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## Memo

### Cheer Club

The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club.

In fact, we're opening the club a week or so early this year because the need is always greater during tough times. Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main in Plymouth during business hours.



The items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 13, when we will turn them over to the good folks at the Salvation Army.

They'll distribute the items to needy people in Plymouth, Canton and Northville. When you bring your donations by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and hometown. That's because we like to print donor names in the paper while the Cheer Club drive is on. You may remain anonymous if you prefer. Happy Holidays! Please keep Cheer Club in mind.

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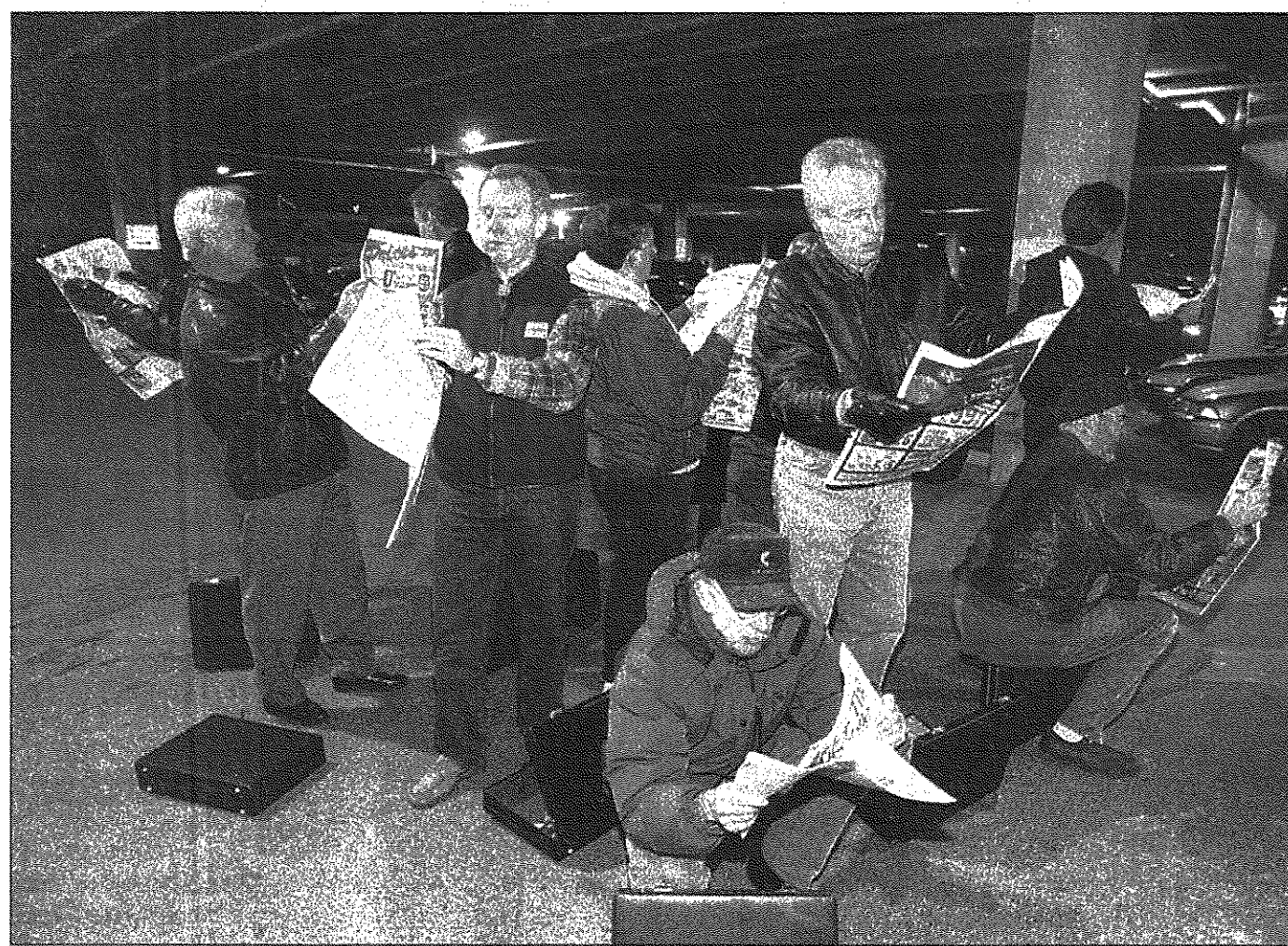
### Holiday closings

Canton Township offices will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the day after, Nov. 28 and 29. They will reopen with regular hours on Monday, Dec. 2. The Canton Public Library will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 27, remain closed on Thanksgiving Day and will reopen with regular hours (9 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on Friday, Nov. 29. Summit on the Park will be open on Thanksgiving Day from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will be closed the remainder of the day. It will be open on Friday, Nov. 29, with regular hours.

### Newcomers meet

The Canton Newcomers will host a holiday party 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Hanford Clubhouse. The group will hold its regular meeting and then celebrate the season. Members are welcome and new members can join any time.

Members will bring gifts for Goodfellows children to the meeting and collecting kid-friendly food items as well. Call (734) 459-0520.



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Briefcase Drill Team members rehearse their "Present: Wall Street Journal" routine. From left are Chris Petersen, Tom Hickey, Dave Borgia, Stan Dibble, Randy Jost and Canton resident Ron Lowe. Other team members from Canton include Bob Borkowski and Jim Eldridge.

## For these guys, parade is all 'business'

### Briefcase Drill Team will again highlight Thanksgiving Day march

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Chris Hill remembers being a bit perplexed about the sign on the front of his father's downtown Plymouth clothing store 15 years ago. "I said 'He wants 16 guys for what?'" remembered Hill, now 34. "I was in school and was too cool for that. I wanted no part of it."

It only took Hill a few years to adjust his thinking, that this group of 16 guys was really cool, and decide to become a part of it. And, this Thanksgiving, just like he has for the past 10, Hill will travel from his home in Chicago to be a part of his father's (Fred Hill's) Briefcase Drill Team and perform in the annual Thanksgiving Day Parade.

"The first time I saw them perform it was great, but at the time I didn't think they would become so popular," said Chris Hill. "I thought they'd just be a hit for the Fourth of July Parade."

While a popular feature in the Plymouth mid-summer parade, Fred Hill's Briefcase Drill Team is also a favorite with the Thanksgiving Day Parade crowd in Detroit. In fact, Hill's group will be marching down Woodward Avenue performing in the annual turkey day event for the 15th year.

"We're definitely a tradition," said Fred Hill. "I guess we're just a different kind of turkey."

Hill said the Briefcase Drill Team, which began its act in 1985, "was originally put together to help promote men's suits. Now, I guess, we just promote the Briefcase Drill Team."

Sam Dibble of Plymouth Township has been with the drill team since 1986.

"I was a customer at Fred's clothing store, and when I walked in to pick up

PLEASE SEE PARADE, A7

## Thanksgiving program helps put dinner on the table

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Kim wasn't sure exactly what she and her family were going to do.

Thanksgiving was coming, and the Canton resident and her husband were scrambling to figure out how to give their family a good meal.

Both Kim and her husband are working, but as many people are finding out in tough economic times, that doesn't necessarily guarantee much. Times were tough for Kim and her family.

Along came the Plymouth Salvation Army with its Thanksgiving basket program, and Kim's problem was solved.

"I very much appreciate it," said Kim. "Money is tight right now; we're

**'This year, we've got more clients because of the economic problems. There's just not enough money in the house. Hopefully, it makes Thanksgiving better to get some dinner.'**

Bill Moritz  
director of social services, Salvation Army

having a hard time. My husband and I are both working, but we're barely able to make ends meet. With (the Salvation Army) providing the turkey and trimmings, it made it a sure thing we'd be able to provide a Thanksgiving dinner for the kids."

Kim's family is one of some 150 who will be able to do just that this season, thanks to the gen-

erosity of people and businesses around the community. The Salvation Army is providing Thanksgiving dinner to families across its coverage area, which includes the Plymouths, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

That's the highest number of families to be served since Bill Moritz

PLEASE SEE PROGRAM, A4



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Operation Christmas Child organizer Karen Williams carries donated gift packages for boys and girls to shipping boxes, along with other volunteers at NorthRidge Church Sunday.

## Shoeboxes offer holiday cheer

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

By Karen Williams' count, more than 6,000 youngsters in impoverished nations around the world have two things thanks to Operation

Christmas Child: a Christmas present to open, and a better understanding of the true meaning of Christmas.

Operation Christmas Child is an offshoot of Samaritan's Purse, the relief

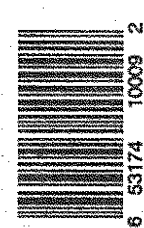
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## Township-wide car vandalism spree draws police attention

Canton police are investigating 11 cases of malicious destruction of property that occurred in the late night and early morning hours of Nov. 22-23.

All of the incidents involved parked cars. Reported damage includes slashed tires, smashed out rear windows and rearview mirrors. Damage estimates range from \$100 up to \$1,000, according to police reports. Knives and blunt objects appear to be the instruments used in the cases.

The incidents occurred all over Canton, from Morton Taylor and Joy roads in the north to Geddes and Beck roads in the south. It's unclear if all or any of the incidents are related, according to police.

### PICKY THIEVES

A resident of the 6900 block of Camelot called police after he heard something outside his house about 8:30 p.m. Sunday and saw someone inside his car in the driveway.

He said by the time he got outside two suspects were running away from the car, dropping

### COP CALLS

ping CDs as they ran. In addition to the CDs he said his cell phone and garage door opener were missing.

As police were investigating, they received another call from a North Umland resident about someone breaking into cars. An investigation of that complaint led police to question a teenage youth who admitted going into some unlocked cars while his friend served as a lookout. He said he dropped the CDs he didn't like.

Police took both youths into custody, took them to the police station where they gave written statements, then turned them over to the custody of their parents.

### HOME BREAK-IN

A resident of the 500 block of Buckingham reported to police that when she returned home shortly after 4 p.m. Sunday, she noticed a window broken out of the house, where she was house-sitting for her brother. She said she then noticed the

sliding door was open.

The only thing she was certain was missing was a \$20 bill that had been on the counter-top earlier in the day.

### PHONE STOLEN

A 17-year-old Canton youth told police a cell phone was stolen from his car while it was parked behind Jet's Pizza on Palmer.

The incident occurred between noon and 8:45 p.m. Sunday. He said the car was unlocked. The phone was valued at \$100.

### CAR DAMAGED

A resident of the 6600 block of Woonsocket reported someone damaged the roof of his car while it was parked at his home. Police found shoe prints on the roof.

The damage occurred between midnight Saturday and 6:30 a.m. Sunday. Damage was estimated at \$1,200.

### AMP STOLEN

A resident of the 46000 block of Geddes Road told

police someone stole an amplifier from his van sometime between 7 p.m. Nov. 20 and 6:30 a.m. Nov. 21.

He said they apparently entered the van through the rear hatch.

The amplifier was valued at \$600. Damage to the hatch was \$50.

### EQUIPMENT STOLEN

A North Umland resident reported someone stole a snow thrower valued at \$450 and a leaf blower valued at \$70 from her garage between 5 p.m. Nov. 17 and 1 p.m. Nov. 24.

He said the side door of the garage may have been left unlocked.

### DOOR DAMAGED

A resident of the 45400 block of Augusta Drive told police someone damaged his garage door between 11:30 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Sunday.

The damage occurred when someone threw a pumpkin at the door and dented it. Damage was estimated at \$200.

## @ THE LIBRARY

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■ The library's Special Multimedia Collection about "Breast Cancer" on its Internet branch has just been extensively updated with the latest in resources and web links?

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■ The Canton Public Library had 2,335 children participate in our Summer Reading Program this past summer?

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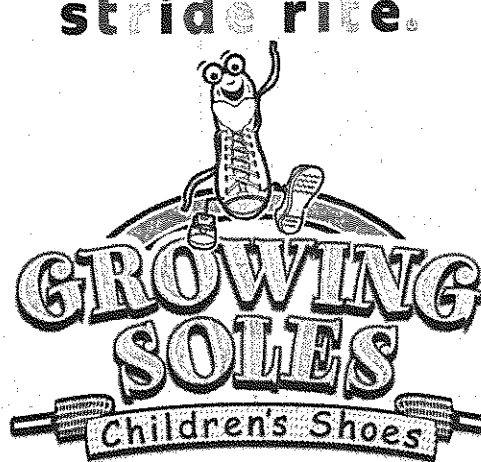
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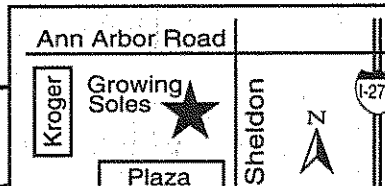
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# Isbister students plant seeds of learning

## Hilton Garden teams with local schools

The fourth-grade classes of Adrienne Bodnar and James Buhro at Isbister Elementary school went digging in the dirt instead of hitting the books, with a boost from Hilton Garden Inn-Plymouth.

With help from the Hilton Garden Inn "Pride Committee," students learned the basics of planting and caring for an indoor flower and herb garden. Garden projects were created for the students in order to provide a sense of ownership and pride. Each student planted seeds in the garden, and each class was provided with a "garden journal" to record the growth process of the plants.

"The kids are getting a chance to watch all these different plants grow," Bodnar said. "We're going to have to do some transplanting. It's been very nice."

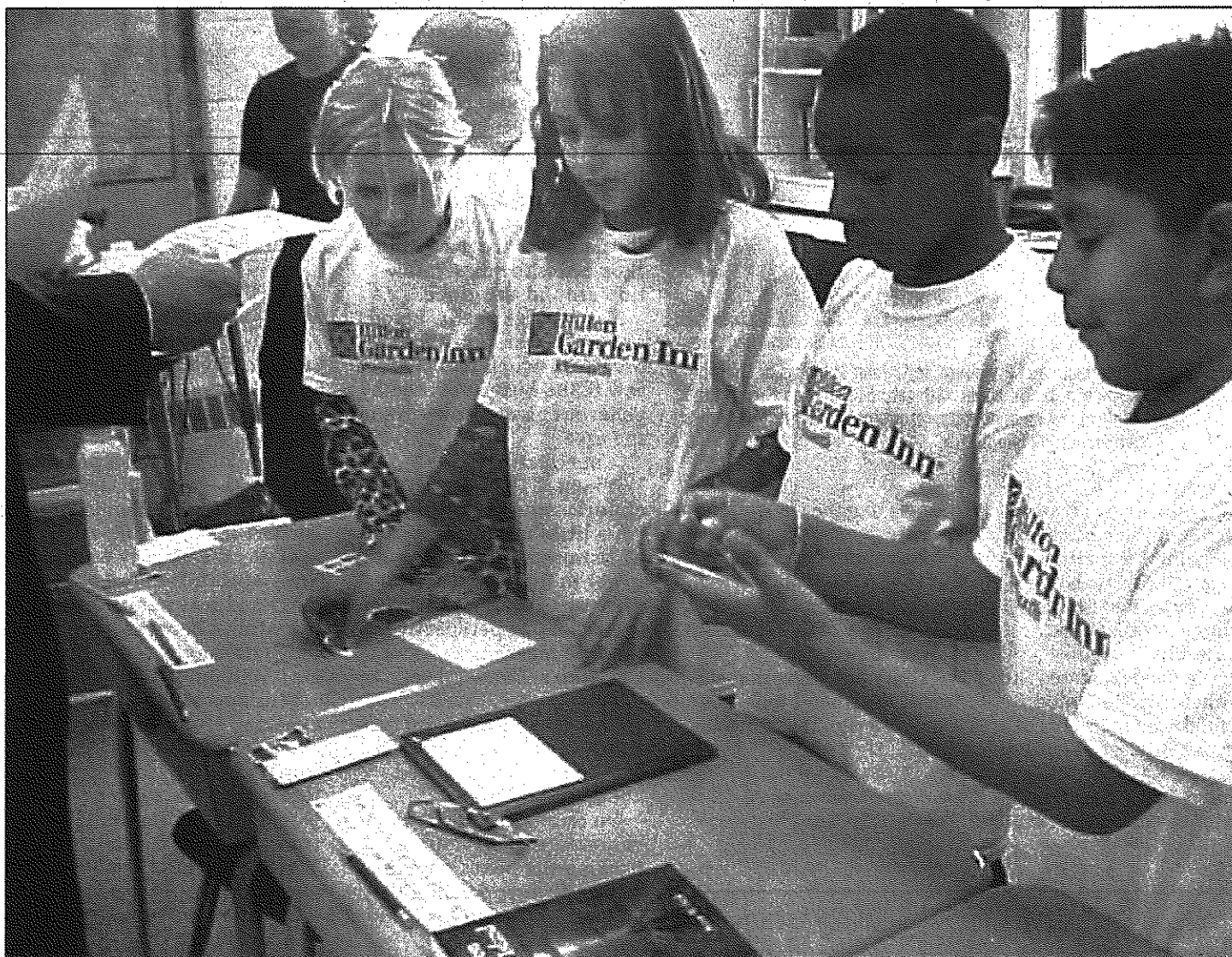
Hilton Garden Inn, with more than 145 hotels throughout North America, are collectively working with local schools in their communities to educate children about the many facets of gardening and its importance to the environment.

"It ties in well with our fourth-grade curriculum," Bodnar said. "The kids have been very excited about it."

The brand formed a relationship with the National Gardening Association to provide guidance and knowledge to hotel team members on how to start these gardens that provide a clear, hands-on approach that the students can enjoy.

A Garden Education Kit was developed specifically for this community outreach campaign. The Hilton Garden Inn-Plymouth donated this package.

"Our Hilton Garden Inn

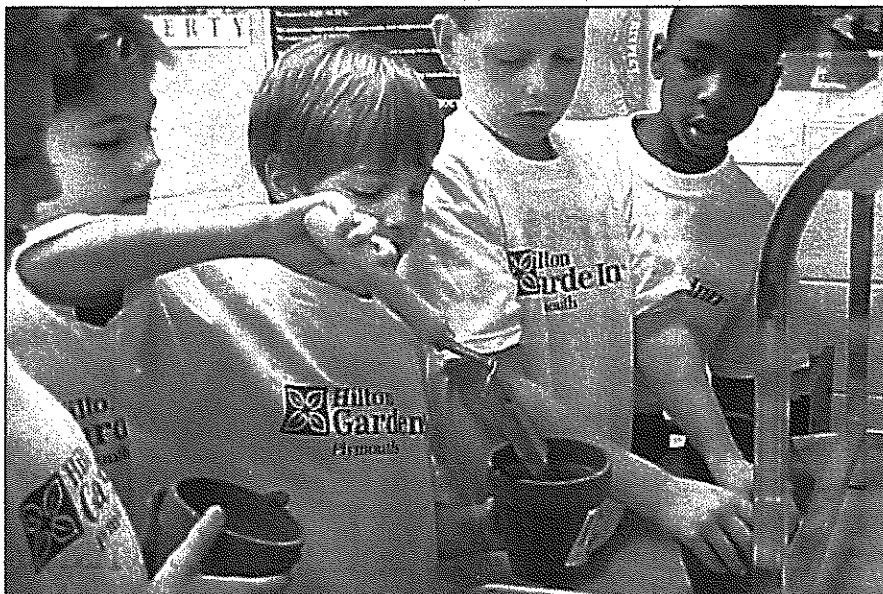


Isbister Elementary School fourth-graders Rachel Cessna, from left, Alisha Atallah, L.J. Talton and Paco Villarruel were among the students who got journals and other tools to learn about planting.

**'It ties in well with our fourth-grade curriculum. The kids have been very excited about it.'**

Adrienne Bodnar  
teacher, Isbister Elementary

team members are dedicated and proud to give back to the community, and what a better way than to plant the seeds of knowledge into the minds of today's youth," said Patrick Hixson, hotel general manager.



Isbister fourth-grader David Bohrnstedt, with shovel, transfers some soil to a pot as fellow students Dylan Regan, Shane Vahosky, Garrett Swinton and L.J. Talton prepare to do the same.

## Local teacher won't be charged in e-mail case

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A former Canton High School social studies teacher who was being investigated for allegedly sending inappropriate e-mails to a student earlier this year will not be charged with committing a crime.

Canton police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office decided there was insufficient evidence to charge Steve Mercatante for sending e-mails which reportedly "contained inappropriate comments and sexual innuendo" to an 18-year-old student.

Mercatante had been on paid leave from March 5 until about two weeks before the Board of Education accepted his resignation at the Oct. 8 meeting.

According to a source familiar with the investigation, a friend of the girl told another teacher about the e-mails, who then contacted the administration.

The student reportedly admitted to receiving e-mails "numbering in the teens" and corresponding with the teacher.

Mercatante's classroom computer was confiscated by Canton police; however, the e-mails reportedly had been deleted.

Canton police admitted that since the alleged victim was 18, and the e-mails didn't contain illegal subject matter, it was difficult to prove a crime had been committed.

Mercatante had been a teacher for more than three years.

However, since he had not reached the four years needed for tenure, a school district official said they were going to recommend his contract not be renewed if Mercatante had not resigned.

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## PROGRAM

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came to the Plymouth Salvation Army in 1997. Moritz is the director of social services for the Plymouth corps.

"This time of year, there are families who don't have extra for the holidays," said Moritz, who previously worked in the St. Louis area. "This year, we've got more clients because of the economic problems. There's just not enough money in the house.

Hopefully, it makes Thanksgiving better to get some dinner." The baskets include rolls, stuffing, turkey, potatoes, a variety of vegetables, cranberries, juice and pie. The Salvation Army had to pay some \$400 for turkeys, Moritz said, but the rest of the project is funded strictly through the generosity of the local community.

That level of giving is impressive, according to Moritz.

"It's huge, the most I've ever seen at any Salvation Army I've worked at," he said.

"People here are very giving. They have good hearts, and they care about other people."



Volunteers Mary Beth Hausman of Plymouth, left, Jean Stachura of Canton and Zack Wyatt of Plymouth, 12, fill boxes with canned goods as part of the Salvation Army's Thanksgiving meal donation program Monday at the Army's headquarters on Main Street in Plymouth.

It takes the Army about a month to put the basket program together. Donations come from individuals, from school groups, businesses, churches and other civic organizations.

Spartan Foods donated the pies, other stores donated other food, and members of the Army's Advisory Board did the shopping.

About a dozen people gathered Monday and put the 150

baskets together in a matter of hours.

"We couldn't function without the level of volunteerism we get," said Maj. Steve Hull, commander of the Plymouth Salvation Army.

"That's one thing that surprised me when I took this job two years ago. It's tremendous."

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## SHOEBOX

FROM PAGE A1

ministry of Franklin Graham, the Rev. Billy Graham's son. Williams, a member of NorthRidge Church, is the local coordinator of the mission, which sends Christmas cheer to needy children and tries to bring home what the group feels is the program's best feature: the message of Christ. Gifts are packed into shoe boxes for dissemination around the globe.

NorthRidge again served as a collection point for the program, which this year saw 6,386 boxes donated by generous givers from around the area.

"I'm ecstatic," said Williams. "That's 6,000 children who are going to get a little taste of Christmas, and they're going to get to find out what Christmas is about by learning, from our perspective, the true meaning of Christmas. I'm very, very happy."

This year's total is up substantially from last year, when the church packed about 4,450 boxes.

On Sunday night, some 24 volunteers spent hours packing the boxes for the trip to Minneapolis, Minn., Operation Christmas Child's



Volunteers fill boxes with donated gift packages for boys and girls at North Ridge Church Sunday as part of Operation Christmas Child.

regional distribution point.

From there, the boxes travel to John F. Kennedy Airport in New York; after that, it's the eagerly waiting arms of children.

"The idea is to give kids a Christmas, because it's the only gift they might ever get," Williams said.

Williams said she'd expected around 5,000 boxes, and was pleasantly surprised when they started flowing in. They came from Novi and Farmington Hills, from Garden City and Westland, from Plymouth and Canton.

"They came from all over,"

Williams said. "There's not just one geographic area we're getting them from; they came from everywhere."

She said the volunteers got the boxes packed for their journey to Minneapolis in about three hours, not counting time out for pizza.

"I don't think they thought they could get it packed that quickly," Williams said with a laugh.

"I was expecting 5,000 boxes, maybe 5,500. I wasn't expecting this. It really blew my mind."

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**Daniel J. Waldecker**  
Services for Daniel Waldecker, 72, of Plymouth were held Nov. 18 at the Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. William C. Moore officiating.  
Mr. Waldecker was born Oct. 5, 1930 in Detroit and died Nov. 14 at home. He was a resident of Livonia for 18 years and Plymouth for 27 years. He was a graduate of St. Cecille's High School. He was a staff sergeant in the National Guard during the Korean War. He was founder and president of Waldecker Equipment Co., a member of the Board of Directors of Material Handling Equipment Distributors, Assoc.; past President of the Livonia Rotary Club. His hobbies included flying radio-controlled airplanes, boating and golf. He attended Trinity Presbyterian Church.  
Mr. Waldecker was preceded in death by his daughter, Debra J. Bigwood.  
Survivors include wife, Mary Lou Waldecker of Plymouth; daughters, Ann (Gary) Zubok of Livonia, Lynn Marie Waldecker of Livonia, and Patricia Lee (Daniel) Murray of Livonia; sons, Daniel J. (Jill) Waldecker of Livonia, Brad D. Kerr of Bandstown, Ky., and Brian Kerr of Dallas, Texas; sister, Bernice Crocker; granddaughters, Kaitlin Waldecker, Michelle Waldecker, and Erin Grace Murray; and grandson, Patrick S. Murray.  
Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church Building Fund, 10101 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, MI. 48170 or the Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Road, Livonia, MI. 48154-5010.  
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Novelty sweaters from Ambra and Rafaella for  
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Large selection of novelty pants and skirts from relativity.  
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Entire stock of terry velour, fleece and brushed terry  
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Cypress robes in baby velvet, bunny fleece  
and more. Reg. 54.00, **doorbuster 27.00**,  
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cotton sleepshirts. Reg. 24.00-34.00, **doorbuster**  
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## DOORBUSTER 60% OFF

Large selection of ladies' boots from Nine West,  
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Great selection of ladies' boots and shoes from  
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## DOORBUSTER 50% OFF

Selected ladies' designer shoes and boots from  
Sesto Meucci, Via Spiga, Cole Haan, Coach, Bebe,  
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Martinez Valero and more. Reg. 110.00-145.00,  
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66.00-87.00. IN WOMEN'S SHOES. SELECTION VARIES BY STORE.

## DOORBUSTER 60% OFF

Large selection of boys' and girls' shoes and boots  
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Reg. 40.00-50.00, **doorbuster 9.60-12.00**, after  
doorbuster price 18.00-25.00. IN CHILDREN'S SHOES.

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Large selection of men's shoes from Clarks,  
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Savane laundered twill pants. Reg. 42.00, **door-**  
**buster 19.99**, after doorbuster price 24.99. IN MEN'S.

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Leather jackets from Preswick & Moore and  
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after doorbuster price 179.99. IN MEN'S.

## DOORBUSTER 99.99

Leather jackets from William Barry. Reg. 300.00,  
**doorbuster 99.99**, after doorbuster price 129.99.  
IN MEN'S.

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Entire stock of sweaters from Preswick & Moore  
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## DOORBUSTER 14.99

Great selection of Preswick & Moore woven sport  
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Selected sleepwear, slippers and robes from Carter's,  
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Selected boys' and girls' outerwear from Hype,  
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Holiday dresswear from Parisian Bebé, Goodlad,  
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Reg. 25.00-82.00, **doorbuster 12.50-41.00**,  
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## DOORBUSTER 11.99

Novelty tops for girls from Great Escape.  
Reg. 24.00-32.00, **doorbuster 11.99**,  
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Selected boys' and girls' sweaters from PK Clothing,  
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Play sets from Parisian Bebé and Parisian Kids.  
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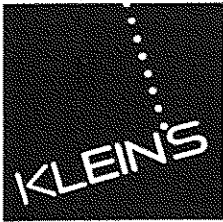
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The folks at Holiday Market pitched in and took all the bottles and cans.

#### TOPS FOR WORKERS

Spring Engineering of Canton was named one of metro Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For in an annual survey sponsored by the Michigan Business and Professional Association.

The local employer was cited with the Employee Communication and Recognition Elite Award.

Those on the list also excelled in recruitment and retention; compensation and benefits; training and education; employee motivation and

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enthusiasm; community initiatives; strategic planning sand integration; diversity and multiculturalism; and work/life balance.

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Performances of "Christmas on Main Street" are 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Dec. 21.

For tickets or information, call the theater, (248) 349-8110.

#### COP ON CABLE

The Canton Police Department will be featured on a German cable television network in January.

The German crew for "Autopsy: Mysterious Cases of Death," was in Canton recently to review two infamous murder cases from the 1980s and 1990s.

The show delved into the Tyburski murder and Solomon

manslaughter cases.

"We videotaped for about nine hours, interviewing, going through old evidence from the cases," said Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski.

Leonard Tyburski killed his wife in the late 1980s and then kept her body in a basement freezer until it was discovered several years later by a family member.

Linda Solomon was convicted in the mid-1990s of manslaughter in the death of her 6-year-old daughter, Chelsea.

The case involved Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy, a disease where an adult will intentionally and repeatedly injure a child and then seek medical attention.

#### STUDENT HONORS

Joshua Belfiore of Canton has been named to the Honor Roll at Canterbury School in New Milford, Conn.

Belfiore is a freshman at the co-ed Catholic prep school. He is the son of Robert and Cinzia Belfiore of Canton.

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a suit, Fred said he had a job for me," said Dibble. "Now that I think of it, Fred got another sale because I needed a blue suit to be part of it."

The blue suit, with a white shirt and red-striped tie, has become the group's trademark. Along with the burgundy-colored briefcase, of course.

Every year the Briefcase Drill Team receives an invitation from The Parade Company to be a part of Detroit's Thanksgiving Day tradition.

"We select specialty groups that form a wide variety of

entertainment, and there's nothing quite like them. They are one of a kind," said Jennifer Wells, director of communications for The Parade Company. "They are great entertainers, and they always put on a fabulous performance. It wouldn't be a parade without them."

Pete Peters of Plymouth Township, who has been with Hill's group since 1990, doesn't like to think of the Briefcase Drill Team as a tradition.

"It's kind of like a shtick, and a chance to be with the guys and have some camaraderie," said Peters. "I always tell the guys we shouldn't take ourselves too seriously or it won't be fun anymore."

Peters admits to getting "pumped up" by the crowd along the parade route. However, Hill is quick to put them in their place.

"Fred will get in your face if you smile, so sometimes you have to bite your tongue," said Peters. "For the most part, though, you are concentrating because it gets hard to hear Fred's commands."

"I concentrate hard on Chris Petersen, whose been in front of me the past 10 years, to make sure I perform the right moves. I can tell you how many gray hairs he has," Peters joked.

The drill team practiced last Sunday, the first time they've been together since the Fourth

of July parade.

"We need practice time to remember "left, right, left, right, left," said Fred Hill. "Look at what I have to work with ... lots of lawyers and a judge. We need to learn to turn all at the same time, or we'll hurt each other."

Dibble said he's a bit surprised the act has carried on for as long as it has.

"It started initially as a fun and goofy idea, a spoof on Wall Street, and ourselves, at the time," he said. "Who would have known we'd be still around, with people still wanting more?"



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Fred "The General" Hill laughs during a rehearsal Sunday night for the Briefcase Drill Team's upcoming performance in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade.

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pie is only so big. "There's only so many retail dollars to be spent and any new retailer will take some of the dollars away."

But he's not worried.

"We've been here for a long time and plan on being here for a long time in the future," he said.

A mile away, at the Sunnyside Hallmark store on Ford at Sheldon, manager Kathy Raycraft was already busy on Monday.

"We're trying to get ready for the Thanksgiving Day-after sale," she said. "I'm just hoping for the best this year."

Adray Camera at Ford and Canton Center, a relative newcomer to the Canton community, is expecting a lot of shoppers.

"I think the camera store is going to have a great season there," said Scott Duthie, camera division district manager for the Dearborn-based company. "A lot of our customers have always driven in to Dearborn from Canton for photo supplies. Now they don't have to drive so far."

He said the large superstores haven't affected Adray's business at all.

"Our salespeople are usually hobbyists themselves," he said.

"They love photography. We get customers that really want to know how the equipment works and we can explain it to them."

Another Dearborn-based company with a Canton connection, Dearborn Music, is a bit more cautious in its outlook.

The company moved its Canton store about a month ago from the center at Ford and Lilley to the Kroger center at Ford and Canton Center.

Co-owner Rick Leannais said because of the move it's a little hard to get a gauge on what to expect.

"At our Dearborn store I think business is going to be up," he said. "The first week after Thanksgiving has traditionally been the slowest. I think shoppers will be coming out much quicker than they have in the past. They only have 25 shopping days."

20-percent increase in sales over last year.

"If you're selling appliances or cars it may be down," he said. "But when it comes to the holidays, people aren't going to skimp on a big feast. I've already bumped my prime rib orders up 20 percent over last year."

And he attributes it to what he sees as the American character.

"As tragic as things are in the world," he said, "Americans are the type of people who are not going to sit down at festive occasions and eat Wonder Bread and pork and beans. We're a great country and we're going to celebrate festive occasions."

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But at Holiday Market on Lilley and Cherry Hill, owner John Pardington is expecting a big season.

"Just based on the groundswell I see already, I think it's going to be huge," he said.

While he said he had heard from other retailers that the last month and a half have been rough, he's expecting a

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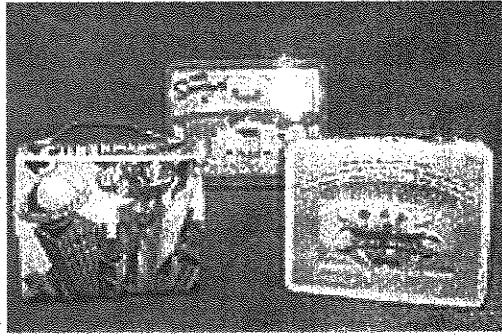
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### Holiday events abound in Canton

The holiday season is finally here. Oh, we know that if you've turned on a TV in the last month or been to the mall since early-October the impression is the actual holidays are just around the corner.

At the Observer we prefer a more traditional barometer - like when the Thanksgiving bird actually meets the carving knife.

We've also noticed a few more folks than usual saying it just doesn't feel like the holidays. We're not sure to what we can attribute that sentiment - maybe it's the tenuous world situation or things closer to home - but we know Canton will offer plenty of opportunities over the next few weeks to raise your holiday spirits.

We'll start with the most obvious one:

■ This year's Christmas Tree Lighting is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Summit. It launches a two-day festival in Heritage Park and at the Summit. Wednesday activities include bell choirs, the P-CEP Strings, the Rising Star Singers, clowns, face-painting, holiday refreshments and, of course, a visit from you-know-who. A second day of festival fun will follow 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday.

■ The historic Bartlett-Travis House has been decorated for the holidays and will be open for various activities and "open house" opportunities during the season. Visitors are invited to enjoy a cup of hot cocoa, listen to seasonal music and admire the trimmings. Local merchants have joined forces with the Canton Leisure Services Department and the Canton Historical Society to deck its halls. The house, on Ridge north of Cherry Hill, will be open noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

■ Santa's mailbox is right here in Canton. Kids can drop off letters to Santa through Dec. 1 at Summit on the Park. They will be sent special delivery to the North Pole and each letter writer will receive a personal reply (as long as a return address is given).

■ Have trouble with a roll of wrapping paper and a scissors? Help is out there. The Summit will host a free gift-wrapping workshop for adults 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the Arts II Room. You supply the gift, the wrapping materials and other supplies. The staff provides some expert help, appropriate music and just the right atmosphere. Call (734) 394-5460 for information.

### Make giving rallying cry for better future

The phrase "United We Stand" has been a rallying cry for the past year as we continue to cope with the aftermath of our Sept. 11, 2001, national tragedy. But there is a more active way for all of us to stand united that goes beyond uttering a catch phrase.

That opportunity is by contributing to the United Way, an organization with far-reaching impact through service to the entire southeastern Michigan area.

A fund campaign for the United Way just concluded, but there is plenty of room left for your support. United Way didn't meet its fund goal of \$75 million this year, having raised just over \$68 million. Still, the organization must find a way to support the 130 nonprofit agencies that last year served 1.4 million people.

According to Patricia A. Ellis, senior manager for media relations at United Way Community Services, job reductions have had an impact on fund-raising, since the majority of United Way campaign funds come from payroll deduction through workplace campaigns.

But "the need for services only increases as more and more people are out of work," Ellis said.

Think of it this way: One out of every three people in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties receives services from United Way. If you don't, your neighbors probably do.

There is something else to consider. Whether it's \$1 or \$100, your dollars directly provide those services, since more than 90 percent of the money the organization receives goes back into the community.

United Way services range from basic needs such as food and shelter to crisis counseling for families and children, health-related needs, disaster services, unemployment and community problem solving.

Such far-reaching programs translate into an opportunity for all of us to stand tall in meeting the challenges of life here in southeastern Michigan.

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Paul Johnson, father of Canton High School basketball player Jessica Johnson, holds up an oversized pair of shorts celebrating the team's district championship Friday.

## LETTERS

### Lack of trust

I find it truly amazing that the Plymouth-Canton school district is asking residents for input on the latest bond issue you just know the district will seek next year.

Liz Givens, the school board president, has a great deal of nerve asking residents (letter, Nov. 21) to participate in the "Vision Planning Sessions." She makes it sound as if the school board and the administration are going to actually take the advice of district residents!

This is totally contrary to the district's track record. There were planning sessions in 1996 where the school district asked residents to participate and, subsequently, there was a bond election in March 1997. Information was given out, both verbally and in writing, to inform voters of what they were voting for. Fast forward two years, after the bond election passed in 1997. The school district changes its mind and does what it wants with the bond proceeds and not what the people voted for.

Whether one voted for or against the bond election in 1997, voters still voted based on the information given by the school district at that time. I, personally, talked to Ms. Givens and, literally, begged her not to change how the funds would be used based on what people voted for. She still voted to change where the high school was supposed to go and, simply, disregarded what residents said they wanted in the planning sessions, which was also contrary to the school district's own information.

No one supported and devoted more time to the 1997 bond election than I did because I was the chairwoman of the Citizens Election Committee that ran that election.

Imagine my surprise and anger when the school district double-crossed me and its residents. I am asking all residents in this school district to remember this when we are asked to vote again.

Susan Kopinski  
Canton

### Coach was right

This is in response to the comments of Canton football coach Tim Baechler that were printed in sports stories in the Sunday, Nov. 10, edition and Thursday, Nov. 14, edition of the Canton Observer.

Some people say things in the heat of the moment and some say things that are the truth. In the case of coach Baechler's comments, he was right on both counts. Being a proud Plymouth Canton Class of 1993 grad and having participated in varsity athletics, coach Baechler said what many athletes in public school think and have thought for a while: It's not a fair playing field all the time.

Suppose there was another private high school in Redford. Would Catholic Central's athletic programs be as successful as they are? The fact of the matter is that there is no private school around this area that can compete with Catholic Central for athletes. They do not have any competition in terms of taking their athletes away like public high school programs have. Consequently, their athletic dominance in our area is easy to understand.

I wonder how different it would be if Catholic Central or any other private school had to compete with two other

schools on the same campus. It definitely is a challenge to build any kind of athletic program at any level in public high school. In the 25 years that Canton High School has been around, our football team has been to the playoffs four times in 25 years. The last three have been under coach Baechler and his staff.

Whether you think his comments are right or wrong, you can't deny there is truth to them, plain and simple. I know some Catholic Central feathers will be ruffled in the process, but that's life. You won the game fair and square, but the debate will rage on.

One last note: I read the comments by coach Baechler and the two parents who responded. I found it highly ironic that two pages later in the last full page of the newspaper, there is a half-page ad about recruiting fine young men in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades to come to a Catholic Central open house. What I found funny about this was, this ad was in, of all places, the sports section. Why not the community life section or the front page?

Eric Tomei  
Canton fan

### Train troubles

Many of us in the city of Plymouth get stopped by trains every time we go out or are stuck by one every now and then.

Most don't pay attention to the train, they just talk on the phone, listen to the radio, or bang their head because they are late. Getting stopped by trains is almost a daily routine that happens to me plenty of times in a single month, but I'm not driving a car, I'm on my bicycle.

When a train stops me, there is anger in me that it happens so often, but I really don't mind because I get to see what kind of dangerous chemicals roll down the tracks every day. That's right, I said dangerous chemicals!

When I see labels that say "do not inhale," "irritant," "explosive" and "may be fatal," I can't bear to think what would happen if a train jumped the tracks. The time I first noticed it, I was looking for it because of an urban legend that was told to me by a friend's parent. Now when I see these train cars all rusted out and in poor shape, I don't believe it to be an urban legend anymore.

This has bugged me for a few months now, and I thought that since I have noticed it, I should bring it to the attention of the "could-be" victims. I believe that if the residents think it is a subject that is to be worried about, they can e-mail me at Rccarboys87@aol.com.

Alex Fox, student  
Salem High School

### Fuzzy math in column

The Nov. 21 Observer mentioned chairman Phil Power "would be pleased to get reactions" to his column. Here are mine:

"Universities can't match the lobbying muscle flexed by the labor unions or big corporations or the trial lawyers." Educators have much support from classrooms and communities. Universities are politically correct and very popular with voters.

"Michigan spends an average of \$5,795 per student at our public universities. This is hardly generous." I graduated from Detroit's Cooley High in 1943, ineligible for scholarship funds because my

father owned a small business. During the '60s and '70s my wife and I put three children through MSU and one through U-M. We paid an average of \$3,000 per student, including room and board. The combined earnings from our two jobs made them ineligible for scholarships.

"Cut state support and tuitions go up; increase state support and tuition increases go down." Deficits and rising tuition are newsworthy; I never read of surplus funds or tuition cuts. Budgets are adjusted to spend available money. Students signing vouchers for the state to pay have little reason to reduce needless costs.

"Taxpayers are spending \$1.8 billion on honing our best and brightest kids in college" is not entirely accurate. Racial preference takes precedence over bright at U-M.

"\$30,000 per year per inmate versus \$5,795 per college student is a compelling sign that our spending priorities are seriously out of whack." Sending inmates to college might be the solution. Their parents don't earn too much, many are minorities and if they don't show improvement give them a whack.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

### History lesson

Many question an attack on Iraq, asking, "What happens after we defeat Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein? Who will take over? How long will our military forces have to occupy Iraq? What? Who? How?" I give these people an "F" in history.

In 1945, at the end of World War II, Germany's economy lay in almost complete ruin. In 1948, the United States began sending aid to West Germany under the Marshall Plan ... Now that we've had a history lesson, let's invade and occupy Iraq, remove Hussein and give them a government of the people, by the people and for the people. We need give them no financial aid as their ample oil reserves will provide a rich economy. Let us give them what Hussein did not - food and medical supplies.

The Iraqi people don't know it and many others have forgotten, but there is an old story: a small, poor, Third World country was desperately trying to bolster their poor economy. They resolved the problem by declaring war on the United States.

Robert H. Bickmeyer  
Troy

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## QUOTABLE

"It's the most precious thing in the world to teach children and know that you affect their lives every day."

- Hoben Elementary teacher Catherine Winowiecki, reacting to news that the school is the first in Plymouth-Canton to be named winner of a state Golden Apple award



# New high-tech economy will rise around airports

"Vision without action is a daydream. But action without a vision is a nightmare."

Nearly 100 heavy hitters from southeastern Michigan gathered last week at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Henry Ford estate to listen to John Kasarda, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina and the world's leading authority on the ways airport complexes drive economic development.

Phil Power

Kasarda posed fundamental questions that go to the heart of economic policy for Michigan:

■ Will our economy remain rooted in traditional manufacturing or will it evolve into the "new economy" of high-tech, R&D and information-intensive business services?

■ How can both our manufacturing base and emerging high-tech and white-collar service industries compete effectively worldwide?

■ Will Michigan's job creation in the 21st century match in quantity and quality what we did in the first half of the 20th century, when the state was the envy of the nation?

His answer was simple. By treating the combined resources of Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run as an "aerotropolis," an integrated passenger and freight transit facility linked to a variety of business clusters, the region could successfully meet each of these challenges.

Kasarda has a history lesson in mind. Seaports were the great economic drivers in the 18th century, railroads in the 19th century and highways in the 20th century. With aviation, globalization and time-intensive competition all characterizing today's economic competition and business location, airports will be the key growth engines of the 21st century.

This isn't an academic fantasy. Consider some emerging "aerotropoli" around the world:

■ Los Angeles International Airport is responsible for 400,000 jobs in a five-county region and \$60 billion annually in regional economic activity.

■ Las Colinas, a development just east of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport, has attracted 2,000 companies into 21 million square feet of office space, 8.5 million feet

Vision without action is pointless, but action without an informing vision is chaos.

of light industrial space, 1.3 million feet of retail space and 3,700 high class hotel rooms.

■ Along the 26-mile corridor between Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport, employment grew from 50,000 jobs in 1970 to 600,000 in 1996, a 1,100 percent increase compared to 59 percent average U.S. suburban employment growth over the same period.

Other similar developments are now taking shape near Sao Paulo, Brazil, in Hong Kong, near Seoul, Korea, and Paris, France. Kasarda ranks the potential of Detroit Metro/Willow Run "as equal to or better than any place else on earth."

Within the proposed ring road - running along I-94 and Ecorse Road to the north and Eureka Road to the south - lie 25,000 acres of development potential. The Pinnacle Aeropark, a 1,300-acre development just south of Detroit Metro, could over a 10-year period produce a total of 25,000 full-time jobs in office, research, technology, transportation, logistics and retail - a payroll in excess of \$500 million.

One of the hidden but fundamentally important aspects of the newly created Wayne County Airport Authority was that it oversees both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports. This allows the authority to manage both in a coherent manner to maximize the region's development potential "inside the airport fence."

So what needs to happen now? Kasarda recommends creating a regional authority to coordinate development "outside the fence." All kinds of things need to be put together in an integrated way: land use planning, zoning, road and rail transit links, design, branding and promotion.

Kasarda is right. Vision without action is pointless, but action without an informing vision is chaos. The time is now to start planning for what could be the future of Michigan.

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



Renee Skoglund

# Thanksgiving Day brings out grateful nature in us all

I love Thanksgiving. I love cutting up the celery, onions and mushrooms for my turkey dressing the night before. I love making my signature Cranberry Waldorf salad. I love setting the table with the anticipation of dining for hours with family and friends who barely wait for their second and third helpings to digest before calling for dessert.

I am grateful for all these "loves."

Most of all, I am grateful for each dawn that wipes clean the slate of human frailty and provides me with the clear horizon of a new day.

Last week, I set aside a few hours to ask people for what they were most grateful. Their collective response focused on family, friends, faith and the flag. Their words say it best.

"I'm grateful with what I have, no more or no less," said Charlotte McCourt, 56, of Garden City, who works at Harvey's Deli in Plymouth. "I could be a lot worse off, so I never want much. I'm not out to be rich. I just want to pay my bills, keep a roof over my head and be happy. I got my health, got my husband, and we don't fight."

Dan Sarb, 46, owns Harvey's Deli. A deli guy by day and Harley dude by night, Sarb is a busy, straight-talking man. I caught him between customers' orders.

"I'm grateful for my health. I'm not getting any younger. I'm grateful for family and friends, and especially to live in America," he said.

A quick stop at the University of Michigan Health Center in Canton produced these responses:

"I am grateful for my family," said phlebologist Tara Borchardt, 23, of Canton. "My mom has cancer, and she's been in remission, so I'm thankful for that. We're all healthy and can be together this year."

Fellow phlebologist Jeanette Koch, 31, of Farmington Hills was grateful for "just my family and my faith in God."

When I got back to the office, I called my 84-year-old mother, Margaret Cartier of Redford. I didn't tell

her that her reply would be plunked down in the middle of a column. She's been there before.

"What I would give thanks for is the wonderful husband God gave me and the two children who were so honorable and never gave me any trouble," she said. "I also have the memories of my own good mother and father and all my sisters and brothers."

Well said, mom. Thanks.

Next, I spoke with Bobby Mason, 8, of Westland and his sister, Carolee, 6. Their mother works at the Observer as the Westland/Garden City editor.

"I'm thankful for my family and my friends, especially Zack. He has a really cool bike, and he plays with me a lot," said Bobby.

Carolee's reply was a mixture of Thanksgiving gratefulness and Christmas expectation.

"What I'm really, really thankful for is another baby (doll) that talks. And I'm thankful for my friends, and I'm thankful for my kitty, Sneakers, and my dog, Willie, and my fish, but I don't remember all their names."

Finally, at the urging of another reporter, I called Wilfredo Vargas, 58, of Livonia.

"Oh, I'm going to be grateful for everything," he said, his Puerto Rican accent still evident after 43 years in this country. "I'm grateful for my family and my job. I always thank God every day, every minute."

Vargas went on to tell me about his four grown children - Yolanda, Alice, Wilfredo Jr. and Carmen - and what "good kids" they are. He loves his grandchild and is looking forward to another one. Finally, he summed up his gratefulness by saying, "I love the way God has treated me."

I couldn't have said it better. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

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## LETTERS

### Granholt under pressure

Gov. Granholt's budget decisions will either revitalize Michigan or turn out the lights. Bureaucracy is an infection, feeding on all parts of government until it is bankrupt or cured.

Safety and health departments sometimes justify their existence with outlandish actions, and then demand more funding to keep up

their work.

Schools can pursue bilingual education and feel-good classes because they have too much money. Students do not become smarter because class size is smaller and desks are larger. Cut school appropriations and sports, music and popular classes will be cancelled - but not junk expenditures.

Educators supported Jennifer Granholm in this election and

hope she will support them now.

Roads, police, courts and other state divisions also face the prospect of going on diets. Leaner people and industries are healthier, and so is leaner government.

"I do not want to raise taxes" may be as memorable as "Read my lips" if our new governor succumbs to the pressure of her many friends.

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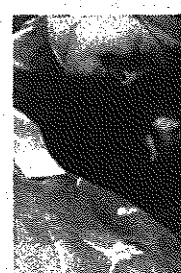
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# New high-tech economy will rise around airports

"Vision without action is a daydream. But action without a vision is a nightmare."

Nearly 100 heavy hitters from southeastern Michigan gathered last week at the University of Michigan-Dearborn's Henry Ford estate to listen to John Kasarda, director of the Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at the University of North Carolina and the world's leading authority on the ways airport complexes drive economic development.

Phil Power

Kasarda posed fundamental questions that go to the heart of economic policy for Michigan:

■ Will our economy remain rooted in traditional manufacturing or will it evolve into the "new economy" of high-tech, R&D and information-intensive business services?

■ How can both our manufacturing base and emerging high-tech and white-collar service industries compete effectively worldwide?

■ Will Michigan's job creation in the 21st century match in quantity and quality what we did in the first half of the 20th century, when the state was the envy of the nation?

His answer was simple. By treating the combined resources of Detroit Metropolitan Airport and Willow Run as an "aerotropolis," an integrated passenger and freight transit facility linked to a variety of business clusters, the region could successfully meet each of these challenges.

Kasarda has a history lesson in mind. Seaports were the great economic drivers in the 18th century, railroads in the 19th century and highways in the 20th century. With aviation, globalization and time-intensive competition all characterizing today's economic competition and business location, airports will be the key growth engines of the 21st century.

This isn't an academic fantasy. Consider some emerging "aerotropoli" around the world:

■ Los Angeles International Airport is responsible for 400,000 jobs in a five-county region and \$60 billion annually in regional economic activity.

■ Las Colinas, a development just east of the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport, has attracted 2,000 companies into 21 million square feet of office space, 8.5 million feet

Vision without action is pointless, but action without an informing vision is chaos.

of light industrial space, 1.3 million feet of retail space and 3,700 high class hotel rooms.

■ Along the 26-mile corridor between Dulles International Airport and Reagan National Airport, employment grew from 50,000 jobs in 1970 to 600,000 in 1996, a 1,100 percent increase compared to 59 percent average U.S. suburban employment growth over the same period.

Other similar developments are now taking shape near Sao Paulo, Brazil, in Hong Kong, near Seoul, Korea, and Paris, France. Kasarda ranks the potential of Detroit Metro/Willow Run "as equal to or better than any place else on earth."

Within the proposed ring road - running along I-94 and Ecorse Road to the north and Eureka Road to the south - lie 25,000 acres of development potential. The Pinnacle Aeropark, a 1,300-acre development just south of Detroit Metro, could over a 10-year period produce a total of 25,000 full-time jobs in office, research, technology, transportation, logistics and retail - a payroll in excess of \$500 million.

One of the hidden but fundamentally important aspects of the newly created Wayne County Airport Authority was that it oversees both Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports. This allows the authority to manage both in a coherent manner to maximize the region's development potential "inside the airport fence."

So what needs to happen now? Kasarda recommends creating a regional authority to coordinate development "outside the fence." All kinds of things need to be put together in an integrated way: land use planning, zoning, road and rail transit links, design, branding and promotion.

Kasarda is right. Vision without action is pointless, but action without an informing vision is chaos. The time is now to start planning for what could be the future of Michigan.

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



Renee Skoglund

# Thanksgiving Day brings out grateful nature in us all

I love Thanksgiving. I love cutting up the celery, onions and mushrooms for my turkey dressing the night before. I love making my signature Cranberry Waldorf salad. I love setting the table with the anticipation of dining for hours with family and friends who barely wait for their second and third helpings to digest before calling for dessert.

I am grateful for all these "loves."

Most of all, I am grateful for each dawn that wipes clean the slate of human frailty and provides me with the clear horizon of a new day.

Last week, I set aside a few hours to ask people for what they were most grateful. Their collective response focused on family, friends, faith and the flag. Their words say it best.

"I'm grateful with what I have, no more or no less," said Charlotte McCourt, 56, of Garden City, who works at Harvey's Deli in Plymouth. "I could be a lot worse off, so I never want much. I'm not out to be rich. I just want to pay my bills, keep a roof over my head and be happy. I got my health, got my husband, and we don't fight."

Dan Sarb, 46, owns Harvey's Deli. A deli guy by day and Harley dude by night, Sarb is a busy, straight-talking man. I caught him between customers' orders.

"I'm grateful for my health. I'm not getting any younger. I'm grateful for family and friends, and especially to live in America," he said.

A quick stop at the University of Michigan Health Center in Canton produced these responses:

"I am grateful for my family," said phlebologist Tara Borchardt, 23, of Canton. "My mom has cancer, and she's been in remission, so I'm thankful for that. We're all healthy and can be together this year."

Fellow phlebologist Jeanette Koch, 31, of Farmington Hills was grateful for "just my family and my faith in God."

When I got back to the office, I called my 84-year-old mother, Margaret Cartier of Redford. I didn't tell

her that her reply would be plunked down in the middle of a column. She's been there before.

"What I would give thanks for is the wonderful husband God gave me and the two children who were so honorable and never gave me any trouble," she said. "I also have the memories of my own good mother and father and all my sisters and brothers."

Well said, mom. Thanks.

Next, I spoke with Bobby Mason, 8, of Westland and his sister, Carolee, 6. Their mother works at the Observer as the Westland/Garden City editor.

"I'm thankful for my family and my friends, especially Zack. He has a really cool bike, and he plays with me a lot," said Bobby.

Carolee's reply was a mixture of Thanksgiving gratefulness and Christmas expectation.

"What I'm really, really thankful for is another baby (doll) that talks. And I'm thankful for my friends, and I'm thankful for my kitty, Sneakers, and my dog, Willie, and my fish, but I don't remember all their names."

Finally, at the urging of another reporter, I called Wilfredo Vargas, 58, of Livonia.

"Oh, I'm going to be grateful for everything," he said, his Puerto Rican accent still evident after 43 years in this country. "I'm grateful for my family and my job. I always thank God every day, every minute."

Vargas went on to tell me about his four grown children - Yolanda, Alice, Wilfredo Jr. and Carmen - and what "good kids" they are. He loves his grandchild and is looking forward to another one. Finally, he summed up his gratefulness by saying, "I love the way God has treated me."

I couldn't have said it better. Happy Thanksgiving to you all.

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## LETTERS

### Granholt under pressure

Gov. Granholt's budget decisions will either revitalize Michigan or turn out the lights. Bureaucracy is an infection, feeding on all parts of government until it is bankrupt or cured.

Safety and health departments sometimes justify their existence with outlandish actions, and then demand more funding to keep up

their work.

Schools can pursue bilingual education and feel-good classes because they have too much money. Students do not become smarter because class size is smaller and desks are larger. Cut school appropriations and sports, music and popular classes will be cancelled - but not junk expenditures.

Educators supported Jennifer Granholm in this election and

hope she will support them now.

Roads, police, courts and other state divisions also face the prospect of going on diets. Leaner people and industries are healthier, and so is leaner government.

"I do not want to raise taxes" may be as memorable as "Read my lips" if our new governor succumbs to the pressure of her many friends.

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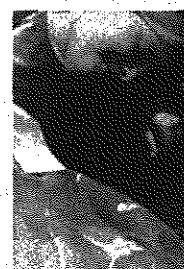
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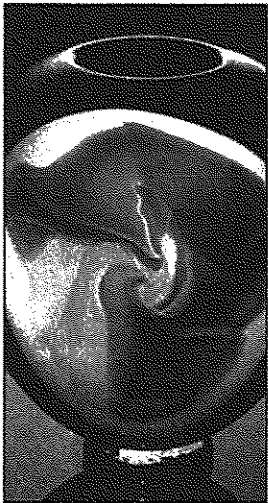
Boys of Alabama and HukweZawose at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$45-\$125, available through Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

### ■ Festival time

Check out the Urban Organic Festival on Saturday, Nov. 30, at the Tangent-Hastings St. Ballroom, 715 E. Milwaukee, between Oakland and Hastings in Detroit. The doors will open at 8:30 p.m. and performances will begin at 9:30 p.m. for a line-up that includes Blackman and Arnold, Funktelligence, Nu-Soul Sensation, Amp Fiddler - former keyboardist for Parliament-Funkadelic - and Conya Doss. Conceived as an alternative to the typical concert, the Urban Organic Festival also includes visual, spoken word, dance, film and culinary artists. The festivals occur quarterly at indoor venues in and around Detroit. Tickets are \$20 in advance, available at Spectacles, 230 E. Grand River Ave., Detroit, or \$25 at the door. Call Spectacles at (313) 963-6886.

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Touch of Light Studio and Gallerie of Handblown Glass shows works of John



Fitzpatrick through Dec. 24. Open houses are slated for Dec. 7 and 21 at the studio, 23426 Woodward, a half mile south of I-696, in Ferndale. Winter class registration is ongoing. (248) 543-1868.

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Start your Thanksgiving Day weekend with a performance of Christmas on Main Street at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main, Northville. The musical show mixes old and new holiday tunes. Performances are at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, beginning Nov. 29. The show runs through Dec. 21. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children and senior citizens. (248) 349-8110.



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Rockettes Alison Roller-Woerner (left) and Krystie Richeson talk to the animals after a blessing in front of the Fox Theatre.

## Filling hearts with Christmas

### Camels steal the scene in Radio City Spectacular

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Brian Kauffman had fun last week passing out carrots to children, who fed them to camels assembled for a blessing by The Rev Pat Casey of St. Patrick and St. Dominick churches in Detroit. What's nice is that it was all part of his job as producer of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular opening Friday, Nov. 29, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

It's a routine Rockettes Krystie Richeson of Farmington Hills, Tracy Rysdale of White Lake, and Alison Roller-Woerner of Lake Orion cherish as well, even though they've been in the show for several years. After rehearsing six days a week for nearly a month, they still enjoy spending an off-stage moment with the five sheep,

three camels and donkey in the living Nativity scene at the end of the show. "It's interesting working with the animals," said Roller-Woerner, who's now in her fourth year with the

#### RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR

**What:** The Rockettes star in an holiday show featuring singing, dancing, ice skating and a living nativity

**When:** Nov. 29 to Dec. 28

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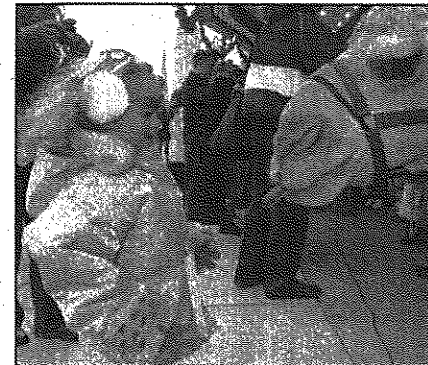
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holidays," said Loviska of Westland. "Next week we'll be back to see the show. It just gets you in the Christmas mood. Some people bring the whole family. It's a total family show. Last year I brought my 16- and 26-year-old sons."

#### BECOMING A DANCER

Jennifer Fiandt loved the show so much when she saw it that she decided to become a Rockette. The Rochester Hills dancer passed the audition in May in Chicago and was notified in July. At the time she was teaching at Cranbrook Theatre School in Bloomfield Hills. Fiandt studied dance many years at Deborah's Stage Door in Rochester before landing a position with the Rockettes.

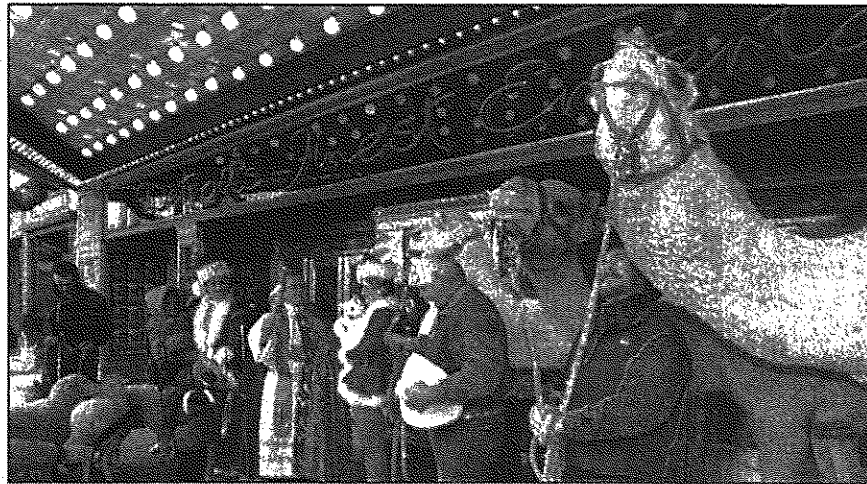
"When I was younger, we took a trip to New York and toured Radio City Music Hall and met a Rockette," said Fiandt, a sophomore majoring in dance and communications at Western Michigan University. "Being a Rockette was my first and main



Bryanna Stape feeds a carrot to one of the camels in the production.

goal. For me to do this at 19 is incredible. It's a dream come true. It's also a lot of hard work.

PLEASE SEE CHRISTMAS, B3



Father Pat Casey blesses the camels, sheep and donkey taking part in The Living Nativity scene that closes the Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes.

## Surprise someone special with a gift of art for the holidays

The final onslaught of art shows is around the corner, just in time for holiday shopping. Even though my sister Gwen and I started ours last July, I still have a few last-minute gifts to pick up for co-workers and friends. I don't want to give anything away, but clay and glass are two of my favorite mediums.

Why art? I guess it's because I always look for a gift meant only for that special person. But besides the one-of-a-kind aspect, when you buy a bowl like I did last year for my neighbor Karen, who'd recently renovated her kitchen, you're helping an artist to continue his or her work.

John Cynar feels the same way.



#### Artistic Expressions

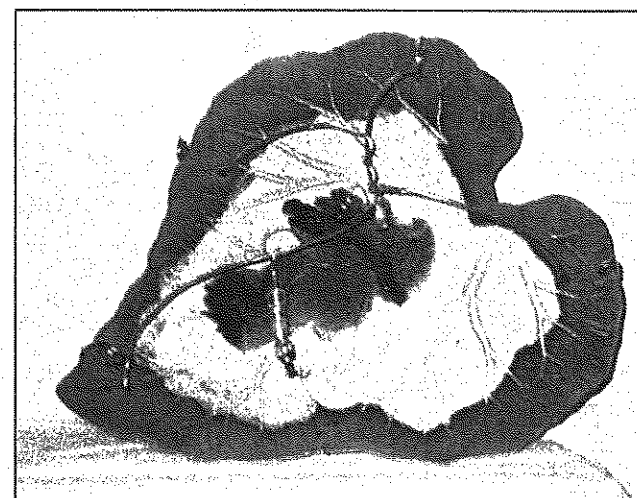
Linda Chomin

Of course, exhibiting and selling art is what he does at Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester. This year's Holiday Gift Gallery features 25 artists at the arts center, 407 Pine, Rochester Hills. The show coincides with an 85-piece retrospective of the late Zubel Kachadoorian and a Small Works exhibition of prints, photography

and painting by five artists including The Box Show from the Museum of New Art. The show will continue to Dec. 21. For information, call (248) 651-4110.

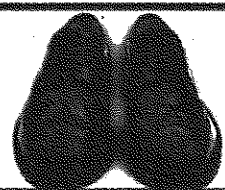
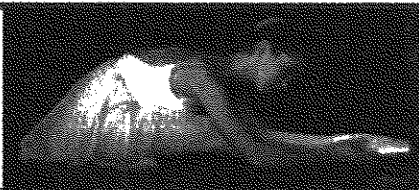
"We have glasswork and ornaments by George Bochnig, glass bulbs with brass stands by Gail Leone, and glass icicles and bulbs by Don Schneider of York Street Glassworks, absolutely gorgeous leather zoo animals - whales, moose and dogs by Sandy Vohr of New York, and a variety of paperweights, vases, vessels, and tiles from Pewabic Pottery. So if they're looking for something by Pewabic in north Oakland they can find it

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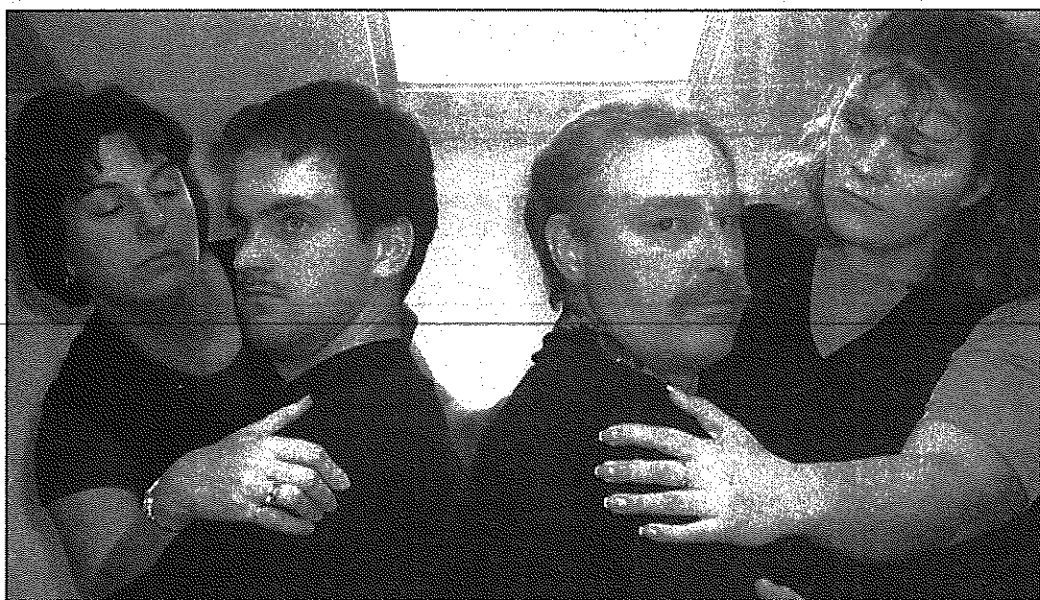
Ruth Price shows this leaf-shaped platter in the Village Potters Guild annual Holiday Show in Plymouth.

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## Seeking donations

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## CHOMIN

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here," said Cynar, a Birmingham resident. "I try to keep it fun, fresh and light. I tried to make it affordable so people could find something in their price range. We have everything from clay to glass, Beverly Upton's silk and wool decorative dress scarves.

"Why do I buy art for family and friends? I know it's made by an artist in the area. It's a little more special if it's by any artist. Businesses come in and buy art because there are only so many gift baskets you can eat. And ornaments can be put out all-year-round."

If you're not in holiday spirit yet, drop by Rochester 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, for lagniappe, the Creole word for "a little bit of something."

Merchants will stay open late and Paint Creek is one of 12 galleries involved with a crawl.

## VILLAGE POTTERS GUILD

Ruth Price promises visitors they'll find the holiday spirit in all shapes and colors at the Village Potters Guild Show 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at 340 N. Main behind Dunleavy's Grill in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 207-8807.

Twenty-two of the members offer non-functional and functional ware ranging in price from \$2 to \$100.

"There's a lot of Christmas leaves on coasters and mugs, lots of snowmen, some religious items, lots of ornaments," said Price, who will have raku stars in different sizes for use as wall hangings or to place on a table with greenery.

"This show brings out the holiday shoppers. They buy gifts for family and friends, not too much for themselves. They say 'Mary'd like this.'"

"Holly plates were popular last year as well as trays with snowmen. Large bowls and platters always sell. People return every year. They love to see the dirt in the back room, where you fire. They like to see where we work."

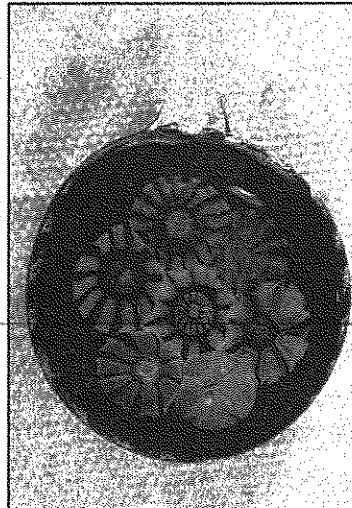
## EPIPHANY GLASS STUDIO

Visitors see more than just the place where April Wagner and Jason Ruff create glass works 2-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6. Twice a year, they open their Epiphany Glass Studio so anyone can watch them blow the molten material into vessels. The two teamed up nine years ago after graduating from Center for Creative Studies (now College for Creative Studies).

This is their third annual holiday show at their new 4,000-square-foot hot glass blowing studio and gallery, 770 Orchard Lake Road at Telegraph, Pontiac. Call (877) 560-4021.

New this year is Ruff's *Seroco Nest*, a piece inspired by organic forms in nature. The design won Best of Show in the 2002 Our Town exhibit judged at The Community House by Ferdinand Hampson of Habatat Galleries in Birmingham.

"The studio is open only twice a year - in April for Michigan Glass Month and for the holidays," said Wagner. "Besides the glass-blowing demonstrations, we'll have select items including slight



Don Schneider created this glass pendant in time for a Thanksgiving weekend of discounts at York Street Glassworks in Plymouth.

irregulars that will be discounted. It's family-oriented. Kids come with their parents. We have vases, platters, sculptures, paperweights, ornaments. People like giving something handmade. Some people even come back and buy presents for their children. Prices range from \$5 to \$7,000. What's special is we're generally not open to the public. This is the only time of year we sell them."

## NATIVE WEST GALLERY

Native West's open all year long but turns the gallery into a jewelry lovers delight only for one weekend in December. Tables of Native American-made earrings, bracelets, pendants, cuff links, money clips, and necklaces will fill the space Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 5-8, in its gallery at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, west of Main, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838.

"Turquoise is back, and it's still hot, opal and inlay jewelry as well," said co-owner Annette Horn.

"We have a variety of items including ornaments, pottery, bronze sculpture, metal art, wall hangings, music. We've already had to restock our hot items a couple of times - sculpted pieces of clay using the Italian glassmaking technique milleflore by Arizona artist Jon Anderson. Jon converts the glass technique into ceramic turtles, lizards, frogs and serpents from \$60 to a couple hundred dollars."

"We're also selling a lot of cedar flutes made by Chippewa artist Odell Borg. The flute is a very magical instrument, a great way to express feelings and emotions. And it's so easy. It's not like a flute in an orchestra. It's held differently, tuned differently, and comes with a book and cassette on fingering technique. I've never played, but after 10 minutes I couldn't play really well but was getting the hang of it."

In addition to flutes and drums, the gallery offers Native American sandpaintings, which givers can tailor to a particular person.

"It's a traditional art form originally produced by medicine men when a person's health or life was out of balance," said Horn.

"A sun represents happiness. It's going to bring happiness if you hang it on a wall. A bear is good medicine, and they start at \$12."

## YORK STREET GLASSWORKS

There will be plenty of bargains Thanksgiving weekend at York Street Glassworks, 875 York St., Plymouth.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday-Friday or by

appointment. It might be a good idea to call (734) 459-6419 anyway as his working studio can be difficult to find without directions.

Artist/owner Don Schneider is discounting everything except special orders by 20 percent from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1. Glass works range from a few dollars - choose an icicle ornament for \$5 - to several hundred dollars. Schneider offers blown and lampworked glass pendants, beads, earrings, paperweights, and bowls.

His work can also be found at the Detroit Artists Market.

The show in the 2,000-square-foot gallery continues to Dec. 22.

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## FINAL DAYS

The Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts its Holiday Shop to Dec. 1, at 1516 S. Cranbrook (Evergreen), Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0866.

Work by more than 125 artists is on display including one of-a-kind Christmas and Hanukkah items, jewelry, hand-blown glass, garden and home decor, ceramics, wood, and paper.

## ANNUAL POTTERS MARKET

Presented by the advanced ceramic students and guest potters of Oakland Community College's Royal Oak campus, the 27th annual show bills itself as the largest pottery sale of its kind in the country.

The clay extravaganza takes place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, and until 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the United Food and Commercial Union Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive near 13 Mile, between I-75 and Stephenson Highway, Madison Heights.

Admission, as with all of these shows, is free. Call (248) 246-2686.

The pottery sale features 137 potters who've created 40,000 pieces including pots, vases, platters, tiles, mugs, bird baths, jewelry, ceramic framed mirrors, sculpture, lamps, tables and just about every item imaginable. Prices range from \$5 to \$400.

Among the artists is Teri Barkin of West Bloomfield, who shows large snow domes with characters gazing into a globe. Lori Rodgers of Birmingham brings her Kiss of Luck wall pieces and pins, which are miniature renditions of a lucky talisman found hanging in the huts of an ancient tribe on a Pacific island.

Dawn Boesen of Southfield makes vases almost larger than she is and groupings of small connected pots she calls "group hugs." Robert Krisp of Farmington Hills uses his day skills as a cake decorator to squeeze dragons onto functional vases, goblets, mugs and bowls.

There's some amazing one-of-a-kind art out there this holiday season. I, for one, am anxious to get going, but before I do, I want to wish you "Happy shopping."

Have an interesting idea for a story? Call Observer & Eccentric arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to lchomin@oe.homecomm.net

# Farmington Players stages off-beat comedy

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

It's known as the perfect antidote to *The Nutcracker*. A *Tuna Christmas* is a delightfully tacky comedy that celebrates Christmas kitsch and features just two actors who play 22 different roles.

It's being presented once again by the Farmington Players beginning Nov. 30 at Barnes & Nobel bookstore in West Bloomfield.

Three of the 10 shows are already sold out.

"It is absolutely hilarious," said co-director Margaret Gilkes of Farmington Hills. "It's the kind of play that keeps you laughing and gives you a truly carefree feeling."

Gilkes and co-director Vicki

Grulke directed A Tuna Christmas four years ago. They are directing it again and have brought back the same cast: The play's two actors Frank Markus of Royal Oak, and Hank Bennett of Farmington Hills.

"The entire crew from four years ago returned plus the exception of two newcomers," said Grulke.

"It is an encore presentation because so many people asked us to do it again."

A Tuna Christmas is a fundraiser for the Farmington Players which will open its new theater in January.

Written by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams, the comedy is set in the fictional city of Tuna, Texas - the smallest town in the second largest

state of the union.

"The two men play 22 characters and one is a crotchety woman who's the city clerk and wears a dress and combat boots," Gilkes said.

"The radio station is OKKK, so it pokes fun at everything from the fictional city."

In A Tuna Christmas the townspeople decide that ghosts are destroying their gaudy holiday displays. (We won't give away the ending.)

Working with actors Markus and Bennett was an easy task, Gilkes said, because the men used their own creativity to bring the many characters to life.

"These two men are very talented," Gilkes said. "It's a very funny performance."



## CHRISTMAS

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"With 100 cast and crew members, it's crazy back there, but you meet a lot of interesting people," said Fiandt.

"The amazing part is how much passion everyone has for the show."

Merrie Parr had so much fun skating in the show in 1999 she contacted the producer to come back this year.

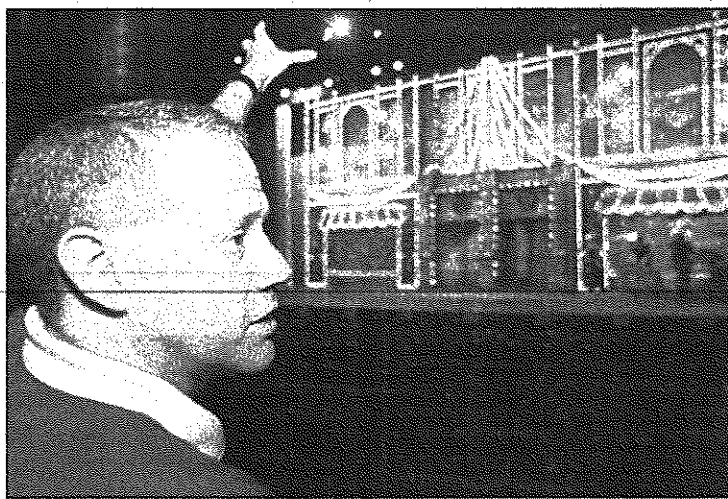
The Bloomfield Hills resident not only skates with partner Scott Corbin in the New York City scene but is the "stunt Mary" who rides the donkey in for the living Nativity. Parr and Corbin are practicing for the nationals at Onyx arena in Rochester Hills.

"Riding the donkey is quite interesting," said the 22-year-old Parr. "He doesn't buck or do anything mean. He doesn't try to throw me off. And being able to skate in front of such a big crowd is one of the best experiences I've had. The audiences love the show. They get into every aspect and to see the cast and crew work together, to see how a production like this is put together is quite amazing."

Kauffman still feels the same sense of awe after producing the show for the last six years. Standing backstage at a tech rehearsal, he couldn't hide his excitement as crew waited for the cue to move the sets into place after the skating rink rose on an elevator from below the stage.

It took nine semis of props and scenery, one of lights and one of sound equipment just to get to this point. Now a series of technical problems had to be worked out.

Earlier Santa's sleigh had crashed into the scenery as it landed in the New York scene in a dry run. This was a crew rehearsal minus the high-kicking Rockettes, who later that afternoon would embark from bright yellow taxi



TOM HAWLEY / OBSERVER

Producer Brian Kauffman shares his excitement for behind the scenes. Here the technical crew rehearses the part where Santa arrives in New York.

cabs. The dazzle of 15,000 lights on the New York City department store front would soon be replaced by 20 Rockettes in sparkling red Santa suits.

"Unlike a touring production, we have challenges like housing and transportation because we're producing this just for Detroit," said Kauffman. "We begin in January to decide what went well. The lighting and scenery involves as much choreography backstage so they don't run into each other. Backstage safety is critical. We have drops flying on and off, big pieces of scenery moving across the stage, camels coming in."

"The animals are too cool. All the camels have been with us previously. We work to get them comfortable. They live in a heated tent behind the theater for weeks before the show while we're rehearsing with them. The funniest thing is we'll hear people walking out saying 'I wonder how they got those costumes so real?'"

Leading a donkey onto the stage is not always as easy as it looks said handler Rick Trimmell of Joe Hedrick's Exotic Animal Farm in Kansas where the sheep, camels, donkey and puppy have come from for the last six years. During the blessing, although all of the

animals were calm and well-behaved, one of the camels nibbled on a reporter's notebook and rain coat while Lincoln, the Sicilian donkey looked on.

"Keeping him in line can be difficult sometimes," said Trimmell who was holding onto Lincoln.

"The thing about a donkey is when they don't want to go, they don't want to go. You have to pull really hard."

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*Der Fliegende Hollaender, opera in three acts by Richard Wagner* (Teldec Classics, \$33.98) by soprano Jane Eaglen, baritone Falk Struckmann, with Daniel Barenboim conducting the Staatskapelle Berlin.

Does the world really need another recording of Wagner's first mature work, *Der Fliegende Hollaender*, a retelling of the legend of the Dutchman who must sail the seas for eternity unless he finds a woman faithful unto death?

The answer in this case may depend on your devotion to Daniel Barenboim, who has issued his second complete Wagner recording in less than a year — with two of the same singers in leading roles.

Jane Eaglen, the English soprano renowned for her Bruennhilde and Isolde, is heard here as Senta, the Norwegian maiden obsessed with the Dutchman's story. She acquits herself admirably — though Barenboim's decision to restore Senta's Ballad to its original key of A minor does expose her tendency to thin out on very high notes.

But while it's nice to hear her as Senta and as Elisabeth on Barenboim's recent *Tannhaeuser*,

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a record of her two signature roles would be more to the point.

Tenor Peter Seifert, who took the title role in the *Tannhaeuser* album, returns here in the smaller part of Erik, Senta's jilted suitor, and sounds uncomfortable.

Baritone Falk Struckmann is an impressive Dutchman, dark-toned and solid, while bass Robert Holl is warm and hearty as Senta's father, Daland. In the small role of the Steersman, tenor Rolando Villazon reveals a rich voice of uncommon delicacy.

Barenboim's interpretation is fast-paced and muscular, in keeping with the full-speed-ahead nature of Wagner's score. But he doesn't slight the introspective passages like the Dutchman's soliloquy or his Act 2 duet with Senta.

- Mike Silverman, AP Writer

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The old disc had inspired covers such as the Righteous Brothers' *Unchained Melody* and Patti Smith's *Dancing Barefoot*. Yet most of the new B-sides actually are remixes, and bloated ones at that. Hearing *Numb* the first time was enough, but was *Gimme Some More Dignity Mix* really necessary?

But *The Hands That Built America*, the theme from Martin Scorsese's upcoming film, *Gangs of New York*, is absolute drivel.

- Landon Hall, AP Writer

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### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*What Next?* Through Dec. 29, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. Curtain 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$17. (313) 868-1347

### Gem Theatre

*Shear Madness*, 333 Madison, Detroit. \$24.50 to \$34.50. (313) 963-9800

### Fisher Theatre

*Some Like it Hot* with Tony Curtis, Dec. 3-22. Shows are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$35-\$70. For information, call (313) 872-1000. For tickets, call (248) 645-6666

### Meadow Brook Theatre

*A Christmas Carol*, Nov. 29 through Dec. 22 at Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 377-3300 for times, dates and ticket prices. Children under 5 will not be allowed in the auditorium.

### Plovshares Theatre Company

*Blue* runs through Dec. 8, at 18100 Meyers between Curtis and West McNichols, Detroit. Call (313) 872-0279 for times and ticket prices.

### Purple Rose Theatre Company

Actor Jeff Daniels' play, *Across The Way*, runs through November at the theater, 137 Park St., Chelsea. 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday matinee. \$22.50 to \$32.50, (734) 433-7782

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### Eastpointe Manor

*Tony & Tina's Wedding* 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12 at 24611 Gratiot Ave., Eastpointe. Tickets: \$60, includes supper. Call for reservations (586) 778-2240.

### Detroit Roostertail

*Tony & Tina's Wedding*: 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 9-10, at the Roostertail, on the Detroit River, south of Jefferson, at the foot of Marquette Drive, Detroit. Tickets are \$69.95 and includes a buffet supper. Call for reservations: (313) 822-1234.

### Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall

Dinner Theater presents "In the Game" 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at 108 E. Main, Northville. \$45 per person inclusive. Call for reservations, (248) 349-0522

## COLLEGE THEATER

### Hilberry Theatre

*The Good Doctor*, Neil Simon's tribute to Anton Chekhov, plays in rotating repertory to Feb. 4, at the theater on the campus of Wayne State University, corner of Cass and Hancock, Detroit. \$12 to \$20. (313) 577-2972

*The Philadelphia Story*: 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29; 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30; 2 p.m. Dec. 4; 8 p.m. Dec. 5 and 6.

### University of Detroit Mercy

The theater company's 32nd season continues with *Grandma Duck is Dead* by Larry Shue. 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays; 2 p.m. Sundays, Thursday, through Sunday, Dec. 1 (no performance Thanksgiving Day) at the Theatre Company on the University of Detroit Mercy's Outer Drive campus, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit. Tickets from \$8 to \$12. Call (313) 993-6461.

### WSU Bonstelle Theatre

*A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens Dec. 6-8 and Dec. 13-14, at Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit; Call (313) 577-2960 for ticket prices and times

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**The Player's Guild of Dearborn** Annie, Nov. 29, Dec. 1 and 6-8, at the guild playhouse, 21730 Madison, Dearborn. Tickets are \$14. (313) 561-TKTS

### Pontiac Theatre IV

*Anne of Avonlea*, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5, 8 p.m. Dec. 6 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec. 7 at Pontiac Northern High School, 1051 Arlene, Pontiac. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$7 for students and senior citizens. Call (248) 624-3187 for group rates.

### Spotlight Players

(Formerly the Plymouth Theatre Guild) presents *Cinderella* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30, at the Watertown Theatre on the campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital, 41001 W. Seven Mile, west of Haggerty, east of Northville Road. \$14, \$10 ages 10-18, and \$5 ages 2-9. (248) 349-7110

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

### Genitti's Children's Theater

Lunch with Santa "Snow Day" 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main, Northville. \$13.95, \$12.95 kids. (248) 349-0522

### The Millennium Centre

Youtheatre presents *Robinson Crusoe* at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the show. (248) 557-7529 for information. The show also features a Scholastic Book Fair and salute presentation for area Cub and Boy Scouts.

### PuppetART

*Crane Maiden*, based on a Japanese folk tale, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at Detroit Puppet Theater, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

### Wild Swan Theater

Presents *The Wizard of Oz* Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 11-15, at Towsley Auditorium, Morris Lawrence Building Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Drive, Ann Arbor. Tickets \$6/ children; \$8/ adults. For times, call (734) 995-0530. For tickets, call (734) 424-9591

## OPERA

### Detroit's Orchestra Hall

The University of Michigan School of Music presents *De Organizer*, a one-act "blues opera" about union organizing, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free tickets are required call or go to box office (313) 576-5111, Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

**Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra** Sing-Along With Santa Benefit, 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, 423 S. Fourth Ave., downtown Ann Arbor. Tickets \$5/ children; \$10/ adults; \$25/ family; \$50/ patrons (734) 994-4801

### Dearborn Heights Civic Theatre

Presents *The Coal Miners' Christmas* by Daniel Kehde, 8 p.m. Dec. 6; 3 and 8 p.m. Dec. 7; and 3 and 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Berwyn Center, 26155 Richardson, Dearborn Heights. Tickets: \$9/ adults; \$7/ students and seniors (313) 561-1275. Please bring a non-perishable food item for needy people. The Cherry Hill Baptist Church women will host a reception after each show.

### Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings

Holiday Brass, a program of holiday music, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets, \$15 adults, \$12 senior citizens, \$10 children. (248) 473-1857

### Detroit Concert Choir

Performs "Sweet Sounds of Christmas" at 8 p.m. Dec. 14 at St. Hugo of the Hills, 2215 Opdyke, Bloomfield Hills, and 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at St. Clare of Montefalco, 1401 Whittier at Mack, Grosse Pointe Park. Tickets \$15/ \$12 seniors and students (313) 882-0118

### Farmington Community Chorus

Performing "Yule Cheer" at 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21 at Mercy High School Auditorium, on the corner of 11

Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10. (810) 632-4067

### Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall

Children's Theater, lunch with Santa "Snow Day" at 11:30 Saturday, Nov. 30. Tickets \$12.95/ kids; \$13.95/ adults. Price includes lunch and show. 108 E. Main, Northville (248)349-4641

### King's Feast

William Tyndale College hosts a musical performance and dinner presented in the style of the Renaissance with period costumes, trumpeters and old English dining fare 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the college in Farmington Hills. \$30. (248) 553-7200, Ext. 450

### La Belle Provence

Karolyn Grimes (Zuzu Bailey from *It's a Wonderful Life*) autographs copies of *It's a Wonderful Life Cookbook* co-authored by Franklin Dohanyos, 2-4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 185 W. Maple, Birmingham. (248) 540-3876

### Livonia Civic Chorus

Annual holiday concerts, "Wishing You the Merriest," with St. Pete's jazz ensemble and this year's musical scholarship winner Mary Beth Rosencrantz 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, Livonia. \$10, \$8 seniors and students, \$5 children younger than 12. (734) 466-2410

### Livonia Youth Choir

Winter concert at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. Free admission, reception follows concert (734) 425-1749

### Lutheran Church of the

Broadway music and holiday rhythms 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the



Andy Huff, Jennifer Tuttle and Eddie Collins rehearse a scene from *The Philadelphia Story*, the Philip Barry play running in rotating repertory through Feb. 1, at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. The story centers on a Philadelphia socialite of the 1930s preparing for her second wedding to an up-and-coming businessman. Times are 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 29-30, 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, and Wednesday, Dec. 4, and 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 5-6. Tickets are \$12-\$20. Call (313) 577-2972.

town Northville. Tickets are \$7.50. No children under age 3, please. Call (248) 349-8110 for times.

Also enjoy, *Christmas On Main Street*, old and new tunes for the family 7 p.m. Fridays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20; 7 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, and 21.

### Michigan Opera Theatre

Broadway music and holiday rhythms 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at the

Southfield, (248) 557-7529 Tickets \$8 in advance \$10 at show date.

Also appearing at 8 p.m. Dec. 14, "Holiday Musical Magic" performed by The Boys Choir of Harlem.

### Motor City Lyric Opera

*Amahl and the Night Visitors* 7:30 p.m. Dec. 19; 1 and 6 p.m. Dec. 21; 1 and 4 p.m. Dec. 22 at 350 Madison Avenue, Detroit. Tickets \$20/ adults; \$10/ students at Music Hall Box Office (313) 963-2366 or online at www.ticketmaster.com

### St. Paul's Presbyterian Church

"Christmas Time Is Near," a concert, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, at 27475 Five Mile, just west of Inkster Road, Livonia. Featuring The Langford Men's Chorus and Prime vocal jazz. Donations accepted after concert. (248) 682-6562

### Plymouth Community Chorus

"Sing Gloria!" The 29th annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14; 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville, (734) 254-9617 for information. Tickets are \$12.

### Redford Civic Symphony

Seasonal music including *White Christmas*, *The Christmas Suite*, *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, selections from the *Messiah* and more 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, at Our Lady of Loretto, Beech-Daly and Six Mile, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at St. Hilary, on Elmira off Plymouth east of Telegraph. No charge.

### Royal Oak First Presbyterian Church

"What Sweeter Music: Christmas with The New Cranbrook Singers" joined by orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the church, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak. Tickets, \$25-\$5, available Dec. 7 and 14 at Royal Oak Farmer's Market, 11 Mile at Troy Street or by calling (734) 677-4796

### Troy Community Chorus

"Holiday Gift" concert at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Athens High on the west side of John R. north of Wattles. Tickets run \$5 to \$10. Call for info: (248) 879-0138

### Troy Historical Society & Troy Museum Guild

Hanging of the Greens: Stroll around, enjoy punch and cookies, listen to carolers, make holiday crafts and visit Santa, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at Troy Museum, 60 W. Wattles, Troy. Free admission (248) 524-3570

### University Musical Society

*Handel's Messiah* (Mozart edi-

tion) 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at 911 N. University Ave., UMS Choral Union. Tickets range from \$12-\$20. For information (734) 764-2538 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Fisher Theatre

The Apple Award will be presented to Carol Channing. Festivities start at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4 at the Fisher Theatre, Detroit. It begins with a cocktail hour and strolling buffet with the opportunity to visit with Channing, the award presentation, and after that a performance of *Some Like It Hot* with Tony Curtis. Tickets may be obtained by calling (313) 577-1458 or (313) 872-1177.

### Holiday Doll Show

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill. \$5, children younger than 10 free. (734) 455-2110

### Warner Middle School

Used instrument sale. If you have an instrument to sell, take it to the sale or if you need an instrument, go to the sale 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at Warner Middle School Cafeteria, 30303 W. 14 Mile, Farmington. (248) 489-3412

## BENEFITS

### Andiamo Italia

Along with Angie D'Aleo Morelli and the U.S. Marine Corps will host its ninth annual Toys for Tots Christmas party 6:30-11 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7096 E. 14 Mile, Warren. Price of admission is one new, unwrapped toy. There will be free hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and entertainment by "Royce" (248) 545-2222

### Food Bank of Oakland County

Larry Nozero Quintet plays at a benefit for the food bank at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the food bank's warehouse, 120 E. Columbia, Pontiac. Tickets are \$10. (248) 332-1473

### Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit

10th annual Holiday Perform-A-Thon Kick-off, 8-9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 W. Jefferson, Detroit. Guest appearance by Wendy from Wendy's International Restaurants. Performances at 10:50 a.m. at Lutheran Nursing Home, 28910 Plymouth Road, Livonia, and 4 p.m. at Laurel Park West, 38910 Six Mile, Livonia. For other performance sites or information, call, (313) 872-6910

## CLASSICAL

### Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Perform the music of Beethoven, Mozart and Haydn including Beethoven's Symphony No. 6 Pastorale, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 29, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, and 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 1, at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward, Detroit. \$15-\$56. (313) 576-5111

## JAZZ/BLUES

### Elaine Elias Trio

Kissed by Nature Tour with Marc Johnson and Satoshi Takeishi, Dec. 13-14 at The Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Call (734) 662-8310 for time and ticket information.

### Matt Michaels Trio

8 p.m. Wednesday, at Ron's Fireside Inn, 28937 Warren Road, two blocks east of Middlebelt, Garden City. \$5 cover charge with dinner order, \$10 cover without dinner. (734) 762-

### Tim Flaharty Trio

With Nancy K, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 30, at Woodruff's Supper Club, 212 W. Sixth, Royal Oak (248) 586-1519

### Larry Nozero Jazz Quintet

Performs 8 p.m. to midnight Monday, at Mitch Housey's Food & Spirits, Livonia. (734) 425-5520 or visit www.larrynozero.com

### Vince James Trio

8-11 p.m. Wednesday, at Compari's, 350 S. Main, Plymouth. (734) 416-0100

### Schoolcraft College Jazz

Jazz Combos 7:30-8 p.m. and Big Band 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9, in the Waterman Center on campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia, and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. No charge.

## POPS/SWING/CABARET

### American Golden Doo-Wop Music Spectacular

With Lou Christie, Tommy Roe, the Original Tymes, Lenny Cocco and the Chimes, and Peggy March, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn, (313) 943-2354.

### Bird of Paradise Orchestra

9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)

### Congregation B'nai Moshe

Third annual Cabaret Night entitled, "Music Schmusic" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at 2800 Drake, West Bloomfield. Donation of \$10 per person in advance or \$12.50 at the door, includes refreshments. (248) 788-0600

## FOLK/ACOUSTIC

### Detroit Women's Coffeehouse

Fall Series 2002: Me, Here, & Her, 7:30 p.m. Nov. 30; Joanna Karner, Ava Rodgers, Becky Austin, Adrienne Jones and Allison Lewis, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 14 at 4605 Cass, Detroit. Tickets: Sliding scale \$7-\$12. (313) 831-2999.

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# Treasure Planet is wonderful spin on a classic

BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG  
CORRESPONDENT

I have to admit that I was very skeptical about Disney extrapolating the great Robert Louis Stevenson's epic tale, *Treasure Island*, into outer space.

Then I remembered Disney's take on Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, in which they substituted cuddly Simba for the brooding Prince of Denmark. Perhaps you remember it? Disney did this back in 1994 with *The Lion King*.

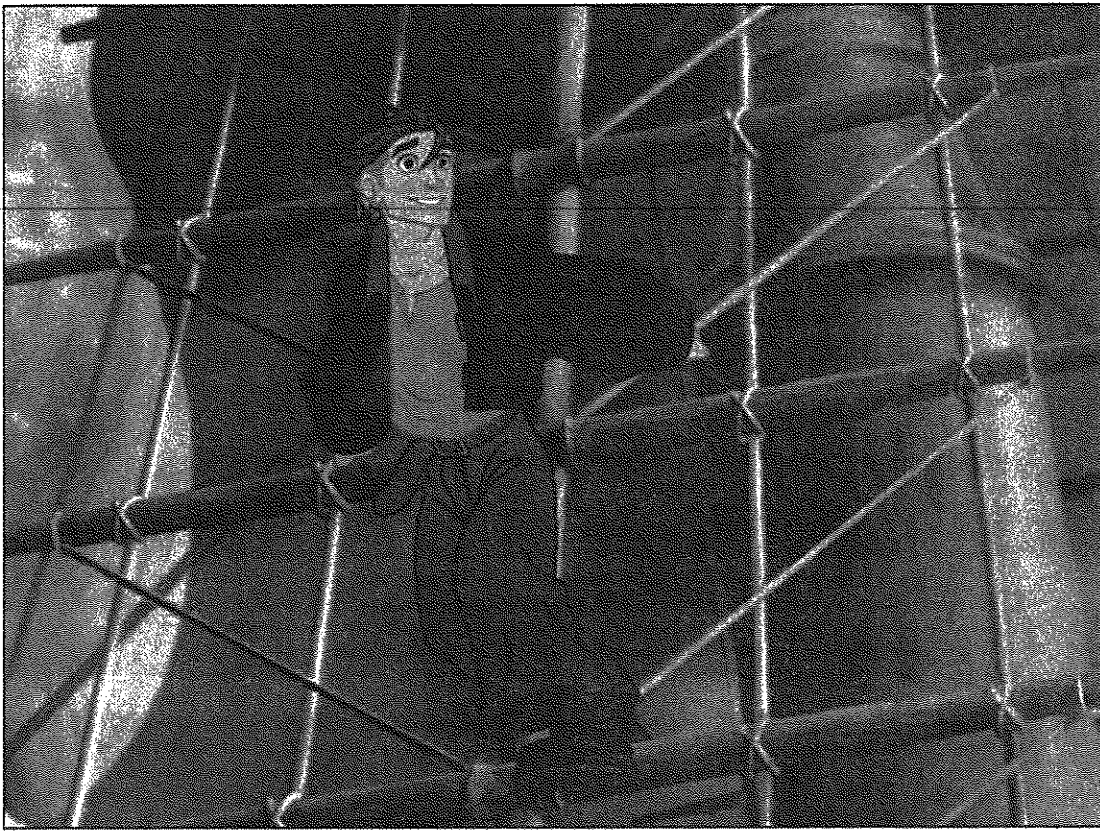
Well, they pulled it off again. Lightning does strike twice. This is just one of those rare times when I'm happy to have been proven wrong.

In fact, setting *Treasure Island* in the final frontier was a stroke of creative genius on the part of Disney "imagineers" Ron Clements and John Musker, who co-wrote, co-produced and co-directed *Treasure Planet*, as they did other beloved Disney animated films, including, 1997's *Hercules*, 1992's *Aladdin* and 1989's *The Little Mermaid*.

The basic concept is still the same: Jim Hawkins (voiced by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, *10 Things I Hate About You*, TV's *3rd Rock From the Sun*) finds a treasure map of Captain Flint's (who is an alien) spoils, which in this case is a globe that produces a 3-D holographic navigational map, and sets out to find it, only to run into trouble along the way in the form of pirates led by Long John Silver.

Instead of stashing his "loot of a 1,000 worlds" on an island, the notorious Flint stashed it on a faraway planet.

For the most part, the characters are the same, if not in



Jim Hawkes, voiced by Joseph Gordon-Levitt, joins the crew of an intergalactic adventure in Disney's *Treasure Planet*.

name in some cases, then in substance. Straight-laced first mate Mr. Arrow (renowned stage actor Roscoe Lee Brown, who happened to have a role in 1996's *Muppets Treasure Island*) is a bulky-looking alien.

Long John Silver is now John Silver, who is a cyborg (half-man/half-robot) cook voiced by Brian Murray (*Bob Roberts*), whose band of ne'er-do-wells and scallawags are a variety of aliens this side of the Mos Eisley Cantina from the original *Star Wars*, including one who has a face on his head AND stomach, which can separate.

There's also the villainous Skroopf, a giant alien spider played by raspy-voiced Michael Wincott, who is no

stranger to playing villains as he has in *Along Came A Spider*, *The Crow*, *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, and Disney's 1993 live-action version of *The Three Musketeers*.

The cast is rounded out by the no-nonsense commander of the RLS Legacy, Captain Amelia (Academy Award winner Emma Thompson, *Howard's End*) who also happens to be a feline, and dog-faced astrophysicist Dr. Doppler (David Hyde Pierce of TV's *Frasier*).

Thompson and Hyde Pierce really play well off one another; I certainly hope they work together again in a live-action film.

The movie filled with nods

and winks to Stevenson's original novel, which has had numerous incarnations on the big and small screens since its publication in 1883 (including a live-action version by Disney in 1950). There's also an *Aliens*-inspired scene between Jim Hawkins and Skroopf.

The animation is phenomenal, classic Disney. It's refreshing to see a movie that not only looks good but also has a story behind it, something rare in this day and age.

Kudos to Clements and Musker. This is the definition of a family film.

Rated PG: some intense action scenes for younger viewers, flatulence jokes  
Rating: 8.5 out of 10

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

### SCHEDULED TO OPEN DEC. 6

#### EMPIRE

Victor Rosa is all about the mighty dollar and fashions himself as a businessman on par with Rockefeller, Carnegie, and Bill Gates. With an iron fist, he runs a successful "street pharmaceutical" business that peddles a heroin mix he has named Empire. His beautiful fiancée, Carmen, a Baruch College student, befriends a classmate with an investment-banker boyfriend, Jack Wimmer. Victor meets Jack, and they instantly connect. Both are hard-core businessmen from two different sides of the legal fence. When Jack offers Victor a piece of the action on the stock

market, he sees his ticket out of the violent streets of the South Bronx and jumps at the opportunity. But there is a bigger price to be paid than clean money for his gorgeous new Soho lifestyle. Stars John Leguizamo, Denise Richards, Peter Sarsgaard, Sonia Braga, Isabella Rossellini. Directed by Frac Reyes. (Universal) Rated R.

#### ANALYZE THAT

While dealing with issues surrounding his father's death, a psychologist also struggles to help his mobster client whose life is being threatened in this sequel to *Analyze This*. Stars Robert DeNiro, Billy Crystal, Lisa Kudrow. Directed by Harold Ramis. (Warner Brothers) Rated R. Running time: 95 minutes.

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Pork chops with mashed potatoes, a very popular dish at Transylvania House

# Family serves Eastern European fare in 'goulash' atmosphere

BY TAMARA WARREN  
CORRESPONDENT

When Corneliu Nicolaescu opened the doors of the Transylvania House in March, he brought the Old World to Dearborn, his new hometown.

"In Romania, we used to cook like this for weddings. I learned to cook from my parents, and my daughters they learned from me," Nicolaescu says. "All our food are cooked from scratch."

Nicolaescu operates the Transylvania House along with his wife Felicia, daughters Laura and Andrea, and a modest staff.

"The recipes are original," he said. "Some of the spices and the cheese and the other stuff comes from Romania."

Never mind that the restaurant is nestled in a strip mall. In a short time the photographs of castles, the archaic decor, and the scent of Slavic cooking gives patrons the sense they are dining in eastern Europe.

Adding to the  
ambiance are  
large photos of the most  
famous Transylvanian, Vlad the  
Impaler, the infamous Dracula.

The menu is divided into soups, salads, appetizers, entrees and desserts.

Adventurous patrons may opt to try the tripe soup. The tomato salad is a tasty alternative for authentic cuisine.

"The recipes mainly are Rumanian and Transylvanian. I selected the most interesting and different food from the region."

Fish lovers will want to try the herring salad. The pickled chunks of fish are mixed with olive oil, carrots and onions.

Goulash is a staple of the eastern European diet, and the Transylvania House's beef goulash served over noodles is

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Corneliu Nicolaescu  
owner

tender and hearty, a prime option for cold Michigan winter months.

Wiener schnitzel, or breaded veal named for Vienna, has traversed the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Sometimes this dish can be overwhelming, but the meal is filling without being greasy and oily.

Other popular dishes are stuffed cabbage and chicken paprikas.

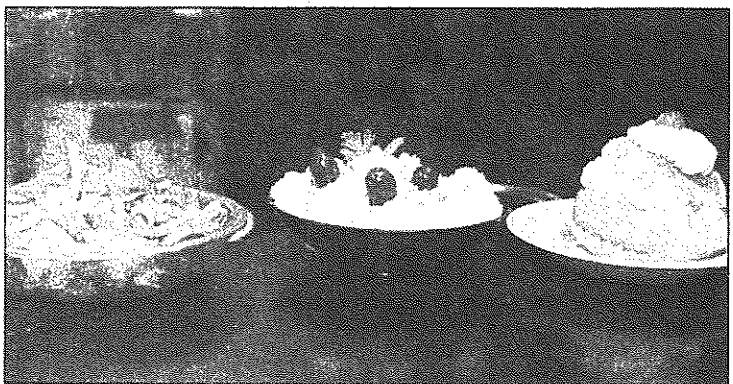
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The desserts at the restaurant are tempting.

The Turkish coffee is served in a large cup, for those who prefer a strong coffee with a sweet dessert.

Given the family's roots, the Transylvania House features nightly performances by an appropriate figure, Creepy Clyde, who does an endearing monster act year around. Nicolaescu says Vlad's castle was just 20 miles from their home in Rumania.

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Owner Cornelius Nicolaescu holds high two of his dishes with (from left to right) wife Felicia, Frida Washington and Mihaela Blebea.



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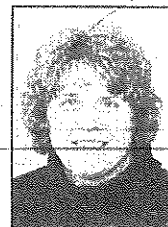
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Cathy Standish

## All together as one

When I was a kid, Thanksgiving in our house was always an event, a holiday to look forward to. Mom would get up at four or five in the morning and throw what looked to be a 60- or 70-pound turkey into the oven.

The house would smell warm from the baking bird. Giblets would be boiling on the stovetop, to later be prepared into the stuffing; the cranberries would be popping in the pan. Mom would always make the orange Jell-O, a staple for my brother, who now at 42 years old, a grown man with a home, a lovely wife and two beautiful twins, still demands that orange Jell-O of his childhood.

Dad would always be sitting at the kitchen table, smoking a Pall Mall. The remnants of breakfast sat as my parents chatted, as my brothers ran from room to room in a never-ending chase of one another, as my sister twinkled in my father's eye.

Thanksgiving in our house was a holiday, an event. As it was for every other American family, it was a day of pumpkin pie, of cookie platters, of turkey and stuffing and mashed potatoes and gravy.

My father would always leave late in the morning, after the breakfast dishes had been washed and dried, after the turkey had bubbled for nearly four hours, after the cranberries had popped and were placed in the refrigerator to chill. He would to drive to my Grandma's house, to the little house in the country where she lived all alone. He would gather her up and bring her back to the family for dinner.

At my house, Thanksgiving dinner was always served at 2 o'clock. By noon, the dinner table was set, the candles were lit, my brothers were bathed, my mother was pulling the maintenance curlers from the sides of her hair. The television was just starting to broadcast again after being off the air at midnight and I would settle into our green horsehair couch to watch the broadcast of the Thanksgiving parade. The parades were always the precursor for the football games, a holiday tradition even back in that time of Lyndon Johnson and Vietnam.

Dad would return in the Ford Falcon station wagon with Grandma securely settled into the passenger's seat. Helping her out of the car, Grandma would load Dad down with her famous "Glorified Rice" and a grocery bag full of hand-knitted mittens, hats and slippers.

Gifts made with love for her grandchildren. Gifts that would always cause me to shudder and work on a fiendish plot on how to lose first the mittens at school, then the hat. I never realized how truly precious Grandma's gifts really were.

Eating the Thanksgiving dinner was always an event. Gathered around the large dining room table, everyone chattering, my brothers bickering, my Mom running from dining room to kitchen for spoons, and dishes and milk refills.

When dinner ended, my father would retire to the living room and football games. My mother and I would clear the table and attend to the dishes, as my brothers disappeared and holed up in the bathroom until the all-clear was given and the last dish

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# Observer Life



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Kristen Quesada, the new director of the Park Players, stands in front of the Salem High School Auditorium stage for a dress rehearsal of their production of "You Can't Take It With You."

## New director's life is a stage

### Dance, drama veteran takes helm of P-C's Park Players

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Kristen Quesada is keeping a lot of balls in the air. She's a mom and a wife, she teaches at a dance studio and now she's running the drama program for the Plymouth-Canton high schools.

And the juggling act is allowing her to have the time of her life.

Quesada, who grew up in Westland and graduated from Eastern Michigan University, is the new drama teacher at Salem High School. As such, she is charged with running the Gloria Logan Theater and directing the Park Players, roles that are right up the alley for a young lady who has been involved in acting and dancing for some 25 years.

"It's one of those jobs you don't have to wake up and dread going to," said Quesada, 28, who is in her first year on the job. "It's different every day, and it keeps me up."

It was a chance meeting with Gloria Logan, the longtime drama teacher at Plymouth-Canton who was a professor when Quesada was a student at Eastern Michigan, that eventually set Quesada up for her new gig.



New Park Players director Kristen Quesada helps Kyle Gnagey get his hair just right at a dress rehearsal for "You Can't Take It With You," at Salem High School's auditorium last week.

#### STARTED AS A SUB

Quesada, who was graduated from Westland John Glenn High School in 1992, kicked around at a few career choices before landing in Plymouth-Canton. When she finished at EMU, Quesada did some substitute teaching in Westland and Garden City.

Graduating with a degree in journalism, Quesada had wanted to go into television journalism. She interned for awhile at WXYZ TV-7 in Detroit, but the road to TV stardom seemed a little long and tenuous to her.

"I really liked it, but everyone was telling me you have to start in small towns, edit your own stuff, and make about seven dollars an hour," Quesada said. "I'd just gotten engaged, my fiancé worked for Ford, and relocating didn't seem like a good option."

She even tried a job in sales, working for a business publication.

"I absolutely hated it, and gave it up after only four months," she said. "I needed something where I could use my creativity and work with kids. I just couldn't sit in an office."

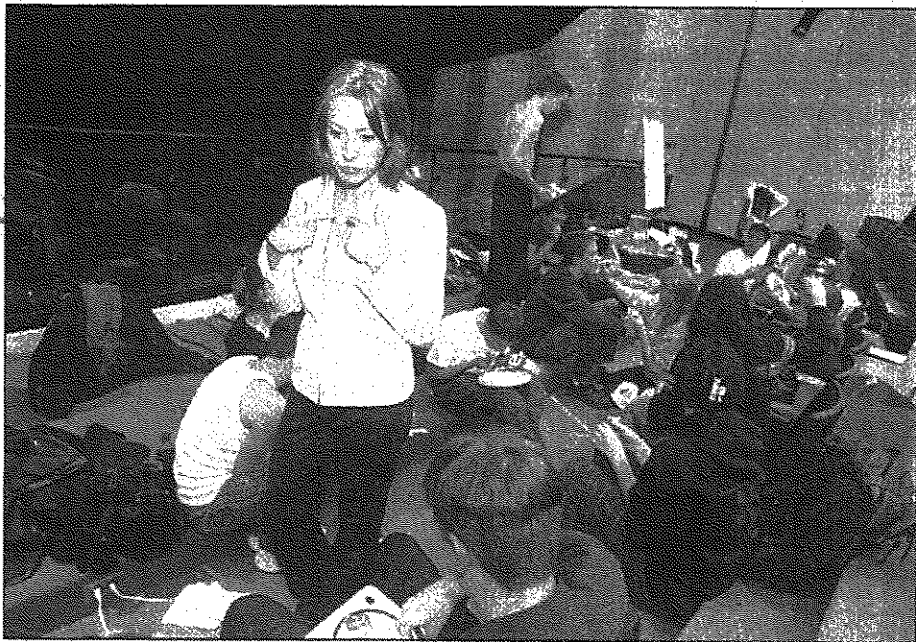
Devoted to theater and dance, Quesada decided to try to find something that would allow her to mix all the things she loves in life: teaching. But before she settled down, she wanted to conquer one dream: living in New York.

So, in the summer of 1998, Quesada headed for the bright lights of the Big Apple. For six months, she studied dance, acting and voice. After that, she came home to start her new life.

"I had always wanted to go to New York," Quesada said. "I had been in theater and dance since I was 3. I just wanted to be able to say I did it."

#### HELPING HANDS

With that out of her system, Quesada



Kristen Quesada, the new director of the Park Players, checks up on the actors as they prepare their hair and makeup for a dress rehearsal of "You Can't Take It With You," last week at the Salem High School Auditorium.

returned home and got her teaching certificate in spring 2002. That's where her connection to Logan helped. Logan had been one of Quesada's professors her last year at EMU, and she hooked Quesada up with Pat Berry, for whom she became a student teacher last school year.

Quesada credits Berry for her success in landing the job.

"(Berry) is great, and he helped me a lot," she said. "He's extremely organized, and he knows what works and what doesn't."

When Jeff Kopp resigned after last year, Quesada got her break. She interviewed for the job, and impressed Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin with her attitude.

"She brought with her the best qualifications, the best resume, and seemed to be a natural fit for our school and our community," Ostoin said. "She likes to work with kids, she grew up in the area. I saw the play Friday night, and I'm glad I hired her."

Quesada actually had a choice between Salem and the West Bloomfield district.

But in West Bloomfield, her responsibilities would have been different. For Quesada, the choice seemed an easy one.

"I'd have had to teach debate and forensics in West Bloomfield," she said. "Here, I get to run the theater. That sounded a lot better to me."

It would, to someone whose entire life has revolved around dance and theater. Quesada has taught dance at Encore Dance Academy in Westland for 11 years, and has tried to wrap every career choice around drama in some form or other.

#### FAMILY TIES

So devoted to it is Quesada that, when daughter, Olivia, was born 18 months ago, Quesada missed only two weeks of teaching and two college classes.

That devotion is paying off in happiness for Quesada, who just finished directing the Park Players' first production of the year, "You Can't Take It With You," and now has a couple of months

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## Hair dresser hails Christmas, all year

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

It's no challenge to guess John Gregory's favorite holiday. The multi-talented local hair dresser's salon doubles as a year-round Christmas shop in Redford.

And in the giving spirit of the season, he established a popular annual open house. This year's event, expected to draw hundreds, will be particularly festive as John Gregory Salon and Christmas Boutique, 26403 Grand River Ave., celebrates 30 years in business.

Pat Heavener of Livonia has been a

client for even longer. She calls Gregory a tremendous artist with endless energy.

Heavener looks forward to attending the open house. "It's just a fun time, a kick-off to the Christmas season," she said. "It really puts you in the spirit of Christmas."

This year's open house will be noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1, for invited guests. Gregory sells his decorative accessories and handmade arrangements, along with jewelry, fragrances, his own line of Jo'ber makeup and hair products and gourmet goodies. He enlists the help of 11 people, including his mother, Ann Gregory, and

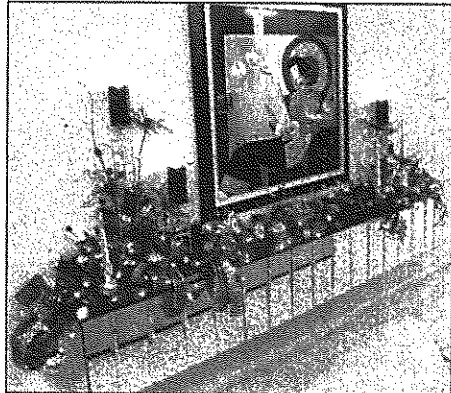
receptionist Marie Erickson.

"Everyone's very festive," said Erickson, who lives in Redford Township. "Everyone is dressed up. I love to listen to the comments."

She enjoys helping people choose decorations for their own homes and credits Gregory for making some of the chic pieces she now owns to accent her traditional holiday style.

"We've added more Christmas things this year," said Gregory, who lives just upstairs from the salon in an apartment

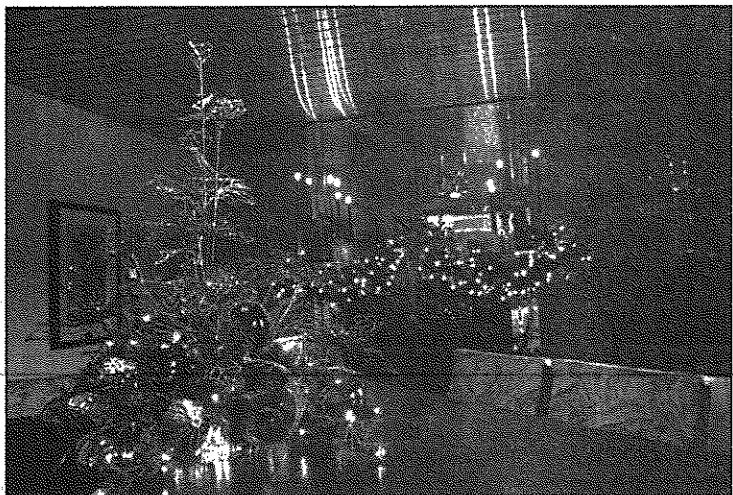
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John Gregory of Redford took color cues from this painting while decorating his apartment's great room for Christmas.





John Gregory makes center pieces like this one in his dining room and sells them during his annual Christmas open house.

## SALON

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he refurbished and rebuilt himself. An interior designer, Gregory begins crafting decorations and trees for the entire salon, boutique and apartment three months in advance.

From spiral or upside-down trees and themes of all kinds, the building takes on a heightened essence of holiday flair.

"He transforms the whole shop area," said Heavener. "He sets it up with cake and goodies. There is something for everybody."

Guests range from family to loyal clientele and new friends. All the holiday items are for sale at the open house.

"We like to change something in the look every year," he said. This year Gregory favors a more traditional Christmas, with fiber optic miniature Christmas houses, moving figurines and plenty of lush red and green accents.

Some interesting items

include icy strands of garland, sparkly wire poinsettias, and light-up glass pine cones.

"Everyone seems to be going more traditional," said Gregory. "They like to remember the older Christmas. They like that warm feeling they get from the traditional look."

Christmas was always a special time in his childhood. And the boutique has been open as long as his salon.

Gregory began doing hair at the age of 14. He would often visit his cousin in Livonia who taught him the trade.

Together they walked up and down the street, setting and combing out neighbors hair do's. By 18, he attended beauty school and earned a license. At 25, Gregory opened his own salon.

"I thought Redford was a good location," he said. He took his knack for creating a step further with interior decorating. The salon itself transforms with each season.

"It's something fun for me to do," said Gregory. "It's not really



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John Gregory, a Redford hair salon and Christmas boutique owner, arranges some of the Christmas accessories on display in his shop, which celebrates its 30th year.

like work because I've been doing it for so long."

During the open house, Gregory and Brian Worden open the doors to their upstairs apartment to unveil another holiday showcase. Each room has a theme. One bedroom shows an Asian influence. The great room is decked out in Mardi Gras fashion.

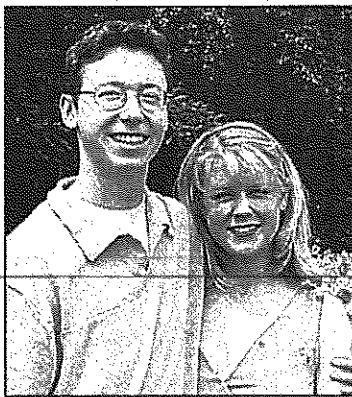
Worden, who also works in

the salon, said it was hard to adjust to living amid Christmas - in July. Just weeks before the event, he was planning the baking menu, including banana nut bread and cheesecake.

Gregory is already thinking about next year's festivities. For an invitation to the open house, call (313) 533-3615.

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## WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS



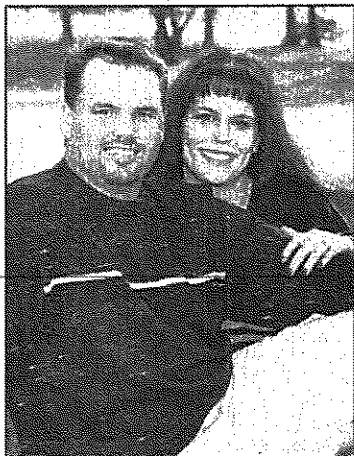
### Hanson-Montgomery

Barton and Diane Hanson of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lora Eileen Hanson, to Lucas Charles Montgomery, son of Douglas and Kathleen Montgomery of Plymouth.

Lora is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School, a 2001 graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in microbiology and molecular genetics and is now a second-year student at the Michigan State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Lucas is a 1998 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School and attended the University of Michigan. He is currently employed with UPS.

An August 2003 wedding is planned at St. John's Center Chapel in Plymouth.



### Muirhead-Robson

Richard and Geri Muirhead of Howell (formerly of Plymouth) announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Marie to Jeffrey Jay Robson, son of Sandi Robson of Wyoming and Daryl Robson of Illinois.

Amy is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth-Salem High School and is currently employed in construction as a production coordinator.

Jeff is a graduate of Laramie High School in Wyoming. Upon graduation, he spent four years on active duty in the U.S. Army. Jeff is currently employed by Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes as a superintendent.

A Fall 2003 wedding is being planned.

## DIRECTOR

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before she starts preparing for the spring production. The Players will present their spring musical, "Guys and Dolls," in spring 2003.

That production will give the new director another chance to solidify her relationship with her student-actors, a relationship that has apparently gotten off to a good start.

"She's a really great director," said Amanda Jackson, a 16-year-old junior from Canton, who was in "The Sound of Music" as a freshman. "She takes a new approach to directing. She doesn't treat us as kids, she treats us as equals, and lets us have input."

It's the kids' enthusiasm that makes teaching such a joy for Quesada, who draws a lot of her energy from them.

"A lot of kids have a lot of enthusiasm about going to college and starting their lives," she said. "Some are naturals, but others are shy and lack confi-

dence. If you can create an atmosphere that's not threatening, they feel more comfortable.

"Once they're more comfortable, they'll feel better about taking risks, which is what acting is all about."

Meanwhile, Quesada keeps all the balls in the air, with a lot of help from her husband, Rob, whom she married in 1999, and her mom, who lives in Westland and takes care of Olivia.

"I have the greatest mom," Quesada said. "I hate leaving Olivia, but I know she's with my mom. That makes me feel great."

Quesada, a 25-year veteran of dance and drama, still wants to be on stage herself, but knows there isn't time - right now.

"I love acting, I love being on stage, but right now I just don't have the time," she said. "When I have a break, I want to be with my baby. That's where I want to be right now."

"I'll always be teaching dance or performing in some way, though. I'll always be connected."

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was washed, dried and put away.

Grandma always claimed the turkey carcass, promising soup for all. My mother would wrap the bones in foil, and send her merrily on her way after an afternoon and early evening of game playing, card playing and football watching.

Dad would take my Grandma

and her bag of leftovers back to the farmhouse, and then, the day was done.

I wish I could have that back again.

This Thanksgiving, to have my Dad sitting at the kitchen table, not smoking Pall Malls. To have my Grandma's hand-knit hat, mittens and slippers. To smell my mother's 80-pound turkey, roasting in the oven.

To have my family together, all as one.

I am the Mom now.

Thanksgiving isn't as quiet as it once was. Some family members are lost. Some family members are found.

My sister is no longer a twin-kle, but a beautiful young woman who shines for everyone who meets her. My brothers with children of their own are now the dads themselves. My Mom still makes 90-pound turkeys and she still gets up at four in the morning to begin preparing the feast.

My Dad, he is still with us, he

is in our hearts, he is in our memories. He is with us in the smile of my sister, in the laughs of my brothers. My Dad is always watching my Mom, and sometimes, he guides me through my days. He is with my children, my niece, my nephews.

He never really left us. Through them, we can feel him always near.

So on this Thanksgiving I guess my family truly is together, all as one.

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# Children serve up some licorice Jell-O and Thanksgiving spaghetti

BY M.B. DILLON  
CORRESPONDENT

Move over, Martha Stewart. If you think your Thanksgiving recipes are something, well, you haven't tasted anything yet.

Budding chefs at St. Valentine School in Redford Township – together with their teacher Mrs. Judy Burns – collaborated on a new cookbook entitled *Our Favorite Recipes-Thanksgiving*. And until you've tasted their dishes, you just haven't lived.

At St. Michael in Livonia, kindergartners from Mrs. Yvette Parisi's classroom have tweaked traditional Thanksgiving menus to give the holiday fresh pizzazz.

These young gourmets are as sweet as pumpkin pie. They're sharing these original recipes with readers just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Clip and save!

St. Valentine's recipes:

## ROBERT SETON'S TURKEY A LA GANG

turkey, 190 lbs.  
mushrooms  
stuffing

Put it all in the oven and cook for 99 minutes at 5 degrees. Serves 99 people.

Robert is 7 and lives in Redford.



Robert Seton

## ALLISON ADAMS' "NO FUSS" TURKEY

10 lb. turkey  
salt  
pepper

Put the turkey in the oven with salt and pepper. Put it on 10 degrees for one hour. "You could have salad with it," says Allison.

Allison is 6-year-old resident of Redford.



Allison Adams

## ANDY CASTANADA'S MOUTH-WATERING CARROTS

7 carrots  
water

Cut them up, small, and cook at 25 degrees for 10 hours.

Andy is a 6-year-old Detroit resident.



Andy Castanada

## STEPHANIE ROSKELLY'S HOMEMADE PUMPKIN PIE

1 pumpkin  
2 tps. sugar  
1 tsp. salt

Cut up the pumpkin. Mix it together. Put it in a pan with sugar and salt. Bake at 10 degrees for 10 hours.

Stephanie is a 6-year-old who



Stephanie Roskelly

lives in Redford.

## TREY HANDY'S SWEET CELERY

1 cup water  
10 pieces celery  
sugar, just a whole bag

Mix together. Cook at 1,000 degrees for one minute.

Trey is a 6-year-old Redford Township resident.



Trey Handy

## MADELYN OMIETANSKI'S ZESTY PUMPKIN PIE

1 small pumpkin  
brown sugar, a lot  
lemon, a lot

Scoop out the pumpkin with a spoon. Mix everything. Put in a bowl. Cook in the oven at 100 degrees for 20 minutes.

Madelyn is 6 years old and lives in Livonia.



Madelyn Omietski

## KIRK NICOLA'S SOUR LEMON JELL-O

6 apple seeds  
7 cups water  
sour lemon Jell-O

Mix everything in a bowl. Then cook on the stove for 8 minutes. Then freeze for 10 hours.

Kirk is a 6-year-old Redford Township resident.



Kirk Nicola

## EVAN GOODE'S CHERRY TURKEY

salt  
cherry pudding  
turkey ("We usually get a 6 or 5 lb. turkey," Evan says.)

Put pudding on the turkey. Cook on stove for 10 seconds at 6 degrees. "My favorite thing to eat is half the turkey. I know the good things," says Evan, 6, of Redford.



Evan Goode

## GRANT WILLIAMS' TURKEY WITH TRIMMINGS

(Give yourself plenty of lead time for this one.)  
130 lb. turkey

Put it in the oven at 140 degrees for 100 hours. Serve with some grapes and mashed potatoes. "I also like soup – chicken noodle," said Grant.

Grant is 6 years old and lives in Redford.



Grant Williams

## JUSTINA OUELLETTE'S AWESOME APPLE PIE

a lot of apples  
breadcrust ("as much as the pie would be")

sugar ("if you want it really sweet you can put a lot in")

Smash the apples, and mix them with sugar. Cook at one degree for one hour. Then eat. "I don't put anything on top because it's so good," said Justina.

Justina is 6 years old and lives in Livonia.



Justina Ouellette

## TEAGAN DILLON'S MASHED POTATOES

pepper, 3 tps.  
butter, a lot  
potato chips,  
one big bag

Mix everything. Cook in a bowl. Put it in the oven at 900 degrees. Then eat it all.

It's good with turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie.

Teagan is a 6-year-old who lives in Redford.



Teagan Dillon

## BRANDON WALKER'S SWEET POTATOES

8 cups water  
50 sweet potatoes  
5 spoonfuls of sugar

Mash everything in a bowl. Cook in the oven for 5 hours at medium. Have it with ham and potato chips and a turkey for dessert. Brandon is a 6-year-old Redford resident.



Brandon Walker

## DAVID SESKO'S CHOCOLATE-LICORICE MASHED POTATOES

potatoes, like 3  
chocolate pudding  
licorice Jell-O ("That's the flavor," says David.)

Mash the potatoes in a bowl. Mix everything. Cook 24 hours at 60 degrees in the oven. "I like to eat carrots and chocolate ice cream with it," said David. David is 6 and lives in Redford.



David Sesko

## CHRISTINA PAPPAS' MASHED POTATOES WITH SYRUP

4 french fried potatoes  
1 big bottle of waffle syrup

Mash everything in a bowl. Cook at 8 degrees in a pan for 13 hours.

"With it you can eat turkey, chicken, carrots, milk, and vanilla and chocolate ice cream," said Christina. Christina is a 6-year-old resident of Redford Township.



Christina Pappas

## TYLER REAMER'S CINNAMON CORN

corn on the cob,  
2  
1 ounce of cinnamon  
1 stick of butter

Put it all in a pot and boil for four or five hours. "Turkey, regular potatoes, blueberry juice and pumpkin pie are good with it," said Tyler. Tyler lives in Redford Township. He is 6 years old.



Tyler Reamer

## TURKEY A LA MARWAN SAAB

200 lb. turkey

Cook in a big pan at 10 degrees in the oven for 11 hours.

"I'd have the turkey with mashed potatoes and wafers. I hate vegetables," says Marwan. Marwan is 7 years old and lives in Redford Township.

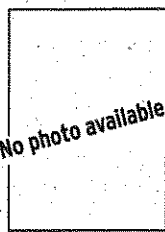


Marwan Saab

## MIRANDA KARGUL'S LAMB STUFFING

cinnamon  
oranges  
bread  
onion  
lamb

Mash it in your hands. Throw it in a cookie sheet pan. Cook in the oven for eight hours.



Miranda Kargul

## THOMAS KARGUL'S CITRUS TURKEY

turkey  
lemon juice

Squeeze the juice on the turkey. Cook at 100 degrees for one hour.

Miranda and Thomas Kargul were both absent the day the Observer visited St. Val's. Thomas and Miranda are 6-year-old twins who live in Redford. Bon appetit from St. Val's! St. Michael's recipes follow:

## SHANE NEARY'S GREEN POTATOES

37 potatoes  
green beans,  
lots

Put the potatoes in the oven with green beans on top. Cook it for 2 hours at 30 degrees.



Shane Neary

## CONNOR MCCARTHY'S THANKSGIVING TURKEY

4 lb. turkey

Put it in the oven for one hour.

"I'd have it with pizza because that's one of my favorites," says Connor.



Connor McCarthy

## JACLYN VANGILDER'S HOLIDAY TURKEY

10 lb. turkey

Cook it in the oven for 8 minutes at 70 degrees. "You could serve it with ham and mashed potatoes," she suggested.



Jaclyn Vangilder

## JONATHAN MURRAY'S ITALIAN THANKSGIVING MENU

spaghetti

You put some spaghetti in a pot, and some sauce and little black things. Cook it for 50 hours and then it's done.



Jonathan Murray

## MADISON SHEA'S EASY PUMPKIN PIE

1 pumpkin

Squish it, stir it and put it in a bowl. Bake it for a few hours at 10 degrees.



Madison Shea

## JESSICA CRACHIOLA'S HOLIDAY TURKEY WITH APPLES

10 lb. turkey  
apples

You have to cut it out. Then you have to tie it. Cook it on the stove and in the oven for 11 seconds at 10 degrees. "You can have it with apples. Eleven people can eat it," said Jessica.



Jessica Crachiola

## RYAN POSH'S TURKEY FOR THREE

3 lb. turkey

Put it in the oven, plain, for 20 minutes on medium. "It will serve three people. I would also like beans, mashed potatoes and a sundae special," said Ryan.



Ryan Posh

## ANNA LOGAN'S CRANBERRIES

cranberries,  
about 4  
sugar, about 2 cups

Mix it up and cook it in the oven for a few hours at 3 degrees. "I don't know if it's good for dogs," said Anna.



Anna Logan

## MAUREEN BUTLER'S TASTY TURKEY

2 lb. turkey

Get the turkey from a bakery. Then you would take it out, and put it in a pan. Put some salt and pepper on it. Put it on the stove for 10 hours at 5 degrees. "There's enough for 7."



Maureen Butler

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## KIDS' RECIPES

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### ARIANA PARR'S TURKEY FOR FOUR IN A MINUTE

1 lb. turkey  
Put the turkey in the oven for one minute at 40 degrees. "You could have mashed potatoes and blueberry pie, too," said Ariana.



Ariana Parr

### ANDREW GRIFFIN'S TURKEY FOR FIVE

2 lb. turkey  
Put the turkey in the oven for one hour at 2 degrees. "You can give it to 5 people, and have mashed potatoes, orange juice and chocolate cake," said Andrew.



Andrew Griffin

### JOSEPH DOLUNT'S STUFFING WITH GRAVY

bread, 5 loaves  
water  
some gravy  
Mix it up on a plate. "I can't cook but my brother can," said Joseph. "Cook it, I think, on the stove for 10 minutes or 5 minutes on hot, because it has to be hot."



Joseph Dolunt

### JULIA LENTZ'S GREEN BEANS WITH CORN

green beans, a lot  
some corn  
Cook it on the stove for seven hours on medium. "It's good," she said.



Julia Lentz

### SARAH STORM'S BAKED POTATOES

6 potatoes  
Put them in the oven for a few hours at 50 degrees. It will serve six people.



Sarah Storm

### EMMA LAFFERTY'S TURKEY AND ROLLS

5 lb. turkey  
Cook the turkey on the stove for 10 minutes at 5 degrees.  
Rolls  
bread  
carrots  
Mix it all together and bake it in the oven for 15 minutes at 40 degrees.  
Happy Thanksgiving from the culinary artists at St. Michael School!



Emma Lafferty

### CODY CLISCH'S CHEESY STUFFING

some eggs  
some cheese  
First you buy some eggs. Use a pan to cook it on the stove for 3 minutes on hot. Cook it up. "When it's lunchtime, cut it up in slices. If it's too hot, wait for it to cool down a little bit," said Cody.



Cody Clisch

### NICOLE CIOCH'S THANKSGIVING CORN

corn on the cob, 5 ears  
butter, 1 stick  
Cook it all in the oven for a few hours at 2 degrees. You will have enough for six people.



Nicole Cioch

### ALEX HUNT'S CHICKEN GRAVY

2 lb. chicken  
potatoes, about 20  
Mash up the chicken and mash up the potatoes. Mix them together. Then you cook them in the oven. And you put vegetables in. That's the way it goes. You probably cook it for 1 hour at 30 degrees.



Alex Hunt

### FINN NEWCOMB'S THANKSGIVING PIZZA

salami  
You make the pizza with a recipe. "You cook it, and you put salami on it. When you eat it, it tastes good. Eat it all, then it will be in your tummy. I like to eat apples and more apples, and some pizza and more pizza, and some macaroni," Finn said.



Finn Newcomb

## Playroom named for McNamara

Wayne County Executive Edward H. McNamara is credited for bringing child care to the Wayne County Building in the form of KidSpace, an on-site child care program on the main floor of the historic building on Randolph.

To acknowledge his efforts, the KidSpace Board of Directors will be naming the newly renovated playroom used by KidSpace the "Edward H. McNamara Atrium" at a celebration 5:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at 600 Randolph in Detroit.

"I have always believed that creating a child care center in this building was one of the best ideas of this administration," says McNamara, referring to the Wayne County Building, which is more than 100 years old. "KidSpace is proof that great buildings like this can keep on being used for very modern programs, and the center brought a whole new population in to enjoy this place."

KidSpace is a fully licensed child care center where children age six weeks to pre-kindergarten age are provided a year-round developmental program. Children engage in work, play and lifeskill activities. They are provided with indoor and outdoor learning centers, to explore and create. The center also provides nutritious meals and snacks for the children.

Today more than 75 children are cared for at the center, which opened in 1989. KidSpace is open to the public and is not just for Wayne County employees.

To learn more about KidSpace, contact Jackie Kalogerakos at (313) 224-5046.

## Church airs debate on atheism

Faith Covenant Church, 35415 West 14 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, invites the public to attend a live satellite simulcast of "The Great Debate: Atheism vs. Christianity" 6-8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8.

The debate is between Christian author and speaker Cliffe Knechtle and Dr. Michael Newdow, a lawyer and emergency room physician in Sacramento, Calif. who filed the controversial lawsuit to remove the words "under God" from the Pledge of Allegiance.

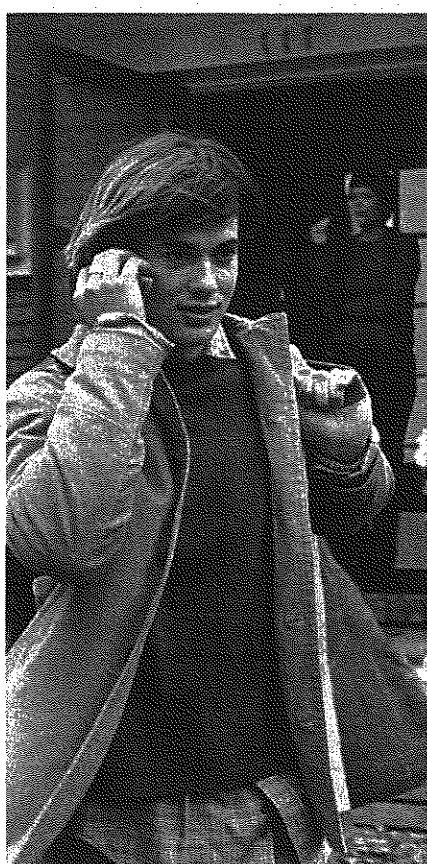
Knechtle, a Christian apologist and pastor, has sparred with skeptics at more than 50 colleges and universities through his ministry with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. At Brown University in Providence, R.I., the student publication *The Banner* noted, "Knechtle should not be missed if time permits. You won't get a sermon if you go.... You'll hear actual straight answers to profound questions. Pretty rare."

Hosting the Church Communication Network simulcast is atheist-turned-pastor Lee Strobel and Christian author-speaker Mark Mittelberg.

"We did a similar debate in Chicago 10 years ago. The results were electrifying," said Strobel. "I believe Christians and skeptics alike will flock to see this intellectual shoot-out to find out whether Christianity will emerge as being credible."

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# Cathedral Church of St. Paul hosts Christmas events

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■ **The Advent Procession**, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1. - A series of scriptural readings, carols, and anthems presented in procession to use the entire beautiful Gothic space of the Cathedral, this service offers reflection on and preparation for the Christmas season. The Advent Procession is sung by

the Cathedral Choir of Men and Boys, the Cathedral Choir of Women and Girls, and the Cathedral Chamber Choir, all under the direction of Cathedral Organist and Choirmaster Jeremy David Tarrant.

■ **A Festival of Lessons and Carols**, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 - This beloved Anglican service of lessons (readings) and carols that retell the Christmas story is perhaps the Cathedral's most popular and best-loved service. The Festival of Lessons and Carols

is an English tradition transplanted via the Anglican Church throughout the world; at St. Paul's, the carols and seasonal music reflect both the Anglican tradition and the rich cultural diversity of Detroit.

The Advent Procession and A Festival of Lessons and Carols are regular services of the Cathedral. There is no admission charge to Cathedral services; however, a free-will offering will be taken.

■ **A holiday dinner**, 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 - The

Festival of Lessons and Carols is followed by the annual Holiday Dinner, hosted by the Cathedral Chapter and the Friends of the Cathedral, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral's Barth Hall. Tickets are required for the dinner, and are \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children, and \$35.00 maximum for families. Please call (313) 831-5000, ext. 3002 for ticket reservations and information.

There is ample, well-lit parking behind the cathedral, accessible via East Warren Avenue.



## Teen queen

Amanda Owen, 15, daughter of Donald and Judy Owen, recently won the title of Miss Junior East Livonia Teen. She will compete for the title of Miss Junior Michigan in February. The winner of the state title will travel to New York in July to compete for the national title of Miss Junior America. Amanda is an honor student at Franklin High School and is active in student government and track. She is also on the JV Lady Patriots basketball team.

## Pastor retires from St. Timothy United Methodist

The Rev. Phylemon DePriest Titus will retire from St. Timothy United Methodist Church in Redford Township on Dec. 21. A three-day celebration has been planned in his honor for the week-end of Dec. 6-8.

Events include a dinner/dance Friday, Dec. 6; a musical tribute Saturday, Dec.

7; and an open house Sunday, Dec. 8. For details of these events, contact Carmen Wells at (313) 861-3196.

Titus was ordained in 1965 and has served The United Methodist Church for 37 years. He has served at St. Timothy for seven years. He is a board member of the Black United Fund and

National Black Methodists for Church Renewal. He also is a member of the Career Development Council, Equal Justice Council and National Urban Network Association.

He served as a conference delegate to the World Methodist Conference for six terms.

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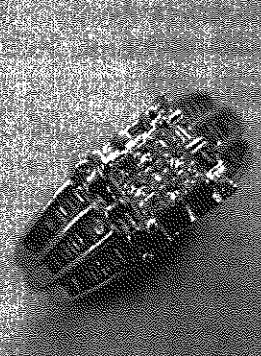
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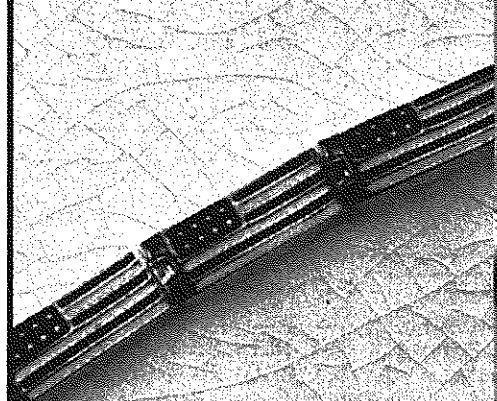
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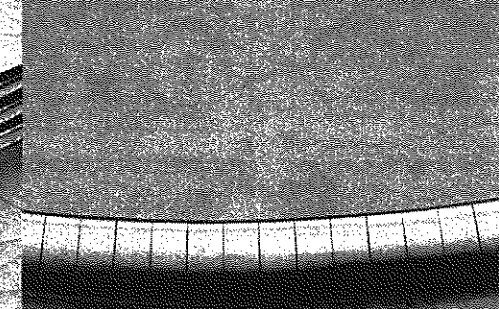
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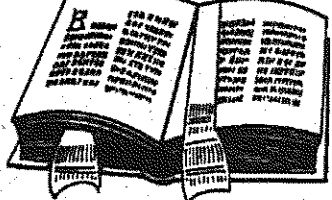
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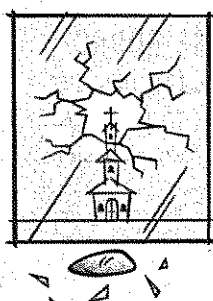
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this in the Bible, is when a crowd brings to Jesus a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put Jesus on the spot by saying that "in the law Moses commanded us to stone such. What do you say about her?" (John 8:5). Jesus' response is simple and beautifully compassionate: "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her" (John 8:7). One by one, they went away, leaving no one to condemn her. Ultimate judgment is reserved for God alone, and while God was here on earth in the form of Jesus, He reserved his harshest wisdom for those who were hypocritically judgmental.

For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get.  
R.S.V. Matthew 7:2



# Volunteers get ready for church cookie walk

BY RENEE SKOGLUND  
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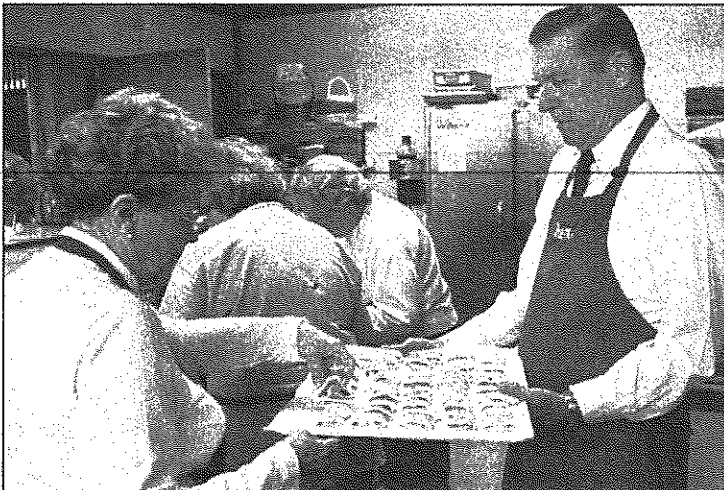
Feeling guilty because you're too busy to make Christmas cookies once again this year? Well, all is forgiven, especially since you can buy them at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 9th annual Cookie Walk.

Scores of volunteer bakers at the Livonia church are getting out their rolling pins for the annual event, which takes place Saturday, Dec. 14.

"It's become a community event because of the nature of the cookies," said the Rev. Michael Matsko, church pastor. "They are cookies you just don't make in your own household."

Volunteers will make over 50 different assortments of cookies, with the emphasis on ethnic and traditional recipes.

"We spend hours and hours and hours making the cookies. We must have 20 sessions preparing for the cookie walk," said Arlene Sudia of Plymouth. "We are making more cookies than last year, and we do try to



Carol Orloff places rugelach cookies onto a tray held by her husband Alex Orloff.

**'We are making more cookies than last year, and we do try to always stress the ethnic.'**

Arlene Sudia  
Plymouth

always stress the ethnic."

While there are several men who also volunteer their time and talent, it's the women who

make the more delicate cookies, the rolled varieties. The men do fine with cookies that can be shaped by hand.



Margaret O'Lszewski rolls the chocolate balls in walnuts after John Karol forms them. She turned 91 last Thursday and still has the energy to help with the cookie project. They are raspberry brandy chocolate truffles.

"The men make the Buckeyes - the peanut butter and chocolate balls - and the Russian tea cakes," said Sudia.

"They do a great job, and those cookies really sell."

Matsko considers himself a one-man quality control department. Some may say it's his "pastoral" duty to taste all the cookies.

"He's our No. 1 sampler," said Sudia.

Every year the volunteers sell all the cookies, and late-comers most likely will find just the crumbs, said Matsko.

"I think the nicest thing is it becomes something that the

people of the community love, and they come back every year." Besides cookies, nut rolls and candy, volunteers are making pierogi and stuffed cabbage. "We'll have plenty of those available," said Sudia.

Doors open 8 a.m. Dec. 14 and the sale begins at 9 a.m. Cookies are \$10 a pound; others are individually priced. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile between Farmington and Newburgh, in Livonia. Call (248) 476-3432.

The cookie of the hour is

"Ida's Rugelach". Spreading apricot, one of the ingredients that make up the filling, is Beverly Karol. Others at the table are, from right, Dorothy Pargoff, Anne Hyrila and Angie Gillum.



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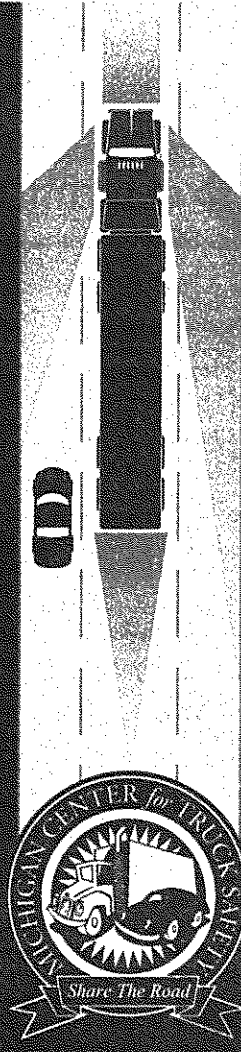
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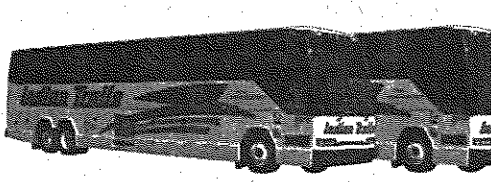
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Valerie joins big brother, James, 18 months. Her grandparents are Lowell and Vonnice Smith of Alaska, and Al and Audrey Churchill of Livonia. Her great-grandmother is Hilda Churchill, 98, of Canton.

**Eric and Sherri Smith** of Livonia announce the birth of their son, **Justin Eric**, on Sept. 24, 2002, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

Justin joins big sister, Rachel, 5, at home. Grandparents are James and Sara Copi of Livonia, and David and Virginia Smith of Girard, Ohio.

**Scott and Karen Miller** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Hailey Ann**, on Sept. 22, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 4 pounds 11 ounces, and was 18 inches long.

Hailey joins big brother, Jordan, 3, at home. Her grandparents are Connie and Mike Russell of Westland, and Kim and Jeff Miller of Westland.

**Brian Traxler** of Westland and **Christie Wickowski** of Westland announce the birth

of their daughter, **Brianna Elizabeth Traxler**, on Sept. 23, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Brianna joins big sister and brothers, Tabitha, 6, Michael, 4, and Jacob, 3.

Her grandparents are Sue Jerore of Redford, and Mary and Todd Traxler of Westland.

**Derek and Crystal Kerr** of Redford announce the birth of their son, **Ryan Edward**, on Sept. 23, 2002, in Garden City Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Ryan joins big sister, Kaylei, 3-1/2.

His grandparents are Henry and Kathy Bradley of Westland, and Gary and Diane Kerr of Redford.

**Jason and Kimberly Murphy** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Rachel Renae**, on Sept. 24, 2002, in Garden City Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long.

Rachel's grandparents are Dale and Janice Sanlor of Westland, and Robert and Sue Murphy of Westland.

**Robert Villanueva** of Westland and **Tawna McCoy**

of Detroit announce the birth of their son, **Brandon Michael Villanueva**, on Sept. 26, 2002, in Garden City Hospital.

He weighed 6 pounds 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

He joins big brothers, Joshua, 9, and Roberto, 3.

Brandon's grandparents are Dan and Mary McCoy of Detroit, and Linda Villanueva of Westland.

**Kevin Watson** of Wayne and **I'Esha Hill** of Westland announce the birth of their daughter, **Kaliyah Jade Watson**, on Sept. 30, 2002, in Garden City Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce, and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Her grandparents are Bonita Wilson of Westland and Edna Lewis of Wayne.

**Ed Thomas** of Detroit and **Paula Smith** of Livonia announce the birth of their daughter, **Kati Jean Thomas**, on Oct. 7, 2002, in Garden City Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long.

Kati joins big brother and sisters, Veronica, 13, Crystal, 12, Damon, 8, and Chyanne, 6.

Her grandparents are Henry and Barbara Smith of Livonia, and Ralph and Jonaphine Ferris of Gladwin.

## ANNIVERSARIES &amp; ENGAGEMENTS

## Carbott

Raymond and Theresa Carbott of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Nov. 22, 1952, in St. Benedict Church, Highland Park. They have lived in this area 48 years.

Raymond retired in 1983 from the Detroit Board of Education.

Theresa is a self-employed attorney at law and retired 10 years ago.

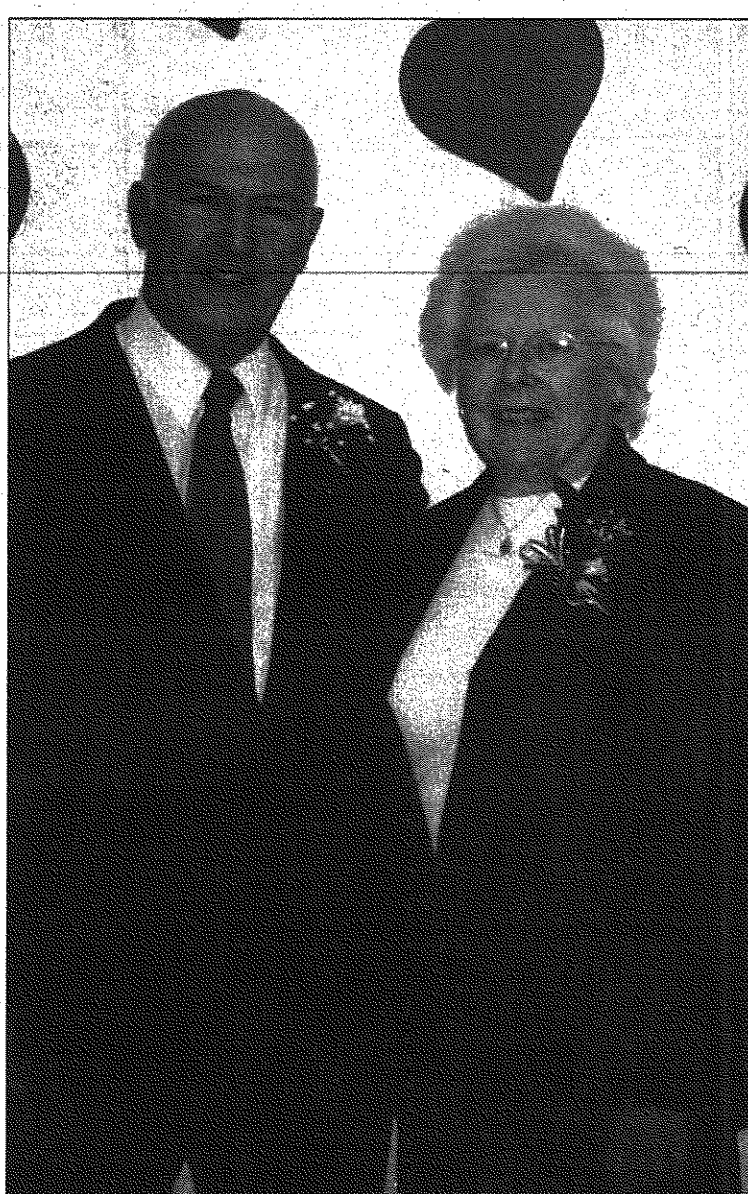
Both Raymond and Theresa have been members of St. Robert Bellarmine Church 48 years.

They are active members of the Board Habitat for Humanity, Western Wayne.

They were active in the completion of 15 homes. They volunteer cook at St. Christines Soup Kitchen in Detroit, volunteer at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center and Friends of Redford Township Library.

Raymond and Theresa have six children, John, Anne, Mary, Jean, Ellen and Susan, and 11 grandchildren.

To celebrate their anniversary they attended an afternoon luncheon on Nov. 24 at Ernesto's Inn in Plymouth.



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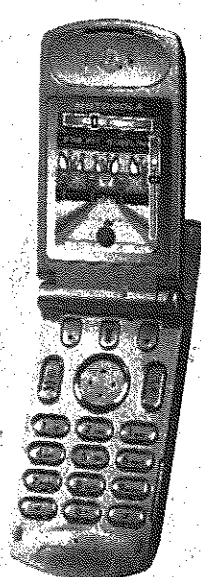
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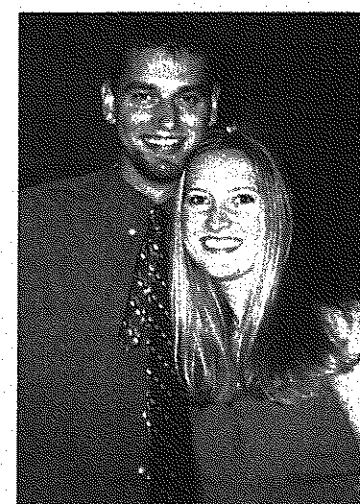
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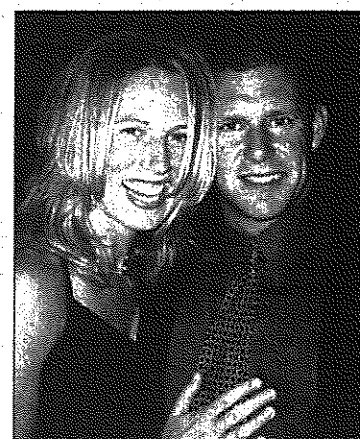
## Schneider-Van Horn

Bruce and Aimee Schneider of Livonia announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Nicole Marie Schneider, to Timothy Martin Van Horn of Livonia.

Nicole is a 1997 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration in workforce management from University of Michigan.

Timothy is the son of Scott and Helen Van Horn of Milton, Wis. He is a 2002 graduate of Schoolcraft College where he earned his AAS in computer information systems. He is employed by DynTek in Farmington Hills as a computer networking specialist.

The couple are planning to wed in December in the Chapel of St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth with a reception immediately following.



## Paulin-Lang

James and Margaret Paulin of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Maureen Rachel Paulin, to Edward Martin Lang of Howell.

Maureen is a graduate of Mercy High School and a graduate of Madonna University with a bachelor's degree in dietetics/nutrition. She is employed by Canton Township as a firefighter/paramedic.

Edward is the son of Edward and Ann Louise Lang of Houghton Lake. He is a graduate of Henry Ford High School and graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. He is employed by Canton Township as a police officer.

The couple are planning to wed November 2003 at Northville Mill Race Village with a reception at Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

Night & Weekend hours: Mon-Fri. 9:01pm-5:59am, Sat. 12am-Sun. 11:59pm.

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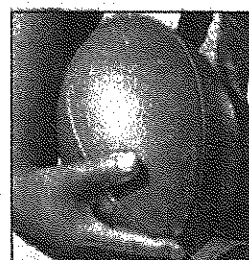
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### ■ Top Prospects

The USA Hockey Top Prospects Tournament is scheduled for Monday through Wednesday at Compuware Arena, and it will feature the top American-born junior hockey players.

There will be four all-star teams in the tournament: one each from the North American Hockey League, the America West Hockey League and the Eastern Junior Hockey League. A fourth team, called Team TPT, will feature at-large players from the NAHL, the AWHL and the United State Hockey League. Each team will have 20-player rosters. Among the NAHL players chosen for Team TPT are a pair of defensemen from Detroit Compuware: Jeremy Bronson and Brad Robbins.

The tournament is round-robin in format. For more information, check out the NAHL website at [www.nahl.com](http://www.nahl.com).

### ■ Williams sparkles

Western Michigan University junior forward Mike Williams (Schoolcraft College) was named to the All-Tournament team last weekend in the Sooner Invitational men's basketball tournament, hosted by the University of Oklahoma.

The 6-foot-8 Williams scored a game-high 25 points in Saturday's 73-62 consolation game win over Cal-Irvine. He also had a team-high 12 points in Friday's 62-59 opening-round loss to Princeton.

On Monday, Williams scored a team-high 18 points as the Broncos (2-1) won at Fordham (N.Y.), 70-51.

### ■ Baseball tryouts

Tryouts are being conducted the first and second weeks of December for the Canton Community Junior Baseball and Softball Association's Pirates, a 10-year-old baseball travel team. Players must be born after July 31, 1992 and be a resident of either Canton or Plymouth. The team will play a 20-game league schedule with several weekend tournaments.

For specific tryout times and locations, contact Bruce Price, an experienced travel baseball coach with two prior World Series appearances, either at work at (734) 459-2960 or at home at (734) 453-9180.

### ■ Hoop registration

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have registration for high school boys (grades 9-12) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 7 at East Middle School. Cost is \$125.

### ■ Softball openings

The Thunderbirds Softball Incorporated (TSI) Girls Fast Pitch Softball has player openings for the 2003 season. Parents with girls between the ages of seven and 16 years are invited to contact either Mike Roberts (734) 397-1355, Tom Ciotti (734) 748-6081, Brian Starling (734) 718-3360 or Ray Barnes (734) 981-7281, or visit our website at [Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com](http://Thunderbirdsoftball.tripod.com).



PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Canton's Rachele Guastella puts pressure on Rochester's Lisa Harper. Guastella scored 11 points for the Chiefs.

## 3rd-quarter surge boosts Chiefs to win

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Every team has its limits. The object in the state tournament is to reach and, when necessary, surpass them.

In the semifinal round of the Class A Region 6 girls basketball tournament at Northville HS Monday, Rochester reached its limit. The Falcons fell prey to a 15-point run by Canton that stretched from the end of the third quarter to the middle of the fourth, and that proved more than they could overcome as the Chiefs snared a 46-38 triumph.

### BASKETBALL

Canton improves to 22-2. Rochester finishes the season at 17-7.

Now the question is where do Canton's limitations lie? Next up is West Bloomfield in the regional final at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Northville. Basically the same West Bloomfield team that eliminated a previously unbeaten Salem team from the state tournament last season.

The Lakers (20-4) advanced with a 77-66 triumph over Birmingham Marian on Monday — the same Marian squad that clubbed Canton by 21 points on Sept. 17. At Canton, no less.

But never mind that. Because this is the same West Bloomfield team that lost earlier this season to Rochester.

"They are so good when they want to be," said Rochester coach Jeff Haney of the Lakers. "Talented, they're the best around."

The question is which West Bloomfield team will show up? That answer will come later.

Haney figured he knew what his team was capable of. "We feel if we play our style of game, we can play with anybody," he said. "I thought we had a chance to win tonight."

The Falcons did. After a cold start (they missed their first eight shots of the game), they rallied at the end of the first quarter to make it a two-point game (8-6).

That's about the way it stayed for the rest of the half and well into the third quarter — neither team had more than a four-point lead. A three-pointer by Rachele Guastella at the buzzer gave Canton a 19-16 lead at the half.

Four minutes of the third quarter resolved nothing. A basket by Jessica Johnson with 4:31 left gave the

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## SC clinches 3rd at NJCAA Tournament

Going into Sunday's consolation game of the National Junior College Athletic Association Division I men's soccer tournament, the Schoolcraft College wanted to prove it was one of the best teams in the nation.

### SOCCER

After beating Iowa Central CC, 1-0, with just 10 players, they left little doubt that they are deserving of a third-place finish.

Antonio Ventura received a yellow card attempting to make a slide tackle in the first half, causing him to play a little hesitantly in the second.

Then with 27 minutes left to play in the game, Ventura was called for another foul, a red card for diving, and the Ocelots were forced to finish with 10 players on the field.

Worteh Sampson saved the day when he drove home a shot from 18 yards pit with six minutes left in regulation to lift the Ocelots to victory.

"He's been hurt for the last two months," Schoolcraft assistant coach Jozsef Kurta said. "He played great and we won the game."

The game was tied 0-0 going in to the break.

Despite Schoolcraft (17-7) pulling out an improbable victory, Kurta was still stinging about losing to Mercer County (N.J.) on Friday, 1-0.

Yavapai (Ariz.) won the NJCAA title on Sunday with a 2-1 victory over Mercer County.

"I still think we could have finished first," said Kurta. "But overall, finishing third in the country is acceptable."

Two Schoolcraft players, Salvador Djeukeng (Cameroon) and Leonardo Moya (Costa Rica) both earned all-tournament honors.

## Madonna heads to NAIA Tournament

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Perfect timing. Madonna University's volleyball team is starting to get very, very hot. And now is the time to do it.

Last weekend, the Lady Crusaders rolled to the NAIA Region VIII championship, beating host Indiana Wesleyan 30-21, 30-22, 30-28 in Saturday's final.

That means Madonna, now 43-3 overall, advances to the NAIA Tournament,

### COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL

which will be Dec. 4-7 at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego. This will be the Crusaders' fifth appearance at nationals.

"We played some of our best volleyball of the year," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham, who was named region coach of the year. "We had to. It was a hostile environment. It just seems like we're getting better and better."

Again, the Madonna hitters were outstanding in the regional final, totaling 53 kills at a .457 team kill percentage. That's one reason why Shelley Stanton was named regional player of the year; she had 20 kills (.769), seven digs and two blocks in the final.

But Abraham pointed out there were several other reasons for both Madonna's and Stanton's success.

"When we pass well, we have a real explosive offense," the Crusader coach

PLEASE SEE **MADONNA, D4**

## Henry sparks Agape to OT victory

BY CHAD MACK  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Agape Christian girls basketball team has made it to the Sweet Sixteen. Thanks to a clutch 22-point performance by Amy Henry, the Wolverines slipped past Camden Frontier 49-47 in overtime Monday in a Class D regional semifinal in Chelsea.

The Wolverines rise to 22-2, while the Redskins finish their season at 18-5. Agape advances to the regional final against the Adrian Lenawee Christian-Lansing Christian semifinal winner. The final is 7 p.m. Wednesday in Chelsea.

"She played all 32 minutes," Agape coach Chuck Henry said. "She had one of her best games. She rallied the kids and came up big."

With the Wolverines trailing by four with less than three minutes to go in regulation, Henry hit two crucial baskets to tie the game. The second came with 20 seconds left after Henry made a steal and converted on the fast break.

In overtime the Wolverines took the lead, and won the game, when Emily Tong nailed a 12-foot jump shot with 10 seconds to play.

Camden Frontier tried to lob the ball down the court, but Lisa Ther made a spectacular defensive play, knocking the loose ball to Henry, and that sealed the Redskins' fate.

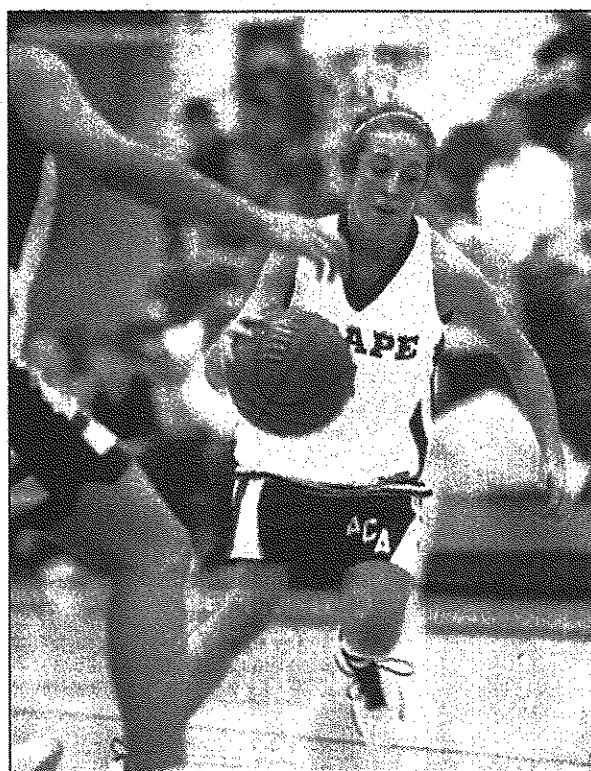
"They kept going inside to Amber Johns," coach Henry said. "She's over six-feet tall. Overall their whole team was a lot taller than us."

Johns finished with 19 points to lead the Redskins, while Stephanie Smith scored 13.

Besides being the game's leading scorer, Henry also led the team with six steals, while Ther added 10 points and seven rebounds.

The Wolverines never led by more than six points the whole game. They were ahead at the break 27-22, but Camden Frontier made a mini-run in the fourth quarter. Despite trailing most of the game, Camden Frontier was patient and made its move when it got close to crunch time.

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Agape Christian's Amy Henry scored 22 points on Monday night against Camden-Frontier.

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# Whalers stop Peterborough, skate to 5th straight win

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Five and counting. The Plymouth Whalers collected its fifth-straight win Saturday, getting two goals and an assist from John Vigilante and three assists from John Mitchell in a 6-3 triumph over the Peterborough Petes at Plymouth's Compuware Arena.

The Whalers improve to 16-6-2-1 overall; their 35 points ties them for first in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division with the Sarnia Sting.

The game was tied at 1-all after one period, Plymouth getting a goal from Ryan Ramsay (from David Liffiton and Chad LaRose) and Peterborough countering with a score from Josh Patterson.

The Whalers took command with three second-period goals.

Jonas Fiedler got the first (from

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Mitchell and Vigilante) at 4:18 and Vigilante made it 3-1 (from Mitchell) at 6:52.

The Petes trimmed it to 3-2 with a goal from Jordan Morrison, but a LaRose power-play goal at 15:05 (from Ramsay and Cole Jarrett) pushed Plymouth's lead back to two.

Gary Klapkowski (from Jimmy Gagnon and Tim Sestito) and Vigilante (from Fiedler and Mitchell) accounted for the Whalers' third-period goals. Patterson scored for the Petes.

Jeff Weber was superb in goal for Plymouth, making 44 saves.

The Whalers have a pair of home games this weekend, hosting the Saginaw Spirit at 7:30 p.m. Friday and the London Knights at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Arena.

## JARRETT AN ALL-STAR

Whaler defenseman Cole Jarrett has been added to the OHL Western Conference all-star team, one of three additions to the team. He joins teammate Chad LaRose, already chosen to the squad.

Originally, former Whaler Stephen Weiss — currently playing with the Florida Panthers — as well as Rick Nash of the London Knights (and Columbus Blue Jackets), Carlo Colaiacovo of the Erie Otters (and Toronto Maple Leafs) and Steve Eminger of the Kitchener Rangers (and Washington Capitals) were all-star selectees.

Since Weiss was not returned to the Whalers, Jarrett was added to the team. For the season, Jarrett (a fifth-round draft choice of the Blue Jackets in 2001) is fourth on the Whalers in

scoring with six goals and 18 assists (through 23 games).

## WHALERS ADD DEFENSE

With the possibility of three defensemen being absent during the World Junior Championships, the Whalers figured they'd better add some depth in that area, so they traded an eighth-round draft choice in 2004 to the Brampton Battalion for defenseman Grant Buckley.

A former first-round draft choice of the Mississauga Ice Dogs, the 6-foot-1, 195-pound Buckley was traded to Brampton in November, 2001. He collected three goals and nine assists in 51 games last season with the Battalion; this year, he had two goals and two assists.

"Grant is an experienced player in this league," said Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "With the

possibility of having three defensemen playing in the World Junior Championships, we needed to make sure we have some depth at that position."

## RAMSAY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Ryan Ramsay was named the OHL Player of the Week for the period ending last Sunday, joining Canton native James Wisniewski as the second Whaler so honored this season. Ramsay, a left winger, started his scoring streak with a goal and two assists in Plymouth's 5-0 win over the Saginaw Spirit last Thursday (Nov. 21).

He added three goals and an assist in a 5-4 win over the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds on Friday, then had a goal and an assist in a 6-3 victory over the Peterborough Petes on Saturday.

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# The big question: Can CC win one more time?

Is it over already? Is it the end of the season? Is it time for another double helping of turkey (the Bird and the Lions?)

There are still several questions ahead and I want to know the answers:

■ What was Mornhinweg thinking on that coin flip?

■ Can Redford Catholic Central's defense stop East Kentwood's offense —

one that's scored more than 50 points in seven of its 13 games?

■ Is there any more underrated quarterback in the area than CC's Dave Thomas?

■ Has CC defensive coordinator Rick Coratti spent any time as CC basketball coach

Rick Coratti?

■ CC and East Kentwood run the ball about 95 percent of the time. Is anyone else prepared for a 90-minute football game?

■ Will anyone really miss the Silverdome after its gone?

■ How in the world can a football team score 641 points in a 13-game season? How in the world can a defense be good enough to give up just 104 points in 13 games?

■ Is there a better Web site for high school football scores, records and history than [www.michigan-football.com](http://www.michigan-football.com)?

■ Is it time for hoops yet?

Surprise! All three of us picked CC last week to beat Macomb Dakota and we won. That means, heading into the finals, I have a 6-1 record in the playoffs — making up for a dismal last-place regular-season showing — Brad Emons is blazing along with a 4-3 record and C.J. Risak is stumbling along with the

same 4-3 mark. So for the second straight season, I've finished last in the regular season and clinched the best record in the playoffs.

Catholic Central (12-1) vs. East Kentwood (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday at Pontiac Silverdome: Ordinarily, the temptation would be to dismiss the Falcons as a typical Grand Rapids-area team — get within sniffing distance of a big-school title game and they fold up like an accordion. After all, only one school from the Grand Rapids area has ever won a state title in Division 1 or 2, Class AA or A — Grandville, Class A, 1996.

But there's something about a team that scores 641 points during a season that you can't ignore. It's like Northwestern over the last few years (except for this season) — they might not be able to stop you on defense, so they are going to outscore you.

CC coach Tom Mach has always said that offense wins games and defense wins championships. The Falcons give up an average of just under 23 points a game, while CC gives up eight.

Defense wins.

PICKS: CC — Beaudry, Emons; E. Kentwood — Risak.

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# Late goals lift Salem over WLC

It took awhile, but Salem's hockey team managed to battle back and beat Walled Lake Central 5-3 in a Western Lakes Activities Association game Friday at Lakeland Arena.

Mark Nagel and John Schultz accounted for all five Salem goals. Nagel scored the first two, with Schultz assisting on both (with one other assist going to John Mauer), but the Vikings countered with scores from Ryan Lukkari, Shawn Skelly and Adam Griffin to take a 3-2 lead late in the second period.

Schultz's first goal, scored just 12 seconds after Central had taken the lead (from Aaron Cheesman), made it a 3-3 game after two periods. Schultz then added the go-ahead, and game-winning, goal at 7:31 of the third period (Nagel assisting).

Nagel's third goal of the game clinched it (with assists to Schultz and Cheesman).

Brandon DeMars was in goal for the Rocks, who improved to 2-0.

## CC BLANKS CUBS, 5-0

Redford Catholic Central

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## PREP HOCKEY

jumped out to a quick start and just kept going on Saturday night as the Shamrocks shut out University of Detroit-Jesuit, 5-0.

"It was a good way to start," said CC co-coach Todd Johnson. "U-D has a good team and played really hard. But we did a nice job executing on our power play. I'm happy to start our season with a game like that."

Special teams accounted for three of the five goals. Brandon Naurato opened the scoring in the first period with a power-play goal, with Eric Giosa and

Harrison Niemann getting the assists.

CC made it 3-0 in second with Drew Kahle (Billy Burns and Billy Makela) scoring one and Eric Reinhardt (from Burns and Mike Monterrey) getting another power-play goal.

The Shamrocks (1-0) scored two more in the third with Reinhardt (from Monterrey) getting a short-handed goal and Naurato (from Giosa and Niemann) closing out the scoring.

Jimmy Blanchard made 14 saves in goal for CC, while the Shamrocks had 32 shots on goal.



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AGAPE

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The Redskins took the lead for the first time in the final period. Lesser teams may have been stricken with panic, but Henry and Ther wouldn't allow their team to fall victim to fear.

"We've got good strong senior leadership," coach Henry said. "Ther and Henry" wouldn't let the girls fail. They kept them motivated. At one point during a time out, Amy said, "We're not going to lose this game."

CHIEFS

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Chiefs a 25-22 lead, but the next three minutes were owned by Rochester.

Could this be the game's turning point? First Jennifer Hanby scored four-straight points; then Stephanie Squires got a couple of baskets, with a bucket by June Shin sand-wiched in between to make it a 10-2 Rochester run.

With 1:35 left in the third, the Chiefs were trailing 32-27. They had committed three turnovers to help fuel the

Falcons' scoring spree; the situation did not look promising.

Then Briana Wolcott scored with 1:14 left. Guastella hit a jumper with 33 seconds to go and Rochester's lead was one. When Johnson was fouled on a triple-try with 3.5 seconds remaining, Canton had a chance to recapture the lead.

Which the Chiefs did. Johnson hit all three free throws and they led 34-32 after three periods.

And they didn't let up in the fourth. In the first 5:30 of the period, they allowed Rochester just three shots at the basket while forcing five turnovers.

"I felt bad when that hap-pened," said Haney. "We're not a great scoring team, so 10 points is a lot to overcome. We let (the lead) get away real quick."

Canton scored the first eight points of the fourth quarter to make it 15-straight. By the time Lisa Harper scored to end the Chiefs' run, Rochester was still facing an eight-point deficit with just 2:30 left.

Too much to overcome, and not enough time to do it.

"I thought we just kind of gutted this one out," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "Our defense was good and our rebounding was real solid."

In fact, they were exceptional

at both. The Chiefs had a 31-20 edge on the boards and Christina Redd and Johnson combined to shut down Rachel Potts — who was Blohm's biggest concern coming into the game — limiting her to just two points.

"Redd and JJ did a great job on her," the Canton coach said.

Johnson's five-straight points, starting with her three-consecutive free throws at the end of the third, together with four points apiece by Guastella and Wolcott were the foundation of Canton's breakout. The Falcons did manage to get to within six with 1:50 to go on a Hanby basket, but that was it.

Hanby's 14 points paced all scorers. Next best for Rochester was Squires with nine. Canton got 11 points from Guastella and 10 apiece from Katie Cezat and Johnson. Cezat led the Chiefs' rebounders with 11.

Now for West Bloomfield.

"They're just a great team," said Blohm. "No. 1, they have great athletes; and No. 2, they change their defenses a lot."

"We'll just fine-tune what we do well. We have to be patient and stay with what's good for us."

What's good for the Chiefs? That's easy: How about extending the season another week or so?

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for the purchase of District-Wide Maintenance Uniforms, Mops and Mats for the 2003 calendar year. Specifications and bid forms are available by phoning Dan Phillips in the PCCS Purchasing Department at (734) 416-2746. Technical questions can be directed to Marty Scott in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416-2970. Sealed bids are due to the E. J. McClendon Building, 454 South Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48154, on or before 3:00 p.m., Friday, December 13, 2002. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school.

THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

MEETING NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

(734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Z 02-22	1096 Palmer	Non-Use Variance Requested Height Variance for Accessory Building Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Daniel Farmer
Z 02-23	433 Sunset	Non-Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned: R-1, Single-Family Residential Applicant: Robert Moe
Z 02-24	535 Starkweather	Use Variance Requested Fence Height Zoned: RT-1, Two-Family Residential Applicant: Shannon Schriedel

All interested persons are invited to attend.

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Western Townships Utilities Authority

Board of Commissioners

Regular Meeting Synopsis

3:00 p.m. Monday, November 18, 2002

Regular meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.

Present: Terry Bennett, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen

Agenda - adopted as presented.

Minutes of regular meeting of October 28, 2002 - approved.

Minutes of regular meeting of October 31, 2002 - approved.

Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$2,102,491.16 - approved.

Operations & Maintenance Report for October 2002 - received and filed.

Director's Report for November 2002 - received and filed.

Lower Rouge Pump Station; Bar Screen Replacement - approved.

Accountant Position Recruitment - approved.

Construction Management Observer - approval to amend the budget to reflect wages and benefits for the position of Construction Management Observer.

YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Chairperson Alternate,

TERRY BENNETT

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE

CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2002

7:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 7:00 PM, in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed rezoning of various properties

in the City of Plymouth,

Legal Description

More particularly described as the following properties:

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195 S. Union	006-04-0025-002	RM-2	R-1
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Summary of Zoning Classifications

R-1, Single Family Residential.

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Lady Ocelots sweep Chicago opponents

The Schoolcraft women's basketball team improved its record to 4-1 with a pair of wins against Kennedy King, 67-64, and host Olive Harvey (Ill.), 75-69, last weekend at the Olive Harvey Community College Tournament.

In Friday's opener of the tournament, the Ocelots escaped with a 67-64 victory against Kennedy King CC.

Pam Wingate paced the Schoolcraft attack with a game-high 23 points. Wingate also grabbed nine rebounds and had three blocked shots.

Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) provided the outside shooting attack knocking down 4-of-9 three pointers for 12 points, while Tiffany Pattillo pounded the glass for 10 rebounds.

Schoolcraft led 36-35 at the break despite making one less field goal.

Jazmin Woolfolk led King with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Tabeisha King added 17 points and nine rebounds.

In the second game of the tournament, the Ocelots led by seven at the break and kept

pace with Olive Harvey in the second half o make it a clean sweep for the weekend.

Mia Henderson led all scorers with 19 points and contributed six rebounds. Charles dropped in with 14 points to go along with five rebounds and three assists. Wingate and Crystal Pittman each added 11 points.

Olive Harvey was led by Stacey Northern, who scored 18 points and hauled down eight rebounds.

BETHEL (IND.) 80, MADONNA 61: Courtney Rehbine scored 13 points, Lindsay Simmon scored 11 and Marwa Ayoub added 10, but it

wasn't enough as Madonna University fell Saturday to host Bethel College (Ind.).

Brandy Swihart led the Lady Pilots (6-0) with 16 points.

MU (1-4) never really got on track and trailed at the break, 45-29.

The Lady Pilots played more like bombardiers, hitting better than 51 percent from the field in the first half.

To make matters worse for the Crusaders, Bethel was 5-of-7 from three-point range.

On the other hand, Madonna hit only 13-of-34 field goal attempts, including 0-for-4 on three-pointers.

The second half wasn't much kinder to the Crusaders as they finished the game shooting 37 percent from the field.

Assisting Madonna's inside game were Simmon and Rehbine, who added 10 and nine rebounds, respectively.

Blazers' slow-down tactics work, but King advances

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK

CORRESPONDENT

Just because Andrea Gorski's game plan didn't succeed doesn't mean it was a failure.

Livonia Ladywood nearly executed Gorski's ball-control game plan to perfection Monday night but top-rated Detroit Martin Luther King pulled away midway through the third quarter and held on for 37-26 regional semifinal victory in a state girls high school basketball tournament game on the Blazers' home court.

"We thought that was our best chance," said senior forward Ruth Sventickas, who ended her prep career with a game-high 14 points. "We've watched them play before."

"They like to run the ball up. They're very fast. We wanted to get our looks, take our shots."

It took King's fans 72 seconds to realize what was going on after Ladywood won the center jump and started passing the ball between the two guards and the left-side forward. They started booing.

"We were talking about this game all day in school," guard Lauren Hesano said. "We prepared to play this way right from the beginning."

"Coach told us in the locker room that if we had any bad Karma, she wanted it out the door. We were in it to win."

The Blazers led, 2-0, 4-2 and 6-4 before the first quarter ended. The Crusaders were zooming down the floor and jacking up shots like it was a normal game.

"We've seen in the state tournament that you never know what to expect," King coach William Winfield said. "But if a team can play disciplined basketball, it can play any type of basketball. I thought they did a good job."

King scored the first eight points of the second quarter, but Ladywood outscored it, 6-4 over the last 1:51 and trailed, 16-12, at the half.

The Crusaders probably haven't been held to 16 points in two quarters since they were in eighth grade.

A triple by Hesano and a layup by Sventickas pulled the Blazers up to 19-17 with 5:19 left in the third quarter. King scored three points and Sventickas answered with a basket from the free throw line to make it 22-19 with 4:08 left.

The Crusaders scored the

next two baskets and never let the Blazers get closer than five points after that.

"That's the best we've ever played," Hesano said. "We knew we had to run the clock out on every possession."

Jeanette Woodberry led King with 10 points but it was a testament to the depth of the Crusaders that eight of them scored in a 37-point game.

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MADONNA

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said. "I mean, you need to have the kills, but passing was such an important part of this."

"Amanda Suder made great dig after great dig."

Suder, a junior and Salem HS graduate playing the new "libero" position (which allows her to substitute in freely), had 12 digs in the match.

Other Madonna standouts were Natalja Tininia with 13 kills; Laura Lesko with 12 kills (.667) and 10 digs; Tera Morrill (Westland/Livonia Franklin) with seven kills (.300) and 13 digs; and Natalie Sayre with 45 set assists, 11 digs and two blocks. Lesko, Morrill and Sayre joined Stanton on the all-region first team.

Madonna's efforts have been outstanding, to be sure. The question is, can the Crusaders sustain them?

Trying to compare this team to his previous four national qualifiers isn't easy for Abraham. "This is so much different," he said. "Every team that went to nationals was very, very good."

"But this is certainly one of our best teams. We're having one of our best seasons, that's for sure."

Madonna is one of eight teams in the 20-team field to be seeded. The Crusaders, seeded seventh, open the 20-team tournament against a familiar foe: Palm Beach (Fla.) Atlantic. They faced PBA in Palm Beach on Sept. 20, and beat the host team 30-19, 30-19, 30-28. That match will be at 11:15 a.m. (Pacific Coast Time) Dec. 4.

Madonna goes against Indiana-Southeast at 9 a.m. Dec. 5, then takes on Walsh College (N. Canton, OH) at 6 p.m. Dec. 5. The Crusaders conclude their pool play against No. 2 seed Dickinson State (Dickinson, S.D.) at 11:15 a.m. Dec. 6.

The top two teams in each of the four five-team pools advances to the quarterfinals, which begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 6. The semifinals and finals are scheduled for Dec. 7.

This isn't Madonna's first trip to Point Loma Nazarene this year. The Crusaders played at a tournament there in August, going 3-2 overall — including a five-set loss to Point Loma, which is seeded third in the tournament.

With eight new players on the roster, the Madonna team that started the season certainly wasn't playing its best. Now the Crusaders are.

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In fact, neither a written "license" that evidences a promised duration nor the oral conveyance of an intended permanent interest in land is an irrevocable license.

Instead, the grantor of such an intended interest, in effect, orally conveys an easement. Although one can grant an express irrevocable easement, it must be evidenced by a writing and manifest a clear intent to create an interest in land.

Robert M. Meisner, a lawyer, concentrates his practice in the areas of condominiums, real estate, corporate law and litigation. He can be reached at [bmeisner@mich.com](mailto:bmeisner@mich.com). This column provides general information and should not be construed as legal advice.

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Joy Ehrlich (sitting) is thankful for the colleagues who work alongside her at Cranbrook Associates in West Bloomfield.

## A time for giving thanks

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Realtors here are a grateful lot – both professionally and personally – this Thanksgiving holiday, the favorite holiday of many.

People on top of their game realize that there's always a bigger picture. They know that they don't succeed by their efforts alone. They understand that accomplishment wears many hats.

Gratitude is attitude. And here's a sampling of how Realtors count their blessings and what they're thankful for.

■ Faye Rassey, ERA Alliance, Farmington Hills.

"I run into the greatest clients in the world, and I've met the best people. I pick them up with floor calls, referral business from past clients, word of mouth. It's marvelous.

"Personally, I'm thankful for my friends, my family – my daughter, Dawn, and grandson, Manny, and my mother, Mary, and brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews.

"They're supportive, fun, there when I need them. They bring joy to my life."

■ Juliette Bauman,

RE/MAX Classic, Livonia.

"Personally, I've had a real good year. I'm trying to exercise and get some weight off. And I'm doing it.

"I really enjoy working with the nice people I work with – all my customers and all the referrals they send me."

■ Ida Touchette, Real Estate One, Bloomfield Hills.

"My clients, that they recognize my professional service and the time I save them and in turn, they refer me a lot of business.

"And my Real Estate One family ... my co-workers, as well as the owners of the company, the Elseas ... for their support in business and personal life. We're there for each other.

"For good health and good health for my family – my husband, Doug, son, Doug, and daughters, Carrie, Christine and Tara, and my eight grandchildren."

■ Tim Haggerty, partner, Remerica Hometown One, Plymouth.

"I can certainly say family is the lead here ... wife, Patty, and kids, Brenden, Rachel and Ryan. I'm thankful they actually want me around the house. The kids are at that youthful

age now. It's fun to be part of a larger unit.

"In addition to that, the healthy market we've had for years now and past clients who continue to refer me."

■ Betty J. Redding, Century 21 Ambassador, Southfield.

"I'm thankful for my good health, my immediate family – son, Jermaine, daughter Ebony – and my spiritual family at Renaissance Unity in Warren.

"My family is my backbone. They've been behind me in all my endeavors.

"Professionally, I'm thankful for being part of a top franchise team, Century 21. My broker, Mr. (William) Vaughn is always there for his agents. His door is always open."

■ Joy Ehrlich, Cranbrook Associates, West Bloomfield.

"Professionally, I'm thankful for the office I work in, the people I work with. They're very good people, very supportive, very friendly. We cover for each other.

"I also have great customers. It's a nice feeling to put a deal together, make a couple or a family happy by doing a good job.

"Personally, I'm thankful for my family – my children, Lisa and Brianne, my husband, Joe

– and for our health. They're supportive and I love them. Sometimes, I don't think I'd be able to do this job without their support."

■ Mario Ferrante, broker/owner, Help-U-Sell of NW Wayne County, Canton.

"Family and friends, obviously. And my agents and their family and friends, their loyal support. This is a business, but it also involves everyone's family.

"Professionally, thanks to consumers. We're thankful for their help and support.

"Things we did 10 years ago ... graduated commissions, menu of services, information free of obligation, no blind ads ... that, suddenly, everyone's doing today."

■ Mary Ann Slade, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Clarkston.

"Both professionally and personally, I'm thankful for friends and family. Being a new agent, they've helped me out with referrals.

"Personally, I thank for the love and support they're providing us. We (husband, Jim) are building a new home, and there's a lot of work to it. They've given us help."

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## Realtor, loan officer collect Toys for Tots

Chris Ciccone, a Marine-turned-Realtor, is on a mission combining the best of both careers this holiday season.

Ciccone will again collect unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots, a program to provide gifts for underprivileged children sponsored annually by the U.S. Marine Reserves.

"There's nothing greater than when you pick up the toys ... and give them out to the kids," he said.

"That's the entire juice of it there."

Ciccone, affiliated with

Keller Williams Livonia, has set a goal of \$12,000 worth of goodies this year – double last, his first effort.

Ciccone asks that toys be dropped off at his office, 31500 Schoolcraft (Jeffries Service Drive) just west of Merriman or other Keller Williams offices in Troy, Northville, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor.

Or call him at (734) 658-7816.

Ciccone again is partnering with Jeff Clatterbaugh, a mortgage officer with Wells Fargo in Farmington Hills.

"It's just a good cause," Clatterbaugh said. "Anything



Jeff Clatterbaugh and Chris Ciccone hope to double their collection of Toys for Tots this year.

that helps kids is a good thing."

Toys also can be dropped off at Clatterbaugh's office, 28275

Orchard Lake Road between 12 and 13 Mile roads just north of I-696, (248) 553-8740.

### Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



## Rates change with new rules

If you have been delaying your mortgage refinance for better interest rates, or you have just been too busy to get the job done, you may want to reprioritize your calendar because many mortgage refinance rules will be changing in early 2003. Borrowers planning to take cash out of their home equity may soon have to pay a premium to offset the lender's risk of default.

Until recently, taking money out of your home to pay off credit cards, to further your education, to fund investments, or even to take a vacation was really not a problem.

However, studies have recently shown that mortgage default rates increase with borrowers who refinance while taking money out of their home.

In fact, according to a recent Fannie Mae transmittal, a refinanced loan with a balance increase of 20 percent or more is three times more likely to result in a default than a mortgage with only a 3 percent balance increase.

Mortgage defaults are bad news for lenders, and many of them are looking to reduce their losses and to offset their risks.

In fact, most lenders using Fannie's underwriting guidelines began phasing in mortgage pricing changes to offset such default risks in late August of this year. By February of 2003, many of these lenders will be subject to new definitions as to what constitutes a "cash out" transaction.

Fannie Mae's new rules should not affect borrowers who refinance their mortgage or any subordinate liens (second mortgages or home-equity lines) that they used to purchase their home. These borrowers may even take a limited amount of cash to cover refinancing costs, plus up to 2 percent or \$2,000 as pocket cash. Others, however, may be subject to new "cash out" rates.

Because research has shown a very obvious performance differences in borrowers taking "cash out" in excess of 70 percent of their home's value, these borrowers can expect to face a higher level of scrutiny than would those taking cash out at lesser levels.

Generally, borrowers will still be able to take equity out at higher levels, but they will pay a premium for that opportunity.

Tim "Timbo" Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may contact him anytime at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at [PhillipsHQ@comcast.net](mailto:PhillipsHQ@comcast.net). Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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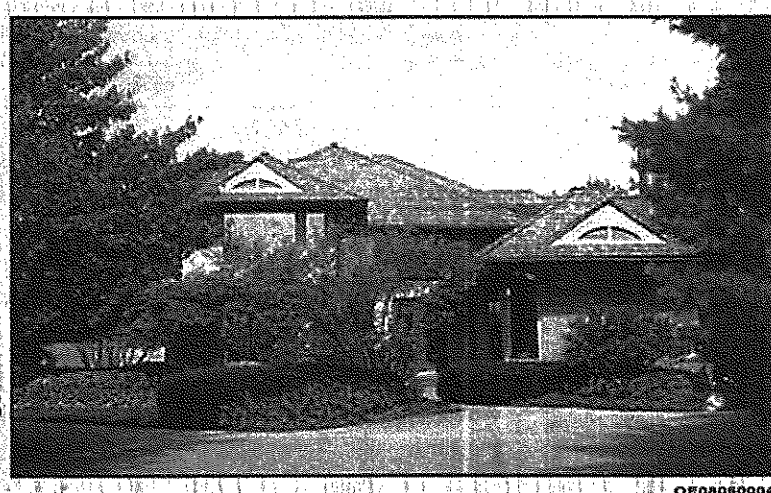
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# Take the chill out of home heating costs

(WMS) -- Does thinking about this winter's heating bills give you the chills? Skyrocketing fuel prices and the prospect of oil crises in the future has left many consumers apprehensive about what this season may bring. Fortunately, there are ways you can put the high costs of energy on ice this winter. A good place to start is your home's heating and cooling system. After all, heating and cooling devours nearly half of all energy consumed within a home, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Energy-saving measures can cut up to 30 percent from your annual heating and cooling bills, according to home energy experts. Best of all, while you scrimp on energy, you can splurge on comfort and help the environment. Use these tips from the experts at Honeywell to help you get started:

■ **Get a tune up.** An inefficient, under-performing heating/cooling system will guzzle energy and drive up your energy costs. Not all thermostats perform the same, so be sure to purchase a good name-brand that holds the temperature to within one degree of where you set it. Some lower-quality thermostats will fluctuate the temperature as much as 10 degrees, forcing homeowners to constantly adjust the temperature output -- hardly energy-efficient.

However, even the best systems can go out of adjustment. Call in a professional heating/cooling contractor to inspect and service your system to help ensure that it runs efficiently.

Now you can have your heating/cooling system's daily performance professionally monitored. Monitoring helps ensure efficient operation and prompt-

ly alerts you and your contractor of problems, so you can get them fixed quickly.

■ **Turn down the heat.** A great way to save energy dollars during winter is by turning down your thermostat when you sleep or when you're away.

■ **Moisturize the air.** Often, inside air during the winter months can feel as dry and cold as the Sahara at night. Using a humidifier can make the air in your home feel warmer, allowing you to stay comfortable and save energy at lower temperatures. You can set your indoor temperature up to two degrees lower than normal and still feel comfortable if the humidity is at the right level -- between 35 and 50 percent. As a bonus, proper humidity helps to protect your woodwork from damage due to excessive dryness.

■ **Get in your comfort zone.** Heat only the areas of your home that are in use, like bedrooms and gathering places, like a family room. Zoned temperature systems help manage utility bills year-round by delivering heat and cooling when and where it's needed.

■ **Seal those ducts.** Leaking air ducts can sap the overall efficiency of your heating and cooling system by as much as

20 percent. Properly sealing the leaks in your duct system can boost efficiency and lower your energy bills.

■ **Choose Energy Star(R) appliances.** These appliances function at the highest efficiency possible. Selecting Energy Star-labeled appliances for all your heating and cooling needs could slash your energy bills by up to a third, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

■ **Change your air filter.** Dusty, dirty filters can clog your heating system's airflow, making it work harder -- that is, expend more energy -- to warm the house. To keep costs down, as well as increase the life of your home heating system, be sure to change your air filter monthly.

■ **Clean up.** If you don't have a whole-house air cleaner, consider installing one. A good air cleaner traps more particles from the air passing through it than a standard filter does. That helps your furnace or heat pump run more efficiently, which puts less strain on your utility bills. However, be sure to change your filter monthly. Dusty, dirty filters can clog your heating and cooling system's airflow, forcing it to work harder and use more energy.

## MOVERS & SHAKERS



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**Sherry Goss, Maureen Martin and Sheila O'Brien**, formerly affiliated with Century 21, have joined efforts to form H.O.M.E. Realty Team in Clarkston.

The acronym stands for Helping Owners Maintain Equity.

The firm's goal, according

to the principals, is "to provide full real estate services with a fee for service opportunity."

H.O.M.E. Realty Team is at 5905 S. Main, (248) 620-0500, www.homerealtyteam.net.

**Grubb & Ellis**, commercial Realtors, managers and consultants, has expanded and relocated to Travelers Tower I, 26555 Evergreen, Southfield.

Phone, (248) 350-9500; fax (248) 357-0923; and e-mail www.grubb-ellis.com remain the same.

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities. Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150. Our fax number is (734) 591-7279 or e-mail dfunke@oe.homecomm.net.

**Adam Helfman**, president of Fairway Construction, Southfield, has acquired the professional designation of Certified Graduate Remodeler.

A Michigan State University graduate, Helfman joined the company in 1991 and became president in 1997.

Fairway Construction received a National Remodeling Quality Gold Award for Quality Achievement in 1998 from the National Association of Home Builders.

**Shelly Herron** joins the Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate office in Clarkston as a sales associate.

She's been licensed for five years and also lives in Clarkston.

## HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of July 15-19, 2002, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	4177 Princess	\$272,000	14107 Brentwood	\$175,000	705 N Holbrook	\$425,000
43566 Bannockburn	45089 Reclor	\$212,000	9587 Cavell	\$166,000	40835 Newport	\$127,000
41707 Bedford	2934 River Meadow	\$262,000	12077 Cavell	\$101,000	40560 Orangelawn	\$194,000
48377 Castleside	42046 Saratoga	\$202,000	15111 Harrison	\$113,000	10171 Red Maple	\$318,000
43776 Cherry Grove	42182 Saratoga	\$197,000	14033 Hubbard	\$247,000	Redford	
42260 Gloria	41535 Wayside \$193,000		19034 Milburn	\$187,000	20005 Beech Daly	\$90,000
4564 Hunters Circle \$165,000	1430 Whitler	\$160,000	30161 Oakview	\$221,000	13580 Centralia	\$114,000
4632 Hunters Circle	449 Worthington	\$195,000	35864 Orangelawn	\$180,000	9375 Dixie	\$114,000
43783 Leeann	Garden City		16719 Penn	\$220,000	9667 Hemingway	\$148,000
42523 Lilley Pointe	28434 Birchlawn	\$153,000	19556 Pollyanna	\$273,000	16850 Inkster	\$113,000
42775 Lilley Pointe	30635 Bock	\$118,000	14472 Stonehouse	\$195,000	18266 Lennane	\$125,000
6828 New Providence	33130 Brown	\$133,000	Plymouth		15874 Lola	\$90,000
45044 Prestbury	6119 Cardwell	\$144,000	702 Adams	\$205,000	11377 Lucerne	\$150,000
	570 Gilman	\$136,000	39573 Birchwd	\$212,000	17021 MacArthur	\$147,000
	29141 James	\$119,000	167 Caster	\$185,000	9532 Mercedes	\$144,000
	6469 Silvio	\$163,000	48033 Colony Farms	\$212,000	8815 Salem	\$140,000
	29691 Warren	\$142,000	11776 Deer Creek	\$458,000	25424 W Chicago	\$83,000
	32502 Windsor	\$145,000	595 Forest Ave	\$390,000	19309 Wakenden	\$49,000
	Livonia		42245 Mill Race	\$150,000	11347 Winston	\$90,000
	29663 Bentley	\$198,000	11696 Morgan	\$170,000		

### Cassady Place Plymouth



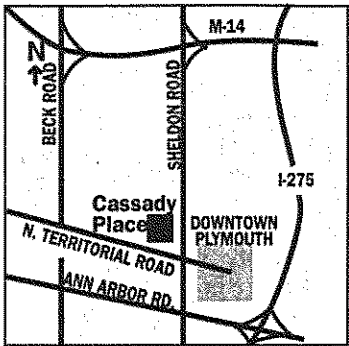
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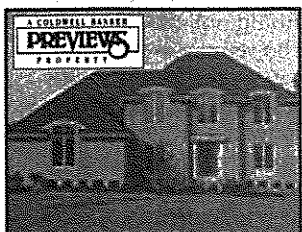
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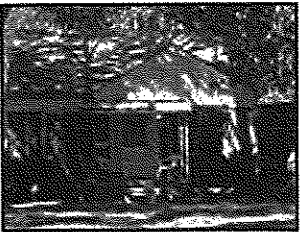
**CANTON** \$384,900  
Better than new! 4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/den. Neutral thru-out w/hardwood floors & vol ceilings. Mstr ste w/jetted tub & sep shower. Gourmet kit w/dbl oven, spacious family rm w/gas flpc, 3 car gar. (BGP16Her) 888-223-6691



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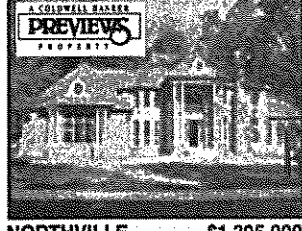
**DETROIT** \$89,900  
Cute! Sharp, Well Maintained 13 br Brick Ranch, full basement, 2 car garage, newer roof, windows, furnace, & carpet. Lodge elementary across street. Nice yard, new sidewalks. Many updates! (BGN03WOO) 888-220-3751



**LIVONIA** \$159,900  
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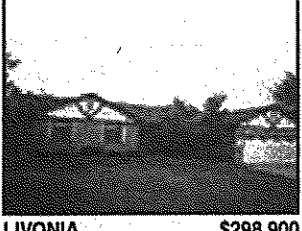
**CANTON** \$259,900  
Sharp-Neutral 3 BR, 2.1 BA Augusta Style Cape Cod. Great location backing to commons-open space. Lux 1st flr mstr w/jac tub. Spac kit & nook. Neutral tones T/O. Plush carpet & soaring cigs. Must see. (BGP-19Wen) 888-223-6691



**CANTON** \$199,800  
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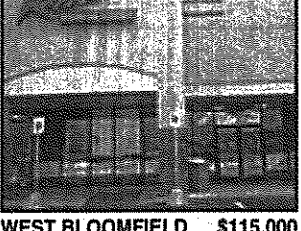
**DEARBORN** \$134,900  
A Good Place To Start. A good place to start! Recent updates include furnace, hot water tan, central air, windows and kitchen cabinets. 2 car garage plus shed. Nice Landscaping. BGL-55PAR 877-206-6853



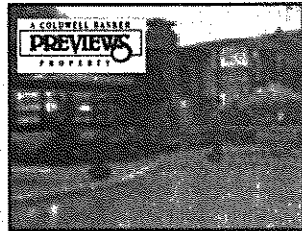
**LIVONIA** \$298,900  
Fantastic describes this 3 BR, 3.5 bath brick Ranch. Country Kit. w/oak cabinets & Corian counters. Formal DR. Great room w/FP. fin. Bsmt w/full Bath. 2.5 gar. BGL03BLO 877-206-6853



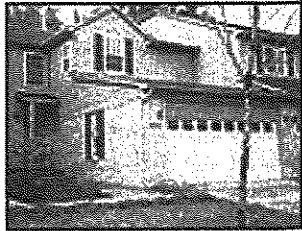
**REDFORD** \$149,900  
Beautiful 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath Brick Ranch! W/newer windows, furnace, roof, & garage. Updated kitchen & bath, refinished hwd floors, finished bsmt, deck in fenced yard. Move in ready! (BGN34CRO) 888-220-3751



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## Do your homework before contractors begin job

FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

It's not just contractors who should shoulder a burden of preparation before starting a home improvement job for a customer.

Homeowners have considerable, if not more, pre-project work to do especially when it comes to readying contractors for the task ahead.

According to an expert at The Home Service Store, very few homeowners truly prepare themselves and the contractor for the home-improvement process. The result: frustration, anxiety and misunderstanding, or, worse yet, laying blame where it might not belong — on contractor shoulders.

"Clear-cut homeowner-contractor expectations should be the norm, but it's the exception," says Mark Gordon of The Home Service Store. "Owners need to supply as much detail as they can for the contractor in terms of the end result, materials, timetables, everything. The more detail, the better. That's what the contractor wants."

Goal No. 1 for homeowners: a list of specific goals for the project. It's a red flag to Gordon when homeowners say they don't know what they want, simply tell the contractor to call when the project is done or don't clue the contractor in on the level of participation the homeowner wants. That's where problems start.

"Whether they want to or not, the homeowner must bring as much information as possible to the first pre-construction meeting, or the contractor won't know enough to accurately bid on the job let alone do the work," says Gordon. "If the homeowner doesn't want a lot of involvement, that's OK, but the contractor should insist on at least minimal homeowner involvement on budget and selection of materials so the

contractor isn't left holding the bag."

Both sides should insist on frequent meetings of at least one hour once the job starts. If the parties go one week without meeting, that's too long for Gordon. "And the meeting should include everyone involved, the husband and wife or partner," advises Gordon, who's seen his share of predicaments "that could've been dealt with right away but weren't."

Homeowners typically limit their involvement to design and materials but the process goes well beyond that. In Gordon's estimation, homeowners need to set ground rules for what might seem to be trivial pursuits, but have profound impact on satisfaction with the end product. His list includes work hours, smoking and eating on the premises, access to the job site, loudness of music, where to park, which bathroom or phone to use, etc. "The customer is really inviting the contractor to be a part of the family as long as the work goes on," says Gordon. "Questions and concerns are going to come up and it's all about how you deal with those day-to-day issues."

Chief among those issues is what Gordon calls a punch list. This is a daily log the homeowner keeps of correctable items.

Such imperfections include indentations on drywall or a gap between mitered corners. Gordon is quick to point out that design elements such as wall placement or materials that were the homeowner's responsibility should not be on this quick-fix list.

"A lot of the time, homeowners don't recognize the role they play in the entire process," says Gordon.

"Quality of the work is important, but so is the homeowner's role in keeping things moving smoothly."

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### BIA/AAM AWARDS

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan host their annual Leadership Recognition and Awards Night 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Dearborn.

Cost is \$150. To register, call (248) 737-4477.

### MASONRY MEETING

The Masonry Institute of Michigan conducts its annual meeting, including a presentation, "Insulation Strategies for Exterior Walls," 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center, Sheldon at Five Mile, Plymouth.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast and lunch, is \$60 for members, \$80 for non-members.

To register, call (734) 458-8544.

### CONSTRUCTION WOMEN

The Detroit Chapter, National Association of Women in Construction, holds its annual holiday brunch and silent auction noon Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Athenum Hotel and Conference Center, 1000 Brush, Detroit.

Funds raised will support the organization's programs.

Cost is \$30 for members, \$50 for non-members. To register, call Heather Betts at (313) 965-7315.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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### FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters.

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### ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance."

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To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit the Web at [www.boma.org/pubs/energy\\_cd.htm](http://www.boma.org/pubs/energy_cd.htm).

### BIA UPDATES

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan now provides weekly updates of news and information affecting the construction industry to members via e-mail.

Contact Rosalie Lamb at the association, (248) 737-4477 for details.

### PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community

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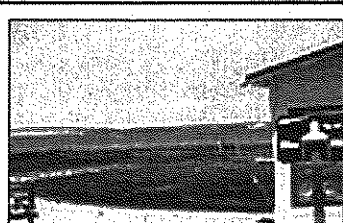
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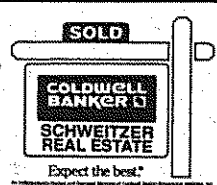
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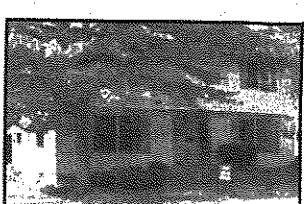
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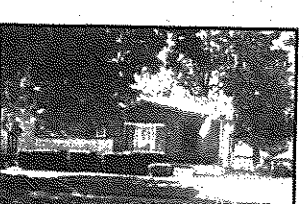
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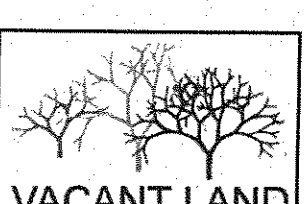
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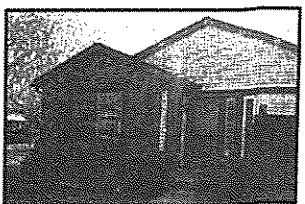
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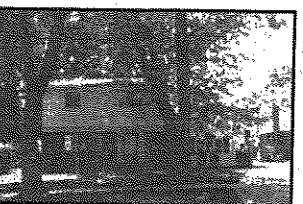
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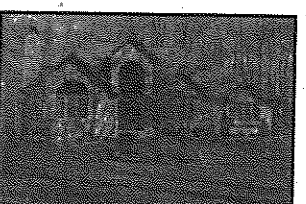
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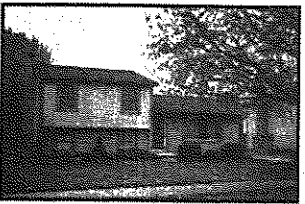
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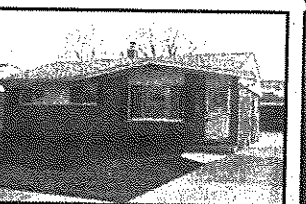
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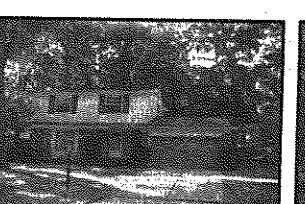
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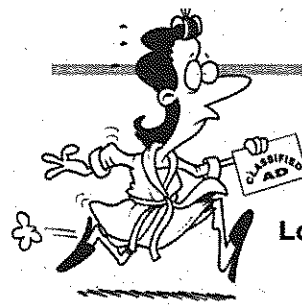
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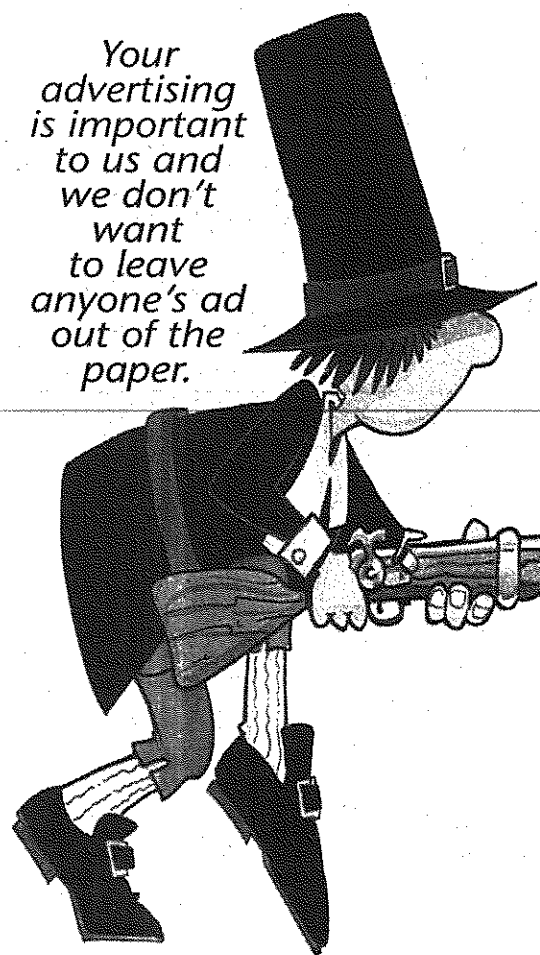
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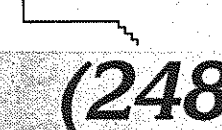
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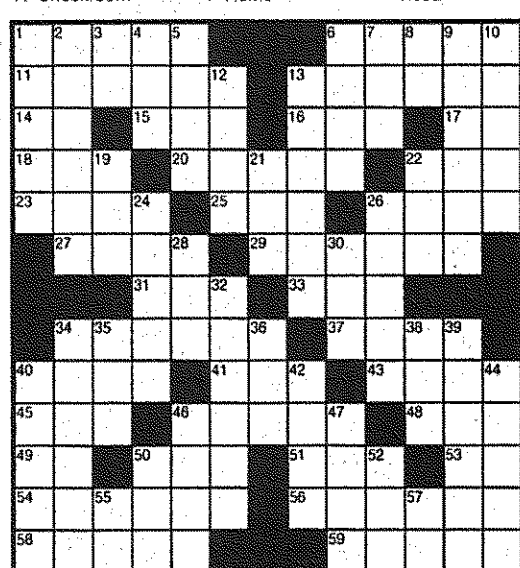
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46 Raw-fish delicacy  
48 Understand  
49 Sound of delight  
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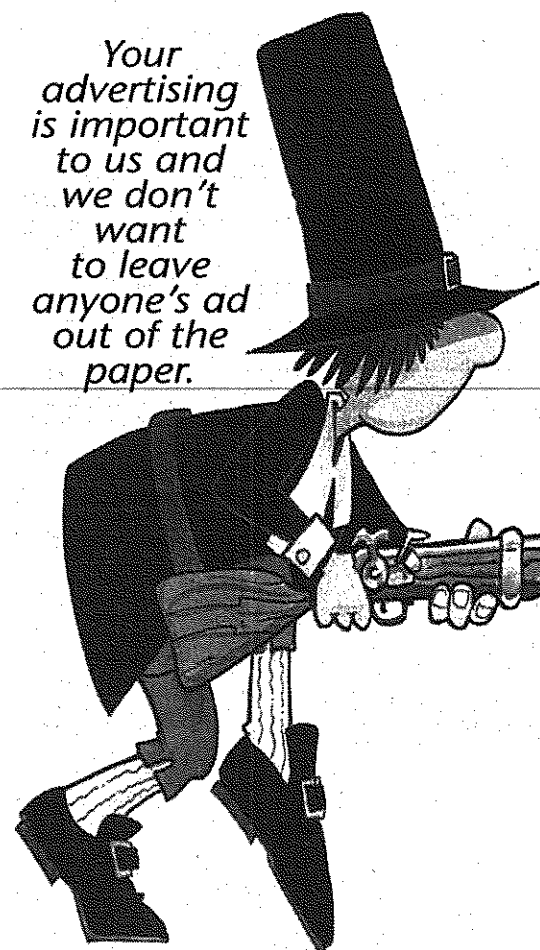
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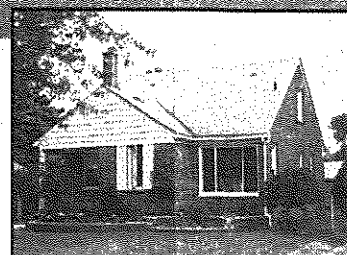
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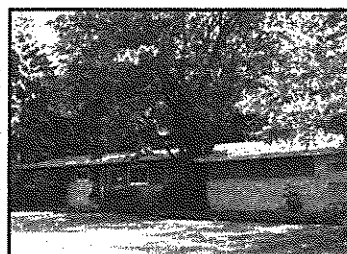
**FARMINGTON** - Cozy family home! Move right in & enjoy this wonderful home. Hardwood floors, family room with fireplace. Newer window (2002). Eat-in kitchen. 2 full baths. Large lot. Appliances in kitchen stay. Farmington schools. \$295,000 (70WES) 248-349-5600



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**WESTLAND** - Sharp Westland ranch. 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home features family room with fireplace, hardwood floors, updated kitchen with oak cabinets, 2 car garage, large fenced yard, full basement under family room. \$154,900 (36AVO) 248-349-5600



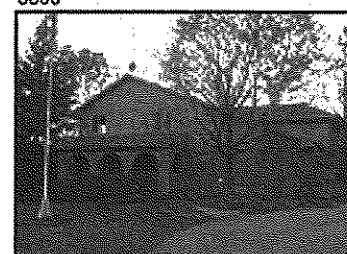
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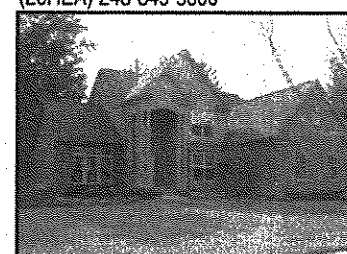
**CANTON** - Cul-de-sac location! 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch updated in Pickwick Village! Kitchen with new hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry, new carpet in living room & bedrooms. Baths remodeled with ceramic floor. Newer landscaping. \$222,000 (71HIG) 734-455-5600



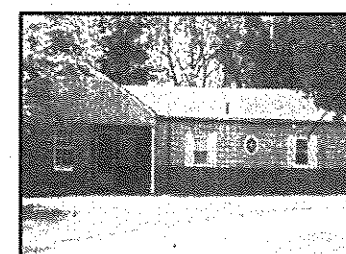
**CANTON** - On the 11th Fairway! 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit with a view of the woods. Ceramic in foyer & hall. Open kitchen w/appliances. FP in living room. Master suite w/cathedral ceiling, jet tub & separate shower. Extra deep basement. \$259,900 (22THI) 734-455-5600



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**COMMERCE** - 1999 built contemporary in Cranberry Estates. 4BR, 2.5 BA w/amenities galore & a treed lot w/privacy. 2-story LR & DR. Full basement prepped for bath, hardwood flooring, maple island kit, huge master w/WIC closet, jetted tub. \$399,900 (63CRA) 248-349-5600



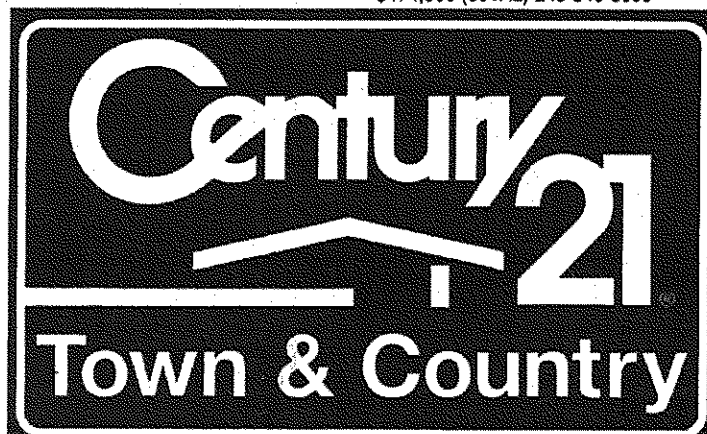
**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Well worth taking a look at. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on approx. 1 acre of total privacy. Home does need a major face lift, but has great potential. Priced well below homes in area. Bring all offers. Immediate occupancy. \$199,900 (25SHA) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - LIVONIA COLONIAL! 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Nice home in nice neighborhood. Newer carpet & flooring. 2 car attached garage, C/A, finished basement, deck, dining room & kitchen appliances included. Brick paver driveway. \$229,900 (00BRO) 734-455-5600



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**PLYMOUTH** - 1st floor condo! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, full finished basement & 2 car attached garage. Gas fireplace in living room, C/A, oak kitchen with pantry. Appliances included. Master suite with ceramic tile bath, linen closet & vanity area. \$171,900 (52PLY) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath Quad level. Updated windows, siding, gutters, furnace, C/A & Berber carpet. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Newer cement drive. Screened in back porch & privacy fence. \$165,900 (75COO) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Lovely. Hard to find 4 bedroom sprawling ranch nestled in one of Plymouth's most prestigious areas. \$334,900 (03POR) 734-455-5600



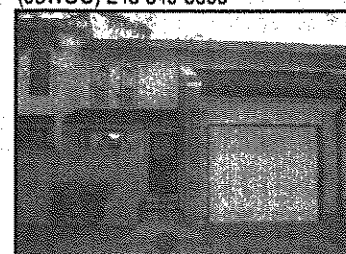
**DEARBORN** - Spectacular home at TPC. Luxurious gated community. All the finest amenities, gourmet kitchen, beautiful master suite with marble bathroom, 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, 2 half baths, prof. finished rec room & decks. \$603,000 (36TUR) 734-455-5600



**REDFORD** - Wonderful ranch. Don't miss this new offering. Brick w/alum. trim, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, large oak kitchen, finished rec room, C/A & huge 2-tiered deck. 2.5 car garage, neutral decor & private fenced & treed lot. \$139,900 (24SAN) 248-349-5600



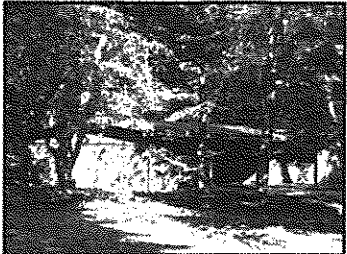
**NORTHVILLE** - Stunning plantation style Cape Cod. 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home w/granite counter tops, hardwood flooring, custom screened porch, extensive stone walkways, landscaping & extensive decking. 1st floor master suite. Many built-ins. Major upgraded. \$691,000 (67FOX) 248-349-5600



**ROCHESTER HILLS** - Open floor plan condo. Updated kitchen, newer furnace & A/C, deck overlooking treed yard. Replacement windows, corner brick fireplace & finished basement. Break-fast nook, dishwasher & microwave new in 2000. Close to schools. \$159,900 (09WIL) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Country living in city! 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath w/towering trees. Sprawling 1978 sq. ft. ranch on over 1.6 acres in Livonia! 2 fireplaces, family room, formal dining room & eat-in kitchen. 2.5 car garage & Florida room. \$339,000 (33CUR) 734-455-5600



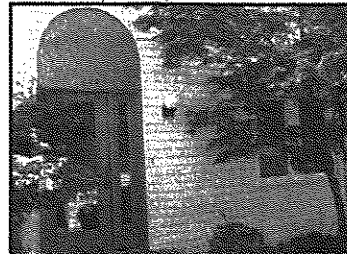
**NORTHVILLE** - California contemporary! 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on beautiful 1.4 acre lot. Great room w/wood vaulted ceiling, natural fireplace, slate entry, updated kitchen, custom lighting, master suite w/Pergo. Newer windows, roof, C/A & furnace. \$279,000 (60ROB) 734-455-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Fantastic upper level condo! 3 bedroom, 2.2 bath w/tranquility overlooking stream. Neutral decor. Kitchen updated 2001 w/cabinets, floor & appliances. Living room w/fireplace. Finished walkout w/family room, lav & Berber carpet. Opens to patio. 2 car gar. \$212,000 (66WAS) 734-455-5600



**REDFORD** - Great ranch. Stop the car... 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath bungalow w/wet plaster walls, coved ceilings & hardwood floors. Newer tear-off roof & windows. Partially finished basement w/glass block windows, garage w/opener, all appliances & fenced yard. \$115,000 (50GAR) 248-349-5600



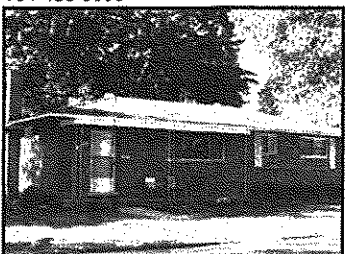
**NORTHVILLE** - Prestigious condo. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Finished walkout lower level with kitchen facilities. Large MBR suite with alcove & loft. All appliances stay + washer & dryer, doorwalls, patio & balcony. C/A & 1 car garage. \$324,900 (44EAS) 248-349-5600



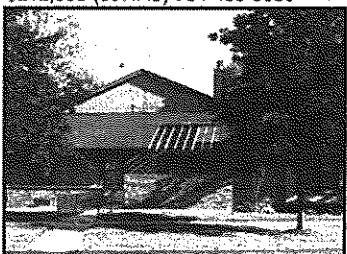
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**WESTLAND** - Waiting for you! 3 bedroom brick ranch. Roof less than 5 years old. Vinyl windows, hardwood floors. Updated kitchen with appliances & skylight. Great corner lot! Close to elementary school. Basement & 2 car garage. \$135,900 (24DEN) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA** - Walk to school! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick ranch is a great buy under \$180,000. Livonia schools. Full finished basement with lav. 2.5 baths upstairs. 2.5 car garage. Large corner lot. Newer windows, furnace & roof. \$172,000 (15ROY) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Immaculate! 2 bedroom, 2 bath spacious ranch condo. Open floor plan, updated kitchen & breakfast room with appliances included. Large living room with gas fireplace. Finished basement. End unit with extra wide doors. Handicap accessible. \$183,900 (00WOO) 734-455-5600



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**CANTON** - Fantastic colonial. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with lots of oak & welcoming colors. Master bedroom has cathedral ceiling, walk-in closet & 2 person whirlpool tub. Extra large deck in quiet surroundings. 2 car attached garage & so much more to see. \$262,000 (87PAR) 248-349-5600



**SOUTHFIELD** - Wonderful home on approx. 2.4 acres. 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath bungalow on wooded private setting. Hardwood floors, plaster walls, fireplace in living room. Freshly painted throughout. Garage & workshop. This home has lots of character. \$132,900 (00SHI) 248-349-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Great floor plan. 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod. Many top of the line updates. Gourmet kitchen w/Amish cabinets & Jenn Aire range. Bruce hardwood floors. Updated bath, windows, doorwall, furnace & C/A. \$289,900 (40GLE) 734-455-5600



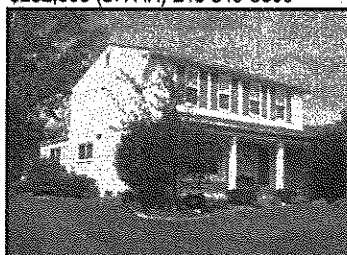
**CANTON** - 4BD, 2.5 BA Colonial located on the 19th fairway presents spacious kitchen w/island & walk-in pantry, family room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck. 3 car att. garage, appliances, basement, master suite/cathedral ceiling & sitting room. \$394,900 (29SOU) 734-455-5600



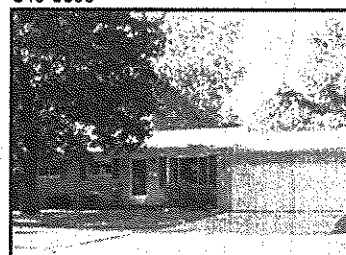
**NORTHVILLE** - Beautiful views! Over-looking pond & golf course! 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial. Master suite with FP, deck & jetted tub. Kitchen w/eating area. Great room w/deck & gas fireplace. Fin. basement w/sauna & home theatre system. \$342,000 (55VIL) 734-455-5600



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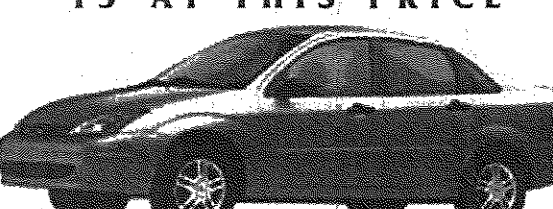


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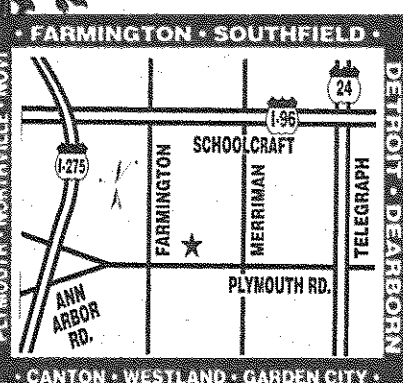
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Widow, 64, natural red hair, blue eyes, 5'8", nice figure, loyal, honest, good looking, kind hearted, gentle, romantic, kind, loving. Seeks well groomed, tall man, 60 to 70, widower a plus, non-smoker, for a new start and long term relationship. BOX 20499

GEMINI GIRL

Single white female, 47, slender, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys golf, swimming, boating, people. Looking for a single white male, 42-53, who's genuine, down to earth, stable, for dating, possible long term relationship. Wayne County BOX 35938

SEE IF WE CLICK

30 yr old, 5'8", professional, white, Protestant female likes conversation, laughter, travel, architecture, family and friends. Seeks male who likes the same. BOX 20668

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Divorced white mother of three, 47, good personality, 126 lbs, graduate degree, professional, attractive and fit, Christian. Enjoys walking, church, movies, travel, dining out, walking, cooking. Seeks honest, non-smoking, financially stable male. BOX 21096

POSSIBLE CONNECTION

An attractive brunette, 49, 5'4", 115 lbs, single white professional female, with great smile and good heart, enjoys family and friends, boating, Red Wings and you, if height weight proportionate, humorous, caring, financially stable and emotionally available. Wayne County BOX 25014

ARE YOU MY KNIGHT?

Young looking, 44 yr old divorced woman, enjoys music, travel, sports, camping, quiet times. Seeks honest, fun loving, marriage minded gentleman, 38 to 50, social smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner and professional preferred. BOX 26664

LET'S TALK

White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", non-smoker, social drinker, very fun loving, vivacious, loves life. Enjoys working out, boating, beaches, getaway weekends, concerts. Seeks white male, 45 to 65. BOX 26684

ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

Petite, divorced, white female, seeks honest and secure, single, white male, 49-55, who likes to laugh and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County BOX 35950

TIRED OF GAMES

Attractive, divorced white female, 51, 5'4", long reddish hair, smoker. Seeking gentleman, 45 to 65, with a sense of humor, for dinner (home cooked), movies, quality time and fun relationship. Oakland County BOX 36013

SEEKS CHRISTIAN MALE

5'6", 126 lbs, enjoys walks in the rain, simple pleasures of life, attending church, movies, walks in the park. Looking for a committed Christian male for companionship possibly leading to more. BOX 20693

ARE U THE ONE?

Single female, 29, 5'2", short hair, wear glasses, honest, and intelligent. Searching for a single, honest, intelligent man. Enjoys movies, casinos, dining out, videos and more. BOX 20693

FRIENDS AND MORE

36 yr old, divorced white female, 5'6", 160 lbs, with blue/green eyes and blond hair. Loves outdoors fun, sunsets, dancing and more. Searching for a single male to start as friends and a possible LTR. BOX 20736

NICE LADY AVAILABLE

Divorced black full figured female, 5'6", attractive, non-smoker, non-drinker. Enjoys cards, sporting events, gardening and more. Searching for a full figured, around 5'6", single male who's kind, loves kissing and cuddling. Looks isn't important. BOX 20755

DON'T MISS OUT!

45 yr old female, 5'7", medium build, brown eyes and hair, lives in Troy area, enjoys sharing activities with the right person. Give me a call and I'd be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

SEEKS PERFECT MATE

Attractive, 50+ widow, fun loving, physically fit. Seeks male, 5'6", attractive, working out, bicycling, golf, mountain hiking, skiing, swimming, dancing, dining out, family, cooking, quiet evenings, closeness, sharing, intimacy, love. Requesting too much? Tell me. BOX 24980

I'M YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45, 5'2", 138 lbs., female, brown/blonde, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out. Seeks white male, 40-50, slim to medium build, 5'6", non-smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate and sincere, for a meaningful relationship in Garden City. BOX 26999

ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Outgoing, petite, and live in Plymouth. Looking for a single attractive, non-smoking, single white male, 46 to 58, who is trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a zest for life. Wayne County BOX 27026

VIVACIOUS OPTIMIST

Petite, 5'1", attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports and is an optimist. Looking for a professional (college degree), divorced, white male, 40 TO 55, physically fit/active, tall, good sense of humor, non-smoker, Oakland County BOX 36068

MOTOWN GAL

...Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female, I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

SEEKS OLDER MAN

Single black female, 45, 5'8", 145 lbs, Enjoys camping, the beach, candlelight dinner, puzzles, bowling, fishing and more. Searching for a tall, white male, 61 to 65, who enjoys the same. BOX 14623

LOVING YOU

Single female, 19, 5'2", 130 lbs, long brown hair. Enjoys long walks, movies, relaxing, outdoors and more. Searching for a single male, 20 to 25, who's caring and loving. BOX 14645

QUIET TIMES TOGETHER

Divorced black female, enjoys movies and sports. Seeks Arabie male who enjoys the same and quiet evenings at home. BOX 14655

HAPPILY EVER AFTER

45 yr old, 5'7", single female with a medium build, brown hair, hazel eyes. Loves having fun. Looking for a happily ever after relationship with a tall man, who's honest, caring, genuine. BOX 14662

SEARCHING FOR YOU

Single Mexican lady, 42, likes dancing, movies and quiet evenings at home, would love to meet someone with similar interests. BOX 16907

MAN OF MY DREAMS

Divorced white female, 26, slender, blue eyes, brunette. Enjoys bowling, volleyball, bike riding, long walks and concerts. Searching for a serious relationship with an honest, caring, sensitive gentleman, non-smoker, social drinker who enjoys sports, dining out and quiet times. BOX 20731

TREAT ME RIGHT

Single female is looking for a single male, 35 to 45, who enjoys kids, family and knows how to treat a lady. BOX 20737

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single parent with children at home. Likes drama, fine arts and dining. Seeks gentleman who loves God and shows that in his life. Must also like children. BOX 20746

LET'S WORK IT OUT

30 yr old, 5'5", 129 lbs, single professional female, brown hair, blue eyes, fit. Enjoys working out, outdoors, running, working on the house and more. Searching for a single male, 28 to 36, honest, sincere who works out and share similar interests. BOX 20906

INGREDIENTS FOR LOVE

Attractive, white widowed, early 60's, 5'2", height and weight proportionate. Seeking a single white gentleman, early 60's, 5'10" plus, trim, well groomed, non-smoker, social drinker who enjoys movies, dining out, theater, traveling and more. BOX 20962

CUDDLE UP WITH ME

Single white female, 44, 5'6", brown hair, enjoys long walks, parks, videos and more. Searching for a single male for friendship first, possible relationship and to enjoy life together. BOX 20984

MY LASTING LOVE

44 yr old divorced white female, non-smoker, no children. Looking for the love of my life (travel, working out, life with). Enjoys traveling, hockey, dining out and nice quiet times at home. BOX 21005

YOUNG AT HEART

Widowed white female, early 50's, searching for a single male to enjoy life. Enjoys boating, camping, working out, dancing and traveling. BOX 21008

LET'S GET TOGETHER

You found her! Adorable, petite, prefers gentleman 48-60, full of life, great sense of humor, likes to have new experiences. Call, you won't regret it. Oakland County BOX 25008

PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, caring, lots of fun, great conversationalist, 55, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

QUALITY, QUALITY

Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side, Wayne County. BOX 25333

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DOWN RIVER AREA

52 yr old female, 5'3", 125 lbs, long dark hair, green eyes, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, dining out, cooking, picnics, shopping, dancing. Looking for a caring male who lives nearby for a real relationship, who's honest and sincere about meeting, no games. BOX 26589

MAKE ME LAUGH AGAIN

66 yr old, 5'1, 125 lbs, single female with brown hair, eyes. Likes long walks, movies, dining out and more. Searching for a single male, 60 to 67, with a sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 26594

BUBBLY &amp; CLASSY

Intelligent, fit, 5'6", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, biking, theater, boating and great conversations. Interested in meeting tall, 50 to 58, financially/emotionally stable true gentleman with similar interests. Oakland county BOX 27010

SONGS FROM THE HEART

Divorced white female, 47, 5'7", blonde/blue, vivacious, passionate, Christian church musician. Seeks white Christian male, non-smoker, 5'10" or taller, who is intelligent, articulate, romantic, and honest with a passion for life. Oakland county BOX 27014

LADY WITH PIZZ

Eclectic, attractive, and fun, romantic lady, enjoys golf, tennis, boating, dance and more. Seeking special, fun gentleman, 59 plus, ov 5'10", non-smoker, honest ar loyal. BOX 36009

ALL AMERICAN OY

Single white female, 4, 5'5", non-smoker, brown hair medium to husky, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities, sports. Seeking a husky, honest, white guy, 36-46, serious long-term relationship. Macomb County. BOX 6039

CLASSY COSMO CITY

Creative and chemistry a must. White female, compassionate, curvy, look for someone to have fun with white professional, 48 to 5' non-smoker, no drugs, no animals, water, boating, exercise, cooking, spiritual. Oakland County BOX 36051

ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Soft spoken, non-smoker white female, 5'11", size 11, fishes to meet a white male, 2", or taller, 49 or older, no gases, no heavy drinkers, no frugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County BOX 363

SEEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single active Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10" plus, heat conscious, has a positive outlook on life. Is ambitious at successful yet unpretentious for friends leading to long term relationship. Oakland county BOX 36057

MUST BE SVELTE

35 yrs old, fit male with blonde hair and blue eyes. Likes travel, sports, concerts. Seeks open minded, slim, fashionable, single, white female who likes animals. BOX 14834

SOMEONE TO LOVE

White male, blue eyes, auburn hair, enjoys camping, working in the garden, games, travel and quiet times at home with someone to love. Social drinker, hooked on pepsi and trying to quit smoking. Seeking someone under 60. BOX 13694

WHY HESITATE?

African American male, 6'1", weight proportionate, brown eyes, salt-n-pepper hair, mustache, beautiful smile, dark complexion, handsome. Enjoys antiques, gardening, fishing, walking. Seeks sweet, kind, honest female who's smile can light up a room, height/weight proportionate. BOX 21123

FUN TIMES AWAIT

Retired male, 54, 5'8", 150 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, youthful looking, very active, easy to get along with. Likes movies, dining out, Bingo, outdoors, flea markets, board and card games. Looking for a companion for dating and possible relationship. BOX 21130

PICK UP THE PHONE

40 yr old male, physically fit, 5'10", 150 lbs, professional, home owner. I'd like to meet someone just like you, so give me a call! BOX 21131

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COUNTRY GIRL

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CUTE AND CLASSY

Single black female, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, concerts and walks in the park. Seeking a gentleman over 50, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 26068

LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, fun lady seeks honest, loyal, romantic, flexible gentleman, that's 55 plus, over 5'10", and fun to be with. Let's start as friends first. Oakland County. BOX 27034

GEM SEES TREASURER

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 59 to 65, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

Well traveled, educated, loving, white, professional female. Seeking a sophisticated, Christian man, 62 to 72, who can also be down-to-earth. Interests are classical music, art appreciation, world events and travel. Comfortable one-on-one and in social settings. Oakland County. BOX 35911

A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35998

FIRST TIME AD

Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, female. Enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland county. BOX 35999

SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite, white female, 63, 5'1", 128 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, attractive, talkative, good sense of humor. Seeks gentleman 30 to 65, non-smoker, sharing the things in life we both enjoy, especially traveling. BOX 36003

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ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Artistic, cultured, nice looking, unique black male, 50, 5'7", 150 lbs. Wishes to meet a sincere, attractive, affectionate, white or foreign born female, for a long-term, mutually committed relationship. BOX 21089

MAKE ME SMILE AGAIN

Single white male, 56, 5'10", average weight, enjoys traveling, live plays, dining out, Red Wings hockey. Seeks religious woman, average build, for long term relationship. BOX 21111

LUCKY IN LOVE

41 yrs old, 6'2", 210 lbs, male, smoker, non-drinker, likes movies, dining out, travel. Seeks slim female over 5'5". BOX 21163

READY TO SETTLE DOWN

30 yr old male, 5'10", 14 lbs, red hair, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, laughing, long walks in the park. Seeks white Christian female, 20 to 35, slender build, for long-term relationship and possible marriage. BOX 26665

LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL

Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, 40 to 45, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

READY TO MARRY?

48 yr old, attractive, healthy, single, white male seeks lady like, single, white female, 30's to 50's. BOX 14811

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home. Seeks down to earth lady, attractive, 30 to 45, for friendship, relationship. I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and communicating. BOX 10924

HANDSOME IRON WORKER

5'11" male with mustache, 180 lbs seeks female, 40 to 55, slender to average build who is interested in travel, dinners, movies, quiet times at home, casinos, boating and more. Call if interested. BOX 12370

LET'S HAVE FUN...

Nice looking, considerate, single white male, in her 40's. Seeks a single lady, in her 40's or 50's, for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20569

GIVE AND TAKE

Single 46 yr old, professional, white male, non-smoker, 5'8", 155 lbs, enjoys animals, the ocean, and walks. Looking for someone special inside and out, honest and sincere, height and weight proportionate. BOX 26672

LOOKING FOR A MATCH

Good natured, pleasant looking, well mannered, single white male, 45, well traveled, sociable, sincere. Seeks good natured, interesting lady companion, 38 to 53. BOX 14814

NEW BEGINNINGS

Successful entrepreneur, 59, 5'10", 180 lbs, handsome, divorced, incurable romantic, with style and sense of humor. You: 48 to 60, still beautiful, single, non-smoker, class and la vie de vive. Can you meet my standards? If so, call me, you won't be disappointed! BOX 20480

ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

Well professional male, 5'8", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, biking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14561

TIRED OF BEING ALONE

Widowed and lonesome male, 59", 168 lbs, social drinker, smoker, healthy, gentle and giving. Enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together female, under 60, with a nice personality. BOX 12547

TIRED OF BEING ALONE

Single male, 61, 5'9", 170 lbs, light hearted, loves to laugh and gentle. Enjoys camping, walking, good movies, flea markets and quiet nights at home. Looking for a permanent relationship with the right lady, under 59, slim and attractive. BOX 20561

TAKE MY HAND

Attractive, 47 yr old male, 165 lbs, thin build, full head of hair, hard working, honest. Enjoys exercising, roller skating, skiing, boating, movies, dining out, casinos. Seeks female who doesn't like to play games. BOX 20592

ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

30 yr old, divorced father of two, 5'10", 230 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes,



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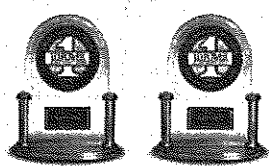
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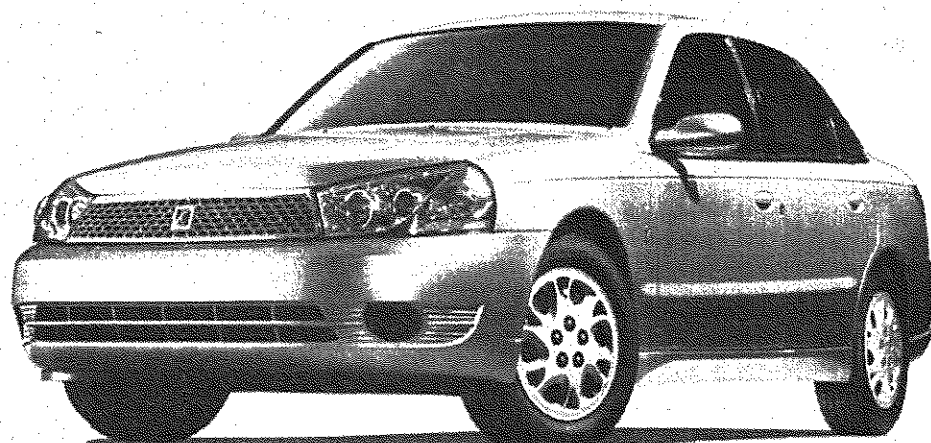
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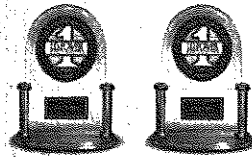
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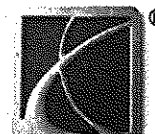
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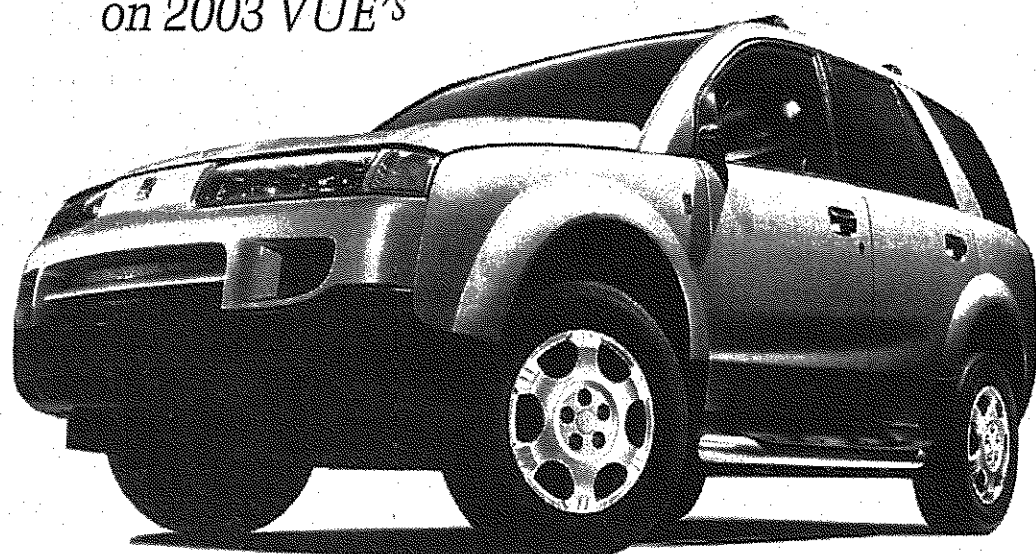
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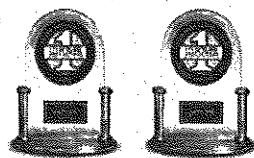
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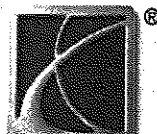
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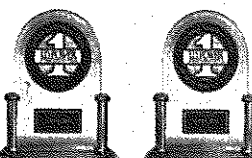
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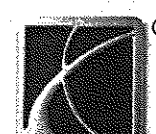
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**GRAND MARQUE LS** - 1992, under 60K, very good cond. (734) 254-8060 after 6pm.

**Grand Marquis 1995 GS** - silver, 4 door, exc. cond, new tires, \$4,200. 248-553-2988

**GRAND MARQUIS 1997 LS** - silver, 4 dr, 66K, exc. cond, loaded, \$7,950. 248-442-7077

**GRAND MARQUIS 1998 GS**, light blue, 88K hi-way mi., new tires, exc. cond. \$7,500/best. 734-326-1924

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## Mercury 6600



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**SABLE 1997 GS** - exc. cond., moonroof, air, loaded, 64K mi. \$7,000/best. 734-425-4042

**SABLE LS 1996**, Red, 66K, A/C, good condition, JBL sound, \$4,995. (734) 620-8236

## Mercury 6600

**TRACER 1995** - Auto, 4 dr, air, spoiler, pw/pl, runs great. \$2,400. 734-416-1663

## Mitsubishi 6610

**ECLIPSE 1997** white diamond, graphite leather, power moon, low miles, spotless, \$6,995

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**300ZX 1993** Twin Turbo Auto, very sharp & fast, upgrades, \$12,900/best. 734-722-9620

**ALTIMA 1993 GXE** - Auto, air, good condition, 140K, \$3,100 or best. 734-658-8393

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**MAXIMA 2000** - Ext. warranty, Bose stereo, grey/grey cloth, \$19,000/best. (248) 656-8026

**ULTIMA, 2000 GLE**. Exc. cond, fully loaded, 11K, silver, \$11,900. 810-201-8613.

## Oldsmobile 6640

**Achieva 1992** - auto, red, 4 door, \$3,000/best. (248) 473-9418

**ALERO 2000** GLS. Leather interior, 2 door, coupe, black, \$2,000 miles: \$11,000 or best offer. 917-664-7422

**AURORA 1998** 4.0 engine, fully loaded, new tires, 75K highway mi. \$11,300/best. (248) 471-3052

**AURORA 1999** - Every avail option, 39K, warranty, like new, \$16,900. (313) 910-5881

## Aurora 1999

low miles, white diamond, moonroof, chrome wheels, CD, priced to sell DON MASSEY CADILLAC (734) 453-7500

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## Pontiac 6680

**BONNEVILLE 1993** - gray, all power, new tires, very good cond. \$3,000. (734) 981-2381

**BONNEVILLE 1998 SE** 4 door, green, air, CD, 83K miles. After 6pm. 734-453-0340

**BONNEVILLE 2000 SSE**, black on black, CD, chrome, leather, heads up and power moon too! \$16,995

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**BONNEVILLE 2001** - SLE, am/fm cassette cd, leather, sunroof, power seats, 26,500 miles. \$20,500. 248-348-6207

**BONNEVILLE, 1996, SSE**, Loaded, leather, sharp, exc. cond., must see. ABS, CD, \$6,495. 248-788-1852

**FIRO 1984** - Showroom cond, 16K, stored, almost new. \$6,195/best. (248) 967-1428

**Firebird 1999 convertible** 3.8 V6, very clean, 21,500 miles. \$15,500/best. (734) 722-8633

**FIREBIRD 2002** - Red, loaded, 5 speed, 11 weeks old. \$16,400/best. 734-358-1814

**FIREBIRD, 1998** red, V6, 1-tops, leather, 53K mi. \$12,000. 313-531-3646

**GRAND AM 1995 SE**. White, 4 door, loaded, 1 owner, \$2,950. (248) 553-3423

**GRAND AM '00 GT 2** dr, black, power roof, CD, exc. cond. 38K mi. \$11,250. 248-553-3816

**GRAND AM 1996 GT 2** dr, auto, white diamond and ready to roll, \$2,995

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**GRAND AM 1998 GT**, V-6, power windows/locks, chrome wheels, bright red, beautiful, \$6,995

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**GRAND AM 1998**, GT, red, immaculate cond, hwy miles. \$5,700/best. 248-840-1190

**GRAND AM 1999 SE** - Black, 55K, moonroof, loaded, warranty, \$8,500. 248-471-4504

**GRAND AM 2000 GT** - 4 door, Ram, air, sunroof, chrome wheels, 49K miles, \$11,300/best. 313-303-4606

**GRAND AM, 1993** - 4 dr, looks and runs excellent, \$3,500 or best. (734) 729-3711

**GRAND AM, 1996** SE rebuilt engine, new tires, trans & brakes, 1 owner, \$4,000/best. 248-709-3229

**GRAND PRIX GT 1997**. Fully loaded, runs great, very reliable. \$8,300. (734) 425-4607

**GRAND PRIX 1994** 2 door SE, clean, 130K mi. 3.1L V6, sunroof, \$3,100. 810-227-1283

**GRAND PRIX 1995 GTP** black, very nice shape, 89K miles, \$4,600. 248-391-9437

**GRAND PRIX 1998 3.8L**, 88K highway miles, exc condition, \$6,900. 586-904-5425

## Pontiac 6680

**GRAND PRIX 1999 GT 4** dr, bright red, leather, moonroof, 36K, just perfect!

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**GRAND PRIX 2000 GT 4** door, V6, leather, loaded, very clean, \$10,900/best. 734-455-5905

**GRAND PRIX GTP 1994**, Power, 89K, green, sunroof, CD. \$4,500. 248-474-2788

**PONTIAC, 1992 Bonneville SE**. White/red, buckets, all power, trailer hitch, 86K miles. \$3,200. 248-393-0818.

**SUNFIRE 1994** - LE, V6, 72K, no rust, very clean. Sunroof, tons new & problem free. \$3,300/best. (734) 451-0518

**SUNFIRE 1996** . 50K miles, exc. cond. air, ABS, cd, \$5,000. (248) 661-2741

**SUNFIRE 1997** - 2-door, Green, 72K, power, air, auto, CD. \$4,900. 248-207-6527

**Sunfire 1997** - Coupe, 2.4 L., auto, power, ABS, AC, cruise, stereo/cd, 93K, good cond. \$3,500. (248) 608-6861

**SUNFIRE 2000** - 2 dr, red, a.c., am/fm cassette, 39K, exc. cond., \$7,995. 313-550-2117

**SUNFIRE 2000** Silver, 45K miles, good cond., premium sound, \$7,500. 248-763-6161

**TRANS AM 1994**. White w/ white wheels, tan leather, 1-tops, loaded, 59K, 9909 or best. Exc. (248) 489-9095

## Saturn 6700

**SATURN 1996 SL2** - 4 door, loaded, RV ready, 12 disc CD. \$4,900/best. 248-476-5569

**SATURN 1999 SL1** - 4 door, power windows, low mi., 48K, 1 driver, \$6,300. 248-553-0284

**SATURN SC2 1997** . 50K, Red, power moonroof, 5 speed, clean. \$6,000. 248-390-3484

**SATURN WAGON, 1997** 5 speed, air, cruise, 93K, \$4,200. 734-266-6701

**SC2 1998** - black, auto, loaded, only 29K miles, ABS brakes, \$8,500. (734) 721-5168

**SCI 1997** power moon, alloy wheels, loaded, black beauty, \$3,995

**LAW AUTO SALES (734) 722-5800**

**SL1 1996**, power locks/windows, good cond., 113K mi., \$4,200/best. 734-459-4294

**SL1 2002** Coupe, gold, 5 speed, 3rd door, like new, \$11,998.

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**SL2 1996**. 181,000 miles, automatic, power windows, cassette, alloy wheels, ABS. \$1500. (248) 889-7403

## Saturn 6700

**SL2 1998**, full dealer certified inspection (warranty included), CD, 52K, ABS, power locks/windows, exc. cond. \$6,950. 248-819-1226

**SL2, 2000** - 3100 mi, air, ABS, cruise, CD, still smells new. \$9,500. 248-473-7845

## Toyota 6720

**CAMRY 1993** - Clean, auto, full power, air, high miles, \$3,600. 248-426-9998

**CAMRY 1995 LE** - Almond beige, 6 cyl, 4 dr, 78K, extras, exc. \$6,400. (248) 661-6225

**CAMRY 1997 LE**, white, power option, top seller for only \$9,795.

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**Camry 1999 LE** exc. original owner, loaded, keyless, cd, \$10,400/best. (248) 449-6999

**CAMRY 2000** V6, 25K, 1 owner, warranty, sunroof, Alloy wheels \$16,500. 248-819-8800

**CELICA 1992 GT**, auto, red, air, sunroof, 118K. Exc. cond. \$3,500/best. 734-751-7705

**COROLLA 1989**. 4 dr., loaded, average. mi., runs great. \$2,195. (248) 559-2612

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**SOLARA 1999** - 16K, V6, CD, rust proof, loaded, exc. cond., \$16,600. 734-323-4542

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**BEETLE 2000 GLS** Auto, silver, moon roof, leather, warranty, 12.5K mi. (248) 867-4886

**BUG 1998** - Red, 26K miles, exc. cond. \$12,000/best. 248-853-7777. 248-693-1144

**CABRIO 1996** Convertible, 45K miles, auto, superior cond. many options; private owner. \$9,900. 248-644-6744

**EUROVAN 1994** - Weekender Pop-Up, 63K, stored winters, \$8,000. (248) 318-8350

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**JETTA 1999 GLS** - New body style, silver, loaded, low miles, \$12,500. (586) 939-6099

**JETTA, 2001 GLS** - Loaded exc. cond. black/leather, low miles. \$16,500. 248-932-3984

**PASSAT 1990** new air, tires, belts, exhaust, 166K good cond. \$3,000. 248-910-7663

**PASSAT 1996 GLX** - 1 owner, loaded, 81K. Good cond., new tires. \$8,200. 248-584-1000

**PASSAT 1999** silver, V6, loaded, exc. cond, 47,000 miles. \$17,999/best offer. (248) 360-1369

**PASSAT 2001 GLX** wagon - 4 motion, auto, V-6, fully loaded, sunroof, leather, more. \$22,500. 248-765-8059

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**COUGAR 1990**, 6 Cyl, auto, CD/radio, fair cond. \$950/best. 734-462-1804 after 6pm.

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**DODGE 1994 Shadow** - 5 speed, 4 cyl, exc. condition, no rust, newer tires, \$1750/best offer. 248-543-6780

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**PROBE, 1992** -109K miles, newer tires, brakes, battery, starter & exhaust. New AM/FM CD player & speakers. \$2,000. 248-471-0165

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## Accents

### ■ Store of Dreams

Handcrafted wooden toys made by students in the Churchill Transition Program are among the featured gift items this holiday season at the not-for-profit Store of Dreams retail store at Laurel Park Place, Six Mile and Newburgh (near I-275) in Livonia.

Examples are the airplane (\$20, shown here) and rocking horse (small, \$35; large, \$50).

A Store of Dreams also is at two other area shopping centers.

All proceeds from purchases at each Store of Dreams will be donated to local participating charities.

The Churchill Transition



Program is a prevocational program at Livonia's Churchill High School designed to meet the needs of trainable mentally impaired students 14 to 18 years old.

The program's woodshop students have created high-quality trains, whale-shaped crayon holders, cradles and other items that make meaningful gifts.

Funds generated will enable the program to buy needed resources for classrooms.

Conceptualized and coordinated by the Southfield-based real estate development and management firm Schostak Brothers & Co., the Store of Dreams project began Monday at Laurel Park Place, Fountain Walk, I-96 and Novi Road in Novi; and Macomb Mall, Gratiot Avenue and Masonic (13-1/2 Mile) in Roseville.

Each Store of Dreams, open during normal mall hours through Sunday, Dec. 22, features an assortment of merchandise ranging from handcrafted jewelry to books to clothing and more.

Merchandise was chosen and provided by each of the participating charities, which include The Children's Center, Michigan Humane Society, Michigan K.I.D.S., Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and the Michigan Department of Education in collaboration with the Livonia, Roseville and Novi school districts.

The charities also are responsible for providing staffing at each store, which will enable shoppers to learn first-hand about the organizations.

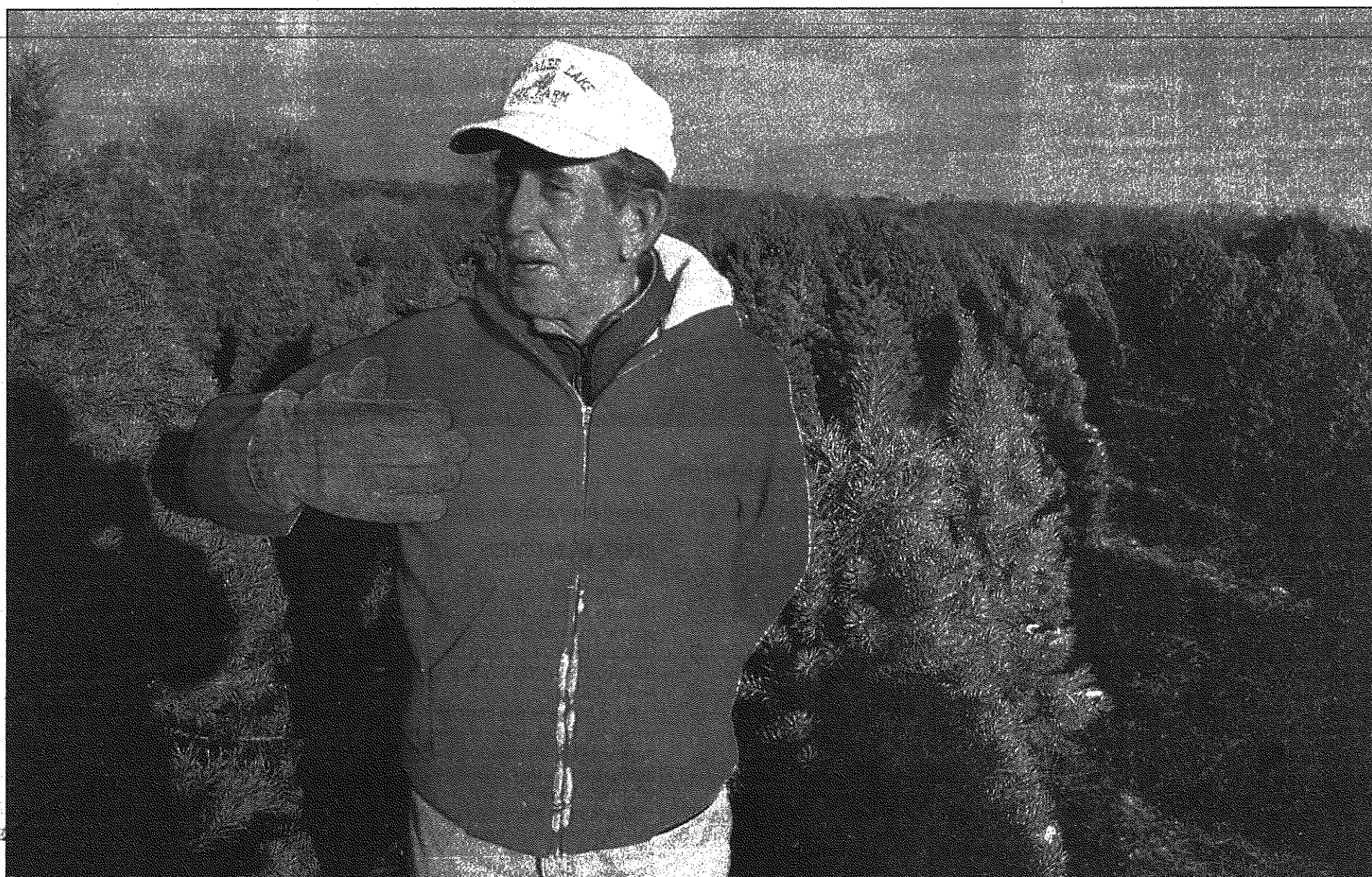
### ■ Wreath design

Watch and learn. The Great Indoors' professional floral designer will demonstrate wreath making 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 30.

The Great Indoors is at 44075 12 Mile in Novi.

The free seminar will take place in the floral department on the first floor. No registration required.

For details, call (248) 679-1006.



STEVE CANTRELL | OBSERVER

Delbert McCrary stands among the evergreens on his 16-acre Christmas tree farm, Rattalee Lake Tree Farm in Independence Township. There, customers can do as little or as much of the work involved in harvesting and preparing a Christmas tree as they'd like.

# Going for the green

## Trip to Christmas tree farm is the old-fashioned way

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Everybody is short on time and patience during the holiday season ... short enough that driving to the country to trudge through the woods and cut down the family Christmas tree sounds downright crazy.

But buying a farm-fresh tree is quicker and easier than you might think.

For one, you don't need to drive up North. There are several tree farms a short drive away in nearby communities.

Furthermore, you don't have

to do all the work. Most farms provide a variety of services, including cutting, tree shaking, baling and loading. Many provide carts for transporting the tree back to the car.

At Rattalee Lake Tree Farm in Independence Township, you can do as much or as little of the work as you'd like.

Workers there will cut, transport, shake, wrap, load and tie up your tree for the drive home. They'll even drill holes into your tree for a stand. And while you're waiting, you can warm up inside with a cup of coffee or hot cocoa.

"We do have customers that harvest their own trees," said Delbert McCrary, owner of the 16-acre farm of Scotch pine, Douglas fir, Colorado blue spruce and Norway spruce. "Most don't want to fool with it."

The amount of time needed to select and harvest a tree also depends on you.

If you're in hurry, determine your desired tree species, height and shape before coming to the farm. Visit on a quiet day and rely on the farm's services to do the work. Before searching for a tree, ask for

guidance.

"If people are in a hurry, they can be out of here in 10 or 15 minutes," said McCrary. "If they have time to poke around and go in for a cup of coffee, they may be here a couple hours."

Whether you plan to spend a day on the farm — many people, especially families, do — or just a few minutes, don't forget to dress warm and wear comfortable boots.

Either way, a trip to the Christmas tree farm repays in

PLEASE SEE TREES, J7

## Livonia's Christmas Walk homes show holiday spirit, warm welcome

BY BRENDA DOMINICK  
STAFF WRITER

The magic and spirit of Christmas come alive in the beautiful lights and ornamental creations of selected Livonia homes.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, seven houses that display the love, pride and Christmas spirit of Livonia's homeowners will open during Livonia's 14th annual Christmas Walk, hosted by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead.

"It's quite a variety of lovely homes," said Janet Bennett, president of the Friends of Greenmead.

Money from the event will help restore houses at Greenmead Historical Park, including the Hill House and the Newburgh Church. Friends for the Development of Greenmead have raised more than

\$200,000.

These homeowners illustrate their dedication to family, community and traditions within their homes.

### VICTORIAN SEASONED

High school sweethearts, and married for 26 years, Carol and Richard Leonard decorated the first floor of their 2,400-square-foot colonial house with Christmas treasures.

A model Christmas train, given to their children by their grandpa, hugs around the perimeter of the family room ceiling on a track built by Richard.

Victorian style accents include a lamp post, lovely dressed porcelain dolls and flowery wallpaper borders throughout the house.

Nine Christmas trees of different sizes are decorated to match the theme of each room: Victorian in the front

room, gingerbread in the kitchen, and snowman in the family room.

The entertainment room, previously a covered porch, has a Christmas village with its own train.

"This is the second Christmas with the train," Carol said. "Our goal was to get it done so that the little kids (relatives) can enjoy it."

The couple said constant trips to Jo-Ann Fabrics, Frankenmuth and Canterbury Village helped guide their fashion of decorating.

"I love to do interior decorating," Carol said.

"We can pretty much envision things, and I can pretty much do it," Richard said.

### FAMILY FLAVOR

Glen and Marybeth

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JIM JAGOFFELD | OBSERVER

Carol and Richard Leonard arrange their holiday village scene, which includes a model train running through the town. Another model train also operates around the perimeter of the family room. The house is among those on this year's Livonia's Christmas Walk.

### CHRISTMAS WALK

**What:** Livonia's 14th Annual Christmas Walk, featuring seven homes in Livonia.

**When:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

**Where:** Start at Hill House at Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile.

**Tickets:** \$9 (in advance), \$10 (day of event). Tickets available on event day at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile roads, or at Hill House at Greenmead.

Tickets also may be bought in advance at all Livonia libraries and City Hall.

For those who have bought tickets, program booklets (including map) are available at the Civic Center and Hill House.

**For more information:** Call Janet Bennett, president of Friends of Greenmead, at (734) 425-4855.

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# Garden books make good holiday gifts

Here are some books you might like to give someone this holiday season. A real treat is the just published *The Botanical Garden, Volume I: Trees and Shrubs*, and *Volume II: Perennials and Annuals*, Roger Phillips and Martyn Rix (Firefly Books, \$75 each).

These books contain more than 4,000 photographs and took 10 years to produce.



Garden Spot

Marty Figley

Plants from more than 1,200 distinct groups are described and are presented in evolutionary order, from the most primitive to the most advanced, such as in Volume I – tree ferns, gingkoes and some conifers to early-flowering plants, fruit and nut trees, and more. And in Volume II – from sphagnum mosses and ferns to the modern irises, hostas and sedges.

The visually rich and highly accurate references will remain current for many years. The information bridges the gap between garden-friendly books and scientific texts in the tradition of the great botanical illustrations.

The two most attractive volumes are an all-inclusive source of information of more than 2,000 genera of temperate plants. Included is the history of plant development to current DNA studies that are revolutionizing plant classification.

## FOREST AND FARM

Oftentimes I open a book and it's like Christmas. *The American Woodland Garden: Capturing the Spirit of the Deciduous Forest*, Rick Darke (Timber Press, \$49.95), is such a book.

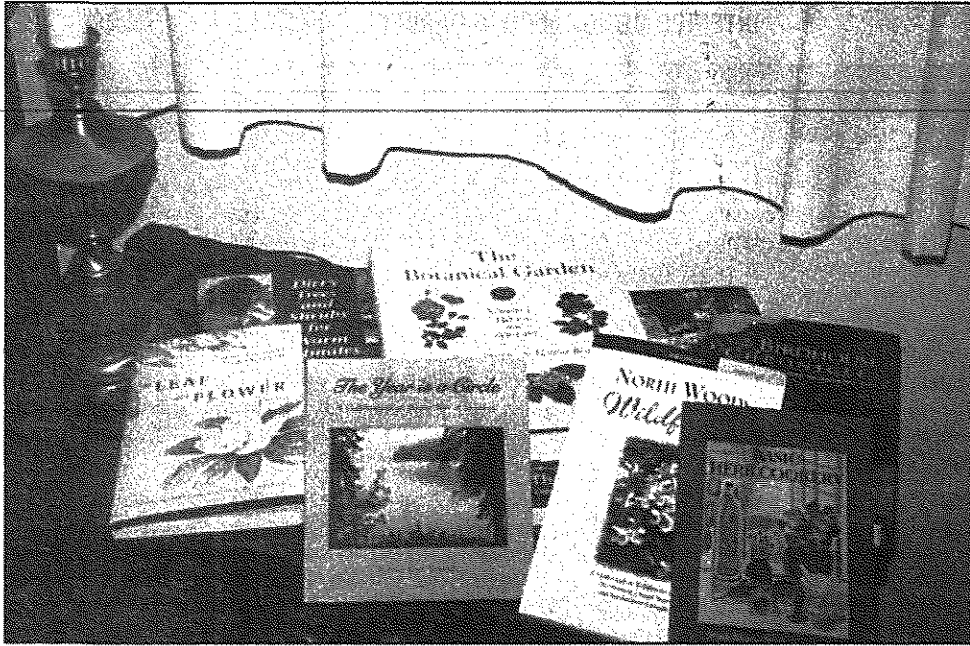
Darke encourages the reader to appreciate the essence of the deciduous forest and to celebrate it in our own designed landscapes. He tells how to transform a garden by using an existing tree as a starting point, underplanting with native shrubs to effect a beautiful, although small, woodland-like garden.

"Woodland gardening can be so much more than cultivating plants that bloom in the shade," Darke says.

The photographs depict many gardens in all seasons and show the diversity and beauty of nature at her finest; all accompanied by his personal comments. He tells how to plan and maintain such a garden and describes appropriate plants.

"My intention has been to produce a book firmly grounded in horticultural and ecological science, yet stimulating enough in language and imagery that it could serve as a persuasive model," Darke says.

*Birdhouse Chronicles*, Cathleen Miller (The Lyons Press, \$24.95), is the account of the adventures Miller and her husband, Kerby, experienced when they left the cor-



MARTY FIGLEY

Garden books such as these make good holiday gifts.

porate world in California and moved to a remote farmhouse in Pennsylvania – a very dilapidated one at that.

We agonize with them (and laugh) as they face the perils of, and tackle the chores of, farm life and the frustrating remodeling of the house.

Miller writes realistically and beautifully as she learns about nature and wildlife during her walks, and shares how the couple succeeds with the creation of the perfect "nest" for them.

## AUTHOR! AUTHOR!

*Of Leaf and Flower: Stories and Poems for Gardeners*, edited by Charles Dean and Clyde Wachsberger (Persea Books, \$21.95), contains 24 poems and essays, chosen "because they evoke the passion that plants and gardens inspire."

Authors include Robert Frost, with his poem *Leaves Compared with Flowers*; a humorous narrative by Saki concerning the gardening one-up-manship of two society matrons; and Eugenia Collier's poignant story of Miss Lottie's marigolds.

This lovely book will be a quiet diversion before sleep or any time of the day. When you buy one for a friend, get one for yourself because when you read it you won't want to give it up.

*The Year is a Circle: A Celebration of Henry David Thoreau*, Victor Carl Friesen (Natural Heritage, distributed by Chelsea Green, \$17.95, paper), will delight Thoreau's admirers and nature lovers.

The author has taken a number of Thoreau's quotations that demonstrate how sensuous and concerned for the earth he was, and written a poem about each. All follow the seasons of the year and the superb photographs enhance the message.

Keep a few handy for gifts.

## HERBS, WILDFLOWERS

*Basic Herb Cookery*, Rose Marie Nichols McGee and N.P. Nichols (\$10.95), can be ordered by mail (Nichols Nursery Garden Press, 1190 Old Salem Road, NE, Albany, OR 97321). Add \$3.75 postage and handling.

Rose Marie is the daughter of N.P., who wrote the book in the 1960s. She has updated the information using many fresh herbs, now more readily available than when the book was first published.

I have seen many herb cookbooks, but this one contains numerous innovative recipes that I haven't seen before (Rosemary Parsnip Casserole, Curry Biscuits, Aristocratic Iced Tea).

You won't be disappointed with this small soft-cover book that is packed full of good stuff. Great stocking stuffer.

*North Woods Wildflowers: A Field Guide to Wildflowers of the Northeastern United States and Southeastern Canada*, Doug Ladd (Falcon, \$24.95, soft, distributed by Globe Pequot), is a user-friendly guide that contains descriptions and color photos of 350-plus species, arranged by flower color.

Readers will learn about habitats and ecology, plant characteristics, many botanical terms and more while studying this handy book.

I believe it will be a great source of pleasure and discovery, especially if you have a place up north.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

# Check this list of holiday pet gift ideas

Dear Santa, Well, it's that time of year when everyone starts bugging you about what they want for Christmas.

You must get tired, reading all those letters, doing parades, appearing at malls, and staring in just about every appliance store commercial.

I don't mean to add to your burden. I just want to give you a few thoughts about Christmas and critters, hoping to make things easier for you. I'm writing it here because I know how you never miss my column.

I bet a lot of kids ask you for new pets. What could be more Christmassy than a pup or kitten with a big red bow on his collar running around the tree on Christmas morning?

OK, you're more "Christmassy," but stay with my reasoning.

Stress and Christmas go together like fa and la.

Christmas Day makes for a less-than-ideal time for the new addition to the family. Too much stress for the pet, and for the new owners.

Let's face it, Santa.

Christmas has evolved into three parts. One: People go to stores and buy gifts. Two: People open the gifts. Three: People return the gifts to the stores, where I think they're returned to the shelves to wait for next Christmas.

Here's the problem: Critters end up being returned, too. The percentage of Christmas pets that end up in shelters months after the holidays will break your heart.

"Choosing a pet is a personal decision," said Nancy Gunnigle, spokesperson for the Michigan Humane Society. "(It's a) connection that happens between a particular pet and a person ... a chemistry."

"We hope it's a bond to last for a lifetime ... It's not to be taken lightly."

She suggests that rather than give someone a pet for Christmas, give them a gift certificate saying they will be taken to a shelter to pick out that pet for him or herself. Wrap up a package of things the pet will need, like food bowls or litter boxes.

This way the excitement of Christmas has its place, and the excitement of picking out the new pet has its own, separate place.

"Be a part of that wonderful moment when they find just the right pet," Gunnigle said.

Now don't take it personally! You do a wonderful job. I just think this is better for the pets, the families, and for you, too! Hey, there's only so much space on that sled, and pet crates get bulky!

## GIFT IDEAS

I know a lot of people write letters to you from their pets, asking for gifts. They want cute toys, and treats. Pets playing with new toys certainly can be adorable.

To paraphrase *The X-Files*, Santa: Better gifts are out there.

When people ask you for a toy for their cat or maybe even their grandkitty, suggest they spend that money in a way that can help make little Fluffy's life better.

A great idea would be a gift certificate for good pet food at



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

When people ask you for a toy for their cat or maybe even their grandkitty, suggest they spend that money in a way that can help make little Fluffy's life better.

a good pet shop (I emphasize the word "good"!).

Consider gift certificates to the vet! These might save the animal's life at some point – dramatically by paying for an emergency treatment, or quietly by allowing the owner to get an extra vaccine, or keep up with a full year of heartworm preventive!

Veterinary health insurance would also be a great gift. Policies don't cost an arm and a leg, and they help to hold down the cost of vet care!

About the best is Veterinary Pet Insurance, or VPI (call (800) 872-7387). Now that's a gift that keeps on giving, as it gives extra care to the pet and will give the pet's owner peace of mind!

People get charitable this time of year, Santa. If they ask you to suggest a good cause, tell them about the Heifer Project.

I consider the Heifer Project to be one of the wisest charitable organizations ever. It supplies animals and husbandry training to people in poor areas of the world, setting them up so they can start, let's say, a one-cow dairy farm. As their farm grows, they live as a hard-working family, and escape destitute poverty. The Heifer Project doesn't just give a handout, it gives a future.

The Heifer Project truly makes a difference in lives all over the world (like someone else I know, Mr. C.). You should let people know they can call (800) 422-0755 or go to [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org) to learn more.

That's all I have to say, Santa. All I really want for Christmas would be for people to do right by their critters. Maybe make the world a little better – at home by giving smart gifts to their own and other people's pets, and globally through wonderful charity work like the Heifer Project. You don't need to bring me anything.

But that Chicken Dance Elmo looks pretty cool!

Your friend,  
Dr. Brad

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## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Farmington Garden Club

The Farmington Garden Club will meet Monday, Dec. 2, at Longacre House, on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Lunch at noon. The topic will be creative wreath design by Dennis Banning. Finished

designs will be offered for sale. Call (248) 615-3616 for information.

### School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes. Advance registration is required. Space is limited and some classes have prerequi-

sites. Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information.

The schedule includes Using Quickbooks (\$72), Tuesdays, Dec. 3-10, at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt. This class will give an overview of Quickbooks financial software for people in the gardening business.

### Poinsettia Soiree

The Belle Isle Botanical Society will present the 15th annual Poinsettia Soiree 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory

on Belle Isle.

The event will benefit the conservatory and surrounding gardens. Donation is \$40 per person.

Light supper and desserts by Union Street of Detroit, musical entertainment by Bill Meyer, caricature illustrations by Robert J. Bauer, and door prizes (including poinsettias, wreaths and a gingerbread house) will be featured.

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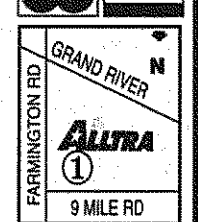
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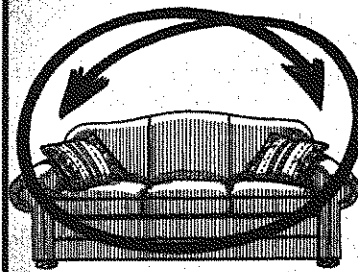
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# 'Heart of the home' extends welcome

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

More than any other room in the house, the kitchen is the hub where family and friends gather during the holidays.

It might be for a cup of something warm and a plate of cookies during short visits or the backdrop for a buffet table at larger parties.

The kitchen seems to have a natural gravitational energy that pulls us to it in order to meet our needs for food and drink and to offer a place of comfort any time of year but especially when we celebrate.

Most guests probably won't go into your bedrooms and likely won't even see the bathrooms, but they will definitely step into the kitchen when you entertain.

Kitchen designs have been changed to follow social shifts, too. The walls that kept women inside the kitchen and away from everyone else in the house in the past have come down, figuratively and literally.

"In the old days it was a place to cook the food and, typically, the female of the household was sequestered away," said Bob O'Brien, general manager of Kurtis Kitchen and Bath Center in Livonia, Farmington Hills, Ann Arbor, Clarkston, Lincoln Park, Royal Oak and Warren.

## GATHERING POINT

More and more families ask for floor plans that include kitchens in open settings with other rooms to give the cook access to conversation.

Household chores are often shared, since 65 to 70 percent of women work outside their homes, O'Brien said. He said that kitchen designs have reflected this cultural change.

Homeowners are focusing more on their families and making them more comfortable since the Sept. 11 terrorist attack and the subsequent stock market decline, says Jeffrey S.

Stella, owner of Stella Contracting Inc., Kitchens by Stella in downtown Plymouth.

"The kitchen is the gathering point where we meet in the morning for breakfast, make lunches and figure out what we're going to do during the day. At night we go there to talk about what happened in the day and what we'll do for tomorrow," he said.

"For the investment, there's a 75- or 100-percent return on your dollar for improvements in kitchens."

The kitchen is also the communication center of the house, where often the main phone and answering machine are located, said Stella. Mechanical devices are easily stored in cabinets and are quickly available but out of sight, he said.

Recycling areas are also popular. "We're putting two or three recycle bins in the kitchen so we don't have to go out to the garage with each cereal box."

Homeowners are also asking for more lighting at work stations and for ambiance, he said.

## DECORATING STATEMENTS

Richer colors - such as ginger, tuffee and caramel wood glazes - on cabinets are nudging out the light oaks that were popular in the past 10 to 15 years, O'Brien said.

Forty percent of all cabinets in the Midwest are maple and 30 percent are oak.

The remaining 30 percent is split among the other woods.

Cabinets have become much more than just a place to store the peanut butter. They're a backdrop for decorating statements, too.

"It's furniture now," O'Brien said, pointing to real wood drawers and lifetime guarantees that are far superior in quality to those of 20 or 30 years ago.

Other trends include hard wood floors and ceramic stones with radiant heat pads to keep them warm. More and more people are also choosing natural stone, including

granite, for their floors, countertops and back splashes.

Perfectly shaped tile in 4-by-4-inch pieces is being replaced with a multitude of sizes, including the popular tumble tile, known for its distressed look. Creative homeowners also use tile to make an artistic statement in self-designed murals.

Many homeowners are choosing kitchen cabinets that follow the simple Prairie, Arts and Crafts style developed by Frank Lloyd Wright, says Linda Welch, a designer at Mans Kitchen & Bath Design Center in Canton.

"We're seeing a lot of natural surfaces on countertops using less and less laminate and more and more granite and fabricated stones."

"The consumer today is much more educated and sophisticated in design than in the past. They're more apt to want a special look."

## CONVENIENCES

Homeowners are asking for kitchen conveniences, too, says Deborah Bell, designer at Bella Cucina in Sylvan Lake.

An example is warming drawers that are perfect for gourmet cooks who work on many meal projects simultaneously, and they work well for family members who eat at different times.

Another option is refrigerator drawers to keep things cold at work stations throughout the kitchen. Gourmet coffee makers, built in the wall, are replacing big counter space hogs, Bell said.

"If you've heard the phrase that the kitchen is the heart of the home, that's never been more true today," Bell said, pointing to the growing popularity of hearths that offer cozy retreats.

"Personalize the design for the whole family, even if that means two or three work centers, a message center, a place to hang out in the corner, and those kinds of things that people are going to enjoy in the future."

# Right appliances give helping hand with stress

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Some of the stress of the holidays can be defused if you add beauty and practicality to a well-designed kitchen and if you have the right appliances to make cooking and baking jobs easier.

With the right layout, your kitchen can look spectacular, no matter how big it is, says Sam Warwick, owner with Maciej Trzos of Living Spaces in Sylvan Lake.

"When you see some of the kitchens we do at Living Spaces, they're interesting. When you walk into the kitchen, especially at Thanksgiving, people don't say, 'What kind of wine do you have?' They say, 'This is a wonderful kitchen.'"

"He's a jewel in this area that most people don't know about," Warwick said of his partner. "He has a unique way of arranging space that no else sees."

If you don't have time to remodel your kitchen for this holiday season, consider stacking it with appliances that will help your baking and cooking jobs easier.

A combination convection-toaster oven allows you to bake a number of items at the same time, says Alex Vasilovick, sales manager of Williams Sonoma in Novi with other locations in Livonia, Rochester, Troy, Lansing, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids.

Such a combination oven allows for an even browning on pastries and smaller appetizers. If you want to bake something small, such as a pie, you can use the combination oven instead of the larger oven. Or, use your large oven and the convection-toaster oven simultaneously to get the dinner done quicker. Vasilovick said he believes this appliance is essential.

Placing a knife block on your kitchen countertop will make your

life simpler, too, he said. The block eliminates storing a multitude of knives in a junk drawer and having to scramble to find the one you need.

"You can grab the one you want easily and it helps you to be a little more organized during those hectic holiday times."

Remote thermometers, which are relatively new, give cooks mobility. The probe goes into the oven and you carry the main unit with you as far as 100 feet away.

"Instead of putting all that focus in the kitchen, you can be outside or preparing holiday linens," Vasilovick said it also has a timer.

Just because it's the holiday season and the temperatures have dropped, you can still treat your guests to the flavor of a barbecued dinner on an electric, indoor, smokeless, non-stick grill. An accessory piece allows you to add water and herbs or smoking chips.

Silpat mats also takes the hassle out of holiday cooking and baking.

These silicon mats can be placed on a pan or roaster and are excellent for extreme temperature changes, such as freezing for candy making or extreme heat for baking projects. The non-stick surface eliminates the messy cleanup.

Another way to save time and energy is buy ready-made ingredients, such as turkey gravy, which is also available at Williams Sonoma.

You can add your own turkey drippings to the gravy if you choose, but it's not necessary.

If you're deep frying your bird, there aren't any juices to create your own gravy.

Other ready-made foods are also available at Williams Sonoma.

"They're exquisite and they're handy. When you have limited time, getting a high-quality food product is sometimes easier than making it in a hectic world."

# Cleaning out clothes dryer duct improves efficiency, safety

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

We recently bought an electric clothes dryer. When it stopped drying properly after less than a year, we were surprised.

The first thing we checked was the 220-volt power outlet. A dryer can fool you; even though the drum is turning it might not be getting enough power to properly dry a load of clothes.

A dryer powered by 220 volts uses only 110 volts (half the circuit) to rotate the drum. However, it uses 220 volts (all of the circuit) to fire up the heating coils. So, just because the drum is turning and the light inside comes on, it doesn't mean that it is performing as designed.

Much to our surprise - and disappointment - the circuit indicated that 220 volts were available and making their way into the machine.

The next task was to pull the dryer out and check the exhaust system and the wall ducting. We were amazed at what we found. We had a fire-trap on our hands. The system

was completely clogged with lint. It was as if someone had stuffed tons of lint into the exhaust duct with a cannon ram. The lint was so tightly packed that we had to chisel it out.

As an added safety measure, we thought it would be a good idea to hire a company to clean all the ducts in our home at once.

We don't own the special vacuuming equipment needed to clean heating ducts.

Because we wanted to kill as many birds with one stone as possible, we decided on a whole-house duct cleaning. After writing a check for several hundred dollars, we were certain our dryer would do a load in record time.

When the load was ready we chucked it into the dryer. You could have heard a pin drop an hour later when the dryer shut off automatically and we opened it to find a wet load.

## FINDING THE PROBLEM

What could it possibly be? The power was all right. The dryer was getting hot and the ducting in the dryer and the

'Even a partially clogged dryer duct is a fire hazard at best, and definitely reduces the appliance's energy-efficiency operation.'

wall had been professionally cleaned. It was time to call in an appliance repairman.

The dryer seemed to be running really warm, but everything inside was hot and wet after an hour of tumbling on high.

Here's what happened. No one had thought to check the dryer-duct outlet on the roof. In this case the dryer outlet exhausted through the roof. Up the ladder we went.

And there it was, staring us in the face: a clogged weather cap. Lint was compacted so tightly that we had to pull it out a little at a time with needle-nose pliers.

It took nearly a half-hour to get it clean.

There is a moral to our story: When you clean your ducting, be sure to check both ends.

We have decided to clean our own dryer duct from now on.

Apparently some of the people who do it for a living have trouble counting to two - the number of ends in a duct.

## YOUR OWN SYSTEM

If you can count to two, you will enjoy creating your own duct-vacuuming system that can be used to ensure that your dryer is operating safely while operating at peak energy efficiency.

Even a partially clogged dryer duct is a fire hazard at best, and definitely reduces the appliance's energy-efficiency operation.

First, you will need a short length of garden hose and a plastic cap from a spray can. The cap and hose are connect-

ed to create a slender and flexible vacuum cleaner adaptor.

One end of the hose is cleanly sliced at a 45-degree angle (making it easier to feed around tight corners).

The other end of the hose is fed through a hole in the plastic cap that allows the smaller hose to connect to the larger one on your vacuum.

A tiny bit of duct tape is used to attach the plastic cap to the hose.

Suction from your vacuum cleaner should hold the apparatus in place during cleaning. If not, duct-tape it.

Vacuuming the inside of your dryer will take less than 5 minutes and will immediately improve operating conditions when lint is removed.

The same holds true for the duct in the wall.

By the way, it's a good idea to check your dryer duct.

Optimum conditions can often be achieved without a lot of hassle. Here's what to check for and some ways to improve things:

Replace flexible ducting with the rigid kind. The flexible plastic type is

especially bad.

Make connections with metal tape - not screws. For extra strength, strap ducting to the framing - especially near duct connections.

Use the fewest possible 90-degree elbows in the line.

Each elbow reduces free flow.

Insulate your dryer duct where it passes through unheated areas (crawl space and attic).

This reduces condensation inside the ducting.

Wet lint is kind of like plaster of Paris.

For more home improvement tips and information, visit our Web site at [www.onthehouse.com](http://www.onthehouse.com).

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## HOMES

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Conger's 1,100-square-foot ranch house built in the 1950s features displays of old-fashioned Santas, nutcrackers and a village of lighted houses throughout.

One of the three decorated trees is decorated exclusively with Hallmark ornaments. Son Brandon displays his own tree with his homemade ornaments, along with those from his grandparents.

Candy canes line the path to the front door. On the porch is an old sled decorated by Marybeth's mother.

"I like to share my ideas, I think it's neat," Marybeth said. "I love Christmas and it shows in my house."

The Congers invite guests to write their holiday message on the "signing wall" in the basement.

"It's just a piece of drywall you see as soon as you walk in," Marybeth said. "You're welcome to send your holiday wishes and hopes for the new year. I have paint pens out - all different colors."

Forrest and Anne Ault also showcase family Christmas treasures in their home.

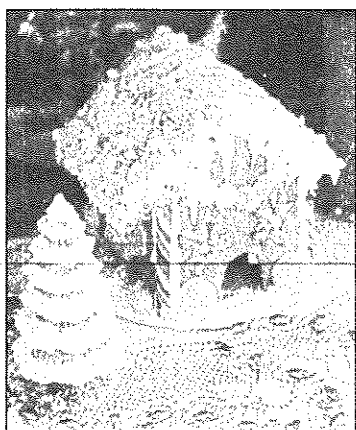
Their family collection tree - which is filled with ornaments made by their children and given to them by family members - greets visitors as they enter the living room.

The dining room table is set with Christmas dishes.

Old-fashioned toys and music boxes are displayed on the mantel and under the family room Christmas tree.

David and Sue Hostetter's home has reindeer on the front lawn, A special display (snow, wrapped presents and Santa) is above the front door.

Inside you'll find a nine-foot-high spruce tree decked with green, gold and rust ribbons, ornaments, and other



A gingerbread house is in the Leonard kitchen.

treasures the homeowners have collected over the past 20 years.

"I'm really looking forward to it; I think it's fun," Sue Hostetter said of the Christmas Walk. "I hope it's a nice day."

Another house, in the quaint Bell Creek Square Community, is bathed in elegant holiday charm.

The holiday dinner table is exquisitely arranged for festive gatherings and tasty feasts.

In the second-floor master suite, a Christmas surprise (holiday arrangement) awaits the guests.

The tour begins in Greenmead Historical Village at Hill House, a Greek Revival-style home with five fireplaces. The house was built in 1841 by pioneer farmer Joshua Simmons.

The house will be decorated with a snowman theme by members of five local chapters of the Quester group, an antique study and research group that supports preservation of local history programs.

## FESTIVE NEIGHBORS

John and Mary Nagy are the owners of a comfortable, homey Cape Cod style house on Livonia's "Christmas Street" (Ellen Drive).

"Every house on the street lights up every Christmas,"



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Aggie Thompson (left) and Debra Upton of the Sauk Trail Questers put the finishing touches on the holiday decorations in the dining room at Hill House, featured on Livonia's Annual Christmas Walk this year.

Mary said. "It's kind of a tradition now."

The Nagys' living room features a Christmas tree covered with white snow, pink ornaments, ribbons and flowers. A white ceramic crèche (made by a friend) is nestled amid holly and pine on the fireplace mantel.

The formal dining area has a pink glass and brass buffet covered with candles, greenery and sparkles.

"We were on the first walk, the inaugural walk," Mary said. "We had just moved in 13 years ago, and now, we have more furniture and accessories, so there's more to see now."

John, a former Livonia city

planner and director of Plymouth Road Development Authority, believes his experience with the community and their tastes have helped him design the atmosphere of his house.

"I would think that we would do something different," he said.

"Being a planner, you're a little more design oriented, more interested in quality designs and furnishings."

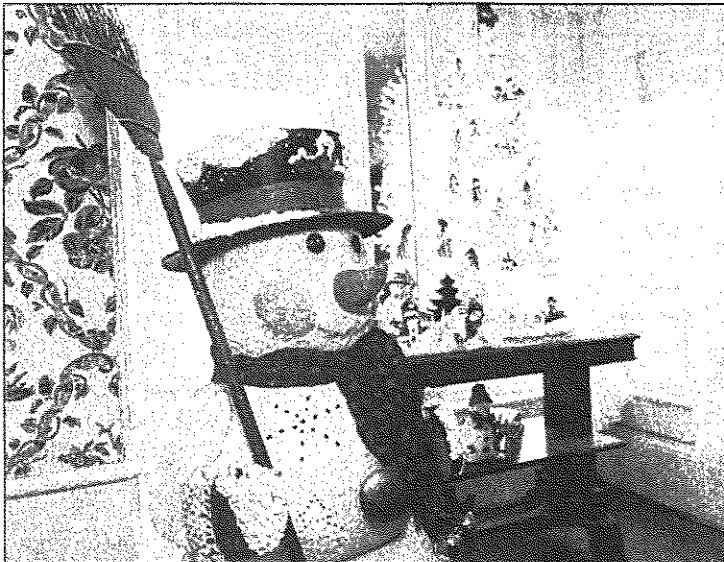
"It's nice to contrast what we've had before from some of the comments of what people have made."

"We feel very comfortable in it."

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In the Leonard house, a group of snowmen plays on top of the TV in the family room.



A large snowman oversees the dining room in the Hill House.



The front room/living room at the Leonard home features Victorian style accents.

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Adoptable animals will also be featured in the Neiman Marcus window displays.

The Somerset Collection is at Big Beaver Road and Coolidge. The Mobile Adoption Unit will be parked at the Big Beaver Road entrance to Neiman Marcus, on the south side of Big Beaver Road.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 29 and 30, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 1.

The three MHS shelters in Rochester Hills, Westland and Detroit will have regular adoption hours Friday and Saturday.

For shelter hours or more information about the Home for the Holidays event, call (866) M-HUMANE between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, or visit [www.michiganhumane.org](http://www.michiganhumane.org).

The Michigan Humane Society is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to serving animals since 1877.



# Little things can mean big fix-it project

You have read it here in this column several times that I do not for a moment believe that major home appliances are built today with the concept of long life.

Every appliance service industry magazine and newspaper write with a very negative overtone on life expectancy of a major home appliance.

The older appliance repair technicians in this country are appalled at the engineering quality of certain components put into our products, which we buy at increased prices and expect to last as long as the previous one we used to own.

Let me take the washer you have in the laundry room and give you an idea of what I mean about the past and present. Take a bolt the size of your little finger (look at your hand that is holding this newspaper for comparison).

In years past, if something was left in a pocket of a garment that fit that size, it could travel through a wash load and through the spin cycle and end up in the laundry tub.

You have to remember that a clothes washer has a pump that is used to expel the water, and there are no screens to prevent these kinds of items from going into the pump. In today's clothes washers, some of these machines have pumps that can be jammed with something as small as a wooden match.

Now, that's quite the comparison, isn't it? It means you have to pay special attention to making sure that the pockets are emptied before anything is placed in the wash load.

The older machines had a belt-driven pump, while today many have a low-voltage electric motor pump. A jammed impeller on a pump today can cause the motor to burn out. This necessitates in many cases the need of a service technician and a cost exceeding \$100.



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

All in all, you as a consumer must be more diligent than ever in making sure you don't create this problem.

A few years ago when you bought a certain brand of washer you were instructed to use only a certain kind of detergent. Naturally some of this detergent was included in the sale of the washer, and if in the future you changed brands, the service technician was knocking on your door to change the pump.

It appears that certain soaps can cause a gritting action on the pump impeller and cause it to jam. Until this certain manufacturer changed the design of the pump, there were many replaced. It sure kept the service industry busy.

## DO IT YOURSELF?

As for the do-it-yourselfer, things have changed as well. I get calls from homeowners all the time with inquiries about how they can fix their own washer. ("Hey, Doc, I fixed my own washer for 20 years and on this new one I can't even figure out how to get to the blooming pump.")

Well, it's sort of like trying to put together something you bought the kids for Christmas. You spend an hour on a five-minute job, and in your own personal frustration you might even think about selling the children. I think the appliance manufacturers hire a scientist to put a washer together. They put screws and clips where you can't see them unless you pop off a certain piece of chrome.

**The older appliance repair technicians in this country are appalled at the engineering quality of certain components put into our products, which we buy at increased prices and expect to last as long as the previous one we used to own.**

You don't know that the piece of chrome pops off, unless someone tells you.

When you finally get to the screws, you've never seen a screw head like this one because it's a special screw, and even the hardware store doesn't have a screwdriver to fit it.

You take off all the screws that hold on the back panel and the panel still won't come off, and you sit there in amazement and wonder how this thing was put together. You get even angrier when you have to call for service, and the technician - with you looking over his or her shoulder - takes the washer apart in less than two minutes.

Later on you're sitting quietly and wondering why the pump you saw changed looked so cheap compared to the pump you replaced yourself 10 years ago. Why is it that you needed a technician to do it? The answer to this question is a lot easier to figure out than fixing the washer. 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.

## HOME CALENDAR

### Festival of Trees

The 18th annual Festival of Trees, a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses and wreaths to benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan, continues to Dec. 1 at Cobo Center, 301 Civic Center Drive in Detroit.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 29-30; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 1. Show admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$4 for ages 2-12, and free for under age 2. Advance tickets are \$1 less.

Additional festival events are Lunch with Santa, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 30 (advance tickets required: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children, and free for under age 2); and Holiday Dance, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Nov. 30 (\$25 per person at the door and \$20 in advance). Call (313) 745-0178 or visit [www.fot.org](http://www.fot.org) for information.

### Faux painting

Decorative faux painting is an easy technique that creates the illusion of

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Participants will learn how to achieve beautiful paint finishes using various techniques such as sponging, ragging, color washing and glazing.

### Conger tour

The annual Conger Holiday Home Tour and Art Market will take place Tuesday, Dec. 3, in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 747-6191 for more information. Tickets are \$15 and are available at Downtown Home and Garden, Letty's, and the Back Alley Gourmet in Ann Arbor.

Money raised will provide scholarships for women in financial need to attend the University of Michigan.

The tour will feature four spectacular Ann Arbor homes. The art market will take place at Barton Hills Country Club. Featured artisans will include

John Shultz of Ann Arbor and his pastels of familiar Ann Arbor spots, such as the U-M campus, Hill Auditorium and the Michigan Theater.

### Kempf House Museum

Kempf House, 312 S. Division in Ann Arbor, will be decorated in a traditional German Christmas theme for the month of December.

The Greek Revival house was built in 1853. For more information, call (734) 994-4898.

The schedule includes the 10th annual Christmas caroling party, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6; and German Family Christmas (presenting a traditional turn-of-the-century German Christmas, featuring the fully decorated house and including exhibits reflecting the German celebration of the holiday), 1-4 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 7 and 14, and Sundays, Dec. 8 and 15. Admission to the caroling party is free (donations accepted) and reservations aren't necessary. Admission to the house is \$1, free for under age 12.

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African American divorced mother of two, 41, intelligent, young looking, very energetic, exercises every day. Seeks white male who's trustworthy, classy, warm, loving heart, clean cut, monogamous, affectionate, intelligent, strong morals, outgoing. BOX 25981

## TIRED OF BAR SCENE

54 yr old, white female, 5'9", shoulder length frosted hair, very honest. Enjoys outdoors, fishing, boating, movies, dining out. Looking for a very honest male, 5'11" or taller, who wants a companion and possibly something more serious. BOX 26691

## LET'S GET TOGETHER

33 yr old, black female, 5'8", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys cooking, movies, family. Seeks male, 36 to 45, family oriented, medium build, non-smoker, for fun and friendship. BOX 26699

## SHARE LIFE WITH ME

58 yr old lady, full figured, 5'5", green eyes, red hair, good looking. Enjoys dining out, walking, movies, conversation. Seeks male, 58 to 70, to share interests. BOX 26709

## LET'S MEET A COFFEE

41 yr old, 5'7", medium built female, seeks attractive male white, a homeowner, non-smoker, social drinker. Likes horseback riding, motorcycles, boating, pick-up trucks and swimming. BOX 16989

## ONE OF A KIND

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40-ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating and relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

## VERY PROMISING

Widow, 64, natural red hair, blue eyes, 5'8", nice figure, loyal, honest, good looking, kind hearted, gentle, romantic, kind, loving. Seeks well groomed, tall man, 60 to 70, widower a plus, non-smoker, for a new start and long term relationship. BOX 20499

## GEMINI GIRL

Single white female, 47, slender, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys golf, swimming, boating, people. Looking for a single white male, 42-53, who's genuine, down to earth, stable, for dating, possible long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 35938

## SEE IF WE CLICK

30 yr old, 5'8", professional, white, Protestant female likes conversation, laughter, travel, architecture, family and friends. Seeks male who likes the same. BOX 20688

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## WORTH A CALL

Divorced white mother of three, 47, good personality, 126 lbs, graduate degree, professional, attractive and fit, Christian. Enjoys walking, church, movies, travel, dining out, walking, cooking. Seeks honest, non-smoking, financially stable male. BOX 21098

## POSSIBLE CONNECTION

An attractive brunette, 49, 5'4", 115 lbs, single white professional female, with great smile and good heart, enjoys family and friends, boating, Red Wings and you, if he's light weight proportionate, humorous, caring, financially stable and emotionally available. Wayne County. BOX 25014

## ARE YOU MY KNIGHT?

Young looking, 44 yr old divorced woman, enjoys music, travel, sports, camping, quiet times. Seeks honest, fun loving, marriage minded gentleman, 38 to 50, social smoker and drinker, children okay. Home owner and professional preferred. BOX 26664

## LET'S TALK

White female, 51, long blonde hair, in good shape, 5'5", non-smoker, social drinker, very fun loving, vivacious, loves life. Enjoys working out, boating, beach, getaway weekends, concerts. Seeks white male, 45 to 55, BOX 26884

## ATTRACTIVE ITALIAN

Petite, divorced, white female, seeks honest and secure, single, white male, 49-55, who likes to laugh and have fun, for friendship, possible long term relationship. Dearborn area. Wayne County. BOX 35950

## TIRED OF GAMES

Attractive, divorced white female, 51, 5'4", long reddish hair, smoker. Seeking gentleman, 45 to 65, with a sense of humor, for dinner (home cooked), movies, quality time and fun relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36013

## SEEKS CHRISTIAN MALE

5'6", 126 lbs, enjoys walks in the rain, simple pleasures of life, attending church, movies, walks in the park. Looking for a committed Christian male for companionship possibly leading to more. BOX 20683

## ARE U THE ONE?

Single female, 29, 5'2", short hair, wear glasses, honest, and intelligent. Searching for a single, honest, intelligent man. Enjoys movies, casinos, dining out, videos and more. BOX 20693

## FRIENDS AND MORE

36 yr old, divorced white female, 5'6", 160 lbs, with blue/green eyes and blond hair. Loves outdoors fun, sunsets, dancing and more. Searching for a single male to start as friends and a possible LTR. BOX 20736

## NICE LADY AVAILABLE

Divorced black full figured female, 5'6", attractive, non-smoker, non-drinker. Enjoys crafts, sporting events, gardening and more. Searching for a full figured, around 5'6", single male who's kind, loves kissing and cuddling. Looks isn't important. BOX 20755

## DON'T MISS OUT!

45 yr old female, 5'7", medium build, brown eyes and hair, lives in Troy area, enjoys sharing activities with the right person. Give me a call and I'll be glad to get back to you! BOX 23444

## SEEKS PERFECT MATE

Attractive, 50+ widow, fun loving, physically fit. Seeks male desiring travel, working out, bicycling, golf, mountain hiking, skiing, swimming, dancing, dining out, family cooking, quiet evenings, closeness, sharing, intimacy, love. Requesting too much? Tell me. BOX 24980

## I'M YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45, 5'2", 138 lbs., female, brown/blonde, enjoys walking, swimming, movies, music and dining out. Seeks white male, 40-50, slim to medium build, 5'8", non-smoker, occasional drinker, affectionate and sincere, for a meaningful relationship in Garden City. BOX 26999

## ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Outgoing, petite, and live in Plymouth. Looking for an attractive, non-smoking, single white male, 48 to 58, who is trustworthy, emotionally/financially secure, with no dependents. Someone with a just for life. Wayne County. BOX 20726

## VIVACIOUS OPTIMIST

Petite, 5'1", attractive, white professional divorced mom. Enjoys working out daily, good conversation, music, sports and is an optimist. Looking for a professional (college degree), divorced, white male, 40 to 55, physically fit, tall, good sense of humor, non-smoker, Oakland County. BOX 35068

## MOTOWN GAL

Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship. I am 51 yr old divorced female. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

## SEEKS OLDER MAN

Single black female, 45, 5'8", 115 lbs, Enjoys camping, the beach, candlelight dinner, puzzles, bowling, fishing and more. Searching for a tall, white male, 61 to 65, who enjoys the same. BOX 14623

## LOVING YOU

Single female, 19, 5'2", 130 lbs, long brown hair. Enjoys long walks, movies, relaxing, outdoors and more. Searching for a single male, 20 to 25, who's caring and loving. BOX 14845

## QUIET TIMES TOGETHER

Divorced black female, enjoys movies and sports. Seeks Arab male who enjoys the same and quiet evenings at home. BOX 14655

## HAPPILY EVER AFTER

45 yr old, 5'7", single female with a medium build, brown hair, hazel eyes. Loves having fun. Looking for a happily ever after relationship with a tall man, who's honest, caring, genuine. BOX 14662

## SEARCHING FOR YOU

Single Mexican lady, 42, likes dancing, movies and quiet evenings at home, would love to meet someone with similar interests. BOX 16907

## MAN OF MY DREAMS

Divorced white female, 26, slender, blue eyes, brunette. Enjoys bowling, volleyball, bike riding, long walks and concerts. Searching for a serious relationship with an honest, caring, sensitive gentleman, non-smoker, social drinker who enjoys sports, dining out and quiet times. BOX 20731

## TREAT ME RIGHT

Single female is looking for a single male, 35 to 45, who enjoys kids, family and knows how to treat a lady. BOX 20737

## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single parent with children at home. Likes drama, fine arts and dining. Seeks gentleman who loves God and shows that in his lifestyle. Must also like children. BOX 20746

## LET'S WORK IT OUT

30 yr old, 5'5", 129 lbs, single professional female, brown hair, blue eyes, fit. Enjoys working out, outdoors, running, working on the house and more. Searching for a single male, 28 to 36, honest, sincere who works out and share similar interests. BOX 20906

## INGREDIENTS FOR LOVE

Attractive, white widowed, early 60's, 5'2", height and weight proportionate. Seeking a single white gentleman, early 60's, 5'10" plus, trim, well groomed, non-smoker, social drinker who enjoys movies, dining out, theater, traveling and more. BOX 20962

## CUDDLE UP WITH ME

Single white female, 44, 5'6", brown hair, enjoys long walks, parks, videos and more. Searching for a single male for friendship first, possible relationship and to enjoy life together. BOX 20984

## MY LASTING LOVE

44 yr old divorced white female, non-smoker, no children. Looking for the love of her life and soul mate, to enjoy life with. Enjoys traveling, hockey, dining out and nice quiet times at home. BOX 21005

## YOUNG AT HEART

Widowed white female, early 50's, searching for a single male to enjoy life. Enjoys boating, camping, working out, dancing and traveling. BOX 21008

## LET'S GET TOGETHER

You found her! Adorable, petite, pre-feminine female 48-60, full of life, great sense of humor, likes to have new experiences. Call, you won't regret it. Oakland County. BOX 25008

## PRETTY ENTREPRENEUR

Giving, loving, compassionate, curvy, lots of fun, great conversationalist, 55, looking for sincere, successful Caucasian gentleman, 45-late 70's, to be my soul mate. Float your boat, make your day, answer my ad today. BOX 25322

## QUALITY, QUALITY

Seeking a sincere, honest, no games played, non-smoking, social drinking, single white male, by a divorced white female, 54, who likes to do almost everything. Looking for friendship, companionship or something long term. West side. Wayne County. BOX 25333

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## DOWN RIVER AREA

52 yr old female, 5'3", 125 lbs, long dark hair, green eyes, non-smoker. Enjoys movies, dining out, cooking, picnics, shopping, dancing. Looking for a caring male who lives nearby for a real relationship, who's honest and sincere about meeting, no games. BOX 26589

## MAKE ME LAUGH AGAIN

66 yr old, 5', 125 lbs, single female with brown hair, eyes. Likes long walks, movies, dining out and more. Searching for a single male, 60 to 67, with a sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 26594

## BUBBLY &amp; CLASSY

Intelligent, fit, 5'6", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, biking, theater, boating and great conversations, interested in meeting tall, 50 to 58, financially/emotionally stable true gentleman with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 27010

## SONGS FROM THE HEART

Divorced white female, 47, 5'7", blonde/blue hair, vivacious, passionate, Christian church musician. Seeks white Christian male, non-smoker, 5'10" or taller, who is intelligent, articulate, romantic, and honest with a passion for life. Oakland County. BOX 27014

## LADY WITH PIZZAZZ

Eclectic, attractive, slender, fun, romantic lady, enjoys golf, tennis, boating, dancing and more. Seeking special, fun gentleman, 59 plus, over 5'10", non-smoker, honest and loyal. BOX 36009

## ALL AMERICAN GUY

Single white female, 40, 5'5", non-smoker, brown hair, medium to husky, loving, caring, likes a variety of activities, sports. Seeking a husky, honest, white guy, 36-46, serious long-term relationship. Macomb County. BOX 36039

## CLASSY COSMO CUTIE

Creativity and chemistry a must. White female, compassionate, curvy, looking for someone to have fun with white professional, 45 to 55, non-smoker, no drugs, love animals, water, boating, exercise, cooking, spiritual. Oakland County. BOX 36051

## ATTRACTIVE WOMAN

Soft spoken, non-smoker, white female, 5'11", size 11, wishes to meet a white male, 6'2" or taller, 49 or older, no games, no heavy drinkers, no drugs, height/weight proportionate. Wayne County. BOX 36053

## SEEKS BETTER HALF

Down to earth single attractive Asian female, 40, no dependents. Seeks attractive white male 5'10" plus, health conscious, has a positive outlook on life, is ambitious and successful yet unpretentious for friends leading to long term relationship. Oakland County. BOX 36057

## MUST BE SVELTE

35 yrs old, fit male with blonde hair and blue eyes. Likes travel, sports, concerts. Seeks open minded, slim, fashionable, single, white female who likes animals. BOX 14834

## SOMEONE TO LOVE

White male, blue eyes, auburn hair, enjoys camping, working in the garden, games, travel and quiet times at home with someone to love. Social drinker, hooked on pepsi and trying to quit smoking. Seeking someone under 60. BOX 13694

## WHY HESITATE?

African American male, 61", weight proportionate, brown eyes, salt-n-pepper hair, mustache, beautiful smile, dark complexion, handsome. Enjoys antiques, gardening, fishing, walking. Seeks sweet, kind, honest female who's smile can light up a room, height/weight proportionate. BOX 21123

## FUN TIMES AWAIT

Retired male, 54, 5'8", 150 lbs, brown hair, green eyes, youthful looking, very active, easy to get along with. Likes movies, dining out, Bingo, outdoors, flea markets, board and card games. Looking for a companion for dating and possible relationship. BOX 21130

## PICK UP THE PHONE

40 yr old male, physically fit, 5'10", 150 lbs, professional, home owner. I'd like to meet someone just like you, so give me a call! BOX 21131

## ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Single black male, west side of Detroit, own my home. Seeks down to earth lady, attractive, 30 to 45, for friendship, relationship. I enjoy music, sports, romance, sharing and communicating. BOX 10924

## HANDSOME IRON WORKER

5'11" male with mustache, 180 lbs seeks female, 40 to 55, slender to average build who is interested in travel, dinners, movies, quiet times at home, casinos, boating and more. Call if interested. BOX 12370

## LET'S HAVE FUN...

Nice looking, considerable, single white male, in my 40's. Seeks a single lady, in her 40's or 50's, for dancing, dining and social events. BOX 20569

## GIVE AND TAKE

Single 46 yr old, professional, white male, non smoker, 5'8", 155 lbs, enjoys animals, the ocean, and walks. Looking for someone special inside and out, honest and sincere, height and weight proportionate. BOX 26672

## LOOKING FOR A MATCH

Good natured, pleasant looking, well mannered, single white male, 45, well traveled, sociable, sincere. Seeks good natured, interesting lady companion, 38 to 53. BOX 14814

## NEW BEGINNINGS

Successful entrepreneur, 59, 5'10", 180 lbs, handsome, divorced, incurable romantic, with style and sense of humor. You: 48 to 60, still beautiful, slim, non-smoker, with class and joie de vivre. Can you meet my standards? If so, call me, you won't be disappointed! BOX 20480

## I BELIEVE I CAN FLY!

Come fly with me! Handsome, successful professional, 56, 18 on the dance floor, 6', physically fit, energetic, charismatic, positive, spiritual, full of life and a great sense of humor. Variety of interest! Compassionate, romantic, good listener, emotionally and financially secure. BOX 10578

## TIRED OF BEING ALONE

Widowed and honest male, 53", 188 lbs, social drinker, smoker, healthy, gentle and giving. Enjoys camping, fishing, travel, walking, games and quiet times at home. Seeks well put together female, under 60, with a nice personality. BOX 12547

## TIRED OF BEING ALONE

Single male, 61, 5'9", 170 lbs, light hearted, loves to laugh and gentle. Enjoys camping, walking, good movies, flea markets and quiet nights at home. Looking for a permanent relationship with the right lady, under 59, slim and attractive. BOX 20561

## TAKE MY HAND

Attractive, 47 yr old male, 165 lbs, thin build, full head of hair, hard working, honest, enjoys exercise, golf, roller blading, skiing, bowling, movies, dining out, casinos. Seeks female who doesn't like to play games. BOX 20592

## ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

30 yr old, divorced father of two, 5'10", 230 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, fairly shy. Enjoys movies, dining out, tv, sports. Looking for a female, 22 to 35, who enjoys children and would like to have a friendship, maybe leading into something serious. BOX 20819

## VERY PROMISING

Father of one, 6'1", 190 lbs, in good shape, brown hair, green eyes, college educated, lives in Livonia. Enjoys skiing, biking, family activities, reading, running, spending time with his daughter. Seeks woman who is positive, fit, loving, honest, down to earth, to enjoy a loving, caring and great relationship. BOX 20890

## FALL FUN

Athletic, muscular single white male, 44, 6'2", 215 lbs, brown hair, clean cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality, enjoys outdoors, working out, new activities. Seeks friendly single female, age location open. Wayne County. BOX 27018

## HONEST

Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 56, non-smoker, self-employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 53, who is easygoing, with good values, for companionship, and possible long-term relationship. BOX 35984

## GIVE ME A CALL

50 yr old, never married, childless single male who enjoys playing hockey, outdoors, motorcycles and trying new things. Seeks fun, non-judgmental, single female who's ready to settle down. BOX 20895

## POLISH ITALIAN GUY

50, attractive and healthy, youthful and light hearted. Enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places. Seeks lady to spend time with and get to know. BOX 20745

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## COUNTRY GIRL

Divorced white lady, non-smoker, non-drinker likes horseback riding, has own horses. Enjoy camping, walking, boating, flea markets, old cars, movies. Seeks gentleman 57 to 65 with similar interest. Monroe County. BOX 27030

## CUTE AND CLASSY

Single black female, mid 50's, enjoys jogging, concerts and walks in the park. Seeking a gentleman over 50, with similar interests. Oakland County. BOX 26606

## LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, fun lady seeks honest, loyal, romantic, flexible gentleman, that's 55 plus, over 5'10", and fun to be with. Let's start as friends first. Oakland County. BOX 27034

## GEM SEEMS TREASURER

Divorced, white professional female, 5'5", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, former model, looks 40's and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 50 to 65, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

## ACTIVE SENIORS ONLY

Well traveled, educated, loving, white, professional female. Seeking a sophisticated, Christian man, 62 to 72, who can also be down-to-earth. Interests are classical music, art appreciation, world events and travel. Comfortable one-on-one and in social situations. Oakland County. BOX 35911

## A LADY OF CLASS

Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 50's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35996

## FIRST TIME AD

Educated, well traveled, loving professional single female, 5'2", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys conversation, music, travel, quiet times, and theater. Seeking refined gentleman, 60-70, for friendship first. Oakland County. BOX 35999

## SEEKING ITALIAN

Petite, white female, 53, 5'1", 128 lbs, brown hair and eyes, non-smoker, attractive, talkative, good sense of humor. Seeks gentleman 60 to 66, non-smoker, sharing the things in life we both enjoy, especially travelling. BOX 36003

## BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN

45 yr old, single white male, 6'4", hazel eyes, brown hair. Loves going to church, reading, taking walks. Looking for a virtuous woman, must be Born Again Christian and spirit filled. BOX 26653



## NEARBY CHRISTMAS TREE FARMS

**Braun's Tree Farm**, 796 Warren, Ann Arbor, (734) 663-2717.

■ **Directions:** From M-14, exit Whitmore Lake Road/Barton Drive; go north on Whitmore Lake Road; go east on Warren.

■ **Hours:** Noon to dark Tuesday-Thursday, and 10 a.m. to dark Friday-Sunday.

■ **Species:** Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, White Spruce, White Pine, Scotch Pine, West Virginia Balsam Fir, Concolor Fir.

■ **Features:** Harvest yourself; saws provided; services include shaking, wrapping and transport; tree limos available.

**Urquhart's Tree Farm**, 230 S. Steinbach, Dexter, (734) 475-1500.

■ **Directions:** I-94, exit Baker; go south on Baker to Jackson; go west on Jackson, two miles to Steinbach; go south on Steinbach; go west on Jerusalem and follow signs.

■ **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 29; thereafter 3-5:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and by appointment.

■ **Species:** Blue Spruce, Douglas Fir, White Pine, Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir, Caneau Fir, Concolor Fir, Scotch Pine. Pre-harvested trees available.

■ **Features:** Harvest yourself; saws and carting wagons provided; wagon rides to selected fields; tree shaking and wrapping; disposal bag included with trees; llama and sheep farm.

**Arend Tree Farm**, 3512 Notten Road, Chelsea, (734) 475-7584.

■ **Directions:** From I-94, exit Kalmbach; go north on Kalmbach; go west on Winters and follow signs to farm.

■ **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily starting Nov. 29.

■ **Species:** Scotch Pine, White Pine, Blue Spruce, White Spruce, Balsam Fir, Douglas Fir, Fraser Fir, Caneau Fir. Pre-harvested trees available.

■ **Features:** Harvest yourself; saws provided; services include baling and shaking; thousands of evergreen trees growing on 300 acres; horse-drawn wagon rides to fields on weekends; baked goods and crafts available at adjacent church on weekends.

# Follow 3 principles of electrical safety

The Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI) has launched its fall family electrical safety campaign, titled Look Up! Look Down! Look Out!

The campaign provides adults and children with simple tips to help them stay safe around electricity while working and playing outside and around the house this fall.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, nearly four people are accidentally electrocuted in U.S. homes each week, and more than six in the workplace.

Many of these accidents could have been avoided altogether by following the basic principles of electrical safety.

The ESFI campaign urges parents and their children to follow three basic principles of electrical safety.

## LOOK UP!

Be aware of overhead power lines. Overhead power lines can cause serious injury or death when you, or objects you

are working with, come near them.

During outdoor activities around the house, follow these steps:

■ Always assume an overhead line is a non-insulated, high-voltage power line.

Power lines are rarely insulated.

■ Look up before handling long objects – not just metal objects – to make sure there are no overhead lines nearby.

■ Install TV or CB antennas far enough away from overhead lines to protect you, even if they are blown over.

■ When trimming branches, make sure there are no overhead lines running through nearby trees. If so, call your local utility or public works department to do your trimming for you.

■ Don't attempt to remove items such as kites or model airplanes from an overhead line.

■ Never go near a downed power line. Assume all damaged power lines and equipment are live.

## LOOK DOWN!

Call before you dig. Overhead lines are easier to see, but underground lines can be just as deadly.

Because power, gas, cable and water lines are sometimes buried under your lawn, activities like gardening, landscaping and digging holes for deck or fence posts can be dangerous.

Call your local utility and have them mark all underground lines before you do any digging – it's a free service and only takes a couple of days.

## LOOK OUT!

Respect high-voltage equipment. Those big metal boxes in the neighborhood can be dangerous.

Sometimes found in neighborhoods, those cases may contain medium- or high-voltage equipment, and youngsters should know to keep away from them.

To keep your family safe, follow these steps:

■ Children should know that electrical equipment isn't safe

to play on or around.

■ Electrical equipment isn't a safe place to wait for the bus.

■ Youngsters shouldn't investigate open or damaged equipment. Call your utility company if the padlock or door to any electrical equipment is open.

Founded in 1994, ESFI, formerly the National Electrical Safety Foundation, is the nation's only non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to promoting electrical safety in the home, school and workplace.

A registered 501(c)(3) funded by the nation's top electrical manufacturers, independent testing laboratories, electrical unions and associations, utilities and consumer groups, ESFI sponsors National Electrical Safety Month each May, and engages in public education campaigns and proactive media relations to help reduce property damage, injury and death due to electrical accidents.

For more information and safety tips, visit [www.electrical-safety.org](http://www.electrical-safety.org).

## Keep saws sharp

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Do you have a new hand saw? Do you want to keep it sharp? Here's how to keep a new blade sharp and to tell when an old one is dull. It is said that a sharp saw is a good saw, and indeed that's true. And the best way to keep it sharp is to start protecting it when it's not in use. Always cover the blade teeth with a section of garden hose slit lengthwise or with a few slip-on plastic spines from report covers. A light coat of machine oil prevents rusting, too. Over time, any blade dulls and loses its bite, requiring greater force to make cuts.

To tell if it's time to retool the blade, look for rounded points and cutting edges that are worn. If you find them, check the Yellow Pages and have your saw professionally resharpened.

Lee Arend, owner of Arend Tree Farm in Chelsea, said many of his younger visitors are experiencing the country for the first time.

In the end, harvesting a Christmas is an old-fashioned holiday tradition and a family event. Cutting down your own Christmas tree "is something that's been around a long time in terms of tradition," said Arend. "It's something that the whole family can participate in, but it's also a way to create a tradition."

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## TREES

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more than one way, from the aroma of a farm-fresh tree to the thrill of a spontaneous snowball fight.

For visitors to Urquhart's Tree Farm in Dexter, the outdoor experience probably stands apart.

"It's a very pretty piece of property," said the farm's co-owner, Susan Urquhart. "It's like going out in the woods to Grandmother's house."

## Agriscience/Floral Program selling plants

The Agriscience/Floral Program of Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest is taking orders for poinsettias, wreaths, roping, holiday cactus and hanging baskets.

Plant prices range from \$5 (for holiday cactus or poinsettias in a 4-inch pot), to \$40 (for a poinsettia tree in a 10-inch pot).

Wreaths come in three sizes,

ranging in price from \$8 to \$20 (undecorated) and \$10 to \$30 (decorated).

Special order, undecorated wreaths in extra-large sizes (4 and 6 feet) are \$40 and \$55.


Roping is \$40 for 50 feet. Grave blankets also available.

Call (248) 960-5442 or (248) 960-5400 for complete offerings and prices and more

information.

The program's holiday selection (including permanent wreaths, garlands, candle rings, centerpieces, wall designs, ornaments and topiaries) can be seen at the campus, 1000 Beck Road in Wixom.

Holiday hours are 8-10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.



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## Add fresh blooms to any and every occasion

(WMS) – There is no mistaking the inviting presence of fresh-cut flowers. They can be the basis of holiday decorations, set the mood for a moonlight dinner for two or add a sense of elegance to a wedding reception.

Flowers also can set the scene when you are entertaining. From a lavish banquet to an intimate morning brunch, the right flowers are the perfect complement.

The presence of flowers lends a grace to any and every occasion, but you must choose your flowers carefully and condition them so that they will look best for your party.

There are a few things to consider before creating your personalized floral arrangement.

Here are some tips, courtesy of **Malcolm Hillier** *Entertaining* by Malcolm Hillier.

### TOOLS

For informal displays, you will need a good pair of florists'

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scissors, a pair of pruners for cutting wood stems, a small, sharp knife for scraping stems, and buckets in which to condition flowers.

For more complex arrangements, you may need florists' foam, chicken wire, stub wires, wire cutters, florists' gum and prongs.

### FLOWER CHOICE

First decide on the type of arrangement (or arrangements) you want at your party.

Where would you like to display it? How much space is available? What vases or other receptacles do you have? What flowers are in season? Do they

dictate your color scheme or tie in with it?

Low displays are most suitable for the table, but larger bold ones really can impress; either have one on the dining table until guests sit down to eat or place on a side table or mantelpiece.

### CONDITIONING

Buy flowers three days in advance of the occasion, selecting specimens that are just beyond the bud stage, with healthy fresh leaves. Check that stems that have been underwater aren't white or pale and are free of slimy bacteria.

When you return home, prepare all plant material by cutting the ends of the stems at a sharp angle and scraping around each stem up from the base.

Remove any leaves that will be submerged in the final arrangement, and plunge the flowers or foliage into a bucket of water with three or four drops of household bleach added (this inhibits the bacteria that causes plants to rot).

Leave in a cool, light (not sunny) place for at least two hours, but preferably overnight or until buds have opened and you do the arrangement, ideally the day before the event. Keep the buckets in a cool place to prolong the plant material's life.

Once the plants are arranged, change the water regularly, adding a few drops of bleach each time.

Drooping stems are sometimes revived by placing their ends into almost boiling water for five to 10 minutes.

## Give your walls a change of art

(NAPSI) – One of the easiest and quickest ways to change your home décor is wall art.

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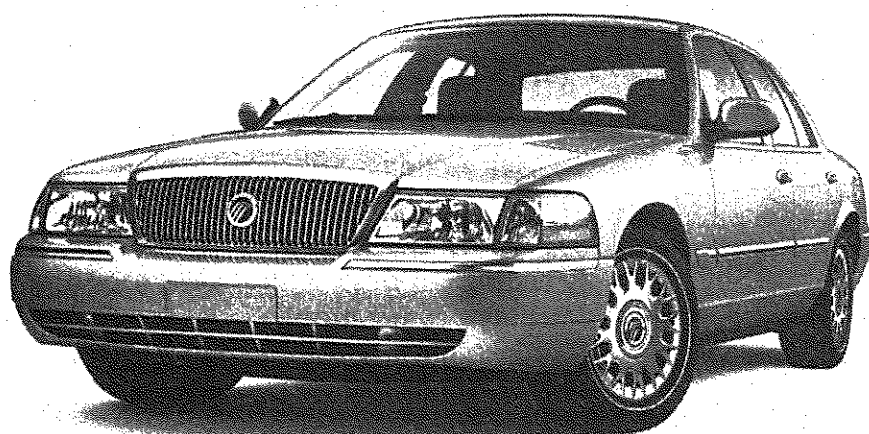
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