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**MEMO**



**CHRISTMAS MEMORIES**

Remember when the cat brought down the Christmas tree or mom told stories about holidays past around the kitchen table. For most people, Christmas is filled with funny and touching moments. In December, the Observer Community Life section will feature a page filled with reader's Christmas memories. Send yours by Dec. 15, to: Hugh Gallagher, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

**Closing time**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the *Observer* & Eccentric Circulation Department will be closed at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, to assist with any delivery questions you may have. You may e-mail customer service at [custserv@oe.hometownlife.com](mailto:custserv@oe.hometownlife.com) or call (866) 887-2737 for assistance. Thank you and have a happy Thanksgiving!

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**New commission eyed for the arts**



Conklin

Linda Shapona called it "an excellent idea." That sentiment was echoed by Gene Hammonds and Dick Dionne. Shapona, chairwoman of Canton Project Arts, and Dionne and Hammonds, both past chairmen, were reacting to a proposal to establish a Canton Cultural Arts

Commission to advise the township board of trustees on the development of art and culture programs in the community and to act as an umbrella group for all arts and cultural activities. The proposal was presented at a study session of the board of trustees Tuesday night.

The commission would fall under the auspices of the Leisure Services Department. Ann Conklin, director of Leisure Services, presented the proposal to board members of Project Arts members. "Project Arts has done a tremendous job of bringing the arts to the

forefront of the community," Conklin said. "I kept hearing that they would be one of the users of the new theater. But I kept thinking they represent all facets of the arts. And that was the premise of the idea for a commission to represent all the arts."

PLEASE SEE COMMISSION, A4



Color guard member Joy Shannaberger strikes a pose as she and fellow guardmembers weave their exotic dance through the marchers during P-CEP's performance of "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan" at the Bands of America semi-finals competition.

**Marchers end on a good note**

BY DIANE HANSON  
CORRESPONDENT

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band was one of the 31 highest-scoring and only one of eight Michigan bands selected for semi-finals competition after two days of preliminary competition that narrowed the field of 89 bands from 23 states during the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis, Nov. 15.

PLEASE SEE BAND, A3

**School committee sets wish list**

Exactly one year after holding its first Vision meeting to solicit ideas from the public concerning needed improvements for the Plymouth-Canton school district, the 19-member Bond Steering Committee Tuesday night released its final report to the Board of Education detailing more than \$200 million in priority projects it believes the district should pursue over the next five to 10 years.

The Board of Education - which accepted the report following a one-hour presentation - must now decide if it will move forward by asking residents to support a bond issue; how much money to ask taxpayers to spend; and which projects will be included.

The nearly inch-thick report outlined 38 specific needs for the district, totaling more than \$91 million, none of which includes a new elementary or middle school.

In fact, the needs list outlined by the committee looks mostly like a "honey-do" list of maintenance projects for an aging school district. Among the most notable are \$30 million for districtwide ventilator and air conditioning units; \$8.3 million for carpet replacement and flooring improvements; \$4 million to upgrade science labs; and \$3.5 million for repaving parking lots and driveways.

The committee didn't prioritize the needs

PLEASE SEE SCHOOLS, A4

**Districts plan rally to protest cuts**

Plymouth-Canton and Redford Union schools are at the forefront of a rally being planned for the Capitol steps in Lansing Dec. 1 to protest Gov. Jennifer Granholm's executive order calling for a \$196 per-pupil cut in the foundation grant to Michigan school districts.

The two Wayne County districts, along with representatives of Rockford

Tom Yack's assessment of budget cuts. Page A2.

Schools in Kent County, met in Lansing Monday to discuss inequitable state funding for schools as a result of Proposal A, as well as the proposed cuts by Granholm to erase a \$350 million shortfall in the school aid fund.

"We need to get our collective voices together and say 'No, don't make those cuts; look at other areas of the budget,'" said Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education Vice President Mark Slavens, who along with Trustee Joanne Lamar attended the meeting. "Why does it have to be an equitable

PLEASE SEE RALLY, A2

**Music and tech come together for a singing librarian**

When Leo Papa was growing up in Allen Park, he learned to play the accordion.

"It was an Italian home," he said. "It was natural to play the accordion. But it was also the '60s and I just had to play the guitar."

So when he was 19 he bought himself an acoustic guitar and, using his knowledge of music that he obtained from the accordion, he taught himself guitar.

It's not an unusual story except that Papa, now 53, took a totally different career route and in January of this year joined the Canton Public Library as a system librarian. That means he's responsible for the computer software system used by library employees for processing and checking out materials.

With two master's degrees - one in library science and the other in philosophy - Papa just sort of picked



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Leo Papa classifies his music basically as American Roots.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**  
**American Profile**  
Helen Barnes founded Meals on  
Wheels three decades ago. Now,  
at age 88, she still drives two  
routes a week.



## Symphony, ballet company and Madrigal singers join forces to present *Nutcracker*

In a long-standing tradition, the Plymouth Symphony will once again join with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet and the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers to present the classic fairy tale - Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker* ballet.

Performances will be 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7.

All performances are at Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton. This year's presentation features Dawnell Dryja and Calin Radulescu of the Grand Rapids Ballet.

Dawnell Dryja (Snow Queen/Sugar Plum Fairy) is originally from Canton, where she trained under her mother, Dawn Greene. Her past roles include Titania in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*; Sugar Plum and Snow Queen in *The Nutcracker*; Balanchine ballets, such as, *Divertimento No. 15, Jewels, Slaughter on Tenth Avenue, and Who Cares.*

Dryja has danced professionally for several years in companies such as Metropolitan Ballet Theatre, Dayton Ballet, and Cincinnati Ballet and has also performed, instructed, and ballet mistressed for Burklyn Ballet Theatre in Vermont. She has previously held the titles of Petite Miss Dance of Michigan, Junior Miss Dance of Michigan, Junior Miss Dance of America, and Miss Dance of Michigan.

Calin Radulescu (Snow King/Sugar Plum's Cavalier) is from Bucharest, Romania, where he completed nine years of

ballet school at the National Ballet School of Bucharest.

Following the Saturday 11 a.m. and Sunday 2 p.m. performances the Plymouth Symphony League will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria. It's an opportunity for everyone to meet and take pictures with the dancers, enjoy some refreshments, and purchase an array of holiday gifts.

Formed in 1989, the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company has been performing the *Nutcracker* annually with the Plymouth Symphony since 1990. The company offers local communities high quality dance productions, bringing together dancers from throughout the metro Detroit area for these productions. The company is led by artistic director Dawn Greene.

These performances are made possible through the generous support of the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Admission is \$18 for adults and \$10 for children. Sugar Plum Fairy Tea tickets are an additional \$5. Groups of 10 or more will receive a 10 percent discount. For tickets please contact the Symphony Office at (734) 451-2112 or at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

Tickets are also available at the following outlets: Crystal Diamond Setters in Plymouth; Dancewear Gallery, Evola Music, or Dearborn Music in Canton; Bunny Sanford's Dance in Livonia; or through the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

## Yack: Cuts should prompt a new way of providing service

While many school officials were in Lansing on Monday protesting cuts in the education budget, and other municipal representatives were attending rallies around the state in anticipation of more cuts in revenue sharing, Canton Supervisor Tom Yack was in his office conducting business as usual.

"It's not out of disinterest," he said. "I have a busy schedule. We had a staff meeting. I have things to do."

Then, in a philosophical mood, he indicated there was simply no point to the protests.

"The reality is they're going to get hit," he said. "We're all going to get hit. She (Gov. Jennifer Granholm) sent a strong message by cutting schools. Every part of state government, everybody who receives money from state government, is going to feel it."

While Canton has experienced some revenue sharing



Yack

cuts already, Yack said he's bracing for more.

"I think the cuts are going to be in the 5-7 percent range," he said.

While Canton is still in a pretty stable financial condition, Yack said other, older communities may be hit hard.

"It's not going to be pretty," he said. "Dearborn is looking to reduce 100 jobs over the next year."

He said Canton could go into its fund balance if necessary to compensate for potential cuts, he doesn't think that will be necessary.

"I don't see us having to deal with that at this point," he said, "because I think the revenue picture will get better. It may never be as high as it was for the state. If that's the case, the state has to restructure the way

they do business."

While recognizing the political ramifications involved, Yack is an advocate of shared services between communities.

"There are lots of areas within the metro Detroit region where communities should be doing things together," he said. "When you have five communities all providing police and fire service in a relatively small geographic area, you have five police chiefs, five fire chiefs, five of everything. Cities don't have to lose their own identities, but they do need to look at new ways of doing things together."

Yack, a former teacher, also thinks there are too many school districts in the state and that some probably should be consolidated.

"It's difficult to do these things," he said. "It seems like we're all creations of the state. But when things get tough, it forces people to look at new ways of doing business."

### RALLY

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cut across the board when we're receiving inequitable funding from the state?" said Slavens. "It's time for these legislators to start keeping the promise of Proposal A, which was to bring about equity with regards to school funding."

The three districts vowed to draw enough people to the 10 a.m. rally on Dec. 1 to drive home their point to Granholm that school districts, which took a hit on the foundation grant last year, can't afford givebacks again this year.

Plymouth-Canton Schools could find itself cutting \$3.4 million from its budget if Granholm moves forward with her executive order. Under her proposal, the Plymouth-Canton foundation grant would drop from \$7,025 per pupil to \$6,829.

"It doesn't mean I'm going to get the same dollar amount as another school district, but it's certainly going to give me enough to make me strong and solvent, so I can operate a good, educational program," added Jim Taylor, president of the Redford Union Board of Education. "I don't need to be underfunded all the time and constantly scrape from the bottom of the barrel."

"We want them to stop cutting at the school level; because sooner or later the bills will come due, and it won't be money bills," added Taylor. "We won't be able to produce in terms of an educational product for the students. We're going to be shortchanging these kids, and we're going to lose a whole generation of kids playing these games."

The three school districts had hoped to be accompanied by representatives from nine other districts from around the state, including Livonia, South

Redford and Wayne-Westland. But despite the lack of participation at Monday's session, the group felt it could get enough districts to join them to collectively voice their concerns.

"We are never going to make a difference unless we have both sides of the state working together," said Sara Haines, a parent from Rockford Schools, which receives a \$6,700 foundation grant. "That's why today was really a great day for the kids in the state of Michigan."

Slavens said he's had enough with the little or no response from state legislators.

"I think we need to get our collective voices together," Slavens said. "We can convene with our legislators, but I've done that until I'm blue in the face."

"It's dead wrong when I send in my sales tax dollars that other school districts get more from the state than my school district," he said.

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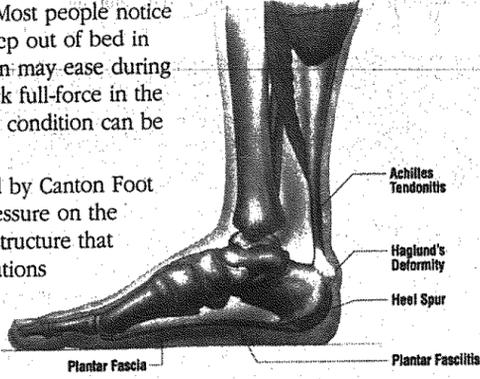
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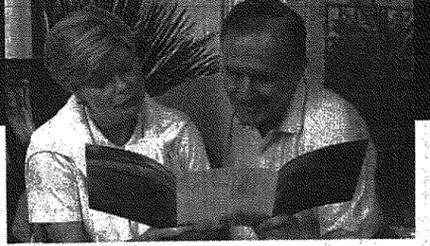
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- ◆ Have a weekly family meeting
- ◆ Respect one another's privacy

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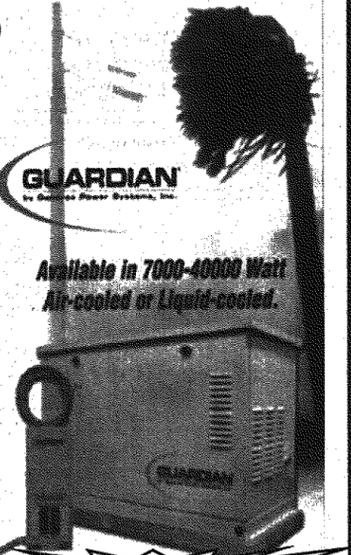
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In the Canton area, hunting areas are classified as open, closed or restricted. In areas designated as open, hunting with a shotgun is permissible in accordance with existing state statute. In closed areas, hunting is prohibited. In those

areas deemed to be restricted, based on existing township ordinance, hunting is allowed only with a shotgun firing shot not larger than number 6. Hunting with a long rifle is strictly prohibited in Canton. Under existing township ordi-

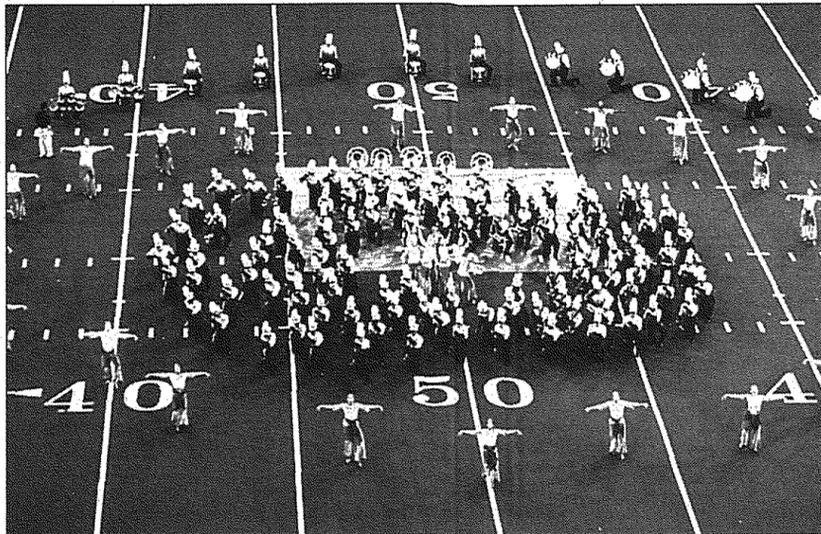
nance a bow and arrow is classified as a firearm.

In open and restricted areas, hunting is not permitted without first obtaining verbal permission from the property owner. Additionally, the Safety Zone Law states that a person

will not hunt or discharge a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, cabin, barn or any other type of building used in conjunction with farm operations. Careless and reckless discharge of a firearm is a

misdemeanor, and is subject to a \$500 fine.

A map of Canton detailing the open, closed and restricted areas is available at the clerk's office in the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.



What a show! The P-CEP Marching Band took over the field during the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis.



Color guard instructor Jennifer Leseth gives last minute directions to her P-CEP performers before semi-finals competition at national band competition in Indianapolis.

## BAND

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The award-winning P-CEP Band placed 15th in the nation, this year, however, marked the first since 1987 that the band did not qualify for the finals top-12 contenders. But that didn't quell the Plymouth-Canton spirit.

"These kids have a lot to be proud of and I am very proud of them," said Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park. "I believe we had our best show of the year."

And that's saying a lot.

End of season  
The BOA Championships officially brought to a close P-CEP's competition season, which included placing first in Flight I and capturing every Flight I trophy for Best Marching, Best Music and Best General Effect at all in-state

competitions. The 170 marchers completed the sweep at the Michigan Competing Band Association State Championships at the Pontiac Silverdome Nov. 1 where they also achieved the highest score of all 40 competing bands.

"Saturday's semi-finals show was the most fun I've had in any performance I've ever been in," said Salem senior Brittany Summers, one of four P-CEP drum majors. "I was just smiling the whole time. It was like something magical. I have never seen such a reaction from the audience before. People were clapping along with our performance and it wasn't just our parents!"

Indeed, the captivating Middle Eastern melodies of the 10-minute, colorful and dramatic P-CEP performance, "Souls of the Gypsy Caravan," drew the audience of some 10,000 into hand-clapping participation, as well as spontaneous outbursts of appreciation.

"The whole crowd was really into it and it was so fun to hear them go nuts during the show," said Ashley Spohn, also a Salem senior and drum major. "We could not have done a better job. It was the best performance of the entire season. Our staff was so proud of us and I am so proud of this band and feel privileged to be a member."

Fellow band members agreed.

"It was amazing," said Salem senior Laura Peoples who plays the bass clarinet. "I honestly think it was our best performance of the year. We threw it down on the field and it was a phenomenal outcome. There was so much emotion."

Canton senior and clarinetist Matt Ucinski felt a difference in the Saturday semi-finals performance. "It was great," he said. "There was a lot of energy out there and a lot of emotion. It all kind of comes together in the end. It is a feeling that I can't explain."

Despite the band's remarkable performance, it was not an easy task for Whitlock, Summers and Spohn to break the news to fellow band members that they would not be competing in finals.

"Coming back from semi-finals awards, it was tough telling 170 of your friends," said Summers. "But the reaction was not what I expected. They were still happy with what we had accomplished because they knew we had given it the best shot that we could and they knew it was our best performance of the year. And we were all impressed with the amount of work all the other bands had put in."

That couldn't have made their band director any prouder. "The kids have rebounded strong and they have a very positive attitude and that is because they know they had an incredible show," said Whitlock.

Life lessons

"How we deal with adversity is one of the parameters of how we define ourselves as human beings. As a staff, one of our philosophies is to teach the kids how to deal with life lessons. This is a real life situation and they have dealt with it very well."

That aspect was emphasized by Tim Lautzenheiser, an author, motivational speaker and former executive director of Bands of America, who conducts leadership workshops at BOA events. He gave workshops for parents and students at Plymouth High School a few days before the Grand National competition.

"Competition is fine," he said, "but I don't think it means anything. The best part, to be real honest, is what they learn by watching their peers push to that next level. A band like Plymouth-Canton is such a great teacher to some of the younger bands that are growing and developing."

"It is really not about the scores," he continued.

"Whatever the scores are now, if they performed two hours later, the scores would be different. You're comparing Shostakovich to Percy Granger to the Beatles to the latest rap thing. To try to rate and rank art is kind of silly. We took an athletic scoring system and tried to adapt it and it doesn't work too well, but it brings us together."

And it brought the P-CEP marchers back, this time as spectators, for the finals performance on Saturday night to appreciate and cheer for the hard work of fellow band members from across the country, including the Westfield High School Band from Houston, Texas, who won the Grand Nationals championship trophy this year.

"It's what being a good band member is all about," Spohn said.

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**COMMISSION**

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The commission would consist of a board of members appointed by the supervisor and would serve as an advisory group to the board of trustees. Jennifer Tobin, the township's performing arts coordinator, would serve as a liaison to the new board. "The goal is to provide total coordination of the arts and culture within Canton," Conklin said. "I think it's an excellent idea," Shapona said. "The way we need to go in this community is to have a mission." Project Arts, which has been in existence for about 10 years,

is an all volunteer organization which functions as a sort of ad hoc group for the arts. Hammonds, who was the first chairman of Project Arts and served in that role for several years, applauded the concept. "Ann brought this to our attention about a month ago," he said. "Some of us looked at it and said what a great idea. Project Arts has done a great job for the past 10 years, but sometimes change is good." Under the proposal Project Arts would be absorbed into the new commission. Dionne, who served as chairman of Project Arts for two-and-a-half years, said he wasn't completely clear on how the new group would function, but did not see it being the same kind of organization as Project

Arts. But he liked the idea of establishing an arts commission by ordinance. "This board and this supervisor have been extremely supportive of the arts in Canton and of Project Arts," he said. "But it may not always be that way in the future. Having an ordinance establishes it as a recognized legal body in the township." Members of the board would be appointed from throughout the community and would serve three-year terms. It would be a completely separate operation from the Partnership for the Arts, that was formed to promote charitable, educational, artistic and cultural activities in connection with the Performing Arts Center, now referred to as the Village Theater.

**SCHOOLS**

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in the district, noting in its report "they are, by definition, needed." However, the group did put in order the 58 recommendations for the "wants" list. At the top is the expansion of elementary school buildings to regain art and music rooms. The next three priorities - improving alternative education facilities, a staff development center, and renovation of Central Middle School - come with various options which depend on the fate of Central. The committee came up with four options for Central: renovating the aging building to remain as a middle school; upgrading Central for non-middle school uses, such as to house alternative education and administrative offices; demolishing two-thirds of Central and housing alternative education, special education and the staff development center at the remaining structure; or keeping Central to house some of the aforementioned groups, as well as keeping the gym and pool. "The public wants equal middle school facilities, and we couldn't do that with Central and gain anything," said Jeff Grimes, one of the tri-chairs of the committee. "We did not consider the obvious, of just getting rid of the school. We got a little bit into the politics in saying we may not pass a bond (with the Plymouth vote) if we closed Central. Being sensitive to that, we considered what to do with it if we kept it open." Building a new elementary school in southwest Canton to address student population growth was 10th on the "wants" list. According to the report, the community cost for a new elementary school is estimated at \$13.7 million, while the cost to expand five elementary schools to handle the projected increase in student enrollment would be \$12.5 million. "The needs and wants became a bit easier once we evaluated what we wanted them to be," said Nancy Eggenberger of Canton Township, a member of the committee. "Even though we have a prioritized list, it's not etched in stone ... which ones will fit with the community, how can be put them together as a package (in a bond), what will the community support." Trustee Tom Wysocki said the realization for Plymouth-Canton Schools taxpayers is the fact there are a lot of older buildings that need upgrades. "A lot of people say schools are important to them," he said. "So, we'll probably be coming and asking how much are you really willing to pay to help schools." Board President Judy Mardigan said she'd like to conduct a survey of the school community to determine the threshold of bond support. "I don't think we can do everything we want to

NEEDS AND WANTS	
This chart shows a partial list of items of "needs" put together by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Bond Steering Committee.	
ITEMS NEEDED	COST
Repaving parking/drives	\$3,545,100
Expand parking lots	1,579,500
Replace roof/repairs	6,865,300
Exterior door replacement	1,606,800
Masonry/EIFS upgrades	11,325,600
New classroom enclosure	3,677,700
Flooring upgrades	8,366,800
Upgrade science labs	4,387,500
Unit ventilators	30,280,900
Fire alarm upgrades	2,750,540
Here are the top 10 "wants" as prioritized by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Bond Steering Committee:	
ITEMS WANTED	COST
Elementary art/music rooms	\$3,905,200
Alt. Ed improvements	3,700,000
Staff development Center	1,200,000
Renovate Central Middle	10,751,000
Industrial arts remodeling	3,745,000
Art room upgrades	1,366,300
Life skills upgrade	1,982,900
Classroom furniture	2,650,700
Temperature controls	unavailable
Build new elementary school	13,700,000
SOURCE: Steering Committee Report	

do," she said. "There will have to be some trade-offs." Debbie Madonna, another of the tri-chairs of the committee, told board members she couldn't support the final report. "While much of the data was provided, I have serious concerns about the accuracy and completeness of some of the information," said Madonna. "I believed it was important that our committee ask many questions and insist on complete answers before taxpayers are asked to approve a bond." Two members, Mark Horvath and Roland Thomas, left the committee before the final report was drafted. "I completed the task I committed to, to collect data that would give the board the opportunity to decide where they wanted to go with a bond," said Horvath. "I couldn't support the use of additional expert opinions and anecdotal data to draw conclusions." Thomas would only say there "were some differences that I don't think could have been bridged." The Bond Steering Committee held a fourth Vision meeting Wednesday night to give the public the final report.



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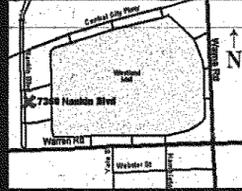
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MediLodge Group, Inc., and its affiliated facilities will distribute more than \$35,000 in scholarships to high school graduating classes of 2004. MediLodge Group president Frank Wronski made the announcement recently. MediLodge Group, a for-profit group of 15 skilled nursing and three assisted living facilities, is a Michigan-based company whose facilities include West Trail Nursing Home in Plymouth. MediLodge Group, based in Washington, Mich., provides nursing care and services to over 2000 Michigan residents. The scholarships will be made available to high school seniors in the district that West Trail serves. "It is a way of giving back to our communities for their continued support. The local communities we serve are vital to the functioning of our facilities, and it is important that we recognize this and give back accordingly," Wronski said. The scholarship program began in 2002 and has received an overwhelming response. Each of the 15 nursing facilities will award a \$250 winner from each of the eligible schools in their area and an overall \$1,000 winner from the schools participating. The 15 overall winners will then be placed in a final competition for the grand prize scholarship. At a reception May 6 at the MediLodge Group home office, the high school senior who wins will be presented with a \$10,000 check made payable to the college of their choice. The scholarship applications are located in the counseling offices at Plymouth, Salem or Canton High Schools. This scholarship is available to all choices of career. For further questions, you may contact West Trail Nursing Center and ask for Cathy Newsom at (734) 453-3983.

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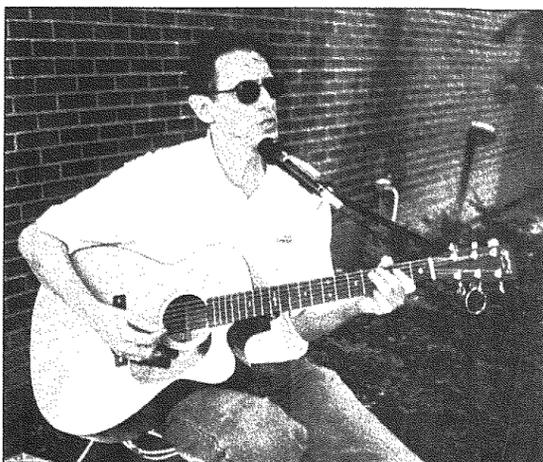
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Leo Papa performing outside the Canton Public Library. He also plays the Tipperary Pub in Detroit on some Fridays and Saturdays.

**PAPA**

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up his computer knowledge along the way.

"I've worked with computers all my life," he said. "But I was trained as an educator and a librarian. It gives me a little different perspective."

But it's his music that may influence his perspective most of all.

"I think it's a great thing," said Papa, who sometimes jokingly refers to himself as "The Singing Librarian." "It's great to have that as a release from your work. It's like a hobby and it attunes you to different aspects of life."

He doesn't do many gigs

**'It's great to have that as a release from your work. ... it attunes you to different aspects of life.'**

Leo Papa  
librarian, musician

right now, but he does appear frequently at the Tipperary Pub off the Southfield Freeway in Detroit, where he plays backup for Terry Murphy.

"He's really an excellent musician," Papa said. "He's got a really large repertoire. I'm learning a lot from him."

Papa also plays with Detroit musician Bill McGettigan, whose forte is Irish folk, blues

and country. This past summer, McGettigan and Papa performed during the Canton Library's Patron Appreciation Day.

If there's a theme to Papa's music, it's American Roots.

"It covers a lot of ground," he said. He was also influenced by the years he spent in Texas, particularly Austin and San Antonio, where he met his wife, Linda.

That's where he began to perform publicly, going to open mike nights and playing some gigs.

"It took me 20 years to get up the nerve to perform in public," he said.

He says he was influenced by Bob Dylan as a folk artist, Neil Young, Crosby, Stills and Nash.

"But I was really deeply influenced by my experience in Texas," he said. "I was introduced to a whole kind of gritty form of roots music with more of a bluesy edge. It kind of mixed country and blues in a way that was really interesting."

If librarian, musician, philosopher isn't enough to keep him busy, he also runs a recording studio out of his Detroit home. He does digital recordings of acoustic musicians and operates a Web site, www.cybersong.com, which features and highlights the musicians he records.

He hasn't cut any of his own CDs yet, but he's starting to think about it.

"It just takes so much time," he said. "And I do have a full-time job."

**Belt up or pay up**

"Click It or Ticket," "Buckle Up or Pay Up," whatever it's called, Canton drivers are warned to fasten their seat belts or face a \$65 ticket.

It's part of a campaign involving more than 500 communities in Michigan that is trying to get motorists to buckle up for safety, according to Canton Police Sgt. Chuck Raycraft.

"People need to wear seat belts, and hopefully we're starting to get the message across," Raycraft said. "The injuries and the dollar amounts from medical expenses would be reduced if people would just wear seat belts."

As part of the campaign, which started Monday, Canton police will monitor five intersections in the township, which Raycraft said represented high crash areas.

On Monday police were monitoring the intersection at Ford and Haggerty, the highest site for accidents in the township.

On Thursday they'll be watching eastbound Ford at Morton Taylor between noon and 4 p.m.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday they'll be eying motorists on westbound Ford at Sheldon.

On Monday, Nov. 24, westbound Michigan at I-275 will be under watch between noon and 4 p.m.

And on Wednesday, Nov. 26, they'll be stationed on northbound Canton Center at Saltz from noon to 4 p.m.

Funding for the buckle-up campaign comes from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning.

**Leisure Services to host New Year's Eve bash**

Canton Leisure Services will host an adult only New Year's Eve Celebration.

The evening of entertainment begins at 7 p.m. and runs until 1:30 a.m. in the Summit on the Park Banquet and Conference Center.

Attendees will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dinner, deluxe bar, champagne toast, and a midnight snack. A Silver Sounds DJ will provide entertainment throughout the evening.

Reservations can be made in person at the Summit Banquet Center office from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, or with credit card by calling (734) 394-5487.

The cost to attend is \$85 per person through Nov. 29, and \$90 per person after the deadline for Canton residents. Tickets for non-residents are \$90. Attendees must be 21 years of age.

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# Canton woman waiting word on virus wants others to be careful and aware

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI  
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Valerie Giles of Canton wants people to know about her battle with what may be West Nile virus.

"I wouldn't wish this on anyone," said Giles, who lives off Sheldon Road, north of Ford.

Giles' physician, Dr. Judith Edge, would not confirm that Giles had West Nile because of the new Health Information Privacy Protection Act. The Michigan Department of Community Health also could not confirm Giles' illness because it was not yet aware last Friday whether she had completed state testing, Dr. Matt Bolton said.

"It's too soon for us to tell," he said. Even if confirmed, the department will not release names.

According to Giles, she had submitted to at least one state test. But Bolton said the process involves two tests.

"The test is based on antibodies to the virus. They should also have a clinically compatible illness," Bolton said.

While waiting for a final

determination, Giles says she wants people to know how awful she has felt over the last couple of months and how she had no idea what she was ill with, and neither at first did physicians. She was tested for an array of ailments, questioned and given a CT scan and MRI. At one point, her blood pressure dropped so low, she believed she was "going into cardiac arrest. My lips were purple."

Giles, 54, began with what she described as "an excruciating headache" in her eye sockets and neck. "It wouldn't go away," she said. She had tremors and couldn't eat.

"When you lose all feeling in your arms and legs, that's scary," Giles said. "Twenty-four hours a day, I had to have someone take care of me." Eventually, Giles was diagnosed with viral meningitis, believed by physicians to have been brought on by West Nile, according to Giles. At one point, however, that diagnosis was challenged by a nurse at an emergency center.

"She went through three tough weeks," said her husband, Richard. "She now has the strength to walk around."

The Gileses chalk up the illness to mosquitoes and their backyard. A Russian olive tree in their backyard was cut down, leaving chips and mulch and lots of dampness. "The mosquitoes came after me," Richard Giles said.

Their dog got an equal dose of mosquitoes and bites, so bad as they let him in the house "we were knocking the mosquitoes off of him," Giles continued. "He broke out in bumps all over him."

Added his wife: "When he came to the door, the mosquitoes were stuck to his nose. I had mosquitoes in the house that were being brought in on the dog."

Before the tree had been cut down, Richard Giles also noticed two dead birds in his yard, a blackbird and a robin. "At the time, I didn't pay much attention to them," he said.

The mosquitoes got so bad, the yard was sprayed — twice — something the Gileses are urging all Canton residents to do. "We will do it again next spring," Richard Giles said.

According to the Michigan Department of Community Health, there have been five

cases of human West Nile virus. Only one person of the five reported cases died this year.

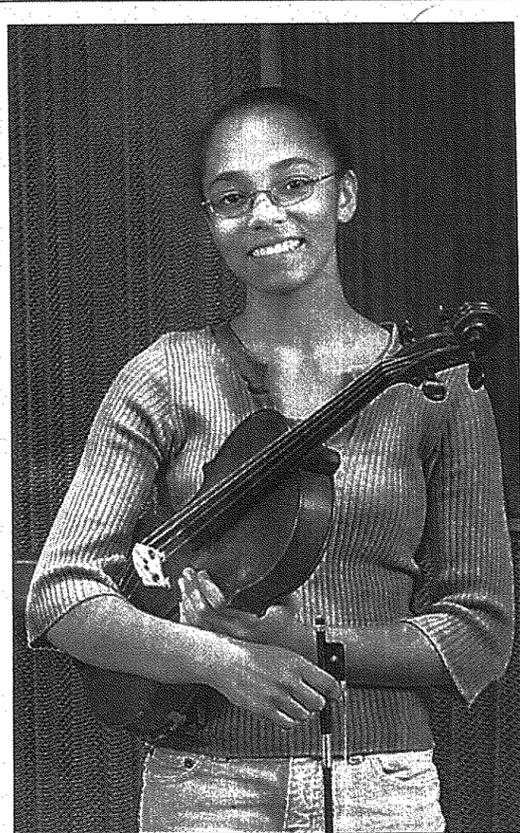
The latest two reports were in October when a 44-year-old Macomb County woman and a 67-year-old Oakland County man were positively identified by the state community health department.

Michigan had the second highest number of West Nile virus human cases in the nation in 2002, with 644 cases, including 51 deaths.

The state community health department continues to advise people to minimize exposure to mosquitoes even though the weather is getting cooler. Some species of mosquitoes that can transmit the virus to humans sometimes seek out the warmer environments of homes, and are a continuing source of West Nile virus transmission.

For more information on West Nile virus, log on to the state site at [www.michigan.gov/wnv](http://www.michigan.gov/wnv)

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## Viola vs violin

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bears will be given to the Salvation Army, which will distribute them to needy children. Last year, the United Way — with the help of the Whalers —

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**FROZEN OUT**

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# AAA sponsors geography contest for high school students

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To help improve that score, AAA has announced its second annual competition designed to heighten geographic literacy and create awareness of job

opportunities in the travel and tourism industries. The national competition - AAA Travel High School Challenge - is open to all students in grades 9-12. Contestants will compete on three different levels to win in the finals, which will be held at Universal Orlando in May. Top prize winners will receive college scholarships worth \$156,000.

From January 12-21, participating students from Michigan

will compete in the first leg of the competition - a multiple-choice test administered online through the AAA Web site.

Each student has 30 minutes to complete the 40 questions and may take the test one time only. The top five scorers from each state and Washington, D.C., advance to the state competitions.

The state finalists will take a second exam - a proctored, written exam at a selected

location near their home. The state champion, along with a parent or guardian, will travel, expense-paid, to Orlando, Fla., for the national finals.

Top scorer in each state will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

The national finals will also involve a proctored, written exam and culminate in a live game show with two teams of three students each. Winning team members will each receive the top prize - a \$2,500 schol-

arship - and the three runners-up will each receive \$10,000.

The funds for the college scholarships are being provided by the Hogan Family Foundation of Westlake Village, Calif. Sponsors for the AAA Travel High School Challenge include Continental Airlines, Holland America Line, Marriott, MBNA America, Pleasant Holidays and Universal Orlando.

"AAA is pleased to repeat the

AAA Travel High School Challenge to help improve geographic and destination literacy among America's youth and to underscore AAA's commitment to education and community," said Cathy Green, vice president Travel and Field Operations for AAA Michigan. "An awareness of the world around us is critical in this day and age."

For more information (including a practice test), visit: [www.aaa.com/TravelChallenge](http://www.aaa.com/TravelChallenge)

## OBITUARIES

### Margaret B. Krieman

Services for Margaret B. Krieman, 87, of Farmington Hills were held Nov. 18 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Mr. Sanford Burr officiating.

Mrs. Krieman was born May 30, 1916 in Detroit and died Nov. 15 in Livonia. She came to the Farmington Hills community from Detroit 25 years ago. She was a member of the Farmington Seniors and the Neighbors Club. She had many interests: Playing bridge, going to casinos, reading, traveling and she enjoyed music.

Mrs. Krieman was preceded in death by her husband, Charles H. Krieman.

Survivors include son, John C. (Judy) Krieman of Plymouth; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

Memorial contributions may be made to Paws With A Cause, National Headquarters, 4646 S. Division, Wayland, MI 49388.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Sanford L. (Sam) Knapp

Services for Sanford Knapp, 88, of East Lansing (formerly of Plymouth) were held Nov. 18 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Knapp was born March 6, 1915 in Plymouth (in Lower Town) and lived all but the last

three years in Plymouth before moving to East Lansing. Mr. Knapp died Nov. 15 in East Lansing. He was a local haberdasher with Davis & Lent men's clothing store in Plymouth. He was a long-time member of the Plymouth Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, the Mayflower Round Table and served on the Riverside Cemetery Board. He loved to golf and play poker.

Mr. Knapp was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances Knapp.

Survivors include sons, Michael (Lori Wood) Knapp of Grand Rapids and Robert (Linda) Knapp of East Lansing; grandchildren, Michael, Jr., Heather (Tim) Werkema, John and Adam; and great-grandchildren, Lyndsay and Sam Werkema.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Arthur A. Ardanowski

Services for Arthur Ardanowski, 75, of Plymouth were held Nov. 18 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth with the Rev. William Pettit officiating.

Mr. Ardanowski was born Jan. 27, 1928 in Detroit and died Nov. 15 in Livonia. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Renault, Plymouth Elks and the Plymouth Goodfellows.

Survivors include wife, Frances; son, Paul (Debra); daughter, Anne; and sister, Lillian.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or Plymouth Goodfellows.

Arrangements made by Fred Wood Funeral Home.

### Gregg Allan Campbell

Services for Gregg Campbell, 49, of Plymouth were held Nov. 13 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mr. Campbell was born April 14, 1954 in Detroit and died Nov. 11 in Plymouth. He was an auto mechanic for Rogen GMC in Romulus. He came to the Plymouth community in 2003 from Carlton. He served in the U.S. armed services. He loved to play golf. He was a loving father, son and brother.

Mr. Campbell was preceded in death by father, Ivan Campbell.

Survivors include children, Jennifer (Mark) Budd of Novi and Jason Campbell of Miami, Fla.; grandchildren, Midori and Noah; mother, Jan Chandler and her husband, Bob Chandler of Westland; brothers and sisters, Joel (Carla) Campbell of Bluffton, S.C., Leslie Campbell of Ft. Worth, Texas, Jerry (Rebecca) Campbell of Plymouth, Beth (Bob) D'Angelo of Plymouth, Pam Campbell of East Pointe, and Jill (Mike) Gibbons of Carlton.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

### Truman (Trudy) Maughan

Services for Trudy Maughan, 81, of Plymouth were held Nov. 15 at Neely-Turowski Funeral Home in Livonia with the Rev. Deborah Thomas officiating. Burial was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Maughan was born Jan. 16, 1922 and died Nov. 12,

2003 in Westland. She was a secretary for a religious service.

Survivors include daughter, Sandra Marowski; and grandchildren, Donna and Darin.

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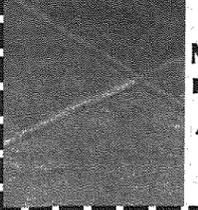
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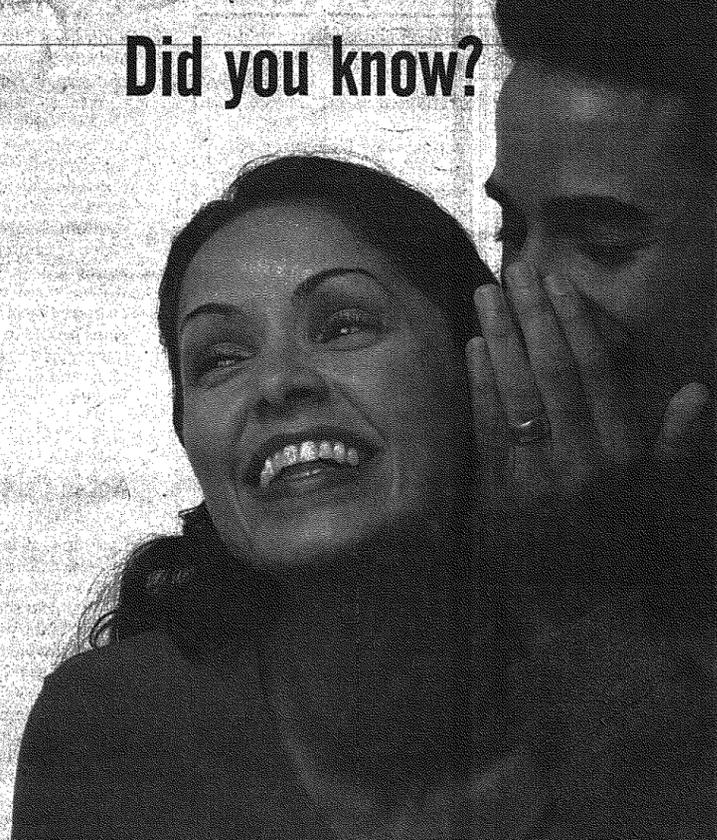
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OUR VIEWS

## Unified solution best for birds

Neighbor disputes are commonplace in the suburbs. Canton has always had its share. The latest is an interesting one.

Resident Nancy Spencer who lives off Lilley Road was ticketed by Canton Township for creating a nuisance by attracting pigeons. Sounds simple enough. The issue, however, begs one simple question: How is it that only one person can be so totally responsible for attracting one specific type of bird to one specific location in Canton?

Ordinance enforcement is not a science, for sure. Officers make a decision on what they see and what documentation they can get. In this case, the Spencers' neighbors provided videotaped evidence that pigeons from the Spencer household are alighting on their roof and leaving messes on the driveway.

Nancy Spencer and her husband, John, don't deny that pigeons are coming to their birdfeeders looking for what the songbirds leave behind. In communities that are heavily treed, squirrels, chipmunks and bunnies take the place of the pigeons. In those communities, residents put anything they can find to ward off particularly the squirrels if only because of the amount of food they can consume, leaving nothing for the birds. It would be a challenge to find a resident charged for creating a nuisance by attracting squirrels, chipmunks or bunnies.

The Spencers have made every attempt to ward off the pigeons including rubber snakes, rats and even a toy owl. They have changed the bird seed. And still the pigeons keep coming. Spencer has talked with bird experts and roof experts in attempts to figure out what else can be done.

The relative unfairness of this ticket and the aggravation that goes along with warring between neighbors is that surely the Spencers aren't the only residents in the neighborhood with birdfeeders or who feed the birds in one way or another. It is highly questionable whether one resident can be fingered as the guilty party when no pigeons or any other creature for that matter could care about human rules and regulations.

This issue prompts the thought that perhaps this may be a neighborhood problem, rather than a problem to be borne by one person. To blame the arrival of pigeons on Spencer alone is questionable and suspicious. Perhaps a more reasonable solution is to gather neighbors in the entire neighborhood, share experiences with pigeons and develop a method of dissuading them from targeting the one, lone home in the neighborhood.

## Get ready for higher gas bills

Natural gas prices are increasing and consumers should be prepared for sticker shock when they receive their home heating bills this winter.

And although it may feel good to vent about the cost, it won't keep you warm this winter.

There are, however, some practical ways for natural gas customers to lower their monthly bills and stay warm this winter. In addition, for those who qualify financial assistance programs are available.

Here are some tips for those looking to reduce heating bills:

- Lower thermostats or install a programmable thermostat that automatically lowers temperature at night and when no one is home.

- Clean or replace furnace filters.
- Caulk and weather-strip around doors and windows.
- Add insulation to attics and walls.

If you, or someone you know, needs help paying their heating bills this winter, the following programs exist:

- Utilities have budget payment plans. If you know you qualify and need help don't wait until the bills are unmanageable. Talk to your energy provider now.

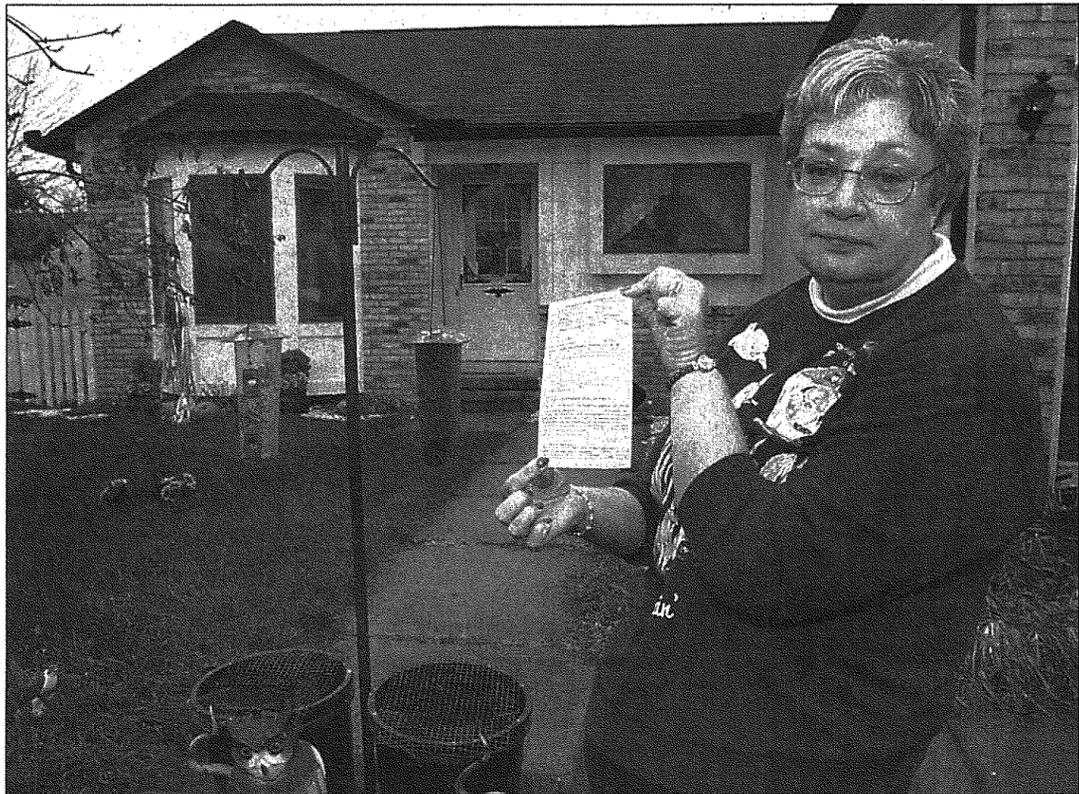
- Winter protection plans, created by the MPSC and administered by utilities, are available for senior citizens ages 65 and older, people receiving assistance from the Family Independent Agency or people with incomes below 150 percent of the poverty level.

- The Michigan Home Heating Credit from the Michigan Department of Treasury is available. Forms will be available on-line on Jan. 2, 2004, and at [www.michigan.gov/treasury](http://www.michigan.gov/treasury) and in public offices after Feb. 1, 2004.

- Local FIA offices administer a State Emergency Relief Program.

- The IRS offers an Earned Income Credit on federal tax forms.

- The MPSC offers low-income and energy efficiency grants to agencies that offer help with heating bills to those who qualify. The agency recently authorized \$13 million in grants to four organizations including the Salvation Army and THAW (The Heat and Warmth Fund) for low-income energy assistance (call (800) 866-8429).



Nancy Spencer of Canton was ticketed for feeding songbirds, which draws pigeons that bother one of her neighbors.

## LETTERS

### Separate strictly

In her opinion column, "Worry as much about moral destruction as terrorist bombs," Oct. 30, Shirley Welch decries "destruction of our way of life by factions within." As a product of the 1960s, including four years in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War, I would like to address some of Mrs. Welch's concerns.

Mrs. Welch feels it is "becoming more and more objectionable to show any reference to either patriotism to country or relation to God." As far as patriotism is concerned, I find that it is quite the opposite. People who dare criticize our government or our president are coming under attack and labeled unpatriotic. We need to remember the saying that eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and all that evil needs to triumph is for good men to do nothing. Adolf Hitler came to power and rained destruction on our world because of blind patriotism and a fear to criticize. We cannot let that happen here.

As far as religion is concerned, the United States has been known throughout history as a country that protects each individual's right to practice whatever religion they desire without any government interference whatsoever. This freedom is only possible by a strict separation of Church and State as planned by our Founding Fathers. This policy has worked very well and therefore I am very dismayed by efforts on the part of religious people to force their religion and their religious symbols on our government and in so doing, endanger the very freedom of religion we so cherish.

Janusz M. Szyszko  
Canton

### Not in Canton

Nancy Spencer, the Bird Lady of Canton, has some gall in attracting birds to her yard by feeding them and then ordering these birds to go foul her neighbor's roof.

What does she think this is, a wildlife refuge? If she would stop minding her birds for one minute and take a long, hard look about her she will notice that she is living in a highly developed, cement and asphalt, urban environment where animals, other than we primates and our domesticated dogs and cats, have no business being here.

If we bipeds in Canton wanted to share this land with other native creatures, we would not have let the developers call the shots on land use issues. We would have protected more of the land as farms, wetlands and forests. We would have done what Ann Arbor, that eco-conscious community to the west of us did and is planning to do, and set aside thousands of acres both within and outside the town as green space, as wildlife habitat.

Of course this would require the trustees of our fine township to show some vision and fortitude by standing up to the developers and put the brakes on bulldozing what is left of Canton. On the other hand, all that natural area is really quite useless and untidy with all those animals running wild and leaving their droppings everywhere.

Wake up, Bird Lady, and put down that bird seed, this is Canton, Michigan.

Thaddeus J. Hejka  
Canton

### Knows how she feels

I read your article about Nancy Spencer and her feeding the birds and could relate very well to how she feels if she is indeed being singled out by a particular neighbor.

We live in Lakepointe Village at Five Mile and Haggerty and for the past two years have been fighting with a neighbor across the street about bringing our fifth wheel travel trailer home to load and unload it. They called the police every time I brought it home and it was only here eight to 10 times this year and never for more than 16 hours. The battle has intensified since I received a letter this past Aug. 12 from Plymouth Township saying I would receive a ticket the next time I brought the trailer home.

You see the problem is that Plymouth Township doesn't have a provision for temporary parking of any type of recreational vehicle on a driveway in their ordinance as all the neighboring communities do. So when I received this letter I went to see Mark Lewis and he explained what was going on but he was not in a position to change the ordinance.

I then rallied my neighbors and seven of us marched into a meeting with Steve Mann, Mark Lewis and Jim Anulewicz. Among the neighbors was a retired township treasurer and a Wayne County sheriff deputy. All of my neighbors have expressed their feelings as to how ridiculous and childish these neighbors have been regarding this issue. As a result of this meeting, the township leadership decided to stop enforcement of the existing ordinance and direct the planning commission to develop a loading and unloading amendment.

The amendment was brought to the board of trustees on Oct. 14 and the vote was a 3-3 tie with one trustee absent so the amendment was sent back to the planning commission for revision. The amendment is in the hands of Shirley Barney, community development director (734-453-8131, Ext. 37), and will be discussed at the next planning commission meeting. The township residents really need to know this ordinance is being developed and need to contact the trustees to ensure it is passed. If you can help get the word out to the community hopefully we can have a fair and equitable ordinance.

I have also contacted the township police department asking their support from a safety standpoint. You see here is the stupid part of this whole issue. An RV can be parked on the street for 48 hours providing it is a towable, that the tow vehicle be attached. I talked to the police and confirmed this and when I parked out in front of my house my neighbors took their cars out of the garage and parked them two feet from the curb across from my trailer so the neighbors could not get through on the court. The police came and said we were both at fault because an emergency vehicle could not get down the court so that night I had to move the trailer to Dogwood.

### Band is great

Just a note of thanks for the fabulous editorial about the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band.

We are proud to be part of an organization that is so well thought of in our community. But, as you pointed out, the real credit goes to the devoted students who practice tirelessly five, six, even seven days a week at times to perfect their performance.

Their focus on being the "best they can possibly be" is an inspiration to us all. Their strong desire to excel by practicing with nary a complaint is a tribute to their fortitude. It's not just a Marching Band we have here, it's a character-building organization.

We have a real gem in our school district in the P-CEP Marching Band. They demonstrate what great things can happen when parents, kids, instructors, the school district and the generous support of our community can do when we all work together.

The community support has and will continue to pay dividends into the future because disciplined young minds lead to great citizens, honest leaders and future productive employees and entrepreneurs.

Are we a little biased? Yes, but we are the proud parents of two kids who've been through the program and we know how beneficial it was for them. If parents want their kids to be involved in an activity where dedication, discipline and teamwork are the norm, then by all means jump in and hold on tight for the ride.

After six years of our direct involvement in the marching band and the music boosters we're sorry to see it end, but we'll continue to support this wonderful group and the exceptional students who are a part of it.

Scott and Yvonne Lorenz  
Plymouth

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## QUOTABLE

"I just saw what was happening. I didn't even think. You just do what you have to do if you see somebody in trouble. It's your obligation to help out whenever you can."

— Kathy Males of Canton who tried to save a man in the ocean in Florida

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## 2003 was very good year in fight to free wine market

For many years, the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association succeeded in making many folks with an interest in fine wine into ... lawbreakers.

Here's how: Michigan state law contains a provision that requires Michigan retailers to obtain any beer or wine sold in the state from a wholesaler. Not surprisingly, the wholesalers have been interested in maximizing their profits by vigilantly guarding their legislatively granted monopoly. And as a result, the Wholesalers Association has become one of the most powerful lobbying outfits in Lansing.

Of course, consumers have suffered over the years from this monopoly, in part because there is no real price competition in the Michigan market for beer, wine and booze (a fact well-known to any Michigander who visits Chicago.) Just as bad has been the restriction of choice imposed by the wholesalers, who simply are not interested in stocking odd, interesting, out-of-the-way or rare wines.

So as a practical matter, if I wanted to get a bottle of Screaming Eagle (a big-time California cult wine), I had a couple of choices in how to break the law. I could drive to Chicago, buy my bottle and drive home (obeying all speed limits and rules of the road to deter arrest by the Michigan State Police) or I could have sent an e-mail to Screaming Eagle winery, asking them to ship me a bottle in a plain brown wrapper to avoid scrutiny by the authorities.

Enter Eleanor and Ray Heald, wine aficionados and wine columnists for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. In the course of trying to obtain the wines they review for tasting, they repeatedly ran into the Michigan statutory ban on direct importation of wine into the state. Just as bad, they couldn't get samples of wine from out-of-state wineries to use at their wine-tasting classes at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham.

So three years ago, the Healds brought suit in federal district court against the state of Michigan for unconstitutionally restraining free trade in wine. A big part of the argument in court was whether direct-to-consumer shipping would result in a sudden surge in underage winos getting their stuff from out of state. The Healds lost in district court, but they appealed to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals.

This past July, the Federal Trade Commission dealt the state's argument a blow in its report "Possible Anticompetitive Barriers to E-commerce wine." The report concluded that "E-commerce

offers consumers lower prices, greater choices, and increased convenience," while finding no evidence that direct shipping increases underage access.

And in August, the Sixth Circuit Court ruled that Michigan's ban on direct-to-consumer shipments from out-of-state wineries was an unconstitutional restraint of free trade. One judge asked a lawyer arguing in favor of Michigan's monopoly whether there was any empirical evidence that allowing free shipment would result in increased consumption of alcohol by minors. When the lawyer couldn't offer any, the judge instructed him to abandon that particular line of argument.

In its wisdom (in the person of Attorney General Mike Cox), the state of Michigan asked the Sixth Circuit for a rehearing by the full court. That got turned down a couple of weeks ago. So now, Cox has a choice to make: Appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court (a step that would cost the state upward of \$1 million it doesn't have) or comply with the Court of Appeals.

I hope the attorney general decides to let matters stand. If we have learned anything from history, it is that monopolies — whether controlled by business or government — are inherently bad. They drive up prices and drive down service. They shackle the workings of the market which, if left unfettered, would normally provide customers with the products and services they want, at competitive prices they are willing to pay. And the monopoly profits, whether going to the coffers of corporations or state governments, are simply gouged from the pockets of ordinary consumers.

There is much talk in Lansing about how important it is for the state to get out of the way of the workings of the free market. If the Michigan ruling stands, we would become the 27th state to break a legislated monopoly and allow for direct-to-consumer shipping of wine.

Moreover, Michigan winemakers would be allowed to export their own wines to consumers around the country. So everybody will be better off ... if our attorney general uses good common sense.

As a wine lover myself, I'm happy to raise my glass in a toast to Eleanor and Ray Heald. They had the guts to take on the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers lobby and the state of Michigan. And they had the persistence to fight the case through the federal Court of Appeals. For them, 2003 has proven to be a very good year!

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



Phil Power

## Kmart case teaches a stern lesson — but to wrong students

The check was not insubstantial.

"What's this?" asked my wife, examining the 1 with three trailing digits. "Tax rebate?" "Uh-uh," said I. "Our share of a class-action lawsuit."

Which brings us to the ongoing tale of Kmart, southeast Michigan's homegrown retail giant.

A few months ago, I wrote a column taking Kmart to task. It would never get out of its difficulties until it did a much better job of keeping its advertised products in stock.

At least according to me. Unfair, wrote back the wife of a Kmart management type. The real problem, she alleged, stemmed from greedy, corrupt upper-level executives. Turns out, she may be right.

Trial began recently for a pair of former Kmart executives who are accused of defrauding shareholders by manipulating corporate accounts.

Trial doesn't always bring conviction and it's yet to be proved that the allegations of securities fraud are even true.

But the two Kmart execs join a long list of 1990s-era corporate heads whose own heads are now on the Justice Department's chopping block.

They join the Enron boys and the Tyco chief, whose private party/bacchanal has been popping up all over the news lately.

Whatever the outcome in court in the local trial, these Kmart execs left a trail of closed stores and ruined careers in their wake. Stores I used to frequent in Southfield and Auburn Hills are among those now shuttered for good.

Some of those now unemployed might be happy their corporate leaders are up before a judge. Yet there's the sense that workers pay more for corporate mismanagement, in every case, than those directly responsible.

Even if the worst happens (for the Kmart execs), they'll probably serve out their time in a minimum security facility, then go back to a comfortable, if somewhat diminished, lifestyle, most likely with their retirement savings still in tow.

Shareholders, i.e. folks like me, might get at least some of their "lost" investments back, too,



Wayne Peal

As I've said in the past, I hope Kmart succeeds. With at least one store remaining in local communities from Farmington Hills to Lake Orion, and thousands of local residents still on staff at its Troy headquarters, Kmart's failure would be devastating to the local area.

as lawyers pick clean the corporate carcass.

It's a far cry from the fate suffered by any company's laid off workers, many of whom have to burn up their own life savings while sweating out the possibility of a new job.

Even in good economic times, it's estimated that a \$60,000-a-year corporate drone will need at least six months to find a similarly-paying job. Check your own bills and life savings to find out just how costly those six months could be.

Then, too, there are the struggles of those left behind, now working longer hours with less support.

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For what it's worth, Kmart stores seem to have picked up the pace since this year's massive post-holiday closings.

Stores seem tidier and better organized with major items more readily available.

That might not be enough to prevent further store closings and corporate layoffs, but it's a sign those in the front lines are doing their part.

They're going to have to. That's because when justice is served, workers are always last in line for a helping.

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# Auction nets thousands for St. Mary program

Two chocolate fountains were the hit of the first Circle of Hope Gala to benefit St. Mary Mercy Hospital on Friday night at Laurel Manor.

Hosted by WXYZ-TV, Channel 7 Healthy Living reporter JoAnne Purtan, the event drew more than 600 patrons.

After enjoying a gourmet dinner, they cheered on the first recipients of the Sister Mary Modesta Leadership Award to honor community leaders Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey, and Sister Mary Modesta who was unable to attend because of the flu.

A silent and live auction brought the total funds raised for the hospital's Cancer Services to over \$150,000. St. Mary Mercy's Cancer Program offers a wide range of services from prevention and screening to treatment of local and advanced malignancies using a multidisciplinary team approach.

Those who missed this year's event are invited to circle Oct. 15, on the 2004 calendar. For more information or to donate to the Cancer Center, call Sherri Fletcher at (734) 655-2980.



Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey hoists the Sister Mary Modesta Leadership Award.



Chris Kaercher plays flute and Kevin Carter plays guitar during dinner at St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Circle of Hope Gala Friday.



Jan and Chuck Anzalone share a dance during St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Circle of Hope Gala.



Sue Shaffner (left) and Chris Knickerbocker look at a strand of pearls during the silent auction.



JoAnne Purtan (right) puts a bracelet on Theresse Maggioncalda as her husband, Tim, watches. They were among the winning bidders at the live auction during St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Circle of Hope Gala.



Supporters of St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Circle of Hope Gala, wave to Sister Mary Modesta who was unable to make it to the fund-raiser and be honored for the Sister Mary Modesta Leadership Award, named after her.

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The Park Players of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park present Agatha Christie's "Witness for the Prosecution," at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 20-22, at in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

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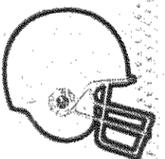
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## Ready to rumble

Two teams from the same league head to state semifinals. B6



## Sidelines

### League champs

Western Michigan University's men's soccer team collected its first-ever Mid-American Conference Tournament title with a 5-0 victory over Bowling Green State Sunday.

The win allowed WMU to tie the school record for wins in a season with 12. The Broncos' record is 12-6-2.

They now advance to the NCAA Tournament, playing at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Scott Duhl, a senior at WMU and a Salem HS graduate, had one assist against Bowling Green, adding to his already impressive totals. Duhl is tied for second on the team in goals scored with five, including three game-winners; he also has three assists to give him 13 points for the season.

### 1st goal

Kyle Larman, a freshman at Bentley College (Waltham, Mass.) and a Canton HS graduate, scored his first-ever collegiate goal for the Falcons' hockey team last Saturday.

Larman's power-play shot, taken from just above the circle, found its way through traffic and into the net behind Cansius goalie Bryan Worosz. The goal gave Bentley a 3-1 lead in the third period, but they couldn't hold it.

Cansius fought back in that final period, scoring twice to forge a 3-3 draw.

Larman finished the game with a goal and an assist, getting the latter on a first-period goal scored by teammate Paul Markarian. Bentley is 1-7-2 overall, 0-2-2 in the Atlantic Hockey Association.

### Hornets honored

A pair of soccer players for Kalamazoo College's women's team were recognized for their outstanding play.



Amy Drayback, a freshman midfielder and a Canton HS graduate, was an honorable mention all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association selection. Drayback had two goals and two assists for the Hornets this season.

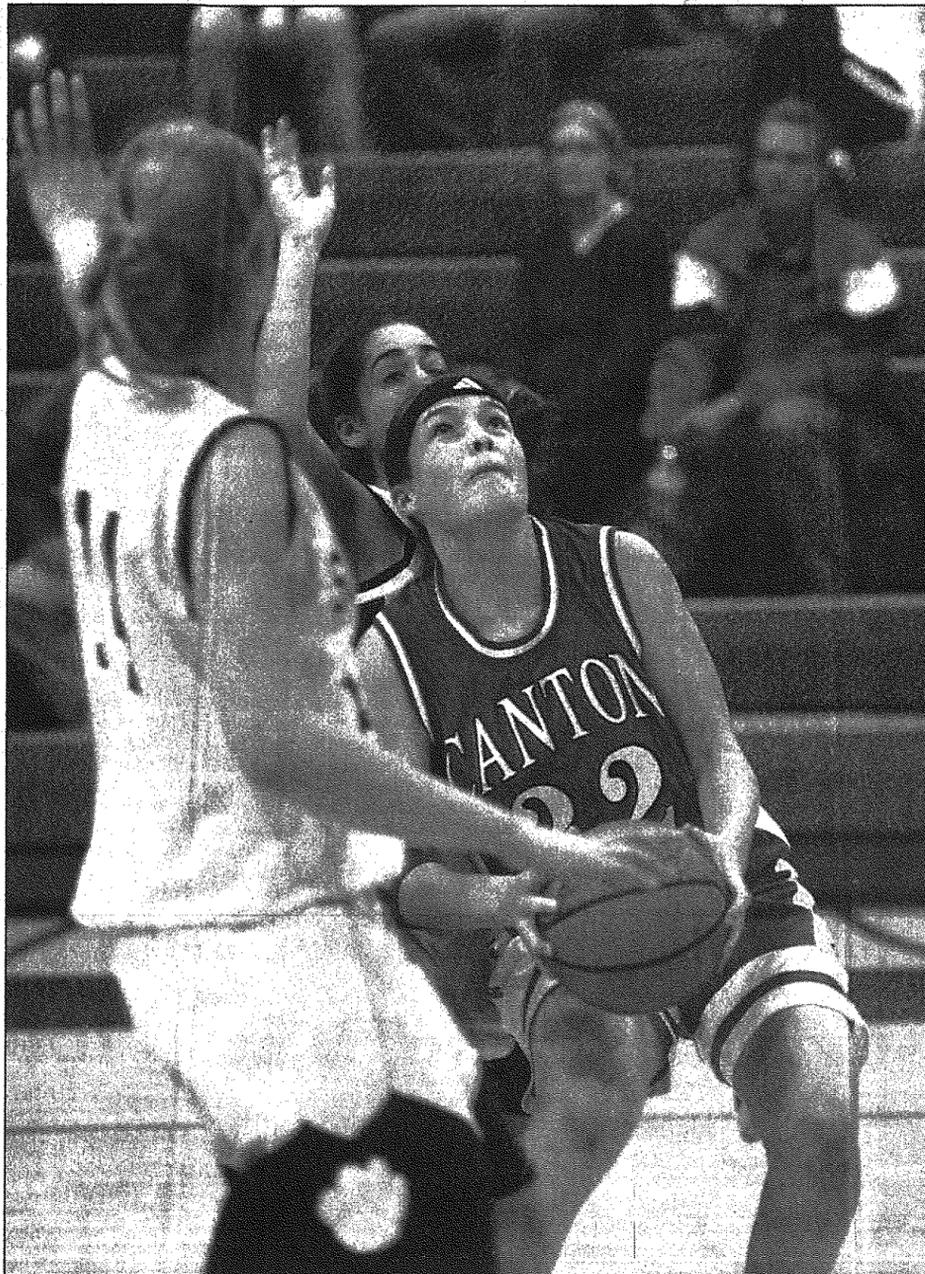
Macy Lepper, a freshman midfielder and a Salem HS graduate, also received honorable mention all-MIAA praise. Lepper had one goal for Kalamazoo, as the Hornets finished their season 9-10-1 overall.

### All-MIAA

Danielle Shepard, a freshman at Albion College and a Canton HS graduate, was selected to the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association's women's soccer second team.

Shepard, a first-year forward, was second on the team in goal-scoring with five — a figure that tied her for 10th in league goal-scoring. The Britons finished third in the MIAA.

PLEASE SEE SALEM, B2



Canton's Lisa Ealy (with ball) looks to go to the basket over South Lyon's Meghan Waldrop. Ealy scored 15 points to spark the Chiefs' triumph.

## Victory puts Canton in district final

Experience — that's what counts at tournament time, right?

Perhaps. But if Wednesday's state district semifinal between Canton, a team with a 17-3 record through the regular season, and host South Lyon, which was 9-12 after winning its district opener Monday, is an accurate indicator, well — forget it.

The Chiefs were up against a team that didn't seem particularly fast or mobile, but the Lions were able to hit their shots. Consequently, with the fourth period a couple of minutes old, Canton found itself trailing South Lyon.

And in trouble.

So who comes to the rescue? Not the usual cast of heroes, like Katie Cezat and Rachele Guastella. They did their share, to be sure, but with the game on the line, the Chief that stepped up big time was . . .

Lisa Ealy, who's just a sophomore. Not renowned for her scoring skills (she's averaging about five points a game), Ealy found the touch against South Lyon, scoring seven fourth-quarter points to lead Canton to a 46-43 triumph.

Now 18-3, the Chiefs face cross-campus rival Salem at 7 p.m. Friday for the district title. The winner advances to the regional tournament hosted by Auburn Heights Avondale.

"She had a great game, didn't she?" said Canton coach Bob Blohm of Ealy. "Not only did she step up and make shots, but she did great defensively."

And she did it when the Chiefs needed it most. The host Lions weren't giving in, to be sure. A pair of three-pointers in the opening period gave them a 12-7 lead after one period; a basket by Shannon Waddell with 6:17 left in the second quarter pushed them to a 19-8 advantage. An 11-1 closing run saved Canton, making it a one-point game (20-19 South Lyon) at the half.

Problem was, the Chiefs were facing a defense they were unused to. Cezat's inside prowess had made her such a threat in the paint, most opponents used zones against the Chiefs to force them to beat them from the perimeter.

Not the Lions. They stuck with their man-to-man, double-teaming Cezat when she got the ball inside.

And they kept scoring. For the game, South Lyon connected on 18-of-36 floor shots (50 percent) and

PLEASE SEE CANTON, B5

## Salem must rediscover its offense

Last year was superb for Salem's hockey team.

The Rocks finished just a point behind first-place Livonia Stevenson in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes

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Division, tied with Livonia Churchill for second. But they fought their way to the state regional final before losing, compiling a 20-5-1 record.

However, last year's team was built around the offensive firepower of Mark Nagel, Bryan Young and John Schultz, who were all among the top five scorers in the WLAA. They're gone now, off to college, leaving Salem coach Fred Feiler with a rebuilding job on his hands.

"We only have three forwards back from last year, two goalies back and four defensemen," noted Feiler. Which seemed to indicate defense would be Salem's strength.

"Probably," Feiler agreed. "At least at the beginning of the season." Certainly the players manning the blue line won't be inexperienced. Returning is senior Andy Thackaberry, who was a team captain a year ago and returns in that role this season. Joining him on the blue line will be senior Ryan Jones and juniors Craigen Bauldry and John Maurer.

All played last year and figure to give the Rocks a strong presence in front of their own net.

Anything that gets past them will be dealt with by junior goalie Brandon DeMars, a starter for Salem as a sophomore. Also back is senior Ray Kraft.

The forward lines are more untested. Aaron Cheesman, a sen-

## Rocks' defense stops Mustangs

The first two times these Western Lakes Activities Association rivals met this season, Salem used a man-to-man defense against Northville.

But on Wednesday, it was the state tournament. The big show. Go with the best you got.

Which is just what Salem coach Fred Thomann did. He went to the zone defense that worked so well in bottling up Canton in the Western Lakes Activities Association Final.

It worked, too. In a methodically-paced Class A district semifinal at South Lyon HS Wednesday, the Rocks kept Northville frustrated, the Mustangs hitting just 4-of-19 first-half shots (21 percent) and an even worse 2-of-24 in the second (eight percent) in absorbing a 30-23 drubbing.

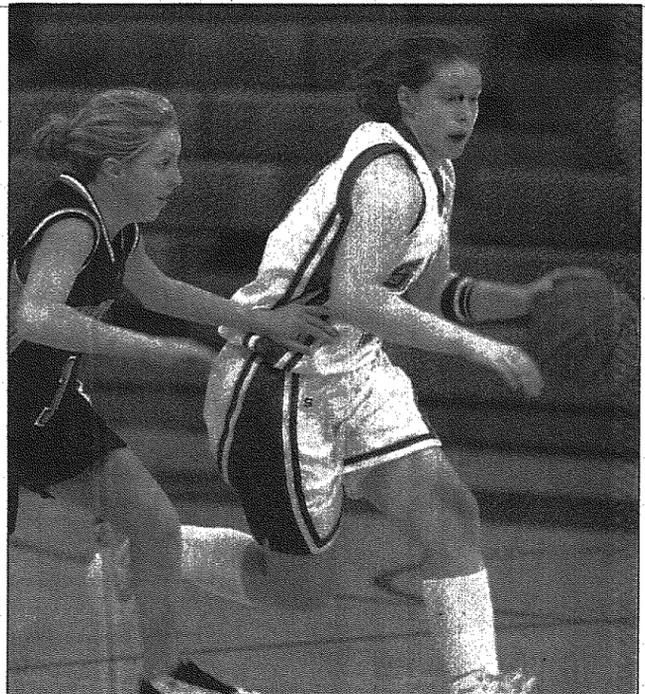
Salem advances to the district final opposite Canton Friday at South Lyon with a 15-6 record. Northville bows out at 11-11.

"We just didn't shoot the ball well from the perimeter," said Northville coach Pete Wright. "We had trouble scoring against zones during the season, so I wasn't surprised that Salem used it against us."

"That was the difference in the game. We didn't make shots, and you only get one shot at this."

Certainly the Rocks made the most of theirs. They led 8-4 after one quarter on the strength of

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, B4



Salem's Alyssa Guerin (with ball) drives past the pressure applied by a Northville defender. It wasn't an easy win, but the Rocks managed to hold off Northville Wednesday.

## Rocks make impact on Observer team

Going into the season, no one expected Salem's boys cross country team to be to dangerous. They had little to build around, fielding a team of nearly newcomers.

Even their coach, Geoff Baker, wasn't sure what to expect. At least not until early October, when the potential began to show.

"At the beginning of the season, no one thought we could get here," Baker said. "We had one experienced runner returning."

"But as the season progressed, we got better and better and better."

What the Rocks did was save

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their best for last, something all coaches in similar sports would like to do. At the Wayne County Championships, Salem finished second in the 21-team race; at the Western Lakes Activities Association Championship meet, they captured top honors, edging Walled Lake Western by a point.

Next came the state regional meet at Willow Metropark; Redford Catholic Central, a heavy favorite, edged Salem by three points. Nonetheless, the

Rocks' second-place finish earned them a berth in the state meet at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

And even though the Rocks placed just 21st at state, it would be hard to displace Baker as the Observer's coach of the year. As he described it, "Everybody ran their personal bests, so we have to be happy."

Baker's ability as a coach is well-documented. Among some of his past standouts are Nick Allen, now a senior at Wayne State where he won both the NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional race and the Great Lakes Intercollegiate

Athletic Conference race, and Donnie Warner, a 2001 Salem grad now at DePaul University who placed sixth in the Conference USA Championships, helping DePaul to a fourth-place finish.

With one senior among their top four runners, it seems Salem's future is indeed a bright one.

Now here's the Observer boys cross country team.

Dave Lucas, Sr., Redford CC: On the area's most consistent cross-country squad, Lucas is the team's most consistent runner.

He was an All-Stater as a

PLEASE SEE ALL-OBSERVER, B5

# Late Whaler mistake allows Sarnia to tie Chiefs set for division challenge

Holding a 2-1 lead with just over one minute to play, the host Plymouth Whalers appeared to be headed to their 12th Ontario Hockey League victory Saturday night at Compuware Arena. Instead, a miscue on a Plymouth clearing attempt found the puck in the back of the net as the visiting Sarnia Sting tied the game at 2-all heading into overtime. Holding a 5-1 shot advantage

in the extra period served the Whalers no justice as they failed to get the puck past the Sting and had to settle for the tie. "I thought we played a very solid game at both ends," Plymouth Whalers general manager/head coach Mike Vellucci said. "That was a tough break at the end, but we had some great chances in overtime. These guys have no reason to hang their heads

after the effort they gave tonight." The Whalers, who travel Friday to London and return to action this Saturday at home against Erie, are 11-6-5-0 in the OHL, while Sarnia moves to 12-6-2-1. Sarnia scored the lone goal in the first period on the Sting's third power-play chance of the period — John Hecimovic's 16th of the season — when his shot from the point beat a screened Whalers

netminder Ryan Nie at 13:21. The Whalers got on the board at 1:06 in the second period when Jonas Fiedler scored on a pass from Ryan Ramsay. The other assist went to Canton's James Wisniewski (from Canton). Ramsay added his second point of the game on what seemed to be the game-winning goal at 2:20 with John Vigilante and Gino Pisellini earning assists.

A lot has changed with the Canton hockey team since the end of last season. Dan Abraham is no longer the coach, having resigned at the conclusion of the 2002-03 campaign. But that's not the biggest change, because replacing him is Jim Wheaton, who served as Abraham's assistant at Canton. No, what will be more difficult to adapt to is the departure of such key players as forward David Commiskey, defenseman David Bak and Casey Skrzypek, and goalie Charlie Kemp. Other important players are gone, too — a total of eight seniors who were part of last season's 15-10 team, a Canton squad that won the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division title.

But Wheaton has some talent to build around. "We had a real strong team last year," he said. "We should be equal to it this year. I don't know if we'll be better, but we should be equal."

There's a lot for Wheaton to be encouraged by. "We're very deep," he said. "We have a lot of depth, with three good lines up front, a legitimate three lines."

"They're all looking good, looking solid. We spent a lot of time in the summer with work-out programs."

Even considering the player losses, there are some dangerous returnees for the Chiefs. Like senior forwards Matt Oliver, Kyle Tollison and Mike Stewart, and junior forwards Reece McCabe and Brian Wioncek.

Indeed, two of Canton's top three scorers, Tollison and Oliver, are back from last season. The defense is anchored by returnees Mike French and Brett Baker, both seniors, and sophomore Aaron Amin. The graduation of Kemp, last season's starting goalie, might seem a problem, but Wheaton has two others back who were

on the varsity last season. Chris Garrett, a senior, and Tony Hylko, a junior, both have some varsity experience. Michael Olandese, a junior who played two years ago but was on the junior varsity last season, is also on the squad. "We'll miss (Kemp), but we've got some good replacements," said Wheaton. Among the seven other new players, two defensemen have looked good in particular: Ben Lauren and Pat Davison, both juniors. It all tends to make this season's Canton team, which among its other accomplishments of a year ago managed to split its two-game sets with WLAA champ Livonia Stevenson and Division I regional finalist Salem, look promising.

There are things to be done, to be sure. "We've got to work on getting those new guys up to speed," Wheaton said. "They have to learn their positions."

And Tollison and Oliver will be counted on to provide the leadership. At least that's the plan, and thus far there's been no reason to dispute it.

"It's been a smooth transition," said Wheaton. "I'm seeing that we do have a relationship. The kids know what to expect of me."

As far as the WLAA is concerned, Wheaton believes the team to watch is Livonia Churchill. "The hot team is Churchill," he said. "They're the team to beat."

Salem has lost much of its offensive firepower, and Stevenson has much to replace. Walled Lake Central is growing in strength.

Then there's the Western Division. Both Northville and Walled Lake Western are improving; question is, will Canton still be better?

Wheaton won't make any rash predictions in that regard. But it seems he believes his team is in a position to stay near the top of the WLAA.

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ior and team captain, is back to center one line; Mike Barr, a senior in his fourth year on the team, and Rob Quigley, a junior, will play at wing.

That, however, is it for experience on this season's Rocks' team, which opens against Walled Lake Central Friday at Lakeland Arena.

That means Feiler will have to count on newcomers to fill the voids, particularly those left on offense by the departures of Nagel, Young and Schultz.

"It's unusual to have players like that," said Feiler. "We'll have to play a better defensive game, so that we don't have to put four or five goals up a game."

Of the newcomers on this season's squad, several show promise. Although there aren't that many returnees, Feiler will have 10 seniors, 10 juniors and three freshmen on the roster.

Among the newcomers are senior forward Matt Van Hoet, who played for the Plymouth Stingrays Midget AA team last year, and senior forward Buddy Musa, a former Canton Crush Midget AA player. John Peterson, a junior defenseman, also played for the Crush a year ago.

There are others Feiler hopes will step up and contribute, like senior forward Andrew Majoranna, a "big kid who covers a lot of ground in a hurry," and junior forward Ryan Sharrow, who played on the junior varsity last season.

Others to watch include senior forward Dan Crockett, who was in the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association last season; junior forward Kyle Emmons, who played with the Ice Dogs; and freshman goalie Joe Moore, who has shown "a lot of promise."

Still, everything considered, it seems Feiler will have his coaching work cut out for him.

"We're trying to teach them the defensive part of the game and get that under control first," the Rocks' coach said. "I think we'll be more balanced in Lines One-through-Three. But we have to stay out of the penalty box. We don't have the big guns to play short-handed a lot."

"It's always a factor, this year more than ever."

Last season's Lakes Division race was jumbled, and Feiler can see that happening again, and in the Western too. "Top to bottom on both sides, it's real competitive," he said. "(In the Lakes) Stevenson, Churchill and Walled Lake Central are a step ahead of us at this point."

Now the Rocks must see if they can catch them.



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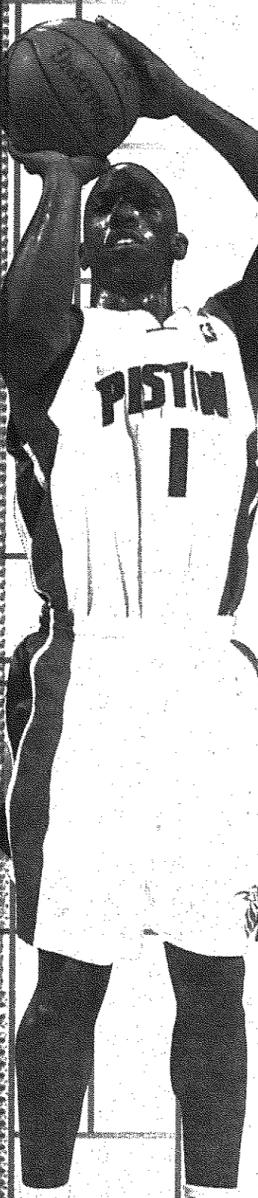
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# 1 step at a time: Penguins keep building

Lose a game 7-1 and it can be difficult to find something positive about it.

But Sue McDowell can. The new coach of the Plymouth-Canton-Salem combined girls hockey team knew her Penguins would be pressed by a Livonia Ladywood team with a lot more game experience, compared to a PCS squad that is just starting its second season.

McDowell takes over for Chad Roy, and brings with her a wealth of coaching experience. Her job will be multifaceted; not just teaching them how to win, but how to play.

"We have several girls who haven't played organized hockey before," she said. "Well, we're off to a rip-roaring start. "But this was a better game than the score would indicate. I was very pleased with the way the girls played tonight."

The Penguins' only goal came in the third period. Olivia Pennebaker, a junior, scored it unassisted.

The loss isn't likely to deter this team. McDowell, who has coached the University of

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Michigan club team and was an associate director of the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, has the team's goals well defined.

"This is a building year for us, a growing year for us," she explained. "We have a lot of gals who are new to the sport. We have to blend them, the newer players with the more experienced players, and make them play as a team."

And, as she noted, "even the experienced players are learning a lot." What they have found out is that there's a lot to learn.

"Everyone here has something they're good at," said McDowell. "But good teams have players who are good at multiple things."

"We need to find our strengths and keep honing them."

So far, McDowell is impressed with her team's defense. "We have four very solid defensemen," she said,

referring to juniors Amanda Rowley and Lauren Coleman and sophomores Kelly Bargowski and Sarah Skonieczny. "All are returning defensemen who are solid."

One key senior on this rather young squad is goalie Amanda Watkins, who had 41 saves against Ladywood Tuesday. Another is team captain Jessica Rzetelny, a forward from whom McDowell "expects good, strong leadership and good, strong scoring. She's one of our offensive threats."

Others who should create some offense are Pennebaker, junior Sharla Gillespie and junior Stephanie Murray, all quickly learning the "skating and stickhandling skills we need."

Some others who are making an impact are sophomore forward Kristina Creith, junior forward Adrienne Aronhalt ("they've really picked up their play the last few games"), and junior forwards Jenn Emmert and Erika Perkovich ("Both are new to the sport and both are improving by leaps and bounds").

Jessica Martin, a freshman, is being groomed as the back-up goalie. Three other freshmen — Melissa Butzow, a forward; Kristin Callahan, a defenseman; and Allie Burciaga, a defenseman — are learning the ropes.

"I see our improvement in our skating over the course of the year," said McDowell. "We're working on that now. And we're working on our stickhandling, too."

"Our main goal is to take it up a notch across the board," she said.

Does that mean the Penguins will move up the ladder in the Michigan Metro Girls Hockey League? They were 7-12-1 last season in the 12-team conference.

"Then we'll work on our strengths. Ladywood was bigger, stronger and more intense than we were because they had the basics under control."

Seems McDowell has this team well under control.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Participants are encouraged to wear athletic shoes to the contest. Kids can pre-register at the Summit Gymnasium or on-site from 8-9 a.m. the day of the event. The contest begins at 9 a.m. This is also an Elks Hoop Shoot regional qualifier. A birth certificate is required at the time of registration.

### PCJBA REGISTRATION

The Plymouth-Canton Junior Basketball Association will have high school registration for boys in grades 9-12 from 9-11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 at West Middle School. Cost is \$125.

### HITTING CAMP

The Madonna University soft-

ball hitting camp will come in three sessions. Session One is from 9:30 a.m.-noon on Sunday, Dec. 21; Session Two is from 2:45-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 27; and Session Three is from 2:45-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 28.

The camps will feature two hitting cages plus one live pitching station working off tees and soft toss, including slap, bunting and more. Each session is limited to 24 girls. Cost is \$30 per session. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball.

Call Madonna softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783 or assistant coach Curt White at (810) 844-0109.

### PLAYERS WANTED

The Canton Alley Cats, a 10-and-under baseball team, needs two or more players for the 2004 season.

Those interested must be Plymouth/Canton residents. Contact Glen Potter at (734) 844-8981 for information.

# Cornerstone upsets Madonna in WHAC final

The Madonna University women's volleyball team lost for the first time at home in two seasons Saturday, ironically on the same day, to the same team, as Cornerstone University defeated the Crusaders in four games to take the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament title.

The 30-26, 30-25, 22-30, 30-23 win also enabled Cornerstone, now 36-11 overall, to host the NAA Region 8 tournament beginning Friday in Grand Rapids.

The Crusaders, 38-3 overall, take on Indiana Wesleyan at 6 p.m. followed by the Cornerstone-St. Francis (Ind.) match at 8 p.m.

The winners will play at 1 p.m. Saturday with the Region 8 champion advancing to the NAA Nationals, beginning

## VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday, Dec. 3 at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego, Calif.

Cornerstone was the last team to beat the Crusaders, two years ago to the day.

"Cornerstone played superb, it was one of their best matches of the year," Madonna coach Jerry Abraham. "This wasn't our 'A' game. It was an emotional match, but we just came up short with the results. I hope the loss hurt (the team) for awhile because it hurt me."

In the first game, Cornerstone jumped out to a quick 5-2 lead, but Madonna tied it up at 14, complements of a Sharise Bush tip shot.

MU took a 20-19 advantage after a Caryn Inman service

ace, but the lead didn't last as the Golden Eagles rallied for a 30-26 win.

After losing the second game, Madonna was reeling, facing the possibility of elimination going into the third game.

Trying to stay alive and get a much needed victory, MU took a 4-0 lead to begin the third contest. With opportune blocks and the intangibles working in the Crusaders' favor, MU scored a 30-22 win.

Although the win sparked the Crusaders going into the fourth and ultimately last game, Madonna's hopes were extinguished as Crusader comeback faltered with Cornerstone taking home the trophy, clinching the tourney with a 30-23 victory.

WHAC Player of the Week Shannon Burmaster had a

game-high 23 kills and also amassed 22 digs for the Golden Eagles. Teammate Amanda Rizer added 15 digs.

WHAC Setter of the Week Allison Park compiled 46 assist-to-kills, while leading the team with three service aces. Park also assisted with six blocked shots, with Karen Anderson registering four solo blocks and six block-assists to go along with 10 kills.

Natalja Tinina and Laura Lesko each had 15 kills for the Crusaders, while Inman added 14.

Tera Morrill paced MU with 26 digs, while defensive specialist and WHAC Player of the Year Amanda Suder (Salem) added 21.

Setter Ashley Frost recorded all of the Crusader assists with 51 to go along with 14 digs.



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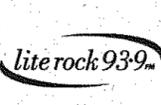
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# Ocelots edge past Lorain CC

## MEN'S HOOP

It wasn't pretty, but the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team held off a second-half rally Saturday to beat visiting Lorain (Ohio) Community College, 87-83.

Schoolcraft is 2-0 overall, while Lorain falls to 3-1. The Ocelots enjoyed a 47-32 halftime advantage before Lorain fought back.

Ryan Baumgartner, a guard from Muncie (Ind.) South High School and transfer from Miami of Ohio, led Schoolcraft with 16 points. He was 6-of-6 from the foul line.

Ricky Morgan, a transfer from Iowa State, added 15 points, a team-high six assists and seven rebounds. Marcus Johnson contributed 11 points and a team-high nine rebounds, while Anton Palmer had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Schoolcraft shot 24-of-36 from the foul line (66.7 percent) and 33-of-82 from the field (40.2 percent).

Lorain's A. Montgomery led all scorers with 27 points. T. Hodges chipped in with 20.

Schoolcraft returns to action at 7:30 p.m. Friday when it hosts the Rochester College JV squad. The game was originally scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at Schoolcraft.

**Calumet (Ind.) 76, Madonna 73:** In an effort to try and go 3-0 Saturday, the Madonna University men's basketball team came up short at the horn as the Crusaders lost to visiting Calumet (Ind.) College.

Both teams are 2-1 on the season.

Leading 44-42 at halftime, Madonna increased its advantage to 11, going on a 9-0 run to open the second half.

The Crimson Wave battled back, however, countering with gritty half-court traps that led to many of the 20 total Crusader turnovers. With the heavy defensive pressure, Calumet eventually tied the score at 67 with 6:54 left to play.

Angel Rosado, while on his way to scoring 15 points, converted a free throw which gave the Crimson Wave a one-point edge, 68-67, as they never looked back.

Madonna's last chance to possibly tie the game came in the waning seconds.

With Calumet ahead by three, MU guard Noel

Emenhiser, who shot 4-of-6 from beyond the arc on the night, failed to convert a last-ditch three-point shot at the buzzer.

Emenhiser led all scorers with 20 points, while John Bennett (Livonia Churchill) came off the bench to score 16. Guard Joe Kofahl grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds.

Ed Gipson tallied 16 points for Calumet, while Mike Hayes and Geoffrey Lalic each contributed 11 points for the Crimson Wave.

Calumet shot 13-of-30 (43 percent) from the line and hit 28-of-67 (41 percent) shots from the field.

Madonna shot 46 percent in the first half from beyond the three-point arc, going 7-of-15, followed by a 2-of-8 showing in the second half.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., December 4th, 2003 for the following:

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Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**CRAIGS CRUISERS SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A COIN OPERATED AMUSEMENT DEVICE ESTABLISHMENT AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 17.02B FOR PARCEL NO. 044 99 0017 706.** Property is located north of Ford and west of Haggerty Road.



### ZONING MAP SECTION 11

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, prior to Wednesday, November 26, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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## ROCKS

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three-pointers by Ellen Canale and Alyssa Guerin. The Mustangs kept it close in the second (the only quarter in which they had more than one basket), trailing 16-14 at the half.

But the combination of the Salem defense and their own poor shooting ruined any chances they had for a second-half comeback. The Rocks ran off seven-straight points — five of them by Canale — and never again trailed.

Northville did manage to trim it to four in the fourth quarter, but the Rocks withstood the onslaught.

"That was the goal — to get to the next game," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "They beat us the last time we played because we didn't take care of the basketball."

"This time, we did what we had to do to win the game." Which meant forcing the game to played in the half-court. "Their speed, quickness" were a concern to Thomann. "In our last game, they scored way too many run-out baskets on us."

"When they don't have their dribble-drive, which I thought

we did a good job taking away, they're in trouble."

Canale was the offensive show in this game, pouring in a game-high 16 points for the Rocks. Alyssa Guerin added seven.

Northville got six points apiece from Simone Toney and Danielle Toney.

Which takes Salem to the brink of its final goal. "At the beginning of the season, we had three goals," said Thomann. "To win our division, to win the conference and to win the district."

Two of those are accomplished. If the Rocks can beat Canton for a second time in three meetings, the third will be, too.

**Canton Agape 46, Bishop Borgess 13:** If the first half wasn't enough, the second half was in Tuesday's Class D district opener at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

Canton Agape Christian opened up a 14-4 lead after one period, increased it to 21-8 by halftime, then blew Redford Bishop Borgess away with a 17-0 third-quarter surge.

Agape improves to 11-10 going into tonight's district semifinal against Plymouth Christian Academy at Urban Lutheran.

Emily Tong, a senior point guard, paced the Wolverines with 12 points. Stephanie Johannes contributed three points and nine steals.

The winner of tonight's semifinal plays for the district title at 7 p.m. Friday.

**Notre Dame 44, Plymouth 44:** Despite their effort, Plymouth could not overtake Notre Dame Prep in a Class B district game Monday at Livonia Ladywood.

The Fighting Irish built a 10-5 lead by halftime and increased it to 29-18 after three quarters as the Wildcats finished their season at 13-6.

A win Wednesday gave Notre Dame a 13-9 record and put the Irish into Friday's district final.

"Defensively we did a nice job," said Plymouth coach Michelle Reilly. "We missed some easy baskets, some layups. But it was a great 32-minute effort by the team."

Jeanine Moise led the Wildcats with 21 points and 10 rebounds. Cassie Andrews netted 16 points for Notre Dame; Amanda Gorski added 15.

# SC women lose 2

An eye-opener.

That pretty much describes the trip Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team took to the Chipola Classic in Marianna, Fla., last weekend.

The Ocelots were never in either game for very long, losing to Vincennes (Ind.) College 82-49 Friday and defending NJCAA Division I champ Gulf Coast CC 86-32 on Saturday.

The two losses left SC at 1-2 overall. Vincennes is 3-1; Gulf Coast is 4-0.

In Friday's loss, Vincennes' long-range shooting did the Ocelots in. The Trailblazers connected on 12-of-21 first-half three-pointers (57 percent). SC, meanwhile, was having problems hitting any shot; the Ocelots were 6-of-31 from the floor in the first half (19 percent).

Vincennes led 24-3 10 minutes into the game and 40-21 by halftime. India Monteiro led SC with 14 points and six rebounds; Tara Charles contributed eight points and six boards.

The Trailblazers got 19 points from Margaret Batteast (including four three-pointers), 14 points from Rachel Dixon (with four more triples) and 13 from Carla Gheorghe.

Gulf Coast was even tougher on Saturday. The Ocelots trailed 13-6 five minutes into the game; then the Commodores went on a 30-4 run and it was 43-10 with just over four minutes left in the half. By the intermission, Gulf Coast's lead was 46-17.

Poor long-range shooting again plagued the Ocelots. They made just 3-of-33 from three-point range (nine percent) and were 10-of-66 from the floor (15 percent).

Gulf Coast, on the other hand, was 34-of-69 from the floor (49 percent), including 6-of-14 (43 percent) from three-point range in the first half.

Monteiro's nine points was best for SC. Crystal Pittman was next with seven.

Gulf Coast got 17 points from Shadea Marshall, 16 and 12 rebounds from Marquita Greene and 12 from Helen Johnson.

**Madonna 69, Trinity Christian (Ill.) 55:** Madonna University earned its first victory in four starts with a triumph Saturday afternoon over Trinity Christian College (Ill.) in the consolation final of the Huntington College (Ind.) Tournament.

Marwa Ayoub was the standout for the 1-3 Crusaders, finishing with 17 points, 13 rebounds, four blocks and four steals.

Filling in for injured center Courtney Rehbine, sophomore center Sarah Thomson made the most of her opportunity by adding 14 points. Freshmen Stephanie Childs and sophomore Lydia Pruzinowski each added 10 points for Madonna.

Jessica Eenigenburg had a game-high 21 points for the Trolls, while Cheryl Miersma followed with 12 and Katie DeKoekkoek had 10.

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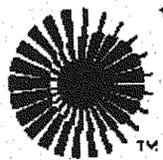
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sophomore and senior, and is a three-time member of the Academic All-State first team, All-Catholic and All-Observerland teams. Lucas won five meets - including the Division I regional and the Catholic League - and was second in two other invitationals. His best time of the year came at the state final in Brooklyn where he finished 13th in 15:35. "He's a total team runner," said CC coach Tony Magni. "He sets the pace for everyone to follow. David is a real team leader and an accomplished runner. His times continued to improve each race. He was our team stabilizer and never disappointed us."

**Dan Horgan, Sr., Redford CC:** Horgan was the No. 2 runner for the Shamrocks, but could have been the No. 1 runner on just about any other team in the area. He's a two-time All-Catholic and All-Observerland first-team selection with a season-best time of 16:13, set at the state finals where he finished 37th.

He was also second at the regional and one other invitational, third in two other invites and fourth in another.

"While quiet by nature, he has manifested remarkable leadership qualities, not only as a student, but also in his capacity as a leader of our team," said Magni. "He has run some great races for us this year. He will be missed."

**Max Working, Jr., Redford CC:** Working battled ankle injuries that kept him out of some meets late in the season. Still, the junior finished third in the regional, fourth in the Catholic League and had a season-best time of 16:53 in his 52nd-place finish in the state final.

Working was also a two-time selection for All-Catholic, Academic All-State and All-Observerland teams.

"Despite his setback, he never lost his determination to get himself back on the varsity lineup," said Magni. "He has a positive attitude and a competitive edge. He runs with the same concentration and focus during practice that he does at the meets."

**Adam Warner, Sr., Salem:** The Rocks' only senior with experience among its top runners, Warner delivered what was needed - both strong performance and leadership.

Warner was 12th at the Wayne County Championships, fourth at the WAAA Finals (earning all-WAAA honors), and fourth at the state regional meet. At the state finals, Warner placed 54th in 16:26, his best time of the season.

"He had a great year as a runner and as a team leader," said Salem coach Geoff Baker. "He had his best races when it counted."

**Connor Schultz, Jr., Liv. Churchill:** The junior earned eight medals this fall, including a third in the WAAA conference meet and a fifth in the regional.

He was also Livonia Public Schools champion and placed 70th at the Division I state meet. "Connor has really developed into a good runner the last few months," Churchill coach John McGreevy said. "He ran an excellent 16:21 at the MIS during the state meet. He has come a long way since his freshman year, when frankly he had a miserable experience."

"Connor was our most improved runner this year and now has established himself as

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Churchill's best runner. Most of this is due to the support he receives from his family."

Schultz carries a 3.78 grade-point average in Churchill's math, science, and computer program. He is also an accomplished singer.

"He had some impressive shoes to fill. (Brother Logan, 1st team all-Observer in 2001) McGreevy said. "He didn't fill them, he went out and got himself his own pair."

**Matt Hays, Sr., Liv. Stevenson:** The senior finished 98th at the Division I state meet, after placing sixth in the regional.

Hays also took a third in the Lakes Division meet and was fourth in the Livonia Public Schools meet.

"Matt is very talented, he came on late and improved all year long, even though he didn't run in the summer," Stevenson coach Leigh Baleman said. "He's got natural ability, a great kid, very smart, and a hard worker in practice."

Hays got a late start in cross country because he played football.

"He's relatively new to the sport," Bateman said.

**Dan Kapadia, Soph., Salem:** Kapadia represents a big part of the Salem cross country future. As a sophomore, he finished in the top 10 at the Wayne County meet (he was eighth), the all-WAAA Finals (sixth) and the state regional (ninth). His best time this season was 17:00; he placed 104th at the state finals.

Kapadia's performances earned him first-team all-conference honors, second team all-county and all-region accolades.

As for his talent, his Salem coach, Geoff Baker, summed it up like this: "Danny is a racer."

**Jimmy Walsh, Soph., Salem:** Walsh got it going at just the right time for the Rocks this season. The sophomore placed 82nd at the state meet in a season's best 16:45.

That came after a 16th at the Wayne County meet, earning him all-county third-team honors; a 13th at the WAAA Finals, giving him a berth on the all-WAAA second team; and a sev-

enth at the state regional, putting him on the all-region team.

"Jimmy had a great sophomore year," said his coach, Geoff Baker. "We are looking forward to the next two years with our sophomores."

**Scott Fysh, Jr., Salem:** Next year it will be Fysh's turn.

The junior became a force to be reckoned with this season, earning second-team honors at both the WAAA and county meets (he was 13th at the county, 14th at the conference). At the state regional meet, Fysh placed eighth and was named all-region. He finished 106th at the state finals.

"Scott had a break-out year," said his coach, Geoff Baker. "He'll be ready to be a team leader next year."

**Dominic Piro, Jr., Redford CC:** Piro's first season in cross country was an impressive one - led by a season-best time of 17:04 set at the state finals. He was also 21st at the Division I regional and helped lead the second pack of CC runners throughout the season.

"Dominic impressed us all season," said Magni. "He just got better and better with each race. This was his first experience as a varsity runner and he proved it's where he belongs. No doubt, Dominic will be among the top runners next year."

**Matt Patra, Jr., Redford Union:** Patra was a solid runner on a solid team, helping the Panthers to a first-place tie with Wyandotte in the Mega White. He ran in the 17s for much of the season with a best time of 17:13.

Patra placed in the top 10 in eight of the meets he ran in, winning one invitational and placing in the top five on two other occasions. He was sixth overall in the Mega White, 10th in the regional and was a first-time state qualifier.

"He excelled as a leader, demonstrated toughness and perseverance to be successful in each of the sports he plays," said RU coach Brian Flatter.

"He strives for self-improvement and to make the athletes around him better."



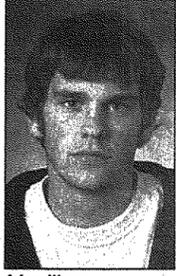
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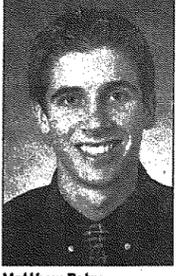
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**"GI" isn't just for the military**

By Jehangir Rao, M.D., gastroenterologist

Do you suffer from heartburn?

Do you have frequent bouts of diarrhea or upset stomach?

If so, you could be suffering from a gastro-intestinal (GI) condition. There are many GI ailments which could be the cause of such problems; Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), colorectal cancer, irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), ulcers or gallstones.

Chronic GERD or heartburn, if not treated properly can lead to further disease such as esophageal cancer. With the holidays coming up here are some guidelines to help prevent heartburn. You should limit your intake of chocolate, caffeine, alcohol, spicy and deep-fried foods. Smoking and going to bed immediately after eating should be avoided.

If you suffer from GERD, you can try over-the-counter treatments such as Tums, Rolaids or other antacids. For a persistent problem you should seek an appointment with a physician.

Some of the treatments prescribed by a physician include a prescription for medicine, such as Nexium or Prevacid. You may need further testing such as a diagnostic gastroscopy. This endoscopy procedure is performed by sedating the patient and then carefully inserting a flexible tube through the mouth and into the esophagus. It is then advanced into the stomach and the first part of the small intestine (duodenum). The scope is a "little camera" that shows any abnormalities on a video screen. Once the minimally invasive procedure is completed, the physician will be able to more accurately diagnose and treat the ailment, so you can get back to your normal life.

Not all GI diseases can be diagnosed through an endoscopy procedure. Sometimes a colonoscopy needs to be performed. A patient would have a colonoscopy for symptoms of diarrhea, rectal bleeding or lower abdominal pain. A colonoscopy procedure is similar to that of a gastroscopy, the main difference being that the scope is inserted through the rectum and the inside of the patient's large intestinal tract is examined.

Guidelines from the American Cancer Society suggest that everybody over 50 years of age have a baseline colonoscopy to check for polyps or colon cancer.

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**CANTON**

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had four three-pointers. Canton was 16-of-46 (35 percent) and did not make a triple.

"I didn't think we had that much energy early in the game," said Blohm. And he knew where such a lapse could lead: "It's tournament time. You get one game and one shot at it, and then you're out."

It seemed, for a while anyway, that the Chiefs would begin to assert themselves in the third quarter. An eight-point run in the middle of the period carried them from a three-point deficit to a 31-26 lead with two minutes left.

But in the final :47 of the third and the first two minutes of the fourth, South Lyon out-pointed Canton 8-2 to go up 34-33.

That's when Ealy stepped forward.

After making two free throws in the first half, she scored six points in the third quarter, then knocked down seven of

Canton's 13 fourth-quarter points, converting 3-of-4 at the free-throw line - including two with :42 to play and the Chiefs clinging to a one-point lead.

Ealy finished with 15 points, six rebounds and four steals. Cezat contributed 15 points and 13 rebounds, and Guastella had eight points.

The Lions were paced by Waddell with 12 points and Megan Mannarino with 11. "I'm really elated, really happy to be in the district final," said Blohm. "This team has gotten progressively better as the season went on."

As for Salem, he added, "They're playing really good basketball right now. We're going to have to bring our 'A' game to match up with them."

"It's going to be interesting to see how we step up in the final."

Canton won the first of two meetings with Salem; the Rocks beat the Chiefs in the conference championship. Friday's district final will be on a neutral court, with a season-extension at stake.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Eastpointe-East Detroit vs. Detroit Mumford district champion.)  
at SOUTH LYON  
Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Auburn Hills Avondale vs. Farmington district champion.)  
**CLASS B**  
at LIVONIA LADYWOOD  
Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Pontiac Notre Dame Prep vs. St. Clair Shores South Lake district champion.)  
at DEARBORN DIVINE CHILD  
Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Riverview vs. Grosse Ile district champion.)  
**CLASS C**  
at MONROE ST. MARY CC  
Thursday, Nov. 20: Lutheran High Westland vs. Summit Academy-Ecorse winner, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Ecorse vs. Detroit Dominican district champion.)  
**CLASS D**  
at DETROIT URBAN LUTHERAN  
Tuesday, Nov. 18: (A) Detroit Urban Lutheran vs. (B) Redford St. Katharine Drexel Vicariate, 6 p.m.; (C) Redford Bishop Borgess vs. Canton Agape Christian, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 20: Westland Huron Valley Lutheran vs. Urban Lutheran-St. Katharine Drexel winner, 6 p.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Bishop Borgess-Agape Christian winner, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 21: Championship final, 7 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals at Whitmore Lake vs. Adrian-Lenawee Christian district champion.)  
**PREP HOCKEY**  
Tuesday, Nov. 18  
Ladywood vs. Canton-Salem-Plymouth at Arctic Edge Arena, 6 or 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 19  
Ladywood vs. Northville at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.  
Stevenson vs. W.L. Central, 6 p.m.  
Churchill vs. Redford CC, 8 p.m.  
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 21  
Franklin vs. South Lyon (Edgar), 6 p.m. (Metro H.S. Invitational at Novi Arena)  
Stevenson vs. Novi, 6 p.m.  
Northville vs. Farm. Unified, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22  
P-C-S Penguins vs. G.P. North, 1 p.m. at Viking Arena  
Metro Inv. at Novi Ice Arena, 5 & 7:30 p.m.  
**COLLEGE WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
Thursday, Nov. 20 (NJCAA Division I Tournament)  
Schoolcraft vs. Hinds (Miss.) at Paradise Valley (Ariz.), TBA.  
**COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Friday, Nov. 21 (Mt. Union Raider Tip-Off Classic)  
Madonna vs. Chowan (N.C.), 6 p.m.  
Mt. Union (Ohio) vs. Case Western, 8 p.m.  
Rochester JV at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 21  
Mt. Union Tip-Off Classic, 6 & 8 p.m.  
**COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Wednesday, Nov. 19  
Owens Tech (Ohio) at Schoolcraft, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 22  
Madonna vs. Northwood at Northwood Classic, 3 p.m.  
Sunday, Nov. 23  
Madonna vs. Lake Superior St. at Northwood Classic, 1 p.m.  
**ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
Friday, Nov. 21  
Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.  
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# Big Red will be tested by CC

It's rare for two teams from the same league to get into the state semifinals.

Sometimes, there's luck involved.

In this case, there's a lot of talent, too.

In Lansing on Saturday, Grandville will square off against 11-0 Utica Eisenhower - king of the Macomb Area Conference's Red Division - in one Division 1 semifinal.

Catholic Central (11-1) gets the Red's runner-up in the other semi - Clinton Township Chippewa Valley - at 1 p.m. Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm.

But runner-up is a misleading, but accurate, term. The Big Reds (11-1) gave up a touchdown to Eisenhower with 48 seconds left in Week Two to lose 14-7. Otherwise, they'd be perfect.

"They are a very good football

team," said CC coach Tom Mach. "They've got a big line and they're very physical. We saw them on tape three times and in that stretch, their quarterback got touched once - he was sacked on a blitz."

The Big Reds - Division 2 champs in 2001 - know that CC is also big and physical too.

"When you think about CC, you have to stop their ground control," said Chip Valley coach Mike Carr. "You don't want to let them control the clock and field position. You have to stop the ground game and with those backs and that line, it's tough to do."

The Big Reds do have a solid defense of their own - one that held Dearborn Fordson to just 28 yards on 29 carries in the regional final.

"And we're proud of that," said Carr. "We still understand that CC is a different animal than Fordson. But we feel good

about playing that way."

Many of the Big Reds are two-way players. They're a little smaller up front on defense than they are on offense, but that's because the 4-3 defense is designed to be quick.

Middle linebacker Patrick O'Leary and safeties Jeff Deliz and Steve Lyons are the leaders of the pack.

"They're kind of the heart and soul of the defense," said Carr. "Pat's the leading tackler, then the other two."

Mach doesn't plan any changes to counter a defense that's given up 115 points this year.

"We'll do what we do to everyone and go right at them and make our adjustment from there," said Mach. "If we can continue that, fine. If not, we'll move on to Phase Two. I just don't know if we know what Phase Two is."

The offensive line as also big,

perhaps a shade smaller than CC's - averaging about 6-1, 270. The Big Reds run a 70-30 run-pass mix out of the offset I and have a solid quarterback in Eddie Skowneski, whose tied a school record with 16 touchdowns passes this year. During the regular season he threw for nearly 1,400 yards.

"He runs well and throws well," said Carr. He's a two-year starter, but he's also a state champion wrestler (the defending Division 1 champ at 145 pounds) and so he's got a toughness about him."

Anthony Tocco and Jamaris Miles share the load at tailback, combining for about 1,600 yards during the season.

As for CC, the one thing the Shamrocks have to avoid is a letdown after dominating Canton in Friday's 38-7 win over the Chiefs.

"That was a game that everyone was excited to play," said



Derek Brooks has been the Shamrocks key threat running the ball throughout the season - and the playoffs.

Mach. "That kind of put us in the position that brought out more aggressive play early and it proved to be beneficial. If we can get them back to that point, then we'll be able to give them a good game."

"I don't worry about us letting down. It's (the players) team. They want to go and get another title." There's something to be said for the rivalry the Shamrocks have

developed with the MAC Red opponents. Since 1995, CC has faced a MAC Red opponent - Macomb Dakota, Utica Eisenhower, Sterling Heights Stevenson and now Chip Valley - in all but two seasons.

"Yeah, it seems like we always play (one of those schools)," said Mach. "We wouldn't mind playing them during the year, but they seem to have to have their schedules set."

## Geography, pairings have little in common

During the first week of the football state playoffs, this column railed on the Michigan High School Athletic Association's peculiar pairings.

Specifically, it was how the MHSAA could justify putting teams in close proximity into different regions. For example, Farmington and North Farmington, both in the same small geographic school district, wouldn't have met until the Division 2 finals and Walled Lake Western and Central wouldn't have met until the Division 1 finals.

While those were longshots, this one isn't: Two schools from the Macomb Area Conference Red Division - a little more than 11 miles apart on the streets and a little more than six as the crow flies - could wind up playing for the Division 1 state title.

Yes, perennial state contender Utica Eisenhower - the top team in the MAC Red - and 2001 Division 2 champ Clinton Township Chippewa Valley - the Red's runner-up - could meet for the state title if they beat Grandville and Catholic Central, respectively, Saturday.

OK, you might say that 11 miles is far enough apart. We say bullcookies. The problem lies in the way the MHSAA draws up the pairings - starting with the western portion of the state and working from there toward the Detroit area.

"I was surprised how it aligned, too," Chippewa Valley coach Mike Carr said. "We're just a few miles away and (Eisenhower) ends up on the other side of the state in their bracket."

Chippewa Valley and Eisenhower should have been in same region; if not, then at least in adjoining regions playing in a semifinal - assuming one of them got past CC.

CC should have been in the same district as Wayne, Canton and John Glenn. It would have put Saline in with Brighton, South Lyon and Walled Lake Western.

This isn't to say the two MAC schools don't deserve to play in the finals - talent-wise. They very well could be two of the top four teams in the state.

Logistically - and logically, for that matter - the MHSAA is wrong, wrong, wrong, wrong.

As for wrong, C.J. Risak was the only person to miss the Canton-CC game last week and dropped his record to 7-3. Paul Beaudry improved to 7-3 overall by picking CC, while Brad Emmons improved to 9-1.

This week, let the chips fall where they may.

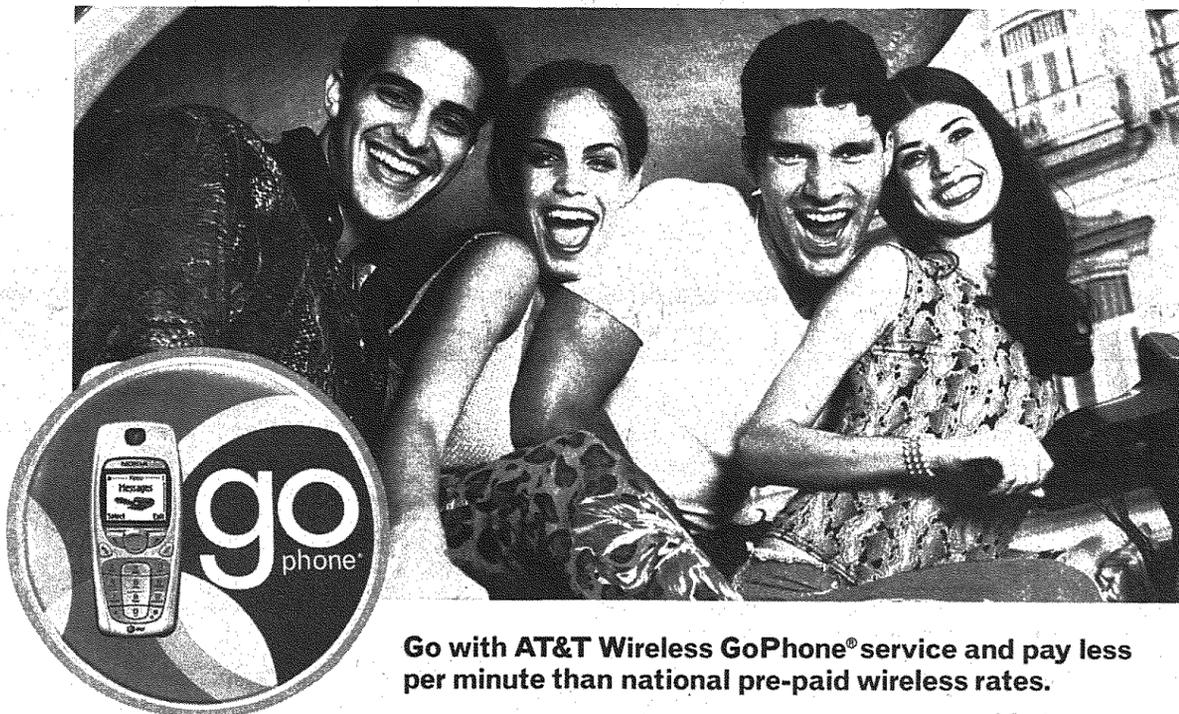
Redford CC (11-1) vs. Chippewa Valley (11-1) at Birmingham Seaholm, 1 p.m. Saturday: Who are we kidding? CC stepped it up Friday against Canton, not by a notch but several levels. The Shamrocks have solid backs, a huge talented line and a solid defense.

This is not to say that Chippewa Valley doesn't have talent, because it does. The only loss for the Big Reds was to Eisenhower and that was only in the last 48 seconds.

The Shamrocks might not win their third straight title next week. But they'll get the chance to try. PICKS: CC - Beaudry, Risak, Emmons.

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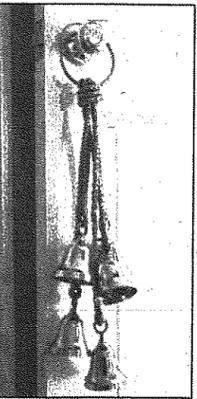
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The 2003 White House Christmas ornament honors the 18th U.S. president, Ulysses S. Grant (1869-1877), regarded by many historians as the greatest Union hero of the Civil War, according to the White House Historical Association.

Though an honest and honorable man, Grant's presidency was rocked by scandal and economic depression. Even though the administration's overall reputation was marred by greed and corruption, Grant held the Union together during one of the most turbulent times in American history.

The boy on the rocking horse, depicted on the ornament, is inspired by an authentic Victorian illustration of a child's joy at Christmas. The hand-painted, cold-cast porcelain figurine is surrounded by a 24-carat gold finished brass wreath with enameled colors.

The ornament is 23rd in a series started by the White House Historical Association in 1981. The ornament costs \$16 plus shipping and handling and can be ordered from the White House Historical Association, P.O. Box 96586, Washington, D.C. 20090-6586 or call toll-free (800) 555-2451, or visit the association online at [www.whitehousehistory.org](http://www.whitehousehistory.org). Each of the past 22 ornaments are available, along with educational brochures.

# Beacons of hope

## Festival of Trees lights up children's lives

Children's Hospital represents a beacon of sorts for thousands of Michigan families with children stricken with life-threatening illnesses.

Each year for the past 18 years, the metro Detroit community steps forward to donate time, work and decorations to the Festival of Trees, the major fund-raiser for Children's Hospital.

This year the festival is moving to Dearborn.

Larry Kralowski, a Livonia resident who has been the executive director of the Festival of Trees for five years, said the move to the new conference center in Dearborn from Detroit's Cobo Center will allow for more new designers to join the others who've participated over the years. "We've got a lot of new exhibitors and designers to show the public something new," Kralowski said.

Festival planners also added more events with hopes of raising more money.

Hundreds of professionally decorated trees and wreaths, an elaborate gingerbread village, festive gift shop, live entertainment and fun-filled children's activities will decorate the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center in Dearborn Nov. 23-30. All proceeds from Festival of Trees benefit the Evergreen Endowment Fund for pediatric research at Children's Hospital. (See related chart.)

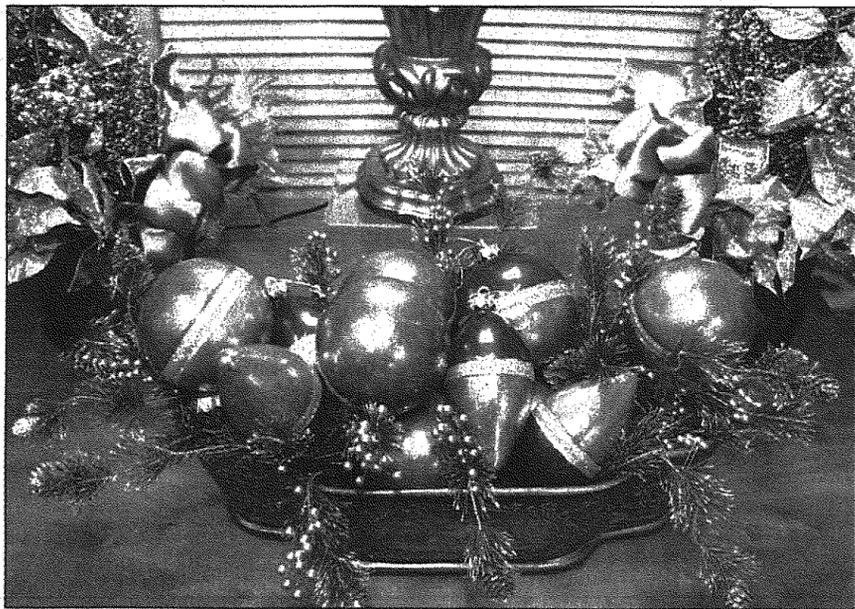
Honorary chairpersons for Festival of Trees 2003 are Ford Motor Co. President and COO Nick Scheele and his wife, Ros.

Carol Czechowski, who owns Michigan Floral on Franklin in West Bloomfield with her daughter Meg, is also the co-chair of centerpieces for the Festival of Trees. Her company has designed 50 centerpieces for the event which will be sold to help the fund-raising event.

"It's really a unique charity," Czechowski said. "You'll find that designers come back year after year. You want to do something for Children's Hospital."

Homeowners are now decorating their homes earlier, she said. "They want (the decorations) to last longer than they ever did."

Pastels, jewel tones, plums



Julie Husak created this centerpiece design for the holidays that will be at the Festival of Trees for Children's Hospital of Michigan Nov. 23-30.



Carol Czechowski (left) and Julie Husak have donated their holiday centerpiece designs to the Festival of the Trees at the Ford Convention and Conference Center Nov. 23-30. Proceeds from the event go to Children's Hospital of Michigan.

and rubies are among popular colors. "I pick out colors I like and look for different kinds of textures and work for his or her

colors," Czechowski said. She likes ruby, gold, plum and egg-plant colors.

David McKnight, owner of



Silk flowers for the holiday can brighten up any room and can be used each holiday season for years to come.

Emerald City Designs in Farmington Hills, will be chairing the inaugural Fash Fest. He says he wants guests to dress

### TREE TIME

**What:** 19th annual Festival of Trees. All proceeds benefit the Evergreen Endowment Fund for pediatric research at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

**Where:** Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center, 1151 Village Road, Dearborn

**When:** 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, Nov. 23-26; Closed Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 27; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29 and 30.

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chic, glitzy or crazy. They can enjoy a fashion show, dinner and catch a view of the trees all in one evening.

McKnight became involved about 10 years ago with displays and vignettes. In recent years he completed a Grinch tree, an upside-down tree and Candyland tree. This year's tree will be a "surprise, trend-setting" tree.

"It's absolutely remarkable that we can get all these folks involved and that they are all providing help to this cause," McKnight said. "And the more events that you have, the more we can give back."

McKnight also will add a raffle at Monday's event for a special prize — a holiday home decor package.

McKnight added: "You should grab a friend, a neighbor or an associate on Monday night with the kickoff for the Festival (of Trees), enjoy the fash bash and look at a lot of beautiful trees."

Kralowski has been involved with the festival since his daughter, Sarah, was hospitalized at Children's Hospital.

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## Let your holiday plants grow — here's how

BY MARTY FIGLEY  
CORRESPONDENT

This is the time of year when we think about houseplants that are associated with the seasons.

Many pots of chrysanthemums grace our entrances and rooms in our homes now and add their "autumn" colors to the décor. After Thanksgiving, we turn our thoughts to Christmas colors and plants.

It's helpful to know the botanical name and some basic care, especially if they look very similar. For instance, there are three plants called holiday cacti that bloom at specific times of the year, some even twice.

The question is, how to know which is which!

According to the latest nomenclature, *Zygocactus truncatus* with its flat-jointed leaves and saw-toothed edges, is the Thanksgiving cactus.

*Schlumbergera bridgesii* with rounded teeth is the Christmas Cactus, while *Rhipsalidopsis gaertneri* with no teeth is the Easter cactus. It is often very difficult to tell the difference.

Color choices include white, yellow, violet-red, various shades of red and pink and others, according to the variety.

The blooming period can be extended if the plant is put in a cooler location once the buds have set.

These cacti all have similar needs. They prefer bright light, but not prolonged sunlight; soil that's kept moist, but never too wet; a rich humus soil mixture; and good air circulation.

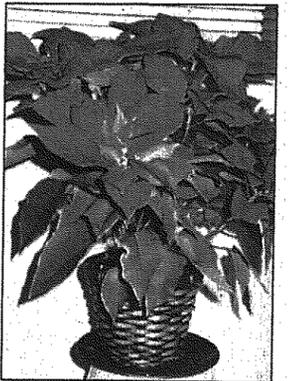
Fertilize lightly every two weeks during the growing season from late spring through August.

The Poinsettia, *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, still is the most popular Christmas plant. The leaves (bracts) of these beauties are available in shades of red, maroon, pink, cream and white, and they will be in their full glory when purchased. The flowers are actually those tiny yellow dots at the center of the bracts.

Poinsettias like a warm,

sunny place and grow best in loamy soil that should dry out between waterings. Mist frequently during active growth and avoid all drafts. After flowering, reduce water and place in a cool dark place when plant looks ragged, if you wish to keep it for another season. (I plan to give instructions for this in another column.)

More orchids are sold at Christmastime than any other season. Colors include pink, red, orange, white, yellow and violet, to name a few. Know the cultural needs of the plant you are purchasing so it will match the conditions in the home.

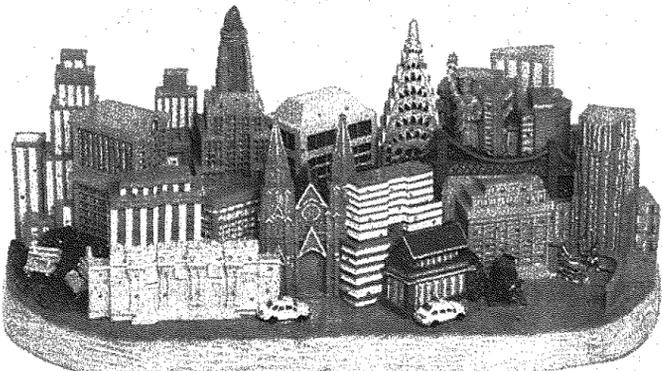


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The poinsettia is still the most popular at Christmastime.

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# Putting a frame on family treasures

Many of us have family photos, albums, hand-crafted keepsakes, heirlooms and other treasures gathering dust in the attic or basement.

Fortunately, with a little bit of planning and the right tools and materials, it's possible to rescue these items and share them with the world - or the next generation - by creating a frame that will preserve and showcase them.

The right tools and materials in this case are a router, miter saw and rosewood. Using different router bits can produce a frame with a unique shape.

Start by cutting the rosewood in pieces large enough to produce the overall height and width. The total length of each piece needs to accommodate the card mount (the inside of the frame), plus twice the finished width of the frame.

By selecting different router settings, it is possible to create different profiles for the frame. The profile is what determines how deeply the picture or photo is set back in the frame.

Using a combination of router cuts can create a more complex profile for the frame.

You can also use the router to rabbet, or groove, the inside of the frame. A two-level rabbet will allow for a recess to hold the picture and a second recess to hold the glass that covers the picture.

After using the miter saw to cut corners of each piece of rosewood at 45° angles, use the router to create routed slots to join the frame with biscuits, or small wooden discs. Make sure the slot is large enough or the disc will prevent the miter joint from joining properly.

Once the frame is prepared, glue the joints lightly, and clamp them together.

It's the versatility of a router that makes this project possible. Some of the latest developments in routers can be found in the models available from Porter-Cable, such as the Model 890 series. Routers in this series offer time-saving features for faster transitions between jobs and on bit changes to an auto-engaging spindle lock for single wrench bit changes.

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# Organize your holiday wrapping space

I never enjoy the month of December because of all the preparations and expenses. I spend late nights wrapping presents. Sometimes I have to unwrap a gift because I forget who it is for. How can I make this a 'holiday season' instead of drudgery?



**Domestic Planner**  
Diana Koenig

The holidays are quickly approaching. You need to buy Christmas gifts and have your purchases wrapped before Dec. 25. All this work can steal the fun from the holidays.

Set a goal to complete Christmas gift preparations by the first week of December. This is attainable and it allows you to spend the remainder of the month enjoying holiday activities. There are three guidelines to follow when you purchase and wrap Christmas gifts. This process must be efficient, economical and enjoyable.

Start shopping for Christmas early. You will have the opportunity to take advantage of sales. Try to complete most of your shopping by Thanksgiving.

You will need to arrange an

area to store these gifts. I have several large shelves in my basement on which to store my gifts. Use a computer or handwritten list to keep track of the people you shop for and the gifts bought. Type each person's name and list the gifts for each individual. This list is important to use when you are shopping and wrapping.

Take the list to the store when you Christmas shop and write down what you have purchased next to the person's name. Once the gift is wrapped, circle the individual's name and gift on the shopping list. This will help you keep track of the purchased and wrapped gifts.

Begin wrapping in November. Create a wrapping center somewhere in your home. I use my basement. This allows time for short or long wrapping sessions, because supplies are always

ready. Arrange three tables in a "U" shape with a chair in the middle. One table is empty for wrapping. Another table is used to rotate wrapped and unwrapped presents. The last table has supplies separated into categories.

Wrapping materials are divided into containers: Paper, tissue, ribbon, bows, tags, tape, scissors, pen and shopping list. Gifts are wrapped early so you have several weeks to enjoy the beautifully decorated gifts.

Wrapping materials are expensive, especially when you consider that most of it ends up in the trash in a matter of minutes. You need to be efficient and thrifty with wrapping.

Buy your supplies on sale and store them yearly. After Christmas, everything is drastically discounted. This is a good time to stock up. Look for other bargains throughout the year. For instance; green, red, gold and silver ribbon/tissue can be purchased year round.

Discounted paper supplies can be found on a regular basis. Handmade supplies are cheaper. Decorate paper bags

with stickers and stencils. Cards can also be made. You can buy card stock paper with envelopes in large quantities at a local printer.

Create your own cards using photos, stickers, colored pens and cutouts from colored paper. The time spent on these cards is not only worth the savings but the personal touch carries more meaning.

You will want to enjoy the month of December and not feel the pressure of holiday preparations. If your shopping, wrapping and sending of cards and gifts are done by the first of December you can devote the rest of the month to baking, parties and sight-seeing.

Each year watch the hustle, bustle, rush of everyone at Christmas and be thankful for your system. It works!

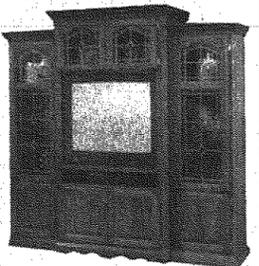
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# Define expectations for home repair bids

FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Memo to homeowners who feel victimized by shoddy home repairs or improvements: take plenty of pictures, then call your attorney and the Better Business Bureau.

But before dialing for damages, the odds are high you abetted the disaster when you partook in that most American of pastimes: buying an old bid. Bill Asdal sees homeowners play the low price game almost daily. And he rarely sees a winner.

"Just look at the American psyche, it's a cultural game to get the lowest price on anything," says Asdal, owner of a New Jersey remodeling firm affiliated with The Home

Service Store. "That's the core problem with the home improvement business. Consumers purchase not on quality of work or reputation or service. They only want the low bid."

At issue is what Asdal terms "first cost" vs. "total service life cost."

The allure of first cost is low, low pricing but perhaps without the quality the consumer expects. The cost of the total service life, with higher degrees of material and work quality, is spread across the longer life of the project.

Rather than exact a pound of flesh from the offending contractor, Asdal recommends an ounce of prevention to head off shoddy work before work ever starts.

Homeowners may have expectations but those hopes and dreams don't trickle down to the contractor. Homeowners assume the contractor knows what to do.

Contractors need at least cursory guidance. Many hope for any sign from a homeowner that tips their hand what they really want. More often than not, the consumer doesn't let on.

"The number one thing the homeowner can do to help their cause is to define their expectations," says Asdal. "Once they set the bar, the contractor understands what needs to be done."

Expectations ought to clarify budget, schedules, and materials. In fact, Asdal is glad consumers put price on the table. "I like to hear about price because it sets the budget for me," he says. "Then I know if they are realistic or not."

Next on Asdal's wish list from the informed consumer: project specifications.

"Specs" spell out the quality of materials to be used and the construction practices the homeowner wants to see. He suggests homeowners raise the knowledge bar several rungs by becoming familiar with installation instructions and spec sheets attached to products. Its fair game to talk with contractors about construction practices and product installation.

Without guidance, anything goes, especially with unscrupulous contractors.

An educated and prepared consumer is the first line of defense against contractors who know price is king for

many unwitting homeowners. A low ball price is often achieved by intentional exclusion of items from a bid sheet.

"The number one error in estimates are omissions," points out Asdal. "If the contractor forgot something on purpose, they'll probably try to make up the difference through expensive change orders."

"When people constantly harp on price, the simple answer is if the homeowner shops hard enough, they will find an incompetent person willing to do the job at the right price," says Asdal. "By the time the jig is up, the contractor - and much of your money - will have pulled away from the front door."

E-mail questions about homeowner and contractor relations to [david.bradley@aphouseoftheweek.com](mailto:david.bradley@aphouseoftheweek.com)

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## PLANTS

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These popular plants aren't hard to grow, but do need particular care. It's wise to purchase mature, blooming orchids, as young plants can take years to flower.

The graceful flowers will hold center stage when they bloom. Growers often set them among other houseplants so after they bloom the unattractive foliage will not be so noticeable.

Holly fern, *Cyrtomium*, has shiny, leathery fronds that resemble holly leaves. It will stay small so there won't be a problem where to put it. It likes low-light areas, medium light of an east window or low light of northern exposure;

average house temperatures.

Keep it slightly moist but not drenched, no constantly soggy soil; it doesn't like dry soil. Amend the soil with additional peat to make it slightly more acidic. Feed with a mild solution of fern fertilizer and remove yellow or damaged fronds.

To fill with new fronds, cut plant back to soil line. Avoid insecticides. Brown dots on underside of leaves contain spores; they aren't scale insects.

Cyclamen, *Cyclamen* species, carry heart-shaped leaves and graceful waxy flowers. Some varieties may bloom for months. Bloom colors include bright clear red, pinks, white and others. They like an east window and their soil evenly moist. Avoid water directly on leaves. Water less

after bloom. Keep barely moist when foliage dies back and plant is dormant.

Resume watering when leaves resprout. Mist daily; raise humidity. Daytime temperatures should be no higher than 68°F (dropping 10° at night). Avoid drafts. Fertilize weekly during active growth. Remove yellow leaves by slightly twisting the stem near the corm and pull. Repot after leaves die back.

The Norfolk Island Pine, *Araucaria heterophylla*, is a graceful plant with delicately opposed branches of a pine tree. Needles are stiff, but soft. It's a slow-grower. It likes medium (bright indirect light) and not full sun. It will shed needles if light is too low. Allow soil surface to dry between thorough waterings; mist around but not directly

on foliage; likes humidity, but tolerates dryness.

Here are more growing tips for this plant: Maintain cool temperatures (even into 40s) at night; otherwise average temperatures. Avoid cold drafts. Use porous soil and, when necessary, pot up into a pot two sizes larger.

Feed every 21 days during active growth, although less during fall and winter. Removal of tip will deform plant. Hang a few small Christmas balls on the branches or tuck in a few tiny birds for any holiday.

This plant will be a lasting gift.

**Marty Figley** is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

## OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED

A highlight for this year is a raffle drawing for a 2004 Ford Thunderbird. Raffle tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling (313) 966-TREE.

## Other events include:

**Gala Preview Party:** Saturday, Nov. 22. Dinner, 6 p.m. \$250; reception, 7:30 p.m. \$150. The black-tie, annual Gala Preview Party is the official kickoff of Festival of Trees. New this year will be a steak and lobster dinner prepared by Opus One. Highlighting the event is a live auction of the donated trees and other items, entertainment by Jerry Ross, hors d'oeuvres stations, a cash bar and a pastry room made possible by local bakeries, hotels and restaurants.

**The American Girl Tea & Fashion Show:** 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23, \$25 a ticket. Peek into the past, and then see what's new for special occasions, school, sleep and play. Celebrate the sparkle and spirit of American Girl style and enjoy refreshments, favors and prizes.

**Fash Fest - Somerset Collection:** Monday, Nov. 24, 6-10 p.m. \$75 a ticket. The hottest trends in fashion will be paired with a dinner by Opus One, all set amid the dazzling backdrop of Festival of Trees. Presented by Emerald City Designs. Dress to impress for this one.

**Lunch with Santa:** Friday and Saturday, Nov. 28 and 29; 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets: adults, \$25; children, \$15. Guests will enjoy a hot lunch, music and entertainment provided by Living Energy, and lots of fun activities for the entire family. Space is limited and tickets will not be sold at the door for this event.

**Holiday Dance:** 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 28, \$25 per person. Dance in the setting of hundreds of decorated trees and twinkling lights. Fabulous live music by Living Energy, delicious hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will make it a magical evening.

## FESTIVAL

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Kralowski looked for a way to give back to the hospital, and so he became involved with the festival as a decorator, and now has overseen the show for the past five years.

Since its inception in 1985, Festival of Trees has attracted more than 400,000 visitors from all over Michigan, Ohio and Canada, and has raised more than \$8.5 million for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Monies raised helped fund a robotics unit for children, Kralowski said. The unit assists with surgery and, if a specialist is needed who lives outside Michigan, that doctor can be contacted and the doctor can program the robotic arm during surgery.

"The turnaround (recovery from surgery) because of the robotic arm is incredible," Kralowski said. "We don't fund anything but research."

Festival of Trees funds are raised in a variety of ways: underwriters; sponsorship of trees, exhibit areas, special events and activities; in-kind donations of goods and services; sales of trees, wreaths, gin-



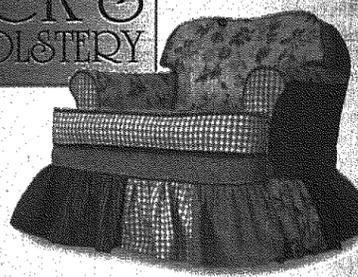
Julie Husak has put the finishing touch on several of her centerpiece designs.

gerbread houses and gift shop merchandise; benefactors, patrons and Friends of Festival

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**NOVEMBER**

**Book signing**  
Karen Correll signs copies of inspirational novel, "Saturday Nights at the God Cafe," 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Dicksons Christian Bookstore on Seven Mile in Livonia.

**Holiday craft fair**  
More than 50 crafters display their wares 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at Tri-City Christian Church, 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Ave., Canton. Cost is \$1. Refreshments and bake sale. For information, call (734) 397-0819.

**Craft sale**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, west of Farmington Road, between Freedom and Grand River, Farmington Hills. All crafts priced \$5 or less, and have been made by church members. Proceeds benefit the church building fund. For information, call (248) 474-0584.

**Choral music concert**  
By the Choir of Old St. Mary's Church (Greektown) 2:15 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. No charge. Free parking in church lot. For more information, call (313) 961-8711.

**Tots wanted for toys**  
St. Mary Catholic Church Community Outreach Center is accepting applications through Nov. 29 from residents in Wayne, Westland and Belleville requesting assistance from its Toys for Tots Campaign. The center is at 34646 Sims at Second, Wayne. For more information, call (734) 326-2234.

**New worship service**  
Plymouth Baptist Church has added a second Sunday worship celebration. The new service times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Both services feature contemporary and traditional worship music and in-depth Bible teaching. Full nursery and preschool programs are also provided for both services. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, west of Haggerty. For more information, call (734) 453-5534.

**Aerobic class**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is offering a light Aerobic Class 11 a.m. to noon Thursday Dec. 18, at 14175 Farmington Road, south of Ford Field, Livonia. Cost is \$18 per 6-week session. To register, call (734) 522-6830. The public is welcome.

**Holiday shop**  
Global Gifts and Crafts Shop and UNICEF Card Shop continue offering wares through Dec. 20, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits, Birmingham. Call (248) 644-0550. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3

p.m. Wednesday-Saturday. Two hours of free parking are available in the municipal lot adjacent to the building as you enter the shop from the Bates Street door on the east side.

One of the major suppliers again this year is American Baptist World Wide Gifts at Green Lake. These gifts come from worker cooperatives resulting from the work of our ABC missionaries and partner Baptist conventions. Every \$1,000 in sales provides a means for one family in the Third World to support itself for one full year.

**Craft sale**  
A craft sale is scheduled 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at St. John Lutheran, 23225 Gill Road, west of Farmington Road between Freedom Road and Grand River, Farmington Hills. Many crafts, priced \$5 or less, have been made by members of the church. Proceeds will benefit the church building fund. Call (248) 474-0584.

**Crossing in concert**  
The Crossing, a band in the Celtic tradition, will play music to warm your heart and get your feet tapping 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Trinity Church, 14800 Middlebelt, north of I-96, south of Five Mile, Livonia. Their lyrics express a concern for the least of God's people and a celebration of His greatness. Instrumentation includes Highland and Irish pipes, fiddle, whistles, flute, harp, guitars, bouzouki, cello, and bodran. Members of the group reside in Chicago where they live and work full-time as inner-city missionaries in a Christian community of 400, the Jesus People USA. Tickets are \$10. For more information, call (734) 425-2800 or send e-mail to TrinCovCh@aol.com.

**Interfaith Thanksgiving service**  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills. Sponsored by Farmington Area Interfaith Association, the service includes music from a combined choir and a song of blessings from all directions by Native American Medicine Helper Dr. William Martin of the Baha' Community Rabbi Daniel Nevins of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills will give the evening's message. An offering will be taken to benefit the work of UNICEF. A reception follows the service. The event is open to all. For more information, call (248) 474-0584 or (248) 848-1750.

**Advent services**  
Begin Sunday, Nov. 30, and continue to Dec. 21, 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Families will light the Advent wreath and read scriptures. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

**UPCOMING**

Advent Christmas Hymn Festival

**RELIGION CALENDAR**

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call (734) 522-6830.

**'Tis the Season**  
Farmington Musical presents a program featuring an accomplished handbell choir from the Tuesday Musicales of greater Farmington, and the Farmington Musicales Chorus 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, west of Drake, Farmington Hills. All are welcome; refreshments will be served. For information, call (248) 471-6017.

**Living Nativity**  
6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. No charge. More than 200 nativities on display. Children can have their photo taken in the Child Size Living Nativity. Enjoy a cup of cocoa and a homemade Christmas cookie while listening to live Christmas music. The church is collecting blankets, warm gently-used men's clothes, men's boots, shoes, cans of soup, and all types of men's hygiene products. The items will be donated to New Life Rescue Mission Shelter. For more information, call (734) 981-0286.

**Caribbean Christmas**  
Oakland University Steel Drum Band presents a Caribbean Christmas concert 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. Meet the artists reception follows. Free will offering to benefit the band tour to Trinidad for the World Steel Pan Festival. For information, call (248) 644-2040.

**Christmas Fellowship Luncheon**  
12:15 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburgh, Livonia. The program features "The Choralation," a choreographed song and dance group from Churchill High School in Livonia. Cost is \$7, reservations required. Call (734) 453-1599 by Monday, Dec. 1. If baby sitting is needed, please call the same number by the same date. Bring a wrapped "White Elephant" gift valued up to \$5 to exchange during the Right Family Christmas game. No need to purchase something new. Bring something you might have around the house that is in good condition and that you no longer want. Also bring canned or boxed foods for local soup kitchen.

**Christmas Creche Exhibit**  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, and Monday, Dec. 8, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Ann Arbor Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1385 Green. For information, call (734) 665-7852 or (734) 663-3699. The family oriented exhibit features more than 900 creches (Nativity scenes) from 100 countries around the world.

**Christmas Cookie Walk**  
Cookie Walk sale with cookies sold by the pound 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster, Redford.

**Advent Communion breakfast**  
Presented by Detroit Presbyterian Men's Council 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at 631 W. Fort St., Detroit. Cost is \$7. Call (313) 345-6550 or (734) 425-3024. Speaker is the Rev. Ben Mathes, president of Rivers of the World (medical and religious agency).

**Christmas craft show**  
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**Advent Retreat**  
Madonna University holds a Marian advent retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7, in the East Dining Room in the residence Hall on campus, 14221 Levan Road, Livonia. The day's activities include quiet reflection and prayer, 3 conferences, lunch, individual reconciliation, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the mysteries of the rosary with meditation prepared and led by students, and Sunday mass celebrated in the University Chapel at 4 p.m. The cost is \$15, includes lunch and refreshments, \$10 students, faculty and staff. For reservations or information, call (734) 432-5419. Advance registration required.

**Youth choir**  
Livonia Youth Choir present the concert, A Winter's Journey, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$2. For more information, call (734) 425-1749.

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**Journey to Bethlehem**  
The play honors the birth of the Christ Child 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, and 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster. For information, call (734) 421-1760. About 70 church members are involved with production, costumes and effects.

**Cookie walk**  
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4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Features the Adult Festival Choir, Jubellation Handbell Choir, Confirmation Choir (grades 7 & 8), Laudate Choir (Grades 1-6), Brass Ensemble and other instrumentalists performing Advent and Christmas music along with carols. Free will offering. Call (734) 522-6830.

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**Christmas Eve services**  
Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m. family service with music by Cherub and Wesley Children's Choirs, 6 p.m. community service with music by New Generation Choir, 8 p.m. metropolitan service "The Traditional Nardin Park Christmas Eve" with music by combined Chancel and Sanctuary Choirs, 11 p.m. candlelight service (a sacred communion service), at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

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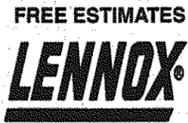
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# Learn contrast for better quality shots

Contrast can be defined as the range of tonal values in a scene. As a photographer, you need some knowledge of contrast because it will help you get better photographs.

On a bright, sunny day, tones can be found from very black to very bright. On the other hand, a misty or overcast day will produce softer tones, often resembling pastels in color prints or soft grays in black and white. You might say that high contrast days will produce bold, dramatic shots while low contrast days will result in soft, almost muted pictures.

Use of contrast can be effective in expressing yourself through your photography and can have a considerable effect in the success or failure of your shot.

It is important to understand that your eyes see differently than film. Human eyes see details in bright highlights while at the same time they pick out minute texture in the deepest shadows.



## Focus on Photography

Monte Nagler

We would expect to see the same details in our photographs, but unfortunately, film is more restricting and can't "see" the same way we can. Its tonal range is much more limiting and therefore some tones are always lost in a photograph. But usually, loss of detail in the darkest and lightest parts of a photograph goes un-noticed as long as middle tones appear acceptable to our eyes.

Are you at the mercy of lighting conditions? Do you have to accept whatever contrast may be recorded on your film? Not necessarily. You do have some control over contrast if you shoot black and white film and do your own developing.

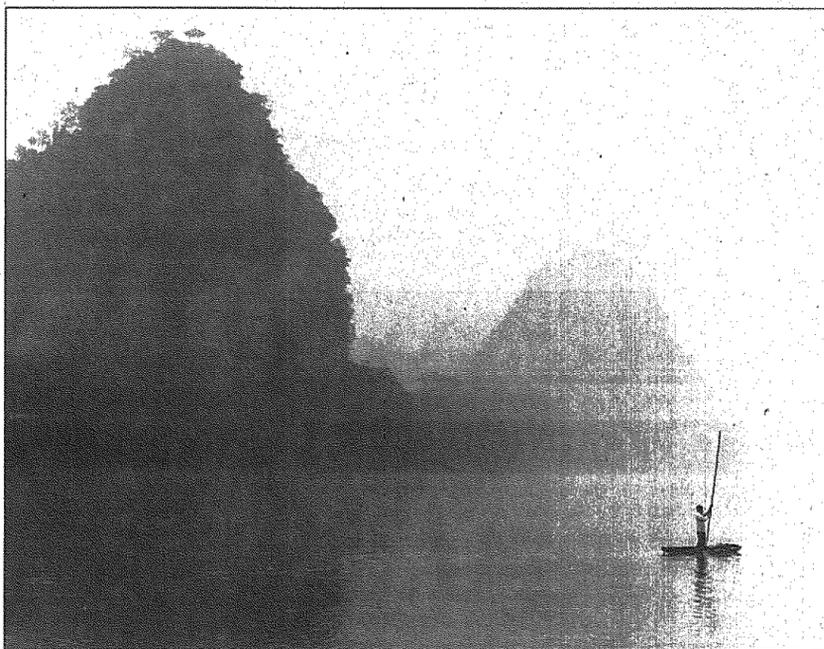
If the original scene is too

narrow in its tone and you desire more contrast in your finished print, simply overdevelop the film to expand the contrast range. Just the opposite, if you photographed on a high contrast day and you want to reduce contrast in your print, then you underdevelop the negatives. Of course, the black and white printer has the added flexibility of multi-contrast filters and developer dilution to increase or decrease contrast.

With color film, the developing procedure is designed to give average contrast. With color, you need to rely on the original scene and its lighting conditions and accept the resulting contrast.

So get out of the shadows and into the highlights with a better understanding of contrast and how it can help you to improve your photographs.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message at (734) 953-2047. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Early morning mist enabled Monte Nagler to get this low contrast but mood-filled photograph in Guilin, China.

# Keep the holidays safe; follow these decorating tips

Looks like its time to start holiday decorating again.

This year sure seemed to go by at light speed (pun intended). As far as the outdoor decorating goes, I usually procrastinate until the coldest day of the year, telling the family that if your hands don't get good and cold it just doesn't seem right. Some even believe me.

I'm listing some tips to help keep your decorating, both inside and outside, safer for you and yours the holiday season.

Check every strand of lights before using them. Besides plugging them in to see if they



## Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

light, visually inspect them for damage to plug ends, sockets and cord insulation. If any damage is apparent, dispose of them.

When purchasing replacements, look for ones that have been tested by an independent testing agency (such as Underwriters Laboratories). While checking the light strings,

look over your extension cords.

Be certain that the extension cords you use are capable of carrying the load of lights. As a rule of thumb, a typical household extension cord can supply up to three mini-light strings, depending on the number of lights on the string. Heavier cords (such as awg No. 12 garden/outdoor cords) can support more.

Spread the lighting among several circuits. A common 14-amp household branch circuit can handle 1,320 total watts. This figure includes all appliances and devices on that circuit. A branch circuit is not necessarily one plug but

can be spread over several locations in the house. A branch circuit is one fuse or circuit breaker.

Keep the plug connection dry. I like to cut the bottom from a 1-gallon milk container. I set that on the ground, place the cord connections in it then cover that with a small pail turned upside down. A rock or some other weight helps keep the pail in place.

Be sure to fasten light strings securely to prevent them from being damaged by wind. Be careful not to damage the wire insulation when using staples or other metal fastener to secure light strings.

Keep your natural tree watered well and away from heat sources. Fireplaces and space heaters are obvious sources of potential problems. Heat registers, though seldom are hot enough to ignite a tree, do pose a drying effect on the needles. Dry trees burn with explosive heat.

Older ornaments and decorations can be painted with lead based paint. Keep them out of children's reach.

With you are purchasing an artificial tree, or other decoration, look for a statement on the packaging that states it is fire resistant.

Avoid artificial trimmings

that look like food. Children may try to eat them. Some live plants and greenery are poisonous; these include Boston and English ivy, Holly berries and mistletoe.

By and large, the best advice to keep safe is use common sense. Happy holidays.

Harry Jachym writes about 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 Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

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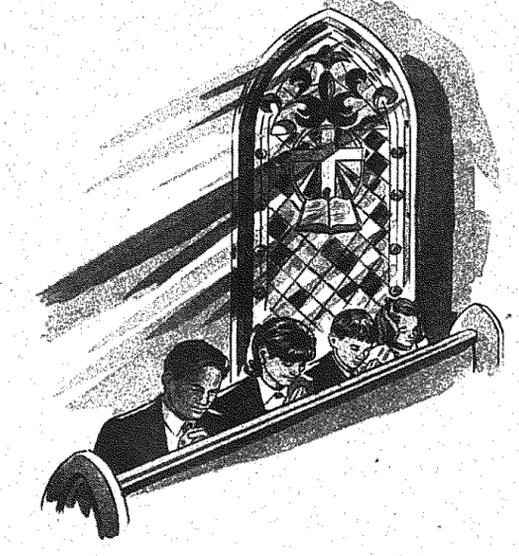
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**A Simple Prayer....**  
Perhaps the simplest and most fitting prayer is the prayer of thanksgiving, which says, "Thank you, God." There really isn't any need to elaborate on this prayer, at least not for God's sake, because He certainly knows what we have in mind when we thank Him. But for our sakes, to be mindful of all the things we should be thankful for, we may choose to mention the blessings that God has given us. Saying "Thank you God for this food" is a perfectly acceptable way to say grace, and if we are sharing food with family or friends, we might thank Him also for those special people. Starting each day with a prayer is a good way to greet the new day, and what could be easier than saying Thank you God, for this day as we get out of bed. It is also important to thank God for the loving and supportive people around us, including family and friends that make our lives complete. Think how empty our lives would be without our loved ones, and we will undoubtedly be thankful. Finally, it is worth remembering that our very lives are a gracious gift from God: Thank you God, for creating me, and for creating me as me!  
We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers. R.S.V. I Thessalonians 1:2

# Kids love color, so why not decorate with them?

Ask any child his favorite color and he'll say blue. A second later he'll say no, it's red. Yellow. Purple. Orange. Green. In fact, kids love color, all colors. That alone should be inspiration when thinking about decorating your children's bedrooms or playrooms.

That they love color - the more the better - also makes do-it-yourself decorating projects with your kids easy and fun.

The key is to relax, keep things simple and inexpensive, and don't sweat the small stuff (like big messes). Use your creativity with your kids and watch theirs spring to life.

Let kids add color to unexpected places and have it be OK. If color is what a room lacks, kids can use GelGems on any non-porous surface such as windows, refrigerators, computer monitors and bathroom tile.

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Enjoy playtime with pillows. Purchase fabric crayons or paint at the craft store, along with cotton material. Cut two matching squares out of material, tape one piece securely to a work area, such as a thick piece of cardboard, and have children design the front of a pillow. After they're done, sew the pieces together leaving a hole on one side big enough to put a hand through, stuff with filling and stitch the hole shut.

Modern art has never been so inexpensive. Children's artwork can be priceless - after all, a family or self-portrait drawn by their own hands is often more precious than a professional one. With the money you save on artwork, invest in a nice frame to give

your children's masterpieces a finished look that blends with your room's décor.

Press some style and fun onto stale-looking walls. Have children dip their hands into an accent paint color. Help them press their hands onto the walls to create a room boarder around the middle of the wall. Vary the position of the handprints, switching 45-degree angles to the right and left to create a pattern.

Boot out the old, in with the new. Here is a use for the cute little rain boots they no longer wear, but you cannot bear to give away - planters. Pound a few holes in the bottom of the boot with a nail then pour a thin layer of gravel in the bottom of the boot for proper drainage. Fill with potting soil and Gerbera daisy or other small flower.

For more colorful decorating ideas, or to learn more about GelGems and where you can find them, visit [www.gelgems.com](http://www.gelgems.com).

## HOME CALENDAR

### Help a needy family

Drop off your old life-like tree to any English Gardens location through Nov. 26 and it will be donated on your behalf to Focus: HOPE. The trees will be distributed by Focus: HOPE to needy families throughout metro Detroit. You'll receive \$10 off the purchase of a new lifelike tree.

### Home decorating

The Do It Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township, offers fun and easy home decorating classes for the "talent impaired." None of the window treatment classes requires sewing; none of the furniture building classes requires the use of power tools or a saw. Each class takes place 7-10 p.m. and costs \$35. Class size is limited due to hands-on training. Call (586) 739-6319 to register or for a current schedule.

### Cranbrook Holiday Tables

A Legacy of Excellence is the theme for Holiday Tables 2003, at historic Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Holiday Tables has been a Cranbrook House tradition for 28 years. This year's event will feature 15 uniquely decorated tables. Each table will offer an abundance of innovative ideas from creating a festive centerpiece to arranging heirloom silver and china. The event will be open for general admission 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21 and 22, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23. General admission tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door. Advance tickets may be bought by calling (248) 645-3147. All proceeds from Holiday Tables 2003 will benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House. Cranbrook House is the oldest surviving manor home in Detroit. It was designed by Albert Kahn in 1908 for Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Scripps Booth.

### American Regional Revisited

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Michigan Scarab Club member paintings focuses on representational and modern works at the American Regional Revisited, presented by the Golden Fig and the Antiques Center of Troy. The exhibition features works by Harold Cohn, Carol Wald, Charles Waltensperger, William Greason and others. The exhibition's opening is 6-9 p.m. Nov. 20 and runs through Dec. 20 at The Antiques Center of Troy located on the northeast corner of Maple and Coolidge. For information, call Ron Povlich at (248) 614-0148 or Judy Frankel at (248) 649-4399.

### Grand tours

Experience the adventure of the Grand Tour at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester by retracing the journey of the Dodge-Wilson family. Guests will receive boarding passes upon arrival into the Great Hall where they will be part of a festive bon voyage before embarking on their Grand Tour. Tours are offered daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the last admittance at 4 p.m. starting Friday, Nov. 28 through Tuesday, Dec. 23.

### Letters to Santa

Children can prepare a special letter to Santa including all their holiday wishes every day from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Children also can visit with Santa at Knoke Cottage, Frances Dodge's built-to-scale playhouse, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Tuesday, Dec. 23.

### Holiday tours

The elegant style of Eleanor Ford can be seen in the lovely decorations that adorn the house during this festive season at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Drive (between 8 and 9 Mile roads) Grosse Pointe Shores Nov. 28-Jan. 4. Call (313) 884-4222 for more information.

### Holiday Centerpieces

Learn to make a fresh evergreen

arrangement suitable for your holiday table or mantle at a Holiday Centerpiece workshop from the Meadow Brook Hall floral committee 2:30-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-9:30 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9 in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester. Fresh greens and containers will be provided. Bring clippers, a utility knife and any trims that will match your decor. You will take home a finished arrangement that will last through the holidays. Fee is \$25, payable in advance. All proceeds benefit the gardens at Meadow Brook Hall. For reservations, call (248) 652-4676.

### Nutcracker Tea

Kids and their guests can enjoy tea sandwiches and desserts before a special visit with Santa in the Play House at the Edsel & Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Drive (between 8 and 9 Mile roads), Grosse Pointe Shores. Reservations are required. Cost is \$11. Dates of the teas are: 4 p.m. Dec. 3-5, 8-12, 15-18, and 4 and 6 p.m. Dec. 9 and 15. Call (313) 884-4222 for more information.

### Pet Photos with Santa

HomeFurEver Animal Rescue will be sponsoring Pet Photos with Santa 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Pet Supplies Plus on Orchard Lake Road near 13 Mile in Farmington Hills. Minimum donation of \$5 for photos. Basket raffles will be conducted throughout the day. Win a basket of pet care products.

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## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Holiday Shop

Brighten your holiday décor with beautiful artificial arrangements designed and created by the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club floral committee. The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club presents the second annual Holiday Shop 2-6 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 21-22, in the Coach House at Meadow Brook Hall on Adams Road south of Walton. All proceeds will benefit the Gardens at Meadow Brook Hall. Free admission. For information, call (248) 299-3948.

### Food drive

Help Forgotten Harvest help others. English Gardens will hold a perishable food drive at all five English Gardens stores 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, for people to drop off the makings for Thanksgiving dinner, such as turkeys, bags of potatoes, milk, butter, eggs, salad ingredients and vegetables. Forgotten Harvest will deliver the donations to numerous food providers and shelters. Forgotten Harvest is metro Detroit's food rescue organization, whose mission is to rescue fresh, perishable food and deliver it to emergency food providers in the tri-county area.

### Greens Market

Seasonal greens and arrangements will be sold at the Millford Greens Market 2003 5-8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 28 and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Millford Presbyterian Church, corner of Main and Liberty in Millford. Baked goods and home decor items available. For information, call (248) 684-2121.

### Grand tours

Experience the adventure of the Grand Tour at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester by retracing the journey of the Dodge-Wilson family. Guests will receive boarding passes upon arrival

into the Great Hall where they will be part of a festive bon voyage before embarking on their Grand Tour. Tours are offered daily 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the last admittance at 4 p.m. starting Friday, Nov. 28 through Tuesday, Dec. 23.

### Holiday greens

The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills will have a Holiday Greens Sale 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, in the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. A variety of loose, holiday greens, roping and wreaths will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit civic beautification and educational programs. For information, call (248) 737-5505.

### Farmington Garden Club

Cathy Bell, a designer with Goldner Walsh Nursery, will show several designs to brighten up winter and the holidays at the Christmas luncheon of the Farmington Garden Club noon Monday, Dec. 1, at Longacre House on west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile roads. Call Dotti Young for reservations at (248) 615-3616. Reservation deadline is Nov. 26. A \$5 donation is requested. Visitors are welcome.

### Juniors workshop

The Hill & Dale Junior Gardeners Workshop, featuring Holiday Magic for ages 5-12, will take place 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, in the downtown Farmington Library, 23500 Farmington Road. Admission is free. For information, call (248) 553-0300.

### Holiday Tea and tour

Spend a leisurely afternoon with a tour at 3 p.m. Dec. 6 and 13 of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Drive (between 8 and 9 Mile roads), Grosse Pointe Shores. The tour will be followed by sandwiches, pastries and tea in the Tea Room. The

tea and tour are \$23. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222 for more information.

### Greenmead Christmas Walk

Seven homes in Livonia will be featured on the 15th annual Friends of Greenmead Christmas Walk 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. The homes will be decorated for the holidays and open for viewings along with the Hill House at Livonia's historic Greenmead. Start your walk at the Hill House where hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served. Unique Christmas items will be available for purchase at the Hill House gift shop. Tickets can be purchased for \$9 in advance and \$10 in person the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased at any of the Livonia libraries, the Livonia Civic Center Library Gift Shop at Farmington and 5 Mile, Greenmead at 8 Mile and Newburgh and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. For information call (734) 466-3540 or (734) 425-4855.

### Hill & Dale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club of Farmington Hills will have a general meeting 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, in the Day Camp of the Heritage Park Visitor's Center, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The meeting will feature a holiday evergreen workshop presented by Stacy Buatti, past president of Hill & Dale and a floral business owner. Materials for a project are needed. For information, call (248) 426-9037.

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# Floating hardwood floors

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

What makes floating hardwood floors different from traditional hardwood flooring is that such floors aren't glued and-or nailed to the wood sub-floor or concrete slab.

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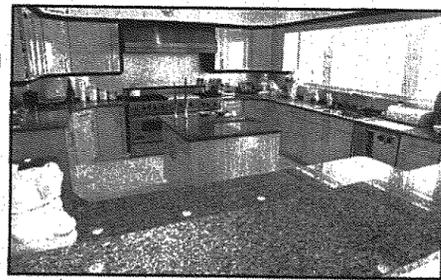
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The ThunderDOG bar is available at pet stores and human health stores. Its suggested retail price is \$1.69. For more information, call Natural Life Pet Products at (800) 367-2391, or visit [www.K9ThunderDog.com](http://www.K9ThunderDog.com).

## Fireplace repair provides fall, winter comfort

With winter fast approaching, many homeowners are preparing to spend a significant amount of time indoors. An excellent source of indoor comfort and relaxation during the fall and winter is a fireplace. Unfortunately, standard wear and tear to a fireplace can result in minor brickwork damage, reducing its overall appearance and use.

Homeowners can easily and effectively address damaged brickwork on a fireplace in a time- and cost-efficient manner to maximize indoor enjoyment during the fall and winter months. In addition to facilitating a warm and dry home environment while improving energy efficiency, homeowners can personally handle minor exterior fireplace brickwork repair without the services of a professional to improve the appearance of their home.

The tools and materials required for repairing brickwork on a fireplace include QUIKRETE Mortar Mix, plugging or joining chisel, bricklayer's hammer, wire brush, jointer, pointing trowel, and a wheelbarrow. The following step-by-step instructions will allow homeowners to successfully repair fireplace brickwork:

■ **Mixing the mortar mix** - Mix the required amount of QUIKRETE Mortar Mix with just enough water to achieve a firm, unworkable mix that retains its form when pressed into a ball in the hand. The resulting mix will be slightly drier than that normally used to lay new brick. Only mix enough mortar that can be used in about 45 minutes.

■ **Preparing the joints** - Use a chisel to cut out the mortar joints to an approximate depth of 3/4-inch to 1 inch and brush out any remaining loose mortar or sand. A clean, solid surface is required for good bonding.

■ **Replacing bad bricks** -

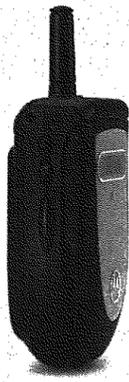
Any bricks in the wall that are badly broken or deteriorated should be cut out and replaced prior to re-pointing. Select new bricks that match the old bricks as closely as possible. Cut the old brick completely out of the wall, then clean out the recess carefully. Dampen the cavity and the replacement brick with water. Apply a thick layer of QUIKRETE Mortar Mix to the bottom and sides of the cavity. Apply mortar to the top of the brick and slide it into the cavity. Mortar should squeeze out from the joints. Follow finishing instructions below.

■ **Re-pointing** - Dampen the cleaned joints with a brush and water. Load the trowel with mortar and press firmly into the joints - vertical joints first, followed by horizontal joints. This sequence allows unbroken horizontal strokes with the jointer to form straight, even bed joints. In most cases, joints are filled flush to the wall face, then slightly depressed with the jointer and brushed clean. For extremely deep joints, fill in about half of the joint depth, wait until the mortar is thumbprint hard and re-point the remainder of the joint.

■ **Finishing** - When the mortar is thumbprint hard, tool the joints to match the surrounding mortar. In hot conditions, dampen the re-pointed joints to prevent the mortar from drying too fast. Keep the mortar joints damp for at least 48 hours to aid in the curing process. Tool the joints to match those in the sound sections of the wall.

QUIKRETE recommends homeowners service their fireplaces on a regular basis to include having all interior chimney brickwork repair done by a certified professional. For more information on concrete and related do-it-yourself projects, visit [www.quikrete.com](http://www.quikrete.com) or call (800) 282-5828.

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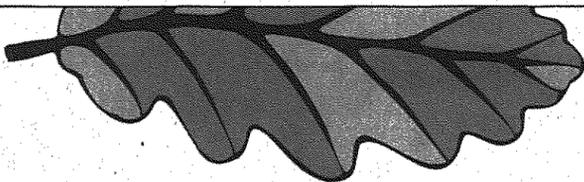
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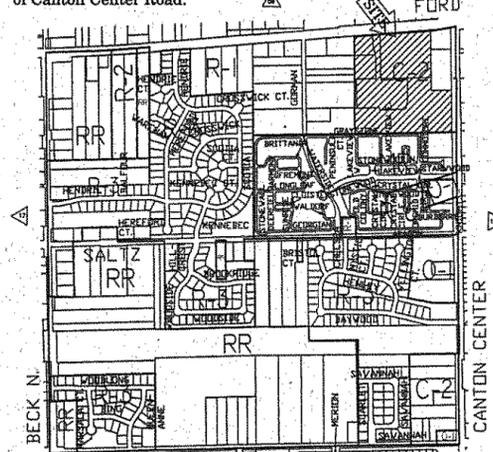
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### PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 1, 2003 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed special land use request as provided in Section 27.03 of the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance:

**CENTRE VILLAGE SPECIAL LAND USE - CONSIDER REQUEST FOR SPECIAL LAND USE APPROVAL FOR A PLANNED SHOPPING CENTER AS REQUIRED IN SECTION 16.02B FOR PARCEL NOS. 061 99 0002 002, 061 99 0003 702 AND 061 99 0003 703.** Property is located south of Ford and west of Canton Center Road.



**ZONING MAP**  
SECTION 16

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Wednesday, November 26, 2003 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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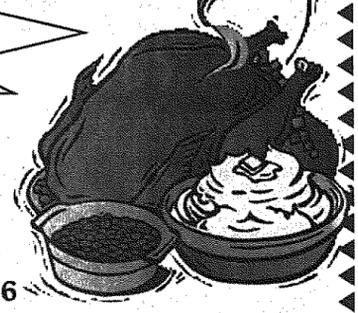
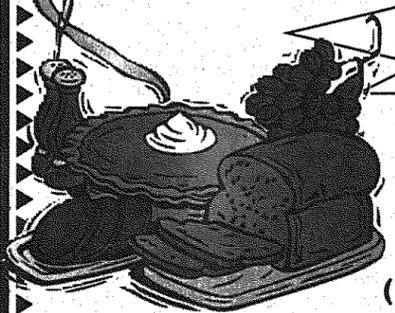
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# Five mansions decked out for Dec. 7 holiday walk

The Grosse Pointe South High School Mothers' Club will hold its annual Holiday Walk fund-raiser noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7. The self-directed tour will feature five Grosse Pointe mansions dressed up for the holidays.

Two spectacular waterfront mansions, including a 14,000 square foot home designed by William Stratton, reveal breathtaking views of Lake St. Clair. The tour will also include three charming historic estates, sure to offer what organizers call an experience of a lifetime to visitors. Exquisite gardens, Pewabic tiles and old-world craftsmanship are displayed throughout an original Lakeshore Tudor Mansion, built by Leonard Willeke in 1927.

From an English Country estate with four fireplaces, spiral staircase/grand foyer

and two kitchens; to the custom built New England-style waterfront, reminiscent of the Hamptons out east; these five stately homes are as diverse as they come and complement a variety of decorating tastes.

The tour will also offer wonderful pastries and music. Michelle Bommarito, renowned local pastry chef who trained at the historic Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York, will share her art of decorating petitfours throughout the afternoon. Grosse Pointe South High School musicians will perform in various ensembles at selected homes.

Proceeds from the 2003 Holiday Walk will benefit Grosse Pointe South's Scholarships, Enrichment and Preservation. Five local businesses are sponsoring the homes on this year's tour: Adlhoch and Associates Realtors, Chase Manhattan

Mortgage Corp., The Hill Association, Phil Pitters Masonry and Concrete, and A.J. Gallagher of Michigan, Insurance.

Tickets are available at the pre-event ticket price of \$15. The day of the tour tickets will be \$18 and can be purchased at any of the tour homes. Tickets are available at the following Grosse Pointe businesses: Cavanaugh's Office Supply and Gifts; Hickey's-Walton Pierce Clothier; Grosse Pointe War Memorial; Pointe Pedlar, Rennell & Co.; and the Grosse Pointe South School Store. Tickets can also be purchased at Heslops, located on Mack Avenue in St. Clair Shores.

For more information, contact Lynne Maxwell at (313) 822-0438 or e-mail her at [anna.maxwell@bms.com](mailto:anna.maxwell@bms.com) (Children must be at least 10 years of age. Photographs are prohibited during the tour.)



Co-chairs Jane Bashara (left) and Kellie McMillan prepare for the Grosse Pointe South Mothers' Club Holiday Walk.

# Prepare soil now for planting for less work in the spring

BY LEE REICH  
AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Preparing the ground now for planting lets you get your first seeds into that ground earlier in spring.

Although wet soil often delays spring soil preparation, in fall the soil is usually just right for digging - moist, but not sodden.

Fall tillage is less work because your goal is to leave

the soil in rough clods, rather than to create a fine seedbed. Freezing and thawing in winter breaks those clods so simple raking crumbles them into a smooth seedbed.

An even easier way to avoid delay in spring planting is by not tilling at all. We till soils for aeration, but that's needed because we compact soils by walking on them. Lay out your garden in permanent beds and paths and you never have to

walk where you plant, so the soil never needs tilling.

Whether or not you till your soil, now is also a good time to get a jump on weeds. Waiting until spring gives annual weeds plenty of time to ripen and disperse their seeds, and perennial weeds time to get a strong foothold.

Either hoe weeds to death or pull them out, roots and all. Garden edges need special attention to prevent creeping

weeds, such as quackgrass and ground ivy, from sneaking in.

Fall is also a good season to make and use compost. All at once, so much compostable material is available: tomato vines, rotted fruits and vegetables, trimmings and pits from canning and freezing, tree leaves and grass clippings. A compost pile built this fall should be thoroughly broken down and ready for use within a year. Use compost to blanket untilled beds.

If you till, spread compost over the surface after you till.

An inch or two of compost each year supplies much of the nutrition that plants need, but your garden might also need more concentrated fertilizers and, perhaps, lime.

Fall is also a good time to apply lime and fertilizer, especially organic fertilizers, which are less likely than synthetic fertilizers to leach out of the soil by spring. Soybean meal is

an organic fertilizer that is rich in nitrogen (7 percent) and inexpensive. Usually, one feeding, at the rate of 6 cups per hundred square feet, is all that's needed for the year.

Don't worry about having nothing to do in spring. With soil readied, you can channel your primal urges to get out into the garden in spring into such activities as pruning, mowing, tidying up - and sowing seeds, of course.

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# Taste

WINE ■ RECIPES ■ SPECIALTIES

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Thanksgiving  
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## Side dish

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### Wassail Feast

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will present its 18th annual Wassail Feast at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, Thursday, Dec. 4. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. on the third floor of the campus' Building J.

The Wassail dinner is a contemporary version of an Old English holiday feast, with five courses prepared and served by the institute's students and chef instructors. Appropriate wines are included and jesters, merrymakers, singers and musicians are on hand to make the event a historic experience.

Admission is \$50 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Call (248) 522-3703 for tickets.

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BUTTERBALL

Turkey traditionally takes centerstage for Thanksgiving meals, along with side dishes of stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy.

# Holiday helpings

## Tradition fills Thanksgiving platters

### But variety spices up some dishes

Thanksgiving remains the American holiday most associated with food.

It is hard to think of another celebration that is recognized like Thanksgiving for its traditional dinner and its importance for family gatherings or friends getting together.

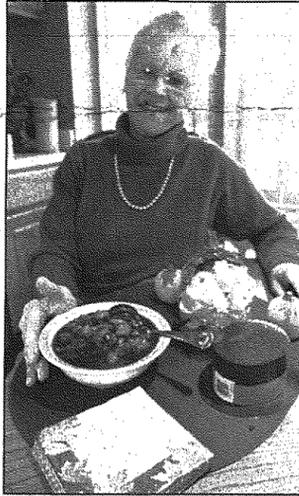
Many enjoy the traditional foods associated with the holiday. Others may look to vary their menus for lighter fare without compromising the taste.

We've tried to incorporate a variety of recipes to suit a variety of tastes in today's Taste section. Next week, we'll tackle the leftovers.

#### A DINNER IN PLYMOUTH

Diane Montagano prepares a Thanksgiving meal for herself, her sister Judi Valentine of Whitcomb Lake and a family friend at her Plymouth home.

"Thanksgiving is probably my favorite meal," she said. It was one she used to enjoy at a grandparent's home, then her mother prepared it — today, she prepares it. Loaded mashed potatoes, cranber-



Diane Montagano will create her cranberry sauce supreme for her Thanksgiving meal at her home in Plymouth.

ry sauce supreme and paradise pumpkin pie will be on her menu.

Traditions remain on these dishes, but there is some variation.

The oranges tone down the cranberry taste, she says. "It adds more of a fruity flavor," Montagano said. She also likes to add horseradish, which gives it heat like a picante

sauce. "It picks up the flavor," she said.

Montagano says she has had the recipe for her paradise pumpkin pie for at least 35 years, clipped from either a *Family Circle* or *Woman's Day* magazine. It's the only pumpkin pie she says her sister will eat.

"The cream cheese makes it lighter tasting," Montagano said.

"It's not as — shall I say — 'squashy' tasting." She pre-cooks the crust so it doesn't get soggy when pouring in the pumpkin-cheese custard mixture.

And the turkey? Since the gathering is so small, she prepares only a turkey breast, and not the entire bird. She'll rub the outside with Lawry's seasoned salt and pepper and maybe a little garlic salt, then melt butter and dried parsley. She'll cover it with foil and cook at 400°F for 15 minutes, then at 325°F for a half-hour and baste it.

She'll keep an eye on it before removing the foil to brown it even more. For a 6- to 8-pound breast, she gives it 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 hours before it is done.

Florine Mark of Weight Watchers says harvest festivals and

#### FLORINE MARK

PLEASE SEE THANKSGIVING, D2

#### CORNISH HENS WITH APRICOT SAUCE

1 cup orange juice  
1/2 cup and 4 tablespoons coffee liqueur  
1/2 cup apricot preserves  
4 tablespoons balsamic vinegar  
4 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
4 (1 1/2 pounds) Cornish hens, quartered

Preheat the oven to 450°F. Combine the orange juice, liqueur and preserves in a small saucepan; bring to boil. Cook, stirring until the preserves melt, 1-2 minutes. Reduce heat and simmer until syrupy, about four minutes. Remove from heat and stir in the vinegar and mustard. Transfer 1/4 cup of the sauce into a small bowl.

Gently lift the skin from the meat on each hen; brush one tablespoon of the sauce from the bowl under the skin of each. Place the hens in a single layer in a roasting pan. Roast until cooked, about 25 minutes

Just before serving, bring the sauce back to a boil. Place two pieces of hen on each of eight plates; spoon the sauce over each.

Serve with rice pilaf or risotto and simple vegetables, such as Brussels sprouts or sautéed green beans. If entertaining, leave the birds whole for a dramatic presentation. Whole birds should be roasted at 350°F for about one hour (an instant-read thermometer inserted in the thigh should register 180°F). Makes eight servings.

For a more traditional and slightly sweeter sauce, use ruby port instead of coffee liqueur.

Serving size: 1/2 Cornish hen with about 2 tablespoons sauce

Nutritional information per serving: 296 Cal, 5 g Fat, 1 g Sat Fat, 103 mg Cholesterol, 279 mg Sodium, 30 g Carbs, 0 g Fiber, 24 g Protein, 34 mg Calcium. Weight Watchers points per serving: 6

Recipe from Weight Watchers Best of Weight Watchers Magazine, Vol. 1, courtesy of Florine Mark.



WEIGHT WATCHERS

These Cornish hens are flavored with apricot preserves, Dijon mustard and balsamic vinegar.

## Celebrate Thanksgiving with American wines

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday. American wines, especially those from California, have contributed much to our culture and added festivity to celebrations.

A traditional Thanksgiving feast, however, offers wine one of its biggest challenges as a flavorful accompaniment to traditional foods, which range from spicy dressing to sweet potatoes and on to piquant cranberry sauce.



### Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

A good choice for a pre-dinner wine is a chardonnay with balanced oak. If truth be told, California has stepped back from the overoaked lumber yard wines so prevalent a few years ago.

With chardonnay, what you pay is "generally" what you get in flavor, richness and overall generosity with finesse. The following are good choices.

**Chardonnay picks of the pack:** 2001 Stag's Leap Wine Cellars Arcadia Vineyard (\$45); 2000 Chalk Hill (\$42); 2001 Cuvaion Estate Selection (\$34); and 2001 Dutton-Goldfield Dutton Ranch (\$30).

**Chardonnay flavor-packed values:** 2001 Kendall-Jackson Camelot Bench (\$17); 2001 Beringer Vineyards (\$16); 2001 Mazzocco Vineyards River Lane Vineyards (\$15); and 2002 R.H. Phillips Toasted Head (\$14).

**Wallet-friendly chardonnays:** 2002 Sonoma Hill (\$13); and 2002 Andretti Selections (\$10).

An other-than-chardonnay superb choice is pinot gris. One of the best we've ever tried is 2002 MacMurray Ranch Pinot Gris (\$23). It's also an excellent choice for a white wine at dinner for anyone who does not care to drink red wine.

The 2002 Bonny Doon Pacific Rim Dry Riesling (\$10) is another fruity, light, easy-to-drink white. It has an easy-to-open screw cap closure.

#### MOST AMERICAN RED

Although zinfandel is one of California's oldest grape varieties, it's not native. Yet it is growers and wineries in California that have given it world renown.

On that count and because it is versatile with a variety of food flavors, zinfandel is our red wine choice for Thanksgiving.

No doubt, the Dry Creek Valley of California's Sonoma County is prime zinfandel land. Coming on strong is the Lodi region of California, nestled between the Sierra Foothills and the San Francisco Bay Delta.

Lodi offers the ideal climate for producing juicy, ripe, full-flavored zins with good structure and mellow tannins.

Since the late 1800s, Lodi has a long history of producing some of the finest zinfandel grapes.

Since grapes were shipped east to home winemakers, Lodi vineyards survived Prohibition.

In the 1970s and 1980s, these vineyards aided the growth of white zinfandel. Now, they have emerged as some of the finest grape sources for old vine red zinfandel at reasonable prices.

**Recommended zins from Lodi:**  
■ 2001 Bogle Old Vine Zinfandel (\$12)  
■ 2001 Kenwood Old Vine Zinfandel (\$13)  
■ 2002 Laurel Glen "ZA ZIN" Old Vine Zinfandel (\$18)  
■ 2001 Michael David "7 Deadly Zins" Old Vine Zinfandel (\$18)  
■ 2001 Robert Biale Spenser Vineyard Zinfandel (\$35)  
■ 2001 Talus Zinfandel (\$9)  
■ 2001 Windmill Estates Old Vine Zinfandel (\$12)

Although not from the Lodi region, Bogle makes another unique wine, 2000 Bogle Phantom (\$16), a blend of 40 percent old vine zinfandel, 50 percent petite sirah and 10 percent old vine mourvedre. It pleases with a little more heft.

#### SELECT SCREW CAPS

For no fuss, select wines with a screw cap closure. That's not Three Buck Chuck. Rather, "Ten Clam Graham" from Randall Graham, owner of California's Bonny Doon Vineyard.

Under his Ca del Solo brand, it's hard to beat the balanced flavors in 2002 Big House White (\$10) and 2002 Big House Red (\$10).

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THANKSGIVING

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# Enjoy 'new age' stuffing with old-fashioned taste

Thanksgiving celebrations of sorts were held by ancient Greeks, Romans, Hebrews, Chinese and Egyptians.

"Festivities lasted for days, celebrating anything from fighting off spirits that threatened crops to the fertility of women," Mark said.

"The Romans' harvest festival was called Cerelia, honoring their goddess of corn, Ceres, which is where the word cereal comes from.

The Chinese baked "moon cakes," Jewish families hung fruits and vegetables inside huts when celebrating Sukkoth, and the Egyptians paid homage to Min, their god of vegetation and fertility."

The original Thanksgiving feast by the Pilgrims and Native Americans included boiled pumpkin, berries, corn, fish, watercress, lobster, dried fruit, clams, venison and plums, but no turkey, Mark said.

Today Thanksgiving meals continue to evolve, she said.

"Even though most of us relish in serving up a traditional feast, many of us look for new twists on holiday spreads," Mark said.

"If you can't imagine Thanksgiving without turkey and the usual trimmings, try smoking or frying yours for a unique flavor.

And if you want to give your meal a truly inspired taste, there are many wonderful Thanksgiving recipes with a southwestern, French or southern flair.

"Even my vegetarian friends tell me tofu turkeys are quite tasty!"

"Some of Mark's favorites include Cornish Hens with Apricot Sauce, Sage & Herb Whole Wheat Stuffing, and Pumpkin Risotto.

Please see accompanying recipes, including some from Montagano, Mark and Papa Joe's Gourmet Market.

Stuffing doesn't have to be on the cannot-eat list this Thanksgiving. Although typically high in fat and loaded with refined carbs, stuffing can be updated with health considerations without sacrificing flavor.

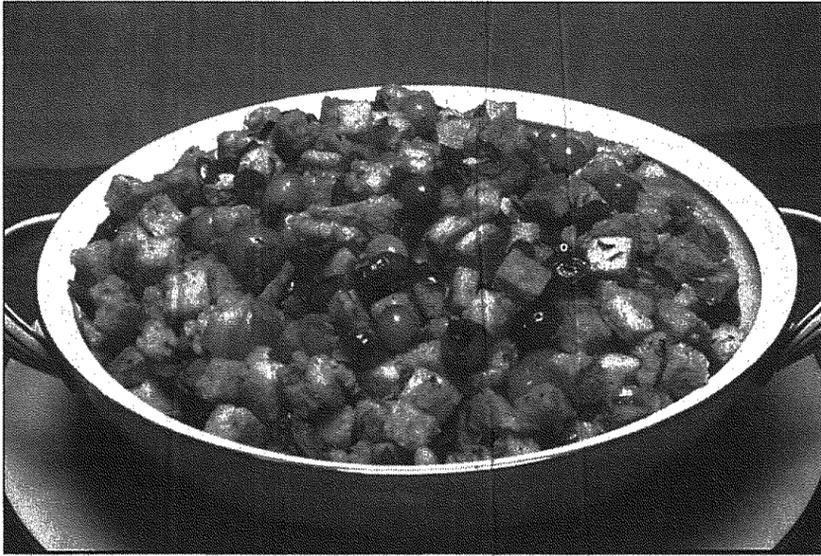
One easy way is to use whole grains - full of health-protective dietary fiber and nutrients - in place of refined bread.

Another is to use a non-stick pan and just enough oil to prevent sticking, thereby cutting calories and fat in the sautéing process.

Substituting dried fruit for some of the bread adds texture and color as well as nutrients. A generous use of herbs and seasoning also adds flavor. This stuffing, made with cranberries and walnuts, is almost good enough for dessert.

**WHOLE-GRAIN STUFFING WITH CRANBERRIES AND WALNUTS**

- 1 24-oz. loaf sliced 100 percent whole wheat bread, one day old
- 2 cups dried cranberries, or mix of dried cranberries, cherries and golden raisins
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 bunch scallions (green onions), trimmed and finely chopped
- 2 teaspoons dried thyme, or to taste
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts
- 1/4 cup finely chopped flat-leaf



Enjoy whole-grain stuffing with cranberries and walnuts.

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parsley  
1/2 cup chopped fresh chives  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
3 1/2 cups (about) canned non-fat, reduced-sodium chicken broth, heated until hot

Preheat oven to 250°F. Arrange bread slices on oven rack and leave in oven until very dry but not brown, about 30 minutes. Shut off oven and

allow bread to cool until easily handled.

Transfer bread to large bowl. Turn oven back on and pre-heat to 325 degrees.

Meanwhile, place dried fruit in large, heat-proof bowl and cover with very hot water. Let stand until water is lukewarm. Drain and set fruit aside in large bowl.

Heat a non-stick pan over medium-high heat until very

hot. Place oil in pan and heat until very hot.

Add onion and sauté, stirring constantly, until onion is translucent and golden. Stir in scallions and thyme. With slotted spoon, transfer mixture to bowl containing drained fruit.

In a large bowl break bread into coarse crumbs. Mix in dried fruit and sautéed onions. Mix in walnuts, parsley and

chives. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Tossing gently so stuffing does not get compacted, and constantly so liquid is evenly distributed, add enough hot broth until mixture is moist but not wet.

(Depending on type of bread used, additional broth may be needed.) Taste and adjust seasoning if necessary, adding salt, pepper and thyme, if desired. If mixture seems dry, add additional hot broth, as desired.

To bake stuffing, lightly coat a shallow baking pan with canola oil spray and transfer stuffing to 9-by-13-inch pan.

Using canola oil spray, lightly coat the dull side of a sheet of foil large enough to seal pan. Cover and seal baking pan with foil (shiny side out) and bake about 1 hour.

If less moist stuffing with a slightly crisp top is desired, remove foil halfway through baking time.

Serve immediately or store, tightly covered, in refrigerator for up to 2 days. Reheat chilled stuffing before serving.

Makes 9 cups of stuffing or 18 one-half cup servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 175 calories, 4 g. total fat (<1 g. saturated fat), 28 g. carbohydrate, 6 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 293 g. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## More Americans enjoy meatless Thanksgiving

Millions of Americans will celebrate Thanksgiving this year in hotel ballrooms, community and church halls, and private homes with a wholesome assortment of the earth's bounty: grains, vegetables, and fruits.

The bill of fare also may include an "unturkey" lentil or nut roast, stuffed squash, corn

chowder or chestnut soup, candied yams, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie or pecan pie and carrot cake.

Plant-based eating is becoming increasingly popular as consumers discover the health, environmental and ethical benefits of kicking the meat habit. More than 30 million Americans have explored meat-

less eating, and one in three teens think vegetarianism is "cool." Mainstream health advocacy groups are touting plant-based diets, and major food manufacturers and retailers are marketing meatless meals. Even Burger King now offers veggie burgers, and McDonald's is test marketing its own version on the West Coast.

Vegetarians have a plethora of options to make a sumptuous Thanksgiving meal. If pressed for time, they can order a delicious, healthy, ready-to-eat "unturkey" made of tofu and seitan, with traditional trimmings, either on-line or from their local health food market. Those who prefer a more traditional meal, cooked from

scratch, have a large variety of cookbooks and web sites to choose from.

For recipes, please visit:  
www.ivu.org/recipes/holiday/  
www.vegetarian.net/tgiving.html  
www.vegweb.com/misc/thanksgiving.  
www.vegkitchen.com/thanksgiving  
www.peta.org/feat/canada/  
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Congratulations to Angela Gadlage of Leonard Elementary School in Troy, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Outstanding Teacher for November.

"Mrs. Gadlage has a true gift with children making them feel secure and important, while making learning an adventure," wrote Patty Davis, a parent from the Troy School District.

"Mrs. Gadlage communicates through notes to calm anxious parents sending their kindergartner off to school. She always keeps parents informed. She also offers parents the opportunity to be involved in so many ways," said Mrs. Davis.

These include the "Secret Reader" in which weekly a parent surprises the class by coming in to read. Also "Cooking Helper" where weekly the kindergarten class learns a letter of the alphabet. A parent helps the class in making something edible that corresponds to that week's alphabet letter. And finally, a classroom helper where parents, working with small groups of students, uses hands on games and activities to reinforce spelling and letters.

"Mrs. Gadlage send home a weekly newsletter. I find this gives me the opportunity to reinforce what is being taught.

"She respects our children so much that they willingly respect her as their figure of authority. Her classroom remains in her control even when the children are bursting with excitement. Angela Gadlage makes learning a fun experience. For all of her hardwork and dedication to the youngest of students, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers her as November's Feature Teacher.

Congratulations to Tim Spriggs, music and humanities teacher at St. Fabian Catholic School in Farmington Hills for his selection as the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Feature Teacher of November.

Tim's position as music and humanities teacher has taken him into every classroom (K-8) at St. Fabian. In addition to the two specialty choirs, all 470 school students sing in recitals and at Mass every Friday.

"For the past nine years, Tim has touched the lives of thousands of students, parishioners and community members," wrote the more than 90 students, parents and teachers who nominated Tim for the award. "Like the ripple effect of a stone thrown in a pond, graduates of St. Fabian's music programs have gone on to tough others as well."

"Tim has transformed what was a simple annual talent show to a full-blown musical production beyond the caliber of many high school performances. Tim has gone way beyond the call of duty to coordinate, produce and direct this endeavor. His philosophy is that every student who "tries out" has a part. And with that, he has an amazing ability to maximize the gift each participant possesses. Each student comes away more killed and confident.

"This is noteworthy because Tim accomplishes everything most full-time teacher do, in a part-time position. His full time job is Liturgical Musician at St. Fabian Church where he leads the congregation at five masses weekly (plus special ceremonies) and directs two student and three adult choirs," wrote his nominators.

Tim has talent, commitment and enthusiasm and for that the Observer & Eccentric is pleased to name him a Feature Teacher for November.

# Set the table with sage stuffing, cranberry relish, and rice-mushroom casserole

## SAGE AND HERB WHOLE WHEAT STUFFING

- 12 slices whole wheat bread, stale or dried
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 cup celery (include leaves), chopped
- 1 teaspoon dried sage
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 2 egg whites, lightly beaten (optional)
- 1/2 cup chicken broth or Butter Buds liquid

Take eight of the 12 slices of bread and tear them into small pieces. Place the pieces in a food processor or blender, and process into coarse crumbs. There should be 4 cups. (Adjust the amount if necessary.) Cut the remaining bread into cubes.

Place the bread crumbs and cubes in a large bowl, and add all of the remaining ingredients except for the chicken broth. Toss to mix well. Slowly add the broth as you continue tossing.

Coat a 2-quart casserole dish with nonstick cooking spray. Loosely spoon the stuffing into the dish, and bake uncovered at 325°F for 45 minutes to an hour, or until heated through and lightly browned on top. Serve hot. Makes 12 servings.

Serving size: 1/2 cup. Nutritional information per serving: 92 Cal, 1 g Fat, 0 mg Cholesterol, 205 mg Sodium, 2.5 g Fiber, 3.7 g Protein. Points Per Serving: 1

Recipe courtesy of Florine Mark from Weight Watchers International.

## PUMPKIN RISOTTO

- 3 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- 4 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 cup Arborio rice
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tablespoon packed dark brown sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Ground white pepper, to taste
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Bring the broth to a boil in saucepan. Reduce the heat and keep at a simmer.

Heat a large nonstick saucepan over medium-high heat. Swirl in the oil, and then add the onions and garlic. Cook until softened. Add the rice and cook, stirring, until the outer shell is translucent, about 1 min.

Add the wine and 1/2 cup of broth; stir until they are absorbed. Continue to add broth, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring until it is absorbed before adding more, until the rice is just tender. The cooking time from the first addition of broth should be about 20 min. Stir in the pumpkin, cheese, brown sugar, cinnamon, salt, and pepper; heat through. Sprinkle with the nutmeg and serve at once.

A classic in Italian restaurants, pumpkin risotto with a touch of spice is an elegant choice for a special dinner, and surprisingly simple to make. Be sure to have the table set and the rest of the meal ready before you start; you'll need 20 minutes of stirring time at the stove. Serve it right from the pan.

To make fresh pumpkin puree, chop 1/2 pound of peeled pumpkin (butternut squash works well too) into 1-inch chunks.

Boil the pumpkin in 1 cup water until tender, and then puree the pumpkin with about 1/2 cup of the cooking liquid in a food processor or blender. Makes four servings

Serving size: 1-1/4 cups. Nutritional information per serving: 357 Cal, 10 g Fat, 3 g Sat Fat, 8 mg Cholesterol, 439 mg Sodium, 48 g Carbs, 1 g Fiber, 11 g Protein, 187 mg Calcium. Points Per Serving: 8

Recipe courtesy of Florine Mark from the Best of Weight Watchers Magazine, Vol. 1.

## PINEAPPLE JALAPENO CHUTNEY (FOR A HOLIDAY HAM)

- 1 pound honey pineapple, peeled, cored and cut into medium chunks
- 1 medium "Veri Sweet" onion, diced in small pieces
- 2-3 jalapenos, seeded & sliced (Note: Adjust this ingredient to your taste buds, as jalapenos can get very hot)
- 1/2 cup of canola oil
- 2 red sweet bell peppers, cored, seeded & diced into small pieces
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons cumin seed, toasted
- 6 ounces fresh roma tomato, concassé (diced small)
- Kosher salt to taste
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 1 cup of rice vinegar
- 4 tablespoons cilantro, chiffonade (snipped into thin strips)

Sauté onion in canola oil. Add red pepper, jalapeno, cinnamon stick and soften, then add toasted cumin seed, pineapple, vinegar and brown sugar, and salt and pepper to taste.

Add the tomatoes and adjust the seasoning. Add cilantro and toss, then chill. Recipe courtesy of Papa Joe's Gourmet Market.

## SWEET & SNAPPY FRESH TANGERINE CRANBERRY RELISH

- 5 pounds fresh cranberries
- 2 quarts tangerine juice
- 1 cup tangerine zest
- 1 cup fresh ginger
- 1 quart rice vinegar
- Approximately 2 pounds brown sugar
- 1 quart water
- 2 pieces chili peppers (note: adjust to your taste buds)
- 2 pieces cinnamon stick
- 2 ounces of water and arrowroot
- Kosher salt to taste
- Ground black pepper to taste

Wash cranberries and sort them. Mix all ingredients except the arrowroot and tangerine zest. Bring ingredients to a bowl and simmer until cranberries soften.

Reduce the heat and then add arrow root and tangerine zest. Adjust your seasonings & chill. Recipe courtesy of Papa Joe's Gourmet Market.

## MUSHROOM-RICE CASSEROLE

- 1 cup raw white rice
- 1 can consomme (undiluted)
- 1 can onion soup (undiluted)
- 1 large can mushrooms, drained
- 1 stick butter, melted

- 2 teaspoons dill weed
- 1 teaspoon ground pepper

Mix together. Bake in covered dish for 1 hour at 350°F.

Recipe courtesy of Diane Montagano of Plymouth.

## SQUASH CASSEROLE

- 3 cups of a mix of zucchini and yellow squash, chopped
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup half & half
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup Romano cheese, grated
- 1 cup Ritz crackers, crushed

Preheat oven to 350°F. Sauté squash and onions in butter. Drain.

Add remaining ingredients except cheese and crackers. Put into 9-by-13-inch casserole dish. Top with cheese and crackers. Bake 20 minutes.

Recipe courtesy of Diane Montagano

## LOADED MASHED POTATOES

- 4 pounds Golden Yukon potatoes
- 1 cup half & half
- 12 ounces French onion dip
- 1-1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup shredded Asiago or Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup cooked and crumbled bacon
- Chopped green onions (for garnish)

Peel potatoes, cut into eighths and bring to a boil. Simmer until tender, drain and mash. Add milk, dip, salt and pepper. Put in shallow 2-quart baking dish, then sprinkle with cheese and bacon.

Bake at 350°F for 20 minutes, sprinkle with chopped green onions. Serves 8-10.

Recipe courtesy of Diane Montagano of Plymouth.

## PARADISE PUMPKIN PIE

- 8 ounce package cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar (#1)
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 9-inch unbaked pie shell
- 1-1/2 cups canned pumpkin
- 1/2 cup sugar (#2)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- dash of salt
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 2 eggs slightly beaten
- Maple syrup
- Chopped pecans

Heat oven to 350°F. Combine cream cheese, sugar (#1) and vanilla, and blend well. Add egg, mix well. Spread onto bottom of pie shell. Combine remaining ingredients, mix well. Carefully pour over cream cheese mixture. Bake 1 hour and 5 minutes or until done. Cool. Brush with maple syrup and sprinkle with nuts.

Recipe courtesy of Diane Montagano of Plymouth.

# Holiday cooks can find help on phone hotlines and online

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

Here are some of them: ■ U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline: (888) 674-6854.

Food safety specialists answer calls about meat and poultry preparation and cooking questions, year-round Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST, except Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day, when hours will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Recorded information is available 24 hours a day at the same number. Also available in Spanish.

On the Net: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov>. ■ Butterball Turkey Talk-Line: (800) 288-8372.

Home economists and nutritionists answer holiday cooks' questions, in both English and Spanish, for callers in the United States and Canada. Callers can request free pamphlet with safety and cooking tips and recipes.

Nov. 3 to Nov. 21, weekdays 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. CST.

Nov. 22 to Nov. 23, weekend before Thanksgiving, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST.

Nov. 24 to Nov. 26, Mon.-Wed. before Thanksgiving, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 27, Thanksgiving Day, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST.

Nov. 28 to Dec. 23, weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST.

Dec. 24 to Dec. 25, Christmas Eve-Christmas Day, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dec. 26, day after Christmas, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

■ Foster Farms Turkey Helpline: (800) 255-7227. Turkey-cooking questions are answered and information given by live operators 24 hours a day Nov. 19 through Dec. 1 (including Thanksgiving Day). Before and after those dates, the helpline is available 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. PST, Monday through Friday.

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

■ Perdue consumer helpline: (800) 473-7383.

Consumer-relations representatives answer cooking, storage and other questions about poultry products weekdays year-round (except Nov. 28 and Christmas Day) 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. EST. Free booklet offer with tips on safe handling of poultry.

Longer hours Thanksgiving week:

Monday, Nov. 24 and Tuesday, Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. EST.

Wednesday, Nov. 26, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EST.

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

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

■ Shady Brook Farms Turkey Line: (888) 723-4468. An automated service offering information on buying and cooking turkeys.

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

■ Empire Kosher poultry customer hotline: (800) 367-4734, or (717) 436-5921.

Help is offered by consumer-affairs representatives year-round Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. EST; Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

Program offers recipes,

newsletter, tips on defrosting and cooking poultry.

Closed Jewish and secular holidays.

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

■ Reynolds Turkey Tips Line (800) 745-4000.

A year-round 24-hour automated hot line; through Dec. 31 offers advice on turkey defrosting, preparation and cooking options, free brochure and recipes.

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

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# Here are the top 10 worst Low-Carb Taste Fest is Saturday turkey day mistakes

You haven't even put the summer clothes away for the season and it's already time to plan the annual cooking of the bird. You do recall that last year's turkey was, well, a real turkey.

The meat was tough, dry, and tasteless. How to prevent this year's meal from going to the birds? Turkeyhelp.com, brought to you by Cook's Illustrated, offers up a list of the top 10 mistakes to avoid.

**The Wrong Bird:** It's not necessarily true that fresh birds are better than frozen. The secret to a good frozen turkey is to buy one that has been basted - that is, it has been injected with a solution of turkey broth, salt, and other ingredients.

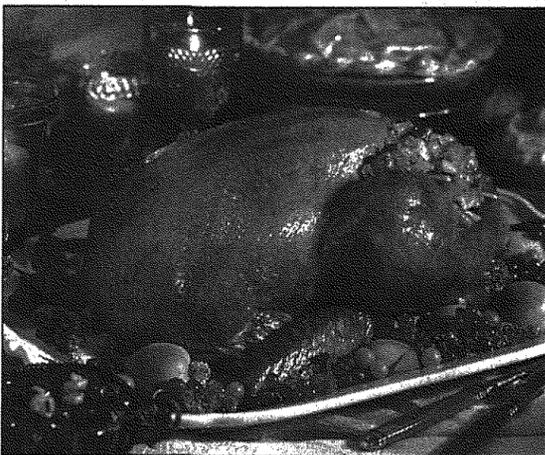
In a testing of 8 brands, Marval was the winner among frozen birds. Empire kosher turkey was the favorite fresh bird tasted.

**It's still frozen!** Most people don't realize that a 20-pound bird can take four days - not a mere 24 hours - to thaw out in the refrigerator. You do not want to thaw a turkey on the counter because bacteria multiplies quickly at room temperature.

**The early (stuffed) bird gets the worm:** Stuffing is the perfect environment for the growth of bacteria. If you must stuff the bird, do so just before roasting to ensure safety and cook until the stuffing reaches 165 degrees.

**To truss or not to truss:** No, you do not want to truss the turkey (unless it is stuffed). Leaving the cavity open allows for better circulation of hot air and will speed up cooking of the dark meat. This means that the breast meat is less likely to dry out.

**Pop goes the thermometer:** Miniature turkey thermometers often pop at temperatures at or about 180°F, which, for most birds, is too high. It is best to use your own



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Turkey traditionally takes centerstage for Thanksgiving meals, along with side dishes of stuffing, cranberry sauce and gravy.

instant-read thermometer.

**Dull knives:** Most home cooks have very dull knives, which makes carving next to impossible. Sharpening steels will not rescue a really dull knife, but a good electric knife sharpener will. Cook's Illustrated recommends Chef's Choice Knife Sharpener (the three-slot model).

**Mashed potatoes (or glue?):** Mashed potatoes need to be handled gently or they turn into glue.

The best method is to boil the potatoes (use russets or Yukon Golds) in their skin, peel them, and mash them with either a handheld masher or a ricer.

Immediately mix with hot melted butter and then add warm half-and-half and other flavorings, such as cheese.

**Store-bought pie shells:** The consensus: Don't buy them! Except for the pie shell made by Whole Foods, all brands tested were universally rejected as artificial tasting.

**The pie dough disaster:** The worst, most disaster-pro-

voking recipe directive is the one that says, "add just enough water so that the pie dough holds together."

The truth is, add plenty of water so that the dough easily holds together (and is actually a bit wet).

Sprinkle the dough with flour and let it rest in the refrigerator for at least an hour. The dough will now roll out easily.

**Canned cranberry sauce:** You know the kind. It's the jellied sauce that slips out of the can accompanied by a giant sucking noise. Try the recipe on the back of bag of fresh cranberries instead. It tastes great and takes only a couple of minutes.

For more information on how to cook a foolproof holiday meal, log on to the recently redesigned Turkeyhelp.com. This Cook's Illustrated Web site features many new recipes for festive main courses, side dishes, and desserts. For recipes and other information, contact Deborah Broide at (973) 744-2030 or DeborahPub@aol.com.

Imagine eating all your favorite holiday foods and still being able to lose weight.

Better Health Store, 39600 14 Mile Road in Walled Lake, will host a Low-Carb Holiday Taste Fest 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22.

This free event will feature a sampling of tasty low-carb holiday foods. Each guest who

shows an AdvantagePlus Saver's Card will receive a free holiday cookbook with recipes for eggnog, cranberry sauce, stuffing, latkes, pumpkin pie and more.

"Many health-conscious people know about low-carb diets, especially Atkins, but few realize just how many products and recipes are available," says

Tedd Handelsman, owner of Better Health and The Vitamin Outlet. "New products are coming to market each month, and they keep getting better."

Better Health/The Vitamin Outlet has 15 locations throughout metro Detroit and Lansing. Better Health is located at 48925 West Road in Wixom.

## Spice up the turkey for a new twist

America's interest in ethnic flavors is evident as seasonings like adobo sauce and cumin make their way on to restaurant menus and grocery stores shelves.

Based on the increased popularity of fusion cuisine, the experts at the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line. (1-800-BUTTERBALL or www.butterball.com) are offering ideas on how to add extra flair to a traditional holiday feast.

Nearly 50 Butterball Turkey Talk-Line home economists and nutritionists are on call answering questions.

In addition to offering ideas on how to create exciting and zesty holiday meals, the experts

will give advice on everything from how to easily prepare a tender and juicy turkey to what size bird to buy.

"Many of our callers want to preserve tradition, but ask how they can spice up their holiday staples. As people discover and enjoy new food trends, such as Latin fashion, they are eager to replicate them at home," says Sherleen Clausen, director of Butterball Kitchens in Chicago.

Miami-based Butterball culinary expert Astrid Volpert adds, "Because turkey blends so well with many different flavors, it's perfect if you're looking to experiment with different spices." Following are some of Volpert's Latin traditions that

can introduce zest into a holiday meal:

■ Prepare turkey with a cumin-based rub using lemon juice, cilantro and Tabasco sauce for an extra kick.

■ Put some "zing" into your favorite stuffing by adding chorizo (Mexican sausage).

■ Substitute traditional gravy with mole (a chocolate-based sauce) for a twist to your turkey.

■ Rather than adding butter or garlic to mashed potatoes, try mixing in cilantro, onions and peppers.

■ In addition to pumpkin pie, serve flan—a custard dessert. While there are many variations, try adding ground nutmeg and vanilla.

## Papa Joe's to host 3-2 Gourmet Rachell Hall

Who says the food you eat to lose weight and maintain it has to be boring and repetitive?

Author and chef Rachell Hall will help answer that question as she conducts a book-signing and cooking demonstrations 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 and 23, at Papa Joe's Gourmet Market, 34244 Woodward in Birmingham.

Copies of her latest book, *3-2 Gourmet*, will be available for purchase, along with her exclusive 5 Gourmet Spice Blends.

In *3-2*, Hall expands the high protein/low carbohydrate diet to a new level as she introduces international gourmet recipes

corresponding to the original 3-2 plan. This concept is a general eating guide that allows 3 things you can eat: fresh meat, poultry and fish (baked, broiled, or barbecued), green vegetables and fresh fruit.

Then there are 2 things you can drink: 120 ounces of water each day (not carbonated or flavored) and real, fresh fruit juice (not juice drinks). Her dishes call for fresh ingredients, all-natural seasonings and no salt or sugars so that even the gourmet foodie with health problems such as diabetes will also find relief from bland and boring foods.

Hall will be demonstrating

Protein Cuisine and talking about recipes in her book which takes you around the world with Moroccan Kabobs, Mexican style Chorizo, Peking Chicken, Scampi style Shrimp Provencal, and Spanish Paella to name a few.

She will also be sharing some of her favorite entertaining tips. She has ideas for a relaxing Sunday brunch, faux fun substitutes for alcohol and sodas, recipes for special sauces, and accessories that make gourmet cooking easier.

Call Papa Joe's Gourmet Market at (248) 723-9400 for more information.

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# Pilgrim fare updated is sweet and wholesome

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Adapting traditional recipes to accommodate current needs is as old as the first English settlers, and there's no reason not to follow their example.

Old-fashioned Indian pudding lavished with cider sauce, and classic gingerbread are perfect Colonial-era desserts to update, says the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Most desserts served at Thanksgiving are high in fat and calories, but AICR has worked out versions trimmed of excess calories and fat that still keep a rich, satisfying flavor.

These classic American desserts deserve wider popularity, because they can be as healthful as they are delicious and easy to make, says Melanie Polk, AICR's director of nutrition education.

The colonists adapted their favorite desserts to local realities. For the earliest British settlers, desserts meant hearty puddings, porridge-like concoctions of flour and milk, usually sweetened with molasses or maple sugar, and flavored with spices. Wheat, sugar and spices, however, were scarce in Colonial America, having to be shipped in from England.

Food historians believe the early settlers made do with native corn, which was far more plentiful than wheat, to make their favorite puddings. The first colonial holiday feasts are thought to have included a cornmeal-based pudding adapted from the Narragansett Indians.

Eventually, this dessert came to be called Indian pudding. It was originally made with milk, molasses and, when available, cinnamon and nutmeg.

1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon ginger  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

In a medium saucepan over medium-low heat, heat milk with salt until small bubbles appear along sides. (Don't let milk get too hot or boil. Scalding takes place just below the boiling point, which is 212 F.)

Gradually stir in cornmeal. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until mixture is thick like cooked cereal, about 5 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat and cool to lukewarm.

When cornmeal mixture is nearly cooled down to lukewarm, preheat oven to 350° F. Using canola oil spray, coat insides of 6 single-serving baking cups or ramekins, or an 8-inch baking dish and set aside.

In a medium bowl, whisk together egg, molasses, sugar and spices until well blended. Gradually, a little at a time, whisk egg mixture into cornmeal mixture. Pour mixture into prepared cups, ramekins, or baking dish. Bake until almost set (Pudding continues to set after it is taken out of the oven.) If cups or ramekins are used, check every 10 minutes or so to monitor how quickly the pudding sets. If a baking dish is used, baking time is about 1 hour.

Remove from oven and allow pudding to cool slightly before serving. To serve from a baking dish, use a sharp paring knife to cut into portions and flexible metal spatulas to lift each portion out and onto individual plates.

(Puddings baked in individual cups or ramekins can be served in the containers.) Serve warm with cider sauce, if desired.

Makes 6 servings.  
**Nutrition information per serving:** 174 cal., 4 g fat (2 g saturated), 28 g carbo., 7 g pro., less than 1 g dietary fiber, 286 mg sodium.

## OLD-FASHIONED INDIAN PUDDING

3 cups low-fat (2 percent) milk  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/4 cup yellow cornmeal  
Canola oil spray  
2 eggs, lightly beaten  
1/4 cup molasses  
1/4 cup packed light brown sugar

## CIDER SAUCE

2 tablespoons sugar  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
2 cups unsweetened apple cider  
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice  
2 tablespoons finely minced crystallized ginger

Using a blender or a large bowl and whisk, mix together cider, sugar and cornstarch. Transfer mixture to a nonstick saucepan and heat over medium heat, whisking while sauce comes to a simmer and thickens, 3 to 5 minutes. Immediately remove from heat and whisk in lemon juice and ginger. Serve warm with Indian pudding or gingerbread.

Makes 2 cups of sauce.

**Nutrition information per 1/4-cup serving:** 34 cal., 0 g fat (0 g saturated), 7 g carbo., 0 g pro., 0 g dietary fiber, 4 mg sodium.

## CLASSIC GINGERBREAD

Canola oil spray  
2 cups cake flour  
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar  
1/2 tablespoon ginger  
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup dark molasses  
1/2 cup unsweetened applesauce  
6 tablespoons canola oil  
1 large egg  
1/2 cup boiling water

Preheat oven to 350° F. Coat inside of a 10-inch sponge-cake type deep pan (12-cup capacity) with canola oil spray.

Sift together flour, sugar, spices, baking soda and salt into a medium bowl.

In a separate, large bowl, whisk together molasses, applesauce, oil and egg until well blended. Add dry ingredients and stir until well blended. Whisk in boiling water.

Pour batter into baking pan. Bake until cake begins to pull away from pan and tester inserted near center comes out clean, about 35 minutes. Transfer to a baking rack and cool in pan 30 minutes. Invert cake onto a platter and cool to lukewarm, about 15 minutes. Cut into squares and serve warm or at room temperature, with cider sauce, if desired.

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Whether in the city or on the farm, gathering the family at dinnertime is a priority. To celebrate the ritual of shared mealtime, the National Pork Board created *Farm Table to Family Table*, a free recipe booklet featuring recipes straight from the experts - America's pork producers.

Available free to any family cook, this recipe booklet features family-favorite pork recipes from some of the more than 80,000 pork farms across America.

From weeknight dinners to birthday celebrations to holidays, the booklet has recipes for every occasion, and some tips and tools to spend less time in the kitchen and more time with family.

The recipe booklet also offers a snapshot of America's pork-producing families, people who help feed America, and an opportunity to hear the stories

behind their favorite recipes. The booklet also includes tips for involving family members in meal preparation. The National Pork Board is offering *Farm Table to Family Table*, with a suggested retail price of \$3.95, free of charge to home cooks everywhere.

To order the free recipe booklet, and for hundreds of other meal ideas, go to [www.otherwhitemeat.com](http://www.otherwhitemeat.com) and click on "Offers" on the menu bar.

The recipe booklet also is available by sending a self-addressed mailing label to: Farm Table to Family Table Recipe Booklet, National Pork Board, P.O. Box 9114, Des Moines, IA 50306.

The *Farm Table to Family Table* recipe collection was created by the National Pork Board to recognize the contributions of America's pork producers.

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail [kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com](mailto:kabramczyk@oe.hometownlife.com).

**Weight Watchers**  
Learn about healthy soup presentations during November, free to the public at the following Weight Watchers meeting rooms: Wonderland Shopping Center (Plymouth and Middlebelt), Livonia 10 a.m., 11 a.m., noon Friday, Nov. 21; Weight Watchers Center, Northwood Shopping Center, 30935 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, 9:15 a.m. Monday, Nov. 24.

**Marshall Field's**  
Take a Frango chocolate cooking class at Marshall Field's. Classes are \$25 per person, and include a complementary \$10 Marshall Field's GiftCard. Classes are 12:30-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 20 at Oakland Mall in Troy and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21 at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights and the Somerset Collection in Troy. Reservations are required. To reserve a space, call 1 (800) 274-6728.

**Five Lakes Grill**  
Brian Polcyn, chef at Five Lakes Grill, now offers a series of casual Tuesday night food and wine classes at Five Lakes Grill, 424 North Main Street in Milford. During the first five-week series guests can sample foods and wines from various regions of Italy. The night of food, wine and camaraderie begins at 7 p.m. and includes five wines and five complimentary appetizers for \$20. A guest wine aficionado and Chef Polcyn will host the evening and share information on the featured vineyard and indigenous foods that accompany each of the selected wines. Reservations can be made by calling Five Lakes Grill at (248) 684-7455.

**More classes**  
Good Food Fast will be taught at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at Bonnie's Patisserie, 29229 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Other classes include Holiday Treats, Monday, Dec. 8. Classes are \$35. Call (248) 357-4540 for information.

**Cuisine du Jour**  
Chef Frank Turner of Morel's and Unique Restaurant Corp. will discuss a new twist on your family's favorites, including a pumpkin creme brulee 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, in the culinary training auditorium at Trevarrow, 1295 Opdyke in Auburn Hills. Chef Kipp Bourdeau of Bistro

## TASTE CALENDAR

Bourdeau of Auburn Hills will instruct how to cook a Southern Style Holiday Feast 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4. Class is \$30 per person. For information call (248) 377-2300.

**Gingerbread workshop**  
The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe annual Parent and Child Gingerbread House Workshop is planned from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30; and 1-6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1. The parent and child team will create a completed house in one class, \$30 per team. Advanced registration a must. Call (734) 261-3680. Mary Denning's is located at 8036 N. Wayne Road, Westland.

**Taste Fest 2003**  
This holiday event in Westland is a culinary adventure featuring chefs. The 2003 Holiday Taste Fest begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road,

Westland. Sponsored by the Westland Chamber of Commerce. Partial proceeds benefit the Joseph Benyo Scholarship Fund. Call (734) 326-7222 for details.

**Wassail Feast**  
Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute presents its 18th annual Wassail Feast at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, on the third floor in the campus' Building J. The Wassail dinner is a contemporary version of an "Olde English" holiday feast with five courses prepared and served by the institute's students and chef instructors. Admission is \$50 per person and reservations must be made in advance. Call (248) 522-3703 for tickets. The Orchard Ridge campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696. Parking is

free in nearby campus lots.

**Cookie Walk**  
Delight yourself in all kinds of Christmas cookies on a Christmas Cookie Walk 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 W. Chicago, Redford (between Beech Daly and Inkster.)

**Make a Gingerbread House**  
A fun, holiday project where each student (grades K-6) creates his/her own Gingerbread House using snow icing, then decorates it with a variety of candies. It makes a wonderful holiday decoration and a great gift. Each is a unique work of art. The class is presented by Ginger Works and is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 16, at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$13 per person. For information, please call (248) 203-3800.

# Special baked apple is treat for holiday dinner

AP — This recipe is the creation of chef Bruce Sherman, of North Pond Restaurant, Chicago, whom Food & Wine magazine named one of the best new chefs of 2003.

apples in buttered baking dish and set aside. In a small saucepan, heat honey and butter until blended. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Fill cavities of apples evenly with honey mixture. Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes or until apples are tender.

**To prepare Caramel Sauce:** While apples are baking, pour 1/2 cup of water into heavy saucepan. Pour sugar into center of pot, keeping sugar from sides of pan. Bring to boil over high heat. Continue boiling until syrup is thick and straw-colored, about 15 minutes. In separate saucepan, heat heavy cream to simmer. Remove sugar syrup from heat; slowly whisk hot cream into syrup until smooth. Whisk in butter; stir in pecans. Place apple on plate. Top with warm caramel sauce. Makes 6 servings.

### HONEY BAKED APPLES

For the Baked Apples:  
6 Golden Delicious apples  
1/2 cup honey  
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter  
1 tsp. vanilla extract  
For the Caramel Sauce:  
1/2 cup water  
2 cups sugar  
1 cup heavy cream  
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To prepare apples: Core apples with melon baller or round teaspoon to form cavity. Stand



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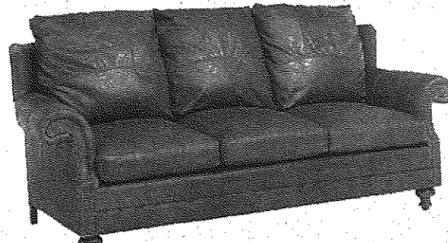
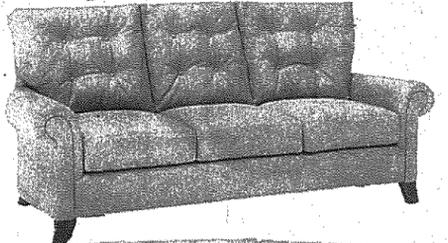
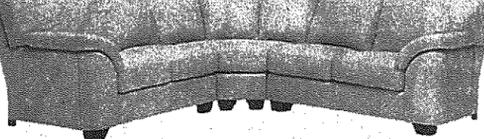
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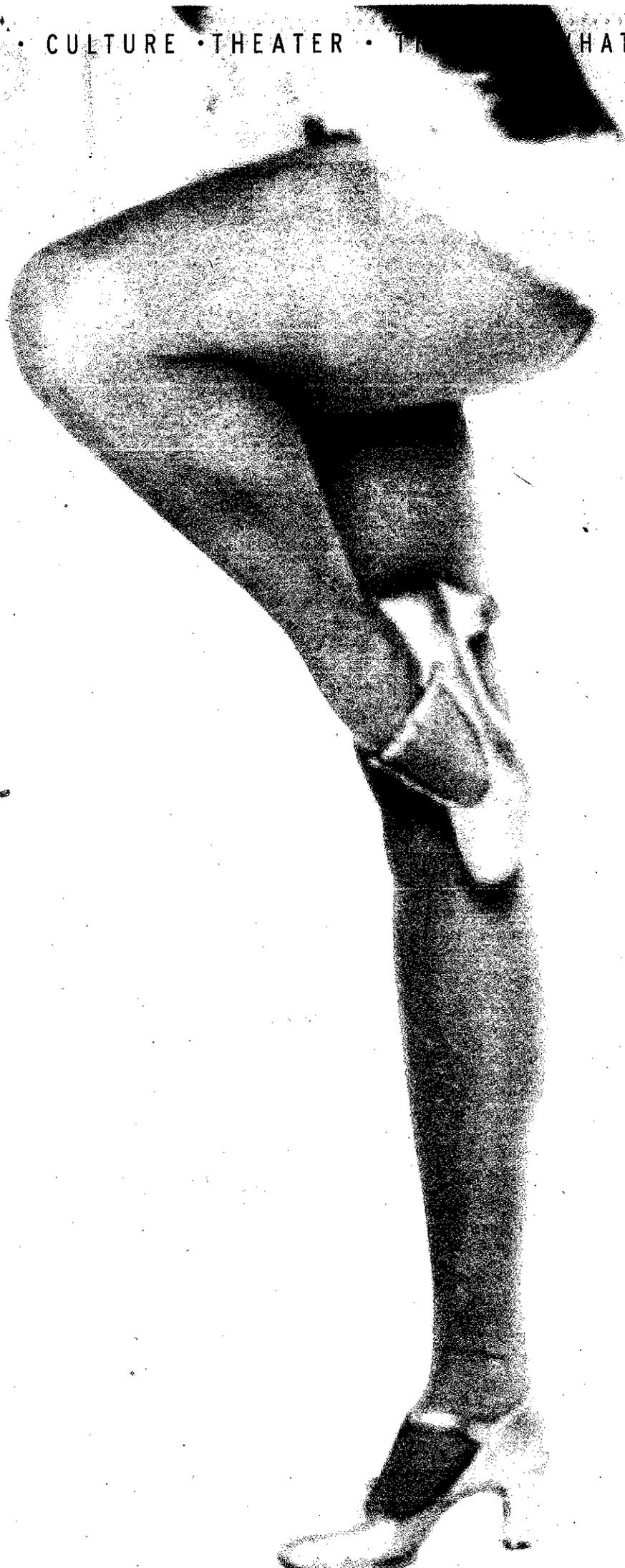
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Share your memories and favorite holiday kicks for the chance to win a family four pack of tickets to the 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, performance of the Radio City Christmas Spectacular at the Fox.

Winners will get to meet one of the Rockettes prior to the performance.

Winners will be notified by phone prior to the performance.

Look for the winning entries in the Dec. 11 edition of *Filter*. Three prizes will be awarded.

Send entries by Monday, Dec. 1, to Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009.

To send a fax, call (248) 644-1314 or e-mail [kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net)

The Radio City Christmas Spectacular returns to the Fox Theatre Friday, Nov. 28, to Saturday, Dec. 27, with 54 performances.

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## Hot Ticket

# Bachelor Bob ... has a lesson for you

### WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES: HOW LIFE'S UNEXPECTED SETBACKS CAN LEAD TO UNEXPECTED LOVE

By Bob Guiney, Tarcher/Penguin, hardcover, \$17.95

BY KEELY KALESKI  
STAFF WRITER

One of America's favorite bachelors, Bob Guiney, will be in town Sunday to sign copies of his book, *What a Difference a Year Makes*, and greet fans.

Guiney's just an average guy from Ferndale whose wife left him. He catapulted to fame after two young women he worked with asked, "If we were to set you up on a date, would you go?" They submitted his biography, including photos, to *The Bachelor* Web site and the rest is reality TV history.

Well, there's really a lot more to the story than that: Guiney was heartbroken after his wife filed for divorce. He spent a lot of time asking why, and trying to figure out what went wrong before he started dating again.

It wasn't pretty. Guiney threw himself into his work and longed for the way things used to be. "Life," he writes, "was testing me in a way I had never been tested before."

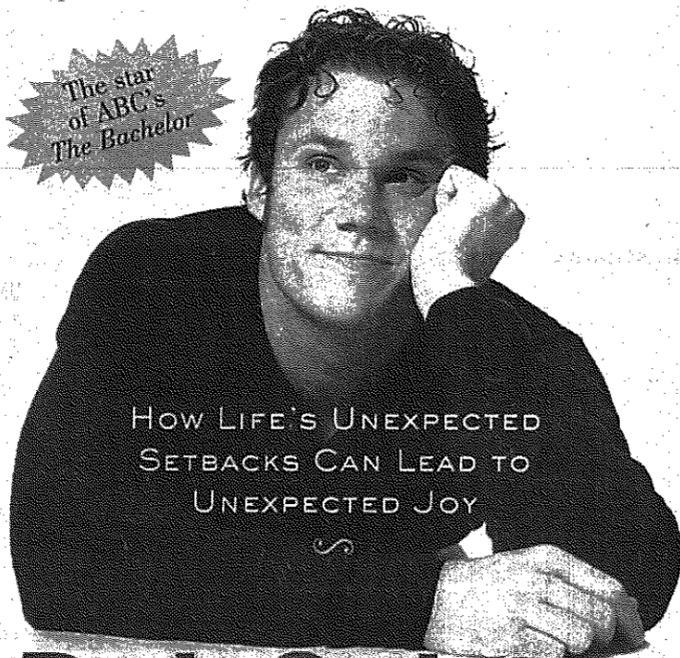
Guiney doesn't pretend to have all the answers. His book, he writes, is "simply an effort to let those who have gone through tough times know that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Especially when there seems to be none."

*What a Difference a Year Makes* is about relationships and what happens when you let work get in the way. It's about being sad, lonely, gaining weight, and not being able to exercise because of a knee injury. Guiney's story is encouraging, heartwarming, and sincere.

If you've recently suffered a loss, or are just a Bachelor Bob fan, *What a Difference a Year Makes* will give you hope, make you smile and help you believe in happy endings.

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## What a Difference a Year Makes



HOW LIFE'S UNEXPECTED SETBACKS CAN LEAD TO UNEXPECTED JOY

# Bob Guiney

### MEET BOB

What: Bob Guiney, star of ABC's 'The Bachelor' will sign copies of his newly published book, 'What a Difference a Year Makes.'

Where & When: 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Barnes & Noble, 2800 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills; and 5-7 p.m. Sunday at Borders Books and Music, 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham.

## Big screen

# Sentimental 'Love Actually' stays away from corny

BY JOCELYN NOVECK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

There are two things you must know up front about the new British comedy *Love Actually*.

It's unabashedly sentimental, premised on the relentlessly upbeat message that love is everywhere.

And it's about Christmas.

You might be tempted to roll your eyes. But try not to, because then you'd have to take them off the screen. Keep them open, and chances are that at the end of this chaotic, somewhat manipulative but highly entertaining film you'll be wearing a big, silly grin on your face.

It's hard to say why this movie doesn't suffocate with its sweetness.

Perhaps because writer Richard Curtis,

who also penned such successful romantic comedies as *Four Weddings and a Funeral*, *Notting Hill* and *Bridget Jones's Diary*, has a knack for turning to humor just split seconds before a scene becomes unbearably corny.

### TERRIFIC CAST

Or perhaps it's the terrific cast he's assembled for his directorial debut, including Emma Thompson, Liam Neeson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Laura Linney, Billy Bob Thornton and of course, that perennial of British romantic comedy, Hugh Grant — appearing here as no less than the prime minister of Britain.

The film stakes out its ground in the first moments, with real scenes of happy reunions at the Heathrow arrivals terminal. Love, Grant declares in a voiceover, really is all around.

The evidence follows: We track 20 or so loosely interconnected Londoners in various stages of life and love — just before Christmas, naturally.

There's the new prime minister, who on his first day in office becomes besotted with a young aide (the British TV and pop star Martine McCutcheon) who serves him tea and can't seem to control her salty language.

There's the comfortably married couple (Rickman and Thompson) who are getting just a bit too comfortable, as the wife learns when her husband becomes dangerously infatuated with a lusty employee.

There's the brooding widower (Neeson) caring for his 10-year-old stepson (the adorably doe-eyed Thomas Sangster) who is desperately, agonizingly in love with the coolest girl in school.

There's the mystery-novel writer (Firth)

who heads to the south of France to recover from a broken heart and falls for his Portuguese cleaning woman.

There's the sex-starved sandwich delivery guy who spends all his money on a ticket to Wisconsin, convinced that he'll have a hot girlfriend within minutes.

And so on. But the best story is that of Billy Mack, the aging rock star who is cynically reissuing his old hit in time for Christmas, with the word "Christmas" substituted for "love." Mack, in a deliciously funny and dirty portrayal by Bill Nighy, hits the airwaves to promote his record but can't stop himself from being brutally honest. Asked to send a message to his young fans, he obliges: "Kids, don't buy drugs. (Beat.) Become a pop star, and they'll give you them for free!"

Apart from Nighy, the best work comes from Thompson, who with a mere glance can add depth and meaning to a throw-away line. It's truly excruciating to watch her slowly realize that her husband's attentions are shifting to his younger and prettier colleague.

As for Grant, it may be farfetched to imagine him as prime minister, but that's nothing compared to the leap it takes to accept Billy Bob Thornton as the U.S. president.

Yes, you may end up feeling manipulated when you find yourself chuckling over Grant's prime minister boogieing through the halls of 10 Downing St. to the Pointer Sisters' *Jump (For My Love)*, or sense a tear forming as the love-triumphs-over-all ending reaches its poignant climax — in an airport, of course.

But that seems beside the point. There are far worse things that being pleasantly manipulated for two hours. Especially around Christmas.

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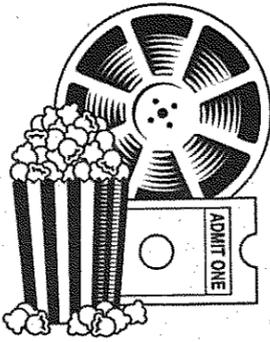
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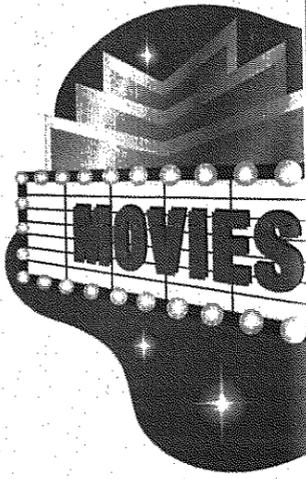
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# CHAPLIN

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Charlie, earning himself a ticket to a mental hospital.

## HAPPY CAMPER

He is no sooner out of the hospital than he is mistaken for a socialist agitator and thrown in jail. Charlie is quite happy in jail, because having a room and a bed and three meals a day is far better than he is used to.

He likes it so much that he is considerably disconcerted when he foils a prison break and the warden gives him his release.

In fact, once he is out of jail he is soon trying to figure a way to get back in, and it's only when he meets a homeless girl (played by Paulette Goddard, who Chaplin would subsequently marry) who is down on her luck that he determines to be her rescuer and hero.

One of the unexpected pleasures in watching an old film like this is that in many ways, it is surprisingly modern. You wouldn't expect there to be jokes about

flatulence, cocaine and naked female statues in a 1936 film, and yet there they are.

But the real appeal of this film is Chaplin himself. He wasn't the most famous movie star in the world for nothing. In addition to starring in the film, he also wrote, directed and produced it. His physical comedic talents are on full display here, his timing is impeccable, and he does a tour de force scene while blindfolded and rollerskating.

In 1936, a major selling point of *Modern Times* was that it was promised to viewers that this would be the film in which they would finally get to hear

Chaplin's voice. And at the end of the film, you do.

But if you think Charlie is going to give in completely to sound and abandon the physical comedy that made him a star, guess again.

He gives the audience what they want, or what they think they want, and then the Little Tramp walks off down the road and into film history.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

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# Reality Kicks

Rockettes from Michigan tell it like it is

You could say the Rockettes are the eternal American idols of Christmas. They're as popular today as they've ever been.

After all, it wasn't until 1994 that popular demand caused Radio City Entertainment to present the show outside New York.

But despite their enduring popularity and glamour-girl status, they're basically hard-working dancers who rehearse seven hours a day, six days a week. And, aside from their killer legs, they're ordinary women who like to shop, talk and even "veg out" in front of the television.

We caught up with two members of the Detroit Rockettes cast during their rehearsals at the Fox Theatre where this year's whopping 54, 120-minute shows feature three new scenes.

Stevi Van Meter, 35, grew up in Keego Harbor and attended West Bloomfield High School. She's been a Rockette for eight years and lives in New York. Annie Gibbons-Syke, 27, currently lives in Highland Township and has been a Rockette for nine years. She's also a new mother.

**Filter: What's the greatest misconception about the Rockettes?**

**Stevi:** That we don't eat. I'm an Irish girl, a steak-and-potato girl.

**Annie:** Yeah, we hear that all the time. But you have to eat the food that will get you through performing three shows a day.

**F: In getting through the shows, do you count the kicks, can you estimate the number of kicks you do?**

**Annie:** Of course we count! Approximately 300 kicks per show. Three shows a day with rehearsals. I'd say you could round it off to a nice 1,000 per day.

**F: Are your legs insured?**

**Annie:** We get that question a lot. No, they're not. It's our responsibility to warm up and take care of ourselves.

**F: Are your legs your prime instrument?**

**Annie:** I think the audience comes to see our legs and our kicks.

**Stevi:** Your body is definitely your facility.

**F: If you had to rate your legs on a scale of 1 to 10, what would you give yourself?**

**Annie:** I just had a baby, so I would have to say an 8.75.

There's always room for improvement. ... But maybe I should go a bit higher. I'm going to go with a 9. I'm the shortest Rockette, and my legs give me the illusion of height.

**Stevi:** I'll give myself a 9 too.

**F: Do you ever wish you could break out of line and do your own thing?**

**Stevi:** I personally don't because I do other things outside the Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

**Annie:** Although we're trained to dance alike, I think everybody's individual personality comes out. We're not trained to smile exactly the same way.

**F: What do the Rockettes do for fun during the season?**

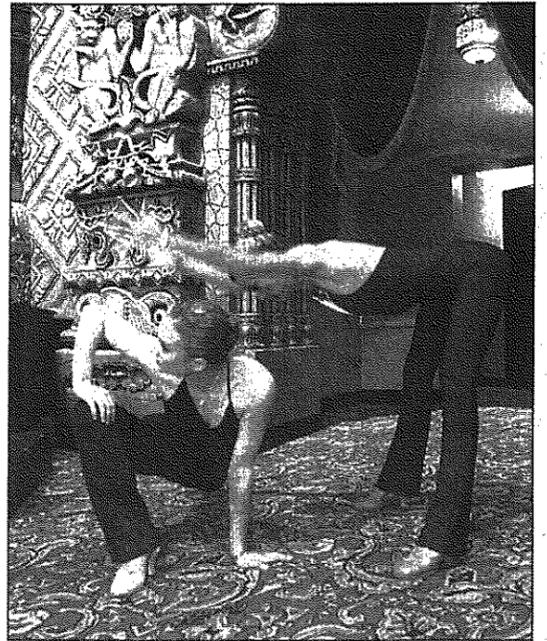
**Stevi:** Go to dinner, go to the mall. We have game night.

**Annie:** We are very normal people.

**Stevi:** We do like to go out dancing but nothing that would jeopardize our jobs.



Annie Gibbons-Syke (left) has been a Rockette for nine years. Stevi Van Meter has been performing eye-high kicks for eight years.



Detroit Rockettes, Annie Gibbons-Syke (left) and Stevi Van Meter, who grew up in Keego Harbor, warm up and stretch in an aisle of the Fox Theatre, where rehearsals began last week.

PLEASE SEE ROCKETTES, E9

## Style

# Jewelry is big on variations

They say change is a good thing. At Charlotte, a new downtown Royal Oak jewelry store, change is everything. Interchangeable jewelry systems is the sole fare at Charlotte. But the possibilities are practically endless.

"In total, there's about 4,000 pieces that go together," said Viviana Egdors, an assistant at the boutique, which opened in September and is the first Michigan location.

About 100 stores have been opened in cities in Greece, Austria, Switzerland and the United States.

The pieces are made by Ehinger-Schwarz, a German design house established in 1876.

The jewelry concept, which the company originated about a decade ago, involves four lines, all of which allow the wearer to interchange centerpiece elements in different settings.

Tipit, Charlotte 21 and Charlotte Classic revolve around ring settings with numerous centerpieces - from pearls and diamonds to lemon quartz and onyx.

These three basic lines also incorporate earrings and pendant settings.

The basic idea is that multiple centerpieces allow for multiple looks on a given setting and, at the same time, move from ring to earrings to pendant.

The fourth line, Gallery, includes earrings and pendant settings only.

### NEW CONCEPT

"It's a new concept, but people like it for the look," said Egdors. "It has a very contemporary feel."

Many settings, for instance, come in

sleek stainless steel. A black version of the metal especially appeals to men, said Egdors.

Settings also come in gold or silver. But, given the variety of centerpiece elements, the possibilities for just one piece of jewelry run the gamut from casual and cute to upscale and extravagant.

Likewise, there's a price range for everybody. A basic stainless steel ring band runs about \$95.

Style seekers on a budget can purchase an onyx, silver or carnelian ball for a setting for just \$8. Buy all three centerpieces and that's three ring looks for \$119.

On the higher end of the scale, a 10-millimeter pearl runs \$235 in addition to the ring band.

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## ROCKETTES

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**F:** When do you shop for Christmas presents?

Annie: Oh, it's so hard!

Stevi: It has to be last-minute for us.

**F:** When did you first see the Rockettes and how did that play into becoming one?



Detroit Rockette Annie Gibbons-Syke, 27, of Highland Township, jokes around while waiting to rehearse the show at the Fox Theatre.

Stevi: It was at my grandma's house on television. They were performing The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Every year after that, I just loved them. ... I knew I wanted to be a dancer. I would have loved to be a Rockette, but I didn't really understand what it meant. I was 8 or 9.

Annie: I was a bit older, about 13 or 14. I started dancing when I was 13, and I went to a performing arts high school like *Fame*. I remember one of the directors bringing in tapes of different groups, and that's the first time I saw the Radio City Rockettes. And I knew I would love to have a chance to be a Rockette. ... The rest is history.

**F:** What's your favorite dance step or move?

Stevi: I do love to kick!

Annie: My favorite number is The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers.

**F:** What's the best thing about being a Rockette?

Stevi: The children.

Annie: The faces in the audience. ... To know you're a part of this great holiday tradition. And dancing!

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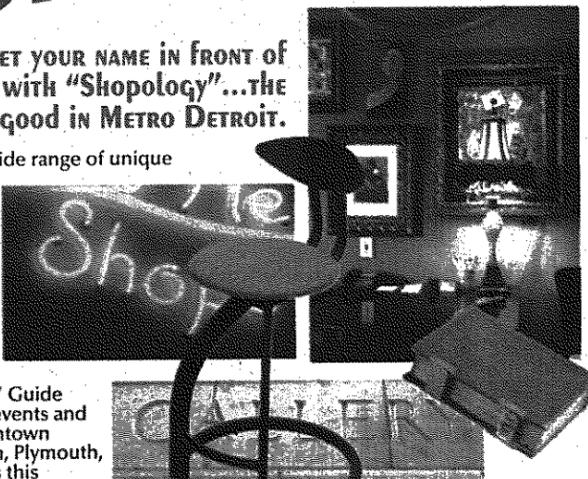
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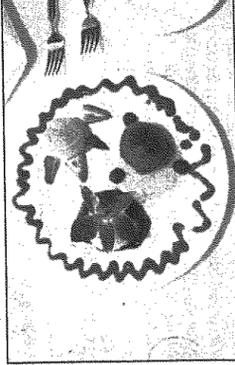
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## Table hopping

# A bit of France in the metro area? Mais oui



A festive trio of sorbets is offered for dessert at The Earle Uptown in Ann Arbor.



Chef Shelley Caughey Adams makes a flambe at The Earle Uptown in Ann Arbor.

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Galettes de crabe, huîtres au champagne, tournedos au cognac poivre and cote de veau.

That and more are on the menu at The Earle Uptown, which opened this past July in Ann Arbor. It's about as French as it gets in metro Detroit.

"The French have great respect for food," Executive Chef Shelley Caughey Adams said. "They take food seriously, and in food preparation, they take more care than the average-American. High-quality ingredients are a priority."

"Fastidious is a good word for a French chef."

### MICHIGANDER COOKS FRENCH

Although Chef Shelley dubs her food style as a "personal interpretation of French cuisine," she's well prepared to do this.

Born and raised on Detroit's northwest side, Chef Shelley graduated from the Culinary Institute of America in New York in 1983. At the CIA, French techniques are not simply learned, they're mastered. She began her tenure at the original Earle in 1984. Now, doing double duty, she's in charge of both kitchens.

Considering it a climb up the career ladder, chefs tend to move around. "I can't do that," said Chef Shelley, who with her husband, Stephen Adams, is raising a family in Ann Arbor. "When you're a working mom like I am, it's great to have an accommodating owner like Dennis Webster, who does not run his restaurants with a corporate mentality."

Although the current menu indicates "Fall," Chef Shelley said that it contains

many core items that will remain throughout the winter. "When I make a change, it's for something special or it's based on seasonally available ingredients," she added. "This is a menu of favorites. Repeat diners are returning to enjoy a preferred dish again."

### LEGENDARY EARLE

Ann Arbor's original The Earle was founded in 1977 by Webster, David Rock and Rick Burgess. All three continue their ownership. In The Earle Uptown, Webster is joined in ownership by his wife Mary Lou. The Earle Uptown occupies the previous location of restaurant Escoffer in The Bell Tower Hotel.

Former patrons of Escoffer will find updates to the restaurant's interior design, created by Mary Lou Webster. Window coverings and comfortable chairs are her most obvious and welcomed changes to the 90-seat restaurant.

Dennis Webster, owner of The Earle Uptown in Ann Arbor, displays three of the many French red wines he offers at his restaurant. They include a 2000 Lirac, a 1983 Hermitage and a 1998 Couvent des Jacobins.



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The kitchen received the biggest renovation. The Websters have given Chef Shelley custom units and state-of-the-art equipment with which to create her French dishes.

### CHEF SELECTS

Chef Shelley pointed out diner favorites on The Earle Uptown a la carte menu. Among les Hors d'oeuvres, galettes de crabe (crab cakes with roasted red pepper and basil sauce) and huîtres au champagne (oysters in champagne sauce) take the lead.

Although two soups come across as warming on chilly nights, bisque de crevettes (shrimp) bests puree de haricots (beans). Among salads, champignons sautés, sautéed wild mushrooms on greens with balsamic vinaigrette, and mesclun with pears, rocket and a walnut vinaigrette top the list.

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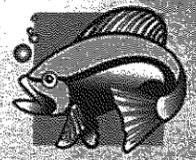
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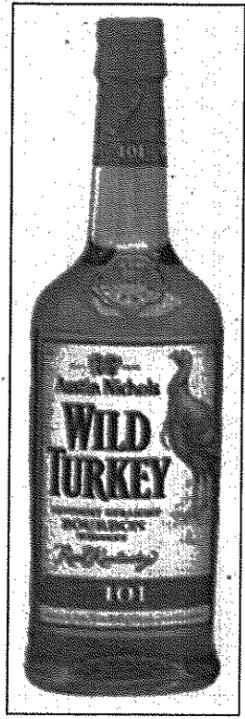
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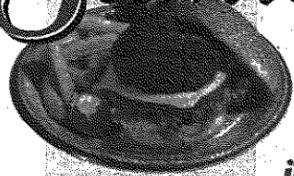
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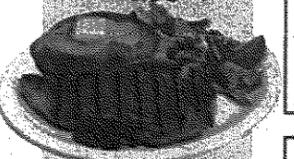
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# Music

## Road is home for songwriter Ari Hest

Ari Hest is building his musical career the old-fashioned way — on the road instead of on MTV.

He's made a name for himself on the college circuit and asks fans to help spread the word — on his Web site fans join the "street team" about 1,000 members strong. It's helped Hest sell more than 7,000 albums in the past six months at live performances and on the Internet.

He's called the road home for the much of the past three years, and will be performing Friday at Alvin's, a popular hang-out for Wayne State University students. *The Rubber Meets The Road* tour includes bands Psuedopod and The Clarks.

Hest has played hundreds of college towns and clubs, jumping from one city to the next to promote his latest CD, *Story After Story*. The 24-year-old acoustic rock singer/songwriter is inspired by college favorites Dave Matthews, Sting and Jeff Buckley. His music, he said, is for people who want to escape.

In fact, music was his refuge growing up.

"I wasn't into the cliques at my school, so to escape I learned Smashing Pumpkins and Pearl Jam songs," Hest said.

With a warm gravelly voice reminiscent of Peter Gabriel, Hest has gone from being a college student who dabbled in music to a career musician.

"I want to sing and play for people every night," he said.

*Story After Story* captures Hest's heart-



Ari Hest will play Friday at Alvin's in Detroit.

felt, introspective songwriting and rich voice. The songs *Consistency* and *Not For Long* are recent autobiographical powerhouses that reveal the New Yorker's rock instincts.

Hest chose producer David Rolfe (Rufus Wainwright and Patty Griffin) to help record *Story After Story*. Veteran studio drummer Shawn Pelton and keyboardist Doug Petty joined the project.

"Hest has that rare, intangible quality that elevates an artist above mere talent and craft," Rolfe said. "It's honest; you recognize the moment you hear it."

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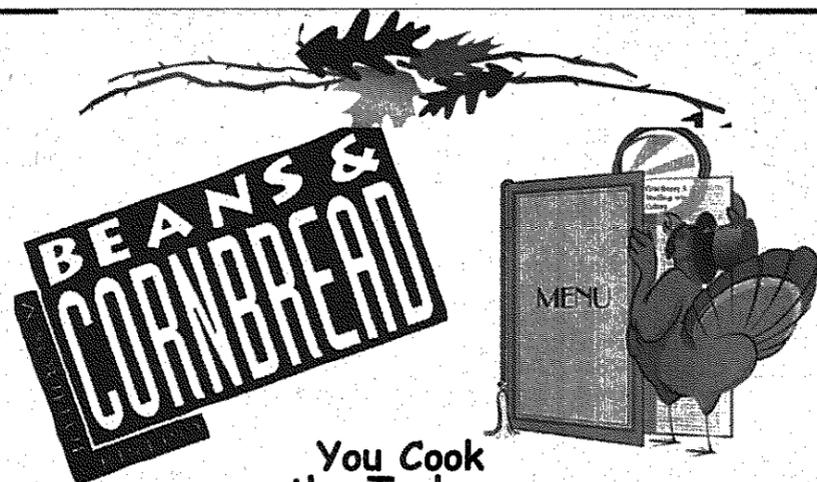
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The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. at the Detroit Public Library on Putnam at Woodward Avenue and marches south to

Grand Circus Park at Witherall. Lots of people will arrive earlier to get a curbside seat.

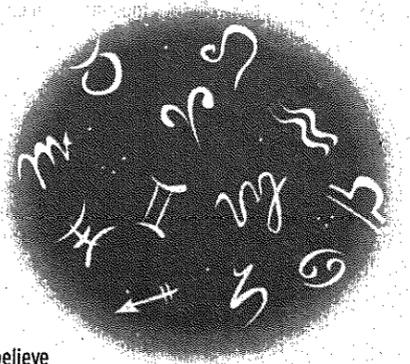
At 7:30 a.m. runners will line up for the 21st Annual Turkey Trot, the largest 10K run in Michigan. The Mash Potato Mile follows at 8:30 a.m. Both races begin and end outside the Matthaei Building on Warren Avenue on the campus of Wayne State University. Race entry forms are available at Fifth Third Bank's 75 metro Detroit locations or online at [www.53.com](http://www.53.com). The fee is \$25 for adults, \$20 for kids. All proceeds benefit America's Thanksgiving Parade.

# Horoscope



## Star Struck

(Nov. 20-Nov. 22)  
By Dennis Fairchild



### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

What others say is true and what you believe is true will (still) be at opposite ends of the spectrum during the next few days, Rams. Back up your convictions, and question everything you see and hear and shut up! Your eyes and ears won't lie, but others surely will.

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Bulls can be extremely emotional, but they are also quite indifferent. Current planetary setup warns that you may be giving someone you're fond of the impression that you no longer care, which could be disastrous! Don't make waves while the tide is turning.

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

An ongoing ambition is hindered by your busy sense of duty, and you need to make certain that you are not overestimating your obligations or being overlooked. Feeling the way you do is admirable, but not if it prevents you from accomplishing genuine priorities.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Don't pretend that you're fearless when deep down inside you're shaking in your boots. Moon Kids get anxious, and often so! What is worrying you now is nothing to be ashamed of. The sooner that you own up to your fears, the quicker you'll overcome them.

### LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

Not everything attempted can be achieved, so stop being weird or feeling guilty about falling short of your ("peculiar" to some) standards. Stellar trends enable you to see things as they really are now. Start fretting about the future. Stop living in the past. Be, do, now!

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You're going to have to see matters from the perspective of others right now if you're going to get anything accomplished before '04! It's time to compromise for the sake of progress and peace. Far from being defeatist, it's your astrologically most intelligent option.

### LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Your natural galactic generosity must be curbed at this time, even if it means saying no to someone whose support you think you need. Don't fret or worry - the situation is about to improve by leaps and bounds. To make the most of "it," be strong and go solo.

### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Even though you want to follow a certain course of action, you must be sure that the possible outcome will fulfill your expectations. Current astro-aspects demand some kind of decision. Base it on facts rather than dreams, Scorpi! Don't let others take control.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

No one is trying to take something that is rightfully yours, so you have no need to feel quite so defensive about the actions or reactions of a colleague, relative or friend. What occurs over the next few days will help you understand the reasons behind their behavior.

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

You appear to have something on your mind and would be well-advised to share it with someone who can help solve the problem. Changed circumstances mean changed priorities, so don't be afraid to reconsider a decision. Think "innovative," not "idiotic."

### AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

Your mind is working and percolating quickly now, making you impatient with those whose thought processes seem slow by comparison. Steer clear of large groups of people and spend as much time by yourself as you can. You don't have to suffer fools.

### PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

Something will happen over the next few days that scatters your personal-reality view, but don't let it shatter your faith in yourself. Uh-huh: It pays to be suspicious. What you've been led to believe may be false, but what you feel deep inside is real and enduring.

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham-based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail at [DenFairchild@aol.com](mailto:DenFairchild@aol.com).



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**Show** Detroit's four-piece jazz/funk/jam band The Brothers Groove will headline a Thanksgiving eve show Wednesday, Nov. 26, at The Majestic, 4140 Woodward Ave. in Detroit. Opening performances by Bump and special

guests Blend. 18 and older. Cover is \$10 for 21 and older, and \$15 for those younger than 21. Doors open at 8 p.m. with the show set to begin at 9 p.m. For more information, call (313) 833-9700 or click on <http://www.thebrothersgroove.com>.

**Art** Walls looking a little bare? Want some affordable art to fill them? Biddle Gallery is currently hosting 50 Below, which features handmade tile, jewelry, pottery, glass and fine art by a plethora of



Michigan artists priced at \$50 or less. Artist John Benson will conduct a linocut demonstration using the Brayer-Baren technique from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday. A gallery crawl also is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Friday at the gallery, located at 2840 Biddle Avenue in Wyandotte. For more information, call (734) 281-4779 or click on <http://www.biddle-gallery.com>.

## Local music

Folk singer-songwriter Audra Kubat will celebrate the release of her third album, Million Year Old Sand (recorded and produced with Gold Cash Gold's Eric Hoegemeyer), with a show Saturday at The Players Club, 3321 Jefferson in Detroit. Doors are at 8 p.m., showtime at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or in advance at the following locations: Record Time in Roseville and Ferndale, Neptune Records in Royal Oak and Young Soul Rebels in Detroit. Terror at the Opera will open the show. For more information on Kubat, check out <http://www.audrakubat.com>.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Is there something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail her at [stardy@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:stardy@oe.homecomm.net).

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## Film

At one time, poet Sylvia Plath's *The Bell Jar* was the unofficial handbook for artsy, disaffected young women. With its graphic depictions of suicide attempts, electroshock therapy and 1950s-era mental institutions, the book spoke to a new breed of female, one both feminist and tired of the patriarchal pressure of society. It also didn't hurt that Plath had her share of soap opera-like dramas in her own intense personal life. Now her story is being brought to the big screen for the second time (the first being 1979's *The Bell Jar*). *Sylvia* follows the true story of the American poet (played by Gwyneth Paltrow) and her turbulent relationship with English poet Ted Hughes (Daniel Craig). While Plath's children condemned and refused to cooperate with the film, it's still a must-see for anyone who has ever had a "Bell Jar" phase. Run time: 1 hour, 50 mins. Rated R. The film is playing at the Landmark Maple Art, 4135 West Maple Road in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 263-2111 for showtimes.



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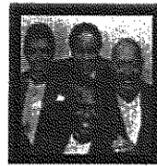
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## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

### Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Midwest premiere of *Dirty Story*, by John Patrick Shanley, through Sunday, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900 or [www.jettheatre.org](http://www.jettheatre.org)

### Detroit Repertory Theatre

*Here and There* by Esther Blumenfeld 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; \$17; through Dec. 28, and *New Year's Eve*, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit; (313) 868-1347, [www.detroitreptheatre.com](http://www.detroitreptheatre.com)

### UMS

*Twelfth Night*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Saturday, 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Sunday, (\$55), Michigan Union Ballroom, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-2538 or [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org)

### Century Theatre

*Forbidden Christmas*, 8 p.m. Wednesday, 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sunday, \$28.50-\$37.50, dinner packages available, (313) 963-9800.

## WORKSHOP

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## DINNER THEATER

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*Motel Murders*, 7 p.m. Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 and Nov. 29, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, dinner and show, \$45, 108 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-0522, [www.genittis.com](http://www.genittis.com)

## COMMUNITY THEATER

### Storytelling

The Detroit Story League will present *Tellabration*, an evening of storytelling for adults, 7 p.m. Friday, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Farmington Road, Livonia. \$5 at the door.

### Farmington Players

*On Golden Pond* by Ernest Thompson 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 20-22; Friday, Nov. 28-29, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, Nov. 30 and Dec. 6; 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 4-6; Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, \$13, (248) 553-2955.

### Broadway on Stage

*All's Well in 804*, comedy by local author Ed Thomas, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, through Saturday, 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer, (8 1/2 Mile Road), Eastpointe, \$15, (586) 771-6333.

### Stagecrafters

*To Kill a Mockingbird*, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 541-6430, [www.stagecrafters.org](http://www.stagecrafters.org)

### Clarkston Village Players

*Light Sensitive* by Jim Geoghan, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, \$10 Thursday & Sunday, \$12 for Friday-Saturday, (248) 625-8811 or [www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org](http://www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org).

### Players Guild of Dearborn

*Chicago*, musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, 23 & 30, 21730 Madison, corner of Monroe & Outer Dr., \$14, reserved, (313) 561-TKTS.

### Grosse Pointe Theatre

*Annie* featuring Dennis Martell of Livonia as Daddy Warbucks, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Grosse Pointe War Memorial's Fries Auditorium, 32 Lakeshore Dr., Grosse Pointe, (313) 881-4004, [www.gpt.org](http://www.gpt.org)

## COLLEGE

### Hilberry

David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross* opens 8 p.m. Friday continues in rotating repertoire to Jan. 31, 4743 Cass, Wayne State University campus, Detroit, \$12 to \$20, (313) 577-2972.



Village Players of Birmingham presents 'Stage Door,' a classic play about theater, which inspired the 1930s movie, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the playhouse, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham. The play features Bryan Conroy (from left), Lauren Franklin and Adam Schomer. Tickets \$15, call (248) 644-2075.

### Eastern Michigan University

*The Secret Garden*, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-22, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 30 and Dec. 6, Quirk Theatre, EMU campus, Ypsilanti. \$6 Thursday performances, \$14 Friday-Saturday, \$12 Sunday, \$2 discount for tickets purchased more than 30 minutes in advance, (734) 487-1221.

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### Marquis Theatre

*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday through Jan. 18, 135 E. Main St., Northville, \$8, (248) 349-8110.

### St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook

*Cinderella*, 7 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. Saturday, 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 400 Lone Pine Road, west of Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills. \$7 in advance, \$8 door, (248) 644-0527, [www.stdunstanstheatre.com](http://www.stdunstanstheatre.com). Portion of proceeds benefit Camp Make-A-Dream.

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*Laura Ingalls Wilder*, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. \$8 advance, \$10 day of show, (248) 557-PLAY, [www.youtheatre.org](http://www.youtheatre.org)

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### Second City Detroit

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### DSO

Itzhak Perlman performs Beethoven, 8 p.m. Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday; *The Max*, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111, [www.detroitssymphony.org](http://www.detroitssymphony.org)

### Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings

Night Notes series 8 p.m. Friday, Hagopian World of Rugs, 850 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham, Kenneth Thompkins, trombone, Kathryn Goodson, piano, vocalist/pianist David Vaughn, \$19, \$10 children 12 and under, (248) 559-2095.

### Livonia Symphony Orchestra

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Schoolcraft, Livonia. Doors open 5:30 p.m. with cocktails and a brass quintet, four-course dinner, 6 p.m. followed by silent auction. At 8 p.m. the orchestra will present a program that includes *Broadway Pops*. \$50, (734) 591-0266.

### Eastman Chorale

Birmingham-First Concert Series presentation 7:30 p.m. Friday, First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield Roads. Meet-the-Artists reception follows program. Freewill offering.

### Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

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The Mark Newton Band plays 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Lila Jones-Johnson Theatre on the Royal Oak campus of Oakland Community College, 739 S. Washington. Tickets \$15, call (248) 246-2625 or (248) 246-2627.

the BBSO 7 p.m. Sunday in a concert featuring flutist Alexander Zonjic at Temple Beth El, 14 Mile Road at Telegraph, \$25, no charge for kids when accompanied by an adult. Ticket packages are available for a series of three-concerts for \$59, (248) 645-2276, www.BBSO.org

#### Chamber music

There are a limited number of single concert tickets for the 2003-04 Chamber Music Society of Detroit season available. Concerts include: Dec. 13, Emanuel Ax on piano; Jan. 10, 2004, Bergen Woodwind Quintet with Orli Shaham on piano. Tickets may be purchased by calling the CMS of Detroit (248) 855-6070.

### FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

#### Blackthorn

At O'Mara's Restaurant and Pub, 2555 W. 12 Mile Road, Berkley, 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 28-29, Dec. 5-6, Dec. 19-20; (248) 399-6750, www.blackthorn1.com

#### Ric Hordinski

Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, 8 p.m. Saturday; \$12; (734) 464-6302.

#### The Ark

Greg Brown with Ruthie Foster 7 & 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jeff Lang with Grey Delisle, 8 p.m. Saturday, Holly Near & Cris Williamson 7:30 p.m. Sunday, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 763-8587, www.a2ark.org

#### Alan Jackson

With Joe Nichols 7:30 p.m. Saturday, The Palace, \$45.50 & \$29.50, (248) 377-0100, (248) 645-6666, www.palacenet.com

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#### Ron's Fireside Inn

Harvey Thompson, vocals, 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26; 28937 Warren, Garden City, \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended. (734) 762-7756.

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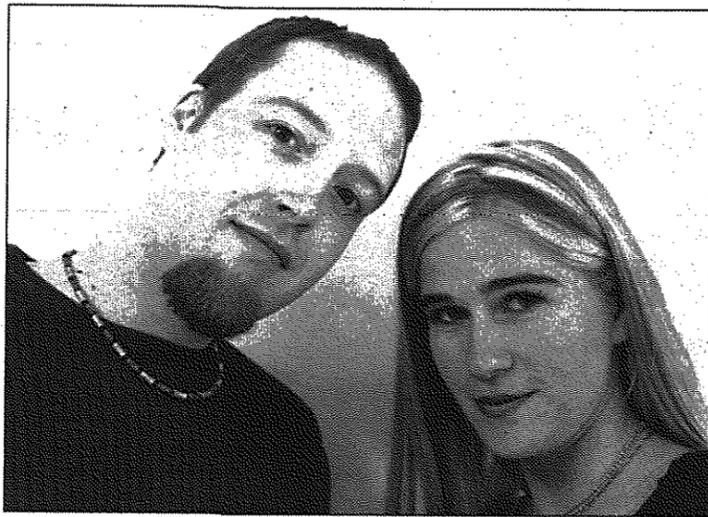
To Donny Hathaway, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Millennium Centre Theatre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., north of Northland Mall, features Thoretta Davis, Renee King-Jackson, Augustus Williamson and other musicians, \$25, (248) 645-6666 or (248) 644-4777.

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At Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main St., downtown Royal Oak, 8 p.m. to midnight. For more information, call (866) 464-2947.

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**Penumbrae**, (pictured) joins Jill Jack, Joe Serrapere, and Chris Buhalis 8 p.m. Friday for a concert to benefit singer-songwriter, playwright Alejandro Escovedo at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road in Livonia. Doors open 7:30 p.m. Tickets \$10, call (734) 464-6302.

#### Neptune Quaret

Cello, bass, guitar and mandolin 8 p.m. Saturday, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$25, \$15 & \$10, (734) 769-2999.

#### Mocha's Coffee Bar and Cafe

Classic tunes of saxophonist Alan Posner and keyboardist, Justin Wedes, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12; 6343 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 669-7400.

#### Edison's

Doug Deming & The Jewel Tones, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday; Stoney Mazar & the Westsiders, 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

#### Full Blown Trio

Composer-pianist Dave Burrell, bassist William Parker, percussionist Andrew Cyrille, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$25, \$15 & \$10, (734) 769-2999.

#### Crown Royal Comedy Soul Festival

Features Earth, Wind & Fire, The Isley Brothers, Rickey Smiley, Earthquake, Bruce Bruce and Adele Givens, 7 p.m. Saturday, Fox Theatre, (248) 645-6666, (313) 471-6606.

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#### Audra Kuba

Celebrates release of her new album, *Million Year Old Sand*, with Terror at the Opera, 8 p.m. doors open, 9 p.m. per-

formance, Saturday, the Players Club, 3211 E. Jefferson, Detroit, \$10 cover, (313) 259-3385.

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

#### Village Potters Guild Holiday Sale

The work of 20 artisans will be available for purchase from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Road, in Plymouth. Prices start at \$3, (734) 207-8807 or (734) 416-4278.

#### Swedish Christmas Fair

At the Finnish Club, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday. Swedish food, books, craft and import items offered for sale. Lucia pageant 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. www.swea.org, (248) 608-8573 or (734) 207-9732, cash or checks only.

#### Kerrytown Concert House

Art for Music's Sake, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, jewelry, glass, fiber arts, pottery, purses, and other hand-crafted gifts, live music, portion of proceeds to benefit Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth St., Ann Arbor.

#### Epiphany Glass

Holiday show 2-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 770 Orchard Lake Road, east of Telegraph, Pontiac. Glass demonstrations by artists throughout the day, (248) 745-3786.

#### Birmingham-Bloomfield Art Center

Holiday shop will offer works by over 90 local artists for sale Dec. 4-13, 1516 S. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham. "Shop and Champagne" preview 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3. Preview tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door, \$100 for patrons. Holiday shop hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free. On Dec. 6 and 13, children can participate in several fun workshops. Call (248) 644-0866 for pre-view tickets, information about the shop.

#### Pewabic Pottery

Holiday Invitational, Earthly Treasures, continues through Dec. 31, items from \$10 to several hundred dollars, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, open until 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.com

#### Thanksgiving Brass Band Festival

The Salvation Army Dearborn Heights Citadel, 26700 W. Warren, between Beech Daly and Inkster Roads, 6 p.m. Sunday, festival of brass band music. Freewill offering, (313) 563-4457.

#### Holiday Light Ceremony

Farmington City Hall, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, (248) 871-5500.

### GALLERY RECEPTIONS/OPENINGS

#### Detroit Institute of Arts

Artsen Founders Junior Council reception 7-11 p.m. Friday, in the new DIA dining room, hors d'oeuvres and open bar, private viewing of *On the Edge*, contemporary art from the DaimlerChrysler collection, after party 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. at Congress Restaurant Lounge, tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 door, (313) 833-6760.

#### Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Tribute to Henry Moore, sculpture by Ken Thompson and a Pewabic Pottery exhibition and sale opens 6 p.m. Friday and runs to Dec. 23. Gallery hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, in historic Avon Township Hall, 407 Pine St., downtown Rochester, \$5 suggested admission, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org

#### Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Interior Particular (Jane Lackey) opening reception 6-8 p.m. Saturday, artist talk 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, on the Oakland University campus, next to Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester. Exhibit continues to Dec. 21, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/mbag

#### Maniscalco Gallery

Jazz legend Harvey Thompson & Friends, tasting of fine wines and food pairings by John Cowley & Sons, 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, 17728 Mack Ave., Grosse Pointe. Work of British artist Fletcher Crossman, along with other artists will be available at a special auction beginning at 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$25 per person, \$40 per couple, 6:30 p.m. reception for early arrivals. Pay at door or call (313) 886-2993, www.maniscalcogallery.com

#### Tangent Gallery

Saucy, a night of art, fashion and music that brings pulp fiction to life; doors open 10 p.m., show starts 11:30 p.m. with entertainment by Sparky Devil at intermission. Cost is \$8, drinks, popcorn, snow cones and other food available, 715 Milwaukee Blvd., Detroit. Call (248) 336-6633 or (248) 396-0748.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Dog show

Oakland County Kennel Club all Breed Dog Show and Obedience trial, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at the Pontiac

Silverdome. Schedule available at www.oaklandcountykennelclub.org

#### Classic car/model train auction

Collection of over 350 collector vehicles from classics and sports cars to muscle cars; toy trains and accessories; Friday-Sunday; Novi Expo Center, admission \$15 for entire weekend, children under 12 free, (800) 211-4371, www.rmauctions.com

### FILM

#### Uptown Birmingham 8

Classic Film Series 11:10 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 3:15 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 7:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 211 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham, \$5.50, (248) 644-FILM.

### MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

#### Cranbrook Institute of Science

Full Circle First Contact: *Vikings and Skraelings in Newfoundland and Labrador*, through Jan. 4, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, \$7 adults, \$5 children (877) 462-7262, www.cranbrook.edu

#### Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The 16-acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers. Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse, 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, at the museum on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road. (248) 645-4663 or visit www.rochester-hills.org/museum.htm

#### Ann Arbor Hands On Museum

Celebrating 20 years of discovery, museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science, 220 E. Ann. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$7, \$5 children, students and seniors. (734) 995-KIDS or www.laahom.org

#### The Henry Ford

Fall harvest at Greenfield Village, Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$8.50-\$13.50. (313) 271-1620. For IMAX ticket prices and show times, call (800) 747-IMAX (4629).

#### Meadow Brook Hall

Tours 1:30 p.m. Monday-Sunday, and 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, cost is \$12.50, \$8.50 seniors over age 62, \$6 children under 12, children under 2 free; Tea on Tuesday \$35, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

### CLUBS/BARS

#### Sevin The Nightclub

Sevin, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac, (248) 745-7461, www.sevinthenightclub.com. Hours are 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. Ranges from \$5 to \$20; no charge for ladies.

#### George & Harry's Blues Cafe

George & Harry's, 22048 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. Call (313) 359-2799. Friday and Saturday shows begin at 10:30 p.m. Weekday shows begin at 9 p.m.

## Gallery exhibit

# Breathtaking photographs honor 'Palaces of Prayer'

Laszlo Regos has a story to tell. It's about the powerful beauty of synagogues worldwide, and told in *Palaces of Prayer*, an exhibit of 52 photographic images at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery.

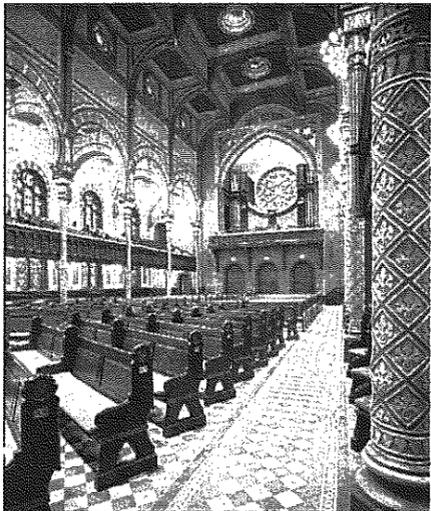
Regos begins with his first visit to Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest, and explains how he was captivated by its rich history. The synagogue, the second-largest in the world, has endured a lot.

"When I was a little boy, my father took me there the very first time. I didn't like the place at all," Regos said. "It was dark, gloomy; the lingering smell of crumbling plaster and mildew was in the air. I didn't understand why everyone's eyes were filled with tears.

"Later, when I understood all too well, I went back (to the synagogue) whenever I could to say Kaddish for my grandparents. They perished, along with 600,000 other Hungarian Jews, during the Holocaust."

### RENOVATION

Regos left Hungary in 1979 for the U.S. to seek political, religious and artistic free-



The Central Synagogue in New York City is a replica of the Dohany Street Synagogue in Budapest.

### PALACES OF PRAYER

**What:** an architectural photography exhibit by Laszlo Regos

**Where:** Janice Charach Epstein Gallery at the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit, 600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-7641

**When:** Through Wednesday, Nov. 26

**Open:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Closed Friday-Saturday.

dom. When he finally returned to Hungary, he visited the Dohany synagogue and was astonished by its renovation.

"She was gorgeous, and probably better than when she was born in 1859. Her breathtaking beauty made me fall in love," he said.

In New York he saw a replica of his beloved Budapest synagogue. The photographer snapped images of it and from there his project took off. He began photographing synagogues worldwide, from Michigan to California to Budapest and beyond.

His award-winning photographs have been published in many architectural magazines.

In *Palaces of Prayer*, Regos placed several photographs of the ceilings of synagogues on the ceiling of the gallery, so don't forget to look up.

Harvey Friedrich, executive director of Beth Shalom in Philadelphia, a synagogue designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, describes Regos as a photographer with an exceptional eye.

"Laszlo looks at a building in ways other people do not normally see it," Friedrich said. "That is where his creativity really shines. Many of his synagogue photographs are breathtaking."



Laszlo Regos' exhibit of synagogue photographs includes the Shearit Israel Spanish Portuguese Synagogue in New York.

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## Public art

# Billboard has something to say about Detroit

Call it drive-by art, if you like.

But you can't disregard the fact that everybody who passes the corner of Woodward and Maplehurst in downtown Ferndale sees The Public Art Project.

It's a billboard on the exterior of the Lemberg Gallery where artists' works are rotated about every six weeks.

"The overall mission is to give the gift of art to the public and give the artist a different forum and audience for their work," said Sarah Tanner, director of the project and an assistant at the gallery.

### ON DISPLAY

Currently on display through Saturday is local artist Sacha Eckes' *D'ETROIT*, a colorful yet somber, graphic depiction of the city.

Eckes grew up in Belgium and moved to Detroit from San Francisco after a fire destroyed everything she owned. Eckes, who was just visiting the Detroit area, said the city's abandoned and burned-out buildings spoke to her situation, so she decided to move here.

"I kind of related to the city, and, initially, I really felt this opportunity. I was intrigued. Detroit is unlike any other city I had seen before," said Eckes. "Then I got to thinking: Why is it taking so long to rebuild this city?"

The question inspired *D'ETROIT*, which Eckes describes as both somber and hopeful in that it depicts a city that's making, at best, a feeble attempt to rebuild itself. Nonetheless, the city does try and "I do feel some

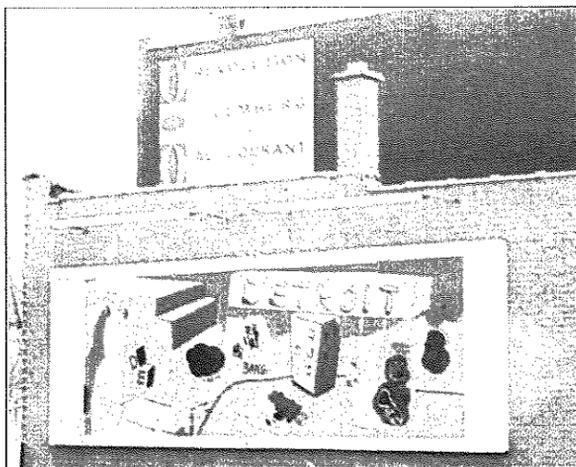


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'D'ETROIT,' by artist Sacha Eckes, is a commentary on the city.

energy in the city," she said.

Eckes attributes her perspective to her European upbringing. Cities devastated by war there are rebuilt quickly; there isn't much tolerance for waiting, she said.

### EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

*D'ETROIT* aims to get viewers to see Detroit through

### ON THE BOULEVARD

**What:** The Public Art Project's current outdoor billboard exhibition, 'D'ETROIT'

**When:** Daylight hours through Saturday

**Where:** Billboard outside the Lemberg Gallery, 23241 Woodward Ave., just north of 9 Mile Road at the corner of Maplehurst, on the west side of Woodward.

**Information:** No charge, for more details or to make a donation to the project, call (248) 591-6623 or send an e-mail to sarah@leberggallery.com.

the European perspective.

Eckes' piece is representative of the work sought by The Public Art Project, said Tanner. "It has to in some way speak to the fact that it's on a billboard and somehow to its context."

The criteria explains why mostly local artists are featured. The project began more than 10 years ago and recently was organized as a nonprofit organization. Tanner hopes to eventually expand its reach.

"We'd like to have more billboards in Detroit and be more rotational, maybe have a piece that starts in Ferndale and then moves to Detroit and so forth."

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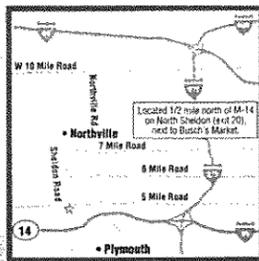
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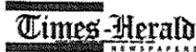
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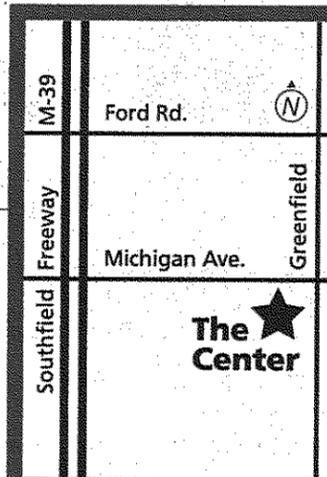


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### Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

## Great cities to consider investing in

I noted in traveling to Vancouver that there are a number of high-rise residential buildings going up on the waterfronts around the city. Do you have any information on that?

As in any great city, Vancouver has its share of new developments — primarily condominiums and high-rise apartment buildings overlooking the waterways. The price of housing in Vancouver is, of course, much higher than in the suburbs, but there apparently is a strong market for new construction overlooking the bays. There are also, of course, a number of apartments that are available for rental and the market continues to be strong.

I am inquiring as to the possibilities of investing in Fairbanks and/or Anchorage, Alaska, in regard to condominium development as I understand that there is an upsurge in the economy. Do you have any information concerning these investments?

Alaska has a state policy of encouraging persons to move to Alaska as a permanent residence with financial incentives. While Fairbanks appears to be somewhat depressed and small-townish, Anchorage appears to be growing in population and affordable housing. While the climate and darkness may impact on the nature of the housing constructed, there are opportunities throughout Alaska, including Fairbanks and Anchorage. Recreational developments around Denali National Park are also available because of the recreational services available. Additionally, there is a great deal of new construction, by way of example, near Denali National Park including commercial and business enterprises. You are best advised to consult with the economic development arm of the state of Alaska before making any decisions concerning further investment, as well as talking with a knowledgeable real estate attorney and broker.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@mich.com](mailto:bmeisner@mich.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

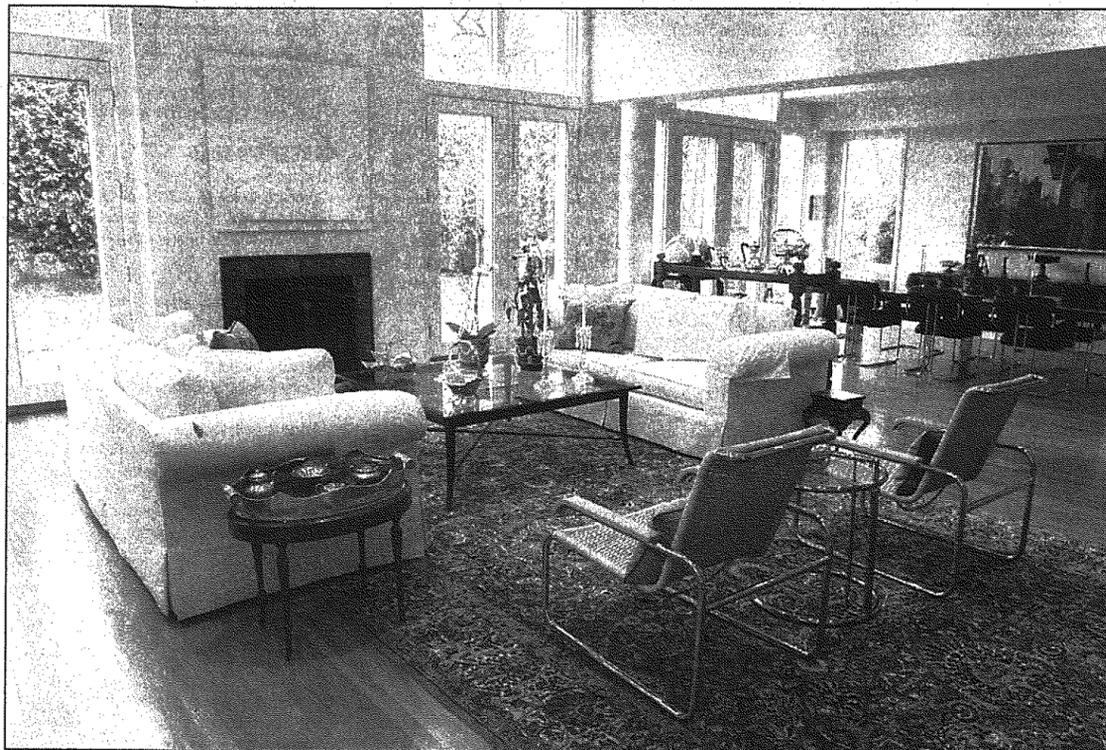
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Large windows bathe this great room with light and bring the outdoors in. A Pewabic tile fireplace is centered between two sets of glass French doors.

## Great room creates feeling of being up North

BY NORMAN PRADY  
CORRESPONDENT

It measures 20-by-25 feet with a vaulted ceiling. It's a room dedicated to freedom.

"We wanted space," said Marsha Gordon, who, with her late husband, built the house in 1989. "We wanted height, openness, and a feeling of freedom."

In this in-town Birmingham home, freedom calls, Gordon said, from beyond the great room's French doors, from the tranquility of the walled garden and the bustle of the swimming pool.

"We wanted a space that would enhance our art collection, that brought the outdoors in and that gave us light and a general feeling of well-being," she said.

They wanted, Gordon said, to see nature blending with the interior.

"If you look out the back, you could be up north," she said, recalling her camping days in Kalkaska County.

While it doesn't feel like a city house, Gordon said, the location offers the option



A vaulted ceiling creates a sense of openness in this great room.

of being up north and down here at the same time.

The room is a ideal for entertaining and features a Pewabic tile fireplace centered between two sets of glass doors, said sales agent Ronni Keating, a co-owner of Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating, in Birmingham.

"It's such a surprise when you come in." She describes the architecture as "soft contemporary."

In addition to the great room, this 4,427-square-foot house also has a master suite, three bedrooms, a library and second-floor exercise room. The asking price is \$2.8 million, Keating said.

The *Observer & Eccentric* features rooms that help sell houses once a month in the Real Estate section. To recommend a home for a story, contact Keely Kaleski, assistant managing editor, Features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, 48009, e-mail [kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:kkaleski@oe.homecomm.net) or fax (248) 644-1314.



This great room is ideal for entertaining, and was designed to enhance the homeowner's art collection.

### Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



## Debt arbitrators can assist homeowners

It's that time of year again. Bargain hunters of all kinds prowling online malls, local boutiques and department stores searching for prey that will be served up as a delectable holiday gift. However, unlike traditional hunters who may return afflicted with perhaps numb feet or hangovers, these power shoppers can suffer a severe ailment that often spans many months, or even years — excessive consumer debt.

Overzealous consumers often find themselves saddled with huge credit card bills following holiday shopping binges. It's not a fun place to be. The best remedy is prevention. However, paying off expensive credit cards with less expensive, tax-deductible interest through the use of home equity lines of credit or "cash-out" refinances is a common prescription.

Of late, however, mortgage brokers and other financial alchemists are tacking on a concomitant dose of debt arbitration, or negotiation, to the mix. Savvy debt managers (hopefully like your mortgage broker) have learned how to recognize opportunities for debt arbitrators to help accelerate the cure.

### MAKING BAD SITUATIONS BETTER

Debt arbitrators are independent third-party companies who take bad consumer debt situations and make them better. They normally get paid a percentage of the amount that they reduce their clients' debts. Thus, these arbitrators have a direct financial interest in reducing those debts as much as possible.

Unlike consumer credit counseling, debt arbitration usually takes only a few days, and very rarely appears on a consumer's credit report. Debt arbitration is perhaps most effective when used simultaneously with non-conforming or "bad credit" refinances because it can help homeowners save literally thousands of dollars. (If they are using equity to pay off debts anyway, why not negotiate lower payoffs for those debts?)

Homeowners who possess little or no equity in their homes and renters can also have their debts arbitrated, but they will typically receive a negotiated monthly payment schedule instead of a single payoff figure.

Generally, the worse a borrower's credit situation, the better the results of the arbitration. In fact, if your debts are small and credit good, it's not for you. You may find more information on debt arbitration services at [www.HomeQuarters.BIZ](http://www.HomeQuarters.BIZ).

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Archives at [www.HomeQuarters.BIZ](http://www.HomeQuarters.BIZ), or call toll-free (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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## Some like houses on busy Telegraph Road

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Three West Bloomfield families have bucked the trend and have built large homes right on Telegraph Road, one of the state's busiest surface roads.

Another family is doing the same on Telegraph in Dearborn.

"Everyone is talking about these homes because everyone has difficulty understanding it," said Aude Sisk of Cranbrook

Realtors in West Bloomfield. "What I keep hearing people say is: Why? Why? Why?"

The answer is culture, the buyers say.

Vergine Kanouno and Angela Bercea, raised in Lebanon and Romania, respectively, say they recognize that Western thinking has the wealthy building their mansions in secluded, heavily wooded and often gated lots.

But in their native lands, living on a main street is desirable and a sign of social prominence.

"Anywhere in the Middle East, a house near a shop-

ping center or near commercial buildings, they are worth more. It is considered a more prestigious place to live," Kanouno said.

When Kanouno was ready to leave a modest home in Southfield, she said she fell in love with a lot in Bloomfield Township on Telegraph. She built a 5,000-square-foot colonial with four bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms, three fireplaces and a three-car garage.

"We always sleep like babies," said Kanouno, who moved into the house in 2001. "This is my dream house. I love the location. I feel very private here."

## Tools give real estate pros an edge

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**HOME BUYER SEMINARS**  
Petee Realty Co. and Shore Mortgage have teamed up to present two free Homebuyer seminars 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 22, Petee Realty Company, 15301 W. Nine Mile Road, Oak Park. Limited seating, call (734) 844-8800 to reserve your spot. A second seminar will be offered 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 at St. Michael's Church, 120 Lewis in Pontiac. Call (800) 678-6663 Ext 285, for reservations.

## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### GRADUATE REMODELER COURSE

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Remodelers Council will sponsor a Certified Graduate Remodeler course 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The fee, which includes breakfast, lunch and course materials, is \$125. Call (248) 862-1033 for information.

### CAREER SEMINAR

Learn about careers in Real Estate, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, at Keller Williams Realty, 31500 Schoolcraft, Livonia. Call (734) 266-9000 to reserve a seat.

### AWARDS NIGHT

Top residential builders will be honored Tuesday, Dec. 2, at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn. The 2003 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night is presented by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan. This year's program includes the induction of Dominic Mocerri Sr. of Auburn Hills-based Mocerri Companies into BIA's "Hall of Fame." Reservations are \$150 per person for the reception, dinner and program. Call (248) 737-4477.

### HOME BUILDING SEMINAR

West Bloomfield Recreation & Enrichment Department with the Oakland Builders Institute offers a 16-hour seminar Home Building: Protecting You & Your Money, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday, Dec. 2-11, at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road. The course covers financing, the building process, and builder's terms and contracts. The instructor, a licensed builder, will cover the basics of buying property, building codes and permits, getting bids for labor and materials, insurance requirements and more. The cost is \$180 plus \$30 for two textbooks. Preregister by Nov. 27 by calling (248) 865-6633, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, visit [www.buildersinstitute.com](http://www.buildersinstitute.com)

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# If you rent, get some insurance

Renters shouldn't overlook the need for insurance to protect their personal belongings.

"Renters should ask themselves if they could afford to replace everything they own if it were damaged or stolen," said Doug Cruce, executive director of the Insurance Institute of Michigan. "Most likely, the answer would be no."

If the renter's building is destroyed, the insurance policy purchased by the landlord or property owner will cover the structure only. To recover for the loss of personal items, including furnishings, the renter must have purchased a policy.

However, a recent study released by the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America indicated that nearly two-thirds of those living in U.S. rental properties are uninsured.

There is a policy tailored to fit the needs of renters, according to

the insurance industry spokesperson. The renter's policy or HO-4 covers damage to possessions which result from perils such as explosion, fire or lightning, wind-storm or hail, riot or civil commotion, theft and vandalism. It is similar to the package policy which is purchased by the owner of a house.

The average renter's insurance policy in Michigan costs \$153 a year. Generally, the policy reimburses losses on an actual cash value basis. This means that the insurance company will pay replacement cost, less depreciation. For an additional premium, many insurance companies offer an endorsement to the policy which will cover contents on a replacement cost basis.

Although the renter's policy covers personal belongings such as furniture, appliances, clothing and jewelry, there are limitations on the amounts of coverage for cer-

tain types of personal property which are especially susceptible to loss. For example, coverage for cash generally has a \$200 limit. Dollar limitations for other valuables, such as jewelry, furs, firearms and silverware vary between \$1,000 and \$2,500 for loss by theft. Also, most renter's policies provide limited or no coverage for home computers.

For an additional premium, consumers can purchase a policy endorsement which specifically describes each item and includes its dollar value.

The policy usually includes other coverage, such as additional living expenses which might be incurred if the residence is temporarily uninhabitable following a loss; personal liability insurance if someone is injured in your residence; and alterations or improvements the renter has made to the building at his/her own expense.

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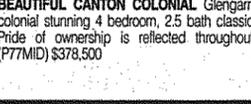
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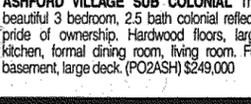
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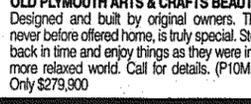
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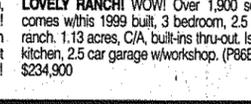
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# North Myrtle Beach looks to save its historical houses

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What's old along the Grand Strand isn't the same as what's old in Georgetown or Charleston.

You won't find antebellum mansions along Ocean Boulevard or eighteenth century cathedrals downtown. What's considered historical, however, is relative to each city - its past, its character and the conditions under which it changes over time.

North Myrtle Beach planners this year have been working to inventory homes and properties that could be considered for historical status. Through researching county tax records and interviewing local historians, they have come up with almost 100 sites.

North Myrtle Beach is among a growing list of towns along the Grand Strand that are starting to realize they have some things worth holding on to.

"Anything that survived (Hurricane) Hazel is going to be of some value," said Joyce Rowley, North Myrtle Beach principal planner, referring to the hurricane that wiped out much of the Grand Strand in 1954.

The city has found homes from the early 1900s to the 1940s that could someday get a plaque or other recognition listing their historical status.

The city isn't yet sure how it will preserve the homes. But it first will have to hire an expert to survey the properties for authenticity. Some of the tax records have proven to be inaccurate, whether through bookkeeping errors or computer typos.

"As soon as we started looking at things, we realized we needed to hire someone

professional," Rowley said. "We don't have the expertise."

One home in Cherry Grove, for example, was listed as having been built in 1916; but owner Rick Wall said his home was actually built in 1987.

"I'm not a historical person by any means," said Dawn Snider, North Myrtle Beach planning technician, who did all the research to find the older homes. "I had to rely heavily on the tax records."

The city will present its findings to City Council in late November as part of the comprehensive plan update.

## RUSTIC

Some of the homes on the list are rustic beach houses that were there before the pavement.

The Altman house in Cherry Grove was built in 1918. Rosa Witherspoon Altman, who has since died, bought the house in 1945 and rented it out as the Jolly Roger Apartments, named for one of her sons who was shot down by the Japanese in 1943 during World War II. Her son's squadron was called the Jolly Roger.

Rosa's grandson, Dayton Altman, and his wife, Cathy, who now own the weathered home, said the same families used to stay in the house summer after summer. And as the kids in those families grew older, they would stay at the house with their own families.

"People still stop by to see the house and see how we are," Cathy Altman said.

The couple plan to renovate it in the winter and eventually rent it out as apartments again. But they will never give the

house up. Before she died, Dayton's grandmother made them sign a document promising they would never sell.

C.B. Berry, longtime land surveyor and local historian, has lived in Horry County since 1937. He moved to Crescent Beach in 1945 before it joined other beaches in the area to form North Myrtle Beach in 1968.

"We don't have any (buildings) old enough to rate like more than a century old," he said. "Our homes are mostly 60 or 70 years old."

One of Berry's favorite historical places in North Myrtle Beach is the Edge Cemetery on U.S. 17 in Crescent Beach, deeded in 1888.

## PART OF HISTORY

The dead buried there include the ancestors of state Rep. Tracy Edge (R-North Myrtle Beach) and of his brother, Horry County Coroner Robert Edge.

The church once attached to the cemetery was torn down in 1950.

"It was the oldest structure we had here at the time," Berry said.

After an expert certifies the building dates of the properties, North Myrtle Beach planners will look toward preservation.

It's a task that has been on the city's comprehensive plan for years but never acted upon.

And with rapid development eating up the once quaint and rustic beach front, the city knows the time to save its past is now.

"As rapidly as development can occur," Rowley said, "you can lose it very quickly."

## HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the *Observer & Eccentric*-area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of July 7-11 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
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	19686 Deering	\$148,000	12840 Dixie		\$170,000
	28491 Gita	\$208,000	15445 Fenton		\$115,000
	15135 Hix	\$180,000	9653 Hazelton		\$180,000
	39165 Jamison	\$220,000	15370 Lons		\$75,000
	37363 Kingsburn	\$490,000	18319 MacArthur		\$129,000
	9386 Knolson	\$193,000	17737 Wakenden		\$130,000
	28876 Olson	\$100,000	18439 Wakenden		\$127,000
	14877 Santa Anita	\$304,000	9535 Woodbine		\$118,000
			15823 Woodbine		\$78,000
Canton	680 Concord	\$231,000			
	6736 Devonshire	\$225,000			
	572 Fillmore	\$58,000			
	582 Fillmore	\$58,000			
	602 Fillmore	\$55,000			
	6698 Kings Mill	\$448,000			
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	43073 Providence	\$207,000			
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	1641 Thistle	\$271,000			
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Plymouth	697 Adams	\$210,000			
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	1128 Hartsough	\$212,000			
	1201 Hartsough	\$228,000			
	519 Maria	\$164,000			
	49906 Powell Ridge	\$491,000			
	1246 W Ann Arbor	\$268,000			
Redford	12022 Beech Daly	\$72,000			
			Westland		
			33059 Alanson		\$89,000
			36709 Cherry Oak		\$228,000
			33732 Krauter		\$124,000
			6655 N Hix		\$254,000
			32517 Newaygo		\$70,000
			32116 Parkwood		\$140,000
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			7354 S Kingston		\$134,000
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**WESTLAND.** Great location for this four bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch in Westland. Beautiful 33x15 family room in finished basement with gas fireplace & lots of storage. Updated roof, windows, furnace, concrete. Newer mechanics' dream 2+ car garage with workshop, extra slab for boat or trailer. A Must See! \$185,900 (D58Av0)



**CANTON.** Extremely nice four bedroom ranch close to park. Two full & two half baths, remodeled kitchen with new cabinets, sky light, counter & floor. Master addition with bath and walk-in closet. Remodeled bath. New furnace & hot water heater, windows, front door, roof shingles, etc. \$224,900 (D24Mor)

**NORTHVILLE.** Captivating and full of charm... plus great curb appeal for this 1890's cottage gothic home in Northville's Historical District within walking distance to downtown. Completely renovated in and out, enlarged kitchen & dinette with full bay window, and two car attached garage with brick paver drive. \$399,900 (L94Cad)

**DEARBORN HEIGHTS.** Come see this exceptionally maintained 3 bedroom ranch in fabulous Golfview Manor sub. Hardwood floors throughout, gorgeous new kitchen w/oak cabinets & new appliances. One full bath & 2 half baths, partially finished bsmt. New architectural shingles on home & garage, plus new gutters. \$179,900 (L51Hf)

**ROCKWOOD.** Move-in condition - spotless! Large custom built manufactured home with over 2500 sq. ft. on almost 3 acres! Full basement, bay window & natural fireplace in living rm, master suite w/cathedral ceiling & extra large bath with Jacuzzi. Too many extras to list. Make an offer on this "Must See" home! \$249,900 (L40Tru)

**REDFORD.** This three bedroom brick ranch was incredibly designed & great for families in South Redford's most desirable area. All bdrms have double closets. Large bathroom w/double sinks. Spacious living rm & kitchen w/new counter stone. Finished bsmt with rec room. Fourth bedroom & half bath. Many updates. \$159,900 (L28Sem)

**FARMINGTON.** Country charm in the heart of Farmington - move-in condition, spotless 2 bedroom ranch w/ward winning landscaping. New white ceramic bath, & exquisite kit w/abundance of counters, cabs, & 3x7 walk-in pantry. Updated windows, roof, A/C, sliding, furnace, carpet, plumbing, electric, etc. etc!!! \$149,900 (L09Vio)

**WIXOM.** Lease this beautiful three bedroom condo with two car garage & full basement. Each bedroom has a full bath and California closets. Fireplace in living room and doorwall to deck. Close to shopping and schools. Mint Condition!!! One year lease! Non-smokers. Small pets allowed. \$2000 per month. (L25Red)

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# Old Sears house moved to new location

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Nearly a century after its construction, a house that was purchased through the Sears Catalog has been moved.

In the early part of the 20th century, Sears Catalog homes were shipped in kit-form from Oregon, complete with blue-prints, to be used by homesteaders.

While it took two flatbed railroad cars to transport the necessary materials to build the 1,700-square-foot home in 1908, mover Bruce Miller hauled the intact farmhouse another six miles down the road Friday with a 10-wheel truck atop two 80-foot steel beams.

And while Sears homes are rare, the house that was located south of Filer,

Idaho, is by no means one of a kind.

After the turn of the century, about 75 Sears homes were brought to the area, Miller said.

Sears manufacturers used West Coast fir, which Miller said is "the best lumber money could buy."

The house was built on an 80-acre homestead and belonged to William A. Lincoln.

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<p><b>COUNTRY CHARM.</b> This home has a wonderful country feeling but still close to freeways, only 20 minutes from Ann Arbor and the downtown area. 3 bedroom Bungalow on a 80x200 lot in a great sub! Remodeled kitchen and bath, newer roof, furnace, ac, windows and appliances. \$141,900 (040EN)</p>	<p><b>COMFORT, VALUE, AND CHARM.</b> Ground level ranch style end unit in a peaceful setting overlooking a commons area. Bright open floor plan with extra windows throughout. 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths in the desirable Lilley Pointe Sub. One year home warranty included. \$128,900 (808LI)</p>	<p><b>BEAUTIFUL CAPE COD.</b> 4 bedroom, 2 full bath cape cod with a huge 27x16 family room with a cozy gas fireplace, oak mantle and built in book shelves. Updated kitchen, separate dining room, basement and a 2 car garage with a walk up loft. 1754 square feet of living space! \$178,900 (176SE)</p>	<p><b>EXPRESS YOURSELF HERE.</b> Almost new 4 BR/3.5 BA colonial in a tranquil golf course community. Impressive 2 story family room w/FP, formal living &amp; dining rooms plus a library. Master suite fit for royalty w/cathedral ceilings, WIC, and glamour bath. Guest suite with ceramic bath, 3-car garage, and more! \$439,900 (450DE)</p>	<p><b>FANTASTIC VALUE!</b> You cant beat this price with 1268 square feet, 3 bedrooms, and a maintenance free brick exterior! Ready to move into in a great Redford community close to shopping and highways. Huge master, dining room w/bay window and built-in china cabinet, hardwood floors, and a fenced yard. \$121,000 (012V1)</p>	<p><b>NEW CONSTRUCTION.</b> 2350 square foot Colonial with 4-bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths backing to the woods. Large open floor plan with formal living and dining rooms, hardwood floors, 2.5 car garage, and a basement with 9.6 foot ceilings. Maintenance free exterior. \$299,900 (906SO)</p>	<p><b>RARE FIND IN REDFORD.</b> It doesn't get any better than this 4-bedroom, 2.5 bath brick Colonial. Updated windows, interior and exterior doors, copper plumbing, partially finished basement and much more! \$155,000 (443CA)</p>
<p><b>VERY COMFORTABLE LIFESTYLE.</b> 3 BDRM brick &amp; vinyl ranch with a large living room w/vaulted ceiling, eat in kitchen, full basement, &amp; plenty of storage space. 2.5 car garage, storage shed, &amp; huge covered deck in a lovely yard with a privacy fence. Appliances &amp; home warranty included! \$124,900 (717F1)</p>	<p><b>PLYMOUTH'S FINEST!</b> 4 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial on beautiful treed lot. Formal dining &amp; living. Oak kitchen, w/built-in oven/range, &amp; huge nook. Family room with fireplace, library with shelving. Master w/spa, jetted tub in main &amp; master baths, oak 6-panel doors and trim. "California" closets &amp; neutral carpet. \$389,500 (084MU)</p>	<p><b>DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE.</b> In town 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick Bungalow on a beautiful treed lot on a quiet dead end street. Rich hardwood floors, wet plaster walls with coved ceilings, updated windows, baths, roof, furnace and ac. Family room with fireplace and a 2 car garage. \$259,900 (860SP)</p>	<p><b>A DIFFERENT DRUMMER?</b> Enjoy the distinction of this 4 BR 2-story featuring a formal dining room, inspiring great room with 17' ceiling, dream kitchen with nook &amp; butler's pantry. Master with a tray ceiling, WIC, &amp; luxury bath. Finished basement and breathtaking views from the paver patio. \$469,000 (751SA)</p>	<p><b>CHOICE LOCATION.</b> One of the few remaining building lots in the Plymouth/Northville area that has all utilities, private, wooded and affordable. \$149,900 (00VLA)</p>	<p><b>FORMER BUILDERS MODEL.</b> For Lease w/option to buy. Premium lot on 1/2 acre with 3 BR/2.5 BA plus a loft. Custom window treatments, cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors, gas fireplace, upgraded kitchen cabs, luxury master w/tray ceiling &amp; bath, 3-car garage w/finished bonus room &amp; more. \$319,900 or \$1,900/L (140NO)</p>	<p><b>ONE OF A KIND.</b> Custom built brick ranch with a bright open floor plan. Situated on a large private and picturesque wooded lot w/a fully fenced yard! 3-BR/2 BA, huge great room with FP, finished basement, hardwood floors, soaring ceilings all in a great location with Farmington Schools. \$249,900 (225P1)</p>
<p><b>COUNTRY LIVING.</b> Feels like the country in this 3 bedroom ranch on a double lot in a nice quiet neighborhood in Farmington Hills. Spacious living room, newer Berber carpeting and double closets for extra storage. Ready to move into. \$139,900 (225PA)</p>	<p><b>NORTHVILLE'S HIGHLAND LAKES!</b> Spacious cape cod with 4 bedrooms condo backs to commons &amp; close to elementary. 2 huge BR w/Jack &amp; Jill bath. Formal LR &amp; family room w/fireplace, finished base-ment, updated windows &amp; baths, freshly painted kitchen with appliances &amp; Pergo floor. Private fenced patio area. \$166,000 (955SC)</p>	<p><b>POPULAR BRICK BEAUTY.</b> Wonderful brick featuring newer windows, new carpet and paint throughout, a formal dining room, living room with natural fireplace, full basement and a 2 car garage. \$164,900 (288TE)</p>	<p><b>HISTORICAL HOME.</b> For lease with the option to buy. 3-bedrooms and 1.5 baths with 1500 square feet! Updates include kitchen, bath, electrical, plumbing, newly plastered walls, first floor laundry and more. Situated on a huge wooded lot with a wrap around porch. \$1,750 per mo. \$389,900 (116RO)</p>	<p><b>INVESTOR SPECIAL.</b> New roof, plumbing, electrical, sliding, 95% EFF. furnace, windows, carpet, bath and fresh paint. This home needs a kitchen and a bath to be completed. Hardwood floors and 1st floor laundry. \$220,900 (679AD)</p>	<p><b>CONTEMPORARY BACKING TO COMMONS.</b> Freshly painted interior and exterior. Ceramic flooring. Huge 22x14 family room with vaulted ceiling, skylights, and a cozy fireplace. Bright open kitchen with work island. Master suite with a balcony. Finished basement and 1st floor laundry, 4-bedrooms and 2 baths. \$299,900 (564BU)</p>	<p><b>GARDEN CITY RANCH.</b> Brick ranch with 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a large fenced back yard in a great Garden City neighborhood. 2 car garage, some hardwood floors, and a finished basement with a possible 4th bedroom. \$139,900 (612CA)</p>

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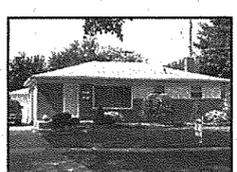
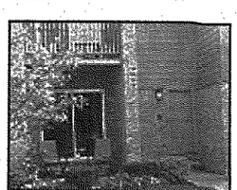
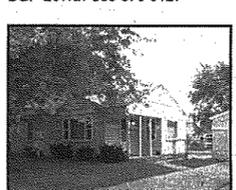
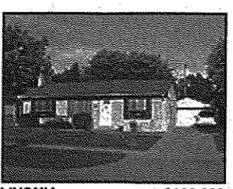
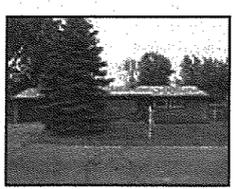
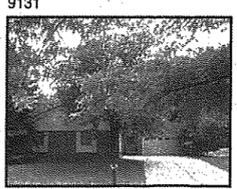
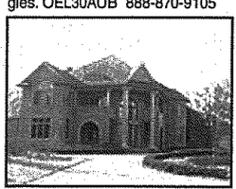
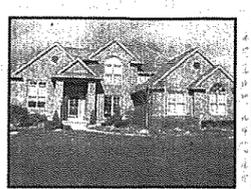
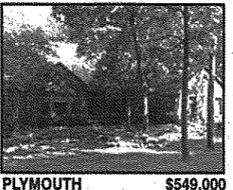
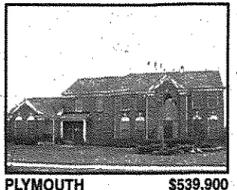
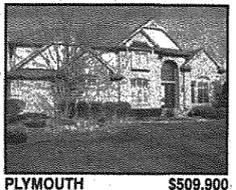
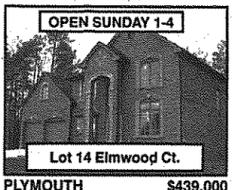
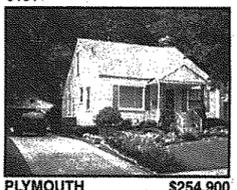
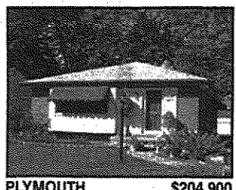
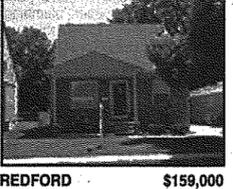
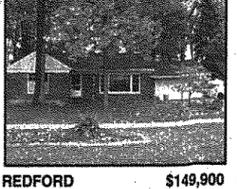
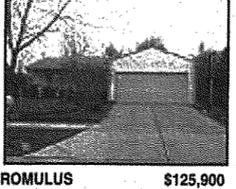
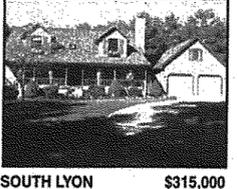
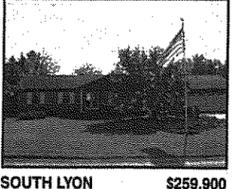
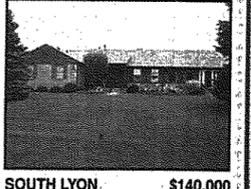
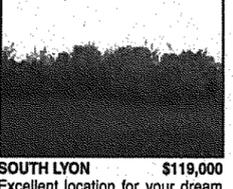
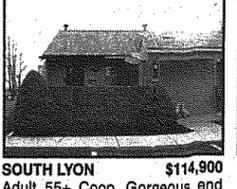
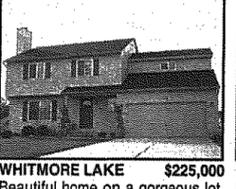
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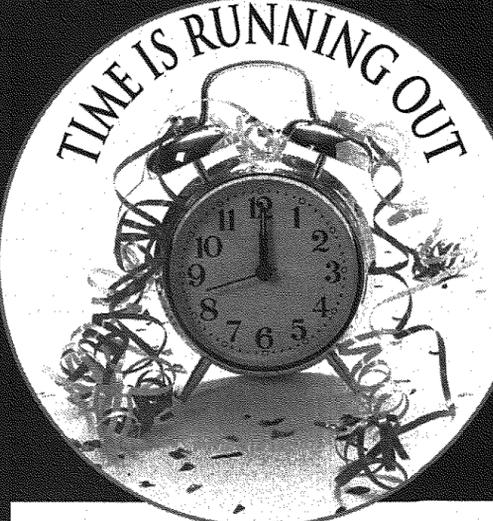
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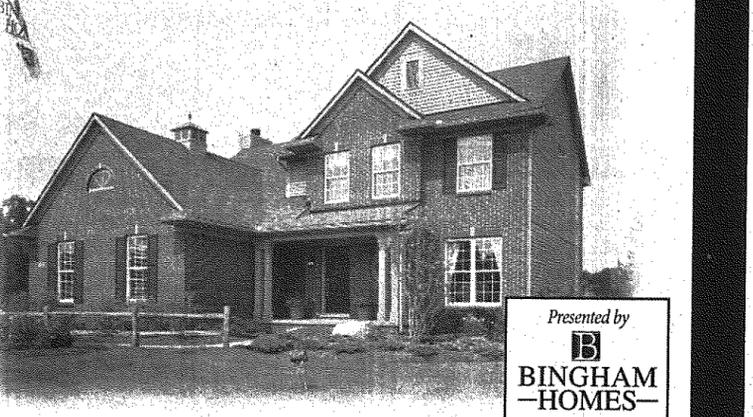


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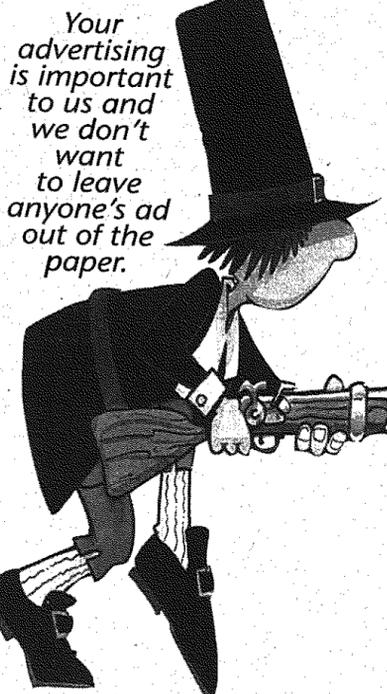
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All Real Estate & Apt. Ads	Automotive Display	Help Wanted Display	Liners Class 3000-8800
5 pm-Weds. Nov. 19th	9 am-Thurs. Nov. 20th	3 pm-Fri. Nov. 21st	5:30 pm-Fri. Nov. 21st
Thursday, November 27th Publication			
Real Estate Section	Automotive Display	Help Wanted Display	Liners Class 3000-8800
3 pm-Fri. Nov. 21st	Noon-Mon. Nov. 24th	3 pm-Mon. Nov. 24th	6 pm-Mon. Nov. 24th
Sunday, November 30th Publication			
New Homes Section	All Real Estate & Apt. Ads	Automotive Display	Help Wanted Display
5 pm-Tues. Nov. 25th	5 pm-Weds. Nov. 26th	5 pm-Weds. Nov. 26th	3 pm-Fri. Nov. 28th
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**APARTMENT COMMUNITY** Dearborn Heights Area Seeking to fill maintenance tech position, full-time. Must have good driving record. Please call: (313) 562-3969

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**Help Wanted General 5000**

**BOOKKEEPER** Needed for small Livonia company. Must be organized and know QuickBooks. Flexible hours. Fax resume to: 734-542-4070

**BOOKKEEPER** Part-time (three days per week). For high-tech software company in Livonia. Experience with QuickBooks needed. Send resume to careers@workforcesoftware.com.

**CALL CENTER REPS** Farmington Hills home improvement co. is hiring appointment setters. Full-time, 1:30-9pm, Mon.-Fri. Sat. 10-3pm. \$8-\$10 per hr. plus bonus. Professional attitude, team player, desire to maximize income & utilize sales skills. Call Keith after 2pm. 248-478-8600

**CARPENTERS ROUGH CARPENTERS** Good wages. Good benefits. Experience necessary. Call after 6pm: 248-477-1553

**CARPENTERS** Established west side contractor looking for experienced Roughers. Top pay. Health insurance and retirement plan. 248-684-0174

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**CASHIER / PREP PERSON** Upbeat and Experienced Must have Cash Register and Food Prep Experience Call (248)447-5750 Between 7-11 AM or After 1:00 PM

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**CHIROPRACTIC** office looking for the right person to assist with patient care. Must be people oriented, high energy, organized and multi-tasked. If you are looking for a career where you can make a difference in the world, please fax your resume to 734-261-8452. Chiro benefits. 30hrs/wk

**CLEANERS (multiple)** needed every, Plymouth & Northville areas. Call (734) 947-4374

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**Commercial Cleaning**, part time evenings. Wixom, Novi, Plymouth locations. Must have exp. & reliable transportation. (734) 459-6190, Mon-Fri, 9-5.

**CONTROLLER** Company that provides communication products & services to corporate & retail clients is seeking a financial controller to manage accounting department located in Pontiac. Successful candidate shall have 10 yrs. of accounting exp. & is capable of managing A/P, A/R, payroll, monthly P/L statements & preparing forecasts & budgets. Competitive salary & benefits with excellent opportunity for growth. Send resume to: P.O. Box 71735 Madison Heights, MI 48071

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EOE

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**DRIVER** Local Delivery Driver. Must have CDL-B with HAZMET endorsement. Mechanically inclined & have customer service skills with knowledge of the metro area. Mail or fax resume to: AmSyn 13455 Stamford Ct. Livonia, MI 48160 Fax: (734) 427-4493

**DRIVER** Team Operator. OTR long haul. Mature, nonsmoker, min. 5 yrs exp. \$44/mo. split pay. 734-612-6816

**DRIVERS-CLASS B \$40,000+** Local roof-top delivery of shingles. 80% roof loading, 20% driving. Hard work, this is not for everyone-500,600 lifts @ 80#. Construction/roofing exp. helpful. BC/BSS, 401K, year round work! Apply at: 36340 Van Born Rd. Wayne, MI

**Electricians - Experienced** Capable of running small commercial jobs. Also hiring experienced Residential Electricians. 248-431-2000

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**FIELD SERVICE TECHNICIAN** No exp. necessary. Electrical and mechanical. Electrical. Will train. Benefits. Fax: (734) 207-8368

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**HOUSEKEEPER, Part Time** Needed for retirement home in Livonia. Good hours. 9am-1pm. (734) 425-3050

**HVAC - Full-time starting position** for motivated person. No exp. required. Mechanical aptitude a must. Call 9am-10am. (248) 646-2160

**HVAC Service Technician IMMEDIATE OPENING** Established HVAC Co. has immediate opening for HVAC service technician. Must have 5 plus yrs experience. Apply in person Dunlap's Service Network, 898 S. Main St. Plymouth, MI 48170

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**HAIRSTYLIST - Experienced** 1 day/wk. Bloomfield Hills area nursing home. 1-800-762-7391

**MAINTENANCE** Full-time for Southfield Apts. Must have own tools & transportation. Experience in HVAC, plumbing, electrical, drywall & carpentry. 248-355-5123

**MAINTENANCE** Needed for Pontiac apartment community. Must have basic skills in plumbing, carpentry and HVAC. Must have valid drivers license and ability to pass a background check. Includes benefits. Call Rhonda: (248) 373-1400 or fax resume to: (248) 373-8946

**MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR** MUST have previous supervisory experience. Must be A/C qualified. Plumbing, electrical, carpentry. Excellent salary and benefits package. Apply at Windsor at Fairlane Meadow Apartments, 4900 Heather Dr., Dearborn, MI 48126 or Fax your resume to: 313-336-6393

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In the Ann Arbor area looking for Die Repair up-grader/press operator. Must have tool room experience...

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OFFICE ASSISTANT

Needed for a 40 hour week at \$10/hr. Excellent customer service skills & computer exp. required. Consisting of answering incoming phone calls; scheduling; payroll and AIA Contracts. Medical/Dental/401K package. Mail resume to: Gale Insulation, 47167 Carter Court, Livonia, MI 48393. Or fax to 248-960-9802

OFFICE ASSISTANT

Needed full time for small, casual office in Novi. Must have computer and clerical skills, bookkeeping helpful. Call Brighter Life Products 248-349-0800

RECEPTIONIST

Longcare house is seeking part-time receptionist call for appt., Anne, 248-477-8404.

RECEPTIONIST

Carpet Company in Novi seeking a full time person for front desk. MUST HAVE computer, carpent & builder experience. Fax qualifications to: 248-735-8873.

RECEPTIONIST

For Farmington Hills law firm. Full time. Fax resume: Attn. Paula, 248-893-3333 or email MCMLaw@aol.com

SECRETARY

Law offices of Alexander Zelmanski & Lee, PLLC, are seeking Secretary to fill full time opening for Jan., 2004. Please submit resume and salary requirements to: 1436 Prestbury Ct., Canton, MI 48187

SECRETARY/COORDINATOR

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The City of Rochester Hills is accepting applications for Support Staff Aide. \$9.55-\$11.20 per hour. Clerical & Customer Service duties in support of local Park activities. Approximately 20 hours per week; no benefits. Requires experience with office computers and business software, keyboarding skills. Apply by 12/01/03, 5:00 p.m. Apply in person Mon-Fri from 8-5 or send resume indicating position, to Human Resources. Fax: 248-656-4739; Address: City of Rochester Hills, 1000 Rochester Hills Dr., Rochester Hills, MI 48309. EOE.

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Motivated MA, RN or allied health professional to teach clinical skills to adults at Ross Medical Education Center. Minimum 5 years related experience+ diploma/certificate. Standardized curriculum, part-time 2-3 days, 8am-1pm, \$16-17/hr to start. EOE. Call 734-434-7339

MEDICAL ASSISTANT CERTIFIED

OB/GYN OFFICE. Salary negotiable. 5 hours daily. Call (248) 334-7666

MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Exp. preferred. EKG, X-ray, phlebotomy. 3-4 days/wk. Farmington Hills. Call 248-476-6209 or fax resume: 248-476-6237

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Energetic team player needed to join our family practice. Experienced only. We will pay for the best. Fax resume to: 734-454-1092

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For Pediatrics practice, full time, benefits avail. Call Valerie: 248-661-9100 or fax resume to: 248-661-9158

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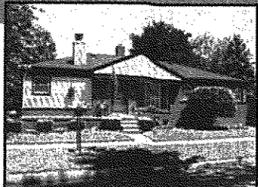
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**NORTHVILLE** - Golf community condo! A pleasure to show! Favorite FF master, open floor plan, 2 story foyer, curved staircase, ceramic tile in foyer & kit, granite tops, 42" cream cabs & stainless steel appls, cathedral ceiling in family room w/gas frplc + deck, full bsmt & 2 car att garage. \$379,900 (73LYO) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA** - Great location in Livonia. Broad front brick ranch offers open floor plan, FR w/fireplace opening to lg country kitchen, part fin bsmt w/sep office & a wet bar, 1 car garage + hardwood floors, newer roof, glass block windows, C/A & privacy fence. Only 2 blks. from elem. sch. & park. \$164,900 (10SEL) 734-455-5600



**DETROIT** - Warrendale Ranch. Nice & clean 4 bedroom ranch, partly finished basement, 2 car garage. Updates include: roof, furnace, C/A, hot water heater. Appliances are negotiable. Some updated windows, 1 year home warranty too! \$100,000 (52WES) 734-455-5600



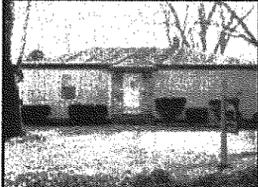
**NORTHVILLE** - Elegant Victorian. 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home on approx .62 acres in the heart of historic district. Complete renovation/addition in 1998. Custom kitchen, master bedroom suite, library w/lead glass doors, 9' ceilings on 1st floor, 2nd floor laundry & attached garage. \$849,900 (24FRAN) 248-349-5600



**DEARBORN HGTS.** - Great Income Property. 2 family brick home. Many newer updates: roof, furnace, hot water heater, drive, windows & fireplace. Fenced yard, separate electric, 2 bedrooms down and 1 up. District #7 schools. Central air & 2+ car garage. \$159,900 (12HIP) 248-349-5600



**SOUTH LYON** - Too many fine qualities. Spectacular best describes this stately 4 bedroom, 3.2 bath custom colonial deep in golf community. Certainly nothing spared. \$100,000 in upgrades & over \$40,000 in landscaping including pavers and custom deck. \$849,000 (57STA) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Lease or Buy. Great Livonia location. 3 bedrooms, family room, 1.5 car garage, updates include: windows, kitchen & baths. All appliances stay. Large yard w/privacy fence in rear. Newer carpet, Livonia schools. Immediate occupancy. \$139,900 (71ROY) 734-455-5600



**VAN BUREN** - Country in the city. 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch w/large 3 car garage w/workshop. Lovely flower gardens & lg covered patio. Remodeled baths, master w/whirlpool tub. Newer steel doors, fresh paint & more. See through fireplace in living room & family room, lg shed w/loft. \$184,900 (27OLD) 734-455-5600



**GREEN OAKS** - A little bit of country. Large 4 bedroom, 2 bath raised ranch w/2 car attached garage, walk-out lower level, 2 fireplaces w/raised hearth, newer windows, ceramic tile in foyer, kitchen & bath, doorwall from master & dining room to 45x16 deck. \$194,619 (51SOM) 734-455-5600



**FARMINGTON** - Walk to downtown. Absolutely immaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/1+ car garage, finished LL, updated kitchen w/oak cabs. Living room w/coved ceiling, hardwood under carpet, neutral & move-in ready. Don't miss this one. \$169,900 (17GLE) 248-349-5600



**DEARBORN HGTS.** - Great one level living. Great buy on this ranch home w/2 car garage, covered porch & good roof. Home needs some TLC. Central air, first floor laundry room. Nice neighborhood. Just waiting for your love and care. \$84,900 (35WIL) 248-349-5600



**NOVI** - Lovely 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home in move-in condition. Sliding doorwall from family room w/fireplace to extensive patio that extends to an in-ground heated pool. Recent kitchen & bath upgrades, central air. Newer roof & windows, fresh paint, newer carpet, neutral t/o. \$234,900 (59OAK) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Award winning Livonia schools. 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2 car attached garage, partially finished basement, hardwood flooring, roof tear off & furnace in 2000. Newer vinyl windows. Backs to field of elementary school. Premium lot & home warranty. A must see. \$219,900 (40NOL) 734-455-5600



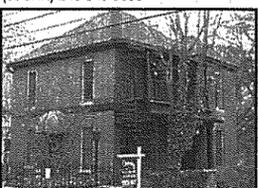
**DEARBORN HGTS.** - 4 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow. Extra sharp broad front bungalow w/fireplace, updated kitchen, bath, windows, doors, newer carpet, deck off back, 2 car attached garage. Shows well, neutral colors. \$131,000 (01WES) 734-455-5600



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**HOWELL** - Newer 1.5 story condo. Great 2 bdrm, 2 bath unit w/open vaulted ceilings, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage & full 'bsmt. Deck overlooking natural pond. Gas fireplace, master suite w/walk-in closet, 2 seat shower, hardwood floor in kitchen and foyer. Oak cabs, banister & railings. Must see. \$182,900 (21NEW) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Historic Northville Duplex. Can't afford Northville? Yes you can! Rare historic duplex. Wooded lot w/brook. Beautiful. Updates throughout. Live in main flat, rent upper flat & bonus studio. Super curb appeal. This is an awesome investment opportunity. \$296,000 (10RAN) 248-349-5600



**LINCOLN PARK** - Character & Charm. 5 bedroom, 2 full bath brick colonial w/2 car garage, basement, newer hot water heater 2001, formal dining room, living room & 1 year home warranty. \$129,900 (80PAR) 734-455-5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Park-like setting in private backyard. 3 bdrm, 2 bath brick ranch! Open flr plan w/cath ceiling, refin hrwd flrs. Newer kitchen w/ceramic, pull up bar seating, Kraftmaid cabs, appl incl, dining area w/ceramic floor, casement wndws w/view of yard. Bsmt & garage. \$207,000 (31LAK) 734-455-5600

**PLYMOUTH** 705 South Main St. 734-455-5600

**NORTHVILLE** 175 CadyCentre 248-349-5600

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**LIVONIA** - Clean tudor style home. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath tudor. Kitchen w/oak, Pergo, Corian, formal dining room, library, fireplace, FFL, fin bsmt, 50 gal hot water heater, C/A, organizers in all bedroom closets. Newer carpet and roof. 2 car garage. Deck overlooking tree surrounded yard. \$324,900 (85MYR) 248-349-5600



**LINCOLN PARK** - Quiet tree-lined street. Well maintained 3 bedroom, all brick ranch in desirable area. Newer remodeled kitchen w/2nd kitchen in partially finished basement. Patio & shed in lovely backyard. One year home warranty offered. Move right in. \$107,900 (75MIC) 248-349-5600



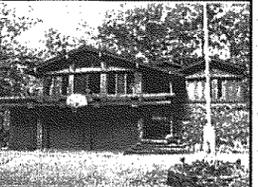
**BROWNSTOWN** - 1997 Brownstown Beauty. Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/basement, 2 car attached garage, family room w/fireplace, master bedroom w/walk-in closet & full bath. 20x37 deck, freshly painted inside + 1 year home warranty. \$199,900 (36TIM) 734-455-5600



**REDFORD** - Charming brick cape cod. Maintenance free, beautifully kept, easy access to freeway. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, car att gar, fin bsmt, nat frplc, hwd flrs, woodwork & built-ins throughout. Updates & fresh paint. Big deck & fenced yard. A home w/character. \$179,900 (02FAR) 734-455-5600



**DEARBORN** - Terrific bungalow. 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick home offers hardwood floors, updated master bedroom, dining room w/ceramic tile, C/A & appliances. Partially finished basement w/full bath & glass block windows. Home warranty. \$143,900 (28ROB) 734-455-5600



**ORCHARD LAKE** - Best of two lakes. Views will amaze you. Orchard Lake in front and Upper Straits in back. 6 bedroom, 3.5 bath contemporary home. Huge dining room can entertain your largest group. Fabulous opportunity. Has not been available for 30 years. \$2,399,900 (47OLD) 248-349-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Incredible Value. Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest sq ft built by Mocer. Every imaginable upgrade: marble, granite, cust cherry cabs, 2 story enclosed porch, spiral staircase, MBR w/3-way fireplace, sitting room + glamour bath, fin LL w/kit, bath & bdrm. \$1,249,000 (02MAN) 248-349-5600



**GENOA TOWNSHIP** - Executive retreat. Pine Creek sub offers this 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath home w/open floor plan. 2-story LR w/2-way frplc. Open FR, butlers pantry, cherry cabs w/Corian counters, Andersen windows & prof landscaped w/sprink, 2nd flr sun deck w/porch. Access to Brighton Lake. \$585,000 (64ARB) 248-349-5600



**NEW BOSTON** - Better Homes and Gardens home. Absolute beauty! 4 bedroom cape cod sitting on 3/4 acre lot w/FF master ste w/WIC & Jacuzzi tub, 2.5 baths, LR w/gas FP, DR, large country kit w/lt oak cabs, oak flr in foyer, it oak trim t/o, 2.5 car att gar, 90% eff furn & C/A. Home warr. \$308,900 (09BRY) 734-455-5600



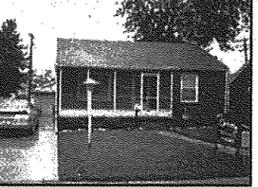
**GARDEN CITY** - Custom built ranch. Unique flr plan surrounds inground pool, offers lg living area + 2 kitchens, 2 laundry areas, separate heating & cooling. Newer furnace & C/A units, vinyl siding, newer roof, attached garage, all sitting on approx 1/2 acre lot. \$193,500 (11DAW) 734-455-5600



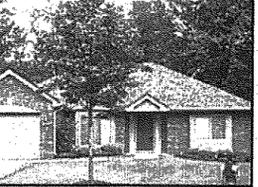
**DEARBORN HGTS.** - Don't miss this beautifully remodeled colonial situated on a wooded street. Kitchen & baths have been completely updated. Newer windows, C/A, furnace, doors, roof & 24x24. 2.5 car garage w/electricity. Must see inside. Home warranty. \$139,900 (28FOR) (734) 455-5600



**WESTLAND** - Great starter home. 3 bedroom, 1 bath ranch. Large eat-in kitchen w/ceramic tile. First floor laundry. Large fenced in yard. Neutral throughout. Newer carpet. Newer roof - 5 years. Large fenced in yard. \$120,000 (35FOR) 248-349-5600



**ROSEVILLE** - Roseville Ranch. Ready to move in 3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch w/updates. Newer cabs & tile in kitchen, updated bathroom, all newer wndws, furnace, A/C, roof, driveway, carpet, plumbing & electrical. Kitchen appls stay, 2 plus car garage w/220 & work area. \$127,900 (24BAY) 248-349-5600



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Condo Convenience. 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo located in an adult community that offers full service plus health care options. Spacious ranch w/fireplace, 1st floor laundry, attached garage & basement. Wonderful private wooded setting. Like new. \$247,900 (29ARC) 248-349-5600



**WESTLAND** - Wonderful court setting. Just move in & enjoy! Beautiful hardwood floors, updated kitchen w/oak cabs, newer windows, roof, furnace, C/A, cement. Partially finished basement w/full bath, 2 car garage, fenced yard. This home is very clean & well cared for! \$169,900 (45BAL) 734-455-5600



**YPSILANTI** - Newer construction. Lg 4 bdrm, 2 full & 2.5 bath colonial built in 1995 offering 2 car attached garage, finished bsmt, 2-way frplc in master bedroom & master bath. Special features include: vaulted & cath ceilings, skylights, Jacuzzi tub & more. \$257,900 (80JUS) 734-455-5600



**REDFORD** - A Regal Redford Ranch. Beautiful brick 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/large lot, plenty of room for kids to romp, + 2 car attached garage, family room & much more. \$159,900 (91RYL) 734-455-5600



**NORTHVILLE** - Beautiful lot. 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home recently updated w/crptg, fresh paint, crown moldings & cer bath. Kit has lt oak cabs and ceramic floor. On approx 1/2 acre w/lots of perennials, trees & brick paver patio. Short walk to elementary school. Close to Maybury park & x-ways. \$274,900 (42CHI) 248-349-5600



**NOVI** - Buy Big - Pay Small. 4 bdrm colonial in wooded sub w/Novi schs. Home has been updated. Spacious, sprinkler system, electric fence, huge deck. Hardwood floors, newer kitchen, roof & furnace. Home warranty included. \$315,000 (83ENN) 248-349-5600



**FARMINGTON HILLS** - Ready for you. 2 bedroom, 2 bath garden level condo w/newer hot water heater, kitchen & dining room flooring. Lots of storage and in-unit laundry. All appliances including washer & dryer. Freshly painted & 6 panel doors. Carport located outside your door. \$110,000 (70TWE) 248-349-5600



**REDFORD** - Move right in! Updated 3 bedroom bungalow w/newer roof, furnace, A/C, windows, kitchen floor, sink, disposal, countertop & newer appliances. Partially finished basement, private yard w/patio & garage. Great location. \$133,899 (23ELM) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA** - Don't Miss This One! Cute, clean 3 bedroom ranch w/great floor plan, freshly painted, updated bath w/ceramic tile, furnace, hot water heater, steel entry doors + 2 car garage. \$124,500 (01GIL) 734-455-5600



**LIVONIA** - Clean & Neat. Huge lot, fenced yard, big kitchen, beautiful hardwood flooring, basement w/dry bar, extra parking space. Home warranty. \$159,900 (20SAI) 734-455-5600



**NOVI** - Everything you value. 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath colonial on approx 1 acre. Hwd flrs, granite counters, butlers pantry & 2 frplcs. Formal LR w/bay windows, Dr. study, FFL, 3 car garage. Extra deep basement. Extraordinary master suite, Northville schools, much more. \$549,900 (81DEE) 248-349-5600



**LIVONIA** - Gorgeous ranch, wow views. Approx 1/2 acre lot w/views. 3 bdrms, 2.5 baths, kitchen w/white bay cabs, 2 car att garage, maple floors, loop shag crpt. Vaulted ceiling, master w/walk-in closet, sprinklers, nat frplc. Footings for 4 seasons room. A beauty. \$274,900 (84SUN) 248-349-5600



**NOVI** - Comfortable Condo. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-story located on a private setting in desirable 20 unit complex w/Northville schs. Neutral and move-in ready. 2 car attached garage and basement. Private deck faces secluded wooded area. Well maintained & ceramic tile floor. \$229,800 (23CHE) 248-349-5600

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**PLYMOUTH** \$365,000  
**GREAT CURB APPEAL** 4BR, 3 1/2 BA with Pergo, new paint, french doors, crown molding in den, bay window, wood trim. Fin bsmt, drywall, 1st floor laundry. Gazebo-deck-perennials. (R956)

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**LIVONIA** \$309,900  
**GREAT BRICK COLONIAL!** Nearly 2100 square feet, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, finished basement, 2 car attached garage, and more! (A15429)

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**NOVI** \$300,000  
**CONTEMPORARY DESIGNED HOME** Great open flr plan, nice kit, fin's bsmt w/fr, bar, bonus rm & extra storage. Deck w/built in storage, pvt entry brick paver patio & yard w/ commons feel. (76JAM2)

248-348-6430



**NOVI** \$284,900  
**GOLF CLUB COMMUNITY, MAPLES OF NOVI** Detached condo 4 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths fam rm/ cathedral ceiling, fireplace. Generous deck overlooks a nice open area, dining room, full basement, 2 car at garage. (14PAL2)

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**WESTLAND** \$279,900  
**PRIME! PRIME! PRIME! LOCATION** Over 2500 SF. Colonial, 3.5 baths, finished walkout basement, many custom and upgraded features thru-out. Built in 94. Immediate occupancy. Sharp! (O38301)

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$269,900  
**KING-SIZE COMFORT IS YOURS** In this 4BR 2000 Sq Ft Colonial, 3 full baths, master suite, formal dining room, 2 1/2 car att'd gar, rec rm, C/A, newer windows, furnace & roof shingles. (R271)

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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$269,900  
**BEST BUY IN FARMINGTON HILLS!** Fabulous schools and highly sought after subdivision. Gorgeous hwdw & ceramic tile flrs up & down. Updated kit & BAs, newer furn, a/c, rd, elec, & much more! (G29011)

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**NOVI** \$259,000  
**BEST 1/2 ACRE IN NOVI!** Almost 2000 SF, 2001 bit, 3 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/formal DR/sunken LR, den, FR, open flr plan! & Novi schools. Must see! (36CLA2)

248-348-6430



**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$250,000  
**CHARMING RANCH CONDO** Lovely condo w/ 2 BR & 2 full BA. Eat in kit. Main flr laundry. Well located w/pvt. backyard & deck. Incl. appls. Very sharp & neutral. Close to downtown Farmington. (58LAR2)

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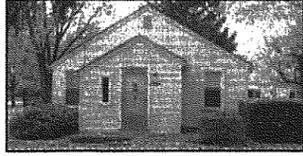
**CANTON** \$246,500  
**LUXURY GOLF COURSE VIEW CONDO** 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath has professionally finished Sports Bar basement w/separate office or bedroom w/1/2 bath, 2 car att garage, Low association fee. (P165)

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**YPSILANTI** \$238,900  
**BETTER THAN NEW!** Upgrades & extras done! Professional landscaping, deeper bsmt, extd hwdw flrs, C/A, upgraded cabs. Sittng rm or 4th bdrm. Kit appl included. Move right in! (23H7629)

734-455-7000



**NORTHVILLE** \$229,900  
**HISTORIC NORTHVILLE** In for the holidays! Third bedroom currently used as ff laund/ lav. Beautiful lot w/g trees for privacy. Det gar, newer windows, basement. Great opportunity. (25CLE2)

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**NOVI** \$229,900  
**DELIGHTFUL HOME WITH LOTS OF UPDATES** Wonderful 3 BR brick ranch. Charming LR, Lovely kit & brkfst area, comfortable FR w/p, all vinyl windows, partially fin'd bsmt & maintenance free exterior. (28BOR2)

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**CANTON** \$224,900  
**BEAUTIFUL BRICK CONDO W/1ST FLOOR MASTER** Move right in to this spacious, neutral 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo w/2 stry GR RM w/corner FP. Loft w/full BA, crown moldings, skylights, 1st Flr Laund & 2 Car Att Gar! (O3SHE2)

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**NOVI** \$224,900  
**STUNNING NOVI RAISED RANCH!** Numerous updates this year include: gorgeous kitchen, hardwood flrs, 6-panel doors, more. Newer furnace, windows, & roof. (C23536)

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**LIVONIA** \$220,000  
**LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE, & CHARM!** This well maintained 3 BR, 2.5 BA brk colonial has it all with 1700 SF of quality living area, mstr BR w/full BA. Updates incl: wndws, kit, & carpet. Nice ydt! (W19960)

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**NOVI** \$219,900  
**POPULAR VILLAGE OAKS HOME** Great 4 BR, 2 Bath home in Novi sub w/lake, pool & clubhouse. 1734 Sq Ft. 1 Block from elem school. Open airy floor plan. FR w/FP. Home Warranty incl. (69GU2)

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**PLYMOUTH** \$214,900  
**YOU WILL RECOGNIZE FINE CRAFTSMANSHIP** 3 BR, 1.5 BA brk colonial, tastefully decorated w/xtra special touches. Lg eat-in kit w/oak cabinetry, FR w/gas log FP, remodeled bath, hwdw flrs, & much more! (C9343)

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**CANTON** \$208,500  
**SELL THE LAWNMOWER!** Easy living describes this 2 bdrm, 2.5 bath Townhome in Canton. GR w/gas fp, kitchen w/appliances. Formal DR, full bsmt. 2 car gar, nice deck. Backs to pond. (23O1926)

734-455-7000



**PLYMOUTH** \$204,900  
**A CHOICE LOCATION IN PLYMOUTH!** Walking distance from downtown, limited traffic sub. 1236 SF, 3 BR, 1.5 BA, low maintenance in & out. Brk FP in FR, 2 car gar, newer wndws, furn, HWH, & more! (A42520)

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**WESTLAND** \$185,000  
**BEAUTIFUL BROWNSTONE CONDO** Comfortable living on all 3 floors, Bay windows on 1st & 2nd floors, fireplace, hardwood floors, near shopping & restaurants. Must see to appreciate! (C677)

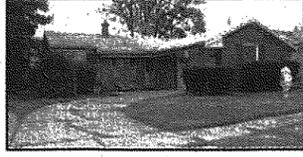
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**LIVONIA** \$179,900  
**HIGHLY DESIRED COVENTRY GARDENS!** 1753 SF tri-level with large lot. A great opportunity at this price! (C34037)

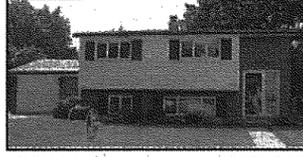
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**LIVONIA** \$179,900  
**YOU WON'T FIND MORE HOME FOR LESS MONEY!** 3 good sized BRs, 2 BAs, lg LR with gas FP, den/computer rm could be 4th BR, 3 season sun rm off rear w/8' drvl, full fin bsmt w/wet bar, daylt wndws, att'd gar. (S19941)

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**LIVONIA** \$169,900  
**NEVER SHOWN!** This 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath raised ranch has just become available. Updates include: roof, siding cement, 22X20 garage, kitchen, C, HWH & humidifier. Pleasure to show. (23B30143)

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**WAYNE** \$159,900  
**NICEST BUNGALOW IN WAYNE** Fabulous decor in the 3 bdrm, 2 bath. Updates include roof, siding cement, 22X20 garage, kitchen, dining room. Large L-shaped deck with jacuzzi. First class. (F439)

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**WESTLAND** \$159,900  
**WESTLAND HOME- LIVONIA SCHOOLS!** Spacious 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath tri-level. Walk to elementary. Newer windows, furnace, A/C. Excellent starter or empty nester home. Clean & ready for you! (23D8023)

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**REDFORD** \$159,900  
**HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to call this newly constructed 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 1260 SF, 2 car att'd gar colonial w/bsmt your new home! Act fast - this quality workmanship won't last long! (S19335)

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**REDFORD** \$155,900  
**TONS OF SHARM & CURB APPEAL** Shade trees, decks and too many updates to mention Over 1,500 square feet. Formal dining room, updated kitchen, fireplace, walk-out basement, 2 car gar. & more. (S143)

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**LIVONIA** \$155,000  
**WONDERFUL HOME READY NOW!** 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, all brick ranch, full finished bsmt, 2 car garage. Cute, clean, many updates. Great neighborhood & Livonia Schools too! (A9646)

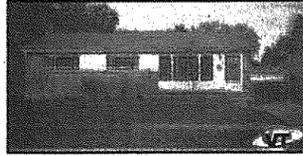
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**NORTHVILLE** \$150,000  
**DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE BUSINESS!** This card shop has it all: cards, stationary, gift wrap, shower supplies, balloons. Computer & card generating software. Complete w/ fixtures, cash register, etc. (15MAI2)

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**REDFORD** \$141,900  
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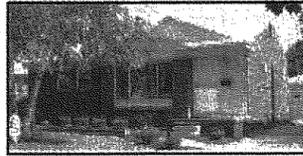
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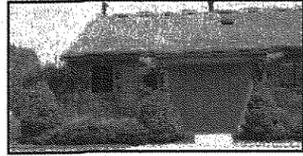
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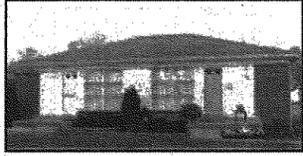
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FARMINGTON HILLS Antique bed & oak dresser, curio cabinets, sectional, recliner, patio set, yard tools, household misc. & Christmas. 21645 Cass, S. of 9 W. of Farmington. Fri-Sat. Nov. 21-22, 10-4pm.

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GROSSE POINTE SALES Fri-Sat. Nov. 21-22, 10am-4pm 2537 W. Hickory Grove, Bloomfield (I-75 to W. of Lake Rd., Forest Lake Estates, 1st street W. of Telegraph Rd.)

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MOVING/ESTATE SALE Fri., Nov. 21 st., & Sat. Nov. 22 nd., 10-4. Furniture, household, crystal & antiques. 6375 Surrey Rd., W. of Telegraph, N. of Maple Foxcroft Sub.

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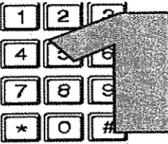


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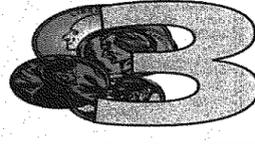
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### THINKING OF YOU

Funny DWF, 47, 5'2", brown hair, blue eyes, medium build. Looking for a SWM, 5'8", slim to medium build, for a sincere long term relationship. Preferably N/S and social drinker. I love hockey, music, movies, dining out and much more. Westland area. Ad#:570055

### HIGH ON LIFE

Friendly, quiet, SWF, 51, pleasantly plump, basketball, football, movies, & Church activities. I would like to meet a loving partner, under 65, to enjoy life. Ad#:570006

### SEARCHING

SWF, 44, who loves the loud pipes, Harley's, also likes The Red Wings. Seeking SWM, 45-55, Ad#:501033

### FUN-LOVING

SWF, 50, 5'5", with brown hair and eyes. Interests are time with friends, basketball, football, music shows, etc. Looking for an intelligent, sincere, trusting SWM, over 45, who is fun to be with and has similar interests. Ad#:568473

### I'LL BE WAITING

Calam, laid-back SWF, 62, 5'2", 110 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes. Loves family activities, cooking, crocheting, cultural events and more. Seeks a kind, quiet SWM, 58+, who cares about other people, and loves animals. Ad#:567481

### BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT

SWF, 57, 5'4", red curly hair, brown eyes. Enjoys movies, theater, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-79, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#:473811

### YOU WILL LIKE ME

Attractive, blond, fun-loving SWF, 66, medium-build, artist. Enjoys travel and cuddling with someone special, seeks a SWM, 60 plus. Let's meet. Ad#:567287

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### DON'T HESITATE...

I'm ready for fun & laughter! SWF, 46, 8', a smoker, social drinker. I'm searching for a SWM, 55-70, who shares my interests. Ad#:503750

### UNDERSTANDING

SBF, 49, with black hair and brown eyes. Enjoys music, singing, the outdoors, etc. Searching for a SBF, 40-55, who is educated, fun-loving and communicative. Ad#:561932

### PURSUe ME

SB Mom, 23, 5'8", searching for a fun-loving SWM, 22-32, with ambition and goals. Must love kids. Ad#:561855

### ALL AROUND GOOD WOMAN

Funny, quiet-natured SBF, 31, 5'8", weight proportionate, light complexion, hazel eyes, one son. Enjoys reading, movies and family time. Looking for an up-front SWM, 32-40. Ad#:561671

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### SOMETHING MISSING

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### CHALLENGE ME

I'm a very nice, attractive SBF, 38. Friendly, quiet, SWF, 51, pleasantly plump, basketball, football, movies, & Church activities. I would like to meet a loving partner, under 65, to enjoy life. Ad#:570006

### ARE WE ALIKE?

SWF, 50, with above average looks, good communicator, amusing, loving soul mate. Seeking SWM, 45-60, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad#:405666

### COLORFUL

Generous-hearted, impulsive, carefree, professional, SBF, 41, a rare find. I'm seeking a fun, fun SWM, 36-45, cheerful, yet can be humorous. Ad#:557303

### VISIONS OF LOVE

I'm 5'3", with dark brown hair/eyes. A personable, SWF, 44, who enjoys quality time with my children, race cars & a variety of interests. Seeking a loving relationship with a creative SWM, 42-58, who's happy & confident. Ad#:558995

### DO WE CLICK?

Professional SWF, 45, 5'2", full-figured, enjoys spontaneous fun, fishing and home. Seeking best friend, companion first, N/S, N/D, professional D/W/M, with real heart. Ad#:557779

### SUGAR & SPICE

DWF, 55, loves animals, God, nature, interior decorating and more. I'm seeking companionship with SWM, 54-65, someone to talk with and care about. Ad#:557597

### SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP

SWF, 60, 5'2", medium build, brown hair, outgoing, looking for someone, caring, SWM, 60-70, 5'9", with time to devote to a relationship. Likes to go places, quiet times and is able to show affection. Ad#:444245

### BIG & BEAUTIFUL

Laid-back, loving SWF, 33, values family and friends. Seeking friendly, upbeat, humorous SWM, 26-29, with similar characteristics, for platonic relationship. Ad#:556339

### BEAUTIFUL

SB Mom, 24, 5'5", 130 lbs., seeks nice-looking SWM, 24-30, who likes to have fun. Ad#:555886

### SUNSHINE IN YOUR LIFE

SBF, 30, 5'7", 127 lbs., light skinned, short hair, funny, outgoing, and always bring sunshine to the room. Enjoys bowling, skating, partying, and cooking. Looking for a SM, 25-42, with similar interests, who can make her smile. Ad#:555400

### FROM THE HEART

Funny, honest, outgoing SWF, 49, 5'6", medium build, Auburn-brown hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, darts, shooting pool, long walks & dining out. Hoping to find a reliable, SWM, 45-50, with like interests, to share special times together. Ad#:539251

### JUST BE YOURSELF

Young-looking SBF, 18, with light brown eyes, outgoing, carefree, straightforward, avid reader, writer. Looking for same attributes. Ad#:554301

### VIVACIOUS

Attractive SWF, 46, seeking secure, special, intellectual, sometimes crazy SWM, with similar traits. Must be daring and risk-taker. Ad#:553757

### FROM THE HEART

She's a lovely SWF, 29, who values family first, enjoys tractor pulling to theater and the Arts. Seeking happy family man, 27-40, for friendship first, with varied interests. Ad#:552359

### A FRESH START

SWF Mom, 34, kids, looking for new friend, family-man, SWM, 27-40, variety of interests. Not into bar scene, enjoys dining out and family events. Ad#:552369

### WILL YOU ACCEPT ME?

I'm a 5'8", medium-built SW Mom, 27 years old, who enjoys movies, pool, quiet evenings, long drives, and much more. Seeking a SWM, 28-39, who is honest, caring and understanding. Ad#:498396

### BOOK SMART

Professional trainer, SWF, 33, with varied interests. Seeking well-groomed, athletic-minded SWM, 28-50, who stays in shape, has book smarts, and knows how to practice what his beliefs are. Ad#:550742

### LIKE I AM

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### WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?

SW Mom, 39, 5'4", blue-eyed blonde, fun to be around. I love long walks, movies and time with my daughter. I'm seeking a tall, honest, SWM, 34-45, who likes children. Ad#:544961

### FOLLOW ME

Gregarious, SWF, 53, 5'7", slim, brunette with many interests. Looking to meet a handsome and financially secure SWM, 45-55, who is 5'10" or above with a slim build. Ad#:544661

### HONESTY ABOVE ALL

Want to be spoiled? I'm a fun-loving SWF, 55, tall, with green eyes & blondish-brown hair, who enjoys movies, camping, sewing, cooking and time at home. Looking for a sincere, warm, genuine SWM, 55-68, who enjoys life. Must be a non-smoker. Ad#:543693

### YOU

SB Mom, 19, short, light complexion, funny and sweet. Seeking a respectful, kind, fun-loving SWM, 18+. Ad#:543345

### THERE'S STILL HOPE

DWF, 28, affectionate, honest, sincere, with one child. Seeking SWM, 28-40, non-smoker, emotionally, financially secure man. Ad#:542629

### ENJOY LIFE

Friendly, caring, SWF, 57, 5'3", medium build, dark hair/eyes. Enjoys spending evenings at home cuddling and holding hands. Looking for a SWM, social-drinker, 56-60, who shares the same interests, for companionship and possible more. Ad#:504863

### LET'S TALK

Outgoing and friendly SWF, 19, 5'8", brown hair, blue eyes, smoker. Enjoys animals, crafts, the outdoors and loves roller coasters. Looking for an honest and up-front SWM, 40-51, with similar interests, who has a get-up-and-go attitude. Ad#:539780

### BROWN EYED LADY

SWF, 5'4", 48, enjoys barbecued ribs, funny movies, page turning books. Desires SWM, N/S, 40-55, that I can look up to, who can make me laugh, is sort of handsome and secure in finances and self. Ad#:473551

### TIME FOR YOU

Short, petite, funny, honest SWF, 38, sarcastic. I like movies, local shows, reading, computer, etc. Seeking monogamous relationship with SWM, 40-45, long walks, good coffee, dancing. Ad#:50074

### A NEW SMILE TODAY

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Bubbly SWF, 55, 5'4", 135 lbs., reddish/blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys bowling, sports and exercise. Looking for a sincere, good-humored SWM, 50-62. Ad#:493215

### LOOKING FOR FUN

SW Mom, 34, outgoing, cheerful, employed full-time, smoker, seeking a SWM, age not important. She enjoys talking, being with her friends, going to clubs and getting to know people. Ad#:531198

### LOOKING FOR A COP

Capture this SWF, 30, 5'11", with wavy blonde hair. Can't believe I'm doing this, thought I'd try anyway. Enjoys true novels, painting, sculptures, interior design. Seeking a good friend SWM, 35-45, soul mate. Ad#:539134

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### CALL ME

23 year old single black female, searching for a professional, outgoing single white male, 30-40. Ad#:536248

### WALK MY PIER

Slim, easygoing SWF, 58, is serious-minded, confident, knowledgeable. Enjoys summers and winters, going places, golf, boating. Seeking SWM, 55-68, for sharing, caring and warmth. Ad#:506784

### STARRY NIGHT DRIVE

SWF, 60, 5'6" medium build, Auburn hair, green eyes. Enjoys travel, outdoors & gardening. Seeking tall, educated, Indian descent M, 55-60, with same interests & family values. Ad#:534311

### KISSES REQUIRED

DWF, 50, green-eyed blonde, needs tender, loving care. Enjoys animals, arts, conversation and nature. Looking for an intelligent SWM, 40-60, for friendship, and possibly more. Ad#:529249

### NO GAMES

SBF, 50, seeking a sincere soulmate... a fun-loving SWM, 40-60, who is genuinely employed, and knows what he wants, for a long-term relationship. Ad#:504299

### DO I INTEREST YOU?

I'm a brown-eyed SB Mom, 28, 5'4", 185 lbs., who likes movies, quiet-natured. Enjoys sports and walks. Seeking an outgoing, honest, caring SWM, between 21-28. Ad#:509755

### MARRIAGE-MINDED

Professional, SWF, 50, long blonde hair, full-figured, 5' tall, who enjoys gardening, movies, socializing, the outdoors, cooking and more. Seeking a compassionate, caring SWM, 43-52. Ad#:482898

### HARLEY GIRL

SWF, 34, tall, dark, beautiful, 5'11", great sense of humor, loves her children, hunting and Harley's. Seeking a funny, tall, well-built SWM, 30-45, with similar interests. Kids welcome. Ad#:504545

### ARE YOU EXCEPTIONAL?

Educated, well-traveled, energetic, warm, SWCF, 45, N/S. Enjoys working out, cooking, pool, golf, antique, etc. Looking for an active, engaging, sweet SWM, under 55. Ad#:529288

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DWF, 50, green-eyed blonde, needs tender, loving care. Enjoys animals, arts, conversation and nature. Looking for an intelligent SWM, 40-60, for friendship, and possibly more. Ad#:529249

### IN SEARCH OF LOVE

SWM, 52, with brown hair and a mustache. Enjoys dining out, the outdoors, etc. Looking for a SWF, 40-53, who is looking for a long-term relationship. Flint area. Ad#:420370

### NOTHING VENTURED, NOTHING GAINED

SWM, 51, with brown hair and a wide variety of interests. Searching for a petite to average built, SF, 38-54, who is down-to-earth, sincere and honest. Ad#:419021

### HUGS & KISSES

Loving, affectionate, SWM, 39, 5'8", 140 lbs. dark golden brownish hair, crystal blue eyes. Enjoys biking, volleyball, frisbee, or relaxing in the sun. Seeking N/S SF, 21-45, with intuitive personality, good sense of humor and who is into sports. Ad#:566013

### SHARE MY WORLD

Witty, honest, SWM, 43, 5'9", 160 lbs. blonde hair, blue eyes. Enjoys fishing, the beach/ocean, walking my dogs, and woodworking. Looking for SWF, 32-51, who likes to try new things, including sports. Ad#:565985

### LIFE IS BETTER SHARED

White male, dentist, 6', 173 lbs., 54, very successful and attractive. Seeking a white female, 38 to 53, 5'4" plus, slim, non-smoker, very attractive and physically fit, who loves fine dining, travel, cuddling and seeking a best friend. Ad#:403950

### EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL

SWM, 45, 5'8", fit, light brown hair, blue eyes. Looking for a passionate, compassionate, professional SWF, 28-45. LIVONIA area only. Ad#:449683

### DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS...

SWM, 21 years old, a fun, caring person. Enjoys fishing, walking, strolling in the park and vacations. Seeking a loving, kind, warm SF, 19+, who is willing to give him her all. Ad#:564284

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A real twist from the ordinary. SWM, 40, athletic-build, good-looking, shy at first. Looking for a sensitive, SWF, 22-48, to develop a loving relationship. Ad#:564208

### HOW QUIANT

Attractive, professional, secure, DWM, 59, would like to meet lady of quality values, for growth, communication and sincere relationship. Ad#:564207

### END MY SEARCH

DWM, 47, 5'11", 160 lbs., enjoys sports, quiet times and more. Seeking a slender, petite SWF, 25-50, to share interests together. Ad#:563734

### ALL AROUND GUY

SBM, 42, brown eyes, easygoing, fun, lovable, chef. Enjoys basketball, cooking, spending time with family and friends. Seeking SWF, 40-45, who loves to laugh. Ad#:563199

### SOMEBODY'S MAN

SWM, 42, smoker, seeking slender to medium-build SWF, 45-55, to chat with, go places, enjoy variety of fun area. Ad#:539393

### NO EXTRA BAGGAGE

SWM, 48, who likes the outdoors, fishing, camping, boating and more. Seeking a slender, petite SWF, 25-50, for a soulmate, to have some nice times together. Ad#:460941

### A POEM 4 U

Just two ugly oysters needing two pearls, we're two lonely guys in search of two girls. One drinks, the other smokes, one is serious the other jokes. One is 44, the other is 10 more, good friends looking for a relationship. Ad#:562082

### MY HEART'S DREAM

Handsome, young, SWM, 35, black hair, nice smile. Others say I'm friendly, outgoing and respectful. Enjoys cooking, bowling, cruising around, fishing, movies, art work, etc. Searching for a happy relationship with a reasonably fit, active, communicative SF, under 42. Single Moms OK. Ad#:503512

### LOVE THE OUTDOORS

SWM, 56, 5'7", medium build. Loves the outdoors. Seeks fit lady, 45-57, for weekend activities, possible romance. Shawawee County. Ad#:403918

### DEVOTED DAD

26 year old, single white male, social drinker, seeks a fun-loving, single white female, 21+, who likes kids. Ad#:561845

### LOOKING FOR LOVE

Friendly DWM, 38, muscular, open-minded and respectful. Enjoys cooking, bowling, cruising around, fishing, movies, art work, etc. Searching for a happy relationship with a reasonably fit, active, communicative SF, under 42. Single Moms OK. Ad#:503512

### KING OF HEARTS

Long blonde hair, nice-build, SWM, 38, smoker, enjoys dinner and conversation. Looking for a beautiful SF, 20-40, with similar interests. Someone to share fun with. Ad#:560892

### SOAR WITH ME

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## The 2003 Honda Element

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BY DALE BUSS

The first thing that occurred to me when I got close to a Honda Element was: What were they thinking? But it wasn't long before I had figured out what Honda was after when it introduced this funkadelic, scrappy little vehicle several months ago. Honda wanted Element to become a poor man's H2 - as in Hummer 2 - with the spirit of the old Jeep Wrangler thrown in. Then I understood.

For far less than half the price, even approaching one-third of the price of the oh-so-hip Hummer 2, buyers of Honda Element also can drive around in a vehicle of crazy-quilt design that demands to be noticed, screams ruggedness, has a highly unconventional interior, has been built for play as well as show and breaks the mold for the auto maker that is marketing it. It's just that I wouldn't want to be in the Element if the two vehicles ever were in a head-to-head accident.

And I'm still not saying that Honda's gambit with Element makes complete sense. Take my friend Tom who owns the local Dairy Queen. After he saw me drive up in the Element recently, he first wanted to make sure I didn't actually own the vehicle. Then he proceeded to tell me how much he and his wife disliked it. Alright, they're boomers like me, and we certainly aren't the target market for the youth-oriented Element - but we actually like the Hummer 2. The point is that Element is clearly iconoclastic, but breaking the mold isn't necessarily enough in itself to make a vehicle worth purchasing.

Element indeed attracts attention. Its exterior design is at best described as crazy quilt, a very boxy SUV with some panels in a body-color metal, others of a hard, gray-colored composite that is meant to resist all the scratches and dings that the action-oriented typical Element driver surely would attract. A clamshell tailgate and center-opening cargo side doors make for easy loading, to be sure. A removable skylight in



There's a lot to explore with the affordable Honda Element.

the rear of the vehicle comes standard with the four-wheel-drive models. I'm not sure why the designers deprived front-seat passengers of some sort of view of the sky, but it's great for the folks in the rear. The far-forward windshield, however, is a treat for front-row passengers who enjoy a feeling of spaciousness as well.

Under the hood, not surprisingly for a Honda, Element is more than capable. Its 2.4-liter engine pumps out 160 horsepower, exceptional for the small-SUV class, and it has a reported 1,500-pound towing capacity. The four-wheel drive system was highly capable on the roads I traveled and certainly would be a good bet to perform in many off-road situations as well. The ride is much smoother than you'd expect for a vehicle that also, as I indicated earlier, clearly owes part of its inspiration to Jeep Wrangler; the tinny-feeling side doors also owe more to the Wrangler than to the inspiration of the behemoth H2.

A big benefit of Element compared with most of its off-road-oriented competitors is that it achieves 24 miles a gallon on the highway, with mileage of 21 mpg in the city.

The entire interior carries on the theme of ruggedness. The back-seat area is absolutely

huge, providing almost limousine-like dimensions for the two rear passengers. Like the skylight, it sure is nifty for them. The rear seats can be folded down, folded up to the sides or completely removed. That flexibility, combined with the almost perfect box shape of the cargo compartment, and easy access through the doors, make for a very functional hauling machine. Plus the front seats also fold down, matching up with the rear to make for an instant double bed - obviously, one of the reasons for all the rear-seat room in the first place.

Beyond that, it's almost as if the interior is built to be amphibious. There is no carpet on the floors that can be soiled but, rather, a urethane coating and an industrial-style no-slip surface. The seats are made of some sort of waterproof fabric. Other cool touches include a shifting lever that is mounted on the dashboard, not on the floor, and a small overhead bin near the front middle of the driver's row whose bottom is a netted material so that you can see what you've stashed up there.

There's lots more about Element to explore. And you can do it all for under \$20,000.

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