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Actors lampoon the typical  
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### Holiday hours

Offices in the city of  
Plymouth will be  
closed or offering lim-  
ited hours during the  
upcoming Christmas-  
New Year holiday peri-  
od 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 com-  
ing into City Hall  
Wednesday or  
Thursday Dec 29-30  
at the Church Street  
entrance lobby or the  
drop box by the out-  
side book return at  
the Plymouth District  
Library. 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 or  
township solid-waste  
pickup during the holi-  
day.

For more informa-  
tion, 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.

### Safe rides

Plymouth police are  
teaming with Central  
Distributors of Beer, ABC  
Cab and many Plymouth-  
area bars and restau-  
rants to offer 'Project  
Safe Ride Plymouth'  
through Saturday,  
Jan 1.

Patrons of participating  
bars and restaurants will  
be able to obtain a cab  
ride home in the event  
they've had too much to  
drink.

The program is meant  
to encourage responsible  
drinking, not the overuse  
of alcohol.

Participating Plymouth  
establishments include  
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Grill, Plymouth Crossing,  
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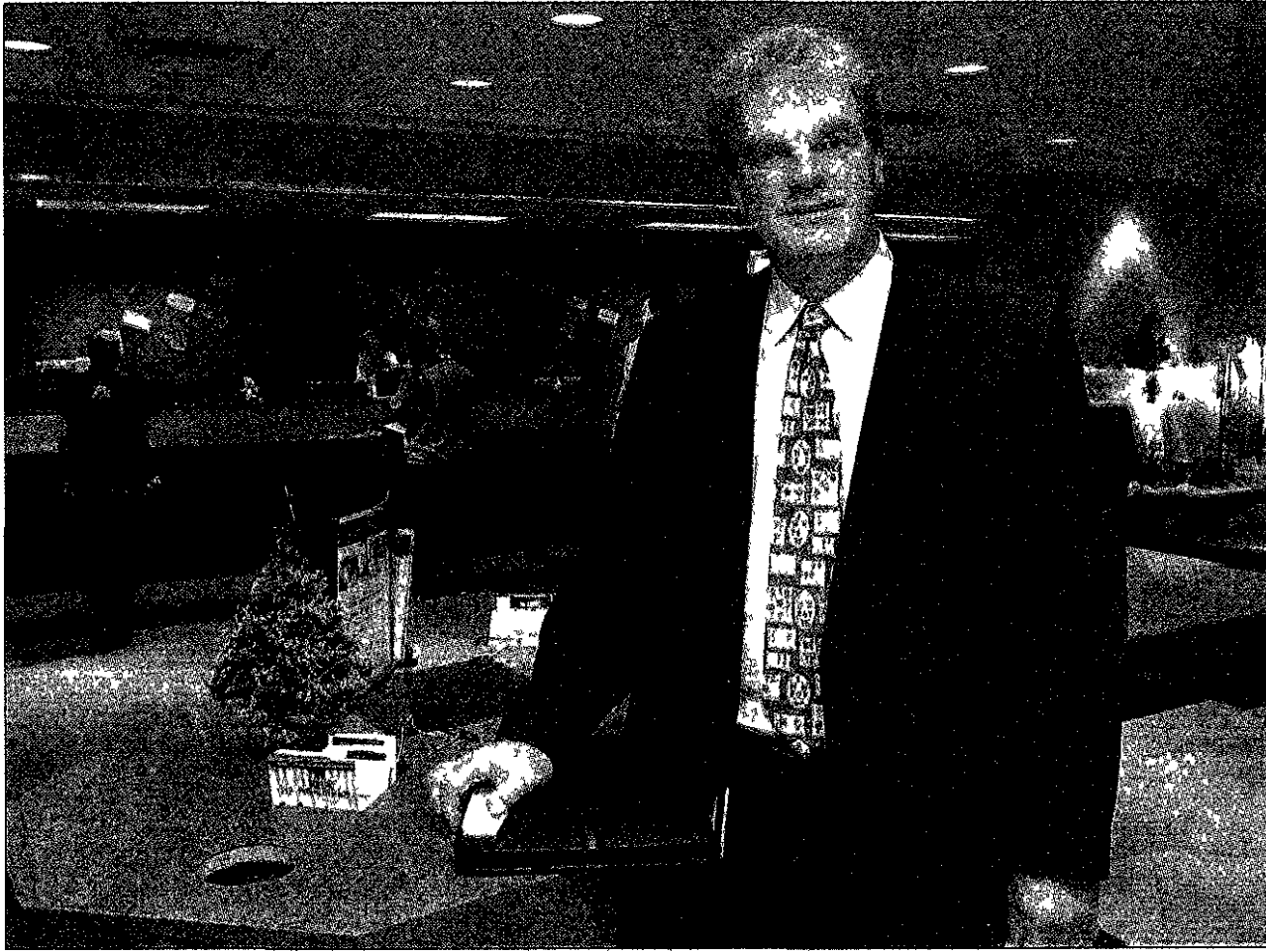
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Community Financial's new president/CEO Bill Lawton, who replaced Roger Ballard earlier this month, now holds the same post his father once held.

## Back to the future

### 2nd-generation leader takes credit union's helm

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

It seems unlikely that  
Bill Lawton was filing  
ledger cards as a middle-  
school student working for  
Community Federal Credit  
Union that he imagined  
himself running the whole  
operation some day.

But that's just what  
Lawton is doing at the  
now-renamed Community  
Financial, after being pro-  
moted to president and  
chief executive officer.  
Lawton, who had been  
vice president and COO,  
replaces Roger Ballard,  
who left to assume a lead-  
ership position with a

credit union in California.

It's not the first time a  
Lawton has been elevated  
to that lofty position. Bill's  
father was the CEO back  
in the 70s when Bill  
worked there as a middle  
schooler. Now, after  
spending a few years run-  
ning the credit unions IT  
department, Bill has  
ascended.

"Dad kind of dragged his  
son off to work at a ripe  
young age," Bill Lawton  
said with a laugh. "This  
job is very different. In IT  
I had my hands in all the  
different areas. This job is  
much less tactical than  
strategic."  
And it's a job he never

figured on having the first  
time he left. He was work-  
ing part time while finish-  
ing up at Salem High  
School from which he  
graduated in 1978. He  
moved on to the  
University of Michigan-  
Dearborn, where he got  
his bachelor's degree from  
the School of Management  
in 1982.

He left Community  
Financial - the first time -  
in 1980.

"My focus was on my  
last two years of college,"  
he said. "I was looking at  
doing something else  
when I got done with  
school."  
One of those things he

was looking at may have  
been teaching. But a funny  
thing happened on the  
way to a new career. The  
information technology  
position at the credit  
union opened up again.  
Faced with commuting to  
work, Lawton - who hates  
that much driving - made  
the easy choice.

It was open, and I've  
never liked commuting,  
said Lawton, who grew up  
in the Plymouth Canton  
area. I had enjoyed work-  
ing here, and the time  
away made me appreciate  
working here. I was happy  
to come back.

PLEASE SEE LEADER, A4

## Local singer's holiday performance is at center court

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone who plans to watch  
the heavily anticipated rematch  
between the Detroit Pistons and  
Indiana Pacers on Christmas  
Day may want to tune in a little  
early.

Local singer and performer  
Justine Blazer, a 2001 graduate  
of Canton High and former  
Chieftette, will take center court  
and sing the national anthem  
before the game, which starts at  
12:30 p.m., and is being tele-  
vised by ESPN for a national  
audience. Blazer, 21, is looking  
forward to the experience,  
though she is a little worried  
about being associated with the  
Detroit area, because of the hos-

tility some expect the Indiana  
fans to show the Pistons. Last  
month, the two teams were  
involved in one of the worst  
sports brawls ever. Several  
Pacers have been charged with  
crimes stemming from the inci-  
dent. "I'm really looking forward  
to this, but I've asked them not  
to introduce me as an artist  
from Detroit," Blazer said.

Blazer, who has been busy  
with her singing career, made  
her most recent performance on  
Dec. 14 at Fifth Avenue in  
Detroit, where she helped the  
U.S. Marine Corps collect toy  
donations and raise money for  
the Toys for Tots program. She  
played the gig with her band,  
the Justine Blazer Band, which  
consists of bassist Matt Coen,

guitarist Charlie Coen, and  
drummer Jay Mings.

Blazer had so much fun dur-  
ing the show, and has such a  
belief in the cause, that she  
hopes to make it an annual  
event. "It was an awesome show.  
We performed all the holiday  
classics," she said. "I didn't get a  
count on how much we raised,  
but I know the Marines had a  
huge wall of money at the end of  
the night."

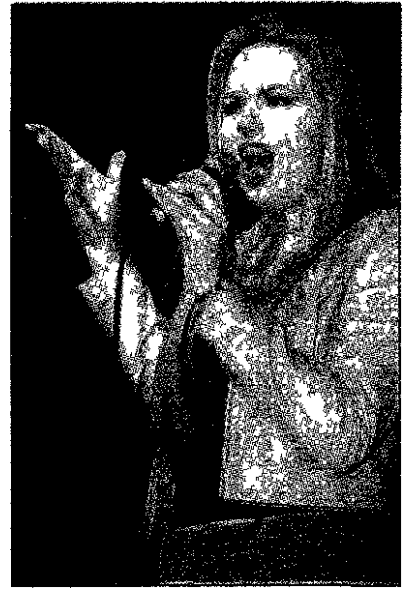
The national audience that  
she will be playing for on  
Christmas Day is not exactly a  
first for Blazer, who has sang the  
anthem at numerous major  
sporting events, and has been on  
major television networks  
including ABC, ESPN and FOX.  
But still, she said it will be spe-

cial singing such a meaningful  
song on Christmas.

"I'm always excited about  
singing the anthem, but now  
that we are in wartime it really  
means something," Blazer said.  
"When I'm singing, I look  
around at all the people and  
wonder how many of them have  
a friend or a loved one in the  
war. It's very sentimental for me  
now."

Blazer also just released a  
Christmas CD, called *Just a  
Justine Christmas*. Containing  
12 holiday classics, the CD can  
be purchased at either Dearborn  
Music store, including the one  
in Canton, or on Blazer's Web  
site at [www.justineblazer.com](http://www.justineblazer.com).

"It's very warm, very roman-  
tic," Blazer says of the work.



DONALD W. HALEY

Performer Justine Blazer of Canton sings  
at 5th Avenue in Detroit last week in a  
charity concert benefiting Toys for Tots.

## Goodfellows make family's holiday merry

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

This year, the Plymouth  
Goodfellows, with the help  
of several corporations  
helping to play the role of  
Santa, are helping 208 city  
and township residents to  
have a better holiday sea-  
son.

Goodfellows president  
Barbara Volante said the  
success of the 2004 cam-  
paign was because of a  
widespread direct mail

effort. Letters went out to  
22,000 addresses within  
the 48170 ZIP code.

Obviously, the letters  
were not treated as junk  
mail.

"We have received  
tremendous community  
support this year," Volante  
said.

The response has  
ranged from bare-bones  
minimum to extremely  
generous. An 11-year-old  
girl wrote a letter to the  
Goodfellows with \$3

tucked inside. The girl  
wrote she was sending all  
the money she had, but  
would send more when  
she got more.

"We have received  
everything from \$1 to a  
thousand dollars," Volante  
said of the fund-raising  
drive.

Several corporations  
and companies helped  
chip in, including Kmart,  
Kroger, Anlyn, Options &  
Resources, TRAM, Aisin  
World Headquarters,

Victory Packaging,  
Community Financial,  
Cequent Towing Products,  
Sealant Equipment and  
Engineering, the  
Plymouth Noon Rotary  
Club and the Plymouth  
Elks Lodge No. 1780.

Bottle drives, toy drives  
and other fund-raisers  
helped fuel the  
Goodfellows effort, not to  
mention the annual news-  
paper sale, which was  
moved from the streets to  
store and restaurant fronts

the weekend of Dec. 4.  
Though the move meant  
less money came in,  
Volante said volunteers  
were safer because they  
were not in the streets.

"When you're not in the  
street, you don't make as  
much money," she said.

This week a Plymouth  
Township family got a visit  
from Santa, a.k.a. William  
Beard, a TRAM employee.  
Other TRAM employees

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**GOODFELLOWS**

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also paid a visit to the family, with gifts for all eight of the family's children - and the mother, too

TRAM "adopted" the family as a way of helping the Goodfellows

"We get a lot of requests, but this year we decided to adopt a family," said Jerry Mata, manager of human resources for TRAM, an automotive supplier

TRAM's fund-raising goal was \$700, but reached \$1,186, which meant they could make the holiday extra special for the family, which has eight children ranging in age from 18 months to college age

Both the mother and the older child were initially not going to be included on the gift list, but because of the additional donations, they will unwrap presents along with the rest of the family

Communication was key to TRAM's success, Mata said

"We just explained the program and sent out a lot of communications," he said "Also, Bill (Beard) dressed as Santa"

**HOLIDAY OPEN SKATES**

The City of Plymouth offers special holiday open skate hours at the Plymouth Cultural Center ice arena

Open skating is offered 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec 23, 9 a.m.-noon Dec 24, 4-6 p.m. Dec 26, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec 27, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec 28, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec 29, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dec 30, 9 a.m.-noon Dec 31, and 4-6 p.m. Jan 2

The ice is closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day Skaters can also call the City Recreation Department's Open Skate Hotline by calling (734) 455-6620 and selecting Option 2

**OBEDIENCE CLASSES**

Happy Hounds Dog Day Care and the Pet Teacher will offer puppy and adult basic obedience classes at Happy Hounds Dog Day Care in Plymouth beginning Jan 12

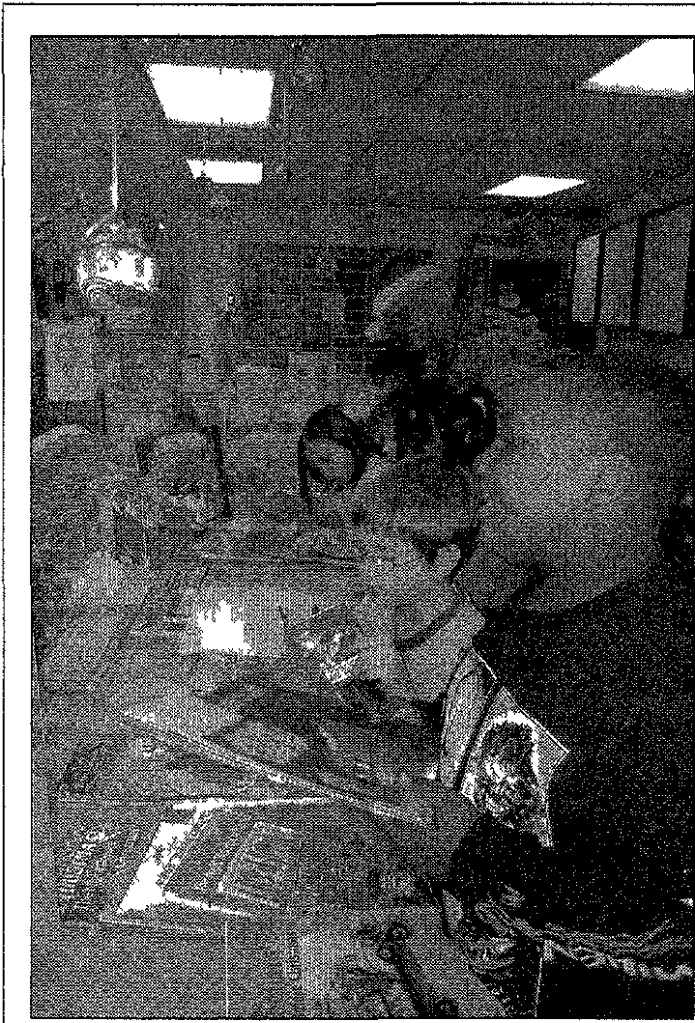
Wednesday classes will start Jan 12, with Tuesday classes starting Jan 25 Puppy and adult dog classes are available either day Each class will run six weeks with a fee of \$125

Happy Hounds is located at 673 s. Main For more information, visit the Web site at www.happyhoundsdaycare.com or call (734) 459-DOGS

**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



**Holiday collection**

Miller Elementary School teacher Jon Childs and some of his second-grade students view his extensive collection of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas books and related articles Childs, who has been collecting the books since he started teaching 30 years ago, displays his collection in the teachers' workroom at Miller each year for students and staff to enjoy

workshop should see Shannon Henry for audition packets

For more information, contact Mrs. Henry via e-mail at henrys@pccs.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

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

The Lee and Noel Bittinger Team at RE/MAX is offering

three scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, for local high school seniors that are planning to attend a college or university in the fall of 2005

To apply for the scholarship, entrants must submit a short essay (not to exceed three pages, double-spaced with a 12 pt font) that address the following question Describe how someone in your life has influenced you in a positive way and changed your life?

All submissions must include name, address and phone number of entrant, high school they attend, and college or university they plan to attend in the fall All submissions must be received by Dec 31, 2004 They should be sent to The Bittinger Team, 43435 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187

"The Plymouth/Canton community has supported us for over 20 years

The Bittinger Team Scholarship is just one of the ways that we can say thank you by giving back to our community," Noel Bittinger said "This is our way of paving the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation"

For more information, contact the team at (734) 459-1010, or email Bittinger at noelbittinger@remax.net

**PLYMOUTH-CANTON CIVITANS**

The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club is looking for energetic new members to participate in community service projects

This club meets the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army Building on Main Street

The third Thursday is a dinner meeting with a speaker Call (734) 981-7259 for further info

**CRAFTERS, ARTISTS WANTED**

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble

The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School It's a juried show

For more information e

mail Diane Van Dyke at dyvanddyke@peoplepc.com or call (734) 416-3354

**SYMPHONY FUND-RAISER**

The Plymouth Symphony is selling the 2005 Entertainment Book, offering 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events The 2005 Entertainment Book can be picked up at the Plymouth Symphony Office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016 Cost of the book is \$20, with proceeds benefitting symphony programs

For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 451-2112

**SWIM, GYM AND FILM**

Bring out the entire family and celebrate the New Year from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec 31, at Summit on the Park The aquatic center will be open from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. for all kinds of swimming and water activities

Following the swimming, a movie will be shown, and popcorn and pop will be on sale

Feel free to bring blankets, cushions and pillows to sit on - no chairs or outside food and beverages please

**WINTER HELP**

Plato's Coney Island (42405 Ford) is accepting donations of gently used blankets, coats and other winter clothing for needy families this holiday season

It will distribute whatever is collected to families in Detroit, in conjunction with the Detroit Police Department

For those interested in helping, drop off donations in the box at the back of the restaurant through Christmas day Both children and adult sizes will be accepted There is also a drop-off box at Plato's Farmington location (35227 Grand River)

For more information, call (734) 981-7301

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# Township, county trying to straighten roundabout's future

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's first and only roundabout may turn out to be just another intersection.

A roundabout uses a traffic circle rather than stop signs or traffic lights to move vehicles from one road to another. They're common in Great Britain and a couple have recently been built in Oakland County.

Plans were to build one in western Canton where Ridge, Saltz and Denton roads come together. It was part of the projects for the extension of Denton north of Cherry Hill and the paving of Saltz to Ridge.

The roundabout was to be paid for by two developers and Wayne County. Canton was not footing any of the bill, but was helping to coordinate the project.

But the cost estimate has come in higher than expected. Canton engineer Tom Casari said the project is on hold for the moment. A meeting is scheduled Jan. 4 with Canton engineers,

the developers and county officials.

"We're not sure what the status is at this point," Casari said. "The cost estimate is considerably higher than everyone thought it would be."

He said his department has done some research on roundabouts and the cost estimate seems to be in line with what they see.

"We took a look at one in Oakland County," he said. "That one cost \$1.2 million. Our estimate is slightly more than that right now."

Casari said constructing a roundabout is not an ordinary paving project.

"It's a specialty item," he said. "It's not like a straight 3,000 feet of road. You have to build a radius and there's additional curbing."

Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he doesn't think the project will happen.

The idea of a roundabout was always Wayne County's, he said. "When they got into the design process they decided to change the specs of the roundabout."

# Move 'home' helps glass blower heat up his business

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Some people proclaim their passions through jewelry, T-shirts or bumper stickers. All one needs to do to learn about Don Schneider's passion is to ask him about his glass belt buckle.

The off-white belt buckle with swirls of purple and yellow wasn't bought in any store or even given to him, but was crafted from his own hands by shaping hot glass. Glass blowing is a skill Schneider has been honing for about 30 years, at places such as Greenfield Village, during the Bicentennial, and at the Toledo Museum of Art, where he teaches the craft.

Plymouth has been his turf for the past 26 years. His Old Village business, York Street Glassworks, has shortened its name to The Glassworks and has moved to 543 Deer St., just east of Main Street, south of Ann Arbor Trail. It's a space very familiar to Schneider, who formerly lived in the 140-year-old, post-Civil War home up until two years ago.

It was wonderful to save this old house, Schneider said of the house in which he'd lived for 24 years before moving to Farmington Hills.

Saving the home has meant transforming it for commercial use. He has been busy turning the former living room and dining room into showroom space for his blown glass pieces, which include holiday ornaments, paperweights, millefiori (translation: Thousand flowers) beads, bowls, glasses, plates, jewelry, vases and more.

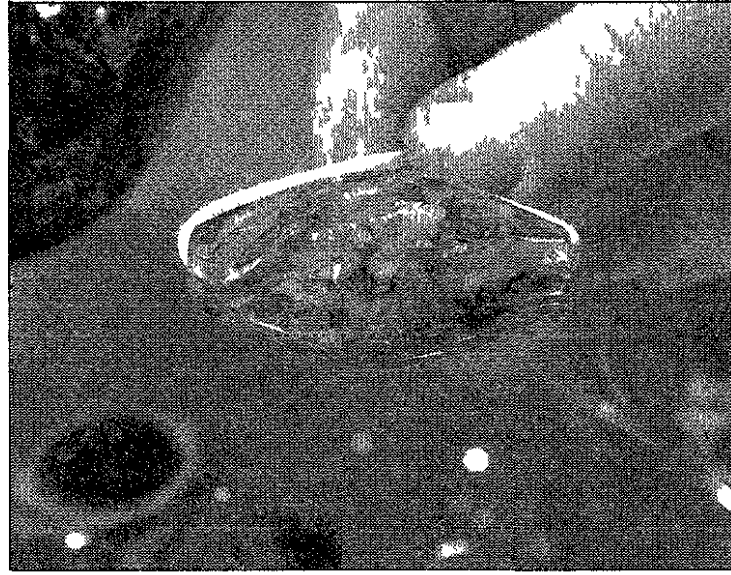
There are numerous inexpensive gift ideas for last-minute holiday shoppers including ornaments for under \$25, paperweights for a little more than \$100, and earrings for around \$30.

He has also added an indoor wheelchair ramp, which he said is more convenient for customers using wheelchairs -



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Don Schneider shows off a few pieces of blown glass works at The Glassworks, his store on Deer in downtown Plymouth.



A millefiori ('Thousand Flowers') bead is one of Don Schneider's creations at The Glassworks.

and for him, since he doesn't have to worry about snow removal. The approach to the main entrance is flat.

The original hardwood floors, however, have been refinished and are staying put. The building, however, is

secondary to Schneider's craft, which he has taught himself over the past 30 years. He said he became hooked on glassblowing after watching the process as an 8-year-old Cub Scout.

You just sort of fall in love with it," he said. (Hot glass) is

even more fun to work with than it is to watch. There's a fluidity and immediacy to it. It's just a very seductive material."

Though he hesitates to describe his passion with the over-used "labor of love" phrase, he said that perseverance is a good trait for glass workers to have.

"Greed is not a good idea," he said of the trade, which requires purchasing raw materials, using expensive, high-energy equipment and, of course, lots of time.

He's happy to share many of his trade secrets as he travels across the United States to teach students how to make art out of glass.

One secret of Schneider's, however, is more closely guarded than that of a cola drink. "The only thing that's secret here is the formulas (for making glass)," he said.

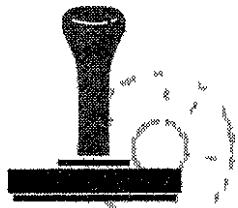
The Glassworks is open for holiday shopping noon to 7 p.m. today and noon to 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Call (734)459-6419 for more information.

## FOR THE RECORD

### DEATHS

- B**  
Benito J. Barreto of Livonia, died Dec. 17.
- F**  
Amelia M. Bresler, 87 of Lansing died Dec. 15.
- F**  
Becky Furca of Redford died Dec. 11.
- G**  
John A. Grzebiak of Westland died Dec. 18.
- M**  
Barbara J. McCune, 68 of Farmington Hills died Dec. 11.
- M**  
Loran Jean Marshall-Holden, of Westland died Dec. 15.
- M**  
Robert C. Mitchell, 68 of Detroit died Dec. 15.
- P**  
Lawrence F. Peter, 88 of Eustis Fla., died Dec. 20.
- S**  
Vincent Charles Secontine Jr., 83

- W**  
of Birmingham died Dec. 19.
- W**  
John E. Webb, of Redford died Dec. 18.
- W**  
Robert E. Willette, 76 of Plymouth died Dec. 16.
- Z**  
Rev. John B. Zwiers of Redford died Dec. 20.



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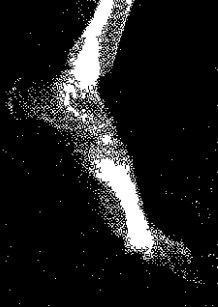
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**LEADER**

FROM PAGE A1

He takes over a financial institution with a long history, dating back to the 1950s, when it was originally the Daisy Employees Federal Credit Union. The name was changed to Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union in 1958 and, three years later, its total assets reached \$1 million.

The burgeoning institution bought the Episcopal church at Maple and Harvey for its new offices in 1961, then moved into its current headquarters in 1997.

Assets reached the \$100 million mark in 1995 and, at this point, the credit union boasts \$300 million in deposits. The Lawton family has had a hand in much of that.

"I found a picture of my dad with a teller when we took in our 10-millionth dollar of deposit," Lawton said. "The dollar isn't worth what it was then, but we have had a lot of growth."

Lawton is the right man to lead the next phase of that growth, according to credit union officials.

"Community Financial's Board of Directors is confident Bill's many years of experience with Community Financial and his participation in the community will continue our credit union's tradition of strong leadership and team building," said board chairman Ron Carlson.

One of the ways Lawton will



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Community Financial financial sales representative Amelia Murphy talks with the new president/CEO William Lawton in the Plymouth branch.

help continue that growth is by making sure Community Financial remains a strong member of the community. A member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth and the Plymouth Community Arts Council's board of directors, Lawton knows the value of community involvement.

That's one of the reasons Community Financial will continue to maintain a strong presence, not only in Plymouth, but in Canton, Northville and Novi, where the institution has other branches.

"Everything we are all about the communities we serve," Lawton said. "Part of serving them is being a good citizen and supporting the communities where our members - and our employees - live and work."

When he's not at the credit union, Lawton enjoys the outdoors. An avid backpacker and bicyclist, Lawton once pedaled all the way from Astoria, Ore., to Michigan, a 40-day journey.

"Being the father of a 10-year-old now, I can't believe my parents let me go," said Lawton, who has three children - Rebecca, 10, Catherine, 7, and Eleanor, 5 - with his wife, Carole Florence.

When he's not spending time with his family, he's happy to be leading the credit union in his new post.

"I don't find myself having to write too many computer programs any more," Lawton said with a smile.

"My job is to make sure a good leadership team is in place."

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**INSTITUTIONAL HISTORY**

Here's a look at some key dates in the history of Community Financial, born as Daisy Employees Federal Credit Union in 1951.

■ 1958 - When Daisy move south the credit union applies for a community charter and is renamed Plymouth Community Federal Credit Union.

■ 1961 - Community Federal's assets total \$1 million.

■ 1977 - Community Federal's charter is expanded to include city and township of Northville. Plymouth is dropped from the name. Northville branch opens.

■ 1982 - A Canton branch opens.

■ 1990 - Community Federal launches its award-winning school credit union program with a branch at Amerman Elementary in Northville.

■ 1995 - Assets reach \$100 million. A new Canton office opens and Novi is added to the field of membership.

■ 2002 - A Novi branch opens.

■ 2003 - The institution changes its name to Community Financial to better communicate the wide scope of available services and products.

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**A STITCH IN TIME**

If you are a runner you may experience a side stitch which is a cramp in the diaphragm (the muscle between the lungs and abdomen that helps you breathe). When blood supply to the diaphragm is low it spasms. Pin can also appear in the shoulder. In the event that you get a side stitch try slowing down for 30 seconds. If the pain is on the right side exhale fully each time you lift your foot. If the stitch is on the other hand if the stitch is on your left side exhale when your right foot hits. It may also help to practice deep belly breathing which is characterized by the abdomen going in and out.

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Kimberly Harris (left) of Wayne and Carol Secco of Westland adopted German shepherd/Lab mix 8-week-old-puppies at the Michigan Humane Society Tuesday. The puppies were foster pups being cared for by Barbara Rogulski of Livonia.

## Make pet feel welcome in new home

BY JULIE BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Experts agree pets as Christmas gifts aren't the greatest. But once the holidays are over, you might want to consider adding a pet to your home.

"If you're going to give an animal at Christmas, make it stuffed," recommended Dr. Brad Davis, a veterinarian with VCA Animal Hospital of Garden City. He suggested a book on animals or a gift certificate as alternatives for the holidays.

In January and February, there are going to be tons of animals needing homes," said Davis, a 1972 graduate of Michigan State University's veterinary school. "It should never be an impulse decision."

The Michigan Humane Society recommends carefully considering animal adoption in advance.

The Humane Society's shelters in Westland, Detroit and Rochester Hills have animals available for adoption. Information is available online at [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org) or by calling (866) MHUMANE (648-6263).

### THINK FIRST

"It's the busiest time of year for many people," said Nancy Gunnigle, MHS spokeswoman.

"We recommend not surprising someone with a companion animal they may not be ready to commit to."

Waiting until the new year is best, Gunnigle said. That can help people make a match to last a lifetime.

"I would definitely agree with that," said Dr. Vyvian Gorbea, a veterinarian and owner of Plymouth Veterinary Hospital. "There should be a lot of thought that you put into it."

Ideally, the family should go to the shelter together, Gunnigle said. Older children can help with pet care, but parents must realize the ultimate responsibility is theirs. Expecting too much of kids "can reduce the enjoyment of the animal."

Adoption counselors at the Humane Society work with people to make the right match, noting some animals are higher maintenance.

"That's one of our greatest enjoyments," Gunnigle said of sending an animal to a loving permanent home.

The society provided more than 13,000 animals for adoption last year, mostly cats and dogs.

"We hope people will think of the Michigan Humane Society when they're looking to add a companion animal," she said.

Animals coming home for the first time benefit from a crate or playpen which will give them a place for quiet, Davis said. It's important to set a routine for meals and other things as soon as possible.

If things are constantly changing, it makes it hard for them," he said.

A comfortable bed's

important for a pet, said Gorbea, a 1990 graduate of MSU's veterinary school. Access to food and water is also essential, she said, and for a purchased animal vaccines should be made current within a week.

### SOUND ADVICE

The Humane Society offers the following tips to keep animals safe during the holidays.

■ **Holiday plants** that can be harmful or toxic include mistletoe, holly, poinsettias, Japanese yew and Jerusalem cherry, as well as the bulb of the amaryllis plant. Contact your veterinarian if your pet is vomiting, lethargic or foaming at the mouth.

■ **Keep animals away** from holiday decorations and never leave them unsupervised around the Christmas tree. Tinsel, ribbons and angel hair can cause intestinal blockages if swallowed. Glass balls may be "fetched" off the tree and break.

Also, ingested pine needles can puncture the intestines, so vacuum around the tree frequently.

■ **Preservatives, aspirin or sugar** commonly used to prolong a Christmas tree's life may prove harmful if the water is ingested. Aspirin is especially deadly for cats.

"A lot of people use that for preservative for their Christmas tree," Gunnigle said of aspirin. Davis said many dangerous products are still on the market.

■ **Make sure lights and electrical cords** are out of reach. Besides the risk of electrocution, the whole tree may topple over.

"Obviously, there are a lot of things in the household," Gorbea said of Christmas trees and other seasonal items that can harm pets.

■ **Keep animals away** from ribbons and bows. Cats find them fascinating, however, they are a serious choking hazard.

■ **Make sure pets are secure** while you are entertaining. More guests mean more chances for the cat, dog or other animal to slip out unnoticed, as always, be sure he is wearing a collar and ID tag in case of escape. Provide pets with a quiet retreat when festivities get too stressful.

■ **Resist giving fatty foods** as treats. Gravy, poultry skin and other rich foods can cause severe gastrointestinal upset. Likewise, do not give animals poultry or steak bones, which can lodge in the throat, stomach or intestinal tract.

■ **Chocolate is poisonous** to dogs and can prove fatal depending on the dog's size and the amount and type of chocolate ingested. The safest rule is to keep all chocolate out of your dog's reach.

■ **Lighted candles** should never be left unattended, especially with animals around.

Clinics and the MHS can help answer questions about nutrition, medication and other pet topics, Gorbea said. "They do a lot of information over the phone," she said of the MHS.

## Rakolta: Dialogue can bridge racial divisions

BY GREG KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

"The legacy of the past is rooted in today." And that is especially evident in the state of race relations in the metro Detroit area.

That message was delivered Monday morning by John Rakolta Jr., chairman of New Detroit, Inc., who spoke to a full house at the Race Relations and Diversity Task Force at The Community House.

Detroit is the most segregated major city in the nation, Rakolta said, and there are deep divisions between the black and white communities that still echo with the pangs of slavery.

Today, fundamental misunderstandings remain between the two communities that requires a "true and honest dialogue with respect," Rakolta said.

An example of successful dialogue was



New Detroit chairman John Rakolta Jr. brought a message of understanding to The Community House Monday.

related by Rakolta, who has hosted a series of dinners for New Detroit board members at his home in Bloomfield Hills. New Detroit was established in 1967 to

deal specifically with the city's racial problems. The board of about 75 members with a variety of business and social organization backgrounds seeks to improve relations. But Rakolta said he saw a lack of communications and understanding on the board.

Each dinner brings a handful of board members together in a casual setting to discuss racial issues in an open manner.

The encounters have been eye-opening, Rakolta said. Tough topics like reparations and a national apology for slavery have been discussed.

And that's the key to finding common ground, Rakolta said. The answer is in dialogue, not debate. Debating implies a winner.

There is no one solution to the problem, Rakolta said, and time alone won't solve it. There has to be full equality for all and "we have to keep the conversations going," he said.

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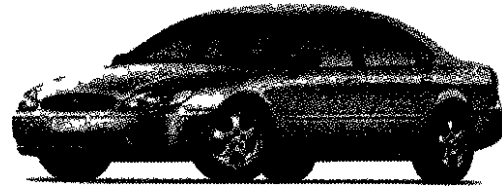
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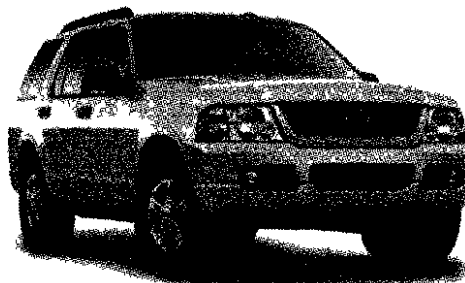
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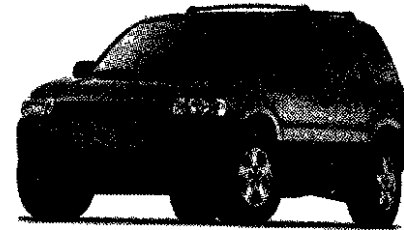
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## OUR VIEWS

# Christmas magic survives frenzy

It went zip when it moved and bop when it stopped  
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I never knew just what it was and I guess I never will

— Tom Paxton  
*The Marvelous Toy*

Some people say Christmas isn't what it used to be. Devout Christians are concerned that Christ has been pushed aside by commercialism, secularism and an oversensitivity to the feelings of non-Christians. They say nobody says "Merry Christmas" anymore, just "Happy holidays."

Parents are concerned that the simple joys of the season are being undermined by loud, violent and socially isolating video games that have replaced the wonderful toys of their youth.

Everyone complains about the traffic jams, the buying frenzy, the incessant commercialization, the forced conviviality, the bad holiday music and worse movies and all the dancing Santas and reindeer.

But still, there is a magic to this season amidst all its mixed messages and conflicting themes. Like Tom Paxton's marvelous toy, it moves and fascinates us still.

On every street corner and in front of department stores and supermarkets, volunteers ring bells so the Salvation Army can provide food, clothes and toys to needy families. Goodfellows sell newspapers to assure that no child will go without a Christmas. While shelters, soup kitchens and serious need exist all year long, it is at Christmas that we are stopped and reminded of that need and open our hearts and our wallets to help.

Families and friends separated by miles or just by busy lives pause for a night and day to gather again and celebrate the Christmases past they've shared and the love that sometimes goes unexpressed for too long a time.

Little tots, eyes all aglow, find joy in the simplest things — colored lights, a twirling toy, a chilly sled ride and a jolly man in a red suit.

We do live in a diverse community, where people of many cultures and religions have come together to live. For many, Christmas is not part of their religious tradition. For others, Christmas is not a particularly religious holiday.

But to those concerned that Christ has been pushed aside, it might be comforting to think that the magic of this season begins with the simple humility of the Nativity story. We bestow gifts on children because wise men brought gifts to a baby in Bethlehem. We remember the sick and needy because we have been taught for hundreds of years that Jesus preached and practiced such charity. We gather as a family on this night above all others because we celebrate a family finding shelter in a stable.

Christmas has many meanings — may you find joy and peace in your special celebration of the season.

## Holiday drunken driving is costly in many ways

Although it's been said many times, many ways, it's worth repeating — if you drink, don't drive this holiday season. And be sure to spread the word.

Efforts to make it a safe holiday in the metro area are getting help from the Michigan State Police and the statewide You Drink & Drive, You Lose campaign which began Dec. 20 and continues through Jan. 2.

Law enforcement officials in Wayne, Oakland and 20 other counties throughout the state will be on the lookout for those who drink and drive. So if you're thinking about one more cocktail before hitting the road, think again. It could cost you big!

Remember that Michigan's drunken driving definition is .08 blood-alcohol and the costs associated with a drunken driving arrest have increased. In addition to court costs and fines, convicted drunken drivers will also pay a new \$1,000 penalty included in the driver responsibility program. The \$1,000 penalty will be imposed for two consecutive years. Anyone who refuses a breath test to determine blood-alcohol levels will receive an automatic one-year suspension of driving privileges.

During last year's Christmas and New Year holiday weekends, there were 13 traffic deaths statewide, according to the Michigan State Police.

Nationwide, more than 2,700 individuals were arrested for alcohol-related offenses during this same holiday enforcement period. And according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 2,100 people nationwide were killed during the 2003 holiday season in alcohol-related traffic crashes and/or crashes where safety belts were not used.

Don't drink and drive this holiday season and don't allow someone else who has been drinking to drive.

Drive safe, drive sober and drive buckled up this holiday season.



## LETTERS

### Serving the poor

During the Cold War the U.S. government and churches in the U.S. maintained support for the poor citizens in developing countries.

The development aid succeeded dramatically in reducing the portion of the world's population suffering from hunger and malnutrition. The great success led the world's leaders to believe, in the early '90s, that by 2015 another 50-percent reduction in world hunger would be accomplished.

Unfortunately, the reduced commitment of appropriations and donations, along with increased war and disease, has led to increasing hunger in the world and in the U.S., exactly opposite of what was planned.

There is one successful program, micro credit loans to individuals, many earning less than \$1 per day that allowed them to build their own businesses or farms and so make substantial progress against hunger and poverty.

The global effort likely will serve 100 million borrowers in the foreseeable future. Now Congress must use its commitment to micro-credit to influence the World Bank and the United Nations Development Program to expand and prioritize reaching and serving the very poor.

Robert Bailey  
Plymouth

### Take a hint

You would think that the Hollywood Left would have taken this past presidential election as a lesson to stay out of American politics. Well, in fact, it seems to have had the exact opposite effect.

According to Reuters, in a recent interview Michael Moore stated, "For the last month, we've had to listen to a lot of conservative pundits talk about how the Democrats need to run away from Hollywood, it's actually the opposite," Moore said. Democrats need to embrace Hollywood because this is where they need to come to learn how to tell a story. President Bush had a more compelling story to tell and the Democrats didn't, and that has to change. Interestingly, Moore insists that Democrats go to Hollywood to learn how to "tell a story." That right there is a mistake. America doesn't want to hear a story. America wants to hear the truth. Obviously, Hollywood has a general misconception of how real America lives, and what real America believes. Most mainstream Americans are good, God-fearing people that embrace traditional values, and could care less about what their sources of entertainment (mainly Hollywood) say about politics and other such issues. Honestly, people don't go to concerts to hear celebrities rant on about who they would vote for, and who could possibly enjoy a movie about someone's twisted political views. Hollywood simply does not have the same values as mainstream America, and if they are embraced by the Democrats, I can guarantee they won't be celebrating a major victory anytime soon. Michael Moore and his cronies may never get it, but one thing is for sure, it is extremely fortunate for this country that a few hard-brained celebrities and their warped ways of thinking did not influence America's major decisions.

Christina Garmon  
Canton

### Less hype, more disclosure

The subject of the state deficit interrelates with other problems within our political and tax system. I will try to devote most of my comments to the schools in particular.

I would disagree with the school groups that met and developed a program. We're not taking it anymore. The approach to talk to elected officials to acquire increased funding beyond the allotments is folly. Many taxpayers may object to the imminent forced taxation such an approach may bring. Politicians should understand that the taxpayer has had enough (I'm one of them) with generalities and special interest groups.

With the obvious numerous union and/or association groups that abound in public service or the school system, their approaches via an organized means can be viewed as an approach to collectivism of sorts. As some examples:

1. Wayne County is providing sweet deals for early retirement, and has 17 unions. Some unions enjoy a \$5 match for every \$1 contributed for retirement.

2. Canton Township has about five unions, and has similar programs allowing a \$3 match for every \$1 contributed.

It is clear the employees love these programs. The reality is I've never heard of such sweet deals in the private sector — some employees have none. The professed "low pay" is irrelevant — many people work for low pay. All one has to do is take a full door-to-door poll. The above programs are grossly excessive.

I agree with Jim Ryan, superintendent of Plymouth Canton Schools — the system needs to educate the taxpaying public. We need facts, and a lot less hype. More detail from others (such as Mike Maloney) would be nice. The Observer pie charts recently published are a good general beginning. Less "government by unions and associations" needs to be implemented, and placed back into the taxpayer's control.

It seems prudent to conclude that the average taxpayer has to develop his or her own organized group to counteract or challenge the obviously excessive abundance of others. It would be nice to know how many levels of bureaucracy and their purpose exist today, along with all the numbers.

Charlie Page  
Canton

### Teach sexual abstinence

During the 1950s some of us responsible for curriculum development considered adding a class in sex education to better prepare the young for living. The conservative among us thought it imperative for the man or woman selected to do the teaching insist that abstinence was the goal of instruction. Most of the school staff laughed or showed considerable scorn and discomfort.

The consensus opined that sex education would result in less experimentation and early experience with sex in daily living, and fewer unwanted pregnancies. And we all know how far from the target their bullets fell.

With an increase in the teaching of abstinence, there still remains, it seems, the absence of any reference to morality, that the two hugging and kissing, reaching

first base, stop right there. Earlier than the '50s I can remember that the young lass found to be with child was hustled from the burrow, the village, the city, maybe the state, till the fruit of sexual experience was realized. Shame was the order of the day.

Bring back shame in conjunction with the teaching that abstinence is moral and good, that the very young have no privilege, no priority, no permission to seek sexual pleasure, committing the acts reserved for the adults in our world. Thirteen-year-olds may not drive. Fourteen-year-olds may not purchase Jim Beam and drink it.

Back to the better days when morality was meaningful and real. Join abstinence with morality and shame, and experience lower numbers of pregnant young girls, and thus fewer social and economic problems for the rest of us to bear.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

### 'Incredible' noise

Recently I went to see *The Incredibles* (a two-hour depiction of senseless violence and threat of violence) produced to attract children at the AMC Laurel Park theater. There were a lot of small children in the theater accompanied by a loving, caring parent (or parents) who were apparently oblivious to the fact that their children's ears were being damaged by the excessive volume of sound during the commercials and previews of coming attractions.

I have pleaded with the managers of both AMC theaters in Livonia (at Laurel Park and AMC 20) to reduce the volume of sound during commercials and promos to a comfortable, acceptable, level of sound to no avail as apparently they do not get many such requests — that most theatergoers just sit there and submit to the assault. Young people are the most at risk in getting hearing loss. Aside from that, going to see a show should be a pleasant experience and they certainly have not been providing that.

Please join me in demanding that they lower the volume of sound during commercials and promos — we pay for what should be a pleasant, safe, experience and they can, and should, provide it.

Ann Petersen  
Livonia

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# Not everybody on this list deserves visit from Santa

Christmas is almost here, and it's time to sneak a peak into the stocking to see what Santa has brought some of our best-known folks. Make that, what Santa should be bringing them. First of all, it is

■ Mud for Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, who is refusing to sell a city-owned 80-foot by three-quarter-mile strip of land in southwest Detroit that is needed to build a truck tunnel to Canada that would create thousands of jobs and reduce cross-border congestion.

A group called Detroit River Partnership is trying to put together a deal to build the tunnel, and they need the land to finish it off. But a new tunnel would mean competition for Manuel (Matty) Moroun, who makes a ton of money from the 10 million vehicles that use his Ambassador Bridge.

The shadowy Moroun, whose mysterious business practices were the subject of a major recent piece in *Forbes*, is a big financial backer of Hizzonator Word on the street (and in the Detroit papers) is that Moroun is leaning on his pal to put the

kibosh on the deal. Funny thing, however — Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, Detroit Chief Development Officer Walt Watkins and Director of Development Activities Henry Haygood are all for it.

This, of course, reeks of corruption. Worse, if anything, it's a perfect instance of how things that could really make a difference to job-starved Michigan get killed by wealthy and influential special interests and compliant politicians.

■ Brain candy for us all from the University of Michigan library, which at 7 million volumes is one of the largest research libraries in the world. The university announced last week that Google, one of whose co-founders is U-M grad Larry Page, will make virtually everything in its library holdings available to the public online.

Although it's not well-known, U-M's research library is on a par with Harvard's, Stanford's and Oxford's — the other major school libraries included in Google's plan.

The implications are remarkable. It signifies the coming of age of online access to information. Within a few years, ordinary people will have direct access to the scholarly resources of the world's greatest libraries without having to paw through dusty volumes in the stacks.

And that U-M's library is included in this deal is further indication of the extraordinary world-class resource that the university represents to the entire state. That's a resource our lawmakers owe it to us to protect.

■ A lump of coal for Wal-Mart and a Blue Cross-Blue Shield Card for the company's many "associates" in Michigan. Despite its popularity, Wal-Mart has come in recent months under increasing criticism for crushing Main Street merchants and ruining small downtowns.

Its attempt to build a new store in the Petoskey area was derailed by a local citizens group earlier this year, and a similar group is now hard at work in Pittsfield Township near Ann Arbor to do the same thing.

A new issue has arisen. Whether Wal-Mart's employment practices are driving its employees into state-financed medical programs like Medicare and the charity lines at hospitals. If so, it's a case in which a big company is offloading some costs onto the taxpayers, as Medicare is a large and rapidly increasing cost in Michigan's budgetary mess. Wal-Mart, by the way, pays an average employee \$10 an hour and charges monthly health care premiums as high as \$264 a month, according to *The New York Times*. What's more, it makes the eligibility requirements considerably steep.

Wal-Mart says it has no idea how many of its employees or their families are insured under state programs. The folks in Lansing I asked about it didn't know, either. But if Michigan wants to cut the costs of state-paid health care, it might have a look to see how many folks employed by Wal-Mart are winding up getting their health care paid by Michigan taxpayers.

■ Crystal balls for state school chief Tom Watkins and members of the State Board of Education. Recent research shows a crisis is brewing in funding state schools. Public school employee pension costs will rise from 15 percent of payroll in 2005 to more than 20 percent in 2008 and more than 30 percent by 2018. Moreover, health care and retirement benefit costs by 2008 will average \$1,200 per pupil, whereas the state's foundation education grant is only \$6,700 per pupil.

Watkins and the state board are calling for a fundamental restructuring of the K-12 system and its financial underpinnings. That's the right approach, rather than tinkering around the edges. But it will take a better crystal ball than mine to figure out whether anything will come of it.

And as for the rest of us — happy holidays to all! May your Christmas stockings be filled with wonderful things and, most of all, may you and your family have a serene and happy holiday.

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



Phil Power

# State's red ink trumps any red or blue ideology

State Sen. Gilda Jacobs said she's hearing from a lot of groups regarding Michigan's budget crisis.

"We've heard from school superintendents who want us to pledge not to cut funding to schools, we've heard from other people who want us to pledge not to cut their programs as well, the Huntington Woods Democrat said "We've heard from everybody, it seems, but the public."

Michigan is a swing state in a bitterly divided, red- and blue-state country. But there's common ground among our state's own red and blue types.

Whether they voted for Bush or Kerry, whether they belong to the NRA or PETA, whether they back the Spartans or Wolverines, Michigan residents appear surprisingly unified — but only in terms of what they don't want.

More taxes? Not here in liberal, Democratic Southfield, where residents already pay the highest property tax rate in the state.

Not in places like more GOP-leaning Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills, where people have also voted themselves higher school taxes.

And certainly not in northern Oakland County, our region's true red state territory. If you don't take in more, of course, you have to spend less.

But where to cut? Certainly not from schools. School folks from Rochester to Clarkston to Farmington will tell you that they're struggling to make ends meet now. And they're among Michigan's wealthiest school districts.

Legislators have a freer hand in cutting money for the state's colleges and universities, one of the few budget areas not bound by state or federal guidelines.

That, too, poses a problem. "Everybody knows we need to attract new jobs and our colleges and universities are a real selling point," Jacobs said.

Revenue sharing to local government, the state's other big non-mandated spending area, is already being cut this year.

Some legislators, like Rep. Paul Condino, D-Southfield, believe revenue sharing is already gone, not just for next year, but for the next decade as well.

That means the real budget-cutting may have to come at the local level — and communities as small and blue state as Lathrup

Village and as big and red state as Troy find themselves in the same bind.

The biggest part of all local budgets goes for police and fire services, two areas residents of all stripes are willing to support at any cost.

In an era when area voters have said no to everything from road repairs to civic centers, police and fire proposals keep passing. On top of that, voters in some communities have already approved proposals locking in current levels of police or fire staffing, virtually tying the hands of local officials as they struggle with their own budget issues.

Police and fire services might be saved, but what happens when the snow plow doesn't come, or parks can't be maintained and have to close?

One solution, of course, is to create a new state tax on services, reflective of Michigan's shift from a manufacturing to a service economy.

But blue state folks don't like service taxes, just as they don't like the sales tax, because the poor end up paying more.

Red state folks, including many GOP state legislators, are opposed to new taxes of any kind.

Michigan's budget crisis is exacerbated by a twin increase, one in the state's prison population the other on state Medicaid rolls.

Red staters don't want to see more convicts on the street.

Blue staters don't want to see anyone without health care, especially the poor.

There's a couple of problems with all this, however.

One is that something must be done, and done quickly, to bring Michigan's expenses more in line with revenue. Otherwise, the state could be forced to implement deep cuts in all budget areas, hurting everyone at once.

The second is that a long-term solution to Michigan's budget woes isn't any one of the outlined options, but likely some combination of all of them.

The third is that things aren't going to get better even if the economy rebounded to the good old days of the Clinton era.

Even then, manufacturing jobs were shrinking while the state's number of service jobs, inmates and Medicaid recipients was on the rise.

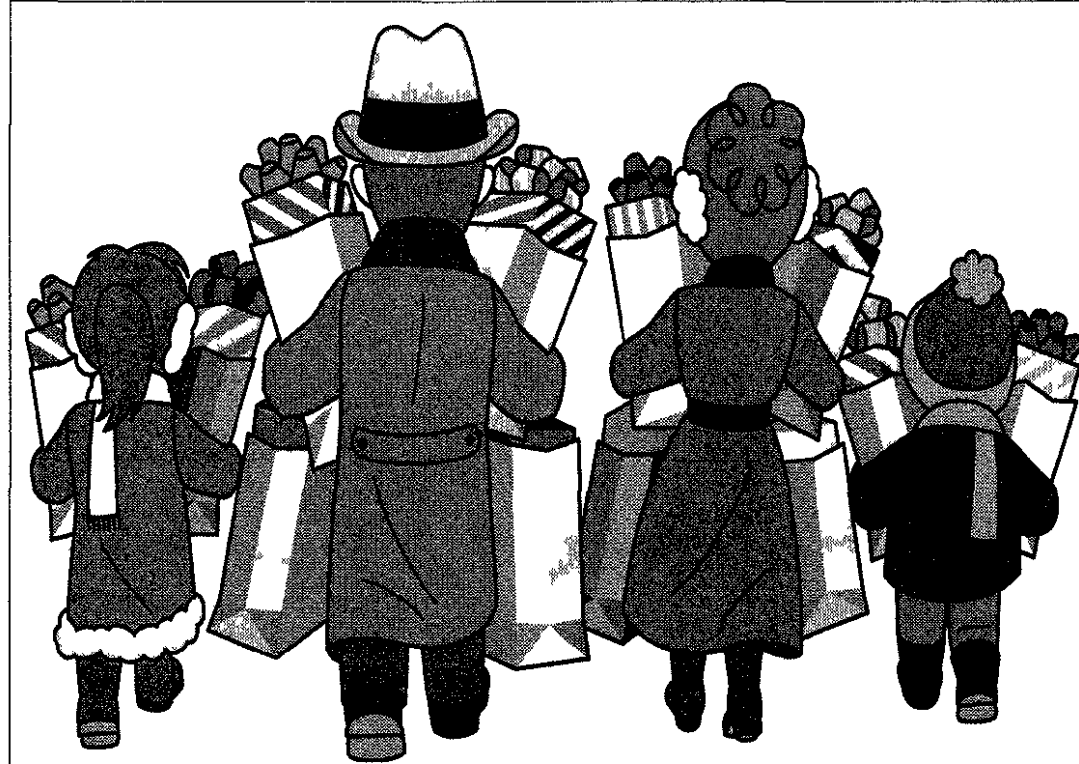
So, what do Michigan residents want?

The better question might be this: What are they willing to live with?

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# Say or do something funny when snapping kids' photos

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
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Take a tip from Livonia photographer Kim Jamieson and say or do something funny when snapping photographs of your kids this holiday season.

Jamieson recently shared secrets like this in a hands-on workshop at the Longacre House in Farmington. In the past she's taught classes for professional photographers but this was her first time working with moms and dads. "These are tips that are useable and practical," said Jamieson who's been a professional photographer for more than 20 years. "The number one mistake parents make is they just take children and stand them there and say smile. It's almost like a jail house picture. You want to capture a kid's personality and their vivaciousness. If people would just elicit expressions from their children."

"All children will cooperate. Sometimes they don't because of the stress parents are putting on them. When kids are going to be photographed, the parents stress out and children feel that stress. I recommend making it fun."

Choosing the right location is just as important to creating vibrant holiday photos as always photographing children at their eye level. Jamieson says, venture outside and experiment. Don't let the clouds keep you inside. Overcast days are often the best times to take photographs.

"They miss out on their front porch. They go to great lengths to decorate their lawns and porch. This is a perfect setting," said Jamieson. "Put a heavy sweater on them and go outside and take a couple of cute pictures instead of having them up on the couch with presents. And don't just pose them in front of the tree. The cutest ones of my daughter are when

she's nipping open the gift." Jamieson used to shoot wedding photographs until the birth of her daughter 19 years ago. Since then she's specialized in capturing children naturally, and families.

"I realized kids give it a magical look," said Jamieson who has been honored with the Kodak Gallery Award for photographic excellence. "Up until then I didn't photograph children. My daughter taught me a lot."

"Sometimes parents stand too far away from their children. If you're at Cinderella's Castle at Disney World, get in

closer, crop. Do not take the full castle with your children looking like ants. Other times the photos distorted because they're standing too close."

Jamieson offers one last tip: Take more than one photo.

"Film is cheap," said Jamieson. "Missing those precious memories and expressions of your children is expensive. I recommend shooting a lot of pictures. I just took photos of my daughter on the beach in Harbor Springs with a Chihuahua puppy and took 36 to 48 shots."

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Livonia photographer Kim Jamieson (right) shows Laura Packer of Birmingham (left) how to work with children to shoot the perfect photograph. Packer's children were still in school but another mother allowed her sons, Alex and Spencer Weber, 5, of Livonia, to stand in

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## Project manager named for redevelopment

The Wayne County Airport Authority has hired Mr. Sam Vaskov as manager of the \$400 million North Terminal Redevelopment project at Detroit Wayne County Metro Airport, working directly for Lester W. Robinson, Chief Executive Officer.

Vaskov will head up an array of professional consultant teams that will be retained to plan, design and construct a passenger terminal to replace the now vacant Davey Terminal previously occupied by Northwest Airlines before its move to the new McNamara Terminal in February 2002. The new terminal is projected for completion in late 2008 with initial site demolition work to commence in late 2005.

Vaskov has more than 40 years of experience in airport development, program management, and aviation facilities planning, design, and construction on large and complex airport and airline projects. On a recent mega project, he served as the senior American leader on a team of 30 Canadian and American project management experts at Toronto's Lester B. Pearson International Airport, the busiest airport in Canada.

"I feel we are very fortunate to have obtained the services of Sam Vaskov," said WCAA CEO Lester Robinson.

"He brings world-wide experience to an already great team here in Detroit."

The new terminal will serve carriers currently operating out of the aging Smith Terminal including Air Canada, American, America West, Delta, Independence Air, Spirit, Southwest, U.S. Airways, United and perhaps others.

On Sept. 7 the WCAA Board approved a contract with Gensler Architecture, Design & Planning to provide designs for a new terminal of up to 29 gates, featuring convenient opportunities for new shops and restaurants, shorter walking distances, and improved baggage screening and luggage claim operations.





Some mustards contain very strong dyes that are difficult to remove. It may be necessary to remove the stained area and reinsert an undamaged section of carpet.

## Don't let spills stain your holidays

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

It's the holidays and here come Uncle John with a plate full of chicken wings, Aunt Betty with a glass of wine and little Bobby with that soft drink.

Ooops! Suddenly you've got a spill and, if you don't clean it quickly, it could turn into a carpet stain.

You would think that wine is the most common stain on carpeting at this time of year. Think again.

"It's candle wax," said Barbra Wilson, technical information manager for the Carpet and Rug Institute, based in Dalton, Ga. "That's a year-round item, too, not just during the holidays. No. 2 is wine, followed by tree sap."

CRI receives many phone calls for information on stain removal, especially at this time of year. The Web site (<http://www.carpet-rug.org>) includes tips and pointers on how to remove these stains.

Holiday celebrants tend to move the candles around, and sometimes the larger ones burn for a long time, Wilson said. "The wax just puddles inside the candle, and they just blow the liquid when they put them out." Wilson said. "Sometimes the wax ends up on a table, but it also ends up on the carpet."

Tree sap ends up on the carpet because homeowners forget to put a cover down at the bottom of the tree.

As with any stain, Wilson

PLEASE SEE STAINS, B4

### DON'T WHINE ABOUT WINE STAINS

Got a wine stain? Follow these tips from the Carpet and Rug Institute.

Absorb as much of the spill as possible with a white paper towel.

Mix together 1/4 of a teaspoon of a dishwashing liquid (non-bleach, non-lanolin) to a cup of water. Dip a white cloth into the solution and dab this onto the stain. Let the solution sit on stain for about 15 minutes, giving the solution time to break up the stain.

After 15 minutes, use a white absorbent cloth and blot and press on this area pulling up excess liquid and most of the stain. Rinse this area with a mixture of 1/2 white vinegar and water, blotting on area, then lay 1/2 inch thick stack white paper towels on this area, sitting a glass baking dish on paper towels.

Let stand for about 15 minutes, as this method helps pull the rest of the stain up and away from the carpet fibers.



PHOTOS BY LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Southfield resident Lillian Clinton began collecting angels for her Christmas tree. Now she keeps the angels out all year in her home. Top: the angels are made of a wide variety of materials, such as porcelain, ceramic, crystal and wood. They are of almost every race and age.

# Heavenly collection

## Angels light up residence all year

*"All night, all day, angels watching over me"*

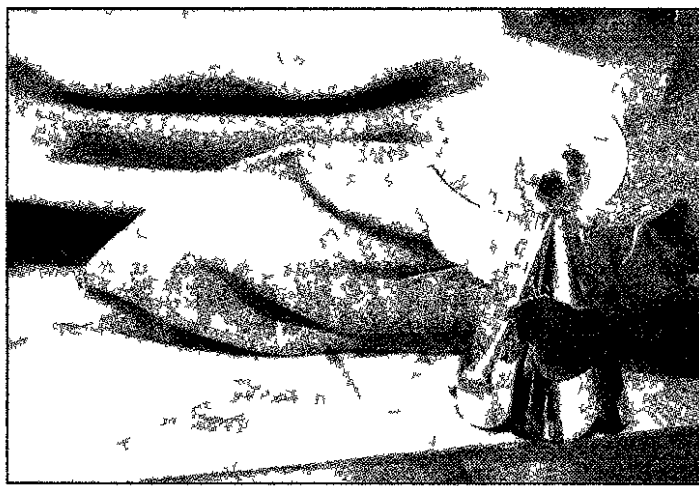
Angels can be found in writings, movies, TV shows and songs, such as the tune above that Lillian Clinton sang as a child. And myriad angels can be found every day in Clinton's Southfield home.

Every room in the house has at least one figurine, painting or other image of an angel, part of Clinton's collection that has been spreading for almost 10 years. They are displayed all year.

"I got started when I first put an angel on the (Christmas) tree," Clinton said. "Every year I'd get more angels and wouldn't want to put them away."

PLEASE SEE ANGELS, B4

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC | STAFF WRITER



Clinton's collection includes angel napkin rings.

## MARKET PLACE

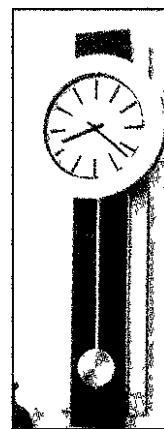
### Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece along with information to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

### Prime time

Clock designs by Howard Miller® have been center stage on some reality TV shows, including NBC's *The Apprentice* and FOX's *Renovate My Family*. *The Apprentice* features an array of Howard Miller clocks in the contestants' living quarters and the elevator lobby outside the board room. The distinctive Howard Miller clock named the Focal Point (shown here) dresses the wall in the living room next to the famous phone that only receives the most important calls from Donald Trump himself.

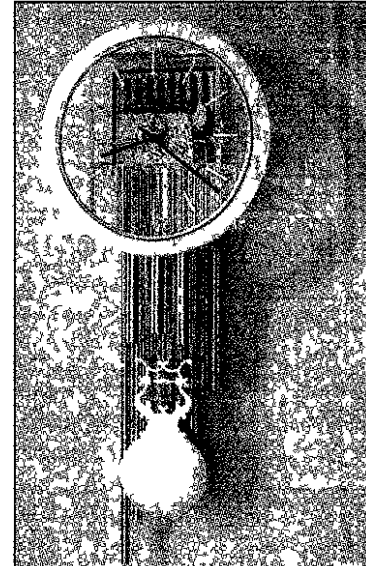
This 65-inch long wall clock has a clear acrylic dial that spans 27-1/2 inches, a visible movement made from highly polished solid brass, and polished brass weights and



pendulum that are complemented by chrome-plated tubes. Other clocks in *The Apprentice* are the Grand Cayman floor clock in the living room, a selection of bedside alarm clocks in the living quarters, and the Magnifique gallery clock in the lobby. *Renovate My Family* debuted on FOX this fall, featuring the Biggins family from Dallas and Howard Miller clocks on the premiere episode.

Among the wall and table clocks that were part and parcel of the transformation of the family's house were the striking Bergen wall clock (shown here) that combines wood and metal for a clean, contemporary look.

For a free copy of Howard Miller's guide to the Finer Points of clocks and collectors' cabinets, or to find a store near you, call (800) 873-0506 or visit [www.howardmiller.com](http://www.howardmiller.com).



# ACCENTS

## Wanted: home gyms

Soon every would-be dieter will be struggling with food choices and looking to knock off holiday pounds by signing up with a health club.

But you don't do that. You already own exercise equipment and use it at least five days a week (OK, maybe it's three days a week, or worse yet, the equipment is used for hanging clothes).

We'd like to feature home gyms created in lower levels or basements at the homes of Observer & Eccentric readers. If you have a combination of a



treadmill, stationary or recumbent bike, elliptical or free weights set up in that special room, we'd like to hear from you and include your room and you in our story.

Please contact Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150, call (734) 953 2107 or e-mail him at [kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net).

## Help Maybury

If you want to give a gift that gives forever, purchase a board to help rebuild Maybury Farm.

Boards are \$250 each and your name (up to 23 characters) will be placed on a plaque to be hung permanently at Maybury Farm.

To order a board you may contact the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200. Visa and Mastercard are accepted and donations are tax-deductible or you may send a check for \$250 per board to the Northville Community Foundation, 18600 Northville Road, Suite 275, Northville, MI 48167.

## Software aids parents

SoftwareTime announces the launch of ComputerTime 1.0, software that lets parents decide when, where and how children use the family computer.

SoftwareTime, available for purchase through [www.softwaretime.com](http://www.softwaretime.com), enables parents to get a handle on excessive computer use, so kids can spend time on other activities.

Inappropriate Internet content continues to be a big problem for parents. While there is filtering software on the market, no product is foolproof. The best filter is a parent's watchful eye, and ComputerTime allows parents to assist in that function, according to officials at SoftwareTime.

SoftwareTime, a privately held company, was founded in 2003 to address the needs of parents regarding their children's computer use. Visit SoftwareTime at [www.softwaretime.com](http://www.softwaretime.com).



# Make the most of your hand-me-down PC

It's the holidays, and that could mean a new PC under the tree, menorah, or whatever non-denominational gift shrine you employ in your house

Ah, but what's to become of the old PC? It cost a pretty penny back in its day, so you're loathe to leave it at the curb. And anyway, it still runs OK - it's just slow and "gunked up" (sorry for the technical jargon)

Give it to the kids. Chances are they won't care if it has a mere Pentium III processor (gasp!) or a measly 20GB hard drive (horrors!) As long as they can play Putt-Putt Saves the Zoo, they're happy

Indeed, younger kids - by which I mean 10 and under - can easily make do with an outdated system. That's because most educational software and kids' games have very modest requirements, meaning they run just fine on older machines

How old? It's tough to say exactly, but as long as the PC can run Windows 95 (preferably Windows 98), it should be fine

After you've transferred all your files, e-mail, Web links, and other vital data to the new machine (I recommend IntelliMover (www.detto.com), which makes the process painless), your best bet is to wipe the old machine's hard drive

If the computer came with a system-restore CD, dig it out. Running it will reformat the hard drive, wipe out all the gunk, and effectively return the machine to factory-new condition

If you don't have a system-restore CD, do a Google search for "reformat hard drive." Space doesn't permit me to walk you through the process here, but there are plenty of how-to guides available online

Before you hand the machine over to the kids, there's one program I recommend you install first



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

VirtualDrive 9.0 (www.farstone.com)

You see, kids can be rough on CDs, my daughter has rendered several of her favorite games unplayable, as the discs are now too scratched for the computer to read

VirtualDrive enables games and other software to run without their CDs

Basically, the program copies the entire contents of each CD to the computer's hard drive, thus fooling Windows into thinking the disc is present

Presto! no disc-swapping required, and no concerns about scratches because the kids don't have to handle the CDs anymore

Now, all my daughter has to do is click the icon for the game she wants, and it runs almost instantly

Obviously VirtualDrive isn't just for hand-me-down PCs, either. Awesome, awesome utility

Starting this January, I will devote occasional columns to answering your computer questions

So start sending them in (my e-mail address is below), making sure to include your full name and home city

In the meantime, have a happy, healthy, and safe holiday!

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books including *How to Do Everything with Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rickbroida@excite.com

BY LEE REICH  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It's no wonder your houseplants are looking ill these days, after having basked outdoors in summer sun and breezes, their leaves washed in rain

Think what a change they've had to endure, brought indoors to dim light, dry air and perhaps chlorinated municipal water!

They will survive. Many houseplants come from dark, tropical jungles, so they are accustomed to shade. As for dry air, well, it isn't enjoyed, but is tolerated, by dracaena, weeping fig, rubber tree, philodendron, devils ivy and other common houseplants

Just because these plants can survive winter indoors doesn't mean that they can be neglected. Without help, they would die a slow death. And the dimmer the light and the drier the air indoors, the more care these plants need

No need to be overly concerned about leaves dropping from your houseplants, or for some leaves developing a few brown margins

A periodic shedding of leaves is natural for all evergreens, such as weeping figs, although some are dropping because of the change in environment. The plant will be fine as long as it can hold onto a good portion of its leaves

As for the marginal browning that can develop on a

houseplant such as dracaena, the leaves aren't diseased, just a little shocked from the move indoors

Damaged leaves will never look healthy, but the plant as a whole will be fine

Mostly, what these plants now need is water when they are thirsty

The way to tell if a plant needs water is to lift the pot to feel its weight, or to probe into the soil with your finger or an electronic moisture probe. Even tropical plants take a little rest in winter, so they need little water and no fertilizer for the next few months

Even though the plants don't absolutely need it, they would enjoy more humidity in the air as well as moisture on their

leaves. Misting with a sprayer does little good (although it might make you feel good), but a periodic shower in the bathroom would be greatly appreciated

The kindest thing you can do for your houseplants is to give them a vacation outdoors each summer. Expose them gradually to sun and wind by putting them for a couple of weeks in a spot sheltered from bright sun and wind. As growth begins, increase feeding and watering

Eventually, the plants could be moved to a brighter, more exposed location outdoors

No need to make growing conditions too good, though. After all, we seek survival, not rampant growth, from our houseplants

## Choose company that fits your style

BY JOHN ELWELL

Because glossy magazines often feature bells and whistles of a dream kitchen, it is easy to lose sight of your budget and priorities when remodeling it. List on paper the things you need in your dream kitchen, as well as the things you can live without

Ask yourself what aspects of a kitchen are most important to you and your family. Do you sit down for a family dinner each night, or do you more frequently "eat-on-the-run" standing over a countertop? Do you cook or is your idea of a homemade meal heating up

take-out containers? How much counter space do you require? Do you need a home entertainment area?

Speak to neighbors, friends and relatives about their kitchen remodeling experiences. Talk to a few different companies and ask whether they provide a guarantee on materials and labor and the length of installation

If the local company is part of a franchise system, call the corporate office for a reference and ask about the level of training provided

Ask the salesperson or remodeler for a list of previous customers. You can hear first

hand if clients were pleased with the quality of the materials, workmanship and customer service

Check with the Better Business Bureau to see if any complaints have been filed about the company

Ask to see before and after photos of kitchens remodeled in your set price range. Ask for samples of materials including cabinet doors, flooring and hardware

Keep in mind there are a number of remodeling options to consider such as new cabinetry, customer cabinet refacing, laminate and solid surface countertop replacement,

kitchen accessories, and decorative handles. Having a variety of options gives you an opportunity to purchase the services that best suit your individual needs, budget, taste and lifestyle

Farmington Hills resident John Elwell is owner of Kitchen Solvers of Rochester Hills. Kitchen Solvers is a kitchen and bath remodeling franchise specializing in cabinet refacing, new cabinets, solid surface countertops, glueless laminate flooring, bath liners and wall surrounds and closet organizers. Kitchen Solvers has 140 franchise locations in 32 U.S. states and Canada. For more information visit <http://www.kitchensolvers.com> or call 1 800 845 6779

### HOME CALENDAR

#### Candlelight tours

Christmas candlelight tours of Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia will take place Sunday and Monday Dec. 26 and 27

The first group tour will start at 6 p.m. Tours will then start every 15 minutes until 8 p.m. Greenmead is at Newburgh and Eight Mile. Enter from Newburgh

Advance tickets are \$5 per adult, \$3 per student. For reservations call (248) 477-7375

Proceeds will benefit historic Greenmead. Along the route of the tour of historic

village buildings at Greenmead visitors will meet costumed reenactors and a variety of musical performers. The tour will end with refreshments and carols at the Meeting House

#### Blood drive

Blood supplies fall to dangerously low levels during the holidays. A blood drive will take place 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday Dec. 27 at Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile N. Warren. To make an appointment, call the American Red Cross at (800) GIVE LIFE

#### King & I discount

Discount coupons for The King & I are available at all metro Detroit Art Van Furniture stores now through Monday Dec. 27 while supplies last. Save up to \$10 the first week (Jan. 11-16). Some restrictions apply. Coupons are redeemable at the box office

#### Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, presents a variety of home decor classes for different skill levels. The schedule includes: Lampshades, Sundays, Jan. 23 (fee is \$80); Beginner Pillow, Mondays, Jan. 31

(\$60) and Roman Shade, four sessions beginning Thursday, Jan. 6 or Friday, Jan. 7 (\$80). Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail [ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com](mailto:ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com) or visit [www.HabermanFabrics.com](http://www.HabermanFabrics.com) for registration and other information

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or e-mail [kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net](mailto:kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net)

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# Esther Shapiro still helps consumers

John from West Bloomfield wrote and inquired about Esther Shapiro, the former director of consumer affairs for the city of Detroit.

Shapiro was appointed Detroit's director of consumer affairs way back in the 1970s, helping many thousands of Detroit consumers. During her reign in office she helped to recover millions of dollars for homeowners who had been ripped off by unethical business practices. She had a regular radio show for years and we've all seen her many times on television taking on a scam artist.

One of the most recognized names across the country, she continues to work in the field of consumer affairs. Shapiro still lives in her beloved city of Detroit, is in good health and takes regular classes to strengthen her walk and agility. At a recent awards luncheon of The Society of Consumer



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

Affairs Professionals awards, she gave a 10-minute talk on this country's reduction of helpful consumer bureaus.

Shapiro is as sharp as a tack and still carries that Victorian image of proper language. She flies to Washington D.C. quite frequently as she sits on the board of several national consumer bureaus. She remains a popular expert in her field of consumer advocacy, was a terrific person to work for and taught so much to individuals who were interested in helping others. The award given out at the SOCAP luncheon was named in her honor, a tremendous tribute to a great woman.

## DRAIN HOT WATER?

Mike writes: Should I drain my hot water heater? It's probably 15-17 years old, and I've not done anything to it. It works just fine.

My old friend, Lefty Wilson of the Detroit Red Wings would say, 'Lord! Love a Duck' every time we would get in a boat to go fishing. He told me that he couldn't swim a stroke and hadn't drowned yet.

I suggest, Mike, that you use his cliché from now on to keep that hot water tank alive. I wouldn't touch the tank and at the first sign of trouble I might think of a replacement.

The time to drain a hot water tank is from the very beginning of purchasing a new one. Every three or four months open the valve at the bottom and allow a few gallons to drain into a bucket. This will help prevent a deposit of minerals from building up inside

at the bottom of the tank. In your current tank there could be several inches of mineral deposit that greatly reduce the efficiency factor, especially if it is a gas-fired heater.

You should also be aware of a leak possibility in your current tank. Although it usually starts with a drip, it could be a problem if it lets go all at once. Keep the area clean of personal items and make sure the floor drain is accessible.

A recent caller on the radio show told me his hot water heater was 27 years old and isn't it a shame that the life expectancy of tanks today is only seven years?

They don't make them they used to "Lord Love a Duck" Stay tuned.

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

# Volunteering can take on many roles

How do I juggle my work and home schedule to help out at my child's school? How much time should I spend volunteering?



**Domestic Planner**

Diana Koenig

First, determine how much extra time you have in your schedule to volunteer at school. You may decide to spend time improving the conditions of the entire school, such as holding the office of president of a parent-teacher organization. You may also choose activities that directly involve your child, such as volunteering as a room parent for parties.

Activities need to be chosen according to your home responsibilities. If you do not work full-time or care for younger children, you have a golden opportunity to spend time at your child's school.

If you need extra money for the household budget, consider applying for a paid position at the school. Many schools have careers in the following areas: secretarial, cafeteria cook or monitor, librarian's assistant, custodian or classroom teacher. This gives you the opportunity to be at the same location as your child and contribute to the needs of his environment.

If, on the other hand, you have the financial resources, consider a donation to purchase an item. Ask the principal about the needs of the school. It could be an inexpensive item, such as a plant that would improve the landscaping. You could donate money for a more costly item, such as a new computer.

## RUNNING FOR BOARD

Many parent-teacher organizations elect a board of parents that helps make decisions about different aspects of the school.

Running for office on this board will put you in a position of influence. Many such boards sponsor fund raisers, classroom parties, field trips and school social events and have influence in the area of curriculum. As a member of this board, you will have the ear of the school staff.

If you decide you do not have the time or talent to run for the board then consider chairing a committee.

The school probably will need a chairperson for some committee that would touch your area of expertise. Our school has needed a

chairperson for some of the following areas: cupcake day, phone directory, carnival, candy sales, plant sales, fifth grade recognition, school dance, teacher appreciation, graduation, field day, landscape improvement, school store, and restaurant day. Some committees require your involvement for the entire school year while others exist for only a short period of time. While the fifth grade recognition was more work for me than serving as the cupcake chairperson, it was easier because the time was consolidated into a few weeks instead of a nine-month commitment. Make sure you know what is involved before you volunteer.

## JUST VOLUNTEER

An alternative to being the chairperson is to volunteer as a helper on a committee. You can contribute ideas to the workload without the responsibility of contacting people or overseeing the project to the finish.

If you would prefer to serve in a lower profile position of equal importance, consider working in the library, computer room, cafeteria or recess assistant. In many schools the teachers fill these positions because of need. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

For direct involvement with your child choose to volunteer for classroom parties, field trips, and helping out in the classroom with activities. You can be in charge of all the classroom parties or be a helper.

The most valuable time I have spent at school has been in the classroom or on field trips because I can interact with my child.

Although many parents tend to get more involved at the elementary level, middle schools and high schools also need volunteers. Don't hesitate to volunteer because you think you lack creativity or knowledge in a specific area. Get ideas from people who have served before you, and talk to friends who have volunteered at their school.

Everyone has something to offer. You will be a valuable contributor to your school.

## TODAY'S REFRIGERATOR

### BULLETIN:

"Time invested at your child's school is time spent wisely!"

Send your questions and success stories to Diana Koenig. E-mail: diana.koenig@hotmail.com or www.domesticplanner.com

# Keep energy bills - and your blood pressure - in check

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY

(AP) - According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the typical American household spends \$1,400 a year on energy bills.

With that rising cost of energy and an altruistic spirit to save the Earth, many people are using one or more of the following energy saving upgrades that can, collectively, yield a 30-percent savings or more than \$400 per year.

## HEATING, COOLING

Tune up your furnace or air conditioner.

Heating and cooling costs the average homeowner about \$600 a year - nearly half the home's total energy bill.

Maintain your equipment to prevent future problems and unwanted costs. Keep your cooling and heating system at peak performance by having a contractor do annual pre-season check-ups.

A typical maintenance check up should include the following:

- Check thermostat settings to ensure the cooling and heating system keeps you comfortable when you are home and saves energy while you are away.

- Tighten all electrical connections and measure voltage and current on motors. Faulty electrical connections can cause unsafe operation of your system and reduce the life of major components.

- Lubricate all moving parts. Parts that lack lubrication cause friction in motors and increase the amount of electricity you use.

- Check and inspect the condensate drain in your central air conditioner, furnace or heat pump (when in cooling mode). A plugged drain can cause water damage in the house and affect indoor humidity levels.

- Check controls of the system to ensure proper and safe operation. Check the starting cycle of the equipment to make sure the system starts, operates and shuts off properly.

## DUCTS

Seal and insulate ducts. Better than half of American households are heated or cooled with ducted forced-air systems.

Unfortunately, the average forced-air duct system loses about 30 percent of the energy produced by the furnace or air conditioner in the course of distributing air to the rooms.

Fortunately, this energy loss can be reduced by sealing duct joints with mastic or a high-quality metal-faced duct tape.

Insulating ducts in unconditioned spaces such as attics, basements and crawl spaces will further improve energy efficiency.

## THERMOSTAT

Install a programmable thermostat.

According to the Department of Energy, a programmable thermostat can save 5 percent to 30 percent of your heating and cooling bill by automatically adjusting the thermostat setting at night or at times when your home is unoccupied, saving you about \$100 per year.

For the most versatility and energy savings potential, look for a programmable thermostat that has up to four programming day parts and programming options for weekdays and weekends.

## AIR LEAKS

Seal air leaks. One of the most do-it-yourself-friendly energy upgrades is sealing air leaks - big energy wasters and comfort busters.

Sealing air leaks is simply plugging holes, cracks and gaps where air can pass into or out of your home using caulk, expandable foam or other weather-stripping.

On hot and cold days, you pay money to run an air conditioner or a furnace to maintain your home at a comfortable temperature. A house that leaks air costs more to heat or cool because your system must work longer to 'condition' the air.

If you happen to sit next to one of those leaks, you are uncomfortable because the room feels hotter or colder. Sealing those air leaks will help you maintain your home at a comfortable temperature all year long and help lower utility bills.

The biggest holes are most often found in the attic and the basement.

## INSULATION

Add insulation. Insulation is designed to resist heat flow.

Thus, if it is hot outside, insulation greatly reduces the amount of heat you can feel inside a house. By the same token, if it is cold outside, insulation helps keep the heat inside the house.

Without insulation, the walls of your house would be hot to the touch during the summer and your air conditioner would have to work harder to keep you cool. In the winter, a lack of insulation makes walls very cold to the touch and the furnace must work harder to keep you warm.

The Department of Energy suggests that exterior walls be insulated to at least R-11 and ceilings to at least R-38.

## WRAP

Wrap your water heater and pipes.

Putting an insulating wrap on your water heater can reduce your water heating costs.

Water heater blankets usually cost \$10 to \$20 and are available at hardware stores and home improvement centers.

Wrapping water pipes with prefabricated neoprene insulation will prevent the water temperature within pipes from dropping so radically, reducing the amount of energy needed to raise the water temperature and improving comfort.

## FLUORESCENT

Install compact fluorescent lighting.

Lamps used more than two hours per day on average are good candidates for replacement with compact fluorescent lamps.

The energy bill savings will more than pay for the extra cost of the lamps over their lifetime - and you will have to replace fewer lamps because fluorescent lamps last 10 times longer than ordinary light bulbs.

In addition, motion sensors or timers on outdoor lights can help reduce the electricity bill for these high-use lamps.

## WINDOWS

Replace windows. To save energy and make your home more comfortable, when replacing windows use windows with wood or vinyl frames, low-E glass, and argon gas between the panes of glass, which can save a significant amount of money on your energy bill.

For more home improvement tips and information visit our Web site at www.onthehouse.com or call us at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. EST every Saturday.

## Scents-ible solution

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Earl asks, "How can I remove a perfume stain out of my wood table? Also, do you have something to remove water stains off my black coffee table?"

This formula is for water-stained wood furniture, but it should work for perfume. But you might want to test a hidden area to see if the black finish is negatively affected. First, cover the affected area with mayonnaise or petroleum jelly and let it sit for eight hours. Next, sand with a dry Scotch-brite pad. Finally, rub lemon oil onto the cleaned area to bring back the finished luster.

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## ANGELS

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and I decided "Why put them away?"

Clinton doesn't know how many angels are in her collection. One year she counted just the angels that were on the Christmas tree, the total was almost 100 there alone.

## HEAVENLY COLLECTION

The angels are of almost every race and age, male and female. They are neatly arranged in cabinets, on tables and on walls.

They are made of a variety of materials, including ceramic, crystal, porcelain and wood. One angel has a straw body and mesh wings, another has wings made of feathers.

Two angels are Teddy bears, one of which plays the song *Jesus Loves Me, This I Know*. A wall hanging is a metallic arrangement of angels and musical elements.

The angels' gowns may be white, others are a variety of colors. Some angels wear ethnic ensembles rather than gowns. Some may hold a musical instrument, a book or another object.

There is a "teacher angel" (Clinton taught elementary school and teaches in a mentor program) and a "daughter" angel (she has a daughter). There are napkin rings bearing angel figures.

With the touch of a switch, a few become animated or emit a fiberoptic glow.

The angels come from different shops and craft fairs, locally and from around the country (Connecticut, Texas, Missouri). Some are gifts.

"Everywhere I would go, for vacation or wherever, I started bringing them back rather than souvenirs," said Clinton, who also works with a hospice and is involved in planning Southfield's Martin Luther King Day events.

"Wherever I am I look for angels."

One of Clinton's favorite angels is more than 18 inches tall, has long, flowing, black hair, and wears a white and gold gown.

Clinton saw the angel in *Ebony* magazine. After she couldn't find it, she asked her relatives across the country to help with the search. A cousin found the angel in St. Louis and gave it to her.

Clinton's Christmas tree is adorned with ornaments in shades of purple, white, feathery doves, white money plants and, yes, assorted angels, including one at the top. An angel is in the Nativity scene on a coffee table.

## WIDESPREAD

"People really seem to connect with angels," said Linda Sabatini, who with her husband, John, owns Angel Treasures in Rochester. "All religions believe in

angels. Everybody believes in angels. It goes way, way, way back, thousands of years."

The Sabatinis' eight-room store carries a number of angel-related items - including statues, art works, books, cards and jewelry - with spiritual, natural, New Age and religious themes. It offers speakers and seminars.

Angel Treasures' customers come from all over the state and country - and from outside the United States as well, Linda said.

They may be looking for an angel for a sad occasion, such as the loss of a loved one, or a happy event, such as a wedding or a new baby.

"We have coins that say 'I watch over you,'" Linda said. "A lot of people in service take them with them."

A U.S. soldier in Iraq who was being interviewed on TV pulled one of the coins out of his pocket, she said.

Scott and Rebecca Takacs of Livonia have an "angel room" in their house. They acquired an angel collection over time, starting with an angel from Scott's grandmother. "We like having them," he said.

## CELEBRATIONS

Clinton celebrates Boxing Day and Kwanzaa as well as Christmas. A Kwanzaa display is on one table. A tabletop tree features Kwanzaa cloth around its base and as ornaments.

As a child, Clinton loved a book about George Washington



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One of Clinton's favorite angels in her collection stands more than 18 inches tall.

Carver. The book said that Carver learned to read at a time when it was against the law to teach slaves to read.

"I was so fascinated," Clinton said. "Somebody going to all

the trouble to learn to read

"We're the descendants of survivors. I was always so proud of my black heritage."

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## GARDEN CALENDAR

## Beverly Hills Garden Club

Della Haydon of Garden City will present a program on indoor bonsai to the Beverly Hills Garden Club 1 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 4 at the Beverly Hills Village Office 18500 W. 13 Mile. Guests are welcome.

## Livonia Garden Club

Composting will be the topic of the next meeting of the Livonia Garden Club 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 4, at the Livonia Senior Center Five Mile at Farmington Road. Master composters Jane and Allan Geisler, instructors at Henry Ford Community College, will present a program outlining indoor and outdoor composting as a component of organic gardening.

Increase your knowledge of the ecological and gardening benefits of the use of black gold compost. Visitors are welcome.

## School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels.

Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com). The schedule includes Effective Hand-drawn Design Tuesdays Jan. 4, 25 in Pontiac or Thursdays Jan. 6, 27 in Livonia (fee is \$168) and Growing Vegetables Mondays Jan. 10, 24 in Livonia (\$102).

The School of Gardening also offers specialty classes and classes for the certificate of landscape and garden design at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham west of Woodward and south of Maple (15 Mile). For information or to register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832.

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## STAINS

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said it is important to tackle it immediately.

## REMOVING WAX

Wilson recommends scraping the wax gently with a butter knife, then placing ice cubes in a metal pot or container (the cubes don't melt as quickly in a metal pot vs. a plastic bag, Wilson says), and place the container on the top of the wax until it freezes.

Hit it with a blunt object, which will shatter the surface wax. Vacuum it up. For the candle wax that has flowed into the fiber, put clear rubbing alcohol onto a white cloth or white cotton ball, blot and press.

## ZAP THE SAP

For sap from a Christmas tree, use a solvent, Wilson said. "When using a solvent use caution, put the solvent onto a white cloth or white cotton ball (never pouring onto the carpet) and blot and press," Wilson said. "After the stain is removed, rinse with water and blot dry with a white cloth."

Sometimes stains can be difficult to get out (such as mustard) and it may take more than one try to get the stain out, Wilson said. "As long as the stain is getting lighter, with each removal process it's working," Wilson said. "If there is no change in the stain, it would be best to have a professional to come in."

"To successfully clean up any stain, it's very important to get to the stain immediately. The longer any stain stays on the carpet the harder it is to get out."

## Blot spills, but don't scrub

No one likes it when there is a spill on the floor, but with the help of the Carpet and Rug Institute, it can be cleaned before becoming a permanent part of the carpet. Here is how to properly deal with spills and keep your carpet clean.

## SPOT REMOVAL STEPS

Act quickly. Most carpet available today has been treated with a stain-resistant treatment, so many spills can be removed if immediate action is taken. The longer the delay the higher the probability of a spill becoming a permanent stain. Remember, staining is influenced by many factors, and no carpet is completely stain proof.

Blot liquids with a dry, white, absorbent cloth or white (no printing) paper towels.

Do not scrub the area. Scrubbing can cause pile distortion in the affected area. Continue to use a dry cloth or paper towels until the area is completely dry. For semi-solids, gently scrape up with a rounded spoon.

Solids should be broken up and vacuumed until completely removed.

Pretest any spot removal agent in an inconspicuous area to make certain the solution will not damage the fiber or the dye. After applying several drops to the testing area, hold a white cloth on the wet area for 10 seconds. Examine the carpet and cloth for color transfer, color change, or damage to the carpet. If a change occurs, another cleaning solution should be selected.

Apply a small amount of

the selected cleaning solution to a white cloth, allow to sit for about 10 minutes and work in gently.

Rubbing alcohol (90 percent isopropyl) can be used as a dry cleaning solvent by applying with a cloth or towel. Do not pour rubbing alcohol directly onto the carpet.

Work from the edges of the spill to the center to prevent the spill from spreading. Do not scrub. Blot, absorbing as much as possible, and repeat if necessary.

Continue using the first cleaning solution as long as there is a transfer of the spill to the cloth. It is not necessary to use all of the cleaning solutions if the first solution removes the spill.

Be patient. Complete removal of the spill may require repeating the same step several times.

After the spill has been completely removed, rinse the affected area thoroughly with cold water, and blot with a dry cloth until all of the solution has been removed. (Some cleaning solutions will cause rapid soiling if the solution is not completely removed.) Apply a one-half inch layer of white paper towels to the affected area, and weigh down with a flat, heavy object. Continue to change paper towels as needed.

A dry, absorbent, cleaning compound may be used as a substitute to accelerate drying time.

Many fiber manufacturers provide toll-free cleaning assistance and advice (consult your warranty), or phone CRI for assistance at (800) 882-8846. Information is also available at <http://www.carpet-rug.org>.

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Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

## Keeping immigrants' roots alive

It's common for U.S. wineries to have foreign roots but it's not generally mentioned that in South America, it was the Italians who following their agricultural homeland heritage, planted vines in the fertile soils of Argentina's Mendoza region.

In 1910, Valentin Bianchi was one such Italian transplant.

Robert Pepi, winemaker at Andretti Winery in California's Napa Valley, who consults at Valentin Bianchi winery, says, "Mendoza soils are typically well-drained and not overly fertile. This fact, in combination with minimal rainfall, creates wines with intense fruit character."

He also noted that low humidity leads to a low incidence of pests and vineyards can be farmed virtually pesticide-free. Additionally, a new generation of viticulturists, has brought state-of-the-art

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### WINE PICKS

Many readers have asked for CABERNET SAUVIGNON recommendations in a broad range of prices for gift giving and drinking during the upcoming holiday season. From over 100 wines tasted here are the picks.

#### Outstanding splurges

- 2001 Kuleto Estate (\$50)
- 2001 St. Clement Croppas (\$50)
- 2000 Stags Leap Estate Reserve (\$65)
- 2001 Chateau St. Jean Cinq Cepages (\$75)
- 2000 Beringer Private Reserve (\$100)
- 2001 Silverado Limited Reserve (\$100)
- 2001 Quintessa (\$100)
- 2001 Joseph Phelps Insignia (\$125)

#### From Napa Valley between \$25 and \$50

- 2000 Folie a Deux Cabernet Sauvignon (\$26)
- 2001 Mason (\$28)
- 2001 Beringer (\$35)
- 2000 Chateau Potelle VGS (\$40)
- 2001 Silverado (\$40)
- 2001 Stags Leap (\$42)
- 2000 Folie a Deux Private Reserve Estate (\$46) (more than 2 years in French oak)
- 2002 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Artemis (\$48)

#### \$20 and under values

- 2002 Annie's Lane (Clare Valley Australia) (\$13)
- 2002 Gallo of Sonoma (\$13)
- 2002 Chateau St. Jean (\$15)
- 2002 Goundrey Offspring (Australia) (\$15)
- 2001 Genesis (\$17)
- 2001 Rodney Strong (\$18)
- 2002 Alexander Valley Vineyards (\$20)
- 2001 Chateau Souverain (\$20)
- 2001 Hess Estate (\$20)

#### Piggy bank nearly empty

- 2002 Hogue Cabernet-Merlot (\$10)
- 2002 Black Opal (Australia) (\$8)



Garlic, parsley and marjoram join with butter and bread crumbs and mustard to coat this veal rib roast.

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# Roasts

## WITH THE MOST

Veal rib cut can impress holiday guests

Make this holiday meal one to remember.

Impress your guests with a veal rib roast, enrobed in a crusty herbed bread crumb and mustard coating, and finished with a cranberry-port wine sauce.

Not only does it taste delicious, but it makes a stunning presentation on the holiday table.

It's always a good idea during the holiday season to order roasts in advance. That way you're sure of getting the size and type of roast you need.

The roast is easy to prepare. Just pop it into the oven in a roasting pan. The ribs form a natural rack, so place it rib-ends-down in the roasting pan. That's it until it's time to add the crumb coating about 30 minutes before the end of roasting.

Veal is most juicy and flavorful when

cooked to medium doneness, so for best results use a thermometer to check the temperature.

While the roast is standing after cooking, the pan drippings are combined with cranberry sauce and port wine to make the sauce that so deliciously complements the mild flavor of veal. The standing time is very important, so don't skip this step. During standing time the roast firms up, making it easier to carve and helps prevent the loss of those flavorful juices.

Eat smart and eat well this holiday season with veal on your table. Serve steamed green beans and wild rice to complement the veal and sauce. Chocolate truffles and peppermint ice cream with a drizzle of fudge sauce make an easy yet special finale to this festive menu.

For additional recipes, or to order veal delivered right to your door, log on to [www.vealstore.com](http://www.vealstore.com)

## Slow cook roast with chipotle, poblano

Winter has its own food classics. One favorite is slow-cooked beef. It provides warm comfort while winter's winds whirl outside. By mixing hearty chuck roast with other rich flavors, Chef Dianna Stoffer with the Certified Angus Beef brand, has created a new winter classic - braised chuck roast, chipotle and poblano

peppers, heavy cream and aged cheese.

The chuck roast, a budget savvy cut, has been transformed into a soon-to-be family favorite that is also fit for entertaining.

The poblano and chipotle (smoked

### VEAL RIB ROAST WITH CRANBERRY-PORT SAUCE

- 4 to 5 pound veal rib roast
- 2 tablespoons Dijon style mustard
- 1 can (16 ounces) whole berry cranberry sauce
- 1/2 cup ruby port wine
- Coating
- 1 1/4 cups soft bread crumbs
- 3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
- 2 tablespoons butter melted
- 2 medium cloves garlic crushed
- 1 1/2 teaspoons dried marjoram leaves

Heat oven to 325° F. Place veal roast, rib ends down, in shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part of veal, not touching bone or resting in fat. Do not add water or cover. Roast in 325° F oven to desired doneness, about 22 to 27 minutes per pound for medium. (Do not overcook.)

Meanwhile in medium bowl, combine coating ingredients. Set aside.

About 30 minutes before end of roasting time, remove roast from oven. Spread mustard evenly over top surface of roast. Coat with crumb mixture, patting firmly into mustard. Return roast to oven and continue roasting. Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 155° F for medium. Let stand 15 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 5° to reach 160° F for medium.)

Meanwhile skim fat from drippings, if necessary. Add wine to drippings, stirring until browned bits attached to pan are dissolved. Transfer drippings to medium saucepan, add cranberry sauce and cook over medium-high heat 10 minutes or until sauce is thickened, stirring frequently. Trim excess fat and remove back bone from roast. Carve roast between bones into thick slices. Serve with sauce. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

**Cook's Tip:** Ask meat retailer to loosen the chine bone (back bone). After roasting, the back bone can be removed easily by running a knife along edge of roast.

**Note:** A veal rib roast will yield two 3-ounce cooked, trimmed servings per pound.

**Nutrition information per serving (1/8 of recipe):** 289 calories, 9 g fat (4 g saturated fat, 3 g monounsaturated fat), 105 mg cholesterol, 234 mg sodium, 26 g carbohydrate, 11 g fiber, 23 g protein, 6.7 mg niacin, 0.2 mg vitamin B6, 1.4 mcg vitamin B12, 1.3 mg iron, 10.8 mcg selenium, 3.9 mg zinc.

Recipe courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

## Side dish

### Free recipe calendar

To have help at hand next year for days when you get a longing for a potato fix, take note of a new calendar that offers prize-winning spud recipes for each month of 2005.

The Idaho Potato Commission has published a healthy recipe calendar featuring tasty, nutritious potato recipes that were winners in a 2004 national recipe contest. Besides their nutrition values, winning recipes also qualified as quick and easy to prepare, and they all include Idaho potatoes as an ingredient.

The calendar may be ordered by sending five 37-cent stamps to cover postage, and a 3-by-5-inch card or piece of paper with your name and full mailing address clearly printed on it (to be used as an address label for the return mailing) to Idaho Potato Commission, Attn: 2005 Healthy Recipe Calendar Offer, P.O. Box 1670, Eagle ID 83616.

Those wishing to receive additional Idaho Potato offers, news and information in 2005 may print an e-mail address on the back of the 3-by-5-inch card. The commission says the offer is good while supplies last. There is a limit of one calendar per person, and the calendar should arrive in two to three weeks.

### Entertaining tips

On the bright side, decorate your festive meal with the rich color and taste of beets. Boil beets for 35 minutes until barely tender. Drain under cold water, peel and slice into 1/4-inch pieces.

Melt 3 tablespoons unsalted butter and cook 1/4 cup shallots. Stir in 1 tablespoon flour, add 1/2 cup chicken stock, 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard and 1/4 cup cream. Cook until thick, add beets and combine well. Add salt and pepper to taste and sprinkle parsley on top.

**Brunch drink:** Overnight guests are common during the holiday months. Wake them up with a spicy drink mixture. Combine 8 ounces tomato juice, 1 ounce vegetable cocktail mix, 3 dashes hot sauce, 2 tablespoons horseradish Dijon mustard, 1/2 teaspoon salt, pinch of black pepper and 2 celery sticks.

**Lovely leftovers:** The party often continues past the day of the celebration. To savor the surplus food, slice a piece of remaining moist turkey, or other cooked poultry, add a slice of sweet ham, soft herb cheese, extra-crispy lettuce and cherry tomatoes (from leftover salad) and sandwich between 2 pieces of whole-wheat pita bread. Spread with extra hot Dijon mustard to add a zesty taste to the day-after lunch.

Recipe from Maille Fine French Condiments

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# Sauce it up at the holiday table

Planning that all-important, once-a-year holiday meal with a beef roast as the centerpiece - but don't know what to serve with it? Sauce it up this year. The Beef & Veal Culinary Center of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association has created three different sauces that pair perfectly with your showstopping beef roast - plus a savory rub to season it.

So, whether it's a regal rib roast, tempting tenderloin or other holiday favorite, coat the roast with the Savory Rub and serve it with a special sauce.

If time is a consideration, choose Easy Shallot-Thyme Sauce. It's delicious and easy. Start with prepared beef gravy as the base, adding sauteed shallots and fresh thyme. The sauce is on the table in just 15 minutes.

For those who love the classic combination of beef and mustard, Mustard Cream Sauce will please. It, too, is easy. Just simmer cream and sauteed garlic until slightly thickened, stir in coarse ground Dijon-style mustard and chives - 20 minutes is all you need to create this beef-friendly accompaniment.

And if you have just a few more minutes, Balsamic Reduction with Wild Mushroom Duxelles can complement your roast. It contains balsamic vinegar, wild mushrooms, garlic and red wine - all flavors that bring out the best in beef.

Choose your roast, season it, and say "happy holidays." Roasted vegetables and red-skinned potatoes, with chocolate cake for dessert make it a perfect meal indeed.

## SAVORY RUB FOR BEEF ROASTS

- 4 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Combine all ingredients in small bowl, mix well. Store in airtight container until ready to use. Makes about 3 tablespoons.

Nutrition information per serving (1/6 of recipe) 170 calories, 17 g fat (9 g saturated fat), 5 g monounsaturated

fat), 54 mg cholesterol, 482 mg sodium, 4 g carbohydrate, 0.1 g fiber, 3 g protein, 0.0 mg niacin, 0.0 mg vitamin B6, 0.1 mcg vitamin B12, 0.1 mg iron, 0.6 mcg selenium, 0.1 mg zinc

## EASY SHALLOT-THYME SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup minced shallots
- 1 jar (12 ounces) prepared beef gravy
- 1/2 cup prepared steak sauce
- 1 teaspoon coarse ground Dijon style mustard
- 1/2 teaspoons ground thyme

Heat butter in medium saucepan over medium heat until melted. Add shallots, cook and stir 2 minutes or until softened. Add gravy, steak sauce, mustard and thyme. Cook and stir 3 minutes or until heated through. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Nutrition information per serving (1/6 of recipe) 74 calories, 5 g fat (2 g saturated fat), 1 g monounsaturated fat, 10 mg cholesterol, 570 mg sodium, 7 g carbohydrate, 0.3 g fiber, 1.5 g protein, 0.2 mg niacin, 0.0 mg vitamin B6, 0.0 mcg vitamin B12, 0.3 mg iron, 0.1 mcg selenium, 0.1 mg zinc

## MUSTARD CREAM SAUCE

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup whipping cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 3 to 4 tablespoons coarse ground Dijon style mustard
- 1 tablespoon snipped fresh chives

Heat oil in medium saucepan over medium-low heat until hot. Add garlic, cook and stir about 1 minute or until tender. Stir in cream, salt and pepper, simmer 7 to 8 minutes or until slightly thickened, stirring occasionally.

Remove pan from heat, stir in mustard and chives. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Nutrition information per serving (1/6 of recipe) 170 calories, 17 g fat (9 g saturated fat), 5 g monounsaturated

## BALSAMIC REDUCTION WITH WILD MUSHROOM DUXELLES

- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 package (4 ounces) assorted wild mushrooms (such as baby portabella, shiitake and oyster), minced
- 4 large cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1 can (14 to 14 1/2 ounces) ready to serve beef broth
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tablespoon butter

Bring vinegar to a boil in medium saucepan. Reduce heat, simmer 8 to 9 minutes or until reduced to about 2 tablespoons (consistency will be syrupy). Remove from heat. Set aside to cool.

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add mushrooms, cook and stir 5 to 8 minutes or until mushrooms are lightly browned. Add garlic, cook and stir an additional 2 minutes. Add wine, cook 3 to 5 minutes or until liquid has completely evaporated.

Meanwhile combine broth and cornstarch in small bowl, stirring until cornstarch is dissolved. Add balsamic reduction, broth mixture, salt and pepper, as desired, to skillet, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, simmer 15 to 20 minutes or until mixture is reduced by one half. Remove skillet from heat, add butter and stir until melted. Makes about 1 1/2 cups.

Nutrition information per serving 94 calories, 7 g fat (2 g saturated fat), 4 g monounsaturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 238 mg sodium, 6 g carbohydrate, 0.3 g fiber, 1 g protein, 0.8 mg niacin, 0.0 mg vitamin B6, 0.0 mcg vitamin B12, 0.5 mg iron, 2.0 mcg selenium, 0.1 mg zinc

Recipes courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association

## ROASTS

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jalapeño peppers' medium heat is offset by the mellow flavors of heavy cream and cheese. The CAB chuck roast supplies an abundance of savory beef flavor. Garlic, cilantro and other seasoning add the finishing touches to this full-bodied dish.

## SIERRA CHUCK ROAST

- 3 pounds Certified Angus Beef chuck roast
- kosher salt as needed
- freshly ground pepper as needed
- olive oil as needed
- water as needed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 1/2 cups finely diced sweet onion
- 4 poblano peppers, roasted, skinned, seeded and diced
- 2 chipotle peppers in adobo sauce, minced
- 8 garlic cloves, roasted and minced
- 1/2 cup beef broth
- 4 cups heavy cream
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt

- 1 teaspoon white sugar
- 4 teaspoons finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 cup grated aged Manchego cheese or aged Romano

Preheat oven to 350° F. Season beef with salt and pepper, gently rub into meat. Brown beef on all sides in small amount of oil in heavy, preheated pan. Pour off drippings. Add about one to two inches of water into pan, do not cover beef with water. Cover tightly with lid or foil and roast for 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Do not uncover during braising. Allow roast to rest 15 minutes before separating into chunks.

While the roast cooks, place two tablespoons oil in medium frying pan over medium-high heat. Caramelize onion, add peppers and garlic. Deglaze pan with broth and reduce by half. Add cream and reduce by half again. Season with salt and sugar.

Spoon 1/4 cup sauce on each plate. Top with three ounces of sliced beef. Garnish with cilantro and cheese. Serves six.

Nutritional information 750 calories, 50.7 g fat, 24.1 g saturated

fat, 54.4 g protein, 6.7 g carb, 273 mg chol, 1367 sodium, 6.7 mg iron

**Chef's Note:** The chipotle peppers in adobo sauce are available in a seven-ounce can. The leftover chiles and sauce can be frozen for future use.

Here's a stunning meal with leftovers from the Sierra Chuck Roast and colored peppers.

- 2 cups leftover roast, cut into strips
- 8 ounces cooked long grain and wild rice
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 4 ounces chopped green chilies
- 1/4 teaspoon adobo seasoning
- 4 seeded and cored red peppers

Combine beef, rice, tomatoes, green chilies and adobo seasoning. Heat mixture thoroughly and stuff into peppers. Place in 400° F oven for 20 minutes to soften peppers. Serve with remaining sauce or a favorite salsa.

For other recipes, cooking tips or grocer and restaurant locations, visit www.certifiedangus-beef.com

# Roast goose is a Christmas classic

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Goose has a long history as traditional Christmas fare, especially in Europe - where, of course, they didn't have turkeys until such New World novelties began to catch on.

Think back to Dickens' unforgettable version of the goose dinner, in *A Christmas Carol*, served with apple sauce and mashed potato. And then as the bird was carved, "the long expected gush of stuffing issued forth" - steamy, fragrant sage-and-onion stuffing.

In the United States, back in the 1870s, according to the cookbook *Good Housekeeping Great American Classics* (Hearst Books, 2004, \$24.95), there were popular recipes for roasted goose for special occasions, including one that began "On the day before Christmas, kill a fat goose and dress it." Not the way we do it now, generally.

Good Housekeeping's cookbook revisits many kinds of food traditions, reminds us of their historical context and suggests ways to keep them happily and tastily in the family's present.

## HOLIDAY GOOSE A L'ORANGE

- 1 fresh or frozen (thawed) goose

(about 12 pounds)

- 5 medium oranges, each cut in half
- 1 bunch fresh thyme
- 4 bay leaves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
- 3 tablespoons orange flavored liqueur
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/2 cup orange marmalade

Preheat oven to 400° F. Remove giblets and neck from goose, reserve for another use. Trim and discard fat from body cavity and any excess skin. Rinse goose inside and out with cold running water and drain well, pat dry with paper towels. With goose breast-side up, lift wings up toward neck, then fold wing tips under back of goose so wings stay in place. Place 6 orange halves, thyme sprigs and bay leaves in body cavity. Tie legs and tail together with kitchen string. Fold neck skin over back. With two tines fork, prick goose in several places to drain fat during roasting.

Place goose breast-side up, on rack in large roasting pan (17 by 11 1/2 inches) in cup combine dried thyme, 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper, rub mixture over goose. Cover goose and roasting pan

with foil. Roast 1 hour 30 minutes. Turn oven control to 325° F. Roast 2 hours longer.

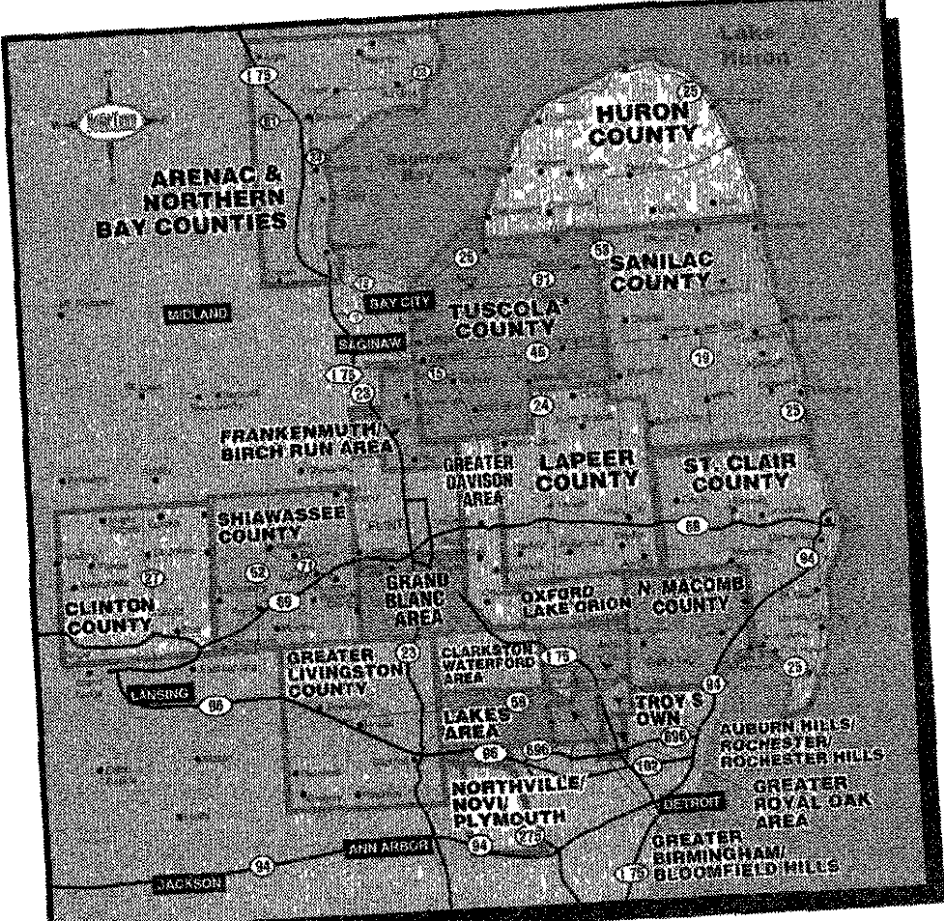
Meanwhile, in small bowl, from remaining 4 orange halves squeeze 1/2 cup juice. Stir in 1 tablespoon liqueur, cornstarch and remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt, set aside. In cup, mix orange marmalade with remaining 2 tablespoons liqueur.

Remove foil and roast goose 45 minutes. Remove goose from oven and turn oven control to 450° F. Brush marmalade mixture over goose. Roast goose until skin is golden brown and crisp, about 10 minutes longer. Transfer goose to warm platter. Let stand 15 minutes to set juices for easier carving.


To prepare sauce: Remove rack from roasting pan. Strain pan drippings through sieve into 8 cup measuring cup or large bowl. Let stand until fat separates from meat juice, skim and reserve fat for another use (there should be about 5 cups fat). Measure meat juice, if necessary, add enough water to meat juice to equal 1 cup. Return meat juice to boiling over medium heat, stirring, boil 1 minute. Serve sauce with goose. Remove skin before eating if desired.

Makes 10 main dish servings. Recipe from *Good Housekeeping Great American Classics*. Hearst Books 2004. \$24.95.


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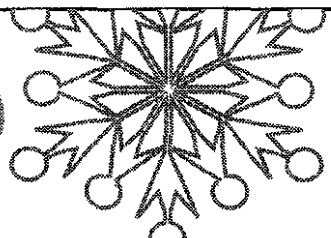


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# Create "stress free" zones Make your marzipan merrily

**T**is the season for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner parties, fat, sugar, cookies, candy, and desserts, (which spelled backwards is "stressed")

The holiday season brings an abundance of food, lots of social obligations, writing and sending cards, whirlwind shopping, endless trips to the post office, decorations and everything else

Take it easy, slow down, and enjoy the season Here are a few food pointers for the holidays

■ Limit the amount of food you make and serve You do not want the cookies, candy, and desserts left over for January meals Everyone else has lots of food at their house, too, and will not want to take food home from your house

■ When sending cold or frozen food in the mail, use an insulated cooler or heavy corrugated box packed with a frozen gel-pack or dry ice Label the outside of the package "Perishable - Keep Refrigerated" Ship the package by overnight delivery and alert the recipient to arrange for a mutually agreeable delivery day and time Perishable mail order food should arrive still frozen or cold-to-the-touch, and if it is not, don't taste or eat the food

Always check the label on the item for storage instructions If the food is to be kept cold, refrigerate or freeze it immediately It is easier to order the foods shipped from a company, as they have the right packing materials and the know-how to do it safely

Don't send a food package to someone's office People get the packages and put them in the car and forget until it's not safe to eat

■ If you baked cookies to mail, package them so they do not arrive in pieces Package them in layers, or wrap individually in plastic and pack tight into a sturdy container, with a tight lid Make sure they do not move around in the container Use air-popped popcorn as a cushion for inside or outside the container



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■ To transport cold food, wrap it and then place in an ice chest that contains ice cubes or freezer packs If you are transporting hot food, keep it hot by wrapping first in clean kitchen towels and then in newspapers and pack in a corrugated box or insulated cooler Serve or reheat within two hours

If you have food that needs to go in the oven, make sure to ask the hostess if there is room there Take along an attractive serving dish and the correct serving utensils

■ Do not double dip! Remind yourself and children not to dip chips or crackers into the bowl, take a bite and dip again When you double dip, the saliva from your mouth is being put into the dip

Break the chip in half, dip each half and eat the whole thing or put a spoonful of the dip on your plate for dipping

■ Traditional holiday food is not known for its healthful qualities However, you can trim some of the fat, sugar, and salt If you have a favorite recipe, making a lot of substitutions will change the product Make only small changes and try it first before serving it to someone else

Perhaps making it just as the recipe reads and then limiting the serving or portion sizes would be a good alternative You may want to try some of these substitutes

For one cup of butter in baking, use one-cup applesauce

For eight ounces of cream cheese, use eight ounces of yogurt

For one egg, use two egg whites

For one cup of oil or fat for basting, use one cup fruit juice or low-fat stock

When cooking, use mixtures of herbs and spices instead of salt

■ Plan ahead and choose a restaurant that offers some healthy choices if you're dining out Low carb does not automatically mean low calorie Don't be shy - ask how the food has been prepared and then ask about substitutes Look for foods that have been steamed, baked, poached or broiled instead of fried

■ Never go to a party when you are hungry Don't skip breakfast and lunch to save calories, actually this will make you eat more, because the body is more efficient burning calories when you eat during the day Eat a little something before you go to the party Watch out for alcohol calories

If heartburn becomes a problem during these eating frenzies, stand up and let gravity drain away the painful stomach acids Loosen your waistband, it may be too tight Try chewing gum to increase saliva

Avoid foods such as chocolate, coffee, alcohol, mints, tomatoes, citrus juices or other foods that can cause heartburn See your health care provider if it persists

■ Mind your manners Always start with the fork from the outside and work your way toward the plate Any utensil placed horizontally above the plate is for dessert The glass on the right is yours and your bread plate is on the left

During this busy time of year, don't forget to make time to exercise Schedule at least a 30-minute walk or bike ride Getting away for a little time will do wonders for your outlook and besides moderate exercise can reduce your appetite

The beginning of the holidays does not mean the end of good healthy habits Don't fall off the "wagon" and overindulge no matter how tempting

These days are about celebration, joy and happiness Take time to enjoy them and try not to be stressed!

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BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

**HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP)** - You don't have to be a pastry chef to create marzipan garnishes With a touch of food coloring and a little imagination, you can make deliciously sweet one-of-a-kind creations just like the professionals, for the holidays or any season

From delicate, lifelike shapes to playful characters, marzipan's configurations are endless Made from almonds and sugar, marzipan is an ultra-fine paste used to shape and embellish a variety of sweets Realistic-looking marzipan confections that resemble fruit, vegetables and figurines can be found in pastry shops and candy stores throughout the world

This highly versatile ingredient is also used as a filling for sweets, as an elegant covering for cakes and as a component in classic preparations such as petits fours and stollen

Producing marzipan shapes doesn't require special tools Most shapes and designs can be achieved with your hands, a rolling pin and a knife or toothpick When working with marzipan, the key is to knead it properly, notes chef Kate Cavotti, professor in baking and pastry arts at The Culinary Institute of America

**MARZIPAN**

One 7 ounce tube or box of marzipan  
Confectioners sugar as needed

Liquid or paste food coloring as needed  
Vegetable oil as needed  
Lightly beaten egg white as needed

While still in its packaging, gently knead or roll the marzipan on the counter a few times Dust the work surface lightly with the confectioners' sugar and remove the marzipan from the package If you want to make more than one color, divide the marzipan into smaller pieces

Squeeze a few drops of food coloring onto the marzipan Knead it by hand just until the color is evenly distributed and the marzipan is soft enough to roll out or mold into shapes Keep any portion of the marzipan that you aren't working with well covered to prevent drying

To make cutout shapes, dust your work surface and rolling pin with confectioners' sugar Roll the marzipan into a very thin layer, about 1/8-inch thick Use cutters of various shapes Transfer the marzipan shapes to a plate and cover to keep them pliable

To make flowers, use a flower-shaped cutter, or a knife to create the petals Roll a small ball of marzipan With the handle of a wooden spoon, make a small depression in the center of the flower petals, and press the ball into the depression

To make fruit and vegetable shapes, roll the marzipan into a ball of about the size you'd like for the finished shape, then mold or sculpt as you would clay To make coffee beans, color the marzipan a deep brownish black Break off small pieces and roll them into bean shapes Press the

blade of a small knife lengthwise down the center of each bean

For a more natural look, dip a toothpick into vegetable oil and use it to press any seams or depressions into the shape

To attach smaller pieces, such as stems, centers or leaves, use a toothpick to make a small depression at the point where you want to attach something, such as in the top of an apple shape Lightly moisten the attachment with your fingertip (a small ball for the center of a flower, cutout leaves, and longer cylinders for stems, for example) at the place where it should join the marzipan shape and press it gently in place Use egg white to act as glue, if necessary

To cover a cake, work on a surface lightly dusted with confectioners' sugar and roll the marzipan into an even, thin sheet about 1/8-inch thick Turn the marzipan as you work to keep it from sticking and tearing Cut to cover small cakes, or transfer the entire marzipan sheet to the cake Allow the sheet to drape over the sides and press gently onto the sides of the cake Pinch off any excess marzipan and rub the seams to seal and smooth them

Makes enough to cover an 8-inch cake or form a variety of shapes

Nutrition information per 1-ounce shape 90 cal, 2 g pro, 12 mg carbo, 4 g fat, 5 mg sodium, 20 mg chol, less than 1 g fiber

This recipe along with many other desserts is explained and illustrated in *The Culinary Institute of America's Baking and Pastry, Mastering the Art and Craft* cook book (Wiley 2004 \$65)

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# Make festive Rudolph cake

Nothing says holidays like the delicious flavor of a sweet treat. This Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Cake from the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board incorporates real dairy products to create a festive, flavorful dessert that is sure to impress the guests at your next holiday gathering.

### CAKE

- 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon almond extract
- 2 1/2 cups all purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 ounces unsweetened baking chocolate coarsely chopped
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups boiling water

### FILLING

- 1/2 cup whipping cream
- 8 ounces cream cheese softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts (optional)

### ICING

- 6 ounces package semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
- 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar sifted

**Suggested Decorations** 16 M&M's milk chocolate candies (for the eyes)  
16 Rolo milk chocolate covered antlers (antlers)  
4 Pepperidge Farm Double Chocolate Chunk Soft Baked cookies, cut in half (ears)  
8 maraschino cherries (noses)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Butter and flour two 9-inch round cake pans. In a small bowl, stir together sour cream, eggs and extract, mix well and set aside.

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder and salt set aside.

In a large electric mixer bowl, combine chocolate, butter and water, stir with a spoon until



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Sour cream, chocolate and whipping cream help make this festive Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer cake a holiday treat.

mixture is melted and smooth. Add half of flour mixture to chocolate mixture and beat on low speed of electric mixer until combined. Add sour cream mixture and beat until combined. Add remaining flour mixture and beat until smooth. Pour batter into prepared pans.

Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool layers in pans on wire racks 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool completely on wire racks. While cakes cool, prepare filling and icing.

For filling, beat whipping cream at high speed with an electric mixer until soft peaks form. Set aside. Beat cream cheese, powdered sugar, sugar and extract at medium speed until creamy. Fold cream cheese mixture into whipped cream. Stir in nuts, if desired. Chill.

For icing, melt chocolate and butter in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring frequently. Cool about 5 min. Stir in sour cream.

Gradually add powdered sugar, beating till smooth and easy to spread.

To assemble, pipe chocolate icing around outer edge of bottom layer. Spread all but 1 cup filling inside the piped circle. Place second layer on top. Frost top and sides of cake with icing. Just before serving, cut cake into 8 slices and decorate as desired using reserved filling, candies, cookies and cherries for eyes, antlers, ears and nose.

Recipe courtesy of the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. This company's website is <http://www.wmmb.org>

## Holiday cooks can find help online, on hot lines

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toll-free telephone services and Web sites offer a variety of specialist answers to cooking and food-safety questions during holiday preparation times. Here are some of them:

■ **U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline** (888) 674-6854. Food safety specialists answer calls about meat and poultry preparation and cooking questions, year-round Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Recorded information is available 24 hours a day at the same number. Also available in Spanish.

On the Net: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>  
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On the Net: <http://www.perdue.com>

■ **Shady Brook Farms** (888) 723-4468.

Automated holiday-meal information lines offer 24-hour service every day throughout the holidays, including meal planning, buying and cooking turkeys.

On the Net: <http://www.shadybrookfarms.com>

and <http://www.honeysucklewhite.com>

■ **Empire Kosher poultry**

customer hotline (800) 367-4733 or (717) 366-9211. Help is offered in consumer affairs representatives' call round Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST. Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST. Program offers recipes, newsletter tips on defrosting and cooking poultry. Closed Jewish and secular holidays.

On the Net: <http://www.empirekosher.com>

■ **Ocean Spray consumer help line** (800) 662-3263.

Year-round weekdays (except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and other major holidays) 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST. Consumer department staff field questions on cranberries, offer recipes, cooking tips, nutritional information, menu planning, work sheets, product information.

On the Net: <http://www.oceanspray.com>

■ **Reynolds Turkey Tips Line** (800) 745-4000. A year-round 24-hour automated hot line through Dec. 31 offers advice on turkey defrosting, preparation and cooking options, free brochure and recipes.

On the Net: <http://www.reynoldskitchens.com>

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## WINE

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techniques for grape growing to the country. Malbec, an historic red Bordeaux grape variety, is at home in Argentina. Fifty-year-old or older plantings yield concentrated, well-structured wines with plum, blackberry, black pepper and spice qualities.

Currently, Bodegas Valentin Bianchi farms over 700 vineyard acres in the cool elevation of San Rafael, south of Mendoza. This climate offers red grapes a longer growing season, which benefits their flavor and complexity.

### THREE LABELS

Valentin Bianchi wines are released under three labels: Elsa, at under \$10; Famiglia Bianchi, under \$20; and Enzo Bianchi Grand Cru, a cabernet sauvignon blended with small amounts of merlot and/or mal-

bec (depending on the vintage), priced under \$30.

For many years, Enzo Bianchi has been the flagship label with grapes coming from only the best plots within the three Valentin Bianchi vineyards, all located in San Rafael, the area with the best soil in Mendoza.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

From the Valentin Bianchi wines available in the Michigan market, we recommend:

■ **2003 Elsa Syrah** (\$9) with standout cherry and spice aromas and a mellow finish. Serve it with lamb or pasta with a hearty mushroom sauce.

■ **2003 Famiglia Bianchi Sauvignon Blanc** (\$16) has sufficient semillon in the blend to add complexity. It is hallmarked by grapefruit, tropical fruit notes and a crisp, clean finish. It's a perfect complement to oysters, shrimp and broiled white fish.

■ **2002 Famiglia Bianchi Malbec** (\$18) showcases dark

fruit, berry aromas and mirrored flavors.

One of the best under \$20 malbecs around. Hard cheeses and fruits in place of dessert are delightful with this lush wine.

■ **2002 Famiglia Bianchi Cabernet Sauvignon** (\$18) is stellar at this price. Blended with merlot and malbec, it's marked by berry and spice aromas and flavors leading to chocolate hints in the finish. It screams "serve me with a medium-rare steak."

■ **2001 Enzo Bianchi Grand Cru** (\$27) is a step above the Famiglia Bianchi cabernet, showing exceptional concentration and layering of fruit and spice with the chocolate element lasting long into the finish. It too screams "bring on the steak."

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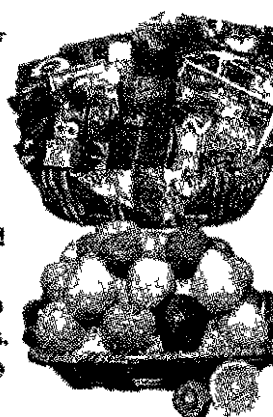
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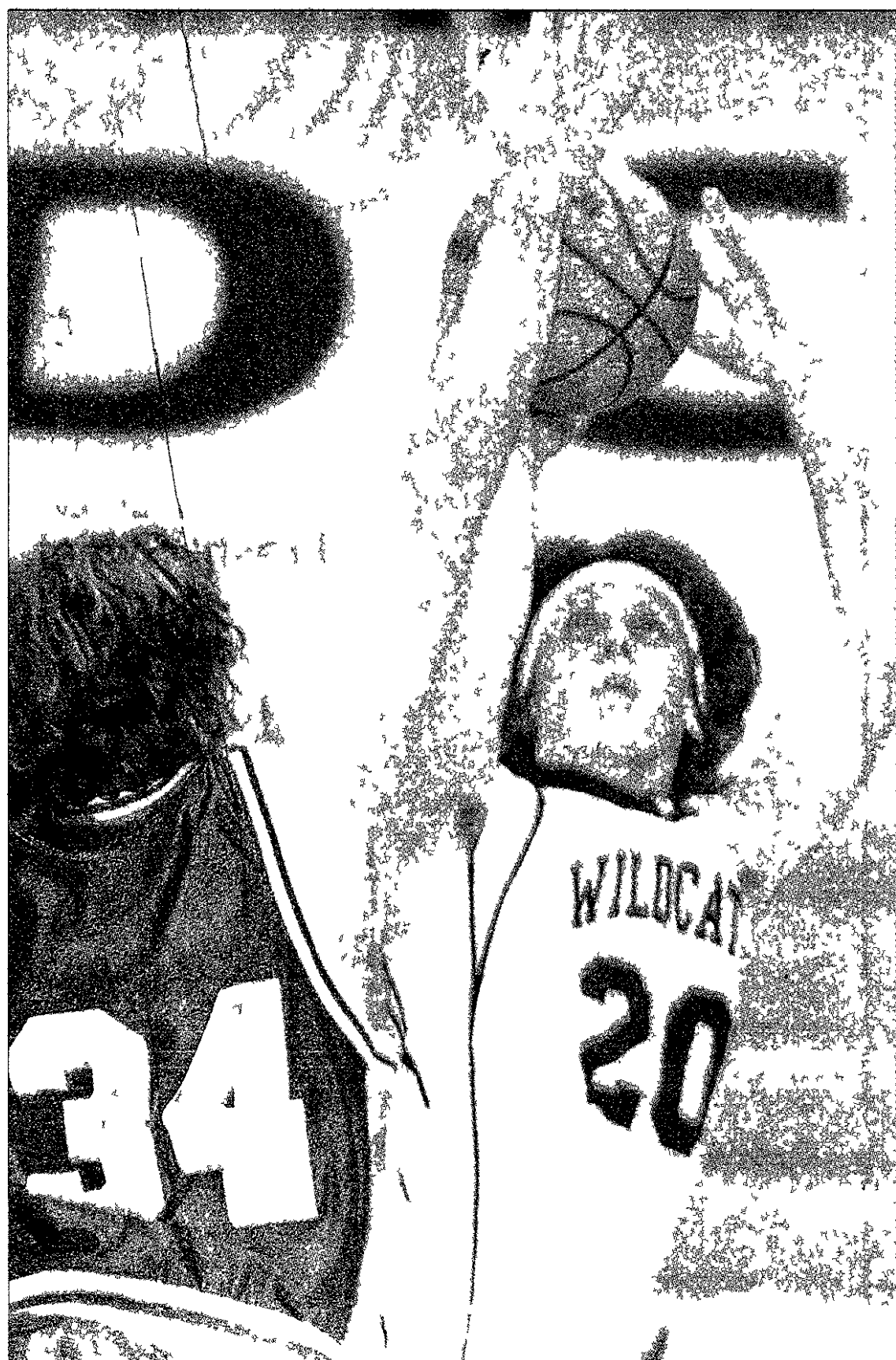
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A J Davey was a key contributor in Plymouth's victory over Bloomfield Hills Andover Monday night. The junior netted 10 points and eight rebounds in the 63-51 win.

## Wildcat cagers win with hustle

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's boys basketball team may not bombard opponents with rim-rattling dunks or flashy 3-point shots, but the Wildcats hustling, gritty methods have proven to be successful in the season's first quarter.

The substance-over-style Wildcats improved to 4-1 Monday night in the Plymouth High School gymnasium with a scrappy 63-51 victory over Bloomfield Hills Andover, whose record dropped to 1-4.

All five of Plymouth's games this season have been played on its home court. The Wildcats will hit the road for the first time Tuesday, Jan. 4, when they travel to Dearborn Heights Robichaud.

"Once again it wasn't pretty, but the boys keep finding different ways to win," Plymouth coach Tom VanWagoner said, referring to his team's come-from-behind, 12-point triumph over the Barons. "I told the kids after the game that they should be proud of what they've accomplished so far, but they said they're disappointed they're not 5-0."

"We'll really see where we stand when we play Robichaud when we come back from the break. They're very tall and very athletic, so that will be a good test for this team."

Led by its full-court, turnover-producing defense, Andover surged to a 13-3 lead in the game's first five minutes. Once the Wildcats figured out how to beat the press, they scored easily and forged a 15-15 tie at the end of the first quarter with a 12-2 run.

Plymouth grabbed its first lead, 17-16, one minute into the second quarter when D J Coleman converted a drive. The Wildcats improved their lead to 35-29 at the half.

Andover trailed just 41-40 after three quarters thanks to the inside play of senior forward Brian Zematus, who scored four points and grabbed four rebounds in the eight-minute span.

Plymouth led 44-43 with five minutes to play before building its comfortable winning cushion with free throws and fast-break baskets, which were sparked by point guard Brent Jones.

"I thought we played well the first three quarters, but Plymouth did a good job handling our pressure in the fourth quarter and it got away from us," said Andover junior varsity coach Lloyd Praedel, who was filling in for coach Howard Golding, who missed the game due to a death in the family.

Plymouth's Jim Wilbur led all scorers with 14 points. The junior forward also contributed six rebounds and three steals. D J Coleman scored 12, A J Davey had 10 and Kulraj Sandhu chipped in with nine. The Wildcats outrebounded the Barons, 37-23, thanks largely to Josh LeDuc, who grabbed 14 boards. Davey snared eight caroms. Mike Wint led the Barons with 12 points, including two threes. Zematus scored eight and Tino Fernandez tallied seven.

Plymouth hit 21 of 46 field goals (45.6 percent) and 20 of 35 free throws (57.1 percent). The Barons struggled from the field (35.2 percent) and the line (50 percent).

After committing seven turnovers in the games opening three minutes, the Wildcats had just 11 the rest of the game. ewright@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953 2108

## Sidelines

### Wolfpack tryouts

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU basketball teams for girls between the ages of 10 and 13 will be held on three separate nights in January.

On Jan. 4 tryouts for the 12-and-under team will be held 6-7:30 p.m. at East Middle School. Tryouts for the 13-and-under team will be held 7:30-9 p.m. Jan. 4 at East.

Tryouts for the 10-and-under Wolfpack squad will be held 6-8 p.m. Jan. 12 at Isbister Elementary School. The final tryout — for the 11-and-under unit — will be held 6-8 p.m. Jan. 13 at West Middle School.

For more information, call Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746, or Bob Blohm at (734) 495-3160 or (734) 414-8156.

### 'Cat spikers shine

Plymouth finished 3-2 at the competitive Madonna University High School Volleyball Tournament held Saturday in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

The Wildcats ousted Cass Tech (26-24 and 25-15), Flat Rock (25-14 and 25-9) and Wayne Memorial (25-9 and 25-9), but were upended by Dearborn Divine Child (25-16 and 25-18) in pool play before falling to Tecumseh, 25-21 and 25-19, in the qualifier.

Plymouth was led by Jeanine Moise (27 kills, 11 digs, 18 solo blocks), Sarah Haskins (41 set assists), Janet Hanchette (26 digs, three services aces) and Lindsey Vogelsberg (10 digs).

The Wildcats return to action Monday when they compete in the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational.

### SC cagers win

Schoolcraft's men's basketball team dominated a depleted Genesee (N.Y.) team on Saturday night, coming away with a 90-62 victory.

Martin Samarco (Belleville) torched the Cougars for 29 points to lead the Ocelots in the win. Courtney Williams, a 6-9 transfer from Oakland University, chipped in 18 and Jamaal Lock (Detroit Redford) finished with 14.

Genesee (5-10), which finished 24-7 last season, was playing short-handed as three regular starters were out with various injuries against the Ocelots.

Schoolcraft (12-1) took advantage early, building up a 41-21 lead, notching another blowout victory. Eight of the Ocelots' 12 victories have come by 20 points or more so far this season, including three drubbings of 50 points or more.

Ty Scott had 13 to round out the Schoolcraft players that finished in double digits.

A J White led the Cougars with 16 points and Genesee received 15 points from Phil Santiago, 14 from Bart Tooms and 10 from Jim Irwin.

## Plymouth icers take Ypsi crown

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's hockey team rolled through last weekend's Ypsilanti Lincoln Christmas Tournament like a Zamboni cruising through a china shop.

The Wildcats took home the first-place hardware after thumping their semifinal opponent Willow Run and finals foe Lincoln by identical 10-0 scores.

The pair of one-sided victories improved the Wildcats record to 3-4 heading into Wednesday's game against Taylor Truman at the Taylor Sports Plex. The dominant wins also gave Plymouth a much-needed dose of momentum after a rough 1-4 start.

"It was a nice weekend for us," Plymouth coach Mike Kaput said. "Ypsilanti Lincoln did a nice job of hosting the tournament, and the boys all had a good time."

Brett Kavulich really enjoyed the first game, recording a hat trick. Charles Webb added a goal and three assists and Christian Blck earned the shutout, stopping eight Flyer shots.

John Knoerl, Ryan Stamm, Josh Dillon, Mark Olivier, Jason O'Gunn and Justin Michalek also scored goals for the winners, who led 4-0 after one period and 6-0 after the opening 30 minutes.

The title game between Plymouth and Lincoln was limited to just two periods due to an MHSAA mercy rule that stops games once a team compiles a 10-0 advantage. O'Gunn scored four goals, Knoerl had two, while Billy Gauthier, Stamm, Kavulich and Dillon knocked in one apiece. Olivier notched three assists.

Justin Desilets made 11 saves to secure the shutout for the Wildcats.

Lincoln advanced to the final game by throttling Taylor Kennedy, 11-1, in a Saturday semifinal match-up.

After watching Lincoln play on Saturday, I really thought we were going to be in for a tough game," Kaput said. "But we scored on five of our first six shots."

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## P-C coaching fixtures share honor

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Over the past 30 years, Bob Blohm and Fred Thomann have coached with and against each other in more girls basketball games than they can probably remember.

The two have become fixtures on the coaching landscape at the Plymouth-Canton Education Park, leading their respective teams to a long run of successful seasons.

So it's only fitting that Blohm, Canton's girls basketball coach for the past 16 years, and Thomann, the girls coach at Salem since 1984, share this year's Observerland Coach of the Year honors.

Blohm's and Thomann's teams enjoyed abundantly successful campaigns in 2004. The Chiefs captured the Western Lakes Activities Association title on the way to a 17-6 overall record, while the highlight of Salem's 16-7 year was a Class A district



Thomann



Blohm

For the complete Observerland All Area Girls Basketball Team. Please see page C2.

championship, which it secured with a final-game win over Canton.

"I think the mark of this year's team is that it was competitive in just about every game we played this year," said Thomann, whose coaching career at Salem commenced in 1972 when he took the reins of the boys hoop program. "With the exception of maybe one game, we were never blown out. We pushed every team we played to the max."

Thomann said this year's squad was all about balance.

"It was a fun team to coach because

## Salem's Gui finds success on mat, in class

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

To succeed in the rugged, survival-of-the-fittest world of high school wrestling, a complete, around-the-calendar commitment to the sport is not a luxury — it's a requirement.

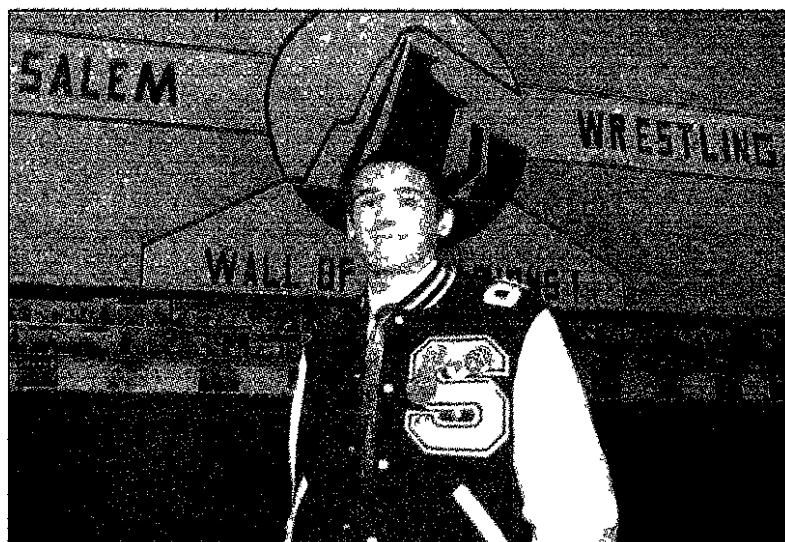
No one understands this better than Salem junior Val Gui, who, just over two years after stepping onto a wrestling mat for the first time, is excelling for the Rocks.

Gui's commitment to excellence was evident this past summer, when he spent 30 days at a demanding camp hosted by a

number of renowned wrestlers and coaches at the University of Minnesota. While his friends back home were swimming, working on their



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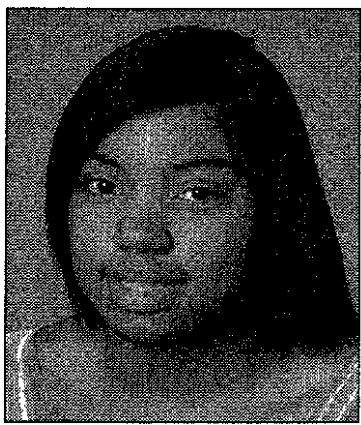


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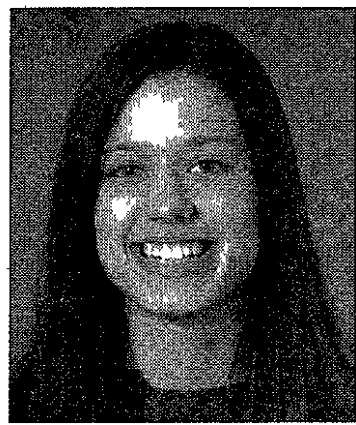
Salem's Val Gui is an accomplished student in the classroom and in the wrestling room. The junior carries a 3.97 grade point average and a 7-4 record for the Rocks wrestling team.

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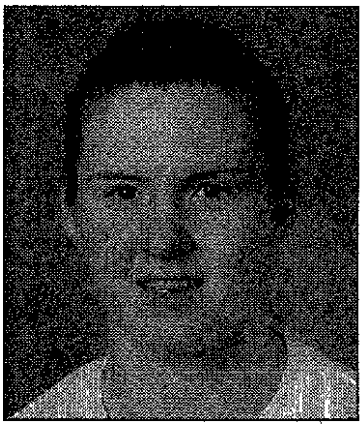
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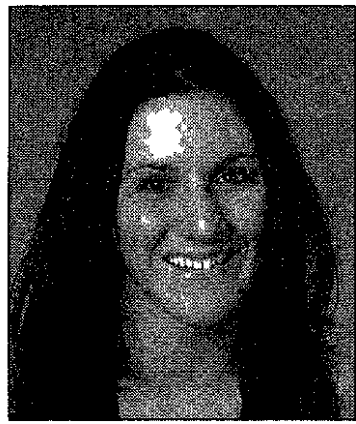
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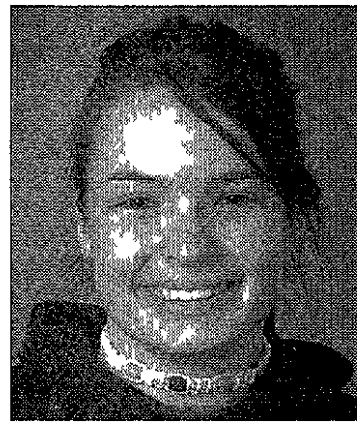
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**SECOND TEAM**

Arie McKissick 6-2 Sr C Red Thurston  
Alyssa Guerin 5-9 Sr G Salem  
Alisha June 6-0 Sr F Garden City  
Marissa Martin 6-0 Sr C Clarenceville  
Lisa Ealy 5-9 Jr F Canton

**THIRD TEAM**

Becci Houdek 5-9 So G Canton  
Teresa Goppelle 5-10 So F Salem  
Katie Tuom 5-7 Sr G Clarenceville  
Kathryn Wheatley 5-8 Sr G Salem  
Kim Oeck 5-10 Jr F Plymouth

**FOURTH TEAM**

Colleen Flaherty 5-9 Jr G Plymouth  
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# All-Area basketball team is stocked with talent

**FIRST TEAM**

**Katie Cezat, 5-11 Sr, F, Canton:** Cezat finished her career at Canton as the school's all-time leader in points, rebounds and blocked shots. As a senior, she averaged close to 20 points a game and over 10 rebounds per contest. She was effective around the basket, but the four-year varsity player could also help break a press with her slick ball-handling skills.

Katie's strength is her versatility. Canton coach Bob Blohm said she is a strong post player and she moves well away from the basket as well. She scored a lot this year off of offensive rebounds. Even though she was double-teamed a lot this season, she put up great numbers.

**Ellen Canale, 5-9 Sr, G, Salem:** Canale did it all for the Class A district champion Rocks, leading them in scoring (11.5) and assists (5.5). She was second on the team in rebounding from her guard position. A three-year varsity starter, the senior earned a scholarship at Division I Eastern Illinois University.

Ellen is a very, very good player and she was our vocal leader as well, said Salem coach Fred Thomann. She either led our team or was close to leading our team in every statistical category. She was recognized by several Division I schools, so obviously she is a very talented player.

**Lindsay Fletemier, 6-4 Jr, C, Garden City:** Fletemier earned co-MVP honors for the Cougars after averaging 15 points and 12 rebounds per game, along with a season's total of 96 blocks.

Certainly, I think she, along with (Katie) Cezat of Canton, was one of the premiere post players in the area and certainly one of the best post players I've ever had at Garden City, said Cougars head coach Barry Patterson, who calls the junior center the team's X-factor.

He added there is no telling how good the junior center can be in 2005-06.

I think she has a tremendous upside to her game, she's very athletic, runs the floor well and has good hands, Patterson said. I don't believe she

knows yet how good she is and how good she can be.

Selected to the All-Mega White first team, Fletemier scored 32 points in a game to establish a Garden City record.

**Erica Yost, 5-6 Sr, G, Liv Ladywood:** The transfer from Dearborn Divine Child made All-Catholic as she averaged 12 points, five assists, three rebounds and two steals per game for the Class B district champions.

Yost shot 42 percent from the floor, including 36 percent from three-point range. She averaged 62 percent at the line.

More importantly, the point-guard averaged just two turnovers per game. Erica got better as the season went along because coming into a new system took time. Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said she handled the ball primarily for us. Her stats in the Catholic League as a guard were pretty solid all the way around.

**Jeanine Moise, 5-10 Jr, F, Plymouth:** A junior, Moise was a force in the paint for the Wildcats in the inaugural full sea-

son at the varsity level. She led the team in scoring (15.5), rebounding (15.0) and blocked shots (2.7) despite getting extra attention from opposing teams' defenses.

There were times this season when Jeanine would dominate games, both offensively and defensively, said Plymouth coach Michelle Reilly. She was an important part of the success we had this season.

**SECOND TEAM**

**Ariel McKissick, 6-2 Sr, C, Red Thurston:** McKissick's solid season earned her a spot on the All-Mega Blue team. She averaged 16 points, seven rebounds, two blocks and two steals per contest.

Head coach Bob Ostrowski said McKissick did an excellent job at both ends of the floor. On offense, she blended height and athleticism, taking the ball to the basket and scoring on putbacks and drives from the wing. Her season's high was 28 points, virtually all scored in the low post.

Defensively, McKissick was aggress-

sive for boards and blocked shots, and that's what kept us in a lot of games, Ostrowski said.

**Alyssa Guerin, 5-9 Sr, G, Salem:** A three-year varsity starter, Guerin was the Rocks' second-leading scorer behind Canale, averaging around nine points a contest.

Alyssa is a great competitor and was very versatile for us the past three years, Thomann said. She is an outstanding rebounder and defender, and she's been a key member of our team for the past three years.

**Alisha June, 6-0 Sr, F, Garden City:** Her coach Barry Patterson called June the heart and soul of the Cougars this season.

June, who earned All-Mega White honorable mention, tallied 12 points and 8.5 boards per game and made about 40 percent of her field goal attempts. She played almost every minute of every game.

We were really blessed this year to have two post players who can run the floor, Patterson said. She was really

the heart and soul of our team. She's a tremendous athlete with a great work ethic and is just a joy to coach.

**Marissa Martin, 6-0 Sr, C, Clarenceville:** The All-Metro Conference pick earned second-team All-Observer honors for the second straight year.

The Clarenceville co-MVP averaged 12.9 points and 9.2 rebounds per game for the 15-7 Trojans. She shot an impressive 74 percent from foul line.

Marissa did really well this year, taking on a leadership role, Clarenceville coach Julie Patterson said. She was the player team's feared most that played against us because she can post up or take it outside. She has the ability to play inside out.

**Lisa Ealy, 5-9 Jr, F, Canton:** Only a junior, Ealy did it all for the Chiefs, finishing as one of the team's most consistent scorers, rebounders and defensive players.

Lisa was a big part of our success this season, said Blohm. She can score, rebound and defend. Lisa should be one of our leaders next season.

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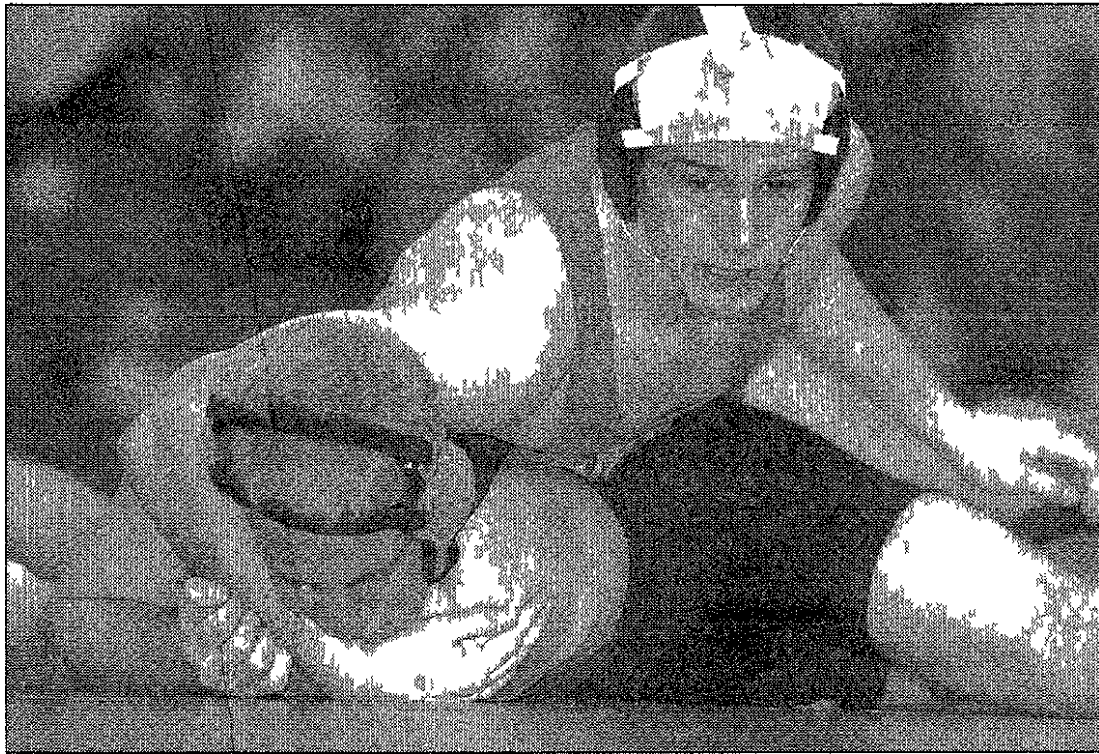
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Canton's Konrad Konzitzke went 5-0 in the 140 pound weight class in Saturday's Canton Team Tournament. The Chiefs finished first in the event, downing New Boston-Huron in the finals.

# Chief wrestlers capture first in Canton Team Tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team was the host with the most Saturday in the annual Canton Team Tournament held in the school's Phase III gymnasium.

The Chiefs breezed through the round-robin part of the 10-team invitational with a 4-0 record. They then tripped up Division 3 powerhouse New Boston-Huron, 45-24, in the finals.

The five wins boosted Canton's overall record to 10-3 as it heads into Wednesday's meet at Birmingham Brother Rice.

"It was a pretty exciting day for the team," said Canton coach Casey Randolph. "The kids were ecstatic to beat a really good team like New Boston-Huron in the finals. We're turning into a very competitive team, which is nice to see."

Canton knocked off Livonia Stevenson (72-3) Monroe

Jefferson (44-27), Ann Arbor Pioneer (56-13) and Allen Park (45-33) to finish first in Pool A. Huron pinned its competition in Pool B to set up the final match-up.

Seven Canton wrestlers earned gold medals after compiling unbeaten records: Ryan Schmetler (5-0 with four pins at 103 pounds), Jay Fleischmann (5-0 with four pins at 119), Corey Phillips (5-0 with five pins at 130), Ryan Webb (5-0 with four pins at 135), Konrad Konzitzke (5-0 at 140), Keil Price (2-0 at 171), and Tom Bonnell (1-0 at 215).

Canton 125-pound senior Pete Bonneau, who finished 4-1, gave up the opportunity to finish undefeated and a gold medal when he made an incredible, selfless sacrifice that made the day special for a disabled Ann Arbor Pioneer opponent.

Pioneer had a disabled wrestler who had never won a match, explained Randolph. "I'm not sure what was wrong

with him, but he used hand crutches and he didn't have use of his legs. I talked to Pete before the match, and I asked him how he would feel about letting the Pioneer wrestler win. He said he had no problem with it."

When the Pioneer wrestler — his name was Zach Damon — won (8-5), his hand was raised and he got a standing ovation. It was a pretty emotional scene and a great gesture by Pete.

Canton's P.J. Caram also compiled a 4-1 record at 189 pounds.

Before I was named coach, this tournament was an individual meet," Randolph said. "But I revamped it into a team tournament because more kids get to wrestle in more matches. At the individual tournaments, if you lose your first two matches, you're done. At the team tournaments, most of the wrestlers get five matches in no matter what

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tans and spending time relaxing, Gui was sweating through days that included four practices and little time for recreation.

And he loved it. "It was all wrestling, all the time," Gui said. "We'd get up at 6 a.m. and our first practice would start at 6:15. We'd wrestle all day. There were high school wrestlers from all over the country, including California and New York."

"It was very intense, but it was a great experience for me. A guy told us at the camp that only 70 percent of the wrestlers who go through it end up graduating from it."

Among the graduation requirements was a 15-mile run on the final day. It turned out to be a final Gui passed with flying colors.

"My wrestling skills improved exponentially at the camp," said Gui, who had to raise close to \$2,000 to attend. "I have a lot more confidence in my ability this season because of what I learned

there.

Gui, who has worked his way to a 7-4 record so far this season, said the most taxing part of the sport is the time it takes to become competitive.

"I usually stay after practice for an hour or so to work on things, so most nights I don't get home until 5:30," he said.

By the time I eat, I'm usually pretty tired, but I still have homework to do. It's tiring, but it's worth it."

One of the things I like best about wrestling is that it's an individual sport. You're only going to get out of it what you put into it."

Unlike many of his wrestling peers, Gui said he doesn't have to worry about watching his weight.

"I'm a big sweater, so I lose a lot of weight naturally," he said. "I'm actually small for my weight class. I wrestle at 152, but I usually weigh around 147. I could move down to 145, but the guy we have at 145 is very good, so it's best for the team if I stay at 152."

Salem wrestling coach Greg Woochuk said while Gui is an accomplished grappler, he's an even better person.

"Val works very hard at

wrestling, but he puts just as much time and effort into his family and his academics as he does wrestling," Woochuk said. "He has an incredible work ethic and attitude that the younger wrestlers on the team really look up to. He's definitely a well-rounded young man."

Gui's hunger to excel on the wrestling mat is matched by his academic ambitions. He currently holds a 3.9 grade-point average even though he takes several advanced placement classes.

"The most challenging class I have right now is probably my advanced placement U.S. history class," Gui said. "But that's also my favorite class. I love history."

Gui, who competes for the Salem cross country team in the fall, is a regular volunteer at the Romanian Orthodox Church in Detroit. On Thanksgiving, he helped serve to several homeless in the city.

"I'm pinning opponents to tacking hunger — Gui's incredible commitment to excellence is multi-dimensional."

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# Whalers reach .500 mark with 2 wins

The Plymouth Whalers hit the Christmas break at the 500 mark — 14-14-4-2 — after winning two out of three games on the road Dec. 17-19. The Whalers are now in second place in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division, just two points behind the pace-setting Sault Greyhounds.

On Sunday, the Whalers scored twice in the first 55 seconds of the game to take an early 2-0 lead and never look back on the way to a 6-3 victory. The six goal output was the team's largest this season.

Plymouth led 3-2 at the end of the opening period and 5-2 after 40 minutes in a game played before 2,943 fans at the Oshawa Civic Auditorium.

John Vigilante led the Whalers' attack with two goals and an assist. He now has 11 goals this season. John Armstrong and John Mitchell both tallied a goal and two assists each. Mike Knight (three assists), Andrew Fournier (one goal) and James Neal (one goal) all played well offensively for the winners.

Rookie net-minder Justin Garay earned the win in goal for the Whalers, stopping 32 of 35 shots. Mike Kavanaugh, Brett Trudell and Matt Piva scored for Oshawa.

Mitchell's three-point night

ted him with former Whaler captain James Wisniewski for 11th on the team's all-time scoring list with 187 points. Mitchell has scored 65 goals and 122 assists in 224 games.

On Saturday, The Whalers edged Belleville, 2-1, before 2,751 at the Yardmen Arena in Belleville. Dan Collins and Mike Knight scored goals for the Whalers, who were bolstered by the strong goal-keeping of Ryan Nie.

Nie stopped 30 of 31 Belleville shots to earn his 13th victory of the season. Nie's bid for his first shutout of the season was ruined at 1:03 of the third period on a goal by Belleville's Matt Belesky.

In the final minute of play and Belleville with an extra attacker on the ice after pulling goalie Kevin Lalonde, Nie made a point-blank stop on Bulls veteran Evan Brophrey to preserve the victory.

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# Christmas Eve 2000 changed everything for Detroit Lions

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Mark Wilson

Yes it's another lame attempt to replace the words to Clement C Moore's traditional poem just to get a point across on our pro football team. Everyone sheds that timeless ditty by creating their own rhymes.

That ode to St. Nick should only be replicated with tidings of joy and good cheer. The last four years have been far from that for the Detroit Lions.

Hard to believe it's been four years to the week that on a

fateful Christmas Eve, the fortunes of an entire sports franchise changed on one field goal Paul Edinger a Michigan State alum no less, booted a 52 yarder,

giving the Chicago Bears a 23-20 victory at the Pontiac Silverdome.

It pushed the Lions out of the playoffs, finished the head coaching career of Gary Moeller and began possibly the

worst era in Lions football. Talk about settling in for a long winter's nap!

Gary Moeller is our head coach. He has carte blanche with what he wants to do with our football team. Lions owner William Clay Ford said when he tabbed the former Michigan Wolverine coach to replace Bobby Ross in November 2000.

Carte blanche lasted exactly seven games. Moeller went 4-3, but losing to the Bears on that Edinger field goal changed everything. The stockings weren't the only thing hung that Christmas Eve. Matt Millen was brought in as

the new team president and Mo was shown the door.

Four years and 47 losses later, the Chicago Bears are back in town this week. The Silverdome is now the world's largest Monster Truck venue and Gary Moeller was three coaches ago. The Lions have only been able to squeak out 15 wins in 62 tries.

Makes you long for the days of 'carte blanche'.

It's been a tough road, no doubt, said Lions coach Steve Marucci, who can only be blamed for 20 of those losses. Marty Mornhinweg gets the other 27.

"We still believe we are tak-

ing positive steps here to make this team a contender again," Marucci added.

He's not laughing over his first two years as Lions head coach. Marucci's belly isn't exactly jiggling like a bowl full of jelly. He certainly did not expect just one win since a 4-2 start this season with only two games remaining.

"There's no question it's a mind-boggling that we have not been able to take advantage of some big opportunities," injured star kick returner Eddie Drummond said.

Opportunity lost. Story of the Detroit Lions.

All those memories come fly-

ing in like a ride on Santa's sleigh with the Bears coming Sunday to Detroit. Paul Edinger is still their field-goal kicker and their record is identical to the Lions 5-9.

It would seem that the Lions are a little better off. Kevin Jones is now just 62 yards away from 1,000 and Joey Harrington is better than any quarterback the Bears can trot out there.

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onship in Detroit. The Bears are not much better. They have only one title in the past 41 years. It may have been 19 years ago, but at least Chicago has been to a Super Bowl.

'We know the fans here are tired of waiting. Shoot, we're all tired of waiting,' said Kelvin

Pritchett. He is the longest-tenured Lion, having played here since 1991.

'It's very frustrating, but what can you do except to keep working hard trying to improve?' added kicker Jason Hanson, who came to town a year after Pritchett.

If only Hanson had kicked that field goal instead of Edinger on Christmas Eve 2000, how different things may have been. Alas, only

visions of sugarplums will keep dancing in their heads.

Marucci will try to finish this season strong. Losing last week to the Vikings on a botched extra-point snap didn't exactly make for a holly jolly Christmas. He has the Bears and Titans and that's it. Year No. 2 of his regime will be in the books. Winning both would avoid the fourth straight season of double-digit losses. That's one thing about the

NFL, there is always something to play for," Marucci said with a wink.

But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight, Merry Christmas to all. And to all, a good night.

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

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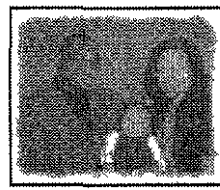
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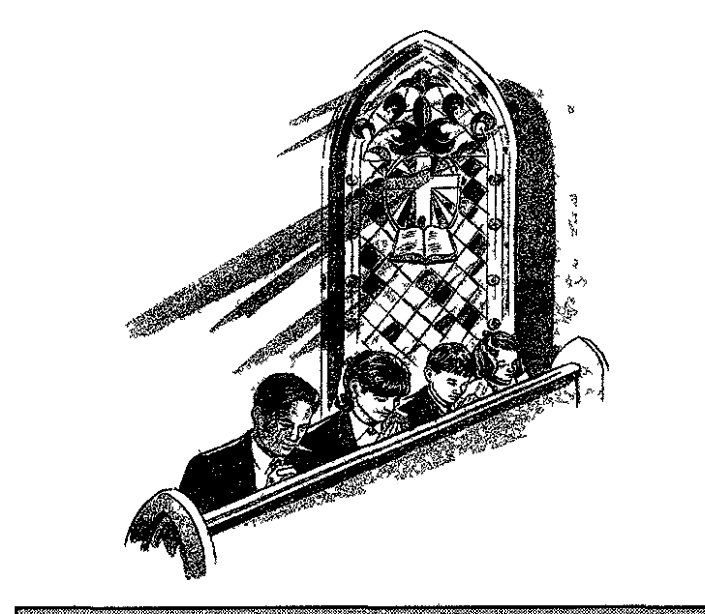
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Livonia • 427 2290  
Jill Hegdal Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship (Nursery Avail.)  
http://www.timothyivonia.com

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First Sat 9:30 am  
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Tuesdays at 7:00 PM

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

#### First Church of Christ Scientist, Plymouth

1100 W Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI  
734-453-0970

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Reading Room 550 South Main  
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734-453-1676

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Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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Sunday Worship 10:45am  
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## THE Observer & Eccentric NEWSPAPERS

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In addition to our weekly Worship Directory, the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers publishes a traditional holiday directory before Christmas. If you are interested, please call 734-953-2153 for more information.

### It's Easy To Criticize...

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

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



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

## DECEMBER

## Christmas Eve services

5 p.m. Family Service 8 p.m. Service of Holy Communion 10:30 p.m. Choral and Instrumental Christmas Music 11 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service of Lessons and carols Friday Dec 24 and 10 a.m. Sunday Dec 26 no education hour at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington 26165 Farmington Road Farmington Hills Call (248) 474-6170

## All Generations celebration

Christmas Vigil Mass 5 p.m. Friday Dec 24 Midnight Mass begins at 11:30 p.m. with musical prelude at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road Livonia All are welcome For more information call (734) 425-5950

## 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 Penman 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 service 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

## Christmas dinner

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with caroling 2:30 p.m. followed by a meeting of recovery groups 3:50 p.m. at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster For more information call (734) 421-1760

## Saint Dunstan dinner

There is no reason to spend Christmas alone no matter which community you live in Saint Dunstan Catholic Church in Garden City is fixing all of the trimmings for a dinner for anyone who is alone or without somewhere to go 1 p.m. Saturday Dec 25 (dinner served at 1:30 p.m.) There is no charge but reservations are required For more information or to make reservations call Mary or John at (734) 425-3282 Saint Dunstan Catholic Church is located at 1616 Belton Garden City

## 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 8:9 a.m. at the American Table Eight Mile Farmington Come when you can leave when you must For more information call (248) 924-2779

## Contemporary service

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

## Bible Study for Parents

For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road four miles south of Michigan Avenue Belleville Child care available Call (734) 699-3361

## Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church 11575 Belleville Road 4 miles south of Michigan Ave Belleville Call (734) 699-3361

## Orthodoxy 101

Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled Orthodoxy 101 It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 W Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburgh roads Livonia The course is open to the public and there is no cost involved The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion Please invite your friends and see Philip told Nathaniel Come and see If you have any additional questions call Beth at (248) 348-8631

## Support group

Provides spiritual social and educational support for divorced and separated Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at St. Andrew's Parish Center 1400 Englewood Rochester For information call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860

## Grief support programs

At Hope Lutheran Church 3640 Madison at Carlysle 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) 446-2000

## New contemporary service

Began 9 a.m. Sunday Sept 26 new contemporary service will be held the last Sunday of the month at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season a church event or current newsworthy situation Sept 26 drama is a look into the problem of being overloaded with requests for our time and abilities For more information call (734) 422-0494

## Prayer group

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

## Stronger Women

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

## Women of the Word

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

## Worship schedule

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

## New modern-style worship

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

## New service times

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

## New Sunday School

Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church 5085 Orion Road Rochester for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press The non denominational program is open to all ages No charge for the

classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (248) 652-7774

## Adat Shalom

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

## Welcome to the church

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

## Self help groups

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

## Addiction No More

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

## Detroit World Outreach

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p.m. (Family Night) and service for ages 18 to 28 Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at 23800 West Chicago Redford Call (313) 255-2222 or visit www.wayofvictory.com

## Wednesday Evening Prayer

7 p.m. Wednesday This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476-8860

## Single Point Lighthouse Cafe

Single and feeling alone? Come join us Single Point Ministries invites you to join more than 550 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God Coffee doughnuts conversation and Christ are always present Single Point Ministries has a program and activity for every age group and life situation For more information or to receive a newsletter call (248) 374-5920

## Single Point Walking Club

Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville All fitness levels welcome Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship Women's Fellowship and PACS People Active in Christian Study) Bible study group Call (248) 374-5920

## AWANA

Every Wednesday night Faith Bible Church offers an AWANA program for children from kindergarten through fifth grade at Faith Bible Church 23414 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills Drop your children off or stay for a Bible study offered to parents 7:30 p.m. For more information call (248) 426-0096

## Scrapbook and cropping

If you're interested in learning about scrapbook and cropping Faith Bible Church is offering a place to put it all together 3:10 p.m. the second Friday of the month at 23414 Orchard Lake

Road Farmington Hills A Creative Moment consultant will be available to everyone from diehard scrapbookers to novices wanting to learn more about it For more information call (248) 426-0096

## Sunday Worship service

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church Congregational Praise Team leads the 11 a.m. Sunday Worship Service featuring contemporary style liturgy and music 1150 Walton Rochester Hills No charge For more information call (248) 651-6550

## Worship service

Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in depth Bible teaching Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty For more information call (734) 453-5534

## Contemporary worship service

A contemporary worship service is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. the fourth Sunday of the month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia For more information call (734) 422-6038

## Worship services

8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia For information call (734) 422-1470

## Abilize Young Adult Ministries

Presented by Detroit World Outreach 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday Using cutting edge music high tech video and lighting drama multi media and a relevant message that can change lives, Abilize is giving young adults ages 18 to 28 the opportunity to meet friends and hang out with people their age Evening includes a live band pool tables ping pong basketball and the Motown Cafe in the Freedom Center on the Detroit World Outreach campus 23800 W Chicago near Telegraph, Redford For more information call (313) 794-0684 or visit the Web site at www.motownministries.org



AMELIA M. BRESLER

Of Lansing, MI age 87 passed away in the early hours of Wednesday, December 15 in Lansing with her son and daughter at her side. She was born on November 26 1917 to John and Sophie Maziarzky in Wallington NJ She trained as a Registered Nurse working as an operating room supervisor until she met the love of her life the late William F. Bresler, in 1953 She retired to raise a family, then went back to nursing in 1970 She retired again and stopped dying her hair when her first grandchild was born in 1982 Lil was an avid gardener growing canning and freezing almost all of the vegetables for her family's table She baked her family's bread weekly Through a friend to birds Lil carried on a continual war against the chipmunks in her backyard, earning the nickname of The Lillinator Surviving are her son William J. (Susan) Bresler of Livonia daughter Beth (Ernest) Fife of Grand Lodge, and grandchildren Anne and Robert Bresler and Jonathan and Amy Fife A memorial service was held Saturday December 18 at the Kellogg Center Michigan State University in East Lansing The family suggests memorial contributions to Sparrow Hospice Services

# Passages

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**ROBERT E. WILLETTE**  
December 16 2004 Age 76 Born in Flint MI longtime resident of Plymouth Beloved husband of M.J. Beloved father of Robert Tom (Bonnie) and Robin De Yonker beloved grandfather of Alicia and Rocky Brother of Keith (Toni) and the late Mickey Preceded in death by his parents James and Esther (Kuntz) Willette Mr. Willette served in the U.S. Marines during 1946-1947 Private cremation services arranged by Vermeulen Funeral Home Plymouth www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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6677 Orchard Lake Road  
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May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.



# Sports Roundup

## LEARN TO SKATE

The winter session of the Novi Ice Arenas 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.

## ULTIMATE FISHING

The four-day Ultimate Fishing Show, which will feature hundreds of exhibits for outdoor sports enthusiasts, will be held Jan. 13-16 at the Novi Expo Center.

The show will include several direct-factory exhibits that will be staffed with designers, technicians and other manufacturers' experts as well as specialty bait vendors from across the country.

It's a pure fishing show, said Adam Starr, of ShowSpan Inc. Detroit sportsmen have long yearned for such a show. For us and for them, this is an all new event at a new venue. That's why we're calling it the Ultimate Fishing Show.

Admission will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 6-14 years old. Children under 5 will be admitted for no charge.

## JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers Association Michigan Section. The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college scholarships.

Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership. Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate.

The tour consists of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tournament rounds, and is held on local private and public courses.

The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free, said tour director Dan Thomas. "The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150 players. Additionally the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free. So a total of 50 players per week are playing free golf."

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

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

The tour is presented by the PGA Michigan Section and the National Golf Scholarship Association (NGSA).

## ACADEMY OPENS

Former Detroit Lion Frank Gallagher and major league pitching coach Jeff Jones recently opened the Bullpen Baseball/Softball Academy in Farmington. The 12,000-square-foot facility is equipped with six batting cages and three pitching tunnels.

Included on the Bullpen's staff are Tigers hitting coach Bruce Fields, current Detroit pitcher Nate Robertson and several local collegiate players.

For more information, see the Bullpen's Web site at [www.bullpenbaseball.com](http://www.bullpenbaseball.com).

## CARBO BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Pro Premier Baseball School will stage individual, small group and team skill session specific to conditioning, velocity improvement, power hitting and fielding.

Mark Rutherford, former Livonia Churchill High Eastern Michigan University and former Minor League player will be the featured instructor.

For more information, call director Gordie Rutherford at (734) 421-4928.

## SOFTBALL/BASEBALL LESSONS

Total Baseball, 30990 Wixom Road, will offer pitching, hitting, and fielding lessons for ages 6-18.

Lessons are by appointment only.

The cost is \$35 per half-hour or \$165 for five private lessons.

Call 248-668-0166 or e-mail [totalbaseballwixom@aol.com](mailto:totalbaseballwixom@aol.com) or visit [www.total-baseball.com](http://www.total-baseball.com) for more information.

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Robert M. Meisner

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Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit [rbmeisner@meisnerassociates.com](mailto:rbmeisner@meisnerassociates.com). This column should not be con-

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## Women get things done with CREW-Detroit

BY KEELY SCHRAMM  
STAFF WRITER

Kim Lewandowski stomps her work boots as she walks in the building, apologizing for the mud. She's an environmental scientist for G2 Consulting Group of Troy and supervising the demolition process at the former Jacobson's Men's Store on the corner of Old Woodward and Wilhite in downtown Birmingham.

Working in a male-dominated field can be tough. Who do you talk to?

"Typically, commercial real estate is male-dominated," said Gail von Staden, an architect with Rossetti in Southfield.

That's the reason she and Lewandowski belong to the Detroit Chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women — CREW-Detroit.

Von Staden likes having a forum to meet women within the profession to seek out for information, resources and suggestions on how to handle a specific problem. "The caliber of the membership is exceptionally strong," she said. You are for the most part dealing with decision-makers.

"The networking is great for me," Lewandowski said. "I like everyone so much they're very helpful."

Founded in 1986, CREW Detroit is one of the largest chapters of the CREW network, a professional organization of more than 5,700 commercial real estate women in the U.S. and Canada. CREW-Detroit has more than 125 members, women involved in every aspect of commercial real estate from accounting, architecture, law, sales/brokerage, appraisal, property/asset management, leasing and finance. Its goal is to advance the success of its members in commercial real estate. Men aren't excluded. The Detroit chapter doesn't have any male members, but men do attend programs.

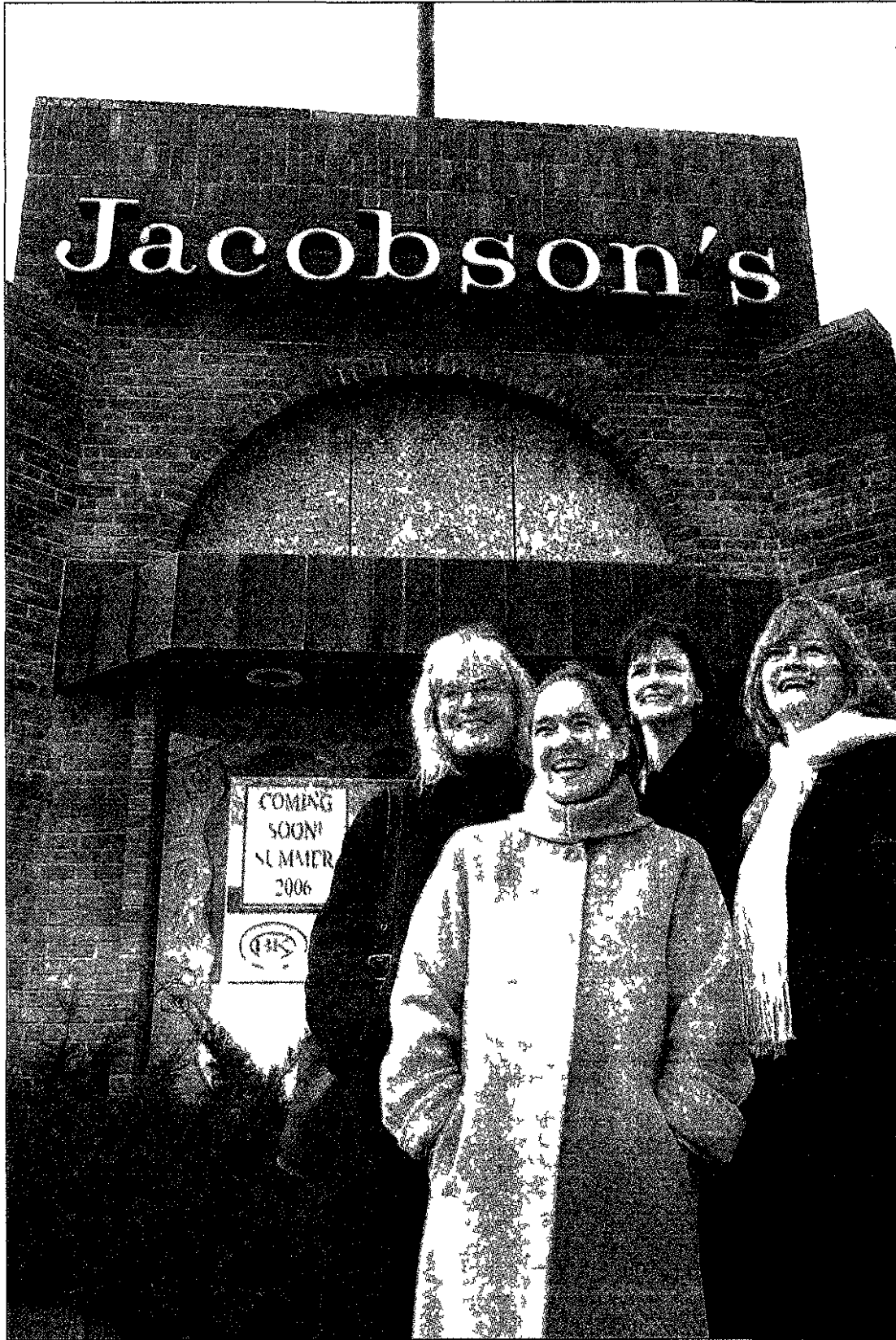
Catherine Malicki, director of marketing for the DeMattia Group in Plymouth, is CREW-Detroit's newly elected secretary and communication's liaison.

"We're promoting each other, you do what you can," she said. "You meet other women trying to make it in this field."

Newly elected president Joan Cleland is a longtime CREW-Detroit member and executive vice president for Acquest Realty Advisors, Inc. in Bloomfield Hills. She, like other members, enjoys seeing something come out of the ground — a project from start to development.

One of the amazing things about our profession is things get built," von Staden said. "It's a collaborative effort of many people."

Bren Buckley, vice president for development of Bingham Farms-based developer Burton-Katzman Development Co., is the project manager for 325 N. Old Woodward — site



Gail von Staden, (front), Bren Buckley (left to right), Catherine Malicki, and Joan Cleland, members of the Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women, in front of 325 North Old Woodward in Birmingham. The old Jacobson's men's store is being replaced with a multi-use building that includes offices, retail and condos. Buckley is managing the project for Burton-Katzman Development Co.

of the former Jacobson's Men's Store, which is being redeveloped into a multi-use building with retail on the first floor, two office floors and 16 condos.

A lawyer with an MBA, Buckley joined CREW because she relocated to the area, didn't know many people and wanted to build some contacts in the industry.

As she looks forward to the new year, Cleland said CREW will continue to work to create and enhance networking opportunities for its members and offer quality programs. Empowering members in their prospective industries to effect change, and enhance leadership training, are also among Cleland's goals for the group.

Its Real Estate Excellence Awards banquet in September at Oakland Hills Country Club has become a sell-out event, and coveted award. The competition is open to new construction and redevelopment projects. Each project must involve at least one firm with a CREW-Detroit member. This year, CREW-Detroit created an Excellence in Real Estate scholarship to support a woman entering the commercial real estate field.

CREW-Detroit also hosts an annual golf outing in June to benefit Alternatives for Girls, an organization that has helped thousands of homeless and at-risk girls and young women in Detroit.

Looking forward to 2005, CREW-Detroit members talked about the commercial real estate market in metro Detroit.

Malicki said things are picking up and this has been the best year ever for the DeMattia Group. "We have a backlog of projects," she said. "You hear about the down economy, but we're not feeling it."

Corporate downsizing has had an impact on leases.

"There's a lot of strategic planning, but not implementation," von Staden said. "Corporations are looking at different ways to use their real estate more efficiently to improve the bottom line. Vacancy rates are high and companies are not likely to commit to long-term leases. They're extending leases."

One of the most exciting things to happen in the commercial real estate world is the redevelopment of downtowns to include more residential.

"Our goal is to drive pedestrians downtown to revitalize the areas," Cleland said. "Retail will follow. Birmingham and Royal Oak have become models for other cities. It's a great market for new as well as redevelopments. It's been steady to super busy."

To learn more about CREW-Detroit, visit [www.crewde.com](http://www.crewde.com).

Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

Weighted averages can help with refinance decision

It's not always easy to determine whether using your home equity to pay off consumer debt is a smart call. You can determine if a debt consolidation refinance is right for you by calculating your effective interest rate for your entire debt load using a "weighted average."

Let's presume you have three categories of debt: a \$150,000 home mortgage at 6 percent interest, a \$30,000 personal loan at 9 percent interest, and \$20,000 of credit card debt at 18 percent interest. In this scenario, your mortgage represents 75 percent of your total debt, the personal loan is 15 percent of your load, and your credit cards are 10 percent of your total debt. These are the relative "weights" of your debts.

Simply multiply these "weights" by the respective interest rates, then add those numbers together. Hence, 75 percent of your mortgage's interest rate equals 4.5 percent, 15 percent of your personal loan's interest rate is 1.35 percent, and 10 percent of your credit card interest rate is 1.8 percent. Add these results to get a weighted interest rate of 7.65 percent.

Here, you are paying 7.65 percent to maintain your debt. If you can get a new "cash out" mortgage cheaper than that, a refinance probably makes sense for you, presuming you have enough home equity with which to work.

Your home equity is your home's value less what you owe against it. Determine your home's value either by noting the sales price (not asking price) of similar homes in your neighborhood, or by using this inflation factor technique.

Presuming a 6 percent annual rate of inflation, multiply your home's purchase price by a factor of 1.06 for as many years as you have owned it. If you bought five years ago for \$150,000, your home should be worth about \$200,000. (That is, 1.06 times itself five times, multiplied by your purchase price.)

This should give you an idea as to whether you can make a debt-consolidation refinance work for you. If you still need help, contact either me or another mortgage loan officer.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at [www.phillipsHQ.com](http://www.phillipsHQ.com) or phone him toll free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

## CREW-Detroit elects new officers, board of directors members

CREW-Detroit recently elected its 2005 board of directors and officers: President/National Delegate Joan Cleland of Acquest Realty Advisors Inc. in Bloomfield Hills, for a one-year term; President-Elect/National Delegate Debra Osuch of Soils and Materials Engineers Inc. in Shelby Township, for a one-year term; Secretary and Communications Liaison Catherine Malicki of DeMattia Group in Plymouth, for a two-year term; Treasurer and Sponsorship Liaison Angie Kakos of Diversified Property Services in Southfield, a two-year term;

Director and Real Estate Excellence Award Liaison Gail von Staden of Rossetti in Southfield, a one-year term; Director and Programs Liaison Joanne Sisson of Palmer Commercial Services in Warren, for a two-year term; Director and Membership & Member Services Liaison Catherine DeDecker of Spalding DeDecker Associates Inc. in Trenton, for a two-year term; Director and Community Outreach Liaison Gloria Koster of Lake Shore Builders in Fenton, for a one-year term; Director and Golf Outing Liaison Carol Ann Arvan of FX Architecture,

Inc. LLC in Royal Oak, one-year term. Annual dues are \$250 for regular members and \$1,500-plus for affiliate members — not eligible to join as regular members because their companies sell a product, rather than a service. New members need an existing member to sponsor them, and can request one from the membership coordinator. CREW-Detroit's next meeting, 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Renaissance Center, Marriott in Detroit, offers an opportunity to learn about the impact of today's global econ-

omy on the major drivers of the U.S. economy. Mustafa Mohatarem, chief economist with General Motors Corp., is the keynote speaker. CREW-Detroit is one of the sponsors with Corenet, Society for Marketing Professional Services Registration and networking at 11 a.m. lunch served at noon, program begins at 12:20 p.m. The cost is \$40 members, \$55 guests. Register by Friday, Dec. 31, contact Sandy Alford at [spaldingdedecker.com](mailto:spaldingdedecker.com) or call (248) 844-5400.







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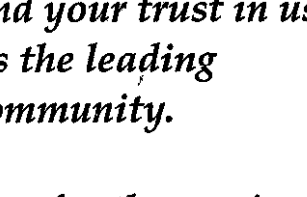
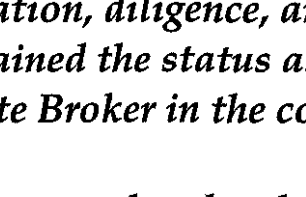
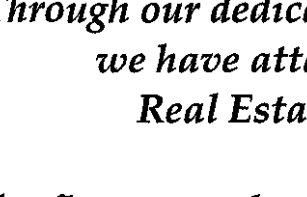
As we all reflect upon the past and make plans for the coming new year it becomes more apparent than ever how thankful we all should be for the sacrifices of others and the privilege of living in this great country.

Best wishes for the Holidays and a healthful, peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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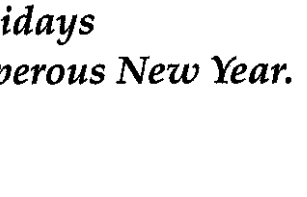
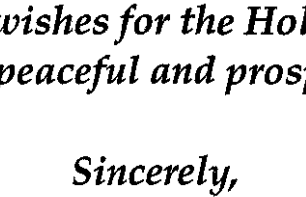
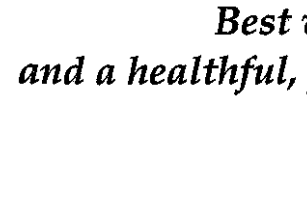
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**PRIVATE RETREAT -** Custom built on a 2.82 acre lot with a beautiful view. Beautiful custom workmanship throughout finished walkout w/ full bath bar and breezeway leading to the 1500 sq ft glass enclosed pool room. A rare beauty \$1 199 000 (141SA)



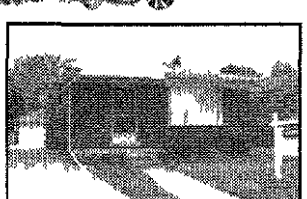
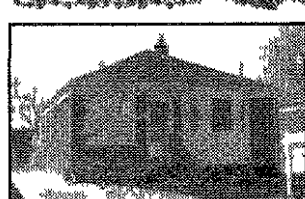
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**THE PERFECT CONTEMPORARY -** Almost 4000 sq ft 2 story great room w/ floor to ceiling fireplace & arch sunburst 3 tier double windows overlooking awesome backyard with deck & sunken hot tub \$547 770 (974CO)



**NATURE'S CALLING!** Option to purchase this country colonial on 10 or 4.25 acres in a growing area w/excellent property appreciation. Horse barn pastures and plenty of room for horses or hobbies. Close to S Lyon High School \$449 500 659 000 (464DI)



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**NEW CONSTRUCTION** Jasmond custom built model nestled on a large private wooded lot. Solid oak floors recessed lights wide country porch egress windows and a huge bonus room. Luxury master and great South Lyon Schools \$375 000 (661WO)

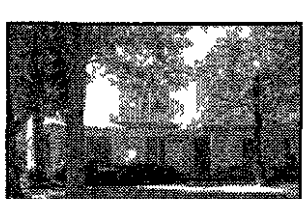
**UNPARALLELED APPEAL** Novi colonial with wooded views on an x large lot and premium elevation. Beautiful landscaping w/ deck & paver patio formal living areas bonus rm and nice master \$339 900 (951CR)

**PRESTIGIOUS NORTH POINTE** Custom model home with over 3500 sq ft 4 beds 3.5 baths and a 3 car garage 18 ft ceilings many built ins and custom touches throughout. Study finished basement & luxury master \$439 000 (140NO)

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**POTTERY BARN PERFECT -** This totally updated home near Divine Child is superb. De Guilio kitchen full finished basement with a bath. Anderson windows paver patio oversized garage and an enormous 480 square foot master! WOW! \$229 900 (641DR)

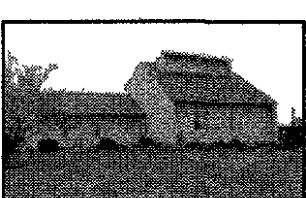
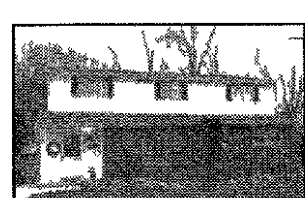
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**NOVI'S OLDE ORCHARD -** Desirable condo with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. New laminate hardwood floors carpeting appliances white kitchen cabinetry large patio clubhouse pool and more. Close to freeways and malls \$141 500 (604OL)

**GROUND FLOOR CONDO -** Ranch condo with an open floor plan basement and garage in Plymouth now available for immediate occupancy 2 beds and 2 baths fireplace common pool and tennis \$179 000 (980PL)

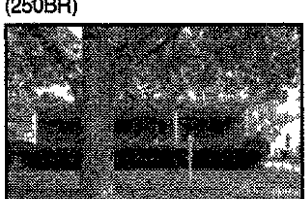
**FABULOUS FERNDALE -** Close to downtown with 4BR/2BA and an updated kitchen w/appliances. Formal living areas 1st floor bedrm w/doorwall to deck and hot tub. Finished basement finished yard and many updates. Awesome opportunity \$189 900 (250BR)

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS RANCH -** Neat and clean brick ranch that has been tastefully updated with an oak kitchen remodeled bath new windows finished basement with a full kitchen and bath. Really nice call for details \$142 000 (283FE)

**HORSE BARN & 4 ACRES -** Are offered with this 3 bedroom 3 bath home in Isoco. Finished basement w/rec room heated garage appliances stay barn equipped with water and electric. Call for details \$239 900 (651FI)



**FANTASTIC FIND IN LIVONIA** Over 1/2 acre wooded lot on a quiet cul de sac lies this 4 bedroom beauty. Newer Wallside windows AC large tool shed original hardwood floors wet plaster walls & coved ceilings. Oversized garage w/workshop \$165 900 (920BE)



**MAINTENANCE FREE LIVING -** Cute updated ranch with 3 beds 1.5 baths. Newer big ticket items like furnace AC HWH tear off roof and fresh paint inside & out. Finished basement too! Pack your bags and get ready to move in on this great value \$139 900 (820EU)

**INVESTOR SPECIAL -** Brick ranch with 2 beds and a 3rd in the lower level. Featuring a new HWH 2 car garage & partially finished basement. This home needs a little TLC to make it special! Hardwood floors new electrical & great area \$87 500 (625AR)

**SUPER SHARP & UNIQUE -** Multi level condo in Novi. Master w/WIC & balcony. Dining room w/mirrored wall overlooking the living room w/ fireplace. White kitchen w/appliances finished basement deck & attached garage \$174 900 (479CO)

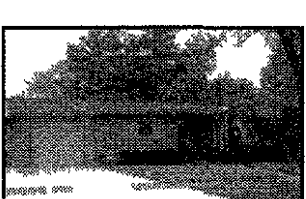
**ALL THE BELLS & WHISTLES -** Amenities galore in this wonderfully updated colonial. Gourmet kitchen fireplace w/ marble surround master w/jetted tub - features you would normally find in a home twice it's price \$205 000 (856LY)

**BRICK BEAUTY -** Large 3BR/2.5BA bungalow with 8ft doors basement mechanics garage & master suite with balcony. Updated windows plumbing electrical carpet furnace and ac \$164 900 (937CA)

**COBBLESTONE VILLAGE -** Desirable location larger lot in the sub. Boasting 3BR/2.5BA central air natural fireplace formal dining attached garage and a partially finished basement. Many updates call for more info \$225 000 (366LA)



**FIRST TIME BUYERS!** Great opportunity for home ownership in this brick ranch on a quiet street in Redford. Situated on a large lot with 3 bdrms new windows furnace AC electrical doors & more \$104 900 (422OR)



**BUILT IN 2003!** Lovely 3 bedroom Cape Cod Condo with an attached 2 car garage. Master on main floor 2 additional bdrms on the second level. Loft overlooks LR with fireplace. Full basement and deck overlooking the fountain \$224 900 (250CA)

**EVERYTHING YOU NEED -** Is right here in this brick ranch with 3 bedrooms a nice updated kitchen with oak cabinets refinished hardwood floors a partially finished basement 2 car garage deck and more. Nice family neighborhood \$144 900 (784AR)

**OPEN CONCEPT -** Super sharp 2 bedroom condo with 1.5 baths newer carpet kitchen floor and paint. Master with balcony and whirlpool tub. Private patio common pool and clubhouse. Great location \$91 900 (124JA)

**NORTHVILLE CONDO -** 2 bedroom 1.5 bath condo w/living rm fireplace deck and a partly finished lower level. All appliances stay. Close to the clubhouse pool and the beach. Large bedrooms \$140 000 (290NO)

**TERRIFIC TRI-LEVEL -** Clean & well maintained new furnace & central air. Wallside windows neutral vinyl siding seamless gutters & downspouts new dimensional roof shingles fresh paint & home warranty \$154 750 (438BL)

**FANTASTIC HOME/LARGE LOT -** Updated three bedroom ranch with a maintenance free brick exterior two full baths fireplace in the great room attached garage a library and an extra large lot \$215 000 (478KI)




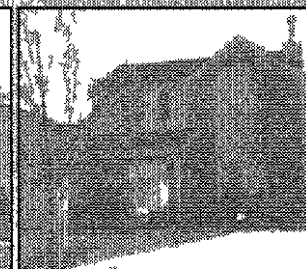
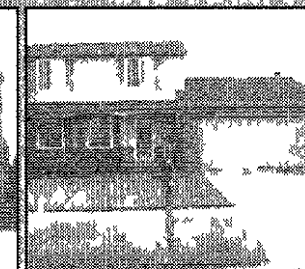
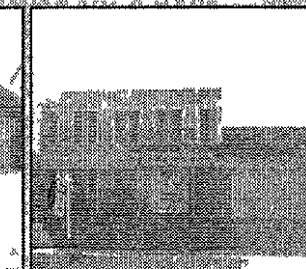

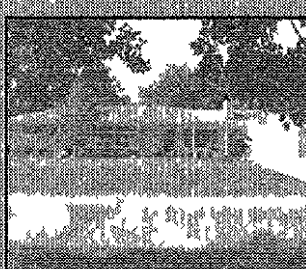


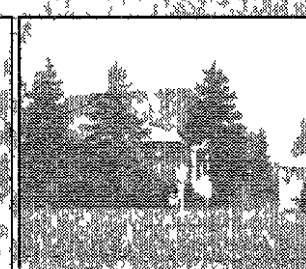



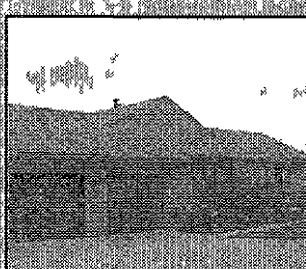


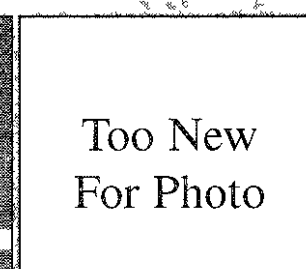
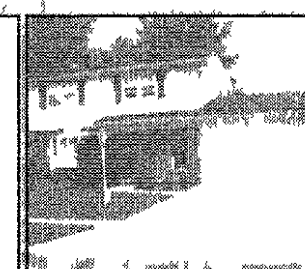
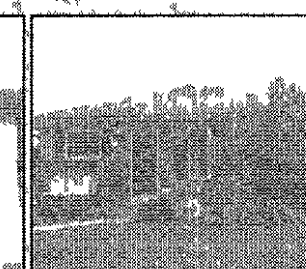
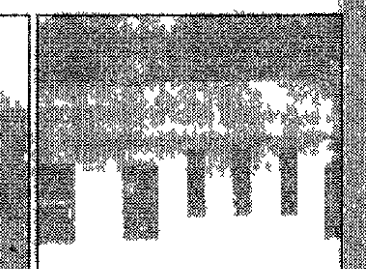

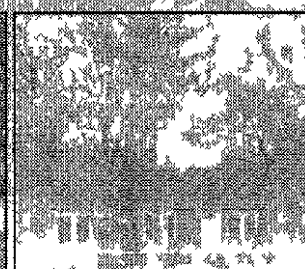
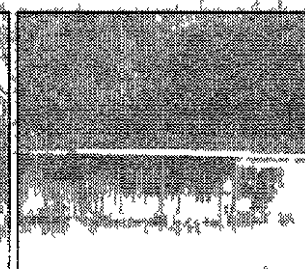

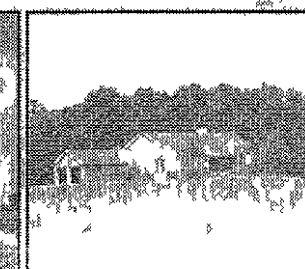
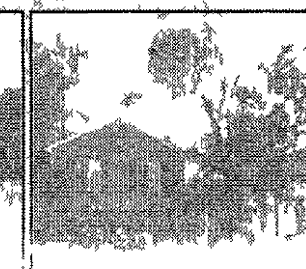
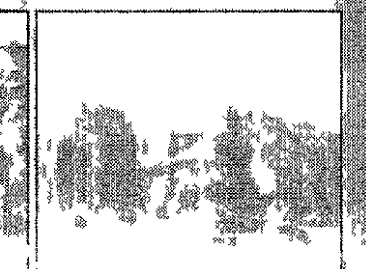



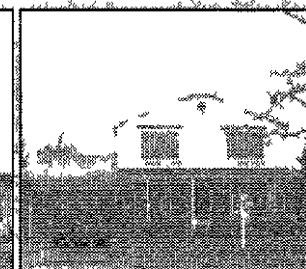
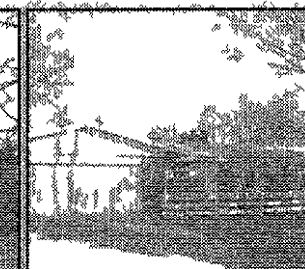

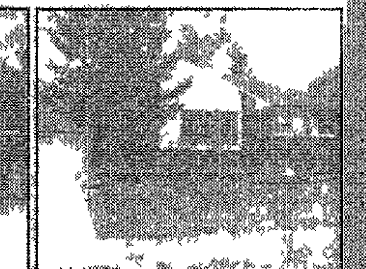


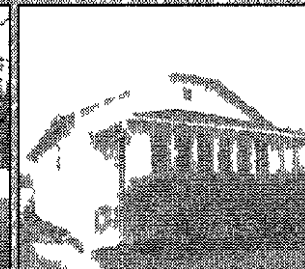

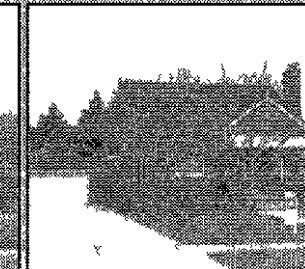

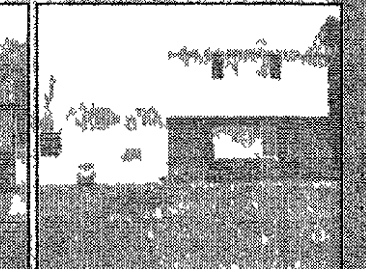


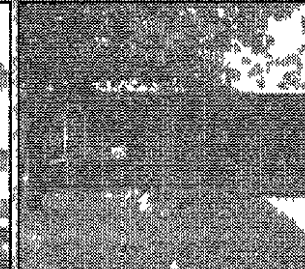
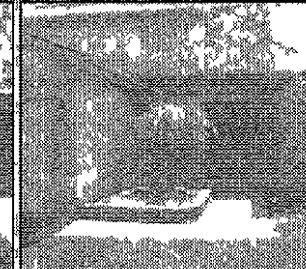



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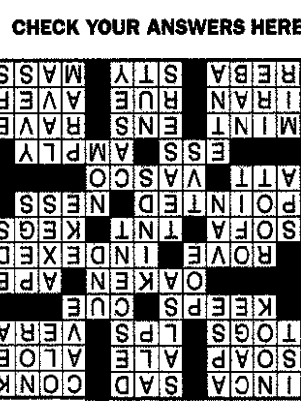


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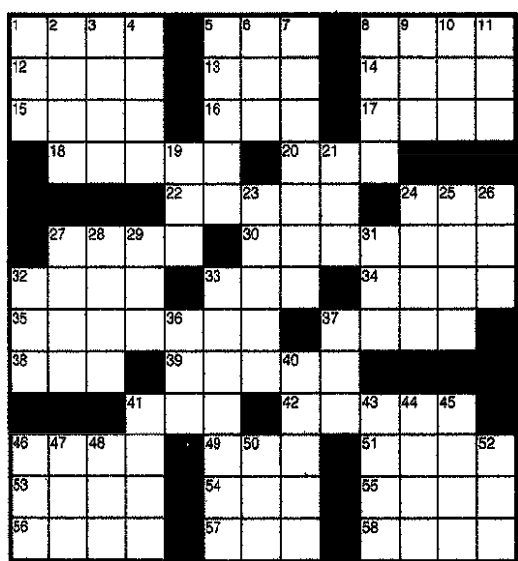
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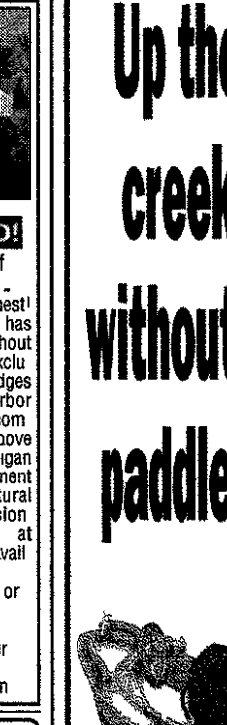
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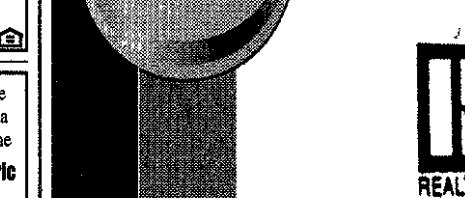
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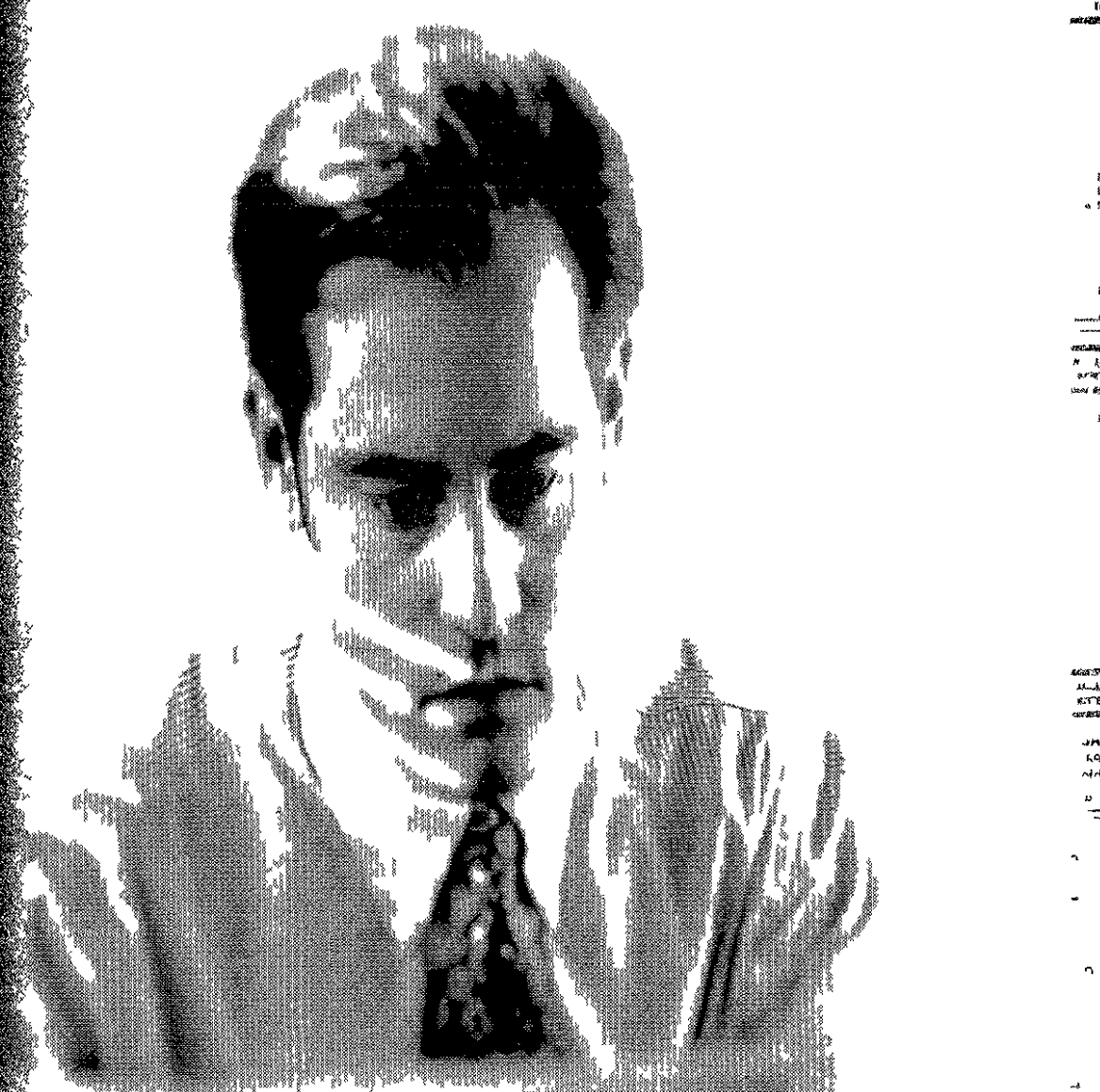
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 <p><b>HANNAH ROSE</b> 1st Christmas Born June 12 2004 Proud Parents Chad &amp; Lindsey Dearborn Hts MI</p>	 <p><b>KYLE CARMICKLE</b> Baby's 1st Christmas Born 1 21 04 Loving parents Roger &amp; Shannon</p>	 <p><b>MYA DENISE JOHNSON</b> Born Jan 5 2004 Proud Daughter of Cortney Southfield MI</p>	 <p><b>TIMOTHY PIETRYKA</b> 1st Christmas Born 1 6 04 Proud Parents Steven &amp; Joann Westland MI</p>	 <p><b>SAMANTHA A MORRIS</b> 1st Christmas Born 11 04 2004 Proud Parents Pete &amp; Mel Livonia MI</p>	 <p><b>SHAYLA V HILL</b> Born July 13 2004 Proud parents of Corey &amp; Tracey</p>	 <p><b>ADAM J RAPP</b> Born March 20 2004 Proud parents Dave &amp; Melissa</p>	 <p><b>Samantha Brandman</b> 1st Christmas Born 1/9/2004 Proud Parents Kevin and Lisa Clarkston Michigan</p>	 <p><b>EMILY ROSE MILLER</b> Born October 15 -2004 Height 21 inches Weight 7lbs 15ozs Proud parents John and Laura Miller</p>
 <p><b>NYLA GRIFFIN</b> 1ST CHRISTMAS BORN 9 22 04 PROUD PARENTS JOHN &amp; DIANE</p>	 <p><b>LEAH NICOLE ESKER</b> Born 8 12 04 Proud parents Mike &amp; Gail Esker Commerce MI</p>	 <p><b>RYAN JACOB ESKER</b> Parents Rich &amp; Julie Esker LIVONIA Birthday 1 19 04</p>	 <p><b>JESSICA MARIE LONGRIDGE</b> Born October 14 2004 to proud parents Bob &amp; Lynn Canton MI</p>	 <p><b>DANIEL FRANCIS ZEMKE</b> November 11 2004 Proud parents Bob and Chris Zemke of Birmingham</p>	 <p><b>KAYLEE BIEGAS</b> 1st Christmas Born Sept 24 2004 Proud Parents Tim &amp; Nikko Westland MI</p>	 <p><b>MADISON NIHRANZ</b> 1st Christmas Born 7 22 04 Proud Grandparents Karen &amp; Ron Oxford MI</p>	 <p><b>GRIFFIN WALKER GRAVA</b> 1st Christmas Born 8/12/2004 Proud Parents Stacey &amp; Brad Clarkston MI 48346</p>	 <p><b>OLIVIA ANN</b> July 21 2004 Love Grandma Barb &amp; Proud parents Mike &amp; Jackie Hochstein</p>
 <p><b>VINCENT THOMAS CIECIK</b> 1st Christmas Born 11 05 2004 Proud Parents Jen &amp; Chris (Belleville) Grandmother Gloria McDaniel (Livonia) Grandparents Char &amp; Len Cieciek (Saimie)</p>	 <p><b>KADEN JOSEPH RZEPKA</b> Born 11 20 04 Proud Parents Darryl &amp; Becky Rzepka Taylors SC Grandparents Ralph &amp; Sue Rzepka Livonia MI</p>	 <p><b>ANYA MARIE WASILENSKI</b> Born 5 22 04 Merry Christmas Love Grandpa Padley</p>	 <p><b>SEAN DAVID DEWITT</b> 1st Christmas Born Nov 20 2004 Proud Parents David &amp; Colleen Dewitt of Plymouth Proud Grandparents Robert &amp; Mary Dewitt Greg &amp; Sharon Knoph</p>	 <p><b>DYLAN WIZA</b> 1st Christmas Born 12/31/03 Proud parents Chns &amp; Karen Plymouth MI</p>	 <p><b>Horace Jaidyn Holt III</b> Born 6 04 04 to proud parents Tiffany &amp; Horace and proud grandparents Mary &amp; Horace David &amp; Gloria</p>	 <p><b>BROOKE VICTORIA</b> 1st Christmas Born 9 24 2004 Proud Parents Lee &amp; Melissa Livonia MI</p>	 <p><b>LAUREN LESLIE HOWARD</b> 1st Christmas Born April 26 2004 Proud Parents Dan &amp; Tina Macomb MI</p>	 <p><b>OLIVIA ANN</b> July 21 2004 Love Grandma Barb &amp; Proud parents Mike &amp; Jackie Hochstein</p>



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**Christmas With The Pets**

 <b>FRODO</b> 3 years old Owner Jeremy L Hill Canton	 <b>Dear Big Daddy Doug</b> Merry Christmas! All our love Sullivan & Finnegan	 <b>TOONCES</b> Would like to remind everyone to Drive Safe and have a wonderful Holiday Season!	 <b>MACAVITY</b> wishes everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year	 <b>BITSY</b> Merry Christmas from ESTHER STUKY & HER CAT BITSY! (Maine coon cat)	 <b>COKIE</b> Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all The Clarks Canton MI	 <b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b> to all my family & friends From Beamer	 To all other pets May your Holiday be happier than mine appears to be! Love Mr Bigglesworth
 <b>Dear Santa</b> I Try To Be Good but my masters keep leaving good smelling things on the kitchen counter Actually some don t smell so good but I like those things anyway! How about a bone! Marley	 <b>May all my furry little friends (&amp; their owners)</b> have a Wonderful & Safe Holiday Season! Love Mrs Butterworth	 <b>BRIGITTE</b> For all the love you give us and joy you bring to so many of our precious angel and we love you The McKeown Family Farmington Hills MI	 <b>MINNIE</b> A real California Kitty wishes you a holiday filled with love and peace	 <b>LULU</b> Minnie s best friend from San Carlos wishes you a warm and giving holiday season	 <b>LOUIE</b> & his best friend RILEY wish everyone a wonderful holiday season & a happy and healthy new year	 <b>VELCRO</b> wishes you and yours every happiness for the holidays and the coming new year	
 <b>MONSTER</b> Wishes all of his furry friends (and their owners) a warm & Happy New Year!	 <b>Dear Santa</b> Mer NEEE Christmas! I ve been a loyal trusted mount for my master Please bring apples & carrots Lady White	 <b>TIGER</b> 20 Christmas with us Our darling senior cat with love The Fodors Farmington Hills	 <b>MANDY</b> She s a dandy and a wonderful addition to our family The Bulls Rochester Hills MI	 <b>SNUGGLE BUNNY</b> Our Precious Princess Brings love and joy To everyone she meets The Mulka s Livonia MI	 <b>Dear Mommy Jane &amp; Daddy Rich</b> Merry Christmas Go Insh! Love Rudy Keenan		



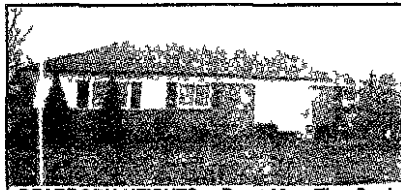


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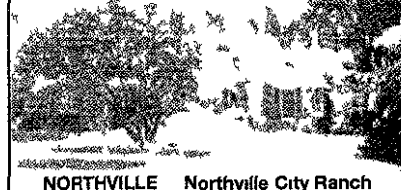
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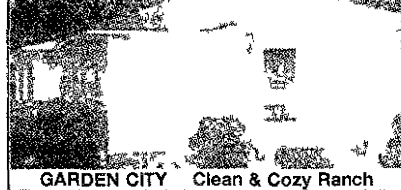
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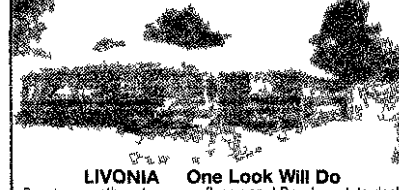
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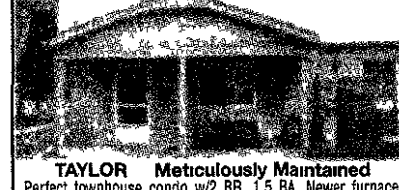
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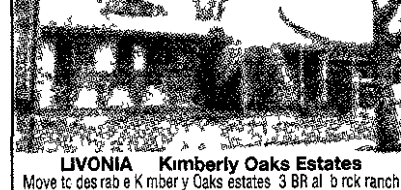
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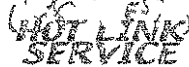
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DWF 54 142lbs 5'6" enjoys blues and  
kids gardening homeowner no kids  
Seeking SM 5'10" N/S social drinker  
for LTR #549938

**LOVE AND MARRIAGE**  
Very romantic and shy Russian lady, 38  
5'10" slm Sagittarius, would like to meet  
an intelligent romantic man with a strict  
morality who is looking for love possible  
marriage #529118

**MAYBE US?**  
WNWF 42 divorced mom 5'7" 145lbs  
seeks handsome child fr endly SWM 37  
47 who enjoys bowling movies dining  
out festivals for friendship possible rela-  
tionship Prefer N/S N/D D/D free  
#510109

**TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE**  
SBF medium build N/S who enjoys  
music traveling comedy shows  
man 45-55 N/S N/S outgoing affec-  
tionate stable for LTR #444748

**STILL LOOKING**  
Attractive tall SBF 48 N/S business  
woman Enjoys fishing boating movies  
long walks Seeking 35+ wisame inter-  
est N/S #529043

**ATTRACTIVE PRINCESS**  
seeks knight SBF 28 5' d'seas SBM  
26-35 for possible LTR #530839

**PETITE AND SEXY**  
SBF 50 Scorpio, N/S petite 5'1" 105lbs  
energetic, enjoys fitness, movies, theater  
craft shows, seeks amoral SBM 50 61  
N/S who is fit energetic similar interests  
#544600

**LIFE IN THE COUNTRY**  
SF 30 5'7" medium build college-edu-  
cated real estate agent dog breeder  
seeks SF 27-35 with passions goals and  
motivation in life #123949

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT**  
Mature and outgoing SBF 50 years young  
5' 175lbs, thick not fat great figure inter-  
ested in meeting attractive black male who  
loves to live spontaneously #276032

**SELF EMPLOYED**  
intelligent funny SBF 35 full figured  
Anes marriage minded N/S likes jazz  
music comedy and action movies  
Seeking man 29 45 #525351

**WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE**  
SBF 27 Capricorn smoker 5' stable  
financially secure seeking a SM 25-45  
who is stable and knows what he wants in  
life #531401

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
Make me laugh WF 52 N/S tired of going  
through life alone enjoys rock music  
especially Eric Clapton and the blues  
ISO male 45-59 #254723

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF 26 enjoys the outdoors, rollerblad-  
ing biking long walks and romantic d'n-  
ers. Looking for SWM 25-30 for LTR  
#485764

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF 45 tall pretty enjoys working out  
theater cooking comedy clubs. Seeking  
tall SWM 42-60 attractive financially  
secure, similar interests #483446

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**THICK AND HEALTHY**  
SBF 30 5'7" 240lbs N/S N/D no kids  
enjoys Seeking nice looking SM 20  
35 who keds N/S for friendship possibly  
more #534802

**CIRCLE THIS AD**  
Thick cute BF 32 single parent enjoys  
kids I likes movie music bowling  
honest conversat on looking for BM 29  
37 with a romantic side #535442

**YOU NEED ME**  
Very attractive young full figured mex  
BF 30 5'6" searching for down to earth  
tal responsible, mentally/physically/finan-  
cially secure male I need you as much as  
you need me #519124

**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  
#401088

**GIVE IT MY ALL**  
SBF 37 down to earth 5'10" b g and  
beautiful N/S enjoys clean cut  
SM 38-55 N/Drugs for fun and dating  
#572722

**CALL ME**  
Fun-loving affectionate real SBF 32  
enjoys playing cards the outdoors can-  
dled ght dinners having fun seeking SWM  
30-60 for dating #274843

**FINANCIALLY SECURE**  
SF 34 N/S health conscious active with  
diverse interests looking for a woman 25-  
40 who has integrity honesty security  
and fem nity Race open #537865

**YOU GOT A FRIEND?**  
SPF 54 N/S N/D H/W enjoys go ng out  
and having a good time not nto bars  
seeking the right SBF 36-43 for friendsh p  
first #531171

**VERY ATTRACTIVE REDHEAD**  
Beautiful full female 50 5'6" 110 body  
short hair looking for a tall black SM 45  
61 who likes dining dancing having fun  
#537804

**WANTED TALL CLASSY MALE**  
I am in my early 60s 5'2" brown/brown  
I enjoy dancing outdoors, and travel  
Seeking a companion and maybe a rela-  
tionsh p Please call #539305

**TRY ME!**  
SF 37 blonde/blue 5'6" mother enjoys  
bowling pool concert on p k w ks  
cyc ng n us (especially Rod Stewart)  
more Seeking Macomb man to sha e  
happ nesses #537043

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
SF 28 5'1" 135lbs CNA enjoys  
movies travel hang out seeking  
compart a SM 25 45 who shares sim-  
lar interests #515292

**SEARCH NO MORE**  
Genuine attractive fem n independent  
SBF 55 5'7" 145 lbs who enjoys jazz  
romantic dinners quiet evenings, plays  
pights n seeking honest independent  
sncere fem nism SF 30-42 #472831

**TAKING IT**  
WNWF 52 150lbs youthful looking  
shoulder length hair brown love  
motorcycles James Taylor d'ning seeking  
SWM 48 59 #530084

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
SBF 61 looking for a man who likes good  
books good conversation and appreciates  
the many differences between men and  
women 59-70 #532307

**LOVE IS HARD 2 FIND**  
SBF 28 libra N/S N/D no ch ldren sweet  
fun and affectionate seeks SBM 25-35  
for friendship and possible LTR #539890

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure independent SBF 31  
5'7" 160lbs enjoys concerts  
movies "d'ning quiet times and more  
Seeking SCM 30-45 with a sim lar inter-  
ests for possible LTR #217475

**CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND**  
SBFC 30 no children seeks good friend  
ed SBM 25 37 no children who is  
respectful intelligent intellectual and  
respects woman #519950

**OPEN AND HONEST**  
SF 35 looking for a woman 25-45 for  
affection and attention Call lets add  
some excitement to life! #242565

**PARADISE**  
brown/brown ISO honest  
SM 35-40 who knows what he wants in  
life and who's looking for parad se share  
my love #249600

**ALL MY LOVE 4 YOU**  
Down to earth woman 25 RN enjoys  
beaches dining theater romantic times  
Seeking a special man to share life love  
and TLC #585079

**STARTING OVER**  
Employed widowed grandmother 56  
loves old-school music playing cards con-  
certs and park walks Seeking ng for a sim-  
ilar man 48 59 #541446

**OLD-FASHIONED LAID-BACK**  
SBF 69 Vrgo smoker loves watching  
basketball and cooking Seeking an  
understanding BM 55-65 smoker who  
loves fishing volleyball and picnics  
#599550

**JUST LET ME KNOW**  
Intell gen car/w affect onal DWF 28  
5'4" brown/blond full figured enjoys  
helping people the outdoors and more  
Seeking outgoing trust worthy affection-  
ate SWM 24 50 for fr endsh p maybe  
more #215849

**JUST THE FACTS**  
SWF 27 full figured N/S enjoys movies,  
dinner dancing Seeking SM 24-35 N/S  
race unimportant for friendship possible  
romance #2250724

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports oriented BF 39 two teenage  
daughters physically challenged loves  
jazz sports gospel p ncs amusement  
parks Seeking SF 29-45 #223080

**LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS**  
SBF 38 is looking for SWM/AM who is  
educated fun outgoing adventurous  
spontaneous. Laughter and conversat on  
are good things. Must be a gentleman  
#292589

**NOT INTO GAMES**  
Petite WF 50s with herpes w llng to give  
it another chance seeks one on-one rela-  
tionsh p with SM Race equal unimportant  
#405796

**QUIET QUALIFIED**  
SBF 47 N/S attractive shy w/great sense  
of humor enjoys nature sking plays  
movies music, tries to do everythng  
moment Seeking BM 45 55 #460494

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED**  
Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys com-  
edy and romance walking walks in the  
park. Seeking tall dark handsome SBM  
35 50 #481293

**HELLO HOW ARE YOU?**  
Loving down to earth SBCF 34 4'11"  
180lbs, mother N/S N/D enjoys bowling  
shopping movies live entertainment  
Seeking SBM 32-35 N/S for fr endsh  
shp possible romance #527935

**GET TO KNOW ME!**  
SF 38 N/S mother of two looking for  
working man 28 55 N/S for fr endsh p  
first #431382

**ATTRACTIVE SWEET BF**  
49 HW proportionate medium build  
enjoys cru ses concerts dining out  
movies, traveling Seeking honest, pas-  
sionate SM 45-60 with sim lar interests  
for dating poss by more #134441

**LET'S COMMUNICATE**  
Active affectionate SBF enjoys dining out  
movies, plays concerts travel Seeking  
honest good humored SBM 55 70  
w/simlar interests for companion shp  
#413506

**SWEET SINGLE FEMALE**  
looking for sweet SM SF 21 dark  
brown/brown 5'2" 150lbs tattoos/p e-  
rings ISO committment m dnd loving  
kind guy interested in friendsh p happ-  
ness and a loving long term relationship  
#452322

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF 31 5'8" N/S likes to bowl fish  
skate and travel seeks SM 19 35 N/S,  
to share honest friendsh p romance qual-  
ity time together #476802

**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  
erotic interests currently accepting  
applications #223684

**HAVE FUN AND CHILL**  
SF 64 250lbs works in medical field  
seeking a SM who wants to have fun  
and chill with her #517112

**SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE**  
Full figured African American woman  
attractive 44 no children ISO African  
American male 32-38 to spend quiet  
evenings, I m carefree love laughter good  
times concerts, p ys sporting events,  
travel ng and quality time #230167

**SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST**  
SF 43 smoker student looking for SM  
25 35 N/S, who is trustworthy a good lis-  
tenr and will make me happy #484338

**BEAUTY AND BRAINS**  
Hard working SWF 50 smoker enjoys  
laughter movies music conversation and  
more Seeking healthy trustworthy real  
person SWM 45-60 for friendsh p maybe  
more #232611

**FEELING LIKE A LADY**  
SWFC honest pleasant long hair 42 no  
children Likes nature walks travel cook-  
ng children feeling like a lady Seeking  
honest genu ne marriage m dnd  
SD/CM #579655

**LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER**  
Petite slender Ukran n lady 54  
Catholic 10 years in the US Seeking car-  
ng relationship with warm hearted, nds  
pendent man who enjoys family theater  
travel #512135

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBF 41 45 wishes to meet a k ng-sized  
SM 41+ for friendsh p and compan on  
shp #935520

**LET'S ENJOY LIFE**  
No drama no games 45 SBFF nte sits  
concerts, p ys movie s d'ning and more  
Enjoys having fun seeking SD/M for LTR  
#243200

**EPIPHONE OF BEAUTY**  
SBF 19 58 148lbs N/S loves journalist  
literature writing reading movies. Looking  
for SM 19 34 for poss ble relationship  
#518785

**TALK TO ME!**  
SF 43 likes movies d'ning shopping the  
zoo time with my kids. Seeking honest  
good looking sincere man 38 46  
#311415

**STRIKING**  
blue-eyed blondel SM sensual, roman-  
tic fun car ng seeking attractive fit fun  
loving male 47-57 Fr endsh p LTR I enjoy  
movies, walks music hugs, laughter qu at  
times Lets get to know each other  
#262332

**VERY OUTGOING**  
Catholic DWF 59 looks much younger  
N/S very tall looking for gentleman 56-  
63 w/upbeat personality to enjoy family  
activities camping travel much more  
#455073

**LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR**  
Attractive WNWF 64 red/blue 5' 150lbs  
looking for easygoing well groomed gen-  
tleman 65 70 who enjoys meeting new  
people #476645

**WARRIOR PRINCESS!**  
WPF 49 seeks SBPM 38 52 Lats enjole  
and make this w rter a total meltdown  
I love laughing humor read ng and life  
#480878

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Beautiful voluptuous DBF 42 5'6" likes  
travel ng outdoors Seeking man 45-  
race unimportant to enjoy life together  
for friendship maybe more #464984

**I LISTEN WITH MY HEART**  
Attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S  
seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S  
for caring quality committ relationship  
Lets create sparks and watch them fly  
#592272

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Classy attractive SBF 50 5'3" 120lbs  
ISO SWPM 50+ for special friendship I  
love talking music quiet times movies  
at home romance outdoors travel  
#233568

**CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?**  
Spontaneous SWF 61 5'4" average  
build happy independent humorous  
enjoys boating cards music d'ning  
walks travel golf Seeking good humored  
SM w/sim lar interests, for compan-  
sh p #962703

**TEACHER BY DAY**  
I likes to lat loose at night SBF 47 N/S,  
N/D teacher loves dancing d'ning  
movies having fun music good fr ends,  
seek ng SBM 33 55 with a sim lar ner-  
ests #591471

**RESOLVE ME!**  
SBF 41 5'5" average build enjoys  
church family shopping much more  
Looking for SBM 43-47 professonal  
enjoys N/S who knows how to treat a  
woman #408635

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive BPF Chetan 47 5'5"  
145lbs brown N/S enjoys out-  
doors movies traveling cooking Seeking  
romantic BPM 40 55 financially secure  
s mlar interests for LTR #432793

**FUN LOVING LADY**  
SBF 43 Virgo smoker loves chocolate  
loves the right person Seeking SM 32  
50 for special onshp #418068

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**  
I could be it Attractive SWF 50 5'  
105lbs w llng to try just about anything  
with the right person Seeking SM 32  
50 for special onshp #418068

**AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?**  
Attract ve kind hearted SBF 44 5'8"  
full figured enjoys d'ning out movies  
playing cards family and more Seeking  
fit oriented nice looking humorous  
SBM/HM 40 60 for fr endsh p and com-  
pan onshp #232821

**NEW TO WAYNE CO AREA**  
SBPF 40ish 5'6" nurse with children  
marriage m dnd smoker loves drama  
movies dancing and crossword puzzles  
Seek ng WM 45-60 smoker who enjoys  
music and sports #245544

**WHERE IS MY RIGHT?**  
SF 46 likes dancing bowling roman-  
tic evenings sw m ng Seeking SM 40  
55 w/ your sense of humo #257065

**YOUR WILDEST DREAMS**  
SBF 49 smoke loves jazz d'ning out  
romantic evenings and movies Seeking  
fit BM BF 35 50 under 54 honesty a  
must #260217

**SEEKING THE RAINBOW**  
Open m dnd energetic 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 #998477

**ARE YOU THE ONE**  
DBF 53 HW proport onate outgoing  
loves the arts plays dancing movies  
outdoors, soccer d'ring ISO SM D/D  
tree w/simlar interests smoker soccer  
dr nker ok No games #417236

**LOVING AND CARING**  
Independent, active lov ng caring down  
to earth SF 46 N/S vegetarian enjoys  
movies d'ning travel Looking for  
handsome SWM/AM 45-49 HW propo-  
nate N/S professional job #421899

**THE LITTLE THINGS MATTER**  
SBF 41 5'4" very outgoing loving hon-  
est trustworthy hard working enjoys  
reading the d'ning travel Looking for  
conscient seeking hard working trustwor-  
thy God fearing SM 38-55 #471499

**LIFE BEGINS AT**  
61 year o d W/F 5'12" 135lbs N/S N/D  
brown/blond, nurse enjoys cooking N/V  
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**ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?**  
SBM 52 enjoys dining out movies  
music, romance laughter the outdoors  
travelng honestly spontaneously and more  
Seeking sensitive, fun loving understand-  
ing SF 47 55 for possible LTR #203124

**HERE YOU LL FIND.**  
an easygoing agreeable cute SWM 40  
eager to please and willing to try new  
things, seeks a fairly attractive friendly  
SWF for dating or more #210772

**WHY NOT CALL?**  
SWM 23 blonde/blue 190lbs medium  
build seeks fun loving SF who enjoys  
movies d'ning out cuddling laughter  
and romance to share fr endsh p and  
LTR #548087

**GOOD MAN WANTED**  
Attractive SBF marriage-minded 6'  
average build 40 Capricorn N/S seeks  
BM 40-51 N/S to enjoy life and more  
#592032

**GET TO KNOW THIS**  
petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys  
music c concerts d'ning Looking for  
SBM 57 to 63 for friendsh p possible  
LTR #402995

**PLEASINGLY PLUMP FEMALE**  
42 year old Afr can Amer can female  
seeks tall handsome man who is mature  
N/S and enjoys being in the company of a  
beautiful woman #2798192

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
BBW blonde/hazel 56 attractive enjoys  
many thngs I kes BBM if you are 55 65  
65+ 250lbs-plus lets talk #424144

**EBONY SEEMS IVORY**  
DBF bu 5'9" 140lbs full figured seeks  
to date SWM 40 50 in the Mount  
Clemens area #458231

**VERY SPICY!**  
BBW passionate SBF 46 honey-com  
plex on d'mples, seeks outgoing fun lov-  
ng gentleman 35-55 N/Drugs any  
race for mov es pool dancing honest car-  
ing romance Dating poss ble LTR #752243

**SHARING MY HOME AND HEART**  
75 year-old romantic W/F 5'9" full figured  
N/S N/D disease-free, I kes tall man  
swimming TV and home life. Seeking  
SWM 30-80 #5552079

**LIBRA**  
DBF 50 looks much younger enjoys  
music, long walks, quiet times Seeking  
W/A/HM 35-50 for fr endsh p possible  
ong term relat onshp #253857

**CALL ME**  
if you are a busness man 60 70 SWM  
N/S N/D homeowner interested in home-  
life nature pets alternative med one  
sports I m a SWF 73 white above  
#418289

**SEMI RETIRED**  
SF 62 59 slim fit I kes jazz concerts  
symphonies theater travel and outdoors  
activities Seeking nice looking honest car-  
ng humorous gentleman 55 70 with  
similar interests #467917

**MR RIGHT**  
Are you a tall big handsome man that  
could be my Mr Right, for a SWF 5'8"  
attractive loving fun love lets share life  
together #443339

**LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive SWF 50s ove s all life an mals  
arts family nature Masters helping pro-<





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# First night

Trinidad Tripoli ready to drum in the New Year

BY LANA MINI  
 STAFF WRITER

## SCHEDULE

- **First United Methodist Church** - 4:30 p.m., 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Actors' Company, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* 6 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady 5:30 p.m. children's Make A Mask crafts
- **First Church of Christ Scientist** - 6 p.m. 7:15 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Adam Mellema children's storyteller 7:15 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Teddy Bear Toy Shop puppet show 9:45 p.m. Adam Mellema adult stories of World War II
- **St. James Church** - 7 p.m. 8:15 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. David Syme pianist
- **First Baptist Church** - 7 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Bernie Stevens magician 9:45 p.m. & 11 p.m. Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band (includes the midnight celebration) 6:10-30 p.m. karaoke and refreshments
- **Birmingham Historical Museum** 4-8 p.m. Exhibits, clowns, face painting

Hugh Borde has played Carnegie Hall and Las Vegas. He's performed on every major TV program from *The Ed Sullivan Show* to the *Tonight Show*, and been around the world all because of his music.

His steel drum band, Trinidad Tripoli, is so respected that he could play almost any city he chooses on New Year's Eve.

His preference this year is First Night, an alcohol-free family event in Birmingham. The annual event, sponsored by the Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield, begins at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve and ends at 12:10 a.m. on New Year's Day.

The event offers a variety of activities including storytelling for adults and children at four Birmingham churches and the Birmingham Historical Museum. Trinidad Tripoli steel drum band and pianist David Syme are the highlights.



**David Syme** Liberace. For two years, he and his then 27 piece band played with the legendary performer. At First Night at First Baptist Church, about six musicians will play in the band and perform holiday carols and other hits — calypso style.

First Night has been condensed over the years because of cost. Cindy Cheaves, president of the Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield said, "In the past, the highlight of the night to ring in the New Year was held at Shain Park in Birmingham.

It cost thousands and thousands of dollars for just 30 minutes at the park," Cheaves said. "We didn't have the manpower or the money."

Still, 1,000 to 1,500 people are expected to attend the event this year.

Some people bring their young kids early in the evening while others stay until midnight. Cheaves said, "This year we have more events for all ages. We have a storyteller telling adult stories about World War II, we have live music and we have clowns for kids."

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## FIRST NIGHT BIRMINGHAM

**What:** An alcohol-free event for all ages held at several locations in Birmingham. Includes live music and other entertainment. Highlights are the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band and pianist David Syme.

**Where:** St. James Episcopal Church, 335 W. Maple; First Church of Christ Scientist, 191 N. Chester; First Baptist Church, 300 Willis; Birmingham Historical Museum, 556 W. Maple; First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple.

**When:** Beginning at 4 p.m. on New Year's Eve through 12:10 a.m. New Year's Day.

**Tickets:** \$10 per person, free for children 8 and younger, includes admission to all events.

Family Tickets are \$7 each, free for children 8 and under, includes admission to all performances except the Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band and David Syme. On New Year's Eve tickets will be available for purchase until 5 p.m. at all event locations. Purchase tickets in advance at TechnoMasters Business Center until 5 p.m. New Year's Eve, 725 S. Adams, Birmingham. Adams Square Shopping Center.

**Refreshments:** Available at First Baptist Church.

**Rules:** No strollers, no smoking, no alcohol.

**For more information:** Call (248) 258-9075 or visit [www.technomasters.com/firstnight](http://www.technomasters.com/firstnight)



# Movies

## Supersize your movie experience at IMAX theaters

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

If you and the kids are stuck for something to do between Christmas and New Year's, consider a super-sized movie experience

IMAX theaters at The New Detroit Science Center in Detroit and The Henry Ford in Dearborn

make the traditional holiday movie-going experience larger than life. That's because movies are shown on screens several stories high, with advanced sound technology

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*The Polar Express* is based on the classic Caldecott award-winning children's book written by Chris Van Allsburg. It is directed

by Oscar winner Robert Zemeckis and stars two-time Academy Award winner Hanks.

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# For the Sick & Twisted

## Popular weird animation festival returns

It's back and it's as weird as audiences expect

*The Spike & Mike Twisted Animation Festival*, a festival of demented animated shorts, returns to the Magic Bag in Ferndale this week for the 12th year

Among the new titles are three new episodes of *Happy Tree Friends*, cuddly forest creatures with a penchant for losing eyes and limbs in the most disgusting ways

The only encore films will be episodes of *No Neck Joe* (it wouldn't be the Spike and Mike show without him) and *Here Comes Dr. Tran*, last year's show stopper "It's one of the funniest films ever shown at the festival," said Spike Decker, festival co-founder

The Magic Bag began hosting the festival in 1992, taking credit for unleashing *Beavis and Butt-head* for the first time on unsuspecting Detroit-area audiences

Other festivals were highlighted by

premiers of *The Spirit of Christmas* and *Frosty*, early works by *South Park* creators Matt Stone and Trey Parker *Power Puff Girls* creator Craig McCracken continues to entertain with his popular *No Neck Joe* cartoons, which open the show every year

Oscar-nominated Don Hertzfeldt (*Ah L'Amour, Rejected*) also got his start with Spike and Mike

*The Sick and Twisted Festival* began in 1990 as a home for animated pieces which are simply too revolting or adult in nature for the prestigious and tasteful Classic Festival of Animation

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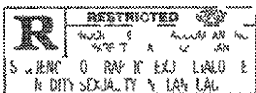
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**MEET THE FOCKERS [PG13]**  
**RAY [PG13]**

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**FLIGHT OF THE PHOENIX [PG13]**  
**DARKNESS [R]**  
**RESIDENT EVIL APOCALYPSE [R]**  
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# Special event

# Don't feel blue alone, join musicians at holiday bash

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

The blues will come 'round, when Santa leaves town

That's because the Motor City Music Foundation is presenting the Detroit Music Awards 3rd Annual Holiday Blues Bash on Sunday, Dec 26

The show happening at Sweet Lorraine's in Livonia features some of the Motor City's top blues bands including The Whoodoo Band and The R&B Pioneers with RJ's Rhythm Rockers

Both groups typify a current trend for local blues performers to add rock and rhythm to traditional blues

There will also be an opportunity for concert goers to mingle with local blues

## 3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY BLUES BASH

When: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec 26

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favorites Dick Wagner, Robbie Noll, Sweet Claudette, Stoney Mazur, Bugs Beddow, Robert Jr. Whittall and others to swap blues tales and merchandise

Musician/actor Paul Miles and JoAnn Korczynska, WHFR-FM DJ, will be masters of ceremonies

Korczynska has hosted the *Highway 61* blues program for 12 years on the Dearborn station "I see as many new musicians coming out in as many varied styles as I have observed in the last few years," she said

Korczynska and Blues Bash promoter David Daniele agree that while the Detroit blues scene seems to run hot and cold, underlying support is constant. That base is exemplified by the Detroit Blues Society, which attracts fans and performers of both acoustic and electric blues, holds weekly jam sessions at the Tenny Street Roadhouse in West Dearborn and annual competitions in both categories

The Detroit blues scene suffered a blow when George & Harry's in Dearborn — which opened in 2003 amid much hoopla to showcase top national blues touring acts — scrapped music earlier this year

Add to that the closing in recent years of top blues clubs Moby Dick's and the Soup Kitchen "The venues are shrinking," Korczynska said

Yet she notes that Uncle Jesse White continues to perform at The Attic in Hamtramck Tenny Street in Dearborn books blues bands, as does Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak, to a lesser scale

Daniele has spotted a turn toward rock and R&B, typified by The Whoodoo Band "They combine classic elements of the blues almost with a rock style like the Branched Ladies"

The veteran R&B Pioneers — Joe Weaver, Stanley Mitchell and Kenny Martin Back — present a sort of pre-Motown style combining doo wop, jump blues and early soul

While venues may open and close, there is still a strong contingent of local musicians committed to the blues or close variants thereof "I will put up our blues musicians against anyone in the world," Korczynska said

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## Night spots

# Top 10 parties to welcome 2005

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Dick Clark is going to sit out this New Year's Eve, but you don't have to. The ball is getting ready to drop on New Year 2005. So let's count down some hot metro Detroit party/show destinations

# 10

**Crave Lounge**, the mega-stylish nightclub in West Dearborn, rings in the New Year with a \$175 per person masquerade ball, six-course dinner that includes lemon-grass lobster and French champagne, and New York City tribal house DJ and record producer Amadeus playing tracks "Imagine putting on that mask and just going crazy," said Khalil Ramadan, owner of the club. Call (313) 277-7283

# 9

The new four-story **Royal Park Hotel**, 600 E. University in Rochester, presents several events a New Year's Eve in Royal Style featuring a seven-course dinner and jazz from the Joe Grande Trio in three packages ranging from \$75 to \$130 per person. They include a champagne toast and party favors. For more information, call (248) 453-8722. Also, the hotel's 720-capacity ballroom will host the singles group **Table for Eight & The Social Connection Fourth Annual New Year's Eve Resolution Ball**. Tickets to the event are \$95 for the reception only beginning at 10 p.m., \$125 for the Hors d'oeuvres Package beginning at 8:30 p.m., and \$175 for the VIP Dinner Package at 7 p.m. Reservations are at www.TheSocialConnection.com or www.TableforEight.com

# 8

The **Gem & Century Theatres** present a five-course upscale dinner at the Century Grille, special performances of the comedy *Forbidden Christmas*, dancing to live rock pop and soul favorites from The Project featuring Jennifer Consiglio karaoke party

favors, a champagne toast and late-night snack for \$60-\$125 per person. RSVP at (313) 963-9800. The theaters are at 333 Madison Ave. at Brush in downtown Detroit.

# 7

Party with the women. The Detroit Women of R&B, that is, backed by their band Motor City Express for a night of intense rhythm and blues starting at 10 p.m. at **Memphis Smoke**, 100 S Main in Royal Oak. Reservations are \$20 and include champagne and party favors. The music and champagne are \$10 without a reservation. Available on the menu are five-course dinners including lamb, sea bass and surf and turf. The group "leaves the crowd shook up and breathless," said one reviewer. For more information call (248) 543-4300.

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Getting older is fun is the premise of *Coming To Life*, presented by **The Detroit Repertory Theatre** in a New Year's Eve presentation that includes hors d'oeuvres, unlimited champagne, the performance and a midnight buffet supper. Tickets are \$75 per person. For ticket information, call Dee Andrus at (313) 868-1347 or visit www.detroitreptheatre.com. The theater is at 13103 Woodrow Wilson in Detroit, one block west of the Lodge freeway.

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# Motor City madness returns to The Palace

BY JIM TOTH  
STAFF WRITER

Everyday is a holiday for Ted Nugent. The self-taught professor of primal screams and creator of guitar licks sure to halt the charge of the wild's most carnivorous creatures, Nugent continues to live a life many can only dream about.

"I play guitar every day. It sets my ponytail erect," explained the Motor City Madman in his own unique style.

The Detroit native, who rose to stardom on the rock scene in the late 1960s and has maintained a startling level of energy throughout, returns to his roots Wednesday for the eighth annual installment of Whiplash Bash. The Palace Of Auburn Hills will play host to a night of electrifying, in-your-face, no-holds-barred rock 'n roll.

Joining Nugent on stage again will be drummer Tommy Clufetos. A graduate of Rochester Adams High School, Clufetos has performed with Alice Cooper and Mitch Ryder before catching the attention of Nugent with "funk chops."

"I'm just the luckiest guitar player that ever throttled," Nugent screamed. "I can't get enough. Detroit can't get enough."

The world's ultimate musician-showman-hunting advocate, Nugent has been thrilling live audiences over five



Ted Nugent brings his rapid-fire guitar assault to the Palace on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

different decades, often offering up his stringent feelings in favor of freedom and hunting, and against drugs and alcohol.

His first "lick out of an amp" came at age 7. He hasn't missed many days since as the self-proclaimed No. 1 guitar showman in the world has sold more than 30 million albums worldwide and put on more than 100 live performances in 2003. That apparently wasn't enough as Nugent thrilled fans on a different mission last summer when he and fellow musician Toby Keith embarked on a USO tour of the Persian Gulf.

"We went to Iraq in June," said Nugent, who has plans for the new year to continue touring with Keith. "I'm a patriot of appreciation. I'm living an American dream here because of what those dedicated men and women are doing over there."

Nugent has another important gig circled on his calendar in January and that will be to perform at the Inaugural for President Bush.

The Nugent sound has certainly left a lasting impression as hunting anthem *Fred Bear* was voted the third best all-time rock song in one poll of Michigan rock fans - trailing only Led Zeppelin's *Stairway to Heaven* and The Eagles' *Hotel California*.

"I didn't think I didn't have to think," said Nugent when asked if 50 years of performing was ever planned. "I never tamed my music with thought process."

Tickets for the 8 p.m. show are on sale now for \$45 and \$20 at [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com), The Palace Box Office, all Ticketmaster locations or by calling (248) 645-6666.

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# Naughty but nice

BY KEVIN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

Bob Hope Christmas specials were never like this

Cher wasn't a 6-foot-2-inch man and the lyrics to holiday classics weren't

changed to mock the celebrity singing them

In *Forbidden Christmas* at The Century Theatre, actor Kevin B McGlynn shocks playgoers when he bursts on stage as Cher

Originally one of the women was supposed to do it, explained McGlynn, who starred in the play last year "I went to the director and said, 'You've got to let me do this'"

From the creators of Broadway's musical extravaganza

*Forbidden Broadway*, *Forbidden Christmas* lampoons the typical celebrity holiday variety special

Does McGlynn camp it up as Cher?

"Nothing is really done for camp value," he said "It's as if we are those characters Songs that we're singing are almost like

inner-thought process coming out"

Show publicist Kito Jumanne Marshall said McGlynn's entrance is a



The cast of 'Forbidden Christmas' delivers a musical feast of parodies

*Kate*, also portrays Frank Sinatra, Steve Lawrence, Pavorotti and Yul Brenner, among others

"The most demanding is Pavorotti, you got to sound pretty good to do that"

He takes an opposite approach to Sinatra, mocking of blue eyes' penchant for bending notes by "going absolutely flat"

McGlynn dons 15 different wigs for the show, including a cropped gray wig to evoke the mature Sinatra "You never see my bald spot," he said

Joining him in the cast are Janet Dickinson, nominated for a Shellie award in California for the role of Mickey in *Cowgirls*, Craig Laurie, who has appeared at the Detroit Fox with the national tours of *The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber*, and Amy Barker, who in addition to stage credits is known as the young mom in various TV commercials

The director is William Selby, assistant director for the off-Broadway production *Forbidden Broadway SVU*

The show also lampoons some current touring Broadway shows including *Les Miserables*, *Mama Mia*, *Annec*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*

You don't have to know these productions to get the humor "If you've been alive the last 20 years you're going to get it," said McGlynn

The show is as much fun for the cast as the audience

"It's just a blast to do, we laughed as much during *The Sound of Christmas with Julie Andrews* as they do There's always something about it that sends us reeling It's like those old Carol Burnett shows where Carol and Vicki Lawrence can't keep a straight face"

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## Actors deliver laughter galore in 'Forbidden Christmas'

show highlight "He's a tall thin man and he comes out in a red mini dress black leather jacket black curly hair and black fish nets"

While the play is returning to The Gem Century for the third year there are

new elements

Donald Trump fires somebody Jumanne Marshall said There is also a Ricky Martin send up

McGlynn who was in the 2001 national touring company of *Kiss Me*



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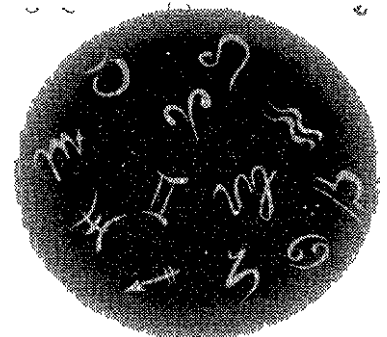
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**ARIES (March 21-April 20)**

A lot of things are moving and changing in ways you don't feel comfortable with - and holidays don't make it very mellow for Rams. But if you're brave and you think long term, you can make at least some of them work in your favor. Change is a fact of life. It's how you handle it that counts.

**TAURUS (April 21-May 21)**

The secret to success is often a matter of being in the right place at the right time. Bull! The reverse is also true - and that seems to be your problem over the coming weeks. Don't be afraid to make whatever changes you feel are needed to put your world right - start today, kid!

**GEMINI (May 22-June 21)**

You'll find yourself at odds with just about everyone as the holidays begin - sorry. But that's a good thing because you have something to get off your chest that's important to say and the best way to get your message across is to leave no stone unturned. Don't worry about approval. Twin! The people you love need to know the truth.

**CANCER (June 22-July 23)**

Although the holidays may bring cranky news your way, the long term forecast is nothing but good. Stop wallowing in apprehension and be ready to take advantage of the marvelous opportunities coming. You'll feel better about yourself when you remember to smile and loosen up.

**LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)**

You're determined to break free, go your own way and do your own thing now, Lion! The only problem is that other people are just as determined to keep you in bondage. Something has to give, but what? How hard are you prepared to fight? You'll know after Christmas.

**VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)**

Throughout the holidays, just stick to what you're doing and don't allow yourself to be distracted by other people's stuff. The message of your solar chart is that you're on the right track. If you stay that way, you'll taste success. Don't let impatience or envy get the best of you.

**LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)**

The holiday's planetary setup gives you the opportunity to prove that you are more than just another cog in the wheel and that your contribution can and does make a difference. Remember, however, that what you should be looking for is quality rather than quantity, even if it means cutting back on some of your commitments.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)**

Be sure to use good judgment if family and colleagues try to stop you from following your dream during the end of the month - it only means that you're on the right track! The more they don't want you to pursue a certain course of action, the more likely it is that it's the right thing to do.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)**

In par with holiday time, old buds, relatives or family matters will take up a lot of your time, now, so don't plan too much on the work front because you'll get angry and frustrated when you find that your options are limited. If you deal with personal issues now, they won't distract you later.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)**

If you can imagine it, you can do it, Cap! The message of the stars this weekend is that nothing is impossible. If you want something, you can find a way to make it your own. What you dream today will be your reality tomorrow. You're on top of the world next week!

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)**

Although feelings are running high because of holidays, you are probably at a loss to know what all the fuss is about. However, be careful you don't say anything tactless or insensitive now because someone you care about is taking matters very seriously indeed. And, as always, the ones we love the most, we hurt the most.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)**

The Moon in your element this holiday weekend is making you a bit too defensive and cuckoo, and unless you snap yourself out of it, you may miss an important opportunity to have some real fun. If a friend or family member suggests that you do something exciting this week, take them up on it!

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com



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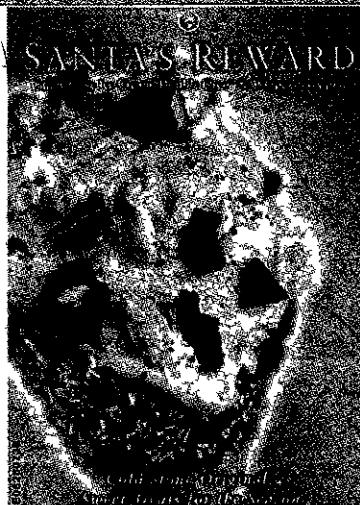
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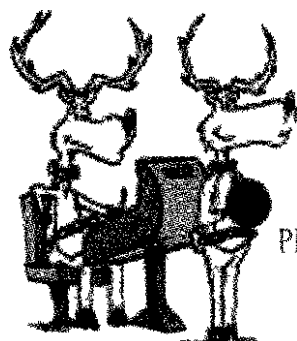
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