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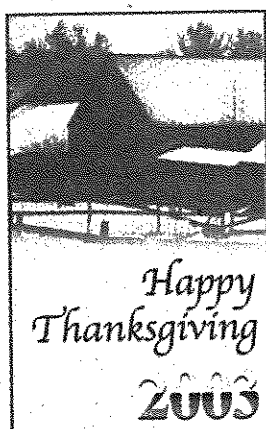
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The items will be collected until Monday, Dec. 15, when we'll turn them over to the good folks at the Plymouth Salvation Army. They'll distribute the donations to needy people in Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

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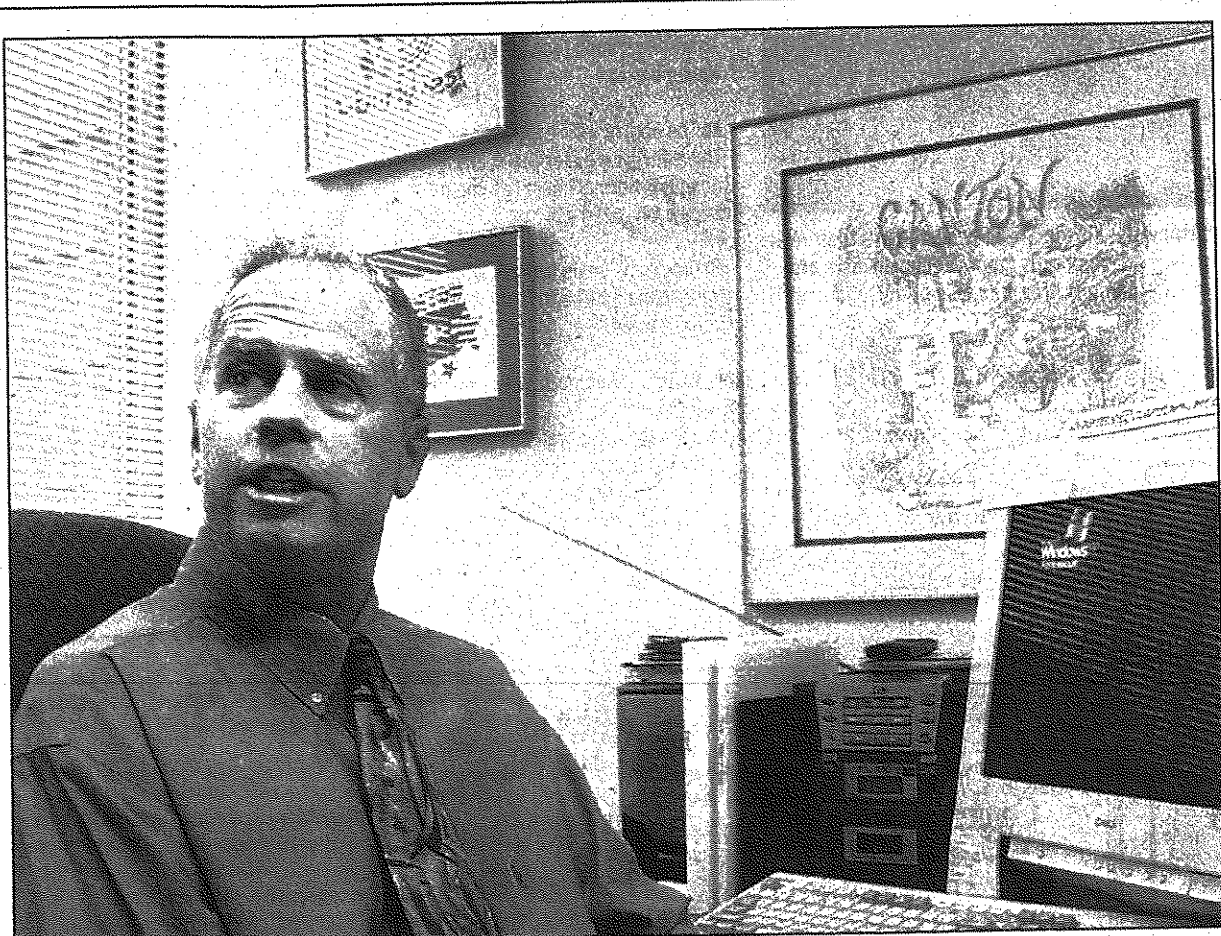
All aglow

You're invited to the annual Tree Lighting Dec. 3 and 4 at Summit on the Park. The treelighting ceremony of the Canton Township tree will be at 7 p.m. Dec. 3. Activities will follow until 8:30 p.m.

Family fun is in store with magic shows, caroling, refreshments, outdoor ice carving demonstrations, and a visit from Santa Claus. Heritage Park will feature other holiday activities including hayrides, seasonal displays and hot chocolate. If you can't make it Dec. 3, there's still time on Dec. 4 when activities will run 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Take a peek

You still have time to check out the holidays at the historic Bartlett Travis House noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29. The house is decorated to the nines for the holidays. Hot chocolate will be available as well as tours and music of the season. The house is on the east side of Ridge Road, just north of Cherry Hill.



The artful side of Canton Recreation Supervisor Bob Dates shows in his office at the Summit on the Park.

Recreationally artful

His creative side is never far away

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Bob Dates is no longer allowed to play Pictionary. "I took more than 25 minutes to draw the clue," said the 25-year Canton Township employee and recreation supervisor.

Besides that, the people he played kept his drawings.

"I get inspired by what I see," Dates said. "It's fun to create. It's fun to visualize."

Renowned for his interest in sports and athletics, especially his golfing talent, few know the other side of Dates. He's an artist. "I get inspiration from what I see," said the Ann Arbor native and Canton resident.

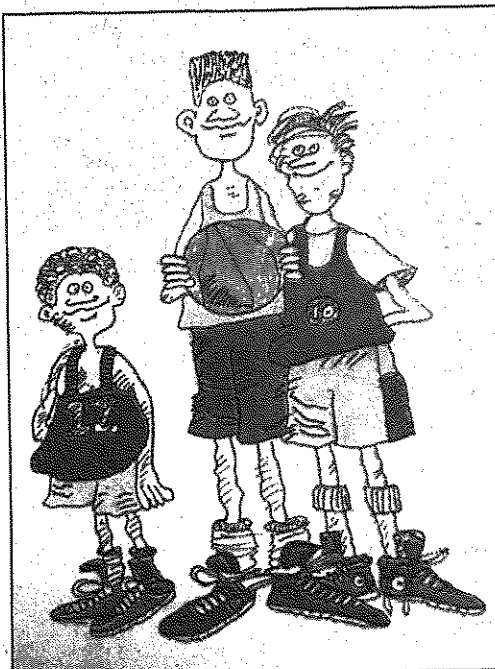
Many probably have seen

his work, but have no idea he is the man behind the caricatures and cartoon-like creations. Of the 12 Canton Liberty Fests in the township's history, Dates has designed and drawn seven of the T-shirts and logos.

"Sometimes it has been done out of necessity. Other times out of purpose," Dates said of the Liberty Fest designs that today decorate a wall in his office at the Summit on the Park.

SHARING

His truest joy is sharing his talent. "Most of the drawings I do I give away as gifts," he said. "I don't publicize."



Bob Dates was asked to design a logo for a three-on-three basketball team. This is the T-shirt he designed.

PLEASE SEE ART, A3

Holiday warning: E-mail scams are popping up

Just in time for the holidays, Canton residents are warned to beware another e-mail scam.

The latest con purports to be from PayPal, an online company that offers tools for sellers and buyers, allows customers to pay anyone with an e-mail address, request and track funds and provides a variety of tools for merchants.

The phony e-mail tells recipients that their account with PayPal will be expiring in five days and says the account settings must be updated.

PLEASE SEE SCAMS, A5

Timing is everything for new 'gently used' clothing store

If the day after Thanksgiving is the unofficial start of the Christmas shopping season, then Canton residents Paul and Gina Wells timed it perfectly.

That's the day they'll open Plato's Closet, a "gently used" clothing store offering high fashions on a budget to teens and young adults.

The store will open in the Kohl's shopping center at Sheldon and Ford roads, in the old site of the Christian Book Store. It will actually be the Wells' second store in the area.

They opened their first one in Novi last October, the first in Michigan of the 110-store nationwide chain.

"In order to make a living with this, you need two stores," Gina said. "We figured with all the kids here this would be a great location. There's nothing else in Canton like this."

The store sells clothing labels popular among young people, such as Mavi jeans and Bebe pullovers.

"Our jeans go for \$10-20," Gina said. "You can get a pair of Abercrombie jeans for \$20,



Gina Wells and her husband, Paul, stock the racks at Plato's Closet, which is opening in the Kohls shopping center at Ford and Sheldon roads.

a tank top for \$3 or a high-end sweater for \$20."

All the clothing is within a year-and-a-half old, and Gina says parents can buy an entire wardrobe for their kids for much less than they would pay at a mall.

The response to the Novi store has been extremely

rewarding," she said.

"Customers come in all the time and say 'This is my new favorite store.'"

The store caters to young adults and young professionals. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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LOOKING AHEAD

American Profile

Country star Reba McEntire discusses how her hometown upbringing and early rodeo experiences still influence her today.



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Pancho and Lefty make the grade

The Canton Police Department Canine Unit recently received a two-year certification from the North American Police Work Dog Association.

One of the objectives of NAPWDA is to establish a working standard for all police work dogs, handlers and trainers, through an accreditation program. According to Officer Todd Koch, "The certification process is a completely voluntary process in Michigan."

Koch (who's working with Pancho) and Officer Matthew Jenkinson (Lefty) were responsible for the complete training of their partners. The dogs were trained and certified in the following areas: basic obedience, narcotics detection, tracking (finding a person or object by scent), apprehension of suspects, and evidence finding.

The canines will receive continuous on-the-job training and maintenance training one day a week. In addition, the canines will continually be evaluated by the canine unit on



Officers Todd Koch (left) and Matthew Jenkinson are in training with their new partners, Pancho and Lefty. The German shepherds from Czechoslovakia are replacing Shilo and Maverick, who are being retired because of age and health reasons.

a quarterly and yearly basis. According to the canine offi-

cers, Shilo and Maverick have officially retired.

The new dogs have been certified and are "ready for the road". Shilo and Maverick were retired due to age and health reasons.

Did You Know?

- The "Help Me Make it Through the Day" section on our Internet Branch includes two links for school closings, plus another for the Wind Chill Temperature Index. After all, winter's upon us!
- Children can have fun learning the history of Turkey Day (and no, it has nothing to do with football!) with our special "Thanksgiving for Kids" multimedia collection? You can find it online at www.cantonpl.org/special/thksgivg.htm.

■ Cartoonist Mark Crilley, author of the *Akiro* series, will present a special drawing program at the library at 7 p.m. Dec. 27. Teens interested in attending should register by November 28.

■ The library will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday? Normal hours resume on Friday.

■ Only toms (male turkeys) gobble? Hens (female turkeys) make a clicking noise instead.

Web Watch: Check out these new web sites:

- www.securityoncampus.org
- www.catturkey.com
- www.bartieby.com/59
- www.arthritis.org

@ THE LIBRARY

New Adult Books

- "Reflections: Life After the White House" - Barbara Bush (biography)
- "Art of Lionel Trains" - Roger Carp (nonfiction)
- "Audrey Hepburn: an Elegant Spirit" - Sean Hepburn Ferrer (biography)
- "The Most Beautiful Libraries" - Guillaume de Laubier (nonfiction)
- "Trading Up: The New American Luxury" - Michael Silverstein (nonfiction)

New Children's Books

- "Soccer Beat" - Sandra Gilbert Brug (picture book)
- "All Along the River" - Blair Drawson (picture book)
- "Amber Waiting" - Nan Gregory (picture book)
- "At the Sign of the Sugared Plum" - Mary Hooper (fiction)
- "Lizzy's Place" - Marc Kornblatt (fiction)

New CD-ROMs

- "Age of Empires: The Conquerors Expansion"
- "Treasure Cove!" - (Ages 5-9)

New CDs

- "Bounce" - Terence Blanchard
- "Just an American Boy" - Steve Earle
- "Simple Things" - Amy Grant
- "2nd to None" - Elvis Presley

New Videos and DVDs

- "Eye" (Video and DVD)
- "Nowhere in Africa" (video and DVD)

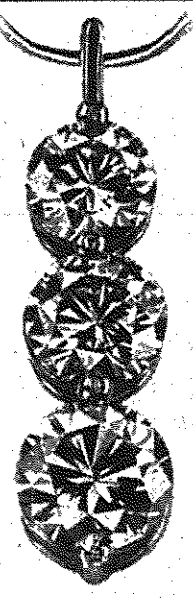
New Audio Books

- "Saul and Patsy" - Charles Baxter (fiction, cassette and CD)
- "The Daughter-In-Law" - Diana Diamond (fiction, cassette)
- "A Venetian Affair" - Andrea di Robilant (nonfiction, cassette and CD)
- "Ahab's Wife" - Sena Jeter Naslund (fiction, cassette)

Hot Topic of the Week

Fast on the heels of the holidays comes the dreaded tax season. Did you know that you could actually reduce your taxes by making a gift to the library? The State of Michigan allows a tax credit to encourage gifts to public libraries and other nonprofit institutions. A fifty percent direct Michigan Income Tax Credit, or Michigan Single Business Tax Credit, applies to all gifts to public libraries up to \$100 for an individual taxpayer who is single, or married and filing separately, and \$200 for a married couple filing jointly. Consult your tax advisor for more information.

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AFTER HIP SURGERY

The day after hip-replacement surgery, patients will exercise in bed and use crutches or a walker. During the rest of their hospital stays and for several weeks afterward, patients will work with physical therapists to regain strength and mobility. How soon patients can put weight on their legs depends on the type of implant. A cemented-in implant will hold a patient's weight within a few days. Although its connection will eventually be more secure, a non-cemented (screwed-in) implant will not support weight until the bone grows into it and forms a tight bond - about six weeks. In the meantime, care should be taken not to flex the hip more than 90 degrees or turn the operated leg in or out. The aftermath of surgery such as hip replacement can be quite an ordeal. But the right physical therapist will consider your life-style and body's capabilities to come up with a regimen that works to get you up and running again. At HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY, we would be happy to discuss your personal health. Please call 455-8370 to set up an appointment. Located at 650 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth, we offer easy access and easy parking. We accept most insurance plans, and are a Blue Cross and Medicare provider.


P.S. Several weeks after hip-replacement surgery, the focus of rehabilitation shifts to preparing the patient for normal activities.



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Parade features local briefcase drill team

The Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team will be making its 17th appearance in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown Detroit. Drill team founder Fred Hill of Plymouth said for those who aren't going to brave the weather and see the parade in person, plans are for the group to be on WDIV-TV (which is televising the event) at 10:38

a.m. Hill said the 17 members of the drill team will be adding a new maneuver to this year's march. While he wouldn't elaborate on what viewers will see, Hill noted it has something to do with cell phones.

Meanwhile, Plymouth High School sophomores Mary Beth Hotz, Janet Hanchett and Leah Humphries have been

selected by Blue Cross/Blue Shield Corporation to ride on the company's float in the parade. Blue Cross/Blue Shield selects students as a way to honor them for exceptional attendance, model behavior and academic performance.

Plymouth High School student Brent Jones was also selected, but is unable to attend.

ART

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Ninety-nine percent of what I draw is for other people."

In addition to drawings for birthdays, weddings or other special occasions, Dates will entertain co-workers with drawings on memos. Cartoons are his favorite. "It is amazing what a picture of Mickey Mouse will do."

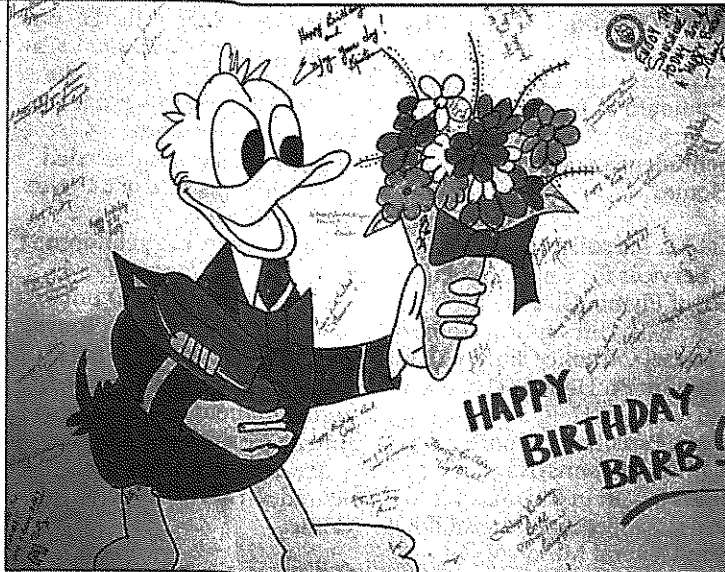
His artistic talents appear to be genetic because he never trained or studied the arts, except for the basic art history class at Central Michigan University where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in recreation and recreation administration.

Dates was raised in a family surrounded in sports and athletics. But arts also played a big role. His father was an architect and talented artist. Art was not something Dates ever wanted to do professionally. His talent is just for fun, especially when he can do it for other people.

With his degrees in hand, Dates first worked in recreation in Columbia, S.C., and then spent a year in Baton Rouge. The Louisiana humidity did him in and sent him back to Michigan and Canton.

That was 25 years ago. He decided to join the then-three-member Canton Township Recreation Department. "At that time, people said there would never be development west of Canton Center Road. Look where we are today," Dates said.

And all along, Dates has had his art. He likes all kinds of art, including pottery and sculpture. He has tried still lifes and portraits. But he goes back to



Long time secretary Leisure Services employee Barb Adkins got this birthday greeting, designed by Bob Dates.

his style of art.

"I like to use colors - colored pencil, markers. Occasionally, I will use paint, oils, acrylics. I like happy and colorful." His drawings find themselves primarily on paper, posterboard or T-shirts, though he has done a few canvas drawings.

Though he can reproduce famous cartoon characters perfectly, he has his own creations as well. But he's not like Disney. He doesn't necessarily name them.

WINTER FOCUS

Most of his drawing is a winter activity and he has no idea why that is. But he will go in spurts, doing a lot and then slowing down. He picks up ideas from looking around, from watching. He also checks out card shops to see what other artists are doing, but he hasn't really given thought to creating greeting cards. His are big poster cards.

"Almost every co-worker in

here has gotten a card from me at sometime." He also gives drawings as gifts to his family for Christmas.

But drawing for a living is not what he wants to do. Recreation inspires him just fine. "It's just for fun and relaxation."

That includes all kinds of art shows. He hits them all. "I'm interested in all kinds of art. I know what talent it takes. Other artists amaze me."

While recreation is his love, art is his fun and creativity, golf is his passion. He and his wife, Ann, build vacations around the game. "Golf challenges you. You aren't relying on a team member. If you do well, it is your accomplishment."

For Dates, art and golf are connected. When he arrives at a golf course, he doesn't just see a bunch of putting greens, sand traps and fairways. He sees a creation.

"People who design golf courses are artists. They create these beautiful areas."



Dawnell Dryja, formerly of Canton, will perform when the Plymouth Symphony once again joins with the Plymouth Canton Ballet and the Plymouth Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers to present the classic fairy tale - Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker' ballet.

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 mistress 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.

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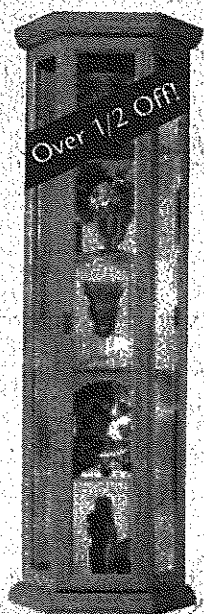
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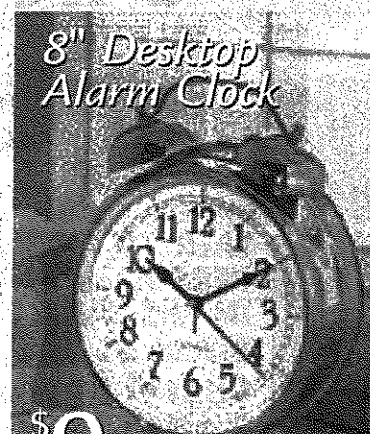
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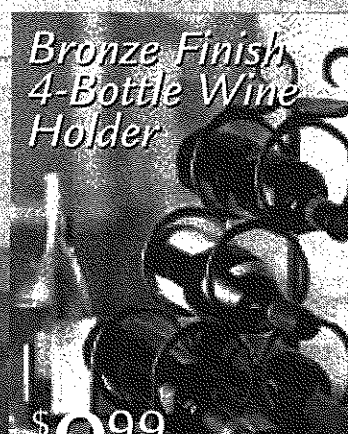
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Paul Babij

Services for Paul Babij, 86, of Canton were held Nov. 24 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. Zwiers officiating.

Mr. Babij was born March 15, 1917, in New York and died Nov. 20 at Wm. Beaumont Hospital. He worked as a general contractor in the construction field.

Survivors include wife, Elsie J. of Canton; children, James M., Anita (Joe) Cabadas, Paul (Patricia), John (Norma), Daniel (Kathleen), and David H.; sister, Estelle Spearman; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Kathryn "Jean" Forrest

Services for Jean Forrest, 76, were held Nov. 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth.

Mrs. Forrest was born Aug. 7, 1927, in St. Albans, Vt., and died Nov. 19. Jean was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Forrest was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Joyce Scruton.

Survivors include her husband of 43 years, George; children, George (Sofia) Forrest, Ann (Clark) Couyoumian and Michael Forrest; five grandchildren; and brothers Daniel, Richard and Raymond.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huron Valley Catholic School.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

Stephanie Jo Hudgins

Services for Stephanie Jo Hudgins, 28, of Lincoln, Mich., were held Nov. 24 at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia.

Survivors include children, Miranda and Brenden; parents, Stephen (Linda) and Margaret (Mike) Kasbarian of Florida; sister, Lynne (Chris) Bouscemi of Walled Lake; step-sister, Dawn (Joe) Montagano of Canton and Niki (Dan) Rockov of Canton; and grandparents Marge Skibicki of Kidney, Mich., and Richie Muscat of Dearborn Heights.

Arrangements made by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

Bernard E. Doonan

Services for Bernard

Doonan, 86 of Canton, were held Nov. 20 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home with the Rev. Drexel E. Morton of St. Michael Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was at Ft. Custer National Cemetery.

Mr. Doonan was born Feb. 20, 1917, in Kalamazoo and died Nov. 20 at Garden City Hospital. He was the former owner of Dreyfuss Paper Stock, Inc. in Kalamazoo. He was a World War II veteran.

Survivors include daughter, Bernadine L. (J. Dale) Bennett and brother, Glenn Doonan.

Arrangements made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

LeRoy Leslie Nelson, Sr.

Services for Leroy Nelson, 65, of Canton were held Nov. 22 at the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Norm Long officiating.

Mr. Nelson was born April 8, 1938, in Detroit and died Nov. 15 in Canton. He was a corrections officer at the Scott Correctional Facility, retiring two years ago after 20 years of service. He was a long-time resident of Canton. He belonged to A.A. for 29 years. He was proud to have given 18

gallons of blood. He served in the U.S. Navy. He loved to golf, swim, and ride his bike.

Survivors include wife, Sheila Nelson of Canton; daughters, Denise (Erik) Alcodray of Canton and Doris (Duane) Foss of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; son, Leroy Nelson, Jr. of Michigan; step-sons, David (Amy) Jaber of Grand Blanc and James Jaber, Jr. of Ashville, N.C.; 10 grandchildren; and brother, H. Thomas (Mary) Nelson of Garden City.

Memorial contributions may be given to the Lighthouse in Plymouth or to the family.

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Emil J. Pszcolka

Services for Emil Pszcolka, 83, of Plymouth were held Nov. 19 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with burial in St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mr. Pszcolka was born July 7, 1920, in Pennsylvania and died Nov. 16 in Livonia. He was an inspector at the Willow Run General Motors Transmission Plant. He retired at age 59 after 30 years

of service. He has resided in Plymouth for 24 years, he moved here from Detroit. He was a deeply religious man and longtime member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth. He was a decorated veteran serving in World War II in the European Theatre Panthers Battalion. He was well traveled. He was past president of the Tonquish Friendship Station in Plymouth. He worked on the elections in Plymouth. He was a volunteer for the United Way. In May 2003 he received the Senior Volunteer Award from the City of Plymouth.

Mr. Pszcolka was preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Teresa Pszcolka.

Survivors include children, Kathy (Chris) Young of Livonia, Annette (Jim) Roberts of Livonia, and Steven (Tonya) Pszcolka of Baltimore; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Amelia Crishi.

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Richard H. Grant

A memorial service for

Richard Grant, 82, of Dearborn (formerly of Columbus, N.C.) will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Henry Ford Village Chapel in Dearborn.

Mr. Grant died Nov. 16, two days before his 83 birthday. He was born in East Stanwood, Wash.

He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. After being shot down over occupied France, he was hidden by the French underground until they could arrange his movement to London.

He married in 1943, and was graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

He was a retired design engineer for the Ford Motor Company.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Arlene; son, Ron (Tracy) of Long Valley, N.J.H.; daughter, Marilyn (Gary) Best of Canton; son, Steve (Irene) of Garden City; daughter, Tina of Evansville, Ind.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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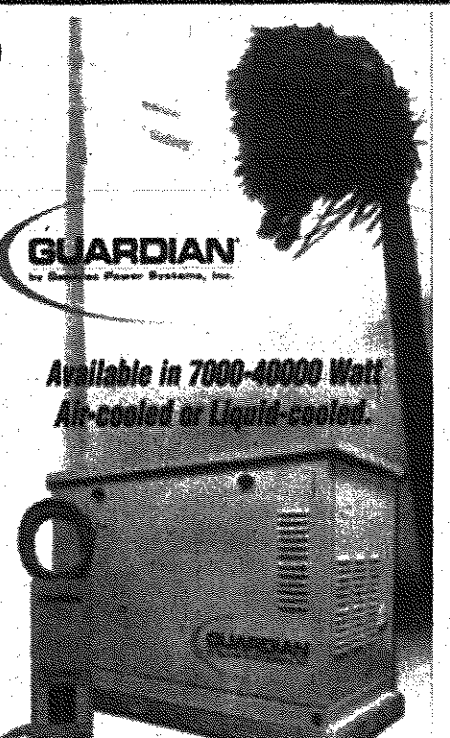
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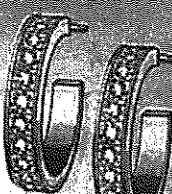
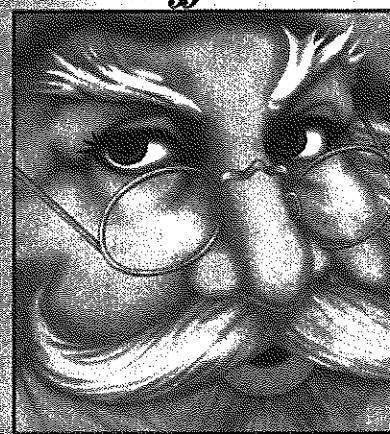
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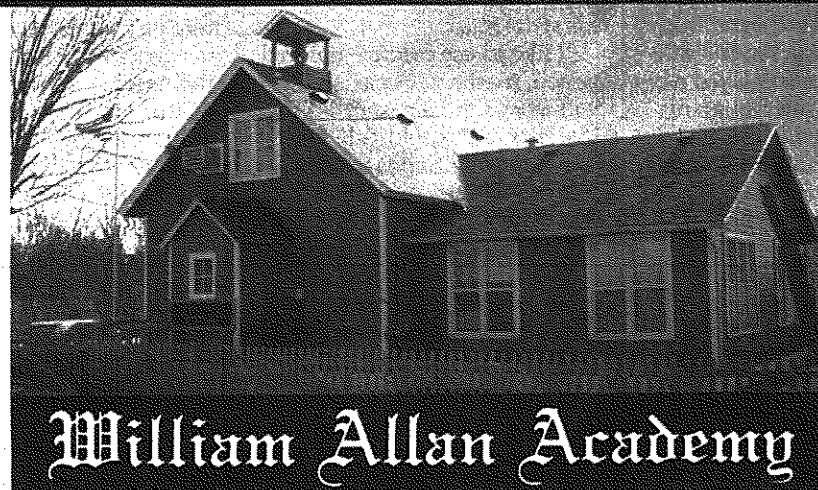


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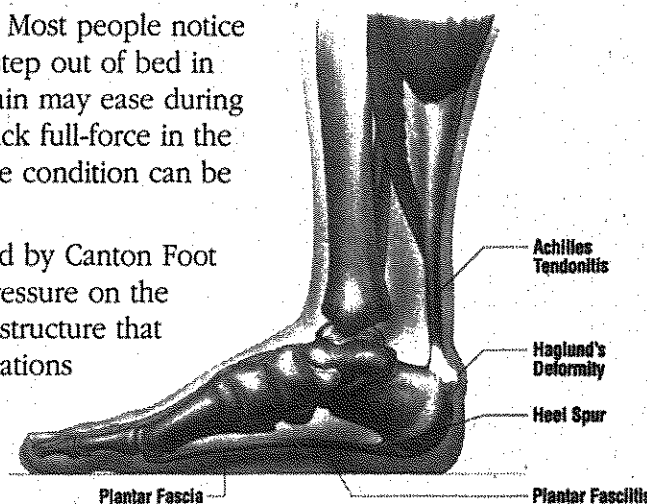
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Teachers invited to seek grants

Local schoolteachers of students ages 6-18 are eligible to apply for \$1,500 EDS Technology Grants. The technology must improve students' ability to learn and achieve curriculum objectives. The company plans to award more than 150 technology grants worldwide in communities where EDS does business.

The grants are designed to help teachers buy technology products and services - such as digital equipment, CD-ROM libraries, Internet access, software, and training - that are not provided to them by their school systems. In their applications, teachers must propose innovative ideas on how they or their students will use the technology they are requesting to fulfill a creative curriculum project.

Teachers apply for EDS Technology Grants through a competitive application process.

The application deadline is January 23, 2004. Applications can be obtained from the local EDS office by calling (734-667-4155). For a complete list of grant sponsors visit <http://www.eds.com/commu->

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Applications will be judged based on innovation, proposal summary, instructional outcome, technology evaluation and budget summary. Teachers are highly encouraged to create innovative programs that use technology.

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A 43-year-old man was arraigned on Sunday on a charge of uttering and publishing, a 14-year-felony, and assaulting a police officer, a 4-year-felony and/or \$5,000 fine. The man was arraigned at

the out-county court before the presiding judge. A plea of not guilty was entered for him and he is being held on a \$50,000 cash bond. A preliminary exam is scheduled for Dec. 5. He was arrested after a man

entered National City Bank on Ford Road on Nov. 21 and attempted to pass a bad check with false identification.

Police were called and the man was arrested after a brief struggle.

Canton officers complete training

Two members of the Canton Police Department, Sgt. Dave Schreiner and Sgt. Craig Bauldry, both 16-year veterans, recently completed Police Staff and Command School at Eastern Michigan University.

The Staff and Command School is required training for all newly promoted sergeants in the department. Police Staff and Command School is taught one week per month, a minimum of eight hours per day, for a 10-month period. The classes focused on many areas relevant to the department such as management and leadership skills, new computer technology and union issues.

"Continuing the learning process increases my value to the department, the citizens and myself," Schreiner said.

Police Staff and Command School is a combination of both lecture and hands-on activities and many of the training classes are focused around group decision-making. The extensive training program included instruction on using the Microsoft Office Suite, effective discipline, current law and grant preparation. Classes also focused on the nutritional, mental and physical health issues related to police work.

"The program helped me to better define my role as a supervisor," Bauldry said.

Goodfellows to sell papers on Dec. 6

The Canton Goodfellows will be out and about 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 selling their annual Goodfellows newspaper to raise money to give less fortunate families in the area happy holidays.

The poor economy has put more people in Canton in need and the Goodfellows are gearing up to help. The organization, led by president Nancy Spencer, has 400 children - part of the "Be An Angel, Adopt a Child for Christmas" program. The Goodfellows are asking residents to adopt by buying Christmas gifts for any one or more than one of these children for the holidays.

The kids to be adopted range in ages from infant to 18. If you are interested in adopting, call Spencer at (734) 397-8975.

The Goodfellows will continue to provide an honest-to-goodness Christmas dinner with all the fixings for families in need. Families also will receive gift certificates so they

can buy perishable foods for the meal.

Proceeds from the newspaper sale will help the Goodfellows accomplish its goals.

Another upcoming fundraiser will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Fazoli's restaurant on Ford Road. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Goodfellows.

The Goodfellows will accept new toys, clothes and non-perishables now through Dec. 17. You may drop off donations at Canton Township Hall or the Canton Public Library. Sorting and wrapping will take place Dec. 17-19. Delivery Day is Dec. 20. The Goodfellows will be at the following locations selling newspapers:

- Driveway at Tim Horton's at Haggerty and Ford roads.
- Driveway at ABC Warehouse on Ford Road.
- Driveway at Wordhouse Financial on the north side of Ford Road, west of Lilley.

- Driveway at Target on the north side of Ford Road, east of Sheldon.

- Driveway at Pizza Hut on the south side of Ford Road, east of Canton Center Road.

- Driveway at Frank's Nursery on the south side of Ford Road at Morton Taylor.
- Driveway at Canton Corners on the south side of Ford at Lilley.

- Driveway to Kroger on Michigan Avenue and Canton Center.

- Driveway at Keller & Stein on Michigan Avenue at Lilley Road.

- Holiday Market.

- Driveway at Farmer Jack on Morton Taylor, south of Joy.

- Driveway at Gallimore Elementary School on Sheldon Road, south of Joy.

- Driveway at Sheldon Road shopping center, north of Warren.

- At Used Sports Equipment Sale at Softball City on Michigan Avenue.

SCAMS

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When an attachment included with the e-mail is opened, a pop-up window asks for a credit card number, a PIN number, a "CVV" code (which is explained as the three-digit number that appears to the right of the card number) and the credit card expiration date.

A variation of the scam also asks for a Social Security number and a mother's maiden name.

Once the attachment is run it scans a computer's hard drive looking for new e-mail addresses to send the same bogus message.

"If you get this type of e-mail message, don't open it," warned Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox. "If you open it, don't double-click the attachment. If you double-click the attachment, don't complete the form asking for personal information."

Canton Police said they had not yet encountered this particular scam, but warned residents to be on the alert for it and others as Christmas approaches.

While PayPal is a legitimate company that professes to offer "secure" methods of making purchases by e-mail, Canton detective Sgt. Todd Mutchler was somewhat skeptical.

"Nothing is entirely secure,"

'Nothing is entirely secure.

We see complaints from people all the time who have not received payment or are victims of Internet fraud.'

Sgt. Todd Mutchler
Canton detective

he said. "We see complaints from people all the time who have not received payment or are victims of Internet fraud."

He said people would place an order on eBay, for example, agree to a price, send a payment through PayPal and not receive their items.

"Nothing is fool-proof and people need to remember that," he said.

Sgt. Charles Raycraft of Canton's Crime Analysis unit said this is the time of year when Internet and e-mail users need to be particularly watchful.

In recent years, scam artists have pretended to be contacting consumers on behalf of numerous legitimate companies, including PayPal, eBay and Best Buy.

"You're going to see new so-called charity things coming out," he said.

"I wouldn't respond to anything sent from the Internet to you."

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OUR VIEWS

Solving crisis is a group effort

With a more than \$900 million budget shortfall, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has been traversing the state to get residents' opinions on what to do. Even state lawmakers also have come calling, to talk about what's going on in Lansing.

You need only read the newspaper to know. Education is taking another hit. Cities also are facing more cutbacks in shared revenue.

The most realistic comments we've heard came from Canton Supervisor Tom Yack:

"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."

On the other hand, Canton isn't doing too badly. Yack predicts more state shared revenue cuts – above what the township already has had – in the 5-7 percent range. Unlike many older communities, Canton can dip into its savings, if necessary.

Other communities aren't that lucky. The city of Plymouth, for example, has lost \$300,000 in state shared revenue. City voters just turned down a request to raise taxes, and now the city faces a nearly certain cut in services.

No one wants to have their revenue stream cut, but it is apparent something has to give. Lawmakers shudder at the mention of the T-word. Raising taxes can be the kiss of death for a politician at election time – just ask former Gov. James Blanchard – so they look for more fat and lean to cut from the budget.

We are fast approaching the point of no return in this crisis, the point where cities, one by one, turn off the lights and go into receivership; where school districts, one by one, begin doing as Kalkaska did in the 1990s and end the school year several months early.

We are at the point where we need to answer John F. Kennedy's call to "ask not what you can do ..." on very personal terms. What are we willing to do to turn our state, our township, our school district around?

We encourage residents to decide what they can do and then let their elected officials know. Call them, e-mail them, send them a letter.

Phil LaJoy (R-Canton Township), represents Canton in the House of Representatives. You may e-mail him at Phyllajoy@house.mi.gov or call at (517) 373-2575.

Bruce Patterson (R-Canton Township) is Canton's state senator. You can reach him at senbpatterson@senate.michigan.gov, or call (517) 373-7350.

Our government from the national level right down to the local level is founded on the principle of "for the people, by the people and of the people." Now is the time for the people to speak. If the state is to do something meaningful to resolve its fiscal problem, we must all be a part of the solution.

Thanksgiving: Time to count blessings

Before the holiday shopping season blasts in tomorrow like the first forced air from the furnace, make sure you take a few minutes to be grateful this Thanksgiving Day.

Though threatened by overzealous federal lawmakers, no one in the world has more rights to free speech, to worship and to assemble in public places than American citizens.

The American dream, though worn around the edges, exists for those who have the drive and ability to build a business. Every day in our communities, budding entrepreneurs stake their claims and existing business owners work hard to earn your trust. Shopping local this holiday season will help keep their dreams alive.

When the glitter and sparkle of the holiday season begin to seem trite and all too commercial, light a candle to honor your own religious or cultural traditions. A sense of spirituality keeps us humble and reminds us of our place in the universe.

Somewhere on the other side of the world, young men and women are putting their lives on the line in the service of their country.

Yes, even as state officials look down the barrel of a \$900 million budget shortfall and unemployment is at an all-time high, when the world seems less stable and safe, we still enjoy a cornucopia of blessings.

Take a little time to count them – preferably before the Lions kickoff.

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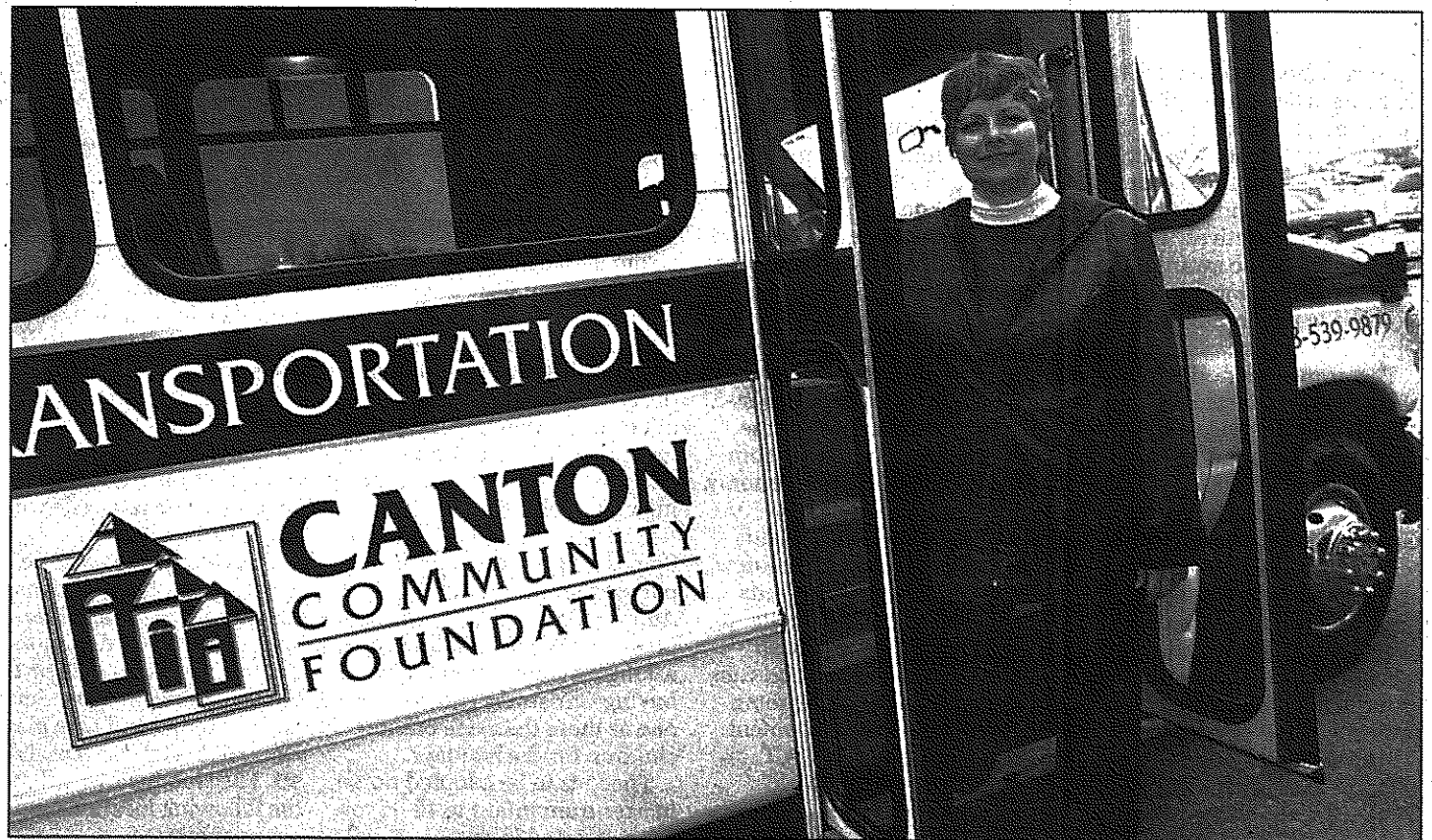
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Joan Noricks is executive director of the Canton Community Foundation, which provides money for the Community Mobility Transportation Service bus. One of our letter writers questions why money from a large tobacco settlement is not used for smoking cessation efforts.

LETTERS

He challenges

Last month, the church celebrated Pastor Appreciation Month. The congregation of Geneva Presbyterian Church expressed appreciation to our pastor, Bryan D. Smith, by each family choosing a day and showering his family with food, gifts, letters and love. We wish to also publicly recognize his impact on our lives.

If the church handed out Emmy Awards, Bryan would be nominated for "Best Director" and his family for "Best Supporting Actor and Actresses." His devotion to the spiritual direction of each member individually and our church as a whole is unparalleled. His family provides daily support; patiently sharing his time with a much larger family.

If the church handed out a Grammy Award, Bryan would receive "Most Creative Album." His sermon content and suggestions for worship never cease to challenge us and bring us closer to God.

If the church awarded a Best in Show, Bryan would steal the Blue Ribbon. This would be for his general attitude of goodness and always striving to be what he feels God has called him to be.

Finally, if the church gave a Nobel Peace Prize, Bryan would win again. His efforts to diversify our congregation and observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday in the community of Canton were not selfishly motivated. He feels called to embrace people of all cultures and encourages his congregation to do the same.

Alas, the church does not hand out any awards, nor is there any national media event celebrating the hard work and tireless dedication of clergy. But, we know and appreciate the efforts you and your family put forth, Bryan! Thank you and God bless you!

Rick and Elise Russell
Canton

Spending questioned

I don't see what the connection is between the Community Foundation and tobacco settlement money. I certainly do not understand why "it was appropriate" that money from the tobacco settlement was added to the Community Foundation simply because Community Foundation Week got under way. Secondly, I don't see why depositing the check was a "major achievement" for the organization. The tobacco settlement was made as compensation for the "wrong doings" (if you might be one of those who think of it as that) by the tobacco companies, not just to those who had been directly affected by cigarette smoking related illnesses, but to all of us, who have suffered indirectly through paying the high cost of Medicaid coverage for such illnesses. If this wasn't true, then why else would these settlement payments be coming to us, the good citizens of Canton?

Did you know that the largest population of smokers are lower income and guess who received Medicaid coverage. And did you know that one out of three people who smokes will die of some illness related to smoking? The fact is, smoking costs a lot in Medicaid payments. We're all affected. That's why we (Canton) received that check.

While I know the Community Foundation is a great program that requires funding in order to assist with needy families, scholarship programs, a feasibility study for a community theater, Character Counts and Youth Leadership Canton, the

tobacco settlement money should be spent on programs relative to tobacco.

I expect someone will write a letter to the editor in reference to the Mobile Transportation Service and how it allows independence and how dare anyone suggest taking funding from such a wonderful program. I am not suggesting that at all. I know that that program and many others are in need of funding, but we need to remain diligent on how the tobacco settlement money is spent. I have not read the Master Settlement Agreement, but I understand that there is language that addresses the way the money is to be spent.

So much that, the attorney general of Mississippi, Mike Moore, had to sue the governor of his own state to prohibit spending of tobacco settlement funds on things other than tobacco related causes. I can only imagine how reviled Mike Moore must have been by special interest groups and organizations that wanted a piece of the pie. I certainly would not have wanted to be in his shoes when he took that stand, but he knew the Master Settlement Agreement and the language contained therein. He won his injunction. Keep in mind Mississippi is one of the poorest states in America. They must have a list a mile long of worthy causes in desperate need of funding. But, because of their focused spending, Mississippi is seeing that for every \$1 they spend in smoking cessation, they get a \$3 return on lower Medicaid costs. They are focusing their efforts on pregnant women on Medicaid, for example, in hopes that babies will be born without smoking related health issues that will require neo-natal care to the cost of \$60,000 extra Medicaid dollars.

The funds received by Canton from the tobacco settlement should be used toward advertising, information dissemination and education focused on young adults and school age children. Each day in America, 2,000 kids become new smokers. While that's down from 3,000 a few years ago, of those kids, one out of every three will die from a smoking related illness. Information is a powerful tool. Advertising is very effective. Phillip Morris spends over \$8 billion (yes, you read that right) per year in advertising tobacco products. That's \$35 million a day.

I'm not saying we need to make a moral choice about whether smoking is "evil" or even to infringe on a person's right to smoke, but information leads to informed choices and people, especially teens and children should be exposed to the facts relative to smoking. Have you ever read a list of chemicals in a single cigarette? Did you know that "lite" cigarettes are no less dangerous than regular, but wonder why so many people have "made the switch" thinking they were doing something positive for their health?

The tobacco settlement money is giving back what has already been taken from our pockets, whether you smoke or not. If we don't use the money relative to the issue, we're going to be in the same position later than we are in now, still paying out Medicaid for smoking related illnesses, watching our children get addicted and watching others die.

I would suggest that someone contact the American Legacy Foundation, get some of those quirky but effective truth commercials, run them on our local Canton channel, put up signs, notices, placards in the high schools and middle

schools, educate Canton about the health hazards of smoking and then hope someone listens. If you don't think that would be effective, then I wonder why Phillip Morris does?

Catherine Withrow
Canton

Nurturing kids

Phil Power says in his Oct. 16 column ("Early childhood education key to later school success") that the French system of maternal and child care centers represents "a model that might usefully be adapted to American conditions."

To see a model of the ideal situation, we need not look to France. We need only to look back in our own country's history. And we need only look back a few decades, to a time when families understood the value of having a parent at home during the day to raise their own children, a time when families were willing to sacrifice material things in order to do what was best for their children.

I also find it ironic that Gov. Granholm is touting a program whose motto is "education begins at age zero." This coming from a woman who leaves two small children at home while she chose one of the most demanding positions in the state of Michigan.

Gov. Granholm has said in the past, "I found out that the brains of children who are nurtured, stimulated and loved actually look different than those of children who were raised in a high stress environment." What could be more stressful for a young child than being dropped off by her mother each morning into a large group in a day care center where she'll be supervised by strangers? Gov. Granholm, the office of governor will be available for a long time. These precious years in your children's lives will not.

Kim Parnis
Livonia

Economic politics

Most analysts predict that capital investment will be discouraged by Russia's seizure of its wealthiest entrepreneur.

They barely looked up when Attorney General Janet Reno tried to break up Microsoft. Our computer-driven prosperity began a long slide, but even today few people make the connection.

Economics is taught as science but practiced as politics.

Hank Borgman
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QUOTABLE

"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."

Jeff Grimes, one of the tri-chairs of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Bond Steering Committee

Getting to 21st century with a '50s tax system

There's lots of news to report having to do with the state's dire financial situation. And, as is usually the case, there are a couple of larger, more fundamental issues that deserve more careful scrutiny lurking under the froth of current events.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week said she favors suspending the scheduled 0.1 percent cut in the state income tax rate scheduled to take place Jan. 1, 2004, in order to use the \$115 million in revenue so gained to offset budget cuts for schools. Although some Republicans snarled about "Granholm's job-killing tax hike," I think she's right. Delaying a tax cut of \$30 a year for the average family is a perfectly reasonable way to share the pain in overcoming a \$920 million state deficit.

In other news, school officials are having some trouble explaining just why they should not be asked to use some of their "rainy day" funds - totaling nearly \$2 billion statewide - to help meet the budget crisis. It looks as though the poorly conceived laptop computer program for sixth-graders (\$22 million) has been clicked off. And Lansing insiders say the \$2,500 Michigan Merit Scholarship awards for kids who do well on the MEAP is almost certain to be reduced as Granholm and the legislature come to terms about eliminating the deficit.

The good news is that the University of Michigan's annual economic forecast projects a substantial uptick in the state's economy, but not till next year. It predicts Michigan will add 77,600 more jobs in 2004 and another 92,000 in 2005, with the state's unemployment rate dropping from today's 7.4 percent to 5.7 by the end of next year.

As to the more fundamental issues lying below the surface, consider first the folks, whether on Granholm's staff or in the legislature, who are actually working out the details of resolving the budget mess. They're facing a December deadline and a \$920 million nut. And come the New Year, they'll have to start all over with another budget for next fiscal year.

Anybody who has tried to work out a household budget has to feel for these folks. They are tired. They are stressed. They are facing rapidly shifting state revenue estimates and fierce partisan political pressures. They deserve our mixed sympathy and admiration, just as their work will need careful scrutiny to catch any mistakes made in the rush to get budget product out the door.

The important thing going on under the surface, however, is some very tentative talk about the

basic architecture of Michigan's entire tax system.

This year's budget crisis is hardly unique. It's just one more proof point that our state budget has been in chronic structural deficit for years.

According to Citizens Research Council staffer Tom Clay, possibly the most knowledgeable person in the state about our tax structure, this structural deficit is the outcome of "Michigan trying to operate a set of programs that increase in cost faster than the revenue base." He cites Medicaid payments, now at \$2.3 billion per year and growing at double-digit rates, despite repeated efforts to cut payments to doctors and hospitals. Any attempt to fix our current deficits that ignores this chronic budget imbalance is nothing more than wheel-spinning.

Moreover, there are serious flaws in two of Michigan's main taxes. The 6 percent sales tax is levied on goods, not services. Does this really make any logical sense? Of course not. And the state's levy on businesses - the Single Business Tax that nets around \$2 billion annually in revenue - is very odd, indeed. Essentially a tax on payroll (when Michigan's unemployment rate is at an 11-year high!) the tax is complex, difficult to compute, hard to administer.

Worse, in comparison with other states' business taxes, it stands out like a sore thumb. Research conducted by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation indicates that a considerable number of companies facing location decisions take one amazed look at the Michigan SBT and immediately run to another state.

Moreover, there is a fundamental structural change taking place in Michigan's economy, from one based on manufacturing to one depending more and more on services. Although manufacturing will be a big deal for decades to come, basic trends such as productivity improvements and the export of jobs to low-wage countries like China mean that we're not likely to have as big a manufacturing sector as back in the 1990s. An economy based on high value-added services and on the high-tech spinoffs from research at our state's universities is on the horizon. The big question is whether our present tax system helps that transition ... or hurts it.

As a popular one-liner in Lansing goes, "Michigan is trying to get to a 21st century economy using a 1950s tax system." And although you won't find anybody willing to talk about it in public - yet - a few far-sighted people are just now beginning to think about what kind of basic changes are needed in our tax system and about how to make them in a sensible way.

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Sharing a chocolate bar can lead to falling in love

The urge to merge is instinctual. Fight it if you wish, Hallmark cards won't. As our body requires food to function so our soul has an itch that we must scratch. People have an itch for intimacy. But our urge to merge can easily become the urge to purge if our instincts for intimacy don't form the right love habits.

Yes, love habits. Great relationships don't start at the finish line. First they connect heart-to-heart through consistency. The gunpowder of spontaneity does make great fireworks but not every day is going to be the

Fourth of July. Love habits are the crayons couples use to add rich vibrant color to the otherwise drab routines of daily life together. So if you've got an intimacy itch that's not being scratched, you and your mate should review your love habits.

First, find your pattern. Find your habit. There are good and bad habits. There are falling-in-love habits and there are falling-out-of-love habits.

Feelings of intimacy are magical and mysterious, warm and intoxicating. But feeling them doesn't mean we always understand them. It's good to know that underneath the magic and mystery lie a few basic nuts and bolts couples can use to construct some magic.

How many great couples have you seen in action - one, three, five? Great couples radiate closeness, loyalty, teenage playfulness and they swap small acts of affection like two kids trading baseball cards in August. Around them you get that "I wish we were more like them" response. Great couples aren't born, they're made. Any couple, willing to work together, can employ falling-in-love habits in their daily routine. This isn't rocket science.

Intimacy feelings flower where these four patterns are present: radical honesty, openness to change, unconditional love and trust enough to lower the social masks one wears and simply be. Intimacy feelings wither where there is lying, rejection, fear, love on a string, manipulation and pressure to perform. What's your pattern?

Interestingly the Latin roots of the word

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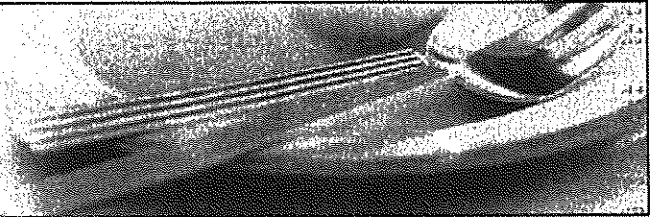
intimate means "to put inside." It envisions doors opened and walls taken down. An invitation to "come out and play" is heard. Intimacy requires more than skin for fuel. The aim for intimacy goes beyond the flesh to give voice to the soul's quest to discover "oneness" through human companionship.

Coaxing your partner to discuss love habits can be as frustrating as herding cats. Women and men differ in their definitions of intimacy. Men tend to see intimacy as the after glow of great sex. Women tend to see great sex as the after glow of feeling intimate outside the bedroom. Add another level of difficulty if your partner has never seen a good couple in action.

Take captive small opportunities. Be patient, but be persistent. Think of a falling-in-love habit as a shared chocolate bar between lovers. Share your chocolate even when you don't feel like it. Always accept chocolate when it is offered to you in return. After awhile an accumulation of chocolate bars will reach critical mass and voila, intimacy!

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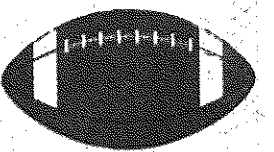
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Madonna bounced

Madonna University's men's basketball team reached Saturday's final of the Mount Union (Ohio) University Tournament, but the host Raiders proved to be rude hosts by blasting the Crusaders 80-59.

The loss left Madonna at 3-2. Mount Union is 2-0.

The difference in the game came just before the midpoint of the first half.

A Joe Kofahl layup had pulled Madonna to within 16-11, but the Raiders scored the next eight points to open up a 13-point lead, which they still had at halftime.

The Crusaders never got closer than nine in the second half.

Noel Emenhiser led Madonna with 14 points. Kofahl had 11 and five rebounds and Chad Nadolni totaled 10 points and eight boards.

Brad Gerard and Chris Blakely each scored 15 points to lead Mount Union.

Kofahl and Nadolni were each named to the all-tournament team.

Player of week

Kyle Larman, a Canton HS graduate now attending Bentley College in Waltham, Mass., was named Atlantic Hockey player of the week last week after a three-point stretch.

Larman, a freshman defenseman, got his first collegiate goal in the third period against Canisius College Nov. 15 which helped preserve a 3-3 tie. He also had an assist on Bentley's first goal of that game.

Last Tuesday, in a 5-2 loss to UMass-Lowell (a Hockey East team), Larman had another assist.

Through the loss to UMass-Lowell, Larman ranked as Bentley's third-leading scorer with a goal and five assists. He's second in the league in scoring by a defenseman and is tied for fourth among freshmen scorers.

Wildcat meeting

The next meeting for the Plymouth Wildcat Football Boosters will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 2 in Room 401 of Plymouth High School. All parents of current football players are asked to attend.

We will be voting on the nominations for the 2004 Board of Directors. Please plan on attending and casting your vote.

West Bloomfield rolls past Canton

Chiefs tumble in regional

Speed and experience by one team proved too much for the other during Monday's West Bloomfield-vs.-Canton girls basketball state Class A regional semifinal played at Auburn Hills Avondale.

The Lakers (20-4) took care of business with a 62-44 victory over the Chiefs, ending Canton's season with a mark of 19-4.

With the win, West Bloomfield will square off at 7 p.m. Wednesday against Southfield-Lathrup in the Region 6 final. The Chargers defeated Pontiac Northern in the other semifinal, 53-39.

"Our girls stepped up," said Lakers' head coach Larry Moore, citing the team's overall quickness and tournament savvy, not to mention solid work under the boards by sophomore forward Randall Hurst (12 points, 10 rebounds) and junior center Nicole Clark (11 points, seven boards). "... We had strength in rebounding and a lot of good looks at the basket."

Chiefs head coach Bob Blohm praised his team for winning in their division and taking the district, despite losing six players to graduation after last season.

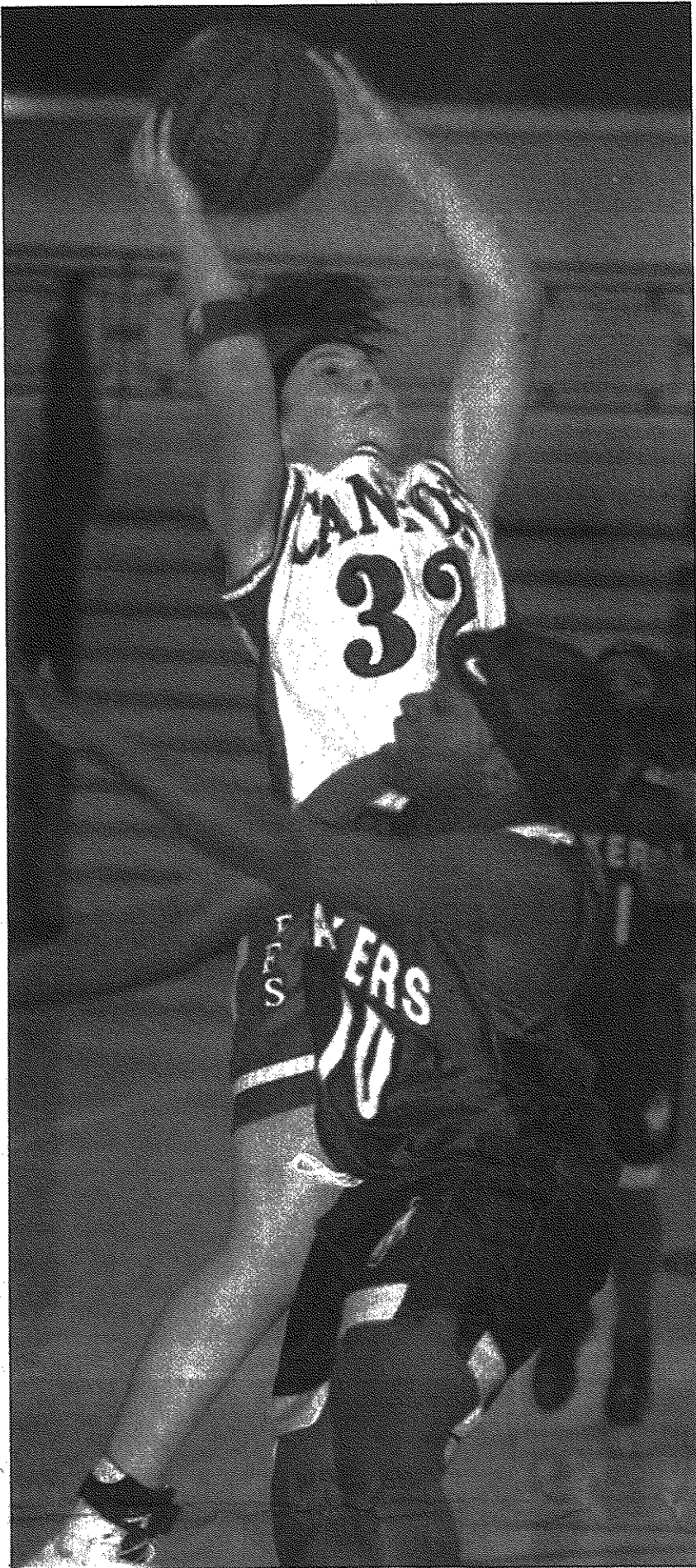
"The kids should be real proud of what they've done," Blohm said. "But we got beat by a great team today. They are very athletic, they run the court and have a great transition game. And they have a great player in Mahoney."

Because of the speed of the Lakers, Blohm said he thought his team rushed some open shots at times.

"We got some scoring opportunities, but we just didn't convert them," Blohm added. "But a team that athletic makes you play a little faster than you want to, maybe you don't finish a shot that you'd normally finish because of their quickness and size."

Leading the way offensively for the Lakers was

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Canton's Lisa Ealy (left) takes a shot over West Bloomfield's Jessica Howard in Monday's regional semifinal.

Mertens shines the brightest for Salem

Take everything into consideration, and Salem's swimmers did pretty well at last weekend's Division I state swim finals, held at Eastern Michigan University.

The Rocks scored 46 points to finish 16th in the team standings. Ann Arbor Pioneer won the team title with 361 points; Livonia Stevenson placed just ahead of Salem, in 13th position with 60 points.

"We swam a lot faster than we did at the league meet," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "In every event, we went faster."

"I was real pleased. I thought we had a real solid meet."

SWIMMING

The Rocks scored in two of three relay events and in four individual races. Amy Mertens, a senior, was their scoring leader; she placed in the top six in two individual events and was in the top 16 in a relay.

Mertens best race came in the 200-yard individual medley. She qualified fifth in Friday's preliminaries in 2:09.84; in Saturday's final, she took fourth in 2:09.37.

Her other individual event, the 100 breaststroke, wasn't as satisfying. After clocking 1:06.18 in the prelims to qualify fifth, she went 1:07.01 in the final, still placing fifth.

"The IM — she was pretty happy with that," said Olson. "For whatever reason, she couldn't get it cranked up on Saturday in the breaststroke."

It wasn't quite as successful for Kelsey Lincoln. The sophomore moved up in the 200 IM, qualifying 15th on Friday in 2:13.62, then finishing 13th on Saturday in 2:13.61.

In the 100 backstroke, Lincoln — whose seed time was 1:03.11 —

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Madonna rolls to region title

There is a weakness — well, sort of.

Madonna University's volleyball team isn't as effective when it doesn't pass well. Course, any coach will say the same thing. Don't pass well, can't set well and can't get the kill.

After beating Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Cornerstone University three-straight times this season, Madonna met the Golden Eagles for the fourth time in the WHAC Tournament Final Nov. 15. But the Crusaders couldn't do it a fourth time; Cornerstone won that match, played at Madonna, in four games.

Both teams advanced to the NAIA Region VIII Tournament, hosted Friday and Saturday by Cornerstone in Grand Rapids. The Crusaders proved they were not a team to forgive and forget, stepping up their level of play to upend

Cornerstone 30-28, 22-30, 30-21, 30-28 in Saturday's final.

The triumph

gave sixth-ranked Madonna 40 wins for the season, improving its record to 40-3. Madonna advances to the NAIA Tournament Dec. 3-6 at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego; the Crusaders open pool play against Lubbock (Tex.) Christian on Dec. 3. On Dec. 4, they meet Spring Hill (Mobile, Ala.) and Georgetown (Ky.), then complete pool play against Dordt College (Sioux Center, Ia.) on Dec. 5.

Cornerstone finishes at 37-12.

"They played superb both times," Madonna coach Jerry Abraham said of the last two meetings with Cornerstone. "Actually, I thought they played even better last Saturday."

"But when you win three times in a row against a rival, well, winning four times is a difficult task. It wasn't that we played bad (in the loss), they just played better. We were not overconfident, but we didn't attack as strong as we have. And we didn't pass/serve well."

Last Saturday's meeting went more to Madonna's liking, despite the unfriendly crowd. The difference were superb attack percentages (.385 as a team for Madonna, .261 for Cornerstone) and strong serving (12 service aces for the Crusaders, two for the

PLEASE SEE MADONNA, B5

CC faces old adversary in Eisenhower

Maybe this is the high school football matchup for the new millennium.

There's everything you could want in a rivalry and more when Redford Catholic Central and Utica Eisenhower take to the Pontiac Silverdome turf Saturday afternoon for the Division 1 state title.

For the third time in four years, the two powers face each other in the state playoffs — and, for the second time, it's for all the marbles.

"I'm sure this is turning into a great rivalry," said CC coach Tom Mach, who holds a 3-1 all-time advantage over his Eisenhower counterpart, Bob Lantzy. "They remember us knocking them out, so I think our name at their school isn't welcome very much. But we also remember when they knocked us out. It always comes down to something dramatic."

Ah, the big play. Both coaches have no doubt that, once again, that one spark or that one miscue will lead a team to win.

In 2000, it was a 60-yard field-goal attempt by CC's Mike Sgroi as time ran out that let the Eagles escape with a 14-13 win. The next year, that rarity of rarities for CC — a forward pass — became a 2-yard game winning touchdown with 1:26 left for a Shamrocks win.

This time, who knows.

"It's going down to a kick somewhere or another big play," Lantzy said. "We can make a big play, they can make a big play. Both of us are the same way — it can happen on a big kick, a special teams play or a defensive play."

This is Eisenhower's fourth title-game appearance in the last five years, but the finals haven't been kind to the Eagles. They've come up empty every time, losing title games in 1999, 2000 and



Ryan Connor (77) and Derek Brooks (23) are hoping that their third trip to the championship game ends the same way the first two did — with state titles.

2001 — the last two by a total of eight points.

"Hey, we're just going to play another game," Lantzy said. "These are kids, it doesn't matter to them. This is our reward, we get to play an extra week. They're playing in the greatest game of their lives, isn't that a reward?"

One thing that is different for

the Eagles is their offensive scheme. A pass-happy team in the past, Eisenhower mixes it up a bit more than it used to.

"We've got a nice, little back in Derrick Chriss," Lantzy said. "He's small (150 pounds), but he's got about 700 yards, although we mix

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our rushing game up between six or seven kids."

The same goes for the passing game. While quarterback Joel Petree has thrown for roughly 1,800 — most of those to twins Tony and Nick Skeltis — he also has a lot of receivers from which to choose.

"They always have a talented quarterback and talented receivers," Mach said. "They don't throw as much as they used to, but we know they'll throw and put the ball up."

In addition to the big play, both coaches also feel that it will come from someone's defense.

"One thing that stands out their defense," Mach said. "They've always had a tough defense over the years."

But Lantzy feels his defense will have problems with CC.

"You can't stop CC on offense," Lantzy said. "We're solid against the run and

pass. We've done a good job. But they probably average 30-some points a game (38 points) and maybe give up a touchdown against them (actually, it's 10 points per game).

"I don't think we can stop them from scoring. They're strong and they've got depth. They start eating people up by the second half."

In addition to the big plays and the solid defense, there's another intangible coming into play — the end of the season.

CC hasn't lost a playoff game in three seasons and the 2000 loss to the Eagles is its only postseason loss in 18 games. On the other hand, Eisenhower has lost three straight championship games.

"I think in any championship game, if you are behind in the fourth quarter, you have a lot of worries after going 13 games to get there," Mach said. "Our kids haven't lost in the finals before. They haven't experienced that part. I have and I don't like it."

Strong 2nd half secures a CC victory

It's like the first winter snowfall.

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The Shamrocks like to tease their opponents, let them think they have a chance. They do it every week. At halftime, the outcome is still very much in doubt.

In Saturday's Division I state semifinal against Clinton Township Chippewa Valley, played at Birmingham Seaholm, CC trailed 7-3 at the intermission. Uh-oh — was it trouble for the Shamrocks?

"Course not. They forced a Chippewa Valley turnover in the first minute of the second half, put 10 points on the board before the third quarter was concluded and had a 20-7 lead by the time the fourth quarter was two minutes old.

All of which led to the inescapable: a 26-7 CC triumph that gained it yet another berth in the state championship game. The Shamrocks, now 12-1, take on top-ranked Utica Eisenhower at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome as they seek their third-straight state title and fifth in the last seven years.

Chippewa Valley finishes its season at 11-2.

"The only reason we came back in the second half is because we had to," said CC coach Tom Mach, once again downplaying the methodical manner in which his team dismantled the Big Red. "That's to (Chippewa Valley's) credit.

DIVISION 1 FOOTBALL

They played a fantastic game.

"The players knew either they move it up a notch or they'll be watching next week."

Watching next week wasn't something CC would even consider — Big Red coach Mike Carr knew that.

"The thing about CC is they'll get used to the things you're doing and they won't panic," Carr said. "If you give them field position, they'll make it hurt. You just can't give CC field position."

In the first half, it was Chippewa Valley that controlled the field position. But the first series of the second half put CC in control.

On third-down-and-8 from its own 22, Chippewa Valley quarterback Eddie Skowneski was blindsided on a pass attempt and fumbled the ball. CC's Andy Christenson recovered it at the Big Red 16.

Four plays later, Derek Brooks ran a counter play 2 yards up the middle and into the end zone. With Jason Gingell's placement, the Shamrocks were ahead 10-7 with 10:02 left in the third quarter.

That started the tide of momentum surging in CC's favor. A three-downs-and-out series by Chippewa Valley on its next possession proved more harmful when Mark Wojcik's punt went off the side of his foot and covered just 15 yards, giving CC the ball at the Chippewa Valley 41.

Six plays got the Shamrocks to the 24. On fourth-and-5

Gingell booted his second field goal of the game, this one from 41 yards, to make it 13-7.

And on and on it went. Again CC's defense kept the Big Red, who started their next drive at their own 11, from getting a first down. Again the Shamrocks regained possession on Chippewa Valley's side of the field, taking over at the Big Red 48.

And again they turned it into points, their 11-play drive culminating with a 6-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Dave Thomas to Kyle Smith on an out pattern in the left side of the end zone. Gingell's kick made it 20-7 with 10:16 remaining.

"We were able to get a couple of turnovers," said Mach. "I think that was the key. That turnover (to start the second half) really gave us a great push."

"(Chippewa Valley) very sound defensively. They were stuffing us inside (on running plays) in the first half, so we were going to throw when we had to. We thought we could catch them a couple of times."

The Big Red had one last gasp, on their next possession. Starting at their own 20, Skowneski threw a long ball to Steve Lyons on a fly pattern down the left sideline. CC's David Herberholz got a hand on the pass to deflect it, but Lyons caught it anyway and reached the CC 19 before Herberholz dragged him down.

However, that 61-yard pass play was it for Chippewa Valley. CC dropped the Big Red for losses on two of the next four plays, including a 7-yard

sack by Darnell Tyson on fourth-and-11.

The Shamrocks' final TD drive was a time-consuming back-breaker, covering 73 yards in 11 plays and eating up nearly six minutes. On fourth-down-and-5, Smith made a superb over-the-shoulder catch of a Thomas pass in the right corner of the end zone, making it 26-7 with 2:27 to play. An interception by Alex Wojcik ended Chippewa Valley's final possession.

"It didn't help," Carr said of his team's three turnovers, in particular the fumble starting the second half. "It's not the way we wanted to start out. It gave them momentum and charged them up."

And deflated Chippewa Valley. After rushing for 81 yards in the first half, the Big Red managed just 9 yards in the second. Jamaris Miles was their leading ground-gainer with 48 yards on 13 tries; Skowneski completed 7-of-15 passes for 106 yards, but suffered two interceptions.

CC got 93 rushing yards on 16 attempts from Brooks, with one TD. Nick Barrett added 52 yards on nine tries, and Thomas completed 7-of-15 passes for 54 yards and two TDs, both to Smith.

A fumbled punt by Chippewa Valley's Nick Mattina gave CC the ball on the Big Red 35 in the opening quarter, eventually leading to Gingell's 30-yard field goal. Chippewa Valley's only score came on the second play of the second quarter. Jeff Deliz plunging 3 yards up the middle to cap a seven-play drive that started at CC's 37.

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Western Townships Utilities Authority
Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting Synopsis
3:00 p.m. Monday, November 17, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.
Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen
Agenda — adopted as amended, changing the order of items.
Minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2003 — approved.
Schedule of disbursements totaling \$1,975,988.05 — approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for October 2003 — received and filed.
Director's Report for November 2003 — received and filed.
Financial Statements for 12 months ended September 30, 2003 — received and filed.
Capital Improvement Program; Above Ground Storage Tank Improvements — received and filed.
Request For Proposals; Alternative Electric Generation Services — approval to issue request for proposals on Alternative Electric Generation Services.
Interim Management Plan — approved as presented.
Final Budget Amendments (Fiscal Year 2002/2003) — approved as presented.
WTUA Pension Plan Consultant Agreement — approval of engagement of services letter to Kevin Berry's of Dickinson-Wright for legal consulting services on the WTUA pension plan.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update — received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

Chairperson
THOMAS J. YACK

This is a synopsis. A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (or) by visiting our website at WTUA.org.

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Charter Township of Canton
Board Proceedings - November 18, 2003

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, November 18, 2003 at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

Members Present: Shefferly, Burdzyak, Kirchgatter, Bennett, Yack, Zarbo
Members Absent: McLaughlin
Staff Present: Director Conklin
Also Present: Gene Hammonds, Linda Shapona, Richard Dionne

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, seconded by Zarbo to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 1: DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED CULTURAL COMMISSION. Director Conklin summarized the present art organizations that have a significant contribution to the development of the Arts in Canton. A draft was presented on the Public Art Committee By-Laws. The concept of creating a Cultural Commission was presented. For the Board's consideration they were presented with a copy of a draft ordinance adopting the Cultural Commission.

ITEM 2: DISCUSSION ON YOUTH SPORTS AGREEMENT. Director Conklin gave an update on the progress of the Youth Sports Agreement.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn the study session at 9:05 p.m.

Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett - Clerk
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THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS BASKETBALL
REGIONAL PAIRINGS
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Wednesday, Nov. 26: Championship final,
Ladywood vs. Detroit Country Day, 7 p.m. (winner advances to the state quarterfinals)
Tuesday, Dec. 2 at the University of Detroit
Mercy's Calihan Hall vs. Riverview regional
champion.)

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Nov. 26
Northville vs. Canton
at Arctic Edge, 6 p.m.
Ladywood vs. Bloomfield
at Arctic Pond, 6 p.m.
Churchill vs. Salem,
at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 28
Redford CC vs. O.L. St. Mary's Prep
at Compuware (NHL Arena), 7 p.m.

Churchill at W.L. Western
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Nov. 26
Kellogg at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Friday, Nov. 28
Schoolcraft vs. Columbus State
at Owens CC (Ohio) Turkey Shootout, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29
Schoolcraft vs. Edison CC (Ohio)

at Owens CC (Ohio) Turkey Shootout, 2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 30
Schoolcraft at Owens CC (Ohio), 4 p.m.
ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Wednesday, Nov. 26
Whalers vs. Windsor (Compuware), 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 27
Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 29
Whalers vs. Peterborough
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present except Mr. Munfakh, who was excused.

Mr. Griffith requested the removal of Item J.7, under New Business, Charter Township of Plymouth Compensation Commission Recommendation for Elected Officials Salaries for 2004 and 2005, Resolution No. 03-11-18-45. His request was made on behalf of Mr. Munfakh, who could not be present for this meeting and wished to discuss this item.

Attorney Cronin indicated the determination of the Commission would become effective within 30 days unless rejected by five members of the Board, and this period would expire prior to the next regular Board meeting date of December 16, 2003.

Mr. Griffith then withdrew his request.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the Tuesday, November 18, 2003, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Arnold. ROLL CALL: AYES: Massengill, Arnold, Edwards, Mann. NAYS: Griffith. Motion carried.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting of November 18, 2003, as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Ayes: all.

Mr. Jerry Chouinard questioned who the Emergency Management Coordinator and two successors are, as called for in the Administration section of the Township Code. He also asked where the Emergency Management Office is located.

Mr. Mann said the Emergency Management Coordinator position was currently vacant due to Chuck Van Vleck's retirement. Assistant Fire Chief Wendel and Don McDurmon are filing in until the positions can be filled.

Mr. Mann said the office of the Emergency Manager is in the Fire Department. When an operation takes place a command office is set up, the location depending on the type of emergency.

Mr. Chouinard also questioned the presence of the police officers at the polls on Election Day, rather than on the road.

Police Chief Tiderington said they went by as part of their normal, routine duties.

Ms. Arnold moved to remand proposed Text Amendment 102, Special Provisions, Recreation Vehicles or Camper Parking, to the Planning Commission for further consideration and revision. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes: all.

Mr. Griffith moved to recess the Board meeting. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes: all.

The Board recessed at 7:20 for continuation of the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority meeting and reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved to authorize Supervisor Mann and Clerk Massengill to sign the Towing and Impound Contract with Mayflower Towing. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes: all.

Ms. Arnold moved to authorize the engineering firm of Orchard, Hiltz & McClement, Inc., to prepare plans showing the improvement, location and estimate of cost for the paving of Plymouth Gardens and Finch Subdivisions as submitted and described on the received petitions for a cost not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00). The scope of work for the above shall include:

1. The review and substantiation of soil borings previously obtained.
2. Review of preliminary field shots and necessary field review.
3. Meetings with Wayne County to review preliminary plan, cross-sections and other information.
4. Prepare preliminary cost estimates for project (revised scope and district limits).
5. Any and all activities needed to proceed with the public hearing of necessity.

Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes: all

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-2003-06, an ordinance to update the Administration section of the Township Code consistent with State Law changes. Seconded by Mr. Arnold. Ayes: all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution 03-11-18-44, approving the Plymouth Township Downtown Development Authority Budgets for 2003 and 2004. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes: all on a roll call vote. A

copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Griffith moved that December 16, 2003, be established for public hearing based on the submission of an application from Karmann U.S.A., requesting to transfer Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2001-607 to Karmann Technical Development ("KTID") for their facility located at 14967 Pilot Road, Metro West Industrial Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, and to increase the cost stated in the original application of \$4,6076,285 to \$6,342,382.16. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes: all.

Mrs. Massengill moved that December 16, 2003, be established for public hearing based on the submission of an application from Ilmor Engineering, Inc., requesting a five (5) year Industrial Exemption Certificate for new machinery and equipment to be installed within their existing facility located at 43939 Plymouth Oaks Blvd., Lot 14, Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Griffith. Ayes: all.

Mr. Curmi moved Resolution No. 03-11-18-45, which rejected the determination of salary for each of the Charter Township of Plymouth Elected Officials as adopted on November 10, 2003, by the Charter Township of Plymouth Elected Officials Compensation Commission in its Resolution Determining the Salary of the Township Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees (Resolution No. 03-11-10). Seconded by Mr. Griffith. ROLL CALL: AYES: Curmi, Griffith, Arnold, Mann. NAYS: Edwards, Massengill. Motion defeated. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal. Recommendations become effective after 30 days unless rejected by a vote of five members of the Board of Trustees.

Mr. Mann thanked residents for voting in the November 6, 2003, special election. He brought the Board's attention to the various reports at their places, including the quarterly financial reports. He also updated the Board on the Unfair Labor Practice charges (ULP) brought forth by the AFSCME clerical union during the period of September 2000 through May 2001. While AFSCME filed nearly 30 ULP's, they eventually withdrew all but eleven charges. A lengthy trial was held before Michigan Employment Relations Commission Administrative Law Judge Roy L. Roulhac. Judge Roulhac just released his opinion in the case and ruled in favor of the Township on each of the eleven counts.

Attorney Cronin agreed to update Mr. Curmi and Board members on the progress toward settlement for the return of funds paid in error to Fire Department members at a closed session.

Mr. Roy Banks asked why the lights were out on the Massey clock. Mr. Anulweicz stated that he was aware of the clock lights being out and he would be vigorously pursuing correction.

Moved by Mr. Edwards, supported by Mrs. Massengill, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, CMC
Clerk, Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on November 18, 2003. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on December 16, 2003.

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Ocelots finish 3rd at NJCAA Tournament

One step short.

The window of opportunity was there for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team. The second-ranked Ocelots were suddenly in the spotlight, once top-ranked Lewis and Clark (St. Louis) lost in the opening round of the NJCAA Division I Tournament, held in Phoenix, Ariz.

But SC, which met Dixie State (Utah) in the semifinals on Friday, wasn't quite able to manage it, losing 3-1 to the Rebels.

"In the first half of that game it was fairly even, through the first 15 minutes," said SC coach Bill Tolstedt. "But they were coming at us very strong."

"Once Lewis and Clark was gone, we both knew whoever won our game would win the national championship. They played stronger than we did on that day."

All the scoring came in the first half, Tiffany Tuzzolino accounting for SC's only goal, on assists from Ashley Gay and Jenni Hewlett.

Nicole Dalicandro and Andrea Dunn (from Garden City) divided time in goal for the Ocelots, who were hurt by the loss of perhaps their best player, Andrea Wright, to a head injury that required stitches midway through the second half. They also had a second-half goal disallowed.

The loss did not end SC's tournament run. The Ocelots met Catonsville (Md.) on Saturday in the consolation final and came away with a 3-0 victory.

SC's final record is 18-1-0. Catonsville ends up at 11-4-1.

Erica Ahrens (from Canton) got the only goal of the first half against Catonsville, with an assist from Michelle Kitt.

In the second half, Sarah Plymale (Canton) and Ahrens once again scored goals. Plymale's marker was unassisted; Casey Hoover assisted on Ahrens' second goal.

Once again, Dalicandro and Dunn divided time in goal.

Although the NJCAA Championship escaped them, Tolstedt was very pleased with his team's season, its best in his seven-year tenure.

"I'm really thrilled," he said. "Sure, I had clear expectations of winning a championship, but I respect this (SC) team more than any I've had here, more than any team I've coached here."

With several players expected to return next season, the Ocelots could once again be a powerhouse — which will make Tolstedt's career record at SC, now at 111-23-14, even more impressive.

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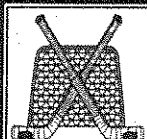
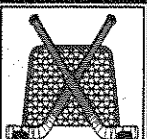


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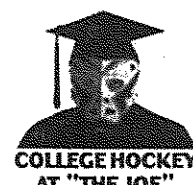
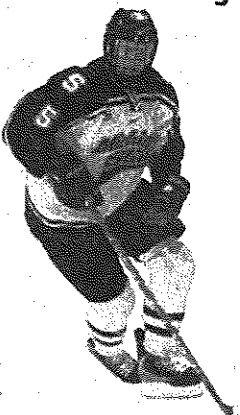
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senior guard-forward Samantha Mahoney, who scored 20 points. But she, and several other players on both teams, seemed to have some trouble early in the game adjusting their shooting eye for the Avondale gym's open backdrop. The ample floor space at each end is unlike the Lakers' home floor, where walls are located a few feet behind the baskets. "I personally don't like the (open space) in the background," Mahoney said. "But

it's tournament time and you have to play in whatever gym you're in." For the Chiefs, the big player was junior center Katie Cezat, with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Sophomore forward Lisa Ealy chipped in with nine, while both senior forward Sarah Samulski and senior guard Heather Richardson added four. West Bloomfield's balanced attack also included eight points by senior guard Jessica Howard and four each by juniors Chelsea Seabron and Maria Martin. One Canton player who got Moore's attention was Cezat. The West Bloomfield coach said it took a while for the Lakers to adjust defensively to Cezat's aggressive to-the-basket playing style.

Cezat scored 10 of her team's 11 first-quarter points, keeping the Chiefs in the contest (16-11 West Bloomfield at that point). But in the second quarter, the Lakers started rolling. With about three minutes gone in the second, two consecutive Canton turnovers led to easy West Bloomfield baskets (by Seabron and Howard), to open up a 24-11 advantage. A three-point play by Clark made it 29-13 with 3:23 left and the second quarter ended 35-18, following last-minute baskets by Mahoney and Howard. It was 49-26 after three, and the Chiefs would not get much closer the rest of the contest.

Trio hopes for 3 titles in 3 years

When Ryan Connor, Derek Brooks and Jason Gingell first moved up to the varsity as sophomores they knew they were part of something special. After all, this was Catholic Central football. They had seven state titles under their belt and had won two of the last three. The only one that CC didn't win was a 14-13 semifinal loss to Utica Eisenhower.

Fast forward to 2003 — their senior year. In that time, they've gone 36-5, ran up a 14-0 playoff record — never ending a season with a loss. In one of those years, 2001, the season ended with a 24-21 win over Eisenhower — the same team they'll face at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome in the Division 1 final.

And they'd love nothing more than to do something that only two other schools have done in state history — end their season with a third straight state title. "It's something a lot of schools don't have the chance to do once," said Connor, the lineman from Canton. "To be able to win three times would be great."

They were the only three that Mach called up during the sophomore season. Brooks played a lot right away at running back, Connor saw solid duty in the middle of the season, was injured in the first playoff game against Detroit Cody and returned for the finals, and Gingell — who didn't even go out for football his freshman year and came out his sophomore year when he found out he had a knack for kicking a football a long way — also popped in the lineup midway through the season.

Since then, they've ended the season that beat Eisenhower once and beat the team that beat the Eagles in the 2002 semifinals. They'd love nothing more than to end their season with another win, but also know that Eisenhower — making its fourth trip to the finals in five years — might want it even more.

"You can't ask for a better situation than winning," said Brooks, who CC coach Tom Mach calls the best running back he's ever coached. "Their coach must be doing something right to go this deep into the playoffs all the time. I guess you could say it's equal as to which team wants it more. "But we always seem to have a target on our backs. We went

GRID PICKS

into the season No. 1 and a lot of teams would like us to lose." They don't really care how they win as long as they win. Gingell would love to have it be on his game-winning field goal because it's something he's always dreamed about; Brooks doesn't want to let it get that close.

"I'd trade the last two championships in a second to be able to win this one," Connor said. "I don't want to lose my last game."

They all feel the same way. They'll go their separate ways after the season — Gingell, perhaps, to the University of Pennsylvania; Connor hasn't found a school; and Brooks hasn't committed anywhere yet, despite a rumor that he's committed to Penn State.

But a win Saturday would give the three a bond that only select former players of Farmington Hills Harrison and Detroit DePores can enjoy — three straight titles.

"A few weeks ago, a buddy of mine who plays at Northville had his AOL online away message read, 'Doing something I love one more time,'" Gingell said. "And that's what I'm doing. I just want to go out with a win."

Will they? A win last week was correctly picked by Brad Emons, Paul Beaudry and C.J. Risak to give the former a 10-1 playoff record and the other two an 8-3 playoff mark. As for this game?

Redford CC (12-1) vs. Utica Eisenhower (13-0), 1 p.m. Saturday, Pontiac Silverdome: Eisenhower has a lot of tools, probably more balance than it had when it went to the three straight finals with the DiGiorgio brothers. The Eagles have given up just 120 points on the season, and are quicker than they were in those three years.

But CC has given up just one more point — and held five of its last six opponents to a touchdown or less — and scored about eight more points a game than Eisenhower does.

And even though it's a different group of kids, going to the finals three times in the last four years and coming up short does introduce the Buffalo Bills/Super Bowl factor. It's tempting to say that the Eagles are due. Heck, if Harrison can lose, then so can CC. But not this time.

Three will be a very lucky number for the Shamrocks on Saturday. PICKS: CC — Beaudry, Emons; Eisenhower — Risak.

The Prep Grid Picks were chosen by the Observer staff. Questions and comments can be E-mailed to pbeaudry@oe.homecomm.net.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-2003-06
PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION
ORDINANCE

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THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION A. SUMMARY:
PART I - ADMINISTRATION
CHAPTER I
General Provisions*

Section 1.010. This section provides for procedures relating to the publication and distribution of Code.
Section 1.020. This section provides for procedures relating to the amending the code.
Section 1.030. This section provides for the publication and distribution of amendments.
Section 1.040. This section provides for the contents of Code.
Section 1.050. This section provides for the short title of the Code.
Section 1.060. This section provides for headings to the Code.
Section 1.070. This section provides for responsibility to the Code.
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Section 1.100. This section provides for interpretations of tense/gender.
Section 1.110. This section provides for a notice provision.
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CHAPTER 2
Plymouth Community Citizens Watch Program
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Section 2.040. This section provides for regulations relating to qualifications and appointment of managers.
Section 2.050. This section provides for duties of managers.
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CHAPTER 3
Constables
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Section 3.020. This section provides for limitation of powers of constables.
Section 3.030. This section provides for bond requirements for constables.
Section 3.040. This section provides for regulations relating to bonds, filing of bonds, certified copy as evidence of contents and execution, and actions against constables or sureties upon bond.
Section 3.050. This section provides for procedures relating to the service of warrants, notices, and process, duties of constables, ordinance restricting or limiting powers, compliance with minimum employment standards, cost of compliance, and appointments as district court officer.
Section 3.060. This section provides for the duties of constables, the service of writs, the service of process, and the service of orders.
Section 3.070. This section provides for a police officer or a constable's right to pursue, arrest, and detain person outside of township limits.
Section 3.080. This section provides for police officer or constable's authority to execute a bench warrant.
Section 3.090. This section provides for constable's attendance at sessions of circuit courts, notice, payment, township officers, extra services, and compensation.

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Employee Group Insurance*
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Section 4.040. This section provides for details of the existing plans.

CHAPTER 5
Employee Pension Plan*
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Ordinance Enforcement Officer*
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Section 6.020. This section provides for the authority and duties of ordinance enforcement officers.

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CHAPTER 7
Police Department*

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Section 7.030. This section provides for the procedures in making appointments.
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Section 7.060. This section provides for regulations concerning property, equipment, and buildings.

CHAPTER 2
Emergency Management*

Section 8.010. This section provides for the title of the ordinance.
Section 8.020. This section provides for the purpose of ordinance.
Section 8.030. This section provides for definitions.
Section 8.040. This section provides for regulations for the emergency management office and the emergency management coordinator.
Section 8.050. This section provides for the duties of the emergency management coordinators.
Section 8.060. This section provides for the powers and duties of the Township Supervisor.
Section 8.070. This section provides for procedures relating to the governor's declaratory request.
Section 8.080. This section provides for duties and liaisons of each township department.
Section 8.090. This section provides for a disaster contingency fund.
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Section 10.030. This section provides for enabling legislation.
Section 10.040. This section provides for regulations concerning the establish salaries of elected officials.
Section 10.050. This section provides for the creation of the commission, membership, and appointment.
Section 10.060. This section provides for terms of office; appointment; filing of vacancies; and ineligibility.
Section 10.070. This section provides for procedures relating to salary determinations; the effective date; rejection; and expense.
Section 10.080. This section provides for procedures relating to commission meetings; quorum; open meetings; notice; majority vote; chairperson; session days; and expenses.
Section 10.090. This section provides for procedures relating to referendum on this ordinance and elections.
Section 10.100. This section provides for prohibitions relating to salary decrease during term of office.

CHAPTER 11
Downtown Development Authority Ordinance

Section 11.010. This section provides for a resolution of intent, a public hearing and the authority created.
Section 11.020. This section provides for supervision of the authority.
Section 11.030. This section provides for the powers and duties of the authority.
Section 11.040. This section provides for the downtown district boundaries.
Section 11.050. This section provides for rules concerning by-laws and rules of the authority.
Section 11.060. This section provides for regulations in place if a director is appointed.
Section 11.070. This section provides that ordinances shall be filed with the Secretary of State.
Section 11.080. This section provides for penalties upon violation.

(CHAPTERS 12-19 RESERVED)

SECTION B. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTY.
This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may, upon conviction, be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days or both, in the discretion of the court.

SECTION C. REPEAL.
This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION D. SEVERABILITY.
This Section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION E. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law, penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION F. PUBLICATION.
This section provides that the Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION G. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C-2003-06 considered for first reading at the November 18, 2003, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2003. The Ordinance, in full, is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Phone #734-354-3224.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Plymouth Charter Township

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MERTENS

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trimmed more than a half-second off, but it wasn't quite enough to get her into the scoring column. She placed 18th in 1:02.51.

Salem's other individual-event scorer was diver Ashley Aquinto, who placed 12th with a 327.00 point total.

The Rocks' 200 medley relay team of Lisa Gullikson, Mertens, Heather Michalsen and Danielle

Powers qualified 15th in 1:54.08, then finished 14th in 1:54.75.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Gullikson, Lincoln, Amanda Newman and Powers combined to finish 16th in 1:43.13, after qualifying 16th in 1:43.71. And in the 400 free relay, Katy Truesdell, Michalsen, Lincoln and Mertens were 20th in the prelims in 3:47.63 — a time that was 2.7 seconds faster than their seed time.

Canton's Allison Goldsmith also qualified for state meet in the 100 butterfly. She placed 32nd in 1:03.18.

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Lose a game by a goal, like the Plymouth Whalers did Friday at London, and it can hurt.

But lose a game by a goal at home, in a game in which your team led 5-1 halfway through — now that's pain.

That's just what the Whalers did Saturday against the Erie Otters in an Ontario Hockey League game played at Plymouth's Compuware Arena. The Whalers scored four times in the first period, then made it 5-1 on a power-play goal Gino Pisellini at the 8:40 mark of the second period.

But Erie battled back, scoring three times before the second period ended, tying it on a Mike Melinko goal with 4:04 left in regulation, then winning it 6-5 at 4:19 of overtime on a goal by Chris Campoli.

The Whalers fall to 11-7-5-1, second in the OHL's West Division with 28 points. Erie evened its mark at 11-11-3-0 (25 points), last in the OHL's Midwest Division.

Plymouth built its first-period lead on two power-play goals and a short-handed marker. Jonas Fiedler, Tim Sestito, John Vigilante and James Wisniewski (from Canton) scored in the opening period.

Michael Blunden got Erie's first-period goal, with Sean O'Connor, Ryan O'Marra and Alex Karaulchuk adding second-period scores.

Wisniewski led Plymouth,

OHL HOCKEY

finishing with a goal and two assists. Vigilante had a goal and an assist, and John Mitchell had two assists.

Ryan Nie was in goal for the Whalers; he had 23 saves. Josh Disher started for Erie, but was replaced by Jhase Sniderman to start the second period. They combined for 33 stops.

On Friday at London, the Whalers battled back from behind twice, but Scott Sheppard's goal at 3:18 of the third period propelled the Knights to a 3-2 win.

Through the weekend, London was second in the OHL's Midwest Division with a 15-5-0-2 record (50 points).

Dennis Wideman twice staked London to a lead, scoring goals in each of the first two periods. But the Whalers rallied, Fiedler scoring on the power-play at 17:58 of the first period and Wisniewski getting a goal at 17:06 of the second (Wisniewski also assisted on Plymouth's first goal).

Paul Drew was in goal for the Whalers; he made 24 stops. Gerald Coleman was in the net for London.

The season-opener was a happy one for Canton's hockey team.

The Chiefs faced Pontiac Notre Dame Prep Saturday at Troy Ice Arena and recorded a 7-4 triumph.

Kyle Tollison did most of the damage for Canton, collecting three goals and an assist. Brian Wioncek contributed two goals and two assists.

Tony Hylko was in goal for the Chiefs.

CC 4, UD-Jesuit 2: It was a win, but it wasn't a pretty one

HOCKEY

Saturday night for Redford Catholic Central as the Shamrocks defeated University of Detroit-Jesuit at Compuware Arena.

"I think we're very fortunate to get the win," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "We took a tremendous amount of undisciplined penalties. All totaled, we played more than a whole period shorthanded."

"They have a number of

skilled players and if we played two weeks or so from now, we wouldn't have won. Their power play would have beaten us."

The Cubs (0-1) scored the opener four minutes into the game off a center-ice lob that took a funny bounce and eluded CC goalie Andrew Godoshian.

The Shamrocks (2-0) tied the score two minutes later on Harrison Niemann's one-timer with Jimmy Burns and Jason Lewarne assisting.

CC had a 2-1 lead later in the

period on Drew Kahle's goal from Dave McGrorty and Travis Hamway.

The trio connected again in the second period for a 3-1 lead. The Cubs got one back in the third, but Michael Evans clinched it with five minutes to play from Mike Oakleaf and Wade Lavever.

Godoshian stopped 10 of the 12 shots he faced, while CC had 25 shots on U-D's goal.

The Shamrocks are home Friday night at Compuware against Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

MADONNA

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Eagles).

"On Friday and Saturday, we played our style of game," noted Abraham. "When we pass (well), we're a better team."

"We still didn't pass as well as we can, but we attacked from antenna to antenna."

Four Crusaders accumulated double figures in kills, led

by Sharyse Bush with 22 (with a .386 percentage). She also had three blocks.

Natalja Tinina contributed 16 kills (.366) and 19 digs; Laura Lesko had 13 kills (.458), two aces, 14 digs and five blocks; and Tera Morrill (from Westland/Livonia Franklin HS) collected 11 kills (.375), two aces and 15 digs.

Other noteworthy performances came from Amanda Suder (Salem HS), four aces, two kills; and Ashley Frost,

with 56 set assists, two aces and 17 digs.

Cornerstone was paced by Amanda Rizer with 18 kills and Shannon Burmaster with 17 kills, 20 digs and four blocks.

"This was a great team effort," said Abraham. "Everyone contributed against a hostile crowd. I'm very proud of these kids."

On Friday in the opening round of the regional, the Crusaders disposed of

Indiana Wesleyan in straight sets, 30-26, 30-16, 30-28.

Tinina and Bush each had 11 kills to pace Madonna. Tinina also getting three blocks, with Lesko adding 10 kills and nine digs. Morrill paced the Crusaders in kill percentage (.571 on eight kills) and digs (24), and Caryn Inman led Madonna in blocks (four), to go with eight kills (.538).

Suder also had 17 digs, and Frost finished with 36 set assists and 10 digs.

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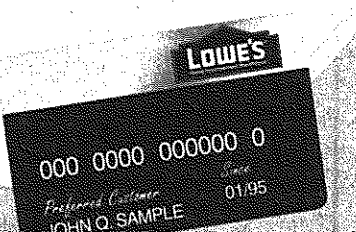
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The ThunderDOG bar is available at pet stores and human health stores. Its suggested retail price is \$1.69. For more information, contact Natural Life Pet Products at 800-367-2391 or visit www.K9ThunderDog.com

Red Kettle Days

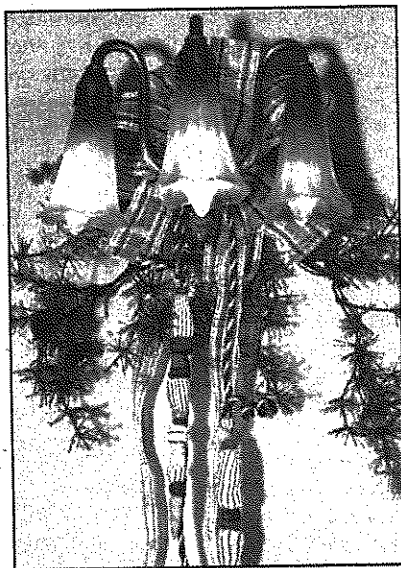
The Salvation Army in metro Detroit has proclaimed Red Kettle Days through Dec. 24 to help the Army reach its \$5 million fund-raising goal and to address the crisis of poverty and homelessness. The Salvation Army will collect donations outside Marshall Field's, Farmer Jack, Target and Mervyn's in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. Donations from the campaign helped more than 480,000 people in the tri-county area last year, supplying more than 1.8 million meals to individuals and tens of thousands of gifts.

For more information on the Red Kettle Campaign, donation locations and The Salvation Army's progress toward its \$5 million fund-raising goal, visit www.redkettle-campaign.org

Enjoy the trees

The 19th annual Festival of Trees continues through this weekend at its new location the Ford Motor Co. Conference and Event Center on Village Road in Dearborn. All proceeds benefit the Evergreen Endowment Fund for pediatric research at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit.

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 conference center. The venue is closed Thursday on Thanksgiving Day, but will be open 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 29 and 30. Tickets are \$8 for adults; \$6 for children 2-12, and children under 2 are free. For information, call (313) 966-TREE or visit <http://www.fot.org>.



It's grand



Shannon O'Berski, marketing manager at Meadow Brook Hall, examines the intricate inlaid carpenry of a table in Matilda Dodge's suite at Meadow Brook Hall. Many rooms will be decorated for Meadow Brook's 2003 Holiday Walk, which opens Friday, Nov. 28. Top, Meadow Brook Hall's lights take on a holiday glow.

Meadow Brook Hall takes visitors on a worldwide holiday tour

In 1935 Matilda Dodge Wilson and her family did what the wealthiest Americans sometimes did — they set out on a Grand Tour, a trip around the world.

For six months they and children Frances and Daniel sailed to Europe, Africa and India, sitting atop elephants, leaning on the pieces of ruins at Stonehenge and watching the

sunrise while drinking coffee on Mount Everest.

Visitors to Meadow Brook Hall can relive that journey and see some of the festive heirlooms purchased by family members. Holiday Walk 2003, the biggest fund-raiser for Meadow Brook Hall and its

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HOLIDAY WALK

Where: Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills
When: Daily, Friday, Nov. 28-Tuesday, Dec. 23, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Tickets: \$20, adults; \$12.50, children under 12; free, children under 2. For additional information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

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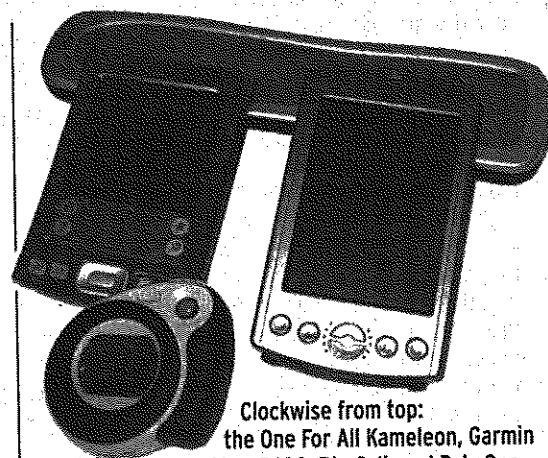
Submissions

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



Santabear returns

Last year the Santabears welcomed Berry and Belle into the family. This year the Santabear family, in traditional Irish attire, hails from the Emerald Isle, known for its thousands of welcomes, lively wit and cozy fisherman sweaters. Bring the family home and bring home a little luck of the Irish. The whole family is available for purchase. Look for the Santabear family in the Target Marshall Field's float in the America's Thanksgiving Parade. Santabear and Mrs. Santabear sell for \$38.50 each at all Marshall Field's stores, starting on Nov. 28, and are available in limited quantities. Baby Berry is included with Santabear, and Baby Belle is included with Mrs. Santabear. Purchase is limited to one Santabear (includes one baby) and one Mrs. Santabear (includes one baby) per guest.



Clockwise from top: the One For All Kameleon, Garmin iQue 3600, Rio Cali, and PalmOne Tungsten E.

Look at gadget gifts for the holidays

Like all card-carrying technology columnists, I love gadgets. If it has buttons, flashing lights, a screen, or, ideally, all three, I pay first and ask questions later.

I'll bet there's someone like me in your life, so why not buy that person (or me) a gadget gift this holiday season?

For instance, Apple's iPod is all the rage, and with good reason: it's the ultimate digital music player.

But I wouldn't go jogging with it or take it to the gym — too fragile.

Instead, I take the **Rio Cali** (www.rioaudio.com), a stylish, rugged MP3 player built with exercise in mind.

The 128MB model (\$149.99 after a \$20 rebate) can hold up to 30 songs — more if you add a memory card.

It has an FM tuner, a stopwatch with lap timer, ear-clip headphones, and an arm-band case. And it runs for 18 hours on a single triple-A.

The iPod can't do that.

How about a PDA? The **PalmOne Tungsten E** (www.palmone.com) is almost too practical to be called a gadget, but it's certainly cool enough to qualify.

In addition to managing contacts and appointments like a champ, it can play MP3 tunes, audiobooks, and movies.

The Tungsten E also sports a dazzling color screen, plenty of memory, an expansion slot, and a great software bundle.

Most amazing of all, it's priced at just \$199.

If you don't mind spending a bit more, the \$589 **Garmin iQue 3600** (www.garmin.com) matches the Tungsten E feature for feature, but also includes the ultimate gadget: a built-in GPS receiver. Just write in an address and the iQue will give you door-to-door driving directions on a moving map, complete with voice instructions.

By the way, I've seen it selling online for as little as \$435, so don't pay the list price.

For anyone who travels a lot and likes to watch movies or listen to music, I highly recommend a pair of noise-canceling headphones like the **Sennheiser PXC 250** (www.sennheiser.com).

The alternative is cranking the volume to overcome background noise, which can lead to distorted sound and damaged hearing.

For anyone who sits at home a lot and likes to watch movies or listen to music, I highly recommend a universal remote — one designed to take the place of all your other remotes.

The **One For All Kameleon** (www.oneforall.com) has a translucent-blue screen where the buttons would normally be. When you pick it up, the screen lights up with device controls.

Words don't do this effect justice — you have to see it to appreciate it.

Indeed, with a cool factor that's off the charts and a price of just \$99, the Kameleon is the ultimate gift for geeks and couch potatoes alike.

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HOME CALENDAR

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.

American Regional Revisited

A collection of historic (1900 to 1960) 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 runs through Dec. 20 at the 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. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, to Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University. Children also can visit with Santa at Knole Cottage, Frances Dodge's built-to-scale playhouse, 11 a.m. to 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. to 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.

Check on your pet before you travel

Holiday travel means different things to different people. To some it means grandchildren filling the house with joy, energy, and clutter, sometimes in quantities



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

see Dick Clark counting down to midnight.

Traveling with pets can be scary and frustrating. Seeing people freak out at the airport, you wonder how animals handle it.

Usually they handle it pretty well, as long as owners follow some guidelines to help make the situation go as smoothly as possible.

A spokesman for Northwest Airlines, the carrier that made Detroit synonymous with the word "hub" to travelers the world over, took my e-mail address, and sent me a link to their Web site, and the information about traveling with pets therein.

It's that kind of personal service that's made Northwest what it is today. But I digress.

NWA allows travel with small dogs or cats as carry-on, and larger pets as checked luggage. The acceptance of pets ends when weather hovers over temperatures of 85° F, which could be dangerous for animals in cargo and it's not convenient to a traveler unable to fly because it's too hot or cold for their pet.

Responsibilities for airline travel with pets starts before the flight even begins. Travel to different states requires a vet to examine and fill out a form before the animal can board.

Some states have offset vaccines requirements. Call your vet, the airlines, or the state vet in Lansing for information on

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current requirements for interstate travel. It's the owner's responsibility to have documents completed correctly when they check in.

Knowing how stressful the flight will be, owners often want to give the pet sedation for the trip.

They want Fluffy to feel calm, much like many travelers feel after those pre-flight vodka martinis in the airport bar.

Medically, however, sedation on flights is a bad thing.

On a road trip with the pet, sedation can be OK.

A drive to Cleveland can feel like a drive to Miami when your cat meows every three seconds, and a sleeping dog is a pleasure compared to a barking, drooling car-sick pooch.

On a drive, sedation can be given because freeways have exits. Exits have communities. Communities have vets. If there are sedation concerns, find a vet who can try to make things right.

If your pet is a carry-on and is having trouble, it's unlikely the flight to Los Angeles will land in Omaha so you can find help. If your pet is in the cargo area, you wouldn't know there's trouble. Thus I argue that sedation for a flight is a bad idea.

Not all vets would agree with me about this, and some might suggest certain very mellow sedatives. Talk to your vet, and ask about testing the drug in advance. If you fly out Friday night, have the critter try the drug Tuesday morning. If the effects are okay, great. If they're not, you're still on the ground to get care.

Another tip would be to try

to get direct flights. I know, everyone wants them, but there are budget cuts, yadda yadda. But try to at least get a flight where you don't have to change planes, thus less time spent outside the plane, which also helps to avoid the worst case scenario, the pet being lost.

I always recommend putting a hunk of ice about the size of a margarine container in the carrier, a non-spilling way to combat thirst.

Avoid placing food, as it will spill, and most pets won't eat under such stressful conditions, anyway.

Traveling with your pet should be safe, and the time and money spent finding requirements, getting the forms together, and checking the pet in with the airlines might be worth it.

On the other hand, maybe not.

The people you visit might not be as thrilled to see your furry kids as you might think. Most houses aren't pet-proofed, and incidents around the holidays with stressed out pets on vacation can be unpleasant. A traveling dog that messes your aunt's carpet will not make the Yule tide bright.

The holidays should be a time of joy, not a time to worry about what the pet's up to, and if the trip is being hard on them.

Usually the best way to go would be boarding at a quality facility, or getting a pet-sitter. Then you can relax knowing your critter is okay, and your pet avoids stressful changes.

Come to think of it, that sounds pretty good.

Maybe I'll board myself over the holidays.

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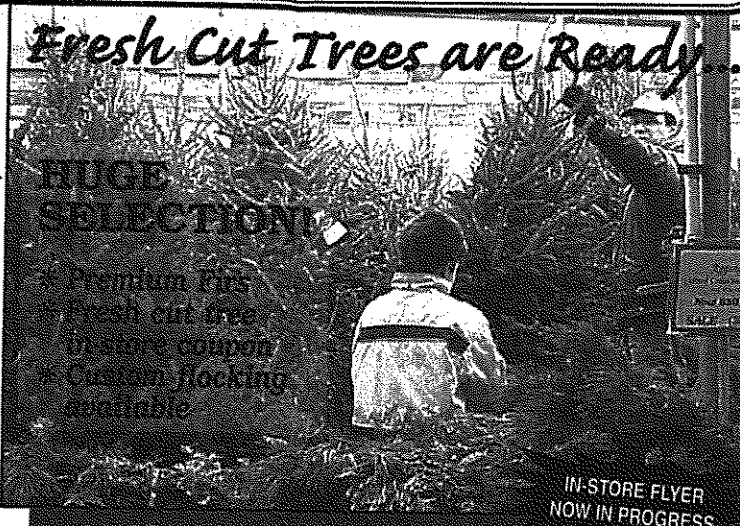
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Think about this. If your furnace is 10 years old or older - even if it's still running - you're probably heating your home on borrowed time and paying more for utilities than you need to.

But at this time of year, who really wants to think about buying a new furnace, right?

That's why I'm pleased Santa has asked for my help. In addition to the \$500 instant cash-in-your-pocket rebate, here's what else I'm going to give you.

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quality system

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EVENTS SCHEDULED

Letters to Santa: Children can prepare a special letter to Santa including all their holiday wishes every day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Visit Santa: Children can visit with Santa at Knole Cottage, Frances Dodge's built-to-scale playhouse, during the week and at the Hall on weekends. Times are 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28-Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Ornament making: Decorate a reindeer ornament and make one-of-a-kind holiday cards. Offered 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 21.

Story time: Children can listen to stories of the holiday season at 1 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3 p.m., every Saturday and Sunday, through Dec. 21.

Holiday Gala: The black-tie event comes alive with holiday sparkle during this magnificent Grand Tour-inspired gala. Dinner begins with a champagne reception at 6:30 p.m. followed by a four-course meal prepared by executive chef Danny Martinez. The event features musical entertainment to serenade guests throughout the evening. An afterglow includes cigars and cordials. Reservations are required. Cost of this black tie evening is \$200 per person.

Breakfast with Santa:

Families will enjoy a holiday breakfast prepared by Meadow Brook Hall's executive chef at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 20. Reservations are required. The breakfast costs \$30 for adults and \$25 for children.

TOUR

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operations and staff, begins Friday, Nov. 28, and lasts through Tuesday, Dec. 23, with tours offered daily 11 a.m. until the last tour begins at 4 p.m. (See related chart.)

Family members on the trip included Matilda Dodge Wilson, husband Alfred Wilson, and Frances and Danny Dodge, Matilda's children by her first husband John Dodge, founder of the Dodge car company. "They traveled all around the world, to Africa, Greece, England and Egypt," said Shannon O'Berski, marketing manager for Meadow Brook Hall. The family travelled by ship to Paris and Italy, and continued onward on a trip from January through July of that year.

"They had coffee at sunrise at Mount Everest," O'Berski said.

"They even had photos of Alfred leaning on Stonehenge. You can't do that anymore. A lot of families travelled like that who had the money and could afford it."

Of course, visitors on the holiday walk can see some of that wealth when they tour Meadow Brook Hall, the former home of Matilda Dodge Wilson, her husband and children. The fourth largest historic house museum in the United States, the Tudor Revival style home has 110 rooms and 88,000 square feet.

The residence was built in the 1920s by Matilda Dodge Wilson (widow of auto pioneer John Dodge) and her second husband, lumber broker Alfred Wilson, who also founded Oakland University.

Guests will receive their boarding passes upon arrival into the Great Hall, where they will be a part of a festive "bon voyage" before embarking on their Grand Tour adven-



Rooms are decorated on the 2003 Holiday Walk to commemorate the journey in 1935 of Matilda Dodge Wilson and husband Alfred Wilson, and Matilda's children, Frances and Daniel Dodge.

ture.

Approximately 18 rooms are decorated with the Grand Tour theme for a particular country. A guest room is dedicated to French fashion and Frances Dodge's room displays French dresses with a tree decorated with flerdies and purple feathers.

Daniel Dodge's room contains an outdoorsy, Canadian motif. A tree in that room houses owls, foxes and other woodland animals, while a wild turkey graces a mantel.

Decorators dressed up a nursery (where adopted children Barbara and Richard once slept) with a North Pole-Santa Claus theme.

Alfred Wilson's room includes vases and a tree with tassled ornaments and orchids for an Egyptian-style theme.

A guest room is decorated with a Venetian room with wine bottles and grapes.

Matilda's suite featured an Indian theme with elephant decorations and peacock feathers on the tree.

The bedroom has a beggar's bowl, a table and chair with ornate inlaid carpentry.

The furniture has beautiful detail.

"She probably bought it because it was pretty," O'Berski said of the beggar's bowl.

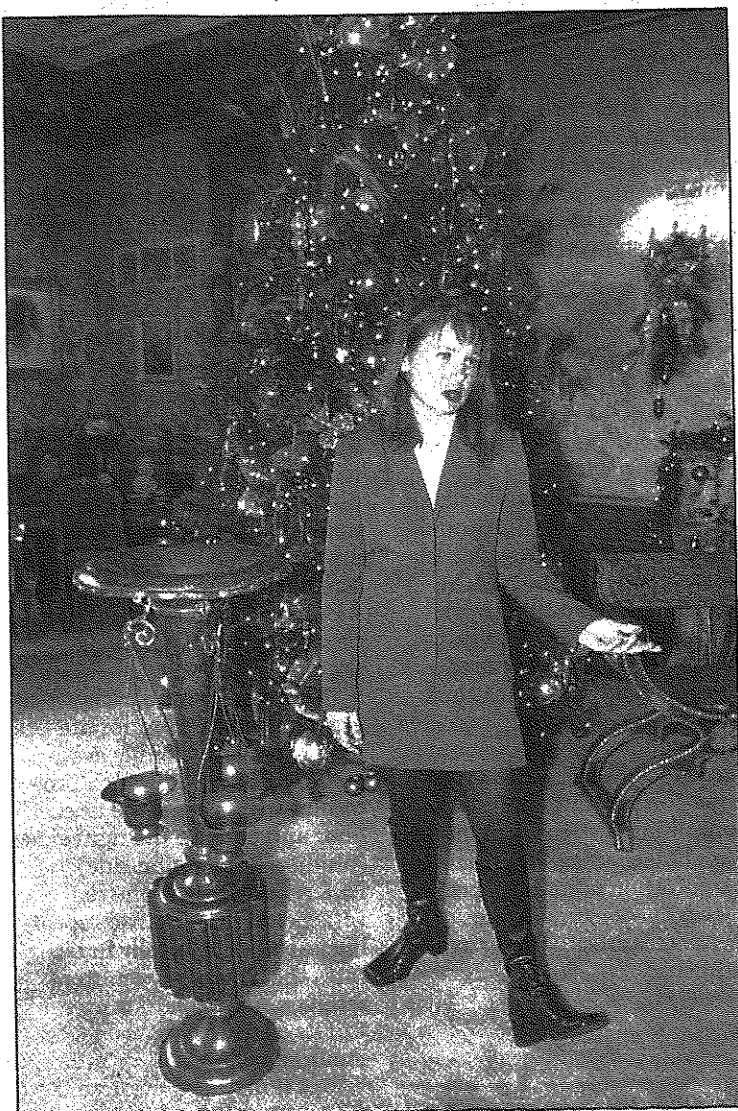
Matilda's study was the room where the 1934 itinerary was spelled out. That room is also where this year's holiday walk begins.

Other events will capture the imagination of children and parents. Every Saturday and Sunday, children can enjoy holiday story time and visit Jolly Old Saint Nick.

Other worldly activities include writing letters to

Santa, designing personalized ornaments and holiday cards, and learning about the Polish tradition of finding pickle ornaments. (More than 10 pickle ornaments can be found hidden in the holiday trees throughout the hall.)

Children will also receive an informative activity booklet, so they can experience Meadow Brook Hall through their own eyes.



O'Berski displays the beggar's bowl on display in Matilda Wilson's suite.

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Be wise and winterize your home, business

The unmistakable chill in the air and the crunch of fallen brown leaves on the ground signal that a new season is being ushered in - winter.

While a cup of hot tea or coffee may help keep some people warm, winterizing the home or office heating systems can ensure occupants a more cozy and cost-efficient home or office through the blustery holiday season.

Homeowners and small business owners can save money this winter and stay comfortable and safe by performing some simple and inexpensive maintenance steps. The local affiliates of the Mechanical Contractors Association, MCA, which represent over 2,200 mechanical contractors engaged in the service and installation of plumbing and heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems across the U.S., recommend the following steps for winterizing a home or small business.

First, home and office heating systems need an annual cleaning and checkup by a qualified contractor to maintain optimum operating efficiency.

Not properly maintaining an HVAC system can accelerate wear on the equipment, increase fuel bills as much as 10 to 15 percent because of inefficient equipment operation, and endanger the lives of occupants when carbon monoxide seeps in unchecked.

If the furnace has a humidifier it must also be serviced, including replacing the humidifier pad.

This will ensure the proper level of humidity is maintained. Too dry of air can cause irritation of mucous membranes in eyes, nose, and throat causing discomfort and impairment of the body's natural protection against airborne microbes, particularly important during the winter cold and flu season.

The owner should replace the furnace filter on a monthly

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basis during the winter season to operate at peak efficiency. High efficiency filters are available and can reduce allergens and particulate matter up to 30 more times than the standard filter. For forced-air systems, the air duct system should be vacuumed to remove dust and debris that will otherwise circulate back into the air of the home or office without cleaning.

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An investment of \$200 can save 10 percent or more on heating bills. Without a programmable thermostat, the home or office temperature should be set at the lowest comfortable setting, or around 68° F.

Generally, each degree change can result in two to three percent savings on a heating bill.

It is never advisable to set the thermostat below 55° F, even if the property is vacant, because water pipes can freeze and burst causing expensive damage.

One of the most important steps for maintaining a safe living and working environment in the winter is to install a carbon monoxide detector.

Air leakage accounts for one-third of energy loss in an average home and produces cold spots. Windows and doors should be sealed with weatherstripping.

Window options include self-adhesive foam strips, v-shaped strips for uneven or large gaps, and rigid strips with rubber seals for larger gaps. A rubber strip, brush strip, or two part excluder can be used to prevent drafts from underneath doors leading to the outside or garage.

On the outside of the home, gaps around chimneys, loose or missing roof tiles, cracks in the exterior of the home or office, and wall cut-throughs where electrical power enters and vents go out are also culprits where air can leak. Use binoculars to check the roof first rather than climb an unsteady ladder.

Expanding foam, metal flashings, or caulk can be used to seal these cracks and gaps.

Additionally, air ducts in unconditioned parts of the home or office such as an attic or crawl space and duct joints should be sealed and insulated.

Nearly 30 percent of heat can be lost through conduction in uninsulated or poorly insulated and unsealed ducts.

A reputable contractor should be consulted to inspect ductwork and perform the insulation.

Check the chimney for animals, nests, debris, and leaves and remove these items.

Clean the gutters and ridge vents to allow the building to

"breathe" and eliminate stagnant air.

Window air conditioning units should be removed and stored for the winter, or the unit can be left in and winterized according to the manufacturer's instructions.

To reduce energy loss from water heaters, wrap the cylinder with a three inch thick insulating jacket and turn the heater down to 120° F. Do not insulate the top and leave controls, valves, warning labels, and air intakes exposed. Also insulate cold and hot water pipes.

Wrap pipe in split three fourth inch foam tubes with a double thickness at bends where freeze-ups are most likely and use duct tape or a clip to secure the foam at equal intervals.

By installing additional attic insulation a home can better retain heat. Check with local building authorities to determine the recommended R value of insulation for the region. Wear protective gear such as gloves, safety eyeglasses, and a face mask when performing the installation.

Switch to low-flow restrictors on showerheads and faucets to conserve water and reduce costs.

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New technology lingo complicates home repairs

For years most of our appliances were made pretty well. To most in the repair industry they were easy to fix and have changed little in the past 40 years.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

We are now entering into another era, which is going to force a service technician to go along with the new technology. It's called electronics taken to the highest degree and only those with the know-how will be able to fix these appliances.

Here is just one example from a trade magazine that I receive every month. It gives a homeowner an idea of what is happening in the appliance repair industry. It is called "Simplifying the Diagnosis of Whirlpool's In-the-Door Icemaker Optics."

"Some cautions before diagnosing the icemaker optics system: Confusion may arise in diagnosing Whirlpool's in-the-door ice system because there are two different sets of emitter-receiver optics boards and therefore two entirely different procedures for diagnosing them.

"This can become tricky especially if the appropriate tech sheet isn't handily available. To determine which procedure to use, open the freezer door and observe the right side (mullion or partition side) LED status light. If the red LED is not flashing two repeating pulses, this usually indicates the older-style emitter-receiver optics board is present and its specific diagnosis should be followed.

"But it may also mean that the new optics system is used but the icemaker just happens to be in the harvest mode - or the LED (optics receiver) has failed in some bizarre twist of fate. However, keeping those cautions in mind, we may assume the older emitter-receiver optics will not have its LED flashing each time the freezer door is opened, while the new style optics will have

its LED double pulsing at each door opening."

Enough, you say. But the instructions continue, reminding the technician at home to check a fill tube coming from the freezer to make sure it isn't iced up, then later the instructions advise that if the icemaker is working, to check that the ice is below the notched openings of the bin to assure that the emitter (optics) "beam" is not blocked and is not "seeing" ice above that level.

What you have read is just a portion of the whole tech sheet and it goes to show how complicated a problem as simple as no-ice in an icemaker can be.

Can you just imagine what it will cost to have a technician come out to your home when a refrigerator is out-of-warranty?

Replacing or repairing these electronic boards which are used to govern many other functions inside the box will be costly and it may not be too long before the technician appearing at your door will be dressed in suit, shirt and tie.

There will be a day when refrigerators will work on voice command such as saying, "open refrigerator door," "give me 12 ice cubes" and "what is the temperature."

The old image of a service man with a box of tools and the name on the front of his shirt is about to change. So is his learning curve as he or she graduates from a high-tech college.

When I get old I will look back to the years I spent in this industry and will reflect on how simple it was for consumers to fix many of their own problems. Who will write this column when the content will confuse any editor and the verbal translation needs to be repeated? It will be the period of time when all the science fiction that we've heard and read about has come true and that is the computerized home in all its glory.

Trust me, it's not far away. Stay tuned.

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Learn to 'read' a photograph

Did you know that one of the best ways to improve your own photography is to closely look at and analyze the pictures of others?

Whether it's browsing through a gallery or leisurely thumbing through a good photography book, many benefits can be yours by a good, hard look and critique of the photographs.

Monte Nagler

By tuning into your own emotions and asking yourself some important questions as you "read" a photograph, you'll gain insight and technical skills that will certainly help you in taking your own pictures.

Begin by asking what the subject or main theme of the

photograph is. Does it move you and how do you respond to it? How do you suppose the photographer felt about it?

Study the lighting. Is it harsh or soft? What direction is it coming from and what time of day do you think it was? Ask yourself what might happen to the picture if the light was different.

How about camera position... near or far, low angle or high?

Why do you think the photographer used a particular camera position and what does it do for the picture?

How might another camera location affect the photograph?

Very important, what lens do you think was used and why?

Was it wide angle, normal, or perhaps a telephoto?

How about depth-of-field? Is there a lot or a little?

How would a change in depth-of-field alter the final image?

What about shutter speed... fast or slow?

Is the subject blurred in motion or captured at the peak of the action? Look for the use of filters or any other special effects, too.

Of course, you should study the composition carefully. How are the elements of the picture arranged and does it all make sense to you?

Finally, is the photograph telling a story? If so, tune into your feelings of it. Try to interpret what the photographer is trying to say and what your responses are.

So take that good, hard look at other photography and ask yourself meaningful questions about it.

If you do, you'll be pleasantly surprised at how your own photography will be enriched and enhanced.

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.



There's a lot to 'read' in this Monte Nagler photograph and many questions you can ask yourself about it. Study it closely and see what answers you can come up with.

Now is the time to winterize your car

You're heading down the highway anxious to get home. Suddenly your engine sputters and your car begins skipping beats and spewing white smoke.

Your adrenaline boils. Your only choice is to pull over and call for assistance.

At minimum, this is a major inconvenience. Whether you work on the problem or wait for help to arrive, your time on the side of the road leaves you frustrated.

Can this be avoided? The answer is yes in most cases, which is why GM Goodwrench is using the changing seasons to remind drivers of the importance of car care and maintenance, especially for those living in states that have drastic seasonal changes.

The message is simple. When your vehicle is properly maintained it will last longer and hold its value longer. But more importantly, it will keep you and your passengers safe and motoring on down the road.

Vehicle maintenance is an important issue nationally. Neglected vehicle maintenance results in nearly 100,000 disabling injuries and more than \$2 billion in lost wages, medical expenses and property damage each year, according to the National Highway Traffic

Safety Administration. The National Car Care Council also reports that 90 percent of the vehicles inspected during the last car care month failed at least one aspect of the inspection.

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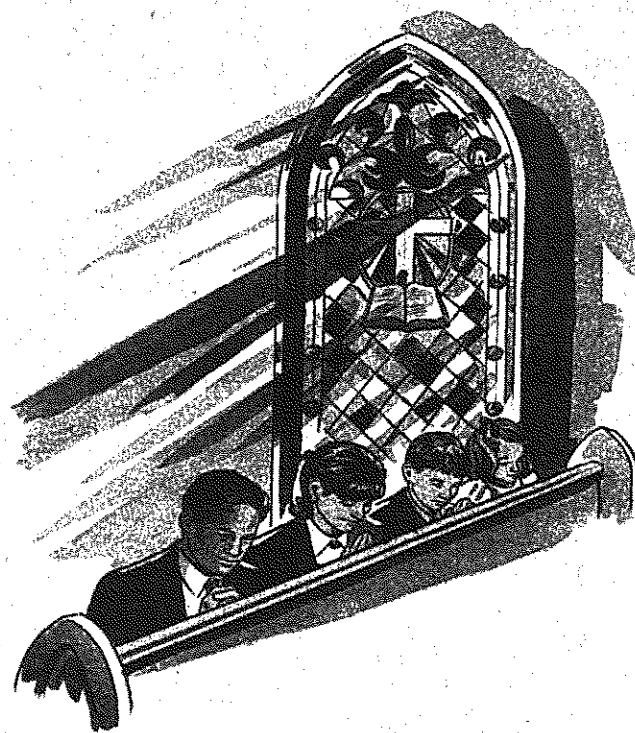
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Perhaps the simplest and most fitting prayer is the prayer of thanksgiving, which says, "Thank you, God." There really isn't any need to elaborate on this prayer, at least not for God's sake, because He certainly knows what we have in mind when we 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

Plants will brighten spirits this season

This holiday season surprise your gardening friends of all levels with plants that will brighten-up the home and spirit. Here is a selection of winners that will not disappoint.

For the newer, not too experienced plant lovers ... Bromeliads are super easy-to-grow elegant relatives of the pineapple. Their foliage, which is highly ornamental, is crowned with a striking flower spike. A variety called *Christiane* (*Vriesia 'Christiane'*) displays red and green glossy leaves with a fiery-red flower spike, while another favorite bromeliad, *Aechmea fasciata*, sports silvery green foliage topped with a dramatic flower stalk of pink bracts and small, sky-blue flowers.

For fast and fragrant results, Lily of the Valley exhibits loads of dainty pristine white bells that fill the house with their heavenly perfume. They only need to be watered and put in a bright window to bloom within a few weeks.

Next spring, these beauties can be transplanted into your garden for enjoyment in years to come.

For a shady spot in the house that needs touch of class and green, choose an Ivy Wreath Topiary.

This wreath-shaped plant, with attractive curly leaves, in a 6-inch woven basket fits in with any decor and is very undemanding to grow.

A festive pair, the Variegated and Plain leaved Holly Baskets, with glossy green and green and white leaves announce that the holidays have arrived.

Keep these plants in a cool bright spot and they will reward you with their fresh, crisp foliage for the entire winter.

Orchids have an underserved reputation for being difficult to

grow as houseplants. The key to success is picking the right ones. Dutch Gardens selected varieties that are noted for their ease of culture and long flowering. All are *Oncidium* types and have the desirable characteristics of being ideal for windowsill culture because they are modestly sized, have attractive foliage, do well in most commonly found room temperatures, and have modest light requirements. All these features make them a winning choice that will make anyone who grows them successful and proud of their accomplishment.

Roses are America's favorite flower, so why stop enjoying them during the winter? These Miniature Red Roses will produce enchanting crimson roses in the heart of the winter. These charmers are hardy and can be transplanted into the garden in the spring.

To make the winter seem not quite as long, the Pink Versicolor Hibiscus, with its rich, cheerful, red-pink flowers against a foil of lush dark, glossy-green foliage brings the warmth and color of the tropics to the home.

Keep it in the sunniest windowsill in the house for the most blooms.

For more tropical flamboyance, add a Purple Bougainvillea to the plant collection. The vibrant purple bracts last for months. When summer arrives this plant will welcome the opportunity to bask in the sun on the patio.

Make this holiday special.

Buy or give living gifts that bring natural floral beauty indoors to be enjoyed for this festive season and beyond. Dutch Gardens plants are available by calling (800) 944-2250 or by visiting their Web site at www.dutchgardens.com.

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Brother Morris' wife Carol recently noticed a magazine ad for a stamp-formed metal device that looked a lot like a dishpan with a large round hole in one end. What she had spotted was a space-saving device that would change forever the way she would think about the laundry room.

Carol has been designing kitchens, baths, laundries and other remodels and custom homes for nearly two decades. She couldn't wait to pass her discovery on to us.

"Hey guys," she said, "This is one your readers should know about." It's a device that allows a dryer to be installed against the wall - no kidding! It lets you gain space in a tight laundry room.

In the past, we have always designed a laundry to include a 3-foot deep space for the dryer. Thirty-six inches might sound like overkill since most clothes dryers are between 24 inches and 27 inches. However, as longtime remodelers, we have found that most of the difference between the space provided and the dryer itself gets eaten up by the flex duct that connects the dryer exhaust to

the wall outlet.

For decades we have watched appliance manufacturers, ventilation contractors, architects, builders and remodelers struggle to come up with a solution to the age-old problem of what to do with the dryer ducting and how to save the space it typically wastes. We have seen many twists on dryer installation.

One solution is to connect the duct to the side of the dryer. It gets the dryer up against the back wall all right, but space to either side can be equally important. What difference does it make where the space is wasted? Once we were involved with an architect who concluded that the exhaust port in the wall had to exactly align with the outlet port in the back of the dryer. He handed us the specifications and told us that if the two ports were exactly aligned, the dryer could be fitted directly into the wall outlet and no space would be wasted. We assured him that we would position the wall outlet to his exact specifications. At the last minute, the owner decided on a different brand appliance. At that point we decided that the architect would be the one to install the dryer.

Increase your investment by remodeling the kitchen

Today's homeowner who is searching for a sound investment need look no further than the front door.

Investments made in home improvements are paying dividends through increased resale value in that home.

"We've seen the stock market 'yo-yoing' up and down, and many folks feel uncertain about the economy in general," says Scott Douglass, owner of Kitchen Solvers of Rochester Hills. "They're being careful about where they invest their money, and see home improvements as the best return on their dollars."

Douglass should know. Kitchen Solvers has been in the

kitchen remodeling business for more than 20 years. "The room that really sells a home," Douglass said, "is the kitchen. Anything that increases functionality, durability and eye appeal in the kitchen is going to pay off for the homeowner. And if we can do it for a minimum investment of money and time, so much the better."

Through a franchised system of cabinet refacing, Kitchen Solvers saves the homeowner both time and money. "I think we all cringe at the thought of remodeling," Douglass said. "Our system lets us use existing cabinets rather than starting from the ground up."

Precision-crafted customer

One dryer manufacturer offers an outlet port underneath their unit. Obviously, it is designed to accommodate some kind of floor connection. We are still waiting to see what kind of crane this manufacturer recommends to accomplish the installation.

Enough of the pitfalls of dryer installation. What Carol discovered was an ad for a wall-mount recess-kit called "The Dryerbox." It is a simple metal box that is designed to use the space in the wall cavity as a "recessed" collection point for your dryer's flex connection. Remember when they came out with the recessed wall box for the faucets and drain for a clothes washer? This is a similar kind of contraption, only it's used with a dryer. Even with the best of inventions, there often are drawbacks.

In our opinion, the shortcomings of The Dryerbox include:

It is designed to work only with dryer ducts that travel upward. Since many dryer connections are placed beneath the floor, this one might not be for you. Of course, this doesn't mean that you can't install a new in-wall duct that exhausts upward. It's a lot of work, but if

space in your laundry is critical, the extra cost might be worth it.

The existing dryer outlet and the stud cavity in which it resides must be situated so that The Dryerbox can be located in alignment with the dryer's exhaust port. Since a flexible duct is the standard of installation, dryers rarely align perfectly with wall connections. This could require expensive framing modifications.

Something we noticed: Crimping - and other types of ductwork gridlock - can occur when the flex pipe is too long or not carefully managed as the dryer is pushed into position. Our advice here is to take it a little at a time.

Even with the minor obstacles we've mentioned, we believe The Dryerbox to be a groundbreaking invention and a space-saver of the highest order. Carol was right - The Dryerbox does look like a dishpan. It is rectangular in shape (12-1/4 inches wide by 21-1/2 inches high) and it is mounted vertically into a single-stud bay. The exhaust duct in the wall enters the box through the top by way of a precut opening. A knockout is provided for a gas line.

net refacing we're not tearing up the entire kitchen, remodeling takes a matter of days rather than weeks," Douglass said.

Kitchen Solvers has recently expanded its home improvement/remodeling services by offering closet organization systems, and glueless wood laminate flooring.

Some franchises also offer bathtub and shower surround liners, an affordable and convenient way to "reface" rather than replace the existing tub and shower.

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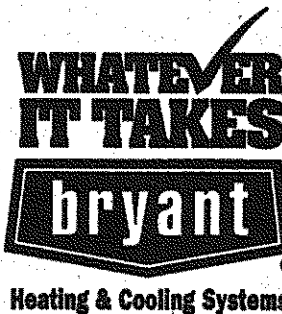


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Diana Koenig

Food can easily become lost in the refrigerator because items are pushed to the back making room for new items. Avoid this dilemma by implementing a refrigerator/freezer organization plan.

First, establish a place for each item and make sure it returns to the proper location. For example, keep the ketchup on the bottom door shelf and make sure it returns to the bottom shelf.

Each refrigerator has a different number of shelves varying in size. In most refrigerators the shelves can be adjusted to allow the height needed for specific food items.

Notice the way grocery stores and quick shops organize items by putting 'like items' together. Group food on shelves according to the type of food and size of packaging. For example, on one shelf put milk, juice, soda and other beverages.

For most of us, certain food items are regular guests in our refrigerator or freezer. Perhaps your regular 'guest' include such items as ice cream, milk, butter, mustard, ketchup and other condiments.

These items can have a regular location.

Other items will vary according to your weekly meal plan.

THOROUGH CLEANING

Thoroughly clean your refrigerator and freezer every month as part of a "spring cleaning" plan. Take everything out of your refrigerator and freezer.

Take this opportunity to remove any questionable leftovers or items with freezer burn.

Wipe the shelves and drawers with warm water and mild soap.

Next, rinse everything completely with warm water and dry with a dish cloth. As you replace food items, wipe each container and combine like items if necessary.

For example, if there are two open ketchup bottles, combine into one container. Schedule cleaning the day before you do your big grocery shopping. It is easier and faster to clean a partially empty refrigerator and freezer.

After cleaning your refrigerator put an open box of baking soda on a central shelf.

Baking soda attacks odors and leaves a fresh, pleasant smell.

During the rest of the month, implement a less thorough maintenance cleaning plan as explained below.

Maintenance:

A good maintenance plan will keep your refrigerator/freezer clean and organized. It will also make your thorough cleaning an easier task to perform.

Each time you use an item such as ketchup, salad dressing and syrup, wipe off the bottle before returning it to the refrigerator. Clean up any spills in the refrigerator and freezer immediately. Spills clean up easier when they initially occur.

Check date labels on food items and use them before the expiration. Store leftovers in tightly sealed containers. Label them with a date and designate a shelf area for leftovers.

So often leftovers are shoved to the back and forgotten which results in throwing food away. Return each item you use to the same location. When you bake or cook you can find what you need quickly because you will have a successful maintenance plan.

I clean my refrigerator and freezer monthly but occasionally my family creates a situation that requires a thorough clean-up more often:

My husband enjoys a bowl of ice cream in the evening before he goes to bed and I usually join him.

He prepares our special treat by scooping the ice cream and adding fudge, pineapple and cherries.

The next morning when I entered the kitchen, I was pre-

sented with an inexplicable mystery: A sticky brown puddle was on the floor in front of our refrigerator.

Upon further investigation I found the same liquid on each of the four shelves. I did not figure out the mystery of the brown liquid until I looked up and noticed the forgotten ice cream container. I initiated an unscheduled refrigerator clean-up.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin:

"Food preparation is easy with an organized refrigerator!"

Send your questions and success stories to: Diana Koenig, P.O. Box 1702, Manchester, MO 63011. E-mail: dianakoenig@hotmail.com www.domesticplanner.com

GARDEN CALENDAR

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 Mile 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.

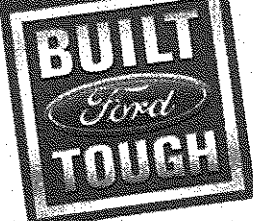
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Spend a leisurely afternoon with a tour at 3 p.m. Dec. 6 and 13 of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House, 1100 Lake Shore Drive (between 8 and 9 Mile roads), Grosse Pointe Shores. The tour will be followed by sandwiches, pastries and tea in the Tea Room. The tea and tour are \$23. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884-4222 for more information.

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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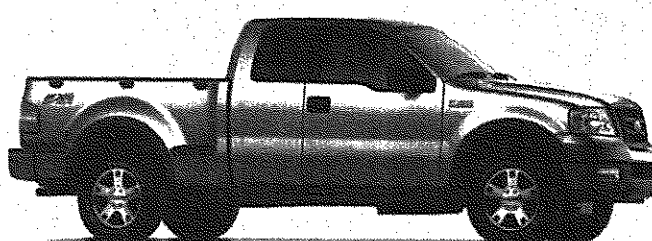


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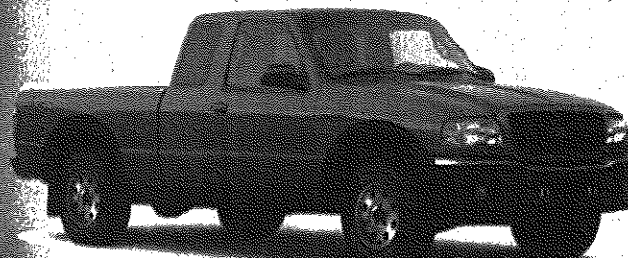


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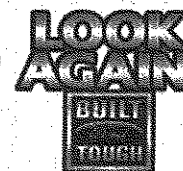
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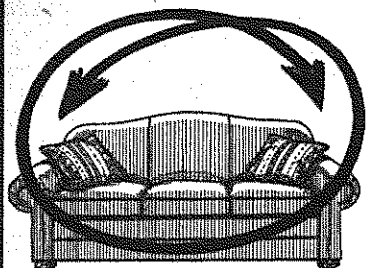
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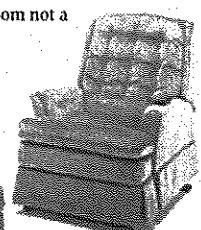
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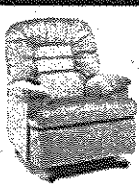
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Pair wine with food

Wine lovers who wish to pair up wine with food can enjoy a new book by a sommelier with some local ties.

Anthony Garcia, who grew up in Plymouth and graduated from Catholic Central, has written *Paying Attention: A Guide to Wine with Food*, published by Wine is Divine, \$10.95.

Garcia, a sommelier and wine writer who now lives in Austin, Texas, says he wanted to write the book from a cook's perspective. "My aim was to cover the range of foods available to Americans with respect to those foods' inherent qualities and prepared qualities, or cooking techniques," he said. "Then I discuss the wines that pair best with them." Garcia's book is available at Borders, Amazon.com and Little Book Shoppe on the Park, 380 S. Main, in Plymouth. Readers can view it and order it online at www.wineisdivine.com or call (800) 929-7889.

Gingerbread

The Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe annual Parent and Child Gingerbread House Workshop is planned 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. Seating is limited. Call (734) 261-3680.



Enjoy the leftovers with an island turkey salad.

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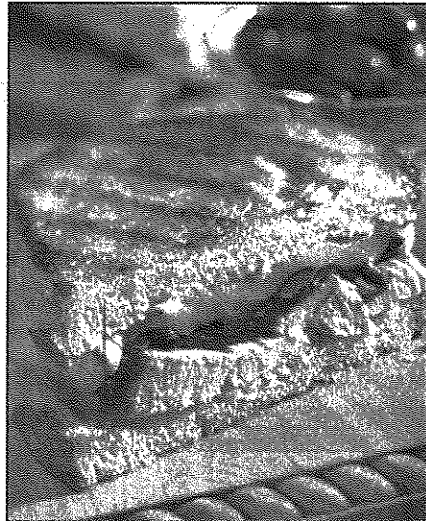
2nd helping

OK. You're all set for Thanksgiving dinner. Perhaps it's a traditional one, and then again, maybe it isn't. More than likely you'll have some leftovers. Whether you enjoy a turkey sandwich with lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise, or just a hearty lunch with stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce after a rough morning of shopping or afternoon of football, you'll want your own options.

Think of it this way: You don't have to shop for groceries for a few days and with microwave ovens, it's a cinch. But just in case you want to tinker with the turkey leftovers, we've gathered a slew of ideas — which can be found on pages D2 and D3.



Moroccan turkey stew can warm you up after a busy afternoon shopping for a Christmas tree or presents. Recipes for both dishes can be found inside, page D3.



Liven up lunch with turkey panini.

TURKEY AND ROASTED PEPPER PANINI

- 8 large slices crusty Italian bread
- 8 slices cooked Butterball Turkey Breast
- 1 jar (12 ounces) roasted red peppers, drained
- 1 can (4.25 ounces) chopped black olives
- 8 ounces sliced provolone or mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup creamy Italian or ranch salad dressing
- Olive oil or olive oil cooking spray

Enjoy these value-priced wines from Tuscany

In Italy, the authoritative wine voice is Gambero Rosso, which publishes an annual wine guide known as *Italian Wines*. In this publication, wines are evaluated and awarded up to three glasses (Tre Bicchieri), the most coveted award in Italian wine.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

In the upcoming 2004 edition of *Italian Wines*, the 2000 Roccato, a Super Tuscan wine produced by Rocca delle Macie (Roh-kah dell-eh Mah-chee-ah), earned Tre Bicchieri for the second year in a row.

Rocca delle Macie's president Sergio Zingarelli said, "The success of the 2000 Roccato (\$50) testifies to the level of quality reached by the 1999 vintage and shows its quality was not a one-time event."

FROM NEGLECT TO PROMINENCE

After 30 years of pursuing this achievement, Rocca delle Macie (translated as Fortress of the Stones) now represents the best quality that Tuscany offers.

Purchased in 1973, by the Zingarelli family, Rocca delle Macie was a rundown 14th century farmstead, surrounded by acres of neglected vines, near the village of Castellina in Chianti. The family replanted the vineyards, added a state-of-the-art winery and continued to purchase quality vineyards in the Chianti Classico zone.

Encouraged by sales success in Italy, Rocca delle Macie decided to start exporting its wines in 1978. Today, Rocca delle Macie owns 1,320 acres of the best vineyards in Chianti and its wines can be found in 41 countries.

The great thing about the wines of Rocca delle Macie is that the quality level is consistently high for all of its wines in every price range, not just the most expensive. We first tasted the wines of Rocca delle Macie at the Olive Garden restaurant and were impressed by their quality/price ratio.

RECOMMENDED WINES FROM ROCCA

DELLE MACIE:

■ 2002 Vernaccia di San Gimignano (\$10) is a fresh, clean white wine with notes of apple, honey and mineral. Think seafood.

■ 2002 Morellino di Scansano (\$10) is 90 percent sangiovese with 5 percent each cabernet and merlot. Smooth and easy to drink with a touch of spice and forward Tuscan fruit.

■ 2001 Rubizzo (\$10) which is 95 percent sangiovese with the balance merlot, has deep rich flavors. It's full, plump and juicy with a solid finish.

■ 2001 Chianti Classico (\$11) sports depthful red fruits with spice notes and full palate. Incredible value.

■ 2000 Chianti Classico Riserva (\$18). Bring on the steak! Round and rich with well-managed tannins and a big, powerful fruit core.

■ 1999 Chianti Classico Riserva di Fizzano (\$28) with a gorgeous, powerful Tuscan fruit punch, this wine is excellent from first smell to last drop.

■ 2000 Tenuta Sant'Alfonso Chianti Classico (\$45) has ripe red fruit, is full-bodied with a perfect balance of fruit, acid and tannins.

■ 1998 Ser Gioveto (\$45) is 100 percent sangiovese, aged nine to 12 months in small French oak barrels. Intense aromas of mature berries with palate heft coming from bigger fruit and French oak aging.

■ 1999 Roccato (\$50), produced only in exceptional vintages, is a virtuoso example of a Super Tuscan, a term used to identify the new breed of high-end innovative red wines from the Tuscany region. It is a 50-50 blend of sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon, aged nine months in French oak. A real stunner for the price

BROAD PRICE RANGE

How does a winery make such a broad array of wines which are all excellent in their price range? "It's simply a matter of commitment to quality in every price tier," said Vito Candela, Rocca's North American export director. "The

PLEASE SEE WINE, D5

Leftover turkey is a tasty reward, so savor every morsel

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Leftover turkey is one of the rewards for cooking Thanksgiving dinner. It naturally lends itself to great late-fall meals — and many nutritionists consider turkey among the most healthful meats we eat.

It has plenty of tasty protein but, when eaten without skin, the meat is low in fat. Even with skin, three ounces of

roasted breast meat has only 130 calories, 19 percent of them from fat.

Dark meat is higher in fat than light meat, but is still relatively lean if eaten without skin, according to *Wellness Foods A to Z* from the University of California-Berkeley (Rebus, 2002, \$39.95).

"The dietary sins at the holiday table aren't in the turkey. They're in the stuffing,

the giblet gravy and the butter-laced mashed potatoes," said Kate Slate, editor of *The Wellness Kitchen* cookbook, also from the University of California-Berkeley (Rebus, 2003, \$34.95).

Among its 140 recipes for healthful eating, the cookbook has suggestions for tasty low-fat dishes using Thanksgiving leftovers, including roast turkey salad with cranberry vinaigrette, hearty turkey stew and herb-roasted sweet potato skins.

Using frozen juice in its concentrated form makes a delicious low-fat vinaigrette for the following turkey and sweet-potato salad. The dressing also supplies an impressive amount of vitamin C. You may use leftover potatoes; if you do, omit the first preparation step.

ROAST TURKEY SALAD WITH CRANBERRY VINAIGRETTE

1½ pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks
2 navel oranges
3 cups shredded Romaine lettuce
6 ounces roasted turkey breast, torn into 1-inch pieces (about 1 cup)
½ cup thinly sliced scallions
½ cup frozen cranberry juice concentrate, thawed
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 tablespoon olive oil
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
2 tablespoons coarsely chopped pecans, toasted

2 tablespoons dried cranberries or raisins

In a vegetable steamer, cook the sweet potatoes until tender, about eight minutes. Meanwhile, remove the peel and white pith from the oranges. Cut each orange in half lengthwise, place the halves flat on a cutting board, and cut crosswise into ½-inch thick slices. Spread the lettuce on a platter.

Top with the sweet potatoes, turkey, and orange slices. Sprinkle with the scallions. In a screw-top jar, combine the cranberry juice concentrate, vinegar, oil, salt and pepper, and shake to combine. Pour the vinaigrette over the salad and sprinkle with the pecans and dried cranberries. Makes four servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 396 cal., 6.9 g total fat (0.9 g saturated), 35 mg chol., 6 g dietary fiber, 68 g carbo., 18 g pro., 343 mg sodium.

If you are using leftover turkey from a bird you roasted yourself, then you will also have a turkey carcass you can use to make turkey broth. Use the turkey broth instead of the chicken broth in the following recipe.

HEARTY TURKEY STEW

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 onion, cut into ½-inch chunks
1 pound Yukon Gold potatoes, cut into 1-inch chunks
4 ounces mushrooms, halved (2 cups)
5 cloves garlic, minced

1½ cups chicken broth, homemade or reduced-sodium canned
½ teaspoon salt
3 cups broccoli florets and thinly sliced stems
3 cups cooked turkey chunks
½ cup fat-free or low-fat (1 percent) milk
2 tablespoons flour

In a nonstick Dutch oven or flameproof casserole, heat one tablespoon oil, add onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until the onion is lightly browned and soft, about seven minutes.

Stir in the potatoes, mushrooms and garlic. Add the broth and salt, and bring to a boil. Reduce to a simmer, cover, and cook until the potatoes are firm-tender, about 10 minutes.

Add the broccoli and cooked turkey, cover, and cook until the potatoes and broccoli are tender, about five minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, whisk the milk into the flour until smooth. Stir the flour mixture into the simmering stew and cook, stirring until the sauce is slightly thickened, about two minutes. Makes four servings.

When you make the following potato skins recipe, save the scooped-out flesh from the sweet potatoes to make mashed sweet potatoes or sweet potato pie.

Or bake sweet potatoes to mash for Thanksgiving dinner and save the skins for this side dish — which also makes a great appetizer.

If you do not have small sweet potatoes on hand, halve

larger ones lengthwise to bake.

HERB-ROASTED SWEET POTATO SKINS

2 pounds small sweet potatoes
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
3 tablespoons chopped parsley
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ teaspoon dried oregano
½ teaspoon dried rosemary, crumbled
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper

Preheat the oven to 400° F.

Prick the sweet potatoes, place them on a baking sheet, and bake for 35 to 45 minutes, or until tender but not mushy. Remove from the oven and set on a rack to cool. (Alternatively, cook the sweet potatoes in the microwave.) Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, combine the Parmesan, parsley, garlic, oregano, rosemary, salt and pepper. Preheat the broiler. When the potatoes are cool enough to handle, halve the whole ones (if using) lengthwise.

Scoop the sweet-potato flesh out of the skins, leaving a ¼-inch thick wall. (Reserve the scooped-out flesh for another use.) Cut each sweet-potato shell lengthwise into ½-inch-wide wedges.

Add the skins to the herbed Parmesan mixture and gently toss to combine. Place the sweet-potato skins on a baking sheet and broil 4 to 5 inches from the heat for 4 to 6 minutes, or until the cheese is melted. Serve hot.

Makes four servings.

Recipes from *The Wellness Kitchen: Bringing the Latest Nutrition Information to Your Table* cookbook, University of California-Berkeley, 2003, \$34.95.

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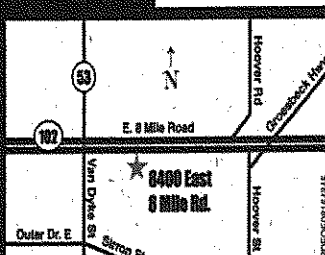
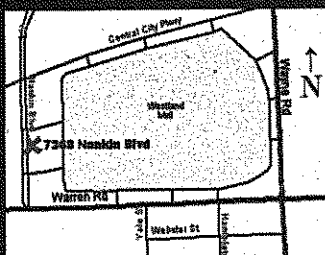
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Extend those holiday flavors

From the turkey carcass to the giant bowl of mashed potatoes covered in shrink wrap, everyone cooks quantities like their grandmother during the holidays — even in today's portion-conscious climate.

So what to do with all that's left? Turkey sandwiches and reheated yams tend to be the norm, but why not celebrate and extend the flavors of the season in a new way?

Here are a few suggestions from Whole Foods Market:

SONOMA TURKEY SALAD

A take on the northern California classic, this salad is simple, delicious and great as an entree or spread on lightly toasted sourdough bread.

Dressing
 1/4 cup mayonnaise
 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
 1 tablespoon honey
 2 teaspoons poppy seeds
 Salt and White Pepper, to taste
 Salad
 2 cups diced leftover Thanksgiving turkey meat
 1/2 cup diced celery
 1/2 cup pecans, lightly toasted
 1/2 cup grapes, cut in half

To prepare dressing, whisk dressing ingredients together in a small bowl until thoroughly combined, set aside. To prepare salad, toss turkey, celery, pecans and grapes together. Pour dressing over and mix salad thoroughly. Taste and adjust seasonings. This salad is great served on a bed of lettuces or stuffed into an avocado half. Serves six.

Recipe from R. Adam Smith, a Whole Foods Market chef in Emeryville, Calif.

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND STRATA

Stratas are sort of a savory bread pudding and a great way to manage the stuffing that is always left over. This recipe would be great for brunch the weekend after Thanksgiving. It is best if prepared the night before it is baked.

4 cups leftover Thanksgiving bread stuffing
 4 cups cubed bread (any type will do, leftover dinner rolls are a great option)
 1/2 cup whole milk
 1/2 cup half & half
 6 eggs
 1 1/2 tablespoons Dijon mustard

1 tablespoon hot sauce (optional)
 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1/2 teaspoon butter
 1 1/2 cups white or assorted mushrooms, quartered
 2 1/2 cups white or yellow onions, chopped
 1/2 cup green onions, thinly sliced
 2 1/2 cups cooked leftover Thanksgiving turkey, diced
 1/2 pound cheddar cheese, shredded (or use your favorite melting cheese here. Pepper Jack and Gorgonzola are also great options)
 2 large apples, cored, diced and sprinkled lightly with lemon juice to prevent browning (optional)
 1-2 cups leftover cranberry sauce (optional)

To prepare strata, butter a 9x12x2-inch baking dish. Combine the leftover Thanksgiving bread stuffing and the cubed bread in a large bowl. Place half of the mixture at the bottom of the baking pan and set aside. Whisk together the milk, half & half, eggs, Dijon mustard, hot sauce, salt and pepper; set aside.

Heat the butter in a pan and sauté the mushrooms and onions quickly on a high heat. Combine the mushroom and onion mixture with half of the green onions, the leftover Thanksgiving turkey, cheddar cheese and apples.

Arrange this mixture evenly on the stuffing and bread mixture in the baking dish. Place the remaining stuffing and bread mixture on top. Slowly pour the liquid mixture into the baking dish making sure to distribute evenly. Sprinkle the remaining green onions on top for garnish. Press down on the bread cubes, if necessary, to ensure that all bread is coated with the liquid. Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

When ready to bake, preheat the oven to 350°F. Bake the strata, uncovered, until the top is golden and a knife inserted into the center comes out clean, approximately 60 minutes. Remove from oven and let stand for 10 minutes before serving. If desired, additional shredded cheddar cheese can be sprinkled on top of the strata about 10 minutes before finished. Top the strata with cranberry sauce, if desired. Serves 8-10.

Recipe from Michele DiPietro, a Whole Foods Market chef in Rockville, Md.

THE GOBBLER

A touch of Mayo or a schmear of cream cheese can enhance this easy-to-make wrap.

2 tablespoons leftover cranberry relish
 1 white flour tortilla
 2 lettuce leaves (Romaine, butter or iceberg)
 6 ounces leftover stuffing
 6 ounces pulled leftover turkey meat
 2 tablespoons leftover turkey gravy

To prepare sandwich, spread cranberry relish on top portion of tortilla. Place lettuce then spread stuffing, turkey and gravy on tortilla. Roll and cut in half. Serve with hot chocolate or apple cider. Makes one wrap.

Recipe from Richard D'Addario, a Whole Foods Market chef in Edgewater, N.J.

TURKEY SWEET POTATO CURRY

Served simply with toasted pita or over white or brown rice, Turkey Sweet Potato Curry is a hearty, spicy meal to warm a cold winter's night.

2 pounds leftover turkey, diced
 1/4 cup fresh ginger, minced
 1/2 cup fresh garlic, minced
 2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
 4 tomatoes, diced
 1/2 cup curry powder
 1/4 cup garam masala (an Indian spice blend that can include black pepper, cinnamon, cloves, coriander, cumin, cardamom, dried chiles, fennel, mace, nutmeg and other spices)
 1 cup nonfat yogurt
 1/2 bunch cilantro, chopped
 2 pounds leftover sweet potatoes, diced
 1 small Spanish onion
 1/2 cup olive oil

To prepare, marinate the turkey overnight in yogurt, spices and oil in a covered dish in the refrigerator. Remove the turkey and marinate from the refrigerator. Sauté onions in oil until translucent. Add turkey and marinade and sweet potatoes. Toss to heat through. Present in a large serving bowl with lightly toasted pita bread. Serves 4-6.

Recipe from Susan Hall, a Whole Foods Market chef in Plantation, Fla.

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MOROCCAN TURKEY STEW

2 tablespoons olive oil
 1 cup chopped onion
 1 clove garlic, minced
 2 cups diced peeled sweet potatoes or butternut squash
 1 cup sliced carrots
 2 teaspoons ground cumin
 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1 can (16 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
 1/2 cup raisins
 1 1/2 cups water
 1 box (10 ounces) plain couscous
 2 cups chopped cooked Butterball Turkey
 1/4 cup shelled pistachio nuts, chopped

Heat oil in large saucepan or

Dutch oven over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, sweet potatoes and carrots. Cook and stir six minutes or until onion softens. Stir in cumin, ginger, cinnamon and salt; cook one minute more. Add tomatoes, raisins and water. Bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat to low and simmer 25 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Meanwhile, prepare couscous according to package directions and keep hot. When vegetables are tender, add turkey and heat five minutes more or until turkey is hot. Serve stew over couscous and sprinkle with pistachio nuts. Serves six.

ISLAND TURKEY SALAD

1/4 cup shredded coconut
 1 bag (10 ounces) romaine lettuce

(about 6 cups)
 1 can (8 ounces) pineapple chunks, drained, juice reserved
 1 large mango, peeled, pitted and chopped
 1 cup seedless red grapes
 1/2 cups cubed cooked Butterball Turkey
 1/2 cup honey mustard
 1/2 cup honey roasted sliced almonds

Heat oven to 350°F. Place coconut in shallow baking pan and toast in oven six minutes or until lightly browned, stirring once. On a large serving platter, toss together lettuce, pineapple, mango and grapes. Sprinkle turkey over lettuce mixture. Whisk together honey mustard and reserved pineapple juice. Drizzle over salad. Sprinkle with almonds and toasted coconut.

Mix turkey with cranberries for salad

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

It is almost the day after Thanksgiving.

By Friday, you will have a refrigerator loaded with leftovers, your favorite dish will be gone, and you may wish you had bought a larger bird. Regardless, it is time to think about eating enjoyably during the entire holiday weekend while getting meals back into healthy balance.

This means making sure plenty of fruit, vegetables, whole grains and beans accompany those delicious, sinful leftovers. And please don't bother pointing out the apples in leftover pie, the marshmallow-topped pureed yams, and the creamy green bean casserole. These are good choices, and they should be enjoyed, but I mean making sure fiber-rich beans, simple steamed vegetables, cooked barley or brown rice and fresh, unsweetened fruit accompany those leftovers.

Sandwiches are a great way of turning Thanksgiving leftovers into a healthy meal.

I think turkey, especially white meat, tastes better on toasted whole grain bread, especially when topped with thick tomato slices.

In place of lettuce, use a handful of raw spinach leaves. Then, reduce the fat in low-fat mayo (so much better-tasting than the fat-free kind) by mixing it 50-50 with mustard, and slather it on.

If your bird came out a bit dry this year, adding some juicy veggies will more than compensate.

For side dishes, think casserole and soup. Mix cooked brown rice or a can of white beans into your green bean casserole.

Discard the marshmallow topping, please, and mix a can of black beans, corn and some chipotle salsa into the yams. This spicy-sweet blend could become a new family favorite. Or make a chunky soup by adding chicken broth, diced turkey, corn and cut frozen green beans to the creamed onions. (Dark meat leftovers are particularly good here.)

Finally, salads like this one are a great way of turning leftovers into healthy, new dishes.

TURKEY SALAD WITH CRANBERRIES AND PECANS

2 cups (8 ounces) diced cooked turkey breast
 1 small Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and diced

3 tablespoons dried cranberries, coarsely chopped
 2 tablespoons chopped pecans
 1 can (11 ounces) mandarin orange sections, drained and cut into small sections
 1/4 cup fat-free plain yogurt
 1 tablespoon reduced-fat mayonnaise dressing
 1 1/2 teaspoons brown mustard
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 Ground black pepper
 8 Boston lettuce leaves

In mixing bowl, combine turkey, apple, cranberries, and pecans. Add orange sections. Set aside.

In small bowl, whisk together yogurt, mayonnaise and mustard. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Drizzle dressing over turkey mixture while using a fork, to gently mix in. Arrange two lettuce leaves on each of four salad plates. Mound one-quarter of salad on top of lettuce, and serve immediately, accompanied by whole-grain crackers, if desired.

Makes four servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 203 calories, 6 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 20 g. carbohydrate, 19 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 391 g. sodium.

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Cook low-fat pork tenderloin and cherry-raisin rice

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A fall harvest dinner menu that includes roast pork tenderloin with apples and cider sauce, followed by dried cherry and raisin rice pudding, does not sound like diet fare.

But these dishes are indeed low fat, made with recipes are from *The Best of Gourmet 2003* (Random House, \$35), a

collection of 33 menus and some 325 recipes created in the test kitchens of Gourmet magazine and published during 2002.

The menus cover a wide range of occasions; a special feature of the book focuses on The Flavors of San Francisco, and color photos show varied settings of good-looking food throughout this large-format book.

ROAST PORK TENDERLOIN WITH APPLES AND CIDER SAUCE

Two pork tenderloins, ¼ pound each
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
2 teaspoons unsalted butter
Two Granny Smith apples, about ½ pound each, peeled, cored and each cut into 16 wedges
1 cup low-sodium fat-free chicken broth
¾ cup unfiltered apple cider

½ teaspoon arrowroot
1 tablespoon water
2 teaspoons cider vinegar
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
(Special equipment: an instant-read thermometer)

Preheat oven to 425° F.

Pat tenderloins dry and season with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a 12-inch nonstick skillet over moderately high heat until hot but not smoking, then brown tenderloins on all sides, turning with tongs, about 5 minutes total. (If the handle of your skillet is not ovenproof, wrap handle in a triple layer of foil, shiny side out.)

Transfer skillet to upper third

of oven and roast until thermometer inserted diagonally into center of meat registers 155° F, 12 to 15 minutes. Transfer to a platter and let stand, loosely covered with foil, 15 minutes before slicing.

While meat is standing, heat butter in same skillet (handle will be hot) over moderately high heat until foam subsides, then saute apple wedges, turning occasionally, until tender and golden brown, 5 to 7 minutes.

Transfer apples to a plate, then add chicken broth and cider to skillet and bring to a boil over high heat.

Meanwhile, whisk together arrowroot and water in a small bowl. Whisk arrowroot mixture into sauce and boil until thickened and reduced to about 1 cup, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vinegar, salt, pepper and any juices that have accumulated on platter.

Cut meat into ½-inch-thick slices and serve topped with apples and sauce.

Makes 6 servings.

DRIED CHERRY AND RAISIN RICE PUDDING

1 cup water
½ teaspoon salt
¾ cup long-grain white rice

3 cups 1 percent-fat milk
½ cup sugar
1 large whole egg
2 large egg whites
1 teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon ground cardamom
½ cup golden raisins
½ cup dried tart cherries
(Special equipment: an instant-read thermometer)

Bring water with salt to boil in a 2-quart heavy saucepan and stir in rice.

Cover pan and reduce heat to low, then cook rice until water is absorbed, about 15 minutes. Stir in milk and sugar and cook over very low heat, covered, until mixture resembles a thick soup, 50 minutes to 1 hour.

Whisk together whole egg, egg whites, vanilla, cardamom, and a pinch of salt. Whisk about 1 cup hot rice mixture into egg mixture, then stir mixture into remaining rice. Cook over low heat (do not let boil), whisking constantly, until thermometer registers 170° F, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in raisins and cherries.

Transfer pudding to a 2-quart dish or six 8-ounce ramekins and chill, its surface covered with wax paper, until cool but not cold, 1 to 2 hours.

Makes 6 servings.

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Children can win \$25,000 for recipe Venison is leaner than beef

When kids head for the kitchen to invent a new food creation, parents nervously await the impending mess. Now, thanks to the Pillsbury Doughboy, parents can feel free to unleash their kids' creativity while basking in the knowledge that their little chefs' concoction may be worth \$25,000.

Whether it's spreading peanut butter on fresh-baked brownies or throwing a handful of favorite candy into cake batter, the makers of Pillsbury desserts and baking mixes want to hear about kids' favorite food creations for its first-ever "Kids Bake It Fun!" contest.

The national contest invites kids, ages five to 15, to submit a photo and a 50-word-or-less description of an original sweet-baked treat using Pillsbury baking mixes or frosting. The top 10 entries will win \$500 in cash and will be featured on pillsburybaking.com during the month of February. An online ballot will be available to allow site visitors the opportunity to cast their votes to help determine the \$25,000 grand-prize winner.

"The 'Kids Bake It Fun!' contest is designed to give kids a chance to exercise their imaginations and bring children and parents together to make baking fun and easy while creating special memories in the kitchen," said Mike Belknap, associate marketing manager, Pillsbury baking products.

HOW TO ENTER

To enter the contest, kids must create an original treat using Pillsbury brand baking mixes and/or frostings and take a photo of it. Then they complete a "Kids Bake It Fun!" entry form, which asks entrants to name the treat and write a description of it in 50 words or less. Completed entry forms and photos should be mailed to: Kids Bake It Fun! Contest, P.O. Box 3512, St. Cloud, MN 56397-3512. The entry form and complete contest rules are available at www.pillsburybaking.com.

Contest entries will be judged on originality and creativity, as well as appearance and ease of preparation. Deadline for submission is Nov. 28, 2003.

Ten finalists will be announced in February, and following the online voting, the Pillsbury Doughboy will reveal

COOKIE DREAM

This fun treat idea combines rich, moist chocolate cake and cookies with light and fluffy whipped topping. It is one of three sample "Kids Bake It Fun!" contest entries posted on www.pillsburybaking.com

1 (18.5 ounce) package Pillsbury Moist Supreme Chocolate Cake Mix
1 1/4 cups water
1/3 cup oil
3 eggs
1 (12 ounce) container frozen whipped topping, thawed
3/4 cup crushed miniature chocolate sandwich cookies

Heat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray bottom of two 9-inch square baking pans with non-stick cooking spray. Prepare cake mix as directed on package using water, oil and eggs. Divide batter into cake pans. Bake for 29-33 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of cake comes out clean. Cool in pans for 10 minutes. Remove cakes from pans and cool completely.

In large bowl, combine thawed whipped topping and 3/4 cup crushed cookies.

Place one cake layer on serving plate and top with half of the whipped topping mixture. Top with second cake layer and spread with remaining whipped topping mixture. Top with additional miniature chocolate sandwich cookies. Yields: 12 servings.

BROWNIE PIZZA

A chocolate brownie pizza is a unique and colorful treat topped with kid-favorite candies. It is one of three sample "Kids Bake It Fun!" contest entries posted on www.pillsburybaking.com.

1 (19.5 ounce) package Pillsbury Brownie Classics Traditional Fudge Brownie Mix
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup oil
2 eggs
1 (16-ounce) can Pillsbury Creamy Supreme Chocolate Fudge Frosting
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Black String licorice
Assorted candies as desired

Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly spray bottom of 14-inch pizza pan with non-stick cooking spray. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package using water, oil and eggs. Spread batter into pan. Bake for 20-23 minutes. Cool completely. Frost brownie with chocolate fudge frosting. To make white frosting spiral, spoon 1/4 cup vanilla frosting into small resealable food storage plastic bag. Cut a small hole from the corner of the bag. Squeeze frosting out of bag starting at center of brownie, moving in a circular motion, to outer edge. Make "slice marks" using black string licorice. Arrange the assorted candies on top of the pizza to resemble pizza toppings. Yield: 16 servings.

FUNNY FACE CAKES

Cupcakes are more fun when they are decorated like bugs, monsters and creatures. Funny Face Cakes is one of three sample "Kids Bake It Fun!" contest entries posted on www.pillsburybaking.com.

1 (18.25 ounce) package Pillsbury Moist Supreme Yellow Cake Mix
1 cup water
1/3 cup oil
3 eggs
1 (16 ounce) can Pillsbury Creamy Supreme Classic White Frosting
Assorted paste of gel food color
Assorted candy for decorating
Assorted gel decorator icings

Heat oven to 350°F. Line 24 muffin cups with paper baking liners.

Prepare and bake cupcakes as directed on package using water, oil and eggs. Cool completely.

Divide frosting into separate bowls and color as desired with food colors. Frost cupcakes and decorate as desired using assorted candies.

For example, to create Sunshine cake: Use gummy pasta cut into triangles for outer edges; Lady Bug cake: Use black string licorice for legs and gumdrop for head; Monster Face cake; use round, gummy shapes with candy-coated sweet-and-sour disks for eyes and banana-shaped candy for horns.

Use gel decorator icing to make smiles, eyes or spots. Yield: 24 cupcakes.

the grand-prize winner in spring 2004.

Pillsbury desserts and baking mixes are created and marketed by International Multifoods Corp. The company's Pillsbury-brand products

include mixes for brownies, cakes, cookies, muffins, quick breads and other baked goods and desserts; ready-to-spread frosting; and flour. For more information, visit www.pillsburybaking.com.

BY LOIS THIELEKE
HOME ECONOMIST

Fall is hunting season so that means venison will soon be on the table.

Putting tender, tasty venison on the table begins with a quick, clean kill in the field. Making a quick, clean kill produces venison that is well-bled and uncontaminated. Read the materials that are given to you when applying for the hunting license or go online at www.michigan.gov/dnr to read specifics of field dressing and safe handling of venison or any wild game.

Venison is a highly prized game meat. The objectionable or gamey flavor comes from careless handling of the deer. Always trim away as much fat or possible since the fat can have the gamey flavor.

HOW TO USE CUTS OF

VENISON:

■ Hind and fore shanks – bone out and cut into cubes for stew meat or grind for meat loaf or deerburger.

■ Round – is usually cut into steaks but baste the steaks with olive oil, butter, margarine or lemon juice. Venison is a dry meat so add a little moisture. The round can also be used to make Swiss steaks.

■ Legs – A small tender leg can also be ground or made into kabobs or stew meat.

■ Loin and rib chops – The loin is the source of the sirloin and porterhouse steaks, usually called chops. The loin and rib steaks can be fried, broiled, roasted or grilled.

■ Shoulders – Make a tasty pot roast or grind for deer-

burgers. Roll the roast in dried soup mix, flour and seasonings and brown in a little cooking oil. It can be cooked in a pressure cooker with large sized vegetables. You can also use a roasting pot, cover and cook for a couple hours until the meat is tender, then add fresh vegetables and cook until the vegetables are done.

■ Rump – This can also be used for pot roast (moist heat cookery). It can also be corned.

■ Spareribs – Boil venison spareribs for at least 20 minutes to get rid of as much fat as possible. Then coat the ribs with barbecue sauce and put on the grill.

■ Neck – Best used for pot roasts, stew meats or ground meat.

■ Flank and breast – The flank and breast contain a lot of meat, which is best used for soup, stew or ground meat. Venison burgers are usually mixed with some lean round pork shoulder or beef suet because the meat is so dry.

Venison has relatively low fat, saturated fat and cholesterol. A three-ounce serving of roasted deer meat has 131 calories, 2.7 grams total fat, 1.2 grams of saturated fat and 95 mg. of cholesterol. Roast beef has 149 calories, 4.8 grams total fat, 1.8 grams saturated fat but only 59 mg. of cholesterol.

COOKING AND PREPARING

You can keep venison and other wild game safe to eat by doing these things:

Other things you should know to be safe:

Clean: Wash your hands and surfaces often. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen

and get onto cutting boards, utensils sponges and countertops. Wash hands with soap and water before and after handling meat.

Separate: Don't cross-contaminate. Cross-contamination is the scientific word for the spread of bacterial from one food product to another. When handling raw meat, keep these foods and their juices away from ready-to-eat foods.

Cook: Cook to proper temperatures. Food safety experts agree that foods are properly cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and at high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause foodborne illness. To be safe, venison should be cooked to 165 degrees F. Use a meat thermometer. All meat, including venison should be cooked until the meat is no longer pink and the juices run clear. Thoroughly cooking meat is important to reduce the likelihood of any bacterial disease.

Chill: Refrigerate promptly. Refrigerate foods quickly because cold temperatures keep harmful bacterial from growing and multiplying. Set your refrigerator no higher than 40° F. and the freezer unit at 0° F. Check these temperatures occasionally with an appliance thermometer.

Handle the carcasses properly. Cook rapidly and hold meat at or below 40° F. If you don't want to be bothered or follow the food safety rules for venison, then don't go hunting. Be safe and not sorry.

Lois Thieleke is a home economist with the Michigan State University Extension Service's Oakland County office.

Bob Evans Farms has new cookbook

Bob Evans Farms has developed a new cookbook featuring 57 recipes, from "Fast Family Favorites" which provide meal solutions in 30 minutes, to traditional homestyle choices. The *Family Recipes*

Made Special cookbook features a variety of recipes for breakfast, appetizers, soups, side dishes, salads and entrees.

The cookbooks are available in the Corner Cupboard retail

area of all Bob Evans Restaurants or by calling (800) 272-7675, ext. 7460.

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■ 1998 Tenute Silvio Nardi Manachia Brunello di Montalcino, \$65. Nardi won Italy's highest wine honor Gambero Rosso's Tre Bicchieri award for this wine. It and the Brunello have the advantage of bottle age.

Wallet-friendly wines from Southern Italy:

■ 2001 Feudo Monaci Salice Salentino, Puglia, \$9

■ 2001 Feudo Monaci Primitivo, Puglia, \$9. Primitivo is a genetic cousin of zinfandel.

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Cook up a little stew with leftover turkey

It's the time of year when turkey leftovers are plentiful and cooks are creatively challenged.

How many turkey sandwiches can one family eat? Fortunately, there are many alternatives. Turkey can be used in stir fries, added to a vegetable casserole, made into a salad, turned into soup, ground into burgers or stuffed into pita pockets with onions and tomatoes.

If you're reheating leftover turkey, make sure to take it off the bone. Legs and wings may be left whole, but breast meat should be sliced.

No perishable foods should be left unrefrigerated for more than two hours. Leftover turkey can be refrigerated in shallow containers for up to 4 days.

Turkey slices can be frozen for up to four months.

Turkey is not just for Thanksgiving. Turkey is low in fat – especially the white meat – and high in protein.

It is an inexpensive source of iron, zinc, phosphorus, potassium and B vitamins.

Americans have recognized the good taste and nutritional value of turkey year round. In 1970, 50 percent of all turkey consumed in 1970 was during the holidays, according to the National Turkey Federation. Today that number is only 32 percent.

Turkey consumption has increased 180 percent since 1975.

Whether it serves as a reminder of Thanksgiving a few days later or is served up any other time of the year, leftover turkey can be used in a stew with other Thanksgiving star players – cranberries and sweet potatoes.

SWEET POTATO APPLE STEW WITH TURKEY

1 tablespoon canola oil
1 medium onion, chopped
1 large carrot, cut in 3/4-inch slices
1 rib celery, cut in 3/4-inch slices
1 small rutabaga, peeled and cut in 1-inch pieces
1 1/2 cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth
1 bay leaf
2 Crispin or Red Delicious apples, peeled and cut in 1-inch pieces
2 medium sweet potatoes or yams, peeled and cut in 3/4-inch half-moon slices
2 cups diced cooked turkey breast
1/2 cup fresh, frozen or dried cranberries
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1/3 cup chopped toasted almonds (optional)

Preheat oven to 375° F.

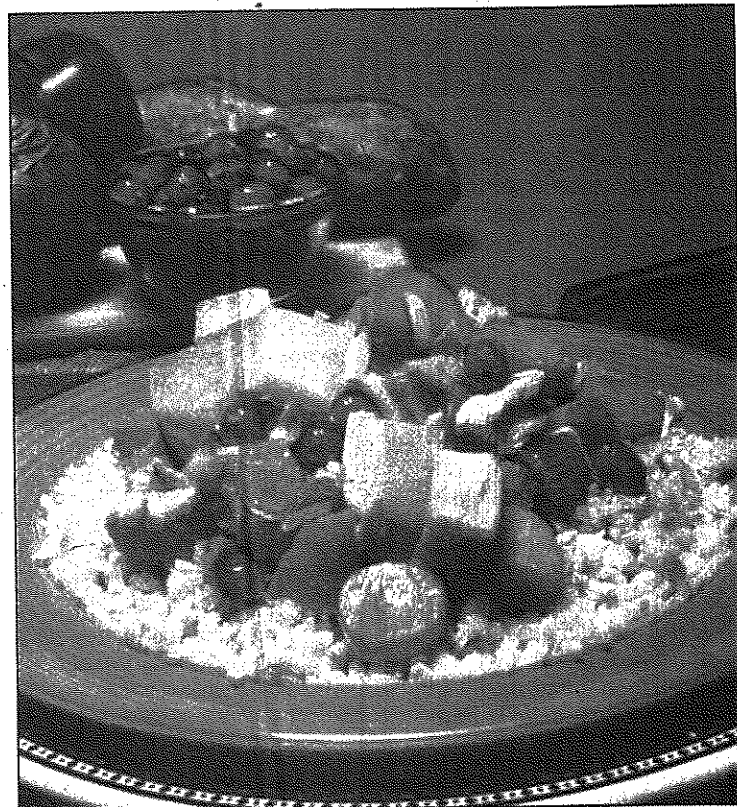
In small Dutch oven, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add onion. Sauté until tender, about 4 minutes. Add carrot, celery and rutabaga. Cover tightly and cook over medium-low heat 10 minutes. Add broth and bay leaf. Cover.

Transfer stew to oven. Bake 10 minutes. Add apples and sweet potatoes, turkey, cranberries and thyme. Cover and bake until vegetables are tender and turkey is heated through, 15 to 20 minutes. Remove bay leaf. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Sprinkle with almonds, if desired. Serve over brown rice or noodles.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutritional information per serving: 232 calories, 4 g. total fat (<1 g. saturated fat), 32 g. carbohydrate, 17 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 98 g. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.



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TASTE CALENDAR

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

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.

Cuisine du Jour

Chef Kipp Bourdeau of Bistro Bourdeau at Auburn Hills will instruct how to cook a Southern Style Holiday Feast 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 4, in the culinary training auditorium at Trevarrow, 1295 Opdyke in Auburn Hills. Class is \$30 per person. Call (248) 377-2300.

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.

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.) Cookies will be sold by the pound.

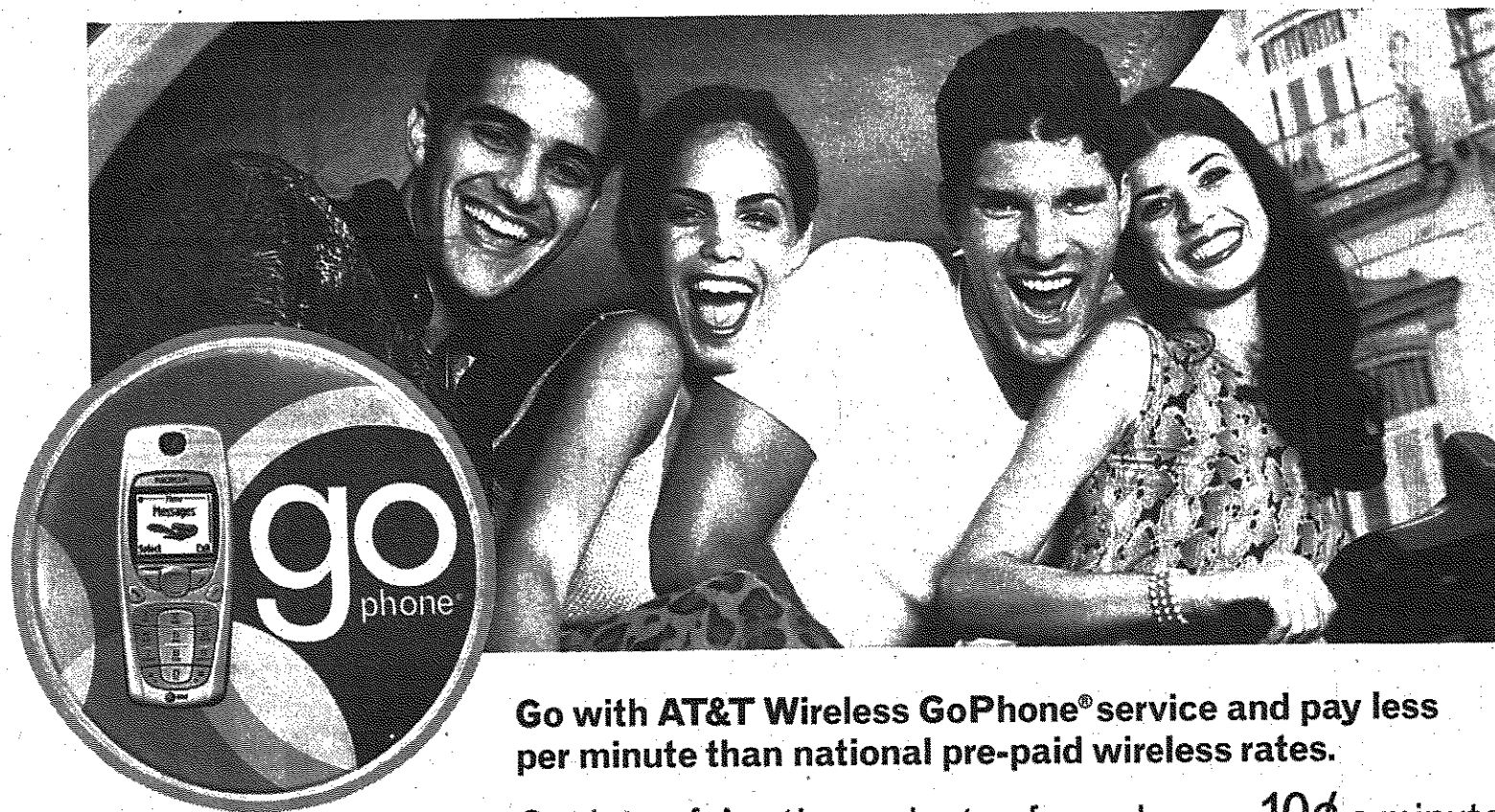
Make a Gingerbread House

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. 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. Call 248-203-3800.

Parent and child workshop

Together a parent and child will assemble and decorate an extra-large gingerbread house, approximately 4 pounds (or about 10-by-12 inches) made of sweet, fragrant gingerbread with lots of icing and candy. Please bring a cardboard box to carry it home. This class will be presented by Ginger Works, 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 at Derby Middle School, Room 115. The class fee is \$30. For registration and information, please call 248-203-3800.

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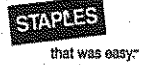
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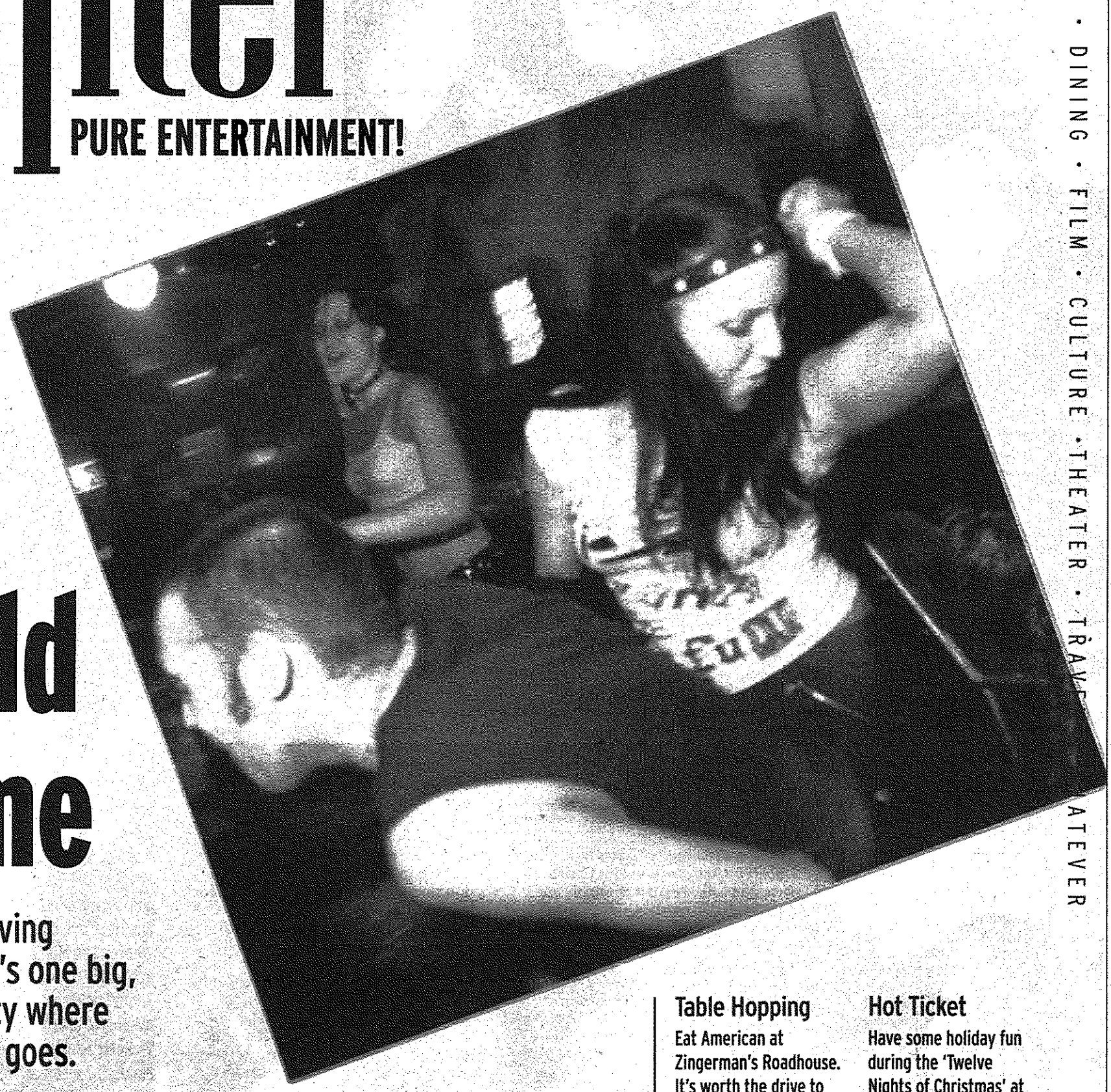
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Feels like the real thing

Ever wonder what Christmas was like before our voracious consumer appetite took charge?

You probably have visions of slow-paced tree-trimming, wholesome hot cocoa get-togethers and little ones caroling their hearts out from one house to another.

Now those activities certainly have been and are a part of the merry holiday. But the truth is, prior to the Civil War, Christmas was a fairly riotous event in the United States, according to Jim Johnson, manager of special programs at Greenfield Village, where scenes from "Christmas Past" will soon come to life.

Twelve Nights of Christmas is scheduled Dec. 4-6, 11-13 and 18-23 at the outdoor historical museum, part of The Henry Ford, in Dearborn.

PARTY

"It was really more like being dropped in the middle of Times Square on New Year's Eve. It was a party, a cut-loose kind of thing," Johnson said, adding it was an accepted custom for men to get drunk, head out to the country and shoot off guns for noise's sake.

Suffice to say, there will be no imbibing or gun-shooting at Greenfield Village, but there will be fireworks.

"People wanted to get their hands on anything that made lots of noise. Fireworks go way back," said Johnson. "But it really represents what was going on."

Of course *Twelve Nights* favors the peaceful, quiet and quaint Christmas customs, like roasted chestnuts and horse-drawn carriage rides, over the loud ones. Although plenty of Christmas auditory inspiration is planned, from street musicians and Christmas carolers to the traditional sing-along on the Village Green before the fireworks.

"What we do in the Village is to pick up a variety of the holiday traditions," said Johnson, who also organizes programs for all The Henry Ford venues.

ICE SKATING

New this year is outdoor pond ice

Greenfield Village offers visitors a taste of traditions past with 'Twelve Nights of Christmas'



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Greenfield Village's 'Twelve Nights of Christmas' is as old-fashioned as bundled-up, rosy-cheeked carolers.

skating. *Twelve Nights* was held in 2000 and 2001, but not last year due to renovation of Greenfield Village.

Located by the Wright Brothers home, the 40-foot by 80-foot pond is actually made of a polymer material, so skating can take place regardless of the weather.

Visitors can rent skates, and greeters dressed in period costume will even don turn-of-the-century, clamp-on ice skates. To keep the mood light, the Dodworth Sax Horn Band is set to play polkas, waltzes and holiday favorites.

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Big screen

Holiday movies brim with good cheer

BY DAVID GERMAIN
AP MOVIE WRITER

At last, a holiday-movie season with real tinsel.

Amid the blockbuster big guns of *The Matrix Revolutions* and *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*, Hollywood serves up a wealth of warmhearted fare to put audiences in the holiday spirit, includ-

ing three very different Christmas-themed comedies:

Elf is a merry boy-raised-by-Santa's-helpers tale starring Will Ferrell as a tow-ering human who leaves his adopted home at the North Pole to find his real dad (James Caan) in New York City. Ed Asner plays the world-weary Santa Claus.

Love Actually is a big, fat ensemble romance set in the weeks before Christmas, with whipsmart dialogue and a cast of lovelorn Londoners including Emma Thompson, Liam Neeson, Alan Rickman, Colin Firth, Laura Linney and Hugh Grant as Britain's bachelor prime minister.

Bad Santa stars Billy Bob Thornton in a black comedy about a thief who learns the meaning of the season while posing as a mall Santa to pull a robbery.

Directed by Terry Zwigoff, who made the art-house hit, *Ghost World*, *Bad Santa* co-stars the late John Ritter as the mall manager. With Joel and Ethan Coen as

executive producers, the movie promises a blend of sentiment and Coen brothers weirdness, Thornton said.

Among Hollywood's other comfort-food movies for the holidays: *Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat*, with Mike Myers; *Mona Lisa Smile*, starring Julia Roberts as a progressive art-history teacher who inspires students at a close-minded women's college in the 1950s; Eddie Murphy's *The Haunted Mansion*, a family comedy based on Disney's theme-park attraction; and the romantic comedy *Something's Gotta Give*, featuring Jack Nicholson and Diane Keaton in the story of a womanizer who loses his taste for sweet young things when he falls for someone in his own age bracket.

Also: a remake of *Cheaper by the Dozen*, with Steve Martin and Bonnie Hunt as a couple that missed a few Planned Parenthood sessions on their way to hav-

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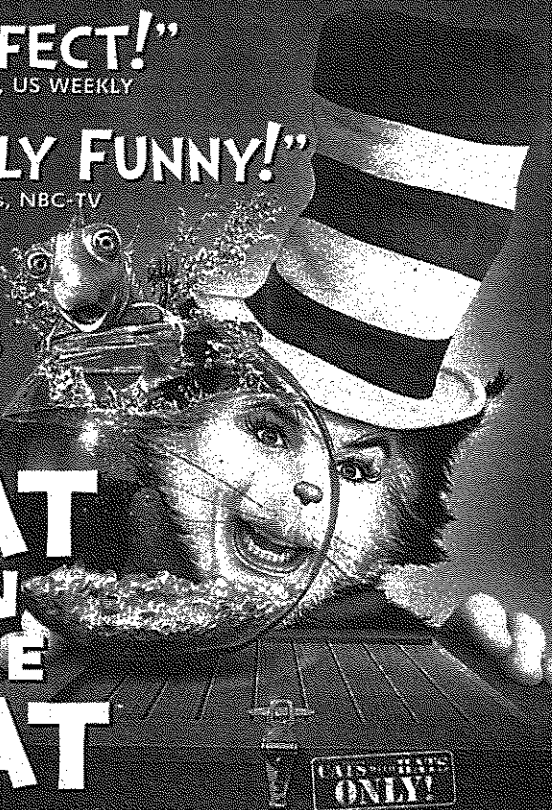
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Audience deserves a lot more from 'Master and Commander'

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

An action-adventure movie that's almost as clunky as its name, *Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World* stars a jaunty Russell Crowe, who's sailing far from home to fight the Napoleonic menace.

His Capt. "Lucky Jack" Aubrey strides the deck of his warship with a wink and a quick wit for all — until it's time for some bloodletting. Then he's all *Die Hard*.

It's a peculiar choice for an actor who has found great success with peculiar choices (like playing a whistleblower in *The Insider*, and a schizophrenic professor in *A Beautiful Mind*).

This time, the risk doesn't entirely pay off. Crowe's performance is inconsistent.

Sometimes Aubrey's a reluctant warrior, sometimes he delights in the savagery of battle. It's possible for one man to have both sentiments competing within him, but what we get seems contrived.

NOVEL

The story, based on two of the late author Patrick O'Brian's seafaring novels, starts with the British captain sailing along the Brazilian coast when his ship — the *Surprise* — is attacked and nearly sunk by a vessel flying Napoleon's flag.



The crippled boat escapes in the fog, and Crowe struts about slapping walls and declaring his ship "a fine sea bird" before telling some pretty hoary jokes to cheer his crew.

Most of them would like to return to a safe harbor somewhere for repairs, but the captain wants to chase their aggressors. The character recalls George C. Scott's Oscar-winning performance in *Patton*, another military leader who seemed to love war more than life.

But Patton never wavered in his thirst for battle, was allowed to be unlikable at points, and his existence was revealed as something necessary to conquer a greater evil. But we never get a sense of the greater evil in *Master and Commander*, which saps the adventure of its urgency.

MUDDLED AND CONFUSING

Director Peter Weir, whose credits include *The Mosquito Coast*, *Dead Poets Society*, *Witness* and *The Truman Show*, stumbles in creating action sequences, which are muddled and confusing.

If *Master and Commander* is supposed to be only a fun adventure movie, the flaws in the captain could be overlooked and the greatest setback are the muddled battle scenes.

But this is supposed to be an exploration of the costs of war, and the audience deserves more than a superficial probing of this warrior's psyche.

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Small screen

Don't get stung by awful, embarrassing 'Tail Sting'

There are giant scorpions and then there are giant scorpions. The big beasts in the 1957 Willis O'Brien production *The Black Scorpion* were good giant scorpions. The critters in the 2001 production of *Tail Sting* stink.



Beyond Bad

I actually spent five bucks to rent the DVD of *Tail Sting* to try in my new DVD player. I am sorry I have embarrassed my DVD player with this mess. I am sure it has already lost all respect for me.

EMBARRASSMENT

And speaking of embarrassment, the producers of the turkey should bury their heads in an ant hill. This movie adds new dimension to the word dumb. But enough. Here's the story, such as it is:

An airliner is carrying a boatload of giant scorpions, by which I mean about 5 feet long. These are the product of a scientific experiment gone wrong. (Does one ever go right?) The scorpions break loose from storage and go on a rampage. I don't know a lot about airplanes, but

I've been in a few. Most don't have a lot of space for giant scorpions to crawl around. In this film, the scorpions appear from air vents, or something. It's never really clear, since we see the shadow of the scorpion and then it's there, poking people with its big stinger.

How one gets into the bathroom unnoticed and attacks the amorous couple is a mystery indeed.

But then, the interior of this plane far exceeds its exterior. There seem to be multiple levels in the airliner but it isn't a jumbo jet. In fact, the plane that lands doesn't seem to be the same plane that took off. A little continuity problem, I would say.

AMUSING MOMENTS

No matter. There are a couple of amusing moments involving a cadaverous guy that two stereotyped Arab characters insist is Dracula. But that's about it. The rest of the cast is strictly one-dimensional. Even the scorpions are limp. They most certainly are made of rubber and plastic and sometimes just lie on the floor.

The worst part of all of this is that it's just boring. Some of the dialogue is reminiscent of *Airplane* and is almost as funny at times albeit unintentionally. But I'm still not sure how to fast forward with the

DVD player so I had to sit through the whole thing.

But you don't. So if you really want to see a scorpion movie, see *The Black Scorpion*, the nearly 50-year-old special effects are way better than anything you will see here. Or just watch that loony

Australian guy who is always wrestling alligators. He picks up scorpions once in a while.

Greg Kowalski will stick to giant spider movies in the future. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

Scary films can be like great romances

BY KRISTEN WYATT
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

We know horror movies aren't real. So why do our hearts pound when we watch them?

In a new book about how movies inspire emotion, Georgia State University communications professor Greg M. Smith says the best scary movies simply set an ominous mood, spread out the bad stuff and let the audience scare themselves.

For moviemakers, the trick is pacing. Show too many gory scenes and people start to feel numb.

Spend too much time on the buildup and audiences get bored.

"It's a very intricate balance between letting the audience imagine the fear and feeding them with a horror ingredient," said Smith, whose book *Film Structure and the Emotion System* was published in October.

Smith says that crafting a scary movie

isn't all that different from making a great romance or a weepy drama.

"Movies are full of cues, cues to feel one way or another," Smith said. "Emotions work through associations. You've got five or 10 minutes at the beginning of a movie to establish those associations, to say, 'Here's the world, here's how it works, here's how you need to feel about it.' It's a pretty basic idea. But it's a very rare film that hits it exactly on the head."

Here's Smith's list of 10 horror movies you might not have seen:

- Blow Out, 1981
- Candyman, 1992
- Evil Dead 2, 1987
- Wes Craven's New Nightmare, 1994
- The Legend of Hell House, 1973
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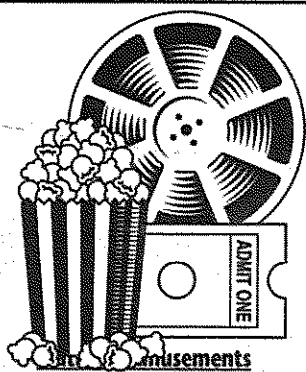
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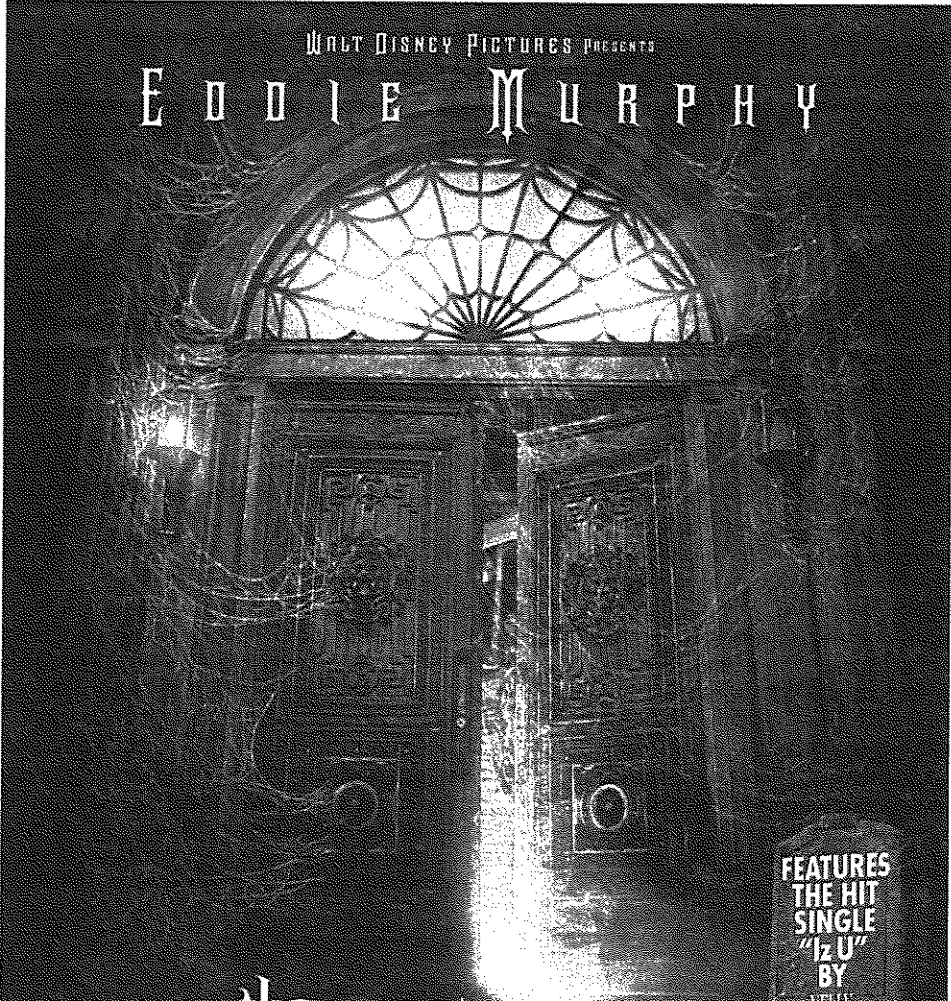
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ing 12 kids; Martin again as the villain in *Looney Tunes: Back in Action*, a live-action and cartoon combo that pairs Brendan Fraser with Bugs, Daffy and other Warner Bros. favorites; the huge-screen IMAX exclusive *The Young Black Stallion*, a prequel to the 1979 horse tale; and *Peter Pan*, a live-action adaptation of J.M. Barrie's story of young girl Wendy and her pal Peter, the boy who won't grow up, directed by P.J. Hogan.

SERIOUS FARE

The season's serious fare includes *The Missing*, Ron Howard's savage Western about redemption between a pioneer woman (Cate Blanchett) and her estranged father (Tommy Lee Jones); Nicole Kidman, Jude Law and Renee Zellweger in *Cold Mountain*, adapted from Charles Frazier's Civil War best seller; and Tom Cruise in *The Last Samurai*, about a disenchanted American soldier who finds renewal amid culture-clash strife in Japan.

Also coming are *21 Grams*, starring Sean Penn, Naomi Watts and Benicio Del Toro in a sober drama of grief and mortal-

ity; Tim Burton's *Big Fish*, with Albert Finney and Ewan McGregor in a father-son reunion fantasy; *House of Sand and Fog*, the story of an ex-Iranian bigwig (Ben Kingsley) fighting for possession of a home with its former owner (Jennifer Connelly); and Michael Caine in *The Statement*, Norman Jewison's thriller about an aging Nazi collaborator running from assassins.

For laughs, the Farrelly brothers deliver *Stuck on You*, with Matt Damon and Greg Kinnear as conjoined twins trying to live separate lives. Helen Mirren and Julie Walters star in *Calendar Girls*, a tale of a women's group with a novel fund-raising ploy - a nude calendar.

On the action and horror front, *Gothika* stars Halle Berry as a psychiatrist with no memory of the crime she's accused of committing - the murder of her husband. John Woo directs Ben Affleck and Uma Thurman in *Paycheck*, a sci-fi thriller about a corporate hired gun trying to piece together his erased memory. *Timeline* features Paul Walker and Frances O'Connor in a tale of archaeologists hurled back in time to hazardous 14th century France.

Bookending the season are the conclusions of two of Hollywood's most ambitious epics, the Wachowski brothers' *The Matrix Revolutions* and Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King*.

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Cover story

Anything Goes

From clubs to concerts, Thanksgiving's a happening weekend

Thanksgiving's one of the hottest entertainment weekends of the year; lines outside clubs will be long, and dance floors will be packed.

The White Stripes is arguably the hottest ticket in town. They're playing Friday and Saturday at the Masonic Temple in Detroit.

Sponge plays The Magic Bag in Ferndale on Friday.

One of the most surprising events is the reunion of 1980s local rock band Toby Redd, a band that almost hit the big time with songs like *Love Without Hate* and *Everytime I Run*. Redd's drummer Chad Smith, of course, has been the Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer for years.

"I don't think anyone expected this to happen, so it's a pleasant surprise," said Claudia Smith, who was a Toby fan back in the '80s. "I'm going to the show to see old friends and to remember the music."

OLD STOMPING GROUNDS

Toby Redd's playing on Sunday at its old stomping grounds, Hot Rocks in Warren — formerly the New York New York nightclub.



White Stripes Meg and Jack rock it out Saturday at the Masonic Temple.

Special guest Beer on a Penguin is another Detroit gem: Its sound is more edgy and alternative, while Toby Redd offers a more

straight-up rock sound.

After Thanksgiving dinner, when you're ready to escape your family and pumpkin pie, head to the Emerald

Theatre, 31 N. Walnut in Mt. Clemens, to spend some time with Detroit's own Uncle Kracker.

If traveling to the east side doesn't thrill you, check out Luna Lounge in Royal Oak. It's one of the most fun, laid-back nightclubs in town. Going to Luna Lounge is a Thanksgiving weekend tradi-

tion for industrial '80s and alternative music fans.

Luna has a decent-sized dance floor and a mixed crowd; it seems to be one of the few spots in town where any attire is appropriate — from jeans to gothic wear. Luna's decor is casual and shot and drink specials are just a couple bucks.

"Luna's great because it's a dance club that's also a neighborhood place; it works when you don't want to drive downtown but still feel like dancing," said Sylvia Stefanovich of Royal Oak. "People here are chilled out."

ECCENTRIC ATMOSPHERE

For those who want to dress in funky glam-wear and are seeking an eccentric atmosphere, Space Nightclub in Pontiac is the place. The club that relocated from Detroit to Pontiac (in the old Industry nightclub location) continues to showcase the surreal: A 300-pound dominatrix, a handful of ultra-flamboyant cross-dressers, oddly attired little people, and acrobats create a wild ambience while DJs spin high-energy dance



Video appreciation night is Tuesday at Luna in Royal Oak, and the hip crowd packs the dance floor.

music. This weekend contortionist Mtakata, who has performed with Middle Eastern style dancers at Aladdin Casino in Las Vegas, will join Space's crew as a guest performer.

If you're looking for something a little more elegant, but sultry, Paradox

Cafe in Detroit hosts Latin Nights on Saturday. The dance floor heats up with friendly crowds dancing salsa, merengue, and bachata. There's a strict dress code, no jeans allowed. Women wear dresses and skirts, and men dress in style.

STEPPING OUT

■ **Toby Redd and Beer on a Penguin** — 7 p.m. Sunday, Hot Rocks Sports Bar and Music Cafe; 24300 Hoover Road, Warren, \$15, (586) 756-6140 or (248) 645-6666.

■ **The White Stripes** — 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit, \$28, (248) 645-6666

■ **Luna Lounge** — 9 p.m., after 10 p.m. cover is \$3, 1815 N. Main St., Royal Oak. On Fridays there's alternative, retro, techno and industrial music; on Saturday the music is alternative, (248) 589-3344, www.lunaroyaloak.com

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■ **Sponge** — 8 p.m. Friday, The Magic Bag, 22918 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, \$15, (248) 544-3030 or (248) 645-6666, www.themagicbag.com

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Onstage

Detroit Rep takes unusual look at tough topic

Detroit Repertory Theatre's current production has taken up the subject of grief at a time when holiday happiness is all anybody talks about.

But there's a catch: Humor comes along for the ride as the main character takes a journey through despair over the loss of her husband.

"It's a very unusual treatment of the subject," said the theater's artistic director Bruce E. Millan.

Titled *Here and There*, the play runs through Sunday, Dec. 28, at the Detroit Repertory Theatre, the oldest alternative professional theater in Michigan.

Written by Arizona humorist Esther Blumenfeld, the play is one of two scripts selected by the theater troupe from hundreds of submitted works. It has never been produced before.

"*Here and There* is a comedy, and yet it isn't poking fun, but is still allowing coping through humor," said Millan, who acted as the play's director. "It was intelligently written and had some worthwhile things to say while dealing with a subject in a different way."

Detroit television news personality Amyre Makupson plays the lead role of Becca, whose husband Aaron has only recently passed away.

Through the convention of the stage, Aaron can be seen both by Becca and the audience.

"In a sense, he is there in presence while she's trying to cope with that grief," said Millan. "But the conversations between them are often quite humorous."

Makupson, who lives in Southfield, studied theater and performed on stage while attending Fisk University in

GRIEF A DIFFERENT WAY

What: 'Here and There,' by Esther Blumenfeld.

When: 8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday; 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday; through Dec. 28.

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Tennessee. She also earned a degree in drama and speech there. This is her first professional stage appearance.

"She is an adept actor," said Millan. "And she's a delightful person. You only have to watch her or see her perform to know she's very alive in her own right. You're immediately struck by this lively person."

Detroit Repertory Theatre produces four works, each running approximately eight weeks, every year. The company's last two seasons netted about 60,000 admissions.

LOOKING AHEAD

Following *Here and There* and opening Jan. 15 is *Yellowman*, a play about racism within the African-



DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE

Herman McCain (left), Milford Luster and Amyre Makupson in 'Here and There' at Detroit Repertory Theatre. Makupson, a local television personality, plays the female lead.

American community. It closes March 21.

The Drawer Boy, a work about a young actor researching for a part by taking up residence with two middle-aged farmers, runs April 1-May 23. Closing the season is another never-performed work, *Unspoken Prayers*, a play that explores the issue of capital punishment through a family victimized by murder. *Unspoken Prayers* is slated to run June 3-27.

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Celebrities

What does our hometown 'Bachelor' have to say about love?

Didn't see Bob choose Estella over Kelly Jo – but elect to wait on a marriage proposal – last week on ABC's season finale of *The Bachelor*?

Couldn't make one of the three local book signings held by the Ferndale native to promote his recently released book *What A Difference a Year Makes* (\$17.95 Penguin hardcover)?

Perhaps you have yet to purchase *3 Sides*, Bob's debut music album, which was released Tuesday?

Surely you didn't sleep through Bob's ride on the Good Ship Lollipop float this morning in the Thanksgiving Day Parade along Woodward Avenue?

Well, then, either you're not a Bob fan or you're bummed Bob's off the market.

While there's sure to be plenty of Mr. Guiney around the corner in the form of talk shows and merchandise, the truth is Bob talks like the Detroit dating scene is a thing of the past.

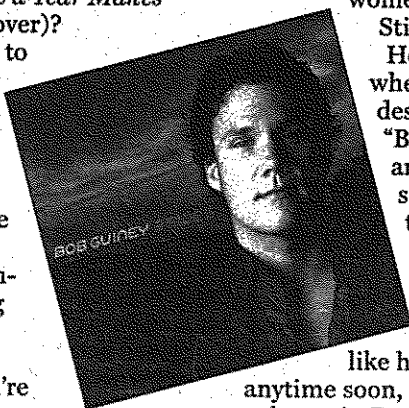
A RIOT

"I had a riot, truthfully," Bob said of his attempts to find the right woman in Detroit after his first marriage failed but before he became "The Bachelor." "I had a blast. I met some amazing women."

Still not convinced? Here's what Bob said when we asked him to describe the power of love: "Being in love takes you to another level in how you see yourself. Being together, gives you a feeling of what you can do together, not just by yourself."

Bob doesn't sound like he's moving back home anytime soon, either: "I'll always have my home in Detroit."

Then there's that sinking feeling Bob seems to have changed overnight, that the rather cautious Bachelor who slipped a "promise ring" on Estella's right hand before millions of television viewers last week, has turned the



BOB ON CUE

What: '3 Sides,' Bob Guiney's debut album.

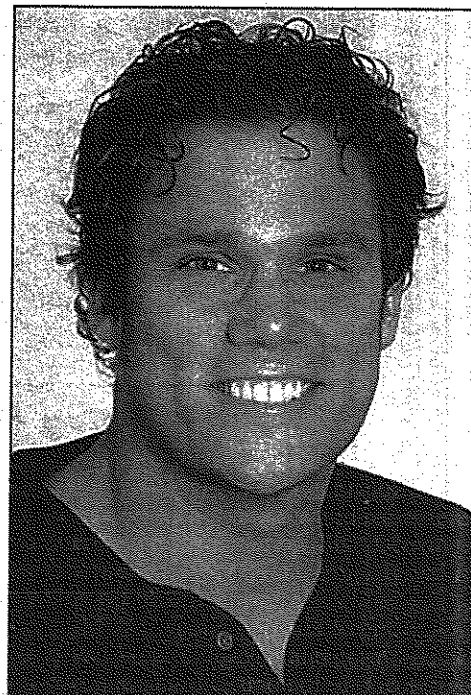
When: Stated release date is Tuesday, Nov. 25.

Where: Music stores and www.amazon.com.

Price: \$13.99 on amazon.com.

proverbial commitment corner.

"A lot of times, we men behave the way we're expected to behave. My whole point is that I definitely was that guy, I was the quarterback; but today I am someone who can admit that I screwed up. ... I know I was that guy. For all that matters, I may still be. But I think I may be farther ahead now. We all try to find that perfect relationship. Love is not perfect. Love is just love. You have to be understanding that there are all those highs and lows."



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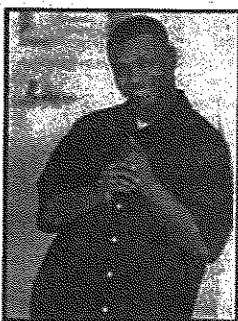
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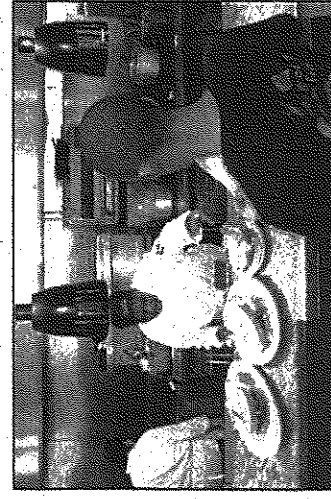
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BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

A slice of Americana. That sums up the menu at the new Zingerman's Roadhouse in Ann Arbor, which opened in mid-September.

"Good American food from various regions of the U.S. is the Zingerman's interpretation of roadhouse," said Ari Weinzwieg, a partner in the eatery.

Managing partner and chef Alex Young emphasized the point by saying, "Among many examples, we use only fresh, not frozen, Maryland crab meat for our crab cakes. Fresh clams from U.S. waters go into our New England clam chowder along with really good applewood smoked bacon sourced from Iowa. For the lobster roll, we steam whole live Maine lobsters then pull the meat."

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Additionally, the day before it's ground on premise (twice daily), the chuck is salted and peppered to enhance flavors and impact the cell structure to maintain moisture during grilling over an oak fire. Trimmings

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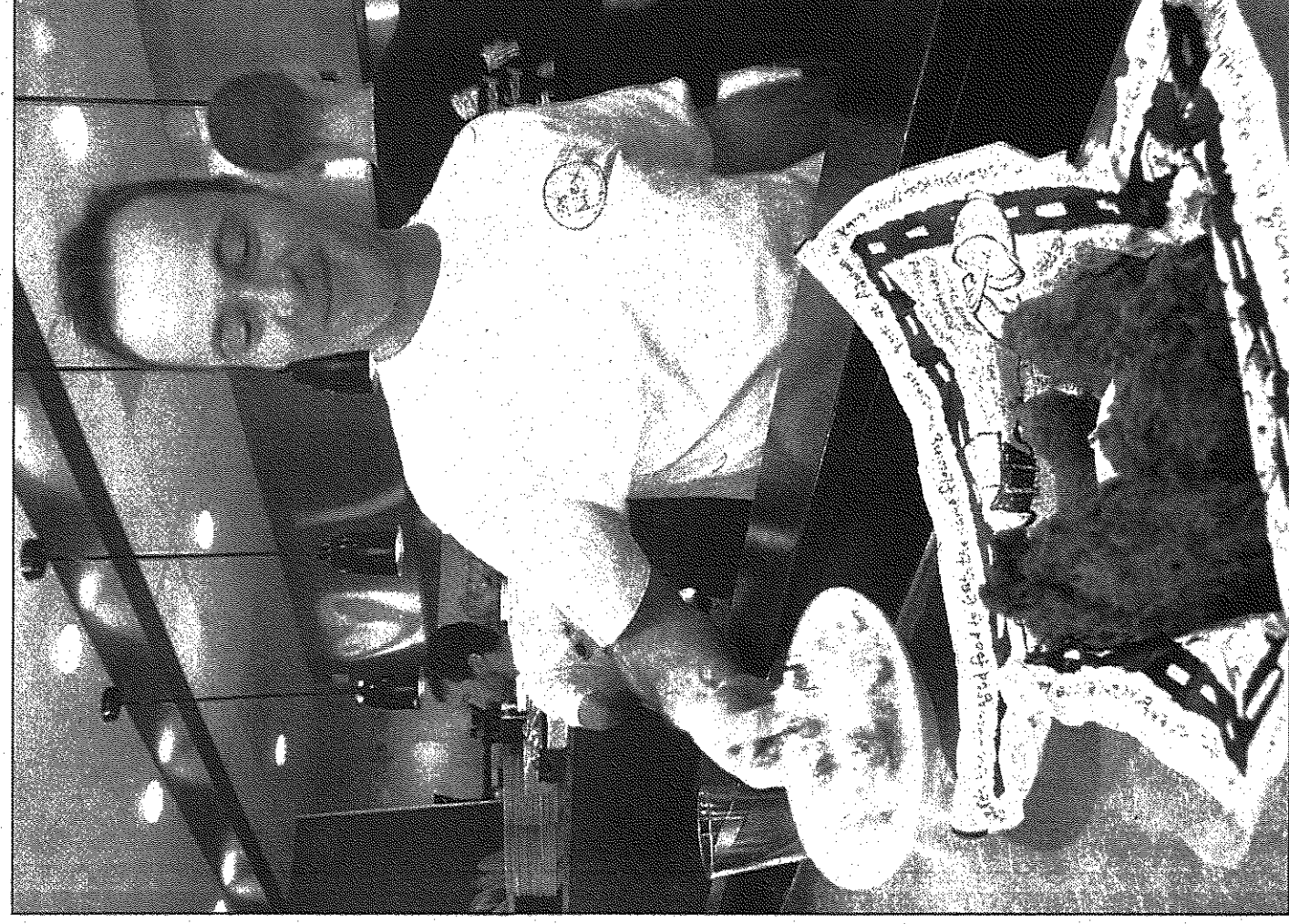
Where: 2501 Jackson Road (corner of W. Stadium in the Westgate Shopping Center), Ann Arbor (734) 663-3663.

Open: Seven days, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Food style: American food.

Cost: Main dishes, burgers and sandwiches under \$20. Kid's menu \$4.

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Chef Alex Young serves up mashed potatoes with roadhouse-style fried chicken.

Smoked Heritage Turkey with pumpkin, corn and rabbit succotash.

An all-American wine list appeals to a wine aficionado, both for the selection and pricing. Beverage Manager Allen Leibowitz has priced several expensive wines at slightly above retail. A good example is 1999 Joseph Phelps Insignia at \$135. Priced slightly below retail is the 1999 Niebaum Coppola Estate Cask Cabernet Sauvignon at \$68. A number of delicious wines are under \$30.

Desserts complete the Zingerman's Roadhouse experience. Complementing an autumn mood are Warm Apple Tart with Vanilla Gelato and Pecan Pie with freshly whipped cream.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, get out and eat American at Zingerman's Roadhouse. It's worth the drive!

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Music

Parisian singer adds flair to '60s and '70s standbys

Why would anyone want a CD of remade songs that were already good the first time around? Because Parisian singer Ilona Knopfler, who respects the integrity of each track, puts a different kind of excitement into her unexpected song choices.

Knopfler, whose jazzy style is reminiscent of Bonnie Raitt, recently released *Some Kind of Wonderful*, a CD that

includes songs such as Neil Sedaka's *Breaking Up is Hard To Do*, Ray Charles and Joe Cocker's *Unchain My Heart* and Van Morrison's *Moon Dance*.

Knopfler's a rapidly up-and-coming name in the jazz world. She debuted locally at the Detroit Jazz Festival, and performs occasionally in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak and other metro Detroit cities. Born in France, she lives in Paris and Atlanta, and got her start in Hong Kong, where she grew up.

BIG FISH, SMALL POND

"There I was big fish in a small pond because there aren't many singers in my genre in Japan," the singer said. "But then I moved back to France and it's different here, more challenging. Like Detroit, there's so much talent here. ... It's stimulating yet intimidating."

Mack Avenue Records recently signed the 27-year-old singer and permitted her to debut as a producer on the CD along with Tom Robinson.

"(They've) allowed me to use my passion for jazz to reinterpret the classic songs of another era," Knopfler said.

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music of the '60s must include at least one Beatles song: Knopfler chose the hit *Something*.

Knopfler grew up in a musical environment and hopes to give her young daughter the same creative atmosphere. She was singing professionally as a backup performer for a Hong Kong rock group by the time she was 15. That's when she also discovered music by Al Jarreau and Diane Shuur.

The worldly singer's experiences can be felt in her voice in the remake songs she chose for the CD.

"It's a very personal CD for me," she said. "I chose many of the songs, and some of the management and musicians chose the others. ... It was a big family effort."



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BY ELEANOR AND RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

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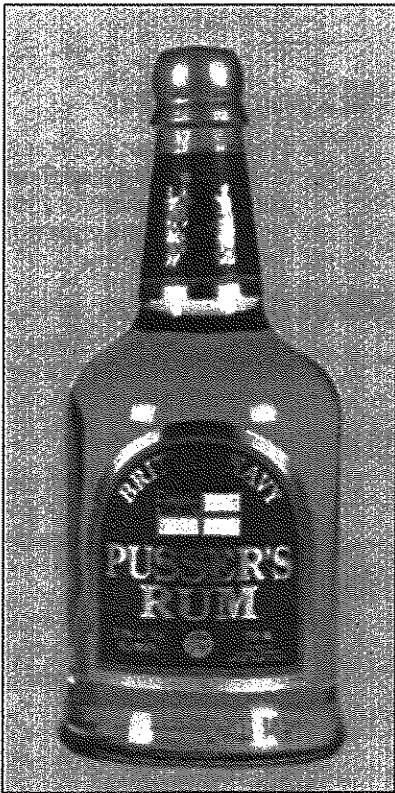
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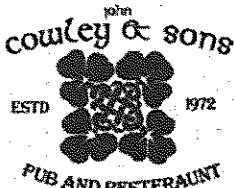
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Familiar shows full of spirit

BY LYNN ELBER
AP TELEVISION WRITER

It will be another ho-ho-humdrum holiday television season, just as it should be.

Reruns draw praise, not complaints, at this time of year. Give us Clarence the angel. Again. Give us Frosty the Snowman. Again. Give us Bing crooning *White Christmas* - or explain why not.

Warm, fuzzy and familiar is the way we like our holiday programming, and networks and cable channels aim to please.

Some highlights:

ANIMATION

Frosty the Snowman - 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28, CBS. Jimmy Durante narrates the tale of the heroic snowman pursued by evil Professor Hinkle on a North Pole rescue mission. Followed at 8:30 by *Frosty Returns*, with John Goodman as Frosty and narrated by Jonathan Winters.

A Charlie Brown Christmas - 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, ABC. Charlie Brown returns to uncover the meaning of Christmas with help from Linus in this evergreen 1965 Peanuts special.

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Saturday, Dec. 6, to 1 a.m., and 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday, Dec. 21, ABC Family. *The Little Drummer Boy* and *Frosty's Winter Wonderland* are included in this Rankin Bass Productions gift bag.

MOVIES

Miracle on 34th Street - 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 27, NBC. Kris Kringle moonlights at Macy's and then has to prove in court he isn't one reindeer short of a sleigh ride. Edmund Gwenn and Natalie Wood star.

Stealing Christmas - 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, USA Network. Tony Danza and Lea Thompson star in the tale of a burglar on the run who is mistaken for a rent-a-Santa in a small town.

It's a Very Merry Muppet Christmas Movie - 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, NBC. Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy share personal space with Whoopi Goldberg and Joan Cusack in a cameo-filled homage to holiday films.

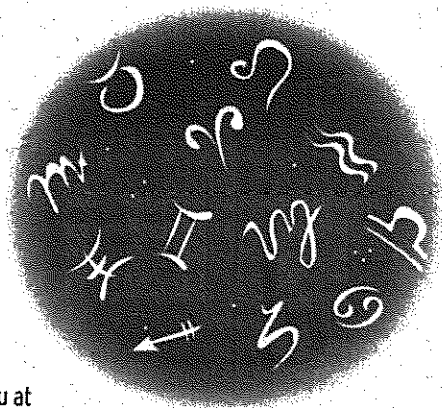
The Wizard of Oz - 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, WB. The holiday connection may be tenuous, but who can complain about hearing Judy Garland sing about the rainbow one more time?

Horoscope



Star Struck

(Nov. 27-Nov. 29)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

If you let your fears get the best of you at this time, you'll find yourself paralyzed. Whatever your suspicions, there's no great conspiracy with you as the target. On the contrary, you've never been more respected. Lighten up - you've played it "safe" long enough!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

It's now or never for a change you've been considering, Bull. It may be a drastic change or simply a gesture - either way, it must enhance your life and free you from some ongoing restrictions. Just make sure that your decision is based on logic and common sense.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

If partners or colleagues try to stop you from following your dreams at this time, you're obviously on the right track. The more they don't want you to pursue a certain course of action, the more likely it is that it's the right thing to do. Are they afraid you'll succeed?

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You want to break out of a rut, but you're too scared because you fear insecurity, right? You can't go on like this forever. It's time to decide whether to stay with what you trust or risk everything on something new. Think conservatively and carefully now, Crab!

LEO (July 24-Aug 23)

A family or authority figure may spring a surprise now so you may have to rearrange your plans. Since the surprise is likely to benefit you in the long term, don't let resentment inhibit its development. Think positively and laterally; don't groan or go ballistic.

VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23)

You may think that you're a free thinker, but you follow the crowd more often than not. At this time, however, something will happen that compels you to ask serious questions about the values you take for granted. The answers will surprise you.

LIBRA (Sept 24-Oct 23)

Don't fret about falling-outs with others because disagreements are inevitable. Worry instead about giving the impression that you're too easygoing or easily manipulated. Every now and then, it's a good idea to remind others that you can bite as well as balance.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

Your way with words and with people often gets you what you want, but you'll have to do more to satisfy your desires at this time. For everything you want, you'll have to give something of value in return. (Happy belated birthday, huh?)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

You pride yourself on being jovial and able to control your emotions, but with the sun and assertive Mars united now, it won't be simple - especially at home, where everything others say and do seems to annoy you lately. Keep an open mind and mouth.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)

Because you resist change most of the time, you sometimes overcompensate and go to extremes. On the financial front, especially, you'll be tempted to destroy what you've made and start again from scratch. Try to steer a more moderate course, Sea Goat.

AQUARIUS (Jan 22-Feb 19)

If something you've been working on seems to be falling apart at this time, don't try to salvage it - help it fall apart faster! Common sense should tell you that the situation was dubious or doomed from the get-go, so learn what you can and move forward.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20)

You've had your fill of people trying to burst your bubble and drag you down lately, Fish. Now you're going to do what makes you happy, whether others approve or not. Life's too short to worry about what others think, so follow your instincts.

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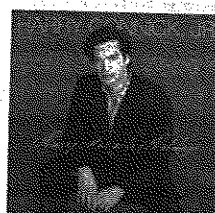
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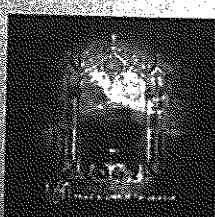


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Last chance to experience body art exhibit

If your stomach has post-Thanksgiving ache, consider shifting the body focus to something a little more cerebral this weekend.

Transfigurations: The Body in 20th Century Art, an exhibit of selected works from Cranbrook Art Museum's permanent collection, runs through Sunday.

The show, which takes place at the Bloomfield Hills museum, traverses the many ways in which artists have translated and transformed the human subject. It also explores issues of identity, gender and race – hot topics in contemporary art.

The paintings, sculpture, photography, prints and video presented span 1900 to 1999. Among the 20 artists represented are Jean Dubuffet, Eric Fischl, Magdalena Abakanowicz, Gilbert & George, Antony Gormley, Tony Oursler and Willem de Kooning.

Representational strategies include allegorical realism, symbolic abstraction and use of the body as a vehicle for performance.

Now, if all that sounds a little heavy for your chock-full tummy, consider visiting the art museum, anyway.

HAPPENINGS

On Saturday, Reg Pettibone, a member of the Ho-Chuck Nation, is set to perform traditional American-Indian dance, song and narration at 2 p.m. So you can check out *Transfigurations* first or keep the holiday

LAST CHANCE

What: 'Transfigurations: The Body in 20th Century Art.'

When: Through Sunday. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Saturday-Sunday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

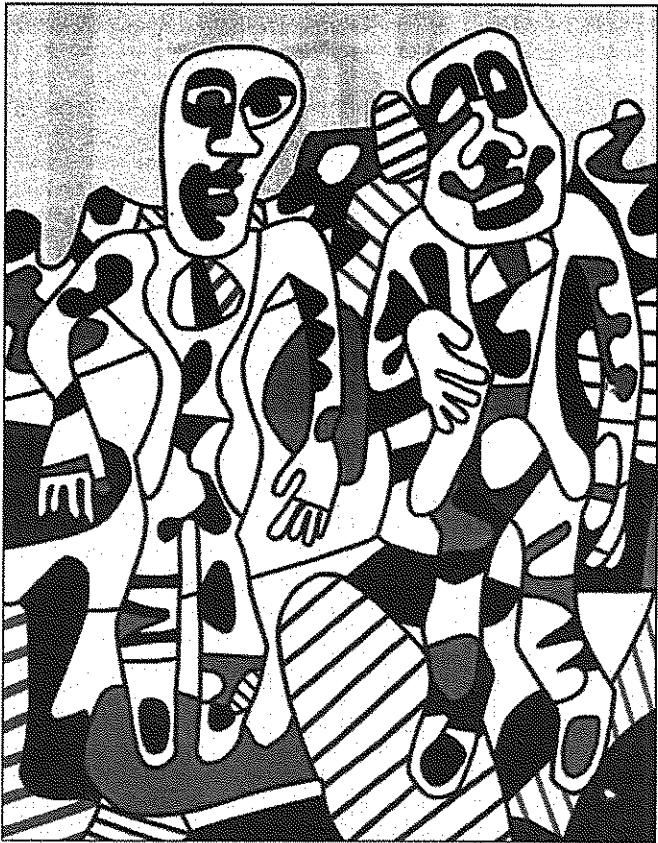
Where: Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Tickets: Members, free, general admission, \$6, seniors, teens, and full-time students, \$4, children 12 and under, free with adult admission, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or (877) 462-7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

vibe happening and head straight to *Walk into My Teepee*.

Pettibone is well known in Michigan for his authentic performances of traditional American-Indian cultural forms. His wife Marca participates in the program, which incorporate audience participation through an artist-led discussion about the significance of each performed dance.

Now, where's that turkey sandwich?



CRANBROOK ART MUSEUM

'Promenade adieu,' 1974, by Jean Dubuffet is among the pieces exhibited in 'Transfigurations: The Body In 20th Century Art' at Cranbrook Art Museum.

AT THE GALLERIES

Shop for a special gift, or just see things from a different perspective at local galleries and art centers.

RECEPTIONS

Livonia Arts Commission

Jonathan McDuffie, mixed media, fine arts gallery, second floor, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, east of Farmington Road, reception 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6. Also on display collectibles and miniatures, Dec. 2-29. In the Livonia City Hall Lobby, 33000 Divic Center Dr., Winter Scenes of Livonia.

Revolution Gallery

Ken Fandell, *ever, ever and ever (almost)*, video, video stills and sculpture, and Jim Melchert, Recent work, eight wall pieces that are at once drawing, tile and sculpture, Dec. 3 to Jan. 10. Opening reception 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, 23257 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 541-3444, www.revolutn.com

Lawrence Street Gallery

Celebrate Clay, Dec. 2-26, opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 22620 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, second block south of Nine Mile Road, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Washington Street Gallery

Lynda Cole - *Silver and Water*, Dec. 2-24, opening reception 7-10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, 120 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-2287, www.wsg-art.com

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

Cass Cafe

Kathryn Brackett Luchs, Pyrogenic, graphic abstractions, Dec. 6 to Feb. 28, opening reception 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 4620 Cass, Detroit, (313) 831-1400.

Ford Gallery

Todd Marsee, recent paintings, Dec. 8-12, opening reception 5-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, Eastern Michigan University campus, Ypsilanti, (734) 765-9392.

ART SHOWS/FAIRS

Ann Arbor Art Center

Community Pottery Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Art Factory, 220 Felch St., Ann Arbor, (734) 662-3010.

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. Patrons will have "first pick" of the artists' merchandise offered at 10 percent discount. Preview tickets \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door, \$100 for patrons. Portion of ticket price is tax-deductible. 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 Saturday, Dec. 6 and 13, children can participate in

several fun workshops. Call (248) 644-0866 for pre-view tickets, information about the shop, or to register your child in a workshop.

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.

Lapeer Art Association

Christmas show featuring ornaments, weavings, quilts, and other items created by local artists, open house Sunday, Dec. 7, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 13-21, Farnsworth Gallery, 241 Daly Road, 1/2 mile east of M-24, 2 1/2 miles north of Lapeer, (810) 667-3632.

ONGOING GALLERY EXHIBITS

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Tribute to Henry Moore, sculpture by Ken Thompson and a Pewabic Pottery exhibition and sale runs to Dec. 23, 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

Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery

Four Perspectives on Landscape featuring Laurie Schirmer, Martha Keller, Nora Venturelli and Bev Walker through Dec. 12, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Dr., Ann Arbor, (734) 930-7514, www.avemariaa.com

Susanne Hilberry Gallery

Works by Joel Shapiro, *Off the Wall*, through Jan. 24, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700.

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Heffe 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

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.

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center

A Christmas Carol, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, presented by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan, \$24 to \$30, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, (313) 943-2354, www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Meadow Brook Theatre

A Christmas Carol, Nov. 28 to Dec. 21, campus of Oakland University, call (248) 377-3300 or Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666.

The Masonic Temple Theatre

The Producers, the new Mel Brooks musical, Dec. 2 to Jan. 11 with Bob Amaral in the role of producer Max Bialystock, \$27.50 to \$75, (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000, www.nederlanderdetroit.com

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Nobody's Gilgul by Lois Roisman opens for previews Dec. 3 continues to Jan. 4, Aaron DeRoy Theatre, 6600 W. Maple, corner of Drake, West Bloomfield, \$20 to \$32, discounts for seniors/students, (248) 788-2900.

DINNER THEATER

Genitti's Hole-in-the wall

My Big Fat Michigan Holiday, dinner and

show, every evening, Saturday Nov. 29 to Wednesday, Dec. 31, \$45; Children's theater, *Yap, Yammer and Yelp*, interactive lunch theater, Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 30 to Dec. 28, \$12.95 children, \$14.95 adults, 108 E. Main, Northville, (248) 349-0522, www.genittis.com

COMMUNITY THEATER

Farmington Players

On Golden Pond by Ernest Thompson 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday and Dec. 7; 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 4-6; Farmington Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, \$13, (248) 553-2955.

Players Guild of Dearborn

Chicago, musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, 21730 Madison, corner of Monroe & Outer Dr., \$14, reserved, (313) 561-TKTS.

P.T.D. Productions

Bell, Book and Candle by John Van Druten, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 27-29 and Dec. 4-6, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, Riverside Arts Center, 76 N. Huron St., downtown Ypsilanti, \$15, (734) 483-7345.

Rosedale Community Players

The Clown Who Ran Away, a holiday

show for the whole family, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14, Upstage Theatre, 21728 Grand Rive, 1/4 block east of Lahser Road, Detroit, \$10 adults, \$5 children, (313) 532-4010.

Broadway Studio Theatre

Scrooge Tells All, a new one-man adaptation of A Christmas Carol featuring Royal Shakespeare Company actor John Kane, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 1515 Broadway, Detroit, \$15 & \$8, (313) 965-1515.

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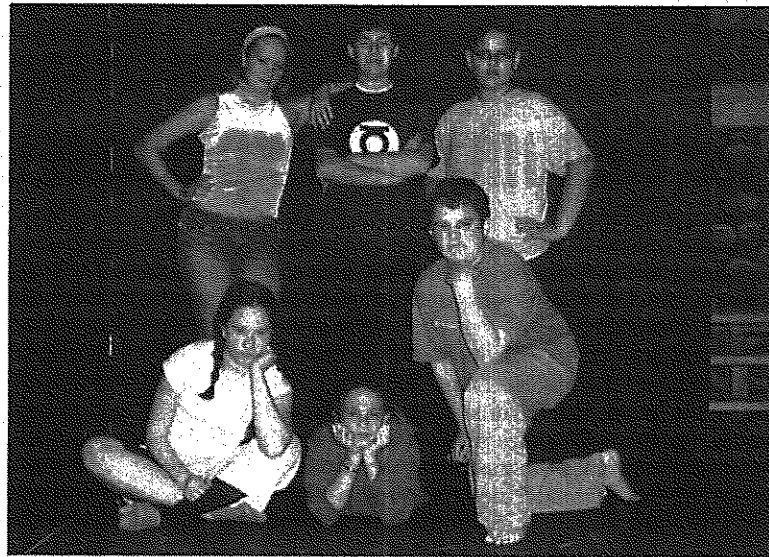
David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross* opens 8 p.m. Friday continues in rotating repertoire to Jan. 31, 4743 Cass, Wayne State University campus, Detroit, \$12 to \$20, (313) 577-2972.

Eastern Michigan University

The Secret Garden, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 4-6, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, 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.



Tangerine Trousers with special guest Annie Capps, will play their acoustic music 8 p.m. Friday on the Trinity House Theatre stage. They describe their sound as 'FolkRockoustic,' a combination of folk, blues, country, jazz, pop, rock, gospel and even African music. Tickets \$10, \$7 for theatre members, call (734) 464-6302. Trinity House Theatre is at 38840 W. Six Mile Road between Haggerty and I-275 in Livonia.



Bridget Leary (back row, left), Benjamin Stoltman, Jacob Bartholoma, Rachel Sussman (bottom row, left), Kaitlin Liroff and Daniel Pagoda are the 'horrible' Herdmans in the Oakland Theatre Guild production of 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever,' Nov. 28 to Dec. 21 in the Starlight Theatre, Summit Place Mall, Telegraph at Elizabeth Lake Road in Waterford. Shows 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 4 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets \$13 adults, \$10 seniors, children under 12. Call (248) 335-1788 to order tickets or online at www.starlighttheater.net.

Bonstelle Theatre

It's a Wonderful Life, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 5-6, Dec. 12-13, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, 3424 Woodward Ave., corner of Eliot, Detroit, \$10 adults, \$8 seniors/students, (313) 577-2960.

YOUTH

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.

Children's only holiday shop

From Dec. 1-6, children ages 3 to 11 will be assisted by teen and adult volunteers as they shop for gifts that range in price from \$1 to \$10, including tax. For more information, contact the Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham, (248) 644-5832.

Anderson Theatre

The Flight Fantastic in collaboration with Henry Ford Museum, presented by September Productions, December 6 - 7, 13 - 14, 20 - 21 and 27 - 30, 2:30 p.m. \$8 adults, \$7 children, For reservations, call (313) 982-6001.

Theatre Livonia

Christmas Magic & A Charlie Brown Christmas, Nov. 29-30, Dec. 6-7, Dec. 13-14, Dec. 20-21, lunch at noon show at 1 p.m. on Saturday, lunch at 1 p.m. show 2 p.m. Sunday, lunch & show \$10, show only \$7, Livonia Mall, 29514 Middlebelt at 7 Mile Road, use G entrance, (586) 344-7774.

Multicultural Soup

Folk tales from around the world, a presentation for young audiences, Nov. 28 to Dec. 7 in Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Center, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn, performances 7 p.m. Friday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, \$7 adults, \$4 children under 16, (313) 845-6475.

AUDITIONS

Farmington Hills Youth Theatre

Students in grades 6-12 for *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, Costick Activities Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. Doors open 6 p.m. students will be taught a song to sing and will be expected to read a few lines from script. Anyone selected to participate will need to pay a \$115 registration fee, parent meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, show dates Jan. 30-31, (734) 473-1857.

Stage Combat Workshops

To prepare those interested in auditioning for *The Miracle Worker*, 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 and Wednesday, Dec. 3, auditions 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, for children, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, for adults, performance dates Feb. 29, March 3-7, March 11-13. Workshops/auditions at the theater, 315 Fisher Road, Grosse Pointe, call for reservations/information Mary Lou Britton (586) 779-8974 or Ann Foglesong (313) 885-6650.

Spotlight Players

Formerly Plymouth Theatre Guild, auditions for *Steel Magnolias* by Robert Harling, 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Dec. 15-16, Arts 1 Room in the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Roles for six women, age 20 and older. Call (248) 701-1780 for information. All shows will be dinner theater performances, www.spotlightplayers.net

Youth Dream Choir

A multi-cultural musical escape for students in grades 4-8, auditions by appointment only, Dec. 15-17, Baldwin Library, 300 W. Merrill, Birmingham, rehearse 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays beginning in January at First Presbyterian Church, Birmingham. Call (313) 341-0448 or (248) 219-7644 for appointment, tuition/scholarship information, or email information@projectdaydream.com

DANCE

Ballroom Dancing

Moondusters will host ballroom dancing to live bands, featuring popular swing, fox trot, waltz, cha-cha and other Latin 8:30-11:30 p.m. every Saturday \$6. Dressy attire. Singles and married. Meet at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road and Five Mile, Livonia. Ballroom dance lessons 7-8 p.m. Saturday, call Joe (248) 968-5197.

Scottish Country Dance

Lessons 7 p.m. Thursday, Madison Heights, United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile Road, \$4, first night free, no partner required, (248) 637-2824.

English and Scottish Country Dancing

Alisa Dodson and Carol Jacobs lead English country dancing to live music by David West on piano and Donna Baird on fiddle, instruction 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2, evening ends with an hour of favorite dances, Chapel Hill Clubhouse, 3350 Green Road, (3/4 mile north of Plymouth Road), \$6, (734) 422-1170; Catherine Graham leads jigs and reels for intermediate Scottish country dancers, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, The Barn at Gretchen's House, 2625 Traver Blvd., \$3, (734) 769-4324, (734) 426-0241.

Sangria/Sky Club

Salsa night with DJ, Wednesday-Thursday, free salsa lessons at 8:30 p.m., 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964, \$5 cover, 21 and over, www.salsadetroit.com

Heat

Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, DJ, free salsa lessons at 8:30 p.m. Friday, 2 N. Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 756-4821, \$7 cover, 18 and over, www.salsa.Detroit.com

Half Past Three

Latin night with DJ, free salsa lessons 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Grand River Avenue, two blocks east of Motor City Casino, Detroit, \$8 cover, 21 and over, (313) 304-8953, www.salsadetroit.com

COMEDY

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Horace H.B. Sanders, grand prize champion of CBS's Star Search with Jason Douglas, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com. Next week, Dan Grueter.

Second City Detroit

Ten, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday (\$15), 7:30 p.m. & 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday (\$20); Best of the Second City Touring Company 7 p.m. Sunday, (\$12), 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 965-2222. Dinner show packages available. Call for information.

CLASSICAL/POP

DSO

From the New World, Ives/Schuman, *Variations on America*, Busoni's *Indian Fantasy*, Dvorak's, Symphony No. 9, *From the New World*, 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday; The Max, 3711 Woodward Ave.,

www.hometownlife.com



Jane's Addiction, one of modern rock's most influential bands, will play with Marilyn Manson, at the Palace, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27. Tickets \$40, call (248) 645-6666.

Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.org

Cranbrook Music Guild

Polina Khatsko, piano 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2 in the Sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Road, on the southwest corner of Cranbrook Road, Bloomfield Hills. Khatsko is the Cranbrook Music Guild Betty Brewster Scholar, and was chosen for this honor by the faculty at the University of Michigan School of Music. Her program includes Piano Sonata No. 31 in A flat major, Op. 110, by Beethoven; Piano Sonata in B flat minor, by Bily Balakirev; and Piano Sonata No. 8 in B flat major, Op. 84 by Sergei Prokofiev. Afterglow in the Guild Hall. Tickets \$30 at the door; student tickets \$15. For more information, or to reserve tickets, call (248) 644-6352.

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, Bergen Woodwind Quintet with Orli Shaham on piano. Tickets may be purchased by calling the CMS of Detroit (248) 855-6070.

FOLK/WORLD/COUNTRY

Miranda Stone

With Ryan Adcock, 8 p.m. Saturday, Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, \$10, \$7 theater members, (734) 464-6302.

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

The Ark

Matt Watroba's annual Friday after Thanksgiving concert with Joe Jenck, 8 p.m. Friday; the Mr. B Trio, with Mr. B on piano, George Bedard, guitar and Nick Lloyd, bass, 8 p.m. Saturday; Gemini, family show, 1 p.m. & 3 p.m. Sunday, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor, (734) 763-8587, www.a2ark.org

JAZZ/BLUES/MOTOWN

Ron's Fireside Inn

Judie Cochill, vocals with Jerry McKenzie, drums, 7:30-11 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3; 28937 Warren, Garden City, \$5 cover with dinner, \$10 cover without dinner and two-drink minimum, reservations recommended. Dec. 10, Larry Nozero, reeds; Dec. 17, Barbara Ware, vocals, (734) 762-7756.

Wood-Ruffs Supper Club

Bob Mervak Trio 6-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Tropidelic 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Vanessa Johnson 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, 212 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, (248) 586-1519, www.wood-ruffs.com

Brad Shepik Trio
Brad Shepik, guitar; Tom Rainey, drums and John Herbert, bass perform works from their new CD, *Drip* 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4 Kerrytown Concert House, 415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, \$30, \$20 & \$15, (734) 769-2999

Mocha's Coffee Bar and Cafe

Classic tunes of saxophonist Alan Posner



Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, presents Heywood Banks, 7 p.m. & 9:30 p.m. Friday, 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Saturday, 7 p.m. Sunday. For tickets and information call (734) 996-9080.

and keyboardist, Justin Wedes, 8-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12; 6343 Haggerty Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 669-7400.

Edison's

Tall Cool One, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday; John D. Lamb, 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Bakers Keyboard Lounge

Detroit Women in R&B perform their Blues to Gospel Brunch 1-3 p.m. Sunday, \$20 including brunch, 20510 Eight Mile Road, corner of Livernois, Detroit, (248) 366-0027 or www.katehartblues.com

ROCK

Silky's Martini & Musical Cafe

Ted Lamont (acoustic rock) Thursday, William Wyatt Band (rock) Friday, Desire (Motown), Saturday, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., 21931 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$5 cover week-ends after 8:30 p.m., (313) 565-6278, www.silkylounge.com

St. Andrew's Hall

Rufus Wainwright and his band, doors open 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, \$23 in advance, \$25 door, (248) 645-6666, www.rufuswainwright.com

At the Palace

John Mayer with the Thorns, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, \$35.50; Aerosmith/Kiss 7 p.m. Sunday, \$150, \$89.50, \$55, (248) 645-6666.

NUTCRACKER BALLET

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

With the Plymouth-Canton Ballet and Plymouth Educational Park Madrigal Singers, 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Salem High School auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton, \$18 adults, \$10 children. Sugar Plum Tea in cafeteria after performance. Tea tickets \$5, (734) 451-2112 or www.plymouthsymphony.org

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS/CONCERTS

Tree lighting/Rochester

Kick off your holiday shopping in downtown Rochester 6-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 with the annual Lagniappe Festival and Tree Lighting Ceremony, Depot Plaza on University, one block east of Main Street. Shopper discounts, strolling caroloers, free horse-drawn carriage rides, (248) 656-0060, www.downtownrochestermi.com

Kathleen Battle

Concert of classical favorites, caroles and spirituals, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, The Max, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.org

Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra

Celebrates the holiday spirit, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Crisler Arena, 333 E. Stadium, Ann Arbor. The University Singers of California State University, Fullerton and baritone Stephen Salters will be featured. \$60, \$50, \$35, \$30, \$18, (734) 764-2538, (800) 221-1229.

'Messiah'

Presented by the University Musical Society 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Michigan Theatre, 603 E.

Liberty St., Ann Arbor. \$24, \$20, \$14, \$12, (734) 764-2538, (800) 221-1229, www.ums.org

Fort Street Choral

'Messiah' 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Fort Street Presbyterian Church, corner of Fort Street and Third, downtown Detroit, \$15, (313) 961-4533.

Madrigal Choral

Holiday music 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, Old St. Mary's Church, St. Antoine & Monroe, Greektown, Detroit, \$15 in advance, \$18 at door, (248) 650-3208.

Holiday Brass

Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings seasonal celebration 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, Christ Church Grosse Pointe, 61 Grosse Pointe Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, First Presbyterian Church Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple, \$25, \$19 for students, \$10 children 12 and under at the door, or (248) 559-2095. Also, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, Waterford Mott High School Auditorium, 1151 Scott Lake Road, \$15, seniors and Waterford Cultural Council Members \$10, (248) 623-9389.

Cantata Academy Choral

Magnificant & Messiah, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, St. Ambrose Catholic Church, 15020 Hampton St., Grosse Pointe Park and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13, First Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, \$15, students/seniors \$12.

Hope Holiday Musical Festival

Features Ortheia Barnes, Ron Coden, Phil Esser, Robert Jones, Matt Watroba, Josh White Jr., and others, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 7, North Rosedale Park Community House, 18445 Scarsdale, Detroit, \$25, (313) 494-5500.

Harry Connick Jr.

And his big band, *Harry for the Holidays*, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, Detroit Opera House, \$77, \$57, \$32, (248) 645-6666.

WJR Christmas Sing

Hosted by Paul W. Smith, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, Greenfield Village, in front of the clock tower, features Wayne Renaissance Barbershop Chorus and River's Edge Chorus, will be broadcast live on WJR 760 AM.

Duke Ellington Orchestra

Performs Ellington classics and holiday favorites 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave. at Greenfield, Dearborn, \$24 to \$30, (313) 943-2354, www.dearbornfordcenter.com

Birmingham Concert Band

A holiday celebration with the Oakland Singers Encore, 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, www.birmingham-concertband.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.

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Like a new parent of an adorable baby, Columbus, Ohio, is mighty proud of its brand new Arena District.

Born in 2000 on the northern edge of downtown, the area is growing faster than a toddler and offers more thrills than your typical 3-year-old.

The centerpiece of the District, Nationwide Arena, is home to the NHL Blue Jackets, who play host to the Red Wings on Thursday, March 11, and Wednesday, March 31, in Columbus. The designer arena has received oodles of praise from fans, sports writers and architectural reviewers alike. The fantastic structure of brick, marble, steel and glass rises above beautiful terrazzo floors with an open airy feel.

ICE, ICE BABY

For Detroit hockey fans, a trip to Columbus is the ideal way to catch a Wings game while providing yourself with a true escape from the everyday grind. Area hotels offer special packages that pair hockey tickets with accommodations, and particularly great rates are available for most midweek games.

Beyond hockey, the arena also plays host to every imaginable show or event, bringing in everything from the Rolling Stones to Bob the Builder Live. Most area hotel concierges can hook you up with those tickets as well.

The Hyatt Regency, Crowne Plaza Hotel and The Lofts Hotel are all just a short walk from the Arena and The Arena District. These three upscale properties offer a variety of accommodation styles,

IF YOU GO:

- Arena District - (614) 857-2358, www.arena-district.com,
- Hyatt Regency Hotel - (800) 233-1234, (614) 463-1234, www.hyatt.com
- The Lofts Hotel - (800) 73-LOFTS, (614) 461-2663, www.55lofts.com
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and all are deluxe but with very reasonable prices.

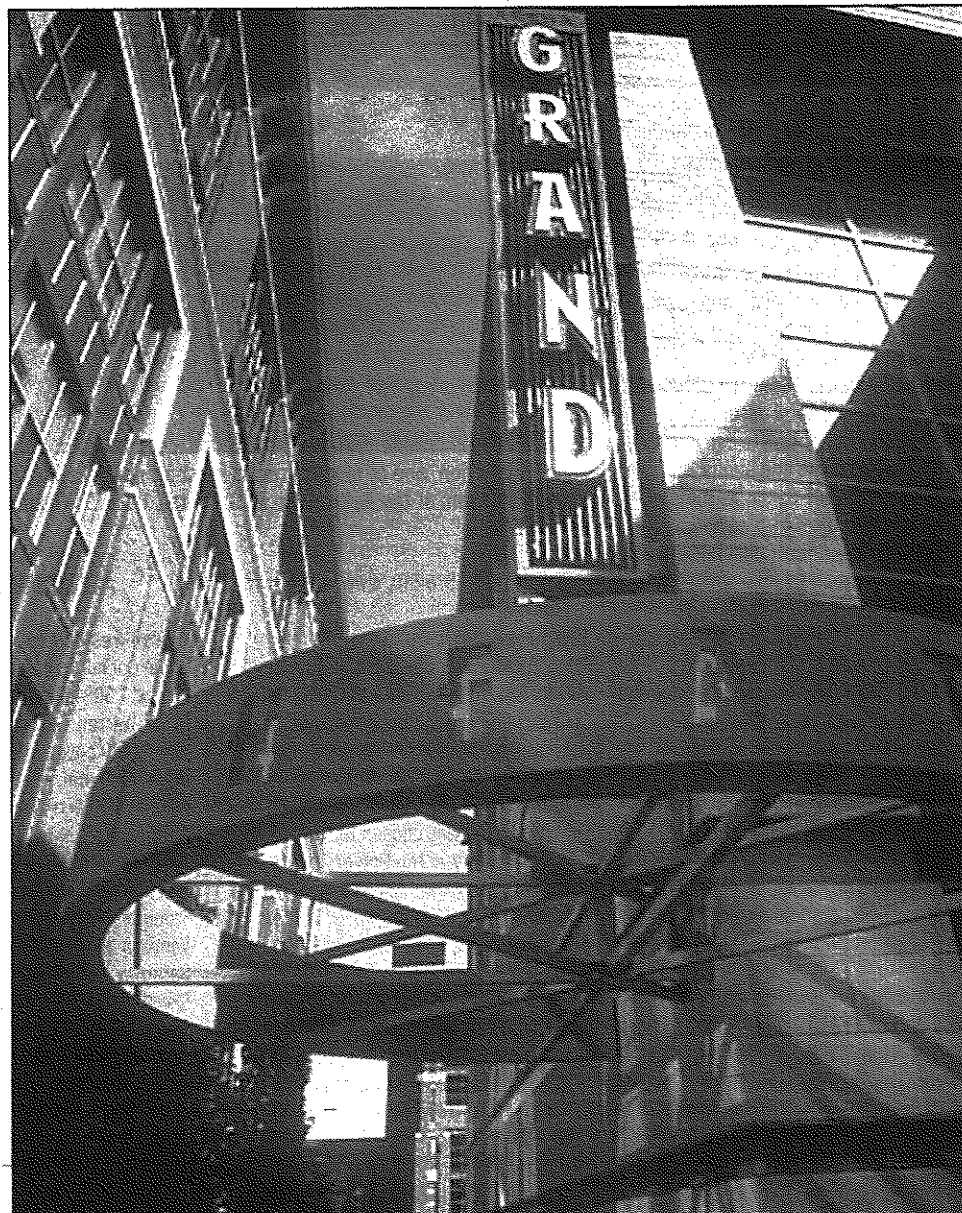
ROOM WITH A VIEW

The Lofts Hotel, however, is particularly unusual. This 44-room hotel is billed as a boutique property. And boutique it is. From its luxurious expensive Italian linens to the extravagance of Aveda shampoo and soap and even the best coffee, staying at The Lofts is a real treat.

Every room is different from the one next door. Suites are mammoth, yet "standard" rooms still offer far more space than most hotel accommodations. Developed in a renovated warehouse building that's listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, The Lofts hallways boast as much stylish design as the sleeping rooms do, where open ductwork, exposed brick and beams and a large bathroom is covered in tile from the New York Subway. Floor-to-ceiling windows offer great views of downtown and the bustling Arena District. A doting concierge and quiet, off-street entry add to the whole effect, which is very European.

NEVER-ENDING NIGHTLIFE

Just down the street from the hotels, the Arena District is home to more than a dozen restaurants and nightclubs and other diversions. O'Shaughnessy's Public House, an authentic Irish pub, offers traditional pub food with an upscale twist. Red Star Tavern is another popular spot with



The tri-level Arena Grand Theatre gives the term 'dinner and a movie' new meaning.

terrific food. After dinner, Ben & Jerry's is a sweet stop for a scoop of your favorite ice cream.

Another unique entertainment venue, PromoWest Pavilion is the only facility of its kind. PromoWest hosts all kinds of musical and entertainment events, with some notable act taking the stage nearly every night. The Pavilion is designed to transform from an indoor facility to an outdoor venue with lawn seating whenever the weather cooperates. Intimate space and great acoustics make this a fantastic place to take in a concert.

If checking out the local music scene is your thing, The Frog Bear & Wild Boar Bar (yes, that's actually its name) hosts the area's favorite bands every Thursday through Saturday. The lively nightclub boasts the city's longest happy hour, drink specials and overstuffed sandwiches.

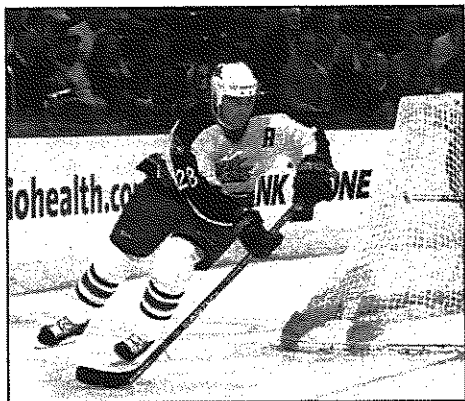
Also in the Arena District, one of the country's only independently owned theaters, gives the term "dinner and a movie" a new definition. The tri-level Arena Grand Theatre teams state-of-the-art sound and picture with incredible amenities and the personalized service of an old-

fashioned cinema experience. The café offers an amazing array of food and beverages, in addition to the usual cinema fare. For an extra \$3 you can watch the show from the luxury of red leather balcony seats. It's worth every penny.

TASTEFUL ART

Just two blocks north of the Arena District, Columbus' Short North arts district is home to block after block of unique shops, funky boutiques and upscale art galleries. And the vibrant North Market is well worth a visit, with its food stalls, fresh farm stands and hand-made treats. Do not miss visiting Pure Imagination Chocolates, where gifted chocolatier Daniel Cooper's hand-crafted confections are a work of art; as breathtaking to look at as they are to savor.

Certainly a visit to Ohio's capital city offers travelers plenty to savor. Whether a family of hockey fans is looking for a fun-filled, affordable getaway, or a couple is seeking a quiet romantic escape, Columbus's Arena District offers plenty of places to play.



On March 11 and March 31, the Blue Jackets will face off against the Detroit Red Wings at Nationwide Arena.

Pure Picks Album

Let's just get to the facts: In 1970, music mega-producer, rumored genius, off-gun-toting brute and eventual murder suspect Phil Spector took some songs the Beatles wrote for a defunct television documentary project and buried them in the same grandiose orchestrations and sound effect nonsense that had made him the golden boy of popular music and creator of the so-called "Wall of Sound."

This sugar-coated collection of songs eventually hit No. 1 on music charts as the album *Let It Be*.

That Spector, upon hearing such raw and honest melodies like *I Me Mine*, *Don't Let Me Down* and *Dig a Pony*, still felt cause to encase them in his own syrup-laden cocoon is distressing enough. But the fact it took more than 30 years to pare them down to their original versions with the newly released album, *Let It Be ... Naked*, is downright ludicrous.

Still, better late than never: Hear *The Long and Winding Road* as a simple, lovely melody instead of bloated ballad. Hear the title track as a quiet piano ditty and an ode to Paul McCartney's mother, Mary (no, the song does not refer to the Virgin Mother Mary), whispering her words of wisdom.

In other words, hear the album the way the Beatles intended it to sound.

Because ultimately what Spector's major mistake was is this: He tampered with what was, at heart, the Beatles' only true rock 'n' roll album. Pure, stripped-down and hard, it speaks of a band at the twilight of its existence, coming to terms with the crumbling friendships of its members and the violent, chaotic maze that was the late 1960s.

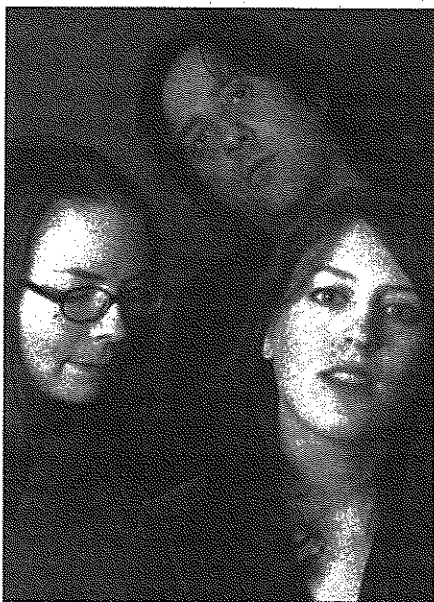
But proceed with caution: This album is for hard-core Beatles fans only. Casual fans need not lend an ear. That's because only dedicated fans will be able to appreciate the subtle differences on these songs; others will complain the album is too much like the original and feel cheated it doesn't contain more material.

Let It Be ... Naked is available at most music stores now. It comes as a two disc set; an additional disc offers snippets from the band's 1969 studio rehearsals.

Concert

Witches' frontman and raspy-voiced purveyor of the unique and macabre **Troy Gregory** has begun hitting the local concert circuit again in promotion of his new solo effort, *Laura* (due in January). With sweet-voiced and hard-rocking songstresses **Noelle Christine** (lately of the promising band Alphabet) and **Teri Williams** backing him as the Heavy Friends, he'll invade the Detroit Art Space Friday for a show that's guaranteed to jar you from your hazy shade of after-Thanksgiving food coma.

Hand it to Gregory's habit of pairing impossibly catchy melodies with sometimes serious, sometimes absurd, sometimes dark and almost-always surreal lyrics. A consistently entertaining performer, Gregory's pop/rock/punk/sonic hallucinogenic sound offers that can't-put-your-finger-on-it something that keeps the local rock scene interesting. With special guest Jolie Rouge. Doors open at 9 p.m.; bands go on at 10 p.m. All ages; tickets are \$5. The Detroit Art Space is located at 101 E. Baltimore, just south of Grand Boulevard, between Woodward and John R. For information on Gregory, visit www.fallofhome.com



Film

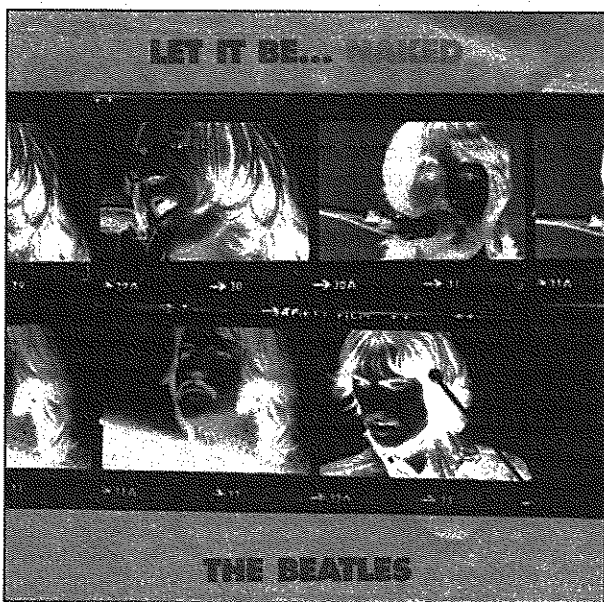
My precioussssss: *The Lord of Rings'* first two installments, *The Fellowship of the Ring* and *The Two Towers*, will revisit the big screen with an extra 40 minutes of footage. As true members of the fellowship have already found out with the special edition DVDs, those extra scenes provide insight and meaning into the relationships between the inhabitants of Middle Earth.

The extended versions will play at the Star Southfield; *The Fellowship of the Ring* will play the week of Dec. 5, and *The Two Towers* will be from Dec. 12-15. For show times, call (248) 372-2222.

Is there something you want considered? To submit information on local entertainment or other ideas to be featured in this space, e-mail stardy@oe.homecomm.net.

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Family fun

Historic firehouse museum gets new digs

Intrigued by firefighters and all their toys?

Now, there are more trucks and gadgets to see at the Michigan Firehouse Museum in Ypsilanti.

Located in a historic 1898 firehouse, the museum recently revealed an additional 10,000 square feet of display space.

And that means, to put it simply, more big, red, old-fashioned fire engines.

"It's very exciting. It's very red," said Maura Overland, director of development and programming at the firehouse, which was used by the city of Ypsilanti until 1975.

In total, 17 firefighting vehicles as old as 117 years old and as new as 35 years old currently grace the museum floor.

The crowd favorite is a 1908 Ahrens steamer, a horse-drawn apparatus with a boiler that was used to generate a water pump.

"It's on loan to us by the Detroit Historical Museum," said Overland. "We've been able to borrow pieces of equipment from other collections because we now have the room."

Another crowd-pleaser, a 1960s 100-foot aerial ladder truck, came from Kalamazoo. There's even a small fire chief

FIREHOUSE ROCK

What: Michigan Firehouse Museum.

Where: 110 West Cross St., Ypsilanti.

Open: 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, 2-5 p.m. Sunday or by appointment.

Admission: Family pass, \$5, adult, \$3, seniors and students, \$2, children age 6 and up, \$1.50, otherwise kids are free, call (734) 547-0663.

truck – about the size of a go-cart – in which children can sit and play firefighter.

"We do have some gear that they can try on, as well, and we also allow children to ring a fire bell and turn on and off a signal light," said Overland.

FOCUS

The Michigan Firehouse Museum was founded in 1998 and opened its doors to the public in 1999. Its focus is the history of firefighting in Michigan and education on fire safety and prevention. The muse-

um's total size is now about 12,000 square feet.

"But it's not just fire trucks that we have," Overland said of the museum's draw. Plenty of antique fire-fighting equipment, from extinguishers to bells to ladders to helmets, round out museum offerings. There's also the firehouse's two brass fire poles, which are always a hit with visitors, young and old.

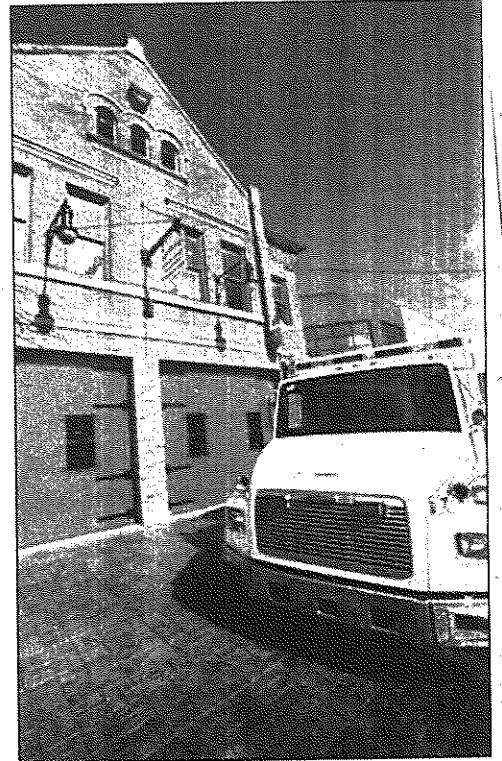
Currently running is an exhibit that chronicles the 1871 fires in Michigan, which happened just days after the more notorious Chicago fires of the same year.

"It's interesting, the fires in Michigan were more damaging, but the Chicago fires are the ones that are remembered," said Overland.

The exhibit is set to run through the end of the year and is on loan from the Holland Historical Museum.

About 4,200 people visited the museum in 2002, but attendance figures have doubled since the addition.

Although plenty of young ladies take a liking to the firehouse atmosphere, the museum is ideally suited for a father-and-son outing, Overland said, adding, "Yeah, I would have to say we probably get more little boys than girls."



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Thursday, Dec. 4th-Education Resources

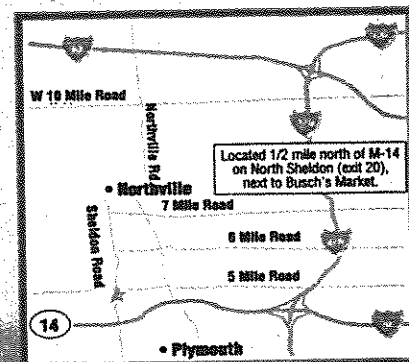
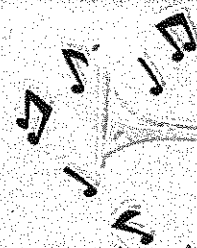
Friday, Dec. 5th-Preaching, Worship & Lectionary Resources Tim Cochrane from Collegiate Cap & Gown will be able to answer your robe questions

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World music

Tenors bring bit of Scotland to Beverly Hills

Celebrate St. Andrew's Day today with tea and a concert featuring Jamie MacDougall, Ivan Sharpe, and Alan Beck — three tenors from Caledon, Scotland — at Birmingham Groves High School.

The tenors shot to fame with their upbeat version of *Flower of Scotland*, which rocked Scotland's National Stadium, Hampden Park, prior to the Scotland vs. German football match in June.

MacDougall, Sharpe and Beck are classically trained singers who have performed to sold-out audiences at the Edinburgh International Festival and New York Tartan Day celebrations. Michael Barnett is their musical director and accompanist.

Universal Records recently licensed Caledon's version of *Flower of Scotland* for inclusion on the 2003 World Cup CD.

They recently released their debut single *I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)/Caledonia*, which they performed on *BBC's Children in Need*.

Caledon will soon perform for Jack McConnell, the First

TEA AND TENORS

When: 3 p.m. Sunday
Where: Birmingham Groves High School, corner of 13 Mile Road and Evergreen, Beverly Hills.
Tickets: \$28, available at the door, or in advance, call (248) 333-3176.

Minister of Scotland, and in January for Kofi Annan, secretary general of the United Nations.

Sunday's concert also features the St. Andrew's Society of Detroit Pipe Band led by Pipe Major David Martin; St. Andrew's Royal Scottish Honor Guard and the Scottish Arts Scholarship Dancers.

Tea and sweet treats will be served after the concert. Event proceeds benefit the William H. Kincaid Scottish Arts Scholarship Awards.



Caledon, Scotland's Tenors are Jamie MacDougall (left), Ivan Sharpe and Alan Beck.

UMS offers intimate chance to understand Arabic music

He's been called one of the world's greatest musicians by *The Village Voice*. He's a master at oud and violin who fuses classical Arabic music with jazz and Latin to create a global sound that's attracting audiences worldwide.

Simon Shaheen, and his band Qantara, which is an Arabic word for bridge, are becoming known throughout the world for fusing Arabic sounds with jazz to create something completely new.

Shaheen's latest album, *Blue Flame*, represents his latest explorations in the world of music making.

Shaheen, a Palestinian American, is partnering with the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services in Dearborn, and University Musical Society in Ann Arbor, to present a variety of programs for musicians and people who want to learn more about Arabic music. A highlight is the Jan. 31 premiere of his new work at the Michigan Theatre in Ann Arbor.

SIMON SHAHEEN

What: A residency program with master Arabic musician Simon Shaheen who is hosting music workshops, demonstrations and lessons.
For information visit: www.ums.org

ARABIC MUSIC RETREAT

Advanced and accomplished/professional musicians and student musicians who are interested in Arabic music are encouraged to attend the Dearborn Arabic Music Retreat Dec. 4-7 at the Fairlane Holiday Inn in Dearborn. Shaheen will discuss Arabic music performance, ear training, theory, and history during the event, which is expected to draw Arabic musicians from across the U.S. He may

choose some retreat participants to perform with him on Jan. 31. The fee is \$100. To register, or for more information, call Steve Heath, (313) 643-2844.

Individual musicians and small group ensembles are encouraged to work with Shaheen. Private lessons/tutoring for oud and violin will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, and Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the ACCESS Gym, 2601 Saulino Court, Dearborn. Limited availability based on a first-come, first-served basis.

Master class for local musicians, individuals and/or small ensembles of 2-4 musicians is 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, ACCESS Gym. To register, call (313) 843-2844; these classes are open to the public for observation.

WORKSHOPS

Want to learn more about the oud (Arabic lute), qanun (Arabic zither), and other Arabic instruments? Community Arabic Music Workshops, over the course

of three evenings, 7-9 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 1-3, at the ACCESS Gym offer an opportunity to learn more about Arabic music and how to appreciate it. These workshops are designed for all members of the community, and musicians are encouraged to participate.

Here are some more highlights

- **Introduction to Arabic Music 101** — This lecture will introduce the general public to a basic understanding of Arabic music appreciation, 7-10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, Michigan League Hussey Room, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor.
- **The Arab Lute: Oud Master Class/Demonstration** — 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, Herb David Guitar Studio, 302 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.
- **Concert** — Simon Shaheen and Qantara, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. Community reception after performance, Cafe Oz, 210 S. Fifth Ave., Ann Arbor.



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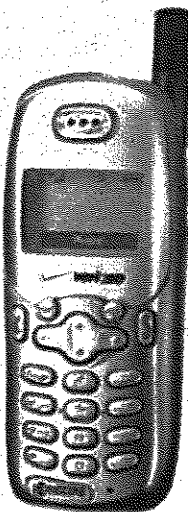
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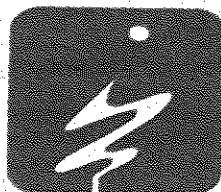
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Robert M. Meisner

No vote needed to replace doors, windows

We are talking about putting in new windows/sliding doors in our condominium as an association. We have the responsibility to maintain, repair and replace the windows/sliding doors at this time. We have levied an additional assessment but one of the members claims that we need a majority vote to approve any additions, alterations or improvements in excess of \$5,000. What do you think about that?

While it would be necessary for me to review your condominium documents to give you a definitive opinion, it appears that most courts, including those in Michigan, would rule that since the association had an obligation to maintain, repair and replace any common elements in common areas when necessary, including windows and/or sliding doors, it implied a substantial change to the property whereas an improvement involved an addition to the property. However, by contrast, replacing the windows and sliding doors with ones of better quality would more than likely be considered just maintenance, repair or replacement and would not require membership approval. There is a recent Colorado case which supports that position.

Our community association was thinking about voting to make assessments mandatory. One homeowner is claiming that we can not do that by way of an amendment. A member is saying that the association is allowed to only to modify existing covenants and not create new ones. Do you have any comments?

If your association documents allow the association to change the existing covenants, it should be reasonably construed to include adding entirely new ones based upon a recent case out of Colorado which is supported by a great deal of case law. I would suggest that while it is necessary for you to get a legal opinion before you amend the documents, you have every right to attempt to make the assessments mandatory, you get the requisite approval of the membership in accordance with the present documents.

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@nich.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



Sales agents count their blessings on Thanksgiving

BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Ben Franklin tried to convince the other founding fathers that the plentiful and very useful turkey should be America's national bird. The record shows he lost out to the eagle group.

Why is a turkey called a turkey? One theory is that early settlers thought it was related to a bird they were familiar with in Europe - the guinea fowl from Turkey.

There seems to be less good information as to why a failed Broadway show or a nerdy person is called a turkey.

Anyway, as America sits down this Thanksgiving to consume an estimated 525 million pounds of turkey, we'll give thanks for peace, health, happiness and more, as do many of the people who work at area's real estate companies.

Here are some of their thoughts.

Barb Czerniewski, sales agent, Coldwell Banker Schweitzer, Birmingham: "I've had a really good year in real estate. I'm new in the business. About a year and a quarter. I've had a more successful year than I thought I'd have.

"Our family's health is good,

we're planning my daughter's wedding, my husband's business is going good. I feel things are looking good in the marketplace. You've got the doom-sayers, who just want to say that the economy is bad, and perhaps it is, but I feel there are always people who need to buy and people who need to sell. It's what your own personal viewpoint is. The glass half full or half empty."

HAPPY FOR EVERYTHING

Fern Bean, sales agent, Riverpointe Realty Walker, Southfield: "I'm so happy for everything. Thankful for my family, my friends and my job. The job allows me flexibility in my own life and gives me the opportunity to meet new and interesting people. It allows me to help people. No two days are the same. The market's been slow, but I'm not complaining."

Elie Morris, Realtor, ERA Alliance Realty, Farmington Hills: "Ninety percent of the things I'm fearful of never come to pass. I'm always fearful every year of how the year's going to turn out. Good or bad business. It's been a very good year. The people who say it's going to be bad are usually

wrong and I'm grateful they are."

Sue Thomson, sales agent, Real Estate One, Livonia: "I'm thankful that there's no war going on here in America. I have my health and my family does, too. I'm doing great. I've been very busy."

Mark Sieloff, sales agent, Coldwell Banker Preferred, Plymouth: "I've just been in real estate for a year - after 25 years in logistics. I'm thankful I met my contract (goal) with my office, just shy of my first anniversary."

Al Zonca, sales agent, Century 21 Town & Country, Rochester: "It's been relatively good. And based on the economic times, and what's been going on in general, a lot of people expected a continuation of the downturn in the economy. Surprisingly, it's rebounding better, faster and stronger than most people had anticipated. I think there's enough demand. Housing is always a good investment and I think people are realizing that. There are a lot more people leaving apartments and going into houses."

Beverly Way, associate broker, RE/MAX Crossroads, Canton: "I'm thankful for all the loyal customers I've had

over the years. I've been in the business 25 years and I've had so many repeat customers. One person now, this is about his fifth or sixth purchase from me. And another one that's about the third purchase."

POSITIVE OUTLOOK

Joyce Markowski, sales agent, Century 21 Castelli, Garden City: "It's been a good year. And I have a very good positive outlook. As we say, nothing excellent comes without effort."

Paul Cervenak, managing broker, Coldwell Banker Shooltz, Oxford: "In the general business sense, I'm thankful that this particular area of the country - Oakland County - has been able to not only sustain itself in light of a national tediousness of the economy, but also prevail. In terms of our real estate activity we had one of our best years ever and that's evidence that we're in a very vital part of the country. Migration from the southern part of the area and from out of state, and relocation of companies, has continued. Improving economic conditions nationally will contribute to our situation."

Mortgage Bits



Tim 'Timbo' Phillips

Hockey Hall of Famer shares life lessons

Last week, I dined with hockey Hall of Famer Bill Gadsby. It was difficult to comprehend that this mild-mannered fellow was known in his professional hockey days for his 1,539 penalty minutes, 11 broken noses, and 640 stitches. Though many years my senior, I was very grateful that this former Red Wing took a liking to me.

Mentorship is an important part of my life, so the ancient proverb goes, "when the student is ready, the teacher appears." I did not have to wait long before words of wisdom came streaming from Mr. Gadsby. And like most such sage words, many of them caused me to immediately reflect on my own life's observations.

I wondered how it was that this gentleman could be so tough and brutal to his opponents when he was competing, yet so gentle and loving with his friends, family and acquaintances. He explained that he was taught to give his very best in all that he does, whether it's on the ice, with his children, or anywhere in life.

"Wow," I thought, "he is a paragon of professionalism!" He was passionate about both his family and his career. How simple and beautiful.

GIVE YOUR BEST

How awesome it would be if professionals in all industries would embrace that simple precept - insurance agents dedicated to protecting people, financial planners moving clients toward wealth instead of jockeying money for fees, and mortgage brokers focused on helping homeowners get the correct loan instead of the mortgage de jour.

Mr. Gadsby, who played all of his professional hockey with the Original Six, said there are too many NHL teams today. "It's hard for the U.S. and Canada to supply enough talent for all these new teams."

When I think about how easy it is for unseasoned (and frankly unqualified) mortgage loan officers to enter this industry, I wish there were some other sources for skilled loan officers. Exceptional talent is generally rare in the mortgage industry.

Wouldn't it be a wonderful world if we could count on all players being well-trained, passionate and professional? You are right, Mr. Gadsby!

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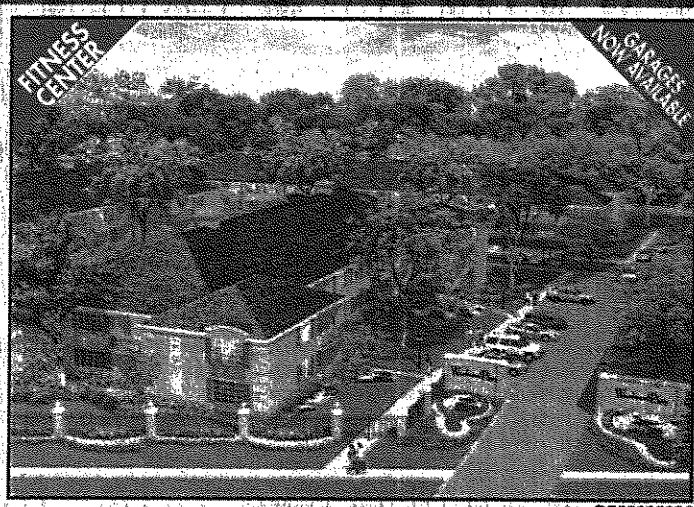
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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of July 14-18 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

| Canton | | | |
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| 1780 Brookdale | \$295,000 | 15399 Garden | \$218,000 |
| 254 Constitution | \$198,000 | 15046 Heyer | \$190,000 |
| 259 Coronation | \$162,000 | 31661 Hillbrook | \$289,000 |
| 259 Coronation | \$200,000 | 28959 Lancaster | \$85,000 |
| 40560 Deer Creek | \$85,000 | 37482 N. Laurel Park | \$63,000 |
| 40796 Deer Pines | \$85,000 | 11033 Oxbow | \$125,000 |
| 1616 Emerald Pines | \$85,000 | 16937 Pollyanna | \$275,000 |
| 1670 Emerald Pines | \$85,000 | 37600 Schoolcraft | \$120,000 |
| 44120 Fair Oaks | \$175,000 | | |
| 502 Filmore | \$380,000 | | |
| 41735 Glade | \$224,000 | | |
| 47061 Hidden River | \$355,000 | | |
| 586 McKinley | \$367,000 | | |
| 40555 Ramblewood | \$259,000 | | |
| 3056 River Meadow | \$270,000 | | |
| 640 Roosevelt | \$269,000 | | |
| 6147 Willow Creek | \$225,000 | | |
| Garden City | | | |
| 33240 Alvin | \$146,000 | | |
| 33224 Florence | \$212,000 | | |
| 29222 James | \$85,000 | | |
| 32722 Leona | \$75,000 | | |
| 28838 Pardo | \$175,000 | | |
| Livonia | | | |
| 38214 Ann Arbor Trail | \$88,000 | | |
| 14357 Bassett | \$210,000 | | |
| 33379 Fargo | \$65,000 | | |
| 15389 Garden | \$200,000 | | |

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 18-22, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

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| These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Aug. 18 - 22, at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices. | | | 9240 Stonegate | \$397,000 | 3566 Inverness | \$84,000 | 3714 Euclid | \$410,000 |
| | | | 9567 Susin | \$207,000 | 3674 Inverness | \$364,000 | 2051 Hartshorn | \$267,000 |
| | | | 7107 Talnuck | \$190,000 | 2629 Invitational | \$126,000 | 1674 Hillman | \$270,000 |
| | | | 5160 Westview | \$158,000 | 3941 Steacy Creek | \$405,000 | 3887 John R | \$235,000 |
| | | | Commerce Township | | 4199 Wincrest | \$393,000 | 861 Kilts | \$153,000 |
| | | | 3193 Adele | \$303,000 | Orchard Lake | | 109 Larchwood | \$285,000 |
| | | | 3140 Barberry | \$195,000 | 5465 Possum | \$525,000 | 399 Paragon | \$250,000 |
| | | | 4198 Benstein | \$215,000 | Oxford | | 2635 Portobello | \$280,000 |
| | | | 9454 Boncrest | \$175,000 | 550 Bay Pointe | \$621,000 | 2657 Rainbow | \$190,000 |
| | | | 3136 Brookneal | \$115,000 | 741 Doral | \$235,000 | 2794 Roundtree | \$124,000 |
| Auburn Hills | | | 630 Golf Villa | \$229,000 | 1115 Torpey | \$230,000 | | |
| 3982 Forester | \$169,000 | 975 Leighton | \$217,000 | 1874 Van Courtland | \$152,000 | | | |
| 3990 Forester | \$169,000 | 2312 Malena | \$241,000 | Walled Lake | | | | |
| 986 Huntclub | \$210,000 | 2747 Ray | \$360,000 | 1547 Bolton | \$170,000 | | | |
| 234 Jotham | \$180,000 | 198 Riseman | \$338,000 | 3350 Buss | \$240,000 | | | |
| 238 Jotham | \$210,000 | 202 Riseman | \$340,000 | 4112 Emerald Pines | \$237,000 | | | |
| 3737 S Shimmons | \$331,000 | 98 S Washington | \$450,000 | 3225 Green Oak | \$214,000 | | | |
| Beverly Hills | | | 1390 Spruce | \$450,000 | 1230 Green Vista | \$260,000 | | |
| 32545 Bellvine | \$382,000 | 3563 Heritage | \$168,000 | 527 Tanview | \$280,000 | | | |
| 16937 Beverly | \$239,000 | 31721 Sherwood | \$295,000 | 311 Teelin | \$170,000 | | | |
| 17417 Buckingham | \$291,000 | Farmington Hills | | 1160 Yale | \$201,000 | | | |
| 32425 Madison | \$295,000 | 36672 Almond | \$290,000 | Rochester | | | | |
| 31695 Mayfair | \$293,000 | 27526 Bridle Hills | \$286,000 | 723 Miller | \$202,000 | | | |
| 16240 W. 13 Mile | \$132,000 | 25296 Carrollton | \$375,000 | 1131 Sycamore | \$190,000 | | | |
| Birmingham | | | 36275 Congress | \$311,000 | Rochester Hills | | | |
| 2215 Avon | \$770,000 | 36009 Crompton | \$360,000 | 643 Ashley | \$180,000 | | | |
| 1835 Banbury | \$287,000 | 24462 Elmhurst | \$345,000 | 1856 Bromley | \$415,000 | | | |
| 1872 Banbury | \$241,000 | 37535 Emerald Forest | \$360,000 | 950 Brookwood | \$265,000 | | | |
| 1719 E. 14 Mile | \$70,000 | 37552 Emerald Forest | \$390,000 | 727 Cobblestone | \$255,000 | | | |
| 493 E. Southlawn | \$230,000 | 29716 Essex | \$190,000 | 1644 Devonwood | \$408,000 | | | |
| 1751 Graefield | \$150,000 | 21721 Flanders | \$212,000 | 740 Dressler | \$190,000 | | | |
| 1771 Henrietta | \$310,000 | 38244 Fleetwood | \$340,000 | 749 Dressler | \$197,000 | | | |
| 1364 Humphrey | \$155,000 | 30602 Fox Club | \$440,000 | 972 E Tienken | \$291,000 | | | |
| 1293 Maryland | \$379,000 | 29031 Glenarden | \$218,000 | 1862 Elton | \$385,000 | | | |
| 487 N. Eton | \$142,000 | 38602 Lancaster | \$256,000 | 2800 Gerald | \$140,000 | | | |
| 1067 N. Old Woodward | \$236,000 | 30115 Meadow | \$271,000 | 2864 Grant | \$153,000 | | | |
| 885 N. Old Woodward | \$198,000 | 26300 Meadowview | \$301,000 | 3891 Greenwood | \$490,000 | | | |
| 2313 Pembroke | \$250,000 | 29529 Miron | \$255,000 | 3900 Greenwood | \$444,000 | | | |
| 1786 S Bates | \$260,000 | 38661 Mystic | \$410,000 | 3052 Greenwood | \$140,000 | | | |
| 928 Smith | \$192,000 | 35645 Old Homestead | \$305,000 | 3708 Hazelton | \$178,000 | | | |
| 1641 Stanley | \$363,000 | 25455 Ranchwood | \$335,000 | 2162 Kennedy | \$385,000 | | | |
| 710 Willis | \$620,000 | 38236 Remington Park | \$234,000 | 2823 Kilburn | \$340,000 | | | |
| 111 Willis | \$1735,000 | 21446 Roosevelt | \$40,000 | 1282 Lakeview | \$378,000 | | | |
| Bloomfield Hills/Township | | | 38260 Saratoga | \$230,000 | 7732 Lake Ridge | \$131,000 | | |
| 1504 Aberdeen | \$185,000 | 25814 Surrey | \$351,000 | 982 Langley | \$280,000 | | | |
| 4366 Ardmore | \$525,000 | 36790 Tanglewood | \$340,000 | 799 Lockmoore | \$276,000 | | | |
| 2780 Bradway | \$818,000 | 22456 Vacri | \$367,000 | 1695 Lodge Pole | \$181,000 | | | |
| 3715 Burning Tree | \$599,000 | 32005 W 12 Mile | \$74,000 | 293 Longford | \$234,000 | | | |
| 269 Chestnut | \$1,475,000 | 34928 White Pine | \$210,000 | 3006 Longview | \$70,000 | | | |
| 4268 Covered Bridge | \$385,000 | 25345 Wyckshire | \$270,000 | 2339 Millbrook | \$281,000 | | | |
| 550 E. Fox Hills | \$102,000 | Lake Orion | | 627 Oakbrook | \$159,000 | | | |
| 837 Foxhall | \$540,000 | 3475 Bald Mountain | \$225,000 | 314 Powderhorn | \$287,000 | | | |
| 1932 Klingensmith | \$144,000 | 376 Bellevue | \$270,000 | 1815 Ruby | \$215,000 | | | |
| 1970 Klingensmith | \$131,000 | 742 Bosco | \$265,000 | 1617 Stoney Brook | \$135,000 | | | |
| 1997 Klingensmith | \$129,000 | 105 E Church | \$129,000 | 1327 Wagon Wheel | \$183,000 | | | |
| 4782 Overton | \$850,000 | 125 Eagle Ridge | \$215,000 | 3051 Willet | \$177,000 | | | |
| 1563 S. Hills | \$157,000 | 3707 Hidden Forest | \$324,000 | 243 Windrift | \$294,000 | | | |
| 415 Thetford | \$670,000 | 3152 High Pointe Ridge | \$133,000 | Southfield | | | | |
| 3883 Top View | \$400,000 | 900 Indianwood | \$300,000 | 27680 Arlington | \$242,000 | | | |
| 990 W. Harsdale | \$865,000 | 754 King | \$295,000 | 2102 Avon | \$197,000 | | | |
| 4041 W. Maple | \$157,000 | 3150 Maybee | \$199,000 | 16310 Fairfax | \$165,000 | | | |
| 740 Windemere | \$950,000 | 121 N Andrews | \$155,000 | 25580 Ingleside | \$285,000 | | | |
| 5107 Wing Lake | \$395,000 | 2730 Orbit | \$251,000 | 25360 Kildare | \$150,000 | | | |
| 5166 Winlane | \$806,000 | 1533 Pleasantview | \$320,000 | 25426 Lindenwood | \$265,000 | | | |
| 1224 Woodcrest | \$280,000 | 992 Ridgeview | \$282,000 | 30758 Northgate | \$175,000 | | | |
| 1242 Woodcrest | \$312,000 | 4561 Rohr | \$170,000 | 2315 Oliver | \$180,000 | | | |
| 42536 Woodward | \$125,000 | 3021 Sandoval | \$232,000 | 24030 Philip | \$174,000 | | | |
| 6105 Worlington | \$275,000 | 3121 Sunnyside | \$110,000 | 21575 S Tuller | \$156,000 | | | |
| Clarkston | | | 3024 Talon | \$220,000 | 30220 Southfield | \$84,000 | | |
| 8475 Bridge Lake | \$204,000 | 1240 W Silverbell | \$143,000 | 28071 Stuart | \$110,000 | | | |
| 7165 Chapel View | \$217,000 | 1485 W Silverbell | \$167,000 | 5000 Town | \$240,000 | | | |
| 8135 Englewood | \$239,000 | 2862 Walmsley | \$246,000 | 19630 Villa | \$138,000 | | | |
| 8195 Fawn Valley | \$300,000 | Lathrup Village | | 19637 W 12 Mile | \$69,000 | | | |
| 8405 Fawn Valley | \$305,000 | 18761 Dolores | \$230,000 | Troy | | | | |
| 9470 Fox Hollow | \$428,000 | 18271 Rainbow | \$190,000 | 6586 Aurora | \$450,000 | | | |
| 10350 Hadley | \$323,000 | 18825 Sunnybrook | \$209,000 | 1317 Autumn | \$248,000 | | | |
| 5615 Heathland | \$278,000 | Oakland Township | | 2485 Avalon | \$240,000 | | | |
| 6822 Hubbard | \$390,000 | 5155 Belmonte | \$467,000 | 6195 Blackwall | \$206,000 | | | |
| 4620 Independence | \$154,000 | 3628 Briarbrooke | \$302,000 | 5095 Buckingham Place | \$157,000 | | | |
| 7800 Kingston | \$115,000 | 3198 Bridlewood | \$262,000 | 125 Chopin | \$154,000 | | | |
| 5017 Leyland | \$277,000 | 5348 Creekmonte | \$154,000 | 3404 Cleveland | \$229,000 | | | |
| 9510 Maple | \$80,000 | 1010 Eagle Nest | \$255,000 | 3252 Dalry | \$270,000 | | | |
| 6510 Northview | \$173,000 | 4645 Goodison Place | \$755,000 | 3559 Eastbourne | \$321,000 | | | |
| 596 Shrewsbury | \$255,000 | 4201 Holly | \$396,000 | 3814 Estates | \$280,000 | | | |
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Building Industry Association honors top professionals

Dominic Mocerri, Sr., of Mocerri Companies in Auburn Hills, will be inducted into the Building Industry Association's hall of fame on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

He is among metro Detroit's top residential builders being honored at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn during the 2003 Leadership Recognition and Awards Night, presented by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan. The event, which also commemorates BIA's 75th anniversary, begins with a 7 p.m. reception followed by an awards ceremony, dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$150 per person, call (248) 737-4477 for reservations.

The Builder of the Year award will

be presented to Al Klighman, Klighman Homes of Southfield, for his service to the association and contributions to the home building industry.

Special recognition will be given to BIA's 2003 President, Steve Perlman, Ivanhoe-Huntley Homes, West Bloomfield; AAM's 2003 President, George Nyman, president Professional Property Management, Troy.

YOUNG BUILDER

Adriano Paciocco, Multi Building Company, Plymouth, will receive the Young Builder of the Year award. Michael Chirco, MJC Homes, Utica, is this year's Developer of the Year. John Maloney, Boa Construction, Troy and Janet L. Compo, James D.

Compo, Inc. Farmington Hills, will receive the Remodeler of the Year award.

Thomas Rickett's Annual Award to the Region's Outstanding Building Official goes to Mike Bartholomew of Sterling Heights, and the Developer of the Year award to Hidden Lake in Green Oak Township, Beck Development Companies, Wixom.

Several professionals will receive Distinguished Service Awards including - Michael Tobin, Group Five Management, Farmington Hills for service to the apartment industry; Asa Shapiro, Asa Building Supply, Walled Lake and Don Pratt, Wake Pratt Construction, Auburn Hills for service to the building industry; Bill Tudisco, Greco Tile, Mt. Clemens, for service to the housing industry; Sen.

Nancy Cassis and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano for service in government; Walt Coponen Architects, PC, Northville, for his service in architecture; Phil Seaver, Seaver Title Company, Bloomfield Hills, for service in real estate; and Donal Maillho and Richard Webb of Standard Federal Bank, Troy for service in banking.

OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP

Spike awards recognizing outstanding membership recruitment efforts include Builder Spike of the Year to Stuart Michaelson, Windmill Group, Farmington Hills; Insurance Spike of the Year to Don Bourdeau, Al Bourdeau Insurance Services, Farmington Hills, and Myron

Archambeau, FDI Group/George B. Ford Agency, Novi; Associate Spike of the Year to Marsha Suwinski, Specialty Communications, Flint; and Associate of the Year to Phil Seaver, Seaver Title Company, Bloomfield Hills.

Additional awards include Outstanding Subcontractor of the Year to Gregory Arnold, Dash Plumbing and Mechanical, Auburn Hills and Frank Fazi, Bernardino Tile, Eastpointe; the Sales & Marketing Council Outstanding Achievement Award to BIA Sales & Marketing Council, Farmington Hills; and the Distinguished Service to Women's Forum of BIA award to Lynne Pratt, Pratt Building Co., Auburn Hills.

House reveals latest in design, innovation

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Families are looking for a much different home than they were just a few years ago, one that balances family time with private pursuits, enables safety and comfort, addresses energy efficiency, provides ample storage, and helps organize an often chaotic family schedule.

It's a tall order for today's home builders, many of whom seem stuck in the "more is more" mentality of simply providing families with bigger homes and superficial style instead of smart design and true substance. But in the Nevada Trails community in Las Vegas, a home is being built to demonstrate how families really want to live. It's called The Ultimate Family Home, a four-bedroom, 5,300-square-foot example of how to accommodate modern family lifestyles with practical, comfortable, and attainable design, construction, and operation.

The Ultimate Family Home is the result of a partnership among Builder magazine, Home magazine, and an award-winning design-build team, Bassenian/Lagoni Architects and Pardee Homes. Based largely on market research and focus group

sessions with families, everything about The Ultimate Family Home - from the floor plan to the finishes - is rooted in a family's complex needs.

"This is the first project of its kind to truly address what families really want in their homes," said Boyce Thompson, editor-in-chief of Builder. "Around every corner, inside and out, we've created a home that addresses how families live, work, play, rest, and entertain."

Among the family-friendly highlights of The Ultimate Family Home:

■ A rotunda kitchen flanked by a home management center that allows supervised homework and keeps the family schedule; a secondary kitchen area provides space for large meal preparation and caterers.

■ An oversized mud room complete with built-in storage lockers, seating, and a cozy spot for the family dog, with a generous laundry area and half-bath in close proximity.

■ An oversized, three-car garage with an air-conditioned bay and a fully equipped workshop.

■ A dedicated study and guest suite offers privacy with the potential to convert to a main-level master

suite.

■ Secondary bedroom suites, one with access to a private "hideaway" area.

■ An observatory that converts easily from a game room to a sleeping porch.

In recent years, homebuyers have indicated a desire and a willingness to incorporate new technology and systems that save energy and lower utility costs. The Ultimate Family Home has been designed and built to be a "Zero Energy Home" based on the Solar Buildings Program of the U.S. Department of Energy.

Combining smart design such as deep eaves, recessed windows, and zoned control; systems including water and energy-saving appliances that monitor energy use; reflective roofing, compact fluorescent lighting; and simple-to-use control systems, The Ultimate Family Home is built to be efficient.

Other "green" touches include engineered lumber, certified lumber, formaldehyde-free insulation, mold-resistant drywall, electronic air filters, low-VOC paint, and carpeting made from recycled soda bottles. For more information, visit www.Hanley-Wood.com.

New program simplifies the closing process

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The First American Corporation, a leading provider of business information and related products and services, introduced a specially priced, integrated package of mortgage information and settlement services from a single source.

The basic Purchase Money Bundle is composed of all of the origination and settlement services required by mortgage lenders to originate mortgages in purchase transactions including: credit reporting, flood zone determination, property valuation, title insurance and closing services.

A version of the Purchase Money Bundle will also be available to title agents wishing to offer a bundle of real estate information products to complement their own title and settlement services.

"First American has been working toward the culmination of this strategy for more than 15 years, and after more than 50 acquisitions, I am proud that we are now able to bundle our industry-leading products to provide a comprehensive solution for our customers," said Parker S.

Kennedy, president of The First American Corporation. "Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez has been the catalyst in elevating the discussion of bundling to the forefront of the real estate industry and in establishing a market demand for a simplified closing process. First American is introducing its Purchase Money Bundle in response to this growing market demand and without the need for a change in HUD regulations."

Historically, pricing for appraisal, title and settlement services has varied greatly across the nation. First American's complete menu of industry services, combined with Web-based technology, gives the company the ability to produce its bundled product centrally and deliver it to customers at a fixed price in a highly flexible and customized format.

First American expects to complete the pilot phase of this program in early January and will be making more information about the Purchase Money Bundle, and other innovative bundling programs, available in the coming months.

For more information, visit www.firstam.com

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JUST PACK YOUR BAGS! Well maintained upper ranch condo built in 1993. Fully furnished including all appliances, now that's a deal! 2 bedrooms and 2 full baths, kitchen with breakfast bar and more. Lots of windows and neutral décor throughout. Original owner. \$135,500 (753LI)



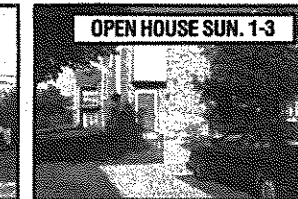
AFFORDABLE CANTON CONDO. Immediate occupancy is offered on this beautiful condo. Featuring a spacious living room w/fireplace, a large kitchen loaded w/cabinets & counter space. Two large bedrooms, dining room, and full basement. All appliances stay! \$124,900 (101SO)



SETTLE DOWN. Superbly maintained, light & airy Colonial. This outstanding home boasts formal LR/DR, plus library. Spacious family room w/fireplace. Chef's kitchen w/work island & nook. Master suite w/WIC, glamour bath, sitting area. 3-car garage, oversized lot, deck & pond. \$479,500 (936CE)



ONE-OF-A-KIND 1.58 acres is home for this 3,800 square foot 2-story offering 3 bedrooms, 2 full and 2 half baths, 30x20 great room, marble foyer, elaborate plaster molding detail, library, 3/4 car garage. Circular drive and a location kitty-corner to a golf course. \$399,900 (750NA)



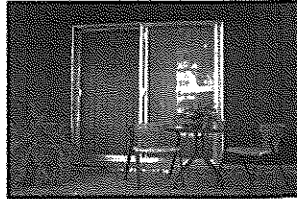
HOME SWEET HOME! Charming upper ranch end condo with 2 bedrooms and 2 baths overlooking the courtyard in popular Lilley Pointe! Bright open floor plan with lots of windows and cathedral ceilings. Freshly painted great room and kitchen, private entry and best of all pets are welcome! Great location. \$128,000 (775LI)



PRETTY CHARMER. Canton 4 bedroom, 2.5 baths. Light and airy two-story! Flex room adjoining foyer could be a den, sitting room or office. Master suite with vaulted ceiling & WIC. Modern kitchen with hardwood flooring & nook. 1st floor laundry, C/A, sprinkler system, paver patio, satellite dish. \$284,900 (640SH)



AT LAST! A beautiful 4 bedroom Quad in Pickwick Village! Features all of the amenities to make living here easy. 2 baths, a basement, 2-tiered decking, and over 2,000 square feet. Call for details on this fabulous home. \$234,900 (102GR)



IMMACULATE. Lovely ground level condo with one bedroom and one bath has been very well kept. Freshly painted interior, newer carpet and air conditioning, a remodeled kitchen, lots of storage space and more! You must see the inside to appreciate. \$79,900 (682WO)



BUILD IN THE IRISH HILLS! 210 ft. of partially wooded waterfront on South Lake (all sports, 110 acre, no public access). Deed restrictions make this an area of newer upscale homes! \$139,900 (000CA)



ENJOY THE SEASONS With spectacular water views from every room in the all sports waterfront contemporary home. Spacious 2,400 sq. ft. 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath on .69 acre with 80 ft. waterfront. \$485,000 (341HI)



ULTRA CLEAN & TOTALLY UPDATED. Oak floors in the living room & kitchen, freshly painted interior, kitchen shines in solid maple cabinetry, Corian countertop w/halogen lighting. Main bath w/jetted tub, ceramic floor & custom vanity. C/A & HWH in 2002. 1 year home warranty. \$134,900 (287CA)



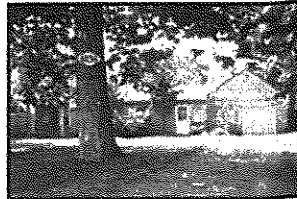
GET READY TO MOVE IN! 2 BR ranch situated on a double lot boasts an updated bath, electrical, kitchen w/oak cabinetry, new sink, countertops, and floor. Newer windows w/marble ledges in the LR, new storm and entry doors, HWH, and vinyl exterior. Finished basement, fenced yard, & home warranty! \$116,000 (835NO)



GREAT PLYMOUTH BUY. Cozy 2 bedroom ranch, 7 mile walk to downtown Plymouth. First floor laundry, newer roof and carpeting, central air, furnace - 2002. \$145,900 (032FI)



PICTURE PERFECT COLONIAL. Outstanding Van Buren value featuring a super sized master with fashion bath and private deck, fenced yard, large eat in kitchen, extra large dining room, and a family room with a cozy fireplace. Beautifully decorated. \$249,900 (594LA)



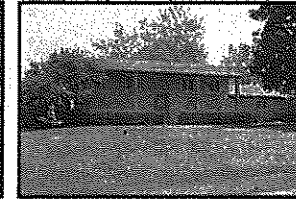
INVESTOR'S SPECIAL. One bedroom, 1 bath ranch located in Dearborn Heights situated on a nice double lot away from the road with room to expand or rebuild. House needs a little TLC, buyer to assume city repairs. Sold as is. \$69,900 (836GU)



END UNIT CONDO. Residing in one of the best locations in the sub with the nicest floor plan! Enclosed, private brick paver patio, attached 2-car garage (not piggy backed). Cathedral ceilings, skylight, large living room with a gas FP, lower level walkout w/large family room, library, & half bath. neutral T/O. \$204,900 (800PO)



LAKE ERIE - LAKEFRONT. 75 ft. on lakefront for this 2,400 sq. ft. house. Unique floor plan - 2 living rooms, 2 kitchens and 2 dining areas. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and stairs to large unfinished 3rd level. Heated Florida room. Many possibilities. \$275,000 (119AD)



ATTRACTIVE CORNER LOT. Updated home on corner lot with 4 bedrooms, newer windows, roof, carpet, and paint. Newer kitchen opens onto large deck & yard. Finished basement w/fireplace. Don't wait - call today! \$194,900 (895RO)



GREAT HOUSE! This home is located in a wonderful solid Dearborn Heights sub with great neighbors. It features 3 bedrooms, a newer roof, central air, windows, extra large garage with new door, glass block basement windows, living room carpet, and much more. \$114,900 (049GL)



SPARKLING BRICK RANCH. Extremely well maintained ranch with 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Full finished and carpeted basement, giving approximately 1,700 sq. ft. of living space. Numerous updates add to the charm. 2 car garage and a one year home warranty. \$144,900 (147FF)



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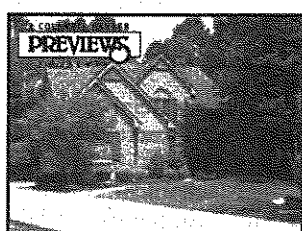
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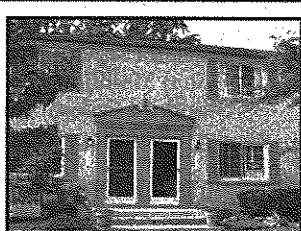
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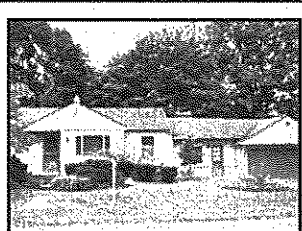
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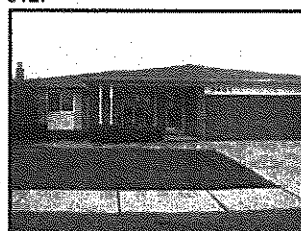
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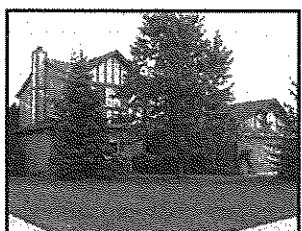
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Canton Colonial! Premium location backs to trees. Spacious master ste w/garden tub & sep. shower. Hdwd in foyer, kit & nook. Very clean & neutral decor. All appls stay. Brick paver patio. BGP-61Fif 888-870-9127



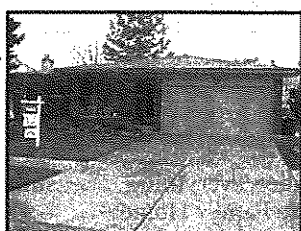
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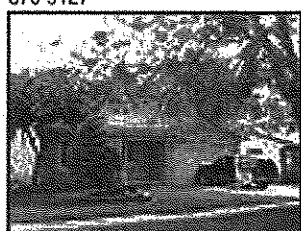
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Move In Condition. Beautiful quad backing to park. 3BR, 2 full BA. Many updates incl: kitchen, windows & doorwall. Natural brick FP in lg FR. Finished basement, 2 car att gar, deck. BGP-10Ham 888-870-9127



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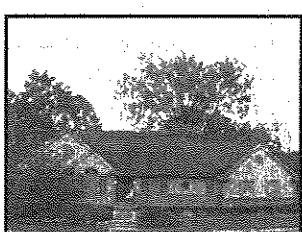
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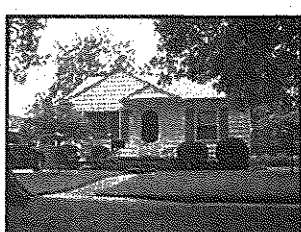
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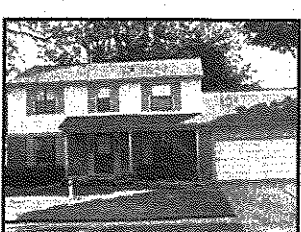
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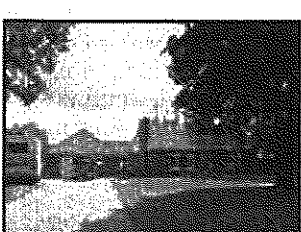
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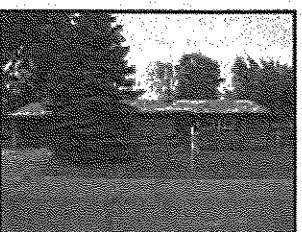
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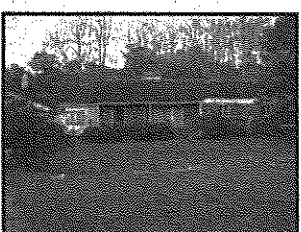
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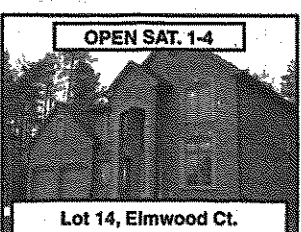
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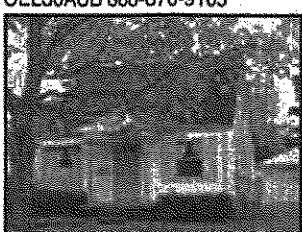
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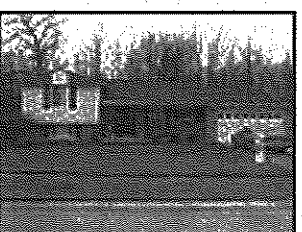
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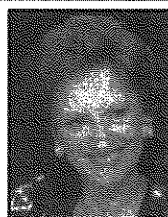
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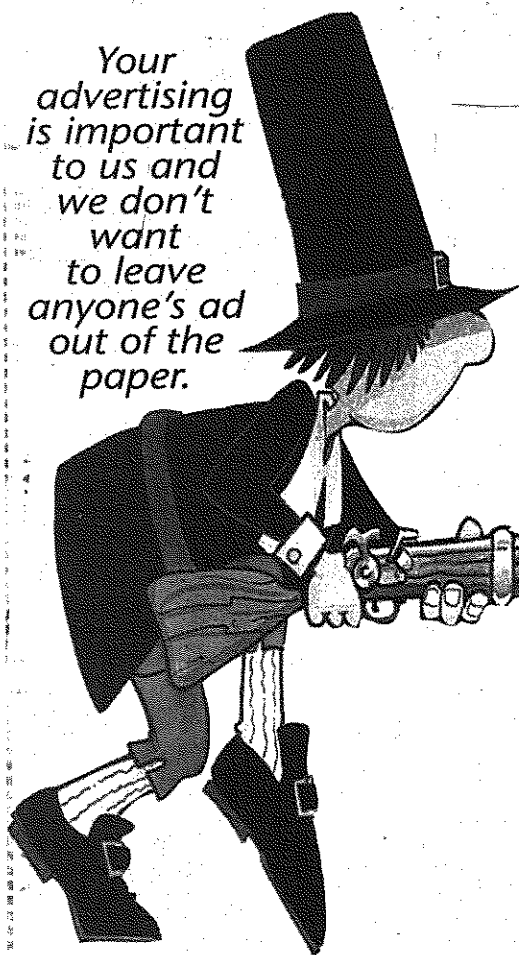
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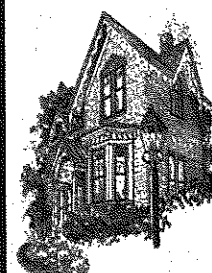
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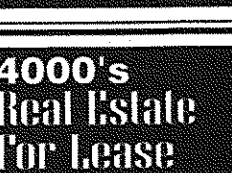
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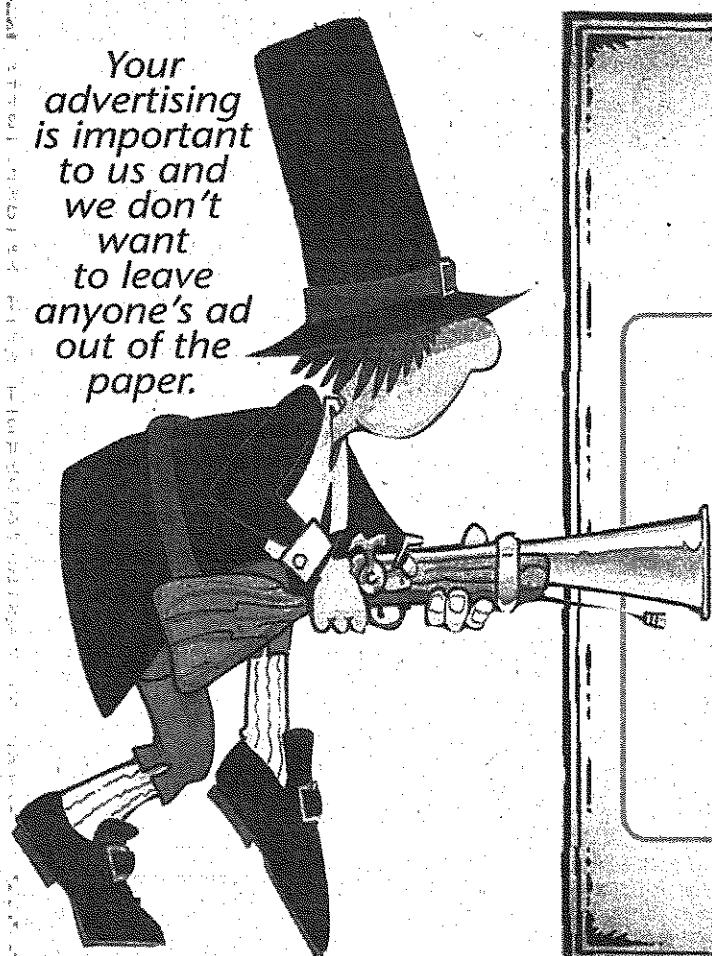
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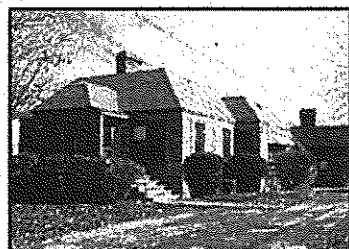
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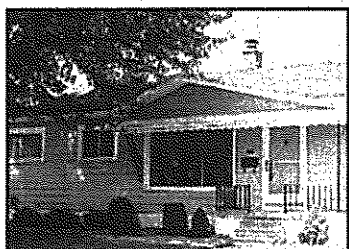
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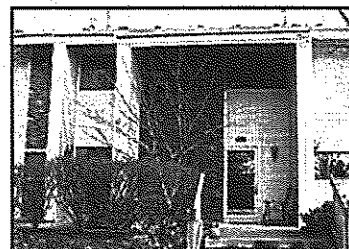
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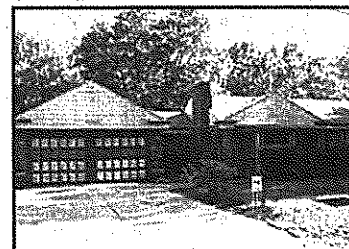
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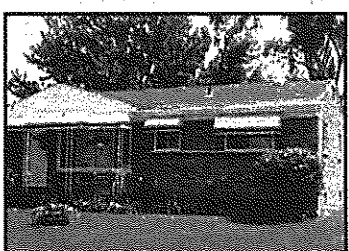
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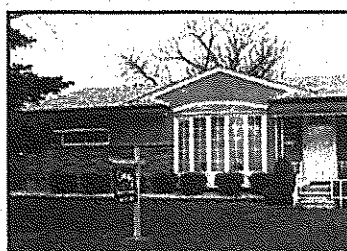
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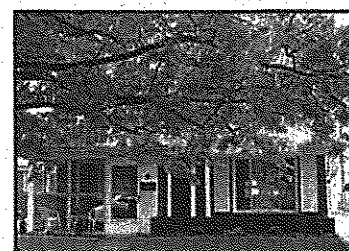
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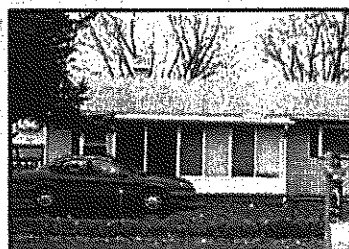
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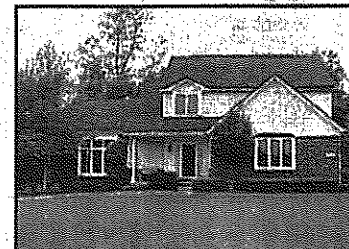
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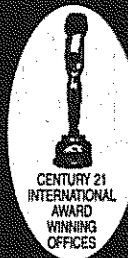


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Genesis Homes takes first place in design contest

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For the second straight year, Genesis Homes, a division of Champion Enterprises, Inc. and the only nationwide distributor of off-site constructed homes to builders and developers, has been nationally recognized for its home designs.

The National Association of Homebuilders, along with its Building Systems Council and Building Systems magazine, recently announced that Genesis took first prize in the 2003/2004 Excellence in Model Home Design competition. Genesis' craftsman-style Cottage design, part of Genesis' popular Americana Series homes, won the award in the "Best Modular Home Below

2200 square foot" category during the 2003 Showcase Convention in Hot Springs, Va.

"It truly is an honor to have our home design recognized once again by a group of our peers," said Kevin Flaherty, vice president of marketing for Genesis Homes. "We work very hard to bring both creative design and quality construction to every Genesis home."

The Cottage was designed by Genesis' award-winning Vice President of Corporate Design, Roberto Kritzer. The 1,944 square foot home features traditional architectural elements including an oversized raised porch that makes the home design appropriate for both history-rich urban settings as well as rural neighbor-

hoods throughout the country.

The home boasts built-in cabinetry in the living room, large baseboards and crown moldings, and an architectural ceiling for interior appeal. Highlighting Genesis' precision engineering, the Cottage also is a high-performance Energy Star labeled home, providing its owners with more comfort, better indoor air quality and lower utility bills.

In 2002, Genesis received first place in the Excellence in Model Home Design Award for its Bainbridge model.

The Excellence in Marketing awards also were announced during the 2003 Showcase Convention. Genesis received honorable men-

tion in both the "Manufacturer Member Trade Journal Print Ad" and "Manufacturer Builder Brochure" categories.

The 2003/2004 Excellence in Model Home Design Awards and the Excellence in Marketing Awards are presented annually by the NAHB's Building Systems Council and Building Systems magazine.

Genesis Homes, a member of the Champion Enterprises, Inc.'s family of homebuilders, is headquartered in Auburn Hills. Genesis operates nine homebuilding facilities strategically located to serve builders and developers nationwide. To learn more, visit www.geneshomes.com.

Soaring land values threaten the farms of Minnesota

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ST. CLOUD, Minn. — Between the lakes and hills of Avon Township, Jim and LeRoy Gondringer farm land their father bought in 1952 and nearby acreage their great-grandfather settled in 1889.

Grand vistas and quiet woods border barns and fields. A landscape so pastoral, so close to a commuter-friendly freeway, appeals to the non-farmer who wants a piece of country life.

Residential sprawl and development have been the key drivers in an inflation-adjusted 128 percent increase in area farmland prices from 1992 to 2002.

On the surface, that looks like good news for farm owners. But soaring land values also hurt those who want to continue livestock and crop production.

Land is too expensive to buy. Rental land is hard to find in some areas, too expensive in others and undependable for long-range planning.

"Agriculture is going to decline because of the value of farmland," Jim Gondringer said. "When land has a value that doesn't support agricultural production, ag will gradually decline. It's inevitable."

Real estate experts agree the northward march of urban development along multilane highways is pushing up land prices. For those willing to commute, a 40-acre hobby farm can be as affordable as a Twin Cities home. A developer who buys 1 acre for \$2,800 — the Central Minnesota average — owns the equivalent of four

city lots worth \$54,000 each.

High demand for recreational property — including hunting acreage — also is driving up farmland value.

Evidence of radiating urbanization shows up in sales data compiled yearly by the University of Minnesota:

■ The average price of farmland in Sherburne and Wright counties was more than double the average for Stearns and Benton counties combined in 2002. Sherburne and Wright lie between the Twin Cities and Stearns and Benton counties.

■ The average price of farmland in Stearns townships touching Interstate Highway 94 was 42 percent higher than the average price in the county's remote western townships.

While Central Minnesota land prices went up 128 percent, sale figures in the southwest corner of Minnesota increased 16 percent.

Sales in the rich, sparsely populated southwestern corner are more apt to reflect pure farmland value, said Rice resident George Karvel, head of the University of St. Thomas real estate department.

Steve Taff, the University of Minnesota economist who analyzes farm sales data, said price increases in nonurban areas could be related to reduced state taxes and increased federal subsidies.

Taff's data covers only the first nine months of 2002 and only transactions in which farming is intended to continue. Real estate experts say the increases have continued through 2003, particularly on farmland being converted to residential and commercial uses.

Farmland valuations for tax purposes grew 10 percent to 25 percent this year, according to a report from the Stearns County assessor's office.

Agricultural valuations excluding new construction grew 91 percent from 1999 to 2003 in Stearns, while residential grew 73 percent and commercial/industrial grew 64 percent.

Commuter demand has pushed the value of wooded land to \$8,000 an acre in the Becker area, RE/MAX Realty Source agent Steve Hansen said. That's double the 2002 average for nearby farmland.

Farmers who sell property in Wright County have been known to turn around and buy less expensive farms in western Stearns County, Stearns Commissioner Leigh Lenzmeier said. Such transactions, when timed properly, reduce capital gains taxes.

Lenzmeier, who also is a real estate appraiser, sees Stearns County land values tracking about 10 years behind those of Wright County.

"Land values (there) are going absolutely through the roof," he said.

In Stearns County, Lenzmeier already has seen prices as high as \$12,000 an acre in Melrose and Sauk Centre townships.

Farmers can't justify ignoring prices like that in light of limited crop and dairy profits, the Gondringers say. If only half of a parcel is tillable, they've actually put twice as much money into the land.

Jim Gondringer, 52, and LeRoy Gondringer, 46, milk 125 cows. About half the 464 acres they own is crop-

land, and they rent about 225 acres for crop production as well.

They fear that rental land won't be sufficient to support farms in the future. "I see that as a major concern for people who want to continue," LeRoy Gondringer said.

Price hikes affect retirement decisions and neighborhood relationships. Sometimes, LeRoy Gondringer said, there is friction when a neighbor decides to sell for nonagricultural use. If a sale spawns a subdivision, there's greater risk that new neighbors won't like the smells and noise of the remaining farms.

The intersection of the agricultural and housing markets has made farm houses more valuable than barns and other production-related buildings — a reversal from conventional wisdom of years past, retired University of Minnesota professor Philip Raup said.

Raup, who compiled farm sales data for almost 40 years, wrote about the change in a new book, *Government Policy and Farmland Markets*.

Raup believes increasing land values coincide with but do not cause the declining number of farms in Minnesota.

From 1992 to 2002, the number of farms statewide fell from 88,000 to 79,000.

The decision to sell a family farm often has more to do with dismal commodity prices than land prices, said Hansen, who has specialized in farm real estate since 1977.

"It's emotional for everybody, but financially it makes the most sense,"

he said. "Some of these farms are century farms. It hurts when you have to sell."

Some farms north of St. Cloud gain value when portions are sold for hunting and other recreational use. Hunters are buying lowland at 10 times the price of a decade ago, Hansen said.

The Stearns County Assessor's report forecasts continued increases in the value of farmland sold for recreational use.

Some counties are hoping zoning regulations deter development on the best agricultural land. Stearns County requires at least 80 acres per house throughout Luxemburg, Lake Henry and Zion townships, in most of three other townships and in parts of seven other townships. It requires at least 160 acres per house in four western townships and part of Sauk Centre Township.

Luxemburg Township farmer Gary Westrup hopes ag land in his area stays protected while small towns grow.

"I think in the near future (Luxemburg Township) will continue to be very agriculture-oriented," he said.

But in Avon Township, where Interstate Highway 94 touches lake country, the Gondringers are bracing for suburban development in the coming decades. They're not sure that zoning changes can stop the price escalation that already is dictating their future.

"There's no easy answer," Jim Gondringer said.

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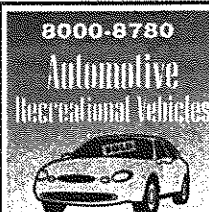
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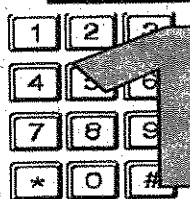
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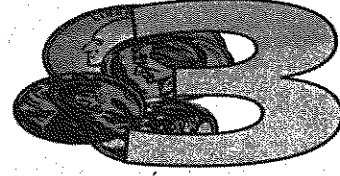
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Calm, laid-back SWF, 62, 5'2", 110 lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes. Loves family activities, cooking, crocheting, cultural events and more. Seeks a kind, quiet SWM, 58+, who cares about other people, and loves animals. Ad#567481

BEAUTIFUL INSIDE & OUT

SWF, 57, 5'4", red-curl hair, brown eyes. Enjoys movies, theater, boating, swimming, cooking and time with family. Seeking a SWM, 55-70, who is ambitious, spiritual, successful and fun. Ad#473611

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#557287

A DECENT LADY

Attractive, intelligent, fun-loving, SWF, 66, enjoys simple pleasures. Willing to meet a SWM, 60 plus, honest, gentleman, to share fun with. Ad#557187

DON'T HESITATE...

I'm ready for fun & laughter! SWF, 46, 5'2", a smoker, social drinker. I enjoy watching sports and traveling. I'm searching for a SWM, 55-70, who shares my interests. Ad#503750

ARE YOU THE LOVING TYPE?

Respectful, SWF, 29, 5'2", light skin, red hair. Enjoys sports, movies and shopping. Looking for an attractive, SM, 18-35, who is loving, open-minded & intelligent. Ad#565558

ROMANCE

I sit around the corner. I am 5'2", with dark eyes and hair, 63. Looking to meet a tall gentleman, 59-70, who likes dancing, cards, travel, and wants a long-term relationship. Ad#403303

HOW ABOUT US?

SWF, 61 years old, social drinker. Enjoys walks, working out, photography, dining out and more. Seeks a warm, honest, secure, easygoing, SWM, 57-68. Ad#544711

ONE OF A KIND

SWF, 48, attractive, intelligent, loving and dedicated. Seeking a SWM, 45+, a N/S, who is sincere, intelligent, humorous and honest, for a long-term, devoted relationship. Ad#488774

GOOD-NATURED

SWF, 55, 6'1", medium build, college graduate, non-smoker. Enjoys working out, theater, movies, walking and more. Seeking a SWM, 6'3" plus, 53-62, who is well-groomed and professional, for friendship first. Ad#470251

COMPARE INTERESTS

Thin, SWF, 55, 5'7", attractive, brown-eyed brunette, seeks tall, athletic, energetic, trusting and educated, SWM, 50-60, N/S. Please call... Ad#563521

JUST ME...

SBM, 18, 5'8", dark complexion, a smoker. Likes going to the mall, watching TV and movies. Looking for a sincere SBM, 18-26. Ad#563556

HOME ALONE?

SWF, 52, short, full-figured, Irish look-alike, energetic & good natured. My enjoyments are the theatre, movies or staying at home. Would like to meet a easy-going, good friend, SWM, 45-55, for nice times. Ad#562867

CUTE BLOND WIDOW

I'm 5'10, 105 lbs., 58, romantic, secure SF, seeking a nice-looking male, 5'7" to 6', slim to medium build, who enjoys dancing, golf, the theater and good conversation. Macomb County. Ad#403562

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

PURSUER ME
SBM, 23, 5'8", searching for a fun-loving SBM, 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 SBM, 32-40. Ad#561671

SIMPLE GIRL
Fun to be around SWF, 27, 5'2". Enjoys walking, reading and writing. Seeking a SWM, 23-35, who enjoys children and having a good time. Ad#561516

SOMETHING MISSING
55 years young, want a special friend in my life. Missing the little things: a hug, a kiss, holding hands. Enjoys just about everything, but missing the most important thing... the other half in my life. Ad#406107

CHALLENGE ME
I'm a very nice, attractive SBF, 38, with jet black hair. Enjoys music, dining and live concerts. Seeking respectful, handsome, SM, under 48. Waiting to hear from you. Ad#557230

ARE WE ALIKE?
SWF, 50, with above average looks, good communicator, amusing, loving soul mate. Seeking SDWM, 40-50, clean-cut gentleman, looking for serious relationship. Ad#482566

COLORFUL
Generous-hearted, impulsive, carefree, professional, SBF, 41, a rare find. I'm seeking honorable, fun SWM, 36-55, 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, rare cars & a variety of interests. Seeking a loving relationship, with a creative SWM, 42-58, who is happy & confident. Ad#558695

DO WE CLICK?
Professional SWF, 45, 5'2", full-figured, enjoys spontaneous fun, fishing and horses. Seeking best friend, companion first, N/S, N/D, professional DBWM, 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#557587

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
SWF, 60, 5'2", medium build, brown hair, outgoing, looking for a personable, caring, SWM, 60-70, with time to devote to a relationship. Likes to go places, quiet times and is able to show affection. Ad#444245

BIG & BEAUTIFUL
Happy to meet you, outgoing, sociable, artist, 70, avid reader, movie fan, with many, many hobbies. Seeking well-groomed SWM, 65-75, down-to-earth. Let's meet. Ad#555080

BIG & BEAUTIFUL
Laid-back, loving SWF, 33, values family and friends. Seeking a SWM, 28-40, non-smoker, emotionally stable, with similar characteristics, for platonic relationship. Ad#556339

BEAUTIFUL
SBM, 24, 5'5", 130 lbs., seeks nice-looking SBM, 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 dating, shooting pool, long walks & dining out. Hoping to find an open, funny SWM, 45-60, with similar interests, to share special times together. Ad#559251

JUST BE YOURSELF
Young-looking, SBF, 18, with light brown eyes, outgoing, carefree, straightforward, avid reader, writer. Looking for goal-oriented, SM, 18-22, 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 lovely SWF, 29, who values family first, enjoys tractor pulling to theater and a happy family man, 27-40, for friendship first, with varied interests. Ad#552859

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#552669

WILL YOU ACCEPT ME?
I'm a 5'8", medium-build SWM, 27 years old, who enjoys movies, pool, golf, and traveling. Seeking a SWM, 28-39, who is honest, caring and understanding. Ad#498396

BOOK SMART
Professional trainer, SWF, 33, with varied interests. Seeking well-proportioned, 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
Medium/large-built, amusing SWWFF, 48, looking for real hunter, fisherman, camper, SWM, 45-55, open, honest, for dating, possibly more. Stardust dancing? Ad#550584

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Brown hair/eyes, fun-loving SWF, 39, I like sports, trying new things. Seeking SM, over 32, good friend, a love, someone with similar interests. Ad#499946

HONEST TO YOU
SBF, attractive, 31, 5'5", 230 lbs. brown hair, seeking mature SBM, 30-45, for conversations, dating and possible relationship. Ad#484295

DAINISH TREAT
SWF, 39, outgoing, attractive, 5'7", 135 lbs., with blonde hair. Enjoys long walks, dining, dancing and much more. Looking for a SWM, 40-60, to enjoy our passions together. Ad#547194

GET IN TOUCH
Confident, humorous, fun, spontaneous SWF, 23, 5'2", medium build. Looking for a SWM, 23-31, N/S, N/D, drug-free. Ad#545721

FLINT AREA
Family-oriented, SWF, 55 years old, green-eyed blonde, temporarily disabled. Loves concerts, dining out, etc. Seeks honest, kind, SWM, 50-60, with a sense of humor and similar interests. Ad#545505

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING?
SWM, 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#544561

HONESTY ABOVE ALL
Want to be spoiled? I'm a fun-loving SWF, 53, tall, with green eyes & blonde 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
SBM, 19, short, light complexion, funny and sweet. Seeking a respectful, kind, fun-loving SBM, 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 romantic evenings at home, cuddling and holding hands. Looking for a SWM, social-drinker, 58-60, who shares the same interests, for companionship and possible more. Ad#504863

LETS TALK
Outgoing and friendly SWF, 19, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, smoker. Enjoys animals, crafts, the outdoors and loves roller coasters. Looking for an honest and up-front SWM, 40-61, with similar interests who is a get-up-and-go attitude. Ad#539780

BROWN EYED LADY
SWF, 5'4", 48, enjoys barbecued ribs, funny movies, game turning books. Desires SWM, N/S, 40-55, who 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 a SWM, N/S, 40-45, long walks, good coffee, dancing. Ad#540074

A NEW SMILE TODAY
Coffee with a friend. Everyday is something new with this SWF, 51, blonde hair, hazel eyes, fun, outgoing, little shy. Seeking forever young, SWM, 50-60, nice, sincere, hardworking Christian. Ad#539821

PRETTY & PLAYFUL
SWF, 42, 5'4", with short auburn hair and blue eyes. Enjoys time with her children, biking, walking and much more. Looking for a N/S SWM, 40-48, who is fun-loving, good-natured and enjoys kids. Ad#450939

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
Brown eyes, light-skinned SWF, 22, nice, kind, jokes around, enjoys going to movies, watching television, enjoying social nights out. Seeking companionship with a good man. Ad#539573

EXTRA NICE
Blonde, blue-eyed, proportionate SWF, 42, outgoing, bubbly, amiable, not shy. I like motorcycling, boating, hockey. Seeking monogamous relationship with SWM, 37-55, soul mate. Ad#539134

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SWF, 49, 5'6", 125 lbs., slender, smoker, social drinker. Loves art museums, camping and more. Seeking an easygoing, attractive, creative SWM, 38-49, who likes to dance and is a music lover. Ad#538187

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, the arts, conversation and nature. Looking for an intelligent SM, 40-60, for friendship, and possibly more. Ad#529249

DO I INTEREST YOU?
I'm a brown-eyed SBM, 28, 5'4", 185 lbs., who likes movies and partying. I'd like to find an older SM, who is outgoing, laid-back and likes to have fun. Ad#505101

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

NO GAMES
SBF, 50, seeking a sincere soul-mate... a fun-loving SM, 40-60, who is genuinely employed, and who wants to be a long-term relationship. Ad#504299

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MULTI-INTERESTED AAF
50, homeowner, has teenage son, enjoys gardening and meeting new people. Seeking SM, 40-60, race unimportant. Ad#528623

CALL ME
SWM, 26, 5'4", 160 lbs., seeks tall, thin SM, 21-29, with a mustache & eyebrow piercing. Ad#519034

HONORABLE
Bright, fun, SWF, 50, 5'8", slender, long blonde hair, brown eyes, new to the area. Enjoys skiing, running daily, eating well & staying active. In search of an outgoing, tall, slender, sincere, intelligent SWM, 45-60, with various interests. Ad#516494

LIFE OF THE PARTY
Attractive, fun, creative SBF, 39, loves to laugh. Enjoys dinner parties, travel and scrap booking. Looking for a chivalrous SM, 35-50. Ad#512335

MAKE TIME FOR ME
I'm a 46 year old SWF, with blonde hair, who's been looking for romance in all the wrong places. Seeking a good-natured, humorous, talkative, gentle, kind SWM, 34-45, for romance and companionship. I prefer someone without children. Ad#505052

HAPPY GO LUCKY
SBF, 31, 5'6", great sense of humor who enjoys decorating, cooking and reading. Seeking honest, trustworthy, respectful, intelligent SM, 31-50, who has zest for life. Ad#508016

DINNER?
Easygoing, attractive SWF, 29, enjoys dining out, clubs and long walks in the park. Looking for a laid-back, good-looking SBM, 29-38. Ad#506117

NAUGHTY & NICE
SWF, 45, no dependents, social drinker, and smoker. Seeking SWM, 45-55, with a Harley. Ready for riding the open roads. Ad#449543

LOOKING FOR ME?
SBF, 24 years old, in search of a hardworking SBM, 24-35, who believes in the Lord, enjoys movies, biking and having fun. Ad#505295

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU

I'm a SBF, 52, 5'5", with black hair & brown eyes, who enjoys bowling & jazz. Seeking an outgoing, smart SBM, 48-58, with a great sense of humor. Ad#528909

VERY FUNNY
Very fit SWM, 40, 6'2", with green eyes and blond hair. I'm fun, dependable, outgoing, hardworking, and I love NASCAR! Hope to meet a caring, honest, responsible SF, under 55, who has time for a good, strong relationship. Ad#564348

CAN WE TALK?
SWM, 35, 6', 220 lbs., with brown hair & eyes, kind of shy at first. Likes watching/playing sports, and possibly more. Ad#569189

ONE MAN FOR YOU
SWM, 50, 5'11", 195 lbs., brown hair and eyes, clean-cut. Searching for a weight/proportioned, monogamous SWF, 35-55, who enjoys gardening, long drives, country life and the simple things life has to offer. Ad#557006

DON'T BE BASHFUL
Nice, intelligent, handsome, SBM, 28, with dynamite smile. Looking for my little sweetheart, 22 plus. Let's call & spend time together then, see where this goes. Ad#568808

MY HEART'S DREAM
I'm a 60 years old, 6'2", with salt and pepper hair, beard, amusing. I would love to play music. Love of good blues and jazz. I'm seeking a worldly, SF, 47-60, who knows herself. Ad#568526

NO LIARS
Fun, smooth, and laid back, SBM, 23, 5'11", brown hair and eyes. Enjoys pool, drawing, basketball, movies and dining out. Looking for intelligent and honest, SBF, 18+, with a good head on her shoulders. Ad#568425

EASY TO TALK TO!
Single white male, 45, 6'2", 209 lbs., muscular, athletic, brown hair, blue eyes, clean-cut, degree, never married, no dependents, outgoing personality. Enjoys roller blading, working out, etc. Seeks a friendly, single female, Wayne County. Ad#404066

SOAR WITH ME
I am a SWM, 61, pilot who enjoys sand and sun, beaches, warm weather, flying, travel, etc. I would like to meet a SF, 48-58, in the White Lake area. All calls returned. Ad#481076

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 an 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#565685

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 enjoys 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#449863

DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS...
SBM, 21 years old, a fun, caring person. Enjoys fishing, writing, strolls in the park and vacations. Seeking a loving, kind, warm SF, 19+, who is willing to give him her all. Ad#564284

UNIQUELY DIFFERENT
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

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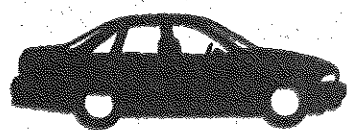
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The 2004 Volkswagen Phaeton

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BY DALE BUSS

Whew!
Now that I've gathered my breath, I can tell you that the Phaeton carries on the tradition of quirkiness that is such a big part of the identity of its maker, Volkswagen. But in this case, the quirkiness is in how impressively VW has pulled off its unprecedented execution of a true luxury car, a vehicle that actually can go bumper-to-bumper with the likes of the best mass-produced models that BMW and Mercedes-Benz can put out there.

Driving the 2004 Phaeton, whose prices start at about \$64,600, is an unmitigated treat. Even in the V8 version that I drove, power and acceleration were overwhelming, handling was absolutely superb, and the interior roominess and amenities were unparalleled. Family members and friends clamored to get rides in it, and I hated to turn Phaeton back in. I can't remember the last time I felt that way about a Volkswagen!

And yet Phaeton, as one reviewer put it, is "a luxury car for people who prefer to wear their designer labels on the inside of their clothing" — meaning that it doesn't leap out at you as an incredibly high-priced machine. Stylish, yes, but memorable in its exterior design? Not at all. And maybe that's where quirky side of the company's personality comes back into play. How ironic that, when it comes to finally making a splash in the true-luxury market, the maker of the Beetle and the Microbus does so in an understated way.

First introduced in Europe, Phaeton now is making its way into the U.S. market. The most noteworthy thing about the exterior of the car is its 118-inch wheelbase and nearly 204-inch overall length (somewhat longer, naturally, than the European version), the latter of which is nearly identical to the Mercedes S-Class and BMW 745 that VW has targeted as the competition. What's most interesting about the Phaeton's appearance, more than the grill or any minor styling cue, is how this length is distributed: There's a notably huge space where the rear-passenger compartment is, giving the car a bit



Phaeton's level of comfort will overwhelm you.

of a limousine look on the outside.

The oomph in the V8, 335-horsepower, 4.2-liter V8 was more than enough to slam you back in your seat, and the powertrain responded impressively in every situation. Not only that, but it was whisper-quiet; often it was difficult, while in idle, to tell whether the engine was running or not. And even at breakneck acceleration, the engine quietly just went about its business. Matched to a six-speed automatic transmission in the V8, it was an impressive package to drive.

I can't even imagine what the Phaeton's V-12 version must provide in terms of power. It's a 420-horsepower, 12-cylinder engine that comes in a "W" configuration. VW basically took parts of its compact, 3-liter V6 engines, gave them a common crankshaft and — with lots of engineering and recasting — produced a short but powerful motor.

Inside, Phaeton is just as impressive. The interior décor is sumptuous and conservative and worthy of a luxury vehicle, in leather and eucalyptus-wood trim Eucalyptus. And it didn't take me long to overlook the fact that the AM band of the radio of the model I was driving apparently was broken and that the LCD-screen controls aren't particularly intuitive; the latter is a problem that practically no manufacturer gets right. What soon overwhelmed

me about Phaeton was the level of comfort, including 12-way power-seat movements (highlighted by an adjustable leg support), four-zone climate control, heated and air-conditioned seats, a nifty removable plug-in flashlight resembling traditional cigarette lighters, and much more.

Such as?: The front vents automatically appear and disappear behind power lids. The 190-watt audio system has a six-CD changer. There are four power outlets. OnStar is a tack-on as well.

Interestingly, rear passengers have it even better in Phaeton than those in the front. The car decidedly has made the front cozy while the back is all about space, space, space. I can't remember experiencing a more ample rear compartment in any normal sedan — only in a limousine. There is so much leg room in the rear of this car that VW has provided small footrests embedded in the rear floor. The comfort quotient continues in the rear with power seat adjustments and a master climate control.

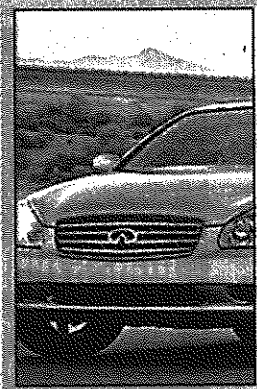
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Used car prices take hard tumble New car incentives push used car marketplace to record low

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Farmington Hills, MI — A Farmington Hills dealer is selling 2003 vehicles for one-half of the original manufacturer's list price. And they're offering many other 2003 models far below normal market values. The 0% financing offered by GM, Ford, and Daimler-Chrysler mesmerized so many buyers that far fewer shoppers even bothered looking at pre-owned 2003 models.

How does 0% financing on a new model do in a heads-up comparison to a pre-owned 2003 model? In the instance of the Buick Century, financing \$21,960 plus tax vs. \$9995 plus tax, the payments on the new car at 0% interest would be \$392 monthly for 60 months, but only \$233 monthly at 3.9% for 60 months on the program model. With the prime at a record low, today's interest rates are very competitive. Many credit unions charge under 6% for auto loans if the applicant has a good credit rating. And when purchasing the used 2003, don't forget that you'll be saving about an additional \$1,000 in sales tax and licensing fees. (Taxes estimated at an average of 6%).

The Bob Saks Superstore sold over 150 Buick Centurys in the first 30 days of their sale.

A "program" car is a vehicle that has been leased by a premium rental company through a special "program" from the manufacturer. Strict maintenance is required, and all vehicles are carefully inspected upon return. In many cases, these program units receive better maintenance than vehicles owned by private owners.

Saks Buick-Oldsmobile Used Car Superstore in Farmington Hills has long been known as Michigan's "bargain hunting" dealer. Currently, they're selling

more 2003 Buick Centurys than any other dealer in the nation. (Over 150 Centurys were sold during the first 30 days of their sale.) Last year, they sold the most pre-owned 2002 Chevrolet Lumina and Oldsmobile Intrigues in the nation from their single location. And the year before they set the sales record selling the most off-lease GMC Yukons.

Today's real bargain can be found at Saks in the pre-owned 2003 vehicles. The 0% financing on new 2003's has left the used models unnoticed and overlooked. So, with far fewer dealers purchasing these units, the prices have dropped to record lows.

So, once again, Bob Saks has gone shopping for the vehicles with a huge cart. They have just made a multi-million dollar purchase of these units from



Bargains abound in pre-owned 2003 program vehicles

General Motors, bringing in truckload after truckload from across the country. In addition to filling their giant used car facility to the brim, Bob Saks had to lease additional storage lots to accommodate their massive

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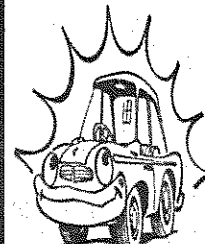
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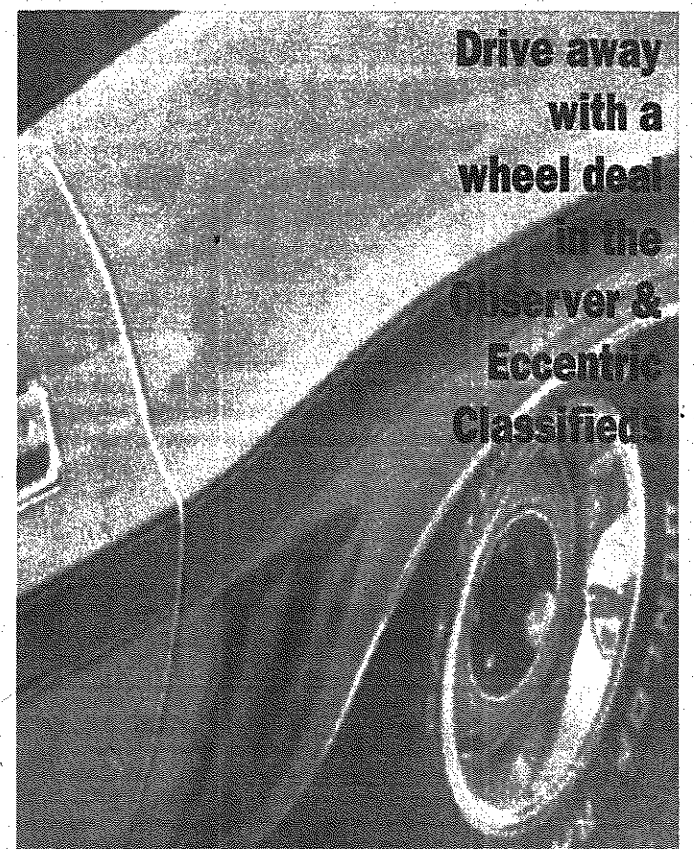
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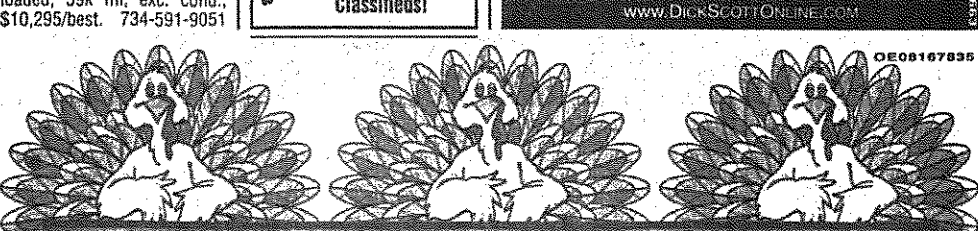
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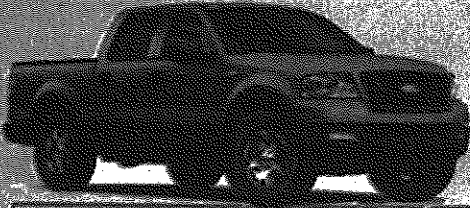
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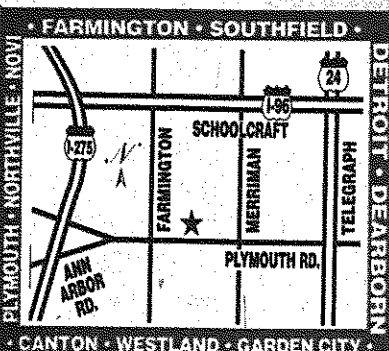
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