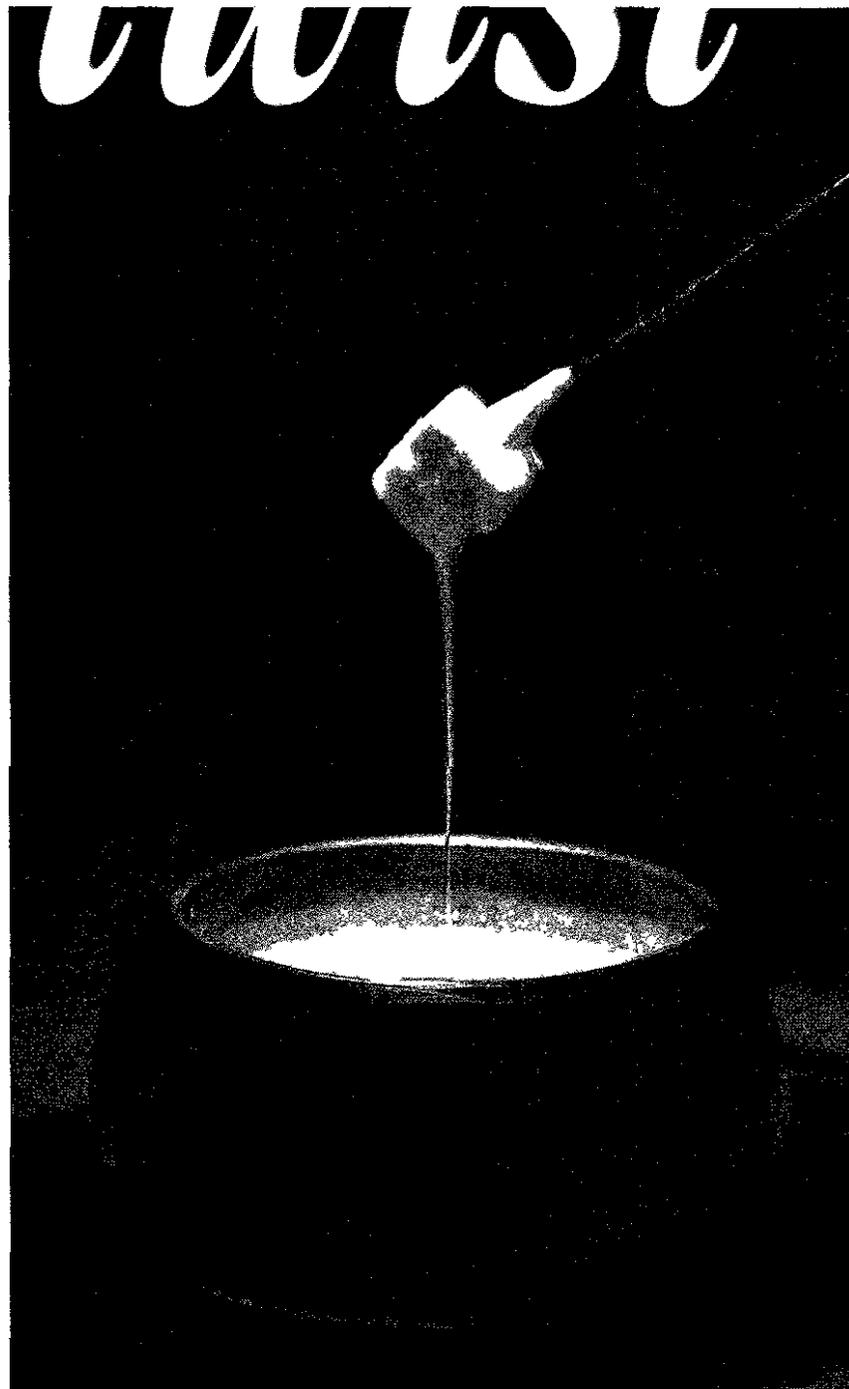
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BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Fondue (fahn-DOO) is derived from the French verb "fondre" meaning "to melt". This warm cheese dish dates back to 18th century Switzerland when, as today both cheese and wine were important agricultural products. The simple to prepare, one-pot meal utilized

elements that were in most homes. The dining tradition consists of two pots of cheese fondue and a chutney (a chutney) that are eaten communally out of a caquelon. Fondue forks are used by the diner to spear a piece of bread, then the bread is dipped into the cheese and eaten. Though Gruyere and Emmentaler are traditionally and

ordered as such at the newly-opened Melting Pot in Troy, cheddar and Emmentaler are used in the Cheddar Cheese Fondue. The Swiss Cheese X 3 combines creamy fontina, cheddar and buttermilk blue cheese. Fiesta Fondue takes cheddar to Mexico with the element of jalapeno peppers, herbs and

In addition to fresh breads, vegetables and fruit, Smith apple wedges are served for dip.

The owners of The Melting Pot Restaurants are headquartered in Tampa, Fla., brothers Mark and Bob Johnston have put new locations in the U.S., said Troy location owner/partner Van De Mark.

### RIGHT OUT

Fondue is fun to share with a larger group. Fondue for two can be quite romantic. The Melting Pot makes shared by two a four course experience under the theme "The Big Night Out". Cheese Fondue is the first course followed by a

salad, then selection from two offerings: The Chef's Choice \$79 per couple and The Colossal at \$89 per couple. Complement the choice with one of 275 available wines.

The fourth course is one of the decadent chocolate fondues. Dip fresh strawberries, bananas, pineapple, cheesecake, nutty marshmallows, pound cake and brownies into any one of nine chocolate fondue recipes. Van De Mark suggested Flaming Turtle, Chocolate S'mores or The Original recipe featuring milk chocolate with a hint of nuts.

### FONDUE ETIQUETTE

Given that Fondue is a "communal" meal, there are a few basic guidelines. For cheese fondue, spear a piece of bread (or veggie or apple wedge) using a fondue fork and dip it into the pot. Twirl the bread cube (or other) gently in the cheese to coat it. Let the bread drip a bit before you put it in your mouth. This allows the excess to drip back in

the pot and also offers time for cooling.

When you put the bread in your mouth, try not to touch the fork with your lips or tongue because the fork is not only hot, but goes back in the pot. Use a table fork to slide the bread off the fondue fork then eat it with the table fork.

To eat one of the selected main course fondues spear a piece of meat, chicken or vegetables and lower it into the cooking medium. Allow it to sit until the food morsel is cooked to your liking. Remove the fork and place it on your plate, then follow the table fork technique.

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## CRANBROOK

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Saarnen-style pedestals

"It's a nature commentary," said Kazanas. "It's also the idea of silencing or freezing or immobilizing nature."

Other pieces suggest the technology of genetics through the theme of doubling. Consider, for instance, *Doublehappiness*, a sculpture cast in urethane of a headless baby with two pairs of legs and both female and male genitalia.

Kazanas also invokes technology more directly, incorporating computer-sequenced LED lights into at least two sculptural pieces. But again, technology cuts both ways in her work. On one level, we are alienated, on another, we experience awe.

"I'm using technology to kind of expose very basic human responses deeply rooted in our species," she said, equating her use of lights to the experience of gazing at a clear, starlit night sky.

"In New York, we never get to see the sky. We never get to revel in the expansiveness." For Kazanas, LED lights are a way of evoking that same sense of wonder in the face of modern life, no matter how estranging or hazardous or scary.

"You can't have a singular experience," she said. "And that's the balance I'm constantly trying to strike - an aspect of danger and an aspect of beauty."

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## BANDS

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having dinner with the Stones, sitting around playing guitar with Keith Richards

### SUCCESS IN-BETWEEN

In between his years driving the Maverick and producing music for the Stones, Bonnie Ratt, Elton John, Kris Kristofferson, Iggy Pop, Brian Wilson and others, Don Was' band achieved MTV success creating fun, high-energy, funky dance music. The band's other co-founder, flutist and writer David Was, is also a success away from the band. He was jazz critic for the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, a correspondent for NPR and an award-winning music producer. Together Don and David Was produced the Grammy Award-winning Roy Orbison/k d lang duet *Crying* and Bob Dylan's *Under The Red Sky* album.

Was (Not Was) plans to release a CD in 2005. The sound will remain funk-punk. The band has its roots in Detroit with influence by MC5, Iggy Pop, Alice Cooper and George Clinton, plus a bit of John Coltrane, Frank Zappa and Firesign Theatre.

I remember listening to Willie Nelson, his music is so soulful, and it made me want to quit because I could

never write like that," Was said. "But then again, our music somehow connected with people. We aren't looking to reinvent the band. The new CD will be the Was (Not Was) music that people would want to hear."

Was (Not Was) singer Sweetpea Atkinson has been a backup singer for Lyle Lovett. Jazz legend David McMurray returns on saxophone and guitarist Randy Jacobs will perform, too.

The Romantics are still touring the U.S. with their hits *What I Like About You* and *Talking in Your Sleep* and last year released the CD *61/49* that was hailed by *Rolling Stone* magazine as "every bit as visceral and R&B-infused a band as Jack and Meg White."

The Ramrods reunited recently, minus one member, and released *Gimme Some Action*, a CD of old punk recordings. Norton is currently working on a film titled *Detroit Punks* that chronicles the history of Detroit garage music and where it thrives today.

This isn't a reunion show of aging, fading rockers hanging on to yesteryear. All three experienced bands have a lot to say, a lot to sing about and a lot of fresh energy. Remember these are Detroit rockers playing the Motor City on New Year's Eve, so don't expect a calm little show like many reunion events. If you're tired and looking for a concert where you can sit down and hear laid-back music, stay home.

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*A Christmas Carol* through Dec 23 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills call (248) 377 3300 or visit www mbtheatre com for tickets and show times

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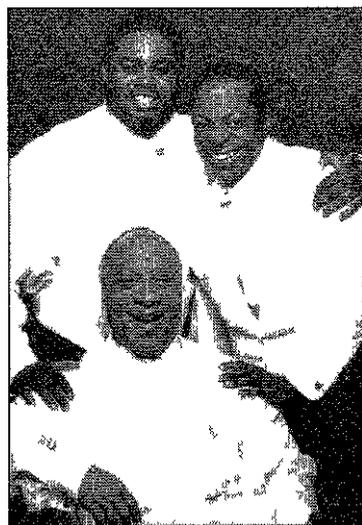
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## Seasonal sounds

# Romantic or jazzy ... some holiday tune choices

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

OK, admit it, you like Christmas music. You still love hearing Burl Ives sing *Holly Jolly Christmas*, but there are fresh renditions of holiday classics worth hearing.

**Justine Blazer**, formerly of Rochester Hills, has a pop music career that is starting to shine. She just released a holiday CD of her favorite Christmas music.

*Just a Justine Christmas* is romantic and heartwarming. It sounds like everything Christmas should be. The 12-track compilation includes *Santa Baby*, *O Holy Night*, *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree*, *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas* and more.

"People listen to *Santa Baby* and they giggle because it doesn't sound like me, Blazer, now of New York, said. "When I sing I use all of my training and techniques, but with this song I just had fun. There's a choir in the middle of *O Holy Night*. I still get chills when I hear that part."

Blazer chose songs she likes, not what she thought would be popular. *I'll Be Home For Christmas*, a song she performed as an 8-year-old at Cobo Hall, is also on the CD.

"Whenever I hear it even now, I think back from when I was that age," she said.

### A LITTLE SCARY

Trans-Siberian Orchestra is a symphony gone wild. Its new CD, *The Lost Christmas Eve*, mixes rock, classical, Broadway and R&B. The sound is big and powerful.

The orchestra will perform Friday at The Palace. The orchestra is known for its live shows filled with fire and lighting effects, plus tuxedos and elegance.

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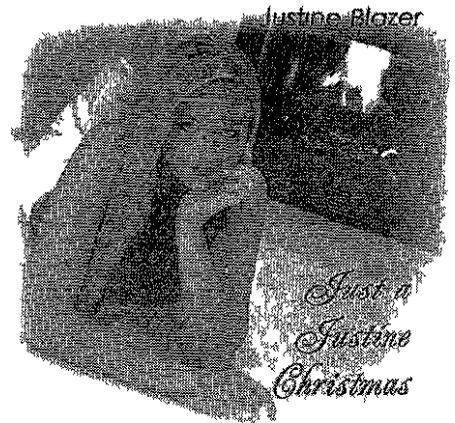
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distance or even close up, and the further you delve into them, the more there is to find. It's magical just to go inside and it's magical just looking at the walls and wondering what might be behind them. But if you ever knock down a wall, what's behind it may — or may not — be the most magical thing of all."

Trans-Siberian Orchestra's albums and shows tell a story. *The Lost Christmas Eve* includes spiritual songs like *O Come All Ye Faithful*, but also *Christmas Cannon Rock*. The story is about a tear, from a woman not of our galaxy, that fell through the atmosphere and touched the hair of the Princess of Winter, who turned the tear into a snowflake. That tear lands in New York City and touches lives, and that's only the beginning.

### A LITTLE JAZZ

And finally, if heartwarming or powerful aren't words to describe your Christmas feeling, try some jazz. Vanessa Williams recorded *Silver & Gold*, a compilation of classic and new holiday music. Songs include an R&B feel to *Joy to the World* and a jazzy rendition of *Winter Weather*.



Recording Artist Justine Blazer chose songs for her CD that reminded her of happy Christmas mornings from her childhood.

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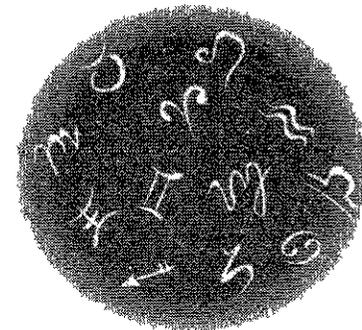
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## Star struck

(Dec 16 Dec 18)

By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You are regarded by many as determined and confident and rarely doubt your judgment or opinion. But a nagging sixth sense now seems to be telling you to dig deeper into the whys and wherefores of a proposed financial agreement. Have you read the small print?

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

It's not like you to leave something unfinished, but for some reason you have. However, leaving it undone won't do you any good because your ruling planet Venus changing signs today warns that before you can move on, you must complete what you started. Do it ASAP, Bull!

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

It's no secret that Twins hate making decisions. However, the planets warn that if you can't make up your mind, it'll be made up for you by those who care only about themselves. Why do you think you have to ask permission to do what you know is right for you?

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The future is what you make of it, but you're unlikely to make much of it if you keep harking back to the past. At some stage of the 21st's Winter Solstice, you must decide that you're only going to look forward. What's done is done. It's what you do now that will count in the long term.

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Beware of the open mouth and insert foot dance this week - and stop growling! It will take a lot of effort, but you must keep your feelings under control at this time. If you lose your temper, you'll also lose the moral high ground and give your opponents the advantage.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You seem to be of the opinion that you must do something drastic to turn around what seems to be a bad situation. Your earthy energy is not limitless, and you may experience a dip in vitality, so don't take on too much over the next few days. Instead, rest, meditate.

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You have nothing to fear and everything to gain. Balancer. That is the message of the stars as Mercury begins its direct motion, so don't listen to those who say you should be more cautious. Some people don't want you to succeed. Prove them wrong as 2005 begins!

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

No doubt you have been provoked beyond endurance and now feel the need to distance yourself from those who make you feel insecure. The Moon in your element now gives you an escape route, but old habits certainly will continue to repeat themselves until you realize you don't have to tolerate these slights.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

If you take on too many responsibilities this week, you'll tire yourself out, so pace yourself sensibly and, where possible, get others to bear some of the load. You don't have to do it all. Archer. Banish self-doubts; you may be harboring them, they are nothing more than potentially destructive distractions.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

What took place recently put your nose out of joint. Sea Goat. Therefore, your first priority now is to build bridges and re-establish cordial relations with loved ones and colleagues. In fact, unless you are prepared to make the first move by Christmas, things could get costly and cranky.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

The approaching Sun sign shift in a conflicting element next week means you must relinquish control and let partners or friends call the shots for a change. It won't be easy. Water Bearer, but it must be done if you want to make progress before Old Man Winter settles in.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Much of the strain you are currently under seems to be self-created or remedied with a bit of elbow grease. You need to understand what your subconscious is trying to tell you. A work or health issue (or both) demands your attention, and you would be wise to seek an unbiased opinion and roll up your sleeves. Fish!

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## Films

Seemingly more sick than twisted these days **Spike and Mike's Twisted Animation Festival** is back at the Magic Bag in Ferndale

The collection of the weirdest and edgiest animation films runs from Wednesday Dec 22 through Jan 2

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Here is a still from *Here Comes Dr. Tran* by Breehn Burns and Jason Johnson, which will be showing at Spike and Mike's Twisted Animation Festival at the Magic Bag

## Last-minute gifts

*Christmukkah* (thank you *OC* for that gem) is upon us and we (me) here at Pure Picks would like to offer a few last minute holiday gift ideas We've (I've) also broken the items down into easy to see how much you love them categories Let us begin!

**If you consider yourself rich not only in holiday spirit:** Ah Criterion Collection How thy elite selection of films allows us to name drop thee at important stuffy parties How thy very name has driven us to pay upwards of \$40 to own movies we can see on cable every few months for free Film geeks and pretenders alike will love the **Criterion Collection 2004 Holiday Gift Set** The set contains all of the best of the best DVD releases published by Criterion through October 2004 - that's 241 titles or 282 discs

The set though glorious retails for \$5,000 That's the price of a nice used car or feeding an entire family in China for life (Estimates approximate)

I believe the set is only offered through Amazon.com and if you are seriously considering buying this for someone I would like to make your acquaintance Next year I want to be on your Christmukkah list Visit the Criterion Collection online at [www.criterionco.com](http://www.criterionco.com)

**If you'd rather they just read about it than mess with your TV viewing regimen:** Did someone make you watch the Bob Dylan interview on *60 Minutes* a few weeks ago? (Man that was depressing when he said his best work was behind him wasn't it?) Buy **Chronicles: Volume 1** Zimmerman's first installment of his memoirs for that person who made you miss the first part of the *Simpsons* I haven't read this but I hear it's the kind of fans tale that will remind you that what you think is important isn't what your hero remembers - i.e. Life It's all about perspective

**Because I forgot to write about this when it came out /slash/ for your best friend who is a bookworm:** For those literary geeks on your list consider **The Secret Goldfish** by David Means Born and raised in Michigan many of the stories have a Midwestern or mitten background for Means cutting beauty and equally cutting humor The winner of the Los Angeles Times book prize and a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award his chops have been combed his writing polished

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**Five CD picks for people who are getting you something thus guiltig you into buying them something:**

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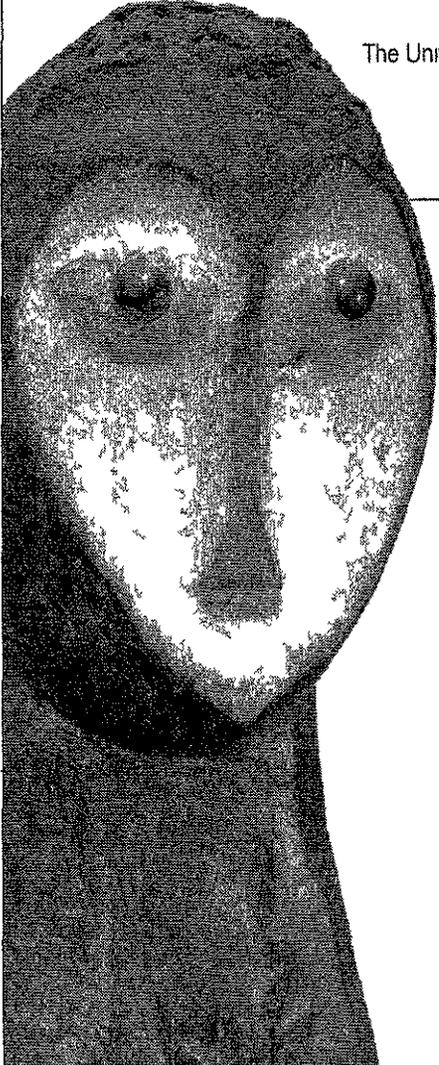
**What I'm getting my Gordon Lightfoot-lovin' dad** *Greetings From Michigan* by Sujian Stevens

**For your best friend that wants that new Gwen Stefani solo album:** *A swift kick in the head*

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