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## Bored no more

Local events like story-telling by 'Miz Rosie' at the DIA provide plenty of activities during the holidays. B1

## Memo

### Jump time

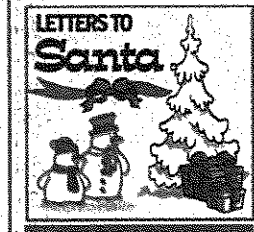
Students from Gallimore Elementary School will hit the Big Ten on Saturday. The Ropers, a group of students in the first-fifth grades, will be jumping rope during the half time of Saturday's University of Michigan men's basketball game at Crisler Arena. During the performance, Ropers will perform two four-minute routines set to music. The game starts at 12:30 p.m.

### Holiday music

Christmas will be in the air for Canton residents who want to travel to Northville for "Christmas on Main Street," a musical review of holiday music bound to bring back memories. Performances are scheduled at 7 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 13 and 20, and at 7 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 14 and 21. The musical review features 13 children and four adults, who perform traditional Christmas songs. "There's a story line," said Christine Zayti, a spokeswoman for the performance. "They all go to a Christmas party and sing songs. It's a family show." The concerts are at the Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St. Children younger than 3 aren't allowed. For more information, call (248) 349-8110.

### Church donations

Members of St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton will donate items to needy people for the holidays on Dec. 22. Church members will form a human chain to load a truck with food, clothing, toiletries and toys. The donations were made via the Jesse Tree. Parish members took tags from the tree, which prompted them to buy the items for needy people.



All boys and girls, naughty or nice, know Santa Claus will soon be checking his Christmas List - and checking it twice. That means Canton youngsters need to get their letters to the Jolly Old Elf written and on their way to the North Pole. Once again, the Canton Observer is asking youngsters to send us their letter to Santa along with a school picture to appear in the Observer before Christmas Day. To make sure we have time to forward the letters to the North Pole, get the letters to us by no later than Thursday, Dec. 19. Individually post-marked letters should be sent to Santa, care of the Canton Observer, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170.

## Parents take peek at school wish list

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

More than 200 people who attended the second of three Plymouth-Canton Schools vision meetings Monday night had an opportunity to "vote" on what they want for the district in the next 5-10 years. Among the priorities of district residents for Plymouth-

### Canton Educational Park:

- Equal indoor and outdoor athletic facilities for the three high schools, including a new swimming pool at Plymouth High School.
- Adequate heating and ventilation systems.
- Seamless access to technology, with support.
- Physical equity for all the high schools.

### Listed as top priorities for the middle schools:

- Remodeling of classrooms.
- A new middle school in Canton to serve the population growth.
- Air conditioning in all middle schools.
- Facility equity in all the middle schools.
- Listed as major necessities for the district's elementary schools:

- Air conditioning in all buildings.
- Remodeling older classrooms to be equitable with newer schools.
- Additional classroom space to meet population growth (in southwest Canton).
- Safe, convenient and segregated bus, auto and pedestrian zones.
- Separate gyms and multi-

purpose areas. "I'm looking for equity between the schools, that the facilities are even, such as air conditioning and storage," said Jean LaPointe of Plymouth, who teaches at Tonda Elementary. "Buses are real important. Right now we don't have afternoon buses for field trips."

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## Holiday dinner 'last supper' for Hauck

BY JEFF COUNTS  
STAFF WRITER

When the senior citizens at Canton Place gather next week for a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, it will be the last supper for Ginnie Hauck, who has managed the senior housing complex for 12 years. Hauck will be leaving her job this month as the result of a dispute with National Church Residences, an Ohio-based nonprofit organization that owns Canton and Sheldon Place. Structural problems with the three-year old Sheldon Place forced its closing in August 2001, and prompted the relocation of 52 residents. The ensuing dispute between National Church Residences and the builder left Hauck without a job. Her last day is Dec. 31. "Let's just say I cared more about the people than I did money," said

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## Canton group has money for students

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Community Foundation has more than \$20,000 in scholarships available this year for qualified applicants who are residents of Canton, Plymouth or Plymouth Township. The 29 scholarships range from \$300 to \$2,000. About half are for \$500. Most of the scholarships are available to adult non-traditional students as well as high school seniors, said foundation president Joan Noricks. "As more and more adults are returning to school, many of them apply for and are recipients of these scholarships. We are unique in that sense." Since the program began in 1990, when five were given out, the foundation has awarded \$190,000 in scholarship money. In the beginning the scholarships were all from the foundation itself, she said, but five years ago Noricks approached other organizations that were offering scholarships and offered to let the foundation serve as an umbrella group.

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## More Cherry Hill units approved

BY JEFF COUNTS  
STAFF WRITER

Cherry Hill Village will have more people living in its central area than expected. The Canton Township Planning Commission on

Monday approved a plan proposed by Village developers to increase the number of housing units allowed per acre from four to six. Cherry Hill Village is a neo-traditional development at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads,

with mixed housing that ranges from smaller cottage-like homes on small lots to larger estate-size residences. David Stollman of Cherry Hill Investors had sought the change in the number of residences per acre because the

larger estate-size homes weren't selling as well as the smaller units. Jim Constantine, the village planner, contended the increase in density would "let

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## Canton not hurt by cuts

BY JEFF COUNTS  
STAFF WRITER

State budget cuts won't have much effect in Canton where the community grows by about 8 percent a year. That growth offsets any decline in state revenue sharing, according to Tom Yack, supervisor. The state legislature recently approved \$337.4 million in cuts to help the state prop up a budget deficit created by a sagging economy. "It didn't come as a shock," said Yack. "The governor tried to cut revenue sharing before by \$3.5 million." "It's not going to be a big deal for us," he said, adding there won't be any changes or staff reductions. National economic woes and

the state's ailing revenues did prompt Canton officials to rethink capital projects, he said. The township won't be constructing a new building for the parks department. Yack said state budget cuts will create more problems for fully-developed communities or ones required to make infrastructure improvements. He was critical of the state budget because spending wasn't cut for prisons, education and the city of Detroit. He pointed out that Detroit receives \$350 in state revenue sharing for every person, while Canton receives \$27 per person. In August, Yack successfully lobbied in Lansing against cuts in local revenue sharing that would have taken \$2 million

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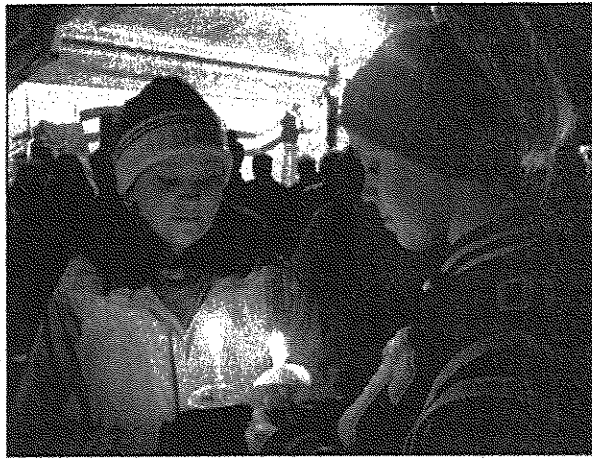


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## Memorial candles

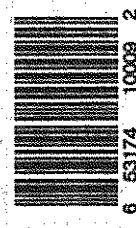
Lindsay Moyer (left) lights a candle in memory of her cousin, while Pat O'Donnell (on stage) reads the names of children who have died young. The annual candle-lighting ceremony is part of International Children's Memorial Day, which was organized by Barb Kilgore of Canton, whose son, Mike, a 16-year-old student at Salem High School, died in March 1998 after suffering a massive heart attack. Michelle Bannestea (right) of Redford honors the memory of her mother.

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## District hires Ryan for school job

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

In what can be termed the worst-kept secret in the Plymouth-Canton school district, the Board of Education voted 7-0 to take the "interim" tag away from the title of Superintendent Jim Ryan.

In a multi-goal evaluation that gave an average score of 4.3 out of 5, the board unanimously recommended Ryan be appointed the district's superintendent.

The board will begin discussions on a four-year contract with Ryan, who currently earns \$133,700. A final evaluation of Ryan for the 2002-03 school year will be completed before May 1.

There was no lack of accolades for Ryan, who has served as the interim superintendent since July when Kathleen Booher resigned her position.

"He has true characteristics as a leader ... he is fair ... he is honest ... and most importantly he is a brave man," said Trustee Marcy Staley. "We are a tough community, and it takes

someone with courage to take those calculated risks and to help us see through all of those things that come our way."

"Jim brings out the best in the district, in his core team and the best in the board," added Trustee Joanne Lamar. "The sense of calm that we didn't used to have in this district is there now."

"I am thrilled at how united we are as a team, and how united we are with you," said Treasurer Judy Mardigian. "It's a tough job ... but I know you have everything that it takes to do an excellent job as our superintendent, and I am grateful to have you."

Ryan is no stranger to the top position in a school district, having served as the CEO in both the Reed City and Waverly school districts in the past. He was hired nearly 18-months ago as Plymouth-Canton's deputy superintendent, a position that will now be filled with the elevation of Ryan.

Ryan admitted he didn't have any worries about getting the job. However, he wanted to make certain the Board of

Education knew it wasn't just about him.

"My only worry was I wanted to make sure they know there are other people that do the work," he said. "I didn't want too much credit. It's important for them to know it's a total team effort."

"You want it to be a good match, and the board keeps demonstrating over and over again we're moving along in a pretty positive relationship," said Ryan. "I work for them. I'm not their boss."

Ryan said he and his core team will now sit down and talk about what needs to be accomplished before the end of the school year.

"I think we're going to focus on the big issues, with number one being the high school renewal, with the bond issue and the vision planning 1-A," said Ryan. "Budgeting may be next because if we don't get the (state) foundation increase that was budgeted, and the retirement rate goes up, we could be looking at a serious deficit."

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## Canton approves property rezoning

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Canton trustees approved two rezoning requests and a special land use amendment at an abbreviated board meeting Tuesday night.

A request by Tim Yerebeck to rezone 2.25 acres on the west side of Beck Road between Ford and Saltz from rural residential to single family residential was approved.

A second request from Danny Veri of Livonia Builders was approved to rezone 10 acres on the east side of Beck from rural residential to single family residential.

Both rezonings were in conformity with the township's future land use map of the comprehensive plan. Township staff noted that the request was also in conformity with land

use patterns emerging along the west side of Beck.

A request from the owner of Canton Mini-Mart, the Mobil station on the southwest corner of Lilley and Cherry Hill, to extend hours of operation was also approved.

When the station was granted special land use approval in 1994 it was conditioned on the basis that the operating hours be limited to 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Attorney Bryan Amann, representing the station owner, said the request to extend hours to a 24-hour operation was based on safety issues and providing service to the area. Board members noted that the nature of the site has changed since the original approval was given, citing the development of the Holiday Market

shopping center adjacent to the station.

In other business the trustees voted to reappoint Judith Glatfely and Pam Swiderek to three-year terms on the Council for Community Excellence effective Jan. 1, 2003. They voted to appoint Sandy Granowicz to a three-year term on the council.

Jeff Smith was reappointed to an additional two-year term on the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Council. The five-member council reviews requests for CDBG project funding, makes recommendations to the board of trustees, holds required public hearings and offers overall guidance to the CDBG program. All members are Canton residents.

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## Goodfellows come up \$4,000 short in drive

BY JEFF COUNTS  
STAFF WRITER

A case of "what's going around" and the inability to hawk papers on the streets has left the Canton Goodfellows \$4,000 short this year.

"Our top paper seller, John Burdziak Jr., was out with a sore throat," said Nancy Spencer, Goodfellows president. "He usually came back with \$500. It was a big hit."

The drive was short of paper sellers, with just 20 showing up for the sale on Saturday, she said.

"On top of that, we can't sell papers in the street anymore. The Canton Public Safety Department stopped us from doing that."

The inability to get the papers to people was a bit frustrating, she said, adding that large retailers don't give the Goodfellows access to their stores.

Because of the shortfall, "we're begging and pleading

with people to make donations."

The group made \$3,200 this year. And that money won't go far to help the 342 persons from 150 needy homes, she said.

She attributed the large number of needy people on the list to the economy.

"Last year some of these people were on the edge, and this year, because of layoffs and other situations, I think many got pushed over the edge."

The paper sale is the largest one-day community fund-raiser the organization holds each year.

The Goodfellows did receive donations from Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Bob Evans and Holiday Market this fall.

The holiday baskets include food, toys and a \$25 gift certificate for each kid.

The organization also accepts donations by check. Make it payable to Canton Goodfellows, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188.

## TEAM partner named brightest and best

A western Wayne County business has been recognized as one Detroit's 101 Best & Brightest Companies to Work for the second year in a row.

Spring Engineering & Manufacturing also received the Elite Award for Employee Communication and Recognition. Only 10 companies out of the 101 Best & Brightest received the distinguished honor of being an "Elite Award" winner.

The honors were presented at an awards ceremony at the Troy Marriott Hotel last month.

The program is sponsored by the Michigan Business & Professional Association, The Detroit Free Press, DaimlerChrysler, Fox 2 News, 950 WWJ Radio, Troy Marriott and Delta Dental. Spring Engineering is the lead industry partner in the TEAM program through the Community Schools and William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

Metro Detroit's 101 Best and Brightest is an annual effort to identify and honor Southeast Michigan's most desirable employers, those that excel in human resources practices, such as recruitment and retention, compensation and benefits, employee communication and recognition, training and education, employee motivation and enthusiasm and community initiatives.

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Fiegel Elementary students walk around the schoolyard during their lunch break as part of the school's Feeling Good Mileage Club.

# Hiking for the health of it

## Fiegel Falcons use walking to promote fitness

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Fiegel Elementary Feeling Good Mileage Club recently walked 1,993 miles, making its way to Durango, Colo.

Well, it seemed like it was that long a walk. Approximately 250 Fiegel students spent six weeks walking a quarter-mile course three days a week to promote physical fitness, and as an alternative to participating on the playground.

The nearly 2,000 miles walked by those who participated was calculated to reach Colorado.

Andrew Souders finished first among all students, registering 40 miles during the exercise.

"I didn't walk a lot ... I'm on the soccer team and I do a lot of running," said Souders, 8, a third-grade Fiegel Falcon student. "It helps keep me in shape."

The walking program was begun three years ago at Fiegel as a way for kids to stay in shape.

The top five finishers this year included Souders; Jacob Leib, 39.25 miles; Cory Welch, 37.25 miles; Travis Michalak



Sometimes, the students don't just walk, they break into a run while taking part in Fiegel Elementary School Feeling Good Mileage Club.



Students earned water bottles and certificates for their efforts, and were given tokens for every five miles they walked in Fiegel's Feeling Good Mileage Club.

and Andrew Tung each registering 37 miles.

Students earned water bottles and certificates for their efforts.

Walkers were also given tokens for every five miles they walked.

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# Canton man charged after police chase

## COP CALLS

A 26-year-old Canton man was charged with fleeing and eluding and commission of a felony with a motor vehicle Tuesday after leading Canton Police on a high-speed chase late Monday night. He was also charged with being a second-time habitual offender.

The incident began about 11:30 p.m. when a man driving a 1985 Chevrolet Monte Carlo was stopped by a Canton Police officer on southbound Haggerty near Cherry Hill. The officer noticed that the car had broken brake and tail lights and a missing trunk lock.

After checking the man's ID, the officer discovered he had a misdemeanor warrant for his arrest out of Westland for failure to appear on a loitering charge. As the officer attempted to arrest the man, he sped of northbound on Haggerty.

A pursuit followed with the man driving about 70 miles per hour on Haggerty to Ford, then west on Ford to Sheldon. He turned south on Sheldon, then west on Cherry Hill and north on Canton Center.

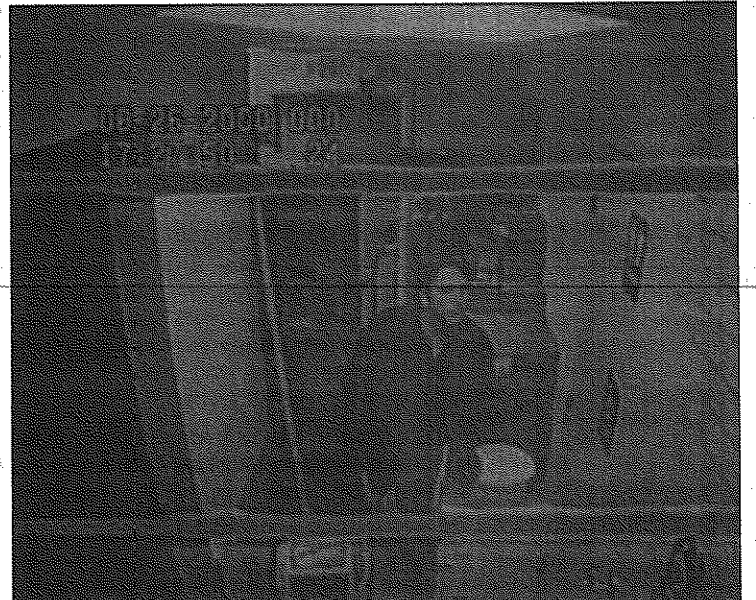
The chase ended at an Amoco Station at Cherry Hill and Canton Center, when the suspect pulled into the station and surrendered without further incident.

## SAFE CRACKING

Two Dearborn Heights men are facing the possibility of life in prison after about \$20,000 in cash and credit card receipts were stolen from LaShish Restaurant in Canton on Dec. 3.

A 31-year-old man was arraigned Sunday on a charge of safe breaking and breaking and entering. He is being held on a \$25,000 cash bond. A 17-year-old suspect is expected to be arraigned on similar charges.

Two holes were cut in the safe to gain entry, police said. A portion of the money was later recovered from the home of the 31-year-old man, who was a cook at the restaurant.



## Burglary suspect

Police released this picture taken from a video security tape of a man who broke into the Sav-More Drug Store on Hanford east of Canton Center last week. The man, who broke in through the back door, was in the store for about 10 to 12 seconds. Nothing was reported missing. "We need help identifying this suspect," said Canton Police Detective Mike Steckel. "He's a suspect in several other break-ins at local businesses." Anyone with information is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

## ROBBERY

A 31-year-old Canton man was robbed of an undisclosed amount of money Tuesday evening after making an ATM withdrawal from a Ford Road bank.

Two men approached the man as he sat in his car adjacent to an ATM at Standard Federal Bank. One of the pair pointed what appeared to be a handgun at the Canton man and demanded money.

Police said the man handed over the cash he had withdrawn and the suspects fled on foot.

They were described as black males, ages 16 to 18, both wearing blue pants. One of them was also wearing a brown and red coat.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Canton Police at (734) 394-5400.

## MONEY SCAM

Police are looking for a white male in his late 30s or early 40s

who scammed a Pizza Hut employee out of a small amount of cash Sunday.

The man entered the restaurant about 2:30 p.m., spoke with a manager and claimed to be an employee of Murray's Discount Auto store across Ford Road.

He told the manager that Murray's safe was on a timed lock and he needed to borrow a small amount of cash. The manager gave the manager a set of car keys as collateral. When the manager gave him the money, the man left in a gray vehicle westbound on Ford.

The manager became suspicious and called Murray's, where she learned that he did not work there.

He was described as weighing about 190 pounds and having black/gray hair.

Canton Police Sgt. Todd Mutchler said a similar incident occurred recently at another business.

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A high priority is air conditioning installed in school buildings throughout the district.

"When the weather conditions inside the school is 104 (degrees) and it's a sheet of heat, that affects learning and productivity," said Kathy Dascenzo, a kindergarten teacher at Bird Elementary.

The Canton Cruisers had plenty of representatives looking for a new pool at Plymouth High School. "We have a hundred kids on our waiting list, and that's a problem," said a Cruiser coach.

And, Central Middle School continues to be a topic of discussion.

Laura and Robert Simpson of Plymouth Township, who have children at all levels in the Plymouth-Canton school district, believe the Plymouth community is losing its identity,

which is why they want Central to remain viable as a school.

"It's right across from the main Plymouth library, and kids can go there after school where there are more opportunities and resources," said Laura Simpson.

"Plus, Central's athletic facilities have better tennis courts than the high school, they've got a football field, they've got baseball fields, they've got a pool," said Robert Simpson. "Why tear it down when it's already got it. How much is it going to cost to replace it somewhere else?"

However, some teachers are questioning the feasibility of Central as it is today.

"Teachers are very isolated in that building, and if it continues as a school we really need to look at a major restructuring to make a viable learning environment for students and a good place for teachers to work," said Marry Ann Foss of Plymouth Township, a seventh and eighth grade teacher.

Jeff Phillips of Plymouth, with three students in the district, felt too much effort was being devoted to brick and mortar and not enough to improving MEAP scores.

"What are we doing to make education better?" he said. "We're here to educate kids, and we need to keep that in mind. We've really lost our goals."

The information gathered at the vision meeting will be absorbed by the 26-member Bond Steering Committee and condensed into what they believe are the top priorities in the district. The information will be presented at the third vision meeting, scheduled for Feb. 3 at Discovery Middle School.

Ken Jacobs, the district's executive director of support services, said the steering committee plans to present the findings to the Board of Education next spring, with the possibility of a bond issue to be decided by voters next fall.

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## Wayne-Westland to seek tax shift in vote

BY SUE MASON  
STAFF WRITER

Voters in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools have a Feb. 18 date with the voting machines, after the Board of Education at its meeting Monday approved a request for a special election.

Residents will be asked to approve a 1 mill-tax levy to create a sinking fund to continue the work being done on school buildings and maintain the improvements already done as part of the \$108 million bond issue that was passed in 1998.

The 1 mill, which is \$1 of every \$1,000 in the taxable value of property, represents debt millage from 1992 that was refinanced for five years as part of the '98 bond sale. Its expiration will lower the district's indebtedness slightly from the 5.14 mills in '98 to 5.13 mills, assuming the sinking fund 1 mill is approved.

The district is projecting no real change in the tax rate because of the expiration - just a shift in taxes going for a bond to taxes going for a sinking fund.

"We're very conscience of not adding any additional burden to taxpayers, but the committee in 1997 told us loud and clear they never wanted us to allow our buildings to get in the condition they were in (again)," said Superintendent Greg Baracy. "We're not asking for any more than what we're currently paying. For a \$100,000 home that's about \$44 a year or 12 cents a day."

Under state law, districts can ask for up to 5 mills for 20 years for a sinking fund. However, Wayne-Westland is asking for 1 mill for 10 years.

It's projected to generate \$2.3 million in 2003 or \$28 million over the 10 years, Gary Martin, assistant superintendent

ent for business, told the board.

"One mill is a very prudent and reasonable amount to ask for," he said. "It is a cost effective way to finance repairs."

## TIGHT CONTROLS

A sinking fund is even more stringent than bond funds. It can't be used to pay salaries or benefits or hire new staff. State approval also is needed to spend the money.

"Bonds are audited at the end of five years after you get the money, while a sinking fund is audited every year," Martin said. "You can spend sinking funds on many of the same things, except buses and hardware." If the district doesn't spend the money according to the law, if it's found it's not used in the way it was designed to use, the district "must cease and desist the sinking fund immediately," Baracy added.

According to the ballot language, the money would be used for the construction or repair of school buildings, improvement and development of sites and the purchase of real estate for sites for school buildings.

There also is language that would allow for the purchase of school buses and technology, if state lawmakers approve a revision of the law. That revision has been approved by the House of Representatives, but has yet to clear the State Senate.

The district has been exploring the idea of a sinking fund for several months. According to Baracy, it comes from the work done by the bond committee in 1997.

That committee looked at what needed to be done and came up with a list of renovations and needs that topped \$250 million. That was pared down and the most pressing needs and priorities were included in the \$108 million

bond request.

Baracy believes the district has done several things to establish credibility with residents, including refinancing the 1992 bond, which saved taxpayers \$1 million a year, and delivering on the promises made during the 1998 bond election. "We did all we said we would and more," Baracy said.

## GOOD SUGGESTION

In making the motion to approve the request, Trustee Mathew McCusker told his fellow trustees that he didn't "want to see us go back to where we need \$108 million for repairs."

"I think the administration's suggestion for one mill is a good suggestion," he said. "We've done extremely well with the \$108 million. Everything has gotten done and only those things in the bond book got done."

The board voted 7-0 to approve the request and most members verbally voiced their support for it.

"As a person who was deeply involved in the bond issue, I see the need to protect the district's investment," said Trustee Skip Monit. "Now that the bond work is close to completion, it's an important aspect to provide this. I don't appreciate the additional burden of taxes, but it will well worth it down the road."

"I had to do a lot of thinking about this," added board Vice President Cindy Schofield. "I don't like taxes like you. I have rental properties and this will affect me, but I had to put that aside and think what would be best for this school district. We've gone many years putting Band-Aids on problems and I don't want to go back there. If we don't do this, we're going to be in the same position of five years ago."



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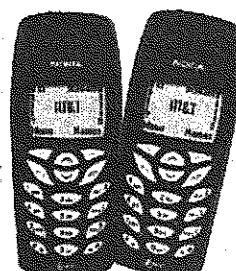
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## Canton officers attend EMU training sessions

Two Canton police sergeants recently completed Eastern Michigan University's Staff and Command School.

The 10-month school, which began in February, focused on personnel management, incident command, organizational behavior and budgeting. Scott Hilden and Mark Schultz participated in this year's school.

"One of the most useful aspects of the course was to meet and talk to people from all the other police agencies," said Hilden, a 10-year Canton veteran. "I found it helpful to compare how they do business with how we do business. We had the opportunity to share a lot of real-life experiences with people in the profession."

Schultz said he learned numerous ways to improve himself as a supervisor.

"We also learned that there's no one best way to supervise," he said.

Graduation ceremonies were held in recently in Ann Arbor. Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, an instructor in the course, was the keynote speaker.

Students spent one week each month attending courses. Officers had home work and a term paper to complete.

Hilden studies how technology and training have reduced the number of officers killed in the line-of-duty. Schultz, a Canton officer for more than 12 years, looked at staffing problems in the are of police dispatching.

"It's really a national problem," he said.

"There are a number of factors. Stress is one. The public sector also has a difficult time competing with the private sector in terms of wages and perks."

The program counts as six classes toward a master's degree. Both Hilden and Schultz plan to complete advanced degrees at Eastern Michigan in interdisciplinary technology with an emphasis in police supervision.

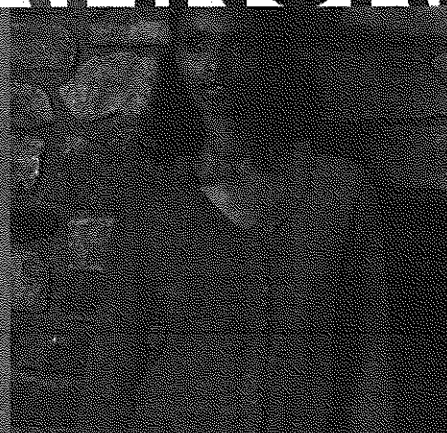
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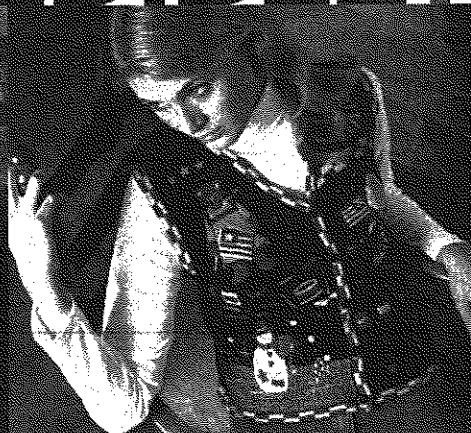
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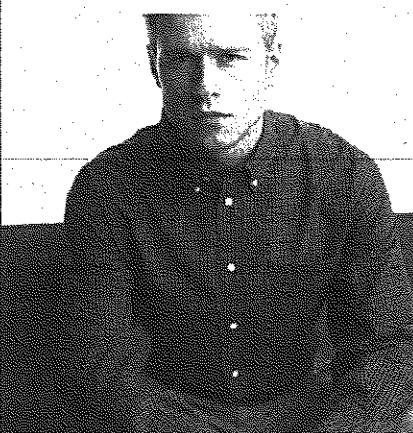
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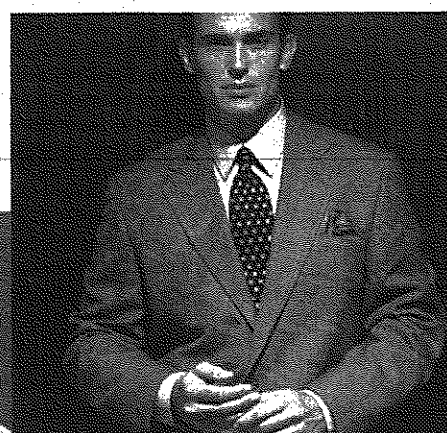
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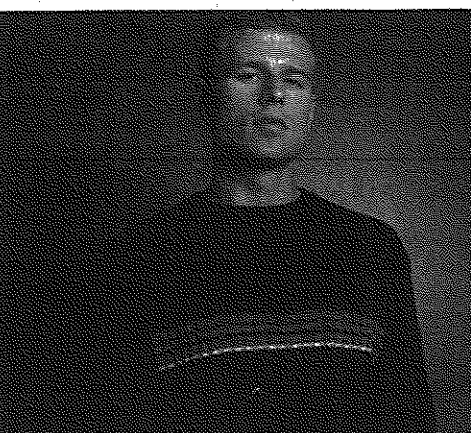
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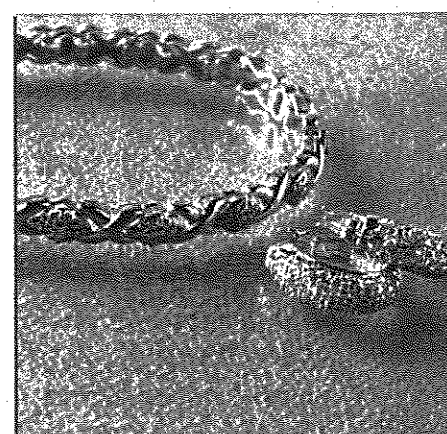
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# Baby's death sparks awareness of foodborne bacteria

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

The birth of a new baby is supposed be the most joyous occasion in a couple's life. For Livonia's Angela Babosh, it was the start of a personal nightmare.

On Christmas Eve of 1996, Babosh delivered a baby girl named Morgan Faith. Two days later, the infant died of a food-borne illness called listeria monocytogenes.

Now almost six years later, Babosh was invited to speak at a national listeria summit in Washington, D.C., meant to improve safeguards on the food supply.

If she had been better-informed of the effects of this common bacteria, Babosh believes, her first child might have survived.

"I'd like people to be more aware of the bacteria so they can protect themselves," Babosh said.

She and her husband had never heard of listeria.

She knew not to smoke, not to drink and to avoid caffeine, but Babosh never knew that foods like lunch meats, unpasteurized dairy products and hot dogs could contain harmful amounts of Listeria, making it lethal to an unborn child. Smoked fish and cheeses can now be added to that list, as well as some fruits and vegetables.

Babosh has since become an expert on the topic. When she became pregnant for the second time - her son is now 3 years old - she joked she would live on saltine crackers. Her family is quite conscious of what they eat. Babosh soaks

most foods in lemon juice, to kill any harmful bacteria. And her son has never tasted a hot dog.

"I avoided all of what I was told the 'bad' things were, but it didn't matter," she said at the summit. "I lost my baby."

Babosh is a member of STOP, Safe Tables Our Priority, a national victim's group based in Vermont. She read about STOP in a newspaper article and became involved a year later.

"By that time it had been a year and a half, two years after the incident," said Babosh in a recent interview. "I had already gone through the grieving process."

But she wanted to help spread the word on the dangers of listeria. She hopes her story will be heard by other mothers-to-be.

"Unfortunately - there is literature," she said, "but none of it ever really gets through."

She believes there is more information about listeria now, but it has taken years for it to reach the public.

"Six years ago, my doctor was just astounded," said Babosh. "I was bound and determined to at least get it out there."

Through STOP, Babosh has met other parents whose children survived despite the harmful bacteria, but they will not live normal lives. These children often experience bleeding on their brain, which could lead to cerebral palsy or other serious problems.

Morgan Faith Babosh was born with an enlarged liver.

She was dark purple and had spots all over her tiny body.

The bacteria infected



Angela Babosh of Livonia and her son, Jacob, look over information on the dangerous bacteria listeria monocytogenes.

her blood and she couldn't fight it. Every year as the holidays approach, the Babosh family must live with that memory.

"Almost nobody understands that 76 million people each year are getting sick with food-borne diseases, and that many become seriously ill and die, until it happens to them or a loved one," said Karen Taylor Mitchell, executive director of STOP.

"People like Angela, who have the courage to stand up and say 'This is what happened to me' are the ones that can demonstrate how important it really is to clean up our food."

A nonprofit organization, STOP's mission aims to prevent suffering, illness and death from food contaminated by pathogens.

The FDA has given a new directive to encourage additional testing of foods for listeria.

But Babosh said this isn't quite enough.

She and her STOP cohorts are pursuing the need for food testing on the end product - before the foods hits store shelves and are sold.

"Listeria is everywhere in small quantities," she said.

"At a certain level, it is hazardous."

According to STOP's board president, Nancy Donley, those most at risk for acquiring food-borne illnesses like listeria include children, the elderly, individuals with a weak immune system, and pregnant women.

"Now more than ever, our government should be doing everything possible to eradicate preventable foodborne disease," said Donley.

For more information on Safe Tables Our Priority, call (800) 350-STOP or see the Web at [www.safeeating.org](http://www.safeeating.org).

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## OBITUARIES

### Ervin John Rabideau

Services for Ervin Rabideau, 47, of Canton were held Dec. 13 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton with the Rev. Richard A. Perfetto officiating. Burial was at Glenwood Cemetery in Wayne.

Mr. Rabideau was born May 18, 1955, in Detroit and died Dec. 10 in Canton. He was an assembly line worker for Ford Motor Co.

Survivors include wife, Mary Rabideau; daughters, Stacy (Pat) Fischer and Julie (Rob) Veal; his mother; three sisters; step-mother, Marjorie Rabideau; mother-in-law, Myrtle O'Brien; and five grandchildren.

Arrangements made by McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel.

### Eloise Audrey Matsko

Services for Eloise Matsko, 89, of Canton were held Dec. 12 at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton with the Rev. Drex Morton and the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hills Cemetery in Flint.

Mrs. Matsko was born Nov. 1, 1913, in Flint and died Dec. 8 in Farmington Hills. She was a homemaker. She came to the Canton community in 1997 from Flushing, she was previously of Plymouth. She belonged to the Order of Eastern Star of Flint. She loved to crochet and knit as well as cook. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Mrs. Matsko was preceded in death by husbands, Andrew Matsko and Loren Herfurth; and son, Mark Herfurth.

Survivors include daughter, Sharon (Wayne) Gardner of Farmington Hills; grandchildren, Cheri (Pete) Dwyer of Clinton Township, Lisa (Dan) Whitehead of Plymouth, Judy (Bart) Dolley of Flower Mound, Texas, Julie (Charles) Stark of Novi, Mark Herfurth of Waterford, Melissa (Dan) Meyers of Arizona, Stephanie Herfurth of Royal Oak, Laura (Jeremy) Moos of Colorado, David (Mamy) Hurfurth of Texas, and Aaron Herfurth of Bloomfield Hills; 12 great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, Christine Hurfurth of Bloomfield.

Memorial contributions may be given to the church.

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### William J. Resch

Services for William Resch, 91, of Plymouth were held Dec. 11 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Joseph Mallia officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Resch was born Aug. 10, 1911, in Cleveland, Ohio and died Dec. 8 in Livonia. He was a retired plant manager for Pilgam Steel Wyckoff. He came to the Plymouth community in 1948 from Cleveland, Ohio. He was a member of St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth. He loved to spend his winters in Venice, Fla. He loved to play golf, collect stamps, and he was an avid gardener. He was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and brother.

Survivors include sons, Robert E. (Janet) Resch of Ypsilanti, and William J. (Mary) Resch of Madison Heights; grandchildren, Jeff (Linda) Resch of Royal Oak and Eric (Marlene) Resch of Madison Heights; great-grandchildren, Max Jeffrey, Chloe, and Owen; and brother-in-law, Edward Resch of Naples, Fla.

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### Thelma Koski

Services for Thelma Koski, 81, of Detroit were held Dec. 11 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Leonard Partensky officiating. Burial was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Koski was born April 19, 1921, in Burgettstown, Pa., and died Dec. 7 in Garden City. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Koski was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters. Survivors include son, Edward (Mary) Koski of Wayne; daughter, Julia (Bobby) Wood of Canton; sister, Anna of Arizona; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and companion, Roy Shaw of Detroit.

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## CUTS

FROM PAGE A1

out of Canton's budget.

That action averted a tax increase for residents. If the cuts had taken place, the township would have been forced to hike property taxes by 0.8 mills. The township tax rate is 1.51 mills. If it were increased to 2.31 mills, the owner of a \$300,000 home would pay an extra \$120 in taxes.

Nearby in Plymouth, both the city and township were hoping to absorb state revenue-sharing cuts without raising taxes or cutting services. Plymouth Township lost \$89,000 and the city about \$36,000.

Officials from both communities said there wouldn't be any cuts to services or staff reductions.

But while Canton residents won't see any changes in township services, students from the community who attend Schoolcraft College will be

affected.

The school's budget took a 2.5 percent hit by the state, according to Marty Heator, the school's director of marketing.

The community college was to receive \$12.7 million in state funding, but will now receive \$318,000 less.

"We knew that cuts were coming, so we put the brakes on a lot of new spending on the budget this year," said Heator. "Now that we have a final figure from the state, we can get more focused."

A team of Schoolcraft administrators met last week to begin reviewing ways to adjust the budget. Heator said no one solution was chosen, and all options will be considered. Much like local governments, budget cuts have come at an already difficult time for the school.

"This latest cut is part of a trend," Heator said. "And it's that trend that really concerns us. We operate efficiently, well within the standards for community colleges of Michigan."

styles and sizes, ranging from condos in the village core to single-family units on so-called estate lots in other areas of the village. With parts 1 and 2 of Phase 1 nearly completed, the developer, Biltmore Properties, is ready to start work on parts 3 and 4.

The Village Edge area is zoned for four units per acre, not six.

However, developer says the single-family homes on estate lots aren't selling as fast as the firm had hoped.

Part of the problem is the high quality of the development and the ensuing costs, the firm said.

When the units went on the market, they were more expensive than had been expected, Stollman said.

Homes in the village are \$30,000 to \$70,000 more than in other communities in Canton, he said.

When approving the increased density, commission chairman Vic Gustafson told the developers: "You are people of integrity. We haven't been disappointed in what you have done."

The vote was unanimous.

## HAUCK

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Hauck, 55, explaining the dispute that led to her leaving her job.

Dorothy Salois, 93, will certainly testify to the good job done by Hauck.

"I feel bad. It's like losing somebody in your family," said the widow who has lived in Canton Place for 13 years.

"Ginnie goes out of her way to help people. She gave us a dinner on Thanksgiving and one next week," she said.

"The one on Dec. 18 will be the last one. It makes me feel very bad. I love her," said Salois.

For Hauck, the dinner will "close the door on 12 years of love and service to the seniors."

"I'm just going to wait for another one to open up," she said.

Hauck really didn't intend to stay on the job as long as she did. She came to the senior center after leaving a job as the youth director at her church, St. Michael Lutheran of Canton.

"I was on the board of governors of the senior citizen commission and was involved in

**'I was able to get 30 into Canton Place, but there are still a few out there.'**

Ginnie Hauck  
manager

getting a senior residence in Canton," she said.

"They asked me 'Ginnie, can you baby-sit the building until we find a manager?'"

"I guess they found the manager."

Right now, she's trying to help the residents "accept the fact that change isn't always bad." The residents have been having a tough time, she said. "I walk outside of my office and there is somebody crying."

One legacy she hopes to leave is finding places for seniors who were displaced from Sheldon Place when it was deemed structurally unsafe by Canton Township.


"I was able to get 30 into Canton Place, but there are still a few out there. There are

about five who want to get back in," she said, adding that they are scattered around in apartments and other residences.

Hauck said she plans to take some time off, after leaving her job and spend some time with her two grandchildren.

But she lamented, "I'm going to miss the residents a lot."

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## OUR VIEWS

### 'Interim' tag gone, Ryan eyes future

The Plymouth-Canton school board Tuesday night unveiled perhaps the worst-kept secret in district history when it removed the "interim" tag from Superintendent Jim Ryan's title.

For those of you who have been living under a rock since the summer or are just returning from months in the Australian outback, Ryan was hired on an interim basis to replace the departing Kathleen Booher, who left the superintendent's post to take a job with the state.

The board at the time agreed to hire Ryan, who had been brought in by Booher as her assistant, and review his performance in December before deciding whether to hire him permanently or go through the search process for a new schools chief.

But it became quickly apparent board members were enamored of Ryan, and rightly so. He said all the right things, was aggressive in his approach to problem-solving and, most important, obviously wanted to be here. That was a key, particularly since Booher spent much of her time in the district looking for another district.

In our opinion, Ryan has proven in his short time on the job he deserves the full-time shot. He's been an excellent communicator with staff and residents, he seems to have a solid vision for the future and he's pragmatic about it.

For instance, he recognizes — much to the chagrin of the folks here in Plymouth — the bulk of growth in the district is coming in Canton; therefore, he realizes, something must be done about getting those children to school.

Ryan knows that to get anything substantial done in the district, he's going to need to pass a bond proposal, and he's already laying the groundwork for it. His long-range plan looks a lot like the program Booher outlined in what one local publication dubbed her "master plan," a much more sinister name for it than the plan implied.

The difference is Ryan has already shown his willingness to have the public involved. Right or wrong, Booher was perceived as too much a behind-the-scenes operator. Ryan has shown no such inclination.

Ryan needs to figure out what to do with Central Middle School. He needs to figure out whether a pool at the new Plymouth High School is a viable desire. He knows a new elementary school is going to be needed at Cherry Hill Village; now he's got to figure out how to convince voters to pay for it.

The district has challenges and, with the interim tag removed, they've got the right person to address them. Ryan got the full-time gig because he showed he's open to ideas, and particularly open to dialogue with the residents of his district.

He'd do well to remember that now that the interim tag has been removed:

## Truck enforcement should be kept local

We have to hand it to folks in the trucking industry — they're persistent.

They've gone through the courts twice now trying to wrest control over motor carrier enforcement from the hands of city officials. Judges have ruled in favor of local enforcement both times, and we hope now the industry will just keep trucking along.

Two years ago, cities prevailed in state appellate court when truckers fought their authority to collect fines. The most recent lawsuit, a class-action filed to recover fines paid since 1996, was tossed out of U.S. District Court after cities in Ohio won a similar case.

The industry contends some municipalities use motor carrier enforcement as a "cash cow." Leaving enforcement authority with the state patrol, said Walter Heinritzi, Michigan Trucking Association executive director, would make the whole system more "consistent."

He's right. With the Michigan State Police in charge, enforcement would be consistent. It would also be virtually non-existent, because the state patrol simply doesn't have the resources to do the same job local law officers are doing now.

How important is motor carrier safety? Consider this: According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, last year, more than 5,000 people died and 131,000 were injured in large truck accidents.

Let's face it — under the best of conditions, driving a semi is a tough job. If the truck driver has been on the road too long, if his load is too heavy, if his vehicle's not safe, his rig is a disaster waiting to happen.

We're not trying to indict the entire trucking industry, which has made a concerted effort toward improving motor carrier safety. It simply makes sense to have more specially trained officers keeping track of those few companies that allow sleepy drivers and overloaded trucks.



DONALD J. ALLEY

Catherine Stradtner (left) of Canton and Jennifer McCraith of Redford light a candle in memory of Jennifer's daughter, Marissa. The annual ceremony in Kellogg Park gave parents who have lost children a chance to gather in their memories.

## LETTERS

### Thanks for support

I am writing to thank everyone for their support in the recent election. I truly do appreciate all of the hard work that the numerous volunteers and supporters put in on my behalf. I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to vote, whether you voted for me or not. Your input is vital to our democracy.

It has been an honor to serve as the commissioner representing the 11th District for the past four years, and I pledge to continue to do my best on your behalf during the next two-year term. My door and phone line are always open to you, and I would be happy to discuss any county issues with you.

I would also like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. I hope that this has been a good year for you and your family, and I hope that 2003 brings you even more joy. Again, thank you for your support.

**John J. Sullivan**  
Belleville

memorial wall was designed to acknowledge Sandy for her strength, courage, spirit, and perseverance. We thought the best way to honor her was to add names of other students who shared her optimism, hope and tenacity. And we hope this wall sends a strong message that all children are welcome in our schools.

Dennis Jones, local architect, artist and sculptor, designed and constructed this wall. He developed a dramatic presentation featuring an 18-foot by 9-foot multimedia design, which includes an alabaster sculpture and an extraordinary frame to display the names of all honorees.

The theme of the wall is "Imagine." In order to overcome obstacles, Sandy had to "imagine" she could. And she did.

Sandy Sagar's motto was: "Can't never did anything; Can did it all." She believed it. She lived it.

Sandy was right.

**Jerry Trumpka**  
**Debra Madonna**  
Plymouth

### CC doesn't recruit

This letter is in response to the column written by C.J. Risak regarding private schools, and his claim of recruiting. Mr. Risak makes the analogy of MSU playing UCLA and MSU can only draw players from Michigan while UCLA can draw players from around the country. Mr. Risak failed to complete the analogy. UCLA players are also required to pay \$6,000 per year to play, while the MSU players pay nothing. Also the facilities at MSU will be far superior to those used by the UCLA players.

Claiming CC's football success is based solely on the fact they are a private school able to draw students from a wide area leaves one with many questions.

First, how is Farmington Hills Harrison so successful? They are subject to the same district limitations as other public schools, yet they continue to dominate high school football. Could it possibly be coaching and a rich football tradition that the current and future players strive to uphold?

Second, how do you explain the fact that in the four largest divisions in football, no private school, other than Detroit Catholic Central, is able to dominate as CC has? Divine Child, Brother Rice, DeLaSalle, Country Day and others have not been a football juggernaut the way CC and Harrison have.

Third, if private schools can recruit (as Mr. Risak claims), why have they not had success in basketball, soccer or wrestling? CC wrestling, once a powerhouse program, has been an above-average program at best the last 10 to 15 years.

Fourth, how does Mr. Risak explain the success of the Canton football program over the last few years? Comparatively speaking, the success Canton has enjoyed to that of Salem's is far greater than that of CC compared to an average high

school. Are we to assume that coach Baechler is recruiting every good football player in the Plymouth-Canton school district? Because, if the only reason to explain the success of Catholic Central football is recruiting, then surely that must explain the success of Canton football.

Lastly, Mr. Risak makes the statement "Restrict private schools to recruiting ... sorry, I mean drawing..." obviously indicating that private rules recruit players, which is a clear violation of MHSAA rules. If Mr. Risak has any evidence (either actual or circumstantial) why has he, or anyone else, not presented it to the MHSAA? I can only conclude that Mr. Risak is either a "liar — sorry I mean a fiction writer" or a coward. If he has no evidence, then he is writing fiction. If he has the evidence and has not presented it to the MHSAA, then he is a coward for not acting on his convictions.

As an alum of Catholic Central, I am not only insulted but amazed that a publication such as the Observer & Eccentric would allow Mr. Risak to write such an article. While I do not agree with his opinion, I do not object to Mr. Risak writing his opinion on private schools being able to draw students from a wide area.

I do object, and am very offended by, his statement indicating that Catholic Central recruits football players. I would expect that a publication such as the Observer & Eccentric would ensure that if one of their writers presents something as fact they would present the evidence to support the claim.

If I am wrong and Mr. Risak does indeed have such evidence, I would immediately respond to him with an apology. If he does not have any such evidence, I would expect that he apologize to the entire Catholic Central community, as well as to every private school.

**Anthony Vendittelli**  
Commerce Township

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"The element to the Fork in the Road was that I had a lot of friends from different backgrounds — Shamans, Muslims, Jews, Jesuit Catholics, Methodists."

— Sharon March, cancer victim



# Gov.-elect Granholm could surprise critics

As this is being written, Gov. John Engler is preparing to leave office after 12 years as undisputed king of the political hill, but leaving a state budget barely in balance after exhausting virtually every accounting gimmick available. For her part, Democrat Jennifer Granholm is about to become Michigan's first woman governor, but faces an enormous projected deficit for the coming fiscal year and a Legislature controlled by Republicans.



Phil Power

Most media pundits have already reached the conclusion that the Granholm administration is in deep trouble. The general argument goes like this:

■ The budget deficit, now estimated at \$1.8 billion, is truly horrendous. The Budget Stabilization Fund has been drained, the recession continues to sap state tax revenues with no clear upturn in sight and the kind of cuts Gov.-elect Granholm will have to make will surely anger everybody in sight.

■ Granholm may be governor-elect, but she's pretty much without Democratic allies in Lansing. Sen. Ken Sikkema (R-Wyoming) will lead the state Senate; Rick Johnson (R-LeRoy) will be Speaker of the House; and fellow Republicans Mike Cox and Terri Lynn Land will be attorney general and secretary of state, respectively.

■ The criminal investigation launched a couple of weeks ago against Granholm's patron, Wayne County Executive Ed McNamara, had a bunch of FBI agents waving subpoenas at everybody in sight, including a fair number of people she had considered appointing to major positions in her administration. Despite U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Collins' reputation for integrity and fair dealing, this probe could run on and on and on, a la the Whitewater investigation that dogged President Clinton for years.

No wonder Bill Ballenger, editor of Inside Michigan Politics (and a savage, long-time Granholm critic), concluded last week that Granholm would be a weak governor, hemmed in by the opposition, "especially if she has no program, no mission that's been certified by the voters."

My own reaction? It's far too early to project the demise of the Granholm administration, especially before it has even taken office. My thinking is rooted precisely in the factors the pundits are using to predict woe for Jennifer Granholm:

■ Budget. No doubt it's very bad. But a terrible budget situation provides a Granholm administration with a wonderful opportunity to conduct a fundamental and sweeping review of the operations and costs of state government. A far-reaching, cost-cutting, special interest-bashing, results-oriented agenda could be just the thing a Democratic governor needs to disabie critics and assemble a new coalition of support.

■ Republican dominance. OK, the GOP won virtually everything in the November election, but what's the party going to look like in a year or so? Consider Oakland County, once reliably Republican. County Executive Brooks Patterson, astoundingly cast as a moderate interested in pitching the big tent, is engaged in fierce civil war with a bunch of right-wing fundamentalists led by Tom McMillin of Auburn Hills and outgoing state Rep. Bob Gosselin of Troy. And incoming state Republican Chairman Betsy DeVos is a handy symbol of a party that may be conservative, but not likely particularly compassionate.

■ FBI investigation. So Granholm won't have the freedom to appoint "persons of interest" such as her campaign manager Dave Katz and others to big jobs in Lansing. She's already said she would appoint on the basis of merit, not past connections. Maybe the investigation will give her the opportunity to reach out beyond the usual Democratic suspects and bring in capable outsiders. My sense is that Granholm, a self-described moderate, will wind up governing from the center by both personal preference and political necessity.

Don't get me wrong. I think the Granholm administration has a tough row to hoe. But I also think it's both unfair and premature for the pundits to write off any prospects for success before she even takes office.

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



Brad Kadrich

# Plymouth mayor pro tem contemplates suit against litigation-happy magazine

Colleen Pobur can't do much right now but shake her head and try to shrug off the weight of everyone hoping she'll sue the pants off of Your Community Crier, the news magazine she believes libeled her.

That hope springs eternal now - from the police department, where one lieutenant can empathize with Plymouth Mayor Pro tem Pobur. It comes from businesses that have felt threatened, that believe they've put up with enough. And it comes from the halls of City Hall, where a \$100 million lawsuit could be tossed out, replaced by a libel suit legal observers believe would have a good chance of winning.

Pobur, the news magazine's favorite punching bag the last couple of years, feels the pressure, if not the obligation, of everyone hoping she'll be the one to take on a rich, powerful doctor, who owns the Crier, in court.

"I don't know that I feel an obligation (to stand up for others)," Pobur said this week. "But I do think this is the most egregious offense he's done to me."

She's talking, of course, about the story that appeared in the local news magazine two weeks ago attempting to connect Pobur with the investigation into county executive Ed McNamara. "FBI raids home of Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur," the page-three headline screamed.

Beneath it was a two-paragraph claim that the home of Pobur, former director of concessions at Metro Airport, was raided by federal and state agents as "part of the sweeping investigation of the McNamara political machine."

No sources cited, not even anonymous ones. No attribution. Just the one simple statement.

The one simple, untrue, statement.

We'd heard the story. We called the FBI. We called the state police. We called the U.S. District Court. With three easy phone calls, we determined the story to be unfounded. The "raid" never happened.

By virtue of her position as mayor pro-tem, Pobur is a public figure. In Plymouth, she's a very public figure, a lightning rod for controversy in her time on the city commission. She's been the target of negative press much of that time, some of it (when warranted) from this newspaper.

The standards about what you can say and write about public figures differ from those of everyday citizens. Newspapers can generally get away with printing rumors and innuendoes about public figures. But there still has to be some basis in fact in what gets reported. Newspapers aren't allowed to just make stuff up.

That's what Pobur says was done here, and it's tough to argue with her. This is a news magazine, after all, that once offered a \$10,000 reward for dirt on city officials. And it was an unattributed story. Reputable newspapers doing that kind of story would at least attribute such a fact to anonymous sources, so their readers could believe they'd done

their homework and were protecting their sources.

Is anything that noble being done in this case? Pobur doesn't think so.

"For all the drama (the city) attracts, you have to wonder where it all comes from," she said. "Most of it is generated by that publication."

To his credit, and to be fair, it must be pointed out the news magazine's publisher told us they "double and triple check" their sources. But a top corporate attorney, who has advised a major newspaper operation on libel matters for 15 years, took one look at the story and told us, "I wouldn't want to have to defend that."

Want to know how bad it looks? The former editor of the news magazine, who wrote negative stories about Pobur ad nauseum during his tenure, wrote a letter to McNamara, with a copy to Pobur, apologizing and distancing himself from the practice.

We're not trying to be apologists for Pobur here and, frankly, she isn't looking for any. Just because the FBI hasn't come calling yet doesn't mean they aren't going to come calling, and Pobur knows it. The investigation seems to be targeting county employees who worked on Granholm's campaign, and none worked harder for the governor-elect than Pobur.

The problem, as she sees it, is that no one knows for certain where the investigation is going or who's going to get snared in its net.

"The fact is, they're investigating the airport, and I worked there for four years," Pobur said. "I don't have anything to hide."

So where's the damage? To her reputation, according to Pobur, who is trying to plan her next professional move. Many think she'll end up working in Lansing, but she also has attractive offers in the private sector. Either way, having the public (and prospective employers) thinking she was the target of an FBI raid can't do her much good.

After all, as she aptly points out, "the FBI doesn't raid the homes of law-abiding citizens. It carries a negative connotation."

It's a negative connotation for which she may try to make the news magazine pay. Pobur is contemplating a lawsuit, though with a week-long vacation and the holidays coming a decision might wait until the first of the new year. There are also financial considerations.

"(Suing) is very expensive, and these guys litigate for recreation," Pobur said. "(But) it's a winnable case."

It may very well be, but that's for the courts to decide. There are people lining up in the hope Pobur finds the financial wherewithal and intestinal fortitude to find out for sure.

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**Holiday Music**

Village Music presents "Celebrate Christmas" a holiday program featuring music students and the Rising Star Singers of Village Music in the Old Village of Plymouth. The program will be presented on Saturday, Dec. 14, at Canton Little Theater, Canton Center Road in Canton. A free-will donation will be accepted at the door. For further information, call (734) 354-9825.

**Youtheatre**

Enjoy a special performance of "The Christmas That Almost Wasn't" and have a snack with Santa at the Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive in Southfield. This delightful show is a unique behind-the-scenes peek at the hustle and bustle and near disasters of the Christmas season. A single performance is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Dec. 15. Call (248) 557-PLAY for information.

**Arts and Crafts**

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**Christmas Musical**

Plymouth Baptist Church will present the recently released Christmas musical "Repeat the Sounding Joy" on Dec. 13 and Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. This 60-minute

concert features a variety of musical styles in celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. For further information, call (734) 453-5534.

**Toy Drive**

Cornerstone Chiropractic accepting toys on Friday, Dec. 13. New patients bring an unwrapped toy and receive initial exam and x-rays at no charge to you. Help those less fortunate this Christmas season. Call (734) 207-7770 or (734) 207-7773.

**Open House**

New Hope Center for Grief Support will be hosting a holiday open house at Northville Hills Golf Club's "Somerset" model home. The evening of Dec. 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. will include a leisurely model home tour, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction, complimentary valet parking, and the Angel of Hope Memorial Tree. Call (248) 348-0115 for more details.

**PCAC**

The Arts Council is accepting entries for its December art exhibit, "International Seasonal Celebrations". This religious themed, non-juried exhibit is open to the first 40 artists submitting framed two-dimensional work and the first 30 three-dimensional pieces such as religious icons. Call (734) 416-4278.

**Plymouth Symphony**

Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

**Entertainment Book Sale**

Plymouth Optimists selling the 2003 books with all proceeds helping children throughout southeast Michigan. Book offers up to 50% savings on dining and fast foods, theater, sports, travel, services and more. Price is \$30

and are home delivered. Call Bill at (734) 453-8253.

**Free Blood Pressure Screening**

Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

**Recreation Registration**

The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots jump-a-rama, tae-kwon-do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

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Fish fries continue every Friday from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The price is only \$7 at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill. All you can eat for \$4.50. Holiday Brunch on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Only \$6 for a great meal.

**MOPS-Plymouth**

The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth. Call for info (734) 420-0515.

**Colonial Kiwanis**

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman, (734) 414-0400.

**MOPS-Westland**

Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church Sept. through May

on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

**Tai Chi**

Taoist Tai Chi Society offers ongoing tai chi classes for all ages in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills at 7 p.m. Afternoon classes at 1 p.m. available in Livonia. Observers welcome. Visit our Web site at [www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org). For more information, call the society at (248) 332-1281 anytime.

**La Leche League**

Breastfeeding information and support group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. For more information and meeting locations, please contact Michelle at (734) 397-0197.

**Canton Rotary Club**

The Rotary meets at noon on Mondays at the Roman Forum in Canton on Ford Road. All guests are invited to join us for lunch for more information on our community and international service projects. For more information call Laura at (734) 207-8517 or e-mail to [ExecSec@rotary6400.org](mailto:ExecSec@rotary6400.org).

**TOPS**

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**Astronomy Discussion**

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**MOMS Club**

A local chapter of the MOMS Club welcomes interested stay-at-home mothers in the Canton/Westland area to meet the third Tuesday of each month. MOMS Club offers weekly activities, playgroups, community service opportunities and a lot more! For more information, please contact Wendy at (734) 398-6957.

**West Suburban Stamp Club**

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**Plymouth Canton Jaycees**

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**Community Democrats**

The Community Democratic Club meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month at UAW Local 845 Hall. Business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. The club serves Canton, Northville, Plymouth and the Livonia 13th District. For further information, call Becky Tavarozzi (734) 398-5845.

**Toastmasters**

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**K of C Breakfast**

The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet 8:30 a.m. to noon every Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833 for further information.

**Kiwanis Breakfast Club**

The Plymouth-Canton Kiwanis Breakfast Club meets 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. Call Charr Briggs at (810) 406-8489.

## Magazine showcases women

Jennifer Granholm has made recent history as the first woman governor of Michigan. Residents can learn more about her and other historical women in the November/December 2002 special issue of *Michigan History* magazine.

The issue, which focuses on amazing women in Michigan's past, tells the stories of political activist Mildred Jeffrey, women's rights activist Martha Griffiths, George Custer's wife Libbie and Michigan's last Titanic survivor. It also features readers' submissions about the mothers, aunts, grandmothers and friends who made a difference in their lives.

"The role of women in our history demands greater attention," said editor Roger Rosentreter. "We set out in this issue to chronicle as much about Michigan women as we could pack into 96

pages."

Readers can find out more about selected *Michigan History* topics on the magazine's Web site. Online features from this issue include stories about activist Sojourner Truth, members of late 19th century women's clubs and the establishment of women's sports programs in Michigan high schools.

Visit the *Michigan History* Web site at [www.michiganhistorymagazine.com](http://www.michiganhistorymagazine.com).

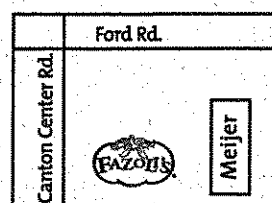
*Michigan History* has provided articles about the state's past since 1917. The magazine is produced six times a year, including an annual single-theme special issue. For more information or to order *Michigan History*, telephone (800) 366-3703 or visit the magazine's Web site.

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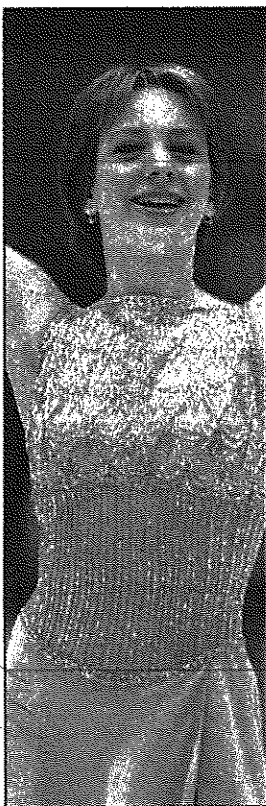
## Hot tickets

### ■ At the library

Actor Billy Dee Williams and author Elizabeth Atkins Bowman will discuss their careers and their collaboration for the 2002 romantic thriller, *Twilight*, from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, in the Ann Arbor Library, 343 S. Fifth. (734) 327-4560.

### ■ Top contenders

Sarah Hughes, 2002 Olympic champion, will be among the athletes at the Crest Whitestrips International Figure Skating



challenge, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Tickets are \$55.50 and \$29.50 reserved and \$19.50 general admission, available through Ticketmaster. (248) 645-6666.

### ■ Celebrating Detroit

See The Detroit 300 Quilt, commemorating the city's tricentennial, through Dec. 31 in the City Gallery at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. The gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The quilt features 62 patches donated by people of different ethnic groups, sewn together to form a striking piece. (248) 473-1856.

### ■ Bah, humbug!

Dennis Robertson (left) plays Scrooge and Scott Crownover is Nephew Fred in



Meadow Brook Theatre's *A Christmas Carol*. The Dickens classic runs at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, and Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 18-20; and at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 and 21, and Sunday, Dec. 15, at the theater on the Oakland University campus, Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$30-\$42. (248) 377-3300.



A celebration calls for face-painting at The Detroit Children's Museum.

## Bored no more: Vacation week things to do, people to see

BY ALICE RHEIN  
CORRESPONDENT

For Mary and Dennis Beauregard of Canton, the week between Christmas and New Year's is traditionally spent Up North near Manistee, where Mary's family resides.

"It's a time to see faraway friends and family," said Mary, a speech-language pathologist who currently stays home to care for her 8-year-old daughter, Lauren, and 4-year-old son, Eric. "We go sledding, ice skating and take walks in the snow. It's a wonderful family time."

And while Dennis, an engineer for Ford Motor Co., typically has that week off of work, the family plans do change from year to year.

"If we don't go Up North, then we do a lot of different things here. We have sleepovers, hit the sales and later in the week we go to see something like the Rockettes or another big show so we end the week with a big bang," said Mary. "Some years, we've gone to Frankenmuth or Greenfield Village."

And, of course, there's always playing with those new toys like the craft bead set

and the Easy Bake Oven. But if there's no trip planned, and the kids have lost interest in their new toys, vacation week can turn into a torturous time of "I'm bored."

Rather than get into that old "How can you be bored?" scenario, why not see what's out there for the kids to do? With a little research, you can find all sorts of events happening around town, many geared especially to kids with "nothing to do" during vacation week.

### ART, MUSIC AND MORE

At the Detroit Institute of Arts, public relations manager Pamela Marcell says holiday week is the busiest of the year because so many families attend. During this week, the DIA is open every day, including Monday, Dec. 23 and 30, and Tuesday, Dec. 31, and there are extended hours most days.

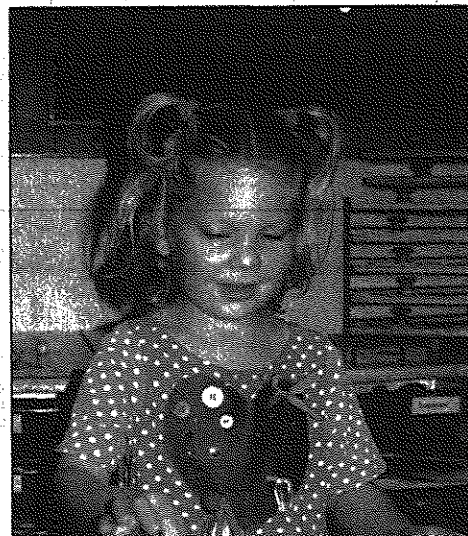
Each year, the DIA tries to program around the special exhibitions, and since the highly regarded Degas and the Dance is currently on exhibit through Jan. 12, 2003, programs include storytelling "Stories that Dance," "Performance in the Galleries" and a special performance of *The Nutcracker* at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

"On our Friday nights (the museum is open until 9 p.m. every Friday), the crowd is diverse in every area, not only racially and ethnically, but also in all different age groups - seniors, teens and families," said Marcell.

And during holiday week, diversity is also the theme. There are performances of African and African American folktales by Miz Rosie; the Detroit Puppet Art Theater - one of the city's cultural gems - presents *Cinderella* with music by Tchaikovsky, and the Peter Sparling Dance Company performs *Les Parisiennes*, which brings to life the 19th century paintings of Edgar Degas.

All events are free with museum admission, and a complete listing is available on the DIA Web site ([www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org)) or by calling (313) 833-7900.

Though there are few Wayne State University students around during vacation week, the Cultural Center really teems with life during this time. At the Children's Museum, which moved last year from its house across from the DIA to its new loft-like space at 6134 Second Ave., community



A youngster learns about gears at the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum.

relations manager Leslie Williams says many events are planned.

"The museum is open noon until 4 p.m. with make-and-take crafts and a 1 p.m. planetarium show of the winter sky."

Also featured are several exhibits including "Feel Like a Kid Again" featuring artwork of Detroit elementary students, and a Native American exhibit called "First People, One with Nature."

Williams said that the museum will be decorated for the holidays, including Fiesta time, which is celebrated in Mexico.

### CELEBRATING ETHNICITY

For Kris Femminineo, the celebration of different cultures has become an annual tradition during vacation week. "When I was working in the Detroit schools, I learned about Kwanzaa from the kids I taught. I thought it was such a wonderful celebration of spirit that I started teaching my daughter, Sara, about the holiday last year when she was 3," she said.

This year, Femminineo plans to expand the education and celebration to her whole household, which includes her husband, Tony, her father, Phil Berger, and her four stepchildren who attend Guardian Angel School in Clawson and Bishop Foley High School in Madison Heights. And a trip to the Cultural Center may be on the docket for the family as well.

At the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, vacation week will feature two photography exhibits with works by Chester Higgins Jr. and Ernest C. Withers. And *The Nutcracker* is at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30. The muse-

PLEASE SEE VACATION, B5



### Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

It doesn't take much to brighten the holidays of those in need

Cold snaps leave Brother Vincent Reyes wondering about where some of the homeless people are that he feeds at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit. They disappear and no one ever knows what happened to them.

Reyes' chilling story is just one of many I've heard while writing about fund-raisers and benefits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. I'm making my list just like I do every year. How could I not after learning about men, women and children without homes? Something as small as a teddy bear, blanket or socks can brighten the life of someone less fortunate than myself.

I'm lucky because my more than 12 years as an arts & entertainment reporter for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers have introduced me to organizations that are working to help feed, clothe and house those struggling to survive. Now I want to share their needs with you. But there are organizations in all of our communities that help people living on the streets and those leaving their homes in the middle of the night to avoid abuse. Find out what they do. It's always good to see firsthand; you'll want to do even more to help them.

### JA'NOAH HOUSE

Audrey and Carl Mattson take their ministry to the streets via an old motor home. On Thanksgiving Day they feed over 100 people. But the Mattsons don't just help the needy during the holidays. Several times a week all year long the Livonia couple deliver food and clothing to residents and the homeless in the Cass Corridor, Brightmoor area, Brewster Projects, and Westland's Norwayne neighborhood.

A special thanks to Entemann's in Livonia, a Livonia man who donated 11 turkeys before Thanksgiving, and a West Bloomfield reader who donated men's clothing after reading past columns.

To help, call (734) 522-5077.

"We need men's gloves and socks, knitted hats, hooded sweatshirts for men and women, backpacks or duffle bags or any kind of bag for the homeless men to carry their belongings in," said Audrey Mattson. "The plastic bags rip, and we always need blankets to give to the homeless. They're out in the open just trying not to freeze."

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BY KURT ANTHONY KRUG  
CORRESPONDENT

Robin Lewis-Bedz didn't have an epiphany about acting in the theater. It was just something she always wanted to do. "I gravitated towards theater early on. I just enjoyed doing it. I felt I could earn a living at it," she said.

The actress, 29, who currently is in *Shear Madness* at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, was active in the Creative and Performing Arts Program (CAPA) at Livonia Churchill High School, where she graduated in 1991. She went on to receive her bachelor's of fine arts degree in theater from the University of Detroit Mercy. From there, she studied in the Professional Actor Training Program at Ohio University, where she earned her master's of fine arts in theater while at Ohio University, she interned at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park in Cincinnati, OH, where she starred in *Miss Julie* and *Rough Crossing*. Additionally, Lewis-Bedz specializes in children's theater and improvisational comedy. She's also an expert in juggling and has a green belt in karate.

The oldest of three children, Lewis-Bedz lives in Dearborn with John, her husband of nearly three years.

In *Shear Madness*, which has

an open-ended run at the Gem, she is the understudy to the roles of Barbara DeMarco and Mrs. Schubert until mid-January.

## MYSTERY-COMEDY

One of America's longest-running comedies, *Shear Madness*, which is filled with countless double entendres and sexual innuendo, takes place in a unisex hair salon. The story centers on hair stylist Tony Whitcomb and his customers talking about the eccentric pianist who lives above the salon, who later ends up murdered with a pair of barber scissors.

Things get interesting from there as the audience votes on who the murderer is and the thespians play out that scenario accordingly. *Shear Madness* director Matt Callahan also localized the play, making references to Grosse Pointe, Inkster, and other cities within the Metro-Detroit area.

Originally written as *Scherenschnitt* by Swiss playwright Paul Portner in 1963, Marilyn Abrams and Bruce Jordan transformed it in 1979 from a serious murder mystery to a mystery-comedy.

"*Shear Madness* is a big farce," Lewis-Bedz said. "You have to find the ultimate core of

reality within that."

After her run with *Shear Madness* ends, Lewis-Bedz is looking forward to performing in playwright Larry Shue's *The Foreigner*, which will run from late-February to late-March at Meadow Brook Theatre, at Oakland University's campus in Rochester.

*The Foreigner* is about a shy man named Charlie who doesn't say much. His friends tell people he's foreign and doesn't understand English. People freely talk about others in front of him, oblivious to the fact he understands every word. Lewis-Bedz plays Catherine, the female lead, who befriends Charlie.

## LENGTHY RESUME

The actress has performed at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, the Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield, Second City in Detroit, as well as the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park and Meadow Brook. She has appeared in *The Tropical Pickle*, *Let It Be, All My Sons*, *Dance Like No One's Watching*, *The Day We Met*, *Measure for Measure*, and *A Christmas Carol*.

"Whatever I'm working on at the time is my dream project. I've met so many great people, who are fun to work with and learn from," Lewis-Bedz explained. "Every show pres-

ents its own unique set of challenges. The longer you're in this business, you have different challenges. There are days when you show up and you're tired. You have to depend on the other actors to support you and engage you in order to be in the moment, so it's fresh. I'm always learning."

Lewis-Bedz has no Broadway dreams; she likes the work she's doing now, saying that she finds it fun and challenging. In fact, she lived in New York City for under a year and found it too crowded.

"There were way too many people. It got very claustrophobic," she recalled.

In addition to appearing on the stage, Lewis-Bedz had a bit part in Chelsea resident Jeff Daniels' film, *Super Sucker*, as Bobby Jo Bartholomew.

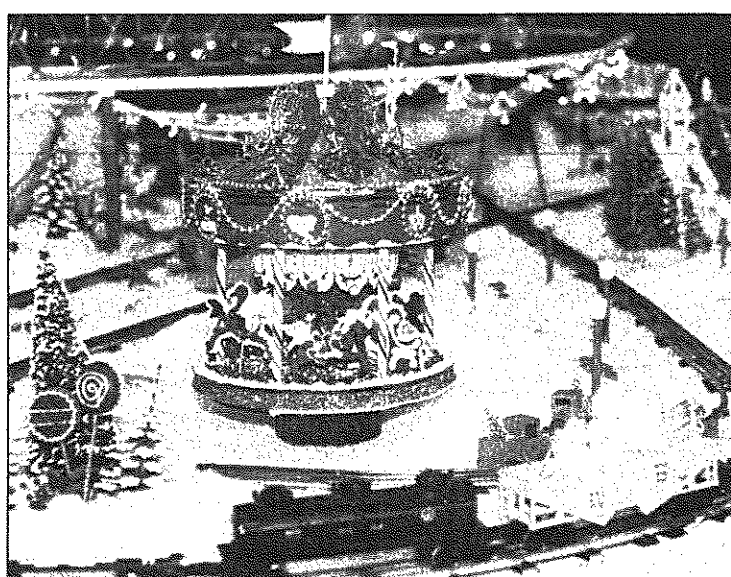
"(Daniels) is no different than working with anyone else. He's just a regular guy who's very down-to-earth. He cares very much about the work and the art. He's very fun and accessible."

However, she prefers theater to film because she said there's something magical about performing in front of a live audience; it's true art.

"You don't revisit a scene in film and do it differently than when you (revisit) it eight times a week on stage. That's just not as much room to do that in film."



Robin Lewis-Bedz



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An ensemble cast and crew will perform a radio play-style production of *It's A Wonderful Life* Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 14-15 and Dec. 21-22 at The Second City, Detroit.

Director-actor Marty Bufalini of Grosse Pointe leads the group, which includes actors Tim Wolf of Royal Oak, Tommy Ventimiglio of Chesterfield Township, Brian Taylor of Plymouth, Carrie Fisk of Grosse Pointe, Michelle Hooks Stackpole of Harper Woods, Aaron Letrick of Clinton Township, Steve Sabaugh of Sterling Heights, among others.

The group transports the audience to a 1940s-style radio studio when radio shows were performed live before a studio audience, with the aid of minimal set decor and show preparations. The crew in Bufalini's production creates 98 percent of all sound effects live, using mechanical devices. Actors recreate footsteps, a half-size door on wheels provides door effects, bells are rung, a water tank is used for water effects and a wind machine creates the wind.

Performances are 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 21 and Sunday Dec. 22 and 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15, at The Second City Theatre, 2301 Woodward, Detroit.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for senior citizens and students. They're available at The Second City box office, Hockeytown Authentics (without service charge), in Troy and at all Ticketmaster locations. To charge by phone, call The Second City at (313) 965-2222.

Marty Bufalini of Grosse Pointe directs an ensemble cast in *It's A Wonderful Life* at Second City Theater, Detroit.

## National Board of Review picks *The Hours* as top movie

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — *The Hours*, starring Meryl Streep, Julianne Moore and Nicole Kidman, is the year's best movie, according to the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures.

Based on Michael Cunningham's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, the film follows three women in three eras who are all tied to Virginia Woolf's *Mrs. Dalloway*.

Moore also won the board's best-actress award for *Far From Heaven*, in which she plays a 1950s New England housewife who learns her husband is gay, then begins a relationship with her black gardener. Campbell Scott was named the best actor for *Roger Dodger*, in which he

stars as a shallow womanizer. The group's supporting actor prize went to Chris Cooper for *Adaptation*.

Kathy Bates won best supporting actress for *About Schmidt*, in which she plays a bohemian divorcee. Philip Noyce was the group's director of the year for two films: *The Quiet American* and *Rabbit-Proof Fence*.

The documentary honor went to *Bowling for Columbine*, Michael Moore's examination of America's gun culture. Pedro Almodovar's *Talk to Her* was the board's choice for best foreign film of the year. The Spanish film follows two men who are in love with women in comas in the same hospital.

Completing the list of the top 10 movies for 2002: *Chicago*, *Gangs of New York*, *The Quiet*

*American*, *Adaptation*, *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, *The Pianist*, *Far From Heaven*, *Thirteen Conversations About One Thing* and *Frida*.

The National Board of Review awards represent the first step in anticipating Academy Award winners, but they're usually not in step with what Oscar voters prefer.

Last year, board members chose Baz Luhrmann's revisionist musical *Moulin Rouge* as the best movie; the Academy Award for best picture went to Ron Howard's *A Beautiful Mind*, a far more traditional pick for its inspirational themes.

The National Board of Review, made up of teachers, writers, actors and movie production workers, will award the winners at a ceremony Jan. 14, 2003, in New York.

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### Gem Theatre

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### Jewish Ensemble Theatre

*Visiting Mr. Green* continues to Jan. 5, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday, 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, in the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 West Maple, West Bloomfield. \$18-\$30 with discounts for seniors and students, \$50 7:30 p.m. Dec. 31 performance (Gala New Year's Eve). (248) 788-2900

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*The Good Doctor*, Neil Simon's tribute to Anton

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*A Christmas Carol* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Bonstelle Theatre, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 577-2960.

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Junior Actors of Ridgedale Holiday Zoobille includes a musical play, snack, visit with Santa and a gift, 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Ridgedale Players playhouse, 205 West Long Lake Road, between Crooks and Livernois, Troy. \$7.50. (248) 988-7049.

### Stagecrafters Youth Theatre

*Pippi Longstocking*, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 12-15, Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, downtown Royal Oak, All seats reserved, \$5 youth, \$7 adults, (248) 541-6430.

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### Farmington Community Chorus

Yule Cheer, 8 p.m., Friday-Saturday, Dec. 20-21, Mercy High School Auditorium, corner of 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, \$10, (810) 632-4067.

### First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak

Christmas by Candlelight concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 529 Hendrie Boulevard, Royal Oak, \$12 adults, \$6 children, (248) 541-0108

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From 5-6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 15 at West Bloomfield MAIN Library, 4600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The five musicians from Good Company will present festive Renaissance dance music, Elizabethan consort music and carols played on reproductions of 14th to 17th century instruments. (248) 363-4181

### Greenmead Historical Village

Christmas tours of the six village building decorated for the holidays 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 and 22, \$2, \$1 students; 'Twas the Night Before Christmas program features reading of Clement Moore's poem, crafts to take

home, caroling and refreshments 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Friends Meeting House, \$6 per child (recommended for ages 4-8), all tickets sold in advance, call (248) 477-7375; Christmas Candlelight Tours of village buildings begin at 6 p.m., last tour at begins at 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27, music by Diane Dignan and Diann Dupuis at the Newburg Church, join the Livonia Civic Chorus in singing carols at the Friends Meeting House where hot cocoa and cookies await you, \$5, \$2 student. For reservations, call (248) 477-7375. Proceeds benefit historic Greenmead located on Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia.

### Great Lakes Lyric Opera

Presents *The Wondrous Story*, by Don Besig, based on the story of the Nativity, at 3 p.m., Dec. 15; doors open at 2:30 p.m., in the main theater of the Southfield Centre for the Arts, tickets \$12; \$10/children/seniors. Call (248) 354-9603 or (248) 547-2027 for tickets/information

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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, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, Livonia, \$10, \$8 seniors and students, \$5 children under 12, (734) 466-2410.

### Longacre House

Lunch with Santa, 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14 at the house, located on Farmington Road, south of 11 Mile, in Farmington Hills. Includes lunch, visit with Santa, a craft and storytelling. Tickets are \$12. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (248) 477-8404.

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*Velveteen Rabbit*, through Jan. 19, 2003 at 135 E. Main St., downtown Northville, \$7.50. No children under age 3, (248) 349-8110. Also playing: "Christmas On Main Street", old and new tunes for the family 7 p.m. Dec. 13, 14, 20 & 21.

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Youththeatre presents *The Christmas That Almost Wasn't* and snack with Santa. Snack 1:30 p.m. performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, Southfield, \$8 in advance, \$10 at door, Holiday Musical Magic presented by The Boys Choir of Harlem 8 p.m. Dec. 14, (248) 557-7529.

### Motor City Brass Band

Holiday brass concert, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Waterford Cultural Center, 5860 Andersonville Road, Waterford, \$15 adults, \$10 students & seniors, (248) 623-9389.

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*A Charlie Brown Christmas*, noon lunch, 1 p.m. show, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 14-15, and 21-22, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile at Middlebelt (use the G entrance), \$8 including lunch, \$5 show only, (248) 888-7685.

### Rising Star Singers

In the Little Theatre at Plymouth-Canton High School, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Canton Center Road at Joy, freewill donation, (734) 354-9825

### Plymouth Community Chorus

Holiday concert at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, \$12, (734) 254-9617.

### Royal Oak First Presbyterian Church

Christmas music by The New Cranbrook Singers and an orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, 529 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak, \$25-\$5, tickets available Saturday, Dec. 14 at Royal Oak Farmer's Market, 11 Mile Road at Troy Street, (734) 677-4796

### Second City

"Armen Shaomian's Christmas Spectacular" Every Monday and Tuesday through Dec. 30 at The Second City on Woodward in Detroit. Tickets \$10 Call Box Office for times and tickets (313) 965-2222

### The Jackson Choral

Led by Dr. Gilbert Jackson, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Central United Methodist Church, 3882 Highland Road (M-59), Waterford, \$10 adults, \$8 senior adults and students, (248) 651-3085.

### The Writer's Voice

A Holiday Evening of Performance Poetry & Music: At 7:30 p.m., Dec. 20 at The Scarab Club-217 East Farnsworth (313) 831-1250. Free

## BENEFITS

### Marathon For Meals

WKRF-FM 97.1 talk radio personality, Bob Bauer, collects nonperishable food items while living in a recreational vehicle in the Northwood Shopping Center, Woodward at 13 Mile in Royal Oak. Drop off food at the site through Dec. 13. Donations will be distributed to Detroit-area

food banks and emergency providers. (313) 345-6614

### Plymouth Symphony

The League and Trailwood Garden Club are sponsoring fund-raisers now until Tuesday, Dec. 24. Items included this year are, Luminaria Kits @ \$4 a set of 10 candles & bags; seventh annual limited edition pewter Christmas ornaments depicting the Gazebo in Old Village for \$8; and 2003 Entertainment Books at \$30. All proceeds benefit the Plymouth Symphony. Call (734) 451-2112 for information

## AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

### Deborah's Stage Door

Auditions for senior show choir (ages 13 and up), junior acting conservatory (ages 7-11), advanced acting conservatory (ages 12 and up), children, junior and senior ballet companies, and competition dance lines (ages 5 and up), at the studio in Rochester Hills. (248) 852-8133

### Detroit Institute of Arts

Volunteers needed to help with *Degas and the Dance*, through Jan. 12, flexible schedules are available including weekdays, weekends and evening shifts, if you would like to serve as an ambassador in the galleries assisting visitors from around the world, or want more information about DIA volunteer opportunities, call (313) 833-0247 or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

### Farmington Community Chorus

Chorus will hold new-member auditions for its spring session, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7 and 14, at the William Costick Activities Center on 11 Mile just east of Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Accepting members from age 19 and up. For information, call (248) 471-4516

### Illusion Theater of Michigan and Karmanos Cancer Institute

Auditions for a multimedia play with music about surviving breast cancer, *For Our Daughters*, 7 p.m., Dec. 15 and 18 at the Karmanos Cancer Institute, Oakland Regional Office, 24601 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. For requirements and an appointment call (248) 661-1756 or (248) 737-9610. Ages 14-70s, must have strong singing voices. Volunteers also needed for behind the scenes production assistance.

### Oakland County Office of Arts, Culture & Film

Seeking proposals from Michigan artists for fine arts exhibition in the Oakland County Galleria, second floor of the executive building, 1200 N. Telegraph,

Pontiac, (248) 858-0415.

### Southfield Presbyterian Church

The directors of *Peeking at the Blues* (A tribute to Bessie Smith) and Dance Theater of Michigan are auditioning for dancers, singers, musicians, actors and comedians, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 21, Jan. 11, 18 and 25, 21575 W. 10 Mile, Southfield, call (248) 552-5001 or (248) 942-3243 for audition appointments and directions.

## JAZZ/BLUES

### Elaine Elias Trio

Kissed by Nature Tour with Marc Johnson and Satoshi Takeishi, 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14, at The Bird of Paradise, 312 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Cover \$20, students \$12, (734) 662-8310.

### Robert Jones

The bluesman performs 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Clarkston Village Players' Depot Theatre. \$12. (248) 625-8811 or www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

### 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

## WORLD MUSIC

### The Irish Tenors

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Detroit Opera House. (313) 237-SING

## DANCE

### Artistry in Motion Dance School

Presents *The Nutcracker, 2* and 6 p.m. Dec. 21-22 at Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, in Livonia. Advance tickets \$12, \$15 at the door. Call (248) 223-1011. A portion of the proceeds will go toward the dance school scholarship fund.

### Cincinnati Ballet

Presents *The Nutcracker Ballet* as part of the Michigan Opera Theatre Dance Series, through Sunday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, \$14-\$65, (313) 237-7464

### Detroit Ballet

*The Nutcracker* 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14, Players Playhouse, 2933 E. Jefferson, Detroit, \$20, \$12 children under 10, (248) 474-3174

### Livonia Civic Ballet

*The Nutcracker* 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia. \$14, \$11 seniors and students, \$9 children 5-9, no charge children under 4, (734) 427-9103.



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A musical version of the *Velveteen Rabbit* hops into the Marquis Theatre through Jan. 19. Curtain times are 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 14-15, 21-22, 28-29, and Jan. 4-5, 11-12, and 18-19, and 2:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 26-27, and Jan. 2-3. Tickets are \$7.50. Call (248) 349-8110 for school reservations, birthday parties and group rates. Please no children under age 3. Pictured are Valerie Mould (back row left), Aubrey Quinley, Chris Kuioric, and Melissa Harris, and Ken Haering (front row left) and Alexandria Moffo. The Marquis Theatre is at 135 East Main, Northville.

## MAKING CONTACT

Please submit items for publication in Going Places to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of event. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or fax (734) 591-7279

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## VACATION

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um's Web site is [www.maah-detroit.org](http://www.maah-detroit.org) or call (313) 494-5800.

Next door at the Detroit Science Center, there's plenty for kids of all ages.

Daily planetarium shows and IMAX movies will be featured. You can check out Jane Goodall's *Wild Chimpanzees* or *China: The Panda Adventure* or the animated *Santa vs. the Snowman*. For times, visit [sciencedetroit.org](http://sciencedetroit.org) or call (313) 577-8400.

## FUN IN ANN ARBOR

For those who want to venture a little further from home, Ann Arbor is a great destination during holiday week. Finals are over, students are gone, and the city is at one of its prettiest times.

At the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, "The Big Freeze" hits the museum just in time for holiday fun. From Dec. 26-30, kids can make their own ice cream and learn the science behind how salt and ice make cream freeze. There are also liquid nitrogen demonstrations, and kids can make their own Eskimo snow goggles. And from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2003, world champion ice sculptor Ted Wakar will create one of his world-famous carvings.

The museum also has a wonderful toddlers' and infants' area where little ones can learn what it's like to be a firefighter (the museum is actually part of an old firehouse) and don aprons to explore the water area. For a complete listing of events, check out [www.aahom.org](http://www.aahom.org), or call (734) 995-5439.

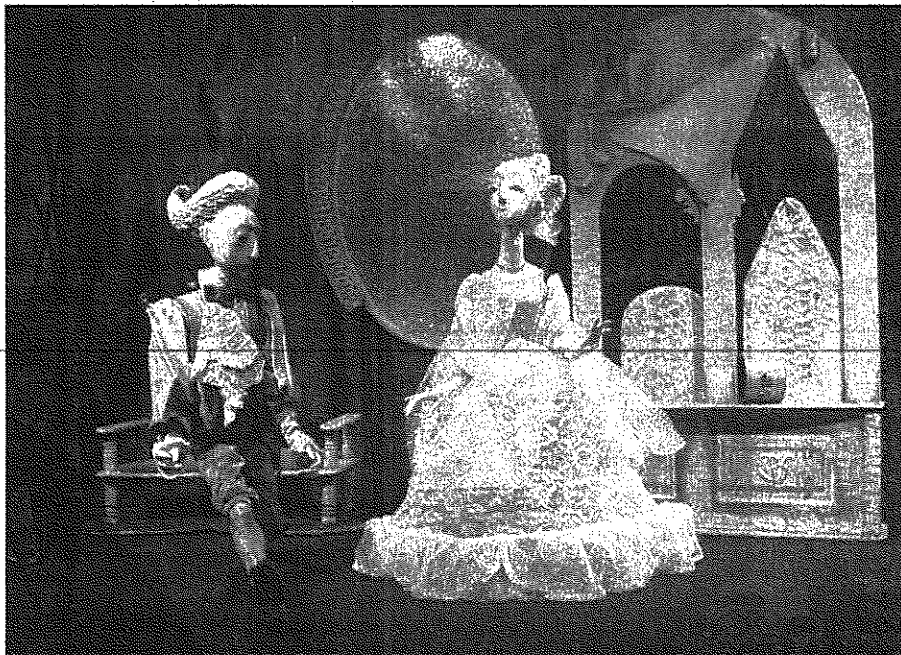
Ann Arbor is also home to the Exhibit Museum of Natural History where the exhibit "Native Fishes of the Great Lakes Region" is showing through Jan. 10, 2003.

Watercolors of regional fish are included along with an exhibit that compares modern collection methods with archival samples dating back to the start of the museum's collection, which began in 1882. It's a bit heady, but that serious scientist of yours will love it. The museum's fish collection contains more than three million specimens. The museum's Web site is <http://exhibits.lsa.umich.edu/> or call (734) 764-0478.

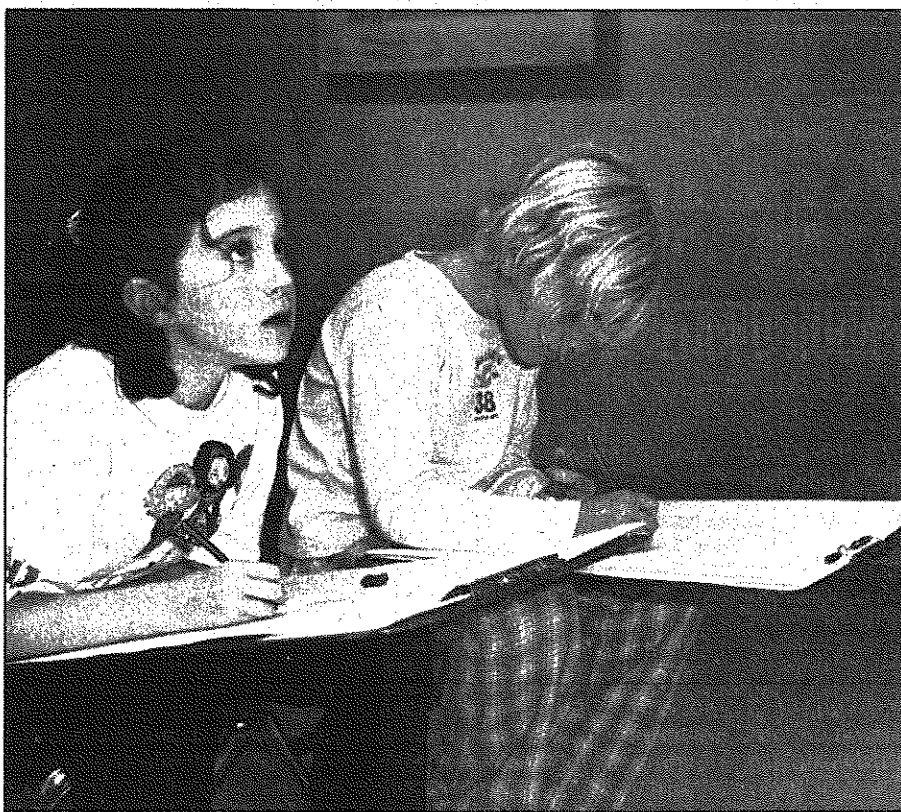
Another road trip destination might be to Toledo where "Toy Factory" is on display at COSI. The "fun, funky, hands-on toy festival" runs through Jan. 5, 2003, and features your favorite toys and the science behind them. You'll even learn fascinating cocktail talk facts like the last names of Barbie and Ken (they're Roberts and Carson, but you knew that, right?) For details about COSI, visit [cositoledo.org](http://cositoledo.org) or call (419) 244-2674.

## BLOOMFIELD TO DEARBORN

Closer to home, Cranbrook Institute of Science has the traveling exhibit "Masters of the Ocean Realm: Whales, Dolphins & Porpoises" through Jan. 5. ([www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu) or



Detroit PuppetArt Theatre presents Cinderella at the Detroit Institute of Arts.



Youngsters sketch in the galleries at the Detroit Institute of Arts.



Participants paint a festive mural at The Detroit Children's Museum.

(877) GO-CRANbrook.) And though Greenfield Village is temporarily closed for major renovations, the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn is always a great family destination. And at the IMAX, *The Lion King* will be opening on Christmas Day ([www.hfmv.org](http://www.hfmv.org) or call (313) 982-6100.)

For Briget Ebbing of Troy and her family, vacation week includes some travel, but sports tournaments are what consumes their time. Her oldest son John, 13, plays basketball and hockey for the Birmingham league. Her daughter, Amy, 11, plays basketball, and her youngest son Thomas, 8, plays hockey.

"We go to a lot of tournaments that week. The rest of the time we'll just try to catch a movie like *Harry Potter* or *Santa Clause*," she said.

And if it snows, then the Ebbings head to Bowers Farm on Square Lake and Adams where the hills are lit at night for sledding.

After all the gifts have been unwrapped, the candles extinguished and the guests have gone, it's natural for there to be a holiday letdown. While adults may welcome it as a time to rest, children may still crave stimulation. Lucky for you there's plenty in and around town to keep everyone happy before, during, and especially, after the holidays.

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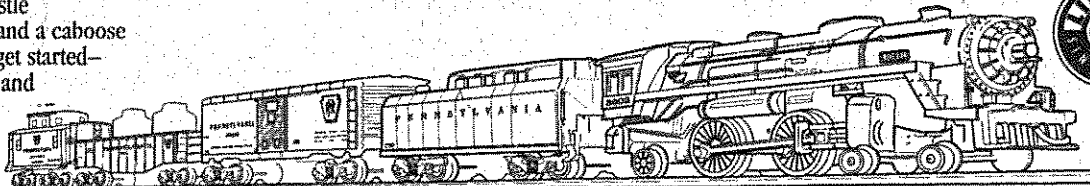
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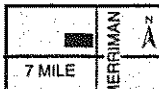
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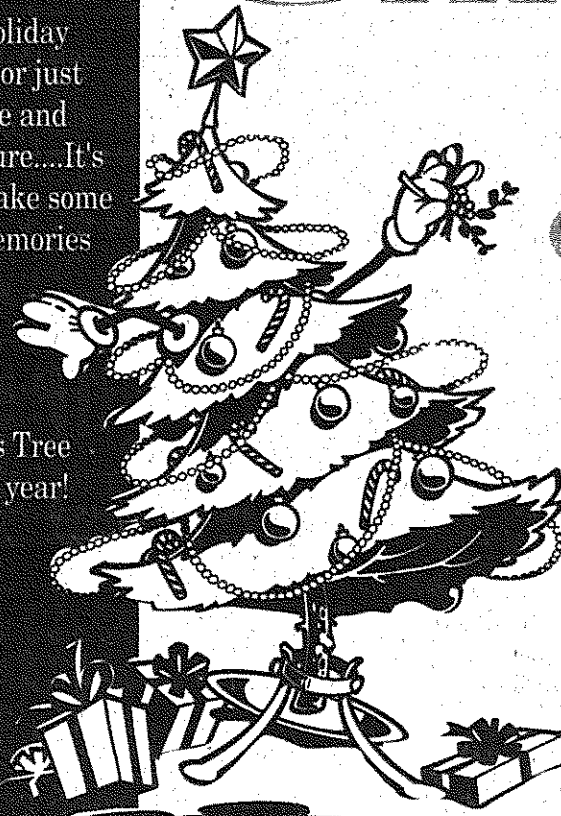


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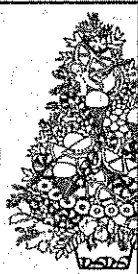
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### DRUMLINE

Set against the high-energy, high-stakes world of show style marching bands, the story tells of a talented street drummer from Harlem who enrolls in a Southern University, expecting to lead its marching band's drumline to victory. He initially flounders in his new world before realizing that it takes a more than talent to reach the top. Featured players include Nick (Whatever It Takes) Cannon, Orlando (The Time Machine)

Jones, Zoe (Crossroads) Saldana, Leonard (He Got Game) Roberts, Charles Stone III

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Based on true events, Evelyn tells the story of real-life Desmond Doyle and his young children, Evelyn, Maurice and Dermot. Struggling to raise his kids alone in Ireland in 1953, Doyle is devastated when the power of the Church and the Irish courts take his children away and put them in orphanages. Vowing to reunite his family, he enlists the help of his friends and together they attempt to do what has never been done. Featured players include Pierce (Taylor of Panama) Brosnan, Julianna (The Man from Elysian Fields) Margulies, Aidan (Stolen Summer) Quinn and Stephen (FearDotcom) Rea. Bruce (Double Jeopardy) Beresford helms the drama. (MGM/UA) Rated PG.

### THE HOT CHICK

A popular but shallow and mean-spirited

teenaged girl wakes up one day in the body of a 30-year-old man. In the process of trying to figure out how to switch back, she comes to realize her shortcomings. Featured players include Rob (The Animal) Schneider, Matthew (Cheaters) Lawrence and Michael (The Glass House) O'Keefe. (Touchstone Pictures) PG-13.

### MAID IN MANHATTAN

Jennifer Lopez stars as Marisa, a maid in a fancy New York City hotel. While trying on a wealthy woman's dress, a handsome rich man mistakes her for society woman. Marisa goes through a transformation when she falls in love with the British man. Featured players include Ralph Fiennes as Christopher, the British gentleman, and Natasha Richardson as Christopher's girlfriend. Of the story, "She soon finds herself gaining insight into the life of a man she might otherwise have judged from a distance. When her real identity is revealed, however, the truth sets in about the disparity of their lives." Wayne Wang directed the modern re-telling of



Get with the beat and see *Drumlina*, a story about a talented street drummer from Harlem who hopes to lead a university marching band to victory. The film opens in theaters on Friday, Dec. 13.

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# Art student sells life and gets a book deal in the process

BY REED DUNN  
AP FEATURES

John Freyer keeps things around a little less these days. He still shops at University of Iowa Surplus every Thursday.

He goes there to see the "\$1 million lasers that sell for \$100," but he takes few things home.

"My shopping's changed a little bit since the project," Freyer said.

The project the 29-year-old University of Iowa graduate student refers to is [www.allmylifersale.com](http://www.allmylifersale.com), an online art piece that used eBay to clear out 600 items from his personal inventory. It earned Freyer international recognition and a book contract highlighting some of the items and updates gathered from visits he made to the new owners of his old stuff.

A 16-city book tour to promote All My Life for Sale began last month.

Freyer is taking the semester off from school to promote his book. He is a class short of earning his master's degree, and he plans to return to college after his tour ends.

The Web-based art project started after Freyer spent summer 2000 working in New York, where his friends were raking in cash building catalogue Web sites for Martha

Stewart and J. Crew. Freyer was frustrated with his work at the university, which included continued updates to an online travelogue, and he wanted his own piece of the dot-com pie. He considered quitting school and starting over in New York, but he had too much stuff.

He tried to purchase domain names, including [yardsale.com](http://yardsale.com) and [garagesale.com](http://garagesale.com), but everything seemed to be taken. Then he stumbled upon the availability of the [allmylifersale.com](http://allmylifersale.com) site.

"It was the name that really solidified what the project would be," Freyer said. "The word 'all' is pretty large."

He had a site, but no plan. Freyer hosted an inventory party in his Iowa City apartment, where friends spent the entire night tagging items they thought best showcased the frustrated artist's personality. A toaster, ashtrays, T-shirts, still-wrapped Christmas gifts and taco shells were among piles that would be auctioned off using eBay and the [allmylifersale.com](http://allmylifersale.com) site. A few friends even tagged themselves.

Once items went up for sale in December 2000, the project began spinning out of control. An international media frenzy surrounded the idea.

Allmylifersale garnered the attention of the New York Post, Good Morning America and dozens of other major media

outlets in its first few months.

"The only publicity I did for this was I sent out e-mail to my friends," Freyer said. His home-grown project soon was listed among cool sites to visit in publications all over the world, and [allmylifersale.com](http://allmylifersale.com) quickly reached more than 1.5 million hits daily - three times the traffic successful, similar Web sites were getting at the time.

"The content on my site really defined what the project was like," he said. It was a project of memories.

There were pictures of the items and short scripts about each item's significance. As the second-hand merchandise sold, Freyer asked the buyers to send updates. Those were posted online, too.

The early success of the project led Freyer to visit his former possessions and the people who owned them. In July 2001, he took test trips to some New York-area buyers. He first met Jenn, a woman from Maine who bought his salt shaker filled with HyVee salt.

"There was this amazing amount of trust that was going on," Freyer said.

It was evident the traveling portion of the project could be a success, too.

Freyer returned to Iowa City and prepared a journey to act on some 100 invitations he received during his sale. He had

\$6,000 from the auction, including \$1,165 the University of Iowa Museum of Art paid for the domain name.

"By the end of the sale part, I was pretty excited about the travel," Freyer said. His previous work included the [www.temporama.com](http://www.temporama.com) travelogue, which he revitalized and updated through his visits for [allmylifersale.com](http://allmylifersale.com).

He traveled from state to state, meeting strangers. His white Honda Civic was packed only with the essentials, including a tent for lodging.

"In the end, most people had me stay in their house," Freyer said. He stayed in the tent only once, and if truth be told, it was at one of his last stops in Texas, and only because he had not stayed outdoors during the entire trip.

While in Texas, Freyer realized he had only \$300 left in his pocket, so he decided to return to Iowa City.

"It was interesting to see the things from my life being incorporated into their lives," Freyer said. "The goal was to reflect on these objects. The reason we hold onto things is because of our attachment to them."

Today, Freyer lives with his fiancée, whom he met at his inventory party. The few possessions he did not sell on eBay or at a highly successful garage sale are stored in the basements

of his friends' homes and at the university.

Many of the items he sold via eBay are in Iowa City, too.

Friend and adviser Margaret Stratton owns the famous green pants, which Freyer wore when the two met in Syracuse, N.Y.; a can of chunky soup; a shirt and the artist's defining eyeglasses.

His dining table sold for \$61 to Sasha Waters, his fiancée. It sits in the couple's Church Street home, along with some items Waters bought at the garage sale.

Freyer was uncertain about what was next once he returned to Iowa City from Texas in November 2001. He had a book to write, which he did mostly through six weeks of rewriting the content he already had posted online.

His personality is the same, two years after he put his toaster and two front teeth up for sale.

"My perspective on place has changed," Freyer said. "For the first time in my life, I've made a commitment to place."

Part of that is because of Waters. Another part is because

he has grown to love Iowa City, where he used to get \$1 beers any night of the week.

"It's a great place to live - even with the Foxhead making their drinks \$1.25," Freyer said.

The young artist continues to work following the second-hand theme. He most recently bought a 1977 ambulance - on eBay, of course - and traveled a portion of the country, filling the ambulance with goods from thrift stores along the three-week route. The video-based project ended with a screening of clips from the short trip, and a sale of the objects gathered along the way.

"He has an idea every five minutes," Stratton said. "He's incredibly prolific and he works really hard."

The proof is in All My Life For Sale. Freyer designed the 210-page book cover to cover, a commitment that matches his work with the University of Iowa Center for the Book. With the print catalogue in stores, Freyer feels good about how the project is ending.

"This is a way to put a period on it," Freyer said.

## It's time to make New Year's Eve party plans

BY MARY QUINLEY  
CORRESPONDENT

It's party time! And to help you plan your New Year's Eve bash here's a sampling of banquet halls and hotels that offer party packages. Enjoy and be safe!

■ The Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy, in Westland, will host a celebration from 7:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. A price of \$100 per person includes dinner food stations, beverages, champagne midnight toast, continental breakfast, pizza snack at 2 a.m. and music. For more information call (734) 525-3550 or visit: [www.hellenicculturalcenter.com](http://www.hellenicculturalcenter.com).

■ The doors will open at 7 p.m. at The Italian-American Banquet and Conference Center of Livonia, 39200 Five Mile. Dinner, deluxe bar, champagne, late-night deli buffet and live music will be available for \$85 per person. Ticket sales deadline is Friday, Dec. 13. Call (734) 953-9724.

■ Two party choices are available at The Ritz-Carlton Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Dr. in Dearborn. The

first seating, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., features a five-course dinner, one glass of champagne per person and piano entertainment for a cost of \$125 per person. Option two, from 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., costs \$199 per person. A five-course dinner, one bottle of wine per couple, champagne toast at midnight, three-hour open limited bar, band and party favors are included. Tax and gratuity extra. Call (313) 441-2000.

■ Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner, deluxe premium open bar, wine with dinner and live entertainment beginning at 7 p.m. at Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft in Livonia. Pizza and subs will be served after midnight. The festivities end at 1:30 a.m. Cost is \$85 per person. For reservations call (734) 462-0770.

■ Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, will host a celebration from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. A rate of \$90 per person includes appetizers, dinner, deluxe bar, midnight snack and music. For reservations call (734) 394-5480.

■ Snack on salad and pizza at the AMVETS Post 171, 1217 Merriman in Westland. A DJ and karaoke will be available from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Call (734) 721-9440 for more details.

■ Two options are available at Sandtraps on 5, 35780 Five Mile in Livonia. Early birds can order from a limited menu (prices vary) from 4-8 p.m. The second option, available from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., costs \$140 per couple. This package includes dinner, champagne toast, party favors, live music/dancing and cash bar. Call (734) 464-5555.

■ Tickets purchased by Dec. 21 cost \$30 for a single and \$60 per couple for the party at the Wayne Tree Manor Banquet Center, 35100 Van Born in Wayne. After Dec. 21, tickets are \$35 single/\$65 per couple. Dinner, bar set-ups, dancing, a live band and party favors are included. BYOB. For information call (734) 728-3020.

■ Celebrate with a surf and turf feast at the Hilton Novi, 21111 Haggerty. For a rate of \$269 per couple, dinner, champagne toast, DJ and dancing,

overnight accommodations and breakfast will be included. The package is available without dinner for \$169 per couple. Call (248) 349-4000 for times and more details.

■ The festivities at the Finnish Center Association, 35200 W. Eight Mile in Farmington Hills will begin at 7 p.m. with cocktails followed by dinner at 8 p.m. Dance to the tunes of a live band from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., enjoy a late-night snack and toast the New Year with champagne. Make a reservation by Dec. 23 by calling (248) 478-6939. Cost is \$35 per person.

■ Check out the Embassy Suites Hotel, 19525 Victor Parkway in Livonia, for an evening of dancing, dinner, eight beverage tickets, champagne toast and overnight accommodations. The rate of \$275 per couple also includes cooked-to-order breakfast on New Year's Day. Call (734) 462-6000.

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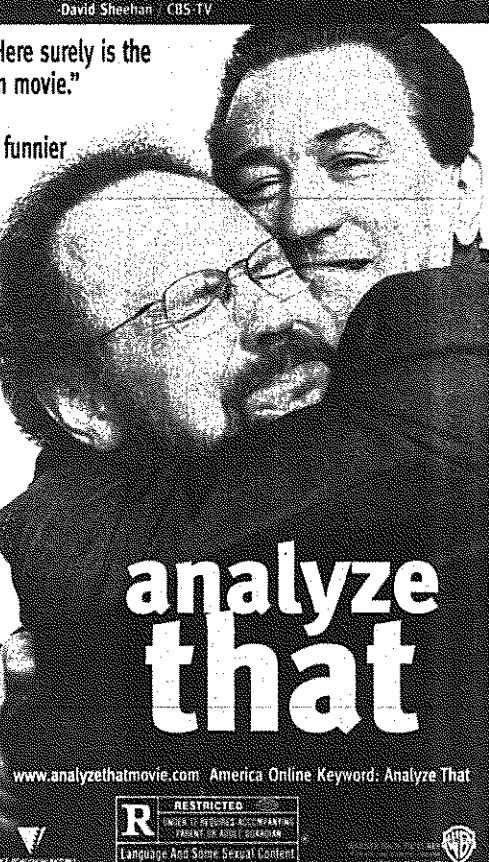
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# Westland eatery specializes in barbecued ribs, family atmosphere

BY MARY QUINLEY  
CORRESPONDENT

Once or twice a week, Art Woodruff shows up at Alexander the Great for a meal. Some days, he eats alone. Other times, he shares lunch or dinner with a family member, friend or business client.

"I feel comfortable at Alexander's," said Woodruff of Westland, who has frequented the eatery for more than two decades. He enjoys the food and the friendly, family-style atmosphere.

"The ribs and the broasted chicken are my favorites," said Woodruff, who has sampled just about everything on the menu including the "awesome" corned beef sandwiches.

In 1977, Alexander the Great opened in Westland. This year marks the restaurant's 25th year in business.

"We specialize in barbecued ribs," said Pauline Tomovski, who is a co-owner with her husband, Tom. The ribs, the most popular menu item, are trimmed, seasoned, cooked on a rotisserie pit and then served with a "secret" sauce.

Rib dinners come with coleslaw or salad, choice of potato and garlic bread. Portions are plentiful. Choose either a whole slab for two (\$18.95), a whole slab for one (\$16.95), a half slab (\$13.95) or a snack size of five bones (\$8.95).

Be sure to check local newspapers for coupons that offer rib dinners for two people for \$14.95.

Combinations of barbecued ribs and chicken and/or shrimp are available. Depending on the combo, prices are either \$14.95 or \$15.95.

The Monday-through-Friday lunch crowd has an option to order from a special menu between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

"People are surprised at how much food there is," said Tomovski, who updates the items on the lunch menu every few months.

A Reuben Grill, Chicken Tender Salad, Mostaccioli and Tuna Pasta are currently featured for \$4.95. The \$6.95 lunch specials are served with potatoes, coleslaw and garlic bread. Some of the choices are Fish and Chips, the Half Broasted Chicken and the BBQ Rib Snack.

Appetizers include Shrimp Cocktail, Windings, Fried Pickles and Onion Rings. There are a variety of salads, several soup choices and a Kids' Classics menu for the 10 and under customers.

Smiley Fries are the one of the newest items on the menu. The round, smiley-faced fried potatoes are a hit



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Tom Tomovski, owner of Alexander the Great in Westland offers many dishes, including barbecue ribs, fish and chips, barbecue chicken, mostaccioli, broiled orange roughly, broasted chicken and reuben sandwiches.



Barbecue ribs at Alexander the Great in Westland.

with the kids, said Tomovski.

A variety of seafood entrees, including Icelandic Cod, Breaded Shrimp, Broiled Cod and Orange Roughy, are available anytime. Meat lovers will find strip and rib eye steaks.

The Italian dishes of veal or chicken parmigiana, mostaccioli and spaghetti are accompanied by salad and garlic bread.

All menu items are available for take-out. Large orders for company functions, home gatherings or holiday events are welcome.

**'The customer is the most important thing. We feel that we provide that (at home) atmosphere.'**

Pauline Tomovski  
co-owner, Alexander the Great

Looking for a gift idea for a special couple? Or perhaps you and your significant other need an evening out. Then consider Alexander's Moviegoers Special for \$29.95.

The package provides dinner and a movie for two people.

Alexander's wait staff is taught to look at the customer's table and anticipate what the customer needs before he or she asks for it.

"The customer is the most important thing," said Tomovski. It's like entertaining at home, she said. "We

feel that we provide that (at home) atmosphere."

Employee turnover is low. The reason for this, said Tomovski, is probably because she and her husband treat their employees like family.

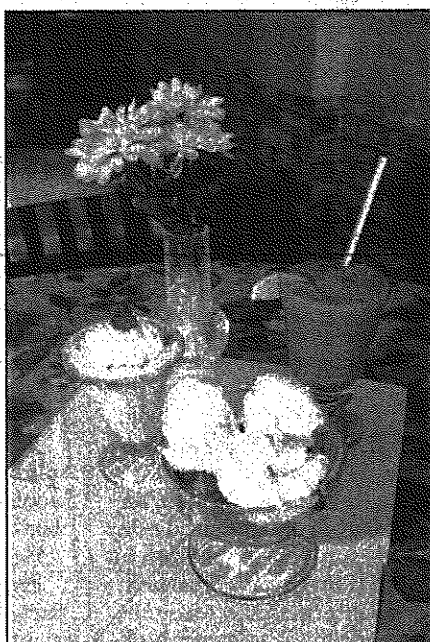
When the couple contemplated a name for their eatery they wanted to make reference to Tom's heritage in the Macedonia region.

So, they chose Alexander the Great, naming the restaurant after a conqueror that ruled as king of Macedonia more than three centuries B.C.

"We wanted to conquer the metro Detroit area appetites for barbecued ribs," said Tomovski.

Owning a restaurant came naturally to Tomovski. Her family has been involved in either the bakery or restaurant business. And, she said, her husband is a people person who likes to entertain. "What better place than a restaurant (for both of us) to work."

The right mix of excellent food, sin-



Fruit cobbler a la mode, homemade rice pudding and strawberry daiquiri are after-dinner pleasures at Alexander the Great in Westland.

## ALEXANDER THE GREAT

**Location:** 34733 Warren, Westland; (734) 326-5410

**Hours:** 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 10 p.m. Sunday

**Menu:** Barbecued ribs are the house specialty. Barbecued combos include chicken and shrimp. Appetizers, salads, soups, sandwiches, broasted chicken, seafood, steaks, meals for kids and daily luncheon specials are also featured. A full bar selection is available.

**Special package:** Moviegoers Special, \$29.95 includes dinner and movie for two

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cere service and a lot of hard work, said Tomovski, is the key to a quarter century of their success.

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## Accents

### ■ Book donations

Independent Carpet One, in partnership with the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation, is donating more than 200 Disney storybooks to local children in need, ranging in age from babies and toddlers to early readers and juniors.

"For some of these children, the books they receive will be the first book they have ever owned," said Francis Francavilla of Independent Carpet One in Westland. "It is our hope, that by giving community children books and encouraging them to read, we are giving a gift that will last a lifetime."

### ■ Woodworking

The Woodworking Show is scheduled Friday-Sunday, Dec. 13-15, in the Main Hall at the Novi Expo Center, presenting a one-stop shop for woodworkers.

The event will have something for the woodworking enthusiast, home-builder/remodeler, wood-turner or carver at all levels of expertise. Items will be for sale at discount prices.

A new specialty workshop, the Li'l Builders Workshop, is designed to introduce youngsters to woodworking. It will be open 1-6 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday.

Volunteers from the Motor City Scrollers and Michigan Woodworkers Guild will help children choose a pattern for a craft and trace, cut, sand and paint it.

Donations of \$3 per project are suggested, with all proceeds going to the local Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan.

Show hours are noon to 7 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$9 for adults, free for age 12 and under.

Family admission is \$10 for up to four people.

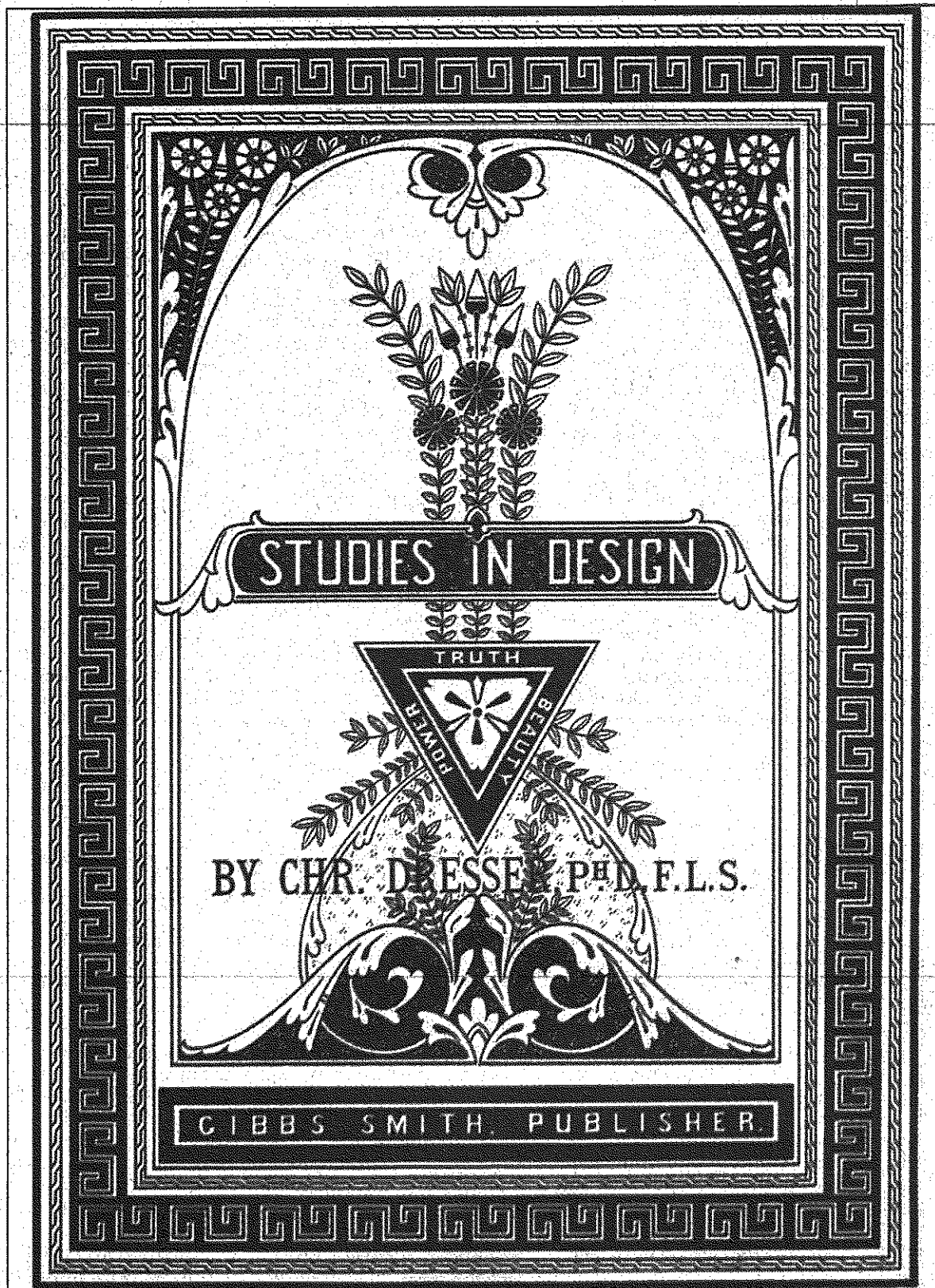
Tickets will be sold at the door.

More than 100 different manufacturers from around the world will be featured, displaying and demonstrating the latest in woodworking, turning, carving and finishing materials and supplies.

Experts will be available to answer questions and demonstrate techniques. Woodworking organizations will display members' work, answer questions, demonstrate skills and share tips.

Educational seminars are scheduled. Seminar cost is \$140 for full-day, \$85 for three-hour; attendees who register in advance will receive a free weekend pass and save 50 percent on a subscription to *WOOD* magazine. The center is at 43700 Expo Center Drive.

For more information, or to register for a seminar, call (800) 826-8257, e-mail [info@thewoodworkingshows.com](mailto:info@thewoodworkingshows.com) or visit [www.thewoodworking-shows.com](http://www.thewoodworking-shows.com).



Consider influential 19th century designer Christopher Dresser's *Studies in Design* for anybody on your holiday gift list who loves design for the sake of it. Publisher Gibbs Smith is offering a reprint of the book, originally issued in 1875, for \$45, as well as companion notecards featuring the book's designs for \$15.95. Visit [www.gibbs-smith.com](http://www.gibbs-smith.com) to order directly from the publisher.

## Art of the home

### Holiday gifts for the decorating-obsessed

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Home improvement and decorating are a job for some and a passion for others. Among the enthusiasts are the obsessed — those who live to rearrange, redecorate and rejuvenate.

The perfect holiday gift might be tuition for a degree in interior design or architecture. Short of that, there's a host of other — not to mention less expensive — resources and tools out there that amateur "professional designers" will adore.

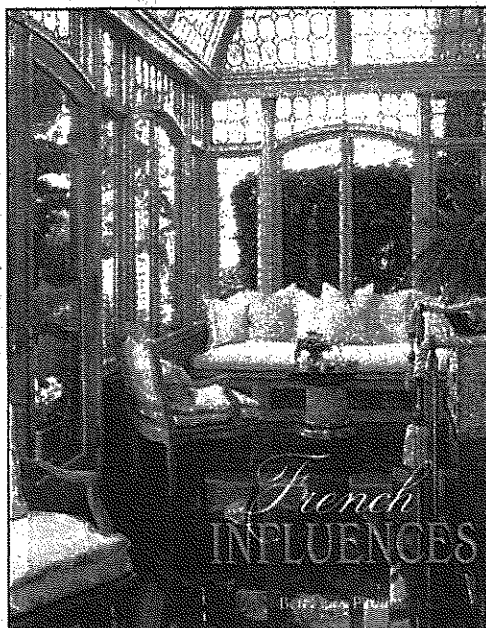
They say learning is reading, so start at the bookstore. With current interest in home improvement and design at an all-time high, publishers are printing all sorts of decorating books from titles that cover the fundamentals like Christopher Lowell's *Seven Layers of Design* (\$29.95, Clarkson Potter) to texts that explore particular trends and decorating styles like *French Influences* by Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith).



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No need to write down or recall measurements from memory with Brookstone's battery-operated voice recording tape measure, \$25 at Brookstone, at the Somerset Collection in Troy and Laurel Park Place in Livonia. The device, which includes belt clip and carrying case, is also available through the retailer's Web site at [www.brookstone.com](http://www.brookstone.com).

"There seems to be a French design trend," said Emily Swan, spokeswoman for Borders Books, which is based in Ann Arbor and



*French Influences* by Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith) is among several books on French style that made Borders Books' top-selling lists in the home decorating category.

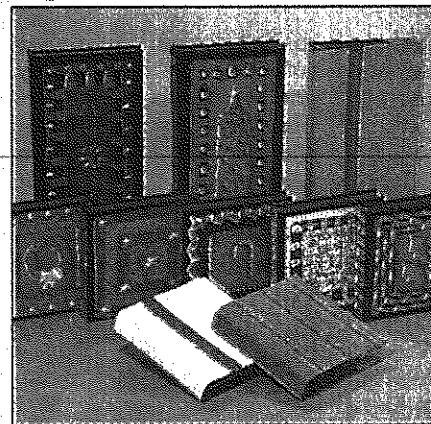
has stores throughout the metropolitan area. "Quite a few books are addressing French styles and French country design." Among those selling well at Borders are two other books by Betty Lou Phillips: *French by Design* (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith) and *Villa Decor: Decidedly French and Italian Style* (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith).

Other specialty home design books on Borders' best-selling lists are *Bungalows* by Louis Wasserman and Caren Connolly (\$29.95, Taunton Press) and *Cabin* by Dale Mulfinger and Susan Davis (\$34.95, Taunton Press).

Destined to become a classic is the *New Decorating Book* from Better Homes & Gardens (\$24.95, Meredith), according to Borders' home decorating book buyer.

A timeless classic not on Borders' lists but worthy of consideration is *Studies in Design* (\$45, Gibbs Smith) by

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Some of the album covers from Cardswell feature a holiday design. The albums were designed by Orchard Lake resident Nathalie Warriner as a special way to store greeting cards.

## Special albums save cards with care

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

When she was pregnant with her twins eight years ago, Nathalie

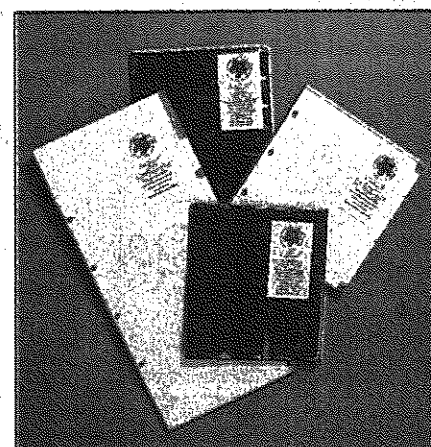
Warriner enjoyed reading the heartfelt words on cards she was sent.

Like others who receive cards, Warriner wanted to save hers — with care. But she couldn't find an album for greeting cards.

"It amazed me that Americans purchase and inscribe more than 7 billion greeting cards per year, yet there was no way to preserve them," she said.

As a result, she founded the Cardswell Products Division LLC and developed her idea of the Cardswell Greeting Card Album™.

"I was inspired to develop albums out of my own need for it," said



The pages have slip-in pockets that hold the cards so they can be read without being taken out of the album.

Warriner, an Orchard Lake resident. "I got tired of keeping (cards) in cardboard boxes and drawers and things."

The patented albums display the covers and interiors of the cards in acid-free storage pages with clear plastic pockets. The cards slip into the pockets, which hold the cards in a way that allows them to be opened and read without being removed from the album.

Tab dividers are also included so the albums can be organized into separate sections.

Warriner gained a patent for the idea in 1998, while the album prototype was created in 2001. She has found the public's response enthusiastic.

"People are thrilled to have a way to preserve their cards," said Warriner, a field hockey coach at Cranbrook. "The albums are for any event — graduations, weddings, baby showers, birthdays."

The albums are available in two sizes: "Classic," 10 by 10 inches, with a capacity for more than 20 cards; and "Ultra," 10 by 19 inches, able to hold more than 40 cards.

The covers come in a variety of styles, including fabric, handpainted and with a holiday theme. Among the patterns are fruit, solid colors, animal prints and floral. Warriner is the artist who designs the covers.

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# Tips help avoid returns nightmare after holidays

BY ALICE RHEIN  
CORRESPONDENT

Perhaps it comes as no surprise that out of five major department store retailers contacted to ask about return policies, only one (Marshall Field's) returned the call.

Stores are in business to sell merchandise, not receive it. Yet who hasn't gotten a holiday gift that was the wrong size, color or style?

And how about the horror stories of trying to return something? Everyone has one. There are tales of long lines, surly service, evil exchange policies and the dreaded "I'll have to get the manager."

There's even an Internet site called PlanetFeedback.com, a division of Intellisearch Inc., devoted to tracking customer complaints in an effort to help larger companies use the feedback to improve their bottom line. Enter in a company's name, and a list of letters pop up, many wrought with emotion.

But what about holiday gifts? There used to be the thought that if you returned items after the holiday, a store's return policy was a little more liberal. But don't count on it in

this competitive market.

Theft – or “shrinkage,” as it is called in retail – is a million-dollar business. And unfortunately, it does affect us all.

A return/exchange policy is just another way that stores try to control shrinkage, though it sometimes does little to help customer satisfaction.

## SUGGESTIONS

When shopping this season consider these suggestions about gift returns:

- Every department store and Internet site has a different return policy, so be aware of it before you buy.
- And don't assume that the sales clerk who helps you at checkout knows the return policy. It may be his or her first day working as a temp to get a few extra bucks for the holidays.
- It's better to ask at customer service, or check out a store's Web site, where return policies are generally posted. (Look under HELP if it isn't posted on the home page.)
- If you take advantage of early sales, be aware that some companies have a 90 day or shorter return policy, even if it's a holiday gift.

- Don't know someone's size or taste? Consider getting a gift certificate instead. Stores of every size and variety carry them these days, and it always fits.
- While you might think it's somewhat impersonal, the person who won't have to return that awful pink ruffled shirt will thank you. Now everyone is happy.
- Always get a gift receipt and tape it to the gift. Many stores, like Target, print them for everything, even when you're just stocking up on paper products. But if you don't get one, ask.
- Keep in mind that if you pay for something on your credit card, a gift receipt doesn't guarantee that you, the receiver of the gift, will get what you want. Some stores will only credit the card back and not give a refund. You can usually exchange the item you brought in, but don't expect to get cash back.
- If you lose a receipt for something you bought on a credit card, a call to the credit card holder can usually produce a receipt. Many stores, like Circuit City, keep track of purchases in their computer.

- Music, DVDs and software are impossible to return or exchange if opened, but can often be exchanged for the same item.
- If a software purchase isn't compatible with your computer, you'll have to return it to the company with your receipt. It takes a while, and costs you the postage, but generally, you do get a refund.
- Check your receipt before you leave the store. There are occasions when items are the correct price, but labeled wrong. When you try to return it, you'll run into trouble if the item title or SKU number don't match.
- Try to keep your cool and don't bark at the person behind the counter. Otherwise you'll look like a jerk regardless of how right you might be. Ask for a manager and keep your remarks professional and courteous.
- If you order items online and need to return them, you are stuck with the shipping cost. Period. If it was a mistake on the retailer's part (the wrong size or item sent), you can negotiate a refund, or ask to have a prepaid refund label sent, but otherwise, you pay shipping.

## SMALLER RETAILERS

Of course, a lot of return/exchange nightmares can be avoided by shopping at smaller retailers.

"We try to take away the frustration that's at the big stores," said Bob Benkert, owner of the Claymore Shop in Birmingham. "That way, they'll keep coming back."

Benkert says that, as it is with many independent stores, the Claymore Shop return policy is fairly open.

"Most of our customers we've known for a long time, and if they return something, we try to replace it with something they like," he said. "We try to stay away from cash refunds, but we're open about it."

Larry Loiselle, owner of the Livonia Schwinn Bicycle and Fitness Center, says most small retailers have a point of view about returns different from that of the big stores.

"On the front end, we take more time to ask questions and get you what you want," he said. "The larger stores aren't in business to do that. It's all about sales."

While returns aren't something any store likes to do,

Loiselle says that he'll work with the customer to try to get the right item, or give a refund within a reasonable amount of time.

"A happy rider is a much better advertisement," he said.

Even for high ticket items like jewelry, independent store owners establish a relationship and a trust with the customer.

"Often the first question that comes out of the mouth is, 'Can it be returned?'" said Gary Astrein, owner of Astrein's Creative Jewelers in Birmingham.

Astrein says he gets about the same amount of return/exchanges a year, and he's pretty liberal about his return policy.

"We want people to be pleased," he said.

Indeed, there is something to be said about the pleasures of good customer service.

While you might get good bargains at the superstores, you establish a relationship with a small store owner. And when it comes to getting just what you want, you're more likely to have happy returns with someone you know.

# Design build popular remodeling trend Be prepared for the unexpected

One of the latest trends in the remodeling industry has been design build, especially for major remodels like kitchens, baths and room additions.

"Design build means homeowners work with remodelers to create projects to fit their budget and meet their needs," said Adam Helfman, president

of Fairway Construction of Southfield, one of the local companies offering design build services.

"Good communication between the homeowner and remodeler is the essence of a successful project and design build gets that in place up front."

Typically, when homeowners want to remodel, they get a few bids. They may end up with very different bids because each remodeler proposes different ways to do the project,

making it difficult to compare.

With design build, the customer usually uses the remodeler to complete the job since the relationship has been developed. There is usually a design fee.

Design build promotes cohesive design and customer satisfaction.

Remodeling has been increasingly popular because many people would rather stay in their existing neighborhoods and people are buying older homes that need renovation.

Sooner or later, we run into some sort of emergency in our home. It's just about impossible to think about everything that could go wrong.

Having some basic plans can minimize inconveniences, damages or more importantly, injuries.

ABC type fire extinguishers (these can be used on all fires) are a good idea, but only if you can get to them. All too often, they are stored out of sight rather than where they are easy to get at.

Use good judgment about fighting a fire yourself. Your material goods aren't worth your life. Often it's best to get out of the building and let professionals take care of it.

We've all heard the fire safety ads about making and practicing an escape plan for the family. I'd like to hope that we at least discuss escape plans with the family because I'm sure most of us don't practice them.

This is probably OK, especially if there are no small children in the home, but I can't emphasize enough the need to have a meeting place

once outside.

I was a firefighter in a small town some time ago. One time we arrived at a fire scene to find a woman screaming that her elderly father was still in the burning house. Several of us rushed in but could not find him. Later he was found in the back yard looking for her.

Be sure everyone in the house knows where the main shutoffs for water, electricity and gas are.

The electricity shutoff is usually in the panel (fuse/breaker box) but there may be a dedicated main away from the panel. Look for the electric meter outside the house. The main will be close to that point, inside the house.

The gas shutoff is connected to the meter. It will usually be a flat valve, which needs an adjustable wrench to turn it. Water can be shut off near the meter.

Knowing where these are and how to operate them can prevent damage to your home in the event of problems with one of these systems.

We do get some pretty nasty snow, ice and wind storms in our area. These can mean power outages or leave us homebound for a while.

Battery-powered lighting is more costly than candles, but much safer.

A battery-powered radio and a few days' worth of non-perishable food and water can make this time a bit more tolerable.

Ranges with electronic ignit-

ers can usually be used for cooking by lighting the burners with a match, but avoid using these for heating.

In any disaster, irreplaceable items can be lost. Proper storage such as a safe or safety deposit box will minimize this loss to some of these items. We have insurance for those that are replaceable.

Take some time to look over your insurance policy. It's probably a good idea to sit down with your agent.

While looking at how your belongings are insured, look over your liability coverage. As we learned several years ago, even the quirkiest minor mishap can lead to litigation.

The Northwest Detroit Area Yellow Pages has less than 30 pages of insurance agents, 35 pages of physicians and almost 100 pages of attorneys listed. I hope you see my point.

Fortunately, in our litigation case, we had no out-of-pocket loss.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, teaches construction trades to high school students and is the general contractor for Habitat for Humanity, Western Wayne County. Since we all seem to ask our fathers for repair or remodeling advice, Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Kleim, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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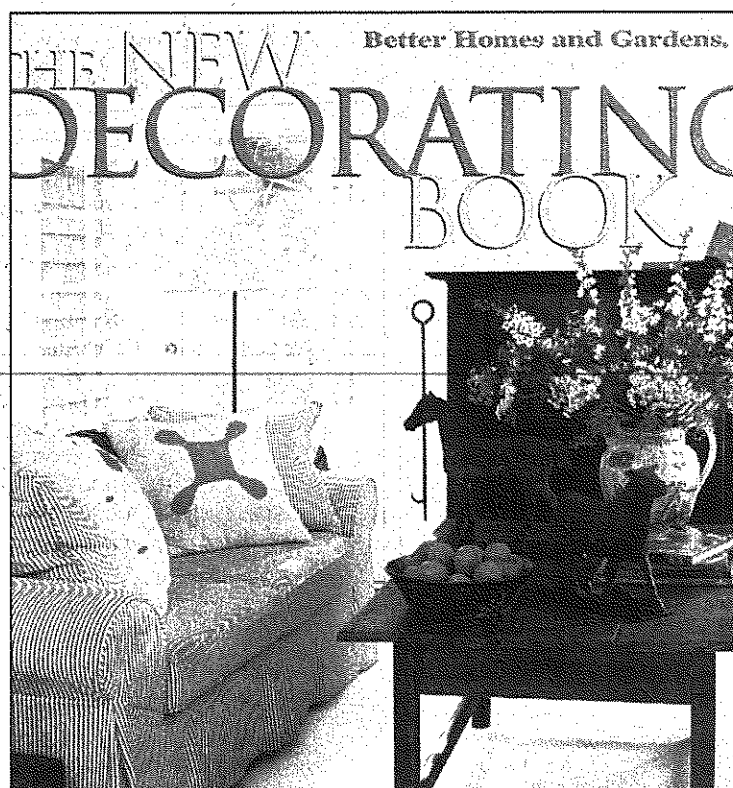


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An invaluable tool for those serious about home decorating and renovation, the *Metropolitan Detroit Home Book* (\$39.95, The Ashley Group) is a comprehensive source of design, decor, architectural, building and renovation firms and businesses in the Detroit area. It is available at Borders Books and Barnes & Noble.

## BOOKS

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Christopher Dresser, widely considered one of the most influential designers of the 19th century. Originally published in 1875, Smith Gibbs is offering not only a reprint of text but also companion note-cards of the book's featured designs.

For the computer-savvy, consider a home improvement or decorating software package. Offerings include software that assists in making decor choices, designing home additions and planning outdoor landscaping and gardens. CompUSA and Media Play, which both have stores throughout metropolitan Detroit, are also good sources for this gift.

If your loved one's resource library is chock-full, how about a gadget that makes projects and planning easier?

Brookstone, which has stores at the Somerset Collection in Troy and Laurel Park Place in

Livonia, sells a battery-operated voice-recording tape measure. The gadget assures exact measurements and is a perfect gift for those with a penchant for rearranging furniture. Priced at \$25, the device tape is 16 feet long and includes a belt clip and carrying case. It can also be purchased at Brookstone's Web site, [www.brookstone.com](http://www.brookstone.com).

And, hey, don't overlook another sort of gadget — hand and power tools. Yes, even if your loved one is a woman. A study of female homeowners conducted by Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse — who, in fact, estimate half of their customers to be women — consider themselves to be “do-it-yourselfers.” Apparently, screwdrivers, hammers and cordless drills aren't just for the handyman or man-of-the-house anymore.

So go ahead, substitute a Phillips head for a box of bath salts in her stocking.

Just don't forget the pearls.

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## BEST SELLERS IN HOME DECORATING BOOKS

\* List compiled for and by Borders Books  
December

1. *Not So Big Solutions for Your Home*, Sarah Susanka (\$22.95, Taunton Press)
2. *Patterns of Home*, Max Jacobson, Murray Silverstein & Barbara Winslow (\$34.95, Taunton Press)
3. *Villa Decor: Decidedly French and Italian Style*, Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith)
4. *Cabin*, Dale Mulfinger & Susan Davis (\$34.95, Taunton Press)
5. *Preston Bailey's Design for Entertaining*, Preston Bailey (\$45, Bullfinch Press)
6. *Creating the Not So Big House*, Sarah Susanka (\$34.95, Taunton Press)
7. *Bungalows*, Louis Wasserman & Caren Connolly (\$29.95, Taunton Press)
8. *Learning To See: Bring the World Around You into Your Home*, Vincente Wolf (\$40, Artisan)

- Top 10 for the year so far**
1. *French Influences*, Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith)
  2. *Christopher Lowell's Seven Layers of Design*, Christopher Lowell (\$29.95, Clarkson Potter)
  3. *Straight Talk on Decorating*, Lynette Jennings (\$34.95, Meredith)
  4. *New Decorating Book*, Better Homes & Gardens (\$24.95, Meredith)
  5. *Small House, Big Style*, Better Homes & Gardens (\$34.95, Meredith)
  6. *French by Design*, Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith)
  7. *Patterns of Home*, Max Jacobson, Murray Silverstein & Barbara Winslow (\$34.95, Taunton Press)
  8. *Decorating with Color*, Martha Stewart (\$22, Clarkson Potter)
  9. *Provençal Interiors*, Betty Lou Phillips (\$39.95, Gibbs Smith)
  10. *Romantic Style*, Better Homes & Gardens (\$34.95, Meredith)

## Fix a timer, repair dishwasher racks

We get lots of mail and comments from readers.

Mrs. Behnke wrote — I have a Magic Chef smooth top stove. It is about 9 to 10 years old. The timer and clock on the control panel cannot be set. When I turn the little dial to set timer, the numbers don't move, or only repeat the same numbers. The same thing happens when I use the push button to set the time. I had a reputable appliance repair company take a look at it. They quoted me a price of \$215 for repairs. I don't think so. I will live with a \$2 timer on top of the stove. Can you help?

Appliance Doctor: Please try going to the back of the timer assembly and spray with electronic contact cleaner.

Mr. Presley wrote — We recently purchased a used home which has a dishwasher. The rubber is burnt off a big portion of both the upper and lower racks. I looked at various Web sites for replacement parts and found them to be in excess of \$90 each. For that kind of money we would prob-

ably consider a totally new machine instead. Is there some way to recoat the racks with a dishwasher safe covering that would be much less expensive, or is there a dishwasher junkyard where I may find used but undamaged racks?

Appliance Doctor: When the dish-rack is made at the factory it is steel which is dipped into a large vat of the soft rubbery material which coats it and gives you a soft cushion for placing the dishes in.

Items placed inside a dishwasher should never have chips or cracks on edges because they can wear off the rubber coating. Eventually you will have bare spots all the way down to the steel wire rack and this can create marks on your dishes and fine china.

Local parts stores carry a dishwasher repair rack product that comes in a little bottle with an applicator. Apply this product on the damaged part of the rack. Make sure you take an emery board or a piece of fine sandpaper and clean off the area first. Wipe it clean and away you go.

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.

## CARDS

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“I like to be creative,” she said.

Prices for Classic albums range from \$10 — for the solid color covers, available in Cardinal (red), Raintree (green), Flutterby Blue, lavender and tangerine — to \$16, for the handpainted covers.

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## HOME CALENDAR

### Gifts and wrapping

A seminar on last-minute gift ideas and a gift wrapping demonstration will take place 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Ethan Allen, 15700 Middlebelt in Livonia. Call (734) 261-7780 for information.

### Visit from Santa

Santa Claus will visit the Kids Castle at Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road in Novi, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, to greet children and pass out special treats. Parents may bring their cameras.

### Auction

An auction will take place Friday-Sunday, Dec. 13-15, at DuMouchelle's, 409 E. Jefferson in Detroit. Hours are 6:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday, noon Sunday. Call (313) 963-6255 or visit [www.dumouchelles.com](http://www.dumouchelles.com) for information.

### How-to clinics

Area Home Depot stores offer free how-to clinics for do-it-yourselfers every week. The clinics last about 30 to 45 minutes and are taught by experienced Home Depot associates who cover step-by-step instructions on how to tackle a variety of home improvement projects. Contact your local Home Depot for more information. The December schedule is: Faux Painting, 7 p.m. Tuesdays; How to Install Ceiling Tile, 7 p.m. Thursdays; How to Install Pergo, 11 a.m. Saturdays; How to Install an Interior Door, 10 a.m. Sundays; and How to Install Ceramic Tile, 11 a.m. Sundays.

**Kemp House Museum**  
Kemp House, 312 S. Division in Ann Arbor, is decorated in a traditional German Christmas theme during December. The Greek Revival house was built in 1853. For more information, call (734) 994-4898. The schedule includes 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. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14 and 15. Admission to the house is \$1, free for under age 12.

[www.care4yourmemories.com](http://www.care4yourmemories.com).

The albums are available at Amy's Hallmark, 1207 W. 14 Mile in Clawson; Bloomfield Gift and Photo, 6606 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills; Hallmark Creations in the Crosswinds Shopping Center, 4301 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield; and Ulrich's Bookstore, 549 E. University in Ann Arbor.

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Brad Kadrach

## Rockettes show was better than a nap

My 12-year-old niece, Hope, is a dancer, so in keeping with my "Uncle Bradley" persona, I have to maintain some semblance of interest in the things which hold a spark for my nieces.

Still, I was expecting nothing more than a two-hour nap Friday night when Lisa and I headed downtown to the Fox Theatre for the "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" featuring those noted dancers, the Rockettes.

Despite Hope's assertion that the Rockettes are the pinnacle – the delicious young lady got to dance with them at an Eastland Center appearance – of the dance world, I wasn't really expecting much. We were actually on hand to listen to the daughter of a friend sing with her high school choir prior to the performance. Ashlee Boyer-Shaw and her choir-mates sang Christmas carols on the steps leading from the Fox lobby into the seating area, and they were wonderful.

To be honest, I didn't expect much from the rest of the evening. After all, how long can you watch two dozen women kicking their legs in a straight line? The actual show didn't hold a whole lot of interest for me.

Until it started. The Rockettes themselves didn't participate in the opening number. Instead, young dancers soared across the stage in an entertaining number designed to get the show off to a rollicking start, which it did. The Rockettes then came out to the second song, and I thought to myself, "NOW we're talkin'."

Apparently I think out loud, because several of the men in the audience around me started laughing, at least one admitting that he'd been thinking the same thing.

Going in, I figured I'd at least enjoy the Rockettes for the pretty standard reasons most males would enjoy them – they're very pretty, they have great legs, and there are a lot of them.

Watching them for the first 10 seconds convinced me of something else: They're extraordinarily talented. And the show was a lot of fun.

According to information in the program, the Radio City Christmas Spectacular dates back to 1933, when Radio City Music Hall began presenting 20-minute holiday stage shows with feature films. It changed in 1979, when Robert Jani created the live, 90-minute show.

The show at the Fox featured upbeat, standard holiday fare. There was a "Nutcracker" sequence, where a little girl dances with life-size Teddy Bears. "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" was an exercise in precision, with more than a dozen soldiers moving in complete harmony and synchronization.

That's the part that amazed me – the precision. I know their reputation is based on it, but watching it on television and seeing it in person provide two different realities.

My niece aspires to be a professional dancer and, at 12, she's allowed her dreams. She's already in "The Nutcracker" with the Cincinnati Ballet Company.

There's a height requirement for the Rockettes – at

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JIM JAGDFELD | OBSERVER

Sister Clare Marie Klein and Meghan Madigan at afternoon chapel at the Felician Convent in Livonia. Sister Clare Marie is a novice and Meghan Madigan is a postulant.

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

### RELIGIOUS RESURGENCE

Becoming a nun was the furthest thing from Dana Becker's mind. The 38-year-old New Yorker was a successful Park Avenue lawyer and always thought she would marry and have a family.

"I liked my life the way it was," she said. "There was just one thing that was missing."

Dana found the missing link and, just weeks ago, joined the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor.

"This is heaven on earth," she said. For Ann Klein, thoughts turned to the possibility of becoming a nun at a very young age.

Home-schooled and one of 10 children in a devout Catholic family, Ann began nursing studies at Madonna University at the age of 15. Gathering information on the Felician sisters there for a friend who was discerning a vocation, Ann found herself drawn to the order.

"I knew that I wanted to enter a community with Eucharistic Adoration, a strong devotion to Mary, and complete allegiance to the church," she said. "Plus, I loved the Felicians' Franciscan spirit."

Two years ago, at the age of 17, Ann entered the Felicians' Livonia Province and is now novice Sister Clare Marie.

Sister Jackie Laster, a temporary professed, and Rose Nickson, a candidate, are both African-American grandmothers in their 50s who have been divorced and received annulments. With a strong desire to serve the poor, they are the newest members of the Sisters of Mercy, headquartered in Farmington Hills.

After a 40-year dearth in vocations, these women are part of a renewed and growing interest in religious life that has become evident locally in recent years.

And nowhere has it become more evident than in a new Dominican order in Ann Arbor, undoubtedly one of the fastest-growing orders in the United States.

The Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist was established in New York in 1997. The four founding sisters came to Ann Arbor that same year at the request of the Lansing bishop to staff and administer the Spiritus Sanctus academies, begun by Domino's Pizza founder Thomas Monaghan. There are now four of the K-through-eighth-grade schools, including one in Plymouth Township.

It wasn't long before the smiling sisters in their flowing white habits began to attract attention and new members. The growing community moved into a new 28-room motherhouse on Warren Road in Ann Arbor, February 1998.

"By spring 1999 it was too small," said Sister Joseph Andrew Bogdanowicz, one of the founding members and vocations director for the community. "We consider it quite miraculous."

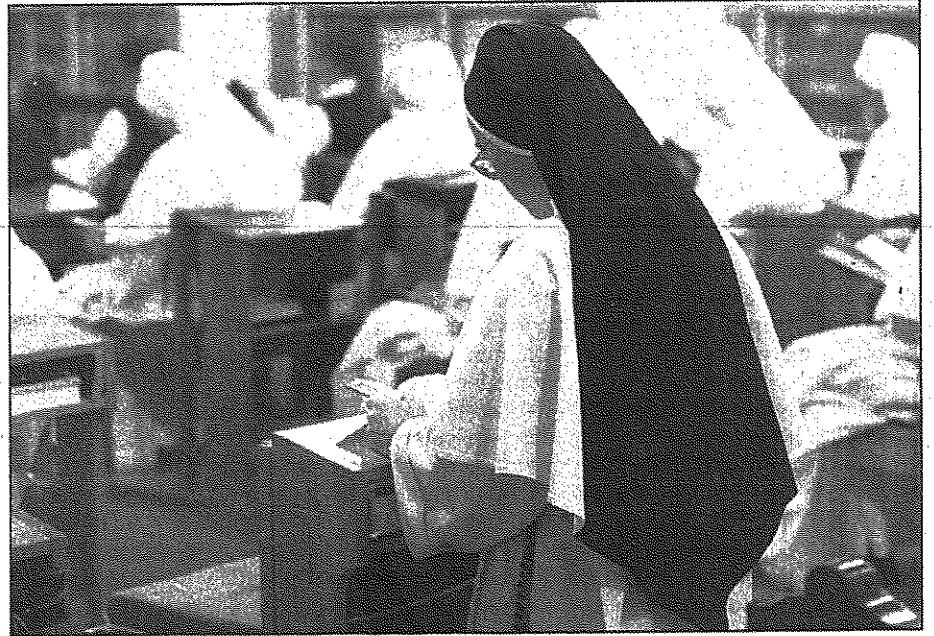
With the addition of the seven new postulants in September, the sisters now number 38 and are bursting at their residential seams. Plans are in the works to build a new 100-room motherhouse.

"We need to make the house about three times the size of the one we are in now," said Sister Joseph Andrew. "My e-mail is flooded daily with women inquiring about religious life and we will be at 100 in no time."



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Sister Maria Frassati, from left, Sister Mary Margaret, Sister Elizabeth Ann and Sister John Paul play a hand of Liverpool Rummy in the recreation room at the Dominican convent in Ann Arbor.



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The sisters gather for afternoon prayers in the chapel at Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist in Ann Arbor.

The sisters also offer several retreats each year – a 24-hour, no-frills camp-out on a school gym floor with the sisters there to pray with and answer questions.

It was at just such a retreat that Sister Teresa Benedicta, 22, knew she had come home. Becoming a sister was not even on her radar screen while growing up in New Mexico.

"I always wanted to get married and I was going to have lots of kids and home school them, just like my mom," she said.

She was 17 and attending a Dominican retreat in Nashville before she saw a nun in a habit for the first time.

"It was also the first time that I had seen sisters who were young and happy," she admitted. "It made such an impression on me. I thought: That's what I want to be."

Nineteen when she entered the convent three years ago, she took her first profession of vows in June.

### NEW GROWTH

Sister Mary DeSales Herman, vocations director for the Blessed Virgin Mary Province in Livonia, remembers when vocations were abundant. She had just graduated from high school and was one of 13 who entered on Sept. 8, 1948.

"My desire to become a sister grew from the sisters who taught me," she said. The sisters' joyful warmth and caring inspired many young women, and classes often numbered 25 to 30, recalled Sister DeSales.

Novice and Postulant Director Sister Mary Anita Marie Louise Taddonio said there were some 800 Sisters in the

Livonia Province in the 1960s. Now there are about 215 – 100 sisters at the motherhouse, including about 50 in the infirmary, and another 115 out in the community.

"But we have consistently had new vocations almost every year in our province," she said. "This year there are two new postulants."

And eight women from various walks of life ranging from the ages of 20 to in their 40s recently came to the Felician motherhouse for a discernment weekend.

"I haven't met one sister here who doesn't love her vocation," said Sister Mary Veronica Golbinez, 48, and a first-year novice with the order. "That joy just seeps out of the walls."

She had fallen away from the church after briefly belonging to the Sisters of Notre Dame in Toledo 30 years earlier,

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Working on an Advent wreath, from left, Sister Mary Veronica Golbinez and Deborah Ambrose. Sister Mary Veronica is a novice and Deborah Ambrose is a postulant.

## Canton woman hits a 'Fork in the Road'

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

For Sharon March of Canton, her Fork in the Road came in 2000 when she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"I'd been sick for two years before I got diagnosed," she said. "I went to a lot of doctors and nobody could figure out what was wrong with me."

When the diagnosis was finally made, March had a double mastectomy and went through chemotherapy and radiation treatments. The

experience led her to realize that there is much in life to learn and to celebrate – and she set about to bring people from diverse backgrounds together in a common setting to discuss and share their various beliefs and views.

She took some yoga classes and she, her yoga instructor and her friend, Maria Broxholm of Plymouth, would meet for just such discussions.

"At first, we'd meet at my company in Westland," she said.

She and her husband, Craig,

own March Performance Manufacturing Co., which makes pulleys for high-performance cars.

But she wanted to expand the meetings to include more people and she needed a name and a meeting place for the group.

One day, while driving down Canton Center Road where Canton Center and Sheldon Center branch off, she got her inspiration.

"There was a fork in the road," she said. "And I said, 'That's it, Fork in the Road.'"

The name was born and she, Broxholm and friend Kathy Perryman of Canton filed papers with the state to incorporate Fork in the Road as a nonprofit organization.

"The element to the Fork in the Road was that I had a lot of friends from different backgrounds – Shamans, Muslims, Jews, Jesuit Catholics, Methodists," March said. "We have all learned lessons in life that we can bring to the Fork in the Road and share with other people."

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Sharon March discusses the Fork in the Road club, saying a Canton landmark was her inspiration.



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but led a very successful and productive life as a registered nurse and business owner.

"I had total independence, a very good job, a beautiful apartment and car – all the stuff that you would think would make anybody happy," she said. "But there was something missing really big time. Number one – it was God."

In awe of how God has worked in her life, Sister Veronica began to reconsider a religious vocation and joined the Felicians in January.

The two new postulants are Deborah Ambrose, 41, and Meghan Madigan, 28.

Deborah was also a fallen-away Catholic who experienced a spiritual reawakening in her life, and Meghan came from a devout Catholic family of eight.

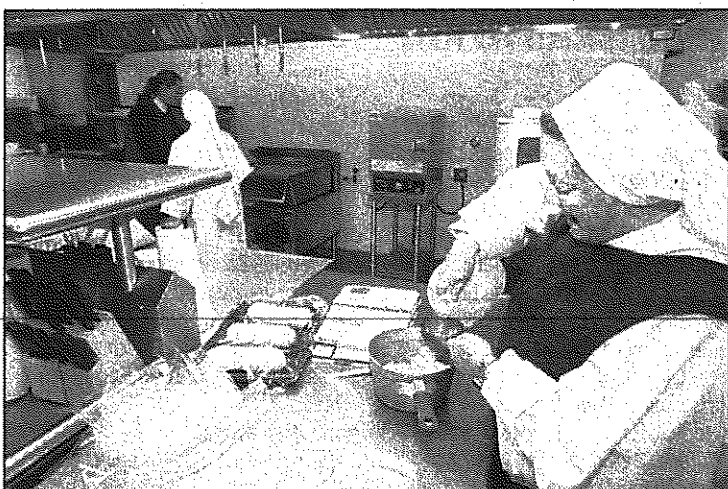
"The hospitality and the warmth and the invitation of the Felicians drew me in," said Deborah. "It is like being carried along in this warm current of love."

For both the novices and the postulants wearing a habit was a priority. While an option for Felicians, the Livonia Province has decided to wear the habit as much as possible "because it is a sign, a great witness," said Sister DeSales, adding, "but it is not the habit that makes the religious, it is the vows."

## NO HABITS

The Sisters of Mercy in Farmington Hills haven't worn habits for decades, although some of the older sisters still wear them, and the absence of habits has presented some challenges.

"Back in the early 60s there were thousands of sisters," said Sister Mary Ellen, the vocation minister for the Regional



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Sister Maria Gemma makes cinnamon rolls in the kitchen.

Community of Detroit and the Regional Community of Cincinnati. Now the Detroit area has 241 sisters with two temporary professed and one candidate (postulant).

"That's one of our biggest problems," she said. "There are fewer sisters in education and in hospitals, so our visibility is a little more of a challenge. And not wearing the habits, we're not as visible as we used to be."

They are working on more visible signs, she said, including wearing the special Mercy cross.

The Mercy Sisters take four vows. Along with poverty, chastity and obedience, they take an additional vow of service "because we are an apostolic community and our main charism is to serve the poor," she said.

Sister Mary Ellen specifically targets her vocations work toward young women 18 to 35, but one of the phenomena she has noticed is that there is a whole group of women that "we're not seeking, but are seeking us," she said. Those are the women from 36 to in their 50s.

Another recent development, she said, "seems to be a trend with high school and college kids very seriously looking at religious life. We haven't had that happen for quite a while. They're very interested in service and community living and they have a desire for deeper spirituality."

Right now Sister Mary Ellen is maintaining contact with about 20 of those young women and has recently set up a chat room, by invitation only, called "Meet the Sisters of Mercy."

It appears that the recent difficulties faced by the Catholic Church haven't put a damper on religious vocations.

People frequently ask Sister Joseph Andrew of the Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist if it has affected vocations in her order.

She answers: "You're not kidding! If I thought I was busy before, now I'm really busy. The youth have come back with a stronger-than-ever determination. I just think God works in a way man can't figure out, and He's going to bring good out of anything."

## KADRICH

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least 5-foot-5 but no taller than 5-9 – that she might have trouble reaching.

"Hope is dying," my sister-in-law, Peggy, told me the other

day. "She's afraid she's never going to see 5-5."

I think she'll reach 5-5, and I think she should keep kicking for the stars.

After going to the Fox, I'll know this much: If I go to see her with the Rockettes, I'll know to get my nap in beforehand.

Brad Kadrach is community editor of the Plymouth Observer and, at nearly 5-10, is too tall to be a Rockette. He can be reached via e-mail at bkadrach@oe.homecomm.net or by phone at (734) 459-2700. Calls from agents are welcome.



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Kathy Perryman, left, and Sharon March discuss the Fork in the Road group in the living room of March's Canton home.

## FORK

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The discussions can be about anything anyone wants to talk about.

In a brochure announcing the next meeting, March explained the idea:

"We don't care what your religious or ethnic background is," she wrote, "because the more diverse the better. We meet at public libraries and the only thing we ask is that during the meetings everyone keeps it simple and leaves their ego outside the door."

The first meeting was held at the Canton Public Library in October with about 25 people attending.

"There was one couple at our first meeting," Perryman said, "and the husband said he was just an observer, not a talker. Then something was said about fishing and Sharon said, 'We can talk about fishing and camping. That's a good topic.'"

March said the man went on and on about his fishing hobby, being alone with his thoughts and meditating while he fished. After the dis-

cussion ended, he said, "This is the most I've talked in 15 years."

And that's the idea of the sessions, according to March, who's a Buddhist.

"It's to share ideas and ponder the possibilities of life," March said. "It's not a religious thing per se, but we're not afraid to discuss that. In Buddhism, it's called 'being in the moment.'"

March, who was born and baptized Episcopalian, said she's always been a Buddhist, she just didn't know it until about four years ago.

## EASTERN PHILOSOPHY

"I started dabbling in the Eastern philosophy," she said. "The teachings are the way I have lived my life. When I was young we went to church but I was never connected with it. It didn't give you the opportunity to express your free mind. I think everybody should celebrate everybody's beliefs."

She stressed that the group is not trying to convert anyone to anything and is not interested in money. There are no dues.

And the idea for meeting in libraries was to find a mutual meeting ground where everyone would feel welcome.

"I could go downtown in the inner city and go into the library and feel welcome and like I belong," she said.

"Especially in Canton, we have a wide variety of people with different beliefs."

Fork in the Road met Dec. 11 at the Canton Library with the next meeting scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, at the Dunning Room of the Plymouth District Library.

Anyone interested in joining or wishing more information can contact March at (734) 812-6863.

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## Neurological Surgery

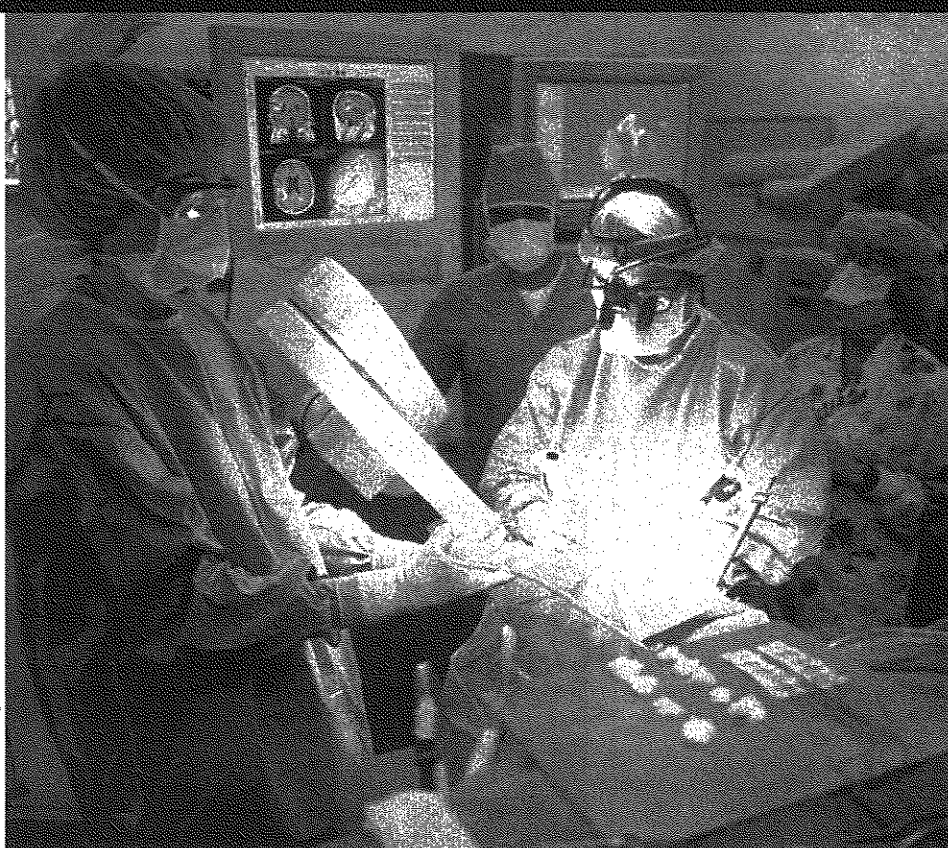
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## SINGLES CALENDAR

Send items for consideration in singles calendar to Hometown Life, Observer Newspapers, 794 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170, fax (734) 459-4224.

## EVENTS

## Single Point Ministries

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, invites singles to join more than 500 single adults 11:30 a.m. every Sunday in Knox Hall, for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are present. SPM has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to have a newsletter sent, call the SPM office at (248) 374-5920.

## Walking Club

Single Point Ministries of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church offers a walking club. It meets in the hospitality area in the Grand Mall 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and walks are outside, rain or shine. Open to all fitness levels.

## Metropolitan Single Professionals

Trip Information Meetings/Sign-Up Meetings are in the Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. in Farmington Hills, on Sunday, Dec. 15 or Jan. 5. For the Las Vegas trip, be there at 6 p.m.; for the Ski-The-Soo Ski Trip-Canada, 6:30 p.m.; and the Punta Cana-Caribbean trip, 7 p.m. Bring your questions.

## Book Discussion Group

MSP's book discussion group meets 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

## Co-Ed Bowling League

Leagues bowl every other Sunday night. All levels of bowlers are welcome. The league will play at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills. League begins at 6 p.m. and the cost will be \$14 per week. RSVP by sending \$52 to cover the last two weeks of the season and the registration fee.

## Selective Singles Social and Travel Club

For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club, call (248) 435-5320 or go to [www.ssstc.org](http://www.ssstc.org).

## Fun &amp; Fine Dining Parties

Join in 6-7:30 p.m. every Thursday for socializing with dinner afterwards. The goal is to provide members and

friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. On Dec. 12, participants will meet at Trattoria Andiamo, 20930 Mack, Grosse Pointe Woods. Phone (313) 886-9933 for further information.

## Single Mingle Dances

Meet new friends, dance and socialize, anytime from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 disc jockey, cash bar, hors d'oeuvres and door prizes. Admission is \$10. Attire is dressy casual, no jeans or tennis shoes. Friday, Dec. 20, meeting at the Shenandoah Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road between Orchard Lake and Drake.

## Euchre

From 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday through April at the newly remodeled Main Lounge at Drakeshire Lanes, 35000 Grand River Ave. just east of Drake in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$5 for members, \$6 for nonmembers. Everyone is welcome.

## Volleyball

Due to the popularity of volleyball, Open Drop-in Co-Ed Volleyball is offered. Being held in the gym and fieldhouse at the Bloomfield Hills Middle School, 4200 Quarton Road just west of Telegraph. The cost is \$5 for members; \$6 for nonmembers.

## Bethany Suburban West

Divorce Recovery starts in January. Contact Mary at (734) 414-9736. Sundays 10 a.m. breakfast at Redford Grille, corner of Five Mile and Beech Daly. Optional Mass at St. Aidan's on Farmington north of Six Mile at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday's Coffee & Conversation at Thomas Family Dining at 33971 Plymouth Road, Livonia, between Stark and Farmington roads, at 6:30 p.m. Monthly meetings are 8 p.m. the third Saturdays at St. Kenneth Church Hall, 14951 Haggerty, between Five Mile and Schoolcraft. Dances are on the first Saturday of every month at St. Robert Bellarmine Church gym, corner of Inkster and West Chicago in Redford. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., dance from 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$9 and Dick Gerathy is the disc jockey. Refreshments. Monthly dinners are the first Thursday of each month. Call Kathy at (734) 513-9479 for reservations. A New Year's Dance is planned for Dec. 31 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church gym, located at the corner of Inkster and West Chicago. The time will be from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost is \$20, which includes drinks, disc jockey and dinner served at 9 p.m. Contact Carol at (313) 533-3041.

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

## EVENTS

## Hour of prayer

St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, continues its series of Advent Hours of Prayerful Reflection 7:30-8:30 p.m. on the Fridays before Christmas, Dec. 13, and 20. The time will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, reflective readings and music, reflective silence and benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Call (734) 425-5950.

## Our Lady of Guadeloupe

St. Theodore Catholic Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, will celebrate Mass on the feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe Thursday, Dec. 12. Services will feature a mariachi group as music ministers. Call (734) 425-4421.

## 40th Anniversary

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia, will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Livonia Methodist churches Dec. 16. A catered dinner will be served at noon following the 10 a.m. service. Cost is \$9; reservations required. Call (734) 422-6038.

## Blood drive

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive 2-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, at the Plymouth Church of Christ, 9301 Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 453-7630.

## Birthday party

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church in Livonia will hold a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party for children 11 a.m. to noon Sunday, Dec. 22, after the 10 a.m. service. Cake, crafts, Christmas carols, fun and fellowship. Call (734) 422-6038.

## Christmas Eve service

Good Hope Lutheran Church, 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City, will hold Christmas Eve services Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. and a candlelight service at 11 p.m. Call (734) 427-3660.

## Pasties!

Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia, will take orders for their homemade pasties 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Jan. 7, and Wednesday, Jan. 8. Pick-up times are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17. Call-in orders only. Orders faxed, e-mailed or left on answering machine will be ignored. Order early. Call (734) 422-0149.

## RELIGION CALENDAR

## HOLIDAY CONCERTS AND PLAYS

## Christmas concerts

The Merriman Road Baptist Church has two more Christmas concerts planned: "The S-Files" 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 by the children's choir; "When Love Came Down" 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 22, by the adult choir. All concerts interpreted for the hearing impaired. Church located at 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. Call (734) 421-0472.

## Christmas play and service

MorningStar Church, 28463 Pardo, Garden City will present "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. The 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22 service will feature guest speaker Rick Amato and special Christmas musical selections. A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be held 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24. Call (734) 367-3029.

## A Christmas Carol

The holidays wouldn't be the same without a visit from Scrooge. Detroit World Outreach, 23800 W. Chicago (off Telegraph), Redford, will present *A Christmas Carol* Dec. 12, 14 and 15, with curtains up at 7 p.m. Special lighting and effects, and lots of flying characters. A matinee will be offered 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. A special performance is planned for Friday, Dec. 13, followed by a reception at \$5 per person and a drawing for \$1,000. All other performances are free. Call (313) 255-2222.

## Christmas concert

Plymouth Baptist Church will present "Repeat the Sounding Joy" 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13 and Sunday, Dec. 15, featuring a variety of musical styles. Full nursery and preschool care provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth (1/2 mile west of Haggerty). Call (734) 453-5534.

## Christmas concert

Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, will present "Christmas Joy," a concert with a 140-voice choir and a 45-piece symphony orchestra, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, and 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Repertoire includes a portion of Handel's *Messiah*. Christmas carol sing-along with orchestra. Child care up to age 4 provided. No tickets required. Call (248) 374-5971.

## Christmas play

Community Free Will Baptist Church, 33031 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, will present two plays Sunday, Dec. 15: "The Biggest Christmas Ever," a children's play at 11 a.m., and "Lydia's Heart-Vision," an adult program at 6:30 p.m. The church also will hold a Candlelight Service 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. Call (734) 721-9040.

## Lessons and carols

The Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward Ave., Detroit, will present "A Festival of Lessons and Carols" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. This event, an English tradition, retells the Christmas story. No charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. A holiday dinner will follow at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral's Barth Hall. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for children, and \$35 maximum for families. Reservations required. Call (313) 831-5000, Ext. 3002.

## Christmas play

Good Hope Lutheran Church will present "Twas the Night Before," an old-fashioned Christmas pageant, 4:30-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. All are welcome. The church is at 28680 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. Call (734) 522-5613.

## Christmas play

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, will present its annual Christmas concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, with adult, children's and handbell choirs. The church will conduct its Candlelight Service 11 p.m. Christmas Eve. Call (734) 522-6830.

## Live Nativity

St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 West

Chicago, Redford, will stage its second annual outdoor "Live Nativity" 5-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, featuring the eighth-graders, along with sheep, goats and assorted animals. Christmas carols and refreshments. Call Roxanne Hundsrucker at (734) 564-1366.

## Christmas play

Mt. Vernon Baptist Church will present a "Christmas Drama" 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, and a Christmas cantata, 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The church is at 8828 Wormer in Redford. Call (313) 537-7480.

## Moravian Lovefeast

Metropolitan United Methodist Church, 9000 Woodward, Detroit (New Center), will conduct an "Old Moravian Christmas Lovefeast" 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22. The Lovefeast derives from a 14th century Moravian custom in Germany. It tells the Christmas story through scripture, carols, and anthems. Public welcomed to this spectacular service. Supervised, free parking available. Childcare available for pre-school children by phone reservation at (313) 875-7407.

## Christmas concerts

The Chancel Choir of St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile Road, Redford Township, will present the cantata "Angels of Christmas" Dec. 15 during the 10 a.m. worship service. On Christmas Eve, there will be a concert featuring the Chancel Choir, Cantus Choir, Handbell Choir, piano, guitar and organ at 6:30 p.m. Candlelight service begins at 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 534-7730.

## Christmas concerts

The First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood (between Wayne and Newburgh), Wayne, will present "The Light has Come" 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15 and Sunday, Dec. 22. Presented by the Concert Choir, Children's Choir and various soloists. Organizers promise the best Christmas music from 20 years of concerts. Call the church at (734) 721-7410, Martin Whitehead at (734) 326-4342, or Jay Young at (734) 523-9288.

## COOKIES FOR SANTA

## Cookie walk

The finest cookie-makers of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, will hold their first cookie walk beginning 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Come early. Cookies sold by the box, \$6 for a small and \$10 for a large. Call Judy Cook at (248) 442-8822.

## Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 9th annual Cookie Walk begins 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14. Doors open at 8 a.m. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile between Farmington and Newburgh, in Livonia. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut roll, poppyseed roll, and over 50 different assortments of ethnic and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale. Cookies are \$10 per pound; all others individually priced.

## Cookie walk

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne will hold a Holiday Cookie Walk 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, featuring specialty cookies and candies plus specialty dog treats for Fido. Prices based on size of tins. Candies sold by pound. The church is located at 3 Town Square, across from the Wayne Post Office). To place orders, call (734) 721-4801.

## ON-GOING

## Contemporary Worship

Contemporary worship services are held the third Sunday of every month at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 13090 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

Services begin at 7 p.m. with an informal dinner at 6 p.m. Praise music, drama and scripture come together to create an inspirational and informal evening. Call (734) 422-6038.

## Want to worship?

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Livonia invites all those looking for a house of worship to attend Sunday services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The church is located at 27475 Five Mile Road (at Inkster). No obligation to join; no charge for grace received. Call (734) 422-1470.

## Addiction support

Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City, offers a 12-step support group for people recovering from or struggling with addictions through its A Safe Place ministry. The group meets 7 p.m. every Thursday. Call (734) 421-0472. Family members welcome.

## Addiction support

Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark Road, Livonia, is hosting a "Reformers Unanimous" addictions program 7-9 p.m. Fridays. The program is open to all adults who struggle with an addiction or "stubborn habit." For more information, call (734) 261-6180.

## Calling young adults

Are you a 20-something looking for worship that speaks your language? "707," an interactive and multi-media praise and worship experience at Timothy Lutheran Church in Livonia, may be for you. Come as you are and bring a friend. Church is located at 8820 Wayne Road. Call (734) 427-2290.

## Catholic Basics

St. Hillary Church, 23901 Elmira, Redford, hosts a series of classes to learn about the Catholic Church 7-8:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of the month. The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a process in which candidates come and see, to discover what it means to be Catholic. For details, contact Sister Marie Miller, pastoral minister, at (313) 533-1560.

## Widow/Widower

St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton, offers "The Next Chapter," a social club group for widows and widowers, 7:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month followed by entertainment and refreshments. Non-church members welcome. Call Jackie at (734) 981-7247 or Dee at (734) 453-0829. The church also offers grief counseling to anyone of any faith who has lost a love one. Those sessions meet the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. of every month. Again, call Jackie.

## Women's Bible study

Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton, offers a "Bible Study for Women" series on Tuesday mornings and evenings. For information on courses, times, workbooks and costs, call (734) 455-0022. Register by e-mail: [cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com](mailto:cbcwomensministries@hotmail.com). Childcare available on Tuesday mornings for children birth through kindergarten.

## Widow/widower support

New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m., at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14951 Haggerty, Plymouth. New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at children, age 4-11. (248) 348-0115.

## Fibromyalgia

"Fibro-Friends & More," a support group for sufferers of fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, meets 1 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at the Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman Road, Garden City. Call Tina at (734) 495-0226 or Lucy at (734) 953-8576.

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# Capuchin Soup Kitchen needs toys

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen needs help from Santa, lots of Santas, to make this year's Capuchin Christmas Toy Program a success. Its goal is to assist approximately 1,200 families by collecting an assortment of toys appropriate for children ages infant through 12.

Through the generous donations of many area businesses, churches and individuals, the Capuchins last year brightened

Christmas for 1,150 qualifying families with food baskets. In addition, new and gently used toys were distributed to over 6,000 children. Is there a better way to celebrate the true spirit of the season than by making a child smile, ask program organizers.

Toy donations are currently being accepted. Distribution of toys and food will take place 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 18

through Dec. 20 each day at the Capuchin Service Center, 6333 Medbury (off Mt. Elliott), Detroit. To arrange a pick-up, call (313) 925-1370, Ext. 100.

For information on how to donate to the Capuchin Christmas Toy Program, contact Brother Rick Samyn at (313) 579-2100, Ext. 211. Last week's newspaper ran an incorrect phone number, we regret any inconvenience.

## New weight fitness center opens

A Texas-based ladies-only nutritional weight-loss and fitness franchise with over 100 centers in the western United States is coming to Livonia on Monday, Dec. 9, with the grand opening of Slender Lady, 32626 Seven Mile, in the Loveland Plaza.

Owner Laurianne Pressotto of Livonia is opening the first Slender Lady in Michigan.

"The goal of our company is to make a difference in our members lives by giving them a vehicle to fight obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes, fibromyalgia, depression and hormonal imbalances - all things that can be controlled by proper nutrition and exercise," she said.

Members of Slender Lady get a complete package called the

"Balancing Act," which consists of one-on-one nutritional counseling and a 30-minute circuit workout designed specifically for women.

The workout involves the use of eight hydraulic resistance machines designed to develop longer, leaner muscles, and women can "burn up to 650 calories a workout," said Pressotto.

According to Pressotto, the nutrition part of the program was authored by Dr. Georgia Kostas, director of the Cooper Clinic in Dallas, Texas, and President George Bush's private physician.

"Our program is designed to fit all women in all shapes and sizes," said Pressotto. "Our ladies lose an average of two pounds or more of body fat a

week and better than 92 percent of our members stay with us after their first year."

Pressotto considers herself fortunate to open a business in a community where she grew up, went to school, and is raising her own children.

"I have always been a people person, and my role has always been of a care-giving nature. I feel so blessed that I have found something that allows me to benefit others and to fulfill my own needs.... I am so proud to open my very first business in this great city, and I hope this will only be the beginning of a long and successful career with Slender Lady."

Doors open at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9. For more information, call (248) 888-9960.

## Holiday shopping is difficult

Even though holiday shopping can be fun, it can be very stressful for people with disabilities. Wheel chair-bound people face barriers in stores and malls. Hearing



**Disability Talk**

Carrie Tynan

impaired and deaf individuals deal with communication issues. I face several challenges with holiday shopping, such as noise confusion in noisy stores. Plus I only buy what I can carry if shopping alone.

I usually go shopping first thing in the morning to avoid the crowds. It is easier to communicate and shop in less crowded places. I also shop with family and friends, who help me with packages, read price tags and communicate with sales associates. I always feel very comfortable with asking for help when I need it.

Under the American

Disabilities Act public buildings must have necessary accessibility to meet the needs of the disabled. They must have automatic doors and ramps, and stores - including bathrooms - must be equipped for wheel chair use.

Also many malls have valet services, and many department stores offer special services. Parisian has a personal shopper service where customers can call and give a list of needed items or make an appointment. Customers can come in to view and buy the merchandise, pick up their purchases, or have them shipped. Parisian also offers customers the choice of charging for items over the phone and having the purchases shipped by United Parcel services at a reasonable price. It has been my experience that the associates are always very willing to help customers with their shopping needs.

Marshall Fields offers personal shoppers and shipping services to customers. Last March they started a program called Field Express. Customers can make an appointment to receive one-on-one help with shopping. Both stores also offer gift-wrapping services at a charge for people like me who have difficulty wrapping presents. There are alternative methods to shopping the malls. Catalog shopping is convenient, but always read the small print about taxes, shipping and returns. The Internet also has a variety of shopping sites. Shopping on the Internet offers many benefits, such as easy-to-read product information and time to browse different mer-

chants without the hassle of noisy, crowded stores. Unfortunately, there are several scams on the Web, such as "free for a price" deals and get-rich schemes. But as long as you follow safety guidelines you will have a good shopping experience.

Before shopping at any Web site check its reliability with the Better Business Bureau. If it is not listed as a satisfactory member do not bother to browse. Check the Web site for a contact address and phone number in case a problem arises. Always read the customer satisfaction policies regarding returns and refunds, and note the shipping charges and delivery schedules before making an order. Use a secure site with a privacy agreement to ensure your protection, and make printed copies of all transactions. I recommend shopping at are amazon.com and yahoo.com. Both sites are very trustworthy and easy to navigate. The customer reviews of products are very helpful, and I feel safe visiting the sites.

Holiday shopping should be about giving to people we love not being stressed out.

Carrie Tynan lives in Livonia and writes about disability issues. Contact her at carriewrites@yahoo.com; fax: (734) 943-6099; or visit <http://clix.to/writerfiction>

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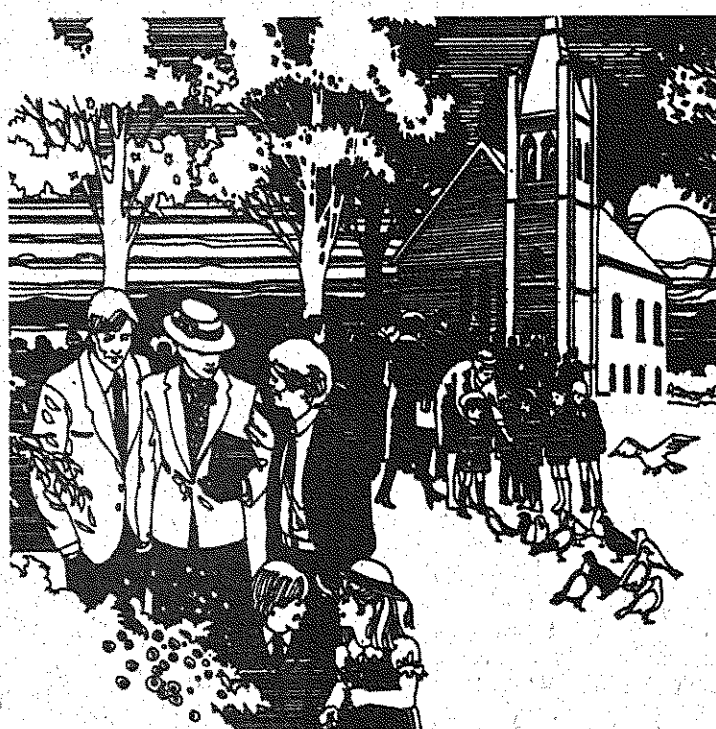
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 26, 2002

The regularly scheduled closed session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton met at 6:06 pm regarding pending litigation and employee negotiations.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy Members Absent: Kirchgatter, Yack  
Staff Present: Director Durack

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy at 7:00 pm to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to appoint Clerk, Bennett as chairperson for this evenings Board meeting. Motion carried by all members present.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 26, 2002, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Clerk Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy Members Absent: Kirchgatter, Yack  
Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Santomauro, Debbie Bilbrey-Honsowetz

Staff Absent: Director Conklin

Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the Regular Board Minutes of November 12, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

Payment of Bills - Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

General Fund	101	\$	217,178.64	
Fire Fund	206		20,035.12	
Police Fund	207		28,169.50	Expenditure
Summit Operating	208		42,152.95	Recap for
Golf Fund	211		17,138.33	Nov. 26, 2002
Cable TV Fund	230		18,718.37	
Twp Improvement	246		180,075.34	
E-911 Utility	261		1,101.61	
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267		3,115.37	
Federal Grants Fund	274		54.00	
Auto Theft Grant	289		61,880.95	
Downtown Dev Auth	294		176,049.05	
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		11,529.99	
Cap Proj-Road Paving	403		10,671.70	
Bldg Auth Construction	469		2,780.00	
Water & Sewer Fund	592		1,143,793.57	
Construction Escrows	702		18,842.56	
Koppernick Corporate	852		77.00	
N Haggerty Storm Debt	853		141.85	
Tonquish Creek Storm	854		98.00	
N Haggerty Paving Debt	862		195.65	
E Palmer Rd Paving Debt	863		337.50	
Beck Rd Paving Debt	864		312.50	
S Haggerty Rd Paving	865		175.00	
Total - All Funds			1,954,624.55	

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the following budget amendment in the Street Lighting Fund to revise the special assessment revenue and increase the fund balance appropriation: Increase/Decrease Revenues: Current Special Assessments #219-000-403-0000 \$(109,050)

Approp from Fund Balance #219-000-699-0000 \$109,050 = Total -0-. This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Street Lighting Fund budget. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the transfer of funds for the purchase of folding tables and stackable chairs for the second floor dance studios at Summit on the Park as follows: GENERAL FUND: Increase/Decrease Appropriations - Capital Outlay-Equipment #101-691-977-0000 \$5,900 Program Supplies-Enrichment #101-691-743-2000 \$(5,900) = Total -0-

This transfer does not increase or decrease the Recreation department/division budget or the General Fund budget. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the request to transfer stock (2002 licensing year) in 2001 Class C Licensed business with Official Permit (Food) adding Jose Noe Villarreal and Frances Angelica Villarreal as new joint stockholders through transfer of 375 shares of stock from existing stockholder, Frances Alvarado the liquor license located at 44401 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan be considered for approval and is the consensus of this legislative body that the application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve special event status for the Canton Goodfellows annual paper sale and approval to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution of Memorandum of Understanding for Access Management Plan for Ford Road Corridor. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution proclaiming December 7, 2002 as "Canton Goodfellows" Day. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to approve the Reimbursement Resolution stating the Township's intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the Township for the Administration Building project prior to issuance of bonds. Motion carried by all members present.

REIMBURSEMENT RESOLUTION Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan. Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan held on the 26th day of November, 2002, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Members: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy ABSENT: Members: Kirchgatter, Yack

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee McLaughlin and supported by Trustee LaJoy: WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township") has determined to issue and sell bonds, in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain public improvements respecting the Township's Administration Building (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, Township intends, at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the Township for the Project prior to issuance of the bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township makes the following declarations for the purpose of complying with the reimbursement rules of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2 pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended:

(a) As of the date hereof, the Township reasonably expects to reimburse the itself for the expenditures described in (b) below with proceeds of debt to be incurred by the Township.

(b) The expenditures described in this paragraph (b) are for the costs of acquiring and constructing the Project together with appurtenances and attachments thereto to serve the Township which were or will be paid subsequent to six months prior to the date hereof.

(c) The maximum principal amount of debt to be issued for the Project, including issuance costs, is presently estimated not to exceed \$15,000,000.

(d) A reimbursement allocation of the expenditures described in (b) above with the proceeds of the borrowing described herein will occur not later than 18 months after the later of (i) the date on which the expenditure is paid, or (ii) the date the Project is placed in service or abandoned, but in no event more than three (3) years after the original expenditure is paid. A reimbursement allocation is an allocation in writing that evidences the Township's use of the proceeds of the debt to be issued for the Project to reimburse the Township for a capital expenditure made pursuant to this Resolution.

(e) The expenditures described in (b) above are "capital expenditures" as defined in Treas. Reg. §1.150-1(b), which are any costs of a type which are properly chargeable to a capital account (or would be so chargeable with a proper election or with the application of the definition of placed in service under Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2(c)) under general Federal income tax principles (as determined at the time the expenditure is paid).

(f) No proceeds of the borrowing paid to the Township in reimbursement pursuant to this Resolution will be used in a manner described in Treas. Reg. §1.1502(b) with respect to abusive uses of such proceeds, including, but not limited to, using funds corresponding to the proceeds of the borrowing in a manner that results in the creation of replacement proceeds (within Treas. Reg. § 1.148-1) within one year of the reimbursement allocation described in (d) above.

(g) Expenditures for the Project to be reimbursed for the proceeds of the borrowing for purposes of this Resolution do not include costs for the issuance of the debt or an amount not in excess of the lesser of \$100,000 or 5 percent of the proceeds of the borrowing, or preliminary expenditure not exceeding twenty (20) percent of the issue price of the borrowing, within the meaning of Treas. Reg. § 1.150-2(f) (such preliminary expenditures include architectural, engineering, surveying, soil testing and similar costs incurred prior to construction of the Project, but do not include land acquisition, site preparation, and similar costs incident to commencement of construction).

2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy NAYS: None ABSENT: Members: Kirchgatter, Yack

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Township Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on November 26, 2002, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Township Clerk

Item 8. Motion by McLaughlin supported by LaJoy to remove from table and adopt Amendment (B) to the Truancy Ordinance #156. Publication to occur on December 5, 2002. Motion carried by all members present.

STATE OF MICHIGAN - COUNTY OF WAYNE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 156 (B) TRUANCY ORDINANCE (amended effective 10/17/02; amend eff. 12/05/02)

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MINORS FROM BEING TRUANT FROM SCHOOL IN PUBLIC PLACES; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES, HEARINGS AND PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF INVALID SECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TRUANCY. The Township Board finds, determines and declares as follows:

There has been a general increase in crimes committed by juveniles in the Southeastern Michigan area, as well as throughout the nation. The increase in juvenile criminal activity is partly attributable to an increase in the juvenile truancy rate. School attendance is mandated by State Law until a minor reaches the age of sixteen (16) years. The Charter Township of Canton has been adversely affected by both the increase in juvenile crime and the increase in juvenile truancy. This Ordinance is designed to address truancy by minor students in public places. [amend eff 12/05/02]

SECTION 2. TRUANCY IN A PUBLIC PLACE; MINOR; EXCEPTIONS.

(A) It is unlawful for any minor under the age of sixteen (16) years, who is enrolled in a public or private educational program to be absent from school and found in a public place, as defined in subsection (B) of this section, unless the minor has one of the valid excuses specified in subsection (C) of this section. [amend eff 12/05/02]

(B) For purposes of subsection (A) of this section, a minor is absent from school and found in a public place if said minor is found loitering, idling, wandering, strolling, playing, or aimlessly driving or riding about in or upon any public street, avenue, highway, road, curb area, alley, park, playground, or other public ground, public places or public building, place of amusement or eating place, vacant lot or unsupervised place, or any place open to the public during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. of the same day when said minor's school is in session.

(C) The provisions of subsection (A) of this section shall not apply under the following:

1) The minor has in his or her possession a written excuse from the minor's parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of said minor; 2) The minor is accompanied by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor; 3) The minor is on an emergency errand directed by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s) or other adult person(s) having legal care or custody of the minor; 4) The minor is going directly to, or returning directly from, a medical appointment; 5) The minor has permission to leave campus and has in his or her possession a valid, school issued, off-campus permit; 6) The minor is going directly to, or returning directly from, a public meeting or a place of entertainment, such as a movie, play, sporting event, dance or school activity provided such meeting, event or activity is a school-approved activity for the minor or is otherwise supervised by school personnel of the minor's school; 7) The presence of the minor in said place or places is connected with, or required by, a school-approved or school-related business, trade, profession or occupation in which said minor is lawfully engaged; 8) The minor has graduated from high school or has fulfilled all requirements for high school graduation; or 9) The minor is in attendance at religious instruction classes in accordance with MCL 380.1561(3)(d). 10) The child is being educated in an organized educational program at the child's home by his or her parent or legal guardian in accordance with the Revised School Code, Public Act 451 of 1976, as amended.

(D) Violation of subsection (A) of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for a first offense and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a second or subsequent offense during the same calendar year, and or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days. The court may set aside the fine and/or imprisonment, or any portion thereof, if the fine is based on the minor's first infraction under this section and the minor produces proof satisfactory to the court that the minor has had no prior unexcused absences from school. (Ord 156(A) amend eff. 10/17/02)

SECTION 3. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE; PARENTAL OBLIGATIONS. (A) A minor cited for a violation under this Ordinance shall attend a court hearing and must be accompanied at the hearing by his or her parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor.

(B) It is the obligation of the parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor, upon receiving notification from the court or the township, to attend any court hearing as described in subsection (A) above. Failure to so attend upon notification shall be a misdemeanor.

(C) It is the obligation of the parent(s), legal guardian(s), or other adult person(s) having the legal care or custody of the minor, to ensure and monitor the school attendance of the minor as required by State Law. Failure to do so shall be a misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Unless otherwise provided, any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who violates the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 5. REPEAL. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion thereof.

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE. The repeal or amendment herein shall not abrogate or affect any offense or act committed or done, or any penalty or forfeiture incurred, or any pending litigation or prosecution of any right established or occurring prior to the effective date of this Ordinance, as amended.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION. The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2002, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Terry G. Bennett, Clerk

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item 1. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to approve the request of Petitioner, Mr. Danny Veri, to approve the preliminary site plan for the proposed Grandover Park Site Condominium, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 2. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to approve the creation of a purchase order in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 for Wade Trim and Associates to prepare specifications and bid documents for the paving of Lotz Road, North of Palmer Road. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 3. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the agreement with Wayne County to upgrade winter maintenance on an additional 10.75 miles of roads and authorize payment of \$21,316.00 to Wayne County, funding to come from F&Y 2002, Account #101-441-950-0000. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 4. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the annual AS400 software subscription with HTE VAR, L.L.C., Chamblee, GA. For the Public Safety Department's Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management System for a cost of \$2,250. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 5. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the renewal of the AS/400 Support Line Services from HTE, Inc., Lake Mary, FL for the Public Safety Department's Computer-Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems for a cost of \$3,666.67. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 6. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to award the bid of \$53,560 to Circle Irrigation, Inc., plus a 10% contingency of \$5,356 for a total budget of \$58,916 for Victory Park Irrigation Systems. I further move to transfer budget funds from Planning Division account #101-853-818-0000 (\$36,000) and account #101-853-808-0000 (\$22,916) to #101-755-977-0000 (\$58,916) for this contract and to adjust the Planning Department budget and the Softball Center budget accordingly. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 7. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to award the bid for the Summit on the Park Aquatic Center handrail installation to Architectural Site Furnishings in the total amount of \$30,119 and a 10% contingency of \$3,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$33,119. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 8. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to approve the resolution authorizing submission of a Historic Preservation Fund grant application for the research and writing of a manual/resource guide for the preservation of historic cemeteries in southeastern Michigan; and further authorize a grant match of \$5,000 from the General Fund. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 9. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Shefferly to approve the 2003 Specialized Services Operating Assistance Program contract with SMART in the amount of \$29,568. Motion carried by all members present.

Item 10. Motion by McLaughlin supported by Burdziak to approve the resolution authorizing the Township Clerk to publish a notice of intent to issue 2003 General Obligation Capital Improvement bonds not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items related to the Township's Performing Arts Theater Building project. Motion carried by all members present.

NOTICE OF INTENT RESOLUTION

2003 GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BONDS

Charter Township of Canton - County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township") held on the 26th day of November, 2002, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Shefferly, McLaughlin, LaJoy ABSENT: Kirchgatter, Yack

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Trustee McLaughlin and supported by Trustee Burdziak.

WHEREAS, the Township intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing certain capital improvement items related to the Township's Performing Arts Theater Building (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, a notice of intent to issue bonds must be published before the issuance of the aforesaid bonds in order to comply with the requirements of Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Township intends, at this time to state its intentions to be reimbursed from proceeds of the bonds for any expenditures undertaken by the Township for the Project prior to issuance of the bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish a notice of intent to issue bonds in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

2. Said notice of intent shall be published as a one-quarter (1/4) page display advertisement in substantially the following form:

NOTICE TO ELECTORS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON  
OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS SECURED BY THE TAXING

POWER OF THE TOWNSHIP AND THE RIGHT OF REFERENDUM THEREON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, intends to issue and sell general obligation capital improvement bonds, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended, in an amount not to exceed Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000) for the purpose of paying part of the cost of acquiring and constructing a Performing Arts Building, including furnishing and equipping said building together with site improvements therefore.

Said bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on said bonds. The bonds may be issued in one or more series as shall be determined by the Township Board.

SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS

THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE BONDS shall be payable from the general funds of the Township lawfully available for such purposes including property taxes levied within applicable charter, statutory and constitutional limitations.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

THE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING SUCH A VOTE SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP IS FILED WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. IF SUCH PETITION IS FILED, THE BONDS MAY NOT BE ISSUED WITHOUT AN APPROVING VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE TOWNSHIP VOTING THEREON.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 517, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

ADJOURN: Motion by McLaughlin, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor

TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Kruczynski**

Theodore and Eleanor (nee Chmielewski) Kruczynski of Redford celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a party at Sand Traps Banquet Hall on Nov. 10. The couple were married Nov. 29, 1952, in St. Augustine Church, Detroit. Theodore worked at General Motors 46 years until his retirement.

Eleanor worked at Crowley's and Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corp. and is now retired. Both are very active with St. Theodore's Church. They enjoy going to Las Vegas and the casinos.

The couple have four children, Dennis (Cindy), Doris (Chet), David and Donald (Valerie); and eight grandchildren, Andrew, Kevin, Matthew, Christopher, Andrea, Nicholas, Jonathan and Kristi.

**Shook-Loukas**

Angela Loukas of Taylor and Brian Joseph Shook of Inkster were married Nov. 2, 2002, in Historic West Mound Church, Heritage Park before the Rev. Dan Watkins. A reception followed at Donovans VFW Hall, Van Born in Dearborn Heights.

The bride is the daughter of the late Theresa Loukas and the late Joseph Miles. Presenting the bride in matrimony was her brother, Peter Loukas, of South Lyon. She is a graduate of Robichard High School and is employed with Dearborn Cardiology Associates.

Her husband, is the son of Paul and Barbara Shook of Monticello, Ky. He attended Wayne Memorial High School and is employed with Dearborn Public Schools.

Attending the bride were matron of honor, Patricia Harton, and flower girl, Haley Harton.

The groom was attended by best man, Keith Cobb, and ring bearers, Alexander and Andrew Loukas.

Angela and Brian will be taking a honeymoon trip to Jamaica in April 2003. They are making their new home in Taylor.

## REUNIONS

As space permits, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers print, without charge, announcements of class reunions.

Send the information to Reunions, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 794 S. Main, Plymouth, MI 48170. Please include the date of the reunion, one contact person, and a telephone number.

**Catholic Central**

Class of 1961  
For information about the Girls Catholic Central of Detroit 40th reunion, call Jan Seefeld (248) 398-7777 or Nancy Nowak Kush (313) 291-1165.

**Chadsey**

Class of 1952  
A "golden anniversary" reunion is in the early planning stages. Alumni are being asked to call and share their interest in attending a reunion. Call

Florence A. Azzopardi (313) 937-1246.

**Detroit Central High**

Class of 1953  
50th reunion Sept. 13, 2003. Call Bernice Betman, (248) 737-5773.

**Detroit Western High School**

Class of 1978  
Our 25-year class reunion is being planned for next year. For more information, contact Donna Willingham Orozco at (313) 605-0377 or e-mail orozcodo@sbcglobal.net.

**Grosse Pointe North**

Class of 1991  
Call (800) 677-7800, visit [www.taylorreunions.com](http://www.taylorreunions.com) or e-mail: [info@taylorreunions.com](mailto:info@taylorreunions.com) or [culbertson@taylorreunions.com](mailto:culbertson@taylorreunions.com) or write: Taylor Reunion Services, P.O. Box 597, Dallas, TX 75221-9929.

**Holy Redeemer**

Class of 1962  
Classmates call Frank S. Barkovich regarding the class reunion in 2002. Call (734) 397-8777.

## Hospital gathers harvest for needy

As many of Michigan's residents continue to suffer from the effects of hunger, community members like Garden City Hospital are assuming the initiative to help alleviate this crisis. The member network of the Food Bank Council of Michigan aids more than 227,000 local citizens every week, and with efforts of Garden City Hospital for the 2002 Michigan Harvest Gathering, an additional 11,854 pounds of food were donated to the cause.

Garden City Hospital conducted a food drive from Oct. 28 to Nov. 11 for the Michigan Harvest Gathering, a statewide program that provides food and assistance to local residents in need.

"As health care organizations, it is our responsibility to not only help the patients who seek care in our facilities, but also to enhance the health of those who are less fortunate in our communities," said Gary Ley, president and CEO of Garden City Hospital.

For 12 consecutive years, the Michigan Harvest Gathering has assisted the Food Bank Council of Michigan and its 12

member regional food banks in providing for the state's hungry residents. The Michigan Health & Hospital Association has served as the primary sponsor of statewide campaign for the past five years. In 2002, approximately 120 MHA-member organization participated, raising a total of almost 278,000 pounds of groceries and nearly \$27,000.

Combining the MHA's efforts with those of several large corporations, local agencies, state employees and myriad individuals, the statewide campaign raised about 680,000 pounds of groceries and more than \$306,000 this year. Funds gathered during the Michigan Harvest Gathering were given to the FBCM food bank network to purchase perishable goods and help cover the cost of transporting these items to about 2,500 local shelters, food pantries and soup kitchens.

A 2001 report published by the national food bank network, America's Second Harvest, indicates that nearly 44 percent of those who benefit from these types of efforts are under the age of 18.



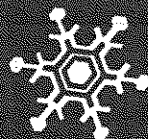
Harvest Gathering weigh-in are Chris Nagle, left, and Ted Fleszar weigh donations at the Harvest Gathering. Both are employees of the Maintenance Department at Garden City Hospital.

Approximately 40 percent of the Michigan homes that receive aid from food banks have at least one person who is in poor health.

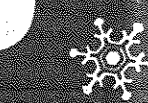
The 11,584 pounds of food gathered by Garden City Hospital employees and volunteers will be given to the less fortunate through the Gleaners Food Bank.

"Our employees were elated to reach out to their local communities and help those in need. Garden City Hospital staff members believe in our mission to improve the health of others, and the Michigan Harvest Gathering is an effective means to do so," said Caroline, food drive project leader.

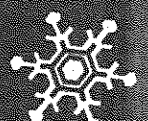
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## Sidelines

### ■ Hunters win

The Mullet Hunters 14-and-under in-line hockey team completed a full weekend at the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse by winning the Thanksgiving Tour Cup with a 4-3 overtime victory over the Devils.

Dustin Gazely's wicked slapshot from 35 feet resulted in the game-winning goal at 2:55 of the extra session. Gazely's goal completed his hat trick. The Mullet Hunters tied the score with less than five minutes left in the final period to force overtime. The semifinal against Tour Venom was another thriller, with Matt Wooster tying the game for the Mullet Hunters with two minutes left and then scoring the winner with less than a minute left.

The combination of Wooster and Gazely combined for 17 goals in six games played in the three days. Dustin Boose's goaltending was also a key factor for the Mullet Hunters; he faced 32 shots in the semifinal and 21 in the championship.

The Mullet Hunters team includes: Mike Hargreaves (Hartland); Ryan Lammers (Rockwood); Justin Price (Saline); Dustin Boose (Rochester); Dustin Gazely, Matt Wooster (Novi); and Brandon Egglesfield, Blake Butkovich, Nick Pesant and Kevin Tollison (Canton). Jay Pesant is the head coach, Jerry Lammers is his assistant and Justin Pesant is the team manager.

### ■ Sillmon honored

Senior Angie Sillmon (Plymouth/Salem HS), a middle blocker for Western Michigan's volleyball team, was named Mid-American Conference West Division Player of the Week Nov. 25.

Sillmon helped lead the Broncos to a pair of critical victories in the final weekend of the regular season at University Arena. The wins over Bowling Green and Northern Illinois Nov. 22-23 helped WMU clinch a berth in the MAC Tournament.

Sillmon hit a combined .446 (33 kills, four errors, 65 attempts) in the victories, a team best. Her 33 total kills, including a career-high 17 versus Bowling Green Nov. 22, led WMU.

Sillmon has posted a career year in her final collegiate season, establishing personal bests in kills (309), blocks (140), block solos (21), and block assists. She became the ninth player in program history to total over 300 career blocks and is among the top five all-time in blocks and block assists. Her .270 hitting percentage on the year is also a personal best. Sillmon was also named MAC West Division Co-Player of the Week Oct. 7.

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# Madonna falls in 5 games at NAIA Tourney semis

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

It was near-perfect.

Madonna University's volleyball team came within a few points of what could only be considered a miraculous comeback at the NAIA Tournament Saturday at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego.

Just a few points . . .

The Lady Crusaders weren't even supposed to get that far. The seventh-seeded team, they won their first five matches of the tournament to reach the semifinals against Houston Baptist, the sixth-seeded squad.

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But they lost their first two sets against Baptist, putting them on the brink of elimination. Lose another game and their season would be over.

The Crusaders refused to give in. They beat Baptist in the next two games 30-27, 30-27, and suddenly their match was in overtime.

"To win five-straight matches (in the tournament) is unbelievable," said Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "And we fought like crazy to get back in it (against Baptist) after losing the first two games. It was 10-10 in

the fifth game (played to 15 points) and I really thought we were going to do it. I thought this was going to be the year."

However, it didn't work out that way. A missed serve cost Madonna one point, and a couple of kills by Elele Ekadeli, a native of Kenya who was named the tournament MVP, led to a 15-10 loss by Madonna.

The Crusaders — who lost the first two games of the match 30-25, 30-18 — finished their season with a 48-4 record, tying for third in the NAIA. Baptist lost to unbeaten and top-ranked National American (41-0) in

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PAUL HURSCHMANN | OBSERVER

Salem's Aaron Cheesman (13) winds up in front of the Northville goal in the first period of Tuesday's game, which Salem won 6-3. Cheesman had two assists in the game.

# Rocks remain perfect

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Early scouting reports on Salem's hockey team might have led one to believe that stop Mark Nagel from scoring and the Rocks will fold up.

Sorry.

Northville found out differently Tuesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association game at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Although the Mustangs did manage to take a 2-1 lead early in the second period, the Rocks answered with five-straight goals in rolling to a 6-3 victory.

The win keeps Salem perfect at 7-0. "So far, so good," was coach Fred Feiler's thoughts on his team's start. Asked if this team is better than last season's, he replied, "Defensively, I think we're better, so overall I think

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# Belleville blasts Rocks; Chiefs falter

It was not a good start to the season for Salem's basketball team.

In fact, Tuesday's opener at Belleville started poorly for the Rocks and never really improved much, at least not in the second half. The Tigers eventually rolled to an 84-58 triumph in both team's first game.

## BASKETBALL

"They're a good team," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "They shot the ball well and they're very athletic. "We were poor, at both ends of the floor — especially on defense."

Salem trailed 20-6 after one quarter, but did make a bit of a run in the second quarter, outscoring Belleville 20-16 to narrow the deficit to 36-26 at halftime.

"Which was nice," said Brodie. "We went into the locker room with a positive attitude. We said we played a lousy first quarter, now we have to come out and make a little run at them."

But the Rocks didn't. Instead, the Tigers forced a turnover and went on to hit three three-pointers en route to a 26-16 third-quarter spurt, which pushed their lead to 62-42 — far too large for Salem to overcome.

Dave Hoskins topped the Rocks with 22 points. Stevland Davis added 11.

Belleville got 26 points from Martin Samarco, including nine in the third-quarter rally; 17 from Alex Davenport (eight in the third quarter); and 11 from Greg Bond.

**Monroe 70, Canton 51:** It wasn't pretty.

Canton opened its season Monday at Monroe, but turnovers were costly

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# Canton looks good enough — for 2nd

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Ed Weber denied nothing. He just smiled at the so-called "coincidences."

Funny, isn't it? Salem's pool breaks down just at the start of the boys swim season, with the Rocks preparing to make a run at an 11th-straight conference crown. So who's No. 2 behind the Rocks? Who will gain the most if Salem's team falls a notch?

Well, that would be Canton. Before that, there was the suspicion surrounding the annual random lottery,

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during which it is decided what school each student will attend — a "Harry Potter Sorting Hat" sort of thing. And guess what? Of the 15 potential swimmers in the freshmen class, nine draw Canton. And just one draws Salem.

Hmmm. Then there's the Bill Faunce angle to this intrigue. Faunce has assisted Olson at Salem for years; he's also been an integral in helping organize the league meet. But Faunce, it seems, has now joined

Weber at Canton as his assistant.

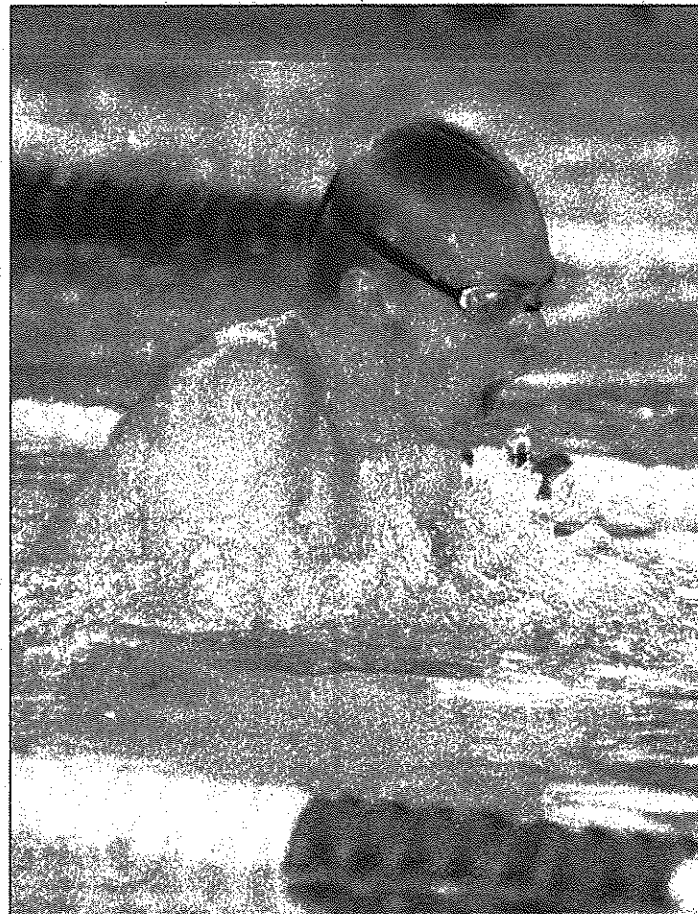
Gone over to the other side, eh Mr. Faunce? No doubt all that the money available to him as an assistant swim coach at Canton was what lured him.

Wow. What intrigue. This could be the next "Survivor"-type series, it so interesting.

In all seriousness, Canton will be solid again this season. The Chiefs will be second only to Salem in the WLAA, once again.

And although they have lost some considerable talent from last year's 12th-

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BRYAN MITCHELL | OBSERVER

Nick Dixon, now a sophomore, finished first for Salem in the 200 individual medley at last season's WLAA finals.

# Difficulties aside, Salem is the best

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Time to talk about the "conspiracy theory." Heck, I'd be paranoid. When your team has been so completely dominant, winning the last 10 conference championships with very few serious challenges in that span — then something suspicious happens that could lead to the end of your streak.

What's one to think?

Don't think Chuck Olson has gone quite that far overboard, but his Salem swim team has had to struggle the past week, lacking the one necessity a swim team needs: a pool to practice in.

"We're not practicing a lot, unfortunately," said Olson. "It's been out about a week. We're doing the best we can — we were at Central Middle School today for about an hour and 45 minutes."

That's about half as much practice time as the Rocks usually get, particularly at the beginning of the season when long workouts featuring lots of mileage are the norm. And it could have a serious affect on how the team develops.

There's more than that in Olson's negatives department. When the random selection process was made to see who would go to which of the three high schools, it was realized nine of the 15 potential swimmers would attend Canton HS, with five more going to Plymouth.

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straight-sets in the final, finishing at 47-3.

Asked to rate his team's performance, Abraham said, "Absolutely exceptional. It got better as the tournament went on. We weren't at our best in the semis, but part of that was what (Baptist) was doing. Our passing was just a little bit off."

Madonna's attack throughout the tournament had been superb, thanks in great part to the serve reception and the passing from it, which led to some great sets by Natalie Sayre.

But the Crusaders struggled against Baptist. "They served very aggressively with hard, sinking floats, which took us out of our serve receive," said Abraham. "I think that was the biggest thing they did, was serve well."

"We never got in sync. They served so hard against us, it took us out of our offensive patterns."

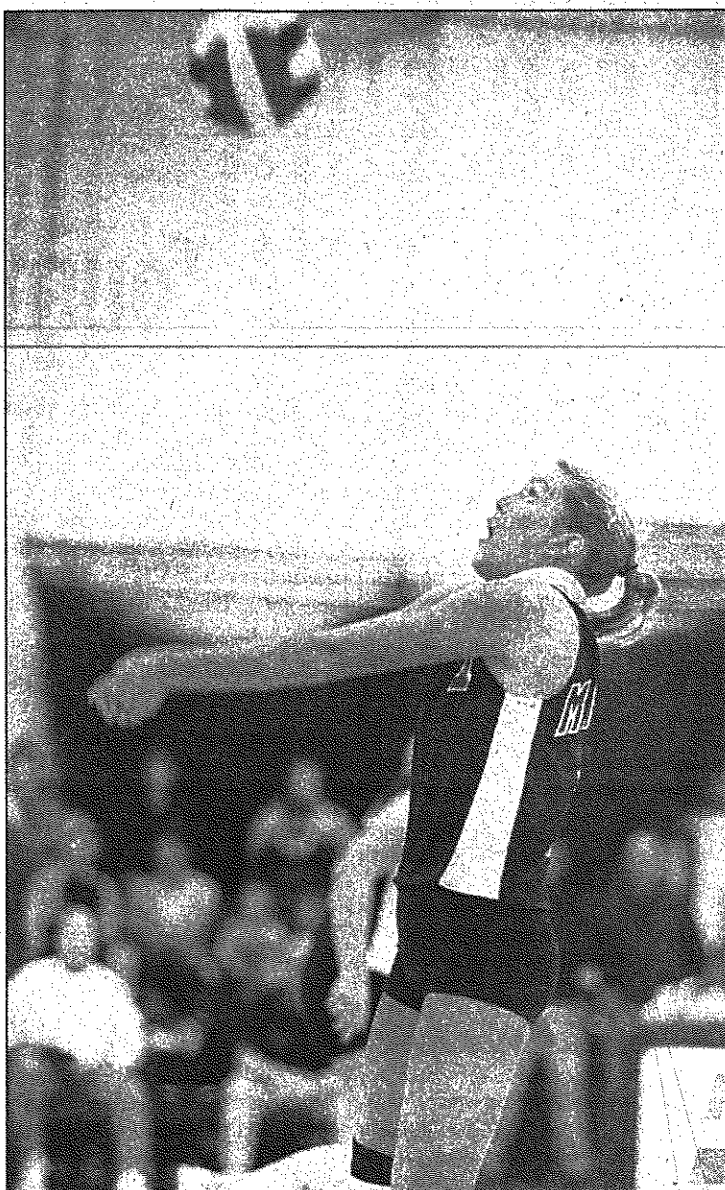
Reach the Final Four in a national tournament and the differences in talent level are often so minute that the slightest of momentum swings can be decisive. "The kids said they were a little emotionally drained from the night before," Abraham recalled, referring to Madonna's 30-23, 38-36, 30-19 win over Westmont (Calif.) Friday night in the quarterfinals.

By the same token, the Crusaders' comeback in the semifinals did Baptist no good. "I think it did take it out of them," said Abraham. "They didn't recover."

Doing a favor for National American wasn't exactly what the Crusaders had in mind. But even though they didn't quite reach the final, it was a season to remember — the best in school history.

"I'll take a season like this anytime, with these kinds of players," Abraham said. "You never know how you're going to finish at a national tournament, and we had lost four starters and eight players from last year's team."

"We had a mixture of new players and returnees, and it was a good combination. It was the kind of team you knew you



LIZ CARNEGIE | OBSERVER

Setter Natalie Sayre was instrumental in Madonna's reaching the NAIA Tournament semifinals Saturday. Sayre was named to the all-tournament team.

had a chance with."

Laura Lesko, whose performance throughout the tournament was superb, led the Crusaders against Baptist with 18 kills (a .406 kill percentage). She also had 12 digs and three blocks.

Shelley Stanton, who had keyed Madonna's attack in the tournament, had 16 kills and four blocks but was limited to seven digs and a .115 kill percentage. "They really concentrated on stopping her," said Abraham.

Natalja Tinina had 10 kills; Tera Morrill (from Livonia Franklin) had nine kills, 16 digs and two service aces; Hayley Myers had eight kills and three blocks; Linsey Buche had four aces; Amanda Suder (Salem HS) had 21 digs; and Sayre finished

with 56 set assists.

Ekadeli's 38 kills (.338) were good reasons for her being chosen as the tourney MVP. Stanton and Sayre were also chosen to the all-tournament team.

There will be some rebuilding to do after this season. Stanton — named the top player in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and a strong All-American candidate — and Sayre and Myers all graduate, and Morrill is undergoing shoulder surgery today, which could take more than six months of rehabilitation.

But considering how Abraham rebuilt the team last year, well, anything seems possible.

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## Ocelots win 9th straight

Nationally-ranked Schoolcraft College earned its first major road triumph of the men's basketball season Saturday night with an 85-70 victory against and previously unbeaten Lansing CC.

The Ocelots, No. 7 in the latest NJCAA Division I poll, then ran their overall record to 9-0 Monday with a 107-60 home-court victory over Cornerstone JV.

Schoolcraft led 35-32 at halftime before pulling away from host Lansing in the second half. UNC-Charlotte signee Marcus Bennett led the Ocelots in scoring with 20 points.

The other four starters scored in double figures including Dion Sherrell (16), Torvoris Baker (14), Gary Johnson (13) and Andre Scott (12). Ronald Dorsey added nine points and six rebounds off the bench.

The 6-6 Baker, a transfer from Eastern Michigan University, grabbed a game-high 16 rebounds, while the 6-9 Scott snared 10 rebounds.

Johnson contributed five assists and four steals. He also hit 7-of-8 free throws.

"It was our first big test early in the season against an unde-

feated team on the road," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said. "The first half we did not play with poise or patience, but the second half we settled down. We knew we could beat them if we played Schoolcraft basketball. In the second half we played with more poise and patience."

Western Michigan University signee Levi Rost, who came in averaging 34 points per game, paced Lansing with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Luke McKenna chipped in with 11 points and 10 rebounds, while Lyle Hampton and Patrick Yelsik each scored 10 points.

"Both Dion (Sherrell) and (Ronald) Dorsey did a good job on Rost with help from other guys on the court who shadowed him," Briggs said. "We didn't completely shut him down, but we were able to hold him 12 below his average."

Schoolcraft made 29-of-55 shots from the floor (52.7 percent) and outrebounded the Stars, 31-18.

On Monday, six players scored in double figures in Schoolcraft's lopsided 47-point win over the Cornerstone JV. Dorsey led the way with 19

points, while Bennett contributed 18. Others in double figures included James Holmes (15), Johnson (14), Scott (12) and Baker (11).

Johnson, a second-year point-guard out of Wayne Memorial, had 10 assists and five steals. Dorsey finished with a team-high nine rebounds, while Baker grabbed seven. Scott blocked five shots and Baker had three.

Jesse Tien led Cornerstone with 17 points.

**SAGINAW VALLEY ST. 87, MADONNA 70:** Sophomore Anthony Parker poured in a game-high 26 points in 35 minutes of action Saturday as host Saginaw Valley State (5-3) turned back Madonna University (4-4) in a non-conference game at University Center.

Parker went 10-for-15 shooting from the floor, including 3-of-5 from three-point range. Junior Maurice Brown notched his fifth double-double of the year with 23 points and 20 rebounds. Sophomore David Williams added 12 points.

The Cardinals led by one at halftime, 37-36, but outscored the Fighting Crusaders 22-11 to start the second half.

Noel Emenhiser led four MU players in double figures with 15 points. Chad Nadohni added 14 points and a team-high 13 rebounds. Dan Kurtinaitis and Chris Behrens chipped in with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

The Cardinals dominated play in the paint, outscoring MU 46-28. They also held a 44-34 rebounding advantage. Saginaw Valley hit 51.4 percent of its shots from the floor compared with 43.1 for Madonna.

## Central State drops MU to 2-9; SC women split

Madonna University outshot and outrebounded Central State in a non-conference women's basketball game Tuesday at Madonna.

But the Lady Crusaders didn't outscore the Marauders, mainly because they had trouble maintaining possession.

Central State improved to 11-1 with an 84-81 victory, while MU dropped to 2-9.

Madonna trailed 44-38 at the half, but connected on 35-of-65 floor shots (53.8 percent) and 5-of-12 three-pointers (41.7 percent) in the game. Central State was 35-of-74 from the floor (47.3 percent) and 4-of-8 on threes (50 percent).

The Crusaders also had a 43-32 edge in rebounding. The key difference: They committed 29 turnovers to 13 by CSU.

Lindsay Simmon had a

strong game for Madonna, making 13-of-21 floor shots in scoring 30 points. She also had nine rebounds and six assists.

Jackie Pingston scored 14 points (3-of-3 on threes) and had three assists and three steals, while Courtney Rehbine finished with 11 points, 13 rebounds and four steals. Kelly Adams' 27 points paced CSU.

**KALAMAZOO VALLEY 71, SCHOOLCRAFT 54:** In a battle of last year's MCAA conference champions Saturday, Kalamazoo Valley (5-2) rolled to the Schoolcraft invitational title against the host Lady Ocelots (7-3) behind Erin Palmer's 15 points. Center Pam Wingate scored 22 points and grabbed six rebounds to lead the Ocelots, who trailed 37-20 at halftime.

Crystal Pitman added in 10 points, while Tara Charles (Redford Bishop Borgess) contributed eight. Tiffani Pattillo had six assists.

**MADONNA 79, MARIAN (IND.) 67:** Madonna struggled and came up empty against Marian (Ind.) University, losing in the consolation game Saturday at the Holiday Inn Express Tournament at Bourbonnais (Ill.).

The Crusaders dropped both games over

the weekend, while Marian salvaged a split and brought its record up to 7-2.

The biggest problem for Madonna came at the charity stripe, where it shot 52 percent.

The Crusaders trailed 43-34 at halftime and attempted a comeback in the second half, but ultimately fell short. As a team, they shot fairly well hitting 49.1 percent for the game.

They were led by Lindsay Simmon's 18 points and 10 rebounds, but more impressive was her 8-of-12 shooting from the floor.

Sarah Thomson added 12 points and Marwa Ayoub chipped in 10, while Nikki Blaszk and Courtney Rehbine had 11 each.

**SCHOOLCRAFT 70, SINCLAIR (OHIO) 60:** In the first game of the Schoolcraft invitational Friday, the host Lady Ocelots made a tremendous comeback to hand Sinclair College (Ohio) its first loss of the season.

Schoolcraft trailed 35-31 at the half, but the second half was another story. It was all about defense and all Schoolcraft.

After shooting 41 percent from the field in the first half, Sinclair was held to just better than 25 percent in the second half.

Once again Schoolcraft was led by Wingate, who knocked down 10-of-16 for 23 points to go along with 10 rebounds. Pittman added 15 points, while Tiffani Pattillo had 11. Tara Charles dished out six assists.

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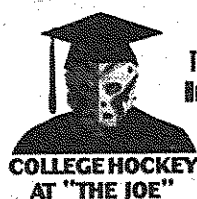


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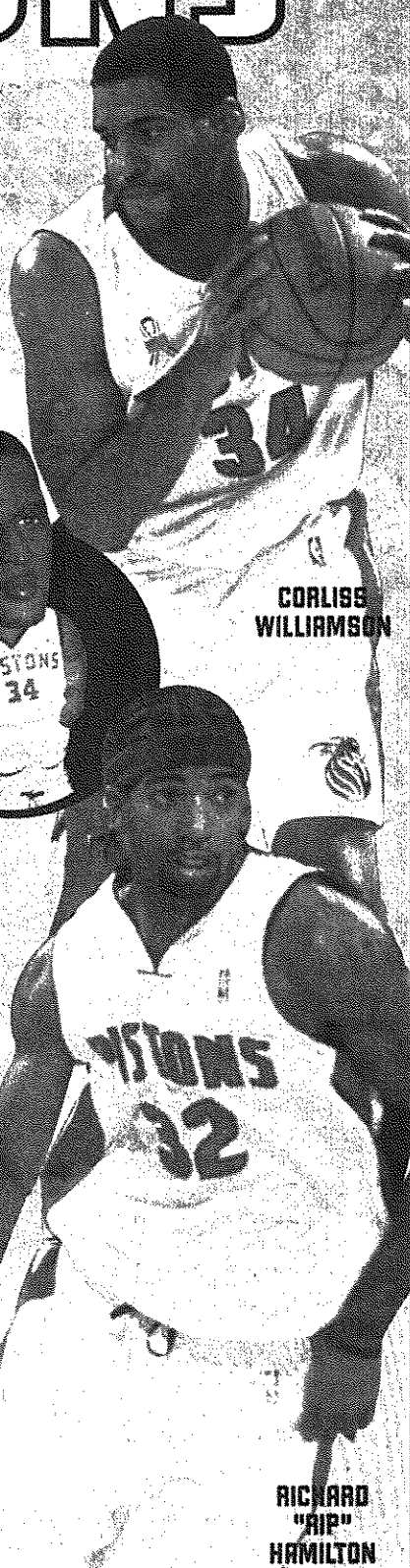
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## BASKETBALL

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as the Chiefs fell behind early and never caught up.

"We played poorly," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "We turned the ball over way too much and we didn't handle the pressure very well."

"I think we got outbounded, too, and I'm not too happy about that."

The Chiefs trailed 22-11 after one quarter and 38-19 by half-time. The deficit was never single digits in the second half.

Brad Waidmann led Canton with 13 points. Steve Thornton added 11. Monroe got 17 points from Nick Notario, 15 from Pat Sharrow and 10 from Ryan Steele.

"We're just trying to get a feel, get an idea what our strengths are," Rheault said.

**Agape 67, Deerfield 54:** Now that's a dangerous backcourt.

Charlie Henry and Jordan Napier, both juniors, each scored 30 points to lead Canton Agape Christian past host Deerfield in both teams' season-opener Tuesday.

Although the final was fairly comfortable for the Wolverines, it wasn't that way until the final few minutes. Indeed, Agape led 13-10 after one quarter and 27-24 at halftime; after three periods, the gap was just 43-41.

Both Henry and Napier were instrumental in Agape's 24-13 fourth-quarter run. Napier scored eight points in the quarter, but Henry was perfect, going 4-for-4 from the floor, including 2-for-2 on three-pointers, and 4-for-4 from the free-throw line to score 14 points.

Deerfield never led in the final period. Jason Hhubik's 23 points paced the Minutemen; Zach Jones contributed 11.

Agape was 8-of-9 at the line, while Deerfield made just 13-of-27.

**St. Mary 64, CC 63:** Orchard Lake St. Mary had Catholic Central's number during the football season.

One game into the basketball campaign, the Eaglets handed the Shamrocks another loss.

CC battled back from a 40-32 halftime deficit to tie the score in the fourth quarter, but fell short at the end Tuesday.

"Actually, since we only had five full practices, I was pretty pleased overall," said CC coach Rick Coratti. "We turned the ball over 20 times in the first half and they capitalized on that. We fought back in the second and played well."

CC scrambled back in the second half and tied the score at 60-all. The Eaglets took a 64-62 lead with 10 seconds left and CC worked it around and Dave Herberholz was fouled with a little under two seconds left. Herberholz made the first free throw, but just missed the second and CC couldn't get the rebound.

"I thought it should have

## CC wrestlers fare well at invite

Catholic Central's wrestling team got a look at some of the state's top competition Saturday at the Bay City Western Invitational. They ended up doing what many casino patrons hope to — break even.

In the team-scored tournament, Catholic Central recorded decisive wins over Lowell

been a three-shot foul, but they called a 1-and-1," said Coratti. "But overall, it was a good game."

Dan Waterstradt led CC with 13 points, while Jim Cash added 12 and Herberholz had 10. Jared Henderson and Derek Brooks had nine each. Dewayne Watkins led St. Mary's with 17 points, while Andre Ratliff had 16 and John Andrews had 10.

**Wayne 70, Romulus 52:** Senior guard T.J. McClain scored 18 of his 21 points in the second half to lead Wayne Memorial to a non-conference win Tuesday against host Romulus.

Wayne trailed 26-25 at intermission, but put together a 25-11 third-quarter run as five different players scored to take control of the game.

Junior guard Geno Safford added 12 points, while senior forward Jonathan Raspberry also had 12 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

"The third quarter we hit some shots, ran a little bit and did a good job rebounding," Wayne coach Wayne Woodard said.

Ronald Coleman, a 6-foot-6 junior forward committed to Michigan, led the Eagles with a game-high 23 points.

"He (Coleman) is a good player, he really goes to the basket," Woodard said. "We worked hard on him."

Wayne made 25-of-31 free throws (80.6 percent), including 16-of-19 in the final quarter.

Romulus was 21-of-28 from the line (75 percent).

**Garden City 67, Franklin 45:** Dave Loney led a balanced scoring attack with 15 points Tuesday as the Cougars (1-0) launched their 2002-03 season with a victory at Livonia Franklin (0-2).

Brian Burton added 12 points and eight assists. Carlos Alfaro and Chris Cappelli added 10 and eight points, respectively, as Garden City led 39-23 at halftime and 57-36 after three quarters.

GC jumped out to a 20-13 first-period lead.

"It was a pretty competitive first quarter," Garden City coach Greg Williamson said. "But I think they wore down a bit."

"Burton played a strong game. It was a team effort tonight. Eleven guys scored. It was a nice way to start things off."

Chris Austin, a senior center, paced Franklin with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Eddie Jankowski added seven points.

The Patriots were 13-of-28 from the free throw line, while GC was 8-for-12.

"They (GC) are good, they're quick and they shoot well," Franklin coach John Santi said. "They came out and pressured us."

Franklin was playing its second game in many games.

"Maybe we were a little tired," Santi said, "but that's not the reason why we lost."

(28-6) and Richmond (48-27). The team then lost its final two matches, 54-15 to Clarkston and 37-36 to Middleville.

Sean Dong (103), Matt Steintrager (112) and Nate Rodriguez (145) were four-time winners at the tourney for CC. Trevor Stewart (160) won three of his four matches.

## A pair of Garrants boost C'ville past PCA

BY CHAD MACK  
STAFF WRITER

Trailing 37-25 at Halftime, Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball coach Kevin Murphy wouldn't let his team say die.

The Trojans put together a rousing second-half rally Tuesday to defeat host Plymouth Christian, 77-68, in the season opener for both schools.

"Our guys battled back," Murphy said. "They played very unselfish basketball. 'We came out flat in the first half. Our seniors had to step up and they did."

"We switched to a full-court press at the break and it

worked. We made the kids believe at the half, that we could come back. We set a goal of being down by six by the fourth quarter, we ended up being down only one."

The Trojans outscored Plymouth Christian 28-17 in the third and made it a brand new ballgame. By the time the fourth quarter rolled around, they had the Eagles on their heels, trailing by only one, 54-53. In the fourth quarter, Clarenceville made the transition from trailing to leading with a 24-point output, along with its best defensive stand of the game.

"We played really good defense," Murphy said. "It took

a lot of heart for these kids to pull it off. We stepped up and played good basketball. We held them to 14 points in the fourth, that was their worst quarter."

Aiding in the defensive clinic the Trojans put on in the second half was sophomore Bruno Shkreli.

Clarenceville was led by the offensive outpouring of 6-foot-7 senior forward Glenn Garrant. He netted 24 points, grabbed 19 rebounds and dished out nine assists, missing a triple-double by one assist.

Five Trojans scored in double figures including Garrant. Senior guard Andrew Shaw had 17 points, while Josh

Silvernail contributed 13. Allen Garrant and Pete Shaw had 11 and 10, respectively. Shaw also finished with six steals.

Silvernail quarterbacked the offense with 11 assists. He also had a big play that helped spark the comeback. He made a steal, then dunked it with 10 seconds left to play in the second quarter.

The Eagles were led by senior forward Clay Welton's 22 points; he also had 11 rebounds. Closely behind him was senior center Ben Pew with 20 points. Part of the reason Clarenceville was trailing at the break was the three-point shooting of PCA's Dan Carty (15 points).

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# A theory why you didn't see any deer during gun season

The 2002 firearms deer season is in the books. Depending on who you talk to, success ranged from very good to as bad as it gets. Hunters who tagged a deer, and those who saw a lot of deer but for one reason or another chose not to shoot, boast of a very good hunting season. But there are tons of other hunters out there who feel the DNR is mismanaging the deer herd and that, in many places, the herd is devastated and deer numbers are way, way down. The reality is probably somewhere in the middle. Abundant doe tags over the past several years has certainly had an impact on the deer herd. In areas of low to moderate deer numbers, high doe harvests impact the reproduc-



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tion rate of the herd. But in areas with high deer numbers, like northern Oakland County, for example, even the liberal allocation of doe permits has done little to curb the deer numbers. During the early bow season (Oct. 1-Nov. 14) I saw countless deer, both does and bucks. Bow hunters, myself included, killed some of these deer, but let me assure you, we had little impact on the overall population size. The night before firearms season

opened I saw no less than 11 deer come through my neck of the woods. On opening day, and even through opening weekend, there were still plenty of deer to be seen. Then they all seemed to disappear. Hunters kill them all? No way! Hunter pressure pushed them into a new set of habits. Here's my theory on the disappearance of Michigan's whitetails. Years ago, we didn't hunt does very much. One tag per hunter, or maybe two, resulted in a substantial kill, but the state's buck harvest was always higher than the doe harvest. Then, some 10 years ago or so, the DNR started harping, justifiably, about having to lower

the deer numbers. The Department started issuing tons of antlerless deer permits and crop damage permits. We hunters started shooting does like never before and it wasn't long before the doe harvest eclipsed the buck harvest. It's been that way for several years now. While all this doe hunting has had an impact on the size and reproduction ability of the herd, it has also impacted the deer in a way hunters have never experienced. Used to be, that after the first two or three days of the firearms season, the bucks would disappear. Made sense, since hunting pressure was directed at them and they were feeling the heat. However, hunters would con-

tinue to see does throughout the season - keeping their interest up while spending long hours on stand. There was always a chance that a rutting buck would be following one of those does. But now the does are feeling all that hunting pressure, too. Lead is flying their way and today both bucks and does lay low after the firearms season begins. Deer live in a matriarchal society in which the older, mature does lead the way. Bucks do their own thing and become mostly solitary runners during the fall, but does and fawns run together. When the matriarch doe starts feeling the hunting pressure that rises up on Nov. 15, she knows, having been through a season or two, how to survive. Past experiences dictate that the best way to survive is to remain in heavy cover during daylight hours until the intrusion ends. We had a couple snow show-

ers during the firearms season here in southern Michigan and the tracks in the snow on the mornings following these showers back up my theory. All three of the spots I hunted this year were littered with fresh tracks, but for a solid week, starting on Nov. 18, I never saw a deer on stand. The reason wasn't because the deer were gone, or that they were all killed off by hunters. Quite simply, the does were just playing the same game bucks have been playing for years when firearms season begins - they turned mostly nocturnal. Now that the season has ended and the majority of hunters have left the woods for the year, deer patterns will soon return to normal. Once they stop bumping into hunters every time they turn a corner in the trail, the does and bucks will relax and get back into their normal patterns. The DNR is trying to reduce the overall herd and in some areas, maybe too many have been removed. In most areas, though, there are still plenty of deer to be found. They're just wise to the ways of the whitetail hunters.

Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

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**OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION**  
The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

**DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to [river-rat122@home.com](mailto:river-rat122@home.com).

**METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS**  
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

**MICHIGAN FLY FISHING**  
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School, located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit [www.mffc.org](http://www.mffc.org) on the Internet for more information.

**OAKLAND COUNTY THREAD SLINGERS**  
The Oakland County Thread Slingers, a group of flyfishing enthusiasts, will meet 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the Independence Township Library on Clarkston Road, west of M-15. Tom Erickson will review a midge pattern and brassy pattern. Club members are asked to bring nymph hooks size 16-14, olive thread, black thread and peacock herl. Visitors are welcome. The group will also meet 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, also at the library. Call (248) 625-

4657 for information.

**FOUR SEASONS**  
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 or send him an e-mail at [jkudej@aol.com](mailto:jkudej@aol.com).

**HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS**  
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road, Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

**CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS**  
The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

**METROPARKS**

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178; Hudson Mills, 1-800-477-3191.

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## CCJBASA NOMINATIONS

Nominations for board positions on the Canton Community Junior Baseball Softball Association have been postponed until the Jan. 15, 2003 meeting.

Any members of the CCJBASA wishing to nominate someone for VP Softball, VP Lower Baseball (for teeball to age 12), Treasurer or Registrar should submit his/her name to the Election Committee for review and approval.

Nominations must be made in writing at least 30 days prior to the Jan. 15, 2003 meeting to be considered. All nominations are to be emailed to delcol@comcast.net.

## BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the WaCo Wolves Baseball Club — 8-and-under and 14-and-under — will be held through the month of December.

For more information, call Bill Hardin at (734) 516-3723.

## TOY DRIVE

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls between the ages of five years and under and 14 years and over now through December 20th. All toys will be donated to Children's Hospital of Michigan this holiday season.

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For more information on the toy drive, please call (734) HV-SPORT or visit [www.hvsports.com](http://www.hvsports.com).

## 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.

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## 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).

## HIGH VELOCITY CAMPS

A series of soccer camps for players of all ages are offered at the High Velocity Indoor Soccer facility, under the instruction of former pro player and college coach Andrew Crawford, a Livonia resident.

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To learn more about High Velocity Sports Instructional Soccer Clinics, visit [www.hvsports.com](http://www.hvsports.com) or call (734) 487-7678.

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Inline roller hockey leagues for all ages are now forming at Skatin' Station II in Canton. There's one game a week, which includes shirts for champion teams, a game jersey, referee fees and hockey statistics, rosters, schedules, with champion pictures posted on the web. For more information, call (734) 459-6401 or visit the web site at [www.skatinstation2.com](http://www.skatinstation2.com).

Registrations are being accepted for winter 2000-03 youth and adult leagues at the Skatin' Station II, 8611 Ronda Drive, Canton Township.

Several age brackets are available for 16-and-under. Youth cost is \$120 for 10 games (includes jersey, championship shirts and officials). Youth evaluations will be Friday through Tuesday, Dec. 6-10 and Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 4-5.

Sign up early to assure a spot on a team.

Adult leagues, 17- and 30-and-over, will start Tuesday, Dec. 17 and Thursday, Dec. 10.

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Farmington Public Schools are looking for the following coaches for the winter sports season: an assistant boys swimming coach, two assistant wrestling coaches and freshman, JV and varsity volleyball coaches.

Interested parties should send a letter of interest and resume to Ron Holland, 33000 Thomas, Farmington, MI, 48336 or a fax to (248) 474-3802.

Farmington Harrison High School is searching for a boys tennis coach.

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Redford Union is looking for a varsity baseball coach. To send your resume, please contact athletic director Brett Steele, 17711 Kinloch, Redford, MI, 48240, or fax it at (313) 592-4068. For more information, please call (313) 592-3408.

Livonia Churchill needs a varsity boys tennis coach for the spring season.

Those interested should call athletic director Marc Hage at (734) 523-9217 or fax resume and letter of interest to (734) 523-9255.

Livonia Ladywood has two coaching positions open for the

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St. Edith Catholic Youth Organization program is seeking qualified candidates for its head coaching position for its varsity football team.

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Candidates should make their intentions known in writing not later than Saturday, Dec. 21.

## WYAA HOOP SIGNUP

Registration for Westland Youth Athletic Association basketball (ages 7-17) will be from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m.-noon Saturdays through Dec. 7 at the Lange Compound, 6050 Farmington Road (two blocks north of Ford Road).

The cost is \$35 (plus a fundraiser) for ages 7-8 and \$60 (plus fund-raiser) for ages 9-17. For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640 or visit [www.wyaa.org](http://www.wyaa.org).

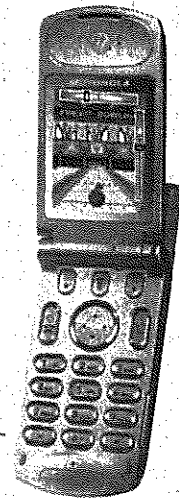
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On Saturday, the Rocks clobbered Walled Lake Western 11-



Goaltender Danni St. Onge made 14 saves to post the shutout. Ladywood, which out-shot the Knights, 36-14, led 1-0 after one period and 4-0 after two periods.

Culver made it 5-3 early in the third period, and Bryan Genrich cut that to 5-4 with 53 seconds left. CC pulled Blanchard but couldn't get the

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So far, the Chiefs have been doing just that.

**NOTE:** For the first time in WJLA history, Salem will not host the conference relays. A problem with the Rocks' pool has forced it to be shut down and the relays moved to Northville HS. The meet will be at noon Saturday.

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Steve Kilijanczyk (diving); junior Jordan Champine (100 fly)

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## SALEM

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That left Salem with one freshman. And that's something that's never happened to Olson before.

"Never, ever," he said. "It's definitely going to change the complexion of things. Hopefully, it'll straighten out down the line."

The average class size for Salem is about 15. The dropoff left Olson with a depressed view of the future. "I think we're coming to the end of our string here," he said.

He then added quite quickly, "But this year we'll be OK."

Indeed, the Rocks should be just fine for the next couple of years. In fact, they're good enough this year that, ask any other coach in the Western Lakes Activities Association, and they'll just about hand Salem the title.

Just about. Considering the losses, that's rather amazing. Gone from last season's squad are Eric Lynn, who was first at the state meet in the 200-yard individual medley and second at state in the 100 backstroke (he also swam on two scoring relays at state), and Mike Johnson, who was in the top 10 at state in the 50 (tied for fourth) and 100 (10th) freestyle (he, too, swam on two scoring relays).

The top returnee for Salem is senior Ben Dzialo, who will be a team captain. An all-state and All-American swimmer for three years, Dzialo placed sixth in the 100 butterfly, 11th in the 200 free and swam on both scoring relays at last year's state meet.

"I'd say he's probably the best swimmer coming back in the conference," said Olson. "Whenever we have Dzialo, I think he can go after a couple of state championships."

Still, one swimmer won't win the conference title for an 11th time for the Rocks. Dzialo won't have that problem; he'll have plenty of help.

Nick Dixon, a sophomore, returns after winning the 200 individual medley and placing second (to Dzialo) in the 500

## SWIM RESULTS

<b>SALEM 101</b> <b>ANN ARBOR HURON 85</b> Tuesday at Huron	<b>500 freestyle:</b> 1. Dixon (Salem), 4:59.90 (state qualifying); 2. Aumiller (Salem), 5:21.60; 3. Pete Skinner (Salem), 5:49.57.
<b>200-yard medley relay:</b> 1. Huron (Steve Weinberg, Peter Gamberg, Jon Cable, Scott Nelson), 1:44.29; 2. Salem (Jeff Nevi, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Matt Vivian), 1:46.05.	<b>200 freestyle relay:</b> 1. Huron (Kyle Metzger, Gamberg, Mike Hughes, Nelson), 1:36.27; 2. Salem (Vivian, Adam Sonnanstine, Aumiller, Dixon), 1:37.15.
<b>200 freestyle:</b> 1. Nick Dixon (Salem), 1:54.19; 2. Joe Aumiller (Salem), 1:56.29.	<b>100 backstroke:</b> 1. Weinberg (AAH), 56.27 (state qualifying).
<b>200 individual medley:</b> 1. Ben Dzialo (Salem), 2:06.94.	<b>100 breaststroke:</b> 1. Matt Showalter (Salem), 1:06.13.
<b>50 freestyle:</b> 1. Peter Gamberg (AAH), 23.45.	<b>400 freestyle relay:</b> 1. Huron (Cable, Hughes, Nelson, Weinberg), 3:32.69; 2. Salem (Aumiller, Sonnanstine, Dixon, Dzialo), 3:33.90.
<b>Diving:</b> 1. Kyle Howard (AAH), 240.65.	<b>Dual-meet records:</b> Salem, 1-0; Huron, 0-1.
<b>100 butterfly:</b> 1. Dzialo (Salem), 54.48 (state qualifying).	<b>Salem's next meet:</b> 7 p.m. Thursday at Dearborn.
<b>100 freestyle:</b> 1. Nelson (AAH), 51.27; 2. Matt Jurcak (Salem), 54.18.	

freestyle at the WLAA Finals last year. "He looks like he's ready to take a bigger part of the load," said Olson.

Others to watch include Mike Horgan, a do-everything kind of swimmer who scored at the WLAA's in the 500 free and 100 butterfly and will share the cap-

taincy with Dzialo, as will Matt Poniatowski, another distance freestyler.

Joe Aumiller, a senior who scored at the WLAA meet in both the 200 and 500 free last year, returns as well. So does Bill Clark, a senior sprint freestyler who scored in the 50 and 100

free at league; Matt Showalter, a senior who was second in the WLAA in the 100 breast and qualified for state; Jeff Nevi, a senior who was in the top eight at league in both the 200 IM and 100 backstroke; Adam Sonnanstine, a senior who was in the top 10 at league in both the 200 and 500 free; Matt Vivian, a senior who matched that top-10 performance in the 50 and 100 free at league; Casey Johnson, a junior who was fifth in the 100 breast at conference meet; and Nick Yee, a senior who scored in the top six in the 100 back at league.

Others to watch include sophomore Penn Chou (a do-everything); sophomore Matt Jurcak (100, 200 free); senior Pete Skinner (distance free, fly); and sophomore divers Andrew Murowski and Brad Sokolowski.

The league title is certainly Salem's for the taking. The Rocks were fifth at state last season and third the year before, and while those finishes

may be difficult to match, an 11th-straight conference crown is not out of the question — particularly with the departure of the three Farmington-area high schools.

"I'd be surprised if anyone in the league can swim with us," admitted Olson. "I think the league, quality-wise, is down a bit."

Canton figures to be first in line for a third-straight second-place finish, although Livonia Stevenson is starting to rebuild its numbers, which could make it a contender.

Still, Salem remains the WLAA's top dog, and it will take more than a busted boiler in the pool to end the Rocks' streak.

**NOTE:** Due to the problems with Salem's pool, the WLAA Relays — which the Rocks have hosted, as well as the conference finals, since the league's inception — have been switched. Northville will serve as Relays' host at noon this Saturday.

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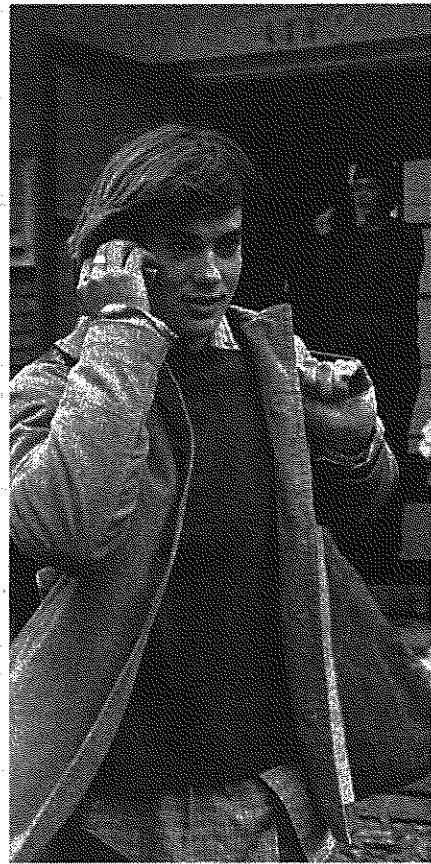
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Redford Union at Churchill, 7 p.m.

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Det. Benedictine at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

A.A. Huron at Westland Glenn, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Dearborn, 7 p.m.

St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Mich. Lutheran, 8 p.m.

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Lutheran East vs. Lutheran NWest, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Huron Valley at Mich. Lutheran, TBA.

Lutheran East Tip-Off Classic, 5 &amp; 7 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Det. Country Day

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## PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Dec. 14

Portage Northern Tournament, 8 a.m.

Madonna Tournament, 8:30 a.m.

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Thursday, Dec. 12

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WLAA Relays at Salem, noon.

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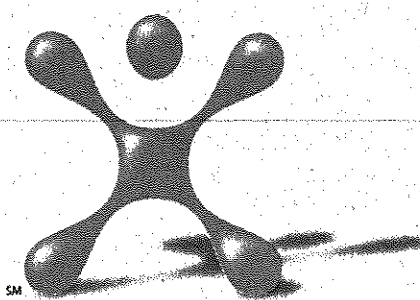
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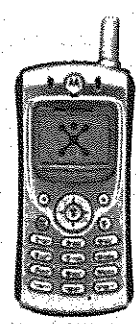
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## Approach varies for condos

I'm thinking about doing a high-rise condominium over a retail area and have noticed in Chicago, by way of example, that there are a number of these developments which appear to be successful. What type of approach is usually given to this type of development?

My understanding of what has occurred on the Magnificent Mile along Michigan Avenue in Chicago is that a number of structures are developed as a combination of both retail and residential.

The first seven or eight floors of the building are devoted to commercial and/or other retail activities, with the balance of the building being residential with, of course, separate entrances from the ground level.

Generally speaking, the high-rise residential units are condominiums and are separate legal entities from those of the retail establishment.

The condominiums can be developed in airspace, which is now, of course, allowed as well in Michigan with the recent changes to the 2001 Condominium Act.

It's my understanding that these "condominium residences" have been extremely popular while being very expensive given the cost per square foot of the land and amenities.

You are best advised, however, to retain local counsel in Illinois should you wish further details concerning such a development there.

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. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Kids, flexible in making friends, may need assistance adjusting to a move.

## Involve kids in move early

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

You've found a beautiful family home in a wonderful neighborhood and you're excited about moving. But are you on the verge of making a big mistake?

That big mistake, according to a West Bloomfield psychologist, is that "parents forget to ask their children how they're feeling about the move. They don't talk about it and get the children's point of view.

"Parents often try to mitigate issues of moving by saying, 'It'll be OK,' and they don't find out how the children really feel," said Laurel A. Sills.

"When you move," she said, "you're uprooting. Attachments and friendships and other changes have to be readjusted.

"The most important thing for a parent is to be observant for any changes - any kind of acting out, getting withdrawn, changes in personality or behavior. Changes in routine that might symbolize that the child is depressed or having trouble," Sills said.

Parents, she said, should help their children focus on new friends and how they can make new friends, while at the same time helping them stay attached to old friends.

"Keep an open line to old friends and family through e-mail, letter writing and phone calls so they're anchored during the transition," Sills said.

"If they're afraid they won't make new friends, ask them how they can meet new people and if they don't have ideas, help them work it through," she added.

"Maybe no one will like me." Well, how did you deal with that before?"

Sills urges parents to be direct with their children about moving and don't simply tell them it's going to be so exciting. Address fears one at a time.

Identify decisions about moving, Sills advises, where the parents can accept the child's choices. "Not which house to buy, but what colors would you like for your new bedroom, for

### BOOKS COULD HELP PROCESS

There are books about moving which can be helpful to younger children. Here's what Lara Sebert, family school coordinator, Blanche Sims Elementary, Lake Orion, recommends.

■ Pre-kindergarten to age 5 - *Berenstain Bears Moving Day*, by Stan and Janice Berenstain.

■ 5-8 years - *Ira Says Good-bye*, by Bernard Wayber.

■ 7-10 years - *Ramona Quimby*, by Beverly Cleary.

example."

In addition to decorating ideas, find other ways to help a child get rooted at the new home, Sills said. Choose a wall where children's heights can be marked.

From the real estate sales point of view about moving with children, "timing is always important about getting them enrolled in school," said Larry Van Zandt, broker, RE/MAX Great Lakes, Farmington Hills.

A top priority of families with children is the school system, including support staff and after-school programs, he said.

"We suggest they go to Web sites which many communities set up under their own names offering details about where the schools are, where the bus picks up and where the day care facilities are," he said.

When families are looking for a home, Van Zandt said, "we try to accommodate the buyer" about closing on the transaction at a good time for the children.

"Sometimes the seller won't agree," he said. "But in this market, a seller is more inclined to agree because there's a lot of product out there for sale. I think sellers are more receptive now than any time I've seen since 1984."

Van Zandt said he's never lost a sale because of timing problems, but he has because parents couldn't find the schooling they wanted.

For Carolyn Binder-Scofone, moving is "an issue I address at the beginning. Get the house listed in February or March, get it sold in April, close on the new house in May, get posses-

do fine," he said.

"Unfortunately, kids we get once the school year starts are mostly from split families with mom and dad living in different communities."

At Blanche Sims Elementary School in Lake Orion, making new students feel welcome is the work of the family school coordinator, a position held by Lara Sebert, who brings degrees in child development and social work to her job.

"We assign new students from kindergarten through fifth grade in a buddy system until they feel comfortable enough to venture out on their own," she said. "The buddies introduce them to other kids, and it's easier to make friends that way.

"Buddies are children who communicate well and are willing to help other kids. They're friendly, good students, role models," she said.

Sebert recommends that parents bring children to visit about a week before they start a new school.

"Walk them around, meet the teachers," she said. "We've had some parents just send them off on the bus.

"Parents should make time for the visit, and have conversations with their children about what to expect in the new situation. Maybe tell them personal stories from their own childhood.

"Encourage children to ask questions anytime they're unsure about something. Ask the principal or the teachers."

Children should have a chance to say goodbye to friends they're leaving in the old neighborhood, Sebert said.

"Children need closure. Perhaps a going-away party. Notes to the teachers they've been with, or the principal, or the custodian or any person they felt connected with. Give friends the new address and phone."

A child "at-risk," Sebert said, with learning problems, health issues or family disruptions which can further complicate the demands of moving needs special attention such as individual or group counseling she provides.

### Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo'  
Phillips

## You can never be overly prepared

You may think I'm nuts for discussing spring-time even before we've been slammed with our first major snowfall of the year, but in the mortgage business it makes perfect sense. Winston Churchill once said that "it is truly tragic when the times find a man unprepared." My plan today is to encourage you meet the upcoming home buying season fully prepared.

The four major areas of concern in most mortgage transactions are income, debts, assets, and credit. Borrowers with problems with any of these items may land themselves a less-than-optimum loan product, or may even be declined for a mortgage.

The difference in interest rate, program qualification, documentation requirements, and processing time between borrowers with outstanding credit and those with bruised credit is staggering. With several months' lead time, however, even borrowers with credit issues can take prompt actions to repair and polish their credit reports to position themselves for a better mortgage.

Because job income and consumer debt will play such a major role in your mortgage underwriter's decision, it is very smart to plan out how and when you make any other major purchases, and how you handle pending job and career changes.

I once had a young couple purchase thousands of dollars of furniture and appliances (and lease a new vehicle) within days after they completed a mortgage application. We got their mortgage done, but it would have been much easier and quicker if they had delayed those purchases until after they closed on their new home.

Having some verifiable assets can also make a big difference. Underwriters who see that you are spending your very last dime to get a property will likely balk at an approval. Most lenders want to see that you have a couple months' house payments "in reserve" in case you have a financial hiccup.

The best favor you can do for yourself is to talk to a lender sooner instead of later, even if you are still a few months off from a purchase. Good planning can save you a bundle in the real estate finance game.

Tim Phillips is a mortgage loan officer serving all of Michigan. You may reach him at (734) 797-5522, or via e-mail at PhillipsHQ@comcast.net. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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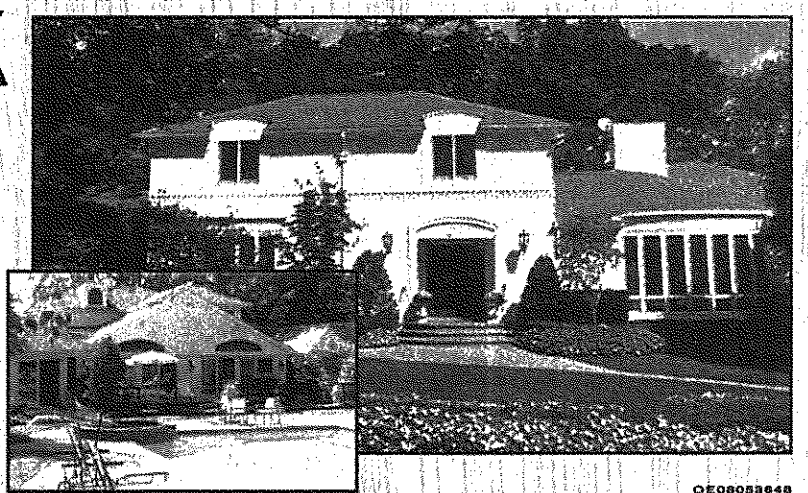
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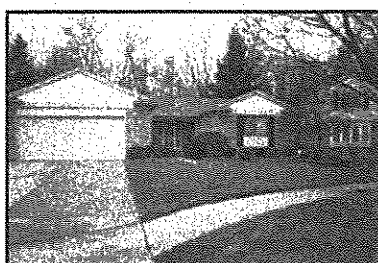
These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of July 29-Aug. 2, 2002, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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2341 Amber	\$213,000	48760 Fifth Ave	\$90,000	28526 Block	\$80,000	19010 Floral	\$115,000	26406 Five Mile	\$139,000
41554 Bedford	\$155,000	48826 Fifth Ave	\$90,000	344 Brandt	\$100,000	31730 Fonville	\$192,000	15526 Fox	\$144,000
41626 Bedford	\$142,000	44947 Forest Trail	\$240,000	28552 Bridge	\$185,000	15001 Gary	\$177,000	19298 Garfield	\$87,000
45031 Brunswick	\$250,000	39724 Fox Valley	\$195,000	31764 Bridge	\$140,000	36551 Grove	\$250,000	20340 Gaylord	\$123,000
334 Charterhouse	\$197,000	1565 Glenarry Woods	\$342,000	141 Cardwell	\$135,000	14912 Haller	\$145,000	20356 Gaylord	\$127,000
43786 Cherry Grv	\$220,000	48631 Greenwich Ln	\$96,000	6718 Cardwell	\$153,000	19391 Inkster	\$97,000	19963 Lennane	\$126,000
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387 Cherry Orch	\$249,000	4417 Hunters E	\$155,000	6402 Hawthorne	\$205,000	16361 Marsha	\$280,000	9031 Levene	\$131,000
449 Cherry Orch	\$233,000	43673 Lancaster	\$231,000	6716 Hawthorne	\$153,000	29200 Meadowlark	\$194,000	15549 Lexington	\$140,000
48065 Chesterfld	\$340,000	43417 Lancelot	\$257,000	6887 Helen	\$133,000	19192 Meadowridge	\$179,000	25631 Lyndon	\$170,000
47945 Deer Trail	\$383,000	45667 Larchmont	\$290,000	29441 Kathryn	\$119,000	30390 Minton	\$179,000	26444 Margareta	\$133,000
1630 Delancy	\$125,000	1505 Liberty	\$152,000	32640 Kathryn	\$147,000	35475 Minton	\$179,000	16146 Meadowbrook	\$178,000
1676 Delancy	\$152,000	1549 McLaine	\$235,000	1714 Lathers	\$105,000	30063 Morlock	\$210,000	11427 Mercedes	\$133,000
7410 Derby	\$206,000	442 Merrimac	\$187,000	6049 Lathers	\$142,000	28437 N Clements	\$110,000	12138 Nathalie	\$96,000
39678 Edmuntson	\$165,000	467 Merrimac	\$176,000	429 N Leona	\$145,000	35135 Parkdale	\$165,000	19434 Negaunee	\$92,000
44397 Fair Oaks	\$200,000	1388 Morrison	\$200,000	31523 Pierce	\$146,000	20205 Parkville	\$151,000	16687 Norborne	\$105,000
48661 Fifth Ave	\$100,000	3410 Niagara	\$301,000	33217 Pierce	\$111,000	34938 Perth	\$235,000	18860 Norborne	\$57,000
48711 Fifth Ave	\$147,000	43116 Providence	\$202,000	1363 Radcliff	\$155,000	34960 Perth	\$238,000	19343 Seminole	\$120,000
		1805 Ranier	\$203,000	30605 Sheridan	\$141,000	17306 Rougemont	\$170,000	11717 Tecumseh	\$103,000
		48761 Rockefeller	\$350,000	31465 Warren	\$100,000	17712 Rougemont	\$152,000		
		48805 Rockefeller	\$360,000						
		48851 Rockefeller	\$247,000	14970 Arcola	\$141,000	28251 Terrence	\$174,000	30614 Ann Arbor Trl	\$153,000
		41925 Saratoga	\$203,000	14224 Berwick	\$235,000	18410 Westmore	\$173,000	1637 Ashby	\$143,000
		42747 Saxony	\$197,000	36753 Bobrich	\$274,000	9378 Westwind	\$227,000	31837 Bay	\$117,000
				33782 Bretton	\$321,000	9627 Woodring	\$224,000	8222 Beatrice	\$126,000
				29678 Clarita	\$111,000	18518 Delaware	\$157,000	33382 Belding	\$86,000
				16852 Farmington	\$225,000	9191 Dixie	\$202,000	7739 Berwick	\$164,000
				9927 Flamingo	\$175,000	525 Byron	\$150,000	34434 Birchwood	\$128,000
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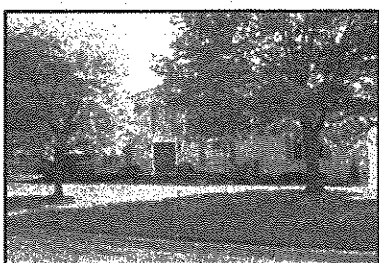
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**WESTLAND**  
**BIRCH HILLS ESTATES.** Three bedroom, two bath brick ranch. Newer vinyl windows with marble sills, partially finished basement with block windows, 2.5 car garage. Great family neighborhood. (P45BER) \$137,500

## Rentals for Olympics might upset owners this time

(AP) - Property near special events often results in big money for owners. But maybe not in this case.

Organizers hope to rent at least 3,000 private residences in Athens to visitors for the 2004 Olympics. However, the expected prices might disappoint those expecting big profits.

Most visitors will have to rely on private rentals. Nearly all the city's best

hotel rooms and several cruise ships are set aside for the "Olympic family," which includes sports federation members and sponsors.

Representatives of the two bank-led consortiums overseeing the program hope to rent at least 1,500 residences each.

Prices haven't been set for the rental program, which is to start early next year. But the projected

rents might upset Greeks eyeing significant profits.

The consortium officials foresee average prices of about \$29.40 to \$34.30 a day for each bedroom. The costs for luxury accommodations near venues could be considerably higher.

Property owners also have sharply criticized government plans to impose a 10 percent tax on income from the rentals.

### CLARIFICATION

A couple of figures need to be clarified in a real estate story headlined, "By the numbers, here's why your house still hasn't sold," in the Thursday, Nov. 14, editions.

The percentages for number of sales and houses available for sale in July were from the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors only, not all six

boards affiliated with Realcomp II, a multi-listing service.

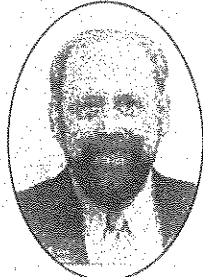
The August figures cited were for all six boards, but only within Wayne County.

Finally, the number of active listings for August was erroneously reported at nearly 6,350. It should have been 7,765 and included Wayne County only.

# Seasons Greetings



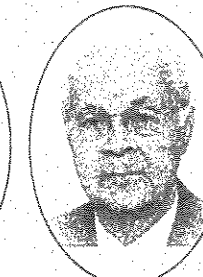
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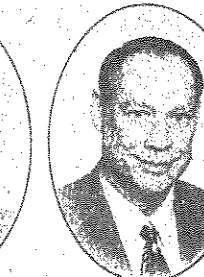
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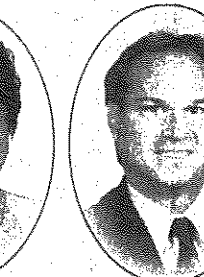
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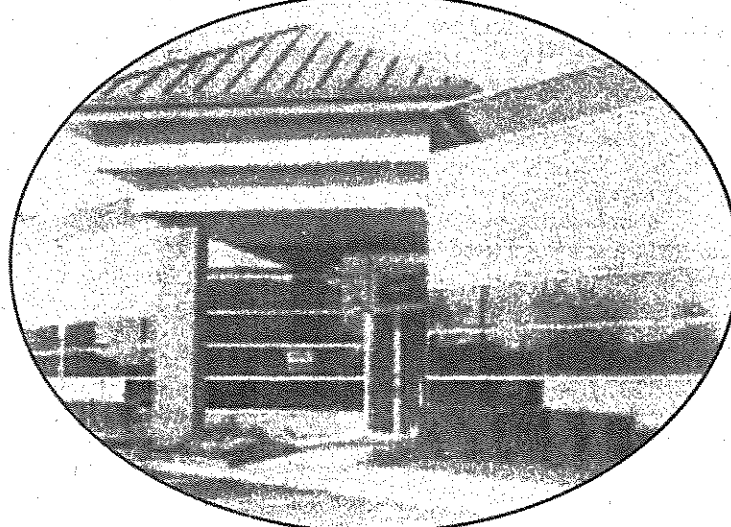
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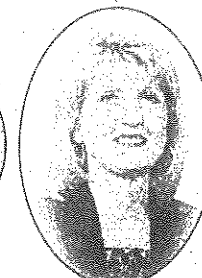
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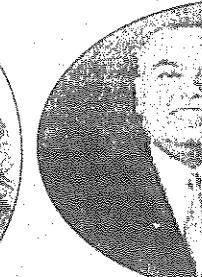
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#### CORENET MEETING

CoreNet Global Michigan Chapter (corporate real estate network) hosts a winter social 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at Carail Museum, 17455 Grand River, Detroit.

Cost, which includes dinner, is \$75. To register, call Casey Clugston at (248) 399-0700, Ext. 205.

#### INVESTORS CONFERENCE

Michael Gott, a Realtor, and Wendy Patton, a broker/builder, present a real estate investors conference Friday-Sunday, Jan. 17-19, at the Northfield Hilton, Crooks at I-75, Troy.

Topics include negotiations, tax issues, and rental cash flows. Packages range \$59-\$149.

To register, call Gott at (248) 394-0150.

#### HOME SHOW

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan sponsors its 11th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Friday-Sunday, Jan. 31-Feb. 2, at Novi Expo Center, I-96 and Novi Road.

Hundreds of exhibitors are expected.

Hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$7, \$6 for senior citizens. No charge for children under age 12.

On-site parking is available for an additional charge. For additional information, call (248) 862-1019.

#### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The western Wayne affiliate of Habitat for Humanity seeks volunteers to help with building homes, office duties and fund-raising. No experience needed. Training will be provided.

For details, call (734) 459-7744.

#### FAIR HOUSING CENTER

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit, a non-profit monitoring, testing, and information organization, always needs supporters. Basic annual individual membership is \$15, basic family membership \$25 and basic organizational membership \$50. For information, call the center, (313) 963-1274.

#### ENERGY CD-ROM

The Building Owners and Managers International has released a CD-ROM, "The Property Professional's Guide to Building Energy Performance."

Cost is \$15 for BOMA members, \$25 for nonmembers.

To purchase or obtain more information, call (800) 426-6292, or visit [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 association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for \$40 by calling (703) 548-8600, or ordering through [www.caonline.org](http://www.caonline.org).

#### SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$139,900  
Beautiful Brick Bungalow! 3br, 1.1 ba, basement, garage, cove plaster ceilings, newer kitchen, roof, electrical, copper plumbing, spacious living room w/stone fireplace. (BGN09APP) 888-220-3751



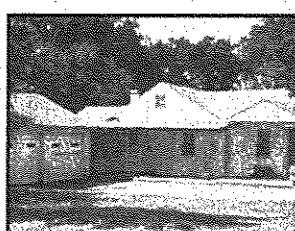
**LIVONIA** \$289,900  
Prime Livonia Location! Newer carpet t/o, newer kitchen floor & counters, most new windows, C/A, sprinklers, new vinyl siding. Interior painted (02), & part. fin. bsmt. (BGN46MUN) 888-220-3751



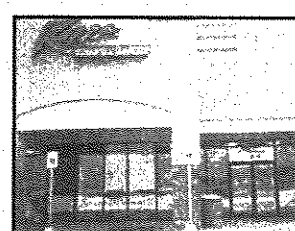
**NORTHVILLE** \$209,900  
This solidly-built 4 bed Cape Cod. offers mature trees, deck, fenced yd & a 1 car gar. Wet plaster, cove ceilings, and a formal LR, DR plus a kitchen with oak Merillat cab. CA, new furnace, close to town. (BGP21Sun) 888-223-6691



**PLYMOUTH** \$158,500  
WALK TO OLD VILLAGE! Plymouth ranch. Updates include kit, bath, roof, HWH, some wndws, humidifier & brick paver patio. 14X5 screened front porch, formal DR opens to LR. Mstr w/dbl closets, built-ins & HWF. (BGP02Spr) 888-



**SOUTHFIELD** \$99,900  
Investment Opportunity. This neat 2 BR 1 Bath Bungalow w/fireplace & 2 car garage offers first time buyer possibilities. Great Southfield location on 1.28 acres. A must see. (BGL43DUN) 877-206-6853



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**DEARBORN** \$984,900  
Luxury Ranch Condo overlooking TPC fairway. Built in '98, 24 hr. security gated entrance, finished Basement, 2-story foyer & great room, 3,350 sq. ft. Huge mstr suite. BGL05PRE 877-206-6853



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$88,900  
ADORABLE CREAM PUFF! 2 BR, 1 bath ranch. Updates: kitchen & bath, furnace, circuit breakers, vinyl siding, windows, new flooring in laundry room, new shed. City certs completed. BGL39ETO 877-206-6853



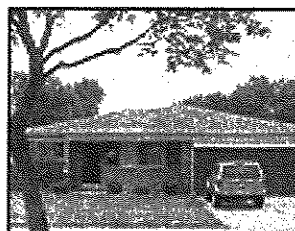
**LIVONIA** \$174,900  
Reward yourself! With this beautiful brick ranch tucked away on a quiet ct. Huge lot w/towering trees hardwood flrs updated kit & 2 full baths fin basement 3 car drywalled gar. (BGP90Ang) 888-223-6691



**PLYMOUTH** \$499,900  
Prestigious Woodlore South.. 4 BR, 3.1BA colonial. Lrg master BR w/walk-in closet & vanity. Ceiling fans in bedrooms, powder rm on 1st floor. Island in kit. Dual staircases. Finished basement. (BGP84Tan) 888-223-6692



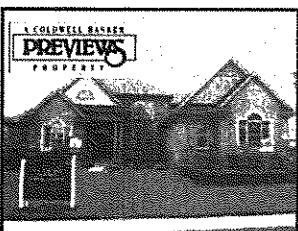
**REDFORD** \$125,000  
CALL THIS HOME. Sharp ranch-S. Redford schools-Great updates plus brand new privacy fence-Gorgeous-Don't wait on this home. BGL83WIN) 877-206-6853



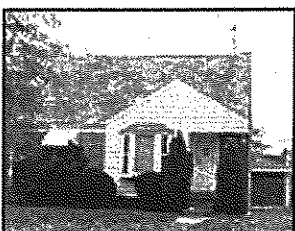
**WARREN** \$167,990  
Welcome Home! This sprawling brick ranch filled w/updates. Beautiful oak kitchen overlooks family room w/gas f/P. Brand new tear off roof. All appliances. Home warranty. Immed occup. (BGN18SUD) 888-220-3751



**WESTLAND** \$172,900  
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**NORTHVILLE** \$698,900  
1.5 story home (new plan) w/1st flr mst ste. & fin daylight. Lower lv (under construction). Granite tops in kit, mst bath, powder rm & up baths. Hearth rm w/2-way FP. Prof landscaped. Trad elevation. (BGP-11Man) 888-223-6691



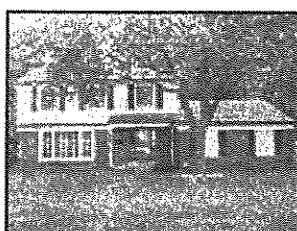
**INKSTER** \$106,900  
Perfect starter home or for returning snowbirds. 3 Bedrm brick Bungalow with all the work done. Newer roof, windows, remodeled bath & freshly painted. Gar & fin. bsmt. BGL55SHA 877-206-6853



**LIVONIA** \$120,000  
Bi-Level in Livonia. 3 br, 1 and 2 1/2 bath w/2.5 car garage and clarencville schools great home for first time buyers, showings begin 7/20/02. (BGN35BRE) 888-220-3751



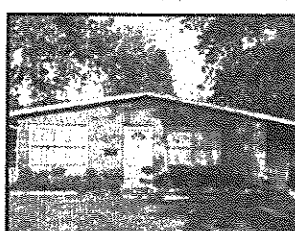
**PLYMOUTH** \$204,900  
Superb starter home! Colonial w/3BR & 1.5 baths. Updated kitchen w/oak cabinets. Big, fenced yard is ideal for children or pets. Nat'l fireplace in family room. Plymouth-Canton schools. (BGP-23Wo) 888-223-6691



**SOUTHFIELD** \$253,500  
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**WEST BLOOMFIELD** \$399,900  
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**WESTLAND** \$116,500  
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# Average U.S. mortgage rates up a bit

(AP) — Mortgage rates around the country moved up for the third week in a row, with rates on 30-year mortgages climbing to their highest level since late October.

Even with the recent upticks, rates are still low enough to continue to keep the housing market healthy, economists said.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose to 6.19 percent for the week ending Dec. 6, Freddie Mac reported in its weekly nationwide survey. That was up from 6.13 percent in the

previous week and marked the highest rate since the week ending Oct. 25 when 30-year rates averaged 6.31 percent.

Rates had dropped to 5.94 percent for the week ending Nov. 15, the lowest level since the mortgage giant began tracking 30-year mortgage rates in 1971.

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates increased to 5.60 percent last week, up from 5.57 percent.

Low mortgage rates this year have been feeding a refinancing boom.

The extra monthly cash consumers are saving by refinancing their mortgages at lower interest rates is helping to support consumer spending, which has been the main force keeping

the economy going this year.

"Consumer spending has kept the economy moving, and when initial holiday sales were better than expected, financial markets reacted with enthusiasm," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Home sales — powered by low mortgage rates — are expected to post records this year.

In Freddie Mac's weekly survey, rates on one-year adjustable-rate mortgages increased to 4.21 percent last week, compared with 4.19 percent last week.

Mortgage rates don't include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year mortgage loans and one-year ARMs each carried an average fee of 0.5 point this week. Fifteen-year mortgages carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week.

A point is 1 percent of the mortgage amount.

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

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### The Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association

recently installed its new officers.

**Michael J. Fontana**, RBC Mortgage, Troy, becomes president and **Marcy Lindhout**, Fifth Third Bank, Grand Rapids, vice president; **Dan Calcaterra**, Towne Mortgage, Sterling Heights, is secretary/treasurer and **Mark C. Stevens**, Flagstar Bank, Troy, immediate past president.

### The Southeast Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association

also installed new officers. **Jeffrey Robinson**, ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Troy, becomes president and **Kevin Conte**, Plante & Moran, Southfield, vice president. **Mark Rabidoux**, Trott &

Trott, Bingham Farms, is secretary/treasurer and **Jan Wetzel**, Wetzel Trott, Bingham Farms, immediate past president.

**Brian Tolly**, SEGD, has been promoted to associate from senior graphic designer at Ford & Earl Associates in Troy.

He has expertise in environmental graphic design, wayfinding and signage problems.

Tolly is a member of the Society of Environmental Graphic Design and lives in Royal Oak.



Tolly

**Levi F. Smith**, CEO of his own real estate firm in Southfield, has been selected to become the exclusive southeast Michigan member of the Alliance of Tenant Representatives.

That organization has 20 member companies across North America whose sole purpose is to exclusively represent users of commercial real estate.

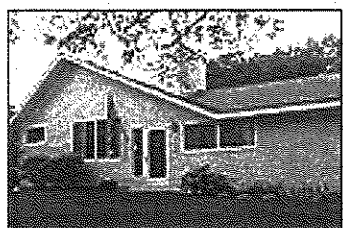
Smith, a broker and attorney, has represented only tenants and purchasers since 1988.



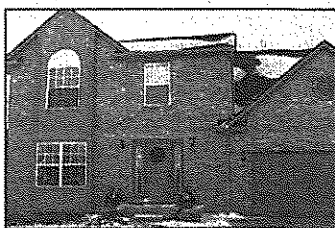
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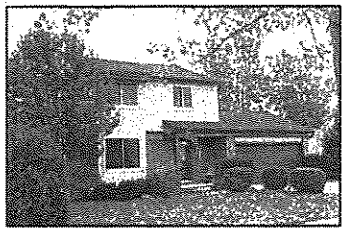
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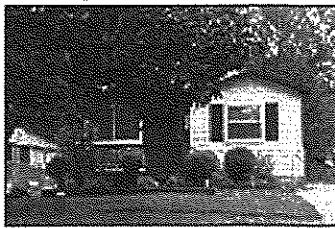
**BRIGHTON** \$185,000  
Home on All Sports Lake w/Privileges. Immaculate home including hardwood flrs, natural fireplace in LR & lg finished FR in bsmt. Sale includes adjacent lot. Ore Lake, Brighton Schools. (BGSly24HIL) 888-224-1387



**WATERFORD** \$265,900  
What a Home!! Spacious newer colonial w/private yard. Great room w/fireplace, open kitchen, lots of room upstairs plus master suite. Neutral decor just waiting for you! (BGSly71SAL) 888-224-1387



**SOUTH LYON** \$214,900  
Cozy Colonial. This 3 bdrm colonial is close to schools, shopping + bike trails. Lots of updates. Spacious family rm with fireplace. 1st fl laundry. Finished basement. Call today! (BGSly88BRO) 888-224-1387

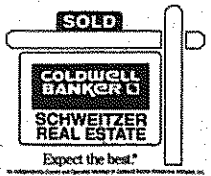


**WOLVERINE LAKE** \$149,900  
Wow! Lake Privileges...walking distance from Wolverine Lake. Great 3 BR ranch. 38x14 LL family RM, 4th BR or office in LL. Lg fenced in backyard. Kitchen updates. Open floor plan-A Must See! (BGSly34LUC) 888-224-1387



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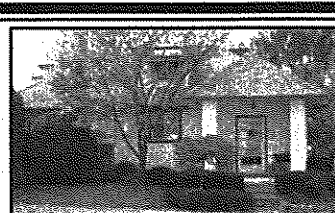
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**LIVONIA**. Great four bdrm quad level w/newer vinyl siding & alum trim. Vinyl picmnt windows '00. Furnace, water heater & roof shingles '98. Wet plaster. Newer oak cabs in kit. Nice bay window in eating area. Natural frplc in family rm. Hrdwd under upper level carpeting. Newer vanities in both bthrms. \$224,900 (D88JAm)



**LIVONIA**. This cozy 2 bdrm bungalow in mint cond is a perfect starter home. Unique cottage style design both inside and out w/many updt that incl: bath, wins, hrdwd flng & cust kit. Spac living rm w/gas frplc that opens to dining area. Family room has built-in bkshlvs and leads to deck w/private fenced yd. \$135,000 (D09LOn)

**LIVONIA**. This beautiful ranch is located on 1-1/2 lot in Rosedale Gardens. Stone fireplace, finished basement, covered breezeway to 2 1/2 car garage. Updates: roof, windows, electrical, copper plumbing, security system, carpet, and updated landscaping. One Year Home Warranty. \$185,900 (L05Wes)

**WESTLAND**. Appealing & comfortable three bdrm & 1.5 bath hi-level w/newer level walkout. Updates include: furnace & humidifier & A/C in summer of '01, sprinkler system '00 w/Planter Coverage, Wallside windows '92 with tilt-ins/easier maintenance, and "Fear Off" roof '95. Livonia Schools. One Year Home Warranty. \$159,900 (L48Don)

**REDFORD**. This roomy brick & alum bungalow has 1550 sq. ft. of living located in a treed country setting. This home offers 3 bdrms., 1.5 bath, C/A, newer wins, glass block wins in '98, Florida rm (screen & glass), part finished rec rm, and a lg fenced lot. This is a great starter home waiting for you! \$152,900 (L85Nor)

**DEARBORN**. Great quality ranch with three bedrooms in excellent condition. Large living rm with dining rm, beautiful hardwood floors, updated kitchen, updated windows, vinyl floor kitchen, two full baths, finished rec rm, updated electrical, fenced yard, and aluminum trim \$169,900 (L36Gen)

**NOVI**. Stunning two bedroom ranch and unit condo with no one above! Updates include roof, siding, windows, all hardwood floors, complete kitchen, bath, electrical, exterior door, light fixtures, central air. All appliances stay including washer & dryer. Clubhouse with tennis courts & pool. \$132,800 (L10Gle)

**NORTHVILLE**. Ranch and unit walkout with fin lower level included in the 3400 total sq. footage. Freshly painted throughout LL & 1st floor. Huge family rm w/frplc, 26x10 fitness rm, French drs from great rm to family rm & 1st flr den to deck. Cathedral ceilings in living rm, kit, master suite. Custom kit, hrdwd in dining rm, kit, hall, & 1st flr laundry. \$349,900 (L12Ham)

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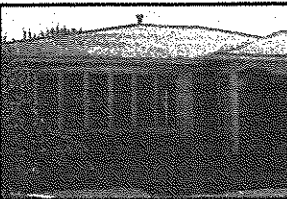
**HAMBURG** — Newer custom built 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on 1.27 acres. Cathedral ceilings in GR, kitchen & master bedroom. Great room w/floor to ceiling castle stone fireplace. Huge basement w/daylight windows. Meticulously maintained! \$234,900 (850OL)



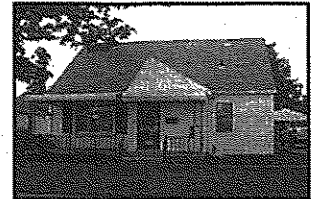
**ALL BRICK RANCH** — Updates on this turn-key home - roof, windows, carpet, all neutral paint, hi-efficiency furnace, circuit breakers, A/C, siding, garage door on 2 1/2 car! Privacy fenced, tree lined street. Hurry! \$169,900 (255FR)



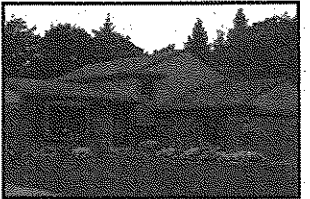
**GATED CONDO COMMUNITY** — Elegantly gracious, comfortably accommodating - angular kitchen, sumptuous master suite, soaring ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, gathering room on lowest level, nestled in Plymouth's only gated community. Extraordinary indeed. \$495,000 (760LO)



**UNIQUE RANCH** — Finished basement, newer Andersen windows, newer carpet and paint. Updated kitchen, sunroom, deck, master suite w/spa & sauna. Backing to sub commons. \$240,000 (394CH)



**GREAT FAMILY HOME** — Where pride shows from original owner - all the updates have been done. Just waiting for your finishing touches. Three bedroom, 1 bath bungalow w/basement and 2-car garage. \$139,900 (319EV)



**GREAT CURB APPEAL** — Four bedroom, 2 full bath home located in great Livonia sub. This home sparkles in & out. Plenty of updates throughout including: newer windows, roof, A/C, furnace, hardwood in living room, Berber in family room. Private fenced yard w/pool & hot tub. Two car garage. This is a must see! \$233,900 (147NO)



**HERE'S TRUE COMPATIBILITY** — Make yourself at home in this pleasant 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial. Big, room-to-run yard, 2 car garage, large family room w/fireplace, newer windows & carpeting, hardwood flooring, walk-in closet, updated kitchen, basement, newer roof. Everything you need! \$209,900 (795BU)



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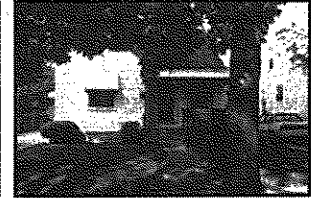
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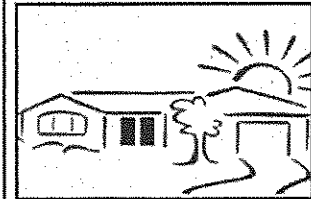
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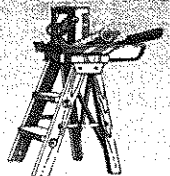
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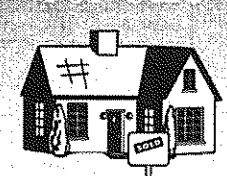
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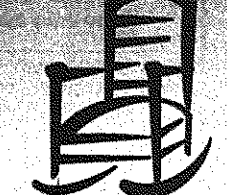
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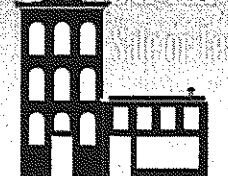
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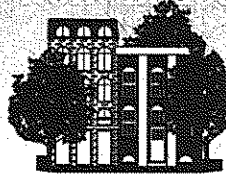
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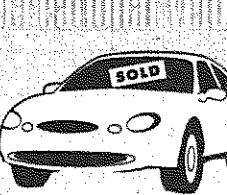
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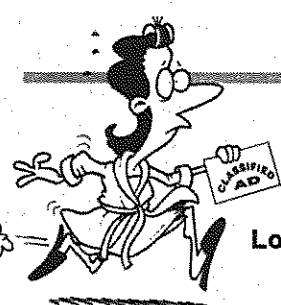
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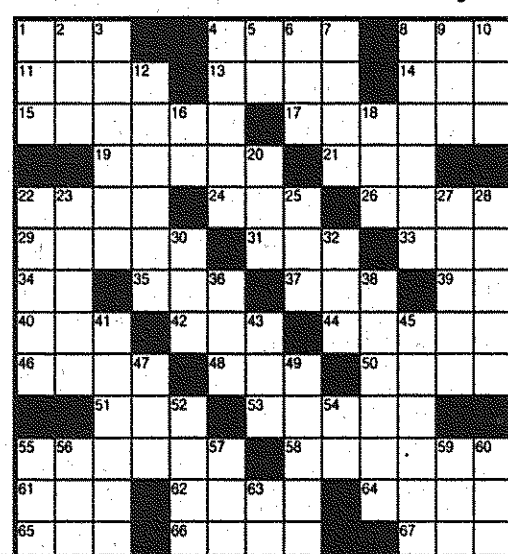
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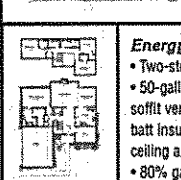


**Kitchen**

- Conquium no-wax vinyl floor in kitchen, nook and laundry room
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- Cardel cabinets • Wilsonart brand countertops • Stainless steel sink with 1 1/2 H.P. disposal

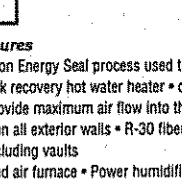
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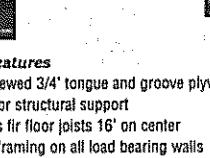
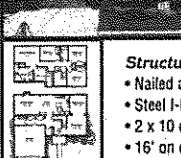
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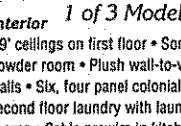
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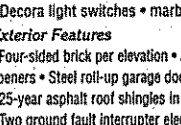


## Structural Features

- Nailed and screwed 3/4" tongue and groove plywood floor decking
- Steel I-beam for structural support
- 2 x 10 Douglas fir floor joists 16" on center
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## Interior

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## Exterior Features

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## Help Wanted General 5000

**BUILDING INSPECTOR** The Charter Township of Canton is accepting applications for the position of Building Inspector. Position involves skilled inspection work in security compliance with municipal building codes, ordinances, and related regulations. The employee makes inspections of buildings and other structures for structural safety, fire safety, sanitation, zoning, and other requirements and standards as set forth in building, zoning, and other ordinances. Possession of a current valid Builders License as issued by the State of Michigan is preferred. Graduation from high school or trade school, supplemented by courses in structural design and construction methods, or any combination of experience and training which will provide the desired knowledge, abilities and skills. An employee in this classification shall secure a State of Michigan certification as a Building Inspector and Plan Reviewer within six months of employment. Must possess a current, valid Michigan Drivers License with a driving history that does not create liability concerns; i.e. convictions of reckless driving, careless driving, suspended license, or convictions involving drinking and impaired driving. Rate of Pay: \$22.42 per hr. Applications must be picked up at Canton Township Personnel Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 or send a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope to address above for application (please specify building Inspector application). An application form is also available on the Canton Township website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org). Job description will be posted at the Township Administration Building. A completed written Canton Township application form must be received by the Personnel Division in its entirety by 4pm, Dec. 13, 2002. The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Caregivers** Due to census increase, our Alzheimers Assisted Living Facility in Southfield area is seeking full-time/part-time quality, caring people to join our team. Apply in person: Arden Court, 24005 W. 13 Mile (near Telegraph). (248) 644-8100

**CARPET STORE** Flex hrs. Showroom exp. Salary + comm. Benefits available. 734-634-1791

**CASHIER** Jack Cauley Chevrolet has an immediate opening for the service Dept Cashier. Individual must be able to work every other Sat. 8am-4pm, & every other Mon. until 9pm. Good benefits are available. Please apply in person at: Jack Cauley Chevrolet, 7020 Orchard Lake Rd. W. Bloomfield.

**CLEANERS & SUPERVISORS** Experienced, evenings for offices in Plymouth/Livonia area. Good pay. 734-416-8847

**CNC MILL OPERATOR** Experienced on 3D contour mold milling only need apply. Apply 13050 Inkster Rd., Redford, S. of 96.

**CONDOMINIUM MANAGER** Small established firm in Bloomfield seeks exp. & qualified association manager. Start Jan. 2003. Great opportunity with excellent pay. Send resume with salary requirements to: 43173 Woodward Ave. #362, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302.

**COUNTER HELP** Amoco Dunkin Donuts Plymouth. Full time, 5am-1pm, some weekends. \$8/hour. Health insurance, dental, paid vacation. 734-459-5944

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REP** \$8/hour plus sales commission. Must pass criminal & drug test. Apply in person at Aaron's Sales & Leasing, 34800 Plymouth Rd., Livonia

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPS TELEPHONE SALES** Computer skills & Internet experience required. Good pay & benefits. Fax resume to 248-925-2034 or apply at 1734 Crooks Rd, Troy.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT** Livonia. Friendly, contemporary dental office seeking dental assistant. Xray experience preferred, 25-30 hours per week. Call 734-464-7000.

**DIRECT CARE STAFF** Needed for Adult Foster care Home in Davisburg. Competitive wages, exp. preferred but will train. Call Cyndy (248) 736-5541

**DIRECT CARE STAFF** Looking for qualified persons to work in the care giving field. \$7.70-\$8.20 hourly wage benefits. Call programs listed below:

**WAYNE** 734-467-5667

Trained on call staff \$9/hr. For further information call or leave message 313-255-6295

**Direct Care:** Positions available working with people in their homes; competitive pay & benefits; all shifts; paid training, great people, meaningful work. 734-728-4382

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## Help Wanted General (5000)

### MAINTENANCE

Talented maintenance person to perform interior and exterior repairs at luxury suburban apartment community. Candidate should be experienced in plumbing, electrical, pool care and minor carpentry. In addition, heating skills plus type ID A/C certification required. This is not a live-in position, however emergency on call will be required. Salary plus 401K, Health and Disability Insurance. Call 248-352-3800 x1236 or fax resume to: 248-352-6737

### MAINTENANCE TECH

Experienced with Allen Bradley, Robotics, GEC electrical skills. Competitive wages and benefits. Fax resume to 248-397-0029

### MAINTENANCE TECH

Property management company has full-time openings for various locations. Must have 2 yrs. experience in heating, electrical & gas furnaces, plumbing, carpentry, etc. Benefits. Fax resume to (248)352-2837

### MANAGER

Community Manager needed for suburban apartment community. Related experience with great people and communication skills helpful. Great benefit package including 401(k). Long-term position with large property management company. Please send resume with salary requirements to Danielle at (248) 569-1508.

### MECHANIC, Exp.

For Canton Trucking Co. 30 truck fleet. (warm, clean, inside garage). Days, Mon-Fri. Salary + benefits. Fax resume to 248-397-6501, Mon-Fri, 8-5

### MIRROR INSTALLER

Experienced only. Good pay. Good company. Call 247-477-3434

### MORTGAGE CLOSER

Become a valued associate with one of Livonia's fastest growing mortgage companies. Work in a friendly environment with great people and enjoy full benefits, including health/vision/dental and life available after 30 days. 2 weeks vacation, sick days, 401K. 2 years experience required. Fax resume to: 734-513-6637 or email: employ@totalmortgagecorp.com

### Mortgage Loan Officer

Up to \$3600 Signing Bonus

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Contemporary Services, Inc. the #1 staffing & recruiting firm for the mortgage industry, is seeking experienced personnel for Direct Hire & Temporary positions with leading mortgage companies locally & nationally.

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Contractor Underwriters

Call: 888-362-1100 for information or Email: swettergren@mortgagestaff.com

### OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST

Leadership qualities & computer skills required. Exp. working w/ people with developmental disabilities a+. Benefits package. Call Lisa at (313) 562-0219 or email arcpd@aol.com

### OFFICE ASSISTANT - Part-time, flexible, Mon-Fri. Basic computer knowledge, Farmington. 248-473-1101

OUR SENIOR COMMUNITY is well established and on the grow again. The Townbridge is seeking dynamic, energetic team players for the following positions in Southfield:

Part Time Door Attendant

Part Time Driver

Part Time Exercise Instructor (exp. w/seniors)

Fax (248) 352-0344 Attn: Ruthie

Ph (248) 352-0208

EOE Drug Free Workplace

### PAINTERS W/ DRYWALL EXPERIENCE WANTED

Must have at least 10 year exp. (must be painters) Must be reliable and have own transportation. Ask for Patrick (313) 220-4930

### PARTS COUNTER - Truck, trailer, industrial or automotive. Exp. or willing to train right candidate. Please send resumes to: Box 0460 Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

Pharmacy Tech, (2 yrs. exp.) Cashier & Stock Westland area. 734-728-5200

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### PROCESSOR

Self starter with 2-3 yrs. Exp. a must. FHAAVA & non conforming with National Co. Salary commensurate w/exp. and bonus. Fax resume & salary history to 248-569-9253.

### PRODUCTION TYPESETTER

Quark X-Press experience required. Good pay & benefits. Fax resume to: 248-925-2034 or apply at 1734 Crooks Road, Troy.

### QUALITY TECHNICIAN

for Metal Stamping Company. Must be able to read blue prints, use basic inspection equipment and have basic computer skills. SPC background preferred. Must have High School Diploma or G.E.D. We offer competitive wages and benefits. Mail or fax resume to: Advance Engineering Co. Attn: Susan Hocker 12025 Dixie Hwy. Redford, MI 48239 Fax: 313-537-4240

### ROUTE DRIVER/ VENDING ATTENDANT

Established Co. looking for self-directed individuals who are customer service oriented and energetic. Full and part time positions located in Macomb, Oakland & Wayne Counties. Benefits & 401(k). Fax resumes to: Continental Services 734-697-9287

### SALES REP - Truck, trailer, automotive, industrial. Exp. preferred. Wayne, Oakland, Livingston & Washtenaw counties open. Pay based on level of exp. Opportunity for unlimited potential with growing company. Send resumes to: Box 0460, Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

Salon - Receptionist Birmingham. Experienced. Professional attitude. Flexible hours. Maria: 248-645-2653

### SERVICE SHOP FORMAN

Large RV dealership has an immediate full time position in a high volume service dept. Position requires exp. planning & communication skills. Must be able to provide direction for a staff of 20 people in addition to handling customer concerns. Mon-Sat. Send resume to: General RV Center, 4830 12 Mile Rd. Wixom MI 48393. Attn: Chris 48500 12 Mile Rd., Wixom MI 48393.

### SERVICE WRITER

Large RV dealership has an immediate full time position in a high volume service dept. Position requires exp. planning & communication skills. Must be able to process paperwork in addition to handling customer concerns. Must have RV exp. Mon-Sat. Benefits. Send resume to: General RV Center, 4830 12 Mile Rd. Wixom MI 48393. Attn: Chris 48500 12 Mile Rd., Wixom MI 48393.

### SET-UP/OPERATOR

For VMC shop in Wixom. Minimal five years machining experience. Programming a plus. (248) 735-2428

### SPA COORDINATOR

Come join a team of professional, motivated & high quality individuals. New Bloomfield Hills area Day Spa seeks Spa Coordinator to deliver high end service to our special clientele. Must be flexible, as variable hours are necessary including Sat. & some evenings. Competitive salary & benefits included. Friendly, beautiful work environment. Must possess great time management skills. Must have previous experience, a great attitude & a passion to serve. Fax resumes to: 248-901-0014

### TELEMARKETER

Part time, early evenings, no experience. Livonia. Call 4-6pm 734-222-1338 x.11

### TELEMARKETING/BUSINESS DEVELOPER/ APPOINTMENT SETTER

\$10-\$20/hour. Commission \$1,000-\$4,000 per month. Management experience a plus. Desk in private office. Career opportunity. Full & part time avail. Call Bob C. 248-613-7444 fax 248-681-9552

### WAREHOUSE MANAGEMENT TRAINER

Seasoned warehouse management person wanted. Flexible hours. Must have experience in all phases of warehouse operation. Send resume to: PO Box 85109, Westland, MI 48185.

### Wayne Westland Community Schools

Wm. D. Ford Career Technical Center has position open as follows: Culinary Arts - Dining Room/Cafeteria Supervisor. Mon, Thru Fri. 7:35am-2pm. Culinary Arts Associate degree required with minimum of 5 yrs. professional experience in dining room service/supervision required. Posting closes Dec. 19th at 3pm. For information on position call Ginny Kowalski, Principal, Wm. D. Ford Tech Center at 734-419-2106. EOE

### Office Clerical (5020)

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE /OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Exp. For Farmington Hills Contractor to handle payments, Phone & general office duties. Fax or email resume & cover letter w/salary requirements to Mr. Thomas, 248-489-1247 or thomas@cunninghamllamp.com

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE/PAYROLL

Full-time for small nursing home in Oakland County. Fax (248) 366-6469

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Full/part time for growing Livonia based medical equipment company. Experience helpful, will train. Fax resume to: 734-522-9380

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## Office Clerical (5020)

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS

Start @ \$14-\$20/hr. Phones, Data Input, Accounting, Word, Excel & Access. 2nd, PC Network Support. Full time, 80/85, Dental, 401K, Vacation, holidays, school+, NW Detroit, near 5 Mile & Telegraph, \$500 bonus after 90 days. Call 313-535-4400. 8am-2pm ONLY Ask for Shannon

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF/SUPERVISOR

Needed for Troy CPA Firm. Knowledge of Word, Excel, Access needed. Competitive pay, health insurance, dental, 401K, great work environment. Voted one of the best places to work by Crains Detroit Business. Send resumes to Gordon Advisors, PC Human Resource Department 1301 West Long Lake Ste 200, Troy MI 48068-6319 or fax 248-952-0290 email mjim@gordoncpa.com

### CALL CENTER REP

Currently seeking a highly motivated individual for an exciting fast paced position. Duties include but are not limited to, entering customer orders, answering phone calls and data entering. Must have the ability to problem solve and multi task. Must demonstrate excellent written and verbal communication skills. Good organizational and follow up skills are necessary for this position. Send resume: Full Time/Seasonal Customer Service 33469 14 Mile Farmington Hills, MI 48331 Fax: 248-592-9074

### CREDIT CLERK

Virginia Title Company in Farmington Hills is seeking a credit clerk w/2-3 yrs. experience. Candidate must have Excel, Account Analysis, and payment reconciliation skills. Full time position includes benefits & 401K. Call/HR Manager, 248-476-7850 x2264 or fax resume: 248-476-3828.

### EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Multistate medical contracting group requires a part time executive assistant to run office operations. Individual must have strong organizational skills, excellent customer relations, and be detail oriented. Please fax resume to: 734-207-5441

### LEGAL SECRETARY

Birmingham law firm seeks a motivated and organized legal secretary with a minimum of two years litigation exp. Position requires a strong knowledge of WordPerfect and the ability to successfully handle multiple priorities. Competitive salary and benefits. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box 0457 Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

### LEGAL SECRETARY

for busy 6 attorney Southfield real estate law firm. Significant legal experience preferred. Knowledge of WordPerfect and Word essential. Congenial, non-smoking office. Fax resume to 248-354-1259.

### LUXURY AUTOMOTIVE DEALER

Hiring a full time receptionist. We offer full benefits, 401K. Please send resumes to: Box 0455 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd. Livonia, MI 48150

### Marketing Coordinator

A top Major Co. seeks some background in Marketing or Advertising. Degree and M/S skills required. Great benefits! Diversified Recruiters 248-344-6700; Fax: 248-344-6704 diversified@jobsdrc.com

### MARKETING/CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Entry-level. Computer experience a must. Beautiful friendly environment in downtown Plymouth. Competitive salary & benefits. Fax resume to: 734-455-9248.

### OFFICE ASSISTANT

Data entry. All benefits. 734-207-8363

### OFFICE HELP

needed. Versatility a must! (734) 947-4374

### Philip S. Greco Title Co.

Seeks motivated multi tasked applicant for closing & processing positions. Excellent interpersonal skills, real estate, title insurance, mortgage knowledge needed. Excellent benefits, salary negotiable. Fax resume to: 586-463-5149 or call 586-463-5174

## Office Clerical (5020)

### PAYROLL CLERK

needed for large GM dealership. DEALERSHIP EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. We offer excellent pay & benefits. Mail resume to: Box 0425 Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150

### RECEPTIONIST

Full time position in Plymouth. Please fax resume attn Laura: 734-416-3903.

### RECEPTIONIST

Local builder seeks responsible, positive, friendly person to handle front office responsibilities. Skills require good phone etiquette, general filing and light typing. Must excel Microsoft Word & Excel. Please send resume & salary requirements to: 44303 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or fax to: 734-455-0815

### RECEPTIONIST

Full time opening for experienced receptionist for legal/architectural firm in Southfield. Must have excellent communication skills, professional appearance. Above average salary, excellent benefit package and working environment. Respond to: Jo Ellen Wilkinson Neumann/Smith & Associates, 400 Galleria, Suite 555, Southfield, MI 48034 248-352-8310

### RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY

For Farmington Hills mortgage firm. Call 248-848-0999, or Fax 248-848-0955

### RECEPTIONIST

needed week-ends only. Gorman's of Novi. Call Cheryl at 248-344-0880

### RECEPTIONIST/SECRETARY

For Farmington Hills mortgage firm. Call 248-848-0999, or Fax 248-848-0955

### SECRETARIAL

Full-time for a court reporting firm. Duties include: phones, filing, typing & errands. 13 MI/Telephone. Call Meredith for an interview. 248-644-8888

### SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST

needed for W. Bloomfield accounting firm. Pleasant voice, computer skills & Word Processing exp. necessary. Send resume to: P.O. Box 252591 W. Bloomfield, MI 48322

### SOUTHWEST CPA firm seeks experienced Clerical person with computer knowledge & bookkeeping background. 25-30 hrs./wk. Fax or e-mail resume: 248-590-0327 or nskpc@hotmail.com

### Dental (5040)

### DENTAL ASSISTANT

Chairside full time position with benefits. Friendly. Farmington. 248-478-3285

### Dental Assistant

Read This First Friendly, modern dental office in Garden City looking for a Dental Assistant. Full time. No weekends! Great opportunity. Benefits, 401K. Ask for Kim 734-422-4350

### DENTAL ASSISTANT

An experienced, dependable person part time (20-35 hrs) for well established West Dearborn office. No evens or Sat. Fax resume 313-561-0377

### DENTAL ASSISTANT

General practice looking for a caring, self-motivated individual to join our great team. Experience preferred. Call M-Th, 10-4. 734-522-2122

### DENTAL ASSISTANT

Full or part-time. Experienced only. In W. Dearborn. Call: 313-563-3300

### DENTAL ASSISTANT

For friendly Troy family practice. Full-time position with full benefits. Must be cheerful and caring. Exp. preferred but will train right person. (248) 689-9012

### DENTAL ASSISTANT

COME BE A PART OF OUR EXCITING DENTAL TEAM! Exp., full-time position in group practice. X-ray experience helpful. Top salary & exc. benefits. 401K. SIGN ON BONUS. 734-722-5130

### DENTAL HYGIENIST

Red Wing Team Dentist seeking dedicated Hygienist with a positive attitude. Those interested in joining our growing staff in a newly remodeled facility call: 734-591-3636

### DENTAL HYGIENIST

Join our patient friendly team! Currently seeking Full Time Hygienist for Pontiac area with minimum 1 year experience. Excellent salary/benefits, 401K. Phone (248) 334-9912 or fax: (248) 334-9915.

### DENTAL HYGIENIST

Experienced only. Tues. & Thurs. for established adult practice. Tel-Twelve area. Call: 248-642-5000

### FRONT DESK

Dental office looking for front desk member to complete our team. Minimum 2 years experience required and Dentech experience preferred. Call Michelle at 248-353-7440 to schedule an interview.

### ORTHO ASSISTANT

Our elite Canton orthodontic office is looking for an experienced Dental Assistant who is interested in working with a fun staff in a great environment. Great hours, 28/wk. & a good starting hourly rate. Call: 734-981-2444

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### Medical (5060)

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seeks individuals for both Physician-Assisting & Front Desk. Both full time positions with benefits. Applicants should work well as a team. Traveling required. We offer competitive salary & benefits. Please send resumes to: Box 0458 Observer & Eccentric, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

### BILLER

Part time. Salary & hours negotiable. Fax resume to 248-477-7713.

### CARE SPECIALIST

Waltonwood Senior apartment community in Rochester Hills is seeking competent, reliable, dedicated and experienced personnel to provide services to older adults in our beautiful Assisted Living Residence. Full-time and Part-time positions available. Full-time employees are eligible for medical and dental insurance. E.O. Apply in person at: 3250 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or call: (248) 375-2500

### CLINIC MANAGER

Adolescent Teen Health Center seeking an experienced nurse with 3-5 years administrative experience. Must like working with teens, possess excellent communication skills and have sound clinical knowledge. Previous experience in outpatient settings preferred. OB and pediatric experience a plus. Please send resume attention Barbara Sullivan The Corner Health Center 47 North Huron Street, Ypsilanti MI 48197 EOE

### DISPENSING OPTICIANS

For traveling nursing home care. Full & part-time. Exc. wages & benefits. Fax resume to: 248-324-1450 or phone: 248-324-1173

### MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

needed for front desk pediatric office. (248) 477-7034

### MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST

Full-time, adjustable hours. benefits. Please call (248) 474-5081

### MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Part-time Minimum of 1 yr experience. Dearborn Heights area. Please call (313) 730-1591 or fax resume (313) 730-1634

### MEDICAL ASSISTANT/LPN/RN

Medical examiners needed to perform mobile medical evaluations. Must have good phlebotomy skills & reliable car. 3 positions available for Ann Arbor, Downriver & Detroit areas. All shifts avail. Fax resume to: 866-522-5200.

### DIETARY SERVER/DISHWASHERS

Waltonwood Senior Community in Rochester Hills seeks responsible, mature, dedicated individual to fill Full-time & Part-time positions available. E.E.O. Apply in person: 3250 Walton Blvd., Rochester Hills, MI 48309 or call: (248) 375-2500

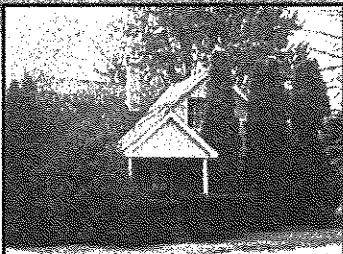
### COOKS, HOSTESSES & SERVERS

Apply at Box Bar & Grill, 777 W. Ann Arbor Trl, Plymouth

### COOKS - Start \$10/hr., Full/part-time, nights. Apply: Starting Gate Saloon, 135 N. Center St., Northville



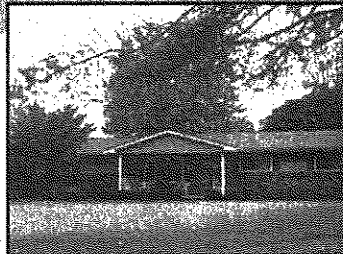
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**PLYMOUTH** - Cape Cod in Plymouth! Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Enjoy your almost one acre of treed property! Home has beautiful newer kitchen, walk-out basement, some work to be done - but well worth the investment! \$285,000 (35ANN) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - Meticulously clean! Desirable end Ranch Condo with southern exposure, in a private and wooded community. Great room with corner fireplace. Jetted whirlpool tub. Newer carpet and paint. One car garage. \$119,800 (43HUN) 734-455-5600



**VAN BUREN** - Sprawling Ranch! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath on almost an acre! 2 1/2 car attached garage, family room with fireplace & blower. Updates includes: windows, roof, vinyl siding, some carpet & paint. Near Lower Huron Metro Park. \$198,000 (21RIG) 734-455-5600



**WESTLAND** - Country in the city. Nice three bedroom Ranch located on just under one acre of beautiful land that is part wetland with a stream running through it. Two car heated garage. Large basement. One year old water heater. \$198,900 (55HUF) 248-349-5600



**SOUTH LYON** - 55+ Ranch Condo. Walk-out 2 bedroom, 2 bath with Florida room, ceramic kitchen & foyer. Formal dining room. All appliances stay. Single car garage. Club house & beach on Crooked Lake. Backs to DNR property. \$144,990 (84CAM) 248-349-5600



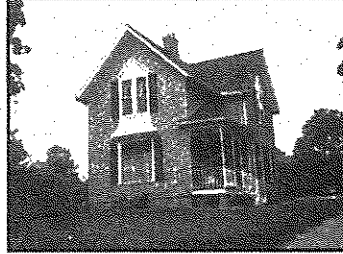
**COMMERCE TOWNSHIP** - Lower Straits Lake privileges. Two bedroom, 1 bath ranch. Handyman Special that needs work. One car garage, paved road. Updated kitchen, wall furnace & electrical. \$119,900 (15LIS) 248-349-5600



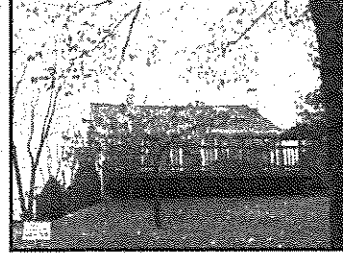
**GARDEN CITY** - Just like new 2 bedroom, 2 car garage. Newer roof, furnace, copper plumbing, windows, central air, hot water tank, cement, circuit breakers. Berber carpet (12x10) Florida room, steel entry doors, deep lot. Immediate occupancy. Turn key & move in. \$129,893 (71BAL) 734-455-5600



**GARDEN CITY** - Absolutely adorable! Two bedroom Ranch. Great starter home is ready to move right into! Roof, furnace, central air, windows, siding, kitchen & bath all updated within last 2 years. Kitchen & bath ceramic. 265 foot deep lot. \$104,900 (22JOH) 734-455-5600



**NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP** - Farmhouse. Approximately 100 year old home on 1 1/2 acres! Three bedroom, 2 bath & room to room! Newer vinyl siding, air conditioning & copper plumbing. Fireplace in living room with parlor. Mud room. \$329,900 (00SEV) 734-455-5600



**HOWELL** - Overlooks Lake Chemung. Charming three bedroom, one bath home on a double lot with newer furnace and well. Access to private, all sports Lake Chemung. \$229,900 (30SUN) 248-349-5600



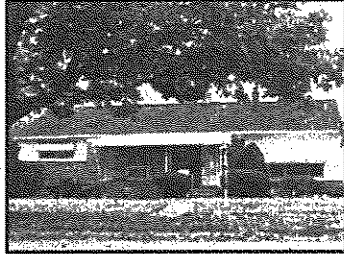
**SOUTH LYON** - 55+ Ranch Condo. Two bedroom, 2 full bath, den and family room in lower level. Ceramic foyer and baths. Florida room has electric fireplace. Enjoy all year-round club house and beach on Crooked Lake. \$126,000 (73CAM) 248-349-5600



**CANTON** - Pristine inside & out. Dramatic vaulted ceiling in great room with natural fireplace. First floor laundry. Distinctly appointed family room. Tear-off roof (May '02), air conditioning & hot water heater in '00. Sharp finished basement with exercise room, office and work shop. \$248,900 (75KNI) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Country living in city! Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath with towering trees. Sprawling 1,978 square foot Ranch on over 1.6 acres in Livonia! Two fireplaces, family room, formal dining room & eat-in kitchen. 2 1/2 car garage & Florida room. \$339,000 (33CUR) 734-455-5600



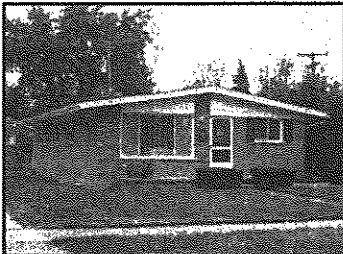
**GARDEN CITY** - Check it out. Large master bedroom in this 3 bedroom Ranch with 2 1/2 car garage, hardwood floors, great closet space + updated bath, ceramic tile, roof & gutter, fireplace in family room. \$134,900 (04LAT) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH**  
705 South Main St.  
734-455-5600

**NORTHVILLE**  
175 Cady Centre  
248-349-5600

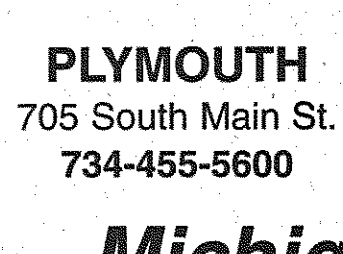
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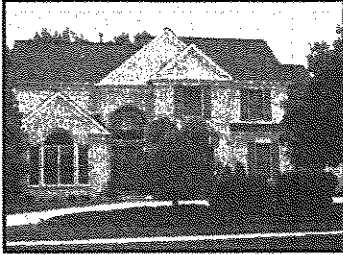
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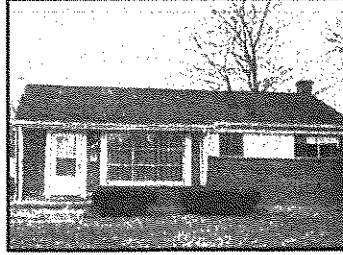
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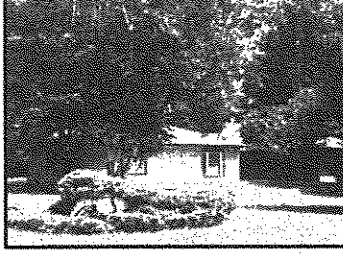
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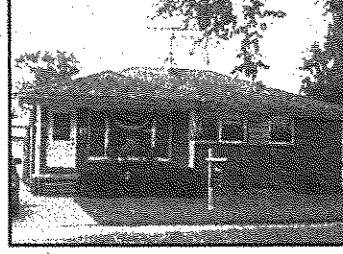
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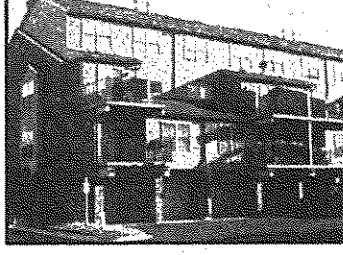
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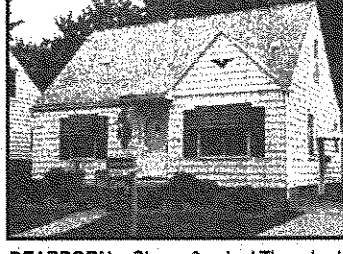
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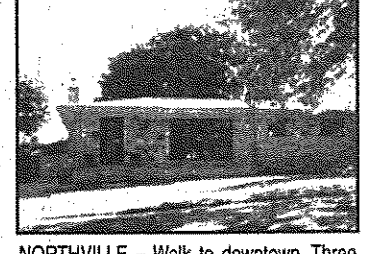
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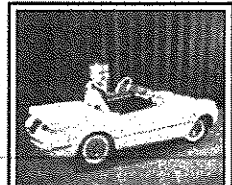
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Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40-ish. Seeks non-smoking, single white male, over 35, for dating and relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

#### GET IN TOUCH

31 yr old female, 5'7", 136 lbs. Looking for someone to have some fun and adventures with. BOX 21120

#### 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

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER

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#### 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

#### 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

#### TIED 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

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#### 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 honest, down to earth, stable, for dating, possible long term relationship. Wayne County. BOX 35938

#### 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

#### 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

#### CLASSY COSMO CUTIE

Creativity and chemistry a must. White female, compassionate, curvy, looking for someone to have fun with white professional, 46 to 56, non-smoker, no drugs, love animals, water, boating, exercise, cooking, spiritual. Oakland County BOX 36051

#### 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

#### 60'S GENERATION

Fit, petite, well educated, professional, attractive, honest, high energy, spontaneous, open minded, fun loving, artistic female, seeking man who is college grad, works out, likes himself, is happy financially secure communicates clearly, is there for the good and bad times. Wayne County. BOX 36137

#### MOTOWN GAL

Looking for a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 48 to 60, non-smoker, for long-term, monogamous relationship. I am 51 old divorced female. I love Motown music and classic cars. I believe in romance and enjoy simple pleasures. Down River area. BOX 14471

#### 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

#### WORTH A CALL

Divorced white mother of three, 47, 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### AM I ASKING TOO MUCH

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 25991

#### 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 26065

#### 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, sailing, beaches, getaway weekends, concerts. Seeks white male, 45 to 55. BOX 26684

#### LET'S GET TOGETHER

33 yr old, black female, 5'6", medium build, non-smoker. Enjoys cooking, movies, family. Seeks male, 38 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 MAKE IT HAPPEN

44 yrs old, 5'7", divorced, white female likes dancing, camping, cooking, movies, music, singing. Seeks white male, 36 to 45, 5'10" to 6'3", with some of the same interests. BOX 26733

#### I'M YOUR LADY

Attractive white divorced 45, 5'2", 138 lbs., female, brown/blue, 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

#### BUBBLY & CLASSY

Intelligent, fit, 5'8", brown eyed blonde, passionate about life and laughing, enjoys golf, biking, theater, boating and great conversations. Interested in meeting tall, 56 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

#### 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 lot of life. Wayne County BOX 27026

#### 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

#### LOVELY BUT LONELY

Tall, slender, attractive, romantic, fit 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

#### 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

#### 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, 50-70, 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 60 to 66, non-smoker, sharing the things in life we both enjoy, especially travelling. BOX 36003

#### 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

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#### 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

#### 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

#### 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

#### TOUCH OF CLASS

For sale, attractive, classy, outgoing, divorced white female, 5'5", 130 lbs, dark hair, pretty eyes. Seeks top notch, tall, white male, 50 plus, to share fun, and special moments together. Your cost one phone call. Oakland County BOX 36059

#### LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH

Single, black sophisticated, mature female, medium height, slender build, enjoys dining out, flea markets, movies and more. Seeks male with similar interests, race not important. Wayne County BOX 36126

#### A TOUCH OF CLASS

Attractive, tall, mature, lady, height/weight proportionate, non-smoker, social drinker, enjoys music, concerts, fine dining, dancing, conversation. Seeks similar qualities in a male, for friendship, companionship and possibly more. BOX 36146

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#### LOOKING 4 THAT GIRL

Hard working, divorced white male, 49, 5'8", 175 lbs. Looking to find an easy going, intelligent, pretty white female, mid to late 40s, nice shape and build, for a long term relationship. No games please. Redford area. BOX 14640

#### LET'S HAVE SOME FUN

Hispanic male, medium build, likes to have fun. Seeks female for dating. BOX 26672

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#### UNIQUE VEGETARIAN

Pretty, 40's, 5'7", 119 lbs, spirited, happy and degreed, loves yoga, living, food preparation, culinary arts grad. In search of a great connection, open hearted communicator who is loving, self aware, healthy, love of dance music and this beautiful world are a plus. Oakland County. BOX 36076

#### SEEKING RELATIONSHIP

Attractive, slender, tall lady of 55, warm hearted, cerebral, somewhat a quiet home body, a smoker. Seeking a gentleman, 55 to 69, intelligent, tall, polite, truthful, a smoker, who enjoys dining and conversation. Oakland County. BOX 36077

#### ARE YOU LONELY?

Would you like to meet someone with a great personality, non-smoker, non-drinker, a person of good character, integrity, reputation? Who still believes in friendship, companionship and true love, seeking tall male 55 to 65, Oakland County BOX 36080

#### ARE YOU...

Looking for someone special, who is sincere, honest, and fun loving, could be me. I am a divorced white female, 54, non-smoker, who likes to do almost everything. West Side area. Let's talk! Wayne County BOX 36084

#### SMART FUNNY HUGGABLE

40 yr old divorced white female 5'7", with 2 children. Likes movies, walks, zoos, intelligent conversation. Seeking an educated, down to earth, non-smoking white male 40-49, who is family oriented, enjoys laughing, hugging and open communication. Western Wayne County BOX 36128

#### NEW BEGINNINGS

Single white female 47, 5'4", 178 lbs, enjoys movies, candle light dinners, long rides, cuddling, quiet evenings at home. Seeks single black male 47-53 with similar interests for friendship possible relationship. Wayne County BOX 36142

#### ENDLESS LOVE

40 yr old, 6'7", tall, dark, 245 lbs, well built, Latino, young, good looking, employed, easy going. Enjoys music, movies and working out. Looking for friendship leading to long term relationship with a special lady. BOX 14910

#### FOREVER YOUNG...

Single male, 61", 190 lbs, in good shape, brown hair, green eyes, college educated and spending time with my child. Enjoys reading, running, biking, skiing, all types of music, own his own business. Looking for a positive, fit and loving female, for a long term relationship. Must love children! BOX 14942

#### ISN'T IT TIME WE MET

Articulate, 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

#### TALL & HANDSOME

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

#### ARE YOU COMPATIBLE?

White professional male, 5'8", fit, brown hair, blue eyes, well educated, no dependents. Enjoys music, movies, reading, family and friends, hiking, jogging, long walks. Seeks fit, emotionally available, white professional female, no dependents. For happy and healthy relationship. BOX 14561

#### LOOKING FOR A MATCH

60 yr old male, 5'9", 170 lbs, brown hair and eyes. Likes old movies, country rides, cuddling, gardening, 50s/60s music, cooking and more. Seeks petite to medium build lady with similar interests. BOX 30894

#### PLEASE READ THIS AD

Attractive, honest, big-hearted, white, non-abusive, sober man. Active, secure, widowed, and lonesome. If you're under 60, attractive, slender, and serious, call me, I'm your man. Romulus. Wayne County BOX 33735

#### READY TO SETTLE DOWN

30 yr old male, 5'10", 145 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 possible marriage. BOX 26665

#### LOVE ALWAYS

Caring, affectionate, loving, hard working, divorced white male, 54, 5'7", silver fox hair, 176 lbs. Loves ocean beaches, spending quality time together. Seeking friendship for monogamous relationship, 40 to 50. BOX 35913

#### END MY SEARCH

Live near I-94 in Telegraph, 63 yrs old, 5'8", 170 lbs, youthful, light hearted, gentle. Enjoys camping, walking, flea markets, movies, quiet nights at home. Looking for permanent relationship with a slim to semi-slim lady. BOX 10478

#### R U UNDER 59

Single male, 5'8", 175 lbs, auburn hair and blue eyes, non-smoker, financially stable, enjoys camping, long walks, games, quiet times at home and more. Looking for a female with similar interests, for possible relationship. BOX 10700

#### 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, movies, chess and communicating. BOX 10924

#### DRIVE-BY

Mobile meeting...if you don't like what you see, keep on going! Handsome single white male, 40s, looking for love. Seeks similar minded female, 40s to 50s. BOX 12015

#### 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

#### QUALITY GUY

Divorced white male, 55, 5'10", medium build, successful businessman. Enjoys candlelight dinners, flower plays, dancing, concerts, boating, travel, getaway weekends. Family oriented person with good sense of humor. BOX 14102

#### QUALITY GUY

Let us share a glass of wine or cup of coffee. Divorced white male, 5'10", 55, business man in Metropolitan Detroit. Seeks honest, caring woman, good sense of humor, people person, good communications skills to share his enjoyment of plays, dancing, boating, get away weekends. BOX 14118

#### A JOINT VENTURE

This gentle, optimistic, single white male, 44, is well-groomed with good social skills, seeks decent looking, romantic female 35 to 45. BOX 14770

#### LUCKY IN LOVE

41 yr old, 6'2", 210 lbs male, smoker, non-drinker, likes movies, dining out, travel. Seeks slim female over 5'5". BOX 21163

#### MUST BE SVELTE

35 yr 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

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**TOYOTA 1991** 4X4 Pickup, extended cab, bedliner, 98K, \$3900/best. 248-841-3249

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**FORD WINDSTAR, 2000** LX - 27K, warranty, rear air, alloys, privacy glass, CD, tilt cruise, rack, \$13,500 734-844-9181

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**GRAND CARAVAN 1996** ES 91K/dual doors/7 passenger \$6300/best. 248-543-2704

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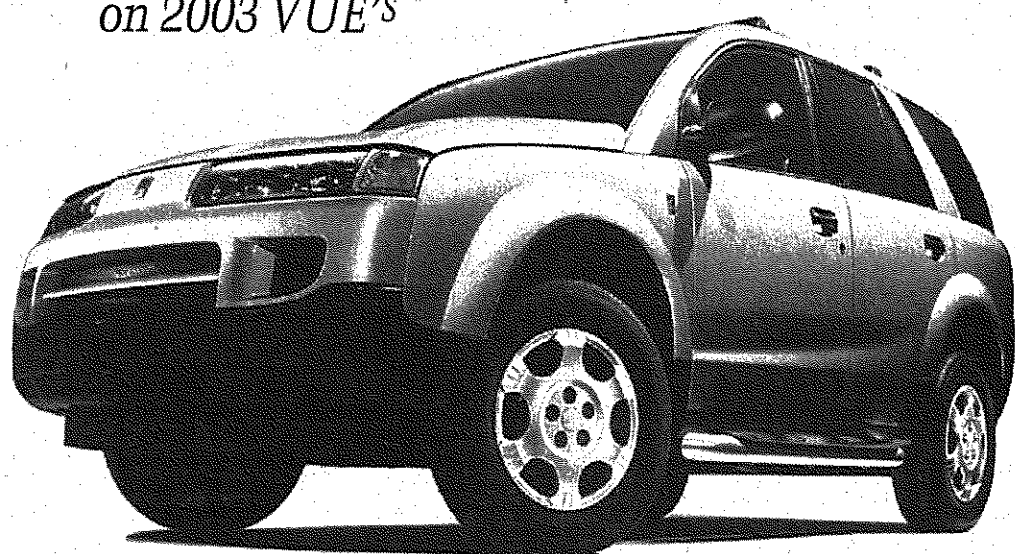
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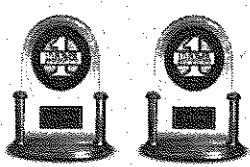
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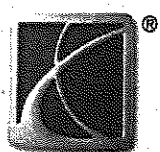


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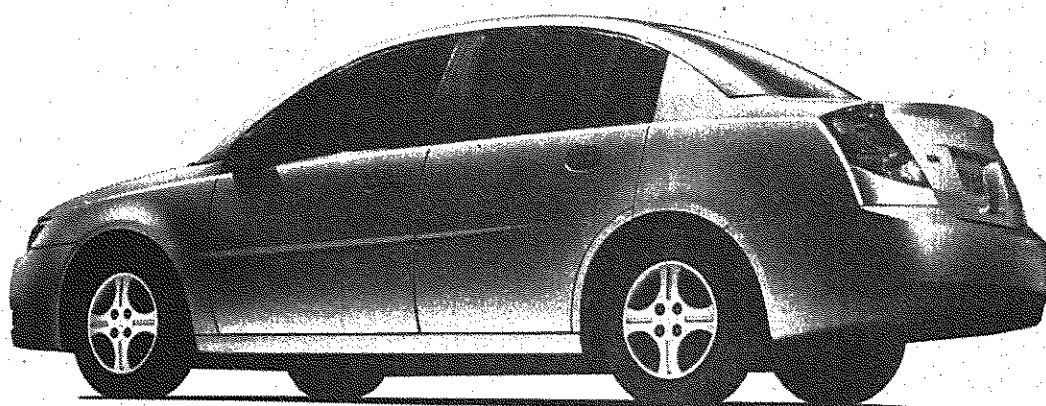
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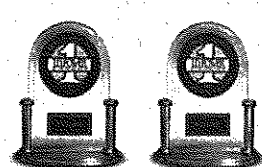
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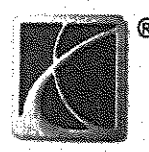


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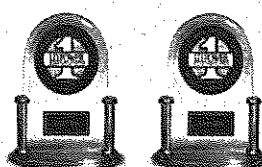
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Lease for  
**\$225†**/month for 48 months  
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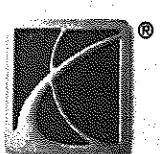


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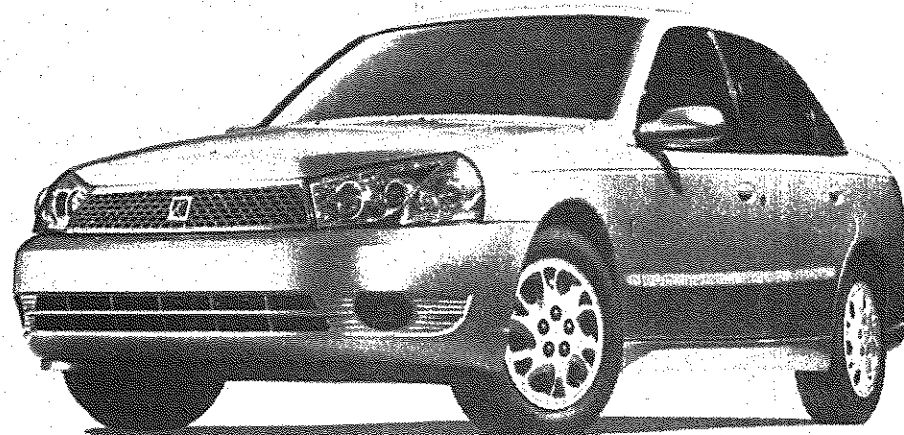
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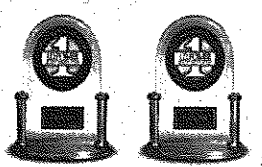
**0% APR** for  
**5 years\*** Or  
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Lease for  
**\$252†**/month for 39 months  
\$252 due at lease signing  
(No security deposit required.  
Tax title and license are extra.)  
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**\$209†**/month for 39 months  
\$209 due at lease signing  
(No security deposit required.  
Tax, title and license are extra.)

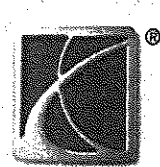


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