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The holiday season is here and so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club. Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main in Plymouth, during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 10, 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. When you bring your donations to the office, we'll ask you to leave your name and hometown, so we can recognize your generosity in the paper. Of course, you're perfectly able to remain anonymous if you prefer. For more information, give us a call at (734) 459-2700. Happy holidays, and please keep our Cheer club in mind!

**Blood drive set**  
Canton will host a Red Cross Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, in the Canton Public Library community room. Appointments can be made by calling the library at (734) 397-0999. Walk-ins are welcome.

**Give a hand**  
All local McDonald's restaurants are participating in the Give A Hand campaign, which will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeastern Michigan. Through Saturday, Nov. 20, customers can donate \$1 and sign their name to a yellow hand and have it displayed in the restaurant for all to see. The donations will be used to bolster a number of children's advocacy programs, including health care and medical research, education and the arts, and social services. Also through Nov. 20, McDonald's will donate 15 cents to the charity with every Extra Value Meal, Mighty Kids Meal and Happy Meal purchase. Canton's three McDonald's are located at 44900 Ford Road, 45510 Michigan Ave., and 40241 Michigan Ave. According to organizers, the three restaurants are trying to raise \$15,000 during the campaign.

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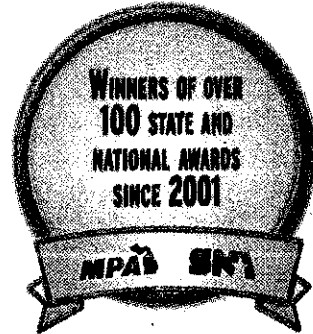
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## School fund could be target

Officials fear further cuts could damage education

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton schools are bracing for Gov. Jennifer Granholm's third executive order cut in three years, which could result in the state reducing the district's foundation grant by up to \$1.8 million. That would be on top of the district's projected budget deficit of almost \$5.5 million for fiscal 2004-05.

"There's not much more to cut here unless you want to make the education we offer now much different," Supt. Jim Ryan said. "I don't want to cut transportation, athletics or raise class size. That's not what this community said to us when they passed the \$109 million bond issue in September." State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) said he expects Granholm to issue a pro-rata letter by the middle of

next month, only weeks after an early December revenue-estimating conference that will show a shortage in the school aid fund. "I'm expecting we'll be told there's going to be a cut of \$50-\$100 per student at the first of the year," Stewart said. "It will go into effect 30 days after the letter. I expect it to come out Dec. 15. I will vote to make the school aid fund whole so the cut will not go into effect in

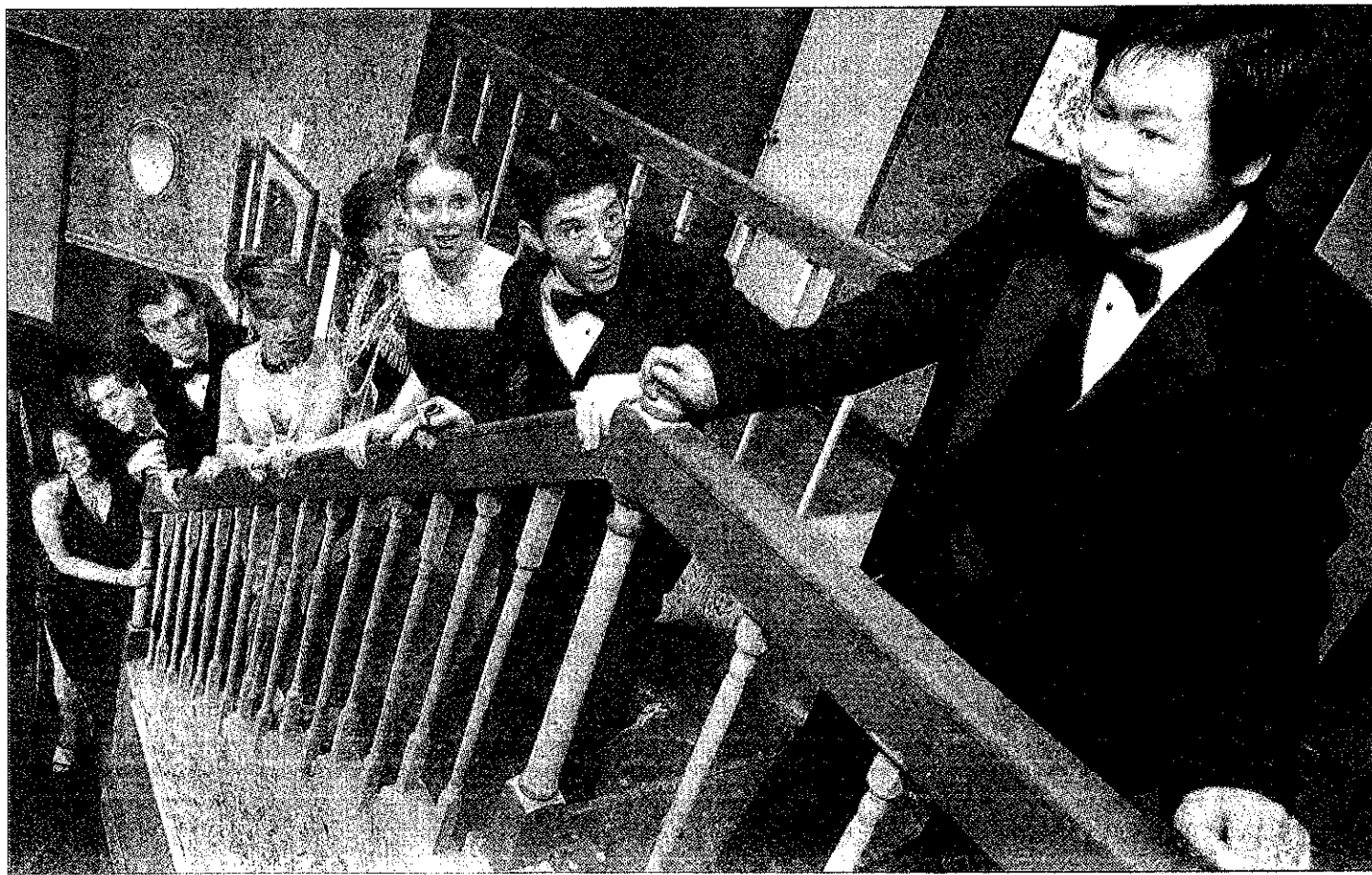
the middle of the next school year," he added. Stewart said if push came to shove, he'd vote for an increase in liquor and inheritance taxes to offset the deficit in the school aid fund. Patricia Brand, assistant superintendent for business services, said a cut of that magnitude would cost the district from \$900,000 to \$1.8 million. "That could raise our deficit this year to \$6.4-\$7.2 million," Brand said. "We won't even know a number until February, and

PLEASE SEE FUND, A4

## Getting 'Rumors' started

BY BRAD KADRIC  
STAFF WRITER

Anyone headed to the Gloria Logan Auditorium this weekend to see the Park Players' production of *Rumors* expecting to see a monster Kristen Quesada production is going to be surprised. Quesada, the Park Players director who in nearly three years has staged big-cast productions such as *Guys and Dolls* and *42nd Street*, sends a 10-member cast out to perform Neil Simon's farce. The first performance is today; the show continues Friday and Saturday, with all performances at 8 p.m.



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THE CAST OF *RUMORS* (FROM LEFT) ... REHEARSAL FOR OPENING NIGHT THURSDAY AT SALEM HIGH SCHOOL.

## 'Princess' gets royal treatment

Thousands of 'subjects' line streets for cancer patient

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Sunday was a day fit for a princess and her royal family. Mother Nature supplied sunny skies and pleasant temperatures, and thousands of people became cast members in a beautifully choreographed parade at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township for the coronation of a 4-year-old princess — who has battled cancer the past 15 months — they didn't even know. Charlotte Ann Stokes of Walled Lake was diagnosed in September 2003 with a rare cancer on her liver that spread to her lungs. After some very painful chemotherapy and doctors giving her only a 30 percent chance of survival, the cancer that invaded Charlotte's body is in remission. While laying in her bed at Children's Hospital in Detroit, Charlotte decided she wanted a big party for her family and friends, nurses and doctors. A social worker contacted the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and with the help of thousands who showed up to be her adoring subjects, Charlotte was welcomed to Plymouth Sunday as Mayor Stella Greene proclaimed "Princess Charlotte Ann Stokes Day." Preceded by Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White and Belle (from Beauty and the Beast), Charlotte — wearing a pink dress with a bow — rode with her parents in a white, horse-drawn carriage as well-wishers waved banners, balloons and pink ribbons. A red carpet led to the stage, where Princess Charlotte was given her tiara. Sarah Lenore of Plymouth Township sang "A Dream Is A



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Four-year-old Charlotte Stokes, who was diagnosed with liver cancer last year, is crowned princess by Snow White and fairy godmother Suzanne Hughes. Charlotte's father, Scott Stokes, holds her during the crowning, as her mother (left) Sevi Stokes is surprised by confetti exploding out when the crown was placed on her daughter.



Princess for a Day Charlotte Stokes waves to a crowd of cheering people from her chariot ride to St. John's Golf and Conference Center.

Wish Your Heart Makes," a Disney favorite. And, the crowd sang Happy Birthday to Charlotte, who turned 4 just days earlier. "We will never forget your kindness," Sevi Stokes, Charlotte's mom, told the crowd, "For

prayers that have helped us through some very difficult times. Thank you all for making Charlotte's life better by being here today." It was easily evident by the many cheers and tears from those in the crowd why so many people showed up to share in the day for a little girl they didn't know until Sunday afternoon. "We have a 4-year-old daughter and we just went to Disney World, and she was princess at one of the Cinderella dinners," said Cindy Helms of Plymouth Township. "When I heard about Charlotte, who's also four and wanted to be a princess, it just broke my heart and I wanted to be there for her and show our daughter a real princess." "We wanted to support them, and we're grateful everything turned out well for Charlotte," said Maria Zielinski of Canton, who was with her daughter, Brittany. "It was a very moving moment, and we wanted to be part of it."

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## Driver charged in woman's death

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

A 17-year-old Hazel Park woman was arraigned Friday on a charge of negligent homicide in connection with an automobile accident in September that took the life of a Canton woman. Diana Kiriakus was arraigned before 35th District Court Magistrate Eric Colthurst. A plea of not guilty was entered for her and she was released on a \$5,000 personal bond. A preliminary exam has been scheduled for Nov. 19. Negligent homicide is a two-year misdemeanor. Uzma Nasir, 47, of Canton was killed shortly before 2 p.m. Sept. 29 when she was driving south on Haggerty between Cherry Hill and Palmer. Canton Police said Nasir was waiting to make a left turn onto Westfield when her car was struck in the rear by a Jeep Liberty. The impact forced Nasir's

car into the northbound lane, where it was struck by a northbound semi-truck. Nasir was taken to St. Mary Hospital, where she later died. Kiriakus, who was driving the Jeep, was treated and released at St. Joseph Hospital. The driver of the semi was not injured. Police said at the time that alcohol was not a factor in the accident. Canton Police Sgt. Rick Pomorski said a number of factors are always involved in a fatal accident investigation. "These things take time," he said. "Accidents require a lot of follow-up work. There's reconstruction involved, you have to wait for autopsy reports, medical records and so on." He said there were no skid marks at the scene and that the speed appeared to be at or near the posted limit of 45 mph.

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### Holiday cards

This year you can help your favorite charity and send greetings to your friends with a wide range of special cards in Sunday's Observer Life Section.



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## GREAT VOICES

The singing group, A Cappella Pops, will play the Village Theater at Cherry Hill on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. The group, originally from Philadelphia, mixes the sounds and styles of jazz and folk, Broadway and gospel.

The arrangements blend men's and women's voices.

A Cappella Pops is directed by internationally known a cappella chorus director and coach Jan Muck.

Tickets for the performance are \$30, and can be purchased at Summit on the Park (46000 Summit Parkway) and the Village Theater ticket office, which is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. It will also be open two hours prior to the performance.

For more information about the theater, visit [www.canton-mi.org/CPAEC/about.asp](http://www.canton-mi.org/CPAEC/about.asp).

## CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Greg Cislo, of Canton, was recently named construction manager of two condominium construction projects in Canton: The Maple Park



Cislo

Condominiums and Chelsea Square Condominiums.

Cislo works for Jacobson Brothers and the JAR Group, the two firms building the condos.

Cislo will manage day-to-day construction activities, including bidding specifications, working with the municipality, permitting issues, purchasing materials and hiring subcontractors.

"I will appreciate the challenge, fast pace, and juggling a lot of things at one time. That's the type of person I am. I am happier when I'm busy," said Cislo, who lives in Canton with his wife, Sherry. "As the companies purchase new properties and begin new developments, my responsibilities will continue to grow."

## FEATURED POETRY

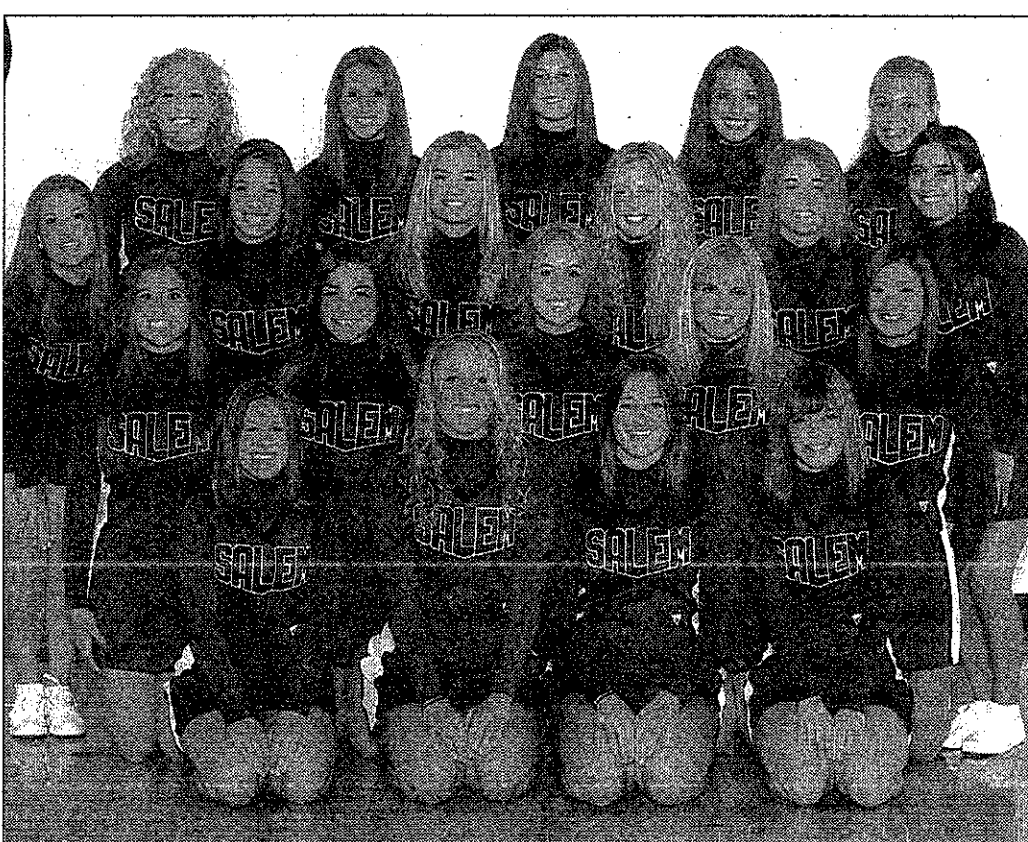
The work of poet Cheryl A. Vatcher-Martin, owner of Pero Inc. in Canton, is on exhibit at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill through Dec. 31. One of the featured poems, "Homage to Kafka," was published in the Artists Among Us Program on Nov. 4. The theater is located at 50400 Cherry Hill in Cherry Hill Village.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Basking in the theme, "United in Thanksgiving," the Plymouth Ministerial Association again sponsors its annual ecumenical Thanksgiving service at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21 at First United Methodist Church, 46201 N. Territorial west of Sheldon, in Plymouth.

All communities are invited to attend this special service arranged in the spirit of Thanksgiving.

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## Rockettes rock

On Sunday, Nov. 7, the Salem JV Rockettes participated in the 14th Annual Mid-American Dance Team Championship at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. The team placed first in junior varsity contemporary pom, and second place in junior varsity jazz.

the area include First Baptist, First Church of Christ-Scientist, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. John's Episcopal, St. Kenneth Parish and St. Michael Lutheran.

Participants are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Plymouth Salvation Army for its food drive.

## BENEFIT CONCERT

WSDP 88.1-FM, the stu-

dent-run radio station serving the Plymouth-Canton school district, in conjunction with the Canton Youth Advisory Council, presents the third-annual "Toys for Tots Holiday Benefit" at 6 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 24, at Summit on the Park.

The two-stage concert features Sandbox Heroes, Madison AD, Great Basement Crusade, Which Way is Home, For the Fallen, The Next Tomorrow, Every Avenue and For the Taken. Admission is \$5, or a new, unwrapped toy.

For more information, call the station, (734) 416-7732.

## NUTCRACKER BALLET

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company for its traditional presentation of Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Ballet.

Performances are scheduled for 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5 at Salem High School auditorium. Admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children.

The Sugar Plum Tea follows the 11 a.m. Saturday performance and the 2 p.m. Sunday performance. Tickets for the tea are \$5.

For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, call the symphony office at (734) 451-2112.

## EEF THEATER

The Educational Excellence Foundation, serving Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, hosts a dessert/theater evening fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19 at Salem High School.

The nationally ranked PCCS Culinary Arts team will prepare a variety of desserts, as well as a coffee/tea bar.

After dessert, patrons will enjoy premiere reserved seating in the Gloria Logan Performing Arts Auditorium for the Park Players' performance of the comedy, *Rumors*.

Tickets are \$25 each and qualify as a tax-deductible donation in support of the Performing Arts.

Only 100 tickets are available, so they are advanced-sale only.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Carole Kody, (734) 416-2718.

## DEAN'S LIST

Canton resident Lauren Smith recently made the Dean's List at SUNY Geneseo for the spring semester.

Smith, who is working towards her Bachelor of Arts, is studying biology and adolescent education.

## CRAFT FAIR

Tri-City Christian in Canton will hold its annual Holiday Craft Fair on Dec. 4. More than 75 crafters will be selling their wares.

Refreshments and a bake sale will also be highlights.

Tri-City is located at 3855 Sheldon Rd., just north of Michigan Ave.

There is a \$1 admission. For more information, call (734) 397-0819.

## USED SPORTING GOODS

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor its annual used sports equipment sale on Dec. 4 at the Canton Softball Center's Diamonds restaurant.

The public is invited to bring in gently used equipment and sell it. Employees staff the sale, so there is no need to be present at the sale.

If you wish to sell items, bring them in on Dec. 3 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. to be priced and tagged for the sale. You set the price.

Canton Leisure Services will keep 15 percent of the profits from all items sold during the sale.

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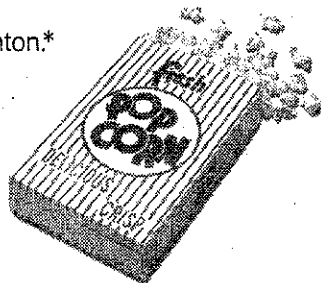
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## RUMORS

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The smaller production is a departure for Quesada. "I did it for variety sake," said Quesada. "I try to involve as many kids as possible, but I liked this show a lot. I wanted to choose something with 10 reliable actors."

She got it. The farce centers around a group of friends gathering to celebrate one friend's 10th wedding anniversary. When the first couple arrives, they find the man dead. The play centers around each couple's attempts to keep the others from finding out what happened.

Though the comedy is a change of pace for Quesada and the Park Players, it's one the director is happy to be making.

"I wanted to do something different, a comedy that would challenge the actors in a new way," Quesada said. "Many of these kids haven't had experience doing a comedy, especially a farce."

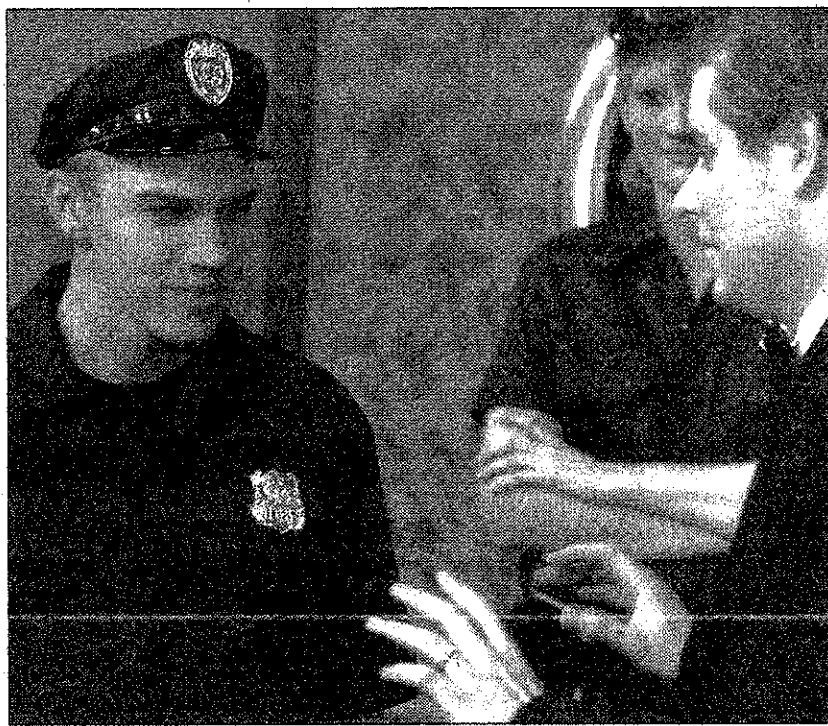
"This challenges them, because they're all playing sophisticated adults," she added. "The comedy is more subtle, it's more witty and clever."

The humor has actually made for one of the biggest challenges the cast has faced: keeping a straight face. According to Quesada, cast members have had fun stretching the limits a little, trying new things that are cracking their castmates up.

"The biggest challenge has been getting the actors to stay in character during the funny parts," Quesada said with a laugh. "I have to remind them they're in the show, not watching the show. Of course, it doesn't help when they look over at me and I'm cracking up."

The cast, many of whom have been with Quesada for three years, finds the switch to a comedy exciting.

Ashleigh Rotondo, a senior at Canton High School, called the play



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Plymouth Salem students Josh Sexton, left, and Brett Thurmond rehearse a scene from the Park Players' production of "Rumors," which opens Thursday night.

"hilarious" and said she's happy to be part of a small cast.

"We can't get through rehearsals without cracking up," said Rotondo, who has appeared in numerous productions including *Pippin*, *Guys & Dolls*, and *Witness for the Prosecution*. "The small cast is nice. We got to know each other, got to bond with each other. We like each other, and I think it shows on stage."

The small cast also makes it a little easier to learn everything, a reliability factor cast members find comforting.

"It's very funny," said Nathan Gardner, a Salem High School senior who plays Ken Gorman, one of the husbands in the play. "It's laid back, but at the same time everyone works real hard and you don't have to worry about someone missing a line or a mark. You know that's going to be there."

"In the past, I've played really

serious parts," Gardner added. "I like this because I finally get to play someone funny."

If Quesada has her way, he'll be playing it on the road, as well. For the first time in her tenure, Quesada intends to take the actors to the Michigan Interscholastic Forensics Association competition in January.

According to Quesada, longtime director Gloria Logan used to take the students to the competition "every couple of years." The new director decided it was time.

"Some of these kids have been with me the whole three years, and I wanted to give them the chance to compete," Quesada said. "It's a wonderful educational opportunity."

*Rumors* plays Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at the door.

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## DEATHS

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Jerry A. Burke, 56, of Westland, died Nov. 13.

G

William P. Gillis, 77, died Nov. 14.

H

A. Jack Helganz, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Nov. 10.

Paul Emmons Horton, 82, died Nov. 12.

K

Vandetta L. King, 73, of Livonia, died Nov. 13.

N

Lester V. Newton, 86, formerly of Redford Township, died Nov. 12.

R

James H. Richardson, 89, died Nov. 14.

S

Diane Van Sach, 61, died Nov. 14.

Eileen Anita (South) Smitley, 87, died.

Tania Stanley, 87, of Plymouth, died Nov. 14.

## WINDOWS BROKEN

Canton Police are investigating two incidents of window smashing that occurred in the early morning hours of Nov. 13.

In the first incident, a resident of the 300 block of Queensway reported that between 2:45 and 2:50 a.m. he heard his dog barking.

The resident ran downstairs and heard windows breaking. He said it was a loud crash like all the windows broke at once.

The front bay window on his house and the front door window were broken, with damage estimated at \$800.

Police said the windows appeared to have been broken with a bat or other blunt object.

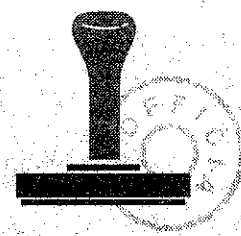
In the second incident, a guest staying at a house in the 1700 block of Elmhurst said he woke up between 3 and 3:25 a.m. the same day to the sound of glass breaking.

He didn't see anything but the front windshield, passenger side window and rear window of his 1997 Dodge Stratus were broken. So was the picture window and front door window of the house.

Damage was estimated at \$900.

## LAWN JOB

A resident of the 7000 block of Kings



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Mill told police he came home about 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 13 after being away for about an hour and a half and discovered that someone had driven over his front lawn.

Damage was estimated in excess of \$100.

## MACHINE BREAK-IN

The owner of Lighthouse Car Wash on Ford Road reported that someone broke into a coin change machine and took about \$2,000 in cash.

The incident occurred between 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 and 8:45 a.m. Nov. 14.

He said he found the door to a storage room locked, but inside the coin change machine had been forced open. A security camera had been moved and pointed toward the ceiling.

Apparently entry was gained by prying off a boiler air vent on an outside wall.

Damage to the coin machine was estimated at \$5,000.

## SIGN DAMAGE

The principal of National Heritage Academy on Ford Road said someone used a homemade welcome sign to break doors to the academy.

The incident occurred between 6 p.m. Nov. 12 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 14.

He said someone smashed the sign and used a piece of it to break the outer panel of glass on the first entry door to the building. A second set of doors was completely broken.

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## A fond farewell

Outgoing Canton trustees John Burdziak and Bob Shefferly congratulate each other during a farewell party held for the two at Rose's Restaurant in Canton. Burdziak, 68, who served on the board for 13 years, lost his re-election bid. Shefferly, 78, served on the board for 16, and chose not to seek re-election this year.

## FUND

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at that point in time it would not be realistic for us to make program reductions. Our hands are tied, so we'd most likely have to take the money from our fund balance."

Last year, a mid-year executive order cut cost the district \$74 per student, or \$1.3 million. The year before, the reduction was \$50 per student, which resulted in a cut of \$700,000 for Plymouth-Canton schools.

School board trustees Carol Saunders and Barry Simescu heard somewhat the same dismal forecast while attending the Michigan Association of School Board meetings in Grand Rapids earlier this month.

"My first thought was, 'How in the blue blazes are we going to handle that?'" Saunders said. "There's no fat in our budget, we're cutting into the muscle."

Simescu said it will be hard to predict what the end result will be for Plymouth-Canton schools.

"We're certainly hoping not to affect the education portion of

what we do for our kids, but we're going to have to look at things to stem the tide if the cut happens," he said. "I think the way in which the state funds schools needs to be looked at."

Stewart said there's a lack of historical perspective in Lansing, as many legislators don't remember what happened in the Kalkaska school district nearly a dozen years ago.

"You're going to see another Kalkaska in 2005, where some district files for bankruptcy," Stewart said.

Ryan agreed, saying he expects some school districts won't have enough fund balance to cover budget deficits.

"The legislators don't believe there's a problem, they don't understand our list of cuts," he said. "For the life of me, I don't understand how legislators don't believe that school districts, cities and townships don't have financial problems."

"My personal goal is to find a way to survive the next two years and pray for a solution from the state," he added.

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If the thought of a music lesson brings to mind an image of a freckle-faced kid sitting at an upright piano while his teacher, a gray-haired lady of some years, stands behind him scowling at his efforts, think again.

John Antone, founder and principal director of Axis Music Academy, decided to change all that a few years ago.

Antone, who started studying classical piano when he was 6 years old and later attended the Musicians Institute in Hollywood, where he graduated with honors, became a music teacher himself.

"I've been teaching for 20 years," Antone said, "mainly private lessons. I've always wanted to teach."

About 10 years ago he decided to open his own music academy, using professional teachers and musicians as instructors.

"Axis Music Academy" opened in Southfield with four little classrooms. Before long he expanded the operation from 400 square feet to more than 3,000 square feet and more than a dozen classrooms.

He then opened a second academy in Roseville and in June opened his third one in Canton, in the Willow Creek Retail Center at Ford and Lilley roads. They're located a couple of doors south of the Shark Club.

He already has about 200 students a week coming in for lessons. And he's not just talking piano.

Axis Music Academy - the

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

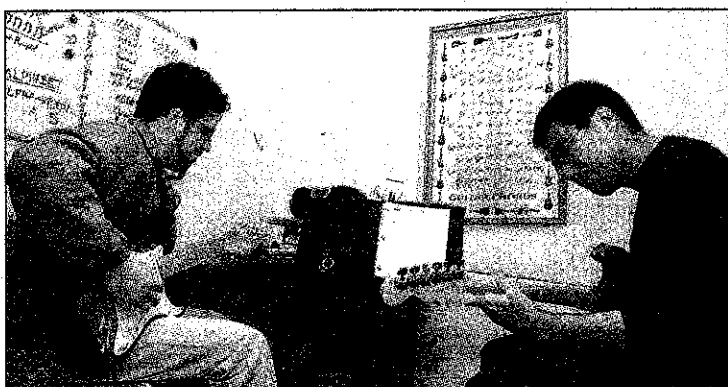
# Not your mother's music instructor

## Canton academy uses 'fun aspect' to teach local musicians



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Axis Music Academy owner John Antone, who named his business after a Jimi Hendrix album, makes sure his students have fun when learning to play music.



Nick Klaver (left), who is the senior guitar instructor at Axis Music Academy in Canton, works with Hao Xu of Canton.

name comes from a Jimi Hendrix album, "Axis: Bold as Love" - offers lessons in guitar, bass, drums, piano, voice, horns and strings.

"We pride ourselves with providing the best music lessons around," Antone said.

And he said there are three elements involved.

"The first is the venue," he said. "We have private classrooms fully equipped with everything they need. And we tape record each session so the student can take the tape home and listen to how it's supposed

to sound when they practice."

The second element is the quality of the instructors.

"We are very particular as to whom we hire," he said. "Our interview process is very intensive. They have to take written, playing and verbal tests. We grade them on ethics and etiquette. There are 15 areas they are graded in and they must pass all 15 in order to get hired."

The third element is what Antone calls the "fun aspect."

"The guys and gals who study with us can't wait to get

here and practice," he said. "When I first started taking piano lessons, my teacher would slap my wrist when I struck a wrong note. We don't operate that way."

Axis Music is partnered with the Guitar Center and all of his academies are located in close proximity to their outlets. Canton's Guitar Center is about a mile east of the academy on Ford Road.

"We love the Canton market," he said.

Antone also works with community groups, schools and churches by taking his instructors to them and giving some instant lessons on the spot.

"We're in business to make a profit," he said. "But we're also here to make a difference. That's one thing I live by. It makes us feel good and gratified."

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At the St. John's Golf and Conference Center, a crowd of cheering people came to greet the princess for a day, 4-year-old Charlotte Stokes.

## PRINCESS

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After the coronation of Princess Charlotte, it was time for the royal ball inside St. John's, with 400 guests enjoying hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza and brownies. The Plymouth Ballet Company performed for the princess and her court.

"Overwhelming with amazement," is how Sevi Stokes described the parade and cere-

mony. "I cannot believe the amount of support for Charlotte's wish. It was like a Hollywood Disney movie."

Charlotte's father, Scott, was equally overwhelmed by the day.

"I just wanted to go out and shake everyone's hand and thank them," he said. "It was just amazing. Charlotte doesn't have any idea what it means right now, but down the road she'll understand."

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Four-year-old Charlotte Stokes and her mom, Sevi, admire her gown before heading off to the party in Charlotte's honor.

Charlotte Stokes (right) shares a moment with her best friend and neighbor Taylor Gumro, while Charlotte's mom, Sevi, looks on.



Four-year-old Charlotte Stokes of Walled Lake gets ready for the ball held in her honor Sunday while being princess for a day. She is getting her makeup done by Maureen Huebel, Mrs. Michigan, from Livonia.



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# Taxpayers save with refunding of bonds

**BY SUE MASON**  
STAFF WRITER

Taxpayers in the Wayne-Westland Community Schools could see their taxes decrease with the refunding of some \$80 million in bonds related to the recently completed renovations of the schools.

The school board has given the green light to school officials to float new bonds at lower interest rates to cover the cost on bonds that will expire between 2008 and 2019.

According to Gary Martin, assistant superintendent for business, taxpayers could save up to \$3 million over the life of the new bonds.

"The existing bonds ran in the range of 3- to 4- to 5-percent interest and we'll probably get 3- to 4-percent on the

new bonds," Martin said. "It could save taxpayers \$300,000 a year and lower the debt millage. That might be one-tenth of a mill."

The savings wouldn't show up in tax bills for several years and wouldn't be a windfall. An annual savings of about \$300,000 spread over all of the district's taxpayers could translate into an \$8-20 savings on an individual tax bill.

The district would sell new bonds to cover the cost of the existing bonds.

The money the new bonds raise would be placed in escrow to pay off the old bonds as they expire. The money raised by the debt levy would pay off the new bonds.

Martin stressed that the refunding is a benefit only to taxpayers, and while the amount of savings is small,

"It's a savings nonetheless."

"We see an opportunity to save money from what taxpayers thought they would pay," he added. "There is nothing in this for the district. It's truly a tax savings for residents."

According to Martin, the district will test the bond market on Dec. 1. If it doesn't see "a gross savings of \$3 million," it won't hold a bond sale until after the New Year.

Martin added that there's a science to selling bonds. The district picked December because there tends to be an increased interest in bonds with people looking to buy to get the income tax savings. And sales at midweek - Dec. 1 is a Wednesday - tend to attract a better interest rate.

If the sale does go through, the target is to close on them before the end of they year, he said.

"We think it's a good time; it's a window of opportunity," Martin said. "Experts are forecasting that bond rates will go higher from their historical lows now."

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# British invasion

## Town-country store offers upscale shopping

**BY BRAD KADRICH**  
STAFF WRITER

Not long ago, Karol King was working for Alexandra's in Ann Arbor when the owner of that store decided to close its doors, leaving King with a choice.

Find another job, or create one of her own.

She chose the latter, and opened Toad Hall, a British-style boutique in Ann Arbor's Kerrytown, a self-described "boutique" kind of store featuring mostly women's clothing. In September, King and her husband moved the store to Plymouth.

"We deal in things you can't get in a department store," said King. "I was either going to work for someone else, or I was going to work for myself."

The shop actually got its start in the King home six years ago, named by her husband Bernie, who played on his English roots for the name. But the impetus for King, an interior designer by trade, to get into the clothing business actually came when her daughter, Blair, began to climb the ranks in the equestrian circuit.

An accomplished rider, Blair had to be in Florida for five months at a time, and the teenager obviously couldn't go



KAROL KING | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Karol King among some Icelandic sweaters available at her new store, Toad Hall, located at 470 Forest in downtown Plymouth.

it alone, so Mom went with her. But King also needed something to generate income.

"(Blair) was too young to be alone," said King. "I had to find something, so I started importing rainwear from England and Scotland. I started selling it at my daughter's equestrian competitions."

Eventually, Blair grew up (she's 19 now) and doesn't need her mother as much. King returned home looking for opportunities, and took the job as a manager/buyer for Alexandra's until that shop

closed.

After the brief sojourn in Kerrytown, King and her husband started scouting new locations, and came up with Plymouth.

"I don't think downtown Ann Arbor is user-friendly," King said. "My landlord in Plymouth is fascinated by England. Plymouth is a charming town, and it's on the upscale swing of bringing in shops."

Toad Hall features mostly women's items, but King is trying to "keep a mix." For instance, she sells some golf paraphernalia, and some artistic items. Oddly enough, she said she's doing better with male customers who are in shopping for significant others.

She'll also offer interior design advice, upon request.

"I'm having more luck with men shoppers," King said with a smile. "I try to get to know them a little, try to offer advice."

King admits she "opened this place on a shoestring," and isn't sure her upscale products will take off. If they don't, she's ready to adapt to suit customers' needs.

"If people want to have nice shops, they're going to have to come downtown to shop," King said. "If I don't have the right stuff, I'll listen to what my customers want, I'll find what they want and I'll do it better."

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*@ The Library is compiled by Christie Ekern, Canton Public Library marketing and communications manager. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center. For more information about library programs and services, call (734) 397-0999 or visit [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org).*

# Christmas in Cherry Hill Village set for Thanksgiving weekend

Here is a list of entertainment events for the Christmas in Cherry Hill Village weekend, scheduled for Nov. 27. Main stage entertainment on Saturday, Nov. 27 includes:

12-12:30 p.m. - Village Music, Children's Sing-a-long for Santa's arrival.  
12:45-1:15pm - Marionette Puppet Show.  
1:30-2:00pm - Canton Community Chorus.  
2:15-2:45pm - Canton Community Band.  
3-3:30pm - Renaissance Barber Shop Quartet and Chorus.  
3:45-4:15pm - Central City Dance.  
4:30-5:15pm - Wally Pleasant.  
Strolling entertainment includes:  
12-1 p.m. - Canton Youth Theater.  
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12-5 p.m. - Newsboys - Franklin High School.  
12-2:30 p.m. - High wheel cyclist/juggler/magician.  
1-4 p.m. - Caricaturist.  
2-4 p.m. - Stiltwalker.  
3-5 p.m. - Juggler/magician.

4-5 p.m. - Phil Graham and the Krispy Krackers.  
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■ Florists who are participating in decorating the homes for tour include: Keller & Stein, Michael's and The

Flower Pot all of Canton; Vanessa's Flowers and Ribar Florist, both of Plymouth.

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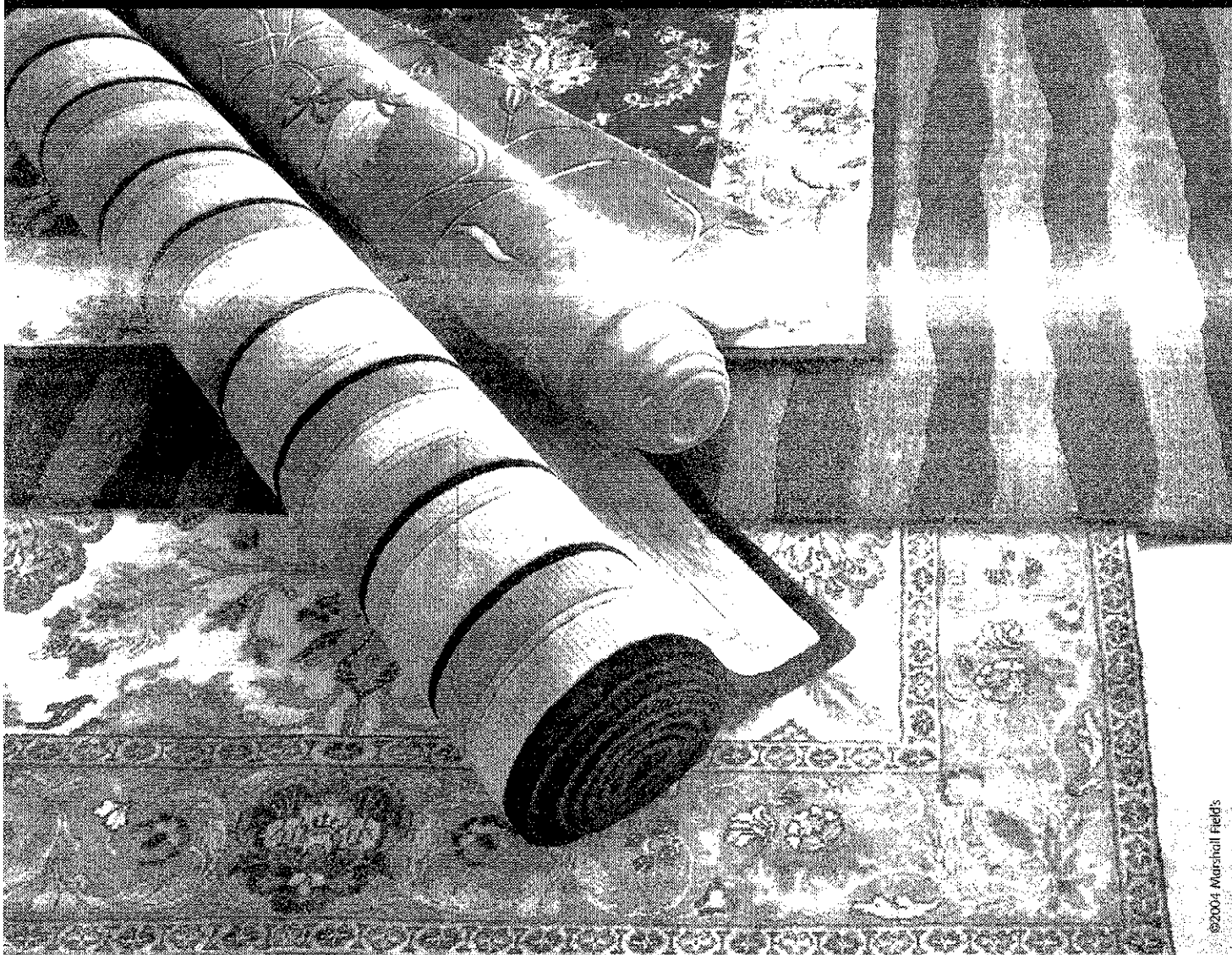
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OUR VIEWS

## Caccamo's stance produces a win

Todd Caccamo, a newcomer to Canton politics, may want to thank a plastic statue for his successful run for Canton trustee.

The Big Boy issue, you may recall, pitted the township establishment against the Big Boy restaurant near Ford and Canton Center. Was the tubby icon a sign or a symbol? As a regulated "sign" it had to come down, the township decreed.

Thousands of people signed a petition asking the township to leave the big fellow alone.

A compromise was reached, in which the two words on his chest — "Big Boy" — were covered in paint, and he was allowed to stay where he's been for years.

Although there was a lot of talk that the fight was a silly waste of township resources, Caccamo, in his speeches and his literature, featured the Big Boy issue and implied he'd fight hard against the Canton establishment for what he perceived as its intrusion on private property rights.

But the election is behind him. He is now a member of the board, joining longtime incumbent Melissa McLaughlin, newcomer and favorite native son Todd LaJoy and Karl Zarbo, an appointee winning his first election.

Republicans all, they will have to move on from a somewhat nasty campaign to achieve some harmony based on a mutual desire to build on Canton's obvious successes and a need to solve its problems.

No question Caccamo, a former Marine and martial arts teacher, has succeeded in shaking things up a bit with his "I owe nothing to developers, politicians, Realtors or lawyers" campaign.

And, of course, with his pro-Big Boy statue stance.

Now the serious bridge building begins. Caccamo will learn very quickly that he only has one vote. To achieve any of his goals — and his biggest is to cut government spending — he will have to learn the art of compromise.

He, as well as the rest of the board, should take a page from the solution that was reached with the Big Boy issue.

## State must act now to halt steady job losses

The job drain in Michigan — a reflection of the state's economy — is staggering. Only a comprehensive overhaul of the tax system, combined with new budget priorities and development of high-tech sectors, can stem the flow.

Consider the reason for SBC's recent announcement that from 500 to 1,000 jobs will be cut, primarily from its Detroit and Southfield offices, over the next three years. An unfavorable business climate led to the decision, company officials say.

A shocking 17,000 jobs have disappeared this year alone from the sickly retail sector. Witness the closure of Wonderland Center in Livonia.

Surprisingly, the loss of retail jobs exceeds a drop of 16,000 jobs in the manufacturing sector, which has long been a concern in communities such as in Livonia, where the Ford warehouse closed.

The good news is that Wonderland is being redeveloped, and the Michigan Economic Development Corp. has helped to attract and retain nearly 31,000 jobs this year.

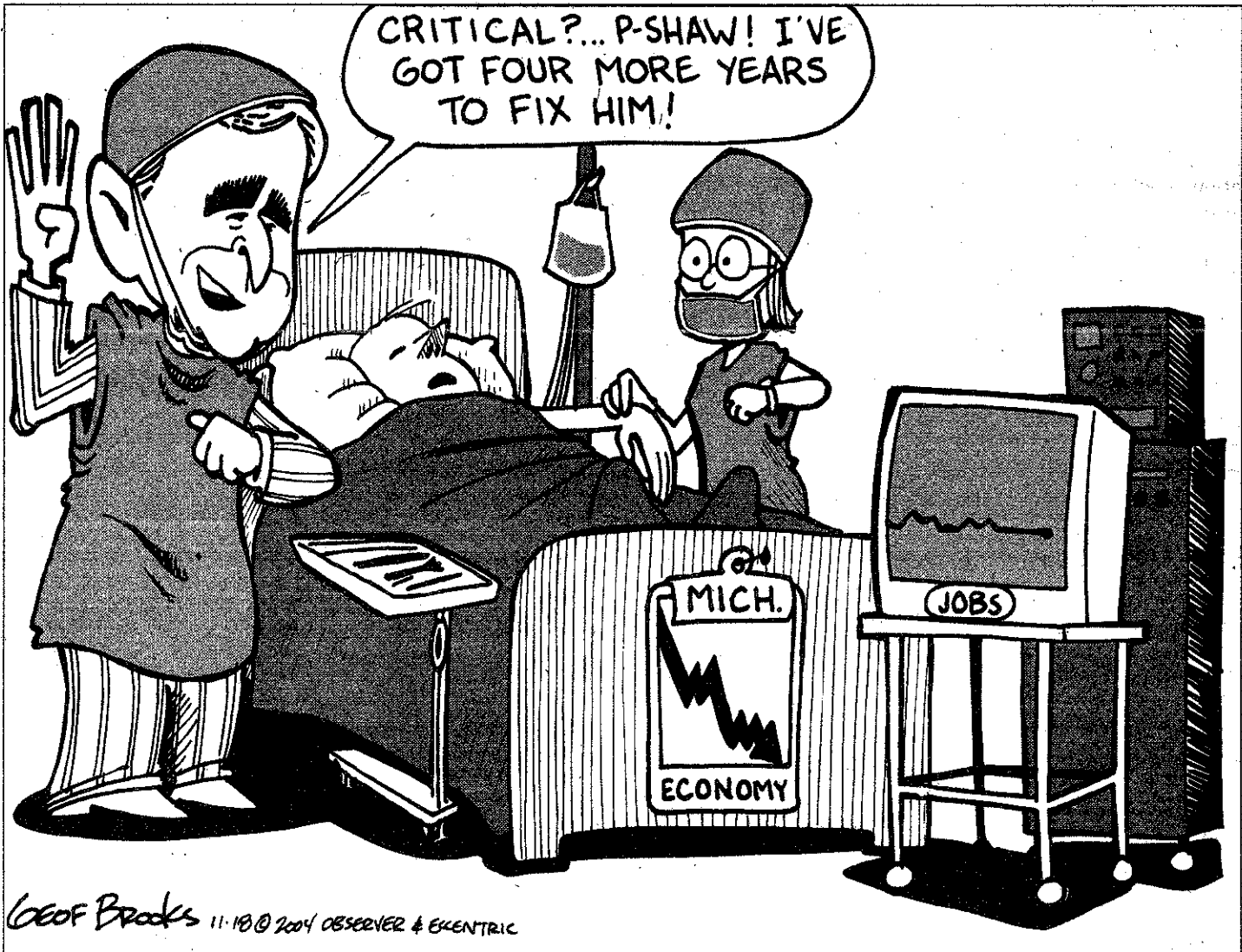
But the MEDC finds Michigan an expensive place to do business, with high costs for health care premiums and an inadequate infrastructure.

Such business development gestures as SMARTZones and Automation Alley in Troy are not enough. Legislators, in cooperation with business leaders, need to develop an economic strategy and set priorities by considering the role of government vs. the relative costs of budget line items.

Among worrisome state budget line items is education funding. The MEDC calls for an increase in higher education graduates to meet the demand for skilled labor in the high-tech sectors. Cuts in education funding prove costly in the long run. Gary Russi, president of Oakland University, recently said the \$1.5 billion invested in universities produces \$39 billion in income for the state.

Ultimately, the state's tax system must be overhauled. Business owners and politicians have long complained about the Single Business Tax. Unfortunately, few go beyond shaking their heads.

Michigan's economic problems are complex and the solutions aren't simple. But it's time to make decisions and take action.



### LETTERS

#### Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who offered their support and vote in the recent election for Canton Township trustee. I am very pleased to have the next four years to serve the community that I care deeply about. I look forward to continuing our progress by looking and listening to input from all Canton residents.

For those who I have yet to meet, I will continue to work hard in the hope of winning your support in the future. I would also like to congratulate all candidates who put their name and beliefs on the line in this election cycle.

Karl Zarbo  
Canton

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me Tuesday, Nov. 2. I'm honored to serve our community as trustee. I would like to thank my family and friends for their advice, time and support. Thank you for displaying a yard sign, introducing me to a neighbor or saying, "good luck." I'm looking forward to working with all of the Canton Township employees, volunteers and citizens, who continue to make our community a great place to live.

Todd A. LaJoy  
Canton

#### Irritating writer

Mr. Goodbred's obsessive condemnation of any world view save his own is becoming just a bit irritating.

Having modestly credentialed himself as someone with "considerable understanding and insight" in macro-economics, Mr. Goodbred proceeds to sweeping generalizations without even a nod to some uncomfortable facts.

If oldsters need affordable and sustaining drugs (or a shot of flu vaccine) they turn to Canada. In the United States big Pharma's capitalist greed does not allow production of many unprofitable, but essential, medicines.

Sweden's highly taxed welfare state has half the infant mortality rate of the United States. Even Cuba's socialist society has a lower infant mortality rate than the United States and, at less cost, twice as many doctors per capita. Cubans enjoy almost exactly the same life expectancy as citizens in the United States.

Mr. Goodbred's argument against the minimum wage would seem to be that it isn't good for business and will be costly in terms of economic growth and job creation. This is the same argument historically brought against the restriction of child labor, a reasonable work week, a clean and healthful environment, even a free public education, all of which, I would think, would be necessary to Mr. Goodbred's implied standard of "the good life."

While market capitalism has generously nourished this country, it has also brought its share of personal and social ills. Unfortunately, Mr. Goodbred seems unable to comprehend the ugly

Hobbesian possibilities of laissez-faire capitalism

Sam Barnes  
Canton

#### Student wrong

A recent letter from a student lamented that the children are not allowed to "bless" people after they sneeze.

The student said they see nothing wrong with saying "bless you" and everyone should have the right to express their religion, as long as it was not a matter of forcing it on others.

The child went on to invoke the specter of 9/11, and mentioned a moment of silence each year. This child stated that this country was founded based on the Christian religion and apparently confused national patriotism with religious fervor. The child was apparently attending a public school and might be more comfortable in a private or "charter" school where such distinctions are unimportant as long as tuition is kept low.

Pliny, in his *Natural History* from 77 A.D., wrote, "Why is it that we salute a person when he sneezes, an observation which Tiberius Caesar, they say, the most unsociable of men, as we all know, used to exact, when riding in his chariot even?"

Some say that the blessing bestowed after a sneeze is an attempt to ward off evil spirits, though no one can say for sure. If that is the case, it's not a matter of Christianity, but of the older barbaric cultures of Europe that this has arisen from. The word from which bless comes from is German in origin (blodsian), meaning to consecrate or to sprinkle with blood. The French derivation (blesseure) means to wound.

Tiberius Caesar directed Germanicus to put restive legions in order, and crush Germanic opposition to the Empire. Like George Bush, Tiberius, in spite of his education, allowed himself to come under the influence of unscrupulous men. While emperor Tiberius baffled, befuddled and frightened the senators, it seems he hoped they would act on his inner desires rather than on his explicit requests.

This nation was not founded on the Christian religion. It was founded on the basis of democracy. Democracy and Christianity are not the same thing. Our government was purposefully styled after the Roman and Greek governments, which failed because of internal strife and religious fanaticism spiraling out of control.

This nation was founded primarily by men that did attend Christian churches — but they were not perfect in their ways or lives. They did not intend for Americans to be involved in international wars.

The founding fathers were not perfect when they allowed the South Carolinians to badger them into allowing slavery. Our leaders today are not perfect.

The child complains because there is a rule against disrupting a class a second time after a sneeze by shouting "bless

you" as if it is a restriction of their right to freedom of religion.

Today our rights to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness are torn apart by cunning men. Historically the government had no business with marriage ceremonies. It was magistrates intent on increasing their income who began to collect the fees normally paid in tribute to the churches, communes or even covens.

The child bemoans a restriction on saying "bless you" and yet says nothing while Christ is sent to the cross again by bureaucrats intent on commanding who and who cannot marry each other.

In any case the polite thing to do when someone sneezes when you are in a public place is to say it under your breath and mean it.

Alfred Brock  
Canton

#### Longer recess

I am writing you to say that I think elementary school recess should be longer. Here are my reasons why I think students and teachers would benefit from longer recesses:

■ Teachers would have more time to get ready.

■ Kids need more exercise because they might have after school activities or homework.

■ I think students should get more recess because by the time they think up a game, recess is over.

■ More recess can benefit teachers because then students will not be as hyper, annoying and talkative.

■ Kids would be healthier because they'd get more fresh air and less germs in the air they breathe.

Kids need a break. It's very upsetting to know that it's nice outside and you're stuck in class. You know you have a short recess and you're busting with energy. Even if it's cold and cloudy, class seems to drag on forever. With more time, we could do our homework outside and then play.

On behalf of my fifth-grade class, I hope you take the time to publish my letter.

Sophie Roberts  
Bentley Elementary School

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### QUOTABLE

"The people who have voiced their opinions about this have a legitimate gripe about how far the kids have to travel. As far as the academics go, they don't have a legitimate argument."

— Paul Henning, spokesman for Van Buren schools, on the criticisms of some Canton residents, who would like to see several neighborhoods in the township's southwest side move from Van Buren Schools to Plymouth-Canton schools

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## 'Phenomenal' support for girl's wish tugs heartstrings of a grateful family

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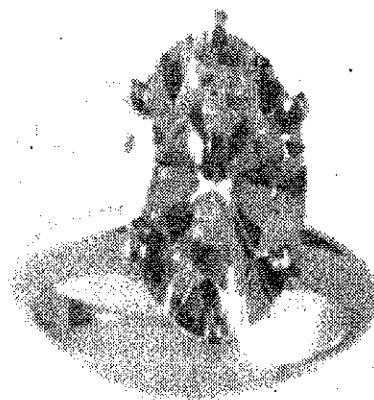
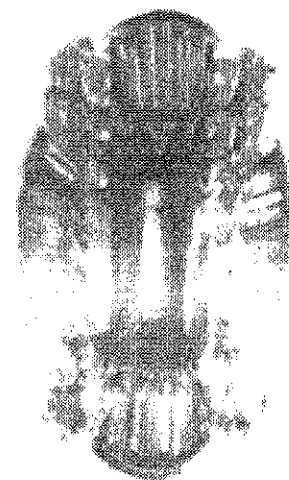
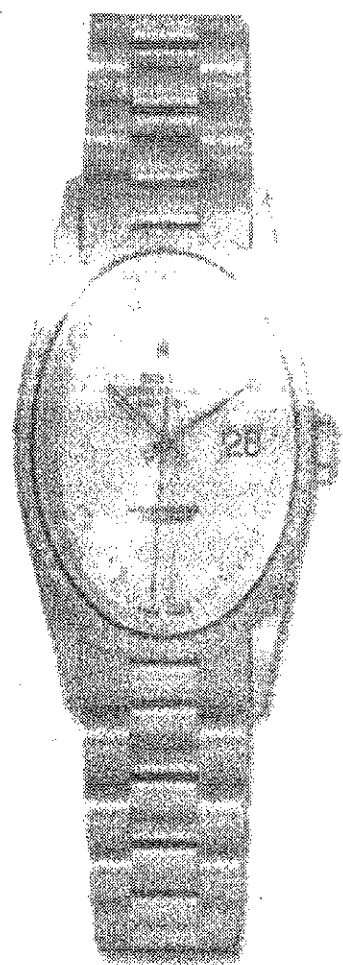
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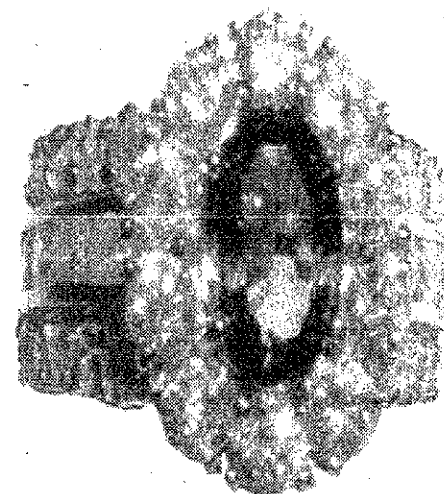
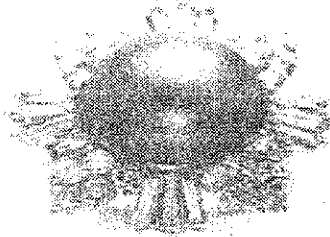
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The tree in the family room brightens up the Ziegler home with holiday cheer.

## Victorian Village

### Canton neighborhood hosts inaugural holiday walk

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Jami Jenkins moved into the Cherry Hill Village in Canton a little more than a year ago. She looked at the Victorian homes throughout the neighborhood and had an idea. "I thought, 'This would be so great decorated for Christmas,'" Jenkins said.

Well, she's organized and, with the help of the Canton Community Foundation, now launched the inaugural Christmas in the Village Holiday Walk. Eight homes in the Cherry Hill Village will be pre-

pared for the walk on Friday, Nov. 26. See related story on page B4. Jenkins didn't want, as she says, to "step on anyone's toes" who may have had the same idea, so she checked with Tamara Jaros, who published the village's newsletter. Jaros referred her to Canton arts coordinator Jennifer Tobin.

Canton Township couldn't afford to pay for the

PLEASE SEE WALK, B5



This Christmas snow village is all aglow.



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Kathy and Allen Ziegler stand on the stairs above holiday decorations inside their home in Cherry Hill Village in Canton. The Ziegler's home is one of eight on the Christmas in the Village Holiday Walk on Friday, Nov. 26.

## The Festival of Trees spreads cheer all year

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

The spirit involved with Festival of Trees is evergreen — a bright, steady element that combines happiness and helping and that lasts throughout and beyond the holiday season.

Volunteers and visitors alike enjoy the beautifully decorated trees and a variety of activities in the annual event (now in its 20th year), which benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan.

This year, Festival of Trees will take place Nov. 21-28 at the Ford Motor Company Conference and Event Center in Dearborn, right across from the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village (see related items).

In brief conversations, the voices of two area volunteers conveyed the enthusiasm, joy and fulfillment generated by Festival of Trees.

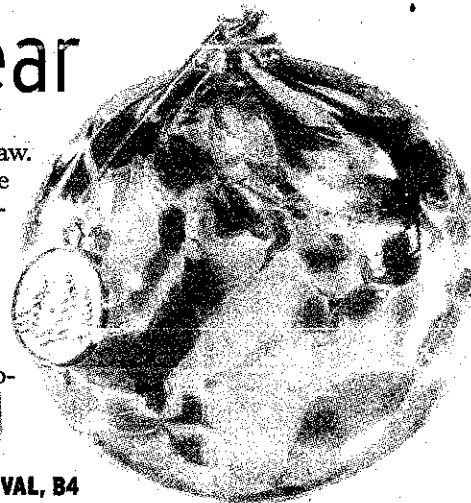
"You get to be creative and do something fun while you're helping the kids," said West Bloomfield resident Angel Matheson, who is co-chair of the festival's Friendship Tree

committee with Jacqueline McGraw.

"I really feel that I'm helping the kids, doing something for the hospital," said event chair Maureen Osborne of Northville.

"I love Christmas. This way I get to work on Christmas parties all year."

Besides the splendor of the decorations, attendees can savor other



PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, B4

### Submissions

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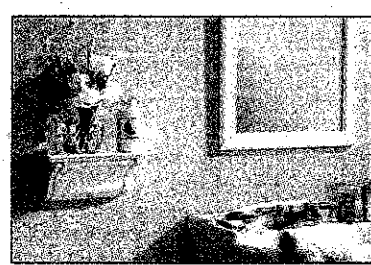
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## Accents

### Conference talk

Interior designer Cynthia Ohanian of Bloomfield Hills recently returned from an international conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

The conference was organized by the Armenian International Women's Association. Ohanian was invited to be one of the speakers at the event.

The primary purpose of the association is networking with women around the world who are achievers in their fields. They also encourage all women to reach their potential and rise to the occasion.

### Massage chairs

Art Van Furniture stores have added a chair to their showroom that company officials say can help ease those stressful days during the holidays: the iJoy Robotic Massage chair.

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When not in use, the iJoy chair acts as a regular recliner with wheels for easy mobility, child safety lock and a remote that is retractable (so it won't get lost). The iJoy chairs are available in contemporary micro-suede colors of red, bone, cashew and black and retail for \$699. The iJoy Ottoman Foot and Calf Massager is available in black and retails for \$249.

For more information, visit [www.artvan.com](http://www.artvan.com) or call (877) 939-5373.

### Cranbrook event

Explore the cultural treasures of Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills in a special way Friday, Nov. 26.

Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, is Detroit's oldest Manor House, an English Arts and Crafts-style masterpiece. It was built for George Gough Booth and Ellen Scripps Booth by architect Albert Kahn in 1908. The fourth Friday of each month, Cranbrook House will remain open to the public for tours until 9 p.m.

Admission is free. Each Friday evening in November, the Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, will remain open until 9 p.m. and feature a special program, Cut 'n' Mix Fridays: Art Talk and Jam, with popular Detroit techno musicians playing in galleries.

The series will culminate Nov. 26 with the release party of the compilation CD, which will include music by all musicians participating in the Cut 'n' Mix series.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, and free for children under age 12.

Call the Cranbrook Art Museum at (248) 645-3323, or visit [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).



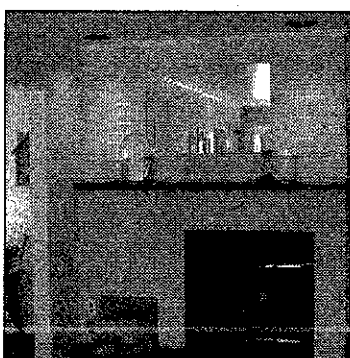
# Fireplaces: Should they be room's focal point?

Pam B. from Westland asks: "My narrow living room has a dark brick fireplace that is set off-center. I have difficulty arranging my furniture to make it a focal point. It seems to be a liability in the room. How do I make the most of my fireplace and mantel area?"



Terri Guastella

A fireplace can anchor a room and serve as a dramatic focal point. It doesn't matter if



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Blending the brick color with the wall color helps add textural interest and makes the fireplace an architectural element in the room.

the fireplace is a massive stone structure or simply adorned with ceramic tile and a wood mantel. Sometimes, though, we try too hard to make the fireplace the only focal point in a room, when it may be best to downplay this feature.

First of all, take an objective look at the fireplace area. Is it deliberately set off centered? Does it overpower the room? Is it plain and nondescript? Once you've assessed the current situation of the fireplace, you can begin to decorate accordingly.

Based on your question, Pam, it sounds as if you may want to limit the attention you draw to the entire fireplace area. A minimalist approach to addressing your fireplace may be best.

Since your fireplace is set asymmetrically in the room, you may want to play down the overpowering nature of the brick. By blending the brick color with the wall color, the fireplace will add textural interest and become an architectural element in the room.

Paint the brick the same color as the walls in the living room. Check with a reputable paint supplier to be sure you are preparing the brick correctly and using the right type of paint. If painting your brick is not an option, then paint the walls. Choose a color that is very close to the brick color. Whichever item you choose to paint, there will be a dramatic improvement right away in how the fireplace affects this room. It

will no longer add visual weight to an awkward location of the room. With that said, you can still use this area as another living room wall to display artwork or other items that you love. Take a look at what you are currently displaying on your mantel and hearth area. Many people make the mistake of lining up multiple, unrelated items. These items are often too small in scale for the mantel area. Select items that follow the colors and theme of the living room. For example, if you backed off purchasing that purple sofa, but you really wanted to use purple in the living room, here is an ideal spot for a pair of bold, purple colored vases. They can be reflected in a mirror hung over the mantel or highlighting a favorite piece of art. You also mentioned the difficulty of furniture arranging around the fireplace. Let the fireplace fall into the background. Even if the fireplace is not a primary focal point, it still sets a mood of warmth and adds character to a room. Your fireplace is not a liability; it is an opportunity. Allow the fireplace to bring in that warmth and character that it naturally possesses. In your situation, by downplaying the fireplace, you are actually making it more beautiful.

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# Fill your PDA with all the news that fits

Are you a news junkie? Forget the anemic feeds you get from your cell phone, and get your fix from your PDA instead.

Late last month, Ann Arbor-based Ilium Software ([www.iliumsoft.com](http://www.iliumsoft.com)) released NewsBreak, a program for Pocket PC and Windows Mobile PDAs that serves up daily helpings of news, sports, entertainment, Weblogs and other juicy content.

You don't even need a PDA that's wireless, though the program can take advantage of Wi-Fi and other wireless capabilities to fetch updated and expanded content when you're out and about.

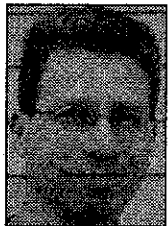
For strictly wired users, NewsBreak pulls news from the Web whenever you synchronize, using your PC's Internet connection to retrieve the material. Then you call pull out your PDA and read the news wherever, whenever.

This is not a new idea - perennial PDA favorite AvantGo ([www.avantgo.com](http://www.avantgo.com)) has offered a similar service for years, available for both Palm OS and Pocket PC handhelds.

But NewsBreak is a bit more robust. It lets you choose from over 30 pre-selected news channels right on your device, or comb the Web for specific information.

You can turn any Web site into a channel and even receive RSS feeds (if you're really a news junkie, you know all about those).

NewsBreak can also flag stories based on keywords you enter, thus letting you quickly hone in on, say, Middle East or



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What I find particularly appealing about NewsBreak is its price: \$14.95, a one-time fee. A similar product, Handmark Express ([www.handmark.com](http://www.handmark.com)), costs \$6.99 per month or \$69.90 per year.

Admittedly, it offers more varied channels than NewsBreak, including movie showtimes, maps and driving directions, and phone-number lookups. It also requires a wireless PDA.

But you can also get most of those features from AvantGo, a freebie. In fact, I'd recommend trying AvantGo before any other PDA news service. Its available channels include The New York Times, Reuters and The Wall Street Journal, as well as flight schedules, movie times and MapQuest directions.

I'd be remiss if I didn't mention one of my all-time favorite products in this category, Journal Bar

([www.omegaone.com](http://www.omegaone.com)). It's similar to NewsBreak and the others, but it shoehorns all the news into a few lines on your Pocket PC's Today screen.

Very cool product, though a bit pricey at \$19.99.

While I'm on the subject of PDAs, I must mention PalmOne's latest model, the Tungsten T5.

In most every respect, it's the

NewsBreak

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NewsBreak is a program for pocket PC and Windows Mobile PDAs that serve up daily helpings of news, sports, entertainment, Weblogs and other content.

perfect PDA. In fact, I'd buy one myself if not for one critical shortcoming: no Wi-Fi.

Instead, it has Bluetooth, a short-range wireless technology I find generally useless. The sad truth is that if you want a PDA with Wi-Fi (and I sure do), you have little choice but to seek out the Pocket PC camp.

That's news indeed. With a program like

NewsBreak on your PDA, you can indulge your need for news.

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# Learn about detecting carbon monoxide

Looks like winter is sneaking up on us again as furnaces are kicking on and fireplaces now are lit. It's also a time when we see more cases of carbon monoxide poisoning than any other time of year.

By now most of us know that carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that is produced during the combustion of fuels. Carbon monoxide interferes with the blood's ability to deliver oxygen to the body. Carbon monoxide can, and does, kill. Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are fatigue, headache, weakness, confusion, nausea and dizziness. Much of the danger here is that many of these symptoms also resemble the flu, which is also prevalent this time of year.

Don't ignore these symptoms, especially if more than one person in the household experiences them. If you think you may have carbon monoxide poisoning, get fresh air and seek



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Harry Jachym

medical attention telling them you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning.

## HOW TO PREVENT IT

Here's how you can prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Flues and chimneys need to be inspected for animal nests or other debris, which clog them as well as possible back draft situations.

- Have the furnace inspected for cracked heat exchangers and disconnected flues.

- Do not use gas ovens and ranges to heat your home.

- Never use charcoal inside a home.

If you use a kerosene space heater be absolutely certain to use the proper fuel. Burning low-grade kerosene contributes to carbon monoxide production. It's also a good idea to leave a window open a crack when using kerosene heaters.

Never leave engines running in garages, especially attached garages.

## DETECTING

Detectors should meet Underwriters Laboratories Inc. standards, which say the detector must sound a warning before carbon monoxide levels reach 100 parts per million (ppm) over 90 minutes, 200ppm over 35 minutes or 400 ppm over 15 minutes. This standard means the alarm will sound before an average healthy adult experiences symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. The detector also should provide for an easy way of testing

it. It should be noted that carbon monoxide detectors should only be considered a backup for good home maintenance.

## DETECTOR PLACEMENT

If you are placing only one carbon monoxide detector, it should be near sleeping areas. Additional detectors in each bedroom and on each floor level will provide extra protection. More information can be found on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web site [www.epa.gov/iaq/co.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/co.html) or contact me at [askdad@comcast.net](mailto:askdad@comcast.net) or through the newspaper for a list of publications. Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to [jachym@askdad.com](mailto:jachym@askdad.com) or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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**CLARIFICATION**

An article in the Nov. 11 edition of the At Home section on the Plymouth Symphony Home Tour should have indicated that Village Green Florists decorated the home of Patrick and Kathy Kegan of Plymouth.

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# Always a pleasant surprise: Hide gnomes in your garden

Where did autumn go? It seems as if one leaf turned color and in a short while the rest of them fell overnight! Thanksgiving is here next week. Soon we will be enjoying a snowfall and greeting the winter season.

Where did the idea originate of using colorful creatures such as gnomes as garden ornaments? These little gnomes are taken very seriously in Europe. It has been reported that English bobbies once forced a man to remove four naked gnomes from his roof or face arrest. (Don't you agree that they do look more

appropriate in the garden, clothed, than on a roof?) You may find them "hiding" in your perennial border, or nestled up against a stone wall. Their appearance is always a pleasant surprise.

According to folklore, these small earth dwellers, which wear pointy red caps and friendly, wrinkled faces, can be found only at night, such as home, farm, forest, and dune, but it's the garden gnome that's most useful. They



MARTY FIGLEY

I spotted this little gnome in Zaanse Schans - a typical old Holland village and open air museum.

are described as "a class of small but brilliant horticulturists who are too learned for the woods, but too temperate for the home."

Today gnomes are seen more frequently in American gardens, so I suggest that you consider one for next year's garden and join the gnome brigade.

## IT'S PUMPKIN TIME

Perhaps you ate (or will eat) pumpkin as part of your Thanksgiving feast. These plants can be cooked in many ways. It's very possible the Indians ate pumpkin at the first Thanksgiving.

Here's a traditional squash soup recipe from the book *Native American*

*Gardening* by Michael J. Caduto and Joseph Bruchac (Fulcrum Publishing, \$15.95). Since pumpkins and squash are cousins, it's appropriate: combine two pounds or two medium winter or acorn squash, two sliced scallions or wild leeks (including tops), one tablespoon honey, one tablespoon sunflower seed oil, one quart water, one tablespoon fresh, chopped dill weed and to garnish, toasted sunflower or squash seeds. Get the kids involved with this recipe.

Now is the time to plant shade and flowering trees. Trees that produce fruits will provide food for the birds. Root development conditions are ideal. Check with your local nursery and ask for their recommendations.

Do not plant too near the house and check to make sure you know the ultimate size of the chosen plant. It's always a shame when a beautiful tree or shrub has to be moved when it has been planted in the wrong place.

If soil is dry, water all current year's plantings and all evergreen plants if soil conditions are dry. Continue watering, if necessary, until the ground freezes.

Spray an anti-transpirant such as Wilt-Pruf on all new evergreen plantings made during the year to prevent winter drying of the foliage. Do this

today. (It should be done in mid-November.) Apply again in late February when winter thawing occurs.

When the ground freezes, mulch all new plantings to protect roots from winter cold and frost heaving due to alternate freezing and thawing of the soil. Also, apply pine straw or dry leaves 4 to 6 inches deep to the perennial gardens.

Give your Christmas tree a second life (or third, if you put goodies on it to feed the birds) and use the cut branches as a mulch. Remove the mulches from plants in early April, a bit at a time so the emerging plants won't be shocked by the sudden temperature change.

Inspect the bark and branches of large shade and ornamental broad leaf trees. Keep an eye out for broken branches, large cracks in the bark, scars from previous cracks, weak unions (such as V-shaped tree forks), decay, cankers and poor tree architecture. If any of these defects are found, your tree may be at risk from storm damage, as well as pest and disease, so call a certified arborist.

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

## GARDEN CALENDAR

### Holiday shop

The Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will have its annual Holiday Shop noon to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20. The sale will take place in the Coach House, adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus off Adams in Rochester. Original holiday table and mantel arrangements, and a variety of wreaths and swags, will be for sale. All designs have been created by the Floral Design Committee of Meadow Brook Hall. Admission is free. All proceeds will benefit the maintenance of Meadow Brook Hall Gardens. Call (248) 299-3948.

### Michigan Orchid Society

Francisco Miranda, a world-renowned expert on Brazilian Orchids, will speak at a meeting of the Michigan Orchid Society Sunday, Nov. 21. The meeting will start at 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits at Bates, north of Maple (15 Mile) between Southfield Road and Old Woodward. Call (248) 356-1111.

Admission is free. The public may attend. The talk will be on Brazilian Cattleya Orchids. Miranda, who was born in Brazil and currently resides in Florida, is owner of Miranda Orchids.

### School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. Call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit [www.michigangardening.com](http://www.michigangardening.com). The schedule includes Focus on Design, Tuesdays, Nov. 23 to Dec. 14, in Livonia (fee is \$132). If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail [kabramc@home.com](mailto:kabramc@home.com).

You may think that the approach of the end of the growing season means you can stop worrying about the trees in your landscape. Think again!

Fall is one of the best times to examine the safety and health of your trees, say experts in tree care. Why?

1. With the leaves off, cracks, defects and deadwood are easier to see.

2. With winter storms approaching, hazards should be removed now - before they damage property.

"Most trees can be pruned year-round," said Peter Gerstenberger, senior advisor for safety, standards and compliance for the Tree Care Industry Association, "and certain operations are easier to do in the fall, when dead branches are easily seen and removed."

Some homeowners worry

Fall is one of the best times to examine the safety and health of your trees.

that arborists won't be able to determine deadwood on a tree when the leaves are off.

"On the contrary," said Gerstenberger, "this is the best time for an arborist to locate deadwood by looking for changes in color, fungus growth, cracks and other symptoms, which can help them make this determination."

"Since the leaves are off, the view of the entire tree's architecture is clear and a thorough check can be performed."

Pruning is much more than

the simple act of sawing off limbs. Proper pruning is an art based on scientific principles of plant physiology.

At its most basic level, pruning trees involves removing damaged, dead or structurally weak limbs, which will improve a tree's health and reduce the chances of personal or property damage caused by falling limbs.

Professional arborists have the capability to make the tree safer and more attractive by pruning live growth as well.

Proper pruning encourages growth, increases flower and fruit production, improves plant health, repairs damage and helps add aesthetic appeal to a tree.

Pruning at the right time and in the right way is critical, since it is possible to kill a tree

through neglect or over-pruning.

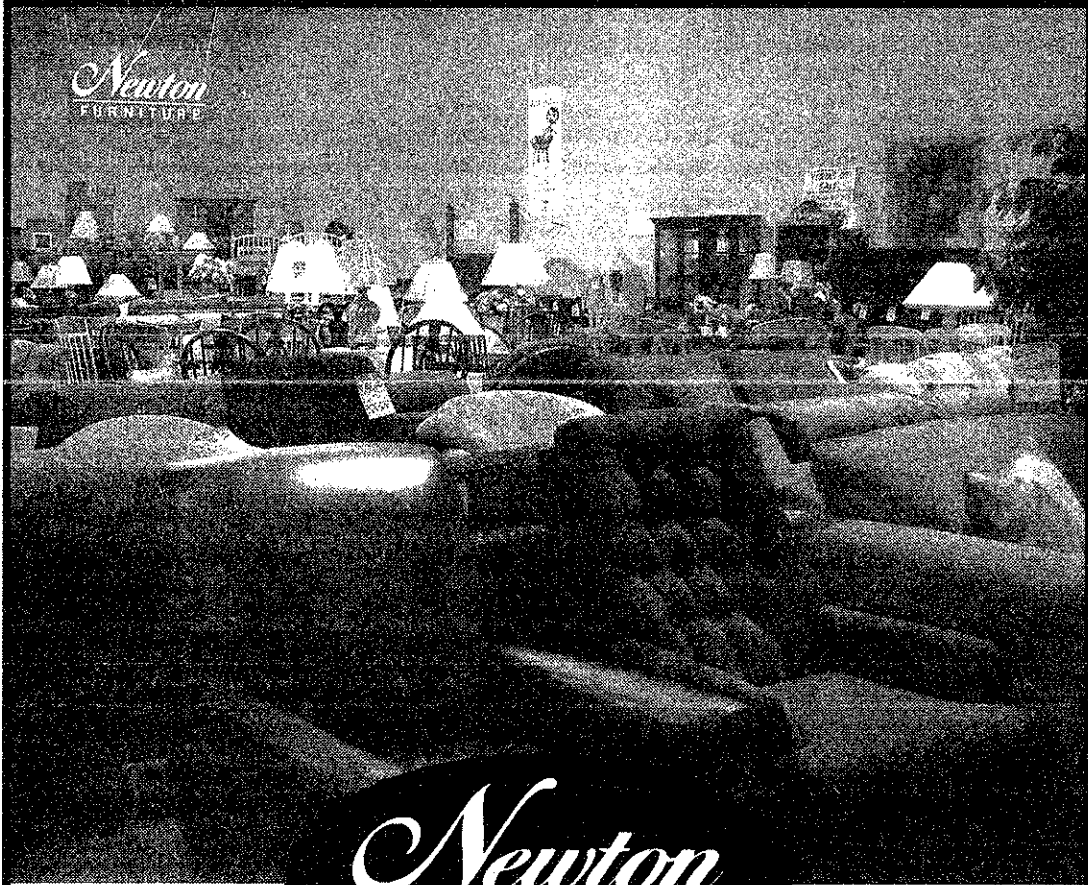
The Tree Care Industry Association (TCIA) is a 68-year-old public and professional resource on trees and arboriculture.

It has more than 2,000 member companies who recognize stringent safety and performance standards, and are required to carry liability insurance.

Recently the TCIA implemented an accreditation program, and Owen Tree Service (a company based in Attica, Michigan) was the first in the nation to receive this prestigious honor.

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# Festival of Trees helps with pediatric research

## Styles of the past add appeal to home

All proceeds from Festival of Trees benefit the Evergreen Endowment Fund for Pediatric Research at Children's Hospital.

Research projects currently funded by Festival of Trees are:

- Computer-assisted robot-enhanced surgery in infants and children by Dr. Michael Klein, surgeon-in-chief, and Dr. Scott Langenburg, director
- Pediatric motion analysis by Dr. Ed Dabrowski, division chief, physical medicine and

rehabilitation

Children's Hospital is the first pediatric hospital to launch the robot-enhanced surgery program.

In this program, the surgeon's voice commands and hand movements manipulate robotic arms in minimally invasive surgery.

This program will allow many procedures to be performed in infants and children without large, open incisions into major body cavities.

Results of proposed studies will allow benefits to be applied to open microsurgery, such as removal of spinal and brain tumors, and for breakthrough technology for fetal surgery.

The pediatric motion analysis uses state-of-the-art technology to obtain a report of a child's movement.

This report may benefit children and adolescents with many diagnoses, including cerebral palsy, muscular dys-

trophy, spina bifida, orthopedic disorders, neuromuscular disorders and amputations.

One goal is to establish a database of walking norms for school-age children and adolescents for comparison purposes.

A second goal is to determine the effectiveness of various current treatment interventions for children with disabilities.

## This marks 20 years for fest

■ Gala preview party: 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, with entertainment by Jerry Ross and Company, food from local restaurants and bakeries, and live and silent auctions.

Tickets are \$250 for dinner and reception, \$150 for reception only.

■ Lunch with Santa: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, with a hot lunch, music and entertainment, and fun for the entire family.

Tickets are \$25 per person and must be ordered in advance; tickets won't be available at the door.

■ Red Hatters Luncheon: Noon Tuesday, Nov. 23, featuring lunch with a group of women who believe life doesn't end at age 50. Cost is \$22 per person.

■ American Girl Tea: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 3-5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 26 and 27, presenting what's new and hot in the areas of fashion, special occasions, school, sleep and play; and featuring refreshments, favors, prizes and plenty of fun.

Tickets are \$25 per person.

■ Holiday Dance Party: 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Nov. 26, with dancing to the live music of DJ Living Energy amid the setting of hundreds of decorated trees and twinkling lights. Tickets are \$25 per person.

■ Information: Call (313) 966-TREE or visit [www.fot.org](http://www.fot.org).

## INVOLVEMENT

Osborne has been involved with Festival of Trees for 18 years, ever since a friend asked if she would like to help. She has worked on every aspect of it, including decorating trees.

Among her themes for the trees have been flamingoes, and monkeys and bananas, as well as traditional styles. The tree she is decorating this year will have a retro touch, part of a vignette called Doc's Tree Farm.

Matheson first became involved with Festival of Trees 10 years ago. She and her husband were looking for something in community involvement when they attended the event and signed up to volunteer the next year.

Matheson decorated her first tree with a crafter friend who had just moved to Michigan from California.

The two women were so busy working on the tree at the site that they were unaware of what was going on around them, Matheson said.

When they looked up and saw that the room had become filled with adorned trees, "our eyes - you could see them popping out," she said.

"That was the most incredible feeling."

That first tree had a gingerbread theme. Since then, the themes of trees Matheson has worked on have included angels, snowmen, winter wonderland (dressed in blue) and tea (with teapots and teacups).

Their colors are usually purple and green; this year they will be pink and green, part of a whimsical, fluffy tree.

Matheson has done three or four trees a year. Recently she and McGraw have worked on trees together.

"We're a really, really great team," Matheson said.

The event has been a family tradition for Matheson. She and her family would eat at a coney island when they attended the festival at Cobo.

Now her children look forward to such elements as buying a star on the Tribute Tree and getting a bear for a sick child, and eagerly volunteer to help with cleanup when the festival is over.

"It's really been a fun experience," Matheson said.

## FESTIVAL

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aspects of Festival of Trees. The gala preview party will feature entertainment, and live and silent auctions.

Lunch with Santa will serve up fun for the whole family. The dance party will feature live music. Other events are the Red Hatters Luncheon and the American Girl Tea fashion show.

## BIG EVENT

Since its inception, Festival of Trees has attracted more than 450,000 visitors from Michigan, adjoining states and Canada, and raised more than \$6.3 million for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Festival of Trees funds are raised through underwriters; tree sponsorship, exhibit areas, special events and activities; in-kind donations of goods and services; sales of trees, wreaths, gingerbread houses and gift shop merchandise; preview party benefactors, patrons and friends; and community contributions.

The undertaking involves prodigious planning, with about 200 volunteers.

Committees meet between four and six times during the year. Their jobs include finding underwriters and sponsors.

Festival of Trees had taken place at Cobo Hall until last year, when it moved to the Dearborn location. This year's floor plan will be changed, Osborne said.

"Everything's going to have a new flair," she said.

A new feature last year was a recording booth where youngsters could make their own CDs. ("That was a big hit," Osborne said.) This year a recording studio will be set up. Another popular feature, Dr. Bear Clinic, will be more educational.

Again, visitors may buy the artisan-made Friendship ornament for \$50.

These ornaments are displayed on the Friendship Tree at the festival and mailed to buyers so they arrive at homes at the beginning of December, in time to be part of holiday decor.

tiles.

■ Besides brocades, other fabrics that reflect the past include damasks, velvets, moires, tapestries, silks, embroideries, sheers, paisleys and floral prints. Using these fabrics instantly imparts a timeless look.

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■ Keep in mind that certain things have improved considerably since the 18th or 19th centuries, and sometimes modern reproductions are preferable to antiques.


For example, queen- and king-sized beds did not exist then, nor did coffee tables. Upholstered furniture is far more comfortable now.

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## WALK

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event and officials there suggested Jenkins approach the Canton Community Foundation. The Foundation agreed to partner up and handle overseeing the finances of the event. Organizers have requested that money raised by the event should be earmarked for students.

## NEAR THE PARK

Kathy and Allen Ziegler's home will be one of the eight on the tour. With a stately brick exterior and a corner Village lot adjacent to Playscape Park, this Curtis-built home is an expanded Maple model. The home features 10-foot ceilings, arched doorways and a unique center staircase that creates an open area upstairs where the office and master bedroom are located.

The owners have furnished the home with large-scale, classic furnishings.

Kathy expressed a few prewalk jitters last week, but added that it was "exciting."

"We've got almost all the decorations up early and have all the trees up," she said. "We like the old-fashioned neighborhood here, and the fact that everybody walks around the neighborhood. There are a lot of young families here."

Allen said the neighborhood reminds him of his childhood with the porches and sidewalks. "We're just comfortable with the neighborhood, where people can mingle," Allen said. "And it's just a short walk to the park."

When the Zieglers were shopping for a home, they liked the neighborhood feel of Plymouth and Northville in those communities' respective downtowns. Many homes located near those downtowns were 30-50 years old, which meant "you have to remodel it," Allen said. "The primary thing is here you have a new home."

## ALL SPRUCED UP

The Zieglers have worked hard to prepare their home for the holidays, along with the help of Ribar Floral in Plymouth. They've decorated a tree in the family room with a snow village with several buildings under the tree. The village even has an operational tram and drive-in movie theater.

Many of the ornaments or decorations are picked up in travels. Many are from Bronner's, Allen said, but Ribar created many of the arrangements displayed in the home.

Each year the Zieglers' three grandchildren each open three new ornaments for the tree. The ornaments will be passed onto them once the children are grown, Kathy said.

Jenkins expects the village will be "all aglow" in holiday spirit. "We have the neighborhood light contest, and we've asked the homeowners to decorate the trees between the sidewalk and the curb with white lights," Jenkins said.

Jenkins expects many traditional, family-oriented ornaments on display. "There are lots of angels and you see more handmade decorations, and we'll be doing that with the children as well," Jenkins said. (Children will create handmade decorations Saturday.)

Visitors can check out Victorian foods, Jenkins said. Six restaurants also will donate food to the event. The Methodist Church of Cherry Hill Village will have a group of carolers at the weekend's events. Santa will visit

**What:** Christmas in the Village's Holiday Home Tour. Eight homes featured in this Victorian-inspired community with its early 1900s-style architecture features old-fashioned street lights, front porches on every house and white picket fences. Proceeds from home tour benefit The Canton Community Foundation.

**Where:** Cherry Hill Village, Canton. The Village is located at Cherry Hill and Ridge Road. Take Beck Road to Cherry Hill and travel west on Cherry Hill.

**When:** 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 26

**Tickets:** \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance at The Summit of Canton; Holiday Market on Lilley in Canton; Canton Community Foundation (inside the Human Service Building in Cherry Hill Village); Cherry Hill Market; Curtis Building Co.; Feather Your Nest on Ford Road (just west of Napier); Ribar Florist in Plymouth; Jinæe's of Plymouth; and Changing Florist in Northville.

Other village events: On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 26, 27 and 28, the new Village Theater will feature *Gift of the Magi* by The Great Lakes Lyric Opera Co. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday's show is 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Free events begin at noon Saturday, Nov. 27, as Christmas in the Village also features juried artisans displaying their wares, strolling performers, entertainment on the main stage, samplings of Victorian era foods provided by local restaurants, tree lighting ceremony, petting zoo, Victorian games and a visit from Santa Claus. Day's events conclude with tree lighting ceremony at 5:30 p.m. in village square.

Saturday, and entertainers will take the stage.

Jenkins hopes to raise \$3,000-\$5,000 in the first year's fund-raising, a tough estimate for her "because it's the first year and you don't know what the weather is going to be like."

Jenkins hasn't seen the interiors, as a committee decided on the homes. "I've seen the exteriors, and I peeked in one, and said, 'This is gorgeous, and I can't wait to go in.'"

Florists who are participating in the tour are Keller & Stein, Michael's and The Flower Pot, all of Canton; and Vanessa's Flowers and Ribar Florist of Plymouth.

Sponsors include Approved Mortgages; Biltmore/Cherry Hill investors; The Bittering Team; RE/MAX; Blackwell Ford; Curtis Building Co.; Remerica Hometown One; Russ Patterson; Jeffery VanHook, DDS; Leader Business; VHS Cleaning, and Quint Plumbing.

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## OTHER HOMES ON TOUR

Here is a summary of the other homes on the Cherry Hill Village Holiday Tour:

■ Ed and Judy Krupa's home is one of the very first homes in Cherry Hill Village. It is an Ivanhoe-Huntley home, the Traverse, built on a cottage lot.

Judy Krupa, who used to be an interior decorator for Ethan Allen, now collects antiques and folk art. The home is filled with her special finds as well as more than 41 years' worth of beautiful Christmas decorations.

The home features 9-foot ceilings and rooms with an abundant use of traditional wallcovering. Peek outside at the Christmas tree on the back deck as it is decorated specially for the neighborhood birds.

■ Candy and Clive Brown-Proctor own a cheerful yellow home, built by Ivanhoe-Huntley, which is a Woodland model situated on a village lot. It features a playroom that also doubles as a guest suite, with its own private entrance off the breakfast area. The hand-painted Peter Rabbit wall mural in the playroom was done by the homeowner.

■ Joe and Vicky Schembri's Manor home, built by Ivanhoe-Huntley, is a Roosevelt model. The owners, who have three of their five children living in separate homes in the neighborhood, say they love the open feeling of their condo, because it's so pretty and bright. They have a great view of beautiful, large Playscape Park across the street.

■ Pete and Brenda Dzwonkas' village house, built by Ivanhoe-Huntley, can't be missed as it is a brilliant shade of pink. A Prestwick model, the home features a blend of Oriental and soft contemporary style in its furnishings. Note the faux finish in the kitchen and family room areas.

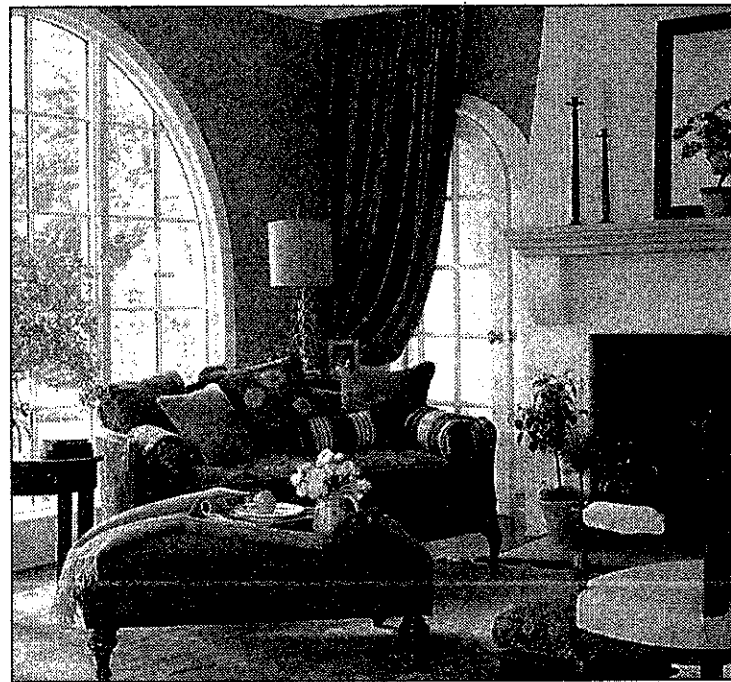
■ Barb Babul's residence is an end-unit Manor home built by Ivanhoe-Huntley. The floor plan is known as the McKinley III. Inside the home, you will see family heirloom antiques. There are interesting collectibles displayed everywhere with a story behind each of them. Outside, you'll notice the owner created a cozy patio area surrounded by distinctive white picket fence.

■ Connie Mason owns a Montclair model, the only one of its kind in the neighborhood. The living room is decorated in a traditional style, and includes a spinning wheel made by the owner's father. In the kitchen and family room, the owner has combined both traditional and cottage-style décor for a warm, comfortable look.

A large country-style doll house is in the family room, which belongs to the owner's daughter. The owner has even duplicated some of her own furnishings in miniature for the doll house.

■ Tom and Ann Beard's brick home with yellow accents was built by Curtis. It is an Estate home called the Woodland model. Some of its key features include 10-foot ceilings on the first floor, extra-deep door casings in some rooms and multiple bay windows and wall doors.

The house is painted in deep, rich colors reminiscent of Arts & Crafts design. The homeowners use the original dining room as an additional seating area for entertaining large groups.



METRO CREATIVE GRAPHICS

Hues ranging from Merlot and Champagne to Spice, Bronze and Gold achieve a delicious background for entertaining. Sable Ridge on the walls coordinates with draperies in Concord and Rutherford Hill on the sofa, all from the Waverly Sonoma Valley collection.

## Colors for home often more than meets eye

Home decorators often opt for neutral colors because they feel that the cream/beige family is safe and they don't know what others to choose.

"There are so many choices that a 'perfect color' is out there for everyone," says Catherine Stein, president of The Color Council, New York, a color and trend styling service for the home furnishings industry. "People no longer need to follow design dictates. With this freedom comes responsibility to know what resonates positively for you."

"Color preferences start early," adds Stein. "You form emotional impressions with a hue because of the associations you have with it."

If you remember the fragrance of cookies baking in a yellow kitchen, you will respond positively to golden hues. A natural would be Saffron, a spicy version, from the Waverly Sonoma Valley fabric collection. It enhances Edgewood Estate's ornate medallion of oversized leaves and flower heads.

"It's not totally about the color, but about how much

and how - it will show," says interior designer Mindy Greenberg, whose company is the New York-based Encore Decor. "Are you covering a wall with fabric or wallpaper in a saturated color and placing an imposing armoire in front of it?"

When partially covered, Santa Rosa in Jewel quiets down. It's a zigzag pattern of flowers, reminiscent of bargello. How else can you tone down a color? "Select a fabric or wallpaper in a lighter tone of the lively color, or in neutrals. Adding cream or beige to a space with intense color helps soften it," notes Greenberg. Shadings of Champagne in a stripe, Canyon Road, would be fitting.

Red raises your blood pressure and appetite, says Stein. Is it possible to use this stimulating hue to achieve a calming ambience? "People have physiological reactions to colors. Some people naturally operate in a hyper state, where this response is comfortable."

"For them, the familiar feeling can be stabilizing."

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## HOME CALENDAR

## CAMEO Quilt Guild

The CAMEO Quilt Guild will host a lecture and trunk show, Color, Light and Pattern, by Kwik! Art designer artist and teacher Kathleen Anderson 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, at the UAW International Union Hall, 1640 Stephenson Highway, just north of Maple (15 Mile) in Troy. Admission is \$5. Seating is limited, so early arrival is recommended. For more information, call Sandra Preiss at (248) 546-8531.

## Gift show

The Community House in Birmingham will host its seventh annual Winter Holiday Gift Show 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates, south of Maple (15 Mile), between Southfield Road and Old Woodward. Admission is \$4, with proceeds benefiting The Community House. More than 50 upscale vendors will offer something for everyone, including antique linens, hand-painted furniture, fleece blankets, hand-cut silhouettes, fine jewelry, monogrammed linens, felted wool purses, clothing, vintage pillows and folk art novelties. Attendees can make a day of it by also having lunch at the Winter Holiday Gift Show Café. The Café will feature gourmet sandwiches, salads,

soups and a variety of holiday desserts, including The Community House favorite: plum pudding. For more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832.

## Farmington Holiday Tables

The Farmington Garden Club will present Holiday Tables Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 20-21, at the Heritage Park Visitor Center, on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5. Holiday Tables will feature about 18 tables decorated for the holidays by designers, with creative centerpieces, china, crystal and linens. A boutique will offer handmade gift items. Complimentary refreshments will be served in a holiday cafe. Participating designers will include Stephanie from Home Designs, Heslop's, the Oakland Community College Culinary Institute, Vines Florist, Marcia Glencer, Pam Christian and Kay Dristan. Among the themes will be a Christmas table, Christmas in Ireland with Beleek, a New Year's table and a Kwanza table. The event, sponsored by Steinkopf Nursery, will benefit Schoolyard Habitat projects. Call (248) 615-3616 for information.

## Clean sweep

Menagerie is "cleaning up and moving on" and will have a Clean Sweep Sale Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 18-20, at 2225 Cole, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Eton, between Adams and Coolidge in Birmingham. Hours are 5-8 p.m. Nov. 18, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 19-20. Find great savings on all of Menagerie's home furnishings, chandeliers and home accessories. Menagerie also offers home makeovers, custom furnishings work and real estate staging. Call (248) 593-5855.

## Holiday show

Far Hill Studio will have a Deck Your Halls Holiday Show 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at 2225 Cole, south of Maple (15 Mile) and east of Eton, between Adams and Coolidge in Birmingham. Far Hill Studio offers tassels, topiaries and home accessories. Call (248) 593-8064 or visit [www.farhillstudio.com](http://www.farhillstudio.com).

## Holiday home tour

Holiday Traditions & Lights, Plymouth Symphony Holiday Home Tour 2004, will take place 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21. The tour will feature six homes (four in Plymouth, one in Northville and one in Novi). Two Holiday Jewelry Boutiques will also be presented at two of the residences. A percentage of the sales will

be donated to the Plymouth Symphony. Karen Dzwonek's hand-made jewelry will be on Darwood Court and Barb Levengood's Cookie Lee jewelry will be on Woodlore Lane. Three-tiered lighting will be displayed at the home on Stone Creek Court by Tom McGlynn of McGlynn's Lawn Care & Landscaping and its Special Lighting Division. Tickets are \$18 pre-sale, \$20 at the door. They are available in Plymouth at The Colonial Collection (formerly Colonial Card and Camera), Gabriela's, Michigan Made and More, and the Plymouth Symphony Society, and in Northville at Gardenvues. For more information, call the Plymouth Symphony Society at (734) 451-2112 or K.C. Mueller at (734) 455-0075.

## Cranbrook Holiday Tables

The Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary will present the 29th annual Holiday Tables Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 18-21. The event, A Century of Style, will take place at historic Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Parking and shuttle service are available from Christ Church Cranbrook, across the street from Cranbrook House. Holiday Tables will feature 20 tables decorated by celebrities, designers,

organizations and businesses.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. General admission is \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance. Advance tickets may be bought by calling (248) 645-3149. A raffle drawing is scheduled Sunday. Cost is \$40 for 10 tickets. Patron Teas will take place 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Thursday at Cranbrook House. Cost is \$50 per person.

## Tea and show

The Dearborn Porcelain Artists will host their annual Victorian Tea and Holiday Show and Sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at the McFadden Ross Museum, 915 Brady in west Dearborn, just north of Michigan Avenue. Heirloom gifts, including handpainted porcelain jewelry, tea services, thimbles and Christmas ornaments, painted by the members, will be on sale. Admission is \$1. For more information, call (734) 721-5030.

## Elf Shelf

The Troy Women's Association will present the 33rd annual juried Elf Shelf Arts and Crafts Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Troy High School, 4777 Northfield Parkway. Troy High School is south of Long Lake Road, between Crooks and Coolidge. Elf Shelf will feature more than 150

artists. Proceeds benefit local charitable organizations. The \$2 donation at the door goes to local charities. For more information, call (248) 988-0426 or e-mail [elfshelf\\_twa@yahoo.com](mailto:elfshelf_twa@yahoo.com). The Troy Women's Association promotes projects of civic betterment and individual development. It meets 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Troy Community Center, 3179 Livernois, north of Big Beaver.

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## Take small steps when drilling brittle material

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY  
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Unfortunately, a recent home improvement didn't go as well as expected.

Act 1: During his attempt to mount a hand-shower bracket onto the wall, the plumber shatters a 1-foot square tile.

Act 2: Exit the plumber and enter the tile contractor, who makes light work of the tile repair.

Act 3: Tension increases as events unfold. It is discovered that the inconvenience and cost associated with the broken tile repair isn't the entire problem — the showerhead leaks as well.

Fortunately, 15 minutes' worth of careful manipulation and a bit of Teflon tape solves the showerhead leak problem.

Act 4: How to install the hand-shower bracket without again damaging the tile.

## INSPECTION HOLE

With the showerhead leak fixed and the plumber somewhere else, we decided to tackle the installation of the hand-shower mounting bracket ourselves. We had to think of a way to somehow reduce the possibility of damaging another tile.

The hand-shower mounting bracket, as it turns out, is designed to be installed with either a single wood screw or a large molly bolt (1/4-inch by 4 inches in this case).

Not knowing what existed behind the ceramic tile, we decided to drill an inspection hole. We knew that if there was wood backing we could use a much smaller hole.

Since the tile was porcelain

(a very hard tile and very difficult to drill), a smaller hole meant an easier task.

The plumber had cracked the tile because he had tried to drill a large 1/2-inch hole (so that a toggle screw would fit). Big mistake! The large bit that the plumber used, the hard porcelain tile and the pressure exerted to get the drill to cut combined to cause a major (and expensive) crack.

It was apparent that the 1/2-inch bit wasn't going to work. We started with a 1/8-inch masonry bit instead. About three minutes passed and we went from tile to mortar to a solid piece of wood. How lucky can you get? Anyway, we were able to drill our inspection hole and then follow up by using it as a mounting hole as well. Had the plumber started with a smaller hole he may have succeeded as well.

After filling the hole, we drilled with silicone caulk. We mounted the base for the hand shower using a stainless wood screw and went on to enjoy the rest of the day knowing that we had done it all without a bit of damage to the shower wall.

So, you ask, what would we have done if we hadn't found wood and needed to drill a full-size 1/2-inch hole? We would have done what we planned all along. We would have stair-stepped the drilling process.

Yep, we would have increased the size of our drill bits 1/8-inch at a time, drilling a slightly larger hole with each bit until we reached the desired 1/2-inch hole size.

Drilling brittle material can easily backfire. The trick, as we just mentioned, is to take as little material at a time as you can.

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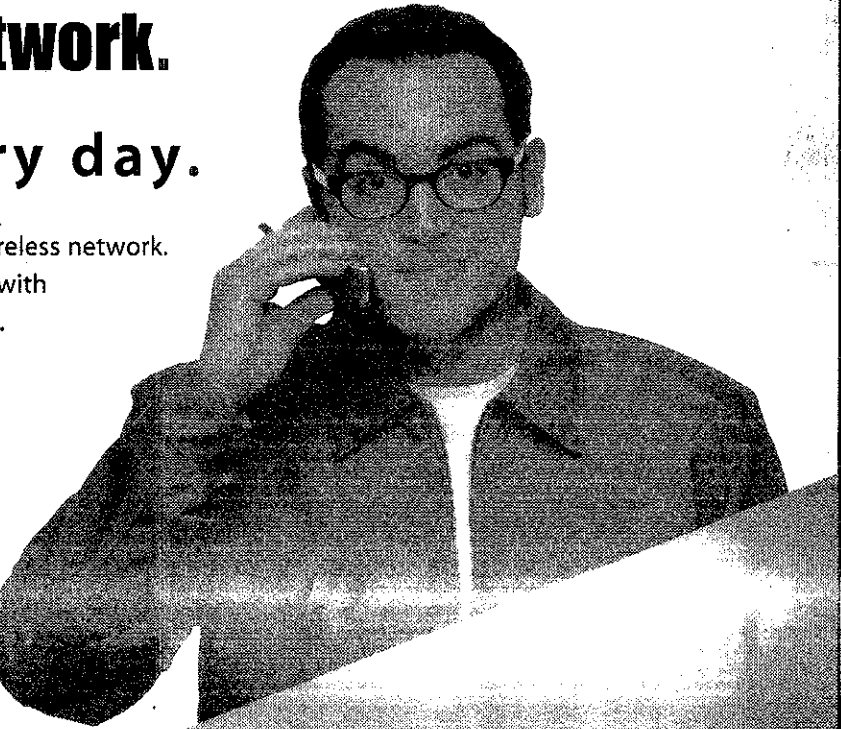
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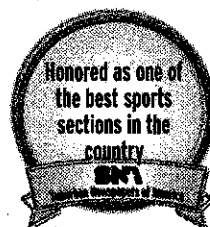
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## Local flavor: It's Chiefs vs. Rocks in district finals



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Canton's Becci Houdek drives to the basket after stealing the ball during the first half of Wednesday's 57-38 Chief victory over Plymouth.

### Canton ousts Plymouth in semis, 57-38

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Basketball players refer to it as "The Zone," a place where jump shots meet nothing but the bottom of the net.

Canton guard Becci Houdek not only found "The Zone" Wednesday night during the Chiefs' Division 1 district semi-final game against Plymouth, she lived in it.

Houdek connected on 10 of 12 shots — most from the 15- to 20-foot range — and scored a career-high 21 points to lead Canton to a 57-38 victory over P-CEP neighbor Plymouth. The win catapulted the Chiefs into Friday night's 7 p.m. district final against Salem in Canton's Phase III gymnasium.

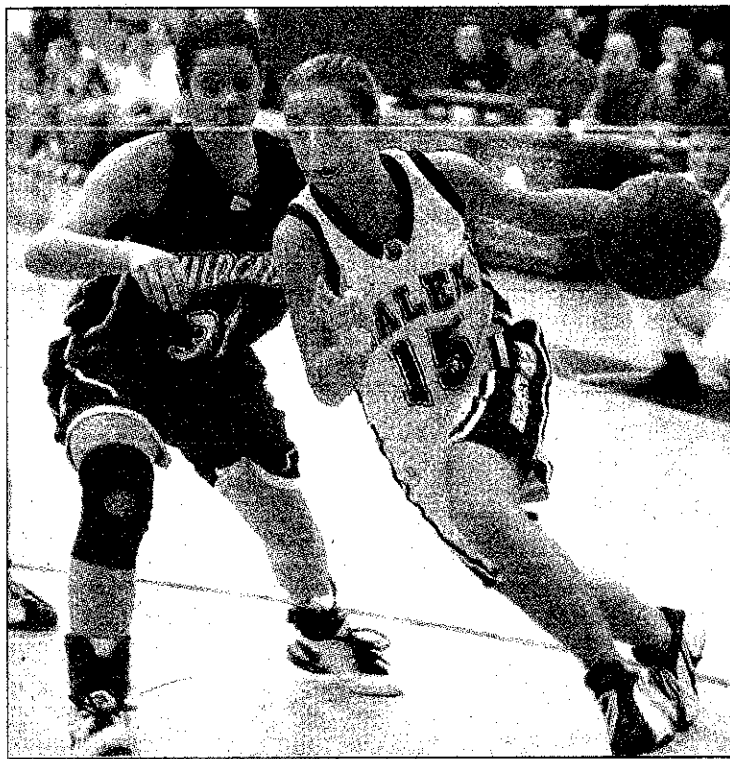
"It looked like Plymouth was playing man-to-man with three players, and a zone with the other two," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. "Becci had some open shots and she hit them. She passed the ball well, too."

"I thought Plymouth played great, especially early in the game. They played with a lot of intensity. They've improved tremendously this season."

Canton improved to 17-5 (15-1 over its last 16 games) while the Wildcats finished their first full varsity season at 9-12.

"Obviously, the difference-maker was Houdek's ability to score," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "We

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Salem's Ellen Canale drives past Novi's Kelly Hebert during the second quarter of Wednesday night's 44-38 Rock victory. Canale finished with 10 points and five rebounds.

### Salem bounces Novi, 44-38

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Now is the time of year when you can measure a girls basketball team's success by how many practices it has remaining.

The more do-or-die victories, the more practices.

Salem lived to practice another day Wednesday night with a stunning 44-38 come-from-behind win over Novi in a Division 1

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## Gerlach follows his dad's path

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Like father, like son.

That adage is fitting for Salem girls cross country coach Dave Gerlach, who has successfully followed in his dad's running and coaching footsteps.

"I started running competitively when I was 8 years old in the Junior Olympics," Gerlach remembered. "I was inspired by my dad, John, who was an avid runner and high school cross country coach at Lutheran Westland. My dad taught me that if you have some ability and a passion for something, you can succeed at it."

All-Area girls cross country team. Page C10.

In turn, Gerlach inspired the Rocks to a 10th-place finish at this year's Division 1 state meet. As a result of Salem's sterling season, Gerlach, who has coached at the school since 1995, earned the nod as the 2004 Observerland Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year.

"We finished 16th at last year's state meet and we were returning most of the team, so we knew we had the potential to be good this year," Gerlach said. "The girls went out and worked hard all summer, and they did a phenomenal job this year. I'm very proud of them."

Since taking over the reins of the Salem girls cross country program, Gerlach has led the Rocks to three Top-20 finishes in the Division 1 state meet.

"The things I've tried to instill in this program are patience, dedication and hard work," Gerlach said. "Sometimes it's not all about natural ability. I tell the girls that when I ran cross country in high school, I didn't necessarily have more ability than the other runners, but I out-worked them. One thing my dad taught me was that if you have a passion to run and you work hard, you can succeed. That's what I try to pass along to the girls."

Along with their Top-10 showing at the state meet, highlights for the Rocks this season were a third-place showing in their Division 1 regional meet and a first-place effort at the City Championship.

## Tomasso is new Canton girls soccer coach

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Beginning in the spring, George Tomasso will be pulling double-duty on the P-CEP soccer fields.

On Nov. 11, the former Canton All-State goalie was named coach of the Chiefs girls soccer team. He succeeds longtime coach Don Smith, who resigned at the end of last season after coaching the Canton girls for 19 years and the boys for 17.

Tomasso has served as the Canton boys soccer coach for the past two seasons. The Chiefs finished 12-5-4 this season.

Fittingly, Smith helped Tomasso get his foot in the coaching door eight years ago.

"Don is the one who got me started in coaching when he asked me to serve as a volunteer coach for him," Tomasso said.

"He then gave me the opportunity to coach the freshmen and junior varsity teams for six years before I got the boys job. Don has taught me more about high school soccer than anyone else."

Tomasso excelled as a goalie for Canton in 1994 and 1995. He led the Chiefs to the Division 1 state championship his junior season and earned All-State recognition as a senior. After being highly recruited by several Division 1 universities, Tomasso chose Eastern Michigan University, where he was named the Mid-American Conference's Freshman of the Year in

1995. He was also named to the All-Conference squad.

"I know the girls had a good season last year," Tomasso said. "They were undefeated until Salem beat them late in the year. I'm looking forward to working with them."

Tomasso is part of a talented soccer family. His brother T.J., a former All-State goalie at Canton, is a starting senior goalie at Southern Methodist University, which was ranked seventh in the country as of Tuesday. His brother Matthew plays at Siena Heights University, and his sister, Lisa, was an All-State performer for the Chiefs' 1999 state championship squad.

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## Different field, same success

### Former Salem grid star now excels for law firm

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

It's been over 20 years since Rich Hewlett traded in his shoulder pads for legal pads.

But the former Plymouth Salem and University of Michigan football standout still maintains the same zest for success as an attorney that he carried onto the football field for the Rocks and the Wolverines in the late-70s and early-80s.

"There are a lot of similarities between athletics and my current job," said Hewlett, who was named a partner in the Butzel Long law firm in 1997. "It's very competitive in that you want to win every case you work on. Plus, there is a lot of teamwork involved in what I do. On most cases, I'm working with other attorneys, so teamwork is important."

"In law, you also have to deal with adversity, just like in sports. I learned a lot of lessons during my high school and college athletic career that I utilize today."

Hewlett, who graduated from Salem in 1979, is based in Butzel Long's downtown Ann Arbor office, where he specializes in business-litigation cases.

Hewlett lives in Novi with his wife, Chris, and their two children, Jeffrey, 10, and Joseph, 8. Not surprisingly, the two Hewlett boys have followed in their father's footsteps onto the athletic fields and courts.

"Jeffrey plays football, basketball and soccer, and Joseph plays basketball and soccer," said Hewlett, who donates several hours of his free time each week to coaching. "Jeffrey

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TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Plymouth Salem and University of Michigan quarterback Rich Hewlett tosses a football into the air Monday afternoon in his downtown Ann Arbor office. Hewlett has been an attorney for the Butzel Long law firm since 1988.

## Sidelines

### Soccer sign-up

The Canton Soccer Club is accepting registrations for spring soccer for players 5 through 19 years of age (as of March 1). Registration forms are available online at [www.cantonsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsoccerclub.com) or at the club office, which is located at: High Velocity Sports, 46245 Michigan Ave., Canton. Call (734) 480-7046.

### Hockey classic

The inaugural Suburban Girls High School Hockey Classic will be held today and Saturday at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills. The roster of teams will consist of Walled Lake Unified, Northville, Livonia Ladywood and Plymouth/Canton/Salem Unified. Today's 6 p.m. opener will pit Walled Lake against Ladywood. Northville and PCS will square off at 8 p.m. On Saturday, the two first-round losing teams will play at 1 p.m. followed by the championship match-up at 3 p.m.

Admission to the tournament will be \$6 per day for adults and \$5 for kids, students and seniors. Female hockey players from youth teams and kids age 5 and under will be admitted free.

Contact the Suburban Training Center at (248) 888-1400.

### WYAA hoop sign-up

Basketball registration for the Westland Youth Athletic Association will be from 7-9 p.m.

Wednesdays and 10 a.m. until noon through Saturday, Dec. 4.

The WLAA offers leagues for boys and girls ages 7-14 including Right Start (7-8), Freshman (9-10), Junior Varsity (11-12), Varsity (13-14), Girls Freshman (9-11) and Girls Varsity (12-14).

The fee is \$45 for Right Start (\$105 buyout) and \$65 for all other leagues (\$135 buyout).

Tryouts, for evaluation purposes only, will be Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12. The Right Start clinic (ages 7-8) will be on Saturday, Dec. 4. (You must be registered to try out and to participate in the clinic.) Call the WYAA Lange Compound Building at (734) 421-0640.

### Ultimate fishing

The four-day Ultimate Fishing Show, which will feature hundreds of exhibits for outdoor-sports enthusiasts, will be held Jan. 13-16 at the Novi Expo Center.

The show will include several direct-factory exhibits that will be staffed with designers, technicians and other manufacturers' experts as well as specialty bait vendors from across the country. "It's a pure fishing show," said Adam Starr, of ShowSpan Inc. "Detroit sportsmen have long yearned for such a show. For us and for them, this is an all-new event at a new venue. That's why we're calling it the Ultimate Fishing Show."

Admission will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 6-14 years old. Children under 5 will be admitted for no charge.



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tried to take away what they do best, but they're a great team.

"I liked the way we came to compete tonight. We were more aggressive and we played with more confidence than we did the first two games against Canton."

After missing her first five shots, Cezat joined Houdek in "The Zone." The senior hit eight of her last nine shots to finish with 17 points. She also hauled down a game-high eight rebounds and blocked three shots.

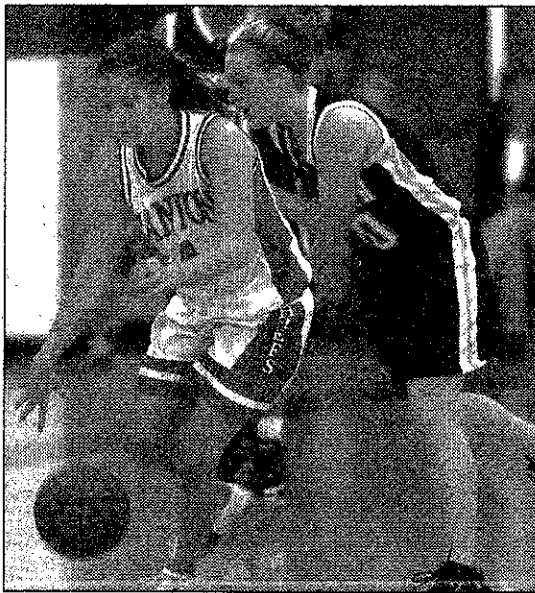
Ealy tallied nine points and Leslie Olech contributed six. Conlon only shot once and failed to score for the Chiefs, but she was everywhere on defense, recording five steals.

Colleen Flaherty paced the Wildcats with 12 points and four rebounds. Kim Olech netted 10 points and five boards.

Plymouth seized an early 7-4 first-quarter lead, but the Chiefs stormed back with a 9-0 run to grab the lead for good. Cezat and Houdek scored all but two of the Chiefs' 12 second-quarter points as Canton took a 33-18 advantage into the half.

Canton turned the ball over just one time in the first three quarters and three times for the entire game. The Wildcats, on the other hand, committed 15 miscues.

The Chiefs shot 49 percent from the field and 43 percent from the line while Plymouth hit 36 percent of its field goals and 55 percent of its free throws.



Canton's Molly Conlon steals the ball from Plymouth's Chelsey Quinlan. Conlon finished with five steals.

Blohm said Salem will pose the biggest test of the season for his team. On Oct. 28, Canton edged the Rocks 34-32 in a down-to-the-wire thriller at Salem.

"There's no doubt we're going to have to play our best game of the season Friday night if we want to beat Salem," Blohm said. "They're balanced and they play with a lot of intensity."

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district semi-final game played at Canton's Phase III gymnasium. The victory improved the Rocks' record to 15-6 and propelled them into Friday night's 7 p.m. final against arch-rival Canton.

"When I was talking to the other seniors at practice Tuesday, I said, 'Do you realize this could be our last high school basketball practice?'" said Salem senior point guard Ellen Canale, following Wednesday's win. "We all agreed that we were going to make sure that we'd get to practice at least one more time."

The Rocks will be practicing this afternoon thanks largely to the contributions they received from their three seniors and one very poised sophomore. Canale shook off a shaky start to finish with 10 points and five rebounds, Alyssa Guerin

contributed 10 points, three rebounds and three steals, and Kathryn Wheatley had six steals, four rebounds and several defensive stops.

The key sophomore contributor was Teresa Coppiellie, who scored 13 points, including two clutch free throws that tied the game at 35-35. Less than a minute later, she added a put-back following an offensive rebound to put Salem up for good, 37-35, with 2:15 to go in the game.

"For us to succeed, we need production out of our players up front, and Teresa really gave us that tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "I thought our three veterans — Al, Ellen and Kathryn — played great, too. All three of them are three-year starters with over 60 starts, so that's the kind of experience you want out there in games like

this."

Novi secured momentum early and led 11-3 after one quarter behind Rachele Folino, who scored seven of her game-high 18 points in the opening eight minutes.

A long three-point shot by sophomore guard Stephanie Crawford gave the Wildcats an 18-7 lead mid-way through the second quarter. However, the Rocks responded with a 12-1 run to knot the halftime score at 19-19. Novi led 31-30 after three quarters, but Canale drilled a huge triple 50 seconds into the fourth quarter to put Salem up 33-31.

With Salem leading 37-35 and less than two minutes to play, Canale missed a pair of free throws, but Carly Sommers rebounded the second miss and deposited into the basket to give the Rocks some breathing room.

## Chiefs overwhelm South Lyon, 51-20

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

South Lyon girls basketball coach Jim Brennan admitted before Monday night's Division 1 district opener against Canton that his team didn't match up well with the Chiefs.

He wasn't kidding.

The host Chiefs marched into the second round against Plymouth with a 51-20 victory over the Lions.

The game wasn't as close as the 31-point difference. Canton built a 42-5 halftime lead. Its starters sat out the entire second half.

"It was nice to be able to watch some of the girls who don't get to play a lot play extended minutes," Canton coach Bob Blohm said.

"They did a good job, too. They did some nice things, like switching on defense, but this group usually does. Their execution isn't great because they don't get to play that much."

Canton's Katie Cezat was unstoppable in the first half, hitting 14-of-18 shots for 28 points. A typical first-half possession for Canton consisted of point guard Becci Houdek dribbling the ball up court and passing to a player on the wing. The wing player would then feed Cezat, who would spin and lay-in a short banker.

Canton led 16-5 after one quarter behind Cezat's 12 points.

Houdek was the Chiefs' second-leading scorer with six. The steady sophomore also

had four steals and four rebounds. Fellow sophomore Lauren Delapaz had four points.

Junior Stephanie Spehar paced the Lions with eight points and three rebounds. South Lyon's lone senior — Stefanee Morrison had six in her final high school game.

Canton outrebounded the Lions 29-17. The Chiefs shot 54 percent (25-for-46) from the field and 20 percent (1-for-5) from the free-throw line.

South Lyon hit just 9-of-35 (26 percent) from the floor and connected on just 1-of-10 free throws.

Amanda Sitko had five rebounds in the second half for the Chiefs.

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### HEWLETT

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played fullback this past season for the Northville Colts, but he came up to me towards the end of the season and said he wants to try quarterback. His coaches kind of want him to stay at fullback, but he's a pretty determined kid."

#### Easy answer

Twenty-five years ago this week, U-M football coach Bo Schembechler summoned Hewlett into his office to ask the freshman a very important question.

Hewlett had started the year as the team's third-string quarterback behind starter B.J. Dickey and back-up John Wangler. When Dickey sustained an injury during the fifth game of the season, Hewlett was elevated to No. 2.

After Wangler struggled in a Week 10 game against Purdue, the following scenario unfolded.

"Bo called me into his office for a meeting with him and our quarterbacks coach, Don Nehlen," reflected Hewlett. "He asked me, 'I thought I was ready to start that week's game against Ohio State. I told him I knew I could do the job and that I was ready to go.'"

Four days later, Hewlett was engineering the Wolverines' offense in front of over 106,000 fans at Michigan Stadium. It was a monumental game for the Wolverines, who needed a win to share the Big Ten title with the Buckeyes and Purdue.

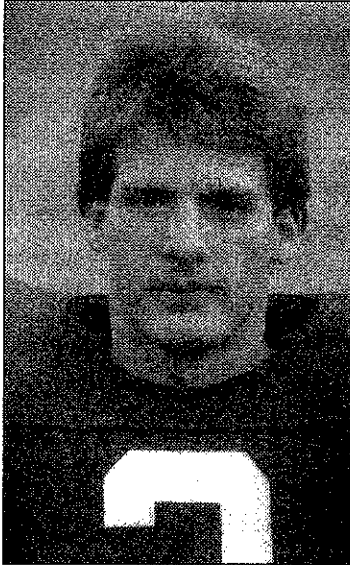
"I remember getting more and more confident with every play," Hewlett said. "We were moving the ball pretty well, but we weren't scoring. Bo chose to play conservatively, at least through the first half. He wanted to possess the ball as much as possible. I thought to myself, 'Let's just get to halftime, then we'll settle down and go get them in the second half.'"

#### Bad break

Unfortunately, Hewlett never made it to halftime. Mid-way through the second quarter, he was knocked from the game with torn ligaments in his ankle. Ohio State went on to win, 18-15.

"I think I was wearing the wrong kind of cleats," Hewlett said. "They got caught in the turf and when I got tackled there was no give."

Hewlett served as a back-up quarterback behind Wangler his sophomore year before moving to defensive back as a junior and senior.



Rich Hewlett is pictured during his University of Michigan days.

"Before my junior year, Bill McCartney, our defensive coordinator, called me over and asked me if I would rather be the back-up quarterback or would I like an opportunity to start on the defensive side of the ball," Hewlett said. "I wanted to play and contribute to the team, so I switched over to free safety. I started probably a half-dozen games. I enjoyed it, making people around and hitting people. I played special teams, too."

"I look back at my career at the University of Michigan and I have no regrets. I probably could have attended other schools and played more (he was aggressively recruited by Alabama, Notre Dame and Tennessee), but the experience I had at Michigan was great."

After graduating from U-M, Hewlett enrolled at the Detroit College of Law. While attending law school, he also worked for Chevrolet in the Product Control and Scheduling Department.

"I graduated from law school in December of 1987 and joined Butzel Long in January of 1988," Hewlett said. "I've been here ever since."

#### Glory days

To get an idea of Hewlett's incredible impact on Salem athletics, look no further than the wall above the school's gymnasium entrance. Encased in a frame is Hewlett's No. 2 football jersey.

"Rich is the only player who has had his number retired at Salem," said former Salem football coach Tom Moshimer.

"I never coached a better player. He was the kind of kid that you knew was going to be successful at whatever he attempted in life, and he has been."

Moshimer said the tall, muscular Hewlett was a full-back prior to coming to Salem.

"After I officiated one of Rich's middle-school basketball games at West, I told my assistant coaches that this kid is going to be our quarterback someday," Moshimer said. "I was impressed right away by his leadership abilities, and he had size and strength."

Hewlett came close to becoming the Rocks' starting quarterback as a freshman, until Moshimer decided a year of seasoning at the junior-varsity level would work better for his gifted signal-caller.

"Rich started at quarterback for three years for us, but he could have started all four," Moshimer admitted.

"After we thought about it, we didn't think it would be a good idea to throw him to the wolves at 14 years old. I think he could have handled it, though."

#### High school injury

Hewlett led the Rocks to a 7-1 record as a junior in 1977 before suffering a season-ending collarbone injury. Salem won their final regular season game and qualified for the Class A state playoffs, where it lost in the first round to Portage Central.

Salem finished 8-1 in Hewlett's senior season despite the fact it had lost 21 of 22 starters from the previous season.

"Rich was not only athletic, but he was smart," Moshimer said.

"He picked things up very quickly. I remember one week during his senior year when we were down to two healthy linebackers on defense. Jim Jarvey, our linebackers coach, asked me who we were going to put in if one of the two healthy linebackers got hurt. I told him, 'I'll give you Hewlett.'"

"Well, on the day we practiced defense that week, I sent Rich down to practice with the linebackers. Ten minutes later, he came back. When I asked Jarvey why he sent Rich back so soon, he said that Rich was doing better than the two guys who were starting, so they needed the work more than him."

Hewlett said he has nothing but fond memories of growing up in Plymouth.

"I loved it," he said. "In fact, one of the reasons I decided to go to Michigan was because I wanted to stay around here. As I look back, I'm glad I did. I have a great wife, a great family, and I love what I'm doing."

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# 25 straight

## Canton Lions win Super Bowl, 31-13

Make it 25 in a row for the Canton Lions freshmen football team.

The Lions won their third consecutive Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl Sunday, upending the previously undefeated Westland Meteors, 31-13. It was the 25th straight win for the Lions.

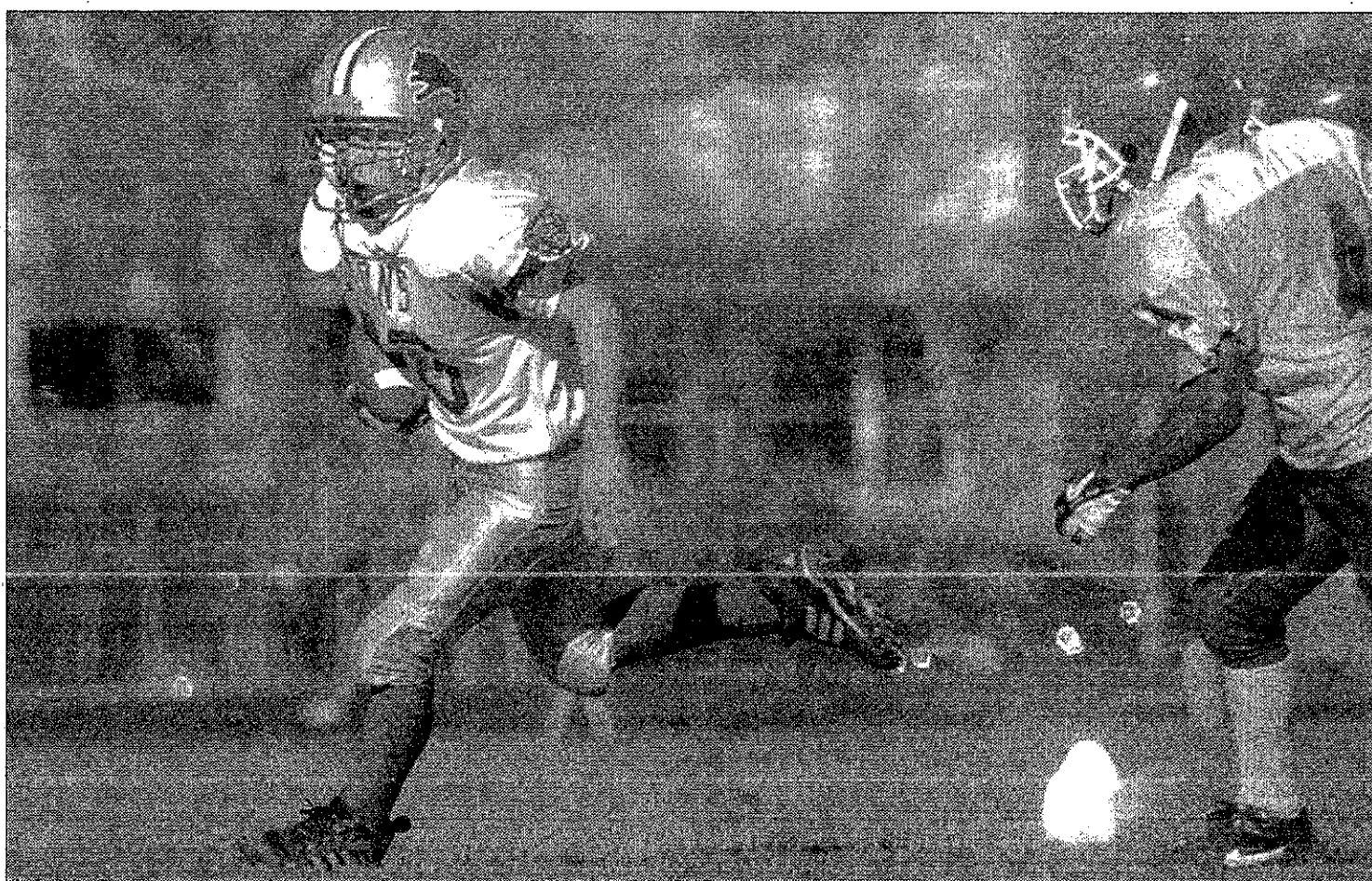
The Meteors had yielded just 50 points in their previous nine games.

Canton jumped ahead 6-0 in the first quarter when Braden Price scampered 29 yards for a touchdown. A 5-yard TD run by Jordan Smith made it 13-0. Price finished off the first-half scoring when he bolted 39 yards to paydirt. Price set up the final score when he recovered a fumble two plays earlier.

After Westland scored to cut their deficit to 19-6, Smith scored his second touchdown to extend the Lions' advantage to 25-6. The Canton's final tally came from Matthew Harris, who scored his first career TD from 5 yards out.

Price finished with 20 carries for 207 yards. He scored a team-record 26 touchdowns for the season. Other offensive standouts for the winners were Josh Peterson, Bobby Riche, William Askew, Kyle Dexter, Michael Boes, Bradon Lee and Nathan Emminger.

The Lions defense was bolstered by the strong play of Corey Watkins, Josh Nolen, Omar Kandah and Scott Gring.



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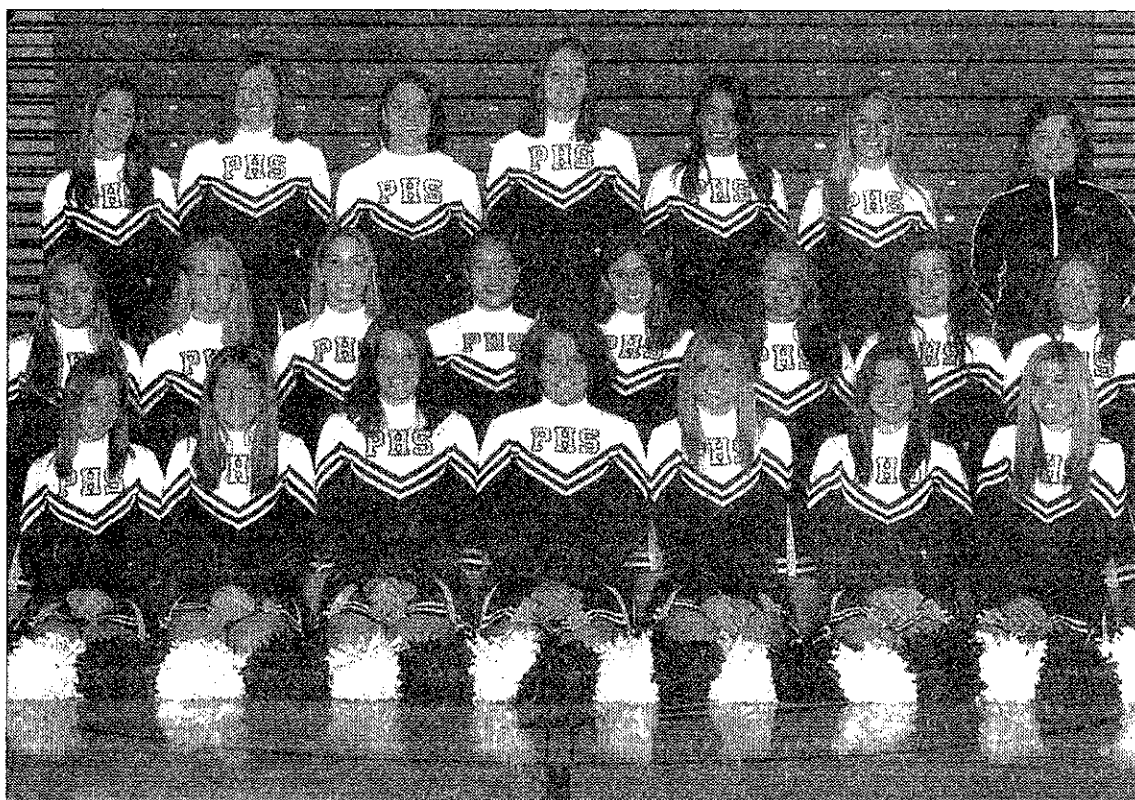
Canton Lion running back Braden Price turns the corner against the Westland Meteors during Sunday's Western Suburban Junior Football League Super Bowl game at Garden City High School. Price scored a pair of touchdowns to lead the 10-0 Lions to a 31-13 victory.

## Saberettes excel

The Plymouth High School pompon squad finished second in the hip-hop competition at

Sunday's High Kick Competition at Eastern Michigan University. The Saberettes also finished fifth in the high-kick competition.

Pictured are (bottom row l-r) Kristen Drozdowski, Alyssa Kay, Alex Linerode, Laura Schulz, Tara Kay, Megan Meek, Blair Locklar, (middle row l-r) Alex Eckardt, Kimberly Shelton, Mallory Zarate, Brianna Osorio, Lindsay McParlane, Jessica Bono, Nicole Sofios, Kristina Ring, (top row l-r) Audrey Freeman, Amanda Baldwin, Sarah Brown, Monica Lee, Keely Rudolph, Angelina Moise and coach Cheryl Custer.



## SC women's soccer team heads to NJCAA

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team will take its 22-0-0 record into National Junior College Athletic Association tournament beginning today in Phoenix, Ariz.

The Ocelots are currently ranked No. 1 in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll. The NJCAA ranks Schoolcraft fourth in the country.

Monroe CC (N.Y.) is the top seed with a 19-0-1 record, while defending national champion Dixie State (Utah) is 17-2 and seeded third.

SC, which has earned a berth in the national championship tournament four of the last five years, will take on No. 5 seed 15-3 Mesa (Ariz.) Community College in its first game.

"I think we are ready," said coach Bill Tolstedt. "It's won-

derful to watch this team. They seem so focused on the positive; they don't know how to lose. Even in games where they didn't play well, they found a way to win.

"I'm very positive about this upcoming tournament. There are only eight teams left, and we have to play well, but I would take us over anyone else out there."

Key players on the team include Observerland products: Arielle Bryant (Westland), Andrea Dunn (Garden City), Meagan Farrell (Livonia Franklin), Kyle LaPorte (Livonia Churchill), Jacqueline Naperola (Livonia Franklin), Megan Romer (Canton), Lindsey Stiver (Canton) and Natalie Thomas (Salem).

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# Lions head to Minnesota for week 11 in search of a win

It finally happened last Sunday. A guy wearing a Detroit Lions hat, Red Wings sweatpants and a shirt with the logos of all 30 Major League Baseball teams asked about the 2005 NFL Draft. Which way would the Lions go? Could they take a lineman with their first pick? What about getting another quarterback? It's a question that makes eye-rollers ... roll their eyes. His clothing choice didn't help either.

Unwritten rule. When questions start about the draft, it's a sign that a pro football season is over. The last four years it began around Week 3. Leaves hadn't begun changing color when the draft was brought up. At least this year, it happened when the leaves had fallen and in Week 10. The Lions were under .500 for the first



Mark Wilson

time in 2004 and the guy with the logo shirt was asking about signal callers from schools like Memphis and Hawaii. "The last three weeks have not been good. We have to evaluate everything we are doing and see if there is something we can do to turn this thing around. We have to do it now," said a defiant Steve Mariucci.

There usually aren't secret weapons discovered this late in a season. Even two punt returns for touchdowns by the mystical Eddie Drummond weren't enough to salvage victory down in

Jacksonville last weekend. "Doesn't seem to matter if we don't win. Of course I would trade those two kick returns for a 'W,'" Drummond said after he took off his Superman suit.

If Drummond traded in those two punt return touchdowns, the Lions would have scored only three points. The Lions know talking about the '05 draft is an admission this season is toast. It had so much promise when the record was 4-2. Three straight losses and a trip to Minnesota coming up turns promise into dread.

"We know we should be winning some of these games. We don't like being tied for first after leading the first half of the season," determined Vikings QB Daunte Culpepper said after the loss to the Packers.

Culpepper threw four more touch-

down passes in that defeat. He is the top-rated quarterback in the NFC and second only to the unreal Peyton Manning in the entire NFL. The Lions will see both in the next two weeks.

Oh, goodbye. Culpepper first and then Manning on Thanksgiving Day.

No longer are there any automatic wins on the Lions' schedule. Not that there were in the first place. Even Chicago and Arizona at home don't look like the pushovers they once did less than a month ago.

Mariucci doesn't want to hear about it. He is not giving up on the season. He keeps talking about "finding a way" against Minnesota at the Metrodome on Sunday. His offense has found the end zone only once in the last eight quarters.

"Kevin Jones ran the ball well in Jacksonville, he got 80 yards. We know it's just a start for him. It's the dropped passes and missed reads. Those we absolutely must get corrected," he said.

It's kind of like going from talking about parades down Woodward with a championship trophy, to what college stud would look good in a Lions uniform next year. And that was just in between commercials.

Yes, how quickly things can change.

Mark Wilson is host of the Steve Mariucci Show Mondays on WKRR-FM (97.1). He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscenter of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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# Plymouth-Canton-Salem skaters glide by Wild, 10-1

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Penguins can fly. The Plymouth-Canton-Salem Unified Lady Penguins proved it Tuesday night against Walled Lake Unified when they shook off a shaky first period before soaring to a 10-1 victory over Walled Lake.

After trailing 1-0 after one period, PCS stormed back to bury the Wild, 10-1, in both teams' Michigan Metro

Girls High School Hockey League opener at the Arctic Edge in Canton. What adjustments did PCS coach Lori Callahan make during the first intermission?

"We changed a few players around and moved some lines," Callahan said. "We also talked about playing more as a team and pressuring the puck. We moved the defense up and it helped."

Trailing 1-0, the Penguins knotted the game at 1-1 with 8:29 left in the second period on a Sarah Skonieczny

goal. She was assisted by Kelli Bargowski.

Kristen Schwan's goal a minute later gave the Penguins a lead they would not relinquish. Olivia Pennnebaker put the hosts ahead 3-1 25 seconds later when she scored off a pass from Lauren Coleman.

Sarah Skonieczny's goal at the 3:57 mark made it 4-1 before Kelli Bargowski and Adrienne Cercone added unassisted goals to give the Penguins a commanding lead with 15

minutes to play.

Cercone, Stephanie Murray, Erika Perkovich and Kristina Creith tallied insurance goals for PCS. Amy Coleman, Perkovich, Murray (2) and Bargowski were credited with third-period assists.

Freshman Kristie Kowalski was stellar in goal for the Penguins.

"We came out in the second period and jelled as a team, especially defensively," Callahan. "We only allowed one shot on net in the third period."

The Penguins will put their perfect record on the line tonight when they participate in the inaugural Suburban Girls High School Hockey Classic at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

PCS will battle Northville at 8 p.m. If it wins, it will advance to Saturday's final against the winner of tonight's Walled Lake-Livonia Ladywood showdown.

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## Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - November 9, 2004

The Board of Trustees convened at 8:00 p.m. in closed session to discuss pending litigation. Members present: Bennett, Burdiaz, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Margaret Debler, Carleto Young from Johnson and Rosati. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to move from closed session to open session. Motion carried unanimously.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present:

Bennett, Burdiaz, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas. Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda, with the deletion of G-5, Purchase of Equipment under Homeland Security Grant (PSD) and G-6, Request Approval to Install New Ceiling Tiles in Public Safety Facility (PSD) from the General Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz to approve the Board Minutes of October 26, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Expenditure Recap for November 9, 2004

General Fund	101	\$ 595,025.35
Fire Fund	206	46,362.83
Police Fund	207	131,207.49
Summit Operating	208	99,387.31
Street Lighting	219	17,402.29
Cable TV Fund	230	1,940.92
Twp Improvement	246	154,587.60
E-911 Utility	261	317.04
Saltz Road Paving	803	20,533.00
Auto Forfeiture(wva)	267	107.00
Federal Grants Fund	274	14,848.49
Auto Theft Grant	289	361.54
Downtown Dev. Auth.	294	73.00
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	68,706.64
Golf Fund	584	16,960.96
Water & Sewer Fund	592	275,698.79
Trust & Agency Fund	701	6,195.00
Post Employ. Benefits	736	31,448.20
<b>Total - All Funds</b>		<b>1,511,162.55</b>

**Board Member Reports:** Trustee Zarbo presented the Board with articles regarding Canton. **PRESENTATION: PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION AND CLOKE TO TRUSTEE JOHN BURDIAZ AND TRUSTEE ROBERT SHEFFERLY. PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING - 1. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR POINTE SCIENTIFIC, INC. (SUPV.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to open the Public Hearing to consider a tax abatement for Pointe Scientific, Inc. at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No public comments. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to close the Public Hearing to consider a tax abatement for Pointe Scientific, Inc. at 7:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to adopt the resolution approving application of Pointe Scientific, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real and Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF POINTE SCIENTIFIC, INC. INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY** WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, MCL. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on October 26, 2004, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and, WHEREAS, Pointe Scientific, Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their new facility located within the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District; and, WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on November 9, 2004, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and, WHEREAS, construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before October 18, 2004, the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities exemption Certificate; and, WHEREAS, completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain, create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and, WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Pointe Scientific, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District, to wit: Parcel No. 71-131-01-0012-000. The south 150.00 feet of Unit 12 of Quadrant Industrial Research Centre, of part of Wayne County Condominium Subdivision Plan Number 814, Canton Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Containing 77.209 square feet or 1.772 acres. Be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 4 years, expiring December 30, 2008. **2. PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR IMPECCABLE MACHINING (SUPV.)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to open the public hearing for Impeccable Machining at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo, to close the public hearing for Impeccable Machining at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdiaz, to adopt the resolution approving application of Impeccable Machining, Inc. for personal property tax abatement. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF IMPECCABLE MACHINING, INC. FOR PERSONAL PROPERTY** WHEREAS, pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974, MCL. 207.551 et seq., after a duly noticed public hearing held on August 13, 2002, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District, as requested by the property owners; and, WHEREAS, Impeccable Machining, Inc. has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to personal property to be acquired and installed at their facility located within the Singh Executive Park Industrial District; and, WHEREAS, before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on November 9, 2004, at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m., at which hearing the applicant, the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application; and, WHEREAS, installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before October 1, 2004, the date acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate; and, WHEREAS, completion of the new equipment installation is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain,

create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township; and, WHEREAS, the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton, after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that: 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978, shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township, or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Impeccable Machining, Inc. for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the Singh Executive Park Industrial Development District, to wit: Parcel No. 71-138-01-0003-000 (42600 Executive Drive 35AS UNIT 3 WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN NO. 568 AKA SINGH EXECUTIVE PARK T2S R&E L 32631 OF DEEDS P 436 TO 489 WCR Be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of two (2) years, expiring December 30, 2006. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR ST. THOMAS A'BECKETT'S CRAFT SHOW. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for St. Thomas a'Becket's Craft Show. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT - BUILDING AND INSPECTION SERVICES. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to appropriate funds for additional overtime expenses in the Building & Inspection Services Division of Municipal Services. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues: Building Permits** #101-000-477-0000 \$15,000.00 **Increase Appropriations: Building & Inspection Services Overtime** #101-371-708-0000 \$15,000.00 This budget amendment increases the Building & Inspection Services Division budget from \$1,799,265 to \$1,814,265 and the General Fund budget from \$25,694,315 to \$25,709,315. **Item 3. TRANSFER OF TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTY - BROOKSIDE VILLAGE. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the transfer of tax foreclosed parcel no. 096-99-0001-703 and 096-99-0001-704 to Brookside Village Homeowners Association (Brookside Village Subdivision). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. KOWALSKI PROPERTY SPLIT AND COMBINATION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the lot split and combination for lots 710-715(060-01-0710-000, 060-01-0711-0000, 060-01-0712-0000, 060-01-0713-0000, 060-01-0714-0000, 060-01-0715-0000) and 885-893 (060-01-0885-0000, 060-01-0886-0000, 060-01-0887-0000, 060-01-0888-0000, 060-01-0889-0000, 060-01-0890-0000, 060-01-0891, 060-01-0892-0000, 060-01-0893-0000), McIntyre Gardens No. 1, as shown on the attached survey dated 10/14/04. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. CONSIDER INCREASING BLANKET PO FOR WATER INVENTORY ACCOUNT. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to increase the Blanket PO for National Waterworks (PO #44531, Account #592-000-111-0002) by \$12,000 in order to maintain an adequate inventory of water main repair parts for the remainder of this year. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. BUDGET AMENDMENT - POLICE FUND. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund for Police overtime and the purchase of Child ID Kits. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues: Grants-Public Safety** #207-000-582-0000 \$1,000 Refunds and rebates #207-000-687-0000 22,000 Total \$23,000 **Increase Appropriations: Overtime-Sworn Officers** #207-301-708-0000 \$22,000 Community Relations #207-301-742-0000 1,000 Total \$23,000 This budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$12,544,937 to \$12,567,937. **Item 7. BUDGET AMENDMENT - FIRE FUND. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Fire Fund to increase the budget for fire suppression plan review costs by outside consultants. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues: Fire Plan Review Fees** #206-000-634-0000 \$9,000 Miscellaneous Revenues 206-336-742-0000 1,000 Total \$10,000 **Increase Appropriations: Fire Prevention** #206-336-742-0000 \$10,000 This budget amendment increases the Fire Fund budget from \$11,563,077 to \$11,573,077. **Item 8. ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD OF CANVASSER'S REPORT OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS. (CLERK)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the report of the Board of Canvassers meeting of November 3, 2004 and November 8, 2004 and to attach these minutes to the November 9, 2004 meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR CHERRY HILL MARKET. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Cherry Hill Market (Scott, Col). Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Cherry Hill Market (Scott, Col)** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor has requested site plan approval for the proposed Cherry Hill Market located on the southeast corner of Cherry Hill Road and Ridge Road South on tax parcel 074-00-0003-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed site plan to be CONSISTENT with the development objectives of the Township and recommended APPROVAL; and, WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed site plan and determines the proposal to be CONSISTANT with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives of the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District, subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor for site plan approval for the proposed Cherry Hill Market on parcel no. 074-99-0003-000, subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1 FOR REPAIRS AND SIGNAGE THROUGH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT #2004-4 IN NORTH POINT SUBDIVISION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adopt the special assessment resolution for North Pointe Subdivision Road Repairs, Sidewalk and Sign Installation SAD No. 2004-4. Motion carried unanimously. **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION** (North Pointe Subdivision Road Repairs, Sidewalk and Sign Installation SAD No. 2004-4) Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Chestnut Room at 46000 Summit Parkway in said Township on Tuesday November 9, 2004, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdiaz, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: None The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by Shefferly: WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1964, as amended, received a petition signed by more than 51% of the Canton Property owners to be served by the improvements (petition attached) and deems it tentatively desirable to undertake public improvements consisting of subdivision road repairs, sidewalk installation, and installation of traffic signs in the North Pointe Subdivision in the special assessment district tentatively designated and described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and make a part hereof; and, WHEREAS, the Township Board has caused plans to be prepared by registered engineers showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and the estimate of cost thereof; and, WHEREAS, the same have been received by the Township Board; and (1) WHEREAS, the Township Board desires to proceed further with the public improvements; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The plans showing the public improvements and location thereof

and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination. 2. The plans showing the public improvements and location thereof and the estimate of cost thereof shall be filed with the Township Clerk and be made available for public examination. 3. The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the aforesaid public improvements. 4. The Township Board tentatively declares its intention to make the aforesaid public improvements. 5. There is hereby tentatively designated a special assessment district against which the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed, consisting of the lots and parcels of land more particularly described in Exhibit A attached hereto. 5. The Township Board shall meet at the Summit on the Park on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at which time and place the Township Board shall hear objections to the proposed public improvements or the special assessment district. 6. The Township Clerk is hereby ordered to cause notice of such hearing to be published twice prior to said hearing in The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the Township, the first publication to be at least ten (10) days before the time of the hearing, and shall cause notice of said hearing to be mailed by first class mail to all record owners of or persons with interest in property in the special assessment district as shown on the last township tax assessment records of the Township at least ten (10) full days before the date of said hearing. 7. Said notice shall be in substantially the following form: (2) NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LANDS: North Pointe Subdivision, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan. SIDWELL NUMBERS

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NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1964, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements consisting of road repairs, sidewalk installation and sign installation in North Pointe Subdivision. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 2004, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof. Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton. (3) 7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Burdiaz, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED

**ADOPTED Item 3. CHERRY HILL STREESCAPE IMPROVEMENTS. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for Cherry Hill Village Streetscape Improvements. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CHERRY HILL VILLAGE STREESCAPE IMPROVEMENTS** WHEREAS, Cherry Hill Village and Uptown Planned Development Districts require improvements to Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads, which include both pavement, curbing and streetscape improvements; and, WHEREAS, the pavement and curbing improvements were recently completed through use of a special assessment district; and, WHEREAS, the streetscape improvements are required to be installed by each individual property owner in conjunction with completion of approved site plan improvements; and, WHEREAS, Wayne County has agreed to allow the streetscape improvements to be installed within the Cherry Hill Road and Ridge rights-of-way provided the community agrees to maintain and indemnify Wayne County relative to installation of the plantings and fixtures: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Charter Township of Canton agrees to: maintain all plantings and fixtures; indemnify, save harmless and defend Wayne County against all law claims, suits and judgments of every name and description arising out of the installation of the plantings and fixtures and authorize the Municipal Services Director to sign the permit. **Item 4. REQUEST TO INCREASE PURCHASE ORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDINGS. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to increase the following PO's: # 43101 for Ferndale Electric ESS in the amount of \$10,445.00, #43099 for Interior Environments, L.L.C. in the amount of \$68,401.63, #43944 for TFG Installation Services in the amount of \$6,082.50, and #44572 for Space Care Interiors, Inc. in the amount of \$1,796.13 totaling \$86,725.26. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT UNDER HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. (PSD)** Deleted from the agenda. **Item 6. REQUEST APPROVAL TO INSTALL NEW CEILING TILES IN PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY. (PSD)** Deleted from the agenda. **Item 7. APPROVE BID FOR PRINTING THE 2005 SERVICE DIRECTORY AND CALENDAR. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the bid submitted by Kimcraft Printing in the amount of \$8,380 (Communications account #101-240-900-0000 Printing and Publishing) for printing of the 2005 Service Director and Calendar. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 8. MERIT COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR NON-UNION CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE 2005 COMPENSATION. (ACSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the recommendation of the Merit Commission to increase the salaries of the non-union classified employees by 3.0% across-the-board and to increase the salary grade ranges for the non-union classified employees by 3.0%. These increase shall be effective 1/1/2005. Motion carried unanimously. **OTHER:** Supervisor Yack stated that there will be no study session on November 16, 2004. On November 23, 2004, Judge Gerou will swear in the newly electeds. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett, Supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:13 p.m.

Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor Terry G. Bennett - Clerk

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# Pay-to-play plans increase in state

The number of schools implementing participation fees for extracurricular athletic programs increased, but the level of the fees remained relatively stable for the 2004-05 school year, according to a survey conducted this fall by the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Athletes at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park pay \$150 for the first sport they participate in, \$80 for the second sport and the third sport is free of charge.

In a voluntary online survey, 551 member senior high schools and 346 member junior high/middle schools participated. Of those participating schools, 34.5 percent indicated that participation fees were being used at the high school level; and 32.7 percent indicated that fees were in place at the

junior high/middle school level. This is an increase in both categories, with 22.6 percent of senior high schools and 25 percent of junior high/middle schools responding to last year's survey indicating they were assessing fees. While the number of schools with fee programs was up, the fees being charged were not. The survey again revealed that the most popular structures for participation fee programs at both levels were for students to pay on a per-sport basis; or for a student to pay a one-time fee for the entire school year, regardless of the number of sports. For senior high school students paying on a per-sport basis, \$50 was the most often cited number for the second straight year, and the average per-sport fee was \$56. For students paying a single fee, the most used stan-

dardized fee was \$100 for the second straight year, but the average rose slightly from \$78 last year to \$85 this year. The number of schools structuring their programs on a tiered basis — where a student receives a discounted rate for multi-sport participation — more than tripled from a year ago.

The statistics for junior high/middle schools followed a similar pattern. The most often used per sport fee number was shared between \$30 and \$50 this year, compared to \$50 last year. The average per sport fee was \$43 this year, compared to \$38 a year ago. The most often assessed per student fee was \$50 for the second straight year, and the average fee rose to \$53 from \$50 last year. For more, visit the MHSAA Web site at [www.mhsaa.com](http://www.mhsaa.com).



## Bombers rule

The U9 Plymouth/Canton Bombers went undefeated and finished first in the Violet Division of the Great Lakes Soccer League this past fall. The team has been together for three years. Pictured are (front row l-r) Alyson Darmofal, Caroline Campbell, Ariel Magyar, Gabriela Grimaldi, (second row l-r) Emily Marcero, Rachel Partain, Paige Aresco, Zoe Blake, Sara Fronckowiak, Sarah Huang, Brooke Senkbeil and (back row) coach Jeff Marcero.

## SC cage pair net 22 apiece

Ty Scott and Courtney Williams each poured in 22 points Monday night as host Schoolcraft College rolled to a 105-53 men's basketball victory over the visiting Rochester College JV squad.

Schoolcraft (3-0) led 50-23 at halftime. The Ocelots shot 67 percent from the field and were 10-of-15 from the free throw line.

Western Kentucky University transfer Kevin Massiah (Toronto, Ontario) added 19 points on 7-of-8 shooting from the floor.

### MEN'S HOOP

Martin Samarco (Belleville) chipped in with 11 points, seven assists and five rebounds.

Genois Safford, a 5-foot-2 point-guard from Wayne Memorial, added nine points and six rebounds. Point-guard Chris Gandy had eight points and five steals.

Williams, a 6-9 transfer from Oakland University, pulled down a team-high nine rebounds, while Scott added four steals.

SAGINAW VALLEY 67, MADONNA 58: Guard Jeremiah McLaurin scored a game-high 19 points, hit five 3-pointers, to propel host Saginaw Valley State (1-1) to a non-conference victory over Madonna University (1-1).

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Saginaw Valley outrebounded the Crusaders, 45-27 and hit 15-of-22 free throws (68.2 percent).

MU was 21-of-53 from the floor (39.6 percent), only 5-of-23 from three-point range, and 11-of-18 from the foul line (61.1 percent).

### OBSERVERLAND BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

#### 50 FREESTYLE

(DI state cut: 25.79)

Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 25.33  
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 25.53  
Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 25.85  
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 26.1  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 26.21  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 26.41  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 26.41  
Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 26.50  
Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 26.56  
Kate Mussen (Salem) 26.94

#### 200 FREESTYLE

(DI state cut: 2:01.89)

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:57.23  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:58.98  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:59.01  
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:00.88  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:00.94  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 2:02.72  
Katie Gorman (Salem) 2:02.86  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:03.59  
Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 2:05.35  
Susie Patrick (Canton) 2:05.99

#### 500 FREESTYLE

(DI state cut: 5:28.19)

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 5:10.32  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 5:18.18  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 5:18.49  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 5:23.33  
Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 5:29.43  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 5:29.75  
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 5:30.22  
Katie Gorman (Salem) 5:34.06  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 5:35.57  
Elaine Lafayette (Plymouth) 5:37.16

#### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(DI state cut: 2:18.99)

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 2:12.30  
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:12.53  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:13.71  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 2:14.51  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 2:15.66  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:16.11

## GIRLS BEST SWIM TIMES

Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:16.36  
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:17.27  
Heather Michalsen (Salem) 2:20.56  
Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 2:21.56

#### 100 BACKSTROKE

(DI state cut: 1:11.59)

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:07.28  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:07.84  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:09.74  
Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:10.15  
Kim Heaney (Salem) 1:10.57  
Lauren Siedlik (Churchill) 1:11.63  
Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 1:12.44  
Stephanie Buckley (Stevenson) 1:13.90  
Caitlin Larsen (Churchill) 1:14.48  
Kristin Cruce (Stevenson) 1:14.73

#### 400 FREESTYLE RELAY

(DI state cut: 3:51.59)

Livonia Stevenson 3:43.07  
Salem 3:46.87  
Canton 3:47.8  
Westland John Glenn 3:55.59  
Livonia Churchill 3:56.83

#### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(DI state cut: 1:57.79)

Livonia Stevenson 1:53.12  
Salem 1:55.07  
Livonia Churchill 1:59.36  
Canton 2:00.18  
Livonia Ladywood 2:04.32

#### DIVING

Ashley Aquino (Salem) 220.20  
Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 194.70  
Sarah Bugosh (Salem) 181.90  
Chelsea Seldon (Canton) 178.85  
Jackie Demers (Churchill) 176.09  
Elana Gueorguiev (Salem) 168.35  
Holly Campbell (Ladywood) 167.10  
Bryn Gifferty (John Glenn) 162.60  
Amanda Keadle (Stevenson) 149.85  
Stephanie Bonner (Canton) 145.20

#### 100 BUTTERFLY

(DI state cut: 1:02.69)

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:00.23  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:01.44

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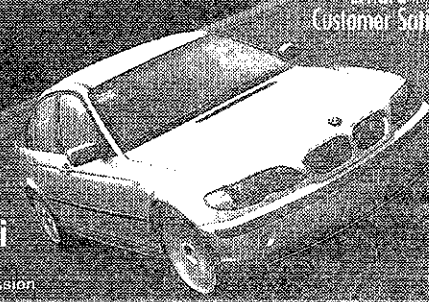
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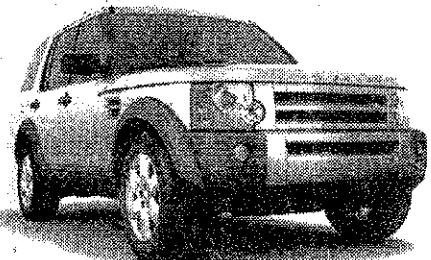
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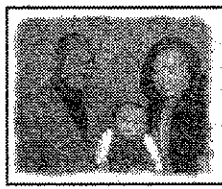
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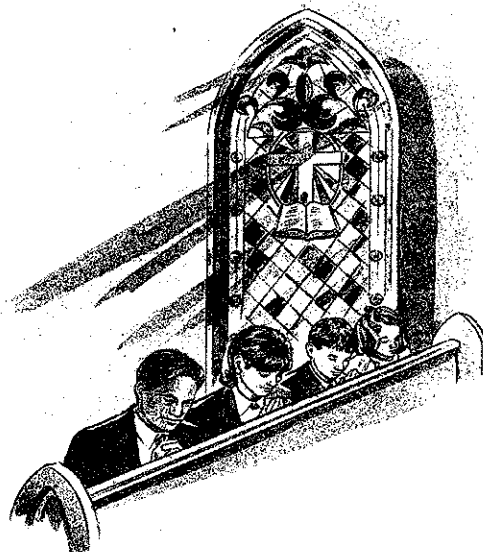
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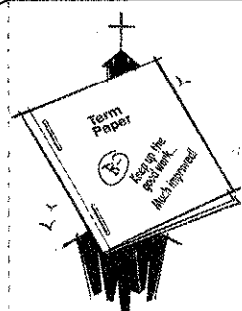
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### It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. R.S.V. Proverbs 12:15



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

## NOVEMBER

### Soul sisters

The women of the New Testament speak to the women of today 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in the Fellowship Hall at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

### Birmingham-First Concert Series

Featuring the Birmingham-First Chamber Choir and Detroit Chamber Winds performing Johann Sebastian Bach's Magnificat and Cantata 214 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, Birmingham. No charge but free will offering will be taken to benefit future events in the concert series. Call (248) 644-2040, ext. 136.

### Global Gifts and Crafts Shop

Items created by crafts persons and artists, nearly all of whom are in the Third World, gifts come from worker cooperatives resulting from the work of our ABC missionaries and partner Baptist conventions, sale continues 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday through Dec. 18, includes a UNICEF Card Shop, at First Baptist Church, Birmingham. Two hours of free parking available in municipal lot adjacent to the building. Call (248) 644-0550

for more information.

### All That Glitters

A benefit to fight hunger and aid local food banks 6-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 19, includes moveable feast, auction, suite treasure hunt, and an opportunity to be the first to see the hottest gifts of the season, at the Radisson Kingsley Hotel, 39475 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$100. For reservations, call Food Bank of Oakland County at (248) 332-1473 or Gleaners Community Food Bank at (313) 923-3535.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 19-21, at St. John's Family Life Center, 4401 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at [www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe](http://www.rc.net/detroit/wmwe).

### Crafts and cuisine

Together with collectibles 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill, west of Farmington Road between Freedom and Grand River. All crafts are made by members of St. John Lutheran Church and donated to benefit our building fund.

### Arts and crafts fair

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, soup and sandwiches until 2 p.m., at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 West Columbia, Belleville. Soup and sandwiches until 2 p.m.

### Crafters needed

For Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at St. Sabina School in Dearborn Hgts. For information, call Pam at (313) 537-5340 or send e-mail to [gpkostecki@aol.com](mailto:gpkostecki@aol.com).

### Handbell choir

From Taylor University 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at Covenant Community Church, 25800 student,

one block north of Five Mile at Beech Daly, Redford. A free will offering will be taken to help offset their travel expenses. Call (313) 535-3100.

### The Da Vinci Code

A lecture by Rev. Bruce Rigdon on deciphering the code 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Rev. Rigdon, president of Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit, brings a historical perspective to discussions of the book and welcomes questions from the audience. For more information, call (248) 474-6170.

### Pastor retires

Scott McKinney retires from the ministry after the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services Sunday, Nov. 21, at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 1550 Walton, Rochester Hills. Call (248) 651-6550.

### B'Jazz Vespers

6-8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, featuring Ja Franco and special guests performing jazz bossa nova and Brazilian jazz standards and classics, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willits and Bates, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward, Birmingham. No charge but a free will offering is taken for the musicians. Free parking available in adjacent lot. Call (248) 644-0550.

### Liturgical Dance Team

Liturgical Dancers perform 10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, during the service at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361 for more information.

### Interfaith Thanksgiving

Everyone is invited to the service 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Reception follows. Childcare provided for those below the second grade. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

### Thanksgiving Eve service

The Taize service begins at 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 24, Taize originated in France and is a quiet, meditative service that features candlelight and soft music, at Peace Lutheran Church, 17029 West 13 Mile, between Greenfield and Southfield roads, Southfield. (248) 642-7047.

### Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). Join us as we exercise for JOY. For more information, call the church office (313) 937-1199.

### Looking for classmates

St. Damian School is looking for former students to attend the first annual Alumni Mass and Reception 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 28. Catch up with your old classmates while touring the new church and gym. St. Damian celebrates 50 years in 2005. The Nov. 28 Mass kicks off the celebration. For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be part of the Alumni planning committee, send e-mail to [alumni@stdamian.com](mailto:alumni@stdamian.com).

### Thanksgiving Praise Concert

Featuring Christian recording artist Jackie Bates 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 27, at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 42690 Cherry Hill, Canton. No charge but a love offering will be taken. For more information, call (734) 981-0286 or visit the Web site [www.JackieSinging4Him.com](http://www.JackieSinging4Him.com).

### Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

### Bible Study for Parents

For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Child care available. Call (734) 699-3361.

### Grief support group

Began Monday, Oct. 11 and continues for five weeks, at Light & Life Free Methodist Church, Westland. The Connections grief support group is free and available to any child who has experience the death of a loved one. For more information or to register, call Community Hospice at (734) 522-4244.

### Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, 4 miles south of Michigan Ave., (734) 699-3361

### Fishing

For friends and faith, an evening offering something for everyone, pre-school through adult, begins with an optional dinner 5:45-6:30 p.m., program runs 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov. 24, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Nominal charge. Call (734) 422-6038.

### Lecture series

Began 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 11, and continues to Dec. 6, at The Basilica of St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church, 18200, Livonia. Open to anyone interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith. Call (734) 422-0010.

## DECEMBER

### Christmas concert

The Farmington Musicales presents a Christmas program featuring organist, Noriko Ernst, soprano, Sharon Cardecia with guest instrumentalists and the Musicales Chorus 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 23815 Power Road, Farmington. The public is invited to enjoy an afternoon of music with refreshments served after the performance. For more information, call (248) 471-6017.

### Kings Feast

The William Tyndale College music program presents an evening of Christmas traditions including a royal, catered feast and Renaissance theme with authentic period costumes, wandering minstrels, less-than royal Master of Revels, Royal Court Thespians, and musicians 6:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, at Kresge Chapel, 35700 West 12 Mile, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$30 and includes dinner. Families and groups welcome. For tickets, call Kim Swan at (800) 483-0707, ext. 450.

### One Night in Bethlehem

Come wander the streets of old Bethlehem, hear the Christmas story as told by those who were there on that Holy Night 6-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 3-4, holiday concert featuring the Rochester Conservatory Show Choir at 5 p.m. Saturday, tours run consecutively from 6-8 p.m. with a special presentation of Music of the Season in the chapel, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1610 Brewster, Rochester Hills. For more information, call (248) 980-8715 or Mindy Linderman at (248) 373-9905.

### Concert series

Begins with the Madonna University Chorale singing French carols, the Christmas Motet by Poulenc, Magnificat by Charpentier and a holiday sing-a-long 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, at St. John's Episcopal Church 574

South Sheldon, Plymouth. No charge but a free will offering will be accepted at the door. Tickets necessary because of limited seating. For reservations, call (734) 453-0190, ext. 16.

### Craft show

Featuring more than 80 crafters 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Thomas a Becket Church, 555 South Lilley at Cherry Hill, Canton. Bake sale and lunch available. Admission is \$2, under age 12 free. Call (734) 981-1333.

### Holiday craft fair

Featuring more than 75 crafters 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, also bake sale and refreshments, at Tri-City Christian Church, 3855 Sheldon, north of Michigan Avenue. \$1 admission. For information, call (734) 397-0819.

### Marian Advent Retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, in the East Dining Room in the Residence Hall at Madonna University, 14221 Levan Road, Livonia. This year's theme is "Journey with Mary to Christmas" and Rev. Daniel Jones, professor, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will lead the day's events. Activities include quiet reflection and prayer; three confessions; lunch; individual reconciliation; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; the mysteries of the rosary with meditation prepared and led by students; and Sunday Mass celebrated in the University Chapel at 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. For reservations or information, call (734) 432-5419. Advance reservations required.

### Cookie Walk

After 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday, Dec. 5, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Road, Belleville. For more information, call (734) 699-3361.

### Christmas Cantata

"Born is the King" features music by composer and artist Matt Bono 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Peace Lutheran Church, 17029 West 13 Mile, between Greenfield and Southfield roads, Southfield. Call (248) 642-7047.

## ONGOING

### Orthodoxy 101

Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled "Orthodoxy 101." It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile Road, between Farmington and Newburgh roads, Livonia. The course is open to the public, and there is no cost involved. The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion. Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel, "Come and see." If you have any additional questions, call Beth at (248) 348-8631.

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JERRY A. BURKE

Age 56, November 13, 2004, of Westland. Retired member of IBEW Local 58, a loving and proud husband, father and grandfather; he leaves behind wife Linda, children Jeffrey Burke and Jeanette Wiatt, and grandchildren Samantha and Justin Wiatt. Jerry is pre-deceased by parents Gerald and Corrine. He is also survived by his brother David, sister Kathy, and stepparents Ruth and Walter. He will be greatly missed by his friends and family. Visitation was Wednesday, November 16, 2004 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

WILLIAM P. GILLIS

Age 77, died peacefully at home surrounded by his family on November 14, 2004. Beloved husband of Frances M. Dear father of Victoria A. (Joseph) Cowley, Maureen G. (Kerry) O'Hara, David W., and Lisa M. (Paul) Benton. Loving grandfather of Sean (Sarah) and Patrick O'Hara, Christopher and Kelli Cowley, Christine, Kevin and William Gillis. Dear brother of Cyril and Frank Gillis, Anne Marie Bossenberger, Pauline Wyllie, Mary Williams, Eileen Lucas, Janet Pappas and the late Edmond, Shirley, and Moira. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road (E. of I-275), Livonia with a Scripture Service Thursday 7:30pm. Instate Friday 10am until the time of the Funeral Mass at 10:30am at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

VANDETTA L. KING

Age 73 of Livonia died Saturday, Nov. 13, 2004 at home. Beloved wife of Edwin; dearest mother of Julie (Earl) King of Redford, Kerry (Marilyn) of Redford and Larry (Patti) of Arlington Heights IL; beloved grandmother of five and dearest sister of Virginia Dudley and Elaine Medor both of Lincoln; dearest brother of Theron Franklin of Waterford and Don Franklin of Harrisville. She was a sales representative at Sears of Livonia for 30 years. Mrs. King is at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, MI (989)7368195 where friends may call Thursday from 11:00 A.M. until the funeral at 1:00 P.M., Rev. Tedd Galloway officiating. Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln.

PAUL EMMONS HORTON

of Metamora. Friday, November 12, 2004. Age 82. He grew up in West Hartford, CN, attended Duke University and was a B17 Pilot in the Air Corps where he flew 35 missions over Germany. Paul and his wife owned The Metamora Elevator Company, an important supplier of teak trim to Sea Ray Boat Co. He built and leased an office for Basin Oil Co. and the property later became Metamora Products. He was a charter member of the Metamora Lions Club. He was on the Board of Lapeer Regional Hospital, Nomad's of Detroit, Banbury Cross and Lapeer Hospice. Paul helped found the Economics Club of Lapeer and was a long time member of Grace Episcopal Church. Paul's great love became the Restoration of the Lapeer County Courthouse, he served as chairman and as a devoted board member. Paul was made an Honorary member of the Courthouse Restoration Committee this fall by the Lapeer County Board of Commissioners. He was husband of Sally Horton of Metamora. Dear father of Jeff Horton and Katherine Ann Horton. Dear grandfather of Paul and uncle of many wonderful nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by parents Howard and Ruth (Goodrich) Horton. Four brothers. Memorial services Saturday, November 20, 2004 at 11:00 a.m. from The Lapeer County Historical Courthouse, 235 W. Nepeensing Street, Lapeer. Memorials to The Lapeer County Courthouse Restoration Fund. Arrangements by Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer. (810) 664-8111

PAUL MCKELVEY

Age 96 years. Plymouth, formerly of Monroe. MI. Date and time of death Monday, November 15, 2004 at 2:45 in Plymouth Inn Assisted Living where he had been since May 19. He had been in poor health since April. Friends may call Monday, November 22, 2004 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church from 10 AM until a Memorial service at 11:30 AM. Rev. Evans C. Bentley of St. Paul's United Methodist Church and Rev. Robert McKelvey, nephew of Mr. McKelvey. Interment: Roselawn Memorial Park, LaSalle. The Bacarella Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements Born: February, 1908 in Clearfield, Iowa, son of Jesse and Golda (Hartman) McKelvey. Moved to Monroe area in 1929 from Iowa. Marriage to Florence Cochran, May 27, 1932 in Dundee, they made their home in Monroe until moving to the Chelsea Retirement Community in 1995, they then moved to Plymouth in April 1998, Florence preceded him in death June 7, 1998. He was employed by Detroit Edison as a Customer Service Foreman for 41 years and retired in 1970. He graduated in 1926 from Clearfield High school. He was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. He loved to walk and was still walking at age 94, he was often seen at the Big Boy Restaurant, Monroe, where he met friends for coffee later, he walked to Tim Horton's in Plymouth. Survivors include 1 son Lawrence P. (Clarita Mays) McKelvey of Lathrup Village, MI; 1 daughter Janet M. (Kenneth) Dersey of Plymouth. Five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by his wife, 4 brothers and 1 sister. Memorials St. Paul's United Methodist Church or Angela Hospice, 14100 Newberg Rd., Livonia, MI. 48145. Online condolences may be made through [www.bacarellafuneralhome.com](http://www.bacarellafuneralhome.com)

LESTER V. NEWTON

Age 86, of Fenton, formerly of Redford Township and Quincy, MI, died November 12 at home. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 44 years, Rosemary, sister Elizabeth Foster and brother, Warren. A World War II veteran, he worked in the automotive industry for 42 years, retiring from General Motors in 1980. He served faithfully on two Veterans Honor Guards in his retirement, one in Coldwater & Quincy, MI, and one in Trenton, MI. Loving father of six children, Chris Chauvin (Bill), Jeep (Sherrill), Mike (Mickey), Al (Lori), Kevin (Kandi) & Brian. Proud grandfather of 14 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Arrangements were held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Redford, and interment at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions made to the family will be forwarded to the Veterans organizations Mr. Newton was privileged to serve.

ALICE SYLVIA RYAN

Age 82, November 13, 2004, resident of Farmington Hills. Beloved Wife of Arthur H. Ryan, Sr. for 62 years. Loving Mother of Arthur H. Ryan, Jr., Irene Alice Ryan, Randall Roger (Janet) Ryan, Colleen Gayle Ryan, and Cynthia Sharon Ryan. Cherished Grandmother of 23 and Great-grandmother of 34. Dear Sister of Marguerite, June, Evelyn, Sharon, Doris, and the late Leon. Alice was a former carrier and clerk of the U.S. Post Office in Farmington and a member of the "Night Owls". She was also a member of the National Genealogical Society and enjoyed making dolls, dollhouses, and collecting antiques. She was also a great seamstress. A funeral service was held Tuesday at THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME, Farmington. Interment followed at Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

DIANE VAN SACH

Died November 14, 2004, age 61. Beloved wife of George and dear mother of Thomas (Shannon), and the late Edward, grandmother of Mykaela. Sister of Gill Dickman, Gary Dickman, and James Dickman. Visitation: Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt (S. of 6 Mile) Wednesday 7-9 p.m. and Thursday 2-5 and 6:30-9 p.m. with Parastas Service at 7 p.m. In-State Friday 9am at Sacred Heart Byzantine Church, 29125 6 Mile, until time of Mass 10 a.m.

MARILYN M. "DEHAAN" SMITH

Age 74, passed November 12, 2004. Beloved wife of Robert Smith. Loving mother of Dave (Carol) DeHaan, Steve (Bonnie) DeHaan, and Nancy (Randy) Ribble. Dear grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of six. Sister of Margaret "Peggy" Hickey. A memorial mass will be held on Thursday at 10 am from St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills. Memorials may be made to the Library for the Blind. Arrangements by McCabe Funeral Home.

TANIA STANLEY

87 of Plymouth, passed away Sunday November 14, 2004 at Medilodge of Plymouth. She was born March 14, 1917 in London, England the daughter of William and Ethel (Smith) Workman. She married Edward R. Stanley in London in 1938 and together they immigrated to the United States in 1963. In her early years she was an accomplished dancer, theater performer and trapeze artist. Following her artistic career she raised her children then took up a second career in quality control, eventually working with her husband at Woolfe Engineering until her retirement in 1981. She survived by her children Penny Fucinri of St. Clair Shores, Julie Stanley of Novi and John Stanley of Almont. Also, surviving are two grandchildren Heather Fucinri of CA and Andrew Stanley of Almont. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Edward in 1996. A private family service will be held. Arrangement were made by Muir Brothers Funeral Home in Almont.

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James H. Richardson

November 14, 2004 Age 89 of Burt Lake, MI Formerly of the Detroit area. Retired executive with Ajax Steel and Forge Company in Detroit. Husband of the late Mary (nee: Lumsden). Dear father of James M. (Carol), and Sherry Stefanes (George). Grandfather of Jennifer, Scott, Michael, Christopher, and Alexandra. Great Grandfather of Eleanor. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Tuesday 5-8pm. Memorial service Wednesday 2pm at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Rd., Birmingham. In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Burt Lake Preservation Association, 1890 Indian Point Road, Brutus, MI 48716. Obituary at [www.DesmondFuneralHome.com](http://www.DesmondFuneralHome.com)

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**FIRST TEAM**  
**Heather Sirko, Sr., Liv. Stevenson:** The senior had another banner year repeating as both Division I regional and Western Lakes Activities Association champion with times of 18 minutes, 7 seconds (at 5,000 meters) and 18:036, respectively.  
Sirko ended up 35th in the state finals (19:17). Her average time was  
She set a school record with a time of 17:57 at the Portage Invitational, good enough for third place. She also won the South Lyon (18:45), West Bloomfield (19:02), New Boston Huron (18:26), Catholic Central (18:43) and Center Line (18:06) invitational.  
She also set Stevenson's best-ever mark at Cass Benton Park (18:43).  
"Heather completed a four-year career that should be an inspiration to any runner who wants to succeed," Stevenson coach Paul Holmberg said. "She developed from a JV runner as a freshman to one of the most respected runners in the state her junior and senior year. I have had many outstanding runners during my coaching career, but Heather is the best of the best."  
**Kristen Frey, Soph., Liv. Stevenson:** The sophomore made All-State for the second straight after finishing seventh in the Division I finals (18:32). She was runner-up to Sirko in the regional (18:58), WLAA (18:32), South Lyon (20:02), Center Line (18:21), Catholic Central (19:02) and New Boston (18:53) meets. She added a third at West Bloomfield (19:27) and was

sixth at Portage (18:16), the latter time second fastest all-time in school history.  
"Kristen was part of a one-two punch that no one in the area and fe in the state could match," Holmberg said. "She is a tireless worker in practice, and a determined and focused competitor. As great as her first two years of competition have been, I believe her best times are still ahead of her."  
**Hannah Cavichio, Soph., Salem:** Cavichio enjoyed a spectacular sophomore season, leading the Rocks to a 10th-place finish at the state meet. The second-year runner set the school record in the 5,000 meters, was the champion at the Haslett Invitational and co-champion of the City Meet.  
"You don't know what you're getting just by looking at Hannah," Salem coach Dave Gerlach said. "She's small and quiet, but she runs like an upper-classman and has a heart of gold. Hannah is very competitive, sets high goals and she really goes after those goals. She has been a great addition to our team the past two years."  
**Laura Friedman, Sr., Salem:** Friedman was the Rocks' top finisher at the state meet, crossing the line in 46th place with a time of 19:28.6. The team's alternate captain turned in her best time (19:03.8) in the WLAA meet. "Laura has a great combination of foot speed and competitiveness," Gerlach said. "She was the heart of the team. Laura never got nervous, so you knew you were going to get her best effort every meet."  
**Kylen Cieslak, Jr., Liv. Churchill:** The junior co-captain wound up 104th in the Division



Heather Sirko Stevenson



Kristen Frey Stevenson



Hannah Cavichio Salem



Laura Friedman Salem



Kylen Cieslak Churchill



Marina Plinka Stevenson



Rachel McFarlane Churchill



Nicole Schmidt Churchill



Lauren Kane Salem



Meghan Horgan Franklin

I state finals after placing eighth in the regional.  
Cieslak also took 11th in the WLAA meet (19:19) and added a third at the Lakes Division meet with a 18 time best of 19:09.83.  
Other top finishes for the Churchill co-MVP included Monroe-Jefferson (second), Livonia Public Schools (third), Wayne County (eighth) and Michigan State (24th).  
She is also a WLAA scholar-athlete.  
"Kylen continues to make an impact on the Churchill cross country program," coach Sue

Tatigian-Tatro said. "She is a very dependable runner with a great deal of talent. Nobody works harder than Kylen and her teammates have a great deal of respect for her. I'm looking forward to watching her emerge as a standout runner next season."  
**Marina Plinka, Fr., Liv. Stevenson:** The freshman placed 67th in the state finals (19:44) after finishing seventh at the Schoolcraft College regional (19:55). She also took fifth at Center Line (19:35), 10th in the Lakes Division (19:55), 13th at South Lyon (21:52) and West Bloomfield (21:04), 14th at CC (20:40), and 20th at New Boston (21:16).  
Plinka also made Stevenson's top 15 career listing.  
"Marina matured during the season and ran her best races at the end of the season where they counted the most," Holmberg said. "All of her races from mid-season on were in the 19:00s. She has the promise to become one of Stevenson's finest."  
**Rachel McFarlane, Fr., Liv. Churchill:** The ninth-grader placed 78th overall in the state finals, an improvement after taking

next level of competition. It has been a pleasure watching her debut this year. I'm looking forward to the next three seasons."  
**Nicole Schmidt, Sr., Liv. Churchill:** The senior co-captain and Churchill co-MVP placed 73rd at the state meet in 19:47.65 after placing ninth at the regional.  
Schmidt also added a 10th at the WLAA meet with a personal best 19:18. (Her lifetime best is 18:54.)  
Other high finishes included Livonia Public Schools (fourth) and Lakes Division jamboree No. 2 (eighth).  
"Nicole battled various injuries throughout the season, but did not give up on herself and went on to have a successful senior season," Tatigian-Tatro said. "She is a terrific athlete who thrives on competition. I am extremely proud of her for making the All-Area squad during her four cross country seasons."  
"Nicole is planning to run in college, and I believe that her best races are yet to come. She will be greatly missed next fall."  
**Lauren Kane, Sr., Salem:** A four-year varsity performer, Kane was the co-champion of the state meet and was voted

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ances came at the Walled Lake Western Invitational, first (21:20); third at the first Western Division jamboree (20:09); fourth, Monroe-Jefferson (20:01); fifth, Wayne County (19:25) and the second Western Division jamboree (20:22).  
She also set Franklin course marks at Cass Benton, Nankin Mills, Willow Metropark and Walled Lake Western.  
"Meghan is one of the best athletes we've had at Franklin," coach Dave Bjorklund said. "She is an outstanding racer, and always competes hard against her opponents. She was our frontrunner all year, and was in the top ten in every invitational we went to, including the conference and regional meets. I look forward to great things from Meghan in the future."

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## Side dish

### New tools, old tricks

For all the clever tools you've bought for your kitchen, you can still find yourself waving your hands in the air and looking for the one that isn't within reach.

Here are some tips from *Real Simple* magazine's October issue about how to improvise, to find something to act as a stand-in before the chicken scalds or the caramel burns. It may even work better than what it's replacing. At least, it will get the job done.

■ You need a pizza cutter: You can use a pair of scissors, plain old kitchen shears (but use an oven mitt or tongs with your other hand to hold the crust while you cut).

■ You need a biscuit cutter: You can use a six-ounce tomato-paste can; remove top and bottom and wash inside well; dip the can in flour before each cut, to avoid sticking.

■ You need a rolling pin: You can use a wine bottle (empty or unopened); sandwich your dough between sheets of plastic wrap or wax paper to prevent sticking. Chill dough very briefly to firm it up.

■ You need a milk frother: You can use a whisk and a saucepan. Heat milk in a heavy-bottomed saucepan over medium-low heat until it is frothy on top, and whisk rapidly to desired frothiness, about one minute, taking care not to scald it. Pour into coffee; serve immediately.

■ You need measuring cups: You can use yogurt containers. An eight-ounce container, filled up to a pinkie's thickness from the rim, holds about 1 cup of flour or liquid. A quart container, filled to the same distance from the rim, holds four cups. (Note: This solution doesn't give you the exact measurements that serious baking projects need.)

■ You need an egg poacher: You can use ramekins placed in a skillet.

■ You need a blender jar: You can use a quart-size mayonnaise or Mason jar; don't fill this replacement jar more than half-full, and avoid very hot liquids.

### Eat breakfast

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, but you don't need to stay stuck in the same old routine.

Breakfast provides the energy your body needs to get going, so a good morning meal is key to good performance.

Include carbohydrates like whole grains and fruits for your energy. Add protein to help you feel full longer. Dairy products and lean meat or peanut butter are good protein choices.

Try these ideas, courtesy of the American Dietetic Association:

■ Two slices of whole-grain bread covered lightly with peanut butter and apple slices

■ One cup of vanilla or plain low-fat yogurt mixed with your favorite whole-grain cereal and topped with fresh berries

# Tastefully done

## Stuffing passes on tradition

BY SANDRA DALKA-PRYSBY  
CORRESPONDENT

After the turkey, it's the stuffing that makes Thanksgiving a special eating occasion. For many of us, it's the one day of the year that our taste buds are treated to a mixture of assorted ingredients that are stuffed — hence, the name of this dish — into the turkey's body cavity.

Virginia "Ginnie" Healy of West Bloomfield turned to her ancestors, via her mother, for her stuffing recipe. The 82-year-old mother of seven and grandmother of 16 has made the basic turkey stuffing for many of the 60 years she's been married.

"I've passed this recipe on to my children and now they're doing the cooking," she said. "They use the recipe as the foundation of their stuffing and often add other ingredients to make it even more flavorful."

Healy and her husband, Arthur, who often helps her in the kitchen preparing their daily meals, are now honored guests at holiday gatherings. "We leave all the work and food preparation to the next generation, especially since our daughters are great cooks," she said.

Her contribution to the celebrations is the family crystal and table linens, which she has also passed down to her children. "These special items remind them of home and I have great joy seeing them used on the Thanksgiving table," Ginnie said.

Julie Howald of Canton also sets her Thanksgiving table with crystal, silverware and candle sticks, which were passed down by her husband Jeff's family. To these cherished pieces, she adds leaf confetti sprinkled on the three formal tables she sets and cornucopia centerpieces.

The mother of two boys — both are in college — has been hosting Thanksgiving dinner for the 20 members of her husband's family of 19 years.

PLEASE SEE STUFFING, D2



Ginnie and Art Healy of West Bloomfield have passed on a stuffing recipe to their children that they've made for years.

### HEALY FAMILY STUFFING

Stick (½ cup) of butter  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 cups mushrooms  
8 cups of dry bread crumbs  
1 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon pepper  
1 teaspoon garlic  
1 teaspoon sage

In frying pan over medium-high heat, melt butter; add onions and mushrooms and sauté. Place other ingredients in a large bowl. Pour hot ingredients over dry and mix. Add just enough water to moisten. Use to stuff 18- to 20-pound turkey. Serves 12.

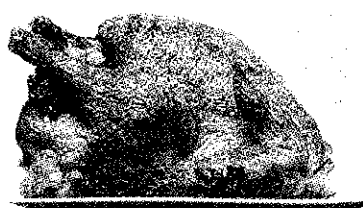
Roasted almonds, apricots and polish sausage spice up more stuffing recipes. See page D2.

## Liven up your feast with herb roasted turkey

OK, food lovers. Here comes one of your favorites — Thanksgiving.

The National Turkey Federation puts a new twist on the traditional roasted turkey with a classic, special-occasion recipe — herb-roasted turkey with a citrus glaze. Fresh sage and marjoram are placed under the loosened turkey skin and the resulting penetration of flavors is worthy of a new holiday recipe tradition.

Both sage and marjoram have long been paired with poultry and are time-honored flavor combinations. Citrus flavors are



quite complementary to the taste of turkey; continental cuisine typically calls for placing lemon halves in the cavity of roasted birds. Fresh lemon and lime juices are combined with dry white wine and brown sugar to create the citrus glaze brushed on the turkey.

Since the citrus glaze is made with sugar, the browning process will occur quickly. Near the end of the roasting time, loosely cover the turkey with lightweight foil to ensure a golden brown turkey.

The turkey platter is decorated with lemon and lime roses along with sprigs of fresh herbs. This recipe produces a flavorful turkey and, if a stuffing is desired, a traditional bread stuffing would be most complementary.

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## STUFFING

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While it's her husband's family for dinner, it's her mother's stuffing recipe with a Polish flavor for the turkey.

"The men, especially my sons, really like the stuffing because it has beef in it. They always have second helpings," Howald said.

Because of the popularity of this Thanksgiving treat, she not only stuffs the bird (it has to be a fresh turkey, "because it tastes so much better than frozen," she says), but makes extra meat stuffing that is baked in a separate dish in the oven.

Even though hosting Thanksgiving dinner takes a great deal of work, Howald loves doing it: "I really enjoy seeing to every detail, from the cooking to decorating the tables. It's my time to shine."

### JULIE'S MOM'S POLISH STUFFING

½ cup butter  
1½ cup chopped celery  
1½ cup chopped onions  
8 cups dry bread cubes  
1½ teaspoon sage  
1 teaspoon salt, divided  
1 teaspoon pepper, divided  
1 cup chicken broth or chicken bullion  
1½ pounds of ground chuck  
1 egg

In skillet, melt butter. Add celery and onions and cook until softened. In large bowl, place bread crumbs, sage, ½ teaspoon each of salt and pepper. Add butter mixture and chicken broth and mix. In separate bowl, mix together ¾ of bread mixture with ½ teaspoon each of salt and pepper, ground chuck and egg.

Fill main cavity of 18- to 20-pound turkey with bread stuffing. Fill neck cavity with meat mixture. Serves 12.

### ALMOND, APRICOT AND SAUSAGE STUFFING

1 cup slivered almonds, roasted  
1 pound bulk pork sausage  
8 cups dry bread cubes  
2 cups chopped celery  
1 cup chopped onions  
½ cup chopped dried apricots  
1 teaspoon poultry seasoning  
½ cup chicken broth  
1 egg, slightly beaten

To roast almonds: Place in lightly oiled skillet on medium-high heat. Stir frequently until golden brown.

In frying pan, brown sausage and separate into small pieces as it cooks. Drain sausage, but reserve drippings in skillet. Add sausage to bread cubes in large bowl. Add celery and onions to drippings in skillet and cook until soft. Add to bowl with sausage and bread. Add remaining ingredients and toss thoroughly. Use to stuff 20-pound turkey. Serves 12.

No matter what your choice, according to the Food Safety and Inspection Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, it's important to take care when preparing and stuffing a turkey. It offers the following suggestions:

■ Stuffing should be moist, not dry, when placed in a turkey. Heat destroys bacteria more rapidly in a moist environment. The ingredients can be prepared ahead of time, but the wet and dry ingredients should be kept separated and chilled. Mix wet and dry ingredients together just before putting stuffing into a casserole or filling the turkey cavity.

■ If you choose to stuff your turkey, make sure it is stuffed loosely.

■ Cook the turkey immediately after stuffing.

■ Always use a food thermometer to check that the stuffing reaches a safe 165° F before serving. Cooking a

stuffed turkey is riskier than cooking one that is not stuffed. Harmful bacteria can survive in stuffing that has not reached 165° F and can result in illness.

■ Let the turkey stand for 20 minutes to let juices set. If your turkey is stuffed, the temperature of the stuffing will continue to rise during this time. Remove all the stuffing from the turkey immediately after standing time.

■ Refrigerate stuffing in shallow containers and use within one to two days for best quality.

NOTE: Turkeys purchased stuffed and frozen with the USDA or state mark of inspection on the packaging are safe because they have been processed under controlled conditions. These turkeys should not be thawed before cooking. Follow package directions for handling.

She added that her husband helps in the preparations. "He has to help," Howald said. "It's his family!"

While Healy's and Howald's families are treated to stuffing that is made from recipes passed down from generation

to generation, some cooks turn to cookbooks and magazines for "something different" to serve. (See related recipes.)

## TURKEY

FROM PAGE D1

### WHAT TEMPERATURE?

Whether you try a new recipe or use a traditional turkey recipe, the questions frequently asked are, "How should I roast the turkey?" "Should the turkey be covered with foil?" "What is the correct temperature to roast a turkey?" "Should I use a cooking bag?"

The National Turkey Federation recommends roasting the turkey by the open pan method in a preheated 325° F oven until the internal temperature, as registered on a meat thermometer, reaches 180° F in the thigh or 170° F in the breast.

"The open pan dry heat cooking method is the easiest and most reliable of all cooking methods and results in a juicy, tender, flavorful golden brown turkey," said Sherrie Rosenblatt, director of public relations for the National Turkey Federation.

In addition, the NTF makes the following recommendations when cooking turkey:

■ Do not roast the turkey in a

oven temperature lower than 325° F. Poultry should be roasted at 325° F or higher to avoid potential food safety problems.

■ Do not roast the turkey in a brown paper grocery bag. Present day grocery bags may be made of recycled materials and are not considered safe for food preparation.

■ Do use a meat thermometer to determine the correct degree of doneness.

### IT'S ALL IN THE TIMING

Butterball.com suggests the following roasting times for your turkey: 10-18 pounds, 3-3½ hours, unstuffed; 3¾-4½ hours, stuffed; 18-22 pounds, 3¾-4 hours, unstuffed, 4½-5 hours, stuffed, 22-24 pounds, 4-4½ hours, unstuffed, 5-5½ hours, stuffed.

Cooks should also cover the turkey breast with foil when about two-thirds of the cooking time has passed to ensure the breast does not overcook.

Visit the NTF Web site at <http://www.eatturkey.com> and [www.butterball.com](http://www.butterball.com) for roasting tips and other turkey recipe holiday ideas. For cooking questions, call 1-800-BUTTERBALL.

### HERB ROASTED TURKEY WITH CITRUS GLAZE

115-pound whole turkey, fresh or frozen (thawed)  
3 large lemons  
2 large limes  
1½ teaspoon salt, divided  
½ teaspoon black pepper, coarsely ground  
¼ cup dry white wine  
¼ cup packed brown sugar  
1 bunch each fresh sage, marjoram and thyme, divided  
2-3 tablespoons vegetable oil

Remove giblets and neck from turkey; reserve for gravy. Rinse turkey with cold running water and drain well. Blot dry with paper towels.

Peel skin from lemons and limes to make rose garnishes (see step 11 for directions). Reserve in refrigerator.

Squeeze enough juice from the lemons and limes to equal two tablespoons each. Cut the remaining lemons and limes in half and place in the turkey cavity. Sprinkle salt in the cavity.

In a small bowl, mix the wine, brown sugar and citrus juices; reserve for glaze.

Gently loosen skin from the turkey breast without totally detaching the skin and carefully place 1 tablespoon each fresh sage and marjoram under the skin. Replace the skin.

Fold neck skin and fasten to the back with one or two skewers. Fold the

wings under the back of the turkey. Return legs to tucked position.

Place turkey, breast side up, on a rack in a large shallow (about two inches deep) roasting pan. Rub turkey with salt, pepper and two to three tablespoons of vegetable oil. Insert oven-safe food thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh, being careful that the pointed end of the thermometer does not touch the bone.

Roast the turkey in a preheated 325° F oven about 3¾ hours. During the last hour of roasting time, baste with the pan drippings. During the last 30 minutes, baste with the citrus glaze. Loosely cover with lightweight foil to prevent excessive browning. Continue to roast until the thermometer registers 180° F in the thigh.

Remove turkey from the oven and allow it to rest for 15-20 minutes before carving. Place on a warm large platter and garnish the platter with the remaining fresh herbs and lemon and lime roses.

Prepare lemon and lime roses as follows: with a small sharp knife or vegetable peeler, cut a continuous thin one-inch strip of peel. Avoid cutting into the white pith. Roll tightly, skin inside out and secure with toothpicks. Reserve in a bowl filled with ice water until time for service. Provides 22 servings at 6 ounces per portion.

Recipe by The National Turkey Federation.

## Community House hosts Taste of the Vines

Taste of the Vines, a wine auction and dinner, will be held at The Community House in Birmingham 6-9 p.m. Nov. 30.

"We are thrilled with the continued success of Taste of the Vines," said Shelley Roberts, CEO and President of The Community House. "In just three years, Taste of the Vines has established itself as one of our region's premier wine auction events."

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with the honorary chairs' private wine reception. Ros and Nick Scheele are the honorary chairs. Reservations to the private wine reception, dinner and auction are \$500. The private wine reception will be followed by a patron reception at 6:30 p.m. Reservations to the Patron reception, dinner and auction are \$250.

A delectable multi-course dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Takashi Yagihashi from Tribute in Farmington Hills will serve as an honorary chef for the sit-down dinner.

At 8 p.m., event-goers will have the opportunity to bid on rare and highly allocated wines including an Opus One Vertical 1994-1999 (750 ml), a Magnum of Showket Cabernet Sauvignon signed by the acclaimed and talented wine maker Heidi Peterson Barrett and also the wine maker for the 1998 Screaming Eagle Cabernet (750 ml). In addition, restaurant packages and luxurious vacations will be auctioned.

Taste of the Vines is sponsored by Ford Motor Company Fund. All proceeds from Taste of the Vines will benefit The Community House outreach programs. For reservations to Taste of the Vines, contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street in Birmingham at (248) 594-6403.

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# Put autumn décor on Thanksgiving table

Many Thanksgiving dinner hosts spend countless hours preparing a meal that would rival a five-star restaurant, but then serve that meal on a table that is sparsely decorated and doesn't reflect the autumn season.

Yet, by spending a few hours shopping, along with a little ingenuity, Thanksgiving hosts can decorate their table to rival the great meal they serve.

"Many people have things around their home that can be used to decorate a table and provide the kind of festive, seasonal décor that a Thanksgiving dinner deserves," said John Forte, president of Forte Belanger

Catering in Troy.

According to Forte, by following some simple tips, within an hour or so a host can have table decorations to be proud of:

■ Buy whole fruit in two contrasting colors, such as tangerines and cranberries, pomegranates and kumquats, or green/yellow pears and red apples.

Keeping in mind that this will go in the center of your table, select a long, low basket or a nice bowl (low or pedestal) that coordinates with your table, and fill with whatever combination of fruit you've selected.

■ Buy about a dozen Jack-Be-Little's or other smallest

pumpkins and place them in a zigzag row down the center of your table.

Collect some nice, colorful leaves from the yard and slip just an edge of a leaf in contrasting colors under each pumpkin, and scatter some others throughout.

Place votives in low holders or water glasses with just a bit of water in the bottom (this prevents the wax from sticking) and a few tapers for height.

■ Fill clear glass hurricanes or round glass globe vases with nice assorted leaves, nuts in the shell and/or small fruits (kumquats, cranberries, lady apples or Seckel pears), or make one or two of each and

place all around the house as well as your table.

■ Buy a few small pie pumpkins and cut off the tops and enough of the bottoms to sit flat on the table. Place on a saucer or small plate to go with your décor.

Scoop out pumpkin innards and place a small receptacle or Oasis® floral foam inside for water, and then arrange some simple floral, greens and leaves within, such as red, orange, yellow or burgundy roses.

Hypericum berries, bitter-sweet, peppercorn branches or seeded eucalyptus are also good options.

Place four or five of these down the center of your table.

# Tame a little wild rice for your stuffing

Wild rice is not rice at all. It is a grass seed with a rich, nutty flavor that is a welcomed guest at the autumn table.

Native to the Great Lakes area, truly wild rice is still harvested by local Native Americans and sometimes called Indian rice. Because gathering wild rice is so labor intensive, it has always been expensive. Now, however, cultivated wild rice is being produced in California and some Midwest states, and the price is lower.

It's important to clean wild rice thoroughly before cooking it. The best method is to place the rice in a large saucepan and fill it with cold water. Stir it several times and set aside for a few minutes. Any debris will float to the surface and the water can then be poured off. Depending on the method used, wild rice can take up to an hour to cook. Taste-test to make sure the kernels are completely tender, but

not too soft.

## WILD RICE STUFFING WITH PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS

5 tablespoons canola oil, divided  
1 large onion, diced  
1 garlic clove, minced (optional)  
8½ cups fat-free, reduced-sodium chicken broth  
1½ cups wild rice  
1½ cups long-grain brown rice  
4-6 portobello mushrooms (stems removed), cut in½ by 1-inch thick slices  
½ cup chopped flat-leaf parsley  
1 tablespoon dried sage, or to taste  
1 cup chopped green onions  
1 cup chopped almonds or pecans, plus additional for garnish, if desired  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat a large, non-stick pan over medium-high heat until very hot. Pour in 1 tablespoon oil and heat

until very hot. Add onion and garlic. Sauté until onion is translucent and mixture is golden. Add 4½ cups broth and bring to a boil.

Add wild rice, reduce heat to simmer, cover pot and simmer 25 minutes. Add brown rice and remaining broth. Bring mixture to a boil, reduce heat to simmer, cover and simmer until both rices are barely tender, about 35 to 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat a large, non-stick pan over high heat until hot. Add 2 teaspoons oil and heat until very hot. Add mushrooms. Stirring constantly, sauté – in batches, if necessary, to prevent overcrowding and "weeping" of the mushrooms, which prevents browning. (Transfer each finished batch to a bowl and continue, using a little more oil each time, until all mushrooms are sautéed.)

When rice is almost tender, mix in parsley, sage, green onion and nuts. Cover and cook on low heat about 5 minutes longer, or until onion is soft and rice is tender.

Remove pot from heat, uncover and allow rice to cool slightly. Stir in mushrooms until well combined. Add salt and pepper to taste and more sage, if desired. Garnish with nuts, if desired.

Serve immediately or store, tightly covered, in the refrigerator for up to 2 days.

Makes about 11 cups of stuffing or 22 one-half cup servings.

Per serving: 140 calories, 5 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 22 g. carbohydrate, 5 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 223 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present, with Mr. Curmi arriving at 7:22 p.m.

The Board recognized the promotion of Chuck Russo to the position of Captain and Fire Chief Randy Maycock presented him with his badge.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the November 9, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all, with Mr. Curmi absent.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the November 9, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all, with Mr. Curmi absent.

Mr. Don Schnettler suggested recognition of some sort for residents who have relatives serving in Iraq.

He also had questions regarding the Solid Waste Fee. These are to be discussed under the agenda item.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Application 1853, General Development Plan and PUD Documents for Plymouth Landing Planned Unit Development that is located north of Plymouth Road, east of Edward Hines Drive and west of Haggerty Road, and subject to the proposed Master Deed and Bylaws being submitted prior to Final Development Plan approval. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Specialized Transportation Services Agreement with HVA and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute same. Seconded by Mr. Curmi. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04-11-09-51, approving the request from Max and Erma's Restaurant, Inc. for a new full Class C license to be located at 15257 Beck Road, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, to be considered "Above All Others." Seconded by Mr. Munkfah. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Solid Waste Fee of \$36.00 per quarter, effective immediately. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to adopt Resolution No. 04-11-09-52, authorizing the Township Supervisor to sign Wayne County Permit C-41886 and approve Storm Drain Agreement with Gateways of Plymouth, L.L.C. and authorize Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute same. 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.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the proposed change to Non-Represented Employee Retirement Medical Benefits providing for surviving spouse coverage and clarifying that retiree medical benefits are subject to change consistent with changes made to currently employed Non-Represented members. Also, that the last line of the revision be amended to read as follows: "The Township reserves the right to amend, change, or discontinue this policy with at least 90 days notice." Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: AYES: Massengill, Arnold, Edwards, Munkfah, Mann. NAYS: Curmi. Motion carried.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the Severance Agreement and Release of All Claims between Plymouth Township and Shirley Barney and authorize the Township Supervisor to execute same. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution 04-11-09-53, amending the Plymouth Township Downtown Development Authority Budget for 2004 and approving the 2005 Budget. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

## 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, 36215 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150, or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

### Cooking at Schoolcraft

Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and Schoolcraft instructor, will teach his Five Star Restaurant Revue 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Cost is \$139 per class. December classes include: Wild Game with certified master chef Jeff Gabriel, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1 (\$105); Soups & Stews, 9-11 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4 (\$89), and Holiday Gift Baskets with certified master pastry chef Joe Decker, 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8 (\$109). For more information on these and

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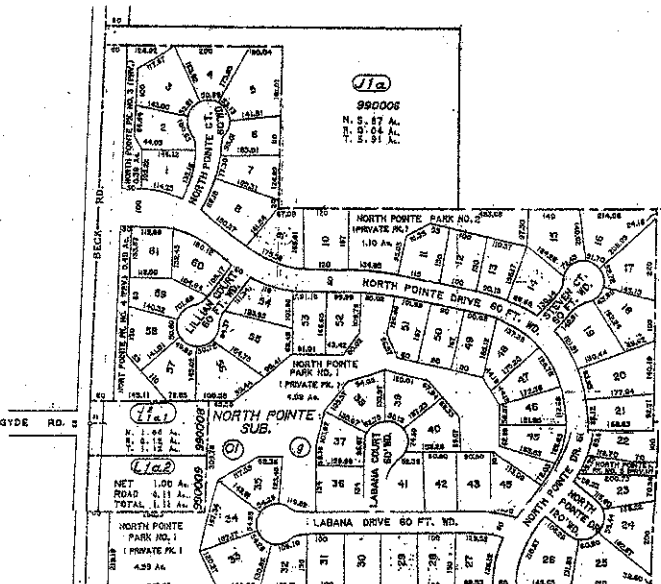
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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements consisting of road repairs, sidewalk installation and sign installation in North Pointe Subdivision.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on **Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 2004, at 7 o'clock p.m.**, Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof.



Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Canton

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Marilyn Massengill, 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 9, 2004. 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 14, 2004.

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Give yams a Caribbean flair

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

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Roast yams with a little pineapple for a Caribbean flair.

1 tablespoon walnut or canola oil  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Preheat the oven to 350° F.

Spread out pumpkin seeds on a baking sheet. Bake 6 minutes, stirring once, or until seeds are crisp and lightly colored. Set aside to cool. Coarsely chop the cooled seeds. This can be done a day ahead and the seeds stored in an airtight container at room temperature.

Raise oven temperature to 400° F. Roast the yams until fork-tender, 40 to 60 minutes, depending on size. Remove from the oven and increase oven heat to broil. When cool enough to handle, cut yams into bite-size pieces and place in a mixing bowl.

Arrange pineapple slices on a baking sheet or foil and broil 2 minutes. Turn and broil 2 minutes longer. Cut slices into bite-size pieces and add to the yams. Add the pumpkin seeds.

In a small bowl, mix together the vinegar and cider (or juice). Whisk in the oil. Add salt and pepper to taste. Drizzle the dressing over the yams, tossing lightly with a fork to coat.

Serve warm. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 219 calories, 4 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 44 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 6 g. dietary fiber, 67 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is the author of The Joy of Soy and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Dinner for two? Here's tips for Thanksgiving

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

What do you do when your Thanksgiving dinner is not a crowd around the table but instead a table set for two?

As an only child, I am used to small celebrations that still represent a full Thanksgiving feast with all the indispensable holiday dishes — without enough leftovers to feed a small army.

A combination of home cooking and some prepared foods are key to a menu-for-two that features soup, turkey with dressing and gravy, and pumpkin pie. This meal will nurture good memories without wearing you out in the kitchen. And it won't stress a loved one's health, for which we all can be thankful.

A roast turkey and a pie that are store-bought are an easy first step in building the menu, but it takes homemade gravy and dressing for a perfect Thanksgiving dinner. Below is a hearty, traditional dressing made with fresh herbs.

For a rich but lean gravy, coat a small skillet generously with cooking spray, then add 1 teaspoon canola oil. Heat over medium-high heat until hot, add ½ cup chopped onions and

cook until deeply browned, about 6 minutes. Reduce the heat and whisk in with a fork 1 tablespoon whole-wheat flour and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. (Avoid too high a heat to make sure the flour doesn't burn.) Add 1 cup fat-free, low-sodium chicken broth and bring to a boil, stirring until the gravy thickens. Purée the mixture in a blender, season to taste with salt and pepper, and serve. To reheat, microwave, partly covered, for 60 to 90 seconds (depending on your microwave) on low power.

DRESSING FOR TWO

8 slices multi-grain or whole-wheat bread, cut in ½" cubes  
1 tablespoon canola oil  
1 celery rib, chopped  
½ cup finely chopped red onion  
½ leek, white part only, finely chopped  
½ small shallot, finely chopped  
½ Granny Smith apple, cored and cut in  
½-inch cubes  
1 teaspoon dried and crumbled rosemary, or to taste  
1 teaspoon dried thyme, or to taste  
1 large egg, beaten  
Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste  
1½ cups fat-free, low-sodium, chicken broth

Spread bread cubes in 1 layer on a baking sheet and leave them out overnight to dry. Or, toast the cubes in a 300 degree oven until dry, 15 to 20 minutes. Place dried cubes in a large bowl and set aside.

Preheat oven to 350° F. Coat 8-inch square baking pan with cooking spray.

Heat oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté celery, onion, leek, and shallot until soft, 4 minutes. Mix in the apple to coat it with oil.

Add this mixture to the bread cubes. With a fork, mix in the egg. Add rosemary, thyme, salt and pepper to taste. Toss with a fork to blend. Pour in 1 cup broth and mix until dressing is moist but not soggy, adding more broth if needed. Pack dressing firmly into the prepared pan, and cover with foil.

Bake 30 minutes. Uncover and set aside for 15 minutes before serving. Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 215 calories, 7 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 33 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, 5 g. dietary fiber, 540 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is author of The Joy of Soy, and recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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## Mix broccoli, hazelnuts in holiday dish

Most cooks have favorite Thanksgiving vegetable recipes – ones treasured from childhood or acquired through marriage. But every now and then, it's nice to try something different.

One traditional holiday vegetable is green beans with toasted almonds. This year, try a variation with broccoli and hazelnuts.

Nuts are packed with nutrients. Just one ounce supplies two or three grams of fiber and four to seven grams of protein, similar to about one slice of cheese, but with about two-thirds less saturated fat. Some nuts, like hazelnuts, almonds and peanuts, are a good source of vitamin E, while walnuts are a good source of health-promoting omega-3 fat.

Hazelnuts – also called filberts – grow in clusters on trees in temperate zones around the world. Italy, Spain, France and Turkey produce the most hazelnuts and, until the 1940s, the United States imported most hazelnuts. Now they're now grown in Oregon and Washington.

They have a sweet, rich flavor and can be used chopped, ground and whole in both sweet and savory dishes.

Pairing nuts with vegetables provides a double dose of nutrition.

Broccoli, like other cruciferous vegetables including cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, bok choy, cabbage, kale and watercress, contain several compounds that seem to help prevent cancer from developing. Laboratory tests show that these substances boost enzymes that detoxify carcinogens before they damage DNA and start the cancer process.

They also stimulate the death of colon cancer cells.

Cruciferous vegetables contain substances, called indoles, which seem to offer extra help



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Pairing nuts with vegetables provides a double dose of nutrition.

against breast and perhaps other hormone-related cancers. In a study of Swedish women, those who ate cruciferous vegetables most often had about 24 percent lower risk of breast cancer than those who ate them the least.

The American Institute for Cancer Research encourages making cruciferous vegetables a part of a healthful diet because they may play an important role in stopping cancer before it starts.

### BROCCOLI WITH HAZELNUTS

2-3 tablespoons coarsely chopped hazelnuts  
Boiling water  
1 pound broccoli, stems peeled and sliced thin and florets separated  
2 teaspoons sesame oil  
2 scallions, thinly sliced  
2 garlic cloves, finely minced  
2 teaspoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

In a small skillet, toast hazelnuts over medium-high heat for 3-4 minutes, until lightly browned. Set aside.

In a large pot of boiling water, add broccoli and blanch for 4 minutes. Rinse with cold water and drain.

In a large bowl, combine oil, scallions, garlic and soy sauce. Add broccoli and toss well. Top with hazelnuts. Serve at room temperature. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 54 calories, 3 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 5 g. carbohydrate, 3 g. protein, 3 g. dietary fiber, 88 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## Quick beef stroganoff is great for those chilly days

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

With a full-fledged fall chill in the air, there are few things as tempting as a good book, a soft blanket and a roaring fire. This recipe for beef stroganoff, however, comes close.

The best part?

While the dish might taste as if it were tended to by loving hands for several hours, it actually is prepared and cooked in less than 30 minutes.

The cookbook *Le Cordon Bleu Quick and Easy* (Thunder Bay Press, 2004, \$24.98), featuring recipes by 80 master chefs from Le Cordon Bleu cooking schools around the world, suggests serving the beef with rice and a salad of mixed greens tossed with vinaigrette.

The book reminds home cooks to use a high heat when cooking the beef. If the heat is too low, the juices will run out of the meat, resulting in a stewed appearance and taste.

### BEEF STROGANOFF

(Preparation time 10-15 minutes, cooking time 10 minutes)

8 ounces beef fillet or boneless sirloin

1 large shallot or 1 small onion

1 small garlic clove

2 tablespoons butter

1 rounded teaspoon paprika

2 tablespoons sunflower oil

Salt and freshly ground black pepper

around the edges. Do not let liquid boil. Immediately stir in oats. Add pear, cinnamon and salt. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the oats are tender, about 15 minutes. Mix in the raisins.

Divide the oatmeal among 4 bowls. Stir the yogurt until creamy, then add a dollop to the top of the oatmeal. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 servings

Per serving: 185 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 41 g. carbohydrate, 4 g. protein, 4 g. dietary fiber, 19 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi is a recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research and the author of *The Joy of Soy*.

## Wake up oatmeal with new variations

BY DANA JACOBI  
CORRESPONDENT

The perfect theme song for oatmeal might be "Everything Old Is New Again." Old-fashioned though it may be, a bowl of oatmeal is still one of the best breakfasts you can choose. With a bit of imagination, you can even turn this already healthy comfort food into an always enjoyable, ever-varied, eye-opener breakfast treat.

For variety the easy way: be creative with toppings. Fresh fruit is a perfect partner for oatmeal. I especially like using blueberries, raspberries, or diced nectarine, but crispy fruits like apples and Asian pears also go well with oatmeal. For an extra twist, mix berries with a tiny sprinkling of grated lemon or orange zest, plus two drops of vanilla extract.

Dried fruit also works well with oatmeal, adding sweet chewiness for a satisfying contrast in texture. Most dried fruits are sweet enough that you won't need sugar. Dried fruit means more than raisins or apricots. Think of dried cranberries, blueberries and cherries as well as pineapple and other

tropical fruits. Their tangy tart-sweet flavor is a perfect foil to mild oatmeal. On a cold, damp day, try chopping up a couple of calymyria white figs or seedless dates. These dried fruits are especially good combined with a few chopped walnuts. Fresh or dried, fruit adds health-protective benefits as well as extra flavor, texture and color.

Using a dollop of a juice-sweetened fruit preserve is another way to add fruit, sweetness, and flavor to oatmeal. I particularly recommend wild or regular blueberry, or any other berry spread.

If you must have sugar, dark brown is ideal because a little of it goes a long way to perform its magic. Toss it with the cut-up berries or apple and let them sit while the oatmeal cooks or, if you use quick-cooking oats, before you shower, dress and then cook it. This gives the fruit enough time to macerate and create a bit of syrup.

Or, try this oatmeal cooked with pear nectar and a grated Bartlett pear for natural sweetness. With the fruit in the oatmeal, cool, creamy vanilla yogurt is the ideal topping for this cinnamon-spiced porridge.

### CINNAMON PEAR OATMEAL

1 cup quick cooking oats (not instant)

1 cup pear nectar

1 Bartlett pear, peeled and grated

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch of salt

3 tablespoons golden raisins

½ cup low-fat vanilla yogurt

In a dry skillet over medium-high heat, toast the oats, stirring frequently, until fragrant and slightly colored, 2 to 3 minutes. Turn the oats into a bowl to avoid their burning.

In a deep medium saucepan, combine pear nectar with ¾ cup water. Over medium heat, cook slowly until bubbles appear

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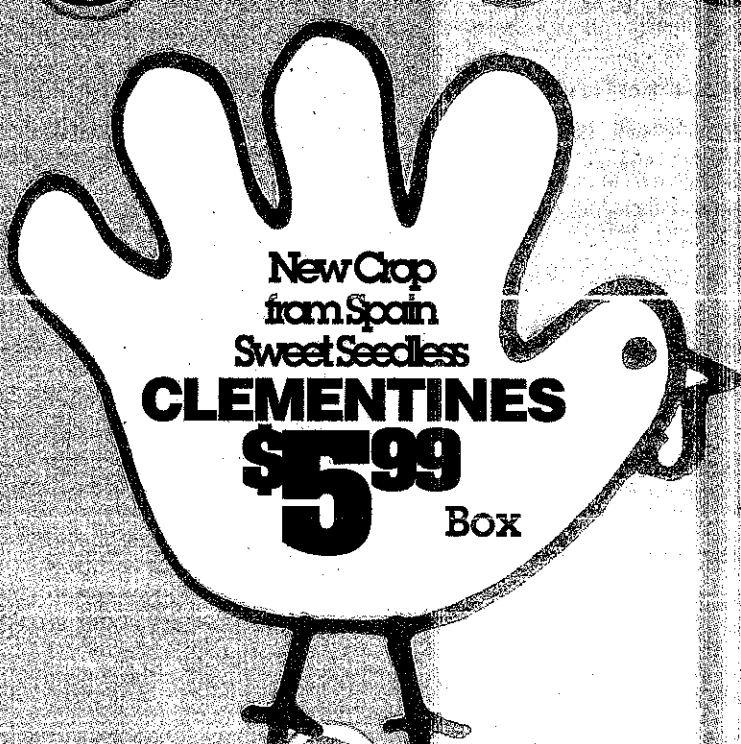
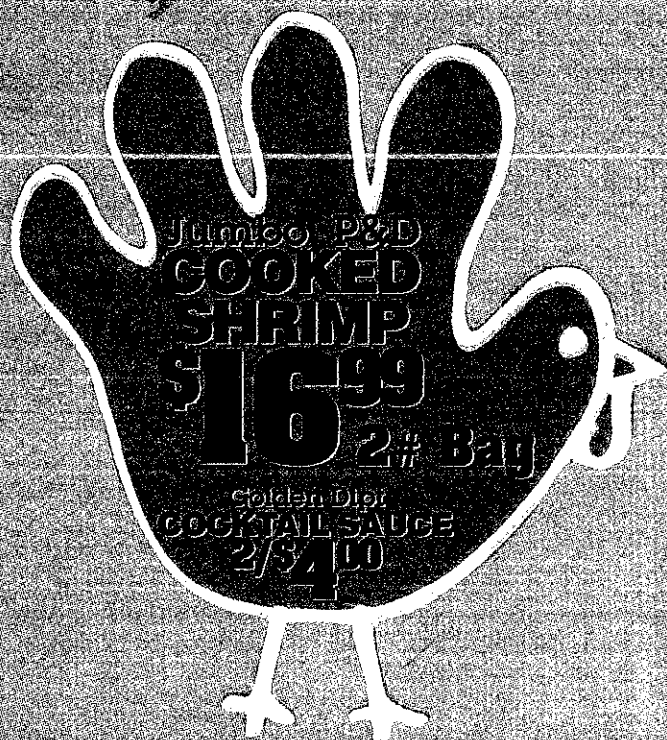
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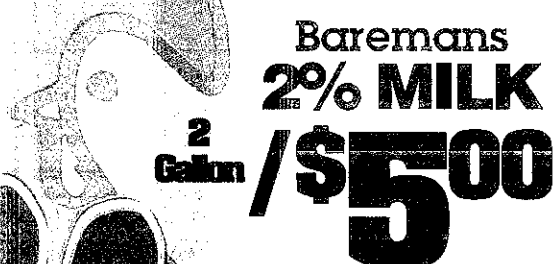
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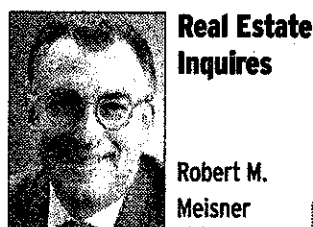
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I am monitoring development of condo high rises in Chicago and am wondering if you have any additional information concerning any trends.

During a recent visit, I was able to determine that a substantial amount of growth is now developing in the south loop area and, in particular, along Michigan Avenue near the renovated Soldier's Field. These high rises provide a view of the lake and are priced accordingly. There appears to be a great deal of new construction and it appears that the market is hot. The advent of Millennium Park has also increased the curb appeal of this area.

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@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Before leaving to meet a client, Realtor Constance Arvidson-Krause loads a sign into her trunk.

# Real estate career paying off

BY KEELY SCHRAMM  
STAFF WRITER

Constance Arvidson-Krause knows a lot about moving. She and her husband Kevin moved at least a dozen times in the first 15 years of their marriage while he climbed the corporate automotive ladder.

That's why she decided to become a Realtor.

"Needless to say I know all about the moving and the process that the family goes through," said Arvidson-Krause. "Every detail is important and the knowledge, integrity and compassion of one's Realtor makes the difference between a smooth transition and a disaster. Buying or selling a home is a very emotional and personal process."

Their moves took them to Europe, Canada, Texas and Florida. "I don't think we stayed anywhere more than a year-and-a-half," she said. "I was the trailing spouse."

Another job brought them back to Michigan. "We're staying," said Arvidson-Krause. "I'm glad to put down roots in the place where I grew up." So is her husband who's finally found a job he loves.

Arvidson-Krause has a degree in International Business and a minor in French and German from the University of Michigan. She worked in International Sales for Northwest Airlines, but decided to stay home after she and Kevin started a family.

They have two daughters. Alex is 13, and Mallory, 4, is getting ready to start kindergarten. "When I made the decision to go back to work it was clear that I had to choose something I was passionate

about," she said. "After all, this new job would be competing with the most precious thing in my life - my family."

She wanted a job, but also the opportunity to make a contribution and help others, and maybe use some of her language skills. The job also had to be flexible enough to allow her take off during the week for a track meet or other event her daughters are involved in.

"I really am in control of my schedule," she said explaining the appeal of a career in real estate. "You can do a lot of work at home."

Once she made the decision, Arvidson-Krause called a Realtor she admired, the person who had been her Realtor, to ask where she should go for pre-licensing training to prepare for the state real estate licensing exam. The Realtor recommended Middleton Real Estate Training Inc. in Southfield.

"It proved to be more challenging than I expected," said Arvidson-Krause. "It wasn't a cake walk, I really had to study."

Her efforts paid off. Arvidson-Krause passed the exam. Now the real work, learning how to be a Realtor, would begin. In Michigan, the next step is to join a real estate brokerage to have access to a Multiple Listing Service and the cooperation of Realtors who list and sell properties. Most Brokers belong to a Realtor Association like the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, and subscribe to the National Association of Realtors Code of Ethics.

"The selection of a broker is key because he or she will act

as a mentor for at least the first three years of one's career," said Arvidson-Krause. "I chose ReMax Affiliates in Farmington because the Broker, Dave Cornwell has 40 years of experience in residential and commercial real estate. It's a small office and you get a chance to interface with experienced people. That's how you learn. We have used ReMax agents through the years to help us buy and sell many times and always found them to be truly professional. I felt good about becoming part of the ReMax team."

## RECRUITING

Steve Leibhan, sales manager at Real Estate One in Farmington Hills conducts real estate career seminars at noon every Wednesday.

A Realtor for 20 years, Leibhan is a former teacher who taught in the Livonia Public School System. He likes the teaching aspect of real estate and admits it's not for everyone.

Realtors are in business for themselves. "People come to the seminars and find out there aren't any health benefits and checks don't come in on a conveyor belt," said Leibhan. "At the seminar they get to walk through the building, see agents in action and ask a few questions. It's an opportunity to get a bunch of information. We're not here to lure them into the business."

New agents, he says, are the life blood of the industry. They come in with new ideas and sell houses that no one else could sell because they didn't know better.

"I recently hired an attorney

with 28 years of criminal law experience," said Leibhan. "He was looking for something different, for a challenge."

Real Estate is a relatively easy business to get into, but most people don't begin to earn a living until their second year.

"I have to say the cost of getting started was higher than I anticipated," said Arvidson-Krause. "My training has already cost me about \$800 and I will be taking the Accredited Buyer Representative course in December which is another \$300. The licensing and board membership was another \$800. There are promotional costs like business cards and yard signs. Every month there are costs for belonging to the Multiple Listing Service and office expenses. Then you have to take into account your cell phone and car."

Arvidson-Krause has been working at ReMax since July, and is feeling good about her decision. "I've been focusing on working with buyers," she said. "It's a great time to buy. I enjoy looking at homes and helping people. I have done really well, but if I was relying on myself to make a living I would be in bad shape. A big part of my day is trying to get business."

Leibhan started selling real estate part-time while he was teaching, took a leave of absence, and then went into it full-time.

"It's fun making a nice income and training new people," he said. "If the public didn't need us we wouldn't be here. If you do a good job one sale should lead to others."

## Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips



## Cut big debts with arbitration

It's not good enough for today's mortgage lenders to help you with your immediate mortgage needs. Those of us who remain alive in this competitive mortgage market do so with superior skill and cunning - that's a throw back from my days as a warrior - and by offering more than just typical off-the-shelf mortgage services.

For example, in addition to serving my clients' typical residential mortgage needs - including new construction loans, first-time buyer purchases, and bad-credit refinances - I offer them supplemental services like bi-weekly payment options, credit restoration services, free home-equity line add-ons, and even debt arbitration. The latter, debt arbitration (or debt negotiation), is perhaps the most useful yet least understood of the lot.

Debt arbitrators are independent third-party companies who take formidable consumer debt situations and make them better. They normally get paid a percentage of the amount that they reduce their clients' debts. These arbitrators have a direct financial interest in reducing those debts as much as possible. I use them on my clients' behalf to minimize their overall debt load.

## EFFECTIVENESS

Unlike consumer credit counseling, debt arbitration usually takes only a few days, and very rarely appears on a consumer's credit report. Debt arbitration is perhaps most effective when used simultaneously with non-conforming or "bad credit" refinances because it can help homeowners save literally thousands of dollars. (A no-brainer: If they are using cashed out equity to pay off debts anyway, why not negotiate lower payoffs for those debts?)

Homeowners who possess little or no equity in their homes and renters can also have their debts arbitrated, but they will typically receive a negotiated monthly payment schedule instead of a single payoff figure.

Generally, the uglier a borrower's credit situation, the better the results of the arbitration. Low credit scores and high debt balances combine for favorable arbitration results. If you have good credit and small debts, debt arbitration is not for you.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhillipsHQ.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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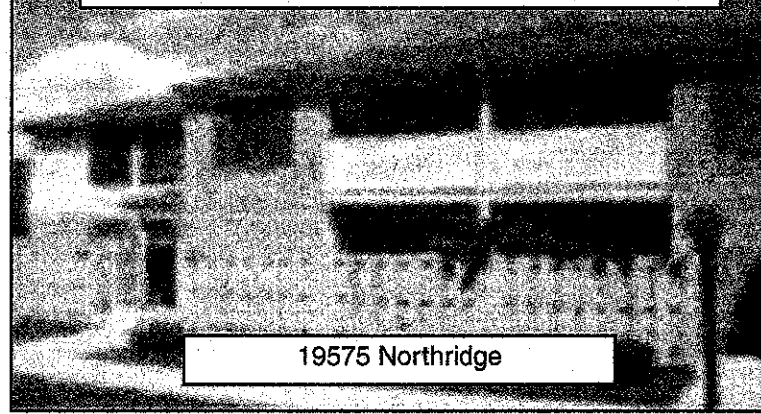
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4377 Arcadia \$465,000  
3884 Brimfield \$163,000  
62 Delevan \$181,000  
2921 Genes \$149,000  
4490 Hawthorn \$449,000  
3671 Lexington \$276,000  
2699 Pontiac \$129,000  
3541 Riverside \$312,000  
147 Vista \$173,000  
149 Vista \$188,000  
151 Vista \$190,000  
153 Vista \$177,000

**Beverly Hills**  
31059 E Rutland \$210,000  
30300 Embassy \$350,000  
16950 Locherbie \$305,000  
16252 Marguerite \$310,000  
32375 Plumwood \$350,000  
Bingham Farms  
23825 Overlook \$430,000  
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1288 Cedar \$750,000  
1964 Cole \$219,000  
1622 Dorchester \$540,000  
425 Hanna \$455,000  
407 Kimberly \$464,000  
335 N Eton \$110,000  
1575 Penstone \$235,000  
662 Purdy \$162,000  
2471 Radnor \$231,000  
765 Ruffner \$310,000  
1772 S Bates \$300,000  
1456 Stanley \$365,000  
1968 Stanley \$316,000  
1025 Webster \$790,000

**Bloomfield Hills/Township**  
4072 Antique \$485,000  
6425 Apple Grove \$425,000

1706 Cassidy Place \$234,000  
12833 Hidden Creek \$340,000  
12006 Hines \$193,000  
220 Joy \$264,000  
48568 Meadow \$390,000  
8925 N Ridge \$335,000  
48050 Saint Andrews \$325,000  
**Redford**  
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11321 Kinloch \$145,000  
11324 Marion \$144,000  
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24423 Orangelawn \$135,000  
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## Mortgage rates climb amid encouraging signs of economic traction

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mortgage rates climbed as Wall Street investors responded to some encouraging signs that the economy is gaining momentum.

Rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.76 percent for the week ending Nov. 11, the mortgage company Freddie Mac said in its weekly survey. That was up from 5.70 percent the previous week.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. After that, rates, while bouncing around, drifted lower as economic activity had cooled a bit, easing inflation fears.

Wall Street investors more recently were buoyed by a government report, issued on Nov. 5, showing the economy added 337,000 jobs in October, the most in seven months.

"October's fervent job growth statistics ... led financial markets to believe the economy is picking up steam," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. "The end result translates into higher long-term mortgage rates."

Even with the increase, though, mortgage rates are still low by historical standards, analysts said.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates rose to 5.16 percent, up from 5.08 percent.

For one-year adjustable rate mortgages, rates averaged 4.16, compared with 4 percent percent the previous week. The increase in rates for short-term ARMs is related to the Federal Reserve's decision on Wednesday, Nov. 10 to boost a key short-term rate by one-quarter percentage point to 2 percent.

The nationwide averages

for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried a 0.7 point fee; one-year ARMs carried a 0.6 point fee.

Low mortgage rates have aided the housing market, which is expected to see record-high sales for all of 2004.

"Mortgage rates continue to be extremely affordable and the outlook for the housing sector appears bright," Nothaft said.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.98 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.31 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.73 percent.

The Mortgage Bankers Association, meanwhile, said refinancing accounted for 45.2 percent of all home mortgage loan applications filed, down from 45.7 percent.

"They need townhouses, duplexes and condos," Murry said. "And these will have great views of the Siuslaw River."

Linda Sarnoff, the city's community service director, said the land is zoned for multifamily residential uses, a designation that allows six units or more on an acre. Any proposal submitted by Murry would have to go through the Florence Planning Commission and meet design review as well as density criteria, Sarnoff said.

Murry said he plans to submit plans, and to demolish the buildings on the site this winter and start construction next summer.

housing not only for retirees, but for the general population, which is growing.

Murry, the prolific developer of Eugene's Valley River Village, said his plan is to develop townhouses, condominiums and other residential units on the site. He estimates the Florence parcel would accommodate 400 to 450 condos and townhomes as well as a small commercial area for retail, offices and restaurants.

"I purchased it because Florence is 55 miles from Eugene, the site is across the street from the events center, it's seven blocks from the (Three Rivers) casino and it's four blocks from Old Town," Murry said.

## Housing developer sees coast's potential

BY JOE HARWOOD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

With vacant land in Eugene becoming rare, developer Ross Murry is turning his sights westward, to the Oregon Coast.

Murry bought the former Siuslaw Middle School in Florence for \$2.3 million. The 18.6-acre parcel includes a warehouse and storage area, the school building and a 6.5-acre football field.

Florence is frequently tabbed as a prime retirement spot because of its mild climate, many recreational opportunities and moderate cost of living. Murry said there's lots of demand in Florence for

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**Commercial Real Estate Women-Detroit** Holiday celebration 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, Forest Lake Country Club, 1401 Club Drive, Bloomfield Hills, \$40 members, \$55 guests. Additional \$10 late fee applied after Nov. 24. Includes hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and champagne. Register by Nov. 24 online at [www.crewdetroit.org](http://www.crewdetroit.org) or contact Megan Cottrell at (888) 866-CREW or [megan@crewnetwork.org](mailto:megan@crewnetwork.org). Prepayment and pre-registration required. Commercial Real Estate Women - Detroit, founded in 1986, is one of the largest local chapters of the CREW Network, a professional organization of more than 5,700 commercial real estate women in the U.S. and Canada. CREW-Detroit promotes networking and professional opportunities among its members, including a monthly program. For additional information, see [www.crewdetroit.org](http://www.crewdetroit.org).

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#### Shore Mortgage

A credit counseling/home ownership seminar is 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at the Ramada, 17017 W. Nine Mile, between Greenfield and Southfield roads in Southfield. Speakers include Mary Jeffries and Robert Hillis. Refreshments will be served. To RSVP, call (248) 433-3370 or (800) 678-6663, Ext. 272.

## Environmental group gives Charlotte worst sprawl ranking

(AP) - Charlotte has the worst sprawl in the country when compared to 15 similar-sized, fast-growing U.S. cities, according to a report by an environmental group.

Using 1990 and 2000 census data, Seattle-based Northwest Environment Watch compared growth patterns in the cities, ranking them by the amount of rural land converted to suburbs, the growth of low-density neighborhoods and other criteria.

Charlotte ranked worst in each of its six sprawl categories.

"From 1990 to 2000, if Portland (Ore.) had sprawled like Charlotte it would have lost an additional 279 square miles of farmland and open space, an area more than twice as large as the city of Portland itself," said a press release from the group.

For every 100 new residents Portland added during the decade, about 10 acres of rural land was converted to housing, fewer than any other city. Charlotte gobbled 49 acres for every 100 arrivals, the report said.

Critics say low-density suburbs make air pollution worse because its residents rely almost solely on cars to reach jobs and shopping. They send loads of lawn chemicals and vehicle fluids into streams, and gobble farmland and wildlife habitat.

A North Carolina report released in April also painted a bleak picture of development in the 15-county Charlotte region.

The region's land is being developed at a rate almost four times faster than the population is growing, said the report by Voices & Choices of the Central Carolinas. The group,

now in hiatus, focused on environmental and economic issues.

If the region continues its development patterns, that report said, 342,000 more acres will be developed by 2035 to accommodate the expected 1.8 million new residents.

"I saw nothing that would contradict" the Northwest study, said Vicki Bott Bowman, a researcher at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Urban Institute. "We are not a compact city."

Northwest Environment Watch, a nonprofit research and communication center, promotes "an environmentally sound economy and way of life in the Pacific Northwest," according to the group's Web site.

Clark Williams-Derry, research director for the organization, said the study compared cities that are growing fast, of similar size and represent different regions.

"I didn't do this to make Las Vegas look good or make Charlotte look bad," Williams-Derry said.

Among the report's findings:

■ Salt Lake City converted the least amount of rural land to suburban or urban uses for new residents.

■ Las Vegas was most densely developed and had the highest share of residents living in compact neighborhoods.

■ Denver built the most compact neighborhoods and had the smallest proportion of people living in low-density sprawl.

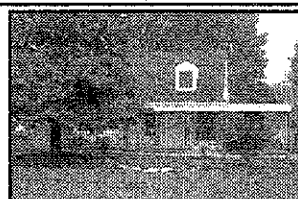
Charlotte ranked last in each measure.

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**PLYMOUTH CAPE COD** Extra large treed lot with an enormous master bedroom. Nice upgrades, central air, 1st floor laundry, 2 car garage, fenced yard and sought after schools. Updated windows and roof. Utility room & shed for extra storage. \$182,500 (460BR)



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**BEST OF BOTH WORLDS** Enjoy the benefits of Ann Arbor Schools without the taxes! Great location for this fabulous 2-story with a large great rm. w/fireplace, maple kitchen, private study, and open floor plan. \$289,900 (566FI)



**PEACEFUL SETTING** Treed .86 acre lot with beautiful flower & herb gardens. Tastefully updated with glowing hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen, ceramic baths, new paint, 1st floor laundry, garage, central air. Everything you're looking for. \$189,900 (105HA)



**PEACEFUL WOODED SETTING** Novi ranch with 3BR/2BA and many updates. Formal living/dining, eat in oak kitchen w/skylights, family rm. w/fireplace, huge mud rm. w/pantry, neutral decor and an attached garage. Excellent Novi Schools. \$224,900 (672LE)



**STATUS SYMBOL** Stunning Fairways Colonial. Formal living areas, library, family rm. w/fireplace, kitchen w/nook & snack bar island and luxury master. Highly desirable golf course community. \$409,900 (175 MO)



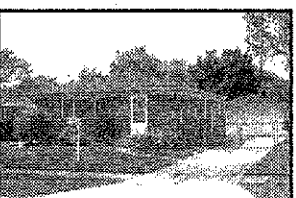
**UNFORGETTABLE** Looking for the comfort of a 1st floor Master Suite? Here it is. 4 bedroom, 3 bath Cape Cod in Woods of Edenderry. Grand staircase, formal living plus a family room, gourmet kitchen, all in a prime location in Northville. \$678,500 (199ST)



**UNIQUE COMMUNITY** Great location for this awesome 3 bedroom beauty where the association takes care of your lawn, snow and trash removal for you! Hardwood floors, maple kitchen, full basement, garage and a fenced yard. Novi. \$319,900 (722WH)



**NEW CONSTRUCTION** Jasmund custom built model nestled on a large private wooded lot. Solid oak floors, recessed lights, wide country porch, egress windows and a huge bonus room. Luxury master and great South Lyon Schools! \$375,000 (661WO)



**PERFECT BUY!** Red brick ranch with 3 beds, 1.5 baths and a 2.5 car garage! Many updates since '03 including tear off roof, siding, exterior doors, windows, furnace, oak kitchen, refinished hardwood floors, paint and carpet. Wow! \$164,900 (224RI)



**EXCEPTIONAL** Pulte Belmont with premium elevation in the heart of Central Park. Dual staircases, exquisite landscaping, elegant formal areas, soaring ceilings, finished basement, gourmet kitchen, and a 3 car garage! \$489,900 (496CE)



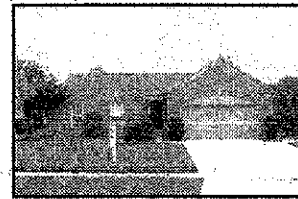
**CANTON FOREST CONDO!** 3 bedroom 2-story with a hardwood foyer, spacious kitchen w/appliances, dining rm. w/doorwall to deck, great room w/fireplace, beautifully finished basement with wet bar, attached garage and a 1st floor laundry. \$199,900 (176SA)



**BETTER THAN NEW!** Large 2-story with cathedral ceiling in the family rm. w/fireplace, formal living rm., oak kitchen w/appliances & doorwall to deck, prof. fin. basement, sprinkler system, rich hardwood floors and a 2 car garage. Great price too! \$243,500 (841ST)



**CLASSIC FAMILY HOME** Canterbury Commons colonial with over 2700 sq.ft. Huge family rm. w/fireplace & built in bookcases. Dual furnaces for energy efficiency, neutral decor, many updates, library and a 2.5 car garage. Backs to a commons. \$289,900 (015VA)



**IMPRESSIVE NEWER RANCH** Pulte built in '96 with 3 full baths, 2 fireplaces, tasteful decor, over 1100 sq. ft. of finished area in the basement, newer carpeting, large patio, nice landscaping and Livonia schools! \$277,500 (256PA)



**THIS ONE WON'T LAST** Wonderfully maintained Canton Colonial in a great sub. Loaded with updates including windows, doorwall, flooring, copper plumbing, roof and electrical. Skylights and gorgeous landscaping. \$229,900 (250RI)



**RELISH THE PRIVACY** Spacious 2 bedroom condo boasts master bedroom with sitting area and extra lg. walk in closet. Fireplace, snack bar and a white kitchen with newer counters and flooring. Backs to the woods. Owner fussy about upkeep. \$149,900 (721SY)



**GORGEOUS LIVONIA RANCH** Large floor plan w/3 beds, 2 full baths. Updated oak kitchen w/appliances including the washer & dryer! 3rd bedroom w/fireplace being used as a family room. Rec room w/hot tub. Newer carpet, windows & roof. \$189,900 (998AU)



**LARGE BRICK BUNGALOW** Huge floor plan with 4 bedrooms and 2 full baths. Updated roof, 2.5 car garage, and a basement. Located on a nice tree lined street close to all the conveniences. \$151,900 (656HA)



**EMU DUPLEX!** 4 houses from campus! This duplex is fully rented and offers many updates including new furnaces and water heaters, siding, roof, baths and kitchens. Plenty of parking space. Great opportunity for investor. \$229,900 (218SU)



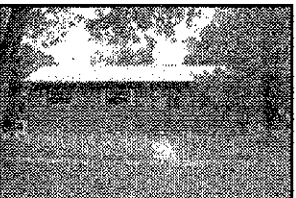
**NOV'S OLDE ORCHARD** Desirable condo with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. New laminate hardwood floors, carpeting, appliances, white kitchen cabinetry, large patio, clubhouse, pool and more. Close to freeways and malls. \$141,500 (604OL)



**GROUND FLOOR CONDO** Ranch condo with an open floor plan, basement and garage in Plymouth now available for immediate occupancy. 2 beds and 2 baths, fireplace, common pool and tennis. \$179,000 (960PL)



**LOVELY BUNGALOW** Over 1200 square feet in South Redford with a spacious 2nd floor master suite w/half bath. Vinyl windows t/o, updated kitchen w/appliances, updated main bath w/jetted tub, Berber carpet, finished basement, central air and more. \$139,900 (403FA)



**BEAUTIFUL LOT** Brick paver patio, deck, mature trees and a nearby park make this one story brick home really special. All of the big ticket items have been updated. Basement w/new floor, all kitchen appliances stay, freshly painted and ready to go! \$156,900 (563HA)



**GREAT PRICE ON THIS** Plymouth condo with 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Newer Pergo flooring, newer roof, gutters and siding. Gorgeous bay window and extra large doorwall leading to a private paver patio. Full basement and carport. \$139,900 (182RI)



**GREAT HOME - BEAUTIFUL LOT** Very well cared for inside and out. New roof, remodeled kitchen, new flooring throughout, newer furnace and water heater. Circular drive, large floor plan with 3 bedrooms and a large lot. \$199,999 (436SC)



**NOV'S COUNTRY PLACE** Sharp end unit. Living room w/fireplace, dining room, spacious eat in kitchen w/doorwall to private fenced patio. Large master w/private bath & WIC. Basement, garage & updated windows. Pool, Clubhouse, Tennis & Ballfield. \$144,900 (348GL)

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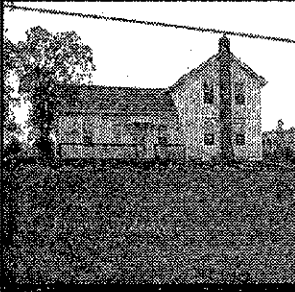
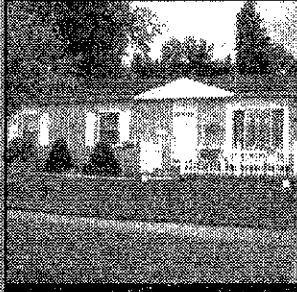
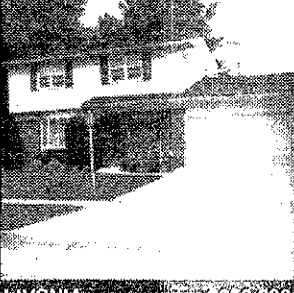
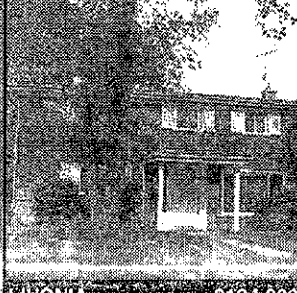
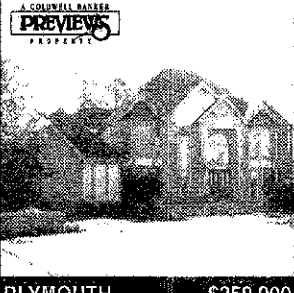
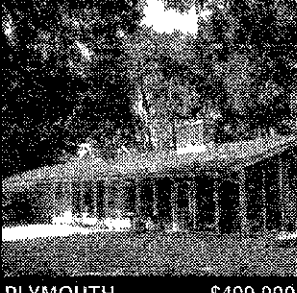
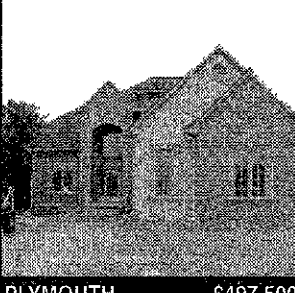
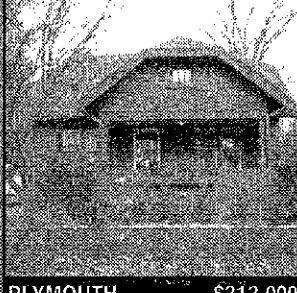
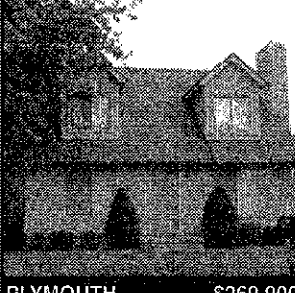
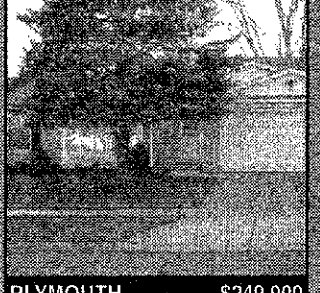
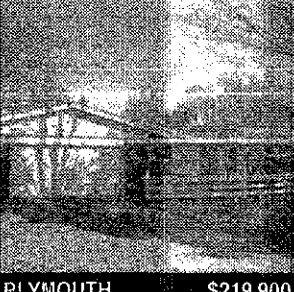
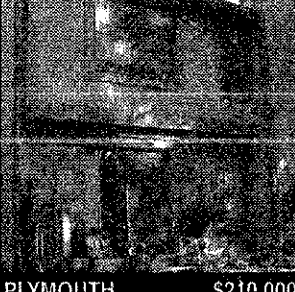
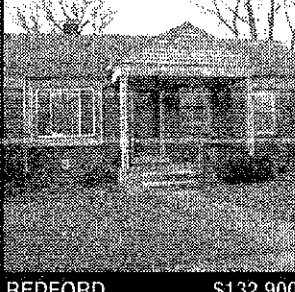
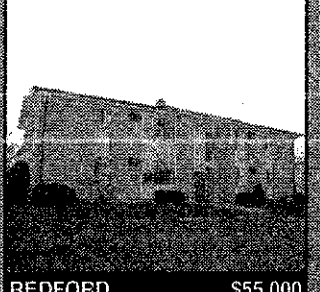
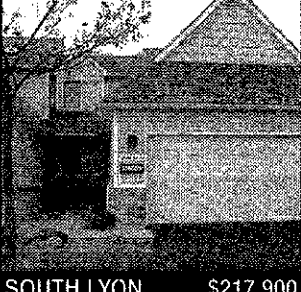
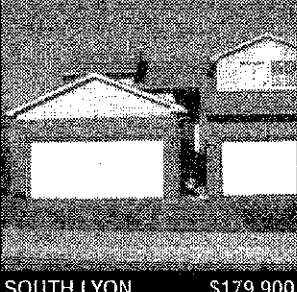
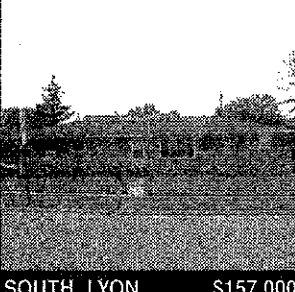
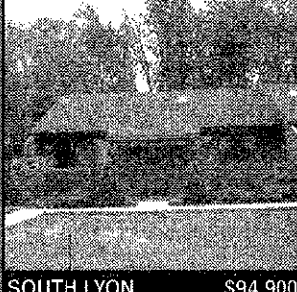
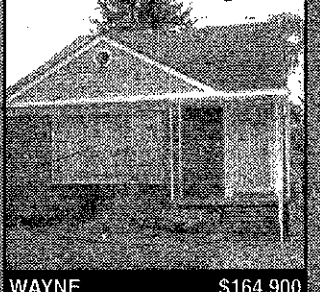
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Spacious & peaceful ranch on almost an acre. Lrg living rm, lrg family rm w/fireplace, lrg heated Florida rm, 1st flr laundry, open basement w/work rm, nestled in border of pine trees. Priced to sell quick. (OESLY14HAM) 248-437-4500**HARTLAND** \$177,000  
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Spacious brick ranch! Many updates include kitchen, bath, windows and more! Beautiful newly finished full basement. Large fenced yard w/ lovely landscaping. Move-in condition. 3 bedrooms. (OESLY49CHE) 248-437-4500**LATHRUP VILLAGE** \$229,900  
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Welcome to this New England Saltbox with many updates! Remodeled Kitchen has lots of storage & Counters and has Pergo Flooring. Entry Level Lib could be 4th Bdrm (has Closet) Hrdwd Flrs in exposed in 2 Bdrms. (OEL71OSM) 734-591-0333**LIVONIA** \$125,000  
Nice 2 Bdrm Condo. Excellent Kit W/newer Counters, Fling & All Appl. Frml Dining, L.V. Rm W/drill To Balcony. Updates: gas Furn (4yrs), New Doors, Faucets & lght fix in Kit (1 Yr). 1st laundry w/wash & Dryer. (OEL30ANN) 734-591-0333**YONS** \$489,900  
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New construction. Custom quality inc granite cntrops t/o, cherry cbnts, ceramic & brazilian HDWD flrs, 9' cigs. Custom moldings, ceramic baths & 1st flr laundry, stonecast FP surround, LL prepped for bath, jac tub. (OEP35IRO) 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$313,000  
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Custom built 3BR ranch w/2 full baths, neutral decor & open flr plan. Refinished kit cbnts, lg 1st flr lndry, lots of storage & lg BR cedar closets. GR w/FP overlooks great yard. Oversized 2 car att gar. Corp exec. (OEP20JOY) 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$219,000  
Beautifully maintained 3BR, 2.5BA brick ranch. Newer win, roof, furnace, CA & fabulous kit w/cherry cbnts. LL is fin w/main flr quality (34x20) w/bar area, full BA & glass block windows. HDWD flooring. Private bk yard (OEP355MI) 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$210,000  
Classic & elegant. 3BR, 2.5BA condo in Woodgate. Peaceful wooded setting w/views of creek & trees. Formal living room, dining & family room. Newer furnace, roof & AC. (OEP57WOO) 734-453-6800**PONTIAC** \$90,000  
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55+ Adult co-op. Priced to sell! Bring all offers! Great co-op with 2 bdrms, dining rm and living rm. Finished basement with bedroom/study. Large work rm and a utility rm. Florida rm walking distance to clubhouse. (OESLY66LEX) 248-437-4500**SOUTHFIELD** \$155,000  
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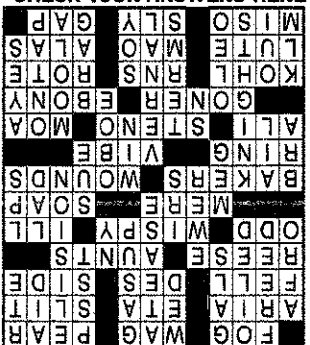
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4 Shake a finger  
7 Fall fruit  
11 Opera tune  
12 Frat letter  
13 Gill opening  
14 Collapsed  
15 - Moines  
16 Faction  
17 Della or Pee Wee  
19 Cousins' moms  
21 Not divisible by two  
22 Thin, as clouds  
23 Chicago's st.  
27 Simply  
28 Motel freebie  
29 Cookie cooks  
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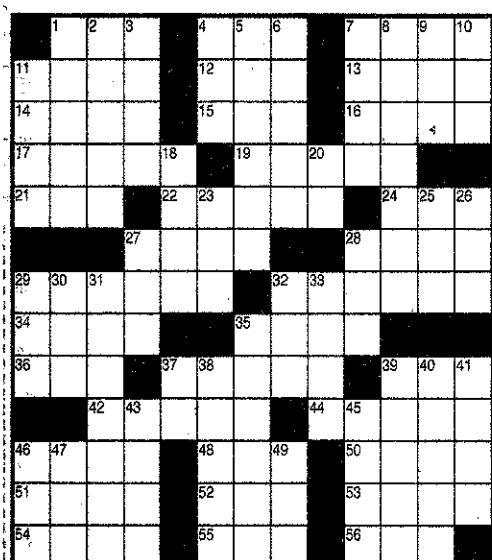
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3 Fixed a squeak  
5 Some square dancers  
8 Say I do  
10 Lounging (2 wds.)  
11 Fill the tank (2 wds.)  
17 Furtive whisper  
18 Stur  
19 Facilitate  
20 AAA suggestion  
21 Frizzy colf  
22 Washstand pitcher  
23 Syracuse loc.  
24 Capone foe  
25 Terhune collie  
26 Hi-fi records  
27 Jo's sister  
28 Take legal action  
29 Car grill cover  
30 Feel under par  
31 Round Table members  
32 Take the title  
33 Clarinet kin  
35 Pertaining to spring  
37 Tin, in the lab  
38 Payment details  
39 Do-re-mi  
40 Tavern sign (2 wds.)  
41 Votes in favor  
43 Kitchen staple  
45 Toot one's own horn too vigorously  
46 Dutch airline  
47 Yes, in Cherbourg  
49 Protein source

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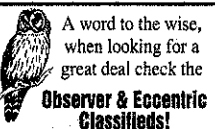
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**BROWNSTOWN Wonderful Newer Home**  
Three bedroom, 2 bath brick Ranch built in 2003 offers 2 car attached garage, full basement, ceramic floors, sky lights, master bedroom with walk-in closet, first floor laundry, great room with gas fireplace.  
(E08JUN) 734-455-5600 \$222,900



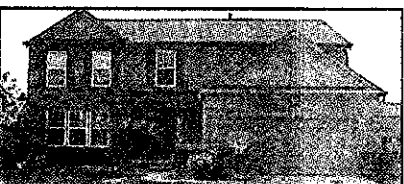
**GARDEN CITY Clean & Cozy Ranch**  
Three bedrooms, 2 full baths, master with private bath, walk-in closet & sitting area, spacious kitchen with ample storage throughout, breezeway, 2 1/2 car attached garage, newer patio, vinyl siding, furnace, electric, hot water heater & roof.  
(E13KAT) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



**GROSSE ILE Ready To Move In!**  
Wonderful 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath brick Ranch on large treed lot. Master bedroom with full bath, finished basement with 1/2 bath, family room, deck with hot tub, some appliances and more.  
(E18JOH) 734-455-5600 \$214,900



**WESTLAND Move Right In**  
Three bedroom Ranch with sound-proof bonus room in basement. Updates include: roof, bathroom, central air, hot water heater, electrical, siding & more. Freshly painted. Covered patio with landscaped yard. Great kitchen with eating area.  
(E08AVO) 248-349-5600 \$134,900



**CANTON Welcome Home**  
Absolutely gorgeous Colonial in popular Meadow Village sub. Four spacious bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths and gourmet kitchen. Master suite with walk-in closet and garden tub. Brick patio, 2 story entry. Awesome - a must see!  
(E37SHO) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



**WESTLAND Relax And Enjoy**  
Charming 3 bedroom brick Ranch with 2 full baths, central air, part finished basement, 2 car garage with newer driveway, updated roof, oak kitchen with eat-in area, neutral decor, appliances stay. Home warranty. Must see!  
(E48CAV) 734-455-5600 \$152,500



**MILFORD Better Quality Home**  
Updated brick Ranch offers 3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room with brick fireplace, newer glass block windows, siding, gutters and much more.  
(E93MIL) 734-455-5600 \$242,000



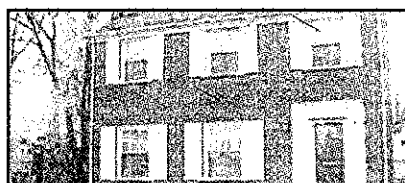
**LIVONIA Move-In Condition**  
Brick Ranch, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, office, living, family room, large deck, 2 car garage, deck, landscaping, redecorated throughout. Updates: windows, central air, hot water heater, carpet, paint, kitchen fixtures, window treatments.  
(E00MIN) 734-455-5600 \$179,850



**GARDEN CITY Great Neutral Ranch**  
Three bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with many updates. Newer carpet, floor, furnace, windows, 3-season glass-enclosed Florida room with doorwall. Extra bedroom in basement. Freshly painted & ready to move into. Home warranty provided.  
(E44BAR) 248-349-5600 \$145,000



**YPSILANTI Historic District**  
Character abounds this 6 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial with hardwood floors & covered ceilings. Updates include: newer roof and furnace. Enjoy the cool evenings on the huge L-shape porch. Great investment opportunity.  
(E12WAS) 248-349-5600 \$150,000



**DEARBORN Stunning Dearborn Hills**  
Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial with huge family room overlooking deep yard! Two car garage, updated kitchen & bath. Newer vinyl windows '04 & carpet. 11-04. Hardwood floors including dining room. Walk to area golf course.  
(E35MOH) 734-455-5600 \$289,000



**GARDEN CITY Cape Cod On Large Lot**  
Mature trees surrounding this updated home. Ceramic kitchen and bath. Fireplace in living room, hardwood floors and 3 car dream garage.  
(E38JOH) 734-455-5600 \$164,999



**MILFORD Nothing to Do But Move In**  
Remodeled top to bottom. Cathedral ceilings throughout. Open kitchen overlooking great room, master with bath & French doors to patio, formal living room with grand staircase. All in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with 2 car attached garage.  
(E23CHA) 734-455-5600 \$329,900



**LIVONIA Live In Style**  
At this price? One bedroom Condo with carpet. Close to freeways, shopping and restaurants. Newer carpet and fresh paint. Low association fee includes gas, water and a pool. Appliances included too.  
(E89BOB) 248-349-5600 \$69,900



**LIVONIA Central Livonia Location**  
Near city parks, family Y & Bently center. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath Colonial. Family room with fireplace, vinyl windows, kitchen, dining, living room, 2 car attached garage, basement & deep lot. Hill, Frost & Churchill schools. Quick occupancy.  
(E99YAL) 248-349-5600 \$224,900



**BELLEVILLE All Sport Lake Living**  
Two bedroom, 2 full bath home on Belleville Lake offers garage, updated kitchen and baths, upstairs deck off master bedroom with whirlpool tub. Newer vinyl windows.  
(E95POT) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



**LODI TOWNSHIP Country Club Living**  
Spacious 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath Cape Cod sitting on the fifth green, offers full basement, 3 car attached garage, large suite with cathedral ceiling and elegant bath + first floor master suite with Jacuzzi & double shower.  
(E66HEA) 734-455-5600 \$749,900



**WESTLAND Country In The City**  
Two lots gives you almost 1 acre of gorgeous landscaping & your own wooded park. First floor master bedroom, second and third bedroom on second floor, newer roof, windows & siding. Large, full, clean basement. Spotless home.  
(E09VAN) 734-455-5600 \$127,900



**LIVONIA Cape Cod**  
Lovely Cape Cod on huge shady lot in wonderful neighborhood. Three bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, first floor master, first floor laundry, oversized 2 car garage, updated kitchen and bath. A lot of perennials.  
(E40DEE) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Charming Home**  
Nicely updated 2-3 bedroom home. Newer siding, roof, central air, deck, kitchen with appliances, refinished hardwood floors, upstairs carpet, fireplace in living room. Updated electrical & plumbing. Large yard with 1 car garage. Move-in condition.  
(E22ALB) 248-349-5600 \$124,900



**CANTON "Tea It Up"**  
28x10 deck overlooks 17' x 14 hole. Shows like a model. Finished basement: Cherry wood, wet bar, recessed light, carpet kitchen with angled sink, pull-out drawers, pantry. Master with 3 closets. Two car attached garage. End unit Condo.  
(E05CLE) 734-455-5600 \$345,000



**DETROIT Don't Miss This**  
Beautiful 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick Colonial with 2 car garage, full basement, living room with fireplace, formal dining room, breakfast room overlooking the family room - central air, moldy appliances and newer doors.  
(E55BLA) 734-455-5600 \$99,000



**INKSTER Wonderful Find**  
Brick home in peaceful location updates include: roof, furnace, hot water heater, vinyl windows, central air, plumbing, driveway and porch. All updates are energy efficient. Nice fenced yard with great landscaping.  
(E83ARL) 734-455-5600 \$103,900



**NORTHVILLE Location, Location**  
Great family home with room to spare. Spacious living room with vaulted ceilings and sky lights. Family room with cozy fireplace. Large deck. Just a short walk to downtown. Hurry!  
(E13ELY) 248-349-5600 \$287,900



**NOVI Elegant Southern Living**  
Four bedroom Colonial to make a statement. Wonderful kitchen with large cabinet. French doors lead to a family room. Master suite with walk-in closet. Updated bath. This is a must see home. Looks like a model.  
(E53ASH) 248-349-5600 \$439,900



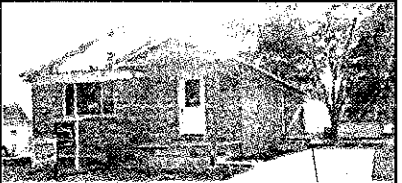
**CANTON Quality Built Pond Setting**  
A winning combination. Premium lot overlooking pond, master with Jacuzzi tub, walk-in closet, 2 story foyer, maple kitchen, first floor laundry, deck, 2 car, full basement. Very private golf course. Community pool & club house.  
(E27HOG) 734-455-5600 \$241,900



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Colonial**  
Charming 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with 2 car attached garage, finished basement, family room with natural fireplace & cathedral ceiling. Updated from top to bottom. Just move right in and enjoy.  
(E36SIL) 734-455-5600 \$329,900



**LIVONIA One Look Will Do**  
Beauty, warmth & an open floor plan. Living room with doorwall to deck & brick paver patio. Three bedroom, 2 bath, finished lower level with bedroom or office, hardwood floors, updated bath, 2 car garage, large lot, fenced yard.  
(E58SUN) 248-349-5600 \$199,500



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS Heights Beauty Is Born**  
Beautiful 2004-built full brick Ranch with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open flowing floor plan with great attention to detail. Generous room sizes and large country kitchen. Central air, custom front porch. Ready in approximately 30 days.  
(E81HAR) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



**WESTLAND Classic Cape Cod**  
Livonia schools. Four spacious bedrooms, 2 full baths, updated kitchen with all appliances included. All new flooring. Updated bath. Home sits on a lovely wooded corner lot. Brick paver patio and walk.  
(E55DON) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



**LYONS Just Like New**  
Open floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, light oak kitchen with island. Hardwood floors, master with Jacuzzi tub & doorwall to deck, track lights in great room with double doorwall to wrap-around deck & 2 car attached garage, basement.  
(E46EME) 734-455-5600 \$314,920



**CANTON Quad Level**  
Nice home in great sub. Four bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, fireplace in family room, deck and pool. All appliances included. One year home warranty. Glass block windows.  
(E05QUE) 734-455-5600 \$219,000



**NORTHVILLE Outstanding Ranch**  
Fabulous Ranch with finished walk-out lower level on wooded lot almost 2 acres within minutes of downtown. This home boasts 5 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, great room, family room, cathedral ceiling, 2 fireplaces, master with skylight & bath.  
(E51FEN) 248-349-5600 \$569,900



**NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial**  
Huge 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home with enormous gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets and hardwood floors. Winding staircase, master with bath & walk-in closet, 2 fireplaces, 3 car garage, walk-out basement & dual heating and cooling.  
(E65HIL) 248-34-5600 \$679,900



**BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP Ranch With Equity**  
Walk-out Ranch with one of equity based on appraised value. Four bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 2 car walk-out basement with full kitchen & bath. Far below appraised value. Time is often the essence. "Sold" as is.  
(E91KEN) 248-349-5600 \$298,400



**GARDEN CITY Mr. & Mrs. Clean Live Here**  
Three bedroom brick Ranch with basement, 2 1/2 car garage, updated kitchen with Corian, wood floors, Andersen doorwall, cabinets & lighting. Sprinkler system, newer sod in front, newer roof, gutters, siding, hot water heater, garage door.  
(E48CHE) 734-455-5600 \$169,900



**ROMULUS Cute As A Button**  
Come take a look at this updated Ranch. Three bedrooms, 1 bath, part finished basement, newer windows, fenced yard. Very clean and not too far from freeways & shopping.  
(E03WAL) 734-455-5600 \$137,900



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS Broadfront Ranch**  
Three bedroom brick home with basement and garage. Roof on home and garage, furnace & air conditioning 10 years. 100 amp service. Plaster walls, wood floors under carpeting. Appliances included. Near shopping and transportation.  
(E05AMB) 248-349-5600 \$144,900



**NORTHVILLE Lovely 4 Bedroom, 3 Bath**  
Colonial on shady tree-lined street, approx. 1/4 acre lot. Huge kitchen with hardwood floor, French doors to deck & back yard, living room fireplace, family room, fourth bedroom/study. Shed could be converted to carriage house.  
(E25HOM) 248-349-5600 \$329,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS This Is A Great Deal**  
Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch unit with underground 2 car garage and elevator. Living room with fireplace and doorwall to large private balcony. Seller to pay buyers closing costs.  
(E94ORC) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



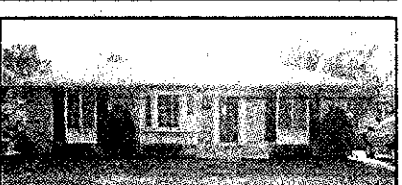
**DETROIT Updated Home**  
What a charming home with garage and finished basement with home theater room. Updated marble bath and updated kitchen. Florida room overlooking nice yard, once you see it you will fall in love.  
(E22ROS) 734-455-5600 \$68,500



**CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005**  
New construction on approximately 1 acre lot with 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths, 4 car attached garage, fireplace in great room & library. Kitchen with bayed nook. Admired 2-staircase layout. Two story foyer, full basement & so much more.  
(E51ROL) 734-455-5600 \$732,500



**VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP Curb Appeal**  
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Colonial with central air. Vaulted ceiling in family room & fireplace. First floor laundry, walk-in closet in master, attached garage & sprinklers. Freshly painted. Bridge over family room, ceramic tile in kitchen. Home warranty.  
(E09AND) 248-349-5600 \$269,900



**WESTLAND Sharp Westland Ranch**  
Wonderfully updated and maintained. Newer kitchen, bath, carpet, windows, central air and hardwood. Large living room and kitchen. Finished basement. Large yard and 2+ car garage. Move in and enjoy.  
(E56POR) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Pottery Barn Cute!**  
Looking for an adorable place with great living space? This 2 bedroom Ranch features a remodeled kitchen with ceramic tile, updated bath, hardwood floor, 2 car garage on large fenced lot. A must see.  
(E16WAL) 248-349-5600 \$149,000



**LINCOLN PARK Great Location**  
Four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath with eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors under newer carpet, ceramic baths, newer roof & furnace. Bedrooms upstairs equipped with sink and stove hook-up, finished basement and 2 car garage.  
(E69GRE) 34-455-5600 \$131,000



**ALLEN PARK A Move Right In Ranch**  
Sharp 3 bedroom, 2 bath Ranch with 2 car attached garage, basement, great room with gas log fireplace, sprinkler system, pro-landscaped yard, large oak kitchen with plenty of counter space.  
(E28WAL) 734-455-5600 \$149,500



**DEARBORN Beautiful Bungalow**  
Near the historic district. Three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, updated kitchen, windows, electric, hot water heater and roof. Original trim, redone hardwood floors, 2 car garage with new door. Walk to Ford Engineering.  
(E05AUD) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



**MILFORD Terrific Colonial**  
Three bedroom, 3 1/2 bath 1965-built with view of Huron River. Pergo foyer floor, kitchen, hall & lav. Finished basement with full bath. Deck with hot tub. Cathedral ceiling in family room & gas fireplace. Open kitchen with eating area & access to deck.  
(E91RIV) 248-349-5600 \$239,900



**PLYMOUTH Plymouth Township Home**  
This newer gorgeous large custom 4 bedroom Cape Cod is perfect for your family. Privacy at the end of a cul-de-sac. Great Plymouth-Canton schools and all of the activities that Plymouth has to offer. In-sub swimming pool.  
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**CANTON \$427,000**  
SPECTACULAR FINISHED BASEMENT! Pride of ownership shows in 4 bdrm, 2 full & 2 half bath colonial. Golf community. Bright airy home. Beautiful mature landscaping. Call now for appt. (23W45996)

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**CANTON \$394,999**  
TANTALIZING TOTTENHAM! 4 Bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2983 SF Hampton model. Lndscpr, sprinkler, paver patio. Huge mstr suite & bath. Quick close. (23G2588)

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**PLYMOUTH \$359,900**  
IMPRESSIVE 4 BR, 3.5 BA, BRICK COLONIAL! Upgrades include: huge kit w/maple cabs, 9 ft ceilings, great rm w/FP, jack & jill bath, MBR w/cathedral ceilings, walk-in closet, bath w/separate shower. (24091668)

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**LIVONIA \$349,000**  
WELCOMING SPACIOUS RANCH! Over 2000 SF w/3 BR, 2.5 BA, kit, DR, FR w/FP & mstr w/BA & WIC. Full fin bsmt. Fenced yard w/cement patto, garage & shed. Numerous recent updates! 349-6200 (24110562)

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**PLYMOUTH \$339,900**  
CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Extensively remodeled. Custom trim work, hwdw flrs, ceramic bath, huge kit. (23A40810)

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**LIVONIA \$314,900**  
LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE & CHARM 3 BR brk ranch, built 1988, 2.5 BAs, FR w/FP, full bsmt, 2 car att gar. A secluded setting w/mature trees (approx 3/4 acre). (24112385)

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**SOUTH LYON \$299,900**  
3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH COLONIAL 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Master bedroom with master bath and walk-in closet. Tiered deck and paver patio on nearly a half acre lot. (24125480)

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**LIVONIA \$289,000**  
GREAT LOCATION IN LIVONIA Tread 1/2 acre lot. 2200 sq ft, 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch. New furn & A/C in 03, newer entry DR, 2 car att gar/heated. All conveniences on one floor. (24108031)

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**REDFORD \$254,900**  
PRIME REDFORD LOCATION! Large 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath ranch on beautiful .82 acre. Directly across golf course. House is surrounded by year long beauty. Most popular location in all of Redford. (23R26811)

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**NORTHVILLE \$249,900**  
NICE CLEAN & PRIVATE CONDO. Prvt southern view from this grt ranch condo. LR w/cathedral ceiling, nice kit, formal DR w/ nice sliding door to deck, 2 car att gar. Walk to common pool. 349-6200 (24064761)

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**CANTON \$219,000**  
GREAT STARTER HOME! 3 Bdrms, 1.5 bath. Upgrades in the last six years incl: roof, furnace, A/C, kitchen, carpet, wndws, doorwall, bath, etc. Bonus-oversized garage. (23L41617)

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**PLYMOUTH \$210,900**  
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! 2-story cell makes this LR inviting. FR w/adjacent powder rm. Can be bit w/3rd bdrm. Avail upgrades. Ext indospng, sprnkrlr sys, lawn maint & snow remov. Prime location. (23A1205)

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**LIVONIA \$199,900**  
3 BEDROOM COLONIAL 3 BR, over 1500 SF updates, fenced yard, Livonia schools, excellent location. More photos at www.localgem.com or call 877-934-6683 ID 712 for details. (24131293)

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**DEARBORN \$198,000**  
BEST OF DEARBORN This is a must see! It sparkles! New carpet; new sod; freshly painted. Upd kit & bath. Extra lg lot. Full sized DR. Nice deck & backyard. 349-6200 (24102806)

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**TAYLOR \$187,500**  
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath colonial w/a newer open kit. Natural FP in fam rm. Some new windows & doorwall. Beautifully fin'd bsmt. 349-6200 (24134371)

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**SOUTHFIELD \$186,000**  
3 BEDROOM COLONIAL IN BEAUTIFUL SFLD SUB over 1,700 sq ft home with family room. Newer appliances, doors, hardwood floors under carpeting. Beautifully landscaped lot. Neutral colors thru-out. 349-6200 (24052762)

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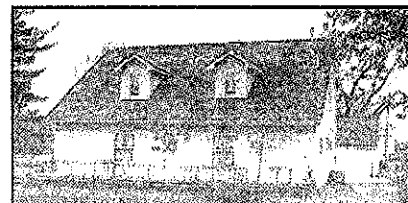
**PLYMOUTH \$184,900**  
THE "ARBOR" has an open flr plan. Fin lower level rec rm next to laundry & powder rm. Townhome community will feature indospng, sprnkrlr sys, lawn main/snow remov. Low assoc fees. (23A1205)

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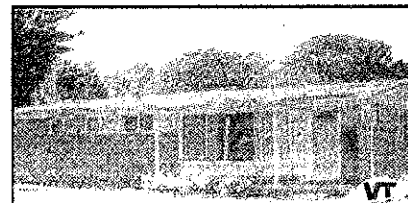
**LIVONIA \$179,900**  
WELL MAINTAINED, NEWER LIVONIA RANCH Extra lg country setting backs to woods. 3 BRs, 2 BAs. Lg deck w/hot tub, great for entertaining. Kit remodeled in 2004. Hurry! This gem won't last long. 349-6200. (24104374)

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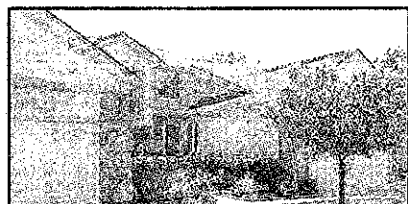
**GARDEN CITY \$177,500**  
EXPANSE NOT EXPENSE is this remodeled 3 bedroom cape cod w/2,400 SF, remodeled kitchen w/all appliances. Bath w/vanity, deck, 3 car garage & huge master bedroom. (P330)

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**LIVONIA \$172,900**  
MOVE RIGHT IN & RELAX Clean & updated brick ranch. Livonia schools. 2.5 car gar, fin bsmt w/full BA, 3 BRs, 2.5 BAs, Updates: kit, BA, wndws, rf, elec, pmb, cath cells & all appls. (24119118)

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**WESTLAND \$172,500**  
OUTSTANDING LOCATION! Clean, well kept condo. New carpet on 1st floor, oak kitchen cabinets, all appliances included. Finished basement. Deck from doorwall. Absolutely turnkey! 349-6200 (24078094)

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**GARDEN CITY \$159,900**  
THE END OF THE RAINBOW is here in this 3 BR brick ranch with full basement, 2 full baths, 24x25 garage, C/A, and remodeled kitchen and baths. (H636)

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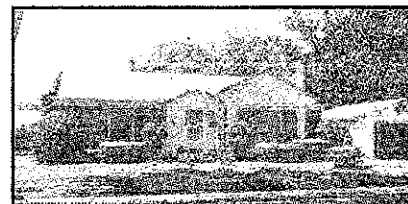
**DEARBORN HGTS \$154,900**  
3 BR BRICK RANCH w/CRESTWOOD SCHOOLS. Renovated throughout. Kit & bath, newer furnace & C/A. Beautifully fin bsmt w/ bar, 2 1/2 car garage. (N846)

734-326-2000



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$149,900**  
3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH BRICK RANCH You will enjoy this open & airy ranch. Updates include: kitchen, both baths, roof, windows, carpet, fresh paint & more. (24053654)

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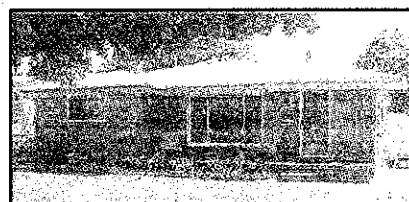
**REDFORD \$148,500**  
HANDSOME RANCH ON A TERRIFIC LOT All brick, cove ceilings, hardwood floors, family room, attached 2-car garage, central air, full basement. Truly a "Feel Good" home! 348-6430 (24079918)

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**REDFORD \$144,000**  
WHAT A NICE HOUSE! 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs loaded w/updates. Formal dining room. Great room sizes. Finished basement w/wet bar & family room. Large patio, nice landscape w/privacy fence. (24120771)

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**REDFORD \$142,900**  
RIDGEMONT SUB Brick ranch in sought after Ridgemont Sub. Great fin bsmt w/built-in cab. New windows, all appl's incld. Hwdw flrs. S. Redford schools. Close to freeways. Immed Occup. 349-6200 (24089907)

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**REDFORD \$140,000**  
3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH South Redford school district. 1.5 baths, finished basement, 17x10 Florida room, 2.5 car garage, pool surrounded by deck. Newer roof, windows, furnace & C/A. (24125700)

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**REDFORD \$139,900**  
3 BR, 1.5 BA RANCH Updated kit, 1/2 BA off kit, newer crpt, newer wndws & entry doors. Access door to backyard & deck. Nice yrd, lrg gar. Very clean hm. Part fin bsmt. Nice location. (24095564)

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**INKSTER \$125,900**  
DELIGHTFUL BRICK RANCH Spacious 3 bdrm, 1 bath ranch with an updated kit & all appliances. Newer roof & windows. Private yard w/fence & above grd pool. Walking distance to park. 349-6200 (24115241)

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**WAYNE \$119,900**  
4 BEDROOMS, LARGE LOT Full brick bungalow, basement, 2 car garage, many updates, formal dining room, corner lot. Hardwood floors in living rm and dining rm. Must see to appreciate. (A324)

734-326-2000



**WESTLAND \$115,000**  
1,300 SF OF LIVING & FAMILY ROOM Enjoy space in this large home. New windows w/marble ledges. Roof on home & garage only 2 yrs old. Oversized 2+ car garage is great for storage or workshop. (A214)

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**WAYNE \$114,900**  
SUPER STARTER Is this 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath brick ranch in Wayne. 2 1/2 car garage. Home just redecorated, brand new carpeting, large living room and great open floor plan. (A317)

734-326-2000



**REDFORD \$114,900**  
UNIQUE RANCH offers awesome heated 2 car gar w/wintercom, phone, & 220 elec. Outside hot/cold faucets, sprinkler sys, new rf, newer furn w/A/C, newer kit, updated elec, more! (B17676)

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**LINCOLN PARK \$113,900**  
UPDATED 3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remodeled eat-in kit, freshly painted, fin bsmt w/berber carpet. Nice size lot, most appl stay, near schools. A must see! 349-6200 (24096942)

248-348-6430



**GARDEN CITY \$109,900**  
FANTASTIC STARTER Updates include newer windows, roof shingles, kitchen & bath, fresh paint & carpet. Landscaped well, 4 ceiling fans, new furnace & air. 2 1/2 car garage. (E289)

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**REDFORD \$109,900**  
UPDATES! UPDATES! SO MUCH FOR SO LITTLE! Newer kitchen, bath, c/a, furnace, roof, windows, HWH, copper plumbing & fresh paint. Computer room/den on first floor. The perfect turn-key starter home! 349-6200. (24138198)

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**REDFORD \$95,900**  
CUTE, CLEAN & UPDATED Features well used space in open flr plan. New wndws & newer rf. 2 BRs, 2 car gar, fresh paint, lrg eat-in kit & nice lot w/prvt fence & more. (24125999)

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**DETROIT \$85,000**  
DON'T PAY RENT, COLLECT IT Home being used as a single family, can be 2 family flat. Natural wood trim, hardwood floors, some newer windows, roof 2 yrs old, newer cement. Full basement. (C390)

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**LOTZA BANG FOR THE BUCK** Warrendale area. All brick 3 bedroom with basement and 1 1/2 car garage. Over 1200 sq ft of clean and bright living space. Large kitchen and master bdrm w/ walk-in closet. (M738)

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**PLYMOUTH**  
FINISHED WALKOUT BASEMENT! 3,500 sq ft, 4 bdrm, 3.5 bath colonial w/prof fin'd walk-out bsmt, 2 frpls, 2 kit's. Top of the line everything. Many, many upgrades. Exceptionally clean & neut. 23S9058 \$524,800 734-455-7000

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**PLYMOUTH**  
GREAT POTENTIAL! 3 BR RANCH IN PLYMOUTH Bring your ideas. 3 BR, 1.5 BA ranch w/full bsmt & 2 car att gar. New furn, hwdw flrs, FR w/natural FP, Arbor Village sub w/ sidewalk. 349-6200 24125529 \$175,000 248-348-6430

**FARMINGTON HILLS**  
PRICED BELOW MARKET VALUE FOR QUICK SALE. 4 bedroom colonial. Huge kit w/all appl's to stay. Doorwall to decking, full bsmt. Newer Wallside wndws. Hwdw flr, fenced yard. 24107361 \$163,899 734-591-9200

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BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME NORTH OF OSCODA 9.68 acres of gently rolling property with a view of Lake Huron. Possible walk-out site, electric at road. Close to Springfield Golf Course. 349-6200 24047180 \$31,500 248-348-6430



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7100 Estate Sales (7100)

**BIRMINGHAM**  
Fri & Sat. Nov. 19 & 20 9-4  
Antiques, furniture, clothing  
& more! 809 Henrietta, 1/2  
block N of Lincoln between  
Woodward & Southfield.

**CANTON** Fri. 5-8pm, Sat. Sun.  
9-3pm. Royal Holiday Mobile  
Home Park, 39500 Warren.  
Lot 81, W. Hickory. Furniture,  
household, collectibles, cloth-  
ing, etc.

**ESTATE SALE** - Antiques, col-  
lectibles, tools, household  
items. Thurs-Sun, Nov 18-21,  
10-5pm. 17350 Glenmore, N.  
of 6 Mile, E. of Beech Daly.

**ESTATE SALE** - Nov. 19-20,  
10-5, 713 Roberts, S. of 9  
Mile, E. of John R. Hazel Park.  
Household goods, furniture,  
much misc. Cello, acoustic  
guitar. Info: 248-767-5072

**FARMINGTON** 33607 Alta  
Loma. Fri-Sat. 10-4pm.  
antiques. Rattan-Heywood  
Wakefield, sleeper sofas, beds  
& chest, china. Good sale.

**FARMINGTON VINTAGE**  
ESTATE SALE Nov. 19-20, 9-  
5, 21115 Gill, N. of 8 Mile, W.  
of Farmington Rd.

**MOVING TO IRELAND**  
Everything must go, furniture,  
small appliances, + lots more.  
32806 Annwood, E. of  
Farmington Rd., N. of 8 Mile,  
between Flanders & Tall Oaks,  
turn E. on Flanders or Tall  
Oaks, follow signs to address.  
Fri. & Sat., 9-4.

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7100 Estate Sales (7100)

**Outstanding Moving Sale!**  
Fri & Sat, Nov 19 & 20 10-4  
The Heathers, 883 Tartan Tr.,  
follow arrows to clubhouse,  
turn right on Tartan Tr  
opposite club driveway  
Baccarat, Rose Medallion,  
silver, glassware, rare barber  
bottles, Tiffany, pictures,  
wrought iron Woodard table &  
chairs, bamboo sunroom  
furniture, mirrors, lamps,  
quilts, more. 248-333-3070

**REDFORD: 15975 Indian**  
Nov. 19-20, 10am-5pm  
Everything Must Go! Many  
new items have been added.  
Stop in and look around. Off  
Inkster Rd. (btwn 5 & 6 Mile).  
Inkster to Puritan to Indian.  
Sale By Bags Included

**CLASSIFIEDS**  
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**Rochester-HUGE**  
November 19th, 20th, 21st  
10-5, 2255 Star Court, North  
of M-59, west of Crooks,  
South off Avon Industrial.  
Antique furniture, old glass &  
china, trains, toys, jewelry,  
old lamps and parts. LOTS &  
LOTS OF ANTIQUES!

**ROMULUS** Nov. 19-21, 10-  
4pm. 40315 Edison Lake Rd.  
Off Huron River Dr., E. of  
Haggerty.

**TROY**  
**ESTATE SALES BY RACHEL**  
2243 Golfview Dr., Apt. 106,  
Summerset Park Edits. 52 yr  
accumulation-furniture, deco  
& other lamps, brass beds,  
organ, Boy Scout's memorabi-  
lia, artwork, some jewelry &  
other furnishings. 11/18 -  
11/20, 9-5pm. S. on Big  
Beaver, E. on Coolidge, & W.  
on Crooks. 248-895-3558

Garage Sales (7110)

**ROYAL OAK - BEADS CLOSE**  
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Moving Sales (7130)

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room set and more. Low  
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**BIRMINGHAM** - Sun, Nov 21,  
10-5. Appliances, exercise  
equip., furniture, clothing.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** Sat. 10-3.  
Furniture, home decor,  
books, toys & household  
items. 35728 Congress Rd.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**  
Ethan Allen dining room,  
refrigerator and more. Just  
ask! (248) 476-6483.

**LIVONIA:** Fri. Nov. 19, 9-4.  
Sat., Nov. 20, 9-2. 15626  
Comstock, off Levan/Roycroft.

**NOVI** Downsizing! Nov. 18th-  
20th, 9-3. Antiques, furniture,  
desks, love seats, glass  
tables, & much more! 21899  
Meridian/9 Mile & Haggerty  
(Turtle Creek) (248) 348-8586

**NOVI** Dining room, fridge, crib  
& dresser, leather sofa, furni-  
ture, piano, rugs. Fri., Nov.,  
19th, 9-5. 25882 Venetian Ct.

**PLYMOUTH** House full of fur-  
niture, antiques, piano, cobalt  
blue kitchen items & much  
more. Sat. Nov. 20, 8-3pm.  
1230 Dewey. Off Main &  
Hartsough.

Moving Sales (7130)

**TROY** Household items, bikes,  
furniture, toys, lots of misc.  
Nov. 19-20, 9-4pm., 1557  
Abbey, vicinity of Waddles &  
Raintree.

**W. BLOOMFIELD** - Living,  
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Clothing (7140)

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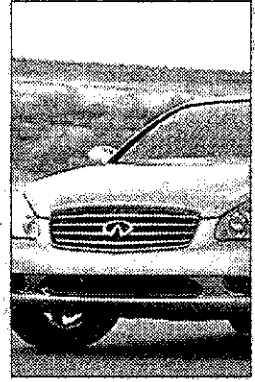
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# 2005 Volkswagen Phaeton W12

Advertising Feature

## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Volkswagen's Phaeton luxury car is like one of those ultra-sophisticated video games that makes players wend their way through many levels, exposing intriguing new challenges and rewards at every one. Or maybe it's more like one of those wooden Russian eggs, which just keeps revealing another egg inside another egg inside another egg.

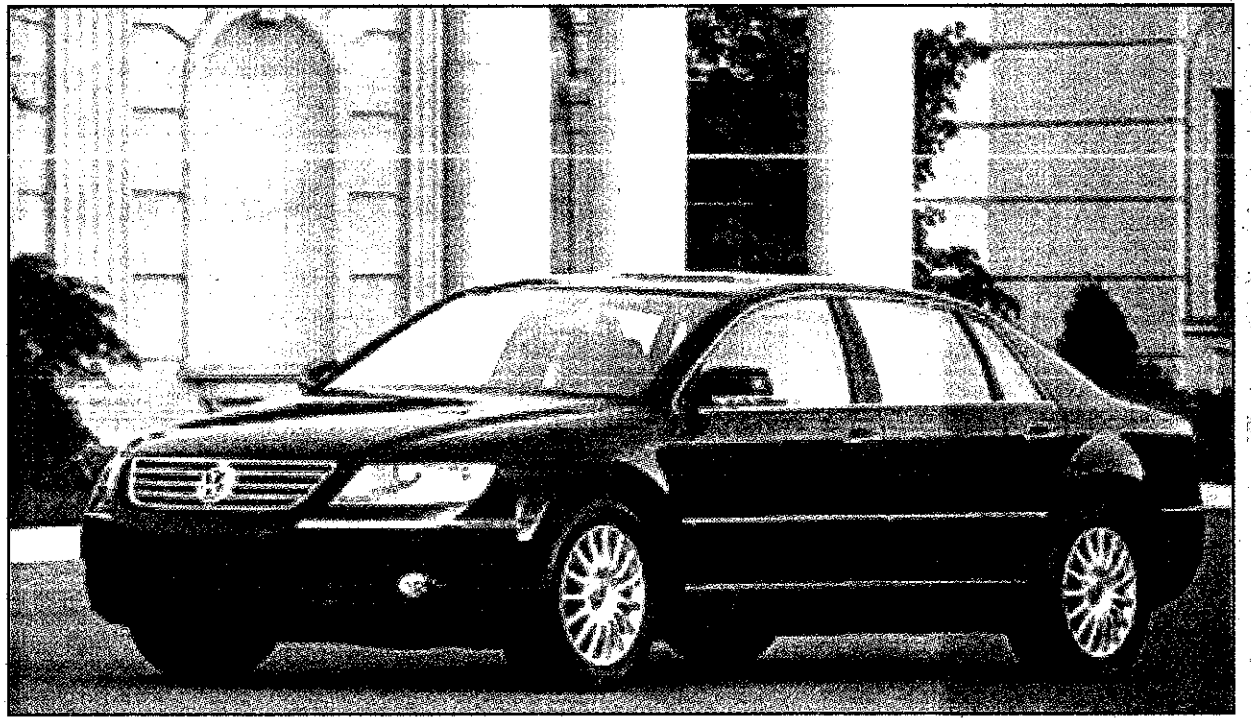
Well, you get the picture: At a list price piercing \$91,000 -- yes, that's right, ninety-one thousand dollars -- Phaeton not only is a great ride and an impressive sight, but it's also a fun vehicle just for the fact that it's possible to keep making new discoveries about cool amenities and other aspects of the car, moment after moment, hour after hour.

This is my second luxurious tour in a Phaeton, which I first drove last year. And this time in a 2005 Phaeton W12, for example, I discovered something interesting while sitting in the back seat: Not only is the rear seating area of this vehicle so spacious that Volkswagen provides footrests for the comfort of the two rear passengers, but these little footrest wedges actually are portable, and can be moved back and forth or from side to side to fit the exact knee-bend and foot-repose requirements of each passenger.

Another interesting fact that I discovered this time around is that Phaeton offers pull-up sunscreens to rear-seat passengers on each side of the car. Not only that, but it includes sun screens not just for the main side rear window but also for the small, wedge-shaped auxiliary windows.

And it goes on and on. The power trunk-opening controls are massive, complicated chrome jobs that are an impressive enough machine in themselves. But you know what? Open the trunk automatically from inside the vehicle or with the key fob a few times, and eventually you discover that -- voile! -- there is a handy power-closing switch on the trunk lid itself.

But wait! There's more! After frustrating myself into believing that the remote-locking feature of Phaeton didn't work on this unit, what I cleverly,



There's so much to like about the Phaeton W12.

eventually figured out was that the fob includes a sensor system. When you approach the car with the fob, once you're within say 12 or 15 feet, Phaeton recognizes that you're coming close and automatically opens just the front door. Likewise, you can't lock yourself out with the fob in your hand because the driver's door won't lock until you're about that same distance away.

Now, I suppose I could have ascertained and anticipated all of these features and doo-dads if I'd just sat down once I got the vehicle with the several-hundred-page owners' manual and read it cover to cover. But what fun would that be? As I said, perpetual discovery is one of the greatest things about this vehicle.

Of course, my newfound appreciation of all of these features is added to my previous joy at discovering the many other unique features of Phaeton, including a miniature flashlight ensconced in the center console, similar in size to a cigarette lighter, that works fine as a map light and lasts so long on a charge that my son found it helpful for reading a book in the dark in the back seat -- without having to annoy me, the driver, by having a dome or side light on.

First introduced in Europe, Phaeton represents

VW's bid to break into the luxury market and out of its quirky- and small-car niche here in the United States. There's so much to like about this car -- and there should be, for the pricetag. It includes not only the roominess but also the oomph in the six-liter, 420-horsepower, 48-valve V12 -- yes, that's twelve -- engine and the stability and handling of the 4Motion all-wheel drive system. And that's even before you get to all the interior amenities.

Still, the car's conservative styling isn't much to write home about, save the noticeability of the huge mid-section that yields the mammoth rear-seat space. I also don't like the fact that VW has extended the center console all the way back through the rear passenger compartment, because it reduces the spacious feeling of the rear. VW compounded the mistake by putting a huge display screen for climate controls right on top of the console. Now, if that screen also was connected to a DVD player, it might be worthwhile. And the rear seats are coddling, but a little hard to get in and out of.

Its, true. There's so much to like about this car. Now you just need to try affording it.

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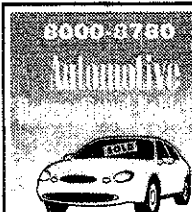


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