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## Memo

### Cheer Club

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!

### Lunch with Santa

Santa won't need his reindeer when he visits the Roman Forum on Saturday, Dec. 11. He will be arriving by helicopter instead at the restaurant's annual lunch with Santa event.

For \$7, the Forum is offering all the pizza you can eat, plus salad and soft drinks. Kids will get the chance to talk and take one photo with Santa. Each additional photo is \$1.

The restaurant is located at 41601 Ford Road. Santa is set to arrive at 10:45 a.m. and will be there until 2 p.m.

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Canton resident George Faris braved the crowds and did a little shopping at Wal-Mart, where he said he found a great deal on a Sport Tracker ATV power wheel.

## Holiday shoppers hit stores

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM  
STAFF WRITER

Shoppers in Plymouth and Canton turned to shopping last weekend as a means of helping to burn off Thanksgiving calories and excess funds in their bank accounts.

Michigan Retailer magazine reported that 41 percent of Michigan retailers saw increased sales compared to 2003's Thanksgiving weekend, with 64 percent of businesses predicting increased sales through January.

ABC Warehouse on Ford Road in Canton was one retailer reporting booming sales.

"In our case as a company, we did more sales this year than last year," said Jay Karano, store manager. ABC Warehouse,

with headquarters in Pontiac, has 41 stores in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana.

Electronics proved to be the hottest go-to items for customers, especially high-definition televisions.

"The plasma models are moving more and more," Karano said.

ABC Warehouse moved to its present location, with more square footage, about a year ago. Karano said he believes the new location has helped boost sales since there is more showroom space.

Experienced salespeople make the difference at ABC Warehouse, according to Karano, adding that both Fretter and Highland Appliance, which both closed years ago, are listed as previous employers of some staff members.

"Between 5-6 of us, there is 175 years of experience," Karano said.

O & D Bush Jewelers in Plymouth reported steady traffic over Thanksgiving weekend.

"We did extremely well all day Saturday," said owner Don Bush. As for sales predictions, he said, "I'm hoping they'll be better than last year."

Rings are selling better this year, and Bush's also saw an increase in special orders. Bush's will remain open seven days weekly until Christmas.

Some places, including Dearborn Music in Canton, reported relatively flat holiday sales Thanksgiving weekend compared to 2003. Michigan Retailer reported that 19 percent of Michigan retailers had flat sales on Thanksgiving weekend.

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## Getting a grip

### Invention makes trip to market easier

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

If Canton resident Dan Carter tells you to "bag it" or to "get a grip on it," he's not being unfriendly.

He's just trying to be helpful. And he hopes to make a couple of bucks in the process.

"About a year and a half ago, I was having a bad day," he said. "We'd been to the grocery store and there were bags all over the place. I was frus-

trated. And then it hit me like a ton of bricks."

What hit him was an idea. Why wrestle with all those plastic grocery bags from checkout counter to the car to the kitchen when you could handle them with one hand - or maybe two.

His idea was for a simple gadget - a nylon grip, sort of like a suitcase handle, that could attach to the handles on the plastic bags and allow people to carry as many as five bags in one hand.

"I wrote it out on paper and designed it," he said. "Then I took it to someone who does sewing in the basement and she made a prototype."

He now has a manufacturer for his product, a company - Wrap and Grab Products - and a Web site, www.wrapandgrab.com, where his product, the Comfort Grip, can be ordered online.

PLEASE SEE INVENTION, A7



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Dan Carter demonstrates his invention, which allows users to carry several grocery bags with one hand.

## Local soldier escapes death

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Army Sgt. Zachary Parinello, son of Jack and Debbie Parinello of Canton, was seriously wounded in Afghanistan on Wednesday, Nov. 24, one day before Thanksgiving and two days after his one-year wedding anniversary with his wife, Sylvia.

He's recovering in a military hospital in Germany and has been taken off the critical list, according to his mother.

Two other members of his unit were killed in the incident when an improvised explosive device detonated near their location. The troops were attacked near the town of Deh Rawod, 250 miles southwest of Kabul, where the military has clashed repeatedly with Taliban militants, according to a statement released by the Army.

"He was in critical condition and in intensive care until Monday morning," Debbie Parinello said Tuesday. "He's out of intensive care now and everything looks good at this point."

"Good," of course, is a relative term. Zachary, 23, suffered a head injury that has resulted in short-term memory loss, a laceration on the spleen, and a gash on his face that extended to behind his ear.

"He's got staples in the back of his head," Debbie said. "It's a miracle that he's even alive."

She's said she's still not sure of all the details of the incident. "He doesn't remember much," she said. "There was an explosion. He was in a vehicle."

Despite his serious injuries, Zachary was concerned about his family immediately after the incident.

"When he got to a field hospital," Debbie said, "he started fussing for a telephone. He was lying there bleeding and being stitched up, but he worried about us hearing from the military before we heard from him."

Someone found him a telephone and Zachary made the calls.

"I missed the phone call," Debbie said. "But he got through to his wife in Hawaii and she called us."

She said she and Sylvia are still trying to work on travel arrangements so they can visit Zachary.

"Due to the holiday, we've had diffi-

PLEASE SEE SOLDIER, A4

## New law allows township to contract for police, fire services

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

A bill to allow townships the option of contracting out their police and fire services to other communities was signed into law by Gov. Jennifer Granholm on Tuesday.

The bill, which was introduced by state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, was enthusiastically endorsed by Canton Public Safety Director John Santomauro, who testified in favor of the bill while it was being reviewed in Lansing.

"I approached Phil about this issue some time ago and he took the lead in drafting the legislation and making sure it was pushed through," Santomauro said.

"The simple reasoning is that while state law

allowed cities to provide contractual services, the law did not allow townships to do that."

He said that with the way growth is occurring in southeast Michigan, townships may actually be in a better position to offer contractual services than some cities.

"You can't look at townships the way we would have 35 or 40 years ago," he said. "The inclination for a township to become a city is pretty nonexistent anymore."

LaJoy said he was pleased that his bill has now been signed by the governor.

"A township deserves the same chance to be competitive and better utilize its police and fire services (as does a city)," he said. "I am pleased this bill is now law in Michigan."

While more and more local governments

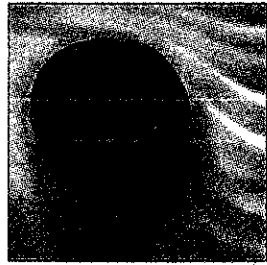
are looking at ways to combine services, Santomauro said law enforcement and fire departments have been doing that for years.

"Our fire service mutual aid pact has been in place for 40 years," he said. "We have a number of partnerships in law enforcement."

Canton already is a member of several consortiums with other communities, such as the unified narcotics, auto theft and major crime team.

"The future is going to lend itself to law enforcement doing business differently than we do it today," Santomauro said. "One reason is the economic situation. The other is the development of technology. You're going to see the formation of more consortiums and the providing of contractual services."

Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer



### Epilepsy

Redford man starts support group to help those with medical condition that affects every aspect of their lives. In Sunday's Health section.

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### WINTER LUNCHEON

Schoolhouse Montessori of Canton will be hosting its annual Winter Program and International Luncheon on Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Discovery Middle School in room 305. The program will feature a children's performance and is followed by an luncheon where families will share traditional family recipes representing their country of origin.

The school, which opened in 2001, provides early childhood education. More than 130 families attend the school, representing cultures from five different continents.

Discovery is located at 6215 Canton Center Road. For more information call (734) 416-1849.

### CLASSIC FAIRY TALE

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* is playing the Village Theater at Cherry Hill beginning tonight, and running through Sunday.

The presentation from the Canton Youth Theater features artistic sets, beautiful costumes and magical transformations. It is geared for audiences of all ages.

It runs at 7 p.m. tonight and Friday; at 1 p.m. on Saturday; and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets for the show are \$10.

For more information, call the theater box office at (734) 394-5460.

### THEATER AUDITIONS

Auditions for the DuBois Theatre production of the Broadway musical *You're a*

*Good Man, Charlie Brown* will be held on Jan. 5 and 6 in the DuBois Theatre at Canton High School from 3-6 p.m. There will be an audition workshop held at the same location on Dec. 15 where those interested can learn the music and learn audition tips.

If you can't make the workshop, contact Mrs. Henry at Canton High School beginning Dec. 15. She will provide audition packets.

### STUDENT LEADERS

Two students from Canton are serving as leaders for Hope College student organizations this academic year.

Lacey Gaubatz, a senior at Hope, helps operate WTHS, the college's radio station. And Ryan Jackson, a junior, is a member of the school's lacrosse club.

Hope College is located in Holland, Mi.

### PHOTOS WITH SANTA

The big man in the red suit will be visiting RE/MAX Crossroads on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., and will be available for photographs. Refreshments will also be served.

The office is located at 7277 N. Lilley Road, at the corner of Warren Road.

### 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.

### 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.

The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

### SLEIGH BELLS

The Canton Concert Band will present its holiday concert, A Sleigh-Ride Celebration, on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The band will be playing an evening of classic holiday favorites.

Tickets for the event are \$8, and are available at the Summit, located at 46000 Summit Parkway.



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## 'Tis the season

Canton Chamber of Commerce receptionist Janet Walsh (left) hands a box of candy canes to member Brenda Pollock of Needle Graphics after she sat on Santa's lap at the chamber's monthly luncheon on Wednesday. In addition to Santa passing out candy canes, members also donated toys for the Goodfellows at the luncheon, which featured entertainment by the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Madrigal Singers.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460, or go online to [www.cantonband.com](http://www.cantonband.com).

### SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Lee and Noel Bittinger Team at RE/MAX is offering three scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,000, for local high school seniors that are planning to attend a college or university in the fall of 2005.

To apply for the scholarship, entrants must submit a short essay (not to exceed three pages, double-spaced with a 12 pt. font) that address the following question: Describe how someone in your life has influenced you in a positive way and changed your life?

All submissions must include name, address and phone number of entrant, high school they attend, and college or university they plan to attend in the fall. All submissions must be received by Dec. 31, 2004. They should be sent to The Bittinger Team, 43435 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187.

"The Plymouth/Canton community has supported us for over 20 years. The Bittinger Team Scholarship is

just one of the ways that we can say thank you by giving back to our community," Noel Bittinger said. "This is our way of paving the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation."

For more information, contact the team at (734) 459-1010, or email Bittinger at [noelbittinger@remax.net](mailto:noelbittinger@remax.net).

### SENIOR HOLIDAY PARTY

The Plymouth AM Rotary Club will hold its annual senior Christmas party on Sunday, Dec. 12 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

The evening will include dinner and entertainment by The Sure Foundation from Ontario, Canada. The East Middle School 8th grade chorus and harpist Nadia Marks will also perform.

Tickets for the event are available through Dec. 7. They are only 200 tickets available and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To obtain tickets, which are free of charge, contact the Tonquish Creek Manor office at (734) 455-3670.

### PLAYERS' PRODUCTION

The Plymouth Uptown Players at the Plymouth Community Arts Council present "The Trial of Goldilocks," a one-act fairy tale fantasy in verse by Joseph Robinette.

Performances are at 7 p.m. on Dec. 3; 2 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 4; and 2 p.m. on Dec. 5 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, located at 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

Tickets, priced at \$5, are available by calling (734) 416-4278.

### MAKE IT TAKE IT PARTY

Kids ages 5 and older can make a special gift for holiday giving Dec. 11 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

Class is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., so bring a lunch and be ready with create wonderful art and play some games during this fun-filled day. Participants will even make the wrapping and have it all decorated to take home.

The cost is \$40 for PCAC members, \$45 for non-members. Class size is limited. To register or for more information, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

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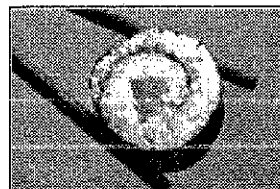
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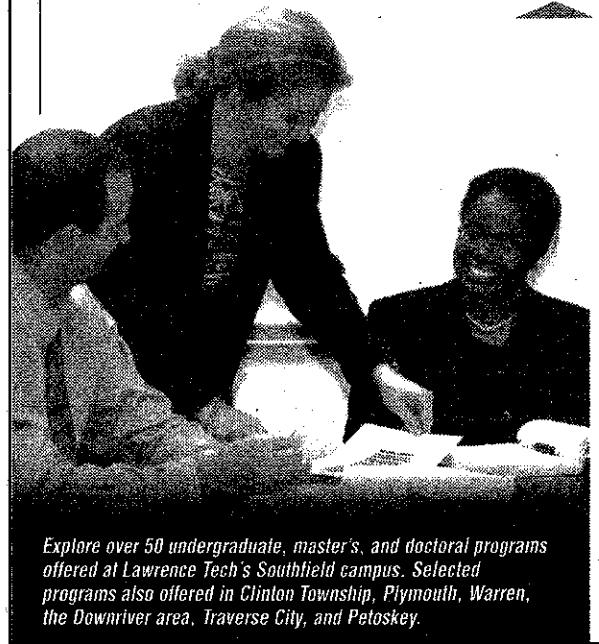
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# Taking advantage of a baby boom

Plymouth boutique satisfies demand for unique newborn market

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

When Kelly Karadsheh was pregnant with her second child, she did what all moms-to-be do: She went shopping.

In stores from here to Flint, she had a difficult time finding more than bedding and basic baby needs. So, after being a stay-at-home mom for more than five years, it seemed natural to Karadsheh, who had built a word-of-mouth reputation as a decorator by designing her son's room, that she'd open a baby boutique.

And just like that, Mia Bella was born. And, like most babies, this one grew quickly in its first year, forcing Karadsheh and her mother, Rosalie Whyman, to move the boutique into bigger digs.

Now business is booming at Mia Bella's new location on Ann Arbor Trail.

"There wasn't anyplace in Plymouth where new moms could come," said Karadsheh, a hairdresser by trade before getting into the retail business. "A lot of our stuff is one-of-a-kind. Our products aren't mass-produced. This is someplace you can come to find something unique."

When the store first opened in November 2003, it occupied some 800 square feet and specialized mostly in things like bedding and Christening dresses and items for newborns. The store also carries things like strollers, dresses, books and baby brushes.

As word spread, Karadsheh and Whyman expanded into maternity clothes and other unique items.

"When we opened, we were mostly bedding and newborn stuff," Karadsheh said. "Business exploded, and we had such an overwhelming demand for maternity clothes. We just didn't have the space."

They've got the space now, and Karadsheh is enjoying using it. She had a hair salon for 12 years before settling down to be a stay-at-home



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kelly Karadsheh recently moved her Mia Bella baby boutique into new, larger quarters on Ann Arbor Trail.



This Black Shark pedal cart's propeller turns using pedals. It's one of the items featured at Mia Bella in downtown Plymouth.

mom, but she's always loved sewing and has been doing it since she was 3.

After the birth of her second child, she stayed home. After decorating her son's room, Karadsheh noticed people taking note of her skill and asking her to do rooms in their homes.

"It just spread by word-of-mouth," Karadsheh said. "I had a base already before we opened the store."

Now that it's open, Karadsheh and Whyman make sure the customers who've made it work are taken

care of. Customer service is "the most important thing" to the two women.

"We do a lot of custom work here," Karadsheh said. "We work with every level of customer here. They all get treated the same."

While Karadsheh does much of the sewing, Whyman adds her personal touch to murals she paints. The two women complement each other in many ways.

"My mom balances me," Karadsheh said. "I'm kind of wild with colors, and she's more monochromatic."

## @ THE LIBRARY

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■ The mouse won the Storybook Election! Come to the Children's Library on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and meet the mouse from *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*.

■ Join in a celebration of Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa on Thursday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in the library's Community Room. This adult program presents the history, dishes and traditions of these winter holidays. Call (734) 397-0999 to register.

■ The evening book discussion group is reading *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Plan to attend the discussion on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. For a list of future book discussion titles visit [www.cantonpl.org/info/bkdiscus.html](http://www.cantonpl.org/info/bkdiscus.html).

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#### New Adult Non-Fiction Books

■ *The Billboard Book of Top 40 Hits* - Joel Whitburn  
■ *Genghis Khan and Mongol Rule* - George Lane  
■ *He-Motions: Even Strong Men Struggle* - T.D. Jakes  
■ *The Oregon Trail: An*

*American Saga* - David Dary

#### New Children's Books

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■ *An Orange for Frankie* - Patricia Polacco  
■ *Prince Across The Water* - Jane Yolen & Robert J. Harris  
■ *Sir Walter Scott's Ivanhoe* - Marianna Mayer

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■ *Let's Make Cookies* - Mary Hill  
■ *A World-Class Judo Champion* - Paul Mason

#### New Children's Picture Books

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Mark Twain was born this week. Visit [www.cantonpl.org/special/mtwain.html](http://www.cantonpl.org/special/mtwain.html) to see the library's collection on Mark Twain: his books, biographies, videos based on his works, and Twain-related Web sites.

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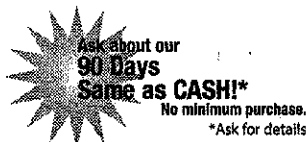
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## SOLDIER

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culty trying to make travel arrangements," she said. "We're still working on that with different organizations."

Zachary, who grew up in Redford and graduated from Thurston High School in 1999, joined the Army shortly after graduation.

"He had just re-enlisted last November," Debbie said.

He was assigned to the U.S. Army 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, C Company based out of Schofield Barracks in Hawaii.

He had served in Kosovo in 2002 and in Iraq last year. He came home in September 2003 and he and Sylvia were married in November 2003. He was sent to Afghanistan in September of this year.

Debbie Parinello issued a statement on Tuesday, in which she wrote:

"Thank you to all the doctors and nurses who have taken

'He was in critical condition and in intensive care until Monday morning. He's out of intensive care now and everything looks good at this point.'

Debbie Parinello  
mother of wounded soldier

care of my son. Also special thanks to those who are trying to get us with him. We long to hold him.

"My husband, Jack, and I send our prayers with Zachary's comrades who didn't make it. Also to the troops who are still there in both Iraq and Afghanistan. We love you all and pray for you and your families every day.

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Church production seeks 'relevant' message

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Expecting thousands of people to witness their annual "Glory of Christmas" performances, the folks at NorthRidge Church were hoping to come up with a production that was relevant and thought-provoking and could provide the kind of holiday fireworks they're used to giving.

In "A Change of Heart," they believe they've come up with just such a production.

"A Change of Heart" is adapted from an idea from a member of the church and is written by a NorthRidge script-writing team. The production follows one man through a mid-life crisis as he struggled with the priorities in his life and comes to grip with the long-term consequences of his life choices.

"This is an original script ... drawn from life experiences of people within the congregation," said Steve Childerston, NorthRidge's drama director. "We believe it's relevant to the life situations of many people in our culture. The message will be something everyone can relate to."

"A Change of Heart" hits the stage at 7:30 p.m. Friday, with additional performances at 1 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and a 3 p.m. matinee Sunday. The same performance schedule is repeated Friday-Sunday, Dec. 10-12.

It's the latest in what has become a popular, massive production every holiday season at the church. Last year's



NorthRidge Church's holiday production, 'Glory of Christmas - A Change of Heart,' hits the stage Friday night, with organizers promising the production will be bigger and better.

production drew some 24,000 people over the two weekends. NorthRidge has become known for its audio and video capabilities - church officials have traveled to New York and made a moving video after the 9/11 terrorist attacks - and for doing things bigger and better.

Roxanne Powell, the church's director of programming and production, promises more of the same this year, though she declined to spoil the surprise by revealing new elements of this year's production. It's bound to be big though - it's taking some 900 volunteers

working from the parking lot to the stage to put on the show.

"We're very comfortable, the last dress rehearsal was (Monday), and it's going well," Powell said. "We have a lot of new elements, video segments to help with the scenes, and we have a lot of surprises. It's just going to be a show-stopper."

While many observers would expect something smaller in scale from a church, NorthRidge officials think their philosophy is the right one.

"We believe there's always another way of communicating Christ's message with excellence," Brad Powell says of his church's Broadway-esque production. "The reason Toronto and Broadway are successful is they do their entertainment with unbelievable excellence.

"Excellence inspires people," he added. "We believe it behooves the Church of Christ, which is far more important (than entertainment) to put on a program with the greatest amount of excellence that proclaims the excellence of Jesus Christ."

Roxanne Powell believes "A

### HITTING THE STAGE

What: "Glory of Christmas - A Change of Heart"

Where: NorthRidge Church, corner N. Territorial and Ridge

When: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and Dec. 10; 1 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4 and Dec. 11; 3 p.m. Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

Tickets: \$12.75 and \$14.75; available through Star Tickets Plus at 1-800-585-3737 or at Star Tickets Plus. No children under 4 years old.

For more information see NorthRidge Church's Web site at www.NorthRidgeChurch.com or call (734) 414-7777.

Change of Heart" does exactly that. "Everyone's going through different things during the holidays, and we try to find a human condition that's relevant," she said. "We tried to find some kind of relevant life position that a lot of people are in, a human condition everyone can relate to."

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## DEATHS

**A**  
Alice Aldrich, 88, died Nov. 22.  
Charles (Gene) E. Amyx, 68, of  
Birmingham, died Nov. 28.

**B**  
Carl Herman Berke, 53, of Pinckney,  
died Nov. 21.

**C**  
Eugene D. Cotter, 80, died Nov. 22.

**G**  
Betsy Morgan Garthwaite, 41, Nov.  
24.

**J**  
Lallah G. Johnston, 86, of Howell,  
died Nov. 28.

**M**  
Maynard S. Martin, 82, of  
Farmington Hills, died Nov. 26.  
Weston W. Meyer, 83, died Nov. 24.  
Marian (Bell) Morrow, 87, of Naples,  
Fla., died Nov. 28.

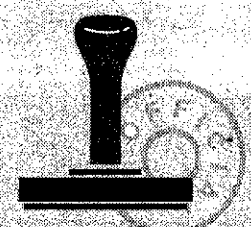
**R**  
Daryl R. Riley, 66, of Novi, died Nov.  
23.

**S**  
Glenn L. Stephens, 102, of Livonia,  
died Nov. 27.

**W**  
Luella M. Winning, 70, of Westland,  
died Nov. 23.

## POLICE CALLS

**Officer Injured**  
A Canton police officer was treated  
and released at an area hospital on  
Sunday after his patrol car was  
involved in a collision with another  
vehicle.



**For the Record** appears in every  
edition of the *Observer & Eccentric*  
*Newspapers*.  
Complete paid obituaries can be  
found inside today's Sports section  
in *Passages* on page C9.

Police said the officer, a 13-year  
veteran of the department, had  
made a U-turn to stop someone for  
a traffic violation, when his car col-  
lided with another vehicle driven by  
a Canton woman. The woman was  
not injured.  
The accident occurred shortly  
before 10 p.m. on Joy Road near  
Sheldon. Police said both vehicles  
sustained moderate damage.  
According to department protocol,  
Michigan State Police were called to  
investigate the accident.

## House fire

A Canton home was substantially  
damaged by fire about 7 a.m.  
Sunday.

The fire department responded to  
the blaze in the 700 block of  
Foothill. Several units were required  
to extinguish the fire.

The sole occupant of the house, a  
37-year-old man, was inside the

house when the fire started but  
managed to escape before the fire  
units arrived.

The cause of the fire is still under  
investigation.

## Radio stolen

A resident of the 1400 block of  
Stacy reported to police on Monday  
that someone removed a radio from  
his Ford Ranger.

The vehicle was parked at the resi-  
dence.

## Lawn job

A resident of the 42000 block of  
Saltz told police someone drove  
over his lawn on Nov. 25. He esti-  
mated the damage at \$500.

## Window smashed

A resident of the 44000 block of  
Bannockburn said someone broke  
the front passenger door window of  
his 2000 Chevrolet Blazer while it  
was parked at his residence.

He said he found a large landscape  
rock inside the vehicle.

The incident occurred between 7  
p.m. Monday and 6:50 a.m. Tuesday.  
Damage was estimated at \$150.

## Tires slashed

Police were called to Sweeping  
Beauties business on North Canton  
Center road recently on a report of  
vehicle tires being slashed.

All four tires on three different  
vehicles had been cut.

The incident occurred between 3  
p.m. Nov. 26 and 1 p.m. Nov. 27.

## Program helps parents monitor kids' computers

BY JACK GLADDEN  
STAFF WRITER

Years ago there was a public  
service announcement that  
went something like "It's 11  
o'clock. Do you know where  
your children are?"

Today the answer might well  
be, "Sure, they're downstairs on  
the computer."

So the question now is "Do  
you know what they're doing  
on the computer?"

Well, the Canton Police  
Department is handing out  
software to any parent who  
lives in Canton to help them  
answer that question.

"Computer Cop" allows par-  
ents to view images and ques-

tionable words on their com-  
puter's hard drive then delete  
them if they choose, or leave  
them alone and move on to the  
next one.

"This software is an excellent  
tool for parents to help keep  
their kids safe from the dan-  
gers of the Internet," said  
Canton Police Sgt. Scott  
Hilden. "I highly recommend  
that parents use it."

The software, developed by  
former New York City police  
officer Bo Dietl, is designed for  
IBM compatible computers  
running Windows programs. It  
requires at least four  
megabytes of RAM.

It's an easy program to use,  
Hilden said.

Once the CD is inserted into  
the computer, it automatically  
begins to search the hard drive  
for images or text that relate to  
drugs, alcohol, violence,  
pornography or anything that  
might indicate a child predator.

"It's fascinating to see what it  
finds in there," said Hilden,  
who took the program for a  
test drive on his own computer.

Canton residents can pick up  
free copies of the program at  
the front desk of the police  
department, 1150 S. Canton  
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Hilden at (734) 394-5424.  
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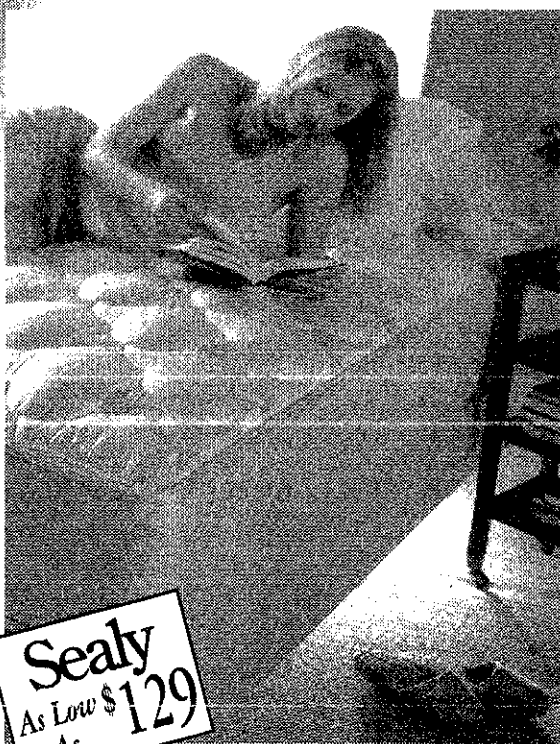
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# Nobody hurt as car crashes through auto center window

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

All Nancy Spencer wanted was a submarine sandwich and some chips from the Tubby's inside the Plymouth Super Center on Ann Arbor Road.

What she got was a bird's eye view of what could have been a horrific accident.

It happened shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday when Spencer, and the employees and other customers in the center, were stunned to see a 1994 Plymouth Sundance come crashing through the front windows.

"We heard this absolutely horrible screeching of tires and gunning of an engine," said Spencer, who stopped at the center with her husband, John. "I turned around and saw a car driving directly into the front plate glass window of the store, right into the chip display. Thank God I wasn't a couple of minutes faster or I'd have been standing right there."

No one was injured in the accident, although significant



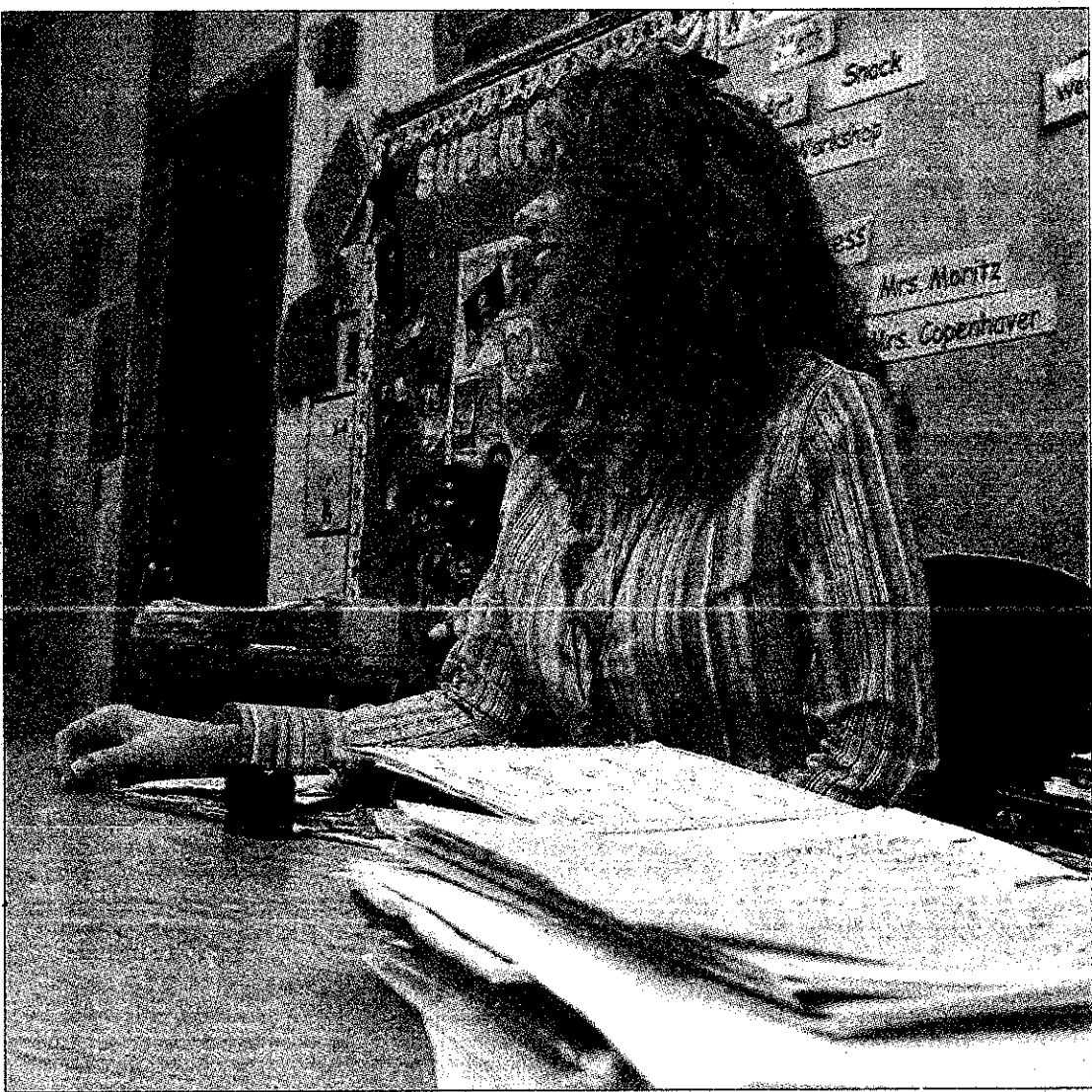
Nobody was injured when two 450-pound windows were smashed by this car, which crashed through the Plymouth Super Center on Ann Arbor Road shortly after 5 p.m. Sunday.

damage was done to the store-front. Plymouth Police ticketed the driver for violating a license restriction.

According to reports, the driver of the car was pulling into the center, and his foot slipped off the brake. When he went to reapply the brake, he accidentally hit the gas pedal and crashed through the windows at the front of the center.

Those windows, according to Plymouth Super Center vice president Drew Wolford, weighed about 450 pounds apiece.

"That's 900 pounds of broken glass. ... It's lucky no one was under that," Wolford said. "Fortunately, the car got hung up with the front wheels off the floor. If they hadn't, the car would have crashed right through the whole store."



Mary Maher said being chosen by ABC's 'Extreme Makeover' has revamped her look and her life.

# Livonia teacher finds self on TV's 'Extreme Makeover'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

When she looks in a mirror Mary Maher can hardly believe what she sees.

The Livonia Public Schools teacher spent the past two months undergoing surgery and being filmed for an episode of ABC's *Extreme Makeover*. The episode featuring Maher is scheduled to air 8 p.m. today, Dec. 2, on WXYZ Channel 7 in the Detroit area.

Maher, who lives in Southfield, attended an open casting call for the show last summer in Madison Heights. She never dreamt she might be chosen amid the hundreds of people who showed up as applicants.

Even when the cameras and crew returned to Michigan to get more footage of Maher in her own environment in September, she didn't know for sure she would make it on the show.

"I was really excited," Maher said. "They surprised me in my classroom. I had no idea."

Maher heard the news over the school intercom. A voice announced that she would be the first to take a field trip this year - an eight-week trip to Los Angeles.

"I had no clue. I was in total shock," Maher said.

At the same time, she said, leaving her students was really difficult.

"It was so hard to leave the kids," she said. "It was the beginning of the year, right away. It was so hard to leave, but it was such a dream come true."



This shot was taken before Mary Maher underwent surgery on ABC-TV's 'Extreme Makeover.'

**LIVING A DREAM**

Maher couldn't let the opportunity pass her by, so she was grateful for the support of the school district, her co-workers, and the understanding of her parents and students.

"The district made it possible for me to live a dream," she said.

A recently-retired Livonia school teacher came in to teach Maher's class while she was away. Knowing someone with such experience would be there was comforting, said Maher, but she was eager to return.

While in Los Angeles she was informed about the risks and benefits of all the medical procedures she was interested in having. The personal attention she received from her doctors was comforting, she said.

"The seriousness of this was never underestimated," said Maher. "The doctors all work as a team."

Maher's surgeries included work on her upper and lower eyelids, her nose, 14 porcelain veneers on her teeth, a custom chin implant, internal brow lift, breast implants, liposuction and LASIK surgery to correct her vision.

While recovering, she was put on a strict, custom diet without dairy or sugar, and she worked out with a fitness trainer.

**ANOTHER BIG CHANGE**

Perhaps the biggest surprise came while she was recuperating in California.

Her boyfriend Chris Christensen visited, and popped the question. He asked her to make one more change - her last name - and to marry him.

Christensen said being "away from each other for so long" was one reason he decided to propose. Though he'd thought about it before, Christensen said, he made a spontaneous decision, booked a flight, and bought a ring. On his way there, he got a call from one of the show's producers.

After explaining his intentions, the producer got involved, and helped him arrange the big surprise.

"I'm just really happy for her," Christensen said. "I'm proud of her. It's hard to go away from your family and friends. It's hard to make these lifestyle changes. She followed through. She really pursued her dream."

Other than Maher's doctors, no one knew quite what she might look like, until she returned home, earlier this month. "You're kept hidden," Maher said.

A party was planned at Detroit's Fisher Theatre, and her friends and family had a chance to see her for the first time.

"They were in total shock," she said. "It was so emotional, so overwhelming." In some cases, she said, friends didn't recognize her until she started talking.

Christensen said: "It looked to me like she went on a killer diet. She just looked great. I wasn't shocked. I was pleasantly surprised."

Maher said the experience was much more than a physical change. Having eight weeks alone gave Maher a new perspective, and a chance to discover who she really is.

"When you feel better about yourself, it is reflected in all parts of your life - from relationships, to my career, to friendships," she said. "It's made me a better person."

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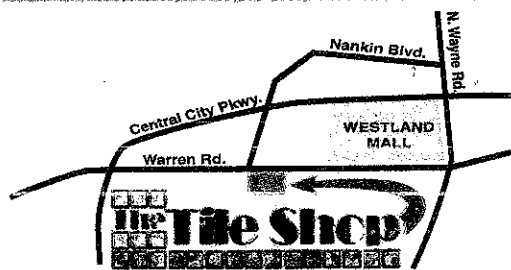
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Larry Reid, a salesman at ABC Warehouse in Canton, discusses the cost of a Digital Light Processing (DLP) television with John Sobania (right). The televisions were hot sellers on 'Black Friday.'

## SHOPPERS

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"I'd say sales were about the same (as in 2003)," said Jennifer Jeffrey, store manager. Hot items for holiday buyers at Dearborn Music include new release CDs, McFarlane Toys, plaque posters and holiday music CDs.

Last-minute buyers, Jeffrey said, tend to gravitate toward gift cards.

At the Giving Basket, which is being renamed Wicker and Wine pending a liquor license transfer, business was down before Thanksgiving. The store, at 633 S. Main in Plymouth, sells pre-made and

custom-made gift baskets are sold in the store and was previously located in Old Village.

"Business has been picking up over the past week," said Shoumaker. People have been buying gift baskets, brimming with various goodies such as chocolates, candies and snacks to use as personal gifts, corporate gifts, thank-you gifts and more.

The cool thing about gift baskets, Shoumaker said, is that the packaging is almost as cool as what's inside it.

"The big thing is the presentation — we really try to make it look nice," he said. "Plus, I like to think they're good for the hard-to-buy-for person."

Giving Baskets can make personalized gift baskets

around a particular theme, even tailoring the basket to a customer's budget.

Canton's Kohl's store, 44444 Ford, reported a booming Thanksgiving weekend. Hot items at the store included "LeapFrog" toys, apparel, toys and novelty items, such as poker accessories.

Lisa Grasso, manager of Canton's store, described the weekend as "fantastic," but

would not describe sales as increased, flat or decreased compared to 2003 Thanksgiving sales.

"It was an amazing weekend," she said, adding that customers' spirits seemed high.

"My customers, for the most part, really seemed to enjoy shopping that day," Grasso said, referring to Nov. 26. "I think we'll have a very successful shopping season."

## Wal-Mart slumps, may drop prices through holidays

BY KURT KUBAN  
STAFF WRITER

Christmas shoppers may find some excellent bargains at Wal-Mart in the next few weeks, after the national retailer suffered lower than expected sales last weekend.

According to Wal-Mart spokesperson Sharon Weber, the retail giant didn't do as well as it wanted during the all-important day after Thanksgiving, generally called "Black Friday." She said Wal-Mart's competitors did a better job of offering deals on Friday and throughout the weekend, when shoppers were out in droves.

"We were disappointed by our sales performance the day after Thanksgiving," Weber said. "Our competitors were very aggressive, offering special deals

and special rebates. It caught us off guard a little. Looking back in hindsight, our programs were just too predictable."

According to reports on CNN's Web site Tuesday, Wal-Mart shares fell \$0.82 on Monday, down to \$52.33, largely as a response to the retailer's poor performance over the weekend.

Although she would not say Wal-Mart will be cutting prices in the coming weeks, Weber said the retailer will definitely respond to its competitors.

"While Friday was important, it was just one day," she said. "We are absolutely committed to giving our customers the lowest prices available. We will be responding to what our customers have told us. We haven't decided what we're going to do yet, but we will definitely be responding."

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## INVENTION

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That's the only product he's making at the moment, but he has some others in mind, which he hopes to develop in the months to come.

He's also got a slogan — "Wrap it, grab it and you're good to go" — and he's even written and recorded a radio commercial.

That's all part of his creative side. He studied cartooning in art school, does caricatures for private parties, wedding receptions and bar mitzvahs, and is also a vocalist.

Right now he's concentrating on promoting his gadget. He's had T-shirts printed up featuring the Comfort Grip, and has distributed

some of them at his church and a private party. His next goal is to get them out on the market.

"I'd like to get it in stores at the checkout counter," he said.

And he's already lined up one store — a small chain grocery store not far from his house.

He'd also like to get his product advertised directly on grocery carts in supermarkets.

"If they have the product for sale in the store, that would be a pretty strong advertisement," Carter said.

He's got a couple of partners, Melvin Freeman, who helps put out fliers, and Mike Gubaci, a business owner who helps with the finances.

And Carter just wants to keep cranking out the ideas.

"I want to be one of the most creative people ever," he said.

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## OUR VIEWS

## Chances to give are plentiful

Last week's Thanksgiving celebration kicked off the traditional holiday season most noticeably marked by throngs of shoppers hitting the retail stores and leaving empty shelves, frustrated customers and busy shopkeepers in their wake.

What also gets started in earnest at this time of year, but which very often gets much less attention, is the "giving" season, a time of year when people's charitable instincts kick in and they begin looking for ways to help those less fortunate.

And, with signs of an improving economy being slow to translate locally, there are plenty of people who need the help.

Fortunately for those willing to provide that kind of assistance, there are plenty of chances.

Want to help make sure young children have a good Christmas? Look for any number of outlets for the Toys for Tots campaign. Many of you already helped WMGC-FM (105.1) in this regard, contributing some 2,000 toys and more than \$1,500 in cash at its annual campaign kickoff show at Compass Cafe last week.

The Canton Goodfellows, which have been active in the community since the 1950s, are also looking for donations. According to Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer, there are record numbers of local families who need help this holiday season.

The group's annual newspaper sale is this Saturday. Look for their volunteers standing in commercial drive-ways around town.

Can't afford to donate money or buy toys to give away? That's OK, because there are other ways to help. The Plymouth Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign kicked off last week, too, and coordinator Kelly Zmudzynski still has plenty of openings for bell ringers. You can sign up for an hour or a day, with a variety of locations that are sure to be convenient. And it won't cost you a dime.

Don't know much about the Salvation Army? Check with local churches, all of which run some form of holiday campaign that depends on volunteer help or charitable donations.

Want one more idea? We'll plug our own effort: The *Plymouth/Canton Observer* Cheer Club. We're collecting canned goods, non-perishable food items, toys or clothing through the end of next week. We'll take what we collect — and over the years, you have been more than generous — and add it to the Salvation Army's program to adopt families for the holidays.

This community proves year in and year out it has a huge heart. If you're looking for ways to help, all you have to do is look around.

## More work needed to ensure health of our environment

Residents in Wayne and Oakland counties made significant strides in 2004 to protect the area's natural splendors.

Examples of improved environmental stewardship abound, as more of us come to understand the relationship between what we pour down our home and storm drains and the water quality of our lakes, rivers and streams.

Many parts of the Rouge River are as healthy as they have ever been, and now support a healthy ecosystem of fish, mollusks and plant life.

The same is true of the Paint Creek and Clinton River watersheds, as well as our many inland lakes, thanks to stepped up efforts to identify and correct failed septic systems and reducing the use of fertilizers near waterways.

A painful lesson also was learned about how a tiny bug from a faraway land can wreak havoc on a foreign ecosystem. The emerald ash borer has killed tens of thousands of ash trees, and a number of similar invasive species — most notably the zebra mussel — are causing similar destruction to the Great Lakes ecosystem.

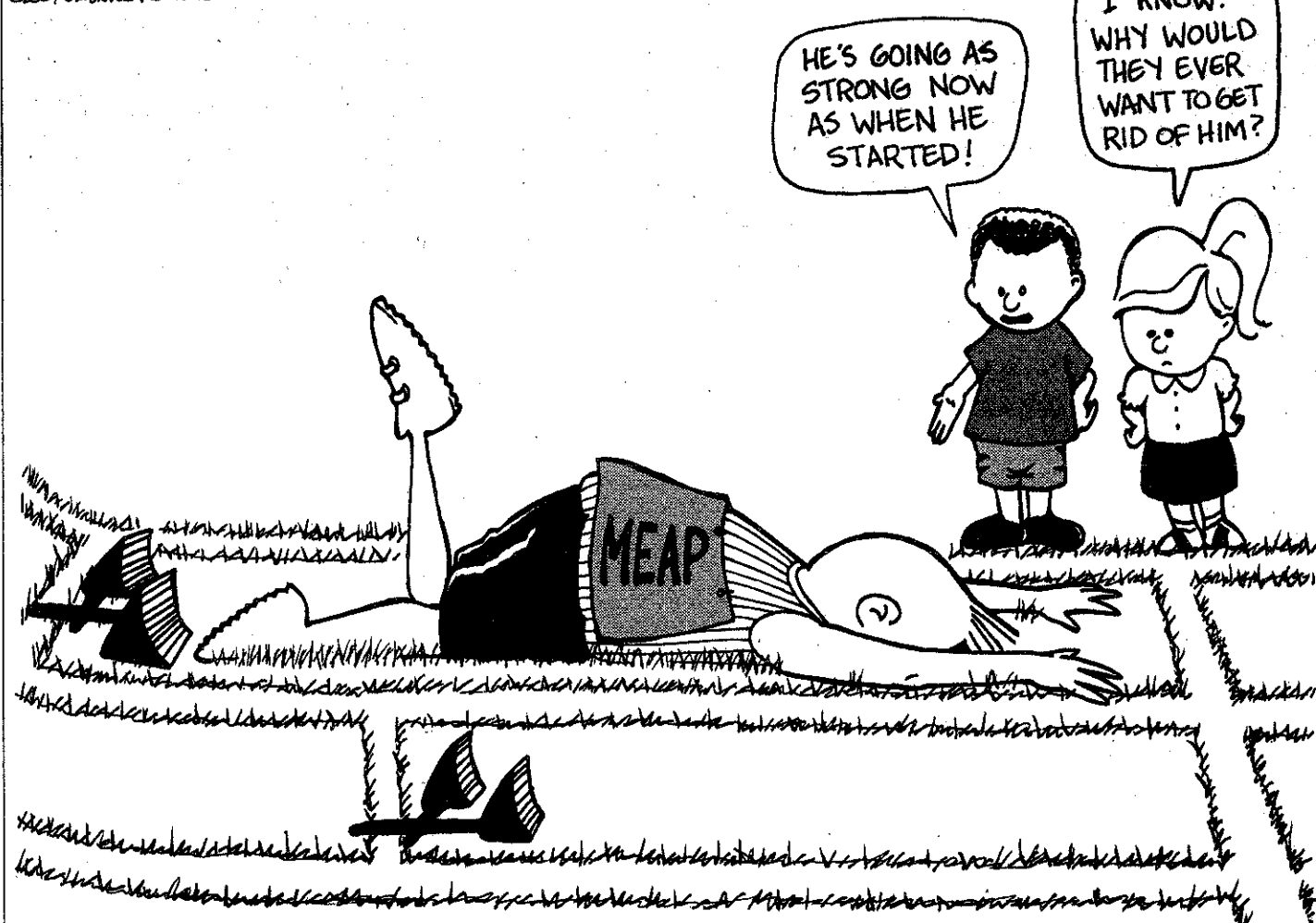
This is an area where our state and federal government officials must do more in 2005 to protect this precious natural resource, which literally defines our state.

Tougher regulations must be adopted to stop the spread of non-native species in the Great Lakes basin.

And while they are at it, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the state Legislature should be taking the lead on a joint, international effort to restrict diversion of water from the Great Lakes.

There is an old saying that you don't have anything if you don't have your health. The same is true for our environment, and it is up to all of us to ensure that health.

Geoff Brooks 12-2  
Canton Observer & Eccentric



## LETTERS

### Should've been sooner

I think Patrick Olson should have done this earlier ("Project puts libraries in K-5 classrooms," Nov. 4), because kids would have had an easier time doing quizzes and tests. Plus if he did it earlier it just wouldn't be in the Plymouth/Canton school district. It would be in Novi, Dearborn, and maybe even Livonia. That is why I think Mr. Olson should have done this a lot earlier. Olson didn't have to do it, someone else could have done it a lot earlier instead. Thanks anyway, Mr. Olson.

Joseph Zabawski  
Canton

### Negotiations too easy

The old adage goes money can't buy happiness. It has been interesting and irritating at the same time to watch how easily the teachers union and school negotiators agree on a contract.

Lately, negotiations are lauded as going much more smoothly than in the past, with both sides leaving satisfied, thus avoiding a strike.

However, it always seems that the negotiations are too easy. The district seems to give away lots of money and the union easily agrees. The spending agreed to does not make sense. When school revenue is rising at a fixed rate, but the new contracts guarantee slightly higher raises than the fixed rate, no wonder "relationships" are said to be so solid.

Our school district is just a small reflection of this financial erosion process happening across the state. Contract spending slightly outstrips tax revenue. When each and every district gives away a little more than they know they will take in, the result is a bleak outlook for school finances.

Is the financial hardship my fault for not spending enough taxes? No. It is due to poor future planning and not making tough negotiating decisions at the time they are needed.

Glenn Kremer  
Plymouth

### Monopolistic media

Too bad, another independent publishing company is being lost to monopolistic, controlled-by-a-few mainstream news media ("Gannett to acquire HomeTown Communications Network," *Observer*, Nov. 21).

Such consolidation of information disseminating power obviously is the main reason behind this public, like perhaps no other in the world, being so one-sidedly informed, often purposely misled, subjected to sneaky molding of opinions held by the molders in control.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

### No healing

Remember the outrage we, as Americans, felt when Iraq attacked and invaded a country that was not at war with it. In fact, there was no threat even to be had from little Kuwait.

Yet, when the shoe was put on the other foot, our "moral" Americans voted

to return the man who unjustly attacked a country not at war with us. There were no weapons of mass destruction. There was no connection to al Qaeda who really attacked us. There is no healing to be had here.

If the "religious" church-goers can be so easily sold a bill of goods, then they are not as religious as they claim to be. Never before have we been so ashamed to be Americans or church-goers ourselves. What happened to the doctrine of peace taught by Christ? Our nation is guilty of unspeakable sin and guilt and has the responsibility of hundreds of thousands of deaths and mutilations on our hands today by virtue of returning President Bush to office.

The Democrats should impede the Republican agenda at each and every turn, even through filibuster. In only this way can the Democrats actually have the "moral" upper-hand that the Republicans think they have claimed.

Mark and Yvonne Reina  
Farmington

### Socialism destructive

Mr. Barnes' response (Nov. 18 letter to the editor) makes it clear that he favors the planned (socialist) economy, government production of goods and services, and government control of the masses.

The market economy and limited government, however, is the one arrangement that can produce a plethora of goods, efficiently made, accomplished in a free society with free men and free women, as free workers, free managers, and free owners.

Mr. Barnes does not make it difficult to discern and discover his preference for the government arrangement where some of the country's denizens receive entitlements, largesse collected from one segment of the populace and redistributed to another faction. To suggest, infer, or imply that the socialist bastions of Sweden and Cuba are isles of beauty and bounty is ridiculous. Writing that the mortality rate here, the life expectancy there, to convince the educated that America has not kept abreast of reality, is not responsible for more creative discovery, invention, and a plethora of production of the consumer good, would go good in a Michael Moore flick.

John Kerry and his socialist plans for remaking America, leading us to the participation in a one-world order has been shelved for a while. Our sovereignty will not be ceded to the United Nations under George Bush's leadership.

Plead your case and sell your slave system (socialism) to the uninitiated, the unskilled, the unlearned, the ill-informed, the denizen with dark glasses. My prose, you write, is irritating. Your prose, Mr. Barnes, expresses not so subtly unknowing submission to the Marxian suggestion that government enterprise is more productive and efficient than free enterprise and limited government. Your prose is beyond irritating. The suggestion that we can do better economically and socially by goose stepping to the government lash and stick is frightening.

Neil Goodbred  
Livonia

### School boards cheat

Citizens turning out for general elections are entitled to the complete ballot. School boards cheat by withholding issues for more favorable forums. They insist on separate elections because these voters likely have special interests in the results.

General elections represent 11 times more citizens than school elections, but combining elections will occur only when school boards no longer win. An aroused majority voting at their polling events can defeat every proposition — good and bad.

Defeated propositions tend to reappear with a few changes until they are accepted.

Hank Borgman  
Farmington

### Designate drivers

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the number of drunk-driving deaths has decreased by more than 38 percent since 1982.

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### QUOTABLE

"If people have five or 10 acres and have a garden with raccoons and woodchucks eating them out of house and home, what are they supposed to do?"

— Elaine Kirchgatter, Canton treasurer, raising concerns about a proposed ban on hunting activities in the township



# Archaic distribution laws hurt consumers, vintners

You don't have to be a dyed-in-the-wool conservative to recognize that there are far too many instances of the "nanny state," where governments presume that they alone know best how to take care of people and that there is no real or imagined problem that cannot be overcome by continued and oppressive regulation.

Examples abound, including that tag on your mattress cover that forbids its removal "under penalty of law" and state restrictions on processing (why not "butchering," for Heaven's sake?) venison.

Another example has to do with the spider web of regulations covering the shipping, warehousing and selling of wine, beer and booze. When Prohibition (itself a first-class example of failed state nannyism) ended in 1933 with the adoption of the 21st Amendment, many states lost no time in combining a bow to temperance advocates with a grab for state profit by enacting elaborate regulations on the sale of alcohol.

Michigan, it turns out, is one of 11 states that forbid out-of-state wineries from sending bottles directly to customers. This rule, which restricts consumer choice and protects the economic turf of members of the Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association (the single most powerful lobby in Lansing), is now being challenged at the highest level. Oral arguments before the U.S. Supreme Court will be held next Tuesday.

Advocates for change argue that the Constitution, through the Interstate Commerce Clause, gives the federal government — not the states — the right to regulate interstate trade in wine or anything else. Defendants (including Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, who should know better) assert that the 21st Amendment gives states the right to regulate everything about the sale of alcohol. This argument over states' rights has been simmering quietly for a long time, but the rise of the Internet as a shopping medium and the increasing numbers of new, boutique wineries have brought the issue to a head.

The moving forces behind all this are a couple, Ray and Eleanor Heald, who have been writing a column on wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* since 1990. Four years ago, the Healds heard about the Domaine Alfred winery in California; they contacted Terry Speizer, the winemaker. They asked if he could send them a bottle of pinot noir to evaluate for their column. No, he replied, because Michigan law won't allow out-of-state wineries to send even one measly bottle into the state. Moreover, he couldn't sell

his product here because wine distributors in Michigan couldn't be bothered with stocking wines from such a small winery. So the Healds and Speizer sued.

There's little doubt that overturning the restrictive state laws that now exist in almost half our nation would benefit both consumers and small wineries. In all, 11 states have passed laws favoring in-state wineries and another 13 forbid outright all direct wine shipment. The Federal Trade Commission found in 2003 that direct shipping and online wine sales would "significantly enhance consumer welfare." One reason is price; the FTC found that buying wine online is cheaper than at local stores. Another benefit is choice; there are 3,700 wineries in the U.S., but most of them are too small for traditional wholesalers and distributors to bother with. The Wine Institute, a group arguing for regulation change, says only 13 percent of California's 800 wineries have distribution in all 50 states.

For example, consider Tantalus, a small ultra-premium winery in Sonoma County, Calif. I met Jim Harwood, Tantalus' president, last summer when I sampled his syrah wine and found it excellent. "Can I get some?" I asked. "Nope, unless you actually visit the winery in person, in which case Michigan law allows me to ship you one case." "My output is only 3,500 cases, which is pretty small," said Harwood, who married a woman from Michigan in 1978 and found his hobby turning into a fully permitted family business in 1989.

"Over the years, I've had three distributors in Michigan, but all of them found my wines uneconomical to stock. Even a winery with a 50,000-case production is on the borderline. There are plenty of people in Michigan who would love to buy my wine, but they can't get it because of the law. And there are so many differing laws in the different states; shipping wine to Kentucky, for example, is a felony."

When asked, advocates for the present system like to throw up moralistic rhetoric about "curtailing underage drinking." Sure. Some kid is going to go on the Web and pay 40 bucks a bottle for an ultra-premium wine? A 2004 study by the National Academy of Sciences found that parties, friends and strangers are the most likely ways for kids to get booze, a finding that matches the experience of most parents. (They don't normally get in trouble with premium wines, either.)

I admire the Healds (who write a pretty darn good wine column) for their professionalism and their willingness to take on the nanny state in its lair. I hope the Supremes listen with care next Tuesday. A decision is expected sometime next summer.

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



Phil Power

# Hunting ban is just another step further away from Canton's roots

Another firearms deer hunting season came to an end Tuesday. In all likelihood, it was the last one ever in Canton.

At the urging of Public Safety Director John Santomauro, the board of trustees essentially approved the concept of a complete hunting ban within the township's limits last week. There are still some details to work through, such as how the ordinance would pertain to BB guns and paintball guns, but there was overwhelming support on the board to prohibit the discharge of firearms within the township.



Kurt Kuban

But the process the DNR goes through to make such determinations is very time-consuming, because the department has to hold public hearings and navigate through all the bureaucratic red tape that is state government.

Santomauro says Canton doesn't have the luxury to wait out that process, which he said can take several years. By that time, there just won't be many places left to hunt, he says. And with the exception of a few larger lots where people own more than five acres, he's right.

There just isn't much good hunting to be had in a subdivision, though you would never know it by the names that often mark them, such as Pheasant Run or Deer Creek. I think developers name subs based on the last critter they saw chased away by their bulldozers. Despite the names, however, hunters should probably head elsewhere unless their quarry is a soccer ball or SUV.

Currently there are a few pockets on Canton's west side where hunting is still allowed, but development is quickly encroaching. Township officials, understanding the possible liability of people walking around with loaded weapons within earshot of back yards and playgrounds, see a need to act quickly on the matter.

So they are prepared to trump the DNR, and enact a law that supersedes the department's jurisdiction.

When it is finalized, this hunting ban will mark the turning of yet another page in the township's history.

Although it was inevitable that this era would come to an end because of all the

development, it is still sad in many ways. Particularly to those of us who were familiar with the town before it became the upscale community it has become.

My grandmother grew up in neighboring Nankin Township, before it became Westland and when it, too, was still a farming community like Canton.

She remembers the Canton of her youth as a place where her brother, and many others like him, would come to hunt, particularly for pheasant. In fact, I've often heard some of the old-timers say they would fire off two boxes of shells on a normal day chasing pheasants in Canton's numerous farm fields and woodlots.

In my grandmother's lifetime, she saw all the places of her youth change.

The country landscape she remembers is a thing of the past.

She grew up with horses, cows and dirt roads. It must be tough for those of her generation to see how much things have changed in this area.

What scares me even more, however, is how much Canton has changed in just my lifetime.

There is no getting around the fact that the pace of sprawl is quickening. It wasn't that long ago that I used to creep down Denton Road with a carload of friends on crisp fall nights looking for the ghost that supposedly resided under a small bridge amongst the corn fields. We never did find the ghost, but I'm pretty sure if it were there, it has been chased away just like the deer and pheasant.

And now the hunters.

One of Santomauro's main contentions for the need of a hunting ban is that Canton is very close to being fully developed, and points to all the new subdivisions on the western fringe of town. "One day you've got a field out there, the next day you've got a subdivision," he said.

It is only a matter of time, and probably not much at that, when Denton and Ridge roads will look very similar to the way Canton Center looks now. At that point, sprawl will have passed Canton by. Where will it end?

Hunting, like farming, is a casualty of this process, which some call progress. Even hunters like me must admit that it just isn't compatible with modern suburbia.

So excuse me for lamenting just one more bit of our heritage that will be relegated to a display at the historical museum.

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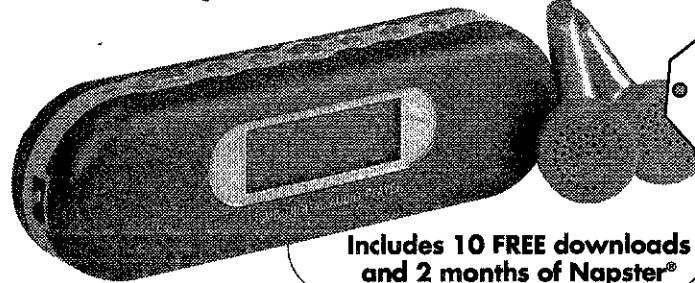
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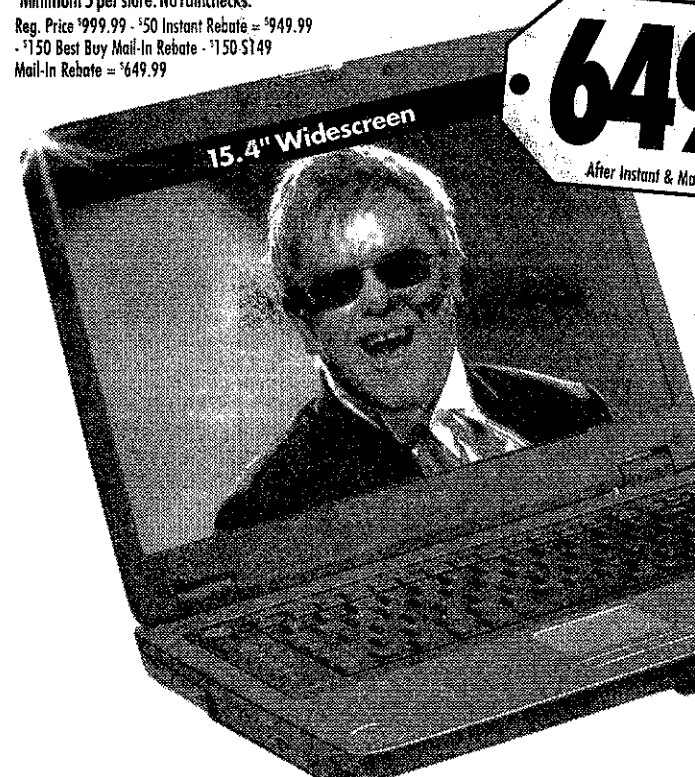
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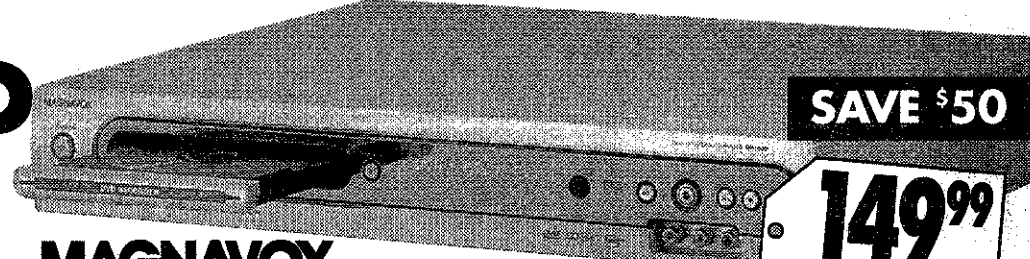


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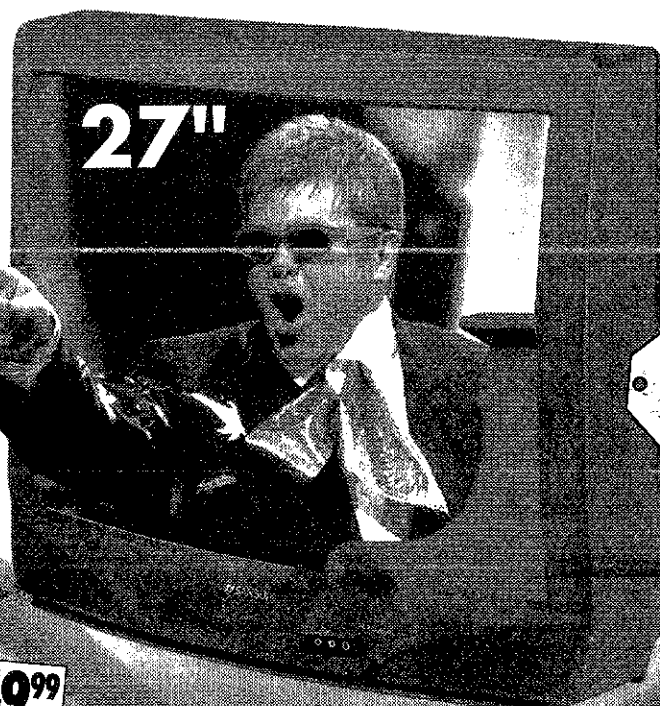
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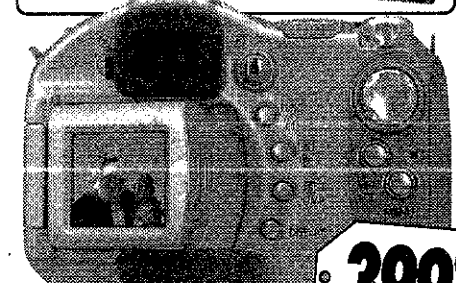
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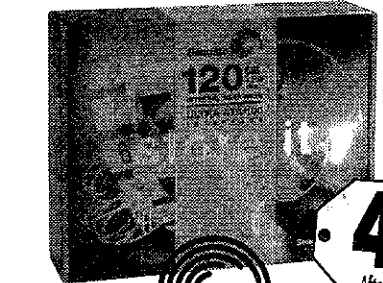
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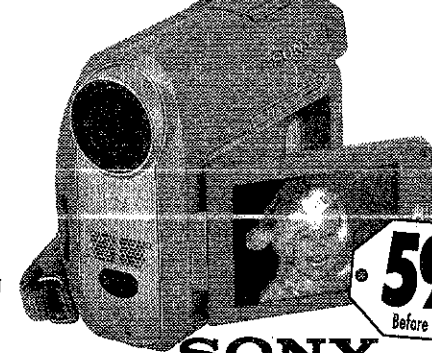
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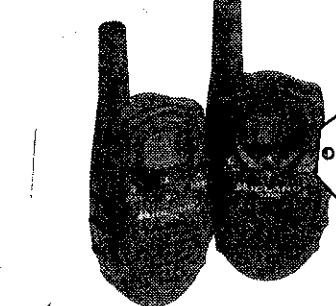
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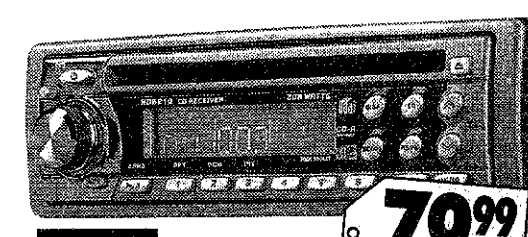
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Dan and Kyle Markey enjoy their Oakland Township home, one of several residences on this year's Holly Walk. The event benefits the Rochester Hills Public Library.

## Comfortable and joyous

### Holly Walk home furnished with loving care

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

It was love at first sight, Kyle Markey says.

She and husband Dan wanted the Oakland Township house as soon as they saw it, the first day it was on the market.

The family has lived in the house for 1-1/2 years. It is a comfortable setting for Kyle Markey's various collections and the family's antiques.

With such elements as 10-foot ceilings, crown moldings and leaded glass doors, it has structural charm as well as charm from the family's furnishings.

"You can love your home, we are in love with our home," Kyle said.

The Victorian residence is one of the homes in the area featured on the 13th annual Holly Walk house tour, Sunday, Dec. 12, sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library (see related item).

Built in 1998, the house is a replica of a residence featured in *Traditional Homes* magazine in 1982. The owners got the original plans from a home in Atlanta, and discovered it was a copy of a house in Cape May, N.J.

It crowns a hilltop, on almost three acres of secluded, wooded property. Among the wildlife are 36 deer that Kyle feeds. (The deer are so used to the family that they recognize the Markey car on the nearby road and follow it up the driveway, Kyle said.)

The Markeys spend a lot of time in their screened-in porch, which is filled with flowers in the summer and looks out at the beautiful view all year.

The wallpaper in the breezeway has a pattern of birdhouses. From here you can see Kyle's collection of birdhouses on an outside wall. Within half an hour after she first put up the birdhouses, a chickadee had made a nest in one of them, she said.

#### 'TIS THE SEASON

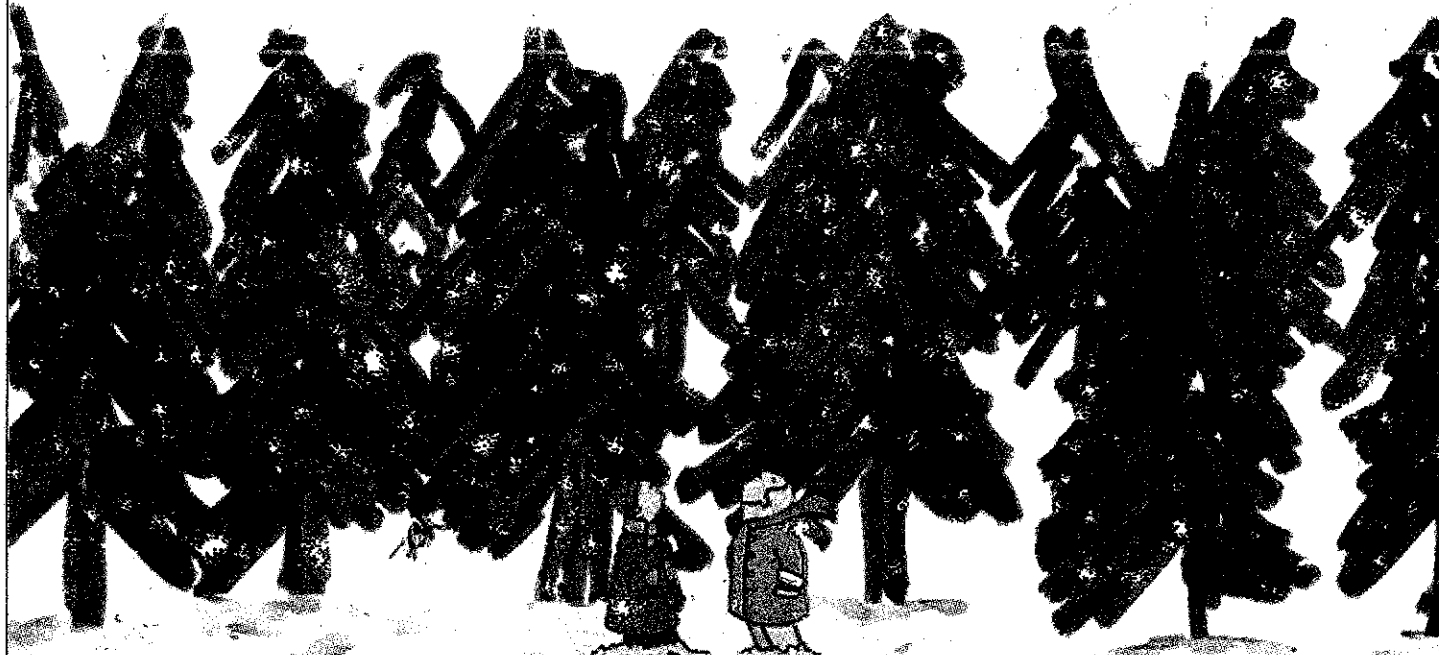
Almost everywhere you look, the Markey residence is decorated for the holidays. The family put up the decorations Nov. 2.

"Is Christmas your favorite holiday?" Kyle is asked.

"Absolutely!" she replies.

PLEASE SEE WALK, B4

# Pine time



## Do research before shopping for Christmas tree

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

For many, it's the time of year to endure the brisk December air in search of the perfect Christmas tree for the holiday season.

Although the type you choose - whether a fir or pine - depends on personal preference, there are a few things to keep in mind when browsing a Christmas tree farm or nursery.

Frank Rimi, owner of Addison Oaks Christmas Tree Farm in Rochester, suggests performing a "freshness test." In other words, put your hand firmly around a branch of a tree and pull it to see how many needles fall off.

"If a lot of needles fall off, the tree is dried out and will probably not last long," Rimi said. "Little or no needles should drop."

According to the National Christmas Tree Association, balsam firs and Scotch pines have excellent needle retention, while white pine, white spruce, Fraser fir, Colorado blue spruce and concolor fir have good needle retention.

Also, Rimi says to look for a tree that's proportionate and has a good shape. The NCTA says white spruce, Fraser fir, Colorado blue spruce and concolor fir all have a pleasing shape.

Linnea Garvey of Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center suggests checking the tree's branches, by feeling and bending them, to make sure they are strong enough to hold ornaments. Garvey said most fir trees have very sturdy branches. According to the NCTA, white spruces and noble firs are the most ornament-friendly Christmas trees.

Also, Garvey recommends looking at the color.

"You want to make sure it has a nice, rich-green color," she said. "If it's a

pea-green color, that's really not a good sign."

The NCTA rates white spruce, Colorado blue spruce and concolor fir as trees that have good foliage color.

#### SMELL THE TREE

Another thing to consider when picking out a tree is fragrance. If you want a fragrant tree, Garvey said to choose a fir tree, like a Douglas fir, because it has a "sweet, yummy-evergreen" smell. If you prefer a strong pine scent, she said Scotch pines are a good choice.

If you don't want any scent, the NCTA suggests white pine and Leyland cypress, which have very little aroma. And if you don't want a bad scent, white and Colorado spruces may not be your best bet. The NCTA says these trees have a bad aroma when the needles are crushed.

Lastly, you might want to choose between a tree with soft or hard needles. Garvey said white pines and most firs have the softest needles.

#### WATER, WATER, WATER

Once you've picked out your tree you want to make sure you keep it in good condition throughout the holiday season.

The key to doing that involves water. Rimi says as soon as you get your tree home, the trunk should be immediately put into lukewarm water.

"As soon as the tree is severed, the fresh wound wants to heal," Rimi said. "So, if it isn't put into water right away, the tree will start to seal itself off."

More specifically, the cut trunk will form a sap seal, which Rimi said will lessen the tree's water absorption capacity. If you can't get the tree in water right away, Rimi suggests

#### TREE FACTS

Here are tree characteristics from the National Christmas Tree Association:

**White Pine** - soft, flexible needles (2 1/2-5 inches long), bluish-green in color, good needle retention, little aroma. Not recommended for heavy ornaments.

**White Spruce** - excellent for ornaments, short, stiff needles (1/2-3/4 inches long with blunt tips), bluish-green to green in color, bad aroma when needles are crushed, excellent foliage color, good, natural shape. Needle retention is better than in other spruces.

**Fraser Fir** - branches turn slightly upward, good form and needle-retention, dark blue-green in color, pleasant scent, excellent shipping characteristics.

**Colorado Blue Spruce** - sharp needles (1-1 1/2 inches in length), bluish-gray in color, bad odor when needles are crushed, good symmetrical form, attractive blue foliage, good needle retention.

**Concolor Fir** - small, narrow needles (1-1 1/2 inches in length and occur in rows), good foliage color, good needle retention, pleasing shape and aroma.

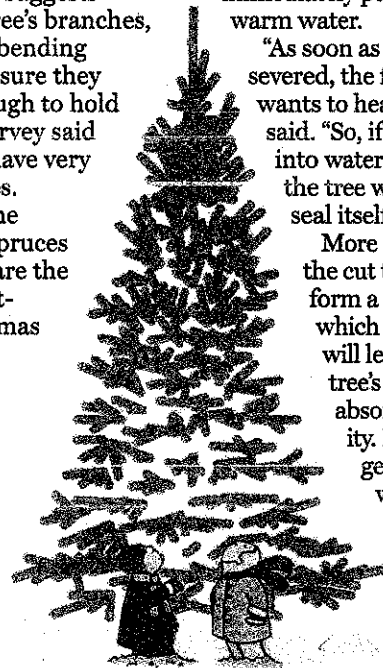
**Douglas Fir** - soft needles (1-1 1/2 inches in length), dark green to blue green in color, needles radiate in all directions from the branch. Needles have a sweet fragrance when crushed.

**Balsam Fir** - needles (3/4-1 1/2 inches in length) last a very long time and has a dark-green appearance. Retains its pleasing fragrance throughout the Christmas season.

**Scotch Pine** - needles (approximately 1 inch in length) don't fall when they're dry, excellent needle retention. Bright green, excellent survival rate, great "keep" ability, will remain fresh throughout the holiday season.

**Noble Fir** - needles turn upward, exposing lower branches, known for its beauty, long "keep" ability. Its stiff branches make it a good tree for heavy ornaments.

**Leyland Cypress** - dark green-gray in color, very little aroma, does not produce sap. Branches are stout and woody and respond very well to trimming, small- medium in size, foliage becomes extremely dense.



PLEASE SEE TREES, B3

## Accents

### Update lights

If you're like many homeowners, you string up the same old Christmas lights year after year without ever giving much thought to their condition.

Here are five ways to know when it's time to retire your holiday lights:

■ **Fried and frayed.** If wires are frayed and discolored, or sparks fly when you plug them in, trash them and head straight to the store for



a new batch. You don't want to risk a fire.

■ **Big, bulky bulbs.** We've all used them, but those large bulbs, circa 1962, are out. With all of the new twinkling lights available (including the popular icicle variety), why drag out your old clunkers? By now, the paint on the bulbs is probably chipped - not to mention those old-fashioned bulbs can get mighty hot.

■ **Burnt-out bulbs.** If more lights are out than working on your string of lights, it's time to trade them in for some new ones. Let's face it, you'll never replace individual bulbs.

■ **All knotted up.** Many people uncover a knotted mess of lights when they search through the boxes of holiday decorations. Make things easier on yourself, and skip the hassle of unknotting the clump. Buy new lights, and this year, make sure to wrap them up neatly for use next year.

■ **Outrageous color.** Thought you'd be all the rage with pink and blue lights? Well, perhaps this year you'll succumb to tradition and trade in those "unique" hues for something more Christmas-y.

### HVAC upgrade

The *Flintstones* debuted on TV in October 1960, with Fred and Wilma living in a cave in Bedrock.

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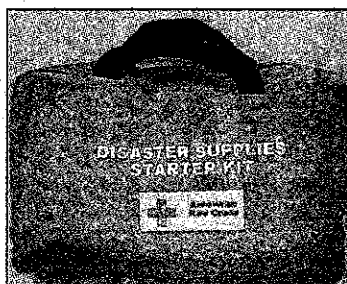


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# West Bloomfield garden is a treat for the birds, animals

Ruth Chosid's tropical garden in West Bloomfield begins its show in early spring when pink blooms of crabapple trees form a canopy above the garden. Many daffodils and other bulbs also greet the spring season. Summer color is bright and lively and the snow cover in winter shows silhouettes of



**Garden Spot**  
**Marty Figley**

plants and architectural objects.

An interesting tree inspired Ruth and chief landscape designer, Jim Slezinski of Goldner Walsh Nursery. Slezinski says, "We took advantage of a large very old native box elder tree when we designed a garden area for the birds. Some of the large, heavy branches lie almost parallel to the ground which provides a frame of the view from a distance that is striking."

This area is a positive treat for the birds. Four types of viburnum, nannyberry, double file, leatherleaf, and withered have showy flowers, followed by decorative fruits. As they ripen, the berries turn white/pink/porcelain blue, scarlet or blue/black. Other trees include Castor Aralia that attracts birds with its black berries and serviceberry with

purple fruits. A buckthorn was removed and replaced with a Washington hawthorn. It also provides fruit for birds and a haven for them because of the thorny branches. Also, two pawpaw trees, a butterfly magnolia, daylilies and sedge, with grass-like yellow/green foliage, are perfectly situated.

A sunnier part of the garden attracts butterflies, and they do visit often. They are treated to a smorgasbord of annual and perennial plants such as raspberry astilbe, red bee balm, red and pink hibiscus, purple Joe Pye, Brazilian verbena, blue/pink Japanese anemone, blue and white false indigo. There are also tall white spikes of bugbane, and a mixture of groundcovers, including pachysandra with leaves that look as though they have been polished, and sweet woodruff.

"I can see the butterfly garden clearly from my kitchen window, especially when the sun shines on it," Chosid said.

All of the plants are very large, annuals as well as the many perennials. Most of the tropicals need to be over-wintered in the basement. An edible fig tree is put away for the

winter in a trench. The plant is bent over to fit the trench, then covered with compost. The bananas, some of them reach 12 feet in height, go to the basement for the winter, as does the orange/yellow lantana on standard.

Other tropicals are dug from the garden then are repotted to spend winter in the basement. Those that grow in pots remain in the pots when they are stored. Professional potting soil mix is used; they are watered regularly while in their winter quarters and fertilized when they are returned to the garden the first part of June, when the ground is warm. Composted cow manure, and a slow release fertilizer enriches the soil, and summer care consists of regular watering and weeding.

I never have seen such large Japanese painted ferns, New Guinea, impatiens, rocket plants and hostas. The hosta of the year 2004, a solid gold plant Sum and Substance, a blue green upright beauty with narrow curved margins is a fine addition. It was chosen for this honor by the American Hosta Growers Association.

Most of the strategically placed objects are made of resin. A large elephant reclines near the elephant ear plants. A colorful, exotic ceramic peacock adds its special beauty, and a monkey made of creeping fig and spaghnum moss swings from a tree. A little elf rests in a peaceful spot in a corner and Chosid cautions small visitors to be very quiet so they won't wake him. These art pieces are well-placed and add to the design rather than detracting from it.

Many wild animals come to visit and Chosid keeps a plentiful supply of food for them all. Consequently they generally don't harm the garden plants, but, when a banana produced fruit, the deer promptly ate it! As an extra precaution, diluted liquid fence is sprayed on the perennials to deter the more aggressive animals.

While the garden is beautiful during the day, many lights glow throughout the garden at night.

Chosid says, "The garden is a joy at any time - my own tropical paradise."

**GOODGARDEN TIP:** Take



Ruth Chosid of West Bloomfield enjoys her garden with Humphrey the elephant, as they sit among the large elephant ears.

time this winter to evaluate your garden so you're prepared with ideas for the coming garden season.

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# Don't mess with the CPSC

I recently read an article in a trade magazine with the headline "Consumer Product Safety Commission disputes Consumer Reports claim of unsafe products in stores."

After reading this article in the December issue of Appliance Service News I believe that the CPSC has taken umbrage with Consumer Reports. We will hear more about this in the future.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has taken exception to a recent article in Consumer Reports magazine that claims many unsafe products are still available in retail stores nationwide, the article states. In a letter posted on its Web site, CPSC states that the Consumer Reports article, "Hazard in Aisle 5," incorrectly



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asserts that it found 48 consumer products that violated safety standards.

Based on an analysis of information from Consumers Union, CPSC technical experts concluded that at least 34 of the products listed by Consumer Reports do not violate any CPSC standard, according to spokesman Eric Criss. Two additional products had already been recalled by the agency before the article was published, he added. "CPSC

continues its efforts to locate and evaluate the remaining products identified by Consumer Reports," Criss said.

The agency also says the magazine asserts that the number of recalls is declining, when, in fact, the numbers are rising. In 2003 CPSC ordered 279 recalls, compared to 356 during the first nine months of 2004. And civil penalties issued so far in 2004 on firms marketing unsafe products is \$4.2 million, the third highest in the agency's 30-year history, Criss added.

The CPSC has removed so much junk from the marketplace in 30 years and I doubt if they have ever been wrong in protecting and saving the lives of American citizens, especially the children.

I am jumping on the side of the CPSC in this one because I believe in them. I was working for Amana when the microwave was invented by Amana's parent company Raytheon. Consumers Union called a news conference with all three major television networks and reported that microwave ovens were dangerous to use and would cause all sorts of ill effects to the human body.

After causing such alarm they admitted to the errors of their ways and printed a retraction.

This time, I believe they took on the wrong people. You don't fool around with the CPSC, no matter who you think you are.

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## Organize your winter coats, hats

How do I organize things like coats, hats, gloves, swimming items, and other things we do not use year round?

Let's start with a system to organize winter items.

It is important that you have enough storage space and that you have a system that requires low maintenance. Low maintenance means dividing items into categories and training everyone to put items back where they belong.

Create a place for every item: Store heavy coats and jackets in a closet. Another option is to mount hooks in a garage or mud room. Purchase a laundry basket in which to store boots. Everyone will be able to locate their boots quickly when a snow storm comes. Keep the basket in a mud room or on a closet floor.

You will need several containers so you can put 'like items' together. Place gloves, mittens, hats, scarves and neck warmers in separate baskets. To avoid losing gloves, clothespin mates together as you take them off and put them in their basket. Clip the clothespin onto the rim of the basket when the gloves are in use. Put the baskets in a convenient location such as the closet floor or a shelf. You may substitute boxes for baskets to separate items.

A vinyl shoe rack can also be used to store small articles because it has many compartments for separating items. Hang this rack on a wall or the back of a door.

Separating articles and placing them in plastic grocery bags that hang from hooks provides a very inexpensive storage method. Convenient locations for gloves and hats include coat pockets or sleeves.

During warmer months store winter items in the basement or the attic. Place coats on hangers in a plastic garment bag or in a basement closet.

Protect your wool clothing with moth treatment.

Young children will need to be able to reach their coats easily, so use low hooks and avoid hangers until children are old enough to put their coats on hangers and hang them in the closet. Show them where to put their hats and mittens when they remove them. You can make a game out of organizing their items into the baskets so they will think it is fun to put things in the proper place. Put two baskets on the closet floor, one for mittens and one for hats. Tell your child to toss his hat into the correct container.

Use the same system with summer items as winter clothing. Summer items include beach, swimming, and picnic supplies. Group items by category, placing each group in a separate container:

■ Put beach balls, goggles, and blow-up tubes in one container.

■ Put pool shoes in a small basket located in your garage.

■ Purchase a plastic or canvas handled bag for beach or pool items. Keep it packed with beach towels, suntan lotion, sunglasses, and a change purse with coins for snacks.

■ Gather together items needed for a picnic and store them together. You will need a small cooler and picnic basket. Fill the picnic basket with the following items: tablecloth, plastic plates, cups and utensils, napkins, salt and pepper. You will be ready for a picnic at a minute's notice.

The shelf or closet space you designate in your basement for winter items can also be used for summer items. Simply rotate winter and summer items from the shelf or closet. Put items upstairs when they are in season. Place summer items on a shelf in your garage during the warm season: Winter things will need to be kept inside.

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## Make your Christmas tree safe

What would Christmas be without the family gathered around the tree to open presents?

Christmas trees are a symbol of the holiday and a major focus of seasonal decorating. Not only do they fill your house with an inviting pine scent, Christmas trees act as a focal and gathering point for the family.

When you purchase your Christmas tree from a vendor or cut your own from a tree farm, heed the important advice to keep it well watered. This will help maintain its fresh fragrance and deep color through the holiday, as well as prevent it from becoming a fire hazard.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, a department of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Christmas trees account for more than 400 fires annually, resulting in deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in home damage.

Typically these fires are started by shorts in the electrical system of tree lights, candle flames, or matches and lighters ignited near tree limbs.

Well-watered trees can fend off a fire. Dry, neglected trees have the propensity to go up like a torch. It only takes seconds for a tree fire to spread to uncontrollable levels. To prevent the possibility of fire in your home, play it safe with your tree:

■ Keep the pine tree stand filled with water daily.

■ Inspect electrical lines for shorts or frayed wiring.

■ Do not use lit candles on your tree - you're asking for trouble.

■ Keep open flames, cigarettes and other fire-inducing objects away from the tree.

■ Place your tree away from radiators, heaters or fireplaces so it won't dry out as quickly or catch fire.

■ If your tree already shows signs of dryness, remove it from your house.

## TREES

FROM PAGE B1

making a fresh cut by cutting off about a quarter inch off the trunk when you are ready to put it in water.

And once the tree is in water, keep it there.

"To keep a tree healthy for the Christmas season, the most important thing to do is to keep it in adequate water," he said. "Never let the water source go dry."

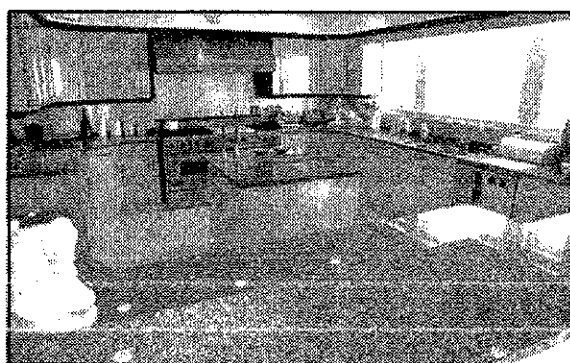
Garvey agrees that water is integral to a healthy holiday tree. She said you should put your tree in water immediately after it's cut, and no later than 12 hours. She said if you don't plan to decorate the tree right away, it should be kept outside - a good place is the garage - so it doesn't lose moisture.

Make sure to replenish the water so it never goes below the cut - remember the sap seals - and keep the tree away from warm surfaces, such as televisions, heaters and fireplaces, which will cause dehydration.

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Dan and Kyle Markey's home is decorated for the holidays inside and out. The decor, furnishings and various collections are among the attractions of the house, featured on the Holly Walk.

## WALK

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The open porch and side gazebo are adorned with lights, garlands and red ribbons. A small evergreen with artificial snow and pine cones stands on a table. On a chair is an arrangement of greenery and birds.

Inside, a wreath covered with tiny Santas – which are from Kyle's Santa collection – hangs on a wall in the foyer.

## LIVING ROOM

In a corner of the living room stands a grandfather's clock from 1740. The clock, which still works, has been in the family for generations.

Kyle's father was a nationally recognized clock collector who owned 250 pieces. One of these, a graceful wall clock in another room, features a small, colorful pattern so delicate it almost looks as though it had been sewn.

The fireplace has a stately wooden mantel. Two sofas, and a square coffee table with a glass top and wrought-iron base, form a cozy grouping in front of it.

The rooms are inviting throughout the home, whether the furnishings are elegant and classic – such as the mantel and a magnificent armoire – or lighter in tone – such as pink armchairs and a large, round ottoman dressed in a lively floral design.

"We're not formal," Kyle said.

Another room is the Snowman Room. Kyle has a collection of almost 700 snowmen, and they are in joyous



This grandfather's clock, from 1740, has been in the family for generations. It still keeps perfect time.

display here: serving as ornaments covering two evergreens, standing along window sills, filling several shelves.

## TRULY TASTEFUL

In the kitchen, the wallpaper has a floral pattern. An artist painted some of the flowers onto the ceiling in a nook, extending them from the edge of the paper, so they appear to be on vines.

In the nook, a glass-topped, oval table and wicker chairs on casters stand on an oval, woven rug. The chandelier resembles the wood trim in the adjoining dining room.

The floral border around the dining room ceiling resembles that of the chintz fabric at the valance.



The Snowman Room in the Markey home is filled with Kyle Markey's collection of almost 700 snowmen.

The table is set for the holidays, with two large hurricane lamps in the center, surrounded by berries and holding red candles in snow-like material.

Each place setting has a different pattern for the season. Flatware is in small stockings with holiday designs in needlepoint.

## LOWER, UPPER

The lower level features a full kitchen, a breakfast bar, and a bath. The design and colors of the stained glass window in the bathroom door match those of the wallpaper pattern inside.

Also on the lower level is a sitting area, with sofas and a large-screen TV.

And there's another tree, this one holding family ornaments that the Markeys' sons, now ages 21 and 18, accumulated while growing up.

"When they leave they will get the ornaments," Kyle said.

On the second floor, a large quilt hangs on a landing wall.

The quilt was made for the Markeys by a friend, Judy Kellerman, as a housewarming gift. Each block represents a prominent woman, including Harriet Beecher Stowe, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart and Helen Keller.

The office on this floor includes a large desk, two black leather armchairs with brass studs, and built-in shelves. A small winding staircase stands in a corner. Prints of loons – the family's favorite

bird – are arranged on a wall.

The laundry room, also on the second floor, is cheery, with bright pink cabinets.

Pink, white and green striped wallpaper is in the center of the front of each cabinet, edged with a light green, zigzag trim.

"I had fun with this," Kyle said.

"I'm in here every day."

## HOLLY WALK

The Holly Walk benefits the library.

"We have six outstanding homes again this year in Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township ... all decorated for the holidays," said

David Bates, chairman of the Holly Walk committee.

The committee spends June, July and August – and sometimes September, too – finding residences for the tour, he said.

The 1927 dairy barn at the Van Hoosen Farm will be open for the Holly Walk, featuring two displays: A Lively Town: The History of Rochester 1817-1952 and Ride the Rails, a model train exhibit. Refreshments will be served at the barn.

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## HOLLY WALK

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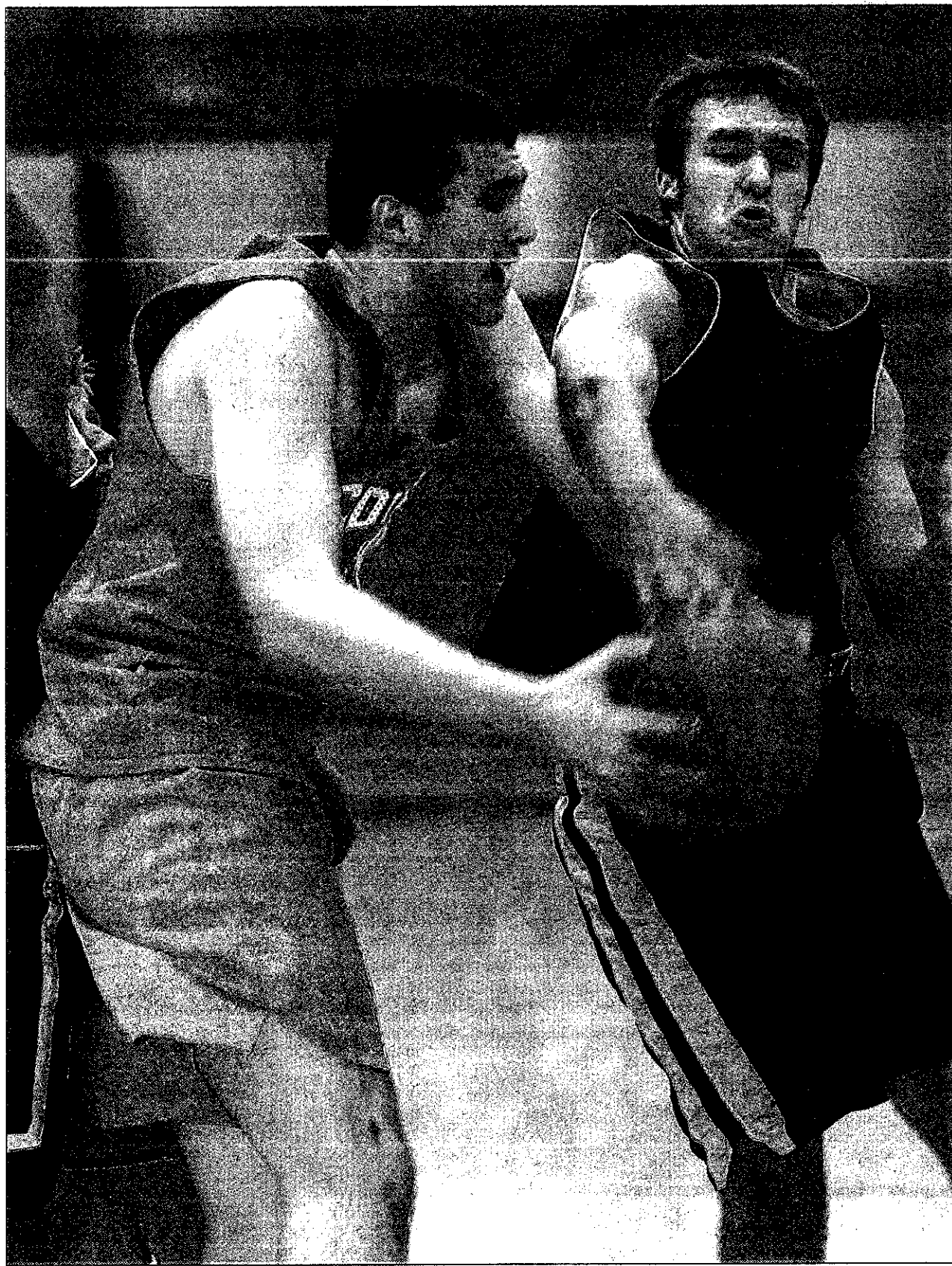
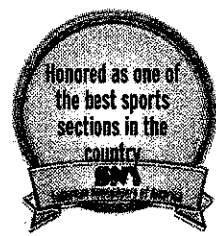
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Plymouth's Jim Wilbur (right) battles Garden City's Brandon Craft for a rebound during the two teams' pre-season scrimmage Tuesday afternoon in the Plymouth High School gymnasium. Wilbur should be one of the Wildcats' top defensive players this season.

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## Don't blink ... or you could miss plenty of 'Cat hoop action

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If you blink during a Plymouth High School boys basketball game this season, you're liable to miss a few trips up and down the floor.

Under the guidance of first-year coach Tom Van Wagoner, the Wildcats plan on deploying 84 feet of defensive pressure and an up-tempo offense that pushes the ball up the court at a relentless pace.

"We have a youthful team, with no seniors, so we'll make a lot of mistakes that young teams make," said Van Wagoner, who was the head coach at Dearborn

Henry Ford Academy last season. "But we have a lot of good athletes who can run the floor and they go

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after every loose ball. Our kids go after it in practice every day."

Van Wagoner, who will be assisted on the bench this season by his cousin, Dave Van Wagoner, said the Wildcats' preseason scrimmage Tuesday afternoon against Garden City and Dearborn Heights Crestwood couldn't have gone better.

"I thought we played very, very well," he said. "We have a well-balanced team with several players who can score and defend. We made 10 3-pointers Tuesday and they came from a number of different players."

The senior-less Wildcats will be led this year by a nucleus of players that played a schedule that included junior varsity and varsity competition last season. Leading the way will be 5-10 junior point guard Brent Jones, who was the quarterback of the Wildcats football team; 6-4 junior forward Josh Leduc; 5-9 guard Vernon Stewart; and 6-3 sophomore forward Kulraj Sandhu.

Other key contributors will be 6-1 junior forward Jim Wilbur, a standout on the Plymouth soccer team; 6-0 junior guard D.J. Coleman, probably the fastest player on the roster; and 6-1 junior guard Alex Harvey.

First-year players that Van Wagoner will be relying on heavily are 6-5 freshman center Jake Hager, trans-

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## Sidelines

### Foster honored

Air Force sophomore goalie Peter Foster, a native of Canton, was named the College Hockey America's defenseman of the week last week. It was Foster's third such honor of the season.

Foster led the Falcons to the title in the 54th annual Rensselaer/HSBC Holiday Hockey Tournament by stopping 64 of 66 shots, including 32 in the championship game.

On Friday, Air Force won its second consecutive overtime contest, defeating Sacred Heart, 3-2, in the tournament semifinals. Nineteen of the 34 shots Foster turned away came on power-play opportunities. He stopped all but one as Air Force won in the game's 73rd minute.

On Saturday, Foster posted his national-best fourth shutout of the season by turning aside all 32 Rensselaer shots, including 14 in the final period to preserve the Falcons' one-goal lead.

Foster was named to the all-tournament team and he earned the event's most valuable player award.

### Equipment sale

Canton Leisure Services will be holding a community-wide used sports equipment sale on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Diamonds Restaurant inside the Canton Softball Center. Shoppers may purchase gently used sports equipment for all ages.

The drop-off of equipment to be sold will take place on Friday, Dec. 3 only from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Diamonds. CLS will sell the items and return a portion of the proceeds to the seller between 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Dec. 4. For more information, call (734) 483-5600.

### Hockey meeting

The PCCS Hockey Booster Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Parents of current players are encouraged to attend. For more information, call (734) 254-9234.

MSU softball clinic The Michigan State University softball team will be holding its ninth annual All-Positions Skills Clinic Dec. 27-29 from 9 a.m. to noon each day. The camp is open to players aged 10-18. The cost is \$120. Call (517) 432-1039; or visit [www.msuspartans.com](http://www.msuspartans.com), then hit the "softball" icon.

### Soccer honors

Albion College soccer player Ashley Rosaen, a graduate of Canton High School, received honorable mention recognition recently in the Michigan Independent Athletic Association for her efforts this past season for the Britons.

Rosaen played in all 20 games for the 10-8-2 Britons and tallied nine goals and two assists. She also recorded to game-winning goals.

## Rock icers take third at tourney

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Salem wasn't the host with the most at the inaugural Salem Invitational Hockey Tournament this past weekend at the Plymouth Cultural Center, but the Rocks played well despite their third-place showing.

Salem came within an eyelash of advancing to the championship game against Utica Eisenhower, but Friday night it dropped a dramatic 1-0 contest to Chippewa Valley, the tourney's eventual champ.

Following two scoreless opening periods, the Eagles' Brian Munro scored with 6:19 left in the game to spoil a stellar game in net by the Rocks' Brandon DeMars. Chippewa Valley's Kurt Hemmingsen was equally spectacular between the pipes, turning away all of the Rocks' shots.

"It was as close of a game as the score would indicate," Salem coach Fred Feiler said. "We had our chances and they had their chances, but they were able to get one in with about six minutes left to play, and we couldn't. Our entire defensive corps played a great game. It's hard to point out one player who stood out because they all played well."

The Rocks' offense exploded for five goals in Saturday's third-place consolation contest, a 5-3 triumph over Waterford Mott. Chris Wilson opened the scoring with a goal off an assist from Tommy Cooper. John Maurer made it 2-0 at the 5:34 mark of the first period when he scored off a pass from Adam Gillikin.

The resilient Corsairs rebounded to score the game's next three goals, two by Ryan McWilliams and one from Greg Smith.

## Talented replacements to lead PCA

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

More than 33 points a game in scoring from last season's Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team walked across the stage during graduation ceremonies in June, so you'd think coach Doug Taylor may be feeling a little blue heading into the upcoming 2004-05 campaign.

But Taylor is actually pretty optimistic and for good reason.

Taylor and his Eagles will no doubt miss the graduated Daniel Carty (13.1 points per game), Ben Baloga (11.2) and Lou Tripp (5.9) from last year's 13-8 squad that finished third in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference's Blue Division, but the talented trio has capable replacements waiting in the wings to soar this season.

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"We have some good players coming back, so we have an opportunity to be better this season," Taylor said. "We have a good balance of forwards and guards, but the question is, can we put it all together?"

The Eagles' leading returner is 6-3 forward Aaron Ciborowski, who averaged a team-high 14.3 points per game and 11.1 rebounds per contest during the 2003-04 campaign. He shot 45 percent from the field and canned 73 percent of his free-throw attempts.

"Aaron is one of those kids that goes after every rebound," Taylor said. "He set the school record for most rebounds in a season last year, which is good considering we've had some good players here

over the years."

Six-foot senior point guard Stephen Sumner will quarterback the Eagles' offense. As a junior, Sumner scored 7.5 points a game, dished out over two assists per contest and shot 75 percent from the free-throw line.

"Stephen should be one of the better points guards in the league this season," Taylor said. "He's a very solid, steady point guard."

Senior John Wendt (6-1) will man the other forward position for the Eagles. The other front-court starter — at least early in the season — will be newcomer Devyn Govan, a 6-2 sophomore.

"John gave us a lot of solid minutes last season," Taylor said. He's a very good rebounder and he can run the floor on offense. Devyn can really jump and he

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## Vigilante sparks Whalers' 4-2 victory

John Vigilante's goal at 15:40 of the second period snapped a 2-2 tie and sparked the Plymouth Whalers to a 4-2 victory over the Peterborough Petes in an Ontario Hockey League game played Saturday night before a sellout crowd of 3,853 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Dan Collins, John Armstrong and John Mitchell also scored for Plymouth (9-11-4-2) with Mitchell and Vigilante adding two assists each. Dan Ryder and Greg Williams scored for Peterborough (12-10-3-3), which had a four-game winning streak snapped.

Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie continued his stellar play, stopping 38 of 40 shots and was lauded as the game's first star. Nie, who has been involved in every Whaler victory this season, leads the OHL with 1,327 minutes played in 23 games. He lowered his goals-against average to 2.31 while raising his save percentage to .921.

The win vaulted the Whalers into sole possession of second place in the OHL's West Division with 24 points, one point ahead of Sault Ste. Marie (10-12-3-0).

Plymouth returns to the ice Friday night when it hosts Mississauga at 7:30 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena. The Whalers will host Kitchener Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.



Plymouth goalie Ryan Nie reaches to make one of his 38 saves in Saturday night's 4-2 victory over Peterborough. The win moved the Whalers into second place in the Ontario Hockey League's Western Division.



# Chief grapplers are building solid future

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The speed at which successful athletic programs are built is often based on the blueprints used by the coaches.

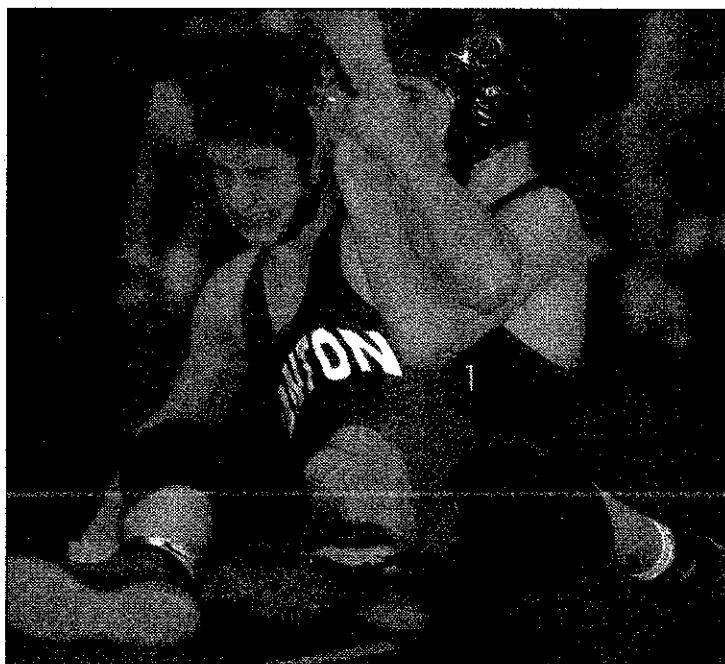
The blueprints that are being used by Canton coach Casey Randolph to construct the Chiefs' wrestling team into a consistent winner are similar to the ones he used at Hudson High School, which was a state power and went 34-1 his final year as co-coach.

That probably explains why Randolph has the Chiefs quickly heading in the right direction in his third year at the helm.

Canton finished 11-3 in dual meets last season and placed third in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division. Considering they lost just two starters off last year's squad, the Chiefs should be a force to be reckoned with during the 2004-05 campaign.

"We've come a long way since my first year when 11 of my 14 starting wrestlers were in their first year of wrestling," said Randolph. "This team has the ability to compete with anybody right now. A couple of our wrestlers are recovering from football injuries, but we're close to being at full strength."

Canton lost just two regular contributors off last year's



Canton's Sam Santilli will be one of the Chiefs' top returners in the lighter weight classifications this season. He compiled over 20 victories last season.

squad: Steve Hosey, who wrestled at 145, and 215-pound competitor Dave Kersten.

Among the top returners will be senior captains Jay Fleischmann (119 pounds), Ryan Webb (140) and P.J. Caram (189). Webb finished eighth at last year's state meet while Caram racked up over 30 victories and qualified for the Division 1 regional tournament.

"P.J. really struggled his sophomore year and he was ready to give the sport up," said Randolph. "But he kept at it

and really turned it around last year."

Canton's most accomplished grappler is sophomore Corey Phillips, who finished seventh in the state in his weight class as a ninth-grader.

"Corey wrestled nationally for Team Michigan this summer and came within one point of being named All-American," Randolph said. "His work ethic is phenomenal and he's a tenacious competitor. For a young guy, he gets after it."

The team's lighter weights

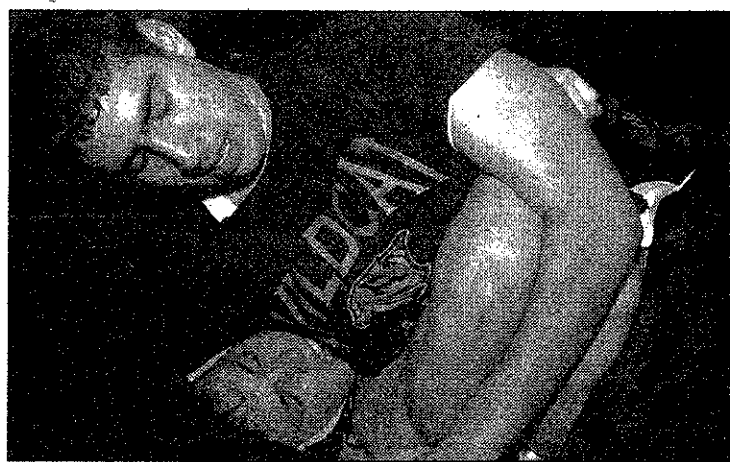
will be filled out by junior Ryan Schnettler, junior Sam Santilli, senior Nick Poole, sophomore Adam Fleischmann (Jay's younger brother), senior Pete Bonneau and senior John McCue.

Santilli was impressive last season, racking up over 20 wins. Anchoring the middle weights along with Phillips and Webb will be junior Konrad Konsitzke, who exceeded the 30-victory plateau last year as a sophomore, senior Matt Sweda, junior Marwan Faraj and senior Alex Freitag.

"Konrad is very solid and will wrestle at 140 and 145 for us," Randolph said. "I want to get Matt, Marwan and Alex all in the line-up if possible."

The top-third of the Chiefs' line-up will feature junior Alex Amberg and Chris Haase (160 and 171); senior Pat McWhirter and sophomore Keil Price (171); Caram, senior Chris Petrick and junior Tom Bonnell (215), and heavyweights Donnie Laramie and Wardell Fuqua, both sophomores.

In an effort to stress strong academics among his wrestlers, Randolph has instituted a mandatory one-hour study session prior to each practice. The academic plan should turn into another strong element in the Chiefs' up-and-coming construction project.



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Plymouth wrestlers Danny Jammoul (top) and Taylor Fox work on pinning combinations during Tuesday afternoon's practice. Jammoul is the Wildcats' top 215-pound grappler while Fox wrestles at 189.

## Wildcat grapplers look to build on last year's success

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

The good news for the Plymouth High School wrestling team is that no one graduated from last year's Division 2 district championship squad.

The bad news for the Wildcats is that they will be lacking crucial senior leadership this year as they are elevated to Division 1 status.

In the estimation of third-year coach Sam Amine, the good news overshadows the bad.

"We have a tough, balanced line-up that doesn't have any holes," said Amine, a former four-time All-State wrestler at Warren Lincoln High School. "But at the same time, we're very young with no seniors. The kids are in great shape, so our goal is to get to the regionals again this year. Some teams will probably look past us a little bit because we are so young, but we're going to be competitive."

Amine's squad consists of several athletes who competed for the Wildcats' soccer and football teams in the fall, thus they were in prime shape when practice began two weeks ago. The former University of Michigan wrestler also coordinates a stringent off-season workout program to help accelerate the skills of his grapplers, many of whom never competed in the sport prior to high school since there are no middle-school wrestling programs in the Plymouth/Canton School District.

"Wrestling is all about endurance and attitude, and we are good in both of those," Amine said.

The five lighter weight classes will be manned by a combination of sophomore Amir Pakray, sophomore Sasha Besco (the lone female on the team), junior Ben Gibson, sophomore Ben Kosmalski and captain Steve

Korpus, who compiled an impressive 27-9 record last year.

"Steve is one of the leaders on this team," Amine stressed. "He worked his butt off during the off-season and was one of the most dedicated wrestlers when it came to our open wrestling sessions this past summer."

Leading the middle weights are freshman Andrew Tate, freshmen Andrew Saunders, sophomore Ryan Hoeman, junior Ali Youseff (a regional qualifier last season), junior Jon Hagar (the nephew of rocker Sammy Hagar), junior Brandon Garcia, junior Khalil Hakani and junior captain Ramin Pakray, the older brother of Amir.

"Ramin worked really hard in the off-season and was always in our wrestling room during the off-season," Amine said. "He's very dedicated."

The top third in weight classes — which could be the team's strongest area — for the Wildcats will be filled by freshman Vincent Darofie, junior captain Taylor Fox, junior captain Danny Jammoul and heavyweight Shaun Bailey. Fox and Bailey both excelled for the Plymouth football team.

"Danny Jammoul is very tough," Amine asserted. "He works so hard, and he gets better the more he wrestles." Taylor Fox is probably one of our hardest workers as well. He gives 100 percent even when he is sick."

Amine is optimistic about his team's chances, especially considering the long hours the Wildcats have spent in the wrestling room the past several months.

"I'm looking for a good season," he said. "Even though we're young, we're not going to baby ourselves and use that as an excuse. There are a lot of solid teams in our conference, but I think we can compete."

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## Inexperienced Rocks could shine in 04-05

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Attitude is everything when it comes to wrestling, according to veteran Salem wrestling coach Greg Woohuk.

If that's the case, the Rock wrestling team would be wise to feed off Woohuk's positive disposition as he heads into his 19th year at the helm of the Salem program.

While many coaches would be downcast after losing 13 starting grapplers to graduation like Woohuk did last year, he



Stump

remains upbeat and optimistic that this year team's can match — or surpass — last year's unit's 12-4 dual-meet record.

"We have a lot of inexperienced wrestlers, so we're definitely an unproven team at this point," Woohuk said. "And it's tough when you don't have a middle-school feeder program like a lot of the surrounding

communities have. But we have a lot of good, hard-working kids who form a cohesive team. I think we're going to have a good season."

The lighter weights will be manned by sophomore Jeremy Stankewitz, senior Ryan Wallace, sophomore Nick Steiger, senior Matt Keffeler and senior Ryan Stump, who finished second in the state at 103 pounds as a sophomore.

"We're looking for a nice year out of Ryan this season," Woohuk said.

The middle-weight classes will be filled out by senior Josh Anson, junior Cory Mervyn, senior Scott Fysh, senior Ryan Plater, senior Ryan Olson, junior Jake Bennett and junior Val Gui.

"Scott Fysh has a good chance

of making it to the state meet this year," said Woohuk.

Junior Val Gui, senior Kevin Mlynec, junior Andrew Ross, senior Jeremy Henderson, senior Alex Smith and heavyweights Steve Kaptur and John Miller should give the Rocks a stellar top-of-the-roster line-up.

"We have a well-rounded team, but our heavier weights are probably the strongest part of the line-up," Woohuk said.

Woohuk, who is assisted by Peter Israel, Charlie Hamblin and Ronnie Thompson, said the Western Lakes Activities Association should be very competitive with Livonia Churchill, Westland John Glenn, Walled Lake Western and Wayne Memorial at the top of the heap.

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Three top returners for the Plymouth Christian Academy basketball team are (l-r) Jon Wendt, Aaron Ciborowski and Stephen Sumner. The Eagles open Dec. 7 against Livonia Clarenceville.

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fer student Li Li, a 5-3 junior guard, and sophomore Austin Bennett, an athletic 6-0 back-court player.

"Competition in practice has been good," Van Wagoner said. "Starting spots haven't been determined yet, but they will be in the near future. Everyone on the team should contribute with heavier minutes going to the players that excel early on."

Van Wagoner predicts Canton, Wayne Memorial and Northville will be the teams to beat in the competitive Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division.

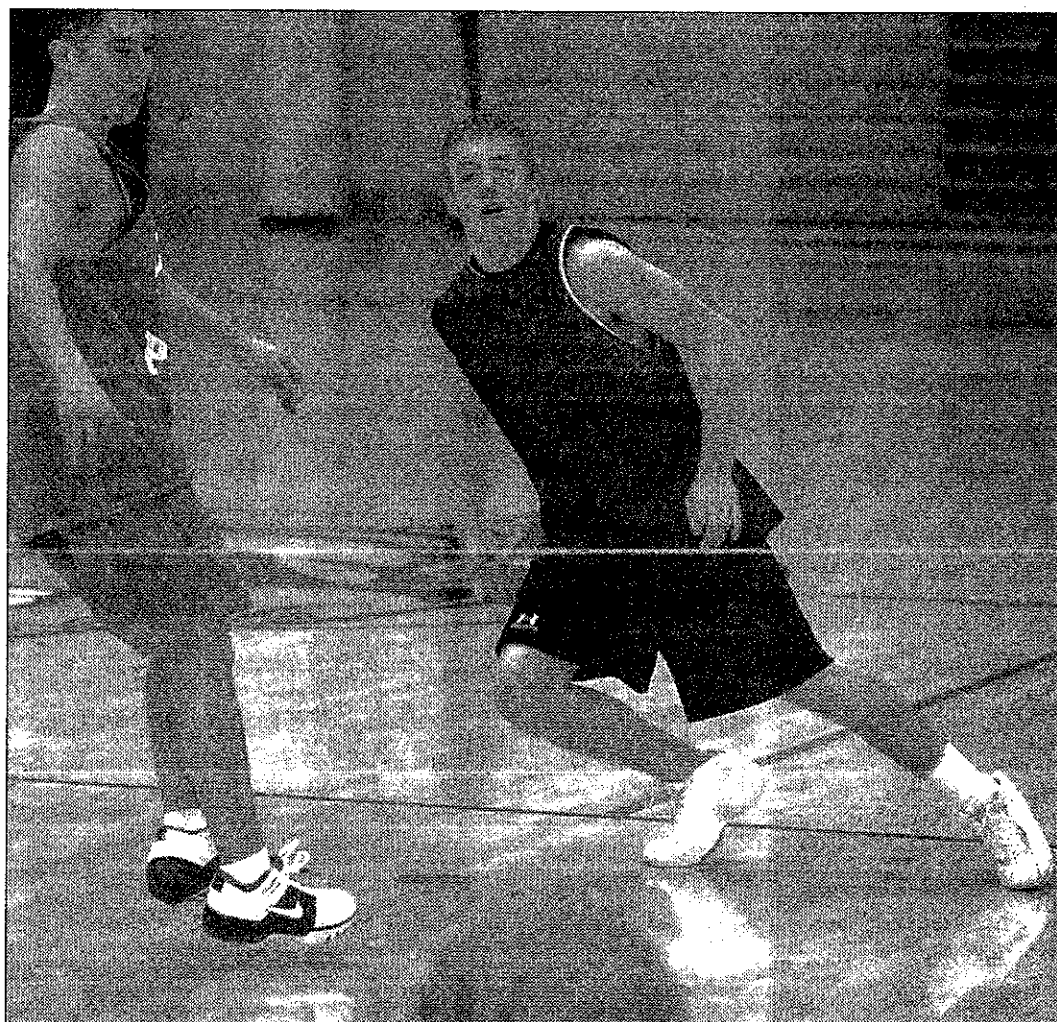
"John Glenn, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Northern look to be the top teams from the Lakes Division," Van Wagoner said.

Dave Van Wagoner will be in charge of the Wildcats' defensive schemes, Tom Van Wagoner said. Dave formerly coached at Canton and was the head man for Plymouth's top squad last year.

"I'm very happy to have Dave's help guiding the Wildcats through its first full varsity season," Tom Van Wagoner said.

The Wildcats will open Tuesday, Dec. 7, at home against Ann Arbor Greenhills. They will take on Allen Park on Wednesday, Dec. 8, and Lincoln Park on Friday, Dec. 10.

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Plymouth's Brent Jones (right) watches his bounce pass travel to a waiting teammate during Tuesday's scrimmage against Garden City. The Cougars' Scott Shaw is guarding Jones.

## PCA

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has a lot of ability. This is his first experience on an organized team, so he has a lot to learn."

Senior Mike McCord, a 6-4 leaper, according to Taylor, will also get plenty of playing time.

Six-foot senior Chase VanTiem has a good shot at starting at the shooting guard position for the Eagles, Taylor noted.

"Chase is a playmaker," he said. "He's a good slasher and he can pass."

Other players Taylor will be counting on heavily include 5-8 senior guard Jacob Williams, 5-7 junior guard Ben Welton, 6-1 sophomore swingman Matt Saagman, 5-9 senior guard

Jordan Johnston and 5-10 junior guard Nathan Baloga, Ben's little brother.

"We're focusing on six C's this season," Taylor asserted. "The first one is, 'Will we compete, or coast?' If we compete every game, we'll do well. The other C's that will be keys to our success are communication, concentration, chemistry, composure and Christian character."

"If we can develop good habits defensively and execute well on offense, we should be OK."

Taylor said defending MIAC Blue Division champ Allen Park Inter-City Baptist should be the preseason favorite to win the crown again.

"But after that, anybody can win it," he said.

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BY PAT ALLEN  
STAFF WRITER

Playing the first of only nine home games this year, Madonna University's men's basketball team and coach Chuck Henry needed a win. In their way was Rochester College, a team that had dispatched the Crusaders 79-71 earlier this season.

Thanks to 33 points by Noel Emenhiser, MU escaped with a 90-80 victory to push their record to 2-4 overall.

Emenhiser was 11-of-16 from the field and 6-of-8 from behind the arc.

"He's our best offensive weapon," MU coach Chuck Henry said. "We look to him and he seems to carry our offense at times and he wants that responsibility."

The Crusaders shot 67 percent (20-of-30) in the second half while holding the Warriors to 46 percent.

"In the second half we were able to go into a little bit more of an open offense and get (Mike) Tobin out away from the basket," Henry said. "We hit some key shots and did a little pass and cut and it worked. We had the lead at the end and were able to hold onto it."

The Warriors seemed to carry the momentum early, but 3-pointers kept MU close. The Crusaders opened both halves with 3s and three of the first four Madonna field goals were from downtown.

Tobin, Schoolcraft College transfer, had 14 first-half points to pace the Warriors in the opening stanza

The teams were knotted at 35 at the break.

Both teams came out strong in the opening minutes of the second half, battling back-and-forth as the lead changed hands constantly.

Emenhiser kept the game close when the Crusaders would begin to fall behind, going to scoring spurts throughout the contest. With 12 minutes left in the game, Emenhiser scored seven straight points to put MU back in front.

Colin Wilkinson, another Schoolcraft transfer, scored 19 points in the second half for Rochester to finish with a team-high 24 on 8-of-15 shooting.

Tobin finished with 23 points on 7-of-9 shooting and seven rebounds

"Our only change on defense in the second half was that we designated a player to double (Tobin) every time the ball came his way," Henry said. "We pulled them a little farther outside in the second half and forced them into shots that just didn't go in."

MU finished shooting 56 percent from the floor and hit 8-of-10 free throws to put the game out-of-reach and secure their second victory of this young season.

"We are a very good shooting team in our gym," Henry said.

A small altercation between Madonna's Jordan Napier and Rochester's William Goree resulted in a technical foul on each player and Goree's benching for the remainder of the game despite his 16 points.

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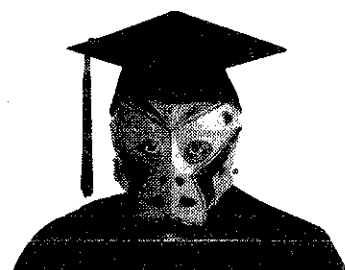
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# CC icers win second straight nail-biter, 3-2

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

Redford Catholic Central already is in stretch-drive mode, winning two consecutive one-goal contests to open the 2004-05 hockey season. After nipping Livonia Churchill 2-1 on Friday, the Shamrocks came back to edge Birmingham Unified Saturday 3-2, at Compuware Arena in Plymouth.

CC senior Jason Lewarne tallied the winner with just

1:27 to play — just 48 seconds after Birmingham's Khortnal Delvecchio tied the non-league game at 2-2. Lewarne took a feed from senior Harrison Niemann, broke around the defense and slid the puck behind Unified goalkeeper Bobby Howe.

"It didn't even reach the back of the net," said Shamrocks' head coach Todd Johnson about Lewarne's goal.

Birmingham opened the scoring in the first period on a goal by Brian Walsh.

That goal held up until the final minute of the second when senior John Horal scored. Assisting on the mark were Niemann and junior Tim Buttery.

That late goal seemed to spark the Shamrocks, who out-shot Birmingham 25-9. Johnson said his team played its best period thus far in the ensuing third stanza, with senior Chris New giving CC a 2-1 lead at the two-minute mark. Mike Oakleaf and Nick Kroll assisted.

Birmingham's Howe played well in defeat, stopping 22 of 25 shots.

CC goalkeeper Brian Hogan contributed seven saves for the Shamrocks.

"It was a lot closer game than the shots on goal would indicate," Johnson said. "I was impressed with Birmingham. They're a very good-skating team. It was a great early season high school matchup and we felt fortunate to win."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

<b>PREP HOCKEY</b> <b>Thursday, Dec. 2</b> PCS Penguins at Grosse Pointe South at City Sports Arena, 5:30 p.m. <b>Friday, Dec. 3</b> Churchill vs. Salem (Edgar), 6 p.m. W.L. Central at Canton, 8 p.m. <b>Saturday, Dec. 4</b> Ladywood vs. H.W. Regina at Plymouth's Arctic Pond, 6 p.m. Redford CC vs. Culver Military (Ind.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic), 7 p.m. Dearborn United at Salem, 8:30 p.m. PCS Penguins vs. Bloomfield at Hazel Park Ice Arena, 2 p.m. <b>Sunday, Dec. 5</b> Redford CC vs. Culver Military (Ind.) at Compuware Arena (Olympic), 1 p.m.	<b>Thursday, Dec. 2</b> Madonna vs. Iowa Wesleyan, 11:15 a.m. (PST) Madonna vs. St. Mary (Neb.), 8:15 p.m. (PST) <b>Friday, Dec. 3</b> Madonna vs. Fresno Pacific, 11:15 a.m. (PST) Quarterfinals, 6:15 & 8:15 p.m. (PST) <b>Saturday, Dec. 4</b> Semifinals, 10 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (PST) Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (PST) <b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b> <b>Friday, Dec. 3</b> (Defiance, Ohio College Tourney) Olivet College vs. UM-Dearborn, 6 p.m. Madonna vs. Defiance, 8 p.m. <b>Saturday, Dec. 4</b> Defiance (Ohio) Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m. <b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b> <b>Friday, Dec. 3</b> (Houghton College, N.Y. Tourney) Madonna vs. Huntington (Ind.), 6 p.m. (Schoolcraft College Invitational) Olive Harvey (Ill.) vs. Sinclair (Ohio), 6 p.m. Schoolcraft vs. Kalamazoo Valley, 8 p.m. <b>Saturday, Dec. 4</b> Schoolcraft Invitational, 1 & 3 p.m. (Houghton College, N.Y. Tourney) Madonna vs. Daemen College (N.Y.), 2 p.m. <b>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE</b> <b>Friday, Dec. 3</b> Whalers vs. Mississauga at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. <b>Saturday, Dec. 4</b> Whalers vs. Kitchener at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. TBA — time to be announced.
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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### SOFTBALL CAMPS

The Madonna University softball team will hold a hitting camp on Saturday, Dec. 4, and Saturday, Dec. 18, from noon to 2:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$30 per session. Interested players should mail a check to: Madonna University Softball, 36600 Schoolcraft Rd., Livonia, MI 48150.

The MU softball team will also hold three four-week sessions of a fundamental camp that will cover all phases of fast-pitch softball.

The first session will run all four Sundays in January from noon to 2:30 p.m.; another session will run all four Saturdays in January from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and the third session will run on Jan. 30, and Feb. 6, 13 and 17 from noon to 2:30 p.m.

The cost of each four-week session is \$150.

For more information on the camps, contact Al White at (734) 432-5783.

### 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.

For more information, call (734) 480-7046.

### 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.

### JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section. The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college scholarships.

Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership. Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate.

The tour consists of 10 qualifying rounds and 10 tournament rounds, and is held on local private and public courses.

"The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free," said tour director Dan Thomas. "The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150 players. Additionally, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free. So a total of 50 players per week are playing free golf."

Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service. Scholarship awards can be increased as a student's grade-point average increases.

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8. The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at [www.Top50JrTour.com](http://www.Top50JrTour.com). Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-0000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application.

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# Irv Kempner: Little guy with big heart

Irv (Hank) Kempner was on my first league championship team in 1965.

We nicknamed him "the Colonel," as he had attained that rank in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

We were bowling in the Mosaic #530 F&AM League at Oak Park Lanes back then and we filled up the entire house with our teams.

Irv and I stayed team-mates over the years until he and his wife,

Mary retired to Tucson, Ariz. several years ago.

Slight of build, Irv was a little guy with a big heart. He was not a high average bowler by any means, but he was the go-to guy who would come through in the clutch.

He was probably that way throughout his life, for he volunteered to go to China with the American Volunteer Group (AVG) better known as the Flying Tigers led by Gen. Claire Chennault.

This was prior to Pearl Harbor and the Japanese had invaded part of China and were threatening to take over all of Asia.

Japanese bombers rained down their bombs on Chinese

cities virtually un-opposed until the American Flying Tigers sent up squadrons of Curtiss P-40s with the nose painted up to look like sharks. They crushed the Japanese air strikes and saved the lives of thousands of civilians.

The AVG fliers then entered the US military after the attack on Pearl Harbor and Irv spent more time in the air, now patrolling the vast Pacific Ocean searching for enemy submarines.

Born and raised in Detroit, Irv and Mary raised their family there and both of us became good friends through our bowling endeavors.

Our league would stage a year-end, out-of-town weekend banquet with the wives. The trips were memorable and fun-filled.

Irv and Mary, along with Sandy and I, always went on these together.

I am sad to report that "the Colonel" passed away in Arizona recently and was buried at the Arlington National Cemetery with an honor guard and full military honors befitting a hero.

Irv is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary, along with his grown children, Sally Sklar, Andrea Blake, Janice Morgan and Steven Kempner (and eight grandchildren).

Memorial services were held last week at their daughter Andrea's home in Birmingham.

Irv is gone, but will be long remembered.

■ Jack Dahlstrom, Greater Detroit Bowling Association Director and representative for Mayflower Lanes in Redford, recently presented a 300 game award to Gerry Cole Sr. of Taylor during a short break in the action during the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic.

Cole opted to take the 300 watch this time rather than add to his collection of rings. It was his 11th 300 in the GDBA.

A half-hour later, Ron Bartoszek, also from Taylor, scored his second career 300 game, his first one was last year.

It's still a thrill anytime anyone rolls a perfect game, and for Bartoszek it looked like a near miss as one stubborn pin stayed up, wiggled and finally fell on the 12th shot.

Last season there were 1,839 perfect games sanctioned in the GDBA plus another 46 by members of the Detroit Women's Bowling Association.

That's a lot of rings, watches or plaques.

During most award ceremonies, the local association's house representative will appear and make a personal presentation to the league recipient.

■ Some people contend that there are too many 300 games bowled and that the game has gotten too easy to attain really high scores and lofty averages way over 200.

To render a solution to their problem, some people decided to make lane conditions more

difficult, thereby creating a shot that required more expertise in shooting for both strikes and spares.

It's called Sport Condition Bowling, and there were certain designated leagues set up just for that reason.

It's been around for about four years now, and yes, the scores are lower as are the averages.

It's not for everybody.

In fact, the sport condition game is for those who feel the need for more challenge. Advocates say that this will also make a better bowler out of anyone when they get back to regular league conditions.

If that is what they want to do, O.K., but in every bowling publication these people are using the wrong terminology by calling it "Sport Bowling."

I always thought of bowling as a sport, so what is it?

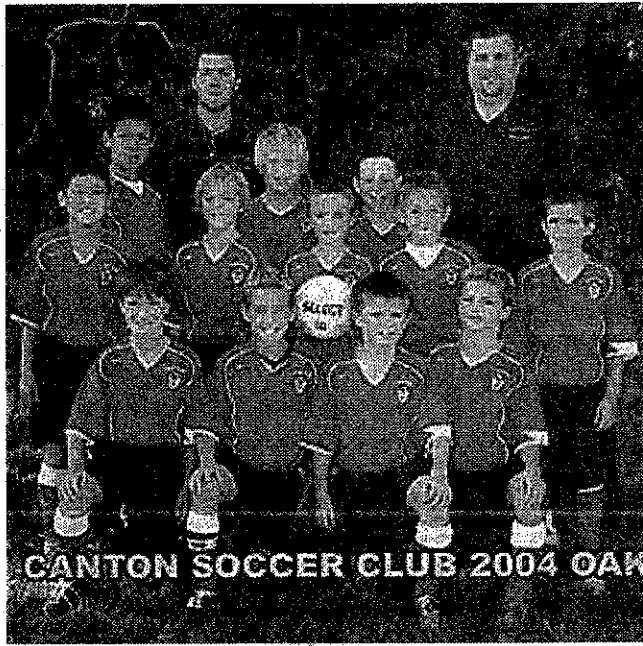
According to these people, it must be chopped liver.

After 45 years, I feel very slighted that a very few among us think that only their way of bowling is a sport.

Shame on them, so let them get it right for once and call their game just what it really is.

And don't omit the word condition when they write or talk about this other version of the sport of bowling.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia, a life member of the American Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839.



## Tall Oaks

The Canton Oaks U-10 boys soccer team are co-champions of the WSSL Division 1 with a 7-2-1 record. The team was trained and coached by Gary Bell and Lou Laurelli, respectively. Pictured (bottom row l-r) are Brian Eggenberger, Griffin Parks, Aaron Laurentius, Derek Lord, (second row l-r) Bryan Ren, Scott Piwowar, Brent Perry, Blake Townes, Dan Kemp, (third row l-r) Chris Dierker, Justin Dunlavy and Chadd Alspach.

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator  
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## GIRLS BEST SWIM TIMES

### FINAL OBSERVERLAND BEST GIRLS SWIM TIMES

#### 200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

Livonia Stevenson 1:51.09  
Salem 1:54.61  
Livonia Churchill 1:59.36  
Canton 1:59.91  
Livonia Ladywood 2:05.36

#### 200 FREESTYLE

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:54.17  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:58.68  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:58.68  
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  
Susie Patrick (Canton) 2:03.68  
Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 2:05.35

#### 200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 2:10.64  
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 2:12.30  
Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 2:13.71  
Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 2:14.14  
Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 2:14.51  
Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 2:16.14  
Mary Shereda (Churchill) 2:16.36  
Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 2:17.27  
Heather Michalsen (Salem) 2:20.56  
Lisa Koch (Stevenson) 2:21.56

#### 50 FREESTYLE

Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 25.33  
Allison Schmitt (Canton) 25.53

Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 25.85

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 26.10

Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 26.18

Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 26.21

Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 26.41

Mary Shereda (Churchill) 26.41

Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 26.56

Susie Patrick (Canton) 26.56

#### DIVING

Ashley Aquino (Salem) 220.20

Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 194.70

Sarah Bugosh (Salem) 181.90

Chelsea Seidon (Canton) 178.85

Jackie Demers (Churchill) 176.09

Elena Gueorguiev (Salem) 168.35

Holly Campbell (Ladywood) 167.10

Bryn Glatfely (John Glenn) 162.60

Amanda Keedle (Stevenson) 148.85

Stephanie Bonner (Canton) 145.20

#### 100 BUTTERFLY

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:00.23

Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:01.44

Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 1:02.11

Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 1:02.20

Mary Shereda (Churchill) 1:02.89

Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:03.37

Heather Michalsen (Salem) 1:03.61

Rachel Rowe (Redford Union) 1:04.61

Caitlin Larsen (Churchill) 1:05.18

Susie Patrick (Canton) 1:05.19

#### 100 FREESTYLE

Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 54.14

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 54.41

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 54.44

Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 55.45

Anna Polkowski (Stevenson) 56.45

Susie Patrick (Canton) 56.63

Mary Shereda (Churchill) 57.00

Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 57.04

Katie Gorman (Salem) 57.41

Katharine Johnston (Ladywood) 57.66

#### 500 FREESTYLE

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 5:08.22

Mary Shereda (Churchill) 5:18.18

Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 5:18.49

Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 5:23.33

Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 5:26.47

Becky Hurn (Stevenson) 5:29.43

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 FREESTYLE RELAY

Canton 1:42.21

Salem 1:44.89

Livonia Stevenson 1:46.02

Westland John Glenn 1:48.76

Plymouth 1:49.21

#### 100 BACKSTROKE

Marisa Gordon (Stevenson) 1:00.97

Monica Pauza (Stevenson) 1:01.83

Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:03.21

Mary Shereda (Churchill) 1:03.45

Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:03.66

Kate Myers (Salem) 1:04.24

Alyssa Johnson (Canton) 1:04.44

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:04.99

Allison Schmitt (Canton) 1:05.80

Katie Sweeney (Wayne) 1:06.12

#### 100 BREASTSTROKE

Brynn Marecki (Stevenson) 1:05.91

Laura Timson (Stevenson) 1:07.75

Jill Peterson (John Glenn) 1:07.84

Kelsey Lincoln (Salem) 1:09.05

Kim Heaney (Salem) 1:10.29

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

Livonia Stevenson 3:42.86

Canton 3:45.25

Salem 3:46.87

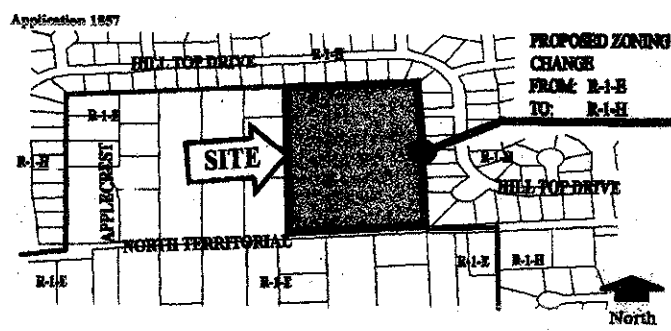
Westland John Glenn 3:55.59

Livonia Churchill 3:56.83

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

**PROPOSED ACTION:** AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP  
**REZONE FROM:** R-1-E, Single Family Residential District  
**REZONE TO:** R-1-H, Single Family Residential District  
**DATE OF HEARING:** Wednesday, December 8, 2004  
**TIME OF HEARING:** 7:00 P.M.  
**PLACE OF HEARING:** Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcels R-78-038-99-0001-000 and R-78-038-99-0002-000 from **R-1-E, Single Family Residential** to **R-1-H, Single Family Residential**. Minimum lot size in the R-1-E District is one acre. Minimum lot size in the R-1-H District is one-half acre. The property addresses are 48484 and 48550 North Territorial.



**AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 005**  
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan  
**LEGAL DESCRIPTION:** For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. **R78-038-99-0001-000** and **R-78-38-99-0002-000**.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township, may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call **734-453-8131, ext. 37**. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing, the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No. 99.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE:** The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meetings to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone (734) 453-3840. TDD users: 1-800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary  
Planning Commission

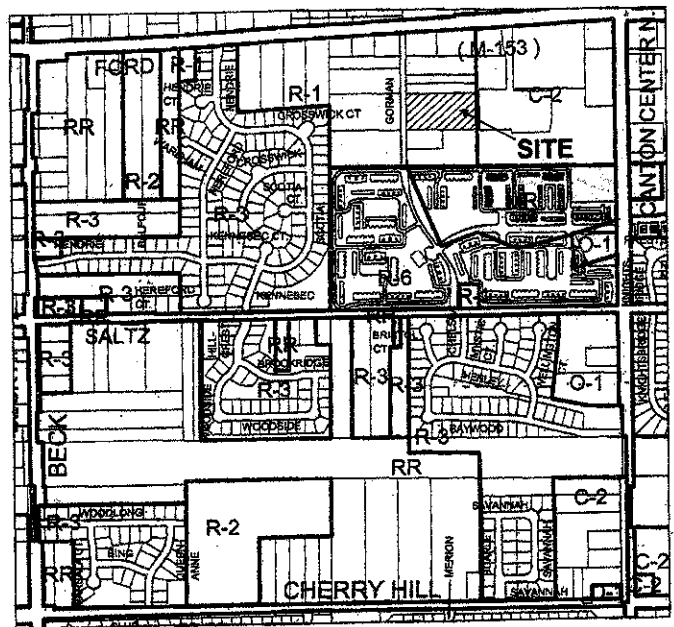
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## PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 6, 2004 in the **Chestnut Room, at Summit On The Park, 46000 Summit Parkway at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:



**ALHASCHEMY REZONING - CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO. 036 01 0008 000 FROM R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (1 DWELLING UNIT/ACRE), TO R-3, SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (3 DWELLING UNITS/ACRE).** Property is located south of Ford and east of Gorman Road.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, December 2, 2004, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson, Chairman

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## PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2004 7:00 PM (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Planning Commission will be held in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall to consider the following:

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL**  
**SP 04-09 Computer Business, Office**  
**138 E. Ann Arbor Trail**  
**ZONED: B-1, Local Business**  
**APPLICANT: Randall Data Systems**

**SITE PLAN APPROVAL**  
**SP 04-10 Addition**  
**551 - 681 Forest**  
**ZONED: B-2, Central Business**  
**APPLICANT: Jay Ross Trust c/o Ross Financial**

All interested persons are invited to attend.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator  
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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA December 9, 2004

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY, December 9, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M.** The meeting will be held at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188. The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Vicki Welty and Steven Johnson.

Acceptance of Agenda

- James Hillman of Oscar W Larson Co., 10100 Dixie Highway, Clarkston, MI 48348 representing Hakim Fakhoury of BP/Amoco Gas, 125 S. Canton Center, Canton, MI 48188 for property located at 125 S. Canton Center, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102.35, 4, b, regarding ground sign requirements. Zone C-2. Parcel 086-99-0004-701 (Building) (TABLED FROM OCTOBER 14 and NOVEMBER 18, 2004 MEETINGS)
- Ross Pettinga of Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc., 4417 Broadmoor SE, Kentwood, MI 49512 representing Robert Goodrich of Goodrich Quality Theaters, Inc., 4417 Broadmoor SE, Kentwood, MI 49512 for property located at 43555 Ford Road, appealing Sign Ordinance Chapter 102, Section 102.35, 1 and Section 102-31, 19, sign variance. Zone C-2. Parcel 057-99-0001-007 (Building) (TABLED FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2004 MEETING)

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# Joey Harrington needs an Arizona encore

Five straight losses and the Arizona Cardinals coming to town. In theory, it's just what Joey Harrington's doctor ordered. A chance to relive the first shining moment in Harrington's pro quarterback career.

It happened in the season opener last year. Steve Mariucci's first game as Lions head coach. Harrington was starting his first full season. On Sept. 7, 2003, the second-year player from Oregon threw four touchdown passes in the 42-24 victory over the Cards. He was named the NFC Player of the Week.

Harrington then proceeded to lose his next six games.

Since then, Joey has won eight times. He started this season 4-2 before going backward in a five-game losing skid.



Mark Wilson

threw six touchdown passes in that game. That's half a season for Harrington.

So, here come the Cardinals. The NFL's perennial doormat. The Lions' series with the Cards goes back farther than any other team. It began Oct. 5, 1930, when the Lions were still the Portsmouth (Ohio) Spartans. The

"It's no fun to lose. I am not out there trying to lose. I'm fighting for my job, I know that. I will always fight for what I believe is mine," Harrington said after Mike McMahon finally replaced him in the Thanksgiving debacle against the Colts.

Peyton Manning threw six touchdown passes in that game. That's half a season for Harrington.

So, here come the Cardinals. The NFL's perennial doormat. The Lions' series with the Cards goes back farther than any other team. It began Oct. 5, 1930, when the Lions were still the Portsmouth (Ohio) Spartans. The

Cardinals were the "other" team in Chicago. They tied 0-0 in that first game.

When Harrington beat the Cardinals last year, it was just the first time the Lions had done that in a decade. Arizona reeled off five straight wins against three different Lions coaches. For one week, this town was "Joey crazy."

"He's still our starter. Just because Mike came into the Colts game doesn't change that. Joey has to play better," Mariucci said, still seething over the way his team performed on Turkey Day.

Harrington is going to get a chance to redeem himself, but this game with the anemic Cardinals is tougher than it appears. Dennis Green is the new coach in Arizona and his team has been horrible the last few weeks. Green has had a

revolving door on players since he took the job.

Green was 12-8 against the Lions when he coached the Vikings. His Cardinals team is not those Vikings. Michigan's John Navarre is no Daunte Culpepper and his starting running back last week in the loss to the Jets had just one carry going into that game.

This is all about Harrington. He needs to find that magic he had in Game 1 of last year.

No one will say it. Not Mariucci and not Lions President Matt Millen. It's obvious, however, that Harrington is auditioning for next year. He has five games to show some progress.

Drew Brees is having a Pro Bowl year in San Diego. He will be a free agent and with the Chargers committed to Philip Rivers for the future, Brees will

be a hot commodity. The Lions have an eye out west for the former Purdue All-American.

"It's not time to think about next year, not yet. Five games left, we aren't out of the playoff hunt, so I am not conceding anything," a focused Mariucci said.

A sixth straight loss for the second straight year won't look good on Harrington's resume and he may need that resume for a job search next season. The Cardinals may come from Arizona but, for Joey, it just could be his Waterloo.

Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Mariucci Show* Mondays on WKRC-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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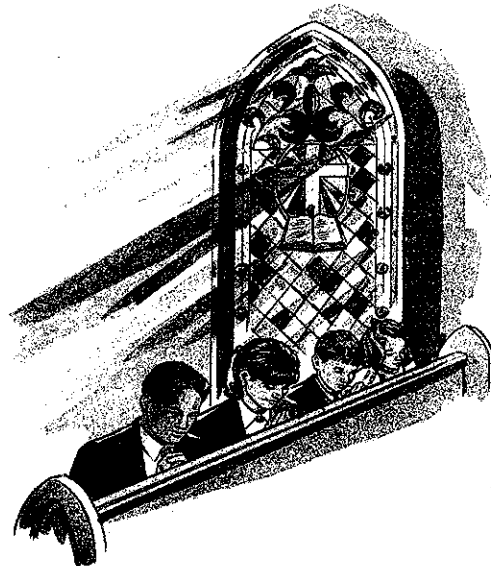
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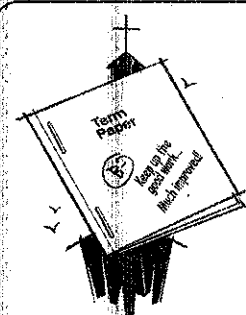
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Featuring more than 80 crafters 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 South Lilley at Cherry Hill, Canton. Bake sale and lunch available. Admission is \$2, under age 12 free. Call (734) 981-1333.

### 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 conferences; lunch; individual reconciliation; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; the mysteries of the rosary with meditation prepared and led by students; and Sunday Mass celebrated in the University Chapel at 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments. For reservations or information, call (734) 432-5419. Advance reservations required.

### Jesus' Birthday Party

A child centered worship 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, followed by a birthday celebration with cupcakes and punch, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 620 Romeo Road, Rochester.

Children bring an unwrapped gift for children at Methodist Children's Village or Rochester Neighborhood House. Call (248) 651-9361.

### Goodwill to Men

A Christmas musical 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, explores the thought there are basically two kinds of people: those that need to love more and those that need more love, at Parkview Baptist Church, 9355 Stark, between Plymouth and Hines Drive, Livonia. No charge, a nursery will be provided. Call (734) 261-6180.

### 3 Wise Men and a Baby

An adorable children's Christmas musical filled with beautiful music, humor and choreography 10:50 a.m. morning worship Sunday, Dec. 5, at First Church of the Nazarene, Eight Mile and Haggerty, Northville. Call (248) 348-7600.

### 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.

### 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.

### Choral concert

7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, featuring the Chancel Choir and soloists of Kirk in the Hills and the Detroit Chamber Winds and Strings, features Handel's Messiah and Gloria in excelsis Deo, a cantata by Johann Sebastian Bach, in the sanctuary at 1340 West Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$15, \$12 seniors, \$10 students, call (248) 626-2515, ext. 109, or at the door.

### Grief and the holidays

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a holiday workshop for those who are grieving 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, at 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. All adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one are welcome and encouraged to attend this free workshop presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop ends with a special time of remembrance. Registration not required. For more information call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966.

### 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.

### LOGOS

St. Paul's United Methodist Church invites all youth in grades 3-8 to participate in LOGOS beginning 4:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8 and continuing for 8-weeks at 620 Romeo Road, Rochester. There are opportunities for recreation, music, dinner, and Bible Study. For more information, call (248) 651-9361.

### Birmingham-First Concert Series

Medieval and Renaissance vocal music with Vox, a professional cappella ensemble 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. Meet the artists reception follows the program. Childcare provided for children through second grade. No charge but freewill offering is collected to benefit future events in the concert series.

### Benefit concert

Singer songwriter Terry Gonda and her band will perform at a Christmas party to benefit the Haven Domestic Violence Shelter 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, at the First United Methodist Church, 14 Judson Street, Pontiac. The evening includes a visit from Santa, games, and Christmas dinner. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children with group rates available, and can be reserved by calling organizer Curtis Jacks at (248) 390-0814 or online at www.terrygonda.com.

### Journey to Bethlehem

Live the story of the events leading to the birth of Christ 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and 4-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Tours begin every 20 minutes. Call (734) 421-1760.

### Annual cookie walk

9 a.m. until sold out Saturday, Dec. 11,

cookies plus nut, apricot, poppyseed and sweet breads, Ukrainian kiefle and many more ethnic and traditional holiday cookies, potato, cheese and sauerkraut pierogies and stuffed cabbage, candies and nuts, pre-packaged gift boxes of cookies also available, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. Call (248) 476-3432.

### Cookie walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at St. Michael's Orthodox Church, 26355 West Chicago, between Beech Daly and Inkster roads, Redford.

### Holiday bake sale

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 West Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 537-3778.

### Holiday bazaar

Over 20 vendors featuring jewelry, clothing, gourmet food items, holiday fare, crafts, kitchen gadgets, specialty personal care items, accessories, and cookbooks 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11, at Congregational Church of Birmingham- United Church of Christ, 1000 Cranbrook, northwest corner of Cranbrook and Woodward Avenue. \$5 early bird admission at 9:15 a.m., regular admission is \$1 or a canned food item for Food Bank of Oakland. The bazaar is a fundraiser for the Senior High Fellowship's 2005 Work Camp Program providing free home repairs to deserving citizens in Savannah, Georgia. For more information, call (248) 626-2150 or (248) 310-3435.

### Seasonal concert

Crown Him with Many Crowns describes the program featuring the Birmingham Concert band and Oakland Singers Encore 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 West Maple, Birmingham. No charge but contributions to the concert band and its Music Scholarship Fund are appreciated.

### Christmas concert

4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, featuring the Adult Festival Choir, the Jubellation Handbell Choir, the Confirmation Choir (Grades 7-8), the Laudate Choir (Grades 1-6), the Brass Ensemble and other instrumentalists performing Advent and Christmas music as well as enhancing the singing of your favorite Christmas Carols, at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. No charge but a free-will offering being taken. Open to the public. For more information, call (734) 522-6830.

### Journalist to speak

Jack Lessenberry, a member of the journalism faculty at Wayne State University, will speak at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, December 12, in the sanctuary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Ali are invited to attend this free event. For more information, call (734) 422-1470. Lessenberry is the editorial vice president of Hometown Communications, a group of 64 local newspapers in Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky, and has been a consultant, editorial advisor, and is or has been a writer for many national and regional publications, including Vanity Fair, Esquire, George, The New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Boston Globe. Locally, he is a contributing editor and columnist for Hour Detroit Magazine, the Metro Times, the Traverse-City Record Eagle, the Toledo (Ohio) Blade, and the Heritage Newspaper Group in Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

### Living Nativity

7:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 17, at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman, between Seven and Eight Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (248) 476-8222.

### 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.

### 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.

## UPCOMING

### Blood Drive

8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. No appointment necessary. For more information, call (248) 476-8860.

## ONGOING

### 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.

### Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

### Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs, breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table, Eight Mile, Farmington. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

### 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.

### 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., Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

### 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.

### Support group

Provides spiritual, social and educational support for divorced and separated Catholic men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month, at St. Andrew's Parish Center, 1400 Englewood, Rochester. For information, call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860.

### Grief support programs

At Hope Lutheran Church, 3640 Madison at Carlisle, Dearborn. Families are encouraged to attend together as age-specific groups are offered within one convenient location. All are welcome. Six week series for ages 13-17 began 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. Adult six week series began 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21. To register, call Howe-Peterson Funeral Home (313) 561-6163.

### Grief workshop

Began Sept. 22 and continues 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

### Bible studies

Birmingham Bible Institute began its fall semester Sept. 21 with classes on 12 Tuesday evenings through Dec. 7, 22 courses will be taught, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. Students receive certificates for courses successfully completed. For information, call (248) 646-2000.

### New contemporary service

Began 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, new contemporary service will be held the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. Sept. 26 drama is a look into the problem of being overloaded with requests for our time and abilities. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.

### Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer, and friendship, at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley (734) 464-3656, or Geri (734) 464-8906.

### Stronger Women

Walking group, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers, coffee social, fun

and fellowship continues 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays through Nov. 18, at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration fee \$25, walk-ins \$5. Baby-sitting \$2 per child, \$4 per family per session. For more information, call (248) 661-9191.

### Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study, Women of the Word, studies the Book of Luke, entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

### Worship schedule

Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept. 12, at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called Praise Forth is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. For information, call (248) 626-7906.

### New modern-style worship

Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Just north of I-96) began a new MODERN-style worship service on Sunday, Sept. 12. This multi-media service will be informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, will often be part of this service. This service will be held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth, and adult Bible classes will also be offered at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach Director, at (734) 522-6830.

### New service times

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. began Sept. 12 for the fall and winter months, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860.

### New Sunday School

Beginning at Heart of the Hills Church, 5085 Orion Road, Rochester, for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call (248) 652-7774.



### CHARLES (GENE) E. AMYX

Age 68, of Birmingham, MI, formerly of Plymouth, MI, and Lockland, OH, died Sunday, November 28, 2004 at home with family. He was born May 14, 1936. He is survived by his four children, Charles Jr. (Gale) Amyx of Plymouth, John Michael Amyx of Plymouth, Rebecca (James) Westropp of West Bloomfield and Sandra (Raymond) Rogal of Birmingham; nine grandchildren and one great-grandson. Gene is also survived by his sister, Juanita Carol Acus of Evendale, Ohio. Preceding him in death were his parents, Beulah (nee Haney) and Elmer Amyx, and his brothers, Billie Lee and Bobby Amyx, all of Lockland, Ohio. Gene graduated from Lockland High in Ohio and Baptist Bible College in Springfield, MO. Mr. Amyx is retired from Ford Motor Co., after 35 years of service. Funeral Services: Thursday 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). Visitation, Wednesday 2-4 and 6-9 PM. Memorials may be made to Life Challenge of S.E. Michigan, 17667 Pierson, Detroit, MI 48219.

### LALLAH G. JOHNSTON,

86 of Howell, formerly of Inkster died November 28, 2004. Visitation Wednesday 2-5 PM with Services at 5 PM at MacDonald's Funeral Home, 517-546-2800.

### WESTON W. MEYER

November 24, 2004. Age 83. Beloved husband of Mary Sue (nee. Ekellund). Dear brother of Eric Meyer. Brother-in-law of Sally Skillman and Dodie Smith. Loving uncle of Christopher, Amy, Newton, Stephen and Timothy Skillman; David, Michael, Douglas and the late Gregory Smith; and Donald Meyer. Also survived by 17 grandchildren and nephews. Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 1 at All Saints Episcopal Church, 171 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. Memorial tributes to the charity of donor's choice. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

### GLENN L. STEPHENS

Age 102 November 27, 2004. Passed away at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. Beloved husband of the late Leona. Dear father of Arthur "Bob" Gladys (Thomas) Smith and Don. Loving grandfather of 7 and great grandfather of 16. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Interment Oakland Hills, Novi

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### JEAN MacGREGOR WEIR

Age 72 of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, passed away Sunday morning, November 28th at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, after a long illness. She was the beloved wife of Richard M. Weir. Her daughter, Wendy Weir Schulze lives here in Bloomfield with her two sons, Christopher age 10 and Nicholas age 3. Jeannie went to Kingswood School and earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan. She loved traveling, golf and being with friends. Following is a letter recently sent to her by her grandson Christopher: "Dear Grandma, you are the greatest Grandma I would ever asked for. Thank you for playing cards and Monopoly with me, bringing me cookies and treats and presents; helping with my brother when your babysitting. I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope that doctors figure out how to stop cancer. You will always be in my mind forever. Thank you for everything you have done for me. We will miss you. I love you grandma." Visitation was from 10-12noon on Wednesday, December 1, 2004 from the Wm. R. Hamilton Co., Birmingham, followed by Funeral Service at 2pm. Interment was in White, Chapel Memorial Cemetery, Troy.

### MAE L. TAYLOR

Died peacefully on November 29, 2004 at the age of 94. Loving wife to the late James Norman; Dearest mother to Norma (Patrick) Connors, Larry (Patty), Thomas (Mary Judith), Jim (Barbara), Alice (Jim) Padilla, and the late Jack; mother-in-law to Kathy Taylor; Cherished grandmother to 27 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 1pm until 9pm with a 7:30pm Scripture service at Faulmann & Walsh Golden Rule Funeral Home, 32814 Utica Rd., Fraser; Funeral Mass will be at 10:30am on Friday in St. Athanasius Church, Roseville with a 10am visitation. Memorials to Henry Ford Hospice or Meals on Wheels of Macomb. Share memories with family at www.legacy.com

### MARIAN (BELL) MORROW

Was born in Detroit in 1917 and died Nov. 28, 2004 after an extended illness. A Bentley Village resident in Naples, Florida, she formerly lived in Traverse City, Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan where she met and married Earl Morrow, the love of her life. Recently they celebrated sixty-seven wonderful years of marriage. Marian made family and friends her focus. She is survived by husband Earl, sons Tom (Merilyn), Rick (Ann) and daughter Pat Mack (Brad), six grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. An angel in our lives is an angel in God's arms. Always cheerful, loving, kind and generous, Marian lived a full and vibrant life; warmly touching those around her. Her zest for travel, phenomenal memory and prolific letter writing were legendary. Per Marian's request, a memorial service to celebrate her life will be held at a later date at the family's summer home in Traverse City MI. In lieu of flowers the family wishes memorial gifts be made to Hospice of Naples, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples FL 34105



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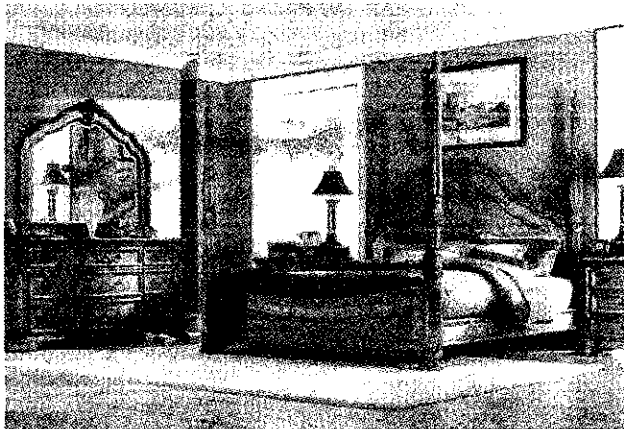
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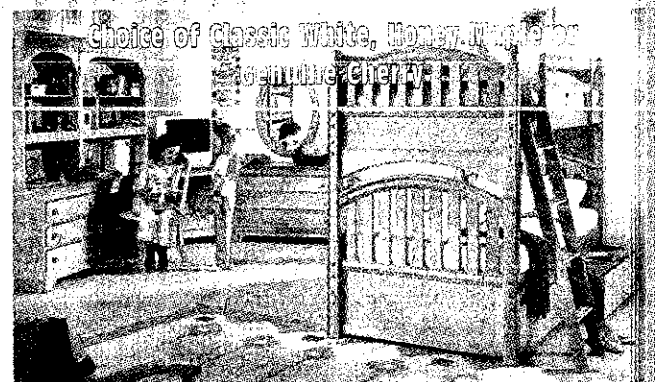
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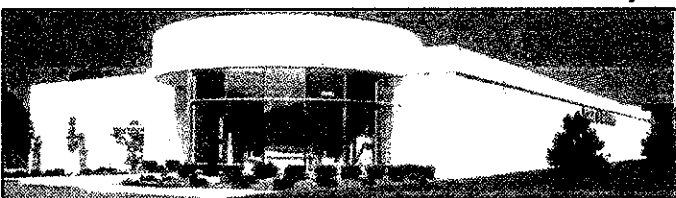
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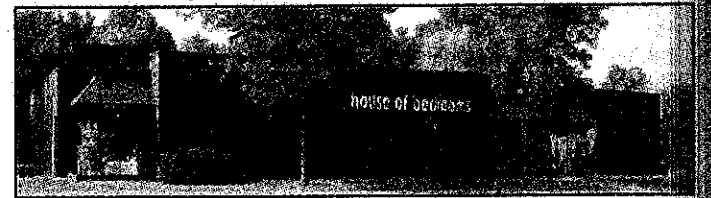
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Wine selection for a holiday party or dinner is uncomplicated. Choose a sparkling wine. It's festive.

Step two: Make the right food match for the selected bubbly.

For this, we sought some help for you from Ron Boyd, executive chef of the Restaurant at Domaine Chandon in California's Napa Valley. Boyd has a masterful grasp of technique with a cooking style centered on what he described as "focused flavors."

He believes in treating food and flavors with a delicate touch, enhancing them to the point of harmony but not further. This aspect makes his suggestions for the delicate nature of sparkling wines invaluable.

Chandon Brut Classic (\$17), full-bodied yet soft and dry, has archetypical crisp apple character. "Think seafood," Boyd suggests. "Much as you would for a sauvignon blanc. Dishes with mussels, clams, oysters and caviar work well."

Puff pastry appetizers are another natural as is Fettuccine with Alfredo Sauce because the Chandon Brut Classic is an excellent palate refresher. For the same reason, this bubbly enhances a Caesar salad with crisp romaine, anchovies for a salty element and a creamy dressing.

Boyd considers Chandon Carneros Blanc de Noirs (\$17), with its soft red fruit flavors and lingering creamy texture, the most food-friendly of Chandon's sparklers. It complements everything from fruity, spicy and salty foods to southwestern, Mexican and Asian cuisine. Try Chandon's Blanc de Noirs with a roast beef salad complemented by feta cheese and a citrus dressing or Atlantic salmon with sour cream chive potatoes.

### DELICIOUS MATCHES

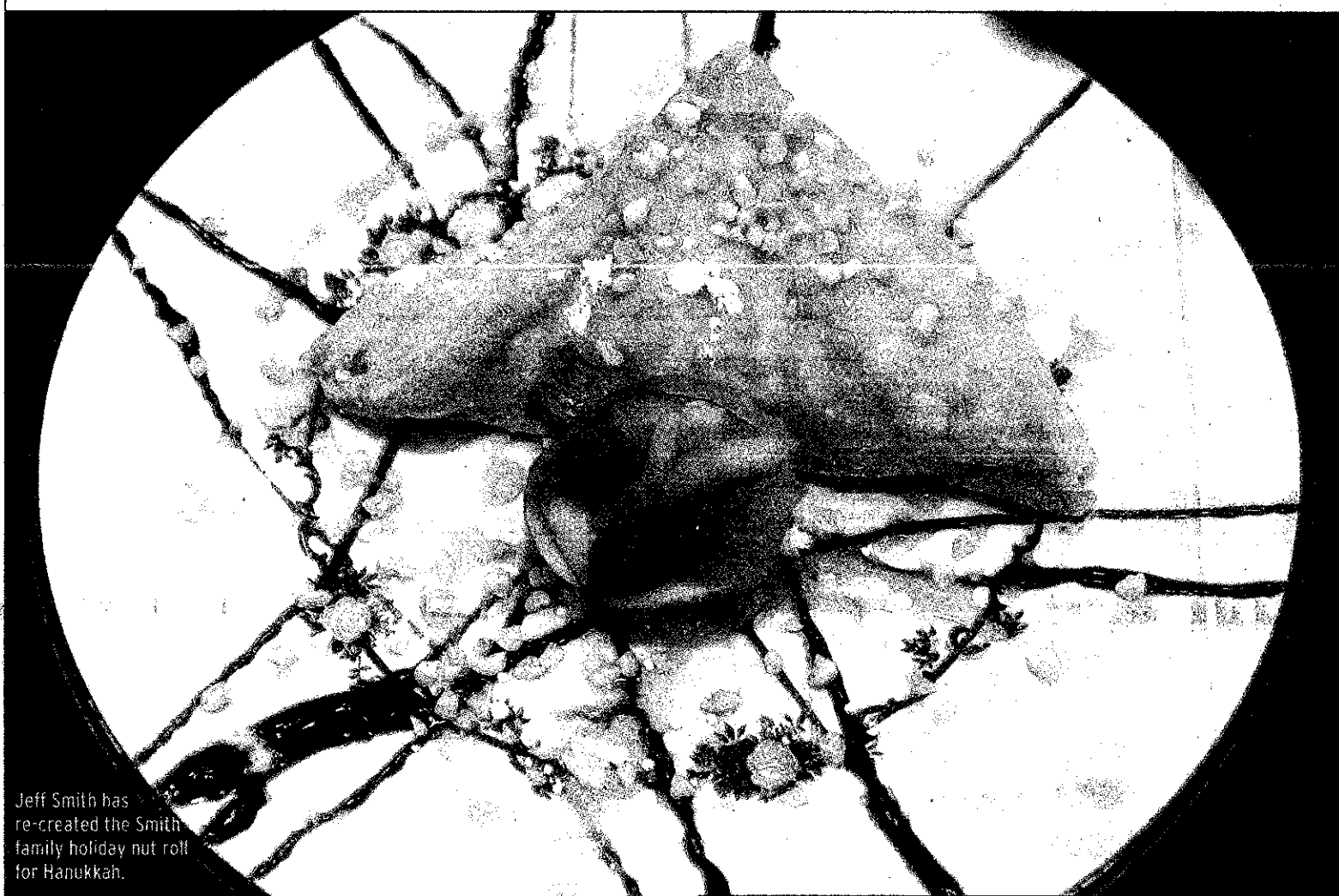
Extended aging, creating a fuller body, enables Chandon Reserve Blanc de Noirs (\$24) to stand up to smoked baby back ribs or honey and soy marinated barbecued chicken. Minced pork in lettuce wraps or spicy tuna rolls are also tasty matches.

Chandon Riche (\$17), as the name implies, pairs well with rich and spicy foods and fruit-based desserts. The sweeter style follows the culinary principle of sweet beats heat and balances the "heat" of spicy foods with ingredients such as chilies, cilantro, lemon grass or green curry. This bubbly works as well with rich foods, such as pate and foie gras or fresh fruit tarts.

Chandon Reserve Brut (\$24), benefiting from additional aging time on the yeast, has richer, more complex, creamy, yeasty and nutty flavors that take to richer foods such as smoked fish, grilled or roasted white meats and shellfish. Boyd noted that "it also pairs with the earthy flavors of wild mushroom dishes, with Japanese favorites such as vegetable tempura, with roasted chicken or a classic roast pork tenderloin."

Chandon 1998 Etoile Brut Sur Lies (\$35) is a classic, special occasion aperitif bubbly. Great on its own, it's a "stellar" match with a main course of sauteed sea bass,

PLEASE SEE WINE, D3



Jeff Smith has re-created the Smith family holiday nut roll for Hanukkah.

## Traditional foods are re-created for Hanukkah DELIGHTS

anukkah is a time for family and festive foods.

For some area residents, the celebration of this eight-day Jewish holiday will be special, thanks in part to Jeff Smith. He's making sure they enjoy special foods to mark the Festival of Lights. And they, in turn, can invite their family members to share these delicious offerings.

Smith is the executive chef at the Marvin and Betty Danto Family Health Care Center in West Bloomfield. Under the guidance of Rabbi Hershel Klainberg, he oversees the preparation of the kosher meals for the center's 150 residents.

For Hanukkah, he will prepare some foods cooked in oil, a Jewish custom during this special time. These foods, such as latkes, represent the miracle of the oil.

In 165 BCE, Judah and his followers, called the Maccabees, reclaimed the temple in Israel from the Syrians. When they went to relight the eternal flame, there was only enough oil for one day. Miraculously, it lasted for eight days, hence the length of time Hanukkah is celebrated.

Potato latkes, served with applesauce and sour cream,

PLEASE SEE HANUKKAH, D2



Jeff Smith, executive chef at the Danto Center, shows some dishes he will serve during Hanukkah. Clockwise from left, the dishes are beef with burgundy ragout, honey glaze chicken stuffed with sweet fruit and topped with sweet onion compote, and a holiday nut roll.

## Treat traditions Give the gift of cookies

If it is the holidays, it must be time for cookies.

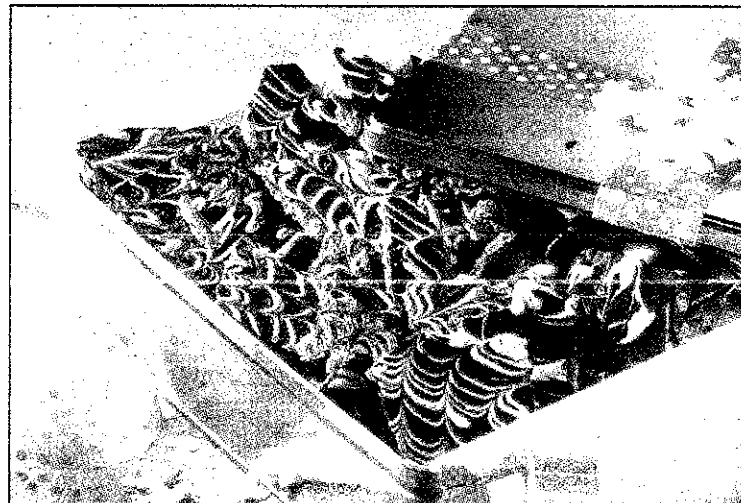
Cookie walks, bake sales and family gatherings all present a homemade way to enjoy the sweets of the season.

More than 50 varieties of cookies will be available at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 11th Annual Cookie Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile (south side) between Farmington and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

Homemade holiday cookies also will be available 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 11, at the 12th Annual Cookie & Basket Sale at the West Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 4100 Walnut Lake Road, 1/4 quarter mile west of Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Choose baskets filled with homemade jams, jellies, cookies and candies.

Then there are the holiday gatherings coming up in a few short weeks.

Giving homemade cookies as



QUAKER OATS

This holiday season add a more personal touch with holiday oatmeal cookie brittle.

gifts or selling them at a church function not only allows you to add that personal touch, but also gives you the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends.

Baking is one of the most enjoyable holiday traditions, so make a party out of it.

Pick out a favorite recipe or two, invite a few friends or family members and stock up on ingredients. If you're short on time, divvy up the shopping list among your guests.

Need help choosing a recipe? Holiday Oatmeal Cookie Brittle is a delicious choice that's fast and festive.

While the brittle bakes, set and chat over steaming cups of flavored coffee or hot cider. The short wait will be well worth it as this easy cookie brittle is frosted with bittersweet and

white chocolate right out of the oven. A sprinkling of edible gold dust is optional. Break into pieces when cool and gift wrap.

Or, if it's more family time that you're looking for, try making No-Bake Holiday Ornament Cookies with the kids. Parents can melt the chocolate, butter and marshmallows, while kids can stir in the oats. Everyone can shape the cooled mixture into small balls and roll them in their favorite candy coatings or coconut flakes.

Continue the fun by packaging these festive sweets for gift giving. Decorative plates or clear plastic containers with lids make sturdy holders and both may be wrapped in food-safe cellophane and tied with pretty ribbons. Don't forget to include the recipe. It will be a gift that keeps on giving.

### HOLIDAY OATMEAL COOKIE BRITTLE

2 cups oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)  
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
1 cup (2 sticks) cold butter, cut into small pieces  
1 cup powdered sugar  
3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1 1/2 teaspoons water  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cups (12 ounces) bittersweet or semisweet chocolate chips  
3/4 cup white chocolate pieces  
Edible gold dust (optional)

Heat oven to 350° F. Line two large cookie sheets with aluminum foil.

In large bowl, combine oats, flour and baking powder. Add butter. Beat on low to medium speed of electric mixer until crumbly. Add powdered sugar, brown sugar, water and vanilla. Beat on low speed until dough forms.

Divide dough in half. Place one-half on one cookie sheet; flatten with lightly floured hands into 13-by-9-inch rectangle, about 1/2 inch thick. Repeat using remaining dough and second cookie sheet.

Bake 22-25 minutes or until golden brown, rotating cookie sheets after 12 minutes. Remove cookie sheets to wire racks.

Sprinkle one cup dark chocolate pieces evenly over each large, warm cookie. Let stand two-three minutes. With spatula or knife, spread softened chocolate evenly

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## Side dish

### What to have

Making dinner can be a snap if there are some basic items on hand, says chef Dianna Stoffer of Certified Angus Beef brand.

With some of the following items in the pantry and basic beef cuts, delicious entrees can be easy.

The basics are kosher salt or coarse sea salts - they enhance meat with a pure salt flavor, says Stoffer. Whole peppercorns and a peppermill - fresh ground pepper has an amazing flavor compared to pre-ground since pepper loses its flavor quickly after being ground.

The spice cupboard should include rosemary, oregano, sage and thyme. These familiar herbs each add their distinctive flavor to beef and are available in ground or whole leaf versions.

Fennel seeds are available whole and ground, and they can be used in both sweet and savory dishes.

For marinated steaks or roasts, enjoy the variety of soy sauces now available.

Remember it usually takes the place of salt in a recipe.

Worcestershire is another pantry classic that adds a tart fruit and spice flavor with salty attributes.

Teriyaki sauce is great on its own or mix it with dark beers and fresh ginger. Remember marinades need acid, making beer or wine great choices.

Other ingredients good for marinades are: olive oil, beef stock, onions, garlic, packaged herb and garlic seasoning packet, packaged dry ranch dressing and French onion soup.

For information and recipes, see [www.certifiedangusbeef.com](http://www.certifiedangusbeef.com).

### Sending food

The holiday season finds many people sending packages of food to members of the American armed forces. Remember to mail food gifts that are not perishable and can tolerate a range of temperatures and won't break with rough handling.

Avoid fragile cookies and items containing chocolate as they could melt in high temperatures. High moisture cakes should be avoided because they can grow mold.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends the following foods to be sent:

Dried beef or poultry, such as beef jerky, turkey jerky or beef slims, dehydrated soups and mixes; canned corned beef, canned anchovies, canned shrimp and canned dips; dense and dry baked goods, such as fruitcakes and biscotti; canned nuts and dried fruits, such as raisins and apricots.

Makes sure there is a name and address on the package.

The U.S. Postal Service will not deliver mail addressed to "any serviceman."



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.hometownlife.com

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 other culinary arts continuing education classes visit [www.schoolcraft.edu](http://www.schoolcraft.edu) under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

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Cookie walk

More than 50 varieties of cookies will be available at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 11th Annual Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 11. Doors open at 8 a.m., the sale begins at 9 a.m. and continues until cookies are sold out. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile (south side) between Farmington and Newburgh roads in Livonia.

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Check ingredients before baking

(NAPS) – Get ready. Get set. Begin baking.

But before creating those memorable morsels, check to see that you have all the fresh ingredients you need.

Choose a fall day as your annual day to replace older baking ingredients. Mark the day on your calendar so you'll remember and make a list of the basics. Your list will probably include:

■ Baking powder. This recipe powerhouse may be the least expensive ingredient ounce for ounce in many recipes but if it doesn't work, your recipe may fail.

Even if the expiration date on the can hasn't passed, an open can should probably be replaced.

- Baking soda (one for baking, one for cleaning)
- Cornstarch
- Spices such as cinnamon,

- nutmeg, mace and ginger
- Nuts such as almonds, pecans and walnuts
- Flours, including cake flour, whole wheat and all-purpose
- Baking chocolate
- Canned fruits, pumpkin, milks
- Dried fruits such as raisins, cranberries and apricots

Remember to always mark the purchase date on the bottom of new ingredients, so you know whether they need to be replaced before the baking season starts. You needn't replace each item in your pantry every year, but marking dates will help you decide what to throw out.

Once you're sure you have everything you need, this delicious recipe can help start your baking season with a smile.



NAPS

But before creating those memorable morsels, check to see that you have all the fresh ingredients you need.

PECAN CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

1 cup pecans, chopped

In a large bowl, cream butter, shortening, sugars, eggs and vanilla; set aside.

In a separate bowl, sift together flour and baking powder. Stir flour mixture into creamed mixture until combined.

Add chocolate chips, white chocolate chips and pecans. Mix

thoroughly.

Drop by tablespoonfuls onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375° F for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Makes about 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

For more recipes and baking tips, visit [www.homebaking.org](http://www.homebaking.org).

Replace baking ingredients at the start of the baking season to ensure success.

Duck with apples has flavor of fall for festive holiday entertaining

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) – If you're looking for an alternative to your usual meat or poultry for festive entertaining during the holiday season, an option would be to follow food writer and cooking teacher James Peterson's lead and fearlessly serve duck.

Peterson's credentials for inspiring confidence? His numerous cookbooks include *The Duck Cookbook* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2003, \$30) – illustrated, like most of the others, with his own photographs.

Recently, in a Manhattan kitchen, Peterson demonstrated for a visitor the preparation of an unpublished recipe for duck breasts cooked with cider and apples.

It was ready quickly, and it is

a simple dish to make – although Peterson's relaxed, genial manner and professional know-how would have made it appear easy anyway.

Commenting on the recipe, "Duck just seems to lend itself to fruit," he said, smiling, acknowledging, "Yes, it's a cliché."

About this particular combination, Peterson said, "I like the sweet and sour aspect."

He likes to use sauerkraut, too, he said, for its combination of flavor with the red meat of duck.

Peterson talked about what he was doing as he cooked, explaining his methods and suggesting variations, scoring the skin a little to render a bit of the fat, sautéing over medium heat so as not to overcook the duck – "You want meat that's a little rare."

DUCK BREASTS WITH CIDER AND APPLES

(Preparation: 10 minutes, cooking: 30 minutes)

- 3 cups homemade or low-sodium chicken broth
- 4 Granny Smith or pippin apples
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- Salt and black pepper (to taste)
- 6 White Pekin duck breast halves (6 ounces each)
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 1 1/2 cups sparkling apple cider
- 1 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

In saucepan over medium heat, simmer broth until reduced to 1 1/2 cups; set aside.

Peel, core and cut each apple into 12 wedges.

In large skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter with the oil until butter foams. Add apples; cook about 8 minutes, stirring occasionally,

until apples are golden-brown and tender but not mushy. Season with salt and pepper; set aside. Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. With sharp knife, score skin side of duck breasts in a series of parallel cuts 1/4-inch apart, without cutting into meat. Make a second series of parallel cuts perpendicular to the first to form crosshatch pattern. Season breasts with salt and pepper.

Place breasts skin side down in heavy nonstick skillet large enough to hold them comfortably in one layer. Cook over medium heat about 8 minutes or until fat runs out and skin is golden-brown and crisp. (Some breasts may brown more quickly than others; remove each breast as it is done.)

Transfer breasts to baking dish or another skillet, skin side down, and finish cooking in oven about 8 minutes for rare, 10 minutes for medium-rare and 12

minutes for medium, turning breasts after 6 minutes. Let breasts rest 3 to 4 minutes before slicing.

While duck breasts are in the oven, pour off fat from skillet breasts were browned in. Add honey and cook, stirring to dissolve browned duck juices in pan, about 3 minutes or until honey darkens slightly. Carefully pour in cider and simmer until syrupy. Add chicken broth; simmer until sauce thickens slightly (there will be about 1/2 cup). Heat apples gently in sauce; keep warm over low heat.

Cut each breast crosswise on a slight angle into 4 to 5 slices about 1/4-inch thick; fan 1 breast on each of 4 plates. Spoon sauce and apples over duck, dividing it evenly. Makes 6 servings.

Serving suggestion: Serve with a pilaf of mixed wild and long-grain rice.

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## WINE PICKS

In addition to the classics from Chandon, the following bubbly wines taste-off.

**S. ANDERSON Brut** (\$28) - classy, complex and elegant.  
**ARGYLE Brut** (\$21) - exciting and delicious blend of Oregon chardonnay and pinot noir.  
**2002 KORBEL Natural** (\$14) - delicious as an aperitif or with lighter fare. Very good value.  
**MUMM NAPA** placed five bottles at the top. They're listed from lightest to heaviest. Brut Prestige, \$18; Cuvee M, \$18 (Excellent for the price); Blanc de Noirs, \$18; 25th Anniversary Reserve Brut, \$25 (think pork, veal, duck and mushroom dishes); 1998 DVX, \$45 (for those who like big).  
**ROEDERER ESTATE** had three top rankings. Roederer Estate

Brut, \$22; Brut Rosé, \$27, and 1998 L'Ermitage, \$39 (a true best of the best).  
**SCHARFFENBERGER CELLARS BRUT** (\$19) - full-bodied for the price.  
**SCHRAMSBERG** sparklers are perennial favorites. The 2000 Blanc de Blancs (\$31) is 100 percent chardonnay while 2000 Blanc de Noirs (\$31) is 84 percent pinot noir. The 2001 Brut Rosé (\$35) brims with bright fruit. Pair 1997 Reserve (\$60) with veal, duck, sea bass, smoked oysters, caviar or crab cakes. 1998 J. Schram (\$80) is luxurious and seamless.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

## WINE

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dungeness crab cakes or grilled diver sea scallops.

For eye appeal, Chandon 1998 Etoile Rose Sur Lies (\$40) is hard to beat.

Of the Chandon bubbly it has the boldest fruit flavors and understated power with a delicate finish.

Boyd says, "think lobster." Together, not only the taste but the colorful shell and the rosé wine hues, dazzle the eye

and palate.

When serving a sparkling wine, don't forget to make a toast! Either your own or this French proverb, "May you never want for wine, nor a friend to help drink it."

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## COOKIES

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over cookies. Sprinkle white chocolate pieces evenly over smooth chocolate on both cookies; let stand two-three minutes. With the tip of a knife, run through the white chocolate pieces, dragging them into the dark chocolate, making marble-like streaks. Sprinkle with gold dust, if desired. Cool completely. (Refrigerate 15 minutes to set chocolate, if necessary.)

Remove large cookies from cookie sheet and peel off foil. Break each into 24 pieces. Store tightly covered in a cool place. Makes four dozen.

**Cook's Tip:** Edible gold dust can be found at specialty baking stores. **Nutrition Information:** One piece. Calories 120, calories from fat 50, total fat 6g, saturated fat 4g, cholesterol 10mg, sodium 40mg, total carbohydrates 15g, dietary fiber 1g, protein 1g. Recipe courtesy of Quaker Oats.

## No-BAKE HOLIDAY ORNAMENT COOKIES

1 cup (6 ounces) semisweet chocolate chips  
 ½ cup (5-½ tablespoons) butter  
 16 large marshmallows  
 1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)

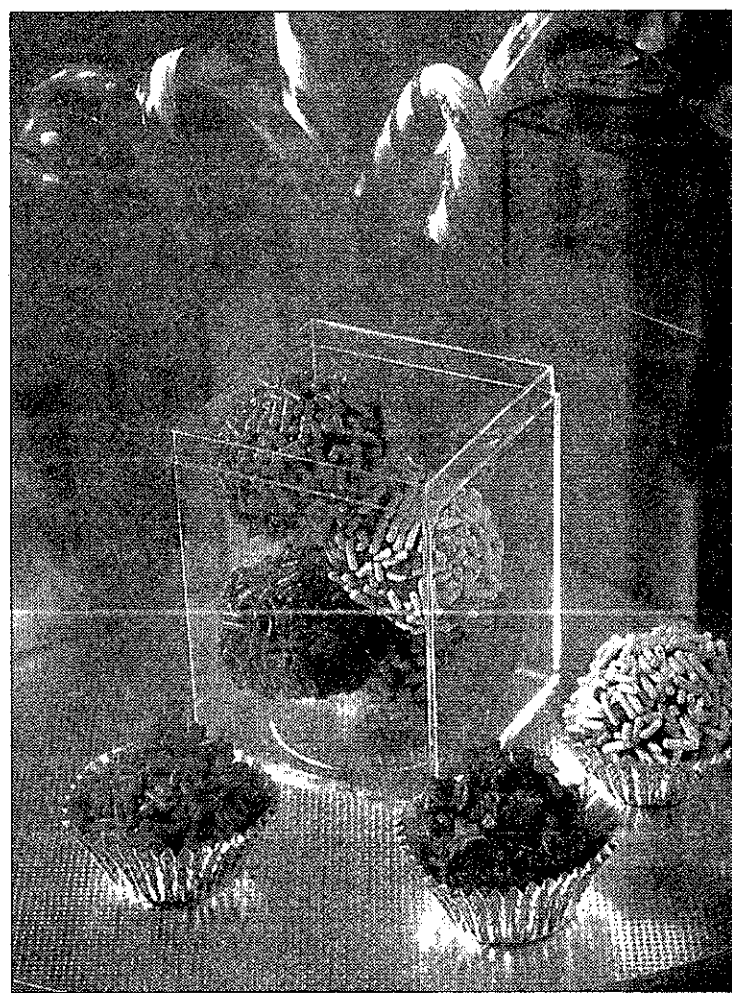
**Assorted Coatings:**  
 Flaked, sweetened coconut  
 Nonpareils in holiday colors  
 Red and green candy jimmies  
 Tiny holiday-shaped candy decorations

In large saucepan, melt chocolate, butter and marshmallows over low heat, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat. Add vanilla, then oats; mix well. Cool slightly. Line two cookie sheets with waxed paper. Working with one tablespoon chocolate-oat mixture, form into a ball and roll in desired coating to cover completely. Place on cookie sheet. Repeat with remaining oat mixture and coatings.

Refrigerate ornaments until firm, about 30 minutes. Transfer to airtight container, separating layers with waxed paper. Store in a cool place. Makes about two dozen.

**Nutrition Information:** One cookie (with sprinkles). Calories 120, calories from fat 50, total fat 6g, saturated fat 3.5g, cholesterol 5mg, sodium 30mg, total carbohydrates 16g, dietary fiber 1g, protein 1g.

Recipe courtesy of Quaker Oats.



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No-bake holiday ornament cookies are simple, festive treats for kids to make and give as gifts.

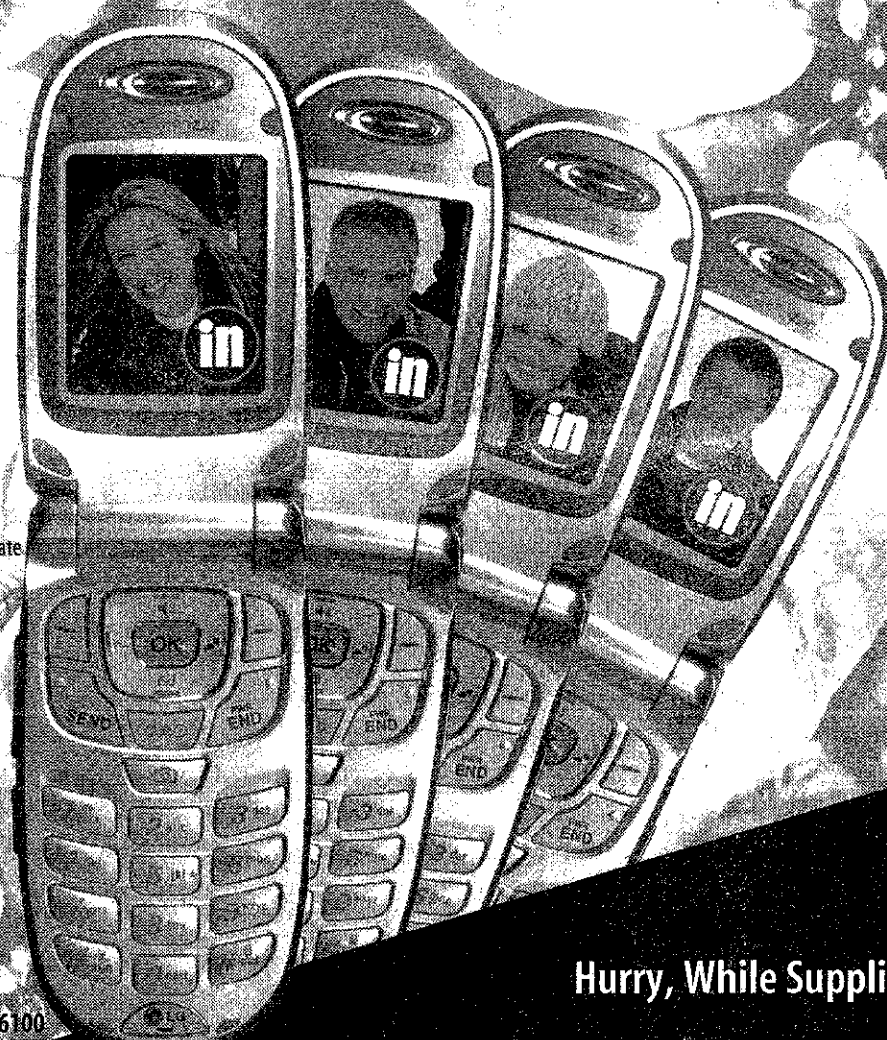
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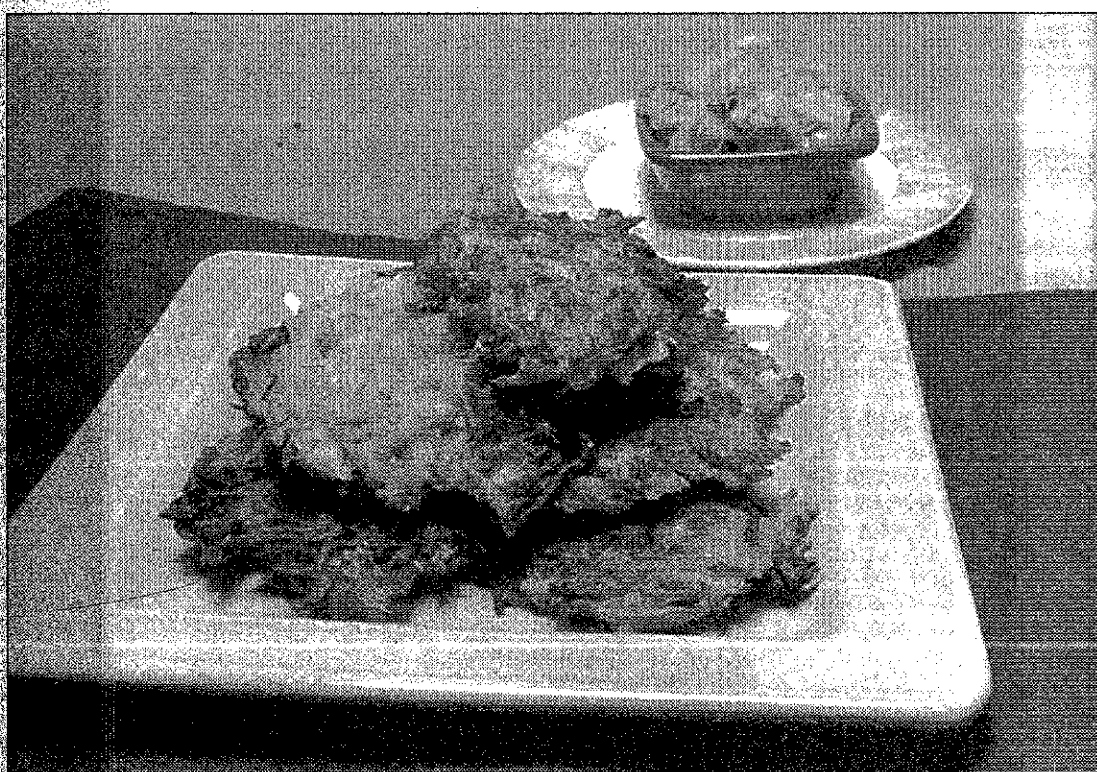
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Baking rather than frying latkes is the key to better nutrition with no loss of flavor.

## Enjoy potato pancakes without the oil

The winter holiday season continues with Hanukkah, which begins Dec. 7 and continues for eight days. This Jewish "festival of lights" celebrates the tiny vial of untainted olive oil – enough to burn for a day – that burned for the entire eight days needed to restore the Jewish temple in Jerusalem.

Food prepared for this holiday is traditionally cooked in oil. Potato pancakes fried in oil are the traditional Hanukkah meal. But with a slightly different approach, latkes – as potato pancakes are also called – can be enjoyed with no guilt or worry.

Baking rather than frying latkes is the key to better nutrition with no loss of flavor.

While potatoes are the main ingredient, they don't have to be the only ingredient. Using grated carrots in the mixture, for example, adds color, texture and nutrients. The carrots add the protective substances that vegetables naturally offer, such as beta carotene and other cancer-fighting phytochemicals. You could also try grated sweet potatoes or zucchini.

If you want the pancakes crispier, just pop them under the broiler for a minute after

baking. You can serve with a dollop of sour cream, or apple sauce, which is easy to make and always a treat when it's freshly homemade.

Just core and thinly slice six medium apples of any variety or mix. (You can peel the apples, but leaving the skin on gives the sauce a nice color and more fiber.) Put them in a large microwave-safe bowl. Add 1/2 cup water, cover with plastic wrap and microwave on high 10 minutes. Stir apples. Microwave uncovered until apples are very tender, about 5 more minutes. With a fork, coarsely mash the apples to the desired consistency. Mix in cinnamon and sugar to taste, if needed.

### BAKED POTATO PANCAKES

Canola oil cooking spray  
6 medium Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled  
2 large carrots, scraped  
1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley, finely minced  
1/2 cup green onion, finely chopped  
2 large eggs, beaten  
1 tablespoon canola oil  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black

pepper  
reduced-fat sour cream or apple sauce (optional)

Preheat oven to 450° F. Spray large non-stick baking sheet with oil spray. Coarsely grate potatoes and carrots. Place them in large sieve. Set sieve into a large bowl so it nestles securely. Squeeze vegetables to wring out as much liquid as possible. If vegetables still feel wet, pat dry with paper towels, then transfer them to a mixing bowl. Stir in flour, parsley, onion, eggs, oil, salt and pepper, making sure ingredients are well combined. Spoon small mounds of the mixture on the baking sheet to form 2 1/2-inch pancakes, leaving 1 inch between each. Bake latkes until golden brown, 6 to 8 minutes per side, turning once with spatula. Pancakes can also be made in a pan, preferably non-stick, with a light coating of canola oil spray on the bottom. Heat pan to high, then reduce to medium or medium-high heat. Transfer cooked pancakes to warm plates or a serving platter and serve at once. If desired, serve with low-fat sour cream or applesauce.

Makes about 16 pancakes or 8 servings.  
Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

## HANUKKAH

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will be part of the festivities provided at the center. "And we will provide doughnuts, another customary treat, sweets and other special foods," said the chef. The residents will be treated to Smith's own family's holiday nut roll, which he has adapted to Jewish kosher guidelines.

Smith, who is not Jewish, is an employee of Sodexo, the contractor which provides food services for the center. He said he has enjoyed the challenge of learning how to prepare kosher foods for the residents.

"I was excited when I took this position a year ago," Smith said. "I knew I would have the opportunity to expand my cooking skills. This I have done and I've also gained a wealth of knowledge of Jewish customs and traditions."

He explained, for instance, that kosher Jews can have fish, but the varieties allowed must have scales and fins and cannot be bottom-feeders, such as catfish. Also, shell fish, such as shrimp and lobster, are not allowed.

Smith's career in the culinary field began when he trained with a master chef at a private club in Southfield. He then spent two years at Disney World cooking and learning high-volume food preparation. He returned to the Detroit area and joined Sodexo seven years ago.

His current position requires him to oversee two kitchens, including two separate dishwashing operations.

This is because kosher food preparation mandates the separation of meat and dairy products.

"Our red kitchen is for preparing meat; the blue, the dairy items," Smith said. "Both have their own pans, cooking utensils and dishes (patterned for meat; solid for

## RECIPES

### SMITH FAMILY HOLIDAY NUT ROLL

**Filling**  
3/4 pound shelled and chopped walnuts  
1/2 cup soft butter  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup milk  
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla  
Mix all filling ingredients together and set aside.  
**Dough**  
1 cake yeast  
1/2 cup milk  
2 cups flour  
1/4 cup sugar  
1/2 tablespoon salt  
1/2 cup butter  
1 egg  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1 beaten egg  
Powdered sugar  
Dissolve yeast in warm milk. Mix all ingredients (except nut filling) together. Knead dough for a few minutes until dough is smooth. Make two balls. Roll thin and fill with nut filling. Roll like a jelly roll. Let rise 1 hour on well-greased cookie sheet.

Brush with beaten egg and bake at 350° F for 30 minutes. When cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Makes two loaves.

### BEEF RAGOUT BURGUNDY WITH NOODLES

36 ounces medium-wide egg noodles  
1/2 pound julienne-cut fresh

carrots  
1/2 pound diced yellow onions  
1/2 pound diced potatoes  
2 1/4 pounds beef stew meat, cubed  
30 ounce can diced tomatoes with juice, divided  
1/16 teaspoon ground bay leaves  
1 1/2 tablespoon soy sauce  
3/4 ounce beef base (no MSG)  
5 1/3 cups water, divided  
1/4 cup flour  
1/2 cup Burgundy cooking wine  
1 1/3 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce  
6 ounces frozen peas

Prepare egg noodles according to package directions. Keep warm.

Boil carrots, onions and potatoes in water (just enough to cover) until tender. Drain. In large soup kettle, brown beef cubes. Add 1 cup tomatoes and juice, bay leaves, soy sauce, beef base and 5 cups of water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 1 hour or until meat is tender.

In small bowl, combine flour and remaining water. Stir into beef mixture. Simmer for 5 minutes or until thickened. Add carrots, onions and potatoes, remaining tomatoes and juice, wine, Worcestershire sauce and peas to beef mixture. Heat until warm and serve over noodles.

Makes 12 servings.  
Recipes provide by Jeff Smith.

dairy." He added that there is separate flatware, glassware and serving trays to assure that the two food groups are not served together.

"And we have still another set of dishes and utensils used strictly for Passover," Smith said.

According to the chef, in his early days at the center he made a few mistakes by mixing meat and dairy in recipes. "We had to get rid of a few pans, but now I'm familiar with the requirements. If in doubt, I ask the rabbi or check one of the many books. I

keep in my office."

As Hanukkah approaches – it begins at sundown on Tuesday, Dec. 7 – Smith is busy checking menus and adding more sweets.

"We tend to restrict sweets on a daily basis and serve more fruits," he said. "We're adding more cakes and other desserts during Hanukkah, as well as some of the other favorite treats of the residents."

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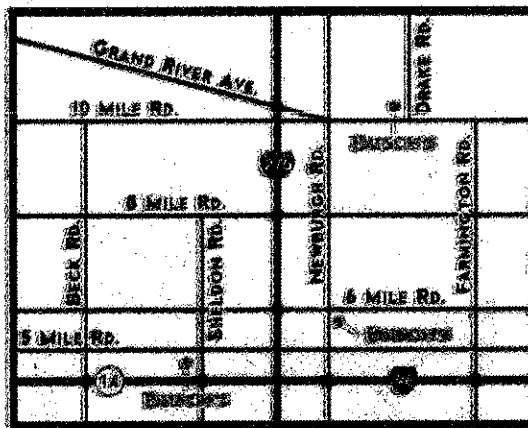
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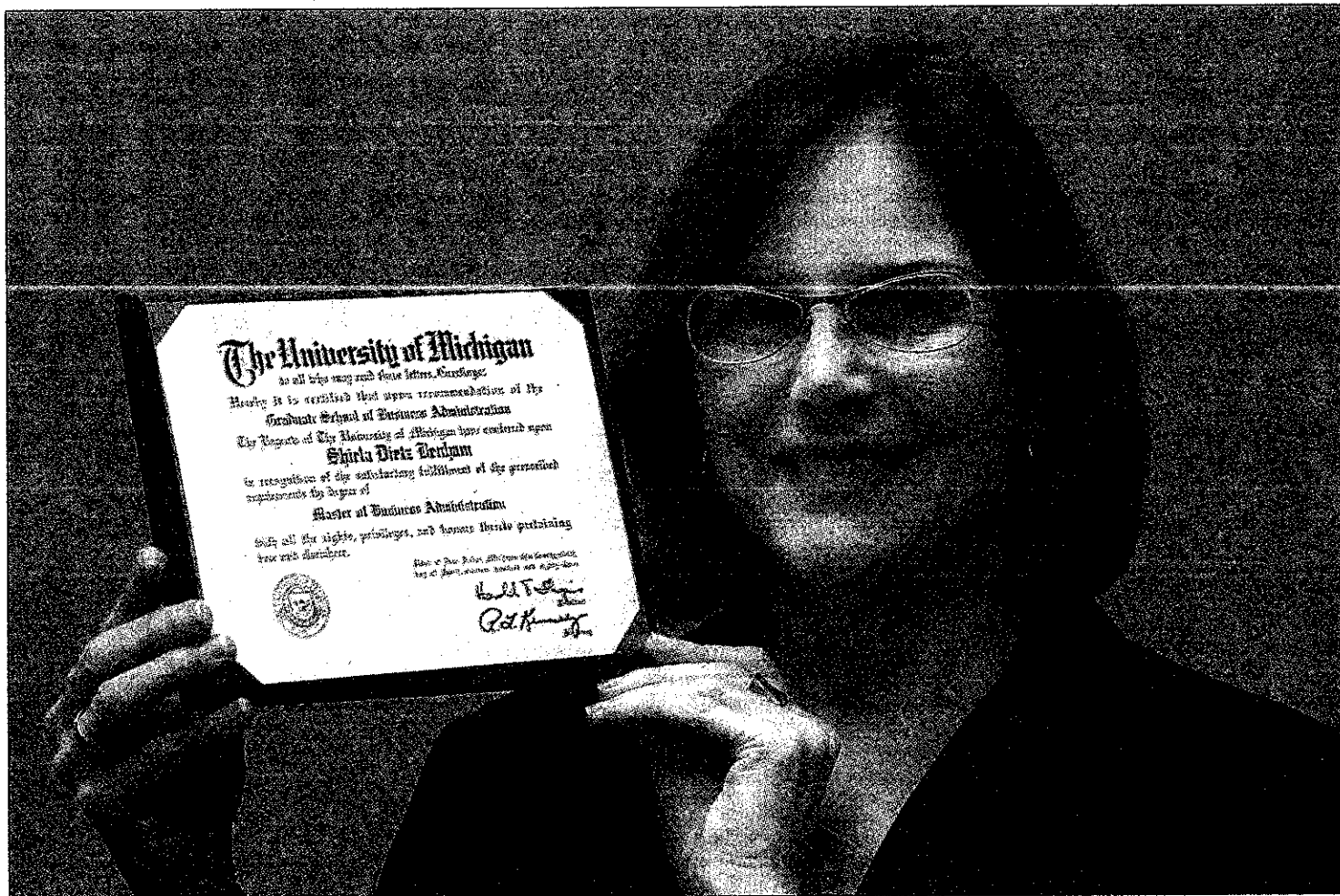
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In a similar case out of the State of Texas, the builder argued that the projected impact of the subdivision project did not warrant the degree of improvements mandated by the municipality. It also argued that it was an unconstitutional infringement upon its constitutional rights. In a decision of the Texas Supreme Court citing a 1987 U.S. Supreme Court decision requiring localities to demonstrate a "nexus" between a legitimate government interest and the exaction it demands from the developer, and another case ruling that exactions must be proportionate to the impact on the development, the court found on behalf of the builder and indicated that the municipalities efforts were simply a way for the municipality to "extract a benefit to which the town was not entitled." The court recognized that in cases such as this, the government has the burden of justifying the condition of exaction demanded of the developer.

I recently read an article regarding condo rage in communities where directors have been assaulted and, in some instances, murdered. How do you deal with that situation?

Short of consulting with a psychologist, the association can take various steps to deal with condo rage. Some suggestions which I have heard about include (1) staying calm, (2) listening and responding to the co-owner, (3) staying proactive as a board to deal with the problem, (4) acting quickly and consulting with your association attorney, (5) if necessary, posting off duty police to patrol your meetings, (6) getting professional assistance, and (7) if necessary, calling the police.

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Shiela Dietz is a Realtor and earned her M.B.A. from the University of Michigan.

# Having an M.B.A. helps Realtors get down to business in their field

BY KEELY SCHRAMM  
STAFF WRITER

Sometimes your children turn the tables as they come of age and counsel you. That's what happened to Shiela Dietz. She and her daughter, Melissa, were taking a walk through their Birmingham neighborhood and discussing Melissa's future.

"She just got her B.A. from the University of Michigan and wasn't sure what to do next. I kept telling her to do what you love and the money will follow.

"For example," she told her daughter. "I will always be sorry I didn't go into real estate."

Her daughter's response was "Obviously, when you talk to me, it doesn't apply to you."

Dietz said she'll never forget that conversation, it changed her life. Melissa decided to study interior design at Parson's School of Design in New York City. And Dietz, who worked at Chrysler and Compuware before starting her own consulting firm, did something a lot of people are afraid to do, she decided to follow her dream.

It wasn't the first time she changed careers. Dietz worked as a speech pathologist for 11 years in Michigan and California before deciding to enroll in the M.B.A. program at the University of Michigan.

"I was in California when Proposition 13 reduced funding for public schools," she said. "I asked myself, 'Do I still want to be doing this for 30 years?' When the answer is 'no' you're a lame duck in your own life."

Dietz talked to people she knew, Mike Cotter and Dave Busch at Snyder, Kinney, Bennett and Keating in Birmingham. "I had bought and sold houses through them," she said. "I really respected them. They were very encouraging."

Then she took a class to prepare her to take the Michigan real estate licensing exam, passed, and began working with Snyder, Kinney, Bennett and Keating.

"Having learned how to be your

**The Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors in Michigan has added 30 to 40 new members a month for the past year, according to association President Chris Courtney. Laid-off executives seeking a new career are a big factor in the recent expansion, he said.**

own boss and have your own business was helpful," she said. "As a Realtor, you are absolutely independent. I really do love it. It's a constant challenge. I'm really in charge of this. It's something you can manage and grow without worrying about tax referendums and corporate cycles. You can make a difference every day, it's up to you."

If Michael Aldouby, a Realtor with RE/MAX New Trend in Farmington falls, he has nobody to blame but himself.

"A lot of people don't want to do real estate because the risk. But there is no job security anymore. Here at least you have a little control. In many corporations there's politics and all that. I like controlling my destiny."

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Nearly one out of five Realtors were in management before entering the real estate industry, according to the National Association of Realtors, and 88 percent of all Realtors have had at least some college, and 42 percent have gone on to pursue bachelor's

and advanced degrees.

Aldouby earned his M.B.A. from Pace University in Manhattan and his bachelor's degree in political science. He worked as a journalist and published a newsletter, *Real Estate Broker's Report*.

"After writing so much about it I decided to go into real estate myself," he said. "You're self-employed. Nobody tells you what to do. Where your business goes is up to you. You're marketing and selling ideas, it's important to have a business background. It's been really critical for me. One of the chief things I do is figure out ways to differentiate myself from my competitors."

Dietz and Aldouby said they've both built on what they learned in business school.

"Home ownership has been a more sound investment," said Dietz. "It's a big part of people's financial portfolio. Having an understanding of properties, markets and values helps you work with clients to know what finances they should relegate to housing. It's their family business, you're helping them manage that. You can be the person you wish you had when you were buying and selling a house. Things you learned in the corporate world can be brought to real estate."

Aldouby believes real estate is the perfect business to use the tools he has and his M.B.A. "A lot of people think Realtors aren't needed, and they can do the job themselves. But in my opinion, things have never been as complicated as they are today. There's a lot involved - marketing, negotiating, paperwork. People stand to lose a lot if there are errors. This is often their biggest investment."

Real estate has become very big business. "There's a tendency for M.B.A.s to gravitate toward opportunity," said Dietz. "U-M has put an emphasis on real estate in its business school. At more senior levels people are realizing these are big businesses and getting involved. It's a lucrative business and enjoyable too. I don't think you should be allowed to have this much fun."

## Mortgage Bits

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## Combo loans help nix PMI

When loan officers usually select single mortgage products to properly fill our clients' needs — but not always. In many cases, I find that using a combination of loans yields a better result than would the use of a single loan product.

One of my favorite mortgage combinations involves the addition of a Home Equity Line-of-Credit, or HELOC, onto a conventional mortgage. This special loan combination can be used for refinances and for purchases, and is especially useful for borrowers who are paying for private mortgage insurance, or PMI.

Consider a hypothetical young couple who bought their home with a very small payment a year ago. These borrowers are likely trying to either improve their mortgage interest rate or to reduce or eliminate their PMI payments, or both. Because it is unlikely that their home has appreciated much in just one year, they may not be able to accomplish both objectives with a single loan. They could probably reduce their interest rate, but will not likely entirely eliminate their PMI.

However, they may succeed using a combination solution that calls for them to take out two separate new loans to replace their existing one. The first would be a conventional loan written at 80 percent of their home's current value, and the second would be a HELOC large enough to pay off the balance of the first mortgage, plus the new loans' costs.

By structuring the refinance in this manner, the borrowers will avoid PMI, and can pay as little as just the interest on the HELOC. Also, with that costly PMI eliminated, they can voluntarily keep their payments at the pre-refinance level, and apply the overage toward the principle on the new HELOC to build equity more quickly.

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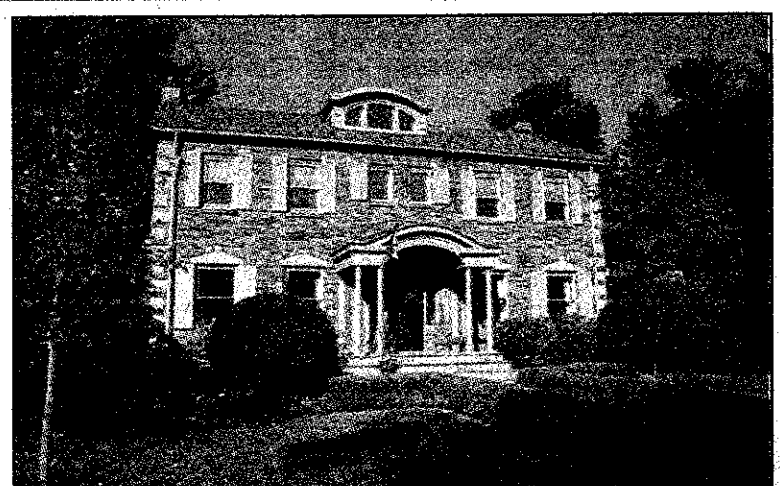
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A West Bloomfield resident, Broder is involved in a variety of community and charitable organizations. He is currently president of the Hebrew Free Loan Association of Metropolitan Detroit, and on the Board of Governors of the Jewish Federation of Metro Detroit, and the Board of Trustees of The American Red Cross-Southeast Michigan

Chapter. He is also a member of Capital Needs Division of the United Jewish Foundation and the properties committee of the American Red Cross.

Other 2004 award recipients included Charles Allen, president of Graimark Realty Advisors; Dominic Mocerri, a partner in The Mocerri Cos; and Randall Thomas, president and CEO of Insite Commercial Group.

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# Current mortgage rates a mixed bag, experts say

**BY JEANNINE AVERSA**  
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Mortgages rates were a mixed bag this past week, with benchmark 30-year mortgages edging down, one-year adjustable-rate mortgages shooting up and 15-year mortgages holding steady.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly survey released Wednesday, Nov. 24 said rates on 30-year,

fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.72, down from 5.74 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 drifted lower.

The relatively good behavior of long-term mortgage rates has pleased economists. "At this time last year, our forecast called for interest rates for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages to

exceed 6 percent by this time this year," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates this week averaged 5.15 percent, unchanged from the week before.

One-year adjustable rate mortgages, however, rose to 4.27 percent, up sharply from 4.17 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 0.6 point fee. One-year ARMs carried a 0.7 point fee.

Low mortgage rates are helping to keep the housing market humming.

New-home sales rose 0.2 percent in October from the previous month to an annual rate of 1.23 million, the third best showing ever, the Commerce Department reported Nov. 24.

Sales in the Northeast surged 19.7 percent to a rate of 85,000. In the West, sales jumped 12.7 percent to a record-high pace of 417,000. But in the South sales dropped 9.1 percent to a rate of 508,000, and in the Midwest sales declined 3.6 percent to a pace of 216,000. Economists expect home sales to hit record highs for all of 2004.

"Interest rates are still front and center about keeping demand exuberant," said David

Seiders, chief economist at the National Association of Home Builders. An improved job market is another factor supporting sales, he said.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.83 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.17 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.72 percent.

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# More retirees mull move to snow country

**BY BECKY BOHRER**  
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Whenever Fern and Dale Johnson visited family in Wyoming, they couldn't help feeling a bit envious. People were so friendly, and the pace of life in the rural community was much slower – and more to their liking – than back home in Nebraska.

The Johnsons once dreamed of spending their leisure years in the warmth of sunny Arizona. But Sun City, it turned out, was too "busy." So when retirement finally came last year, they headed instead for Buffalo, a decidedly four-season town of about 4,100 people near the looming Big Horn Mountains of northern Wyoming.

Buffalo is certainly a far cry from Arizona. Winter snows can come early and stay late in Wyoming. The interstate on-ramps have permanent barriers that can be lowered when blizzards make travel too dangerous.

But nestled in a small house on a block so quiet the thrush of

blowing autumn leaves is startling, the Johnsons say they couldn't be happier.

"To me, the climate is so much nicer here. There's no humidity," said Fern Johnson, 66.

Florida and Arizona remain hot retirement destinations, offering the constants of sun and warmth, gardening and golf, the traditional attractions for a retiree. But Sunbelt destinations are losing some of their cool with many new retirees, who want more and are willing to live where it's cold and snowy to get it.

Some, like the Johnsons, seek small-town connections. Others seek out culture and educational opportunities in college towns. Some want active outdoor recreation. And some look for a low cost of living where they can build a dream home or start a new business.

"The hold Florida and Arizona have had on retirees is loosening, and the options are growing," said Clare Hushbeck, an economist and senior legislative representative with AARP.

Today, the nature of retirement is changing. Many people are retiring younger, with more money and more plans. For many, that includes opportunities to stay active and involved. Newly retiring baby boomers, between the ages of 40 and 60,

don't see themselves as old, said Joanne Bowlby of AARP Wyoming.

"The idea of playing golf and living in a condo with people only their own age – to them – is old," she said. "Here, we see them active: mountain biking, hiking, skiing. The independent mindset fits them."

It did Marvin and JoAnne Brown. The retired Air Force colonel and his wife found a house in Lander, Wyo., that they ended up buying and turning into a bed and breakfast. Though they hadn't any particular plans to leave their home in Denver, they were bowled over by the house and its prospects and were excited about starting over in a town of about 7,000 people in mountainous western Wyoming.

Nearly 10 years later, their Blue Spruce Inn is doing well and the couple remain pleased with their move.

"Lander is the kind of place where you can be as busy or not-as-busy as you want to be," said Marvin Brown, 67. "Pick your animal and there's a group for it – elk, turkeys, fish."

Hunting and fishing are among the draws to Townsend, Mont., a town of about 1,900 near the state capital of Helena. From 1990-2003, Broadwater County, which includes Townsend, saw a 54 percent increase in the number

of people 65 and older, according to the census.

Weather, water and mountains are main draws to Sequim, Wash., a town of about 4,200 on the northern end of the Olympic Peninsula. The town's average age is 58, said Pat McCauley, Sequim marketing director.

"I actively market to kayakers and bikers and outdoor adventure people, and they move here with their kayaks and bikes when they retire," she said.

While Buffalo is attracting retirees, those same retirees are changing Buffalo.

They volunteer at places such as the Jim Gatchell Museum and food pantry. They use the YMCA to lift weights, walk or swim, and their growing number is a factor as officials look ahead at how best to meet the needs of members, chief executive officer Doug Schultze said.

Realtor Bob Snowdens says he has seen a steady number of retirees move into the area over the last decade and a rise in prices for the coveted 2- to 5-acre plots inhabited in the county. In outlying areas, clearing some snow-covered roads isn't a top priority for road crews, a fact many new residents learn after their first, big snowfall, said Ken Gross, a consultant to the city and former local planner.

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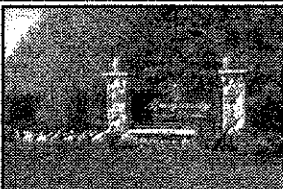
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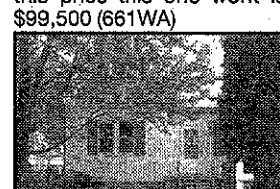
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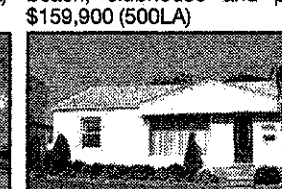
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GREAT CURB APPEAL ON THIS BROADFRONT BRICK RANCH. Newer roof, windows, 2 1/2 car mechanics size garage and secluded street complete the picture. 24139439 **\$154,900**

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## GARDEN CITY

LOTS OF UPDATES This 3 BR ranch has just what you're looking for. Updated kitchen with ceramic floor, newer carpet, newer furnace and new windows. A270 **\$146,000**

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## DEARBORN HEIGHTS

3BR, 2 BA UPDATED RANCH. MOVE RIGHT IN! Newer bathroom, \$6,000 in new windows, perfect hdwd flrs. Kitchen & bath in basement, investment potential! All appliances stay. What more could you ask for? 349-6200. 24133637 **\$144,900**

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## GARDEN CITY

GARDEN CITY DREAM BOAT! Updated to the max! Doors, wndws, gorgeous kitchen & bath and much more! 3 bedrooms, full bsmt, lg 2.5 car gar. Quiet Garden City location. 23H5710 **\$144,900**

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HAWTHORNE HILLS SUB 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, finished bsmt, 10x14 Florida rm, 2 car side entry garage. All new items: rf, wndws, furn w/a/c, hwh, kit, all appliances stay. 23113275 PC070182 **\$142,900**

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## GARDEN CITY

AFFORDABLE BEAUTY! Clean & Bright updated 3 BR charmer w/partly fin bsmt & 2 car gar. Lg master BR w/walk-in closet. Updated kitchen, bath, paint, windows & more. Move right in! H707 **\$140,000**

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## REDFORD

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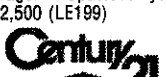
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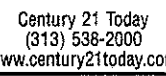
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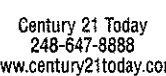
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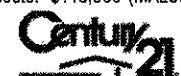
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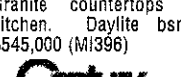
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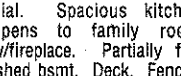
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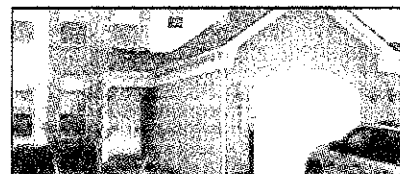
**WATERFORD Curb Appeal & Incredible Updates**  
Lake privileges in this beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home. Custom entry doors, newer roof, windows, doorwall, kitchen cabinets & counters w/appliances. Partially finished basement & more.

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**CANTON Luxurious Golf Frontage**  
Grand 2 story entrance, hardwood floor, 3 baths, 2 powder rooms, spectacular view, fabulous master suite/jetted tub, bright kitchen-walk in pantry, butler service station. 2 tier deck, 3 car garage.

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**LIVONIA Eye Catching**  
3 BR, 2.5 BA maintenance free brick ranch. Landscaped to perfection w/huge 2-tiered private deck, neat decor, oak kit, fieldstone, triple in FR, lg bay in LR, huge bsmt, FFL, C/A, sprinkler, fin 2 car att garage. Loaded.

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**FARMINGTON HILLS Best Value In Westbrooke**  
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**LIVONIA Won't Last Long**  
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**LIVONIA Rosedale Gardens**  
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**HARTLAND Pristine Inside & Out**  
3 BR, 2 BA home w/kit w/oak cabinets & skylight. LR w/electric start fric. MBR w/WIC & full BA. FR (option 3rd BR) w/surround sound, wet bar & B-1 frig. Full cust ceramic BA on main flr, laundry W/O to patio. All appls.

(E51NEW) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



**NOVI Stunning Colonial**  
4 bedroom, 2 + 2 bath home on cul-de-sac backing to private woods, hilly & ravine. Year round sunroom w/4 doorwalls, white bay island kitchen. Master suite w/jetted tub & finished LL with wet bar & storage.

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**NORTHVILLE Spectacular Ranch**  
End unit condo. Great room w/crown molding, neutral carpet, gas fric, trimmed in marble. Kit w/white Merillat cabs, apps incl. Dining area has bay wndw. French drs to lib, bsmt plumbed, & daylight wndws.

(E61EDG) 734-455-5600 \$302,900



**LIVONIA Something Special**  
Updated 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial w/newer windows, roof, furnace & C/A. Fresh & neutral. Family room w/wood stove & 2 car attached garage.

(E25RIC) 734-455-5600 \$214,900



**LIVONIA Great 4 Bedroom Ranch**  
Nice family room w/cath ceiling & natural fireplace, newer roof on house & garage, newer windows, HWH, AC & furnace. Hardwood floors, master bedroom w/att lev. All major appls & partially fin bsmt & 2 car garage.

(E19PIN) 734-455-5600 \$204,900



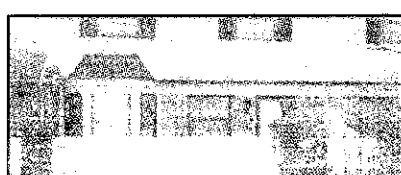
**CANTON Wow, What Hasn't Been Done**  
In this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath end unit condo? Newer decor, ceramic floors in foyer, both baths, kitchen, to all newer appls plus washer & dryer, newer windows & roof. Across from golf course.

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**SOUTH LYON Super Sharp!**  
Spacious 2 bedroom, 3 bath condo. Great room w/vaulted ceilings. Kitchen w/oak cabs & ceramic floor. Third BR in LL w/fabulous jet tub. Upper loft, FFL, 2 car garage. Appliances. Close to schools and trails.

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**CANTON Neat Clean Neutral Condo**  
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**LIVONIA You Can Stop Looking**  
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(E01NEW) 734-455-5600 \$197,325



**DEARBORN Desirable Dearborn Hills**  
3 bedroom brick bungalow with full bath w/1 living room w/fireplace, dining room, family room, finished basement. Lovely yard w/covered deck. CA & 2 car garage.

(E46MER) 734-455-5600 \$187,000



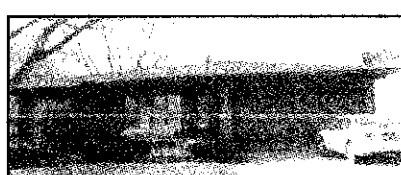
**CANTON Ranch End Unit**  
Great location. Newer windows, carpet, neutral T/O. Spacious LR, children's play area. Plymouth Canton schools. Why pay rent, when you can own. A must see.

(E38ORC) 248-349-5600 \$98,000



**NOVI Spectacular Custom Home**  
Beautifully detailed-offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 3 baths. Master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite bath. Gourmet kitchen w/Viking stove, Sub Zero frig. Walkout LL w/hardwood floors, sauna & full granite kit.

(E55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$999,900



**CANTON You Can Have It All!**  
In this charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch offers family room w/full brick fireplace, 2 car attached garage, finished basement, hardwood floors under carpet + newer roof, windows & updated patio door. HWH.

(E83HIL) 734-455-5600 \$215,000



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**NOVI Walled Lake Privileges**  
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**SOUTHFIELD 2 Suite Condo w/Fireplace**  
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**CANTON Charming Updated Ranch**  
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(E10HAN) 734-455-5600 \$196,900



**LIVONIA Location! Location!**  
Across from park & close to pool! Newer roof, LR, neutral carpet, cove ceiling, kit & DR w/newer laminate flooring, counter, oak cabs, pantry, 3 bedrooms have a bath & WIC. Full basement w/walk-out & 3 car att gar.

(E70HAR) 734-455-5600 \$174,900



**LIVONIA Only The Best Here**  
Stop looking and start enjoying your new condo! 2-story, 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home built in 2001 & shines top to bottom. Loaded w/upgrades-premium flooring, cherry cabs, Corian counters, cust wndw treatments.

(E60FAR) 248-349-5600 \$244,900



**PLYMOUTH Walk To Town**  
Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom, 1 bath condo. Neutral decor, open floor plan, doorwall to deck. All appliances stay.

(F52PIN) 248-349-5600 \$126,900



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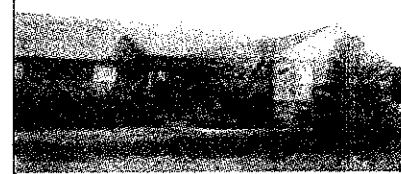
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# The Dodge Magnum 300

Advertising Feature

## Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

Of all the things that Chrysler Group has done over the last several years to turn around the prospects for the most exciting member of America's Big Three car makers -- and that includes the PT Cruiser and the Pacifica -- no master stroke has been more important than this year's debut of the 2005 Chrysler 300 and Dodge Magnum.

The two vehicles have created true product excitement and an impressive new brand signature for Chrysler Group, representing not only some of the best American-produced hardware to appear on our roads in quite some time but also, a bit paradoxically, the zenith so far of the joint development efforts that have been gradually growing within the company since Daimler-Benz took over Chrysler.

Clearly, lots of people agree with this assessment. Not only has the 300, especially, been a hot seller since its introduction last spring, but Motor Trend magazine just named the vehicle its Car of the Year.

Simply put, the 300 represents the best blend in some time of all the factors that are important to a sedan. Its design is head-turning, its powerplant impressive and surprisingly fuel-efficient, its handling a perfect middle ground between performance vehicles and comfortable sedans, its interior both crisply designed and roomy. And all of that, perhaps most impressively, for prices that begin in the mid-20,000s.

Of course, a big part of the story with the 300 is an exterior design that is outlandishly cutting edge at the same time that it is certifiably retro. Car and Driver said some time ago that it would be a perfect car for a resuscitated Al Capone, but I think the mobster allusion actually does the 300's styling a disservice. The huge grid-design front grille is an in-your-face design that heralds a 300's arrival, and the extremely short front overhang accentuates its impact. The same thing happens when you observe the car's bold and blockish rear end.

Another distinctive aspect of the 300's design are the high doors and shallow windows. The combination may make it difficult for you to lean an arm out the window, but that's a small sacrifice to make for the streamlining effect on the overall design.

The car's performance leaves little to be desired. The standard, now-famous, 5.7-liter V-8 Hemi engine pumps out 340 horsepower and 390 lb.-ft. of torque, providing adequate output in every driving situation, but even that doesn't tell the whole story of the 300's powerplant. That's because the 300 and Magnum represent Chrysler's most advanced use of a cylinder-deactivation system that is designed to selectively "turn off" certain cylinders when the car is cruising, in an effort to improve fuel economy. The operation is invisible to the driver, or "seamless," and contributes to a remarkable overall fuel-economy level of 19 miles a gallon in the city in the 300 Limited version I drove and 27 miles a gallon on the highway.

The ride is solid all the way around, with the 300 swallowing up bumps rather effortlessly and yet always reinforcing the impression that it is totally in touch with the surface beneath it.

Inside, the 300 is well equipped with a crisp design and luxurious amenities, depending on the version. The gauges on the instrument panel have a bit of a retro look and are set off sharply against the background, aiding both the design and the visibility of information to the driver.

Legroom for rear passengers is vast. However, at least one feature of the rear passenger area is a bit



The Dodge Magnum 300

disappointing, with headroom barely adequate for passengers sitting on the right and the left of the rear compartment and a seating area that otherwise offers nothing special. Cargo room in the trunk is more than adequate.

Ditto for most of this when it comes to the Dodge Magnum, except for some obvious areas of differentiation. The most important is that Magnum is designed as kind of a cross between a traditional station wagon and today's SUVs, and succeeds handsomely in executing the "crossover" concept perhaps as well as it has been done in an American-designed vehicle.

Though from the outside it may look at though Magnum wouldn't lend a lot of cargo room, the reality inside the vehicle belies that impression. Magnum provides every bit of interior space that many SUVs would, with the rear seats down, and even manages to tuck away nifty compartments that are handy for smaller bits of payload.

Chrysler has scored an unmitigated success with both the 300 and the Magnum. If this is any kind of indication of what else may be coming down the pike from a DaimlerChrysler that suddenly itself seems to be running on all cylinders, then American consumers are in for more of an exciting ride indeed.

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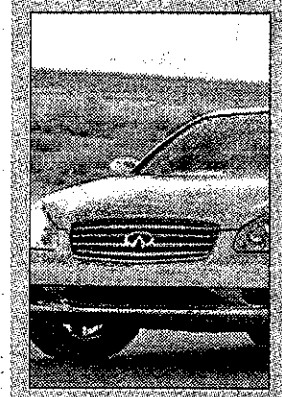
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SF 29, likes laughing, hanging out, having fun. Looking for similar SM, 38-41, N/S, for friendship or more. **2510395**

**HONESTY REQUIRED**  
Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, is looking for tall, dark, handsome SBF who is honest and down-to-earth, to spend time with. **2401088**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
SBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, enjoys film, theater, musicals. Seeking handsome, passionate, active, outgoing SBF, 45-55, for LTR. **2704112**

**NOT INTO GAMES**  
Pettie WF, 50s, with herpes, willing to give it another chance, seeks one-on-one relationship with SM. Race, age unimportant. **2405796**

**SEEKING KINDRED SPIRIT**  
SM, 45, blonde, attractive, friendly, kind, considerate, polite, seeking a S/DW, 42-62, for friendship, possibly more. **2512857**

**ARE WE COMPATIBLE?**  
SBF, 60, 5'4", 150lbs, blonde hair, certified nursing assistant, N/S, seeks BM, 61-62, for friendship, dating, perhaps more. **2514347**

**LIFE IS TOO SHORT**  
Mature and outgoing SBF, 50 years young, 5', 170lbs, thick not fat, great figure, interested in meeting mature black male who loves to live spontaneously. **2720332**

**ARE YOU STRONG OF MIND?**  
But gentle of heart? Good-looking, trim SM, 42-55, N/S? Very cute SBF, 53, emotionally and physically in shape, with eclectic interests, currently accepting applications. **2263864**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
32 year old African-American SF, weight proportionate to height, cute. Enjoys music, movies, travel. Seeking honest, hardworking, independent SBF, 32-41, for friendship leading to LTR. **2773562**

**PRECIOUS ONE**  
SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SBF, outgoing, honest, caring, sensitive and creative, for best friend, more. **2230588**

**RING MY BELL**  
SWF, 35, full-figured, Sagittarius, smoker, enjoys kids, partying, living up North. Seeking SW/BM, 36-50, for friendship, possible romance. **2438329**

**CALL ME**  
Fun-loving, affectionate, real SBF, 32, enjoys playing cards, the outdoors, candid dinners, having fun, seeking SWM, 30-50, for dating. **2745492**

**IT IN FOR THE LONG-TERM**  
SBF, 30, 5'6" loves to get away for the weekend, would like to get to know SBF, 23-41, w/passion for travel and life. **2509782**

**HERE I AM!**  
Stunning SBF, 57", 135lbs, attractive and confident, seeks feminine, fit, pretty SF 30-42, N/S. You won't be disappointed! **2511873**

**YOU NEED ME**  
Very attractive, young, full-figured, mixed BF, 30, 5'6" searching for down-to-earth, tall, responsible, mentally/physically, financially secure man I need you as much as you need me! **2519124**

**ARE YOU THE ONE?**  
SBF, 41, 4'5", wishes to meet a king-sized SBF, 41+, for friendship and companionship. **2505520**

**SLIM AND PETITE**  
Easygoing, active DWF, retired, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **271793**

**LET'S ENJOY LIFE**  
No drama, no games, 45, SBF, interests, concerts, plays, movies, dining and more. Enjoys having fun, seeking S/DW, for LTR. **2434300**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SBF, 45, tall, pretty, enjoys working out, theater, cooking, comedy clubs. Seeking tall SBF, 42-50, attractive, financially stable, similar interests. **2483446**

**SEARCHING**  
Sexy, attractive SBF, 33, 5'1", 145lbs, brown complexion, curly hair, enjoys movies, dining, ISO her soulmate, a compatible SBF, 45-55, possible marriage. **2508955**

**FEELING LIKE A LADY**  
SWF, honest, pleasant, long hair, 42, no children. Likes nature walks, travel, cooking, children, feeling like a lady. Seeking honest, genuine, marriage-minded S/DW. **2572665**

**BIG, BOLD, BEAUTIFUL**  
Attractive, voluptuous SBF, 33, N/S, beautiful smile, seeks single man, 21-80, who is adventurous, spontaneous, interested in dating. **2511305**

**BEEHIVE? DONE THAT?**  
Take heart, DWF, young-acting 53, 5'9", blonde/hazel, N/S, works in a warehouse. Seeking that special romantic WM, 49-60, who enjoys animals, camping, traveling, and music. **2513732**

**EPITOME OF BEAUTY**  
SBF, 19, 5'8", 145lbs, N/S, loves journalism, literature, writing, reading, movies. Looking for SM, 19-34, for possible relationship. **2513785**

**SUMMER SCHOOL**  
Down-to-earth, spontaneous SBF, 39, teacher, seeks SBF, 50-65, who is interested in the night life, casinos, movies, dining and dancing. **2410942**

**LET'S HANG OUT**  
SF, 28, 5'11", 135lbs, CNA, enjoys movies, travel, hanging out, seeking compatible SM, 25-45, who shares similar interests. **2475232**

**BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED**  
Beautiful, full-figured SBF, 35, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, dark, handsome SBF, 33-50, **2481293**

**SECRETARY OF FUN**  
SWF, 36, Leo, N/S, blonde/green, mother of 2, seeks serious, hard-working SBF, 35-35, N/S, who is not into bars. **2494422**

**ARMS OPEN WIDE**  
SBF, 24, sweet and sincere, ISO SM, 26-36, who's honest, gentle, fun and caring with arms and heart open wide. **2501589**

**JUST LET ME KNOW**  
Intelligent, caring, affectionate DWF, 28, 5'4", brown/blond, full-figured, enjoys helping people, the outdoors and more. Seeking outgoing, trustworthy, affectionate SBF, 24-35, for friendship, maybe more. **2515849**

**ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB**  
Financially secure, independent SBF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SBF, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. **2217475**

**LOST IN MICHIGAN**  
SBF, 28, 5'5", 190lbs, no children, never married, very attractive, outgoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his stuff together. **2229089**

## CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

SBF, 30, no children, seeks goal-oriented SBF, 25-37, no children, who is respectful, intelligent, intellectual, and respects women. **2519350**

**JUST THE FACTS**  
SWF, 27, full-figured, N/S, enjoys movies, dinner, dancing. Seeking man, 24-35, N/S, race unimportant, for friendship, possible romance. **2250724**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'6", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new movies and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBF. **2286633**

**FRIENDS FIRST**  
SBF, 26, Aquarius, N/S, is looking for a friend, SBF, 28-38, N/S. Must have a sense of humor, must be hard-working, trustworthy, and goal-oriented. **2758073**

**A PRECIOUS JEWEL**  
Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S enjoys out doors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BPF, 40-55, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. **2432793**

**STRONG BELIEFS**  
WF, 36, 5'7", enjoys going to movies, dining out, hiking, concerts, reading, more. Seeking Christian WM, 36-55, with good morals. **2407728**

**SEEKING A BLACK PRINCE**  
Attractive SBF, 33, smoker, light drinker, with two children looking for SBF, 21-48, for friendship and fun times. **2416811**

**ATTN: WORKAHOLICS**  
SWF, 38, 5'7", 125lbs, ISO professional male, for friendship possible relationship. Not just arm candy, have opinions, feelings, don't want perfection just right person. **2410965**

**LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS**  
SBF, 38, is looking for SW/HAM who is educated, fun, outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous. Laughter and conversation are good things. Must be a gentleman. **292589**

**OPEN AND HONEST**  
SF, 35, looking for a woman, 25-45, for affection and attention. Call, let's add some excitement to life! **2424565**

**A LOT TO OFFER**  
SF, 31, 5'2", 145lbs, N/S, mother, enjoys cooking, movies, plays, having fun. Seeking honest, fun-loving, handsome SM, 29-40, **2426910**

**LOVABLE AND SWEET**  
SBF, 30, 5'2", brown/blond, 170lbs, mother, working student, Libra, N/S, seeks independent, smart BM, 35-75, for friendship, possible relationship. **2437573**

**GREAT CATCH**  
Lovely SBF, 31, 5'11", athletic build, N/S, thinks Nickelback is cool, loves to go sight-seeing, seeks SBF, 35-43, N/S, for excellent LTR. **2453116**

**WHERE ARE YOU?**  
Attractive, outgoing, single SBF, 32, ISO SM, 31-37, for relationship. I enjoy movies, rollerblading, comedy clubs, bowling, etc. Serious replies only. **2458371**

**ARE WE A MATCH?**  
SWF, 40, strong, the adventures followed her, she is a woman who knows what she wants. Looking for SBF, 25-30, for LTR. **245764**

**YOU WILL LIKE ME!**  
Attractive SBF, 66, 5'5", blonde, artist, fun-loving, seeks well-groomed SBF, 60+, loves cuddling, dining out, and sharing life. **272863**

**SEARCH NO MORE**  
Genuine, caring, family, independent SBF, 55, 140lbs, who enjoys being romantic dinners, quiet evenings, plays, nights in, seeking honest, independent, sincere, feminine SBF, 30-42, **2473831**

**IT'S ALL GOOD**  
Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBF, 19-35, N/S, to share his love, fun, romance, quality time together. **277802**

**SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST**  
SF, 43, smoker, student, looking for SM, 25-35, N/S, who is trustworthy, a good listener, and will make me happy. **2484338**

**TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE**  
SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/S, who is outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **2444748**

**BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE**  
Sports-oriented BPF, 39, two teenage daughters, physically challenged, loves jazz, sports, gospel, politics, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45, **2223080**

**HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?**  
Loving, down-to-earth SBF, 33, 4'11", 180lbs, mother, N/S, N/D, enjoys bowling, shopping, movies, live entertainment. Seeking SBF, 32-35, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **2529735**

**SIMPLE REQUEST**  
Are you honest, trustworthy, down-to-earth? SBF, 40, N/S, seeks SBF, 27-37, N/S, who knows how to take life one day at a time. **2508061**

**QUIET BEAUTY**  
SBF, 46, shy but loves to laugh, enjoys concerts, movies, seeking good, honest SBF, 43-50, N/S, for LTR. **2498245**

**LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER**  
Pretty, slender Ukrainian lady, 54, Catholic, 10 years in the U.S. Seeking caring relationship with warm-hearted independent man who enjoys family, theater, travel. **2512135**

**GET TO KNOW ME!**  
SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **2431382**

**NO NONSENSE**  
Nice-looking, active, non-nonsense gal, seeks good looking, active, non-nonsense guy, 35-49, white or hispanic, DWPF, young 43, athletic. Companionship and fun desired. **2448655**

**PARADISE**  
SBF, 36, 5'2", brown/blond, ISO honest SM, 35-40, who knows what he wants in life and who's looking for paradise, share my love. **2494900**

**FRIENDSHIP FIRST**  
God-fearing, loving, intelligent SBF, 43, enjoys church, the outdoors, laughter, dining out, gospel music and more. Seeking god-fearing, honest, caring SBF, 40 to 45, for friendship first. **2221725**

**RESUME ME!**  
SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBF, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **2408635**

**LET'S COMMUNICATE**  
Active, affectionate SBF enjoys dining out, movies, plays, concerts, traveling. Seeking honest, good-humored SBF, 55-70, w/similar interests, for companionship. **2413506**

**FUN-LOVING LADY**  
SBF, 43, Virgo, smoker, loves chocolate, seeks fun-loving, sincere BM, 34-56, enjoys conversations, companionship. **2438719**

**LOOKING FOR COMMITMENT**  
SWF, 44, looking for outgoing guy, 39-44, who is looking for a serious relationship and commitment. **2461117**

## VERY OUTGOING

Catholic DWF, 59, looks much younger, N/S, very tall, looking for gentleman, 56-63, w/pleasant personality, to enjoy family activities, camping, travel, much more. **2455079**

**A REAL 10**  
DBF, 42, executive, very attractive, new transfer to area, looking for professional male, 35-48, for friendship. No blue-collar workers, please. **2480005**

**WARRIOR PRINCESS!**  
WPF, 49, seeks SBF, 38-52, Let's struggle and make this winter a total meltdown! I love laughter, humor, reading, and life! **2480978**

**CALL ME!**  
SF, 21, 5'4", 140lbs, long dark/hazel, N/S, no children, enjoys dining, movies, working out, bowling. Seeking SBF, 21-40, N/S. **2488973**

**SHALL WE DANCE?**  
SAF, 56, 4'11", 105lbs, desires well-groomed, older gentleman, 60-75, who loves to dance and travel. Grosse Pointe area preferred. **2498134**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Good-looking SBF, 65, 5'5", 135lbs, reddish-brown hair, humorous, likes gardening, reading, going out to movies. Seeking SBF, 66-75, 5'8"-6'2", for companionship, possible LTR. **2490369**

**GET TO KNOW THIS...**  
petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBF, 57-69, for friendship, possible LTR. **243669**

**DARK EBONY**  
SBF, 42, 5'8", full-figured, seeks intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavier, for possible relationship. **2325293**

**WANTED: A WIDOWER**  
who enjoys life and all it has to offer. Educated, professional, financially secure, loves music, dancing, travel, touch, hugging, holding, and kissing. Begin friendly and let relationships grow. **238823**

**AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?**  
Attractive, kind-hearted SBF, 44, 5'8", full-figured, enjoys dining out, movies, playing cards, family and more. Seeking family-oriented, intelligent, humorous SBF, 40-60, for friendship and companionship. **2382821**

**NEW TO WAYNE CO. AREA**  
SBPF, 40ish, 5'8", nurse, with children, marriage-minded, smoker, loves drama, movies, dancing, and crossword puzzles. Seeking WM, 45-60, smoker, who enjoys music and sports. **245545**

**SHALL WE?**  
DWF, 40, 5'4", H/W proportionate, light brown hair, N/S, loves going, suspense movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing SBF, 40-49, N/S, for friendship. **242469**

**YOUR WILDEST DREAMS**  
SBF, 49, smoker, loves jazz, dining out, romantic evenings, and movies. Seeking feminine BPF, 35-50, under 5'4", honesty a must. **2460017**

**ARE YOU OUT THERE?**  
SBPF, 47, enjoys quiet nights, travel, 5'4", 140lbs, blonde, seeks tall, handsome man who is fun, intelligent, and loves to travel. **2424144**

**SOMEONE SPECIAL**  
Classy, attractive SBF, 50, 5'3", 120lbs, ISO SBF, 30+, for special friendship. I love boating, music, quiet times, movies at home, romance, outdoors, travel. **2235568**

**WORTH THE CALL**  
SBF, 19, 5'7", Sagittarius, N/S, stay at home mom, student, seeks romantic, passionate SBF, 19 to 34, who enjoys family activities, cuddling, surprises. **2415741**

**SEEKING THE RAINBOW**  
Open-minded, energetic, spontaneous SBF, 48, 5'3" seeks the star at the end of the rainbow. fly star: someone communicative, kind-hearted, who enjoys romance, exploring life. **2998477**

**PLEASENABLE PLUMP FEMALE**  
42-year-old African-American female seeks tall, handsome man who is mature, N/S, and enjoys being in the company of a beautiful woman. **2798192**

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
BBW, blonde/hazel, 56, attractive, enjoys many things, likes BM, if you are 55-65, over 6', 250lbs, lets talk! **2424144**

**GROUND & SEXY**  
SBF, 41, 5'8", H/W, children, N/S, educated, goal-oriented, financially secure, family-oriented, good moral character, down-to-earth, likes traveling, outdoor activities, comedy, theatre, modern dancing. **2416813**

**CUTTING CLASSY**  
SBF, 50+, physically fit, enjoys jogging, concerts, theater, quiet evenings. Seeking attractive gentleman, over 50, with similar interests. **2130522**

**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?**  
I could be it! Attractive SBF, 50, 5'5", 105lbs, willing to try just about anything with the right person. Seeking SBF, 32-50, for special relationship. **2416066**

## SEEKING EUROPEAN MAN

Vibrant, attractive, European SWPF, 60, warm-hearted and cultured, financially independent, seeks European soulmate. **2427594**

**AAA YOUR HEART**  
Let's keep the New Year right. Come into my world. SBF, 45, great smile, I'm sure you'll like me. **2566679**

**ARE YOU THE ONE**  
DBF, 53, H/W proportionate, outgoing, loves the arts, plays, dancing, movies, outdoors, scenic drives. ISO SM D/D-free, ok. No games! **2417236**

**CONFIDENT, OUTGOING**  
SWF, 48, 5'10", healthy, medium build, Sagittarius, N/S, very family-oriented, pet owner. Seeking easygoing, fun-loving S/DW, 38-55, N/S, for LTR only. **2433940**

**MR. RIGHT**  
Are you a tall, big, handsome man, that could be my Mr. Right, for a SWF, 58+ attractive, loving and fun, lets share life together. **2443339**

**SKY'S THE LIMIT!**  
SF, 21, N/S, loves Italian food, feels Janet Jackson is a living legend, seeks outgoing SBF, 27-36, for friendship, romance if it develops. **2452530**

**SWEET SINGLE FEMALE...**  
looking for sweet SM, SF, 21, dark brown/brown, 5'2", 160lbs, tattooed/pierced, ISO communitarian-minded, loving, kind guy interested in friendship, happiness and a loving, long-term relationship. **2452322**

**EBONY SEEKS IVORY**  
DBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, full-figured, seeks to date SBF, 40-50, in the Mount Clemens area. **2455323**

**SBF, 45, smoker, wants to find friendship, possibly more w/gentleman, 40-60, who appreciates music, travel, spending time outdoors. **2402629****

**QUIET, QUALIFIED**  
SBF, 47, N/S, attractive, shy, w/great sense of humor, enjoys nature, skiing, plays, movies, music, tries to savor the joyous moment. Seeking BM, 42-55, **2460494**

**SEMI-RETIRED**  
SF, 62, 5'9", slim, fit, likes jazz, concerts, symphonies, theater, travel and outdoors activities. Seeking intelligent, honest, caring, humorous gentleman, 55-70, with similar interests. **2467917**

**GONE FISHING**  
Bait: a daredevil SBF, 60, brown hair, eyes, soon to retire, N/S, N/D, Western Wayne county, loves the outdoors, cool nights by a fireplace. Let's talk! **2466412**

**LOVING AND CARING**  
Independent, active, loving, caring, down-to-earth SF, 46, N/S, vegetarian, enjoys movies, fine dining, travel. Looking for handsome SBF, 45-49, H/W proportionate, N/S, professional job. **2421896**

**THE LITTLE THINGS MATTER**  
SBF, 41, 5'4", very outgoing, loving, honest, trustworthy, hard-working, enjoys reading, writing, walks in the park, to be a business man, seeking a woman who is a business woman. **2471496**

**TOO MUCH JOY**  
Charming SBF, 53, loves to have fun in the kitchen, catches all the latest movies, has good time no matter what ISO like-minded SBF, 48-56. **2279840**

**CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?**  
Spontaneous SBF, 61, 5'4", average build, happy, independent, humorous, enjoys boating, cards, music, dining, walks, travel, golf. Seeking good-humored SM, w/similar interests, for companionship. **2962703**

**LOOKING FOR MY TEDDY BEAR**  
Attractive W/PF, 64, red/blu, 5', 150lbs, looking for easygoing, well-groomed gentleman, 65-70, who enjoys meeting new people. **2476645**

**CALL ME...**  
if you are a business man, 60-70, SBF, N/S, N/D, homeowner, interests in home life, nature, pets, alternative medicine, sports. I'm a SWF, 73, w/like above. **2416289**

**STILL LIVELY & ATTRACTIVE**  
SWF, 62, N/S, very active, slim and attractive, petite, W/LTM a man up to 6', H/W proportionate. I enjoy dancing, movies, walks, dining, casinos, more. **2321336**

**BEAUTY AND BRAINS**  
Hard-working SBF, 50, smoker, enjoys laughter, movies, music, conversation, and more. Seeking healthy, trustworthy, intelligent SBF, 45-60, for friendship, maybe more. **2529511**

**LIFE IS WONDERFUL**  
SBF, 40, mother of two, enjoys movies, plays, walks in the park, quiet times at home. Seeking BM, 45-55, N/S, D/D-free, who loves kids. **258246**

**ROMANTIC LADY**  
Beautiful, voluptuous DBF, 42, 5'6", likes traveling, outdoors. Seeking man, 45+, race unimportant, to enjoy life together, for friendship maybe more. **2464984**

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