

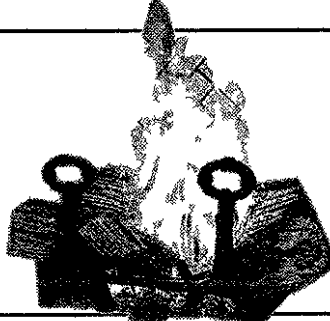
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City signs back on for underpass project

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

It wasn't exactly by unanimous vote, but Wayne County officials got the backing they wanted Monday when the Plymouth City Commission voted to stick with the Sheldon Road underpass project.

By a 5-2 vote (with Mayor Dan Dwyer and Commissioner Michele Potter dissenting), the commission voted to ante up \$503,250 as the city's portion of the \$12 million project, designed to ease traffic conges-

tion at the CSX crossing on Sheldon

Wayne County officials some time ago agreed to cap the city's commitment at that level. Estimates of the city's portion of design costs are around \$430,000, a figure the county would have expected to the city to pay had they withdrawn from the agreement.

"To me it's the dollars and cents," Mayor Pro Tem Phil Pursell said. "If we're on the hook for \$503,000 (total) and the design cost is \$430,000, it's not that much of a leap. I think it's a good project for the

greater regional community, but I hope you can get it off the ground."

That's been the problem so far. The project has been hit with a number of delays since first proposed in 1999. There has been haggling with the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department over water issues, the county has run into some land acquisition problems, and federal design requirements have changed, explained Alan Helmkamp, assistant Wayne County executive.

Commissioners made the deal contingent on the other parties - princi-

pally Plymouth Township - passing the same agreement. The township is on the hook for just over \$1 million in the project, if the Board of Trustees agrees to fund its share. CSX's share is some \$600,000.

The county had earlier issued a Jan 1 deadline for the parties to make a decision. However, Plymouth Township officials aren't scheduled to meet again until Jan 10. Helmkamp said township Supervisor Richard Reaume had asked for, and been granted, an extension until after that meeting.

"It's a coin toss right now," Reaume said of the township's position. "We've got people on our board who voted against it the first time. There are considerations to take into place. If we were to terminate, what would our penalty be? There's also the issue of closing the road that long, and there are environmental impacts."

Helmkamp told city commissioners Monday a "contingency" to get the city out of the deal already exists.

"We can't go forward without

PLEASE SEE UNDERPASS, A6



Stephanie Kerr and Michael Siroka are partners in Archived Assets, a Plymouth firm specializing in videotaping belongings to help homeowners submitting insurance claims.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Videotaping valuables

Service aims to expedite insurance claim process

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Stephanie Kerr thinks there are a lot of people who look around their homes and think, "I don't really have much of anything of value."

Kerr, a Canton native, former military member and veteran of the first Gulf War, begs to differ, and she's taking steps to prove it to people.

Kerr, a Canton High School grad who now lives in Plymouth, opened Archived Assets, a two-person operation that makes its living creating videotaped inventories of household belongings for their clients.

The idea is to build a video diary of the client's belongings in case insurance claims have to be made following a fire, theft or other tragedy.

"Everything has value," said Kerr, 36, who opened the business in August. "A lot of people say they don't have anything valuable, but everyone does."

The process is fairly simple. Kerr and videographer Michael Siroka of Redford, the company's director of media archival, sit down with homeowners and talk about what's in the home. Then the pair make their way through the entire house, filming a room-by-room videography of everything in the house.

PLEASE SEE VALUABLES, A4

Ann Arbor Road, Haggerty corner tops crash list

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth Township officials decided to construct their brand new township hall, police department and fire station on property they bought at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, concerns were almost immediately raised about traffic at an already congested intersection.

According to a study performed by the Plymouth Township Police Department's "Bravo" platoon, the concerns are justified. The survey, in which police went back to 2002 to compare traffic conditions, found the Ann Arbor Road-Haggerty intersection the township's most dangerous.

That corner claimed 38 crashes between Jan 1-Aug 31, six more than the next intersection, just east at Ann Arbor Road and the Massey/I-275 interchange. It's the second time in four years that intersection has had the highest number of crashes.

"We want to make sure our residents know these intersections are dangerous," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said. "Our officers have been directed to target these locations to try to reduce the number of accidents."

Those two intersections have traded the top spot for crashes over the course of the last four years, police found in their study. Ann Arbor Road/Haggerty led with 38 this year and 30 in 2003, Ann Arbor Road/Massey had 35 in 2004 and 30 in 2002.

Ann Arbor Road/Haggerty has seen 120 crashes in the four years studied, Ann Arbor Road/Massey has had 124. They are the only intersections with more than 100. The study was done for Jan 1-Aug 31 of each year.

According to the study, the crashes at Ann Arbor Road/Haggerty occur mostly during weekday rush hours, mostly in the evening. Directional signals were added in the last couple of years to help control traffic, but may instead have contributed to the danger.

"These crashes will most likely occur because the drivers are following too closely and trying to beat the traffic light," officers wrote.

The intersections along Five Mile at both Beck and Sheldon didn't make the survey for the second straight year after seeing 29 crashes in 2003. Officers said following too closely is the major cause at these intersections.

"The traffic crashes have been reduced," they wrote. "However, these intersections are busier than ever and need to be policed during morning and afternoon rush hours."

Tiderington said his department wants to make the intersections even safer.

"We want to aggressively police these high-traffic crash intersections, through directed patrol, to help reduce traffic crashes on our roadways and provide safe passage for our motorists," he said.

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Toy drives ensure good yule

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus wasn't the only one delivering presents this holiday season.

Thanks to a number of organizations who ran donation drives, thousands of toys were delivered to children who might not otherwise have had much of a merry Christmas.

Among the beneficiaries: The U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots program and the Plymouth Salvation Army.

"It's always amazing to me how generous

people can be," said Salvation Army representative Kelly Boelter. "They've given to our Red Kettle campaign, they've donated to our food pantry and they gave us hundreds of toys."

Tom Kimball, who teaches accounting at Plymouth High School, sees his annual Toys for Tots collection as a way to teach his students about accounting, and also to teach them things outside the classroom.

Kimball and his students collected nearly

PLEASE SEE TOY DRIVES, A6



Marine Lance Cpl Steven Oliver and students Kevin Steinman, Kevin Welch, Spenser Skotzke, Kari Oliver and Blake Trombley pack for Toys For Tots. The students of Tom Kimball collected nearly 800 toys.

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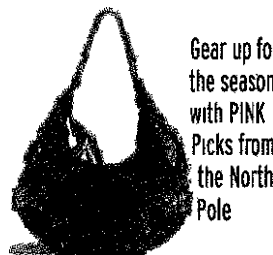
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Blood emergency

American Red Cross officials said recent snow storms have resulted in the closing of numerous school, some of which had been scheduled to hold blood drives

Missed donor opportunities with these cancelled blood drives have resulted in dangerously low blood supplies, officials said. One snow day alone created a deficit of 390 fewer pints of blood collected. Area hospitals in the metro Detroit area use roughly 900 pints of blood each day.

The Red Cross has declared a Blood Emergency and reminds area residents the Plymouth District Library hosts a blood drive 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28. The Red Cross had determined that this will be an open blood drive site and encourages all donors to come out and donate.

Blood donors can safely donate blood every 56 days. Reservations can be made by calling the library at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 217. Walk-ins will be welcome, too.

Uptown Players

Children ages 6 to 14 are invited to attend open auditions for the spring production with the Plymouth Uptown Players.

No experience is necessary and there are no special requirements to attend other than the wish to be on the stage and perform in front of a live audience. Aspiring actors can choose one day, either Jan. 16 or Jan. 19 and attend the free workshop from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Joanne Winkleman Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth.

For more information, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

Live @774

Josh White Jr. will be on-

stage at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3 as part of the Plymouth Community Arts Council's First Friday performance series.

In addition to his soulful music, White will present a short program on the history of his music and life experiences.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the PCAC, 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth, or by calling (734) 416-4278. Seats are limited.

Warm-up workshops

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is offering drop-in workshops during the school winter break. Each workshop, skilled instructors will present a visual arts activity designed for students of all ages.

A different activity will be presented each day, cost is \$13 for members, \$15 for non-members. Among the activities:

■ Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1-2:30 p.m. — Participants will learn how to cut paper snowflake patterns and how to use their snowflakes to stencil and collage a larger piece of art work. All materials are included.

■ Thursday, Jan. 5, 1-2:30 p.m. — Explore the world of Ukiyo-e prints, learn about the history behind this Japanese style of printmaking and produce your own Ukiyo-e inspired print using a foam printing sheet and paints. All materials are included.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Sculpture show

Native West in downtown Plymouth hosts a Native American sculpture show in



Looking it up

Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast officers (from left) Joe Bridgman, Marilyn Massengill, Susan Pohto, Carol Heminger and Dennis Heminger present new dictionaries to third grade students at Smith Elementary School. The club raised funds through donations to purchase a dictionary for every third grade student in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. They purchased 1,400 copies of A Student's Dictionary and Gazetteer. Students will be able to use these dictionaries both at home and at school and will keep them as they move to fourth grade. The club also arranged for a nameplate for the inside of each dictionary for the students to enter their name. The Kiwanis mission is "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

conjunction with the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan. 16-22.

Native West will have more than 300 carvings for sale, most of them referred to by Native Americans as fetishes. According to Native West owner Annette Horn, Indian fetishes are hand-carved objects which represent the spirits of animals or the forces of nature, which are believed to have healing powers. Traditional materials for fetishes include turquoise, jet, Picasso marble, shell, pipestone, alabaster and serpentine. The store will also feature larger native carvings made of alabaster and bronze. The gallery is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. Sunday. For more information call (734) 455-8538.

Kiwanis speaker

James Epolto, CEO of the

Michigan Economic Development Corp., will be the guest speaker when the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets noon-1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Epolito will talk about the economic outlook for jobs. Cost is \$13 at the door. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at the corner of Main and Church in downtown Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 934-7653.

First Friday

Fear No Art is the featured attraction for the Plymouth Community Arts Council's First Friday series at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6.

Geared toward the young adult crowd, local high school students will exhibit their artwork, perform poetry readings, and acoustic and a cappella music. PCAC's Henry Bahrou

with "Sounds of Isha" will take the stage along with the bands Burning Cacti and "Phillips, Caruso & Crew." The Spoken Word PCEP Poets will round out the event.

For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278.

Youth artist deadline

The application deadline for this year's Plymouth Symphony's Youth Artist Competition is Friday, Jan. 30, with the competition itself scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 12 at Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty in Canton.

Through the generosity of the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs, local service organizations and other sponsors, the Plymouth Symphony recognizes young orchestral talent from the greater Plymouth-Canton and surrounding communities through this competition and offered music scholarships to area youth since 1978.

The competition is composed of three divisions: Senior Instrumental (grades 10-12), Senior Piano (grades 10-12), and Junior Division (combined instrumental & piano grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students in the school districts of Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren (Belleville), Clarenceville, or Wayne-Westland. Celebration Youth Orchestra members and students at Evola Music are also eligible.

The first-prize winner in each senior division shall receive \$500 and the first prize winner in the junior division shall receive \$250. If applicable, honorable mentions will also be acknowledged.

Applications, available through the Plymouth Symphony, are due Jan. 30. Past participants are encouraged to re-apply, however, musicians are eligible to win only one first-prize award in each division. Winners may have the opportunity to perform with the PSO or Orchestra Canton. Applicants must be available to perform at the competition.

For an application and/or further information, contact Ellen Elliott by e-mail at info@plymouthsymphony.org or by calling (734) 451-2112. Applications are also available on the Plymouth Symphony Web site at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

TAG screening

Plymouth-Canton

Community Schools officials are screening students for admission to the district's Talented and Gifted program for the 2006-07 school year.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-CCS district boundaries and be in grades 2-7. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school principals or counselors by Dec. 23.

Nomination forms also are available online at www.pccs.k12.mi.us. Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing, including the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test.

Entertainment books

Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fundraisers.

■ The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books, with all proceeds helping children throughout southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth, or home delivery is available. Call (734) 453-8253 for details.

■ The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment and sporting events. The book is being offered at a special fund-raising price of \$25, and can be delivered, if the purchaser desires. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829.

■ Members of the Plymouth Symphony League are selling the 2006 entertainment book, offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The books is priced at \$25, with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony Books. The books can be picked up at the symphony office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or ordered by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 453-2112.

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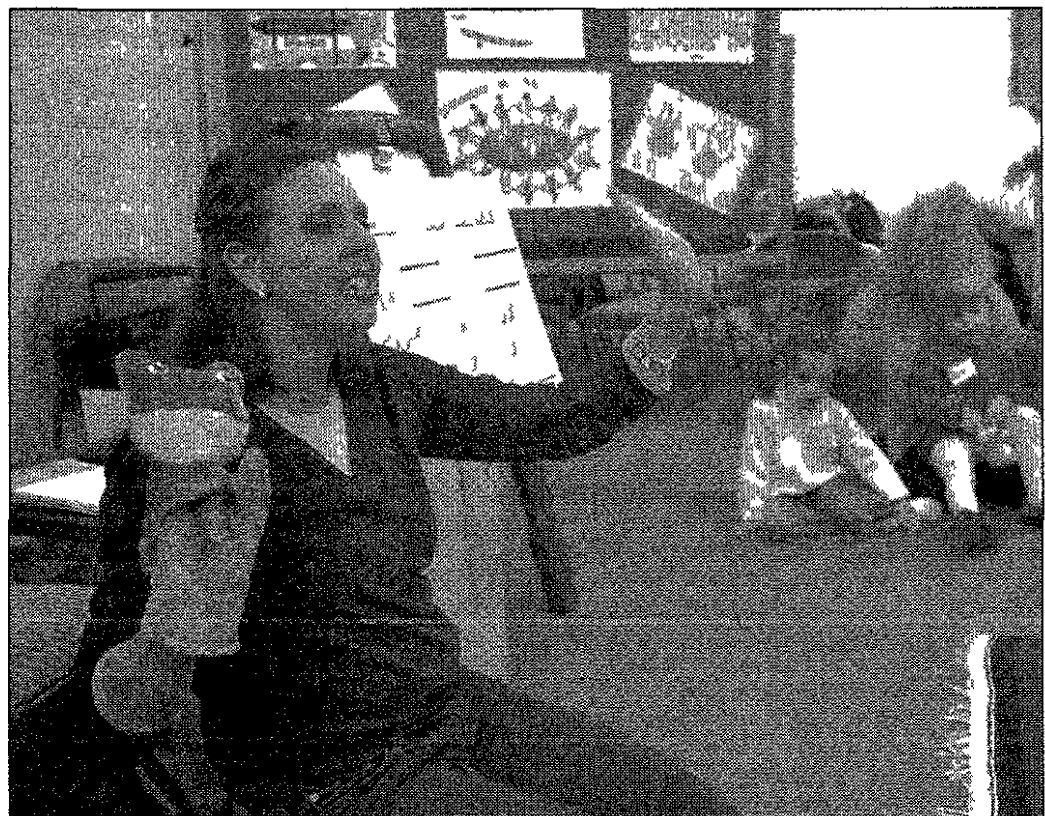
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Jennifer Manriquez leads a class for toddlers

Spanish teacher gives students 2nd language

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

Late one morning last week, 12 toddlers gathered in the basement in a Plymouth church. They took off their hats. They took off their boots. And they tried for a few minutes to sit still, until they got the cue that it was OK to start singing and dancing.

"So many niños today!" said Jennifer Manriquez, greeting her young students with smiles and hugs. The students began to clap and sing the "Welcome Song" before the day's lesson, which was "Feliz Navidad."

Even though the children - age 18 months to 3 years - didn't know it that cold morning, what they were doing could be invaluable to them in the future, according to one student's mother, Plymouth Township resident Beth Ineson. The children are taking classes from Manriquez, a Canton resident, who teaches Spanish to toddlers and preschoolers and their parents.

It's Manriquez's goal to give the youngsters the knowledge base they need to grow up bilingual.

"It's important in the world we live in," Ineson said. "Most people in the world communicate in languages other than English, and our second language in this country really is Spanish. Even if it's just to be sensitive and compassionate to others, knowing how to speak Spanish is valuable."

Ineson's 2-year-old son, Jack, has been in the classes since he was 10 months old. Her 15-month-old daughter has now joined big brother in the classes.



Beth Ineson of Plymouth Township sits with her 15-month-old daughter Quinn and son, Jack, 3, during one of Jennifer Manriquez's Spanish classes.

Manriquez started teaching classes three years ago, when her daughter Emily was a baby. A former high school Spanish teacher who is raising her own children in a bilingual household, she recognized the value of teaching language to very young children.

"At this age, they're like a sponge and you have a real window of opportunity to teach them," she said of her youngest students.

When she first started teaching, her classes met in her Canton living room. But they grew so fast and became so popular, she started renting space in a Plymouth Township church.

Recently, Manriquez has expanded the scope of her classes a little further by producing a video, "Bilingual Fun, Spanish for Children."

I never expected this to make a lot of money or anything. I mostly wanted to do

The video is the first in what will be a series of videos, structured by theme, just like Manriquez's classes. The first video focuses on colors, numbers, animals and action verbs. They, like the classes, include music and interactive activities.

it for my students to use as a learning tool at home. But it's been really taking off. It's selling very well," Manriquez said.

The key to success for her students is repetition at home, which the DVD helps students to do.

"If it's reinforced and repeated at home, these kids will grow up bilingual," Manriquez said.

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Classes are held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth. The cost is \$100 for nine classes. For more information, visit online at www.bilingualfun.com, or e-mail Manriquez at jennifer@bilingualfun.com.

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Offices observe holiday hours

Government offices in both the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township will be closed for the holidays, but taxpayers will still have a chance to pay their taxes in both communities.

City Hall will be closed Dec. 23, Dec. 26-27, Dec. 30 and Jan. 2. However, the treasurer's office will be open to accept tax payments, and the police desk will be open Dec. 28-29.

Plymouth Township offices will be closed Dec. 23, Dec. 26, Dec. 30 and Jan. 2. However, the treasurer's office will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, to accept tax payments.

The Plymouth District Library will be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2. The library will be open for its regular hours, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 27-30.

TRASH COLLECTION

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, trash collection in both the city and township will be delayed a day the next two weeks. Regular trash collection schedules will resume Jan. 9.

With the Christmas holiday generally creating more trash to be collected, officials in both communities are reminding residents how to dispose of Christmas trees and other items.

Christmas trees in both communities will be collected through the first two weeks of January, and can be placed at the curb on the regular collection day. Trees must be free of tinsel and ornaments, and cannot be bagged.

For more information on trash collection in the city, call (734) 455-1392.

For more information on trash collection in the township, call (734) 453-8131, Ext. 33.

Auditions set for Lions Clubs Band

The Lions Clubs of Michigan are seeking area high school students to participate in their annual All-State Band program.

The Internationally acclaimed youth activity has represented the Lions of Michigan for nearly 30 years at the International Association of Lions Clubs International Convention. Since its inception, the Lions of Michigan All-State Band has had more than 300 Michigan communities represented by area musicians.

"Our program strives to provide our members with musical and sociological growth, travel and education and exposure to serving those less fortunate, the motto of Lions Clubs," said Roger Weyersberg, director.

He added that the Lions Band program is developed to complement the students' own music program and to return them as "improved performers through excellent music literature and high-quality instruction."

"We also strive to have the students return as better leaders in their own program," said Weyersberg.

The band program seeks individuals of all performance levels, including visual and

This year's band tour will take students to Gettysburg, Hershey and Philadelphia, Pa., Boston and Salem, Mass., and Cleveland, Ohio.

drill teams. The band will conduct its annual auditions on Saturday, Jan. 14, at Haslett High School.

It will hold a rehearsal week-end in April and May and, prior to departing on its 10-day tour, the band will hold band camp at Michigan State University June 22-25.

This year's band tour will take students to Gettysburg, Hershey and Philadelphia, Pa., Boston and Salem, Mass., and Cleveland, Ohio.

"Our tour is directed by the location of the International Association Convention, which is scheduled for Boston June 29-July 4," said Brian Shepard, chief executive officer of the Lions Band Program.

Past tours have taken the band to such locations as Hong Kong, Tokyo, Sidney, Beijing

and Honolulu.

"The band has provided past students with travel experiences that many may never have had a chance to do otherwise," Shepard said.

Performances include such venues as hospitals or public parks. The band also will perform in the International Parade and have an opportunity to perform in a mass band concert with other Lions Band programs attending the convention.

Students are responsible for their portion of the tour cost. Students pay for no administrative cost of the program. This year's tour cost is \$1,875. The tour cost includes all meals, including rehearsal weekends, lodging, and transportation while on tour and travel uniforms.

For more tour information or an application visit the Web site at www.lionsofmi.com/pages/all_state_band.htm, call (517) 887-6640, Ext. 13/15 or send an e-mail to lions@acd.net.

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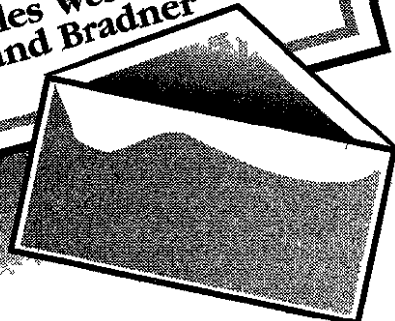
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Home alone?

St. Dunstan's ready to serve Christmas dinner

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It's a tradition that dates back more than 30 years

On Christmas Day, members of St. Dunstan Church in Garden City welcome anyone who will be alone for the holiday to come to the church for dinner - turkey and ham and all the fixins'

It used to be that 200 people would show up, but over the years, the number has dipped to where, a week before Christmas, only 50 people have signed up to attend

"We expect 150 every year, so we'll cook for 150," said Mary Shurge, a member of St. Dunstan's who helps with the dinner. "I'm not sure why the number is diminishing. It could be that a lot of the senior

communities probably now have their own dinners

The dinner has been a tradition at St. Dunstan's for almost four decades and attracts guests from around the Detroit metropolitan area as the result of notices sent to area churches. It is believed to be the only dinner that is actually held on Christmas Day, and estimates are that 75 percent of the guests are from outside St. Dunstan's parish

Shurge and her husband, John, and two children were introduced to the dinner in 1966 when they were invited to attend by then pastor Rev. Mack Makulski. They were back the next year as volunteers

Doors will open at 1 p.m. and dinner will be served at 1:30 p.m. Guests will have an

opportunity to sit and talk and be entertained by St. Dunstan

pastor, the Rev. Don Demmer. "He's great," said Shurge. "He comes over and talks to everyone. He makes them all feel at home."

While there are no planned activities after the dinner, Shurge stressed that there's no need for guests to eat and run. In fact, she says, "we'll come up with something to keep them happy."

There's no charge for the dinner although reservations are requested. People interested in attending the dinner need only call the St. Dunstan rectory at (734) 425-6720.

"We'd like them to phone in, even if it's Christmas Eve," Shurge said.

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LIBRARY PICKS

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of Best Sellers based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons. The books are available by placing a request with the library at (734) 453-0750 or on line at www.plymouthlibrary.org

FICTION

- 1 *S is for Silence* Sue Grafton
- 2 *Mary Mary* James Patterson
- 3 *Predator* Patricia Cornwell

- 4 *At First Sight* Nicholas Sparks
- 5 *Light from Heaven* Jan Karon

NON-FICTION

- 1 *Teacher Man* Frank McCourt
- 2 *Our Endangered Values* Jimmy Carter
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VALUABLES

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NO STONE UNTURNED

They go into closets, nightstands, dressers and cabinets - "even undergarment drawers," Kerr said with a smile - to document everything. They take close-ups of details such as labels, logos and special markings in an effort to reflect the full value of collections and expensive objects.

The footage is then put on DVD. Clients can either keep it, being urged by Kerr to put it in a safe place or give it to a trusted friend or family member for storage, or they can have Archived Assets store it, an option Kerr said about 90 percent of her clients so far have requested.

The archive then becomes evidence in any insurance claim, a process that can be much more difficult without it, Kerr said.

"The process is terrible if you have a loss," Kerr said. "You have to be able to sit there and recall everything you owned. If they have a fire, theft or any kind of disaster, this expedites the process."

"The contents of your home might be worth a million dollars, but if you can't prove it, insurance companies are just going to give you the 'average'."

Insurance agents seem to be embracing the idea, agreeing with Kerr such videotapes can make the process easier and quicker.

In fact, Kerr said much of her business comes from referrals from insurance companies and financial advisers.

'COULD BE EXPEDITED'

"In the event of a fire or other tragedy, the toughest part is remembering what you had that was destroyed," said Tom Stahl, a State Farm agent in Canton. "With a video diary and your important paperwork on file, the claim process could be expedited."

The idea began brewing with Kerr, a nos-

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talgia fanatic, after her daughter, Sage, was born 12 years ago. She wanted to start the business about seven years ago, she said, but had neither the experience nor the capital.

This past summer, it was time. "I had a great time with my old job, and I got experience doing this for friends and family," Kerr said. "We talked about it and decided this was the time."

In addition to standard belongings, Kerr said the company videotapes collections such as stamps, coins, dolls and sports memorabilia.

Kerr acknowledges people could do the videotaping themselves, but said insurance companies are more likely to be receptive to such videography done by professionals.

So far, Kerr said, Archived Assets has been to about 100 homes, ranging in size from small to very large - including the 11,500-square-foot home she just spent more than four hours videotaping last weekend.

"My hope is to be national in five years, international in seven-10 years," Kerr said. "That's my goal."

Archived Assets is located at 595 Forest Suite 9B. For more information, visit the Web site at www.archivedassets.com or call (734) 207-1877.

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AROUND TOWN

Heartland Hospice

Heartland Hospice offers a six week series Living with Grief 4:53-5:30 p.m. Jan. 12-Feb. 16. The program is a series of weekly sessions offering insights and coping skills for an adult's journey through grief. The series takes place at the Heartland Hospice office in Ann Arbor and is open to anyone. For more information or to register, contact Ann Christensen, bereavement coordinator at (734) 973-1145 or toll free at (888) 973-1145.

Heartland Hospice is looking for caring and dedicated people with an interest in serving terminally ill patients and their families in Washtenaw, Livingston and western Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport, patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Contact volunteer coordinator Ann Christensen for information on upcoming training classes by calling (888) 973-1145.

Parenting tips

St. Mary Mercy Hospital offers parenting classes called Parenting with Love and Logic 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays. The classes offer a common sense approach to parenting, teaching parents skills that cultivate confidence and good decision making in children by offering them choices, empathy and respect while adults avoid anger, threats, warnings or lectures. The Jan. 11 class is for toddlers and preschool age. The Feb. 8 class is a time-out refresher for all ages and the March 8 class is for pre-teens and teenagers. There is a fee for the class. Call (734) 655-1100 to register or for more information.

Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m. Jan. 5 with guest speaker Linda Wright talking about Scandinavian Research. There is a 6 p.m. help session. The meeting takes place at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 1041 Grand River in Howell. For details, call (810) 227-7745.

Art exhibit

The Beili Liu installation ALINE will begin Jan. 6 and run through Feb. 18 in the Ann Arbor Art Center's Exhibition Gallery 117 West Liberty Street in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon-5:30 p.m. Sunday. A reception is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13. For more information, contact Amanda Krugiak, Exhibitions Director at the Ann Arbor Art Center (734) 994-8004, Ext. 110.

Childbirth class

St. Mary Mercy offers a six-week Childbirth Education session Let's Get Ready to Have a Baby 7-9 p.m. Mondays from Jan. 2-Feb. 6. Learn what to expect during pregnancy, labor and delivery and make the entire experience more rewarding. Classes are based on the Lamaze method. There is a fee and registration is required. For more information, call the Marian Women's Center (734) 655-1162.

Master gardener

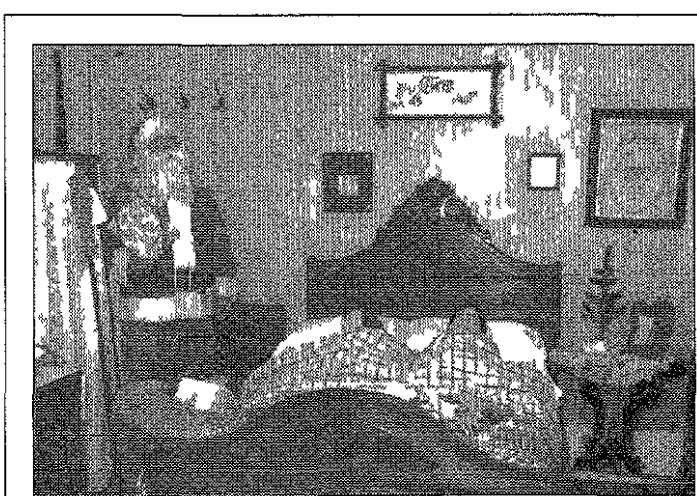
The Michigan Master Gardener Program is a horticulture education and volunteer leader training program offered by Michigan State University Extension. An interest in plants, a personal commitment to volunteerism and an enthusiasm for sharing knowledge with others are the only prerequisites. To become certified as a Master Gardener, participants must pass weekly quizzes, the final examination and volunteer 40 hours within one year of completing the class to help MSU Extension educate the public in the horticulture field. Wayne County MSU Extension offers the Master Gardener class at Wayne County MSU Extension Office 640 Temple 6th Floor in Detroit, starting 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14. All classes will be taught for 13 consecutive weeks. Applications can be picked up at the Wayne County MSU Extension office 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. or to have an application mailed to your home, please call (313) 833-3417 during the same hours. Wayne County MSU Extension must receive your completed application and a check for the entire course fee made payable to MSU Extension by Wednesday, Dec. 21. Acceptance into the class is based on the application. Those not accepted will have their checks returned.

Literacy Council tutors

The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials and then match you with an adult student in your area. The next CLC training sessions are from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 14 and Jan. 21 at the Canton Public Library. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

Arbor Hospice & Home Care and BraveHeart Grief Services announce a winter grief support group for adults in Northville. Support groups are tai-



Holiday display

Visitors can enjoy the Christmas holidays at the Plymouth Historical Museum 1-4 p.m. today (Thursday) and Dec. 28-29. Visitors can stroll through a Christmas Past at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The special exhibits of toys of the generations will bring back memories for "kids" of all ages. Christmas exhibits from Victorian times through the 1960's will delight visitors along with the new timeline exhibit "It's About Time" which features local history from the Native Americans through the Daly's Drive-In. Visit the museum's Web site at www.plymouthhistory.org or call (734) 455-8940.

ored to meet the needs of individuals who have suffered the loss of someone close to them and are open to everyone in the community. Advance registrations are required and all support groups are free of charge, although donations are greatly appreciated to defray program expenses.

The group starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays Jan. 17-March 7 at the Northville District Library 212 W. Cady N. Northville. To register or for more information about any of the support groups, contact Sandy VanKoeveering (248) 348-4980.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age-appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan, including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church 42021 Ann Arbor Trail on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@uno.com.

Moms Club

Moms Club of Livonia S/Plymouth offers a variety of activities. For more details, call Birthie at (734) 458-8143 or Martina at (734) 464-0481.

DAR

The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution meets the third Monday of each month, except January, July and August. A group with ancestors who fought in American Revolution. Members participate in community work involving veterans, hospitals, schools and community service. Call (734) 420-2775 for further information.

German/American Club of Plymouth

Meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, located at 39100 Schoolcraft Road, Plymouth. Call Mary Ann at (734) 420-0857 for further information.

CLUBS

Rotary A M

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome.

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson (734) 459-1861.

FOR THE RECORD

A

Ray M. Alexander
Alexander 79 of Clarkston died Dec. 18.

B

Luwana Bond (nee Wheeler)
Bond 81 died Dec. 14.

D

Gordon F. Donaldson
Donaldson 66 died Dec. 15.

Cartes E. Drivers

Driver 76 of Canton died Dec. 18.

H

Jack C. Hutchinson
Hutchinson 89 of Holland formerly of Birmingham died Dec. 15.

K

Stuart Klockow
Klockow 88 of Canton died Dec. 19.

L

Edward Hodson Lerchen
Lerchen 85 of Grand Rapids died Dec. 14.

N

Lena M. Nicholson

For the Record appears in every edition of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's newspaper in *Passages* on page B5.

Nicholson 96 of Birmingham formerly of Royal Oak and West Bloomfield died Dec. 16.

P

Susan Peacock
Peacock of Livonia died Dec. 13.

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UNDERPASS

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Plymouth Township's \$1 million, and the county would lay out the railroad's \$600,000, Helmkamp said. "You already in a very practical way have that contingency."

Even those assurances weren't enough to convince all the commissioners. Dwyer said he'd hoped at Monday's meeting to "hear something that would give me confidence it was a done deal."

"There are still no agreements in place, there are still no exact figures as to what our costs will be and that's incredible to me," Dwyer said. "I don't have any confidence this project will be done properly."

Helmkamp told commissioners once he gets signed agreements from all the parties, construction would probably start "in the latter third of 2006. With a two-year construction time frame, he said, completion would come in late 2008."

Potter said she'd rather see the city's money used on city roads.

"I've never supported this," Potter said. "It's been six years and we still don't have a shovel in the ground. Costs are escalating every time we turn around. I have not seen any indication from the county this can be done."

But Commissioner Ron Loiselle pointed out if the city must pay the \$430,000

in design costs, there "wouldn't be much left for our roads."

If we pull out we'll have some unknown cost for design, Loiselle said. As long as we cap our costs, I think this will be good for the community."

Longtime Plymouth resident Jim McKeon, who now lives in Northville, agreed with Loiselle.

"I'm very happy to hear you support this project," McKeon told commissioners. "This is one of the bigger issues that has come up in this community in a long time. It's a very important thing that should be passed."

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TOY DRIVES

FROM PAGE A1

800 toys. Along with the toy drive, students analyzed the financial condition of several charities, taking a look to see what percentage of donations actually make their way to the intended recipients.

It's a lesson in accounting, and a lesson in life.

"It's kind of a challenge for the students to learn more than just accounting in the classroom," Kimball said. "They get a chance to be introduced to charitable giving, and learn what the social and humanitarian benefits are. It's also a way to take a look at what's going on in our own community. Sometimes you're isolated in your own perfect little

world and you don't realize what the need is."

Meanwhile, Mel Bobcean played Santa to the tune of some 2,000 toys in his 26th annual toy drive. Bobcean, who owns Mel's Golden Razor in downtown Plymouth, said he started collecting toys for a school for the blind way back when. He thinks his first one saw 100 toys.

Needless to say, it has grown since Bobcean doesn't donate the toys to Toys for Tots or the Salvation Army or the Goodfellows. He takes care of families himself, through contacts with churches, ministers and the like.

"I started it at the school, and then started doing it here, and it just took off," Bobcean said. "I love to see the looks on their faces when I tell them I can help them

That's why I do it."

At Walker-Buzenberg on Main Street in Plymouth, owners knew they were doing a promotion featuring Stanley furniture, designed for youth. Brothers Dave and Eric Buzenberg decided to add a special to the promotion, and help Toys for Tots.

It was the first time the Buzenbergs tried such a thing, and by all accounts, it turned out well. Shoppers, notified of the drive via post card with their Stanley specials, brought in some 450 toys.

"It was great to see people being so generous," Dave Buzenberg said. "Especially near the end, it was unbelievable how many toys people were bringing in. It was a great success."

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Nurse fired for turning in thief

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

By the time Chaunta Horton showed up at work the night of Oct. 3, a crime had already been committed. The party store just down Michigan Avenue from Oakdale Recovery, where Horton was an employee, had already been robbed. The evidence was already at the scene. And the police suspect was already back at Oakdale, a drug and alcohol abuse treatment center Horton found him drunk, and trying to wash the mud from his telltale shoes.

It was Horton, a Belleville resident, who called Canton Police to report that the man fit the description of the suspect they were looking for. And last week she was recognized by the Township Board of Trustees for making a positive impact on the community.

But Horton's employer was less than impressed with her actions that night, and two weeks after the burglary and subsequent police investigation, Horton was fired from her job.

The night started out like most others, Horton said. She reported for her midnight shift, and because the night shift at the 45-bed facility runs with a small staff, she set the alarms on the doors. She did rounds - a quick head-count to be sure that all the residents were there. She says they were "There were a lot of people hanging around the nurse's station, and that's not unusual for the residents to be up that late. Addicts don't sleep. And sometimes the guys and the girls are trying to hook up, which sometimes happen, so we have to keep our eye on that," Horton said.

COPS COME KNOCKING

At 12:15 a.m., Horton said she met with staff to get the verbal report from the after-noon shift, and was interrupted by Canton Police officers.

Even that's not unusual, Horton said. The facility has occasional visits from the police, either for incidents inside Oakdale, or for investigations of incidents in the area. Officers told her about the break-in at the party store.

They said there was blood at the scene, so she should be on the lookout for someone with cuts or scratches. There were muddy footprints at the crime scene, so she was to watch for someone with dirty shoes. And there was a partial case of beer at the store, so she agreed to do a quick search to see if any of the residents had beer bottles.

Before returning to complete reports, she said she took a group of residents out for a cigarette (she had to take them out because opening the door would trip the alarm system), then returned to her paperwork for a few minutes.

Normally Horton doesn't do rounds on the side of the building that houses men. But since the police asked her to keep her eyes open for a suspect, she asked a male staffer to accompany her so that she could do rounds on both sides of the facility.

Horton found what police were looking for. In one of the rooms were beer bottles. She conducted a breath test of every client, and found that seven were intoxicated and one refused the test. She found one resident's muddy shoes in the off-limits laundry room. The owner of the shoes had cuts on his arms, like police said the culprit would have.

She called a supervisor, and told her what was happening, and after she said she got a nod to do so, Horton called the police and the suspect was arrested.

LONG SHIFT

Horton said there was a lot of commotion that night - a fight among two of the residents had erupted at one point, and the facility had a late-night admission - and she didn't finish her shift until nearly 10 a.m. In the days after the incident, she asked if she had written the reports properly and if the matter was handled acceptably, and never received any negative comment, Horton said.

At least she didn't hear anything bad until two weeks later, when she was informed she was being fired. Horton said the reason for her dismissal was for failure to secure the facility, staff and clients. Yet, by the time she arrived at work,

the client suspected in the crime was in the facility and he was not able to leave after Horton arrived.

"On midnights, no one can get in or out without tripping the alarm," Horton said. "It doesn't make any sense to me."

In the four years Horton worked at Oakdale, she'd never been reprimanded, she said. She was never late, and didn't call off work except when her father died. She thought she was an exemplary employee who loved her job.

A spokeswoman for Hegira Programs, which owns and operates Oakdale, said there's little the company can disclose about Horton's termination.

"Because of personnel issues and confidentiality, all I can say is that Ms. Horton was dismissed. She was dismissed for performance issues," said Carol Diguseppe, Hegira director of programs.

RECOGNIZED AS HERO

Horton is still trying to figure out what she would like to do next. Part of her wants to just find another job as a licensed practical nurse. Yet another part of her believes that what happened to her is wrong, and her husband has asked her to consider filing a wrongful termination claim.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees recognized Horton last week for acting in a way that made a difference in the community. The trustees were shocked by Horton's revelation that she'd been fired after the incident.

"I am personally crushed by what happened to you," said Township Supervisor Tom Yaek.

But Horton has a hard time harboring ill feelings toward her former employer, and considers herself blessed for the opportunity to have worked there.

"I'm just blessed in every way, really. I have a wonderful husband, a wonderful family, she said.

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Sterling Solutions

Plymouth-based Sterling Solutions & Systems Inc., has entered an agreement with Oklahoma City-based Express Personnel Service company to provide technology set-up and consultation for the company's Michigan offices in Brighton and new Westland location.

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Interlochen honor

Kathryn Calzone of Plymouth, studying at the Interlochen Arts Academy, has been recognized in the prestigious ARTS competition, a

national search for the most artistically talented high school students.

Thirty-six Interlochen students from around the United States received a total of 40 awards, including 13 Finalist awards.

As an honorable mention in the voice mezzo soprano category, Calzone earned a \$250 cash award for finishing in the top 5 percent of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts ARTS registrant pool but not selected as a finalist.

Interlochen Arts Academy, the nation's premier fine arts boarding high school, has produced more Presidential Scholars in the Arts than any high school in the United States. Since 1980, Interlochen Arts Academy students have been named Presidential Scholars in the Arts a record 36 times. In addition, an academy student was named a Presidential Scholar in Academics in 1987.

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The ARTS (Arts Recognition and Talent Search) program is administered by the NFAA, the exclusive nominating organization for the Presidential Scholars program sponsored by the White House.

New attorney

Former Plymouth resident Joseph Uhl has joined the law firm of Miller, Canfield,



Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as an associate in the Detroit office practicing labor and employment law.

Uhl

Prior to joining Miller Canfield, he was a law clerk for both the Michigan Employment Relations Commission and the Free Legal Aid Clinic at Wayne State University Law School. He was also a student attorney in the Wayne State University Law School Civil Rights Litigation Clinic.

While in Urumqi, Xinjiang, China he was an English instructor (English as a Second Language, U.S. and British History) at Xinjiang University (Princeton-in-Asia Fellowship). He has also worked for LDM Technologies Inc. as a marketing coordinator, was an instructor of Philosophy at Western Michigan University, and worked for Family and Children Services.

Uhl has previously volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, was executive member of Amnesty International/LaLucha/S.A.G.E./Students for a Sustainable Earth, and was a member and three-time Keynote Speaker for the Office of International Studies. He was also a member of the Malaysian Rugby Club and the 1992 World Champion Cavaliers Drum and Bugle Corps.

He received his J.D. in 2005 from Wayne State University where he was a member of the International Moot Court and assistant editor of the Wayne Law Review. He received his M.A. in 1997 from Western Michigan University with a major in Philosophy.

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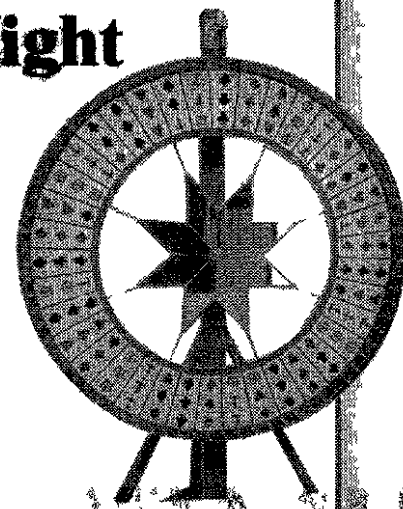
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Hopeful Butler says roadblocks stall economy

BY ALEX LUNDBERG
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Butler

Keith Butler says there are too many roadblocks between the people of the United States and economic success. There are too many taxes, too many regulations, too many lawsuits and an educational system that is failing despite being one of the most expensive in the world.

Butler is one of three men running to be the Republican party's nominee for the U.S. Senate and challenge incumbent Sen. Debbie Stabenow in November. The other candidates are Acton Institute think-tanker Jerry Zandstra and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard.

Butler, a former Detroit City Councilman and Republican activist for many years, said the people who know him

know he's a person who can get things done.

"For 30 years, I've been the person people come to when they can't get jobs, when they can't get their kids educated," he said.

"We need people who understand what life is like for people on the street."

He's getting into the race for the U.S. Senate because he's concerned that the direction of the country is going means that his children and grandchildren are not going to have the same opportunities he had. The country has to change.

"The tax policy has made the country not a desirable place to invest," Butler said.

"We've got the highest corporate income tax in the world. We've got the most burdensome regulatory environment in the industrial world and we're the most litigious society in the world. We're falling radically behind the rest of the world in education. Add that together and we're going to have a falling standard of living."

He said the tax code is 60,000 pages long and costs American businesses \$223 billion in compliance costs — which end up costing the nation jobs. For the nation to move forward, taxes will have to be slashed appreciably and tax loopholes reined in.

"We've got to get rid of all exemptions except the ones for home ownership, care for the elderly, rearing children and educational opportunities," Butler said. "We need to stop

the corruption of the tax code. It's unfair and it's arbitrary, we waste a ton of money every year just complying with it."

Regulations need to be scaled back. He said there's no reason for the country to be importing timber from Canada when Michigan saw mills are surrounded by forests except for regulation. The level of regulation nationwide, he said, prevents people from starting new businesses and stifling the existing ones from growing.

In the same vein, he said the country needs tort reform. Along with getting rid of frivolous lawsuits that clog the courts, he said there should be caps on lawsuits and victims to get more than lawyers do when rewards are handed down by juries.

"Medical liability is out of control," Butler said. "Doctors

get out of medical school and need \$500,000 premiums to work, it's driving up the cost of health care."

Finally, he said the country has to take a more serious approach to education. There's no way the country can be 22nd in math and science achievement and second in education spending.

"The system is antiquated," he said. "We're sending kids home at 3:30 and they're off all summer. They're not going home to harvest anymore. We need a longer school day and a longer school year. We cannot afford to turn out millions of kids without the skills they need to compete."

For someone who spent years as the pastor of Word of Faith International Christian Center Church in Southfield, the most Butler would say about his social agenda was

that he was pro-life and pro-traditional family. He said he would be spending a lot of time in the coming months extending his message beyond southeast Michigan.

"I'm going to advertise wherever I'm not known," Butler said.

What he does want known is that, while he has held elected office, he's not a career politician. He said he's built operations from the ground up and knows how to deal with taxes and meet payrolls. In terms of the election, he says he knows how to get votes where they'll count.

"I have an ability to get Democratic votes," Butler said. "The Republican party continues to put forward candidates who can't do that. I've been a producer all my life, I get things done. Debbie Stabenow is not a producer."

Treasurer sets hours for holiday

The offices of the Wayne County treasurer will be open for business 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dec. 27-29 for walk-in tax payments. Online tax payments can be made via the treasurer's Web site at www.treasurer.waynecounty.com.

The office will be closed Dec. 23, Dec. 26, Dec. 30 and Jan. 2 and will reopen on Jan. 3.

The office of the Wayne County treasurer is at 400 Monroe in downtown Detroit.

Flying away: Metro Airport ready for busy holiday season

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) is expected to be busy between now and Jan. 3 as Christmas approaches and schools and businesses close for the holiday. However, departing local passenger traffic is not expected to be as heavy as in years past.

The busiest travel days are expected to be Dec. 21-23, Dec. 26, 27 and Jan. 2 and 3.

This is what passengers can expect to see and hear at DTW.

Sixteen area groups of musicians and local schools will perform at various times throughout the week leading up to Christmas to spread cheer throughout both the Smith and McNamara Terminals. This is the airport's 15th Annual Holiday Music Program.

Referenced in USA Today and Executive Travel magazine as a great place to "spend time and money," the McNamara Terminal offers anything from books, to a massage, or even a gift for your pet. The Terminal features over 80 shops and restaurants.

Super Bowl XL merchandise is available at numerous retail locations inside the Smith and McNamara Terminals. Travelers will be able to find a full line of Super Bowl XL memorabilia, including shirts, ball caps, and many other items that may be on a sports fan's wish list — or someone who wants to own a piece of history.

On-airport parking deals include \$6 per day parking in over 5,000 designated spaces in the airport's Big Blue Deck. While parking in the Blue Deck

is most convenient for travelers flying out of the L.C. Smith Terminal, the Yellow lot is walking distance from the Berry Terminal — with a cost of just \$7 per day, and the Green Lot will be open for a flat rate of \$10 per day. Free shuttle bus service is available to and from any terminal.

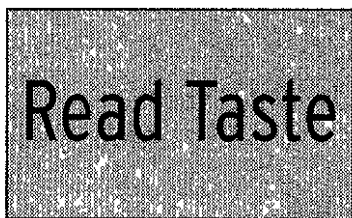
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Northwest Airlines (NWA) recently opened 19 new gates on a completely rebuilt C concourse in the McNamara Terminal ahead of schedule.

The concourse features high-glass curtain walls for an open and airy atmosphere and includes six sets of new restrooms, seven elevators, five sets of moving walkways, four family restrooms, two sets of escalators and two ATMs. The gates are used by NWA commuter partners Mesaba and Pinnacle Airlines flying as Northwest Airlink.

Last month, the Airport Authority added something meeters and greeters have been asking for — a coffee shop with snacks — in the McNamara Terminal domestic luggage claim. Caribou Coffee serves a wide variety of coffee drinks and pastries.

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OUR VIEWS

And to all, a very Merry Christmas

There's been a lot of discourse in the news lately about wishing people a "Merry Christmas"

Some people are afraid to say Christmas, concerned they may offend non-believers or believers of other faiths

The early Christian church adapted the ancient mid-winter holiday as Christmas, a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who in the New Testament telling was born in a stable, when his parents couldn't find room at the inn. To Christians, Jesus is the Christ, foretold by the prophets as the Messiah and redeemer of mankind, the son God

In his short ministry, Jesus brought a message of love, moral strength and salvation that has spread to every corner of the world

Many Christians worry that the religious significance of the day is being lost. For many people, Christmas has simply become a day for visiting family members, eating a special meal and giving gifts to those they love

And while all of those things have their place, for devout Christians, this is also a season to meditate on the meaning of Jesus' life, death and resurrection. For Christians, Christmas is a beginning that leads to the fulfillment of Easter

But the Christmas story has been embraced by even those who do not consider themselves devout Christians. It is the story of a baby, lying in a manger, worshiped by simple shepherds and traveling kings. From these simple beginnings would come a religion teaching love, kindness, forgiveness and the promise of eternity for those who believe

It is a time of hope, a time to share with believers and non-believers alike the simple message of the angels "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men"

Merry Christmas

Feast on the diversity of winter celebrations

Most of us who celebrate Christmas look forward each year to the family dinner for which grandma and the aunts each prepare a special dish. Each specialty enriches the meal, and without the traditional foods, the celebration dinner is diminished

So it is that, around the world, numerous winter celebrations mark the calendar. Each one is special to an ethnic group or religion, and though different from the traditional Dec. 25 observance of Christmas, their diversity enriches us with an understanding of how people around the world live. Moreover, they are a history lesson in how great religions were developed

Sometimes the differences come within the Christian religion. For instance, the Russian Orthodox Church follows the old Julian calendar, with Christmas coming 13 days after the Roman Catholic observance, or Jan. 7

Flipping back the pages of the calendar, there are other history lessons, notably with Hanukkah, which this year begins Dec. 26. Perhaps having more ritual than a Christian Christmas, the Jewish festival of lights lasts for eight days. A new candle in the menorah is lit each night, recalling the rededication of the holy temple in Jerusalem after their victory over the Syrians

According to the traditional retelling, the Jews had found only enough oil for one day to light the temple, but it lasted for eight, giving them time to find another supply of oil

Turning back the calendar farther still, one would be remiss to not mark a celebration — the winter solstice — that likely preceded all the great religions

The winter solstice has been marked throughout the world, from the Incas whose celebration was banned by their Christian conquerors, to the Chinese who celebrate Dong Zhi on the shortest day of the year. From the Germans to the Spanish to the Scandinavians, what we now consider to be the beginning of winter was somehow celebrated

Celebrations of the holidays have evolved, and now the African American community marks Kwanzaa from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 with new traditions involving family, community and culture in a season of meditation and recommitment. It is not a substitute for Christmas, nor is it political. It does involve remarking on work, responsibility and economic strength

Whether it's the Buddhists, who celebrate Bodhi on Dec. 8, or the five-day Hindu celebration of Diwali that marks their new year, there is a celebration during the winter months throughout the world. As diverse as we are, that is a universality in which we all share

Just as each special dish builds a dinner, the history and traditions of religious and secular celebrations over the winter months feed into a history line, ending with who we are today

This year, let us gather around the table of such diversity and feel enriched for the experience



LETTERS

Attack unjustified

In her article ("U.S. policy in the Middle East inconsistent with our ideals," *Observer*, Dec. 11), Terry Ahwal condemns the United States as a nation that attacks innocent people while supporting bullies and tyrants

She accuses U.S. soldiers of being cowardly teenagers who humiliate people. She accuses the United States of conducting raids to capture terrorists whom she prefers to call insurgents. She accuses the United States of supporting oppressive and destructive regimes. She accuses the United States of disenfranchising peoples in Iraq as they move toward elected constitutional government

I think Terry Ahwal holds the United States in such contempt, that she uses faulty logic to attack us

In case Ahwal has forgotten, terrorist bullies and tyrants from the Middle East attacked the United States on 9/11. We were attacked on several previous occasions by terrorists and bullies from the Middle East, including the Khobar tower bombing (1996), the U.S.S. Cole attack (2000), the first World Trade Center bombing (1993)

In 2002, the United States attacked the murderous tyrannical Taliban terrorist bullies in Afghanistan, killing many and putting the rest on the run. It was determined that the 9/11 al-Qaeda terrorists had ties to the terrorist bully tyrannical Taliban regime

It was subsequently determined the murderous bully and terrorizer of his own people, Saddam Hussein, presented a potential threat to the rest of the world, and to the United States. There was credible evidence Hussein had given sanctuary to al-Qaeda and Palestinian terrorists including Abu Abbas, a Palestinian terrorist hijacker of the cruise ship Achille Lauro (1985)

To show the world just how brave he was, Abbas murdered an old American man in a wheelchair, who happened to be Jewish, and threw his body overboard. Saddam Hussein also maintained a terror training facility named Salman Pak, where terrorists in training could practice taking over jet airliners utilizing actual planes. Interestingly enough, the 9/11 terrorists utilized aircraft that they had hijacked to murder almost 3,000 of us. It has been established that Hussein aided and abetted terror by paying \$25,000 to \$30,000 to the families of homicide bombers

We attacked and took out the tyrannical terrorist bully and his raping, murdering sons and their regime. In the process, we have discovered mass graves of thousands of Iraqi people murdered by the Hussein regime. Perhaps in Ahwal's world, these people, including women and babies, were bullies and tyrants that had to be disposed of by Hussein

We have worked hard to establish a constitutional government in Iraq. We did not, as Ahwal asserts, disenfranchise

anyone except perhaps a few terrorists. People who chose not to participate in the two free elections that have taken place in Iraq did so of their own free will and in an effort to undermine the democratic process. Interestingly enough, they are now involved in the upcoming election process to finalize representative government

It is hard to determine which of her attacks on our country and people is most egregious, but her personal attack on our soldiers as nervous, cowardly ("fearful") teenagers is most reprehensible. These young soldiers have acquitted themselves most honorably in the face of constant cowardly terror bombing attacks by terrorists who have flooded in to Iraq from terror-supporting Middle Eastern nations like Iran, Saudi Arabia and Syria

Those nations and others in the Middle East have a vested interest in preventing the establishment of a democratic Iraq. Such establishment bodes ill for the future their own tyrannical terrorist regimes and they and Ahwal know it

I think it is wonderful Ahwal can live in our free country. Here she is afforded the Constitutional free speech protection of the First Amendment. She can spew any unjust accusations about our country that she chooses and see them published. I wonder if she would be able to live for very long in many of the terror-supporting countries in the Middle East and attack those governments with impunity. I also question whether she is capable of understanding that the ideals of democratic government often don't come easily and require constant attention and support to flourish

Mark F. Tooze
Plymouth

Good business

We all need more people and businesses we can trust. I'm writing to let people know how professional and friendly the people are at Auto Lab on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth

The employees are very helpful, take their time to make sure you clearly understand their work. I want to thank all of the mechanics, and Bob and Brett, who run the center. You are all really good people

Barbara King
Plymouth

Man behind curtain

Dr. Ryan and the Board of Education would like you to pay no attention to the man behind the curtain. They don't want you to get distracted by the facts

Dr. Ryan says he is not selling the Powell/Ridge property. Yet he has confirmed hiring a company to market the property and is seeking to change the zoning to higher-density residential development. Why would even a penny of taxpayer money be spent on such activities if the property is not being sold? So maybe Dr. Ryan just meant that he wasn't selling the property at that par-

ticular moment

Dr. Ryan has suggested in numerous board and other public meetings the school district has been notified by the state that the state will not approve a new school on the Powell/Ridge property. Officials at the Department of Treasury, School Bond Loan Program, say that is just plain hogwash. They simply do not get involved in telling a district where they can or can't build a school. They said even if they had the authority, they wouldn't get involved

Dr. Ryan says he cannot fathom why anyone would even suggest that a new school be built on the Powell/Ridge property. That's funny because I can't fathom why the district would not build a school on property that the taxpayers already own, that would be cheaper both to build and operate, and that is located much closer to the "new growth" than any of the additions proposed in Dr. Ryan's plan

I can't fathom why the district would even consider adding on to schools in the eastern part of the district where most neighborhoods are within a mile of at least one if not two schools. I can't fathom the district wanting to continue to bus hundreds of kids from the western part of the district past one, two and sometimes three schools to get to a school that has room for them. I can't fathom a school board or a superintendent sending a message to such a huge part of the Plymouth/Canton/Salem community that your children just plain and simply do not matter

So I will continue to pay attention to the man behind the curtain and I encourage every voter to do the same

Nancy Conzelman
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QUOTABLE

"I used to put signs in my office that said 'Kids come first, and don't forget it.' It was on top of my bulletin board for a number of years. That's kind of what I became known for, always responding to things on how it affected kids."

— Tom Workman, former Allen Elementary principal, who learned last week that the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education decided to name the district's new elementary school in his honor.

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Today's crisis just might spur tomorrow's economic recovery

Remember the old adage that it's always darkest just before dawn?

I'm inclined to believe that the potential for a real revival of our economy is lurking under the superficial but very painful surface froth on our present economic misery.

As evidence, consider this: "The bad news is that there is an enormous crisis in the automobile industry, it's a terrific challenge to the state, the companies, the workers, the unions. But the good news is that it's creating a sense of urgency that will help get some things done in the industry that needed to be done for a long, long time."

That's the word from David Cole, the highly respected president of the Center for Automotive Research. Cole's point is that if you want to get big and important things done, it often takes a crisis to motivate people to make tough choices.

"My biggest fear about what could happen to the domestic auto industry," Cole says, "is for people not to take sufficiently radical steps to get the industry back on its feet. The worst thing that could happen is to wake up some day and discover the entire industry is dead, the victim of a thousand little cuts."

Cole is absolutely right, of course. The entire auto industry (and much of manufacturing, for that matter) is in the middle of an enormous transformation of its old business model.

There are three main components:

- The role of organized labor. A globalized economy means the United Auto Workers union has lost the ability to define wages and benefits.

It could do that back when the auto industry was a closed domestic market, and relations between labor and management were confrontational but mutually dependent.

Today's economic realities will require labor and management to collaborate if both are to survive.

■ The nature of work and pay. The days are over when high school dropouts could earn a good wage as an essentially unskilled auto worker. Today's manufacturing requires workers with a minimum two-year degree from a community college, and most guess that the high-productive, flexible manufacturing of the near future will require a four-year college degree. Today, it is high skills that are needed to lead to high productivity, and high productivity makes high wages economically possible.

■ Competition. In the old days, auto companies competed to bring their own unique design and engineering features to their products. But going it alone today is just too expensive.

So you see Ford and General Motors collabo-

rating on developing a new six-speed automatic transmission, and DaimlerChrysler, GM and BMW working together on hybrid technology for use on larger vehicles.

Cole calls this development "cooptation," and it's likely to become the norm in the relatively near future.

As a sign of what the future of the auto industry might look like, Cole points to the joint venture between DaimlerChrysler (Germany), Mitsubishi Motors Corp. (Japan) and Hyundai Motor Co. (Korea).

Located in union-friendly Dundee in Monroe County, the Global Engine Manufacturing Alliance employs a couple of hundred UAW members who earn standard union wages and benefits.

But nearly everything else is different. The minimum requirement for a production employee is a two-year community college degree, many workers have four-year degrees. There are few work rules, workers are cross-trained and work in teams, so there is essentially only one job classification.

Outside suppliers, some union and some nonunion, provide some 45 different business services to the plant, including building and equipment maintenance. Management top-siders and leaders of UAW Local 723, which represents the workers, both think it's a great arrangement.

Cole thinks plants like Dundee represent a hopeful future for the auto industry. Even though the 2007 contracts between the Big Three and the UAW are in effect being re-negotiated right now, it's more likely that Dundee-like arrangements will bubble up from the bottom as local plant managers and union local leaders realize there is much more to be gained from collaboration than from conflict.

I suspect that when we come to write the history of this period, we will realize the tipping point was the Delphi bankruptcy. It challenged the notion that great big companies would survive for ever, regardless of what happened to their costs or the market. In a slightly perverse sense, it's the UAW leadership that is the greatest beneficiary of Delphi's restructuring, because it made it crystal clear that it can no longer be business as usual.

There's an old line that aptly catches today's requirement for collaboration, "Better to be in the train than on the tracks."

Here's hoping everybody pays attention — and here's hoping your holidays are merry and bright.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnet.com. After a week off his column will return Jan. 5.

Phil Power

NorthRidge production shows expectations can be exceeded

Sometimes, when you lower your expectations about something, you get — well, what you expected.

But sometimes you get more. NorthRidge Church pastor Brad Powell opened this year's Glory of Christmas production with a joke that claims "Would you like to go to a Christmas show at church?" is the only question worse at this time of year than "Would you like a fruitcake?"

Having written about the Glory of Christmas, NorthRidge's annual holiday production, I knew it was a fairly big-time event. The church has an extensive technology base

from which to work, and Powell and his brethren are extraordinarily media-savvy, so the production values were going to be high.

(We interrupt this column for an important note. This would be a good time to point out I realize just about every church in creation does a Christmas production of some sort — choir concerts, plays, etc. — and I'm sure they're all quite good. This is not intended to be a commercial for NorthRidge Church, it's simply the only production I've personally seen. We now return you to your regularly scheduled column, already in progress.)

Still, it was a Christmas concert. I'm not a big fan of holiday music to start with and, as awe-inspiring as it is, I sometimes wonder how many different ways the story of Jesus can be told.

But NorthRidge seems to find a way, and this year was no exception, confounding my expectations not only with the quality of the message, but with the sheer magnitude of the presentation.

The NorthRidge production makes use of the talents of a volunteer pool of some 600-700 people. That's not unusual, all churches depend heavily on volunteers for any number of things. Of course, it's easier to do when your congregation is larger than many small cities.

"We have a blast," said Rick Harris, the church's communications and marketing director. "It's an outreach. We try to get Christ's message to people, communicate why Christ came and the true meaning of Christmas."

And they do it effectively, starting with the to-be-expected appearance of a choir and singers riding in a sleigh, singing Christmas carols. It needed the requisite "cute kid," and got more than anyone could have asked for with Maya Thury's performance of *Happy Birthday, Jesus*.

For me, though, the production picked up dramatically when Shelly Boardway hit the

stage to do *O Holy Night*. Boardway, who has been in all the Glory of Christ performances except last year's, brought some of the night's loudest cheers with her beautiful rendition.

Boardway, who said family members told her she "could sing before I could walk," said the reason for the success of the annual production is pretty clear — and fairly obvious.

"God clearly orchestrates everything that goes on around here," Boardway said. "That's the reason we do what we do. He has to be the number one reason it comes off so well. We believe excellence honors God, and we don't strive for anything less than that."

They told the story of Jesus using a script called "The Gift," in which Dr. Catherine McGrady (played by Cindy Schaap) phones her mother to say she's too busy to come home for Christmas, but she has sent a gift. Of course, she hasn't, and now must find a gift to send.

While she tries to find a retail gift, the angel Gabriel, played in various forms by a variety of actors, tries to show her Jesus' gift. Mixed in the script, written by NorthRidge members, are images ranging from the birth of Jesus to his crucifixion, complete with bloody scenes and a dramatic nailing to the cross.

And many elements of the production aren't even found on Broadway, with flying angels suspended from the ceiling by wires and slick video additions to the program.

But also included in the production were a few light-hearted moments, like when the "Deck the Halls" sang the traditional carol to the tune of the Temptations, the Bee Gees and Devo. It's all orchestrated to keep the production from being just what you might expect it to be.

Sure, there were some things you could expect at a church Christmas show. For instance, they made a bid for names and addresses so they could send you information, and Powell took a few minutes at the end to deliver an eloquent sermon. But it is church, right, so what else could be expected?

What wasn't expected, at least not by me, was to be touched so deeply by the performance, particularly that of Boardway, (who should be singing professionally, by the way). I've heard those messages before.

I walked through the door with fairly low expectations, but Boardway, Maya Thury, Cindy Schapp, et al, hammered their way in. It just goes to show when you least expect it, people can exceed your expectations.

If you'll let them.

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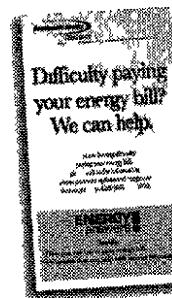
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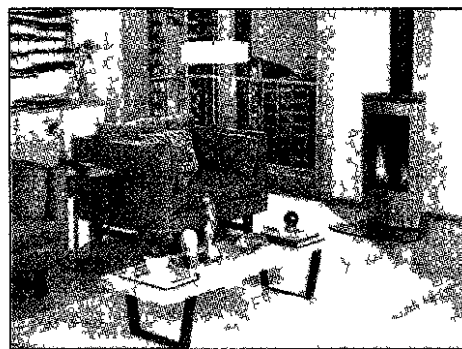
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Fireplaces today can resemble - and even be displayed on walls like - works of art. This is the Soho gas fireplace with Studio front by Heat & Glo.

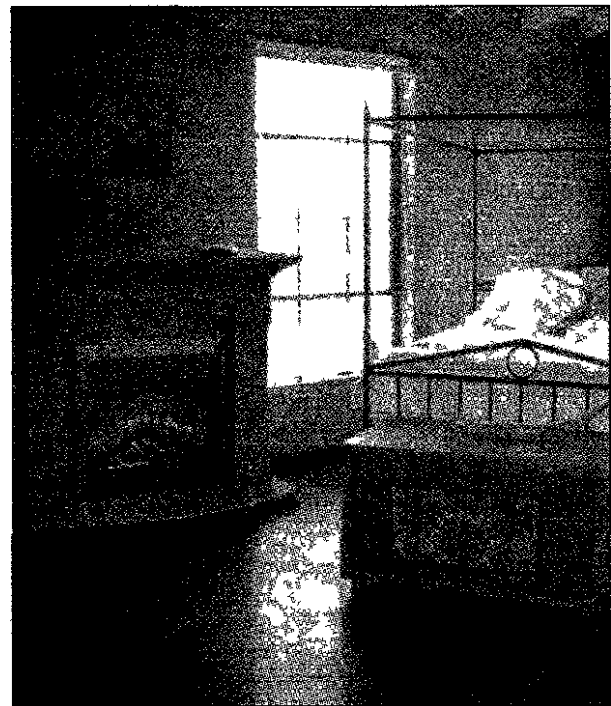
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The award-winning Paloma freestanding gas fireplace by Heat & Glo has a sleek design and parabolic shape.



COURTESY CAMBRIDGE FIREPLACE & DESIGN

The Santa Cruz by Dimplex is an electric fireplace.

Keep home fires burning in style

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

A fireplace can do more than provide heat. It can also be an element of style in a room.

The look of a fireplace isn't set in stone - or brick or plaster. Today's efficient and convenient fireplaces come in a wide selection of styles, whether woodburning, gas, electric or inserts.

Fireplaces can be situated in RVs and apartments as well as in houses, in any room.

A fireplace can be freestanding, in a wall recess, against a wall or even hung like a

work of art. It can offer three-sided viewing, or be placed between two separate areas as a "see-through" feature.

"It's ever evolving," Brandon Mitchell, retail sales associate at Fireside Hearth & Home™ in Canton, said of fireplace design. "There is something new every year."

"We can put a fireplace anywhere." Vent-free fireplaces are among the popular types at Town 'n' Country in Garden City, says sales person Derek LaRoque.

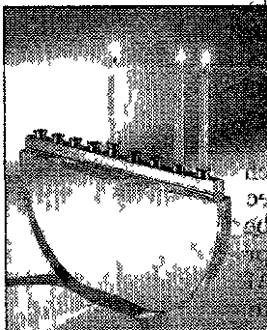
Their maintenance involves cleaning the fireplace once a year to keep the oxygen depletion sensor free of dust, so the sensor won't turn itself off unnecessarily.

"They're safer than any appliance," LaRoque said.

Cambridge Fireplace & Design in Birmingham carries a line of electric fireplaces by Dimplex North America Ltd. that can be freestanding, or hung on or built

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Accents



Seasonal sparkle

Steuben offers pieces that sparkle for the holidays.

Shown here are Steuben items called Joy of Christmas and Menorah.

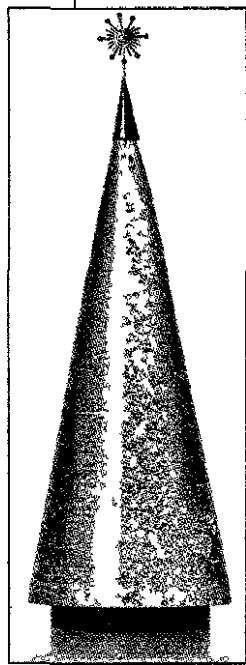
Joy of Christmas (\$3,000) is surmounted by a gold star set with a diamond. Steuben's newest Christmas tree contains in its conical form all the exuberant sparkle of the season. The base can be personalized at an additional cost.

Menorah (\$4,200) is a Steuben creation and seasonal favorite produced by Joel Smith. It measures 9-1/2 inches in width and has a silver plate.

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Sports scene

Are you a football enthusiast who has a room decorated to reflect your interest in the NFL? Does the decor in your home have a football motif or theme?

We'd like to share such spaces with our readers. Tell us about your room, including how you tackled the theme or achieved your decorating goal.

Mail the information to: At Home, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009 or 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, fax it to At Home, (248) 644-1314 or (734) 591-7279; or e-mail it to Ken Abramczyk, kabramczyk@hometownlife.com or Mary Klemic, mklemic@hometownlife.com.

Be sure to include your name, phone number and address, and the best time to call you.

Looking back at best and worst tech trends of 2005

What will I remember most from 2005? Aside from my crushing disappointment over the cancellation of

Arrested Development, my experience with the SunRocket voice-over-IP service stands out.

It has been quite the roller coaster ride. At first I loved the service, but then a string of outages seriously soured my affection.

Although Comcast was to blame for some of them, I'm once-bitten, twice-shy about

recommending SunRocket (or, for that matter, any other VoIP service).

Maybe next year the technology will achieve its most important goal: reliability.

While we're waiting, let's take a look back at some of the other tech trends of 2005 - the good and the bad.

BEST WAY TO SHARE

Imeem is the coolest Web tool you've never heard of. From within a very slick interface, you can share files and photos with your immediate circle (friends, family) and chat about a myriad of topics with the world. Best of all, it doesn't cost a dime.

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services like Napster To Go, Virgin Digital Red Pass, and Yahoo Music Unlimited give you access to mammoth libraries of music.

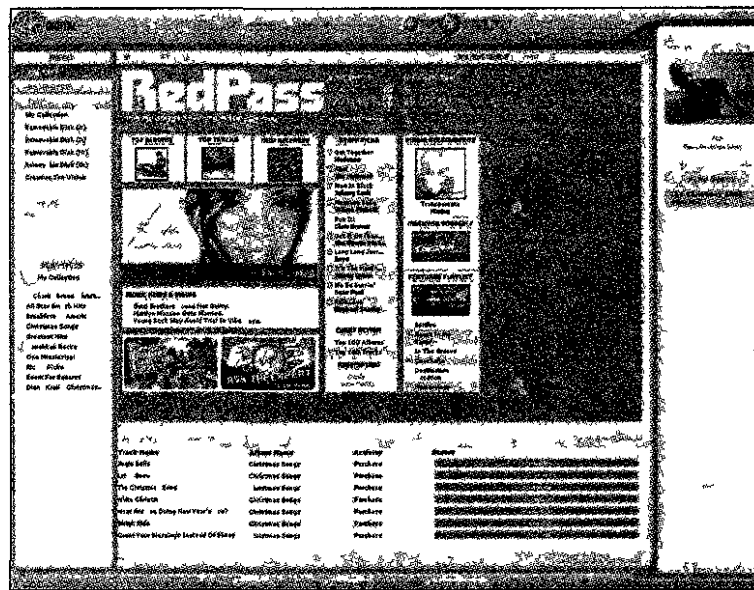
You can download tunes to your PC or copy them to a portable player - an awesome way to fill unused gigabytes on the cheap. Unfortunately, while the list of compatible players is growing, iPods still aren't on it. C'mon, Apple, get with the subscription program!

BEST DEAL ON NON-MUSIC

Podcasts - audio programs you can download to any MP3 player - rule.

Admittedly, you have to sift through a lot of chaff to get to the wheat, but there's definitely

PLEASE SEE TRENDS, B2



In 2005, the best deal for music fans is a subscription service like Virgin Digital Red Pass, which offers a cool two million tracks for just \$7.99 per month.

Tech Savvy

Rick Brorda

HOME CALENDAR

Toy, hobby expo

A fantastic display of model railroading will come to the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi for the Toy & Hobby Expo Friday to Sunday Dec 30 to Jan 1. The expo will feature three collector shows in one location. Hours are 5-9 p.m. Dec 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan 1. Admission is \$7 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-12 with an adult. Parking is \$5.

The Rock Financial Showplace is at 46100 Grand River. For recorded travel directions call (248) 348-5600 any time. For more information about the expo call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110.

At the event young and old alike will have the opportunity to experience scale model trains in action and the excitement that builds as the trains race along a 0-gauge rail on a 100-foot long modular model railroad display. For people wishing to build their own railroad empire the display owners will be on hand to explain building techniques used in the construction of the modular train display.

The expo will also feature toy and hobby items from the 50s to today's hottest collectibles. Vendors and collectors will be selling new, used, antique and collectible model railroad and toy trains, collectible toys, die-cast and model kits, sports and racing collectibles, and dolls including Barbies, bears and Beanie Babies.

Gift gallery

The Holiday Gift Gallery at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester offers original gifts handcrafted by Michigan artists. The PCCA is at 407 Pine. The gallery is open now to Jan 7. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec 23 and 30, closed Dec 24, 26 and 31. Call (248) 651-4110. Visit www.pccart.org.

Throw blanket

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010. E-mail: ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com. Visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Basic Throw Blanket, Tuesdays, Jan 3-17. Fee is \$60. Make the perfect home accessory for cold winter months in a quick and simple project that uses luxurious fabrics. Keep the cozy throw for yourself or make it a gift.

Gallery shop

The Ann Arbor Art Gallery's Gallery Shop features holiday gifts now through Dec 31. The art center is at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor. For more information and the shop's extended holiday hours call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 118. The Gallery Shop presents an expanded selection of original art work from more than 150 Michigan and regional artists including musical instruments, handmade wood furniture, jewelry, ceramics, glass and fiber. All purchases at the shop support the art center's mission and offset costs for its visual arts programs.

Sculpture for home

HMFRNSHNGS Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home, an exhibit of work by students, alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies, continues to Feb 9 at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 6600 W. Maple in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-1000.

The show pushes the boundaries of functionality for furniture and other items in the home. The furnishings are available for purchase. Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. E-mail: kabramczyk@hometownlife.com. Fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

GE settlement extends nationwide

I wrote about General Electric's problems in Florida this past September, and now comes the conclusion or the "rest of the story."

It started with some models of refrigerators that had rust and water leaks coming out of the doors. They also had pieces of plastic breaking out of the ice maker assembly and becoming part of ice cubes that were consumed by people.

All this and more caused a homeowner to file a class action lawsuit and at the same time, a woman set up a Web site to expose the problem to the general public. She became involved when her refrigerator had these consequences and GE wanted to charge her for repairs. She lives in a condo complex where there are 1,400 refrigerators just like hers. After a few months of raising a fuss with General Electric, some 400 refrigerators have been replaced in the condo complex, thanks to her persistence.

As things went along, she made it her life's work to inform the world of what General Electric was doing wrong. Her Web site, which pretty well explains all she has done, is bringgoodthingstolife.com.

It's quite a story, folks, about what just a couple of people can do to right a wrong created by a huge corporation. I haven't met this lady named Cathy, but it certainly would be an honor to do so. The whole

story is a rare one in this country.

The television and newspaper media around Naples, Fla., have been covering this story for the better part of a year and here is the script from a Dec 13 report.

SETTLEMENT

"An NBC2 investigation has prompted appliance giant General Electric to replace defective refrigerators, not only in Florida, but across the country. The company has reached a settlement deal with plaintiffs in a class action lawsuit filed after our story."

"The 28-page settlement is big news for consumers because GE put in writing a promise to replace, reimburse and add extra protection for those who have defective refrigerators."

"GE had already replaced thousands of defective refrigerators in the Southwest Florida area, but now the company will do the same thing nationwide."

"NBC2's investigation found rust dripping from the refrigerator's insides, an ugly black substance embedded in ice cubes and sharp plastic pieces broken away from ice makers."

"Our investigation caught the eye of Bill Turner of Naples, who filed a federal class action complaint. Now his class action suit will go nationwide."

"To have a settlement today, brings a lot of appreciation the system works," said Turner.

"The settlement includes GE refrigerators and Hotpoint brands. The units were made in 2001 and 2002 in Bloomington, Ind., including the 20-, 22- and 25-cubic foot side-by-side models. The set-

tlement includes close to 300 models.

"GE will replace units that have needed more than three repairs to fix moisture-related problems. For those consumers that qualify, they will not only receive replacement refrigerators, but a one-year additional warranty and reimbursements for repairs."

"I think that's the biggest part of the case because many have spent money out of pocket to fix their refrigerator and they are getting all this back from GE," said Scott Weinstein, Turner's attorney.

"A judge still has to sign off on the settlement. At that point, the claim forms will be available. A final hearing is not expected until spring of 2006."

"GE will send notices by mail to all owners of these units that are in their database. They will also put out advertisements nationwide."

Back to Michigan now. Do you have one of these defective refrigerators in your home? You might want to go to the Web site mentioned earlier and get the whole story. Yes, the woman in Florida is hearing from homeowners here in Michigan who have the affected model number refrigerator.

To my knowledge, this newspaper is the only one to provide any information on this national problem.

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. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to kabramczyk@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Downriver Rose society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan 4, at the Brown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph, between Sibley and West roads. Roger Lindley, owner of Great Lakes Roses in Belleville, will speak on Insect and Disease Control for Roses. Admission is free. The public may attend.

For more information call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Nancy at (734) 461-1230.

Lindley will present a fast-paced slide program about the common problems besetting garden roses and how to control them.

Now is the time for gardeners to review their gardens, performances and plan how to prevent problems for next year. Most rose gardening problems can be solved with simple cultural controls or natural/organic treatments. Lindley is an American Rose Society consulting rosarian and Michigan certified pesticide applicator.

Garden design

A new class, Designing Your Garden from the Inside Out, will take place on four Tuesdays beginning Jan 10 at The

Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Fee is \$125. Materials needed are a sketch pad, drafting pencils, colored pencils, erasers, standard plastic slot guides for drawing circles and triangles, and a drafting slot guide. To register and for more information call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

In the class you will design a small garden using the view from your favorite window, incorporating hardy perennials, shrubs and bulbs to make the most of all seasons. Bring snapshots of different views of the area from inside and outside the planned garden. Instructor Michael Saint, owner of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design LLC in Clarkston, is a member of the Michigan Wildflower Association and the National Wildlife Association. His gardens have been certified as wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Association.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. E-mail: kabramczyk@hometownlife.com. Fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

TRENDS

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some good stuff out there. I use Yahoo Music Engine and its free podcast plug-in to pull down NPR's All Songs Considered and Science Friday, Ebert & Roeper, and Battlestar Galactica episode commentary from show-runner Ronald D. Moore.

BEST REASON TO BUY A PC

I'm seeing more and more new computers - desktops and notebooks alike - shipping with Microsoft's Media Center Edition 2005 operating system, and with good reason. It turns your computer into a really exceptional media center, capable of pausing and recording TV, playing music and movies, and lots more. A select few models include an over-the-air tuner for watching and recording HDTV - no cable or satellite box required. Expect to see even more media-center goodness rolled into Microsoft's new Vista OS, which is due next year.

BEST PHOTO SOFTWARE

Managing and manipulating digital photos is an arduous task at best. Google's Picasa 2 is blissfully easy to use and comes with a plethora of tools for tweaking

and fixing photos, making it one of the top freebies of 2005. Watch for some hands-on coverage in an upcoming column.

BEST BROWSER

How do I love Mozilla Firefox? Let me count the ways. 1. It's much more secure than Internet Explorer. 2. It uses a tabbed interface for easy switching between multiple windows. 3. You can enhance it with some really cool plug-ins.

BEST SPAM FIGHTER

About a month ago I switched to SpamArrest and haven't looked back. This easy-to-use service stops spam before it ever reaches my PC. I devoted a full column to it, which you can read here: tinyurl.com/925m7.

BEST GAME

This is really a subjective category, but the best game I played in 2005 was Quake 4. Nothing makes me happier than gunning down zombies, and this gorgeous, creepy game unleashes thousands of them.

WORST THREATS

Spyware is single-handedly ruining computing. I'm using the term to encompass all security threats, including viruses, worms, trojans, adware, phishing and all the rest. Woe to the

computer user who ventures online without a firewall, a virus scanner, a spyware filter, a pop-up blocker, and a Web browser other than Internet Explorer. I'll be hitting these topics hard in 2006 - stay tuned.

WORST PRINTS

The local drugstore has always been the worst place, quality-wise, to get your photos developed, and the new digital-camera kiosks are even worse.

Sure, they're convenient, but most folks have encountered the ugly downsides: broken equipment, long waits, and genuinely mediocre prints. Try a service like Snapfish or Kodakgallery.com instead.

WORST TECHNOBABLE

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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 Your Palm Handheld 5th Edition and 101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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Maintain fireplaces for safety, efficiency

By having a professional service the fireplace annually and taking a few proactive steps on their own, homeowners can ensure greater heating efficiency and safety, as well as prolong the life of the unit, says Fireside Hearth & Home™

Many homeowners mistakenly believe their fireplace doesn't require any maintenance. But all fireplace types from wood to gas to electric should undergo annual maintenance.

For example, gas fireplaces need the fan, pilots and burners checked each year. And wood fireplaces require an inspection and chimney cleaning to remove creosote, which can build up and cause chimney fires.

Homeowners should also check the chimney or vent before the season's first fire to see if birds or animals have built nests in it, or if leaves or other debris have accumulated.

At a minimum, homeowners should also install a carbon monoxide alarm in the same room as the fireplace and another one near the bedrooms.

Homeowners can handle much of the day-to-day maintenance, however, most tasks are better left to a professional.

Here are some tips from Fireside Hearth & Home for getting the fireplace ready and keeping it in tiptop shape this winter.

WOODBURNING FIREPLACES

■ Clean out the firebox at least every week when using the fireplace regularly, but leave an inch of ash in the bottom to act as insulation.

■ Note: Never use a vacuum to clean out the firebox, as coals can stay hot for several days after the fire is extin-

gushed.

■ Before removing ash open the damper so loose ash is drawn up the chimney rather than out into the room.

■ Remove all ash during the months the fireplace isn't in use.

■ Burn only seasoned or hard wood in the fireplace. This will help minimize creosote buildup in the chimney.

■ Burning small, controlled, hot fires rather than smoldering fires will also help keep creosote under control.

GAS FIREPLACES

■ Vacuum the firebox and heat exchanger regularly (only when the fireplace is cold, of course) to keep efficiency and air quality high.

■ Consult a professional to clean the pilot assembly, purge trapped air from the gas supply line, and then test fire the fireplace.

■ Use only a soft brush to remove dust or spider webs from gas logs, since they can be fragile. Make sure to position logs properly after cleaning to avoid sooting.

■ Use glass cleaner made especially for gas fireplaces to clean the glass front - never use oven cleaner or abrasives.

■ Clean the firebox and control compartment with a brush and vacuum.

■ Never use glass cleaner to clean the back of the glass, use only mild soap and water. Remove dust particles from glass by simply buffing lightly with a clean, dry cloth.

■ Replace the light bulbs about every two to three years or when the flame and/or ember bed is dark on one side.

■ Follow the manufacturer's instructions or consult a professional on cleaning the heater system to extend the fan's life.

FIREPLACES

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into a wall. They operate on a 100-volt household current and stay cool to the touch even when the heater is on.

They're safe for pets and children, said Mindy Whittingham, who owns and operates the recently opened business with her mother, Evelyn.

Cambridge's newest model is the electraflame® Newport, which features a 32-inch Multi-Fire™ firebox.

The firebox gives an authentic appearance of a woodburning fireplace, including hand-crafted logs, a back panel with a "fire seasoned" brick patina, bifold glass doors, and a spark screen.

The unit's flickering "flames" gradually become more intense or fade into glowing embers, on command.

An air treatment system, using a standard, washable filter available at home supply stores, circulates the air and cleans it of allergens.

When the outside weather is warm, the heater can be turned off and the ambiance of fire remains.

HELP WITH HEAT

Fireplaces can help with heating bills.

The Novus direct vent and B vent series by Heatilator® includes the Intellifire™ system, which eliminates the need for a constantly burning pilot light.

When the fireplace is turned on, the pilot lights first and then ignites the main burner. The pilot shuts down when the fireplace isn't operating.

Converting a woodburning fireplace into a gas burning fireplace insert can increase the fireplace's efficiency up to 100 percent, according to Fireside Hearth & Home.

An insert is placed inside an existing masonry or prefabricated fireplace. It consists of a gas log set installed in a steel or ceramic molded firebox with a flexible vent pipe that runs



COURTESY HEARTH & HOME TECHNOLOGIES

The Everest gas fireplace by Heat & Glo features a one-piece stone surround. It is an example of the high fashion style of fireplaces available today.

outside through the existing chimney.

Many units have fans to move the heat, and come with wall-mounted thermostats that can be set for automatic operation like a furnace.

Technology from Fireside Hearth & Home includes the new Heat-Zone feature, which directs heat to another room through flexible ducting. A fan system draws the air from around the firebox and pushes it where desired.

The Heat & Glo™ Soulstice™ direct vent gas fireplace has a sleep timer, enabling residents to fall asleep or wake up to the warmth and beauty of a fire.

FASHION

Among examples of fashionable, contemporary fireplaces is the Modern Collection line by Heat & Glo.

The line includes the award-winning Paloma™ freestanding gas fireplace, with a sleek European design and parabolic shape, the Everest™ gas fireplace with the seamless, one-piece, cast stone Atlas™ surround, and the Soho™ gas fire-

place with Studio™ front, which has the look of a framed painting.

A fireplace can be given a custom look to match any style or decor of a room.

Hardwood surrounds include cabinets in such materials as burnished walnut, oak, antique white and mahogany.

Among options for fronts or facing are arched and fluted panels, and panels and screen doors made of pewter, gold, brushed nickel, bronze and brass.

CONSIDERATIONS

When you shop for a fireplace, bring measurements (wall size, ceiling height, square footage) of the room with you. Know where the registers and ducts are located in the room.

Considerations recommended by Heatilator include:

■ Where will the fireplace be

located?

■ Is the fireplace the dominant design feature?

■ How does the hearth fit into the proportions of the room?

■ How will mantel and finishing details affect the overall size and placement decisions?

■ Is heating capacity an expected function, or is the placement of the fireplace primarily aesthetic?

■ When the fireplace will be a source of heat, consider geographic location and climate, whether it is on an interior or exterior wall, the number and size of windows, and the location and pitch of ceiling fans.

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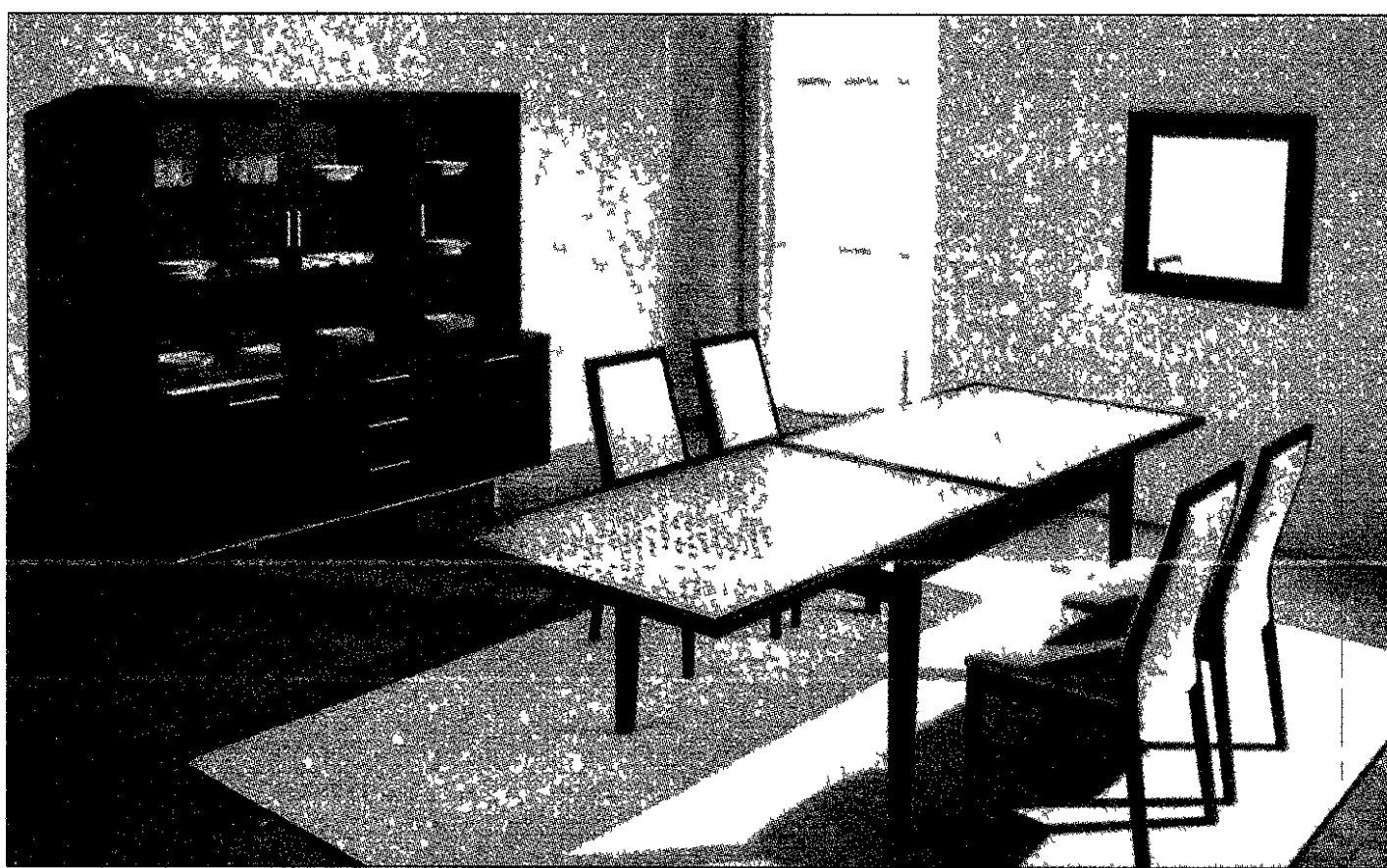
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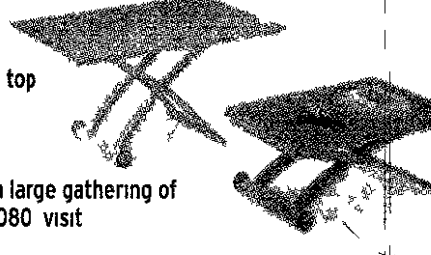
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Consider through-bolts when buying woodworking connectors

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

When we think of woodworking, we think of either nails or wood screws to connect the pieces. However, in many instances, through-bolts can provide greater strength and stability.

A through-bolt is a bolt that goes all the way through (whatever it is that is being connected) and is held in place with a nut at the other side. A "sandwich" connection.

There is quite a bit to think about when both choosing and using fasteners on a woodworking project.

One of the big problems with fastening any type of wood is the shrinkage that occurs to the wood.

A tightly fastened screw can become loose and wobble in no time as wood dries out and shrinks or deforms.

Retightening a screw or lag bolt works most of the time, but securing a connection with a through-bolt always works.

For example, when attaching hand rail posts or important safety supports to a newly constructed deck - or any structure for that matter - the overzealous do-it-yourselfer often underestimates the degree of wood shrinkage that can occur and chooses lag bolts to make the connection.

Big mistake. When shrinkage occurs, the bolt hole can strip out, often leading to a need for a large lag bolt or screw.

When shrinkage is a possibility - which is almost all the time when the wood is green - then it's a good practice to use a through-bolt. With a bolt-head and washer on one side and a nut and washer on the other side, tightening things up after a bit of shrinkage has occurred is light work.

Granted, use of a through-bolt isn't always possible. Sometimes you can't get to the other side to put a nut on, but that, in our estimation, is the only time that a through bolt shouldn't be strongly considered.

BOLT GRADE

There is another consideration - bolt grade. Nuts and bolts vary widely in strength from very soft to extremely high tensile strength.

It used to be that you could ask for an A-grade bolt and get something that a gorilla

couldn't break. Today there are more grades and specifications than you can shake a stick at.

If you're building a guard rail or some other important safety device, be sure to investigate this before laying down cold hard cash on lower grade connectors.

All you need to do is ask the clerk for the higher grade fasteners. There is usually a section devoted to better quality connectors in most hardware stores and home centers.

Unfortunately, most consumers aren't aware that a difference exists and thus don't know to ask.

If you choose high tensile strength you should be prepared for a limited selection. High tensile strength nuts and bolts are expensive and not normally stocked in the variety of sizes offered with softer, less expensive, more widely used connectors.

We often have the tendency to use bolts that are too small in diameter for the task at hand. Remember, with increased diameter there is increased holding power and vice versa for smaller diameters.

For example, most engineers will tell you that two 3/8-inch through-bolts are necessary to develop the proper amount of strength necessary for a rail post to qualify under the building code as a hand rail support. Yet we often see home-built rail systems that use 1/2-inch or even 5/8-inch bolts.

The smaller diameter seems to hold well and looks good at first, but if someone falls against a rail with these smaller sized fasteners holding the post to the structure, the rail will probably go over at the same time. Not what a guard or hand rail is supposed to do.

So, when buying a fastener:

- Use a through-bolt whenever possible.

- Use high tensile strength nuts and bolts.

- Always use washers on wood projects (fender washers when possible).

- Always use either a lock washer or a lock nut. We favor the lock nut, your choice.

- Remember that part of the project construction is to go back after several months and tighten loose connections that result as the wood dries out and shrinks.

And, that's all there is to it. For more home improvement tips and information, visit the Careys' Web site at www.onthehouse.com or call them at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays.

Prepare for safety in winter fire season

As the winter fire season approaches, the Southeastern Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross urges families to prepare for safety in the event of a fire.

By taking time to make your home fire-safe, plotting and practicing escape routes and following through on your plan if needed, you can prevent tragedy from occurring.

The Red Cross provides relief to distressed families at an average of four home fires every day in southeast Michigan.

It wants to help reduce that number and increase safety by encouraging families to learn and practice these tips:

MAKE HOME FIRE-SAFE

Smoke alarms save lives. Install a smoke alarm outside each sleeping area and on each additional level of your home. If people sleep with doors closed, install smoke alarms inside sleeping areas, too.

Use the test button to check each smoke alarm once a month. When necessary, replace batteries immediately. Replace all batteries at least once a year. Vacuum away cobwebs and dust from your smoke alarms monthly.

Smoke alarms become less sensitive over time. Replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.

Consider having one or more working fire extinguishers in

your home. Get training from the fire department in how to use them.

Consider installing an automatic fire sprinkler system in your home.

PLAN ESCAPE ROUTES

Determine at least two ways to escape from every room of your home.

Consider escape ladders for sleeping areas on the second or third floor. Learn how to use them and store them near the window.

Select a location outside your home where everyone would meet after escaping.

Practice your escape plan at least twice a year.

ESCAPE SAFELY

Once you are out, stay out! Call the fire department from a neighbor's home.

If you see smoke or fire in your first escape route, use your second way out.

If you must get out through smoke, crawl low under the smoke to your exit.

If you are escaping through a closed door, feel the door before opening it. If it is warm, use your second way out.

If smoke, heat or flames block your exit routes, stay in the room with the door closed. Signal for help using a brightly colored cloth at the window. If there is a telephone in the room, call the fire department and tell them where you are.

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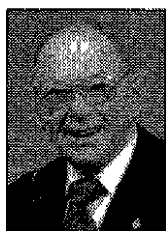
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Jesus is the reason

Christmas is about Christ's birthday

Johnny finally rolled off to sleep the night before his birthday with excited thoughts of anticipation. He could hardly wait to be greeted by his mother, father and sister as he hurriedly dressed the next morning. But to his great surprise there were no "Happy Birthdays" floating around. Well, he thought, they are just keeping a surprise for dinner. Maybe some of my friends will be invited in and we'll have a big time.

Slipping home quickly after school he found nobody there. His heart dropped, but then he



Rev. Roger Merrell

thought, "I'll bet they are out planning something real exciting and different for a surprise. So he went off and played with some friends until the dinner hour came. Still nothing out of the ordinary. Everyone acted as normal as ever.

Then as a last resort he

thought, "they are really doing a good job of cover-up and suspense. They must have planned an evening party with some of my friends invited in."

The after-dinner hour was the most trying he had ever experienced. First he curled up in a chair and tried to read. Not being able to concentrate at that he uneasily shifted from one activity to another anxiously waiting that great surprise. But to his dismay, no one showed the least interest in him.

His father just sat there in his easy chair reading his

evening paper. After about an hour anxiety turned to despair. Johnny became so frantic he burst out in tears and stomped up the stairs to his room. Father dropped his paper and started after him as he said to mother, "I wonder what's bothering, Johnny?"

Entering Johnny's room father found him flung across his bed crying his eyes out. Upon being questioned Johnny sobbed, "Don't you know today's my birthday and you didn't celebrate one bit?" To which his father replied, "Why of course we celebrated your birthday. We couldn't forget that. This afternoon your mother, sister and I went downtown. I bought mother a

most beautiful dress. Mother bought me a new set of tools for my shop and we both bought your sister a private computer all her own. We had the best time celebrating your birthday."

CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

How unbelievable this sounds. Yet hundreds celebrate Christ's birthday this way. Why can't everyone plan to center his Christmas around his church and celebrate CHRISTMAS in its rightful place. Deep down in our hearts we will have a better feeling if we have given a gift to CHRIST through the church of our choice.

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The Rev. Roger Merrell is pastor emeritus of Newburg United Methodist Church in Livonia.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m., Saturday Dec 24 special children's message, instrumental music begins 15 minutes prior to service at St. John's Lutheran Church 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster Road south of Schoolcraft. Redford Cookies, carols and communion will be the theme of a worship service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Dec 25. Come and sing your favorite Christmas hymns by request and share your leftover Christmas cookies for information call (313) 538-2660.

Christmas Eve service

Festive Holy Eucharist 6 p.m.

Saturday Dec 24 at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia. Guest organist Joan Haggard. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve service

7 p.m. Saturday Dec 24 at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Livonia. For reservations call (734) 464-6722. Nursery and childcare provided.

Christmas Eve services

7 p.m. service is child friendly and offers a Christmas pageant. The Legend of the Christmas King and 10 p.m. spiritual service including communion Dec 24 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

Christmas Eve services

5 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday Dec 24 Christmas Day Service 10 a.m. Sunday Dec 25 and Holy Eucharist Sunday 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Jan 1 at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361. Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages. Parents with Young Children Bible Study Sundays at 6 p.m. Dinner and child care provided.

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Candlelight service 6:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 24 Family Christmas Day Worship 10:50 a.m. Sunday Dec 25 at First Church of the Nazarene of Detroit 21260 Haggerty Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

Christmas dinner

Follows services at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. dinner from noon to 2 p.m. when the 12 Step open meetings begin. Unity of Livonia is inviting anyone alone on Christmas Day to dinner. There will be a turkey with all the trimmings. If you can bring a dish to share it is asked that you please do so. If not, come anyway. To help or donate call (734) 421-1760. Unity of Livonia is at 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster.

Christmas dinner

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Birthday party

To celebrate Jesus' birthday 10:30 a.m. Sunday Dec 25 at New Beginnings United Methodist Church 16175 Delaware Redford. Clown cake and fun galore. Call (313) 255-6330 for information.

Family Hanukkah party

5 p.m. Monday Dec 26 at Congregation Beit Kodesh 31840 West Seven Mile Livonia. Dinner, music, games and prizes. Bring your family. Menorah candles will be provided. Cost is \$6 adults age 13 and up, \$3 ages 5-12, free for age 4 and under. Reservations required by Dec 19. Call (248) 477-8974 or visit www.beitkodesh.org.

Friends in Fellowship

Evening includes holiday dinner. Single Adult Ministries 2005 in Review show entertainment by Keith Longbotham. Punch reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Friday Dec 30 in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville. Cost is \$26 per person. Free Childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

World peace service

Unity of Livonia invited all people of peace to be at the church 6:30 a.m. New Year's Eve morning Saturday Dec 31 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster. Continental breakfast after the service. Call (734) 421-1760.

New Year's Eve party

St. Mel Parish's 50th anniversary committee hosts the party that includes dinner, asti-spumante at midnight in the

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Series on Spiritual Principles

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JANUARY

Football open house

Begins noon Monday Jan 2 in Parlor C317 where there will be big screen TV's and plenty of snacks hosted by Single Adult Ministries. It ends after the Fiesta Bowl (around 8 p.m.). Bring desserts, appetizers, beverages and snacks if you can. Sub sandwiches and chili will be supplied at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Prayer conference

Christians from around the world will gather Jan 4-6 for William Murphy Ministries 2006 Intercessory Prayer Conference. Reclaiming the Church the House of Prayer. Conference speakers are Bishop Murphy, Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant (Maryland) and Bishop Neil Ellis (Bahamas). Bishop Murphy Jr., pastor of New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of Pontiac, believes the spirit of prayer will fall mightily on the thousands of expected attendees who will learn more effective intercessory prayer at the Ritz Carlton at the Ritz Carlton 300 Town Center Drive Dearborn. Registration for adults is \$150, youths 12 years old to 22 year old college students \$50 if purchased by Jan 4. Churches/intercessor teams and groups of up to 10 are admitted for \$500. Call (248) 335-6905 or visit www.williammurphyministries.org.

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Orders taken Jan 8-10 and 15 pick up Jan 19-20 at Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia. Cost is \$3. Proceeds go to the building/parking lot improvements. Call (734) 422-0149.

Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center. The classes begin 10:30 a.m. Sunday Jan 8 and 8 p.m. Wednesday Jan 11 at 5595 W. Maple West Bloomfield. The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students. To register call (248) 855-6170 Ext. 1 or send e-mail to BTC770@aol.com.

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To raise funds Newburg United Methodist Church is making and selling pasties for \$3 each. They can be ordered by calling (734) 422-0149 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday Wednesday Jan 10-11. Do not leave any orders on the answering machine. They will be ignored. Pick up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday Jan 19 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday Jan 20 at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia.

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8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Bible study and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sunday school at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia.

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WARREN W. FEOLE

Age 67, of Newport TN formerly of Northville and Marquette, MI. Father of Debra Botts and Denise (David) Gerke. Passed away December 11, 2005. Grandfather of Leslie, Austin and Deirdre. Survived by wife Sandra of Cosby TN, step mother Mary (Betty) Feole, brother Howard (Nancy) sister Delores (Jim) Ide and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents Julius and Cora. Warren retired from Michigan Bell Telephone was a member of the Elks Club and Pioneers of America. He enjoyed bowling, golfing, camping, ice skating, hockey, baseball and motorcycles. No services are scheduled at this time. Memorial gifts may be given to the charity of your choice. Condolences to cjlb2g@sbcglobal.net.

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Age 88 December 19 2005 of Canton. Beloved husband of the late Loretta for 58 years. Dear father of John (Deanna) Mary Ellen (Cal) Isaacson, and Margaret (George) Selan. Dearest grandfather of John, Michael, Richard, Kristine, Lisa and Kimberly. Great grandfather of 5. Loving brother of Gordon Grace and Bill. Proud retiree of Detroit Board of Education Stationary Engineer and Former Merchant Marine officer. Family will receive friends Wednesday 3-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road Livonia. Funeral Service will be Thursday at Grace Lutheran Church 25630 Grand River (E of Beech Daly) Redford instate 9:30am until the time of service at 10:30am. Family appreciates memorials to Grace Lutheran Church or Bethesda Lutheran Home for Children Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park.

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Family dishes to serve for Hanukkah

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hanukkah is the Jewish celebration based on the miracle of one day's supply of oil burning for eight days in the menorah on the Temple's rededicated altar, in Jerusalem in 165 B.C. Now, each year these eight days are a time for thanksgiving and candle-lighting in commemoration.

Sharing special foods is another custom of Hanukkah and chef Jeff Nathan suggests two recipes for this occasion. Nathan operates the cafe-restaurant Abigaels at the Museum, located at the Museum of Jewish Heritage - A Living Memorial to the Holocaust in New York City.

Braised short ribs with dried fruits and port wine sauce would make a festive centerpiece for a family feast. It's a comfort-food kind of dish, cooked mostly in the oven, Nathan points out, and the dried fruit and wine give the dish a warm flavor for the wintry season.

The fruit element is carried over in the apple latkes, which are cooked in oil - a characteristic of many traditional Hanukkah dishes, recalling the miracle of the oil.

BRAISED SHORT RIBS WITH DRIED FRUIT AND PORT WINE SAUCE

- 4 pounds boneless short ribs or flanken, thickly sliced
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- Vegetable oil
- 4 medium red onions, sliced into half moons
- 1 medium white onion, sliced into half moons
- 1 large leek, white part only, washed and sliced into half moons
- ¾ cup dried fruit (cherries, apricots, cranberries in any combination as desired)
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 2 cups red wine
- 1 cup port wine plus ¼ cup port wine (reserve for sauce)
- 1 cup beef broth
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 12 whole black peppercorns
- 1 bunch parsley stems, leaves reserved and chopped
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch

Season the meat with the salt and pepper. Heat oil as needed in a large ovenproof skillet. In batches, sear the meat on all sides. Do not overcrowd the pan. When all the meat has been seared, transfer it all back to the skillet.

While the meat is searing, in a small bowl combine the dried fruit with the brown sugar, red wine and 1 cup port wine. Set aside.

Cover the meat with the assorted onions. Pour in the dried fruit and wines and the beef broth. In an 8-inch-square double layer of cheesecloth, tie up the bay leaves, thyme, peppercorns and parsley stems. Submerge this sachet in the liquid of the skillet. Bring the liquid up to a simmer, then transfer skillet to a preheated 300° F oven. Cook until tender, about 1½ to 2 hours.

Remove the meat from the skillet and keep warm. Remove and discard the sachet. Place the skillet on the stovetop and bring the liquid to a simmer. In a small bowl combine the cornstarch with the remaining ¼ cup port wine. Whisk into the simmering liquid. Simmer for 5 more minutes.

Return the meat to the skillet with the sauce, and stir in the chopped reserved parsley. Serve hot. Makes 6 to 8 servings.

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A blend of finely chopped pistachios, coarsely ground coriander seeds, thyme and black pepper adds a flavorful 'crust' for this tender, juicy tenderloin.

Make the holiday meal

Beef tenderloin will make Christmas memorable special

Ring in the season of festive gatherings with family and friends at a table set with the most special holiday meal - a beef tenderloin roast.

Beef tenderloin is delicious simply roasted and seasoned with salt and pepper.

But for the holidays, why not use a unique rub? This recipe is accented with an unexpected blend of finely chopped pistachios, coarsely ground coriander seeds, thyme and black pepper. The results are stunning both in appearance and flavor as the seasoning adds a flavorful "crust" for the tender, juicy roast. Plus, the boneless tenderloin is easy to carve and serve whether from a buffet or at the table.

The roast cooks in under an hour, and the most accurate way to make sure it reaches your preferred doneness is by using a thermometer. And, here's the key to perfection: remove the tenderloin from the oven when the internal temperature is 10° below the desired doneness (135°F for medium rare and 150°F for medium). Then, and this is very important, tent it with foil for about 15 minutes - the temperature will rise about 5 to 10 degrees to reach the desired doneness - and the roast will be easier to carve.

To accompany the perfect roast, Wild Rice Pilaf is quick to prepare when using a packaged rice blend. The sophisticated secret to this side dish comes with the addition of dried cranberries, shallots and baby spinach to the rice. For the finishing touch, serve with Holiday Ale Sauce, a savory combination of cremini mushrooms, Dijon mustard and "holiday" red ale.

Beef Tenderloin with Wild Rice Pilaf and Holiday Ale Sauce will be a memorable meal for holiday guests, a

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Try these tips

The beef culinary experts from the Beef and Veal Culinary Center share their top tips for the perfect holiday roast.

WHICH ROAST?

Ribeye, rib and tenderloin are popular options at holiday time. However, the leaner cuts - round (sirloin) tip, eye round and tri-tip - are also delicious, more economical choices.

HOW MUCH TO BUY?

These guidelines will help determine what size roast to purchase.

Lean boneless roasts, such as tenderloin, eye round and tri-tip will yield four 3-ounce servings of cooked, trimmed beef per pound. (For example, a 3-pound roast will yield 12, 3-ounce servings.)

Ribeye roasts, which have more trimmable fat, will yield three 3-ounce

servings of cooked, trimmed beef per pound. (For example, a 3-pound roast will yield nine 3-ounce servings.)

Bone-in roasts will yield 2-1/2, 3-ounce servings of cooked, trimmed beef per pound.

Remember to plan about 6 ounces, cooked trimmed beef for those "holiday servings."

SHOP SMART

Choose meat last when shopping to ensure that beef stays as cold as possible.

Choose beef with a bright cherry-red color, without any grayish or brown blotches. A darker purplish-red color is typical of vacuum-packaged beef. Once exposed to oxygen, beef will turn from a darker red to bright red.

Choose packages that are cold, tightly wrapped and

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What is organic grape growing?

John Williams, proprietor and winemaker of Frog's Leap Winery in the Rutherford District of Napa Valley, kept jumping up and down on his spade and could not penetrate the vineyard ground. It was hard as cement.

That was a neighbor's vineyard a few yards away from Williams' organically farmed vineyard where his spade turned over the soil easily.

"I farm 200 acres of certified organic vineyards," said Williams. "I'm unsure how biodynamics [we wrote about this in our Nov. 3, 2005 column] applies to vineyards, but I can tell you



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that all agriculture is local.

"If a grape grower tries to apply to his land a set dogma developed by someone else in another region, that's not farming. A good farmer does what is best for his site."

Williams suggested that because of disease, varietal pressure (chasing the market by planting whatever variety is

trendy) and phylloxera, the average life span of a Napa Valley vineyard is only 14 years. When a typical farmer replants a vineyard, he will tear out the old vines, fumigate the soil to kill everything in it and then immediately replant.

ORGANIC PRACTICES

When Williams recently replanted his Napa Valley vineyard, he did not fumigate and chose to leave it fallow for two years. "Fumigating is exactly the opposite of what an organic farmer would do," he explained. "The French say that for every year that vineyard land is left fallow, 10

years of vine life are added."

We asked if you don't fumigate and know that you have nematodes (microscopic round worms that seriously harm vines, but are a normal part of the vineyard ecosystem), how do you get rid of them before you replant? "There is no bad bug," Williams answered. "Nematodes are part of soil life. The important principle is to keep them in balance with other soil insects."

Williams doesn't irrigate his vineyards and chooses deep-rooted rootstocks. Winter cover crops are disked in,

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Side dish

Salmon and pizza?

Everyone loves a good pizza. Buddy's Pizza now has transformed it into a New Year's appetizer.

Taking a traditional square pizza, topping it with salmon slicing it into thin, hand-held strips, Buddy's presents the Salmon Dijonaise appetizer with wild smoked salmon, dill, Parmesan and brick cheese, Dijon mustard, red onion and tomato basil sauce. Party-givers can pick up Buddy's half-baked pizzas with all the fresh toppings included, and quickly finish them in their own ovens at home in just 10-15 minutes, for a "just baked, fresh from the oven" taste.

Buddy's Pizza has nine metro Detroit locations that offer the half-baked or fully baked pizzas as carry-out items. Patrons can request the pizza be sliced into appetizer portions. A large pizza makes 16 appetizer pieces.

For those making New Year's resolutions to lose weight, try the fat-free cheese and brick cheese blend, spinach, diced tomatoes, fresh mushrooms, roasted garlic, black olives and traditional Buddy's sauce. Other specialty pizzas which can become appetizers include BBQ Chicken, Greek Margherita, Hawaiian and Gourmet Veggie.

Buddy's Pizza today has six full-service restaurants and three carry-out locations throughout metro Detroit. Buddy's Pizza is home to Detroit's original square deep dish pizza and was voted "One of the Nation's 5 Best Pizza Places" by the Food Network. Visit www.buddyspizza.com for more information.

Entertaining tips

Catering specialist Wendy Pashman of Chicago's Entertaining Company offers ideas for revving up the "wow" factor for holiday parties without busting the budget.

Here are her suggestions for making your party extraordinary and pleasing your guests at modest cost.

Forgo elaborate sweet tables and make colorful cupcake towers. Pashman decorates trios of graduated (24-, 36- and 48-inch) round wooden boards to match a party's decor, balancing them on glass pillars to look like an old-fashioned wedding cake. Each level is loaded with an easily refilled selection of frosted temptations.

Say goodbye to costly blooms. Decorate guest tables or food stations with clusters of candles. Try an arrangement of various-sized glass cylinders filled with delicate floating candles, or arrange candles on mirrored stands of varied heights for a shimmering effect.

Control amounts of expensive foods like shrimp by passing them on tiny bamboo skewers instead of in limitless amounts on buffet platters. Another idea: Serve "global cuisine," adding sophisticated appeal to the menu, for example with Mediterranean-inspired eggplant caviar as an hors d'oeuvre.

Buy one of these gifts for your cook

Instead of visions of 'sugar plums' dancing in your head perhaps it is the vision of a grilled juicy hamburger or steak! Here are a few last-minute gift ideas for your cook



Home Economist

Lois Thieleke

If the notion of standing 'outside bundled up with your winter woollens doesn't excite you, then buy an indoor grill.' There are electric indoor grills, indoor barbecue grills, indoor smokeless grills or indoor gas grills, grills that make the perfect hamburger or steak in the comfort and warmth inside your home

Manufacturers have come up with many choices so you can enjoy the delights of summer grilling year round. There are a few rules to follow such as preheating the grill so the food cooks evenly and if the grill has a non-stick finish, choose wooden or plastic utensils to avoid scratching the surface of the grill. Most of the grills have a removable drip tray for the fat that has drained away so keep it clean. These grills are easy to clean, just wipe with a damp paper towel and sponge or some can be taken apart and washed in the dishwasher. Buy the size grill that fits your family size and needs. The prices range from \$20 to over \$100.

How about a non-stick roasting pan as a gift? A good non-stick roaster can hold up to 28 to 30 pound turkey, a duck, goose, ham, beef or pork tenderloin or rack of lamb. Make sure that it is at least three inches deep to protect the fat from dripping over the sides. Buy the whole set, the larger roaster with turkey lifters

Don't let your meal slide on to the floor, invest in a turkey lifter. They are a great invention when you need a helping hand trying to move the turkey or roast from the roaster to the platter. These look like a rack with handles that can be flipped up to carry the meat easily. These can hold up to a 30-pound turkey with out a slip and with less mess. They are inexpensive and a great stocking stuffer gift.

Be very careful when you purchase the throwaway aluminum roasting pans from the grocery store. They are flimsy, they can tip over, bend in the middle, develop a pin hole so fat drips on the stove coils. It would be a great investment just to buy the non-stick roasting pan. Sharp knives are a 'must have' for any cook no matter what skills they have. Every kitchen should have a chef's or utility knife for chopping, slicing and dicing. A slicer is generally longer and thinner and is used to carve meat. Check out the handle for comfort and balance and to see how it feels in your hand. Read the instructions. Some knives should not be put in the dishwasher as they start to corrode if left wet. Prices range from a few dollars for really good kitchen knives. Every kitchen needs a good

pair of kitchen shears to cut up chicken or trim away fat or skin from meats. Buy a good pair that comes apart so it can be washed in the dishwasher after cutting raw meats.

Next on your "must have" list is a gravy separator. Pour the juices from the pan in to this cup that looks like a measuring cup. As it cools, the fat rises to the surface and the natural juices settle to the bottom. This eliminates the fat but keeps the flavor for homemade gravy. If you are roasting a turkey, duck, goose, chicken, beef or pork roast, use this separator for a more health-conscious gravy.

Every kitchen needs a food steamer. It is a great way to prepare food with no fat, and with minimal loss of vitamins. A regular steaming basket is ideal for steaming fish, vegetables and seafood. The basket is collapsible with perforations so the steam can flow around the food. The food should sit above the water by an inch. There are electric steamers, microwave steamers, bamboo steamers and specialty ones. Prices vary from model to model.

There are rice cookers that make perfect rice. This is especially nice if you just can't make rice without it becoming gummy or soggy. Hand mixers are great for small jobs with small amounts of liquid and you don't want to get the big one out or get it dirty.

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Make latkes wild with rice

Hanukkah, the Jewish "Festival of Lights," commemorates a miracle that is celebrated over an eight-day period which, this year, starts on Dec 25. As with many religious holidays, special foods are prepared. The most traditional for Hanukkah is fried potato pancakes.

The holiday commemorates the battle between the Maccabees and King Antiochus Epiphanes, who was trying to wipe out Judaism. After chasing the enemy out of Jerusalem, the Maccabees discovered their temple had been desecrated. They found only one small vial of untainted olive oil - enough to burn for just one day. They lit the oil and, miraculously, it lasted the eight days they needed to get more consecrated oil and rededicate the temple. Foods cooked in oil commemorate the miracle.

Latkes - potato pancakes fried in oil - can be made from other vegetables, including zucchini, sweet potatoes and string beans.

Another alternative is to combine grated potatoes with wild rice, which adds an earthy, nutty flavor. Wild rice isn't really rice but a long-grain marsh grass native to the northern Great Lakes area where American Indians harvest it by hand.

Wild rice contains the phytochemical called phytic acid, which, in lab and animal studies, appears to slow formation of cancers as well as help control blood sugar, cholesterol and triglycerides.

Clean wild rice before cooking by putting it in a medium bowl and filling it with cold water. After a few minutes, any debris will float to the surface and the water



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Latkes are a festive way to enjoy the holiday.

can be poured off.

These Wild Rice and Potato Latkes make an elegant appetizer or side dish, regardless of whether you celebrate Hanukkah.

WILD RICE AND POTATO LATKES

- 1/4 cup wild rice
- 1 medium (10 ounces) Russet potato peeled and finely shredded
- 2 large eggs lightly beaten
- 2 scallions green part only thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon all purpose flour
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Canola oil spray

Cook rice in 1 1/2 cups water until completely tender throughout the kernel, about 1 hour or more. Drain rice in colander and let sit until it is dry to the touch, about 15 minutes. Place warm rice in a mixing bowl.

Using paper towels, squeeze as much moisture as possible from potato, a handful at a time and transfer to the bowl with the rice. With a fork, mix in the eggs and scallions. Sprinkle with flour and mix in. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Coat a large skillet with cooking spray until well coated. Place over medium-high heat.

Place rounded tablespoons of the mixture in the pan, one at a time, pressing each firmly with the back of a fork to make thin, 2-inch pancakes with lacy edges. Space latkes 2 inches apart. When lightly browned on the bottom, 2 to 3 minutes, gently turn latkes and brown on the other side, about 2 minutes. (To avoid splattering oil, use a splatter screen.) When done, transfer to a warm plate and keep warm. Repeat with remaining mixture, re-spraying pan before adding more pancakes. Serve immediately. If desired, garnish with thin strips of smoked salmon or a dab of lumpfish caviar and a dab of low-fat sour cream.

Makes 4 servings (2 pancakes each).

Per serving: 131 calories, 3 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 20 g carbohydrate, 7 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 40 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

CALENDAR

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Recipes for a tasty vegetarian menu

BY J M HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Last year my family decided to get the fuss out of our Christmas festivities.

Thanks to our then 3-month-old son, none of us had the time or energy to manage a major meal. Because my family is vegetarian and my wife's is carnivorous, our celebrations always go both ways - veg and not-so-veg versions of everything.

It's a good approach to otherwise touchy territory, but keeping everyone happy also means doubling your work in the kitchen.

CHRISTMAS PASTA SAUCE

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large yellow onion
- Two 28 ounce cans crushed tomatoes
- 1 pound package frozen vegetarian meatballs (or vegetarian ground beef)
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons dried basil
- 2 teaspoon dried oregano
- 4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt

Heat the oil in a large saucepan or stockpot over medium heat. Add the onion and saute until just translucent, about 6 minutes.

Add the remaining ingredi-

ents, mix well and bring to a simmer. Cover, reduce heat to low and cook until meatballs are tender and partially broken apart, about 20 minutes.

GOLDEN DELICIOUS APPLE PIE WITH OATMEAL CRUMB TOPPING

- 1 prepared pie crust
- For filling:**
- 7 cups peeled, cored and thinly sliced Golden Delicious apples
- 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon sugar
- Juice and zest of one lemon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch

Oatmeal Crumb Topping

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup rolled oats (old fashioned or quick cooking)
- 2/3 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) cold unsalted butter cut into 1/4 inch pieces

Preheat oven to 400° F. If not already frozen, place the prepared pie crust in the freezer for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine the apples, 1/3 cup of sugar, and lemon juice and zest in a large bowl. Mix well and set aside for 10 minutes.

In a small bowl, mix the remaining 1 tablespoon of sugar

with the nutmeg and cornstarch. Add the mixture to the apples and mix well. Transfer the apples to the pie shell and use your hands to level them. Bake on the center rack for 30 minutes.

While the pie bakes, make the crumb topping. Combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, cinnamon and salt in a food processor and pulse several times to mix. Scatter the butter over the top and pulse until the mixture resembles fine crumbs.

Empty the crumbs into a large bowl and rub between your fingers until large, buttery crumbs form. Refrigerate until needed.

Remove the pie from the oven and reduce the temperature to 375° F. Carefully pour the crumbs on the center of the pie, spreading them over the surface with your hands and lightly tamping them down.

Return the pie to the oven, rotating it front to back from its previous cooking position. Slide the pie sheet onto the rack below the pie to catch any drips. Bake until the top is golden brown and the juices bubble thickly at the edge, 30 to 35 minutes. If needed, cover the pie loosely with tented foil during the final 15 minutes of baking to prevent the top from browning too much.

Transfer the pie to a wire rack and let cool at least an hour before serving. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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without tears or punctures or excessive liquid.

Purchase before or on the 'sell by' date printed on the package label.

STORE PROPERLY

Refrigerate or freeze beef roasts as soon as possible after purchasing. Roasts wrapped in transparent film can be refrigerated three to four days (or frozen up to two weeks) without rewrapping.

For longer freezer storage, repackage in heavy-duty aluminum foil, freezer paper or plastic freezer bags, removing as much air as possible.

Refrigerate in meat compartment or coldest part of refrigerator, or freeze at 0°F or colder. Cooking times given in recipes

are only a guide. The best way to determine doneness is with a thermometer.

Insert an ovenproof meat thermometer into the center of the thickest part of the roast, not touching bone, fat or the pan. This type of thermometer remains in the roast during the entire cooking process. Or use an instant-read thermometer to check meat temperature periodically during cooking. (It is not oven safe, so it cannot be left in the roast while it is in the oven.)

To use, insert the thermometer into the center of the roast from either end, making sure it is inserted past the indentation (if visible) on the metal shaft, or at least two inches into the meat. Do not allow thermometer to touch bone, fat or the pan.

To prevent overcooking, remove roast from oven when thermometer registers 10°F below desired doneness.

Important: Do not cover or add water during roasting. Let it stand.

After removing from the oven, tent roast with aluminum foil. Let stand 15-20 minutes. The temperature will rise to reach the desired doneness. During standing, meat juices firm up making carving easier.

CARVE CORRECTLY

A sharp carving knife is a must. For uniform slices, hold the knife at the same angle for each cut. The more tender the roast, the thicker the slices can be. Rib, ribeye and tenderloin roasts can be sliced 1/2- to 3/4-inch thick. Round (sirloin) tip, eye round and tri-tip should be no more than 1/4-inch thick.

KEEP IT SAFE

Practice food safety. Defrost frozen roasts in the refrigerator to prevent bacteria

growth. Allow four to seven hours per pound to defrost a large roast, three to five hours per pound for a small roast. Do not defrost at room temperature.

To avoid cross-contamination: Wash hands with hot soapy water before and after handling raw beef. Also wash utensils, counters, cutting boards and other surfaces raw meat has touched.

Keep raw meat and meat juices separate from ready-to-eat foods, both in the refrigerator and during preparation.

Don't place cooked foods on the same board, tray or platter that held raw meat. For example, do not carve a cooked roast on the same board used in preparing the raw roast.

Enjoy the great flavor of a beef roast with favorite holiday accompaniments.

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APPLE LATKES WITH THREE-APPLE SALSA (PAREVE)

For Three-Apple Salsa

1 Golden Delicious apple
1 Granny Smith apple
1 Fuji apple
3 tablespoons lemon juice
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup dried cranberries and dried apricots (mixed or as desired) roughly chopped, soaked in warm water for 10 minutes then drained
1/4 cup fresh mint roughly chopped

For the Latkes:

1/2 cups all purpose flour
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
1/2 cup water
2 firm apples such as Golden Delicious, Fuji or Granny Smith unpeeled
1/2 cup canola or vegetable oil as needed
Confectioners sugar for sprinkling

To make the salsa

Thoroughly wash, but do not peel the 3 apples for the salsa. Core the apples and cut into 1/2-inch dice. Immediately place in a medium-sized bowl and toss with the lemon juice, honey and cinnamon. Add the cranberries, apricots and mint. Stir to evenly combine. Set aside.

To make the latkes.

Whisk the flour, sugar, baking powder, cinnamon and allspice in a medium bowl. Whisk in the water until barely smooth. Core the apples and cut into 1/2-inch dice. Immediately fold the diced apples into the batter.

Line a baking sheet with a double thickness of paper towels. In a large skillet, heat the oil over high heat until it begins to shimmer. Reduce the heat to medium. Working in batches, using about 1/3 cup for each latke, pour the batter into the skillet. Cook until the underside is golden brown, adjusting the heat as needed so the latkes don't burn. Turn and cook the other side. Transfer to the paper towels to drain briefly. It is best to serve each batch immediately after draining. If you wish, use two skillets to keep the latkes coming at a fast pace.

Sprinkle the latkes with confectioners' sugar and drizzle with Caramel Sauce. Serve at once with the Three-Apple Salsa passed on the side. Makes 4 to 5 servings (3 latkes each).

CARAMEL SAUCE (DAIRY WITH PAREVE VARIATION)

8 ounces sugar
2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1/2 cup water
1/2 cup heavy cream or nondairy creamer

In a medium-size, heavy-bottomed saucepan combine the sugar, lemon juice and water. Stir until all sugar is moistened. Cook over a medium flame until sugar is melted and syrup just begins to turn light brown in color. Remove from heat and carefully pour in about half the heavy cream or nondairy creamer. The sauce will bubble furiously for a moment and then settle. Once the boiling has settled, add the remaining heavy cream or nondairy topping and stir. Allow to cool at room temperature in the saucepan. Transfer to a plastic container and keep refrigerated until needed. Warm the plastic container in hot water to re-liquefy the Caramel Sauce for serving. The sauce can be prepared up to 1 week ahead of time.

Recipes from Jeff Nathan of Abigail's at the Museum.
On the Web: <http://www.mjnhyc.org>

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wonderful way to celebrate the tradition of family and friends.

BEEF TENDERLOIN WITH WILD RICE PILAF & HOLIDAY ALE SAUCE

1 center cut beef tenderloin roast (2 to 3 pounds)
Salt and pepper
Holiday Ale Sauce (recipe follows)

Rub:

1/2 cup unsalted shelled pistachios finely chopped
1/4 cup coarsely ground coriander seeds
2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh thyme
1 teaspoon coarse ground black pepper

Wild Rice Pilaf.

2 packages (6 to 6.3 ounces each) long grain and wild rice mix
1/4 cup butter
1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries
1/2 cup finely chopped shallots
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

3 cups water
3 cups loosely packed baby spinach coarsely chopped

Heat oven to 425°F. Combine rub ingredients, press six tablespoons evenly onto all surfaces of beef roast. Reserve remaining rub for pilaf.

Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part of beef. Do not add water or cover. Roast in 425°F oven 35 to 40 minutes for medium rare, 45 to 50 minutes for medium doneness.

Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135°F for medium rare, 150°F for medium. Transfer roast to carving board, tent loosely with aluminum foil. Let stand 15 minutes. (Temperature will continue to rise about 10°F to reach 145°F for medium rare, 160°F for medium.)

Meanwhile prepare Wild Rice Pilaf. Remove seasoning packets from rice mixes and reserve for another use. Melt butter in large saucepan over medium heat. Add cranberries, shallots, reserved rub, salt and pepper, cook and stir three minutes. Stir in rice mix and water, bring to a

boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer according to package directions, about 25 minutes or until rice is tender and most of water is absorbed. Stir in spinach. Let stand five minutes or until spinach is wilted.

Carve roast into slices. Season with salt and pepper, as desired. Serve with Wild Rice Pilaf and Holiday Ale Sauce. Makes six servings.

Cook's Tip: To easily grind coriander seeds, use a coffee or spice grinder (used only for seasonings). They can also be crushed in a food-safe plastic bag. Place the seeds in the bag, squeeze out the air and seal. Use the bottom of a custard cup, rolling pin or side of a heavy pan to coarsely crush the seeds.

HOLIDAY ALE SAUCE

2 tablespoons butter
8 ounces cremini mushrooms cut into quarters
1/2 cup finely chopped shallots
1/4 cup ready to serve beef broth
1/2 cup red ale or ready to serve beef broth
1 tablespoon Dijon style mustard
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper

Melt two tablespoons butter in large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add mushrooms and shallots, cook and stir four to five minutes or until mushrooms are browned.

Add broth and ale, cook and stir eight minutes or until reduced by half. Whisk in mustard until combined.

Remove from heat, whisk in two tablespoons butter. Season with salt and pepper. Makes 1-1/2 cups.

Cook's tip: Cremini mushrooms are sometimes referred to as baby Portobello mushrooms. Christmas ale may be substituted for red ale.

Nutrition information per serving of tenderloin, wild rice pilaf and holiday ale sauce (1/6 or recipe): 810 calories, 61 g fat (16 g saturated fat, 13 g monounsaturated fat), 175 mg cholesterol, 1522 mg sodium, 62 g carbohydrate, 5.4 g fiber, 61 g protein, 16.1 mg niacin, 1.3 mg vitamin B6, 2.9 mcg vitamin B12, 6.9 mg iron, 69.6 mcg selenium, 10.1 mg zinc.

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

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along with compost, to provide nutrients for the soil. "The principal of organic farming is soil fertility," he said.

"It's similar to human good health. A balanced diet with exercise helps us resist disease. Healthy soil naturally resists disease and does not require the use of fungicides and insecticides. A living soil breaks down organic matter to provide vine nutrients."

For centuries, vines have been trained to push roots deep to get water and nutrients. Irrigation puts water at the surface so vine roots do not need to seek it, a potentially dangerous consequence since most vine diseases live in the top 18 to 24 inches of soil.

"The holy grail of winemaking," Williams continued, "is to let the wine express the place where it grows, but if the roots are at the surface, then the wine expresses the character of the fertigation water. The old farmers say cultivate, don't irrigate. By not irrigating I'm ensuring that the flavor of my wine comes from the soil where the vines are grown. Isn't that what it's all about?"

WHAT TO BUY

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The Healds are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com

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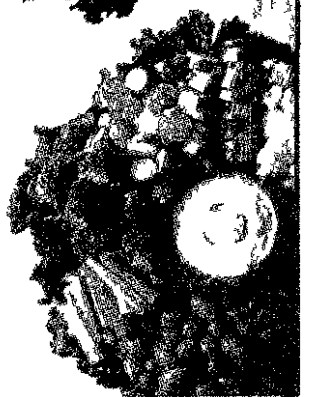
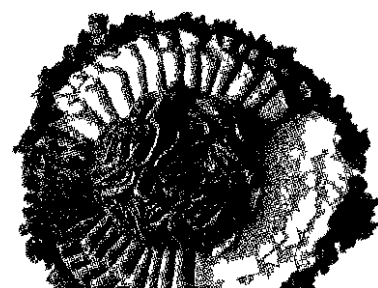
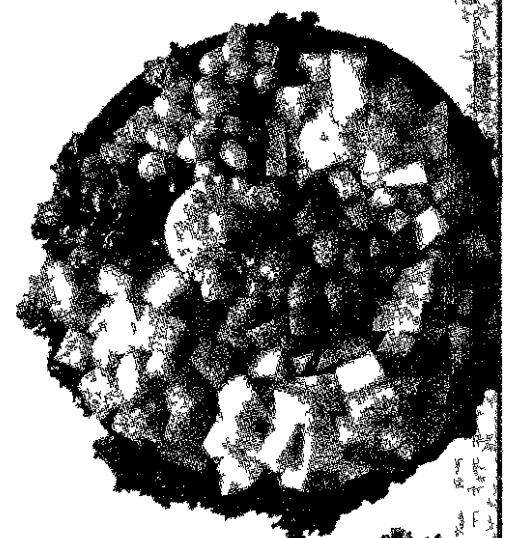
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Canton wrestlers pin down tourney title

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team isn't where it was at this point last year, but the Chiefs are still further than most squads

Coach Casey Randolph's contingent was set back a bit because several of his wrestlers also played on the Chiefs Division 1 state runner-up football team, so they started practice three weeks later than their opponents

Canton showed little — if any — rust at Saturday's Fourth Annual Canton Dual Meet, which the hosts won for the second consecutive year with a 5-0 record. The Chiefs pinned Allen Park,

39-28, in the championship match. To advance to the finals, Canton hammered Ann Arbor Pioneer, 56-13, Monroe Jefferson, 48-16, Dearborn, 49-21, and Livonia Stevenson, 49-19.

With the sweep, Canton improved its overall record to 12-1.

"I'm excited about where we're at now, but I'm more excited about where we're going," said Randolph. "We're still behind with our technique and our conditioning because of all the wrestlers we have that played football, but I think we're starting to see what we can do."

I thought our performance Saturday was pretty decent. We lost Matt Sweda (152 pounds) with the flu, so we had to

move some kids around, but everything worked out well."

Five Chiefs racked up 5-0 records Saturday. Ryan Schnettler (112), Sam Santilli (119), Corey Phillips (135), Marwan Faraj (160) and Alex Amberg (189). Schnettler and Phillips are still unbeaten on the season with 12-0 and 13-0 marks, respectively. Phillips recorded four pins and one technical fall Saturday while Faraj pinned three of his five foes.

Three Chiefs — heavyweight Donnie Laramie, 152-pound Konrad Konsitzke and 103-pound Mike Haar — went 4-1. Laramie earned a spot in the school record book when he notched the fastest pin (11 seconds) in Canton histo-

ry in his match against Dearborn. The old mark of 13 seconds was shared by Sweda.

"Konrad had to move up to 152 because we didn't have Matt, and his only loss came against a really tough kid from Allen Park," Randolph said.

Randolph commended the effort of 132-pound sophomore Steve Cox, who went 3-2.

"Steve has been a great addition to our team this year," Randolph said. "His nickname is 'The Scrapper' because he never stops. He's wrestling real well."

Canton returns to action Dec. 30 when it will compete in the Birmingham Brother Rice Invitational. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2108

SideLines

Speed camp

The Velocity Sports Performance training center in Canton will be offering a four-day speed camp focusing on the fundamentals of speed and agility in a fast-paced and fun program.

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Each class is one hour in length. The camp will be divided into three age groups (7-11, 12-14 and 15-18) with three daily schedule options: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Classes will run from Jan. 2 through Jan. 6. The cost is \$60 per athlete. Pre-registration is required.

The registration deadline is Dec. 30. For more information on the speed camp and other Velocity Sports programs, call (734) 485-2561, or visit www.velocitysp.com/canton.

College kudos

The following local athletes are excelling for Albion College:

■ Meghan Stewart of Canton, a senior at Albion, was honored recently for her accomplishments as a member of the Britons' women's golf team, which averaged 359 in five league matches.

In Salem graduate Jon Gordon, of Plymouth, received a varsity award for participating on the Britons' men's golf team.

Hoop clinic

The "Holiday Slam" youth basketball clinic will be held in the Canton High School Phase III gymnasium Dec. 29-30 for kids in kindergarten through sixth grades.

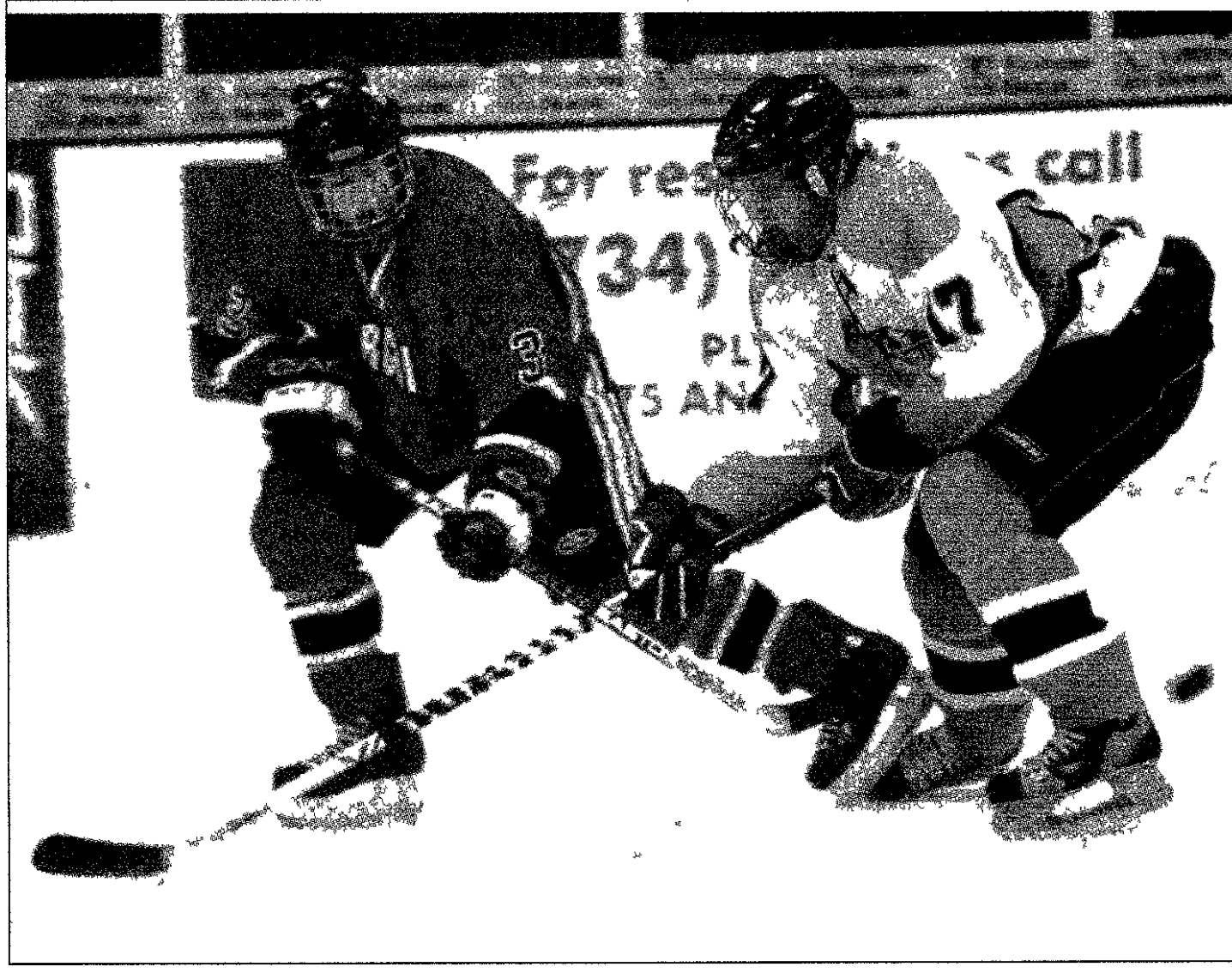
Basketball fundamentals will be the focus of the two-day holiday break clinic, which will cost \$75. The cost includes a T-shirt, basketball and tickets to Detroit Pistons and Detroit Shock basketball games. To register, visit www.santaslam.com.

Ten-Star Camp

Applications are currently being evaluated for the Ten-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp, which is by invitation only. Boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19 years old are eligible to apply. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Jerry Stackhouse and Grant Hill.

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One of the camps will be held in Ypsilanti. For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873.



Livonia Churchill's Mike Plumley (left) and Plymouth's John Knoerl battle for possession of the puck during Tuesday's showdown at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Wildcats scored a pair of third-period goals to earn a 2-2 tie with the Chargers.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Late charge Plymouth icers rally from 2-0 deficit to deadlock Churchill

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's hockey team earned a point for resilience Tuesday night in its Western Lakes Activities Association showdown with Livonia Churchill.

The Wildcats scored a pair of third-period goals to wipe out a 2-0 deficit and tie the Chargers, 2-2, in a game played at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

The tie left Churchill with a 1-2-3 mark and a sour taste in coach Pete Mazzoni's mouth.

"We let this one slip away," said Mazzoni, referring to his team's inability to secure its two-goal cushion. "We had a very bad turnover in the third period and gave it away. We're playing well, we just can't find the back of the net."

"Plymouth is much improved from last year, which is good for our league."

Wildcat junior goalie Justin Desilets shined, re-directing 35 Charger shots. Churchill net-minder

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, C4

MU's Abraham named top coach

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Team success and unity are the buzzwords around Madonna University's volleyball program and the man who leads the way, Jerry Abraham.

But there was nothing Abraham, a Plymouth resident, could do Thursday to get out of the individual limelight. He was named the 2005 AVCA/NALA National Volleyball Coach of the Year during an awards banquet in San Antonio, Texas, the first-

ever Madonna coach in any sport to receive such an honor.

"I'm not into individual stuff," said Abraham, over the telephone from the Tachikara/AVCA Honors Banquet, annually held in conjunction with the NCAA Division 1 volleyball Final Four. "But this was a dream season, culminated by this special event I had a chance to experience today."

Abraham's award came hot on the heels of the Crusaders' spectacular season. Madonna

went undefeated in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference season to win a ninth consecutive title as well as the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Region VIII crown. With that, the Crusaders earned an automatic berth to their eighth NALA National Championship appearance.

MU finished 48-2 overall, dropping a heartwrenching semifinal to eventual NAIA

PLEASE SEE ABRAHAM, C11



Madonna University head volleyball coach Jerry Abraham congratulates a player during the recent national tournament in San Diego. He was named AVCA/NAIA Volleyball Coach of the Year.

MU SPORTS INFORMATION

It's time to celebrate 2005 athletic feats



Ed Wright

Yeah, I know it — I'm far from a poet. But in the spirit of the season, I thought I'd script a little holiday poem that celebrates some of the many athletic success stories that unfolded at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park over the past year.

So, let's not waste any more time — I'm more than ready to rhyme.

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the Park, not an athlete was stirring, the gyms were all dark.

The fields are snow-covered, the track is white, too. I can't think of a better time for an '05 review.

Yes, Canton's gridiron heroes enjoyed a memorable fall. Ready! Set! Hut! Hey! Which Chief has the ball?!

Deshon McClendon was mighty, his offensive line was a shield. You know your season's super, when your last game's at Ford Field.

Plymouth made the D1 playoffs, led by its gutsy QB Jones. Breni's feat was pretty amazing, you see, he played with broken bones.

As for the area's volleyball talent, there was nothing not to like. Unless you were on the wrong end of a sizzling Jeanine Mouse spike.

The trio of schools' girls' hoop teams threw opponents for a loop. From A'aya to Z'emanski, these ladies sure can hoop.

Canton's Brian Samulski proudly filled Coach Bob Blohm's shoes. With Ealy, Houdek and company, the Chiefs would hardly lose.

And Salem's coach, Fred Thomann, continued to win and win. With a quartet of stars returning, Fred has four good reasons to grin.

Coach Reilly's 'Cats were prowling, a share of the WLAA crown they own. Their all-out effort this past year, made opponents sigh and groan.

The Park was rich in wrestling talent, look at Phillips, Stump and Fox. Just ask a few of their opponents, who they wrapped in tight headlocks.

For Canton's strong boys' hoop team, a district title was nearly won. Until a kid named "Bubba" buried a jumper at the gun.

And on the baseball diamond, Salem's hitters started slow. But by the middle of June, they resembled 'Murderer's Row.'

The Rocks almost ousted Putnam and the No. 1-ranked Pioneers, in a classic regional final, that'll be talked about for years.

And in the track-and-field world, a number of athletes stood out. From Calille to Kapadia to Coleman, whose talents left no doubt.

There were so many fine efforts, I can't write about them all. I just want everyone to know covering them was a ball.

Happy holidays

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Red-hot Pioneers rebound to down Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's basketball team didn't play half bad Tuesday night, but the Chiefs still came out on the short end of a 73-57 decision to Ann Arbor Pioneer.

The Chiefs actually led, 26-20, at the half before getting buried by a hot-shooting group of Pioneers over the final 16 minutes.

The loss dropped Canton to 2-2 while host Pioneer improved to 3-1.

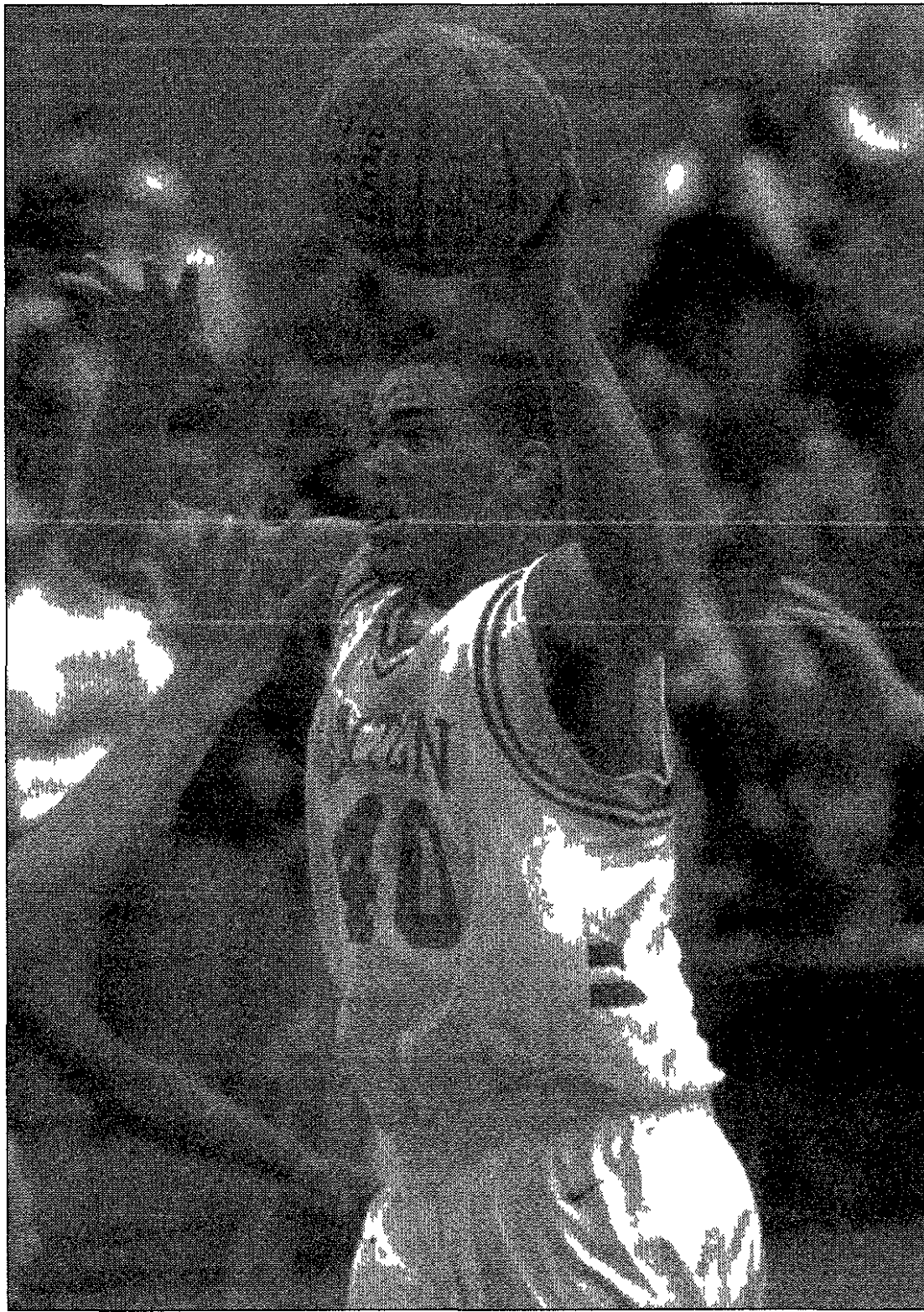
"We held our own in the first half, but in the second half we gave them some open looks and — to their credit — they made them," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We were still in the game late in the third quarter, but we missed a lot of free throws — including the front end of some one-and-ones — and they made their free throws."

"We gave up 53 points in the second half alone, which is more points than we've given up in an entire game up until tonight."

Sophomore forward Neal Sharma had a break-out game for the Chiefs, tallying a team-high 14 points. Senior guard D.J. Bridges netted 13 points and eight rebounds, Ryan Waidmann and Andy Larsen both contributed nine points, Rob Eppler scored seven while Steve Paye twined five. Larsen also clipped in with six boards.

Austin Green was the man for Pioneer, ripping the nets for 22 points, 19 of which came after the intermission. J.T. Knight also shined, netting 16.

The Pioneers were profi-



Canton's Andre Bridges, pictured above in a game earlier this season, scored 13 points in the Chiefs' 73-57 loss to Ann Arbor Pioneer Tuesday night.

cient at the free throw line, draining 20-of-24 attempts. Canton, on the other hand, connected on just 8-of-16 free shots in the fourth quarter.

"We did a nice job on the boards tonight," Paye said. "We held them to only four offensive rebounds. That's an area we were getting hurt in coming into tonight. The

problem tonight was they made us play faster than we wanted to, especially in the second half. We did a decent job breaking their press, but then we'd shoot too quickly once we broke it."

Canton turned the ball over 13 times compared to Pioneer's 11 miscues. ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2108

Haslett edges Wildcats, 51-45

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Life can only get easier for Plymouth's basketball team after facing its second state-ranked team in as many weeks Tuesday night in the first round of the Eighth Annual Chelsea Holiday Classic.

Haslett, the eighth-best team in Class B according to one poll, outlasted the Wildcats, 51-45. Plymouth (1-2) lost to state-ranked Robichaud earlier this month.

"You have to play good teams to get good," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "Haslett is a very good team. They're ranked for a reason. We just have to learn from this and move on."

The Wildcats moved on to Wednesday night's consolation game against Howell. Results of that contest will be published in Sunday's Observer.

The Vikings led 14-11 after one quarter and 30-20 at the half. Led by senior forward Josh Le Duc, the Wildcats' chiseled their deficit to 36-29 after three quarters, but could-

n't get any closer than six over the final eight minutes.

Le Duc led the Wildcats in points (13) and rebounds (12). Also making solid contributions to Plymouth's cause were Jake Hager (nine points, four boards), D.J. Coleman (eight points) and Jim Wilbur (seven points and five rebounds).

"We had 22 turnovers which didn't help," Van Wagoner said. "They ran a simple half-court trap that caused us some problems right away, but once we made adjustments, they switched out of it."

"I thought Josh and Jake both played well. We're getting consistent play out of our big guys, which is important. We also received good energy off the bench from Alex Harvey and Austin Barnett."

Haslett (5-0) was paced by Jordan Cooper, who twined 11, and Zach Wakulsky, who netted 10. The sharp-shooting duo combined for five three-point baskets. Nathan Turner also played well for the Vikings, finishing with nine points.

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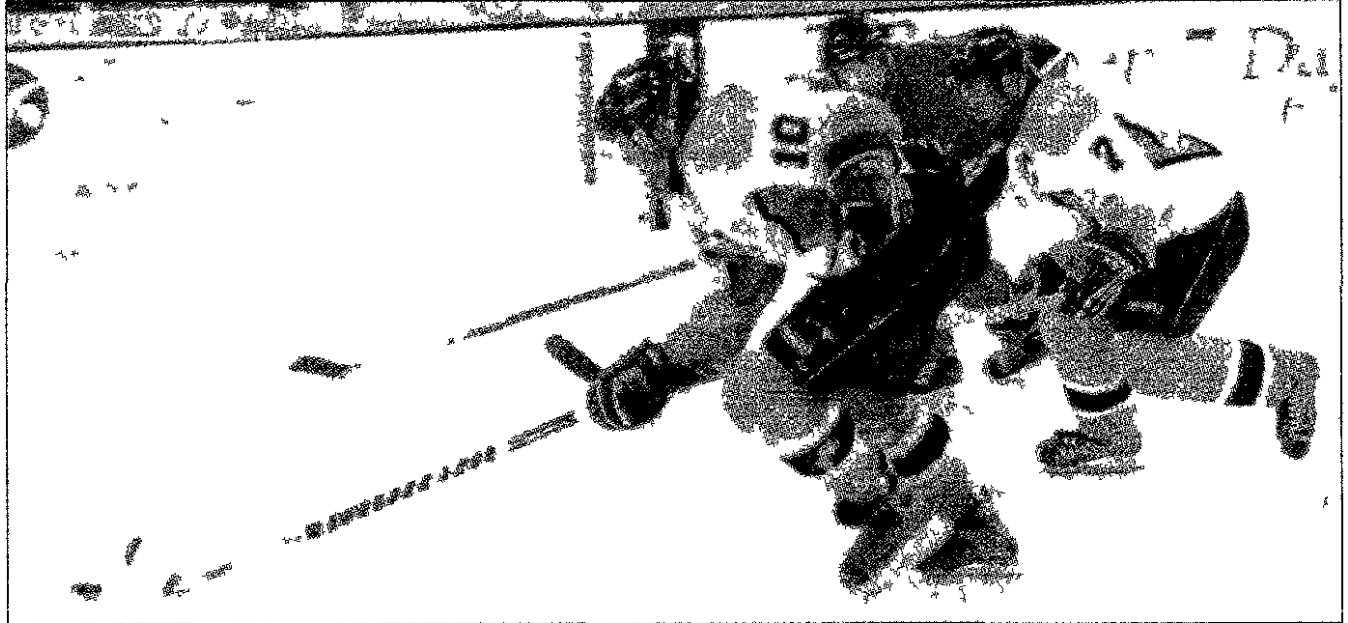
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HOCKEY

FROM PAGE C1
 Scott Lewan also played well notching 19 saves.
 Following a scoreless first period the visiting Chargers grabbed a 1-0 advantage 27 seconds into the second stanza on Keith Yackley's goal.
 Yackley's ice-breaking net find was assisted by Zac Archer and Matt Heimzelman.
 Churchill scored what appeared to be an insurance goal eight minutes later when Andy Iaberge sid the puck past Desilets. Tony Ross and Heimzelman were credited with assists.
 However, the never say die teams scored back in the

final frame when Mark Olivier scored with 13:05 left off an assist from Mike Barile.
 Plymouth drew even with just 3:12 showing on the clock when Barile secured a shaky clearing pass by Churchill and fed Jason O'Gunn who lit the lamp with the game-tying goal.
 Both goalies proved invincible over the final three minutes.
 Churchill returns to action Friday when it returns to Compuware to battle Northville in a make-up game.
 Plymouth takes on Livonia Stevenson Friday at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. The opening face-off is set for 6 p.m.
 Plymouth's Charlie Webb (10) and Ryan Stamm (7) sprint past an unidentified Churchill defender during Tuesday night's 2-2 draw between the two Western Lakes Activities Association teams.



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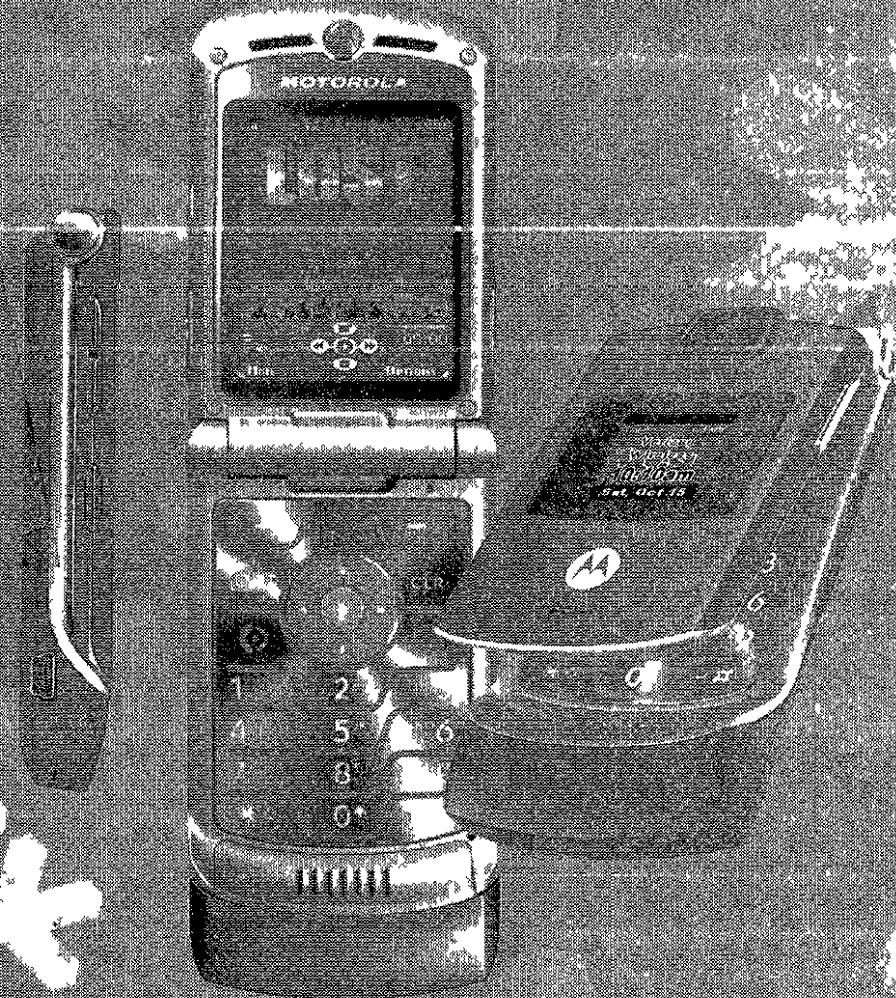
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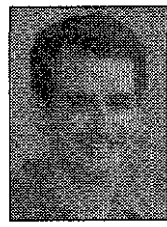
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Jamie Samuelsen

It's all Lions fans have now. We're 50 years into a life sentence at *Shawshank*. At the bitter end of what was supposed to be a winning season, there is nothing left to hold on to. There's no quarterback. There's no coach. And the man who put this mess together is here for five more years.

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sports was ridiculed more than the Bucs for decades before they got it together. Lions fans wonder, why not us? Well, why not?

Why can't Matt Millen patiently sift through the coaching candidates to pluck the next Bill Belichick? Why can't the Lions unearth the next Kurt Warner stocking grocery shelves somewhere in middle America? True, the track record isn't there. Millen seems more likely to jump at the first guy he interviews and misfire on another Joey Harrington in the draft. But you have to hope that his time he won't.

Millen has many traits that scare all Lions fans. He's rash, he's stubborn and he lacks a clear idea of what he wants in a football team. But one thing Millen is not is dumb. He didn't get to where he is being a dope. He knows he's made mis-

takes and he at least seems willing to learn from them. I'm guessing he'll take a long time picking his next head man, even if it means missing out on the next Marty Mornhinweg.

The emotional side of you wants to agree, to hope for the best. The logical side of you says this is the Lions and nothing that applies to other teams ever applies to this one. Ever. It's a tough point to argue, but you really don't have a choice. They're your Lions, forever. 'Til death do you part. So short of a playoff victory or even a winning season, you have to hope.

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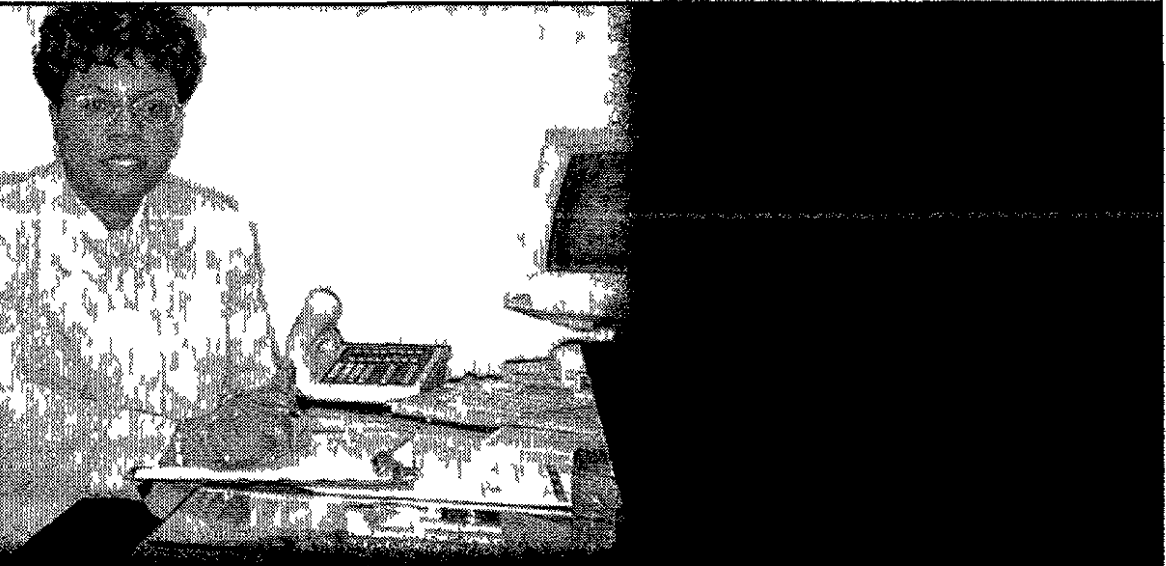
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Strong cast of Chief swimmers set for big year

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's boys swimming team will make its presence felt in the Western Lakes Activities Association this season thanks to a strong returning cast of swimmers.

The Chiefs lost standouts John Faroani and Kevin Cafarelli to graduation, but return several talented athletes from last season's team that placed fourth in the WLAA league meet.

"Our younger guys are coming along nicely," said coach Ed

BOYS SWIM PREVIEWS

Weber, who is beginning his fifth year at the helm. We have some very talented juniors and seniors who should make us competitive."

Among the leading returners are captains Nick Landis and Shogo Uno, both seniors who have state-qualifying ability.

"Nick's best events are the 500 and 200 freestyle," Weber said. "He's a very hard worker in the pool and a great leader. Shogo is a talented swimmer whose full potential we haven't

seen yet. He's good in the IM, but his main events are the butterfly and 50 freestyle."

Weber is also expecting strong seasons out of junior Ross Schwarz, junior Rob Blaesser (backstroke, 500 freestyle), junior Matt Carlson (200 IM, 100 breaststroke), senior Alex Marimica (100 butterfly, 500 freestyle), senior Nathan Phillips (backstroke, IM), senior Derek Schmitt (50, 100 and 200 freestyle), Jon Templeton (freestyle events), junior Russell McBan (500 freestyle) and senior Dan Anthony (breaststroke).

"Northville and Livonia Stevenson are the teams to beat and they probably will be next year too because they have an entire class of juniors that is amazing," Weber said.

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The Rocks have perhaps the youngest team in coach Chuck Olson's long and distinguished high school coach career. Just three seniors are included on the Rocks' roster.

"If we keep things together, we should be all right by the end of the year," Olson said. "The seniors we do have are

versatile and the younger guys will get a lot of valuable experience."

Salem, which finished third in the WLAA last season, lost a slew of talented swimmers to graduation. Nick Dixon, Matt Jurcak, John Kline, Penn Chou, Mike Higgs and Pat Sautural Dixon and Jurcak are now displaying their swimming talent at the Air Force Academy.

"We have a lot of newness on this team," Olson said. "We have a lot of work to do to get to where I'd like us to be. But we have a lot of hard-working guys

"Our three senior captains — Adam Clark, Rick Strahan and Steve Moore — are all good guys who practice hard. They just didn't get a lot of opportunity last year with all the seniors we had."

"I actually pulled all three of them off a swim class four years ago because we didn't have any ninth-graders on the team. I'm very happy now they decided to join the team."

Olson also spoke highly of Nick Leone, Nick Hoffmeyer, Stan Chen, David Olson, Matt Underhill, John Babb and Nate Spala.

PREP SWIM RESULTS

WLAA CONFERENCE RELAYS

Dec. 17 at Salem
FINAL TEAM STANDINGS: 1. Livonia Stevenson 267, 2. Northville 254, 3. Canton 198, 4. Salem 165, 5. W.L. Northern 158, 6. Livonia Churchill 134, 7. W.L. Western 115, 8. Plymouth 113, 9. W.L. Central 106, 10. Wayne Memorial 90, 11. Westland John Glenn 80, 12. Livonia-Franklin 56.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT RESULTS

400-yard medley relay: 1. Northville (Brody Blicke, Westen Laabs, Chris Keady, Brad Farris) 3:40.40; 2. Stevenson (Robert Luke, David Gosdzinski, Scott Geverink, Sam Lora), 3:56.67; 3. Canton (Robert Blaesser, Matt Carlson, Nick Landis, Derek Schmitt), 3:57.51; 4. Salem (Matt Underhill, Kory Dongzila, Stan Chen, Steve Moore), 4:23.93; 5. Churchill (Patrick Brunsch, Patrick Hays, Joseph Rayford, Ben Lamerand) 4:29.80; 6. John Glenn (Nick Stone, Jon Whit, Josh Eldridge, Perry Johnson), 4:32.67; 7. W.L. Central (Tory Tedernington, Mike Wilson, Ryan Mccell, Brad Nedrow), 4:36.40; 8. Plymouth (Paul Sawyer, Justin Huey, Jack Distel, Justin Scaparo), 5:03.52; 9. W.L. Western (Steve Nielson, Chris Backson, Rizarz Stafa, Mike Palmieri), 5:44.60; 10. W.L. Northern (Jimmy McGinly, Blake Campbell, Alex Musto, Ian Gidgallon), 5:25.59; Franklin (disqualified).

400 freestyle relay: 1. Stevenson (Matt Hassen, Kyle Herman, Michael Cruce, Travis Hatt), 3:24.12; 2. W.L. Northern (Matt Zavislavik, Eric Erdos, Ryan Gerber, Roman Sandler), 3:30.72; 3. W.L. Central (Jack Oliver, Blake Thomas, Brandon Berry, Brian Gurta), 3:36.45; 4. Northville (John Barsley, Jack Temple, Greg Sheppard, Mark Stuber), 3:39.82; 5. Salem (Nick Hoffmeyer, David Olson, Adam Clark, Nick Leone), 3:48.59; 6. Canton (Jon Templeton, Richard Zhang, Jan Gonzalez, Russell McBan), 4:00.04; 7. Wayne Memorial (Adam Beyer, Jarrett Machovec, Jordan Holland, Nick Martin), 4:04.28; 8. Franklin (Kenneth Wood, Tim Tyler, Mike Wood, Joe Michniewicz), 4:18.12; 9. Plymouth (Alex Alber, Ryan Kearsley, Tony McLaughlin, Peter Nolan), 4:34.09; 10. John Glenn (Kevin Chappelle, Ryan Myers, Andrew Brown, Matt Espy), 4:40.33; 11. Churchill (Greg Van Gorp, Ricky Scully, Marcus Vega, Jacob Keeler), 4:44.16; 12. W.L. Western (Oditya Badarnath, Ivan Malinov, Mike Kidd, Danny Ware), 5:07.57.

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200 freestyle: 1. Nick Leone (S), 1:57.73; 2. Steve Moore (S), 2:04.55; 3. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 2:04.94; 200 IM: 1. Andy Knisely (P), 2:14.61; 2. Stan Chen (S), 2:19.18; 3. David Olson (S), 2:27.08; 50 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 24.77; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 26.23; 3. Adam Clark (S), 26.59; Diving: 1. Justin Magill (P), 166.50; 2. Ryan Oidani (P), 105.60; 3. Kyle Powell (S), 98.70; 100 butterfly: 1. Stan Chen (S), 104.42; 2. Sorn Oprican (P), 108.58; 3. David Olson (S), 109.03; 100 freestyle: 1. Nick Leone (S), 53.04; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 58.54; 3. John Babb (S), 59.26; 500 freestyle: 1. Steve Moore (S), 5:37.11; 2. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 5:42.04; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 6:25.07.

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Nolan Alex Ruedyer, Nick Cobane), 1:58.52; 9. W.L. Northern (Stephen Smith, Alex Campbell, Ian Gidgallon, Evan Cole), 2:18.36; 10. Franklin (Patrick Murphy, Brett Woods, Eric Madaj, Pavan Thyagaraj), 2:32.71; 11. Churchill (Alex Lamerand, Nathan Larsen, Seth Klein, Greg Van Gorp), 2:33.48.

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Dec. 20 at Salem
200-yard medley relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Conger, Andy Knisely, Sorn Oprican, Ben Ambrose), 1:53.84; 2. Salem, 1:55.67; 3. Salem, 2:02.59; 200 freestyle: 1. Nick Leone (S), 1:57.73; 2. Steve Moore (S), 2:04.55; 3. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 2:04.94; 200 IM: 1. Andy Knisely (P), 2:14.61; 2. Stan Chen (S), 2:19.18; 3. David Olson (S), 2:27.08; 50 freestyle: 1. Matt Underhill (S), 24.77; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 26.23; 3. Adam Clark (S), 26.59; Diving: 1. Justin Magill (P), 166.50; 2. Ryan Oidani (P), 105.60; 3. Kyle Powell (S), 98.70; 100 butterfly: 1. Stan Chen (S), 104.42; 2. Sorn Oprican (P), 108.58; 3. David Olson (S), 109.03; 100 freestyle: 1. Nick Leone (S), 53.04; 2. Ben Ambrose (P), 58.54; 3. John Babb (S), 59.26; 500 freestyle: 1. Steve Moore (S), 5:37.11; 2. Nick Hoffmeyer (S), 5:42.04; 3. Paul Snyder (P), 6:25.07.

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Canton, Salem fare well in WLAA Conference Relays

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

As expected, the Western Lakes Activities Association's boys swimming titans — Northville and Livonia Stevenson — battled for supremacy at Saturday's WLAA Conference Relays held at Salem High School.

The Spartans won that battle, 267-254, but a pair of P-CEP schools — Canton and Salem — paced the second tier of teams by finishing third and fourth, respectively, with 198 and 165 totals.

"I'm real happy with our third-place finish behind those two phenomenal teams," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "Unfortunately, we didn't get any diving points, so we were behind the eight ball from the beginning. But the boys were able to hang in there and they did very well."

"Our main interest going into the meet was to see how close or how far we were to Northville and Stevenson. It turns out we were quite a distance behind them, but I still thought we swam well."

Salem coach Chuck Olson said his team has had to wade through a sea of adversity during the season's early going. "All things considered, we did okay," said Olson. "We missed three practices because of problems with the pool, we had a snow day and then the kids got sent home early another day, so we've had a rough start to the season. But the kids have done all I can ask of them. They've handled it well."

"I expected Stevenson and Northville to be up there, and I knew Canton was going to be good because they have a lot of returning swimmers. I was pleased that we were able to finish near the top of the group."

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events. Walled Lake Northern was the only team able to break the two squads' domination by finishing first in the 200-yard medley relay.

"Northville made up a lineup where they stacked some teams to go for some meet records," said Stevenson coach Jeff Shoemaker. "We won this last year, but Northville still won the league. We're still the underdog, but a win is a win no matter what."

"Our younger guys (freshmen) swam well for us. We're happy with them. We were just able to spread out our lineup and come up with a win. We have a couple guys out with mono and that will hurt us tremendously."

Canton's best performance came from its 200-yard breaststroke quartet, which turned in a second-place effort. The Chiefs' foursome of Robert Blaesser, Nathan Phillips, Alex Marimica and Russell McBan earned a silver medal showing with a 2:00.0, which was 10 seconds slower than the first-place Spartans.

Salem's best showing was a third in the 200-yard backstroke relay. The Rocks' three-place unit consisted of James Crabill, John Babb, Doug Fransoli and Matt Underhill, who stroked to a time of

2:01.19. Plymouth finished eighth with 113 points. The Wildcats' top showing was from its fourth-place 200-yard medley relay team of Michael Conger, Sorn Oprican, Andy Knisely and Ben Ambrose.

Northern earned fifth in the final standings with 158 points.

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (January 4th, 2006) Tate & Co Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM

James Pullen Jr C72	5x5	TV VCR misc
Tabrina Mcfarland D124	5x10	Household goods
Carol Pamk D136	5x10	Dressers, boxes hutch
Domnador Reyes E179	10x20	1996 Dodge Stratus & misc table
Wilham Staten H281	10x10	Couch Asian hutch coffee table

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- December 13, 2005

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:30 p.m. in closed session to discuss employee negotiation. Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro. Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to move from closed session to open session at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for December 13, 2005. Table with 2 columns: Item Name, Amount. Total - All Funds: 2,025,841.18

RECOGNITION: RECOGNITION OF MSA DELIVERY SERVICE. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution in recognition of MSA Delivery Service 2005 Canton to Canton Hurricane Relief Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Term Expires. Ronald DePent: Dec 31, 2008; Michael Dudley: Dec 31, 2008; Ann Marie Peterson: Dec 31, 2008; Regina Coles Shamberger: Dec 31, 2008.

Item 4. AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS THROUGH THE END OF 2005 (FBD). Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to authorize the payment of the Township's bills on December 30, 2005, as normally scheduled.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, NOTICE OF HEARING Lexington Square I and II Subdivisions, Street Lighting Special Assessment

NOTICE is a hereby given by the undersigned, Terry G. Bennett, Clerk of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan, to all property owners in the proposed district described below and to all other interested persons.

- 1 That a petition for the formation of a special assessment district for the installation and maintenance of streetlights has been filed with the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton pursuant to Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended (MCL 41.289b)
2 That hearing on the said petition concerning the necessity of said improvement and the formation of this special assessment district will be held before said Board of Trustees at the Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road S., Canton, Michigan 48188, on the 24th day of January, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
3 That any property owner or other person interested in said proceedings may appear at said hearing, file objections to the entire petition or any part thereof, and be heard on said objections
4 That the proposed special assessment district is located in the Charter Township of Canton and is described as follows Lot numbers 1 through 88, Lexington Square I, Liber 102, Pages 99-96 and lot numbers 89-126, Lexington Square II Subdivisions, Liber 103, Pages 31-33, Register of Deeds, Wayne County, Michigan
5 That said petition and the estimated costs and expenses of said assessment are filed in the office of the undersigned at 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton, Michigan 48188 and may be examined at any time during the regular business hours of said office prior to said hearing
6 That any property owner or other interested person who fails to appear and object to said petition or to the formation of the proposed special assessment district at the time and place of said hearing may be deemed to have waived his right to object under Act 264 of the Public Acts of 1931, as amended (MCL 41.289b)
7 That proposed layout of actual streetlight placement can be viewed in the Office of the Township Clerk between the hours of 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday AFTER INSTALLATION MINOR VARIATIONS MAY OCCUR IN THE LAYOUT BECAUSE THE ACTUAL PLOTTING OF LIGHTS HAS NOT BEEN FIELD TESTED BY DETROIT EDISON TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, PUBLISH 1/5/06
Item 6. AUTHORIZE GRANT APPLICATION SUBMISSION FOR KINYON CEMETERY INTENSIVE SURVEY. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the grant application submission for Kinyon Cemetery Intensive Survey. Motion carried unanimously.

Places and WHEREAS The anticipated cost of the project is \$10,000 with \$5,000 requested through the Historic Preservation Grant Fund and \$5,000 provided as a match through the Township General Fund and WHEREAS Such match funds will not be used to match other federal funds and WHEREAS Township Supervisor Thomas J. Yack is authorized to sign the application and resulting contract on behalf of Canton, and WHEREAS, Canton agrees to undertake the project should funding be received NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The Board of Trustees does hereby authorize submission of a Historic Preservation Fund grant application for the research, inventory and documentation of gravestones and vegetation in the Kinyon Cemetery and research leading to possible listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and further authorize a grant match of \$5,000 from the General Fund. Item 7. REAPPOINTMENTS TO CDBG ADVISORY COUNCIL (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to reappoint Mary Jane Weidenbach Vera Lieberman and Sylvester Noetzel to the CDBG Advisory Council for a two year term, effective January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2007, and Susan Wooley to a one year term effective January 1, 2006 and ending December 31, 2006. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. PURCHASING COOPERATIVES. (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to accept the 2005 list of those agencies who meet our bidding criteria. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. CANTON FINANCE POLICY AMENDMENTS AND ADOPTIONS. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following amendments to Policy F 10 and F 15. I further move to adopt the following policies: Vendor Selection and Vendor Protest for Formal Bids and Proposals. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. CONSIDER ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY DEDICATION ON CANTON CENTER ROAD BETWEEN PALMER AND CHERRY HILL (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the dedication of a 60 foot road right of way for the Canton Center Road Parcel No. 1, Tax Numbers 71 083 99 0004 002, 71 083 99 0004-707, 71 083 99 0004-700 Parcel No. 2 Tax Number 71 083 99 0004 707 Parcel No. 3, Tax Id No. 71 083 99 0004 707 and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the attached waivers and quit claim deeds. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR TEXAS CORRAL GRILL AND SALOON (FORMERLY DAMON'S) (MSD) Deleted. Item 2. CONSIDER TENTATIVE PRELIMINARY PLAT AND VARIANCE TO SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE FOR HIDDEN CREEK ESTATES (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the tentative preliminary plat and variance to subdivision control ordinance for Hidden Creek Estates. Motion carried unanimously. Item 3. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR FIFTH THIRD BANK (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Fifth Third Bank. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER FAB INVESTMENTS REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution rezoning request of Ali Beydoun (FAB Investments). Motion carried unanimously. Item 4 a. CONSIDER CANTON LAND/COSTCO REZONING (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Canton Land /Costco. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER COSTCO PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution for preliminary planned development for Costco Wholesale. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CONCORD PARK AT CHERRY HILL (CONDOMINIUMS) AND PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR NAPIER WOODS AT CONCORD PARK (SITE CONDOMINIUMS) (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Concord Park at Cherry Hill Village and Preliminary Site plan for Napier Woods at Concord Park Site Condominiums. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AGREEMENT (ARCHDIOCESE PARCEL) (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for amendment No. 2 to the Cherry Hill Village PDD. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. CONSIDER CANTON LAND/COSTCO REZONING (MSD) Moved to G 4 a. Item 9. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE AND SITE PLAN FOR CANTON CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for special land use and site plan for Canton Christian Fellowship. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR CANTON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for site plan for Canton Friendship Church. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE CHERRY HILL PUD AND SITE PLAN FOR MORTON TAYLOR ESTATES CONDOMINIUMS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for revisions to the Cherry Hill PUD and Site Plan for Morton Taylor Estates. Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. CONSIDER BORDINE REZONING. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for rezoning request of Duane Bordine (Toll Brothers). Motion carried unanimously. Item 13. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR ANTONIO'S CUCINA ITALIAN RESTAURANT. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Antonio's Cucina Italian. Motion carried unanimously. Item 14. CONSIDER INCREASING PURCHASE ORDER 51996 TO CARRIER & GABLE, INC. FOR PURCHASING UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY (UPS) / BATTERY BACK-UP ITEMS FOR SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to increase Purchase Order 51996 in the amount of \$1,790 for purchase of battery backup traffic signal systems from Carrier & Gable, Inc. for a total not to exceed amount of \$93,921.50 (General Fund Account Homeland Security Grant - Equipment, Account Number 101 860 977-1600). Motion carried unanimously. Item 15. CONSIDER INCREASING PURCHASE ORDER 43754 TO CADILLAC ASPHALT, LLC FOR THE DENTON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to increase PO 43754 to Cadillac Asphalt LLC in the amount of \$489,246.16 for completion of the paving of Denton Road Improvements. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to increase PO 47577 to Wade Trm Associates in the amount of \$19,597.07 for inspection and contract administration for completion of Denton Road Improvements. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment in the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund for this project: Increase Revenues: Contribution from Private Sources: #403 000 675 0000 \$370 000; Appropriation from Fund Balance: 403 000 699 0000 \$3,615; Total: \$463 615; Increase Appropriations: Construction: #403 506 969 0000 \$463,615. This budget amendment increases the Capital Projects Road Paving Fund budget from \$1,619,860 to \$2,083,475. Motion carried unanimously. Item 16. MERIT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES' 2006 COMPENSATION AND FRINGE BENEFIT CHANGES. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the recommendation of the Merit Commission to: 1. Increase the salaries of the non union classified employees by 3.0% across the board and to increase the salary grade ranges for the non union classified employees by 3.0%; 2. Amend the Paid Time Off program as reflected in the attached exhibits; 3. Delete the Short Term Disability language and replace with Sick Days Supplementation as reflected in the attached exhibits; 4. Add Martin Luther King Day as a paid holiday; 5. Amend the medical insurance coverage for current and retired employees as reflected in the attached exhibits; 6. Increase the longevity pay as reflected in the attached exhibits; 7. All of these changes shall be effective January 1, 2006. Motion carried unanimously. Item 17. APPROVE ELECTED OFFICIALS' SALARY INCREASES. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for the adjustment in the salary of the office of Supervisor as of January 1, 2006 to \$119,779. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried.

Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adopt the resolution to adjust the salary of the office of Clerk as of January 1, 2006 to \$97,775. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried. Clerk - WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Clerk is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members salaries were last adjusted now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2006 the salary of the office of Clerk shall be as follows: Clerk \$97,775 salary. The foregoing resolution offered by board member Bennett supported by board member Zarbo. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted 6 Aye 1 No. The supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo, to adopt the resolution to adjust the salary of the office of Treasurer as of January 1, 2006 to \$97,775. Roll call vote: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried. Treasurer - WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3) in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board and WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Treasurer is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted, now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2006 the salary of the office of Treasurer shall be as follows: Treasurer \$97,775 salary. The foregoing resolution offered by board member Bennett supported by board member Zarbo. Upon a roll call vote the following voted 6 Aye 1 No. The supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution to adjust the salary of the office of Trustee on January 1, 2006 to \$11,817. Roll call vote: Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried. Trustee - WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board, and WHEREAS, the township board deems that an adjustment in the salary of the office of Trustee is warranted in consideration of the increase of the cost of living since township board members' salaries were last adjusted now BE IT RESOLVED, that as of January 1, 2006, the salary of the office of Trustee shall be as follows: Trustee \$11,817 salary. The foregoing resolution offered by board member Bennett supported by board member Kirchgatter. Upon a roll call vote, the following voted 6 Aye 1 No. The supervisor declared the resolution adopted. Item 18. REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONTINGENCY. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to authorize the reprogramming of CDBG funds to and the establishment of FY Affordable Housing Contingency fund in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). I further move to authorize the reprogramming of CDBG funds. I further move to approve the following budget fund transfers in the Federal Grants Fund for this reprogramming: Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Vacant Lot Purchase: 274 666 971 2002 (\$62,808.24); Adult Day Care: 274 666 847 9900 (\$1,270.00); MI Ave Rec Bldg Improvements: 274 666 975 9600 (\$12,843.93); Affordable Housing Contingency: 274 666 972 2005 \$76,922.17. \$0.

This budget fund transfer does not increase or decrease the Federal Grant Fund budget for FY 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Item 19. APPROVAL OF 2005-2006 SPECIALIZED SERVICES OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTRACT. (ACSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2005-2006 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program contract with SMART in the amount of \$28,047 (Social Services Transportation Account #101 670 860 0000). Motion carried unanimously. Item 20. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT-TRANSFERS TO POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendments for additional contributions to the Post Employment Benefits Fund: GENERAL FUND Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance: #101 000-699 0000 \$ 4,652; Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Fringe Benefits Supervisor's Office: #101 171 720 0000 \$(10,059); Fringe Benefits Administrative Svc: #101 175-720 0000 (9,885); Fringe Benefits Clerk's Office: #101 215 720 0000 (5,689); Fringe Benefits Human Resources: #101 220 720 0000 (4,949); Fringe Benefits Finance & Budget: #101 223 720 0000 (17,890); Fringe Benefits Community Services: #101 250 720 0000 (8,469); Fringe Benefits Treasurer's Office: #101 253 720 0000 (5,689); Fringe Benefits Information Tech Svc: #101 258 720 0000 (9,539); Fringe Benefits Municipal Services: #101 305 720 0000 (8,090); Fringe Benefits Building Services: #101 371 720 0000 (5,139); Fringe Benefits Emergency Management: #101 426 720 0000 1,060; Fringe Benefits Stormwater Drains: #101 445 720 0000 (3,387); Fringe Benefits Engineering Division: #101 447 720 0000 (22,065); Fringe Benefits Senior Citizens: #101 672 720 0000 (3,516); Fringe Benefits Recreation Division: #101 691 720 0000 (15,239); Fringe Benefits Leisure Services: #101 750 720 0000 (11,585); Fringe Benefits Sports Center: #101 755 720 0000 (1,567); Fringe Benefits Planning Services: #101 853 720 0000 (3,686); Contribution to Post Empl Benefits Fund: #101 959 965 7360 149,995; Total: \$ 4,652.

This budget amendment increases the General Fund budget from \$28,231,840 to \$28,236,492 and increases (decreases) the following department/division budgets: Supervisor's Office budget from \$308,300 to \$298,241; Administrative Services budget from \$283,705 to \$273,820; Clerk's Office budget from \$464,800 to \$459,111; Human Resources budget from \$505,526 to \$500,577; Finance & Budget budget from \$982,961 to \$965,071; Community Services budget from \$338,352 to \$329,883; Treasurer's Office budget from \$562,950 to \$557,261; Information Technology Services budget from \$950,175 to \$940,636; Municipal Services budget from \$387,700 to \$379,610; Building Services budget from \$1,902,679 to \$1,897,540; Emergency Management Division budget from \$149,690 to \$150,750; Stormwater Drains Division budget from \$565,417 to \$562,050; Engineering Division budget from \$1,368,225 to \$1,346,170; Senior Citizens Program Division budget from \$292,351 to \$288,835; Recreation Division budget from \$2,234,201 to \$2,218,962; Leisure Services Department budget from \$415,339 to \$403,754; Sports Center Division budget from \$510,250 to \$508,693; Planning Services Division budget from \$651,043 to \$647,357; Transfers Out Division budget from \$3,178,851 to \$3,328,846. FIRE FUND Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Fringe Benefits Fire Dept: #206 336 720 0000 \$(212,332); Contribution to Post Empl Benefits Fund: 206 336 965 7360 212,332; Total: \$0.

This budget amendment does not change the Fire Fund budget. POLICE FUND Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Fringe Benefits Police Dept: #207 301 720 0000 \$(16,482); Contribution to Post Empl Benefits Fund: 207 301 965-7360 16,482; Total: \$0.

This budget amendment does not change the Police Fund budget. COMMUNITY CENTER FUND Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Fringe Benefits: Community Center: #208 756 720 0000 \$(1,855); Contribution to Post Empl Benefits Fund: 208 756 965 7360 1,855; Total: \$0.

This budget amendment does not change the Community Center Fund budget. WATER & SEWER FUND Increase (Decrease) Appropriations: Fringe Benefits Public Works: #592 441 720 0000 \$(17,212); Fringe Benefits: Fleet Maintenance: 592 550 720 0000 (4,179); Contribution to Post Empl Benefits Fund: 592 441 965-7360 21,391; Total: \$0.

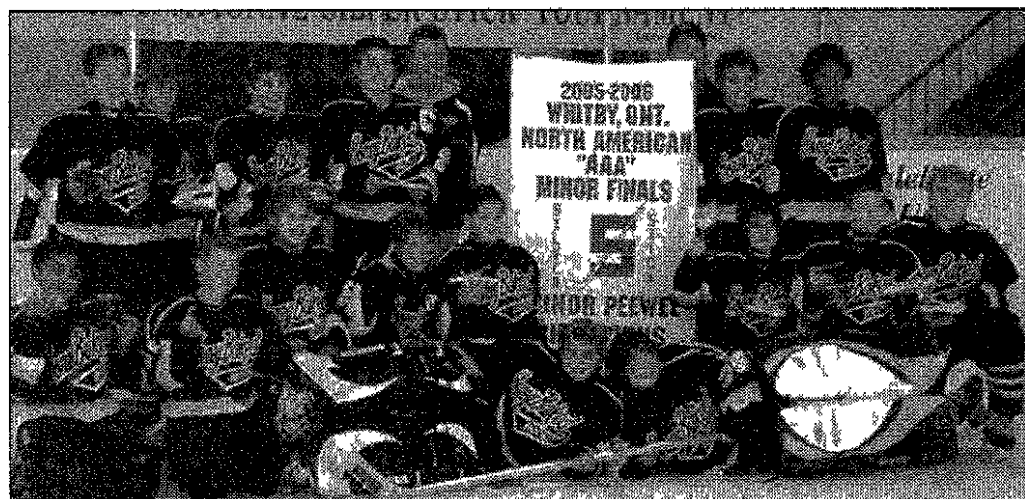
This budget amendment does not change the Water & Sewer Fund budget. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND Increase Revenues: Contribution from General Fund: #736 000 676 1010 \$ 149,995; Contribution from Fire Fund: 736 000 676 2060 213,332; Contribution from Police Fund: 736 000 676 2070 16,482; Contribution from Community Center Fund: 736 000 676 2080 1,855; Contribution for Water & Sewer Fund: 736 000 676 5920 21,391; Total: \$ 403,055.

Increase Appropriations: Contribution to Fund Balance: 736 238 999 0000 \$ 403,055. This budget amendment increases the Post Employment Benefits Fund budget from \$515,375 to \$918,430. Motion carried unanimously.



Victorious Quest

The Canton Quest Select '94 soccer team recently took first place in a season finale tournament in Canton Ohio. Trailing 2-1 in the championship game, the Quest rallied to knot the score at 2-2 with no time left on the clock, forcing a shoot-out, which the Quest won, 3-2. Pictured (back row from left) are parent coach Joe Sheridan, Lauren Chipman, Megan Peplinski, Lauren Leskovitz, Emily Southern, trainer Amy Dorogi, Maria Braun, Kaitlyn Jatczak, (middle row from left) Ashley Melnick, Lexy Barman, Kaitlyn Murphy, Alexandra Bryden, Kayla Berendt, Katie Mattson, Dominique Sarnecky, Andrea Marshall, Christine Jiang and (front row) goalie Stephanie Sheridan.



A HoneyBaked title

The '94 HoneyBaked AAA hockey team won the North American Silver Stick Championship over Thanksgiving weekend. HoneyBaked downed Compuware, 4-1 in the semifinal contest before nipping Mississauga, 2-1, in the final. Pictured (front row from left) are Brandon Hope, Matt Slinder (second row from left) Cam Yarwood, Sheldon Dries, Kevin Lining, Dennis Guss, Bryan Yim, Connor Wood, Tyler Gardner, Josh Henke, (third row from left) Nolan Gluchowski, Jake Foguth, Grant Weberman, Robert Ault, coach Todd Gardiner, coach Todd Dries, Waylan Williams and R P Dougherty. McKenzie McKeckeron is not pictured.



WSSL Division champions

The Canton Quest '97 girls soccer team earned first place in their division in the Western Suburban Soccer League with a spectacular 7-1 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Sara Hawks, Kaitlyn Pelech, Carly Davis, Lauren Fette, Rachel Dunlavy, (back row from left) Alyssa Bean, Samantha Cimino, Laura Weisz, Olivia Turner, Dayna Schroeder and coach Brian "Vader" Vanderziel.

ABRAHAM

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champion California Baptist in San Diego.

He also claimed top-coach honors for the WHAC and Region VIII, which are requirements to be considered for the national award.

On hand for the awards ceremony was one of MU's assistant coaches, Brian McClain, while two of Abraham's players (senior Ashley Frost and sophomore Jacqui Gatt, from Livonia Churchill) telephoned their congratulations.

Abraham (771-204) overall in his 19-year career at MU said it was wonderful to be honored at a banquet attended by the nation's top coaches and players, particularly with the NCAA connection.

"To be recognized amongst

all of them is a great honor, it's great for our university and it's a tribute to our players," Abraham said. "The players made all this possible."

Madonna's brilliant season brought individual honors to several players, as well. Seniors Ashley Frost and Natalja Timna (Redford) were selected to the All-America first team, while senior Laura Lesko and junior Caryn Inman earned All-America second team and honorable mention accolades, respectively.

"This is a team award and I'd like to thank my assistant coaches and all my players," said Abraham, listing assistants McClain, Tim DeBeliso and Erin Shrewsbury.

Senior setter Frost, meanwhile, said Abraham's honor is 'definitely well-deserved. He's one of the most amazing

coaches I've ever had."

"The entire Madonna University community is proud of the recognition coach Abraham has earned," said MU athletics director Bryan Rizzo. "It is a tremendous honor to be singled out as the top coach in the nation and he definitely deserves the recognition. He is truly the best."

Rizzo cited one reason why "He preaches family, their main word is 'we,' that's what it's all about," Rizzo said. "It's not about any individual. And it starts from the moment you're recruited. You're recruited by the Madonna volleyball 'family'."

That's the way Frost feels about Abraham, too. "We'll definitely remain friends," she said last week.

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Item 21. ACCEPT WATER AND WASTEWATER COST OF SERVICE REPORT AND ADOPT METHODOLOGY. (O) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the Water and Wastewater Cost of Service Report dated October 15, 2005 and adopt the rate methodology. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 22. BUDGET AMENDMENTS. (FBD) -GENERAL FUND -LEGAL FEES -GENERAL FUND - RUBBISH DISPOSAL FEES -STREET LIGHTING FUND -CABLE TV FUND -WWN FORFEITURE FUND -BUILDING AUTHORITY CONSTRUCTION FUND.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendments:

GENERAL FUND - Increase Revenues		
Appropriation from Fund Balance	#101 000 699 0000	\$ 165 900
Increase Appropriations		
Legal Fees General	#101 101 801 0002	\$ 48 250
Contracted Services Rubbish Disposal	101 521 821 0000	117,650
Total		\$ 165,900

This budget amendment increases the Township Board Department budget from \$477,309 to \$525,559 the Sanitation Division budget from \$2,675,000 to \$2,792,650 and the General Fund budget from \$28,236,492 to \$28,402,892.

STREET LIGHTING FUND		
Increase Revenues	\$ 6 206	
Increase Appropriations	\$ 6 206	
This budget amendment increases the Street Lighting Fund budget from \$218,126 to \$224,332		

CABLE TV FUND		
Increase Revenues	\$ 99,727	
Increase Appropriations	\$ 99,727	
This budget amendment increases the Cable TV Fund budget from \$815,569 to \$915,296		

WWN FORFEITURE FUND		
Increase Revenues	\$351,354	
Increase Appropriations	\$351,354	
This budget amendment increases the WWN Forfeiture Fund budget from \$305,805 to \$657,159		

BUILDING AUTHORITY CONSTRUCTION FUND		
Increase Revenues	\$287,169	
Increase Appropriations	\$287,169	
This budget amendment increases the Building Authority Construction Fund budget from \$0 to \$287,169		

Estimated general legal fee expenses for 2005		
General legal services, prosecutor in 35th District Court	\$284,000	
Taxes for commercial bankruptcy case	2,750	
Legal services for pension issues	4,000	
Total	\$290,750	

Budgeted amount		
Budget amendment requested	\$ 48 250	
Estimated rubbish disposal costs for 2005		
Canton Waste Recycling contract		
2005 costs year to date	\$2,489,411	
Estimate to complete 2005 100,000	\$2,589,411	

Onyx (compost disposal)		
2005 costs to date	\$ 113,239	
Estimate to complete 2005 40,000	153,239	
Total	\$2,742,650	

Amount budgeted		
Budget adjustment	\$ 117 650	
Item 23. BUDGET AMENDMENT - POLICE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT. (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy approve the following Budget amendment to cover the costs for the traffic enforcement program. Increase Revenues		

Police Traffic Forfeiture Funds	#207 000 655 1000	\$7,500
Increase Revenues		
Traffic Enforcement Account	#207 301 744 0000	\$7,500

This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$13,232,769 to \$13,240,269. I move to approve the purchase of 120 reflective traffic vests from Excellent Police Equipment, 52968 Van Dyke, Shelby Township, MI 48316 in the amount of \$6,000.

3. Further, I move to extend the deadline for capital purchasing and approve the purchase of 36 Traffic Enforcement Zone signs, stands and storage bags from MDI Traffic Control Products, 38271 W Twelve Mile Rd., Farmington Hills, MI 48331 in the amount of \$1,496. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 24. BUDGET AMENDMENT - POLICE OVERTIME. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund for Police overtime.**

Increase Revenues		
Refunds and rebates	207 000 687 0000	\$39,761
Grants - Public Safety	207 000 582 0000	\$15,751

Increase Appropriations		
Overtime Sworn Officers	207 301 708 0000	\$55,512

This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$13,240,269 to \$13,295,781. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 25. BUDGET AMENDMENT - FIRE OVERTIME. (PSD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund for Fire Overtime.** Increase Revenues

Rescue and Ambulance Service Fees	206 000 638 0000	\$100,000
Increase Appropriations		
Fire Sworn Overtime	206 336 708 0000	\$100,000

This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund Budget from \$11,151,774 to \$11,251,774. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** The next Regular Board Study Meeting will be Tuesday January 3, 2006 in the Board Room, First Floor, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo supported by Bennett to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk -

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Whalers' Vellucci pleased at holiday break

The Plymouth Whalers went into their final five games before the Christmas break with two goals in mind — win all five games and, more importantly, finish the pre-Christmas portion of the schedule in first place in the West Division.

"We want to be in first place in our division when we go home for the holidays," said Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci. "When you're sitting around the house during the holidays, you want to go out with a win."

Plymouth didn't win all five games, but winning four of five — coupled with Saginaw losing four of their last five games — gives the Whalers a two-point lead over the Spirit at the top of the division. The Whalers lead the division with a record of 18-11-3, Saginaw is two points behind at 19-13-0-0.

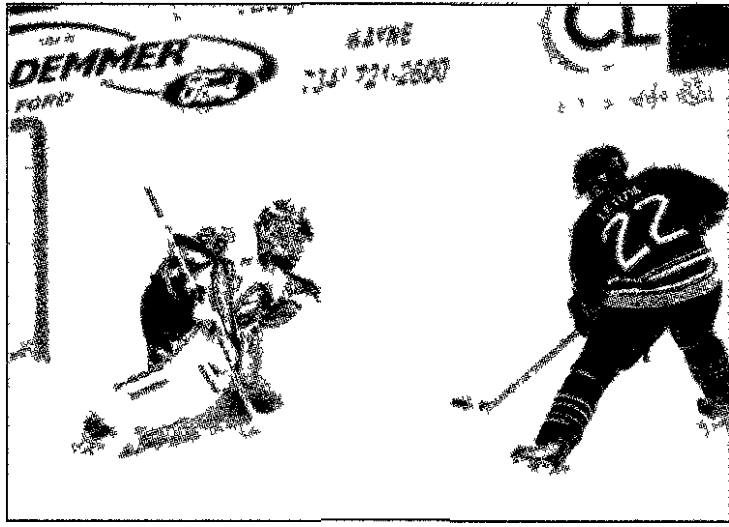
Plymouth started the segment by winning 6-3 in Sarnia Dec 8, and 6-3 at home against Owen Sound on Dec 10.

After falling, 5-4, in Peterborough Dec 15 to the league's top team, the Whalers rebounded to defeat Oshawa 7-4, on Friday and — in their best effort of the trip — defeated Toronto, 4-1, on Sunday.

Balanced scoring was one of the highlights of the trip. Plymouth scored 15 goals over the last three games and nobody scored more than one goal per game in four of the five games of the segment.

"Our team has always been evenly matched in terms of scoring," Vellucci said. "We don't count on one particular guy. That speaks volumes for our depth."

Plymouth has scored 133 goals so far this season, third overall in the Western Conference, with just one play-



Mike Letizia (22) and his Plymouth Whalers teammates lead the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division heading into the pre-holidays break.

er — John Vigilante — in the OHL's top 10 scoring. Plymouth's leading scorers for December are defenseman Steve Ward and center Evan Brophy, who both compiled 14 points. James Neal (11), Dan Collins (nine), Gino Pisellmi (eight) and Jared Boll (seven) all add to the Whalers' mix of balanced scoring for the month.

The Whalers also got a lift from rookies last weekend from Joe Gaynor and Ondrej Otčenáš, who scored single goals in successive games in the victories in Oshawa and Toronto. Both are waiting for a chance for more ice time and may get it in the second half.

Joes progressed well for us so far," Vellucci said of Gaynor, Plymouth's second-round pick (37th overall) last spring. "He hasn't received the ice time he'd like because of our numbers, but he's worked hard in practice and he's a future top player in our league. All the credit goes to Joe — he's worked very hard in practice." New goaltender Justin

Peters won three of his first four games in a Whalers jersey, posting a 3.25 goals-against average and 92.1 save percentage. He was named the third star in the loss in Peterborough and the second star in the Toronto victory. Peters is a big goaltender who moves well. He is talking all the time out on the ice and is not shy about moving the puck.

Peters is a character guy who's already respected around the locker room," Vellucci said. "We knew before making the trade that he was a great person and a leader-type. We're happy to have him. He's played pretty well so far and needs to keep going."

"It's good to have someone like Peters behind you," said new Plymouth defenseman Derek Merlim. "Because as a defenseman, he gives you some confidence and really helps you out."

Merlim — acquired from the Erie Otters and a native of Clinton Township — added to Plymouth's depth on the blue line and is an excellent penalty killer. He also contributed two

goals and an assist over the five-game segment.

Before the trade happened, if anyone would have asked me my number-one choice (to play), it would have been Plymouth," Merlim said. "I feel good about coming in and helping and showing that I belong here. Because of the numbers game, it was hard to get going in Erie — playing one game, then sitting the next — so now I'm just trying to get

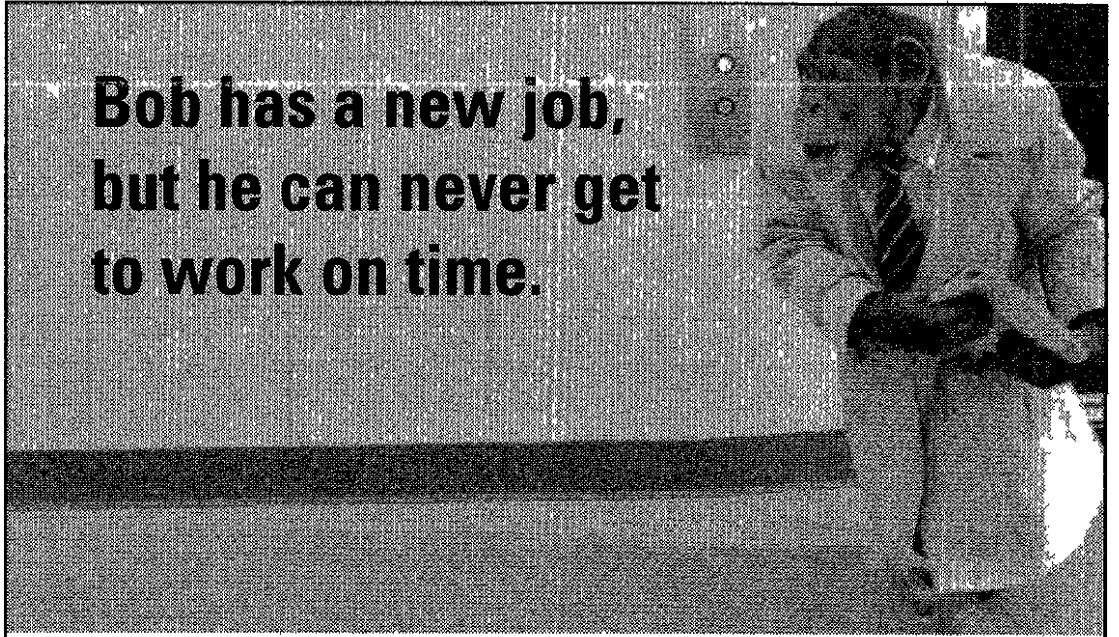
into a rhythm and play sound defense."

"I definitely like this team so far. I think we have a good team here that plays with good intensity and toughness and can score."

Still, the Toronto game was strange as both goaltenders — Toronto's Ryan Nie and Peters — faced their former teams since being traded for each other Dec 9. Peters — who played 154 games for Toronto

— was cheered by many of his old fans.

"Ryan's a great kid," Vellucci said of Nie. "It was very difficult to move him, but we had to do what we thought was best for the team. It's going to be very strange seeing him on the other end (of the ice). Usually when a goaltender is moved like that, guys know what his weak spots are and vice-versa. He'll be up for the game, too."



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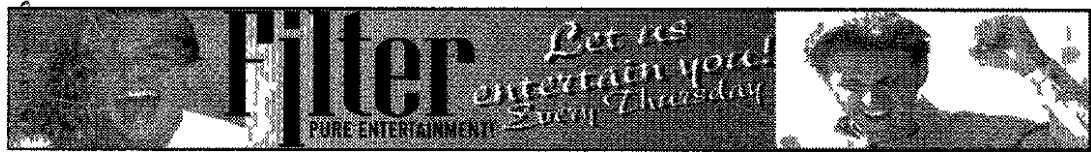
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Local Realtors help Goodfellows play Santa Claus



Gloria Thomson and Patty Belenky were among those involved in gathering gifts for the Southfield Goodfellows

Local Realtors and their colleagues were among area business people who have helped to make the holidays brighter for needy families this year. Again this holiday season, Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating of Birmingham donated for the many hundreds of children for the Southfield Goodfellows, serving Southfield and Lathrup Village Agents and employees bought and wrapped gifts for children in need.

Gifts were picked up by Mike Guzdial of the Goodfellows on Friday, Dec. 2, for distribution.

"We do this every year," said receptionist Patty Belenky of Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating. The Goodfellows provide gift tags indicating what's needed, some 75 were taken and staffs brought in wrapped gifts to see that no child goes without a Christmas gift.

"It's really nice," Belenky said. "I'm happy that we can do that. It puts the staff in the Christmas spirit."

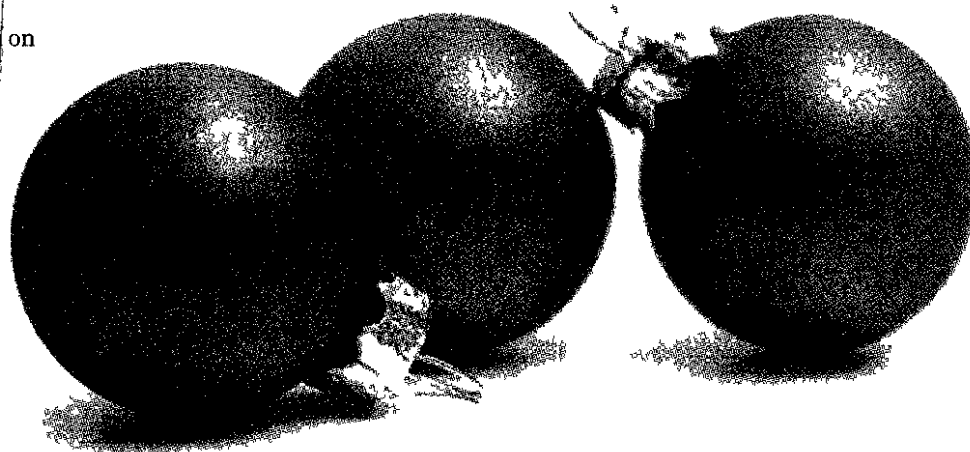
"Their goal is for each child to have a present to open on Christmas day. How could you stand that a kid didn't have a Christmas gift?" she said.

Staffers provided such items as clothing and toys, even such elaborate ones as bicycles. They don't participate in the food collection portion of the Goodfellows' effort.

By Julie Brown



Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating staffers enjoy the Christmas project.



Santa's grateful for the help of (back row) Mary Moriarty with Metropolitan Title, Patty Belenky and Kathy Haack, (front row) Pat Schenberger and Gloria Thomson. The gifts went to the Southfield Goodfellows.

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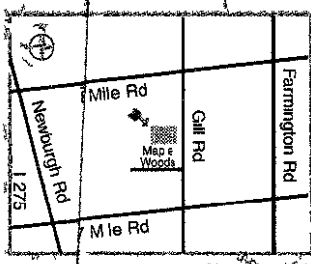
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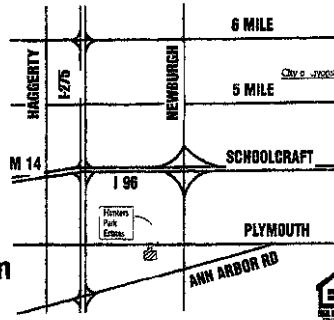
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Price, value often different

Reduced home sales prices have a lot of homeowners down in the mouth. Like other commodities, home prices will fluctuate up and down. It's to be expected. Just as stocks and bonds change to reflect the broad market conditions, the price or real estate fluctuates.



Timothy Phillips

I always try to distinguish between price and value. They are really two completely different animals. Just because properties may be selling for much less than they were, say, two years ago, it does not always follow that their values have decreased accordingly.

For example, if I were a real estate investor looking to pick up a few ranches in solid neighborhoods a couple years ago, I may not have done so because the home prices at the time relative to the value of holding those homes as investments was too great. Therefore, I did not make the purchases.

Now, consider the current scenario. Home prices have leveled and, in most cases, decreased around us resulting in more homes being available at discounted prices. As an investor, this is fantastic news as I can now add the very same homes to my "portfolio" at a discount. It is like having asked a stock broker to execute a purchase order when a valued commodity hits a certain "buy" price.

Similarly, homeowners who may be "spooked" by a slight dip in home market prices should really think twice about selling their home in this depressed market. The decision to sell should be based on their estimate of their home's relative value, not its current market price.

Homeowners and real estate investors alike should be mindful of the subtle differences between value and price as it could result in a savings or profit of thousands of dollars. Just because something is high-priced does not make it valuable, and a lower-priced home is certainly not invaluable.

Today's TIMBIT! Buying real estate in this "off season" may be a smart move for you. Consider it a Blue Light Special of sorts, or an even real estate "clearance rack," but I believe there's as much to cheer about as to fret about with our current market adjustment.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for free information online or call him toll free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of July 25-29, 2005 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
2494 Amber	\$290,000
1944 Bellingham	\$220,000
47951 Cardiff	\$168,000
1872 Cedar Valley	\$175,000
140 Cherry Grove	\$253,000
40645 Deer Creek	\$330,000
1276 E Franciscan	\$252,000
6532 Edgewood	\$234,000
8158 Endicott	\$176,000
1011 Foothill	\$287,000
1164 High Ridge	\$252,000
4480 Hunters	\$158,000
4249 Hunters	\$157,000
48492 Inverary	\$538,000
6676 Kings Mill	\$430,000
2287 Knollwood	\$162,000
2238 Lone Wolf	\$198,000
39951 Lynn	\$179,000
1311 Mistwood	\$303,000
8383 New Haven	\$442,000
7195 Oakleaf	\$279,000
40556 Ramblewood	\$243,000
42902 Saxony	\$248,000
46610 Spinning Wheel	\$275,000
4255 Rathmore	\$221,000
1891 Vine Way	\$136,000
7045 Woonsocket	\$233,000
555 Worthington	\$170,000
Garden City	
32324 Alvin	\$129,000
33521 Alvin	\$125,000
30099 Balmoral	\$144,000
33551 Florence	\$144,000
7070 Harrison	\$138,000
31920 John Hawk	\$144,000
28952 Marquette	\$149,000
31732 Pierce	\$161,000
29203 Rush	\$140,000
32240 Sheridan	\$165,000
Livonia	
36039 Six Mile	\$249,000
33919 Eight Mile	\$120,000
16020 Alpine	\$305,000
35020 Anstee	\$155,000
19410 Antago	\$127,000
14741 Arcola	\$175,000
9832 Asten	\$235,000
20330 Beatrice	\$165,000
11425 Blackburn	\$262,000
37745 Bloomfield	\$279,000
19305 Brentwood	\$193,000

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32982 Brookside	\$384,000	11356 Lenore	\$165,000
28594 Clarity	\$195,000	9927 Leverne	\$169,000
17251 Fairfield	\$381,000	20416 Lexington	\$103,000
16227 Fairlane	\$231,000	16875 Macarthur	\$179,000
18255 Foch	\$150,000	18348 Macarthur	\$143,000
14456 Gary	\$214,000	20414 Macarthur	\$93,000
11012 Haller	\$151,000	13545 Mercedes	\$146,000
11865 Haller	\$163,000	11344 Norborne	\$135,000
8949 Harrison	\$179,000	17730 Olympia	\$130,000
29031 Hathaway	\$170,000	20480 Olympia	\$127,000
14764 Hix	\$192,000	18504 Ponciana	\$135,000
32975 Indiana	\$195,000	15631 Pomona	\$97,000
29331 Jacquelyn	\$209,000	9119 Salem	\$119,000
36141 Jamison	\$212,000	9102 Sioux	\$158,000
33306 Kentucky	\$168,000	26309 W Seven Mile	\$52,000
36547 Ladywood	\$289,000	26211 W Chicago	\$192,000
9036 Louise	\$160,000	9607 Wormer	\$125,000
18924 Mayfield	\$245,000	11408 Wormer	\$145,000
9114 Melrose	\$182,000	15539 Wormer	\$80,000
Westland			
14202 Merriman	\$195,000	7540 August Ave	\$175,000
29435 Munger	\$220,000	613 Bedford	\$218,000
18768 Myron	\$185,000	30936 Beechnut	\$150,000
32812 Oakley	\$176,000	1677 Berkshire	\$160,000
14193 Park	\$187,000	32440 Bertram	\$157,000
14596 Park	\$194,000	34111 Blackfoot	\$145,000
27719 Perth	\$192,000	8285 Bristol	\$108,000
29149 Perth	\$184,000	7358 Central	\$70,000
16232 Riverside	\$230,000	33007 Chapaman	\$183,000
33122 Scone	\$218,000	8185 Donna	\$165,000
28544 Sunnydale	\$229,000	759 Eastley	\$141,000
31111 Wentworth	\$285,000	850 Fairlane	\$156,000
Plymouth			
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11001 Brooks	\$606,000	32145 Genessee	\$89,000
300 E Ann Arbor	\$159,000	34521 Hazelwood	\$142,000
40535 Micol	\$215,000	32465 Hivelay	\$153,000
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343 Red Ryder	\$230,000	32660 Lone Pine	\$165,000
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12415 Woodgate	\$197,000	2263 Minerva	\$179,000
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location. You are best advised to investigate the entire areas of Genoa and as well as the surrounding lakes which surround Lake Orta which may provide better financial opportunities. The government has set up various agencies to protect the environment which tributes to the natural and beautiful setting of the area.

Q. I plan to do a great deal of business in Milan and the lake districts, i.e. Lake Orta, etc. Where would you recommend that I purchase a residence?

A If you want a big city atmosphere, obviously, Milan is the place. You can buy a nice apartment unit in a high rise for

approximately \$400,000. The economy is somewhat soft in Italy and so you are probably in a better position to negotiate in Milan rather than in an area surrounding the lakes but bring plenty of water and soda since the cost of liquids in Italy seems to be more than the price of food. You also encouraged to negotiate the sales price given the market conditions in Milan and to have an experienced real estate agent who is fluent in English as well as, of course, Italian. The trains run on time.

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 \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium* available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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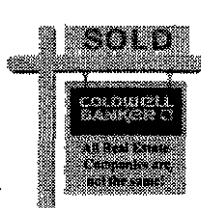
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Community Bank of Dearborn (734) 961-0822	6.125	0	5.75	0	J/A	Pathway Financial LLC (800) 726-2274	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A/V
Credit Union One (800) 544-5587	6.25	0	5.875	0	J/A	Peoples Mortgage (800) 730-5087	5.75	0.625	5.5	0.375	J/A
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eREFI.com www.eREFI.com	5.875	1	5.5	1	R	Shore Mortgage (800) 672-6683	5.375	0	4.875	2	J/A/V/F
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First Alliance Mortgage Co. (800) 292-7367	6.125	0	5.75	0	J/A/V/F	United Mortgage Group (586) 288-8500	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A
First International Mortgage (248) 268-1584	5.875	0	5.5	0	J/A	York Financial Inc. (888) 839-9675	6	0	5.625	0	J/A

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21408 Collingham	\$90,000	3875 Burkoff	\$375,000
34480 Commons	\$348,000	3631 Carmel	\$265,000
33875 Harlan	\$320,000	1942 Castleton	\$185,000
25351 Lynford	\$285,000	3160 Cedar Crest	\$300,000
24165 Noble	\$263,000	1396 Devon	\$280,000
34930 Pennington	\$280,000	2506 Hampton	\$475,000
21326 Randall	\$230,000	867 Kirts	\$147,000
24342 Ridgeview	\$323,000	909 Kirts	\$156,000
21332 Saint Francis	\$165,000	5621 Livernols	\$225,000
24751 Toddy	\$308,000	6692 Livernols	\$335,000
28426 W Eight Mile	\$70,000	5836 Northfield	\$144,000
		1149 Provincial	\$707,000
		2871 Roundtree	\$125,000
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28910 Monterey	\$187,000	2446 Anchor Bay	\$165,000
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28298 Red Leaf	\$106,000	5458 Claridge	\$390,000
27319 Shagbark	\$121,000	7474 Franklin Ridge	\$288,000
25324 Shawassee	\$67,000	5321 Isle Royal	\$540,000
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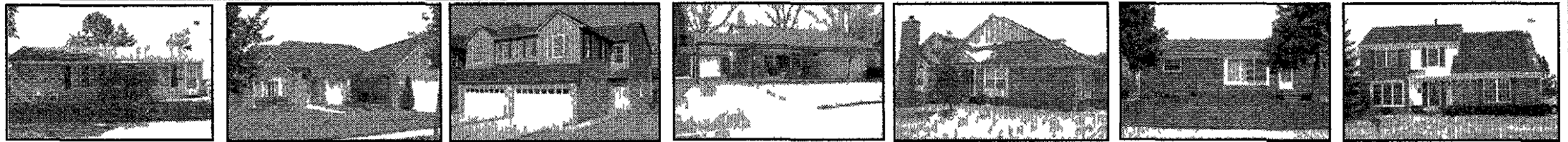
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CANTON RANCH Spacious ranch 1940 sq ft 3 bd 2 ba Prestigious master suite w/tray ceiling WIC & private bath Large Deck for entertaining screened in porch bay windows & skylight A must see! \$339 900 (C 878ED)

BRAND NEW CONDO! Phenomenal pricing on new construction with 9 ft basement ceilings with egress windows 2 story great room master w/ garden tub ceramics and hardwoods even a womanized deck! \$219 900 (C 520GL)

LIVONIA CONTEMPORARY Almost 1700 sq ft in this beautiful home Wide open floor plan w/ vaulted ceiling & large rooms Tastefully updated inc a bright Kitchen vinyl windows neutral paint & carpet Separate Living & Family Room A must see! \$194 900 (C 648Hl)

LUXURY MEETS VALUE Enjoy this beautiful ranch condo w/large master suite vaulted ceilings den/study 3 full baths & a finished basement Canton community at its best \$285 000 (C 491Kl)

PRICED TO SELL & READY NOW! Brick ranch offers many upgrades inc new crpt fresh paint new gar dr w/opener updated kit w/all appl & brand new full BA in part fin bsmt lmm occupancy Livonia schools city cert's done & more Call for more details \$159 900 (P 937JO)

NEW ON THE MARKET 4 bdrm Colonial w/newer carpet fresh paint ceramic Foyer 7 Kitchen spacious Family Room w/fp Formal Living & Dining rooms master suite w/WIC partially finished bsmt and much more \$256 000 (P 809SA)



BETTER HURRY! This huge 4 bedroom Canton colonial is a gem! Master Ste w/ bath and WIC huge family room w/fireplace bright kitchen major updates too - paint carpet flooring roof siding windows A/C & furnace & large yard \$259 900 (P 767Tl)



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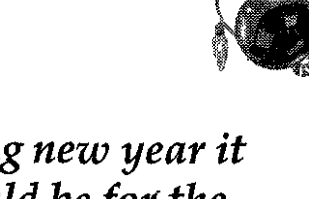
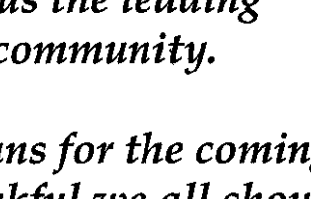
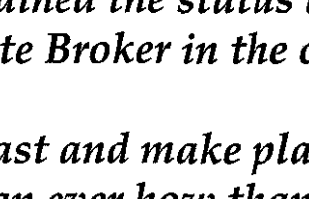
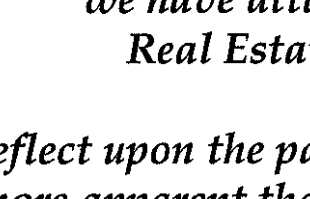
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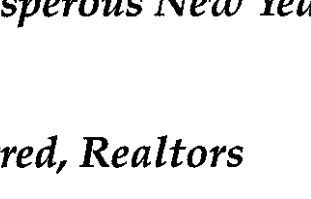
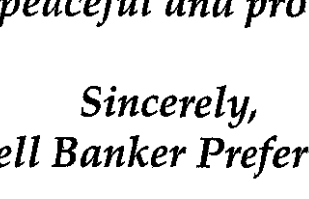
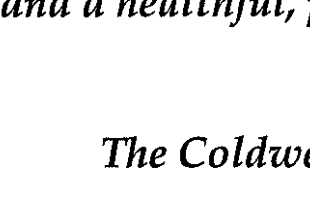


BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME Amazing 1.25 acres in Canton One of the few lots left to build on Bring your own plans and builder Cul de sac with walkout options Great location Land contract terms available Flare opportunity don't miss it! \$219 900 (P 097TR)

NICE STARTER 3 bedroom brick home featuring new carpeting fresh paint finished basement w/ pool table a 2.5 car garage and a nice sized fenced yard Move in condition Perfectly priced at only \$134 900 (P 714WE)



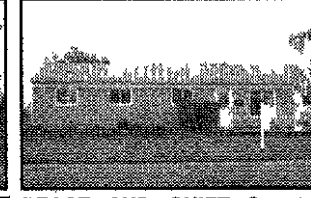
HOME BUYERS DREAM Everything has been updated in this wonderful 3 bedroom ranch Furnace and roof less than 5 yrs old new carpeting updated kitchen and baths 2.5 car garage home warranty & a great location \$144 900 (C 437MC)



SUPER FAMILY HOME Large 2000 square foot beauty with 5 bedrooms and 3 full baths Large living and dining rooms big kitchen and a large sitting area upstairs Covered front & back porches and a fenced yard \$149 900 (C 242MA)



ABSOLUTELY EXQUISITE Backing to the woods and loaded with upgrades lies this 4 bedroom 3.5 bath beauty Beautifully finished walkout 3 car garage 1st floor master and a huge floor plan \$679 900 (C 324LO)



A TRUE BEAUTY - Simply gorgeous and ready to move into ranch with hardwood floors newer air furnace and roof finished basement w/rec room and study fenced yard and 2.5 car garage \$132 900 (821OC)

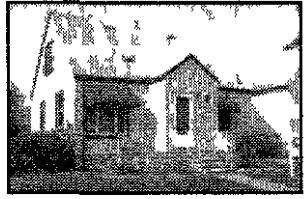
DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow with updated roof water heater furnace kitchen and more Hardwood floors fireplace finished basement and new deck off of the 3 season room! \$264 900 (P 644AN)

SOUGHT AFTER ROSEDALE Charming colonial on a double lot with over 1700 square ft of living space Formal dining cozy family room with a fireplace 3 bedrooms and 1.5 updated baths Nicely manicured exterior with brick pavers Really nice \$249 500 (P 309AR)

PEACE AND QUIET Can be found in this charming ranch on a quiet dead end street 4 bedrooms 1.5 baths updated oak kitchen with appliances finished basement huge garage fenced yard and walking distance to the elementary school \$164 900 (P 365AV)

BETTER HURRY! This sprawling ranch situated on 17 acres in Plymouth Township won't last long Massive great room with vaulted ceilings island kitchen finished basement side entry garage and lots lots more \$489 000 (P 351BE)

HISTORIC CAPE COD In downtown Belleville with 9 ceilings amazing original hardwood floors & trim Beautifully remodeled kitchen with antique cabinetry electrical completely rewired & copper plumbing \$219 900 (C 204CC)



DEARBORN CHARMER Vinyl sided bungalow with 3 bedrooms updated furnace central air windows and basement Deck off of the back of the home Hardwood floors and pretty landscaping Fenced yard too! \$99 900 (C-614GA)



SMALL CONDO COMMUNITY Close to downtown with an open view to park like setting from the deck Large great room w/ cathedral ceil recessed lites & fireplace full kit in fin basement new roof and new windows to be replaced by assoc 05 06 \$199 000 (P 490MA)

BEAUTIFULLY GROOMED One acre parcel with this immaculate 3 bedroom home Large country front porch hardwood floors fireplace formal living room doorwall to private yard and neatly one full acre to call your own! Great location \$210 000 (P 248MA)

DOUBLE LOT DREAM Super ranch with over 1300 sq ft and a freshly painted interior Situated on a double lot with a huge 3 car garage - mechanics delight! Newer Copper plumbing and electrical Kitchen with custom lighting Nice \$124 900 (P 208Ml)

YOU FOUND IT! Gorgeous Northville condo has everything but the maintenance Clean and beautifully decorated this end unit offers a great master new floors and fixtures dining and study areas enclosed seasonal porch appliances and a great location! \$134 900 (P 560NO)

COUNTRY SIZED LOT Picturesque views from each window in this maintenance free Farmington Hills ranch on 1.2 acres Full walkout basement side entry garage fireplace country kitchen and a home office Park like yard \$334 900 (P-424PO)

BACKING TO THE WOODS On an extra deep lot with a sunny family room formal living room new roof vinyl windows finished basement updated bath 2 car garage and a big open kitchen 3 bedrooms 2 full baths Nice \$199 000 (P 728AL)



BEAUTIFUL 11.75 ACRE SITE! Close to M 14 with easy access to expressways Will need an engineered field Some wetlands Irregular property line on the south side Survey in the listing office Call for details \$250 000 (P 160FR)



TREE LINED STREET Enjoy all the comforts of home in this Garden City ranch complete with a finished basement 2 car garage 1.5 baths a pretty entry big picture window in the living room and a great price! \$139 900 (C-417HA)

BRING YOUR SUNGLASSES! You'll be dazzled by this sparkling 4BR/2.5BA home in a great neighborhood! New windows flooring fresh paint fireplace nice landscaping & large floor plan Call for more info today! \$227 500 (C 600LA)

HOME SWEET HOME Comfortable colonial with a large family room off of the updated kitchen with lots of cabinets Hardwood floors oversized garage vinyl windows and more! 3 block from the elementary school \$169 900 (C-835MO)

AFFORDABLE CANTON CONDO Updated 2 bedroom condo with new windows and carpeting in a great area in Canton Appliances central air attached garage balcony 1st floor laundry and more Come see it today! \$99 900 (C 544SA)

AFFORDABLE STARTER Hard to beat the price for this cute 2 bedroom ranch with a 2.5 car garage w/220 line! Built in eating space and lots of cabinets in the kitchen newer windows large deck and vaulted ceilings Only \$85 900 (P 267ST)

CONSIDER THIS 3 bedrooms 2 full baths family room fireplace attached 2 car garage a basement with glass block windows sprinkler system and award winning Livonia schools sounds perfect doesn't it? \$184 900 (C 729BU)



DOLL HOUSE ON A LARGE LOT Plenty of updates in this little beauty with a new roof on the house and garage new siding some newer windows and carpeting Hardwood under all carpeting New hot water heater too Great for first time buyer \$109 900 (P 744HA)



DESIRABLE COURT LOCATION Spacious and updated Canton colonial with formal living/dining updated open kitchen family room fireplace and French doors to the patio New carpeting new roof central air and 1st floor laundry Walk to elementary \$259 900 (P 285OA)

WESTLAND'S HIDDEN JEWEL Private wooded view on a quiet cul de sac backing to Hines! Built in 94 this 3 bedroom beauty offers a spacious neutral floor plan finished basement sprinklers and lots more \$184 900 (C 358PE)

AMENITIES GALORE Spacious Livonia ranch on a corner lot with a privacy fenced yard and a solar heated in ground pool Beautiful tiled entry updated roof windows interior doors and family room Dining room w/full brick walled fireplace \$239 900 (P-498YA)

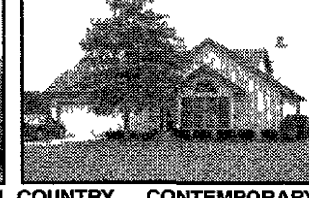
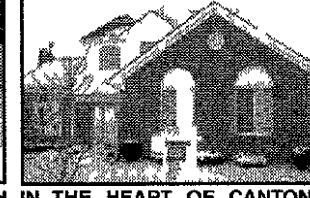
CUTE AS CAN BE! Huge front porch for relaxing summer nights hardwood floors coved ceilings large family room and Florida room finished basement a white kitchen with appliances and a big back yard \$164 000 (P 585DO)

CLEAN AND CONTEMPORARY Livonia ranch with many quality updates! Gorgeous finished basement remodeled heated Florida room newer central air furnace carpeting and light fixtures Home warranty too! \$179 999 (P 600HA)

A SHOWPLACE Lavishly landscaped lot premium elevation palatial window with Romeo & Juliet balcony great room with volume ceiling maple kitchen finished basement game room and more Fabulous! \$399 000 (C 291LA)



WELCOMING HOME Well maintained brick ranch in Livonia Updated bath windows roof and water heater Nice fenced yard shed and 2 car garage Partially finished basement Put this one at the top of your list! \$164 900 (C 961LY)



FARMINGTON HILLS RANCH On over a 1/4 acre lot with many updates like a newer oak kitchen oak floor and chair molding recessed lights vinyl siding furnace and electrical Nice fenced yard with a shed and kennel 2 car garage w/ratic storage \$169 900 (P 445MO)

IN THE HEART OF CANTON Super Cape Cod with a striking great room floor plan offering a fireplace finished basement first floor master and a patio for summer enjoyment Clean and inviting home \$299 900 (C 214SA)

COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY Wonderful ranch in Huron school district Plenty of cabinets in Kitchen w/deep sink and spacious Breakfast Nook Master suite with WIC and jetted tub Home is located on over 3 acres \$229 900 (C 433CA)

RANCH ON 4 ACRES! Located in Canton offering a large floor plan with over 4 acres (possible split) 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths and a 40x48 pole barn Family room fireplace and appliances remain located on 3 acres \$374 900 (C 331SA)

A GREAT BUY! Nice 2 bedroom ranch in the Downriver area with all of the big ticket items updated for you Windows siding furnace roof cement work water heater remodeled kitchen & more \$99 900 (C 830KA)

EXQUISITE CONDO Just 2 years new this light bright and airy condo is decorated to the nines! Hardwood floors upgraded carpeting and light fixtures fireplace 1st floor laundry & great master This is a 10 plus! \$179 900 (C 947CA)

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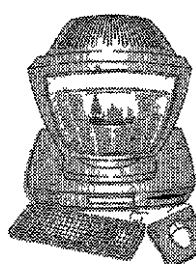
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Sharp kitchen with convenient floor plan includes snack bar wood floors and all appliances Cheerful breakfast room surrounded by windows & door to large custom Trex deck Great room with gas fireplace Formal dining room Study could be 4th bedroom Basement is prepped for bath 2 car attached garage Fenton Schools \$244 000 BRING YOUR ICESKATES! Beautiful new waterfront ranch on Little Long Lake Spacious open floor plan includes beautiful kitchen with maple cabinets granite countertops and wood floor Great room with gas fireplace and doorwall overlooking water Master bedroom with private bath 1st floor laundry full walkout lower level plumbed for 3rd bath 3 car attached garage and more! 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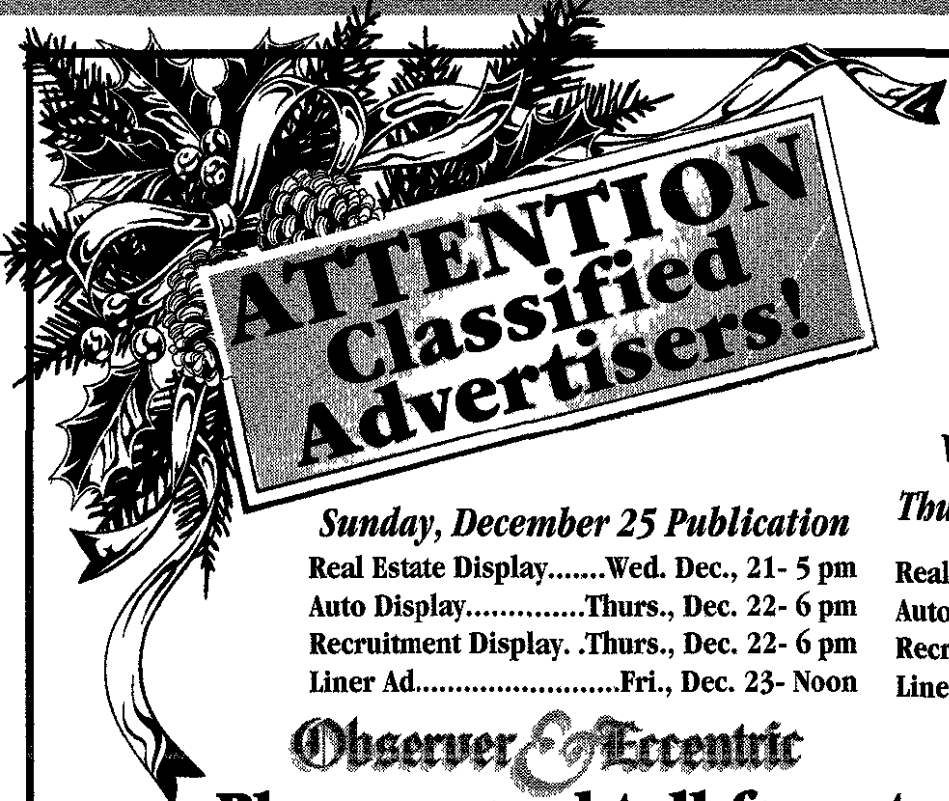
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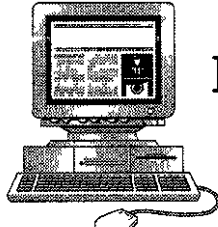
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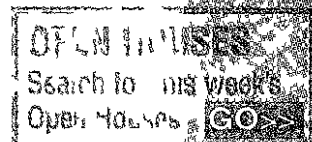
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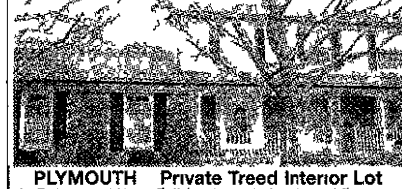
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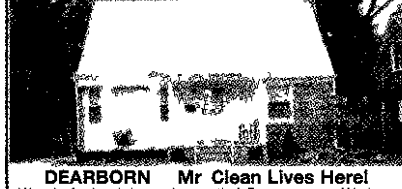
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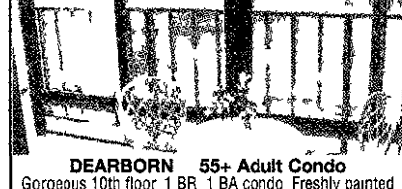
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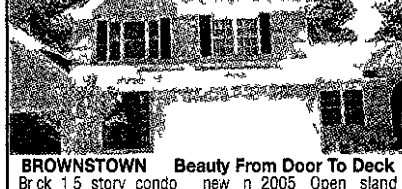
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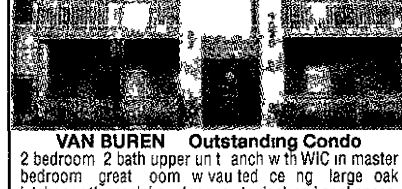
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(E60WAL) 734 455 5600 \$299,900



VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo
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FARMINGTON HILLS Premium Lot
Private court to approx 6.9 acres of wooded commons. GR w/hat FR c DR kt w/snack bar. Full LLWO Tea off. 00' 01' ext. painted. 04 2.5 car garage w/newer door & opener. Some hwd. L b w/frch d's 1 yr v a.
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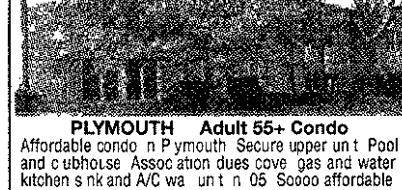
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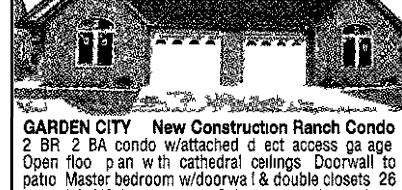
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CANTON Absolutely Gorgeous
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NORTHVILLE Luxury Living
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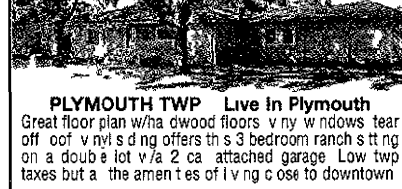
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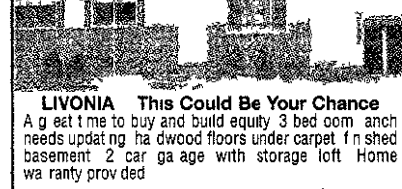
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THE BUSINESS CASE FOR COMPASSION



WORKWISE

by Mildred L. Culp

What is compassion? What is the business case for it?

In the workplace, generalities such as "Be good to people and they'll be loyal" and "Give a customer a break and you may get/keep him" reflect how superficially people understand compassion

There is some understanding of compassion outside of the corporate arena. Sister Cheryl Allen, corporate ethicist at St. John Macomb Hospital in Warren, Mich., says that compassion "has to do with serving the person with what they really need." "It involves finding out from the person you're supposed to serve what's important to them." Her system of 11 Detroit-area hospitals, St. John Health, provided unreimbursed care and services of \$141.146 million in 2004.

Phillip Maltun, partner and litigator at Silver & Freedman A.P.C., in Los Angeles, defines compassion as "sympathy toward another's distress combined with the desire to alleviate it." In other words, in business, at least, the internal state of sympathy is not

enough. Action must accompany it.

ETHICS AND OUTCOMES
The business case for compassion straddles two spheres in companies -- HR and operations. It assumes that compassion as an ethical issue transfers naturally to favorable business outcomes. Focusing only on outcomes is pure cynicism, only on ethics, impractical. Still, where a compassionate environment exists, there may be benefits from personal well-being.

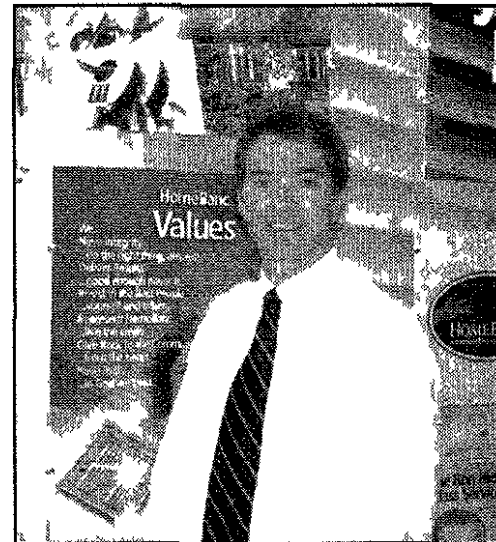
Gary Welch is vice president at HomeBanc Mortgage Corp. headquartered in Atlanta, which closed approximately \$5.62 billion in loans last year and employed 1,300 people in three southern states. Welch views compassion as "doing the right thing. This may mean I'm not always compensated for it. It may mean educating our buyers or referring them (elsewhere), internally or externally."

He speaks of a co-worker with non-Hodgkins' lymphoma, a man working on commission "fighting cancer," he explains, "meant being out for an indefinite period of time, going to Nebraska in the dead of winter, leaving behind his wife and children for 7 weeks of treatment. The CEO called him to his office and gave him a base salary for an indefinite period." He

wanted him to fight the cancer, not worry, and scheduled his commission as salary -- \$10,000 per month. The company also bought a one-page advertisement in Omaha's World Herald newspaper, which said to this golf-lover, "You de Man." It must have been effective, because he drove back to Atlanta before he was scheduled and is a company leader today.

This isn't an isolated incident in a compassionate culture. When the mother of a sales associate was diagnosed with cancer, the CEO assured the son that "he'd take care of him while he took care of his mother," Welch says. "He's now the leader of the Carolinas." How productive are the other mortgage bankers? A spokesperson reports that in 2004, HomeBanc's experienced mortgage bankers exceeded the industry's average production by \$6.2 million (for a total of \$10.6 million).

Rita Gunther McGrath, associate professor at Columbia Business School in New York City, consults with Finland's Kone Corp., a leading manufacturer of elevators, escalators and moving walkways. She recalls a terrorist incident in a department store. "Among the gravely injured was the son of an ordinary Kone worker. Imagine his surprise when the firm's CEO, Antti Herlin, visited his home and promised



Gary Welch vice president of HomeBanc Mortgage Corp. views compassion as "doing the right thing."

that the company would support his family through this tragedy, including helping with the cost of medical bills and any necessary retraining." Such a compassionate gesture, she indicates, contributes to minimal employee turnover.

Finally, Welch says, "People win just by being human at an uncertain time." He points to a return of incalculable value "people who flourish as leaders."

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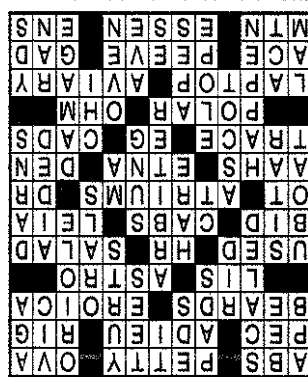
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LET'S LAUGH TOGETHER

SWF 49 55 full figured brown/brown romantic lovable humorous likes entertaining traveling family time Seeking SM 40 56 N/S social drinker who puts God first in his life for possible LTR **A861408**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SWF 42 Aries smoker never married looking for companionship Seeking good hearted kind hard working SWM 30 50 **A819435**

GREAT COMPANION

SF 65 looks 55 52 unique bright w/many talents and interests I'm well traveled very attractive health conscious How about you? Seeking non smoking counterpart 62 70 **A833527**

LIKE HAVING FUN?

SF 5 112lbs blonde/green looking for a romantic guy 20 25 who is tall handsome nice and knows how to treat a lady **A845044**

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF early 60s feels much younger N/S loves music and dancing stays physically active would like to hear from friendly honest man 56 68 N/S **A872174**

VERY ATTRACTIVE

Classy, slim young looking SWF, 57 with good personality and values financially/emotionally stable ISO SWM 53 64 with same qualities for serious relationship **A867073**

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 142lbs 56 enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5 10 + N/S social drinker for LTR **A849938**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

SWF 57 N/S seeks intelligent kind hearted young at heart WM 57 68 N/S who enjoys traveling camping boating (Great Lakes or ocean) music book stores and laughter **A759907**

SEEKING LTR

SWF 21 brown/hazel enjoys bowling watching movies computers dining out and just having fun Looking to meet a SWM/WM 21 28 who has same interest **A873729**

ROMANTIC AND HAPPY

Attractive outgoing SWF 50 professional N/S secure young at heart RN no dependents WLTM loving man N/S with similar qualities for sharing dinner dates quiet walks laughs and lasting love **A875822**

STRIKING

blue-eyed blonde! Slim sensuous romantic, fun caring seeking attractive fit fun loving male 48 59 Friendship LTR I enjoy movies walks music hugs laughter quiet times Let's get to know each other! **A962332**

LONESOME

Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy Need the attention of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please So hurry up and call me! **A449585**

TRY ME!

Attractive SWF 49 I enjoy movies dining skiing and skating Seeking an attractive SWM 45 55 who enjoys most activities **A869847**

RECENTLY DIVORCED MOM

SWF 43 N/S would like to meet an outgoing friendly non smoking man 35 53 who likes outdoors bicycling walking family **A115795**

COULD YOU BE MR RIGHT?

Are you a big tall handsome man? DWF 47 very attractive loving fun seeks SWM to share life together **A443339**

ASIAN MAN WANTED

Pretty blue eyed blonde 55 plus sized warm and bright seeks intelligent handsome man for dating Troy area **A827007**

ISO GOOD FRIEND?

Possible relationship? Read on SWF 47 N/S enjoys cooking dining out art museums plays reading and traveling Seeking honest WM 42 57 N/S **A857253**

FORMER MODEL

SWF 50 56 slender intelligence creatively passion for music and dancing Seeks partner 38 50 who is attractive and fit to share this interests and more **A600106**

SEEKING SECURE MAN

SF 53 long red hair semi retired Vietnam vet looking for a real man 35 60 Must be able to communicate and be affectionate **A860537**

MYSTICAL WOMAN

Feminine SBF 37 loving and lovable 54, 135lbs seeks creative compassionate metaphysical feminine woman for long talks romantic weekends love? **A865148**

SEEKING GOOD MAN

BF 45 54 110lbs secure looking for a BM 45 50 with a light complexion for dating and spending time together **A875141**

ATTRACTIVE, HONEST

SWF youthful 43 down to earth I enjoy camping fishing amusement parks dining blockbuster nights etc Seeking honest WM 35-45 for dating possible LTR Must have good SOH **A865670**

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship Lets create sparks and watch them fly **A639272**

DOWN-TO-EARTH HOMEBOODY

SBF 37 5 160lbs single mom of 2 nice smile hard working N/S seeks teddy bear type SWM 37 42 N/S kids+ for friendship maybe LTR **A848200**

FRIENDSHIP FIRST

SWF 40 brown/brown plus size likes walks most movies reading cuddling time with family a friends more Looking for WM 35-48 for dating **A859885**

SHALL WE DANCE?

I am a SBF 58 53 170lbs attractive intelligent creative articulate seeks SWM 57 73 who is kind hearted articulate who enjoys dancing walking, traveling movies dining out **A812098**

ENERGETIC AND HAPPY

Very attractive blonde refined fit full of life easygoing well dressed professionally employed affectionate romantic kind early very youthful 60s 53 green eyes feminine shapely enjoys dining travel music theatre dancing family and friends Seeking an honest handsome fit educated college graduate gentleman over 55 N/S with a youthful passion for life Serious replies only **A652360**

LIFE'S AN ADVENTURE

Active sociable SWF 44 54 size 10 auburn/green mother home/business owner enjoys horror for eign films Middle Eastern cuisine the beach reading dancing cycling Seeking romantic sociable happy man open to life/love **A746704**

WHERE ARE YOU?

Attractive SBF 32 loves comedy clubs movies concerts fishing bowling rollerblading and amusement parks ISO SM 32-39 race open for LTR Serious replies only **A695115**

SEEKING COMPANION

SWF 52 young at heart very personable fun-loving great SOH Seeking SWM who sweet and lovable for friendship first hopefully more **A873722**

LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE

SWF 55 romantic caring sensitive N/S with zest for life is looking for Mr Right ISO S/DWM 39 60 sincere about togetherness **A863279**

BEAUTIFUL REDHEAD

SF 58 beautiful both inside/out wonderful smile dimples and great SOH with interests in travel concerts movies cooking gardening WLTM secure accomplished fun loving SM 50 70 58+ with similar interests Call! **A870556**

GOOD MAN WANTED

Attractive SBF marriage minded 5 6 average build 40 Capricorn N/S seeks BM 40 51 N/S to enjoy life and more **A692032**

RESCUE ME!

SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43 47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman **A408635**

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE

SF 47 years young 55 very outgoing loves family fun life Would like to spend time with someone, 40 60 who loves jazz concerts movies dinners weekend getaways **A208051**

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slim attractive 57 yr old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54 64 please respond **A589875**

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests I love jogging walks concerts quiet evenings **A574342**

VERY OLD-FASHIONED

Widowed BF 58 185lbs would like to meet a very nice man to be my good companion **A837276**

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then **A271793**

SEEKING COMPANIONSHIP

Loving attractive SWCF 74 trim fun N/D N/S homebody type seeks lasting friendship and happiness with a quality gentleman in his 70s Lets talk! **A794040**

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF 68 52 long dark brown/brown N/S N/D with positive attitude enjoys leisurely drives movies and dining out Seeking man 58 75 for LTR **A696906**

GOOD LOOKER

Positive caring easygoing SBPF 53 (looks younger) N/S not into bars enjoys jazz old school music, and fun times Seeking special secure man 48 60 N/S for laugh ter good times and LTR **A725001**

KIND HEART

Full figured SF 55 enjoys dancing and all types of music likes working with animals seeks good-natured single man 44 60 **A742466**

LOVING LEO

Widowed WPF 53 59 brown/brown N/S, nursing home activities coordinator enjoys boating swimming and Michigan State football games Seeking WM 50 62 with similar interests **A759316**

58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty charming SWF successful kind compassionate lots of fun looking for her knight in shining armor Any sincere caucasian gentlemen 55 60 please respond Hopefully we'll be each others soul mates **A592074**

WILDFLOWER

SWF 63 56 average build Aries N/S enjoys dancing dining out seeks WM 58 75 N/S with a sense of humor for friendship possible romance **A720594**

A KIND HEART

SBF 56 mother enjoys dining in/out swimming horseback riding camping picnics Seeking sociable honest fun employed man N/S to share happiness friendship and possible LTR **A780769**

GET TO KNOW THIS

petite attractive SBF 57 N/S enjoys music concerts dining Looking for SBM 57 63 for friendship possible LTR **A402995**

ZEST FOR LIFE

SJF, 61 52 attractive intelligent sincere outgoing easygoing down to earth romantic spontaneous sensitive with great sense of humor loves to laugh/smile enjoys music plays concerts Seeking compassionate communicative quality SWJM 50 70 **A444319**

A GREAT CATCH

Slim attractive lady 69 employed full of vim/vigor loves dancing singing the opera concerts fine dining cooking in walks life in general ISO loving fun man w/good sense of humor **A860625**

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF 61 54 average build happy independent humorous enjoys boating cards music dining walks travel golf Seeking good humored SM w/similar interests for companionship **A962703**

THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF 30 55 240lbs N/S N/D no kids employed Seeking nice looking SM 20 35 w/no kids N/S for friendship possibly more **A534802**

HOMEBODY

SBF 63 58 155lbs retired (but does work part time) very honest and caring Scorpio N/S seeks BM 58 65 honest and caring **A553674**

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

HAPPY DAD

Single father of three 37 loves family outdoors biking barbecues cooking and more Looking for a lovely WF 30 45 to share happiness and life with **A715711**

COULD IT BE YOU?

SWM 40s 6 175lbs N/S homeowner auto worker easygoing honest and secure enjoys hunting Harleys and the outdoors Seeking attractive slim/fit woman 30 50 N/S D/D free comfortable in high heels tennis shoes **A798519**

I'M A GOOD GUY WHO

likes to have fun SBM 46 54 200lbs Taurus smoker loves playing pool and gambling Seeking WF 30 35 smoker who likes to have fun too **A858825**

SEEKING AFFECTION AND

love DWM 38 62 200lbs blue eyes lots of fun likes the outdoors quiet evenings at home Looking for a WF 33 41 for possible LTR **A875652**

LET'S HANG OUT

SHM 35 57 170lbs employed Seeking a single female 22 52 to develop a friendship leading to a serious relationship **A86374**

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL

Looking for SBM 41 51 180lbs no children N/S easy going enjoys movies music travel dining Seeking very attractive pretty SH/AWF 28 39 friendship possible relationship **A760359**

ONLY THING MISSING IS U

SWM 24 red/hazel medium build employed Would like to meet a good woman to share my accomplishments with I enjoy church movies pool darts and would like to share interest also **A870463**

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

SWM 28 58 185lbs automobile quality control inspector smoker seeks outgoing WF 23 34 N/S who enjoys traveling movies music and concerts **A876563**

SWM DESIRES SBF

Call me if you desire a nice shape blue eyed blonde 50 year old, 180lbs Desires one on one for friendship and definitely romance **A777324**

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN

Single Italian male 57 160 165lbs brown/brown physically fit Looking for a SF 25 48 must be attractive HWTP I enjoy shooting darts pool bowling NASCAR and quiet nights at home **A875640**

HEY LADIES!!

SBM 29 employed hard working enjoys movies playing cards and just hanging out with friends 23-40 race open **A875649**

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited spontaneous SWF age open **A547524**

ROMANCE AND YOU

over due? If you are a SWF 40-55 decent looking and somewhat romantic then we might connect This gentle optimistic SWM could make you really happy **A799032**

LET'S TRY THIS OUT

Nice SWM 40s energetic accom modating easy to talk to seeks a great lady for friendship and love **A258398**

HAPPY GO LUCKY

Dance flirt and have fun with me! SWM 40s seeks friendship with a good natured fun to be with SWF 35 50 **A283848**

ROMANCE AND REALITY

Handsome gent SWM 40s one of-a-kind lots of great interests willing to share them Seeking special lady in my life to adore **A283228**

JUST SOMEONE TO

make your day better Meet me with ease and confidence Humorous nice looking gent 40s seeks nice SWF girlfriend **A609661**

LET'S TALK!

SM 47 employed secure easygoing fun loving homeowner enjoys sorts weightlifting fishing boating keeping active Seeking health conscious energetic with similar qualities and interests **A818838**

LONELY & READY

SWM 49 Italian heart of gold Virgo N/S seeks WF 45 55 with a nice build ready for LTR Serious replies only **A860305**

KIND, HANDSOME TEACHER

SWPM 53 6 220lbs light smoker social drinker looking for one good woman Please call Troy area **A864792**

LET'S BE FREE TOGETHER

SBM 6 220lbs physically fit retired well educated I would like to meet a single female 52 62 who is understanding loving and caring for a LTR **A869189**

WELL, HELLO

SM very young looking 50 57 180lbs medium build employed self-reliant D/D free easygoing and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DWF 40 55 200 350lbs **A597126**

NEW DREAM TEAM?

Spend some time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s **A550046**

SINCERE AND LOVING

Retired 70s DWPM likes classy educated woman 60 70 53+ likes family church gardening conversation winter sun areas ISO romance leading to loving committed LTR **A459777**

LOOKING FOR YOU

SBM 45 seeks attractive reliable affectionate SBF not into games who knows how to enjoy life and have fun **A866435**

IRREGULAR JOE!

Literate outdoorsy SWM bespectacled 49 510 heavyset refuses to grow up honest kind passionate into the arts cycling camping playing pool dancing acoustic Guitar Mandolin Singer/Songwriter Seeking someone equally Cerebral! **A858985**

GET IN TOUCH

SBM 24 58 humble down to earth and looking to meet a SF 18 30 I would like to spend quality time with that special person possibly more **A871380**

COMPLETE I

African American male 5 7 180lbs father of one living enjoy movies music aiding Seeking a woman 25 41s loving w/same interest **A8**

NO GAMES!!

SBM 23 510 athletic Looking for a mature dowry female for a committed relationship **A871888**

SAME QUALITIE

DWM 50s 55 135lbs sep per hair three grown childooking for an intelligent honest woman 45 65 to have life **A875745**

LOOKING FOR ME

Adventurous SWM 44 brue handsome humorous fit vegetative interests Looking for a sexy some what normal feop 50 for partnership **A86374**

GENTLE AND CUTE

Active and attractive SVg good natured friendly enjoys outdoors dancing casino/sales etc Seeking sincere, fit friendly lady **A341899**

HOPE TO HEAR FROM

Independent self sufficient 45 sturdy build carpenter s& affectionate likes boating drives cycling cooking Sees special lady to share the goods in life **A855207**

MAN WITH PIZZAZ

Sincere affectionate SWM clear mind fit body enjoys artistic events, outdoor activities ing witty pretty SWF 35 5 friendship and possible relation **A517123**

ROMANTIC BUT REALIST

Youthful easygoing SWM 46 movies concerts boating Sees attractive SWF 40s 50s with a ly spirit good sense of humor friendly positive outlook. **A6421**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

College educated SBM 42 v N/S N/D very outgoing no chick likes movies and golfing Seeking 25-44 N/S for dating **A858557**

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The 2006 Pontiac Solstice

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Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

With the new Pontiac Solstice two-seater, score one major victory for General Motors in exactly the category where it most needs to pile up some "W's" an exciting new product.

Priced at \$25,000 and under, this exciting 2006-model roadster accomplishes a number of things just with its appearance in showrooms, no matter how well it ultimately sells through to consumers. It helps Pontiac finally begin again substantiating the "excitement" theme that has been its purported brand identity for decades. The Solstice offers a great option that GM hasn't really covered anywhere else in its product lineup.

And this new vehicle puts a stick in the eye - or, should we say, exhaust in the throats - of GM critics who insist that the company's biggest problem remains not its overwhelming "legacy" costs for pension and health care, not the unfortunate spike in gasoline prices over the last year, but its basic inability field appealing vehicles in the American marketplace.

More than anything else, Solstice is a joy to the faithful consumers who have stuck with the Pontiac brand over the years without much love in return under the banner of so-called excitement. For one thing, the Firebird, that blue-collar expression of Pontiac muscle from the Eighties, has been history for awhile.

Solstice is an extremely attractive, two-door, two-seater, drop-top sports car whose base price actually starts at under \$20,000. It comes with a five-speed manual transmission and a 177-horsepower, four-cylinder engine. It is so basic that it lacks any kind of electronic stability system, antilock brakes cost extra, and occupant safety features are nothing to write home about.

And yet, Solstice is fun, easy to drive, turns heads on the highway and finally gives GM something with which to compete or at least show up with in the roadster category. Corvette is at the center of what amounts to a subculture all its own, and so isn't really seen in the same light as other new two-seaters including the Chrysler Crossfire and -- at the pinnacle of the genre as far as I'm concerned -- the Audi TT. But Solstice certainly is making some noise in that space.



The 2006 Pontiac Solstice gets 20 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway

Any discussion of Solstice must begin with its distinctive and snappy styling, which basically defines "curvaceous." There is hardly a straight line, a flat surface or a right angle on the entire body of the car. The main reason for it is that Solstice's body is shaped by "hydroforming" of steel, which uses very-high-pressure streams of water to push sheet metal into shape.

Anyway, the most dramatic element of Solstice's design is the front grill which swoops way down low and sort of tucks under the front end, centered around a huge grill and the Pontiac emblem. Headlights and fog lamps recess into the upper and lower outboard curves of the front fenders. Wheel wells in front are positioned at the extreme end of the car.

In the rear, a stubby back end sports an eyebrow effect on the sides. Tail lights sit on top of the fenders, directly above pods housing the combination backup lights and reflectors. The rear end overall rises sharply from the wheel wells and over the trailing edge of the clamshell trunk.

The overall result is a design that is very alluring. Such are the complexities of the Solstice's styling that you really have to study it for a few minutes just to understand how all the curves come together. And the more you look at it, the sweeter it spies.

When it comes to a sports-car ride, Solstice leaves a

bit at the starting line, I'm afraid. Even with such a light and tiny vehicle, 177 horsepower and a four-cylinder engine don't pack a lot of standing-start punch. Solstice's acceleration is satisfying enough once you reach cruising and highway speeds, certainly. And there's little to complain about in terms of its fuel economy: 20 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway.

The stiffness of the hydroformed steel components carries over into Solstice's relatively stiff ride. With its extremely wide base, the car corners well and predictably, for the most part. But I wondered if this stiffness came into play during one late-December turn that I made into traffic, in dry but cold conditions, on a major thoroughfare in Oakland County one day. As I accelerated a bit and cornered into the turning lane, the rear end of the vehicle skipped out on me to the right, causing me nearly to lose control of the car.

Inside, Solstice offers little room and few amenities, though a nice standard stereo system and XM Radio are quality touches. Also, don't plan on taking any kind of trip with this car - even to the supermarket! Not only does the trunk lid open in clamshell style, but it also has practically no usable space because of how the spare tire and roof-retraction mechanism are placed in the space.

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Foundation has just the cure to let you relax.

MCMF is having its fourth annual Holiday Blues Bash on Monday, Dec. 26, at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak (100 S. Main St.).

Along with the Detroit Blues Society and the WCSX Motor City Blues Project, the event showcases some of the best stars-to-be as well as featuring local legends.

This year's lineup includes the Bluescasters, the Billy Davis Rhythm Machine, Blues Infusion and Big B and the Magic Bullet, just to name a few. Event organizers are asking for a \$5 donation for the show, which starts at 8 p.m.

For more information, check out www.detroitmusicawards.com



REVIEW

It certainly does seem like some of my favorite local bands are all grown up these days, with record labels around town signing some top-notch acts.

The Cyril Lords recently joined those ranks when they were signed to No Fun Records out of Ann Arbor, and released their first full-length album, *Motherland*, on Dec. 17 to a group of hungry fans at the Magic Stick in Detroit.

After successful 45s and EPs, I was wondering when a proper platter would be released by the trio. *Motherland* mixes some of the band's best live tracks with

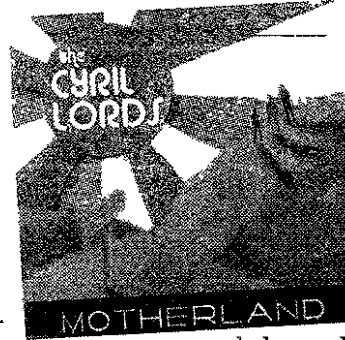
new songs for one complete debut presentation.

It's not fair calling The Cyril Lords a 'Detroit garage band,' as that term seems to be so in fashion, but the trio does have that raw sound that always fills the stage when playing.

For as much rock as there is in the set, there's also a good dose of

melodies and 1950s ballad swagger, making you forget exactly what year this album was released.

The Cyril Lords never disappoint when playing live, and neither does this release. The songs have a polished feel to them, but in a good sense, not the 'welcome-to-a-real-recording-studio' tone. Some of my favorites, such as *1771* and *Ganger*, take on new life in the studio that pleases my ears. My only other selling point for this



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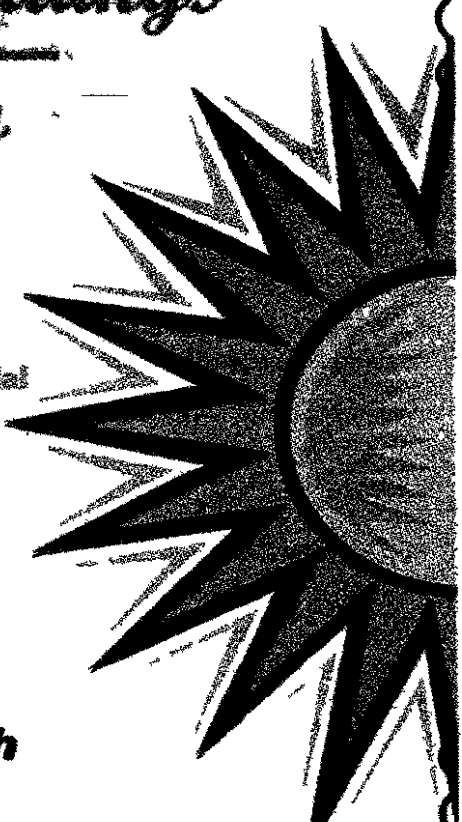
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I mean, how could you not give a snarky music-snob smile to Don't worry what anybody thinks because they can't think anyway/Just sit around and listen to the Kinks and the rest will come some day?"

For more on the group and its upcoming appearances, visit www.thecyrrillords.com

STOCKING STUFFER

Jack White wants to make sure the music lover in your life has a proper stocking stuffer The White Stripes released their *Walking With a Ghost* EP on Dec 6

The title song is a cover of the tune written by sister duo Tegan and Sarah Why Jack latched onto this song I'm not sure, but who doesn't like a brand-new CD on Christmas morning?

In addition to *Ghost*, you're treated to four live tracks *Same Boy You've Always Known, As Ugly As I Seem, The Denial Twist* and *Screwdriver* the top live cut off the EP Points also go to this version of *Twist* and its harder, sharper feel

ANNUAL FUN

Make sure to attend the fourth annual Detroit Sounds and Spirits show this Friday, Dec 23, at the Magic Stick (4140

Woodward, Detroit) before your last-minute holiday wrapping begins Trust me, it's the best \$15 you'll spend before the new year

In this super packed concert, you get a few songs from some of your favorite local groups

Just who will be there? I'll list as many as I can before my fingers go numb Blanche, Paybacks, SSM, Loretta Lucas and the Larkspurs, Thunderbirds are Now!, Pas/Cal, The Come Ons, The Fondas and Esquire Whew!

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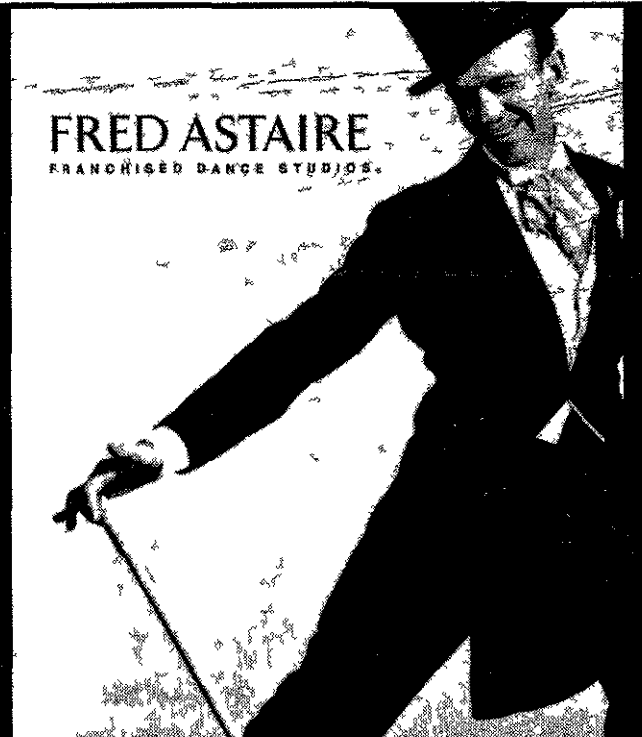
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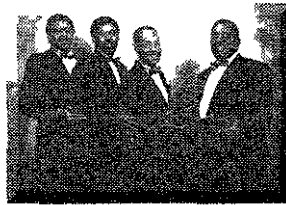
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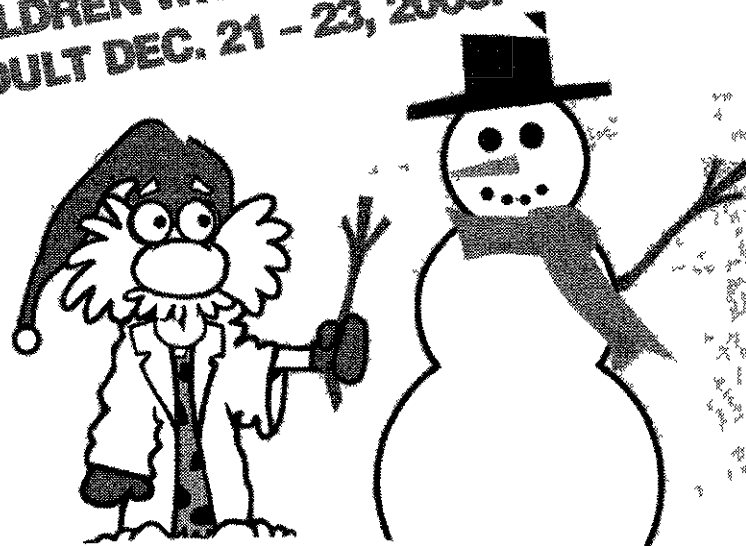
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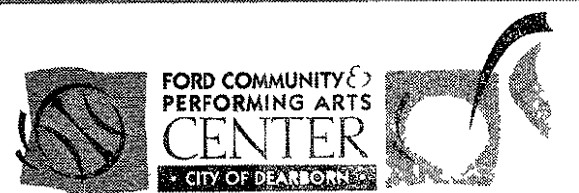
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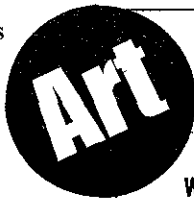
The Detroit Institute of Arts has extended hours this holiday season, giving visitors more opportunities to participate in scheduled activities and see current exhibitions, including *Camille Claudel and Rodin: Fateful Encounter*, the first side-by-side comparison of the two artists' work to take place in the United States.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec 26-29, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec 30 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec 31. The DIA is closed New Year's Day.

For anybody with a little Irish in them, Friday, Dec 30, is an ideal date to head to the DIA. An evening of Irish cultural events is planned as part of the museum's First Friday series, including:

- Irish music with fiddler Liz Carroll playing selections from her debut album *In Play*, 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

- "The Lilt of Irish Laughter," with traditional Irish storyteller Yvonne Healy sharing rarely heard myths and folk tales, 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.



AT THE DIA

What: Holiday hours and special Irish cultural event at the Detroit Institute of Arts

When: Irish cultural event 6-9 p.m. Friday Dec 30. The museum's extended holiday hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec 26-29, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec 30 and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec 31. The DIA is closed New Year's Day.

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Years later when I was old enough to car date, we would do the same. That was just under two decades ago when the hall party menu choices consisted of buffet dinners and cover bands that were seemingly unimpressive or maybe it was just our budget.

Detroit's entertainment has always been great. After all, we're the founders of Motown. We're home to Iggy Pop and Alice Cooper. And we have jazz clubs as good as any other. But outside of Detroit, for those who didn't want to drive far, hot entertainment was hard to find.

Years ago in metro Detroit choices were limited. When I started earning money, I'd fly out for New Year's. Anywhere But Detroit - ABD - was the motto. Today, except for the weather, there's little reason to leave the Motor City and its surrounding neighborhoods on New Year's Eve,

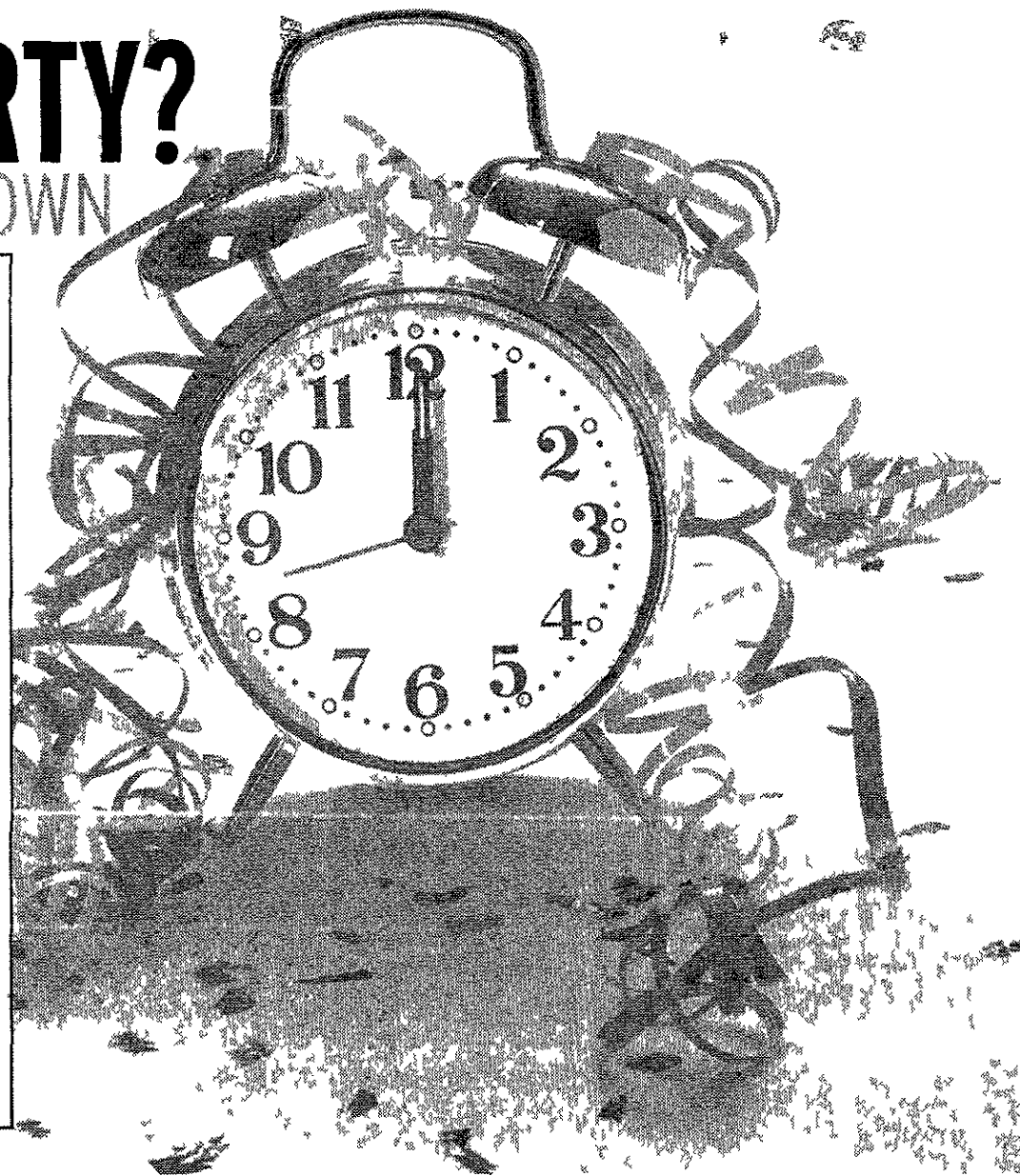
and plenty of reasons to go out.

There's so much happening I almost opted to stay home this year because it's hard to decide which place is THE place to be. So I'll hop around. Probably begin with casual Cuban cuisine at Cafe Habana in Royal Oak and sip on a mojito. Then I'll hit the Luna Lounge where I've spent many New Year's Eves on the packed dance floor with other alternative music lovers (think Rage Against the Machine, Ministry, old NIN).

Before midnight, I'll stop at the hippest place around - The Bosco in Ferndale, where owner and my buddy Daniel Haberman also knows how to serve the drink (I'm not driving by the way). Plus his choice of funky lounge music is addicting.

My last stop will be at Mosaic in Greektown to ring in the New Year and see some belly dancing.

Here are some suggestions for you, mellow or wild, there's no excuse to stay home. Get out and see Detroit on New Year's Eve, rest on New Year's day and if you miss any of the following places, you can hit them during the Super Bowl hype.



Eve Events

IF YOU HAVE A FAMILY ...

Try the Firefly Club 207 S. Ashley Downtown Ann Arbor (734) 665 9090

Kids like New Year's Eve, they like music and they like food. Introduce them to jazz early in the evening.

There are three shows. From 4 to 7 p.m.

families and seniors might like the buffet dinner and pre New Year's toast at 6 p.m. \$20 for adults \$10 for kids 12 and under and those under 5 admitted free.

Then for the 21 and over crowd from 8 p.m. to midnight is the Cool Jazz Set with the Steve Richko Trio featuring Susan Chastain. Dinner and dessert buffets champagne toast and midnight dancing is \$75 per person.

From midnight to 4 a.m. is Late Night Hot Blues with Lady Sunshine and the X Band. Those who were there for the jazz can stay for free. Newcomers pay \$20 for an appetizer buffet. Be ready to dance!

Much of the bar is non-smoking. www.fireflyclub.com

GAY FRIENDLY ...

The Club Gold Coast 2971 East Seven Mile Detroit (313) 366 6135

New Year's is about flamboyance! And Club Gold Coast knows how to let its hair down. Everyone dances. The clientele knows how to have fun. Guys or gals can put on their favorite Dior red lips and go watch Chad Michaels impersonate Cher. Visit www.detroitclubgoldcoast.com for reservations at this energetic, friendly club.

IF YOU'RE LAID BACK BUT LIKE TO ROCK ...

The Belmont 10215 Joseph Campau Hamtramck (313) 871 1966

You can wear anything you can expect a laid back but cool crowd and celebrate. New Year's Eve Craptacular with Troy Gregory & The Step Sisters, The Sirens and Ghost City. The Web site is <http://home.earthlink.net/~thebelmont/>

CHILL OUT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD WITH FOOD, DRINKS AND FUN ...

CK Digs 2010 Auburn Road Rochester Hills MI 48309 (248) 853 6600

It doesn't even have to be a late night and there's no reason not to celebrate at a casual place. There's pizza soups, eclectic menu and more than 100 draft and bottled beers served from a friendly staff and in a festive atmosphere.

HEAD TO THE EAST SIDE AND GET WILD

The Emerald Theatre Complex 31 N. Walnut Mount Clemens (586) 913 1920

New Year's Eve Odyssey with 89X's Holly and DJ Mike. Fresh with arty favors and lots of dancing. Tickets \$15 at the door. VIP tickets are \$50 that includes a buffet. Party favors for everyone. 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. 21 and over. The place will be jumping. www.emeraldtheater.com

SKINNY TIRES FOR HIM, MADONNA HAIR FOR HER ...

The Magic Bag 22920 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 3030

New Year's Eve with the Mega 80s performing 1980s music with a video show. Wear your favorite 80s clothing or come as you are. It's always a serious party with the Mega 80s. Visit www.themagcbag.com

DINNER AND BALLOON DROP WITH FRIENDS ...

The Mill Street Lounge 12 S. Mill St. Pontiac (248) 454 8132

Dinner and dancing with live music with Exit 69. Now that's New Year's tradition. Begin the evening with a hors d'oeuvres reception from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Dinner served from 7:10 p.m. of Caesar Salad, choice of steak, chicken Parmesan or shrimp alfredo plus dessert.

Four drink tickets included per couple plus champagne toast and a balloon drop at midnight topped off with a sumptuous dessert. Each couple receives four drink tickets, party favors, champagne toast and balloon drop at midnight. \$150 per couple.

Or stop in for \$10 per person to ring in the New Year. Visit www.millstreetgrille.com

GAMBLE AND GROOVE

Greektown Casino 555 E. Lafayette Detroit (888) 771 4FUN

Forget Vegas, the hotel prices are too high on New Year's. We're celebrating Detroit style. Get dolled up for an evening at the Roulette table, then celebrate your winnings or forget about your losses while hearing the band Serieux perform the Motown Sound with music from the Temptations, Contours, The Miracles and more. Visit www.greektowncasino.com

DINNER AT KIERNANS, THEN SOME DANCING

Silky's Martini & Music Cafe 21931 Michigan Ave Dearborn (313) 565 6278

In Dearborn, Kiernans has been a steakhouse tradition for decades. After dining, visit the adjacent Silky's Martini & Music Cafe for its extensive martini list and swanky smooth music. It's hip, it's posh, it's pretty. Visit www.kiernans.com

LET'S LAUGH ...

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle 269 E. Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900

Let's face it, the year 2005 has been stressful, the war, avian flu, hurricanes and Richard Pryor just passed away. Forget posturing at a club and leave the fancy New Year's couture at home. Go giggle with your date or friends. Comedian Mark Sweeney makes a special appearance. Call for showtimes or visit www.comedycastle.com

GLOW BOWL, RAP, THE DETROIT COBRAS AND FOOD

The Majestic 4120 4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit (313) 833 9700

Who goes to the Majestic? Everyone! Punks, yuppies, creative types, wallflowers and all. Listen to rockabilly and rock while throwing glow-in-the-dark bowling balls at the Garden Bowl. Head upstairs to the Magic Stick to hear Stum Village, a funk-induced rap trio who knows how to have fun with hip hop in a light way, but the musical talent is serious. Grab a bite at the Majestic Cafe and then head a few feet away to the Majestic Theater to hear one of Detroit's best rock/blues/cover bands, The Detroit Cobras. All located under one roof. Geesh! Visit www.majesticdetroit.com

PUT ON YOUR DOLCE & GABBANA IN DETROIT ...

Bleu Room Experience 1540 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Dress to impress while club-goers, mostly in their 20s and 30s, dance to house music here. It's a big, revamped Art Deco building of contemporary chic. The New Year's

PLEASE SEE EVE, D13

BY LANA MINI | STAFF WRITER

Get connected

Feel the spirit of community at First Night

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

First Night Birmingham aims for togetherness when the clock strikes midnight on the last day of the year



And that's a feeling all too often missing from the typical New Year's Eve celebration

"It's a community celebration," said Cindy

Sheaves, the event's organizer and president of the Cultural Council of Birmingham-Bloomfield, First Night's sponsor "And it's for people from all communities, not just for people who live in Birmingham"

PLEASE SEE **FIRST, D18**



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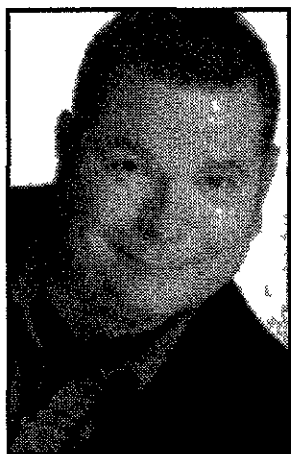
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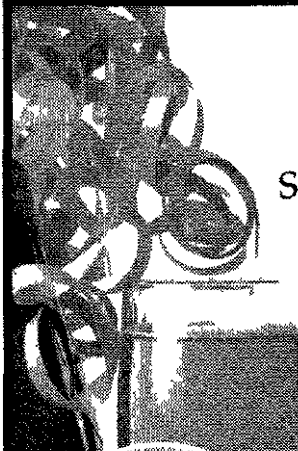
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Sampling from the menu of Tutto Bene in Farmington Hills, a Arugula Pizza, foreground, and Gnocchi, background

Tutto Bene

All good and all Tuscan

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Rick Halberg, owner of Emily's restaurant in Northville, admitted, "I wanted to be back in the Maple Road-Orchard Lake area to offer some of the style of cooking that I did at R.I.K.'s, before it closed and I opened Emily's."

Halberg made it happen with Tutto Bene, a Tuscan takeout at Orchard Lake and 13 Mile Road which opened this week on Monday, Dec 19. He also admitted that he's always loved Italian food - especially Tuscan. "It's tutto bene (all good)."

With that as background, you'll understand why Halberg painted the major walls a color he called sangiovese (the principal red grape of Tuscany). There are about 20 seats and no liquor license, so lingering is not what Halberg suggests. Take something Tuscan home, is more like it.

Tutto Bene is open Monday to Saturday at 7:30 a.m. for coffee, cappuccino, espresso and lattes with pastry. Come back later for soup, salad, pasta, pizza, panini, calzone and dessert.

PASTA AND PIZZA

Authentic Tuscan pizzas are thin crust, not loaded with toppings, but those chosen are of impeccable quality.

The 12-inch pizzas get fired up in the gas-fired stone hearth ovens by 28-year-old chef Mark

Barbarich, an Oakland Community College culinary graduate who has been making pastries at Emily's for several years. He admits to catching the Tuscan food bug from Halberg.

In addition to the obligatory Pizza Margherita, made with the finest San Marzano tomato sauce, Barbarich is excited to present a version of Pizza Bianca, topped with thin potato slices, mushrooms,

taleggio and truffle oil. Goat Cheese pizza has sundried tomatoes and broccoli in addition to domestic goat cheese.

Four Cheese includes the traditional mozzarella, parmesan, fontina and gorgonzola. To get your salad as a pizza topping, order the Arugula. Baked with chopped tomatoes and mozzarella, then popped from the oven, it's topped with arugula, dressed with extra virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

"Bitter and hearty Italian greens make the Escarole Pizza appealing to me," Barbarich added. This rendition also includes caramelized onions, gorgonzola and walnuts.

Pastas such as ravioli, linguine, taghetele and gnocchi are made on premise as are all the sauces, including puttanesca, veal Bolognese, marinara and amatriciana.

Then there's Mac & Cheese. Not Tuscan but a version of the classic to keep those caught up in the current national craze more than content.

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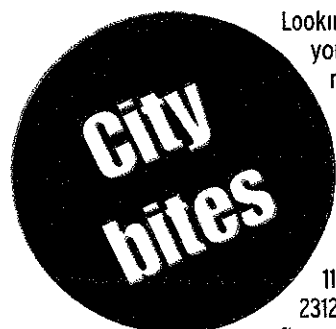
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Looking for ideas on where to go when
 you're out shopping? The following
 restaurants have been featured
 recently in Table Hopping

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Logan

115 W Washington Ann Arbor (734) 327
 2312 Tuesday Saturday 5 10 p m Globally
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 kids menu \$3 (mac and cheese) and \$6 (crispy chicken breast)

Reservations: recommended

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Big Rock Chophouse

245 S Eton Street Birmingham (248) 647 7774
 Monday and Tuesday 11a m 10p m Wednesday and Thursday until 11
 p m Friday and Saturday until midnight Dinners specializing in hand
 cut aged steaks and chops and on the lighter side at lunch salads
 sandwiches and burgers On premise microbrewery
 Check averages excluding beverage \$10 at lunch and \$40 at dinner
 Kids menu \$5 95

Reservations: recommended for main dining room

Chocolat

261 Merrill St Birmingham (248) 203 7990
 Monday Wednesday 8 a m 8 p m Thursday until 10 p m and Friday until
 11 p m Saturday 10 a m 11 p m
 Hand made European chocolates pastries private label teas coffee
 bar hot chocolate and light fare Light fare \$3 50 \$7 45 Pastries \$1 75
 \$7 Chocolates \$32 per pound Reservations: for groups of six or more

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670 Lothrop Road (in the New Center area behind the Fisher Theater)
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 a la carte \$22 \$32 Reservations recommended

FARMINGTON HILLS

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33316 Grand River Farmington (248) 478 2355
 Monday Thursday 11 a m 10 p m until midnight Friday Saturday noon
 to midnight Fresh American ingredients prepared to order for Euro and
 Asian inspired dishes Small plates \$4 \$14 Reservations recommended
 No handicap access to lower level location

FERNDALE

Josephine Creperie & Bistro

241 W Nine Mile (just west of Woodward) (248) 399 1366 Open Dinner
 Tuesday Thursday 4 30 10 p m Friday and Saturday until 11 p m
 Sunday brunch 11 a m 2 30 p m Food style Crepes and bistro style
 food Vegetarian friendly Cost \$10 \$15
 Reservations: recommended Extra streetside seating for 12

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Sea Grille

6199 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield (248) 487 0326 Lunch
 Monday Friday 11 30a m 2 30p m Saturday and Sunday lunch/brunch
 menu noon 4 p m Dinner Sunday Thursday 5 10 p m and until 11 p m
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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Camille Claudel and Rodin Fateful Encounter through Feb 5 5200 Woodward Ave Detroit timed tickets include general museum admission and exhibit audio tour \$8 \$14 (877) 342 8494 or visit www.dia.org

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Betye Saar Extending the Frozen Moment an exhibition of more than 60 works by artist Betye Saar through Jan 8 525 South State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3 \$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

ART GALLERIES

Cass Cafe

3 The Hard Way a mixed media exhibition by Taurus Burns John Harkins and Harlan Lovestone through March 4 4620 Cass Avenue Detroit (313) 831 1400

Lemberg Gallery

Recent Works on Paper Judy Pfaff until Jan 21 at 23241 Woodward Ferndale artists lecture 8:15 p.m. Thursday Dec 15 at The Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium (248) 591 6623 or www.lemberggallery.com

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Paintings by Holly Coulis David Deutsch Ryan McLaughlin and Ellen Phelan through Jan 14 at 700 Livernois Ferndale (248) 541 4700

Ann Arbor Art Center

Out of the Gates a photography exhibit documenting the installation of Christo's famous gates project in Central Park through Dec 23 117 West Liberty Ann Arbor call (734) 994 8004 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Photo exhibit

Group Photo an exhibit of works by five photographers through Dec 30 Paint Creek Center for the Arts 407 Pine St Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or visit www.pccart.org

Sherry Washington Gallery

David Fludd's *The Grids of Life* exhibit on view until Jan 14 Located at L.B. King Building 1274 Library Detroit www.sherrywashingtongallery.com (313) 961 4500

Hill Gallery

Mark di Suvero's art through Jan 31 located at 407 W Brown St Birmingham (248) 540 9288

ART ETC.

Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop

Holiday gifts sold through Dec 31 featuring ceramics glass fiber hand made wood furniture and musical instruments Art Center members receive 20 percent discount For information call (734) 994 8004 Ext 118 Located at 117 West Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor



BALLET

Avondale performance

The Nutcracker performed by Michigan Ballet Theatre 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec 22 Avondale Performing Arts Center Avondale High School Auburn Hills (248) 652 3117

Moscow Festival Ballet

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Blind Pig

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Blue Martini

Live music 8:11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays 201 Hamilton between Woodward and Old Woodward one block north of Maple (248) 258 3005

Bosco

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Club Bart

22726 Woodward Ferndale (248) 548 8746 21 & over only

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays Hip hop 18 & over 299 E

Woodbridge Detroit (313) 235 2233

Crazy Moe's Cafe

2 N Saginaw St Pontiac (248) 322 5550 Food dancing music

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid back small friendly 2824 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 546 8331

Dino's Lounge

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Elysium

Lounge dance and happy hour 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays Fridays Nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (313) 962 2244 625 Shelby Detroit www.elysiumlounge.com

Emerald Theatre

Concert House dancing 32 North Walnut Mount Clemens (586) 913 1920

Jam at The Gem

The series returns to the Gem Theatre patio Every Thursday 5-8 p.m. Guests can enjoy summer drink specials appetizers and entrees from the Century Grille For more information call (313) 963 980 or visit online at www.gemtheatre.com

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COMEDY

Second City



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To mark the 250th anniversary of the French and Indian War, a free screening of the new public television film, 'The War That Made America,' runs at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec 29, Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, call (313) 833-1805, or visit www.detroithistorical.org

Mainstage show is *In iPod We Trust* running Wednesday Sunday 42705 Grand River Ave Novi (248) 348 4448

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 E Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomey.com

FAMILY

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future* is now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R Detroit \$6 7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitssciencecenter.org

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Sleigh rides

John McGuire of the Guernsey Farms Dairy donated a one horse open sleigh to the Northville Community Foundation for use at Maybury Farm to kick off Hayrides and Sleigh Rides at the Maybury Farm on Eight Mile Road just west of Beck Road in Northville The farm's winter hours are noon until 5 p.m. Wednesday thru Sunday hayrides and sleigh rides (weather depending) will be scheduled at 1 p.m. 2 p.m. 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday Saturday and Sundays For group rates call (248) 374 0200

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month Shield's Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover Call (248) 478 0172

Jazz at Wharton Center

The MSU Professors of Jazz features Kevin Mahogany 8:30 p.m. Thursday Feb 23 at Pasant Theatre and Ingrid Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge (517) 432 2000 or 1 800 WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

Michigan Jazz Festival

Presents Jim Ryan & Friends at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday Dec 28 at Giulio's Cucina Italiana

Restaurant On Dec 28 Ryan on drums Vince Shandor on piano and Kurt Krasnke on bass (734) 427 9500

MORE MUSIC

Magic Bag

22920 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 3030

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Musicians perform on open mike night every Thursday 8:11 p.m. at The Bubble Bliss 125 S Main Street Come and watch or bring an instrument to perform

KerryTown

415 North Fourth Ave Ann Arbor reservation recommended (734) 769 2999 www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

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At the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts on Friday evenings throughout the fall with Back Forty funk and grass roots performs at 7 p.m. 74 N Sheldon Road Plymouth (734) 416 4278

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885 Starkweather Plymouth Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7:10 p.m. (bass and piano)

Trinity House Theatre

Dick Siegel in concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday Dec 10 Tickets are \$12 Call (734) 464 6302 For more information www.trinityhouse.org

At home, On-line

www.RadioIndiePop.com features a different indie band each month This month it's Animal Collective Listening to the music is free and there's no advertising

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

Current exhibits include *Behind the Scenes, 50 Years of Disneyland* 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily \$10 14 20900 Oakwood Boulevard west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmfgv.org

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is *It's a Nano World* Permanent exhibits include planetarium nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills general admission is \$5 7 planetarium \$13 (248)

'Little Women' tells a family story in musical style

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

On stage

FOR THE GIRLS

It's the holidays, but a theatrical production need not take up Christmas, Hanukkah or Kwanzaa to celebrate the season

Little Women, which continues Dec 27 to Jan 1 at the Fisher Theatre in downtown Detroit, embraces the holiday spirit by unfolding a story about family and universal human struggles

"It goes back to the importance of family. Everybody has a family. Everybody has life struggles," said Kate Fisher, who portrays Jo in the Broadway musical version of the classic story by Louisa May Alcott

The production stars two-time Grammy nominee Maureen McGovern as Marmee McGovern. She is often called the "Stradavarius Voice"

"She's wonderful," Fisher said of working with McGovern. "Sometimes you worry about 'stars,' quote unquote. She is a calm, warm, kind woman. It's such a pleasure to be on stage with someone so delightful."

The two-act musical follows Jo as she struggles to pursue her dreams while at the same time her sisters' lives go in different

What: Maureen McGovern stars in the Broadway musical *Little Women*

When: Dec 27 to Jan 1 shows run 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Thursday 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday

Where: Fisher Theatre 3011 W. Grand Blvd. Detroit

Tickets: \$32.50-72.50 call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com or www.NiederlanderDetroit.com

directions

"She literally had to make her own future. Pursuing a dream — we've all been through that. That's universal. Everybody can relate to that," Fisher said.

Likewise, the personalities and individual struggles of her sisters remind audience members of at least one of their own family members.

"There's the bratty sister, the perfect sister, the type-A personality child, the selfless person. These are personalities that exist in every family," she said.

And while the production tackles serious moments and universal turning points, it's ultimately



JOAN MARCUS

Little Women, the musical, is based on the classic novel by Louisa May Alcott

mately a joyous celebration of family and humanity

Besides, "it's a fun show," Fisher said. All the characters get to break into song, especially her character Jo.

"She's bursting with energy, she's over-the-top, and that translates well into bursting into songs," she said. "In musical theater, when a character expresses himself or herself in speech, it has to be so

important if it's to be expressed in song."

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BleuOut features the DJ talent from Los Angeles of Richard Vission of Thrive Music and Static Revenger of System Recordings and Bleu's well-known Shawn Michaels. Party favors and champagne included with presale tickets \$60. Visit www.groovetickets.com or www.bleudetroit.com Ages 21 & over

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IF YOU'RE MAINSTREAM AND SINGALONGS

The Post Bar (see locations below). It's friendly, normal folks who like to sing songs like *Great Balls of Fire*, really loud, dance, socialize and be a little crazy. And that's every day of the week. So imagine New Year's Eve. Wear your dancing shoes and bring a camera. Cover at most locations is just \$3. Locations are: 408 W. Congress Detroit (313) 962-1293, 22828 Woodward Ferndale (248) 546-7678, 42875 Grand River Novi (248) 465-9600, 3880 Lapeer Road Auburn Hills (248) 370-8909, 22065 Michigan Ave., Dearborn (313) 277-3524. www.postbars.com

DO YOU REMEMBER BLONDIES?

Token Lounge 28949 Joy Road Westland (734) 513-5030

If you liked to rock in Detroit during the '70s and '80s, you remember that bar. (Admittedly, I remember it although I spent most of my club days at Todd's.) The Token is hosting a Blondies reunion show hosted by Ruzvelt & John with Seduce, The Meanines, Abuse and Generation Zero. www.tokenlounge.com. Big blonde, ratted hair and spandex are welcome.

I WILL SURVIVE ...

Boogie Fever 22901 Woodward Ave. Ferndale (248) 541-1600

Did you know this big disco joint also serves food? While the crowd is mostly twentysome things, there's a lot of those in their 30s and 40s who go for the dancing too. Music is remixed '70s and '80s so it stays fresh. Visit www.boogiefevercafe.com

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AM I IN A DAVID LYNCH MOVIE?

(And that's a good thing!) Royal Kobu 25234 Greenfield Road Oak Park (248) 968-7550

There's something wonderfully unique about Royal Kobu. I think it's one of the area's best kept secrets, but every so often we have to talk about it. It serves great authentic Philippine food at good prices. What's eccentric is the karaoke. When I was there singing Madonna's *Like a Virgin* (and I can't sing) the clientele of couples, businessmen and party goers plus the staff cheered me on as if I was actually good. When my friend broke into a horrible version of Neil Diamond's *Love on the Rocks*, people actually started to slow dance. They continued their romantic dance while we belted Bonnie Tyler's *Total Eclipse of the Heart*. What's not to love?

IT'S JUST COOL ...

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GREEK FOOD AND GREEK DANCE ...

Mosaic 501 Monroe St. Greektown at the corner of Beaubien & Monroe (313) 962-9366. The crowd is 20s and 30s, the menu is a blend of several cultures, but of course there's Greek food. A beautiful bar/lounge, interesting house music and on New Year's Eve, Greek belly dancers will help shimmy in the New Year. I'll be there.

See the next issue of Filter for more New Year's Eve nightspots in Wayne and Oakland counties.

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One of the most touching, emotional romances in some time! That rare movie with the power to change attitudes. Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal's performances give 'Brokeback Mountain' the power to break your heart - and, perhaps more important, to open it."

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Hits you like a shot in the heart. This classic in the making ranks high on the list of the year's best movies. It's a landmark film and a triumph for Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal. Heath Ledger's performance is an acting miracle. Anne Hathaway excels. Michelle Williams is a revelation."

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'Family Stone' low on holiday cheer

The Family Stone - As the war on Christmas rages across the nation - at least on Fox News Channel - the holiday remains firmly intact with this typically feel good, feel bad, feel-good-again family Christmas movie

Writer director Thomas Bezucha packs his idyllic, snow-covered

New England setting with all the familiar elements of the genre a big, rambling house filled with lovably eccentric characters, petty sibling misunderstandings and long-held resentments, unlikely romance that blossoms simply for the sake of comedy, and of course, a food mishap



It is the cinematic equivalent of your batty great-aunt's fruitcake You make fun of it but you eat a piece of it anyway, because it's traditional

If not for the performances - notably from Diane Keaton, Rachel McAdams and Luke Wilson - the entire endeavor would be too treacly to tolerate

Sarah Jessica Parker received a Golden Globe nomination for her

performance as an uptight New Yorker who clashes with her bohemian, soon-to-be in-laws, but the role is glaringly one-note

PG-13 for some sexual content including dialogue, and drug references 104 min

Two stars out of four

Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

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Orchestra Canton presents 'Back to Bach'

Orchestra Canton presents the third concert of its 2005-2006 season under Music Director and Conductor Nan Harrison Washburn with a presentation of Back to Bach at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

While stimulating our minds and helping our memory, the Back to Bach concert also allows the audience to enjoy some of J.S. Bach's most beloved music all in one program. Included in the program are Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5*, Suite of Bach Favorites (*Sheep May Safely Graze*, *Air on a G-String* & *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*, arranged by Nan Washburn), and Bach's *Coffee Cantata No. 211*. The Cantata's soloists, performing in costume and in English, take a comical look at the evils and pleasures of drinking coffee.

Back to Bach will feature Orchestra Canton performers Mark Schuppener (violin) and Dennis Carter (flute), as well as guest artists Tamí Morse on harpsichord, Nadine Balbeisi (soprano), Emery Stephens (baritone), and David Wilson

(tenor)

Prior to the concert guests can enjoy a buffet-style dinner at the Village Theater. The buffet will include several courses and begins 7 p.m. in the Village Theater's Biltmore Studio. Tickets for the dinner and concert together are \$40. Tickets for the concert only are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and \$11 for children.

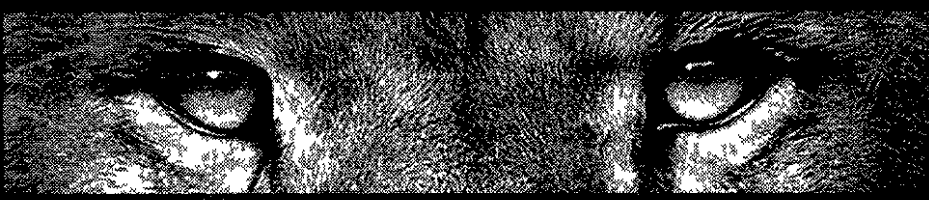
This concert is sponsored by Partnership for the Arts and Humanities and supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Concert tickets may be purchased in person at the Summit on the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by phone by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460, or by calling the Orchestra Canton office at (734) 451-2112. Tickets may also be purchased at the Village Theater box office one hour before the performance.

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FIRST

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First Night is also a non-alcoholic event designed with families in mind. So there are plenty of kid-friendly performances and drop-in activities.

In its 15th year, First Night 2006 begins at 4 p.m. and takes place at First Baptist Church, First Christ Scientist Church, Baldwin Public Library and the Birmingham Historical Museum. The four downtown Birmingham venues are located

within walking distance of one another.

First Night will end with an early New Year's Eve countdown at 10 p.m. "The majority of our attendees are families with kids, and most of them are done by 9:30 or 10 p.m.," Sheaves said.

Doug Scheer's "The Laugh Factory Family Fun Show" precedes the countdown, which will be coordinated with a live New Year's Eve celebration taking place in a country in an earlier time zone.

"Pretty cool, huh. The Laugh Factory show is this year's new addition to First Night's performance lineup."

Sheaves described the program as "a family comedy with audience participation."

Family favorites like magician Jason Huddy, the Fantasy E-Fex Puppets and The Music Lady are slated to return.

Hands-on activities include face-painting and karaoke. First Baptist Church's youth group will sell refreshments.

"It's a lot of fun. Everybody feels like they're part of a group," said Sheaves. "People are together, they're communicating and they're together."

Now, that's a good New Year's kind of feeling.

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COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

What: 15th annual First Night Birmingham a family friendly and community oriented New Year's Eve event sponsored by the Cultural Council of Birmingham Bloomfield.

When: 4:10 p.m. Saturday Dec 31

Where: First Baptist Church, First Christ Scientist Church, Baldwin Public Library and Birmingham Historical Museum, all located in downtown Birmingham and in close walking distance.

Tickets: \$8 per person with children 10 and under admitted free. Tickets can be purchased in advance at TechnoMasters Business Center, 725 South Adams, Birmingham. For information call (248) 258-9075.

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The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents its popular "Between the Holidays Special" concert at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29 at Temple Beth El, 7400 Telegraph Road at 14 Mile Road in Bloomfield Township.

Adult admission is \$25, students and children 18 and under are free. Discounts are available for a three-concert series, and also for group sales.

Felix Resnick, BBSO Music Director Laureate, will conduct, and the concert will feature a violin solo by Emily Hudock, age 12, a

winner in this year's BBSO Young Artists competition.

The program will include works by Borodin, Faure, Gershwin, Zigeunerweisen, Cole Porter, Jerome Kern, and Tchaikovsky.

Preceding the concert, a mini-concert will be presented in the lobby by the Farmington Festival Orchestra, directed by Tracey Riggs, a BBSO violist. It begins at 6:15 p.m.

More information is available from the BBSO by phone at 248-645-2276 or online at www.bbs.org.

JET

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and staging true to the original musical.

"You get the feeling of each of the original productions as you watch it," he said.

Leading the JET cast are several guest artists from New York, including Peter Kevoian, who originated the role of Monsieur Reyer in the Broadway production of *The Phantom of the Opera*.

The show features such

Sondheim favorites as *Comedy Tonight* from *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and *You Gotta Get a Gimmick* from *Gypsy*.

So if you've yet to experience Sondheim or you have a hankering to hear a whole bunch, *Side by Side* sounds like a good bet.

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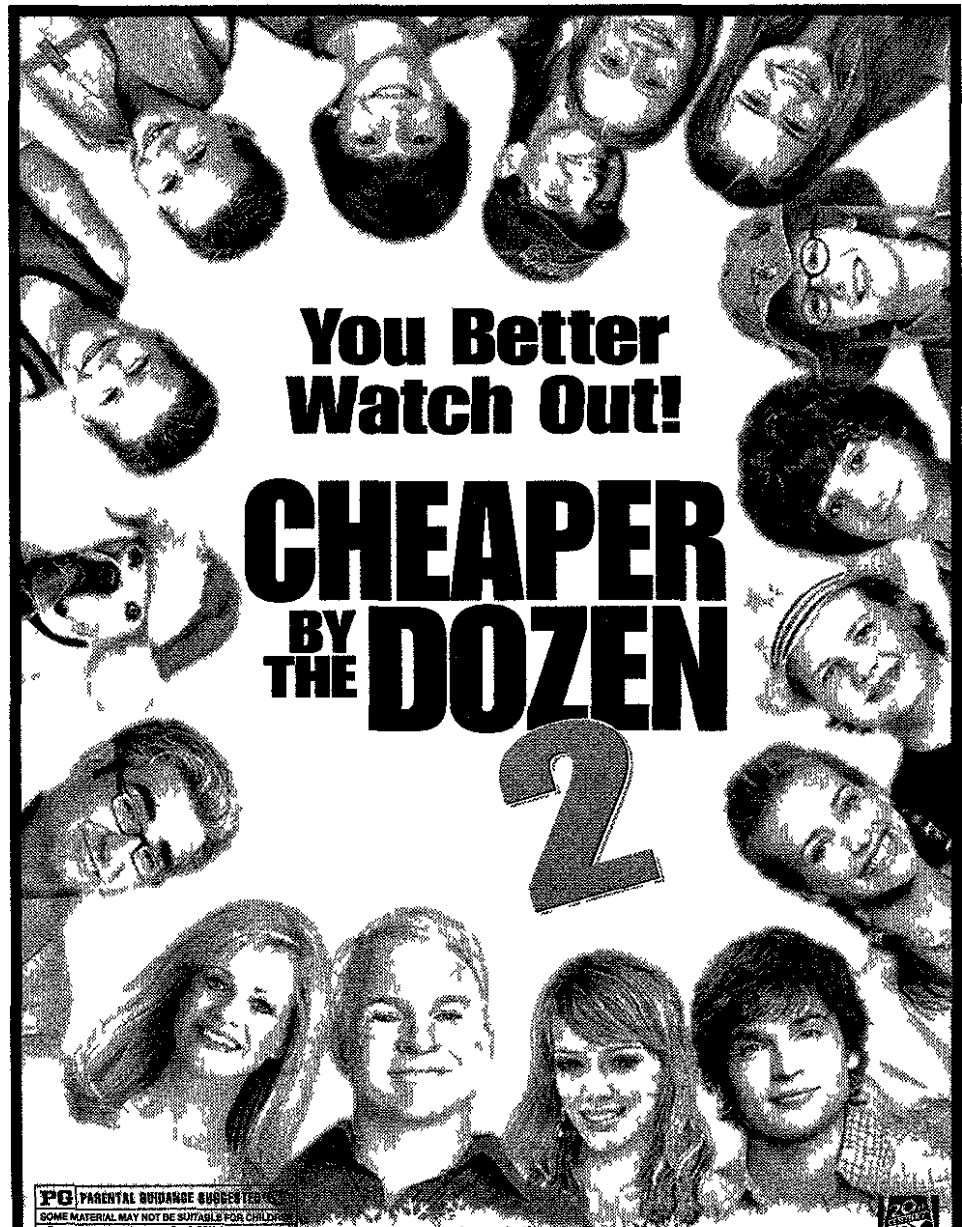
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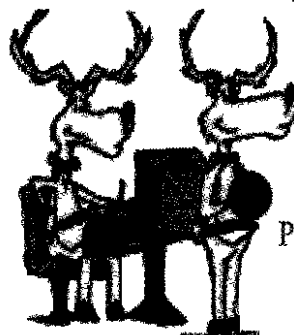
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