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The holiday season is here - and so is the Plymouth-Canton Observer Cheer Club.

Opening the Cheer Club to new and returning "members" is one of our favorite holiday traditions. Please join us by bringing donations of new toys and canned or boxed food to our office at 794 S. Main Street in Plymouth during business hours.

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When you bring your donations by our office, we'll ask you to leave your name and city/township of residence. That's because we like to print donor's names in the paper, while the Cheer Club drive is on. But you can be anonymous donor if you prefer.

Each year, we've recorded around 200 donors to the Cheer Club from Plymouth and Canton.

Happy Holidays! Please keep our Cheer Club in mind.

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City settles on new manager

■ It took more than three hours of discussion, but the Plymouth City Commission finally decided to make Hazel Park City Manager Joe Young its choice to replace Dave Rich in the same post in Plymouth.

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Plymouth city commissioners, who have been whittling away at a list of 53 candidates for the vacant city manager's position, finally put down their knives Tuesday and unanimously chose Joe Young as their top candidate.

Assuming contract details can be worked out, he will replace Dave Rich, who left in June after 18 months on the job.

Young, currently the city manager in Hazel Park, won out over the other two finalists chosen earlier by commissioners. He's the most experienced, and he'll probably come with the highest price tag, but in the end, commissioners settled on him.

"I didn't think we could afford him," Commissioner Bill Graham said of Young, who makes nearly $85,000 in Hazel Park. "But I realized we're buying a whole lot of experience, and it's not smoke-and-mirrors experience."

Young wasn't available for comment, but Plymouth Mayor Dave McDonald acknowledged he'd informed Young of the selection and scheduled preliminary contract talks for early Thursday morning. At Tuesday's meeting, the commission authorized McDonald to start negotiations with Young, but instructed him to bring all information back to the full commission.

The commission will likely meet after Monday's regularly scheduled meeting to discuss Young's contract. Among the issues they'll discuss are whether to give Young a car, whether

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Encore, encore



Husband honored: *Betty DuBois, wife of the late History teacher Allen DuBois, addresses those gathered during the dedication of the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School to her husband's memory.*

Theater by any name

High school honors former teacher

BY SUE BUCK
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The cannon blast was a fitting close to the ceremony rededicating the Canton Little Theater Tuesday in honor of the late Allen DuBois, a flamboyant American History teacher who died from cancer two years ago at age 53.

When DuBois taught about the Civil War, he would bring a small cannon into his classroom and shoot it.

DuBois, who taught at Canton High School, captured his students' attention with his animated delivery through which he displayed colorful, vivid and dramatic presentations for 30 years.

People noticed Dubois, who stood out even in his appearance as a man who wore a suit and tie, with cowboy boots underneath that clicked down the hall.

"His was a life well lived," said Canton High School Principal Pat Patton.

Steve Bernacki, a senior at Canton High School and a Dubois student in 1997-98 offered his memories. "He reviewed what we learned the year before in three weeks and made a lot more sense of it," Bernacki said. "He brought history to life."

Dubois was a leader in positive reinforcement with incentives, Bernacki said. If students had no more than three absences they did not have to take the final exam. "This was such a great deal that I convinced my family to arrange our ski vacation around fourth hour so I wouldn't have to take the final," Bernacki said.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL BURCHMANN

Proud granddaughter: *Steffanie DuBois, 6, granddaughter of Al DuBois, sits on her father Geoff's lap during the dedication of the Little Theater at Plymouth Canton High School.*

Eric Cunningham, Dubois' godson and a Plymouth Canton district graduate who also worked as a substitute teacher in his class, spoke of Dubois' dedication. It was common for him to work through lunch and breaks.

"He would yell, scream and jump up and down," Cunningham said. "As a result of this, students remembered

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Hotel proposed next to Compuware

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Plymouth Township planning commissioners recently approved a planned unit development option on a hotel/restaurant/office proposal in the area of Five Mile and Beck Roads.

The area, which adjoins the Compuware Arena, is located on the east side of Beck Road, north of M-14 and south of Five Mile Road. It is made up of 6.8 acres. Sites surrounding are all zoned industrial.

The conceptual plan includes a 19,500-square-foot, three-story office building, a three-story hotel and a 3,699-square-foot restaurant with a drive-through lane. The restaurant will stand alone and will not have a liquor license. Talks are under way with McDonald's Restaurants. There will not be a playland. The building will include brick veneer, and the drive-through will be covered by a decorative canopy, developers said.

The firm is also in contact with several motel chains, including Candlewood, which offers extended stays, and Hampton Inn, but hasn't made a decision yet, according to Dave Phipps, a partner in Inroad Investments, the developing firm.

The developers have met with Mike Vellucci, president of the ice arena, who expressed his support of the proposal at the meeting. "We fully endorse it," he said.

The look will be upscale.

"We also told them they would have to use the color of the brick on the Compuware Ice Arena," Phipps said. "We haven't made our decision about what hotel we are going to go with. We will be the owners of the hotel. We currently are the owners of the Fairfield Inn on Six Mile and I-275. We have the Bucca Restaurant there on Six Mile road as well.

"We have a management company who manages that hotel and they would be the same management company who manages this. We will own the office building but we will not own the restaurant building."

Sara Hodges of McKenna Associates, the township's planning consultants, suggested a court, or a vista, because there is so little space between this site and the arena.

The development is expected to be used by families and those playing travel hockey. The ice arena could be accessed from the proposed site.

"We think it will be complementary to the ice arena," Phipps said.

District discusses divvying Durant dollars

BY SUE BUCK
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The Plymouth Canton school board discussed Tuesday — but made no final decision — on whether to spend either the $5.3 million from the 1998 Durant settlement or the almost $600,000 in interest income it has generated so far.

The board has been talking about that for a long time.

The district was one of 84 in the original lawsuit filed nearly 20 years ago against the state of Michigan. The school districts went to court to force the state to pay for state-mandated special education programs

The money came with no stipulation on how the money should be spent, said Patricia Brand, Plymouth-Canton School executive director for business services.

"We need to look at criteria we want to apply for use of the money," said trustee Roland Thomas.

Thomas, Brand, Superintendent Kathleen Booher and treasurer Steve Guile worked together before bringing the issue to the board.

Board members discussed how the money could be spent: interest only, the whole lump sum, part of the principal, and for revenue-producing programs.

Guile wants to make Plymouth-Canton into "a premier district in the state of Michigan, preparing all students for the future."

One important criterion is to meet the district's stated vision priorities, said vice president Sue Davis. She favors spending a portion of the interest for the high school renewal project.

School board president Darwin Watts supports considering both criteria and use when deciding what to spend.

The current interest rate is 6.65 percent. The money earns interest of $500,000-$600,000 a year, school officials said.

Trustee Elizabeth Givens said some could be seed money for one-time beginnings of projects or enhancement.

Secretary Judy Mardigian supports spending money on programs, including high school renewal.

Guile supports preparing students for present and future technology needs.

However, trustee Mark Stevens advocated decisions that won't bind [illegible] Plymouth-Canton [illegible]

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he would live in the city and, of course, the salary to offer. Rich made approximately $75,000.

Last week, Young withdrew his name from consideration for a short time, saying he had "questions in my mind about some of the issues facing the city, including financial problems and concerns about the police department."

He reconsidered after talking to McDonald and Mayor Pro-Tem Colleen Pobur.

Young, who has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University, has in Hazel Park since June 1997.

But his resume also includes a six-year stint as public works and services director for Pontiac, during which he also spent 18 months as acting deputy mayor.

He was also deputy mayor and finance director in Pontiac from June 1982 to January 1986, and he was vice president for finance for Michigan Biotechnology Institute in Lansing from January 1986 to September 1991.

Of all of Young's attributes, the financial experience set him apart for most commissioners.

"He has more experience as a finance director than the other two finalists have as city managers combined," McDonald said.

The other two finalists were Michael Overton, who has served as city manager in Roosevelt Park, Mich., since August 1997, and Michael Cain, currently special projects coordinator in Troy but formerly the city manager in Fenton from February 1995 to May 2000.

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Dave McDonald
—Plymouth mayor

After trimming the original 53-candidate list to 10 and then shaving it to the final three, commissioners divided up the reference checking, and each candidate also met with city workers and department heads. After those meetings, Pobur met with employees to get their take. Employees backed Young.

"The (employees') preferred candidate is Joe Young," Pobur told the commission in a memo. "They were unanimous in their support."

That support swayed at least one commissioner, Dan Dwyer, who initially backed Overton.

"The thing that made me switch was the choice of the city employees," Dwyer said. "The blessing to me is I can work with any of the three. The city would be blessed with any of these men."

Lions roar



Talking turkey: *Detroit Lions Eric Beverly and Kerlin Blaise spoke to students at Our Lady of Good Counsel recently as featured speakers in the school's "Character Builders" program. Both players focused on the theme of "citizenship," and what being a good citizen entails. Beverly told students how being aggressive on the football field was part of their job, but how important it was to be a good person at all times. He stressed the importance of listening to others and following rules to become a better person and to "make those around you better people." Blaise, meanwhile, shared childhood anecdotes that showed the importance of "listening to your parents, teachers and other responsible adults who want to see you succeed." His humor, according to school officials, had students listening as they also understood his message.*

PLYMOUTH PIPELINE

Museum open house

The Plymouth Historical Museum's annual Holiday Open House will have a definite presidential feel this year.

Special guests Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln and Ulysses and Julia Grant highlight the annual event 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3.

Tours of the "First Ladies of Fashion" collection of inaugural ball gowns of the presidents' wives will be conducted throughout the day. Holiday exhibits feature Christmas decorations, many crafted by the Trailwood Garden Club of Plymouth, from each era of the featured first ladies.

The "Tea with the Presidents," featuring the Lincolns and Grants, takes place at 2 p.m. Each of the presidents' favorite cakes will be served.

For more information, call the museum, 455-8940.

Mel's collects toys

Mel's Golden Razor in downtown Plymouth will collect new and used toys in good condition for needy and handicapped children at Mott's Children's Hospital, as well as for First Step and other families at Christmas.

Donations are also needed for food boxes, etc.

Donations are being accepted through Dec. 16 and can be brought to Mel's Golden Razor, 595 Forest Ave. For more information, call Mel Bobcean at (734) 455-9057.

The Nutcracker

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

More than 150 ballet dancers, musicians and cast members bring the classic story to life at 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. All performances occur at the Plymouth Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road in Canton.

Following the matinee performance, the Plymouth Symphony League hosts the Sugar Plum Fairy Tea, an opportunity to meet and take pictures with the dancers, enjoy some refreshments and purchase an array of holiday gifts.

Admission is $18 for adults, $10 for children. Sugar Plum Fairy Tea tickets are an additional $5. For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or email at plymouthsymphony@aol.com.

Christmas concert

Catholic Central High School will host its annual Christmas Concert at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, in the school gym.

The concert will feature the Catholic Central Concert Symphony, Jazz Band and a performance by elementary trumpet players.

The guest trumpet players will perform parts from "Hark the Herald Trumpets Swing," and the Catholic Central Symphony Band will accompany.

The them of the concert is "Through the Eyes of a Child." An afterglow provided by the Mother's Club will be held after the performance. Admission is free. For information, call (313) 534-1310.

Meanwhile, Catholic Central students have collected 5,500 cans and $300 in an annual canned food drive. The food and money were donated to the St. Christine Soup Kitchen.

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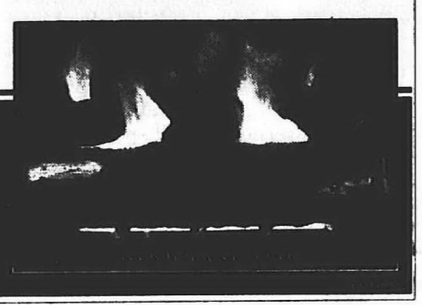

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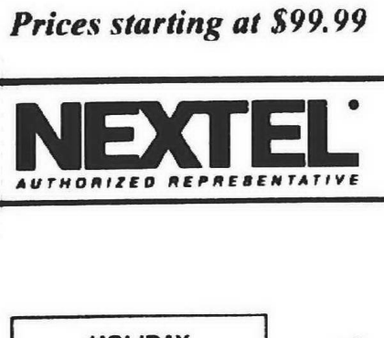

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Getting ready: *Women's National Farm and Garden Association Plymouth Branch members Margaret Koeninger, left, Eileen Wittenberg and Shirley Connors go through just some of the greens the club will have for sale at its annual fundraiser Friday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Beitner's Storefront, 904 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Wreaths, bows, roping, swags and mixed greens will all be available at the sale, the club's major fundraiser. (Left) JoAnn Harrold tosses a wreath onto a pile to fulfill an order.*

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history. Long after their high school days, students remembered his rantings and ravings. He would warn me that I need to be careful where I used his name."

The audience laughed.

Arlene Paquette, a Canton High School social studies teacher, said Dubois asked her to be on his educational team. "What did I know?" she joked.

Underneath the dramatics, Paquette saw a hardworking and organized man who also cared about his teachers' union. "His passion for history, for politics and for education always showed through," Paquette said. "He was also an emotional softy. He was empathic and sympathetic for fellow staff and students."

He was irreverent, she added. He reported on union business in a publication called, "The Canton Crapper."

"He reported on union business and made known his personal view of what was going on," she said.

Jerry Morris, a retired Canton High School administrator, called Dubois an historian and storyteller, who looked for truth and connections to the past as stories are told and renewed. "He challenged students to not only answer the questions but to also question the answers," Morris said.

'His passion for history, for politics and for education always showed through.'

Arlene Paquette
—Social studies teacher

Dubois' wife, Betty, expressed her gratitude after remarks as she looked out onto the family and friends in attendance as the ceremony ended.

"It's a deep honor," she said.

Darwin Watts, president of the Plymouth Canton School District, presented Betty Dubois with a crystal memento honoring Allen.



STAFF PHOTO BY PAUL HUBSCHMANN

A banner hangs outside the "Little Theater," now named the "Allen DuBois Little Theater."

Store looking for Big Game winner

BY KURT KUBAN
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A Redford party store sold Tuesday's Big Game jackpot-winning ticket worth $43 million.

The winning ticket was played Monday at the Kwicky Liquor Party Shop, located at 25825 W. Seven Mile, just west of Beech Daly.

The Big Game is a multi-state lottery, played in seven states: Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Virginia, and New Jersey. Players pick five numbers between one and 50, plus one additional number between one and 36, which is known as the Big Ball. The odds of hitting all those numbers is one in 76,275,360.

The winning numbers of Tuesday night's drawing were 15, 18, 30, 48, 49, and the Big Ball number of 8.

Kwicky owner George Ayiar, who only bought the store seven months ago, was excited his store had sold the winning ticket.

"This is the lucky store," he said.

Although the winner hadn't come forward as of Wednesday afternoon, word spread that Ayiar sold the big ticket. Regular customers filtered in throughout the day to find out who the winner was, and to curse that it wasn't them.

Redford resident Darnell Kinzer, who buys about six Big Game tickets each week at the store, said he was not surprised to find out the winning ticket was sold there.

"I knew it! I knew the winner was going to come out of this place," Kinzer exclaimed when he found out Wednesday.

"I had a feeling about this store. It is the only place I buy my lottery tickets."

Joe Ayiar, George's son, was working Monday evening, said the store sells most of its Big Game tickets on Tuesday, because it is the day of the drawing. He said the store sells no more than 10 tickets on an average Monday, and he happened to be one of those that played this Monday.

"When I came in and heard we sold the winner on Monday, I thought it might have been mine," he said.

"I sold a ticket to a man right before I bought mine, and that could have been the winner. Unbelievable."

Legion expands scholarship program

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Members of Rosedale Park American Legion Post No. 390 has expanded its college scholarship competition to the community.

The post will offer two $5,000 scholarships to deserving graduating seniors in the class of 2001, according to Plymouth Township resident A. Robert Armstrong of the scholarship committee.

He is joined by committee members Charles Remus of Farmington and Robert Lepping of Northville. All are past post commanders.

To qualify, a student must have a parent or grandparent who is currently serving or is a veteran of the U.S. military. Students must have at least an academic 3.2-grade-point average.

"Applications will be available in the counselors' offices Dec. 15 and should be returned by March 15," Armstrong said.

These high schools have been identified to participate in the scholarship program: Catholic Central, Clarenceville, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Farmington, Harrison, North Farmington, Mercy, Ladywood, Northville, Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Christian Academy, Redford Union and Thurston High.

'Over the years over $40,000 has been awarded to students for college support.'

A. Robert Armstrong
—American Legion

The post was founded in Detroit in 1946 and has a long history of assisting the community. "Its members served in the military during the period of World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam," Armstrong said.

Members meet at 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road in Livonia.

The post does not have a permanent home, but arranges for space to suit the appropriateness of the activity, according to Armstrong.

The post has about 85 members, about 23 of whom regularly attend, he said.

The proud veterans have turned their attention from the perils of military service to philanthropic endeavors, Armstrong said. Seven $1,000 individual scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors this September, he said.

"Over the years over $40,000 has been awarded to students for college support," Armstrong said. "An annual donation of $3,000 is made to the coffee fund at the Veterans Hospital in Detroit. This supplies the patients with coffee throughout the day, a service which otherwise would not be available to them."

Also, $5,000 is allocated annually to the hospital to be used in rewarding the volunteer students helping to assist the hospitalized veterans. The money supplements these college expenses, he said.

Other activities include the removal of the stained glass window from the chapel located in the closed Veterans Hospital in Allen Park and having it installed at the new chapel in Detroit.

Throughout the year, donations are made to special needs related to veterans affairs.

Armstrong invites all veterans to their meetings. "Our meetings are held in an atmosphere of open conversation and no one has ever been excluded for having too much fun," he said.

Fryer fire scuttles family's holiday

A Waverly Street family who was cooking a second Thanksgiving turkey ran into trouble when the turkey deep fryer caught fire in the two-car attached garage, according to Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth.

The incident happened shortly after 5 p.m. Thanksgiving Day. The second turkey was being prepared to be sent back with college students. The type of deep fryer being used has been heavily advertised recently and is somewhat of a fad, Groth explained. The fryer holds about three gallons of peanut oil.

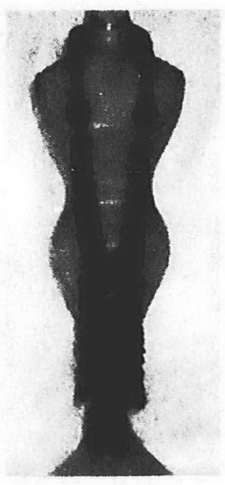
"Somebody opened the garage door and it was in a ball of fire," Groth said. Firefighters believe the grease dripping down the sides of the fryer ignited.

Three stations and 17 firefighters responded to the fire, which was fully involved in the garage upon arrival at the Plymouth Township ranch.

It went from the attached garage across the top of the house, Groth said. "The loss is $100,000 to the house and $75,000 in contents," he said. "One car in the garage was destroyed. There were no injuries."

—Sue Buck

Maya



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OBITUARIES

PETER MOSCRYAK

Services for Peter Moscryak, 84, were held Nov. 22 at St. John Episcopal Church with the Rev. Lewis W. Towler officiating. Burial was at White Chapel Cemetery in Troy.

Mr. Moscryak was born Feb. 7, 1916 in Chicago and died Nov. 20 in Warren. He was a repairman/electrician.

Survivors include two daughters, Andrea (Jesse) Vivian of Plymouth, and Linda (Paul) Hagan of Novi; three grandsons, Matthew Vivian of Plymouth, Christopher Vivian of Plymouth and Michael Hagan of Novi; two granddaughters, Lindsay Hagan of Novi, and Kayla Hagan of Novi; two sisters, Mary Paluda of Tucson and Delores Pokowski of Troy.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

ARETTA QUEEN

Services for Aretta Queen, 66, were held Nov. 27 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with the Rev. Daniel Calvin officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Queen was born May 15, 1934 in Jeremiah, Ky. and died Nov. 23 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter Patrick Queen.

Survivors include two sons, Christopher (Cathy) Queen of Superior, Colo. and John P. (Vanessa) Queen of Dearborn; two daughters, Sheri (Rick)Huetter of Plymouth, and Teresa (Gary) Vasilash of Livonia; six grandchildren; and one sister, Bea Cavin.

Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association of Michigan, 26555 Evergreen, Suite 375, Southfield 48076.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth.

MARY AGNES HESSE

Services for Mary Agnes Hesse, 84, were held Nov. 29 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Novi. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

Mrs. Hesse was born in 1916 and died Nov. 25 in Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Hesse, Sr.

Survivors include six sons, Arthur (Marian) Hesse, David (Irene) Hesse, Thomas (Kathleen) Hesse, Jeffrey (Susan) Hesse, Gary (Laura) Hesse and Kevin (Vivian) Hesse; one daughter, Mary (Roger) Bentlage; 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; one brother, John T. Walker and sister-in-law Patricia O'Neil.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 30600 Telegraph Road, Ste. 2255, Bingham Farms 48025.

Arrangements were made by O'Brien Chapel/Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi.

CHARLES R. TRUMBULL

Charles R. Trumbull, 83, of Plymouth, died Nov. 26 in Garden City.

Mr. Trumbull was born Sept. 20, 1917 in Detroit. He was a metal plater for Atlas Metal Plating in Detroit and Acme Rustproofing in Detroit. He owned and operated both of the firms. He came to the Plymouth area from Redford Township in 1982. He was a historian and he loved his grandchildren and they loved him.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Marian Trumbull.

Survivors include his daughter, Merine L. Westberg of Garden City; grandchildren David Allyn Westberg of Garden City and Rene Westberg of Garden City.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

MARY L. LEBLANC

Services for Mary L. LeBlanc, 70, were held Nov. 27 at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mrs. LeBlanc was born in 1930 in Torch Lake and died Nov. 24 in Superior Township. She was a homemaker. She was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her son, James R. LeBlanc.

Survivors include three sons, Davey E. (Mariann) LeBlanc of Canton, Kevin B. (Maria) LeBlanc, Michael D. (Mary Ellen) LeBlanc; one daughter, Denise K. (Chris) Walis; 12 grandchildren and two brothers.

Arrangements made by Griffin Funeral Home.

ESTELLE E. GYETVAI

Services for Estelle E. Gyetvai, 80, of Canton, were held Nov. 28 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery in Dearborn Heights.

Mrs. Gyetvai was born Oct. 29, 1920 in Detroit and died Nov. 24 in Canton. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Gyetvai and son William Gyetvai.

Survivors include three sons, Paul V. (Rita) Gyetvai, Richard L. Gyetvai and Victor W. Gyetvai; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Arrangements were made by Griffin Funeral Home.

JUNE URESTI

Services for June Uresti, 62, of Plymouth were held Nov. 29 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Plymouth with Rev. Frank Urbaniak officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mrs. Uresti was born May 26, 1938 in Detroit and died Nov. 28 in Plymouth. She was a beautiful mother who will be greatly missed. She was a homemaker and was very creative and artistic with sculpturing, drawing, designing, and with beautician skills. She lived her life for her family, doing everything possible to make sure that her family's needs were provided.

Survivors include her husband, Louis Uresti of Plymouth; four daughters, Deborah (Joseph) Smith of Hillsdale, June Garcia of Livonia, Teri (Gary) Marszalek of South Lyon and Jennifer Uresti of Plymouth; two granddaughters, Christina Smith and Brittany Julio; two grandsons, R.J. Hnilo and Garret Marszalek; one great-granddaughter, Chelsea Hnilo and one great-grandson, Derek Hnilo; and one sister, Jacqueline Cardona of Allen Park.

Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 110 E. Warren, Detroit, MI.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

EFREN L. MALLARI

Services for Efren L. Mallari, 72, of Fenton were held Nov. 30 at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church with the Rev. Andy Webster officiating.

Mr. Mallari was born Feb. 18, 1928 in the Phillippines and died Nov. 26 in Superior Township. He had been a Canton resident for 20 years. He was a retired accountant.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Leila Mallari.

Survivors include two daughters, Marizza Callender and Rowena (Thomas) Knasiak; two sons, Dennis (Vivian) Mallari and Jeffrey Mallari; five grandchildren; one brother, Ben Mallari; and one sister Magdalena Yalong.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home-Canton Chapel.

DOROTHY V. DIETERLE

Dorothy V. Dieterle, 73, of Plymouth died on Nov. 24 in Superior Township.

Mrs. Dieterle was born April 14, 1927 in Charlotte, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James Story and Garner Fay Story.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Charles Dieterle; three daughters, Pamela Peckham of Silverspring, Md., Kimberly (Dennis) Nowak of Westland and Jill Dieterle of Ypsilanti; two grandchildren, Nicole Vanover of Kalamazoo and Matthew Miller of Westland.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association, 3157 Packard Rd., Suite A, Ann Arbor 48108.

Arrangements were made by Nie Funeral Home.

DERWARD G. JEWELL

Derward G. Jewell, 82, of Plymouth died on Nov. 26.

Mr. Jewell was born in 1918. He was a long time resident of Plymouth.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Jewell, one son, Frederick G. Jewell; two daughters, Brenda L. Wilkin and Constance Rutherford; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were made by Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens.

FLORENCE ALMA PATTERSON

Services for Florence Alma Patterson, 93, were held Nov. 25 at Risen Christ Lutheran Church in Plymouth with the Rev. David Martin officiating. Burial was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 22, 1905 in Ironton, Miss. and died Nov. 21 in Livonia.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe Patterson.

Survivors include one son, Earl (Vickie) Patterson of Canton; three daughters, Jean (Don) Jacobs, Donna (Murray) Fisher and Barbara Patterson; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Risen Christ Lutheran Church Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

Arrangements were made by McCabe Funeral Home-Canton Chapel in Canton.

MONICA LEE FORNELL

Services for Monica Lee Fornell, 34, were held Nov. 25 at the McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel in Canton with the Rev. Gerald Cupple officiating. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield.

She was born on Jan. 23, 1966 in Corpus Christi, Texas and died suddenly Nov. 20 in Canton. She worked at Meijer.

She was preceded in death by her father, James Fornell of Canton.

Survivors include her mother, Lenora Fornell of Canton; one brother, James P. (Judy) Fornell; one sister, Adrienne (George) Cargo; three neices, Hillary, Cydney and Katie; and one nephew, Joseph.

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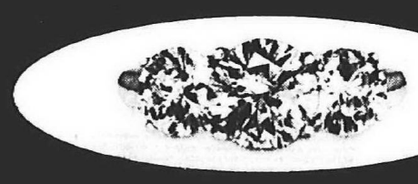

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PR pro honored with award

Alan Stuart, founder and president of Stuart Communications Group, Plymouth, received the Public Relations Society of America-Detroit Chapter's Robert Hefty Award for distinguished service.

The annual award honors members for exceptional service and leadership during an extended period of time.

In his distinguished career, Stuart served in public relations positions for Studebaker-Packard, Cadillac, American Seating, Ross Roy, and the State of Michigan. He has been an active member of PRSA-Detroit for 41 years, and has served as president of the organization's Senior Council since 1974.

A long-time resident of Plymouth Township, he is active in numerous organizations, serving as a director of the Michigan 4-H Foundation and the Plymouth Symphony Society.

Honor society 'keys' local MSU student


Kristin Brooks

Kristin Lee Brooks of Plymouth has accepted membership in Golden Key National Honor Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony at Michigan State University.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Kristin be recognized by Golden Key," said Jim Lewis, Golden Key founder and executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Among Brooks' accomplishments: National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Honors College member, junior class status, 3.97 GPA; professorial assistant for the College of Education and College of Social Science; member of ECO, MSU's environmental group; Office of Study Abroad scholarship recipient; and Honors College of MSU Study Abroad scholarship recipient-Jeffrey and Kathryn Cole International Study Award.

Golden Key National Honor Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking and scholarships.

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Eloise painting returns to Westland site



Eloise: *This painting of Eloise Dickerson and her dog is more than 100 years old.*

Eloise is coming home.

The painting of Eloise Dickerson – the 4-year-old, cherubic-faced child for whom the old Wayne County Eloise Complex was named – will be returned to its old home in Westland during a ceremony at the Kay Beard Building next month.

The occasion will be the annual Christmas dinner for Wayne County General Hospital retirees, set for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12.

A special guest will be Gladys Hamilton, 95, last surviving member of the family of Henry Ruff. Ruff, who died in 1949, was a farmer and real estate investor who owned land near Eloise.

Tickets for the buffet dinner are $10 each. Reservations are due Tuesday, Dec. 5. Call Patti Kukula at (313) 224-0809.

The painting of Eloise, daughter of Detroit Postmaster and Eloise Complex governing-board president Freeman Dickerson, is estimated to be more than 100 years old. It has been hanging in the office of the deputy county executive in the Wayne County Building for more than a dozen years.

■ 'This painting will be one of the most treasured artifacts at our Eloise Museum.'

Edward H. McNamara
County Executive

Prior to that, it hung in the now-demolished county General Hospital, which had been located at the north end of the complex.

"This painting will be one of the most treasured artifacts at our Eloise Museum," said County Executive Edward H. McNamara, referring to the growing collection of Eloise historical items housed inside the Beard Building.

The Beard Building, which was Building D, the complex's former psychiatric unit, and is the last remaining building in the complex, now is home to the county's Senior Citizens Services Division and the Head Start program.

It was through a bit of skullduggery that the complex that would eventually care for thousands of Wayne County's mentally disadvantaged and indigent residents, including many homeless, became named for a 4-year-old child.

First opened by Wayne County in 1832 in what was Hamtramck Township, then relocated to its Westland site in 1839, the infirmary, psychiatric facility and general hospital on the 902-acre parcel grew over the next 50-plus years.

By 1894, it was generating enough mail that its leaders wanted their own post office – it took too much time to haul the mail in horse-drawn carriages down Michigan Avenue to the Village of Wayne post office.

A perfect name

The U.S. Post Office agreed and requested a name for the new facility. But after a series of names submitted to Washington were rejected for various reasons, the complex's governing board submitted Eloise's name – without her father's knowledge.

It was accepted at once and, on July 20, 1894, a post office named Eloise was established on the grounds.

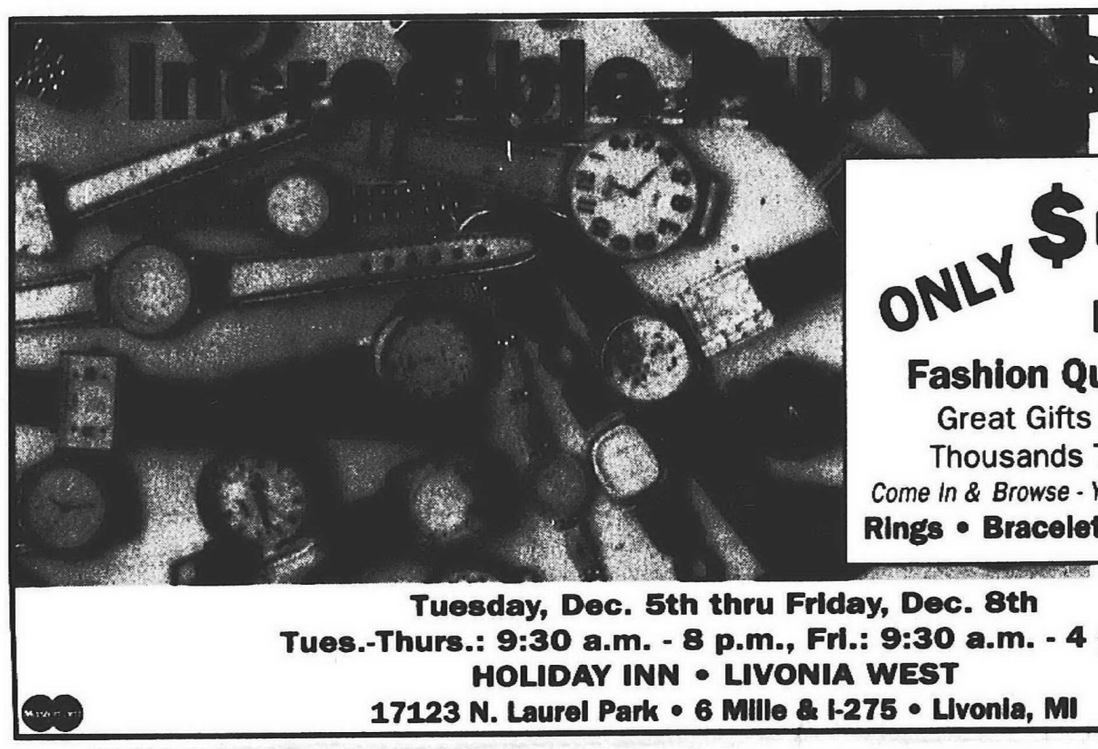
The Michigan Central Railroad Co. then adopted the name for its station there and the American Express Co. and the Detroit, Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor suburban railroads followed suit.

Finally, "Eloise" came into such general usage that the board applied it to the entire institution, remaining thus until 1945, when the board changed the name to the Wayne County General Hospital and Infirmary at Eloise, Mich.

A portrait of Eloise and her St. Bernard hung in the board room behind the president's chair for many years.

At its peak, residents grew their own food, dried tobacco for cigarettes, raised farm animals and even operated their own theater.

In 1973, the remaining 900 mental patients were transferred to state hospitals. Building D closed in 1981 and the general hospital in 1984 – two years after the death, at age 93, of Eloise Dickerson Davock.



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Expanded Friend of Court program yields results

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COUNTY NEWS

More than 3,000 non-custodial parents have been referred for jobs and an additional $300,000 in child-support payments has been collected under an expanded program of the Wayne County Friend of the Court.

Alexander N. Luvall, the FOC for the 3rd Judicial Circuit, announced those figures Monday and praised the program's impact.

"The Non-Custodial Parent Program's expanded eligibility has made it possible for several thousand parents to make good on their support obligations and at the same time move toward economic self-sufficiency," Luvall said.

Those eligible for the program are all non-custodial parents who are unemployed or are under-employed – working fewer than 40 hours per week – and have been ordered to pay child support.

The program, begun in June 1998, originally was only for parents of children receiving Family Independence Agency benefits. But it was expanded this past June to include the broader group, according to 3rd Circuit Court spokeswoman Lienda Jackson-Leslie.

Luvall said the additional $300,000 in support payments from those parents means that "we know the program works.

"These moneys go directly to families and that is the mission of this program and the Friend of the Court," he said.

For fiscal year 1999-2000, which ended in September, the FOC collected more than $302,556,000 in support payments – about a third of the total collected statewide, according to Jackson-Leslie.

The non-custodial parent program is operated jointly by the FOC, the Michigan Department of Career Development, the Detroit employment and training department, the Southeast Michigan Community Alliance (SEMCA) and the FIA.

Parents referred to the program are required to attend an orientation meeting. Once they agree to participation, it becomes mandatory.

Luvall said payment enforcement for the eight weeks between referral and job-placement is suspended.

That allows participants "an opportunity to approach the prospect of employment and possible reunification with their children without the burden of enforcement activity," Luvall noted. "This is a humane approach and leaves us all with a good feeling."

Joann Cooper-Reid, manager of the non-custodial program, echoed Luvall: "This is a win for the entire family."

She said it gives the FOC "a chance to show we can work cooperatively with non-custodial parents in getting them to comply with their support obligations."

For information about the program, call the FOC, (313) 224-5293.

Rouge group meets Dec.6

The Rouge River Remedial Action Plan Advisory Council meets at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Cranbrook Educational Complex on Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills.

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Discovery's period piece



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All decked out: *Plymouth Canton Community Schools Superintendent Kathleen Booher examines some of the Renaissance period clothing on display with Callie Kappler (left) and Ally Garland, both 12.*

Renaissance Fair a hit with seventh-graders, school staff

Lords and ladies. Scoundrels and damsels. Villains and wenches.

The seventh-grade students at Discovery Middle School were transformed into these, and more characters from the middle ages as the social studies teachers held their first Renaissance Fair Nov. 16.

"This is a brand new curriculum for us this year," said Ted Younglas, a social studies teacher who spearheaded the idea.

"Each student had to pick topic (to research), whether it was artists, arms and armor or food," he explained. "Games and entertainment was another popular (topic)."

"The kids had a lot of fun researching, and I think they learned a lot about the time period," added Younglas, who is in his third year teaching. "We also encouraged the kids to 'dress the part' of the characters they chose.

"We challenged the students and they stood up to the challenge."

He said the staff sat down afterwards and evaluated the day's activities and, for the most part, liked what they had seen. They will make a few changes for next year but they hope to make the Renaissance Fair an annual Discovery tradition.

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Duggan selects 'fresh, aggressive' prosecutor staff

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Michael E. Duggan, Wayne County's prosecutor-elect, is choosing equal numbers of insiders and newcomers to head divisions within his new office.

The Livonia resident said operations have basically been the same for three decades.

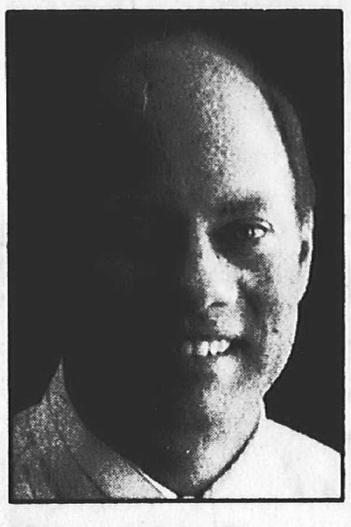
"The reality is, when John O'Hair came in in 1984, he left (predecessor) Bill Cahalan's staff intact," said Duggan. "For 30 years, it's essentially been run the same way."

He's "not saying that's necessarily bad, (but) ... We're trying to blend the best of the experience that's here along with a fresh and aggressive approach," said Duggan, who will leave his post as deputy county executive on Jan. 1 to take over his first elective office.

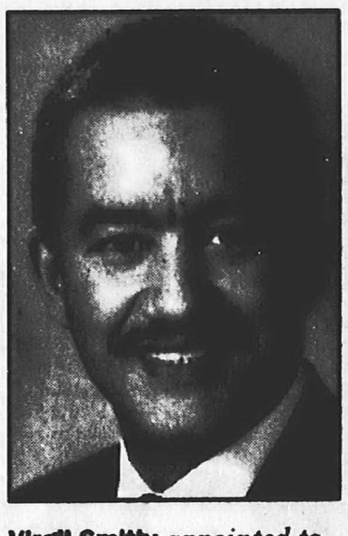
Earlier this fall, Duggan named former Recorder's Court Chief Judge Sam Gardner as his top assistant and appointed state Sen. Virgil Smith, one of his foes in the primary election, to be the office's liaison in Lansing.

Saying he has "a number of frustrations" with the department's handling of youthful lawbreakers and oft-raided drug houses, Duggan named two outsiders, Warren C. Evans and Maria Alfaro-Lopez, to head up juvenile prosecutions and forfeitures, respectively.

"Today, if a kid doesn't show up on the date of his trial, nobody goes out to look for him, unless he gets caught running a red light or in a drug house," Duggan said.



Michael Duggan: *Prosecutor-elect*



Virgil Smith: *appointed to staff*

■ 'We're trying to blend the best of the experience that's here along with a fresh and aggressive approach.'

Michael Duggan
Prosecutor-elect

Under his administration, Duggan vowed, "if a kid's not in court by 9 a.m., by 10 a.m. a police officer will be out with a warrant for his arrest.

"The thing is, juveniles grow into adult criminals," Duggan noted. "We need to get them to think differently. Otherwise, they just learn contempt for the system."

Duggan said Evans, an eastside Detroiter, previously directed Wayne County's community justice department, responsible for the county's new youth home and its juvenile justice program.

He said the county has "been having great success" handling all juvenile crime sentences since it took that over from the state.

The prosecutor-elect all but predicted he'd fulfill a key campaign pledge: Closing down drug houses that have been raided more than once.

Nearly 1,000

Duggan, noting O'Hair's office raided nearly a thousand drug houses more than once but "never took (possession of) them," said Alfaro-Lopez is "the county's expert in seizing abandoned houses," having filed 500 lawsuits against those property owners as an attorney in the county's corporate counsel office.

"So we're going to turn Maria loose to now start seizing drug houses," said Duggan of the southwest Detroit attorney. "It's much easier under the law for a prosecutor to take property" involved in drug usage than it is for the county to take abandoned property."

Running it all

He said Alfaro-Lopez, a southwest Detroiter, will run "the whole program, from the time we sue, to the time we take the house, to knocking it down.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," Duggan said.

Among other appointments announced this week were three from western Wayne County: Attorney Michael Cox of Redford Township as chief homicide prosecutor; attorney Kevin Simowski of Plymouth as chief of warrants; and Susan Kopinski of Canton Township as administrator.

Cox, a Redford native and 11-year veteran in the office, is succeeding Simowski as homicide chief. Kopinski is coming to the prosecutor's office after five years as finance director at Wayne County Detroit Metropolitan Airport and almost 10 years as Canton's financial services manager.

Cox comes to homicide, which is being reorganized to include family abuse cases, from the special cases unit, where he handled gangs, drugs, murder and public corruption. Among the cases he worked on was that of Malice Green, who was beaten to death by two policemen.

"Our office has some ideas that might actually help reduce homicides," said Cox, a graduate of both Redford Catholic Central High School and the University of Michigan and a former U.S. Marine.

Ideas include increased prosecution of gun offenders – another key Duggan campaign pledge – and closing dope houses, Cox said.

Prosecutors discovered that almost 20 murders occurred in drug houses raided more than once and that nearly 100 murders happened as close as two houses away.

"We also want to change how probations are handled," clamping down on those who are always getting into trouble, said Cox. "For them, (probation) is just a piece of paper."

The father of four said Duggan "has a lot of energy, a lot of ideas. He's already shaken up the culture of the office and made us feel we can make a difference."

Duggan said Kopinski will handle budget, equipment and personnel.

Lateral move

Kopinski, who said the change is "pretty much a lateral move" economically, will take on broader responsibilities but hopes she'll be working fewer hours.

"For several years, I've been working 60-70 hours per week, and I do have a family," said the wife and mother of one.

Kopinski said she's "been involved" in the ongoing state probe of Metro finances for 15 months. Although she liked working at the airport, "Enough's enough," she said.

Airports spokesman Mike Conway, describing Kopinski as "very vigilant ... very efficient, very much by-the-book" and "committed," said the questioning by state legislators "challenged her integrity and she really, really took it personally."

"I believe in what I say and I don't lie to people," said Kopinski, who said working in finance means "you have to learn and understand what's behind the numbers."

She said she had "no problems" with the scrutiny: "I know what we do and have no questions about it ... In most instances, (the decisions on contracts) made good business sense at the time."



Groups can care for state forests

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Community groups can already adopt a highway, a park, a river, a trail or a shoreline. But they cannot yet adopt a forest.

Such programs, administered through the state Department of Natural Resources, allow civic organizations to enter agreements with the state to care for highways, parks, trails and more on a volunteer basis. The work mainly consists of clean up, removing litter and illegally dumped solid waste from public lands.

It could be done informally. In fact it has been. The Michigan United Conservation Clubs, working with the DNR and the U.S. Forest Service have been caring for forest land in the Roscommon area for eight years.

Absent official status, however, there is no money for "tipping fees" – charges needed to dump the trash collected.

Rep. Scott Shackleton, R-Sault Ste. Marie, is proposing to fix that problem. House Bill 6013 would create an Adopt-a-Forest program through the DNR and make it eligible for the budget allocations needed to support the volunteer work.

The proposal has already received approval in the House and is pending in the Senate. State lawmakers wrap up work for the current session at the end of next. Uncompleted bills would have to be reintroduced next year.

On-line jobs directory updated

A completely revised and updated Training and Employment Connection (TEC) online directory, which helps both employers and job-seekers locate organizations that help them meet their needs, is now available.

Located at *www.semcog.org/mac/tec.html*, TEC provides an extensive directory of more than 200 job-training and placement organizations serving Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw counties.

The TEC database is diverse and comprehensive, including everything from publishing to pet grooming.

Users can search the TEC database by geographic area and job type or by organization name and can follow links from search results to an agency's Web site.

Arabica targets upscale audience

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With the beautiful actress Salma Hayek on its glossy, full-color cover, John Zogby doesn't see how the revamped Arabica Magazine can fail.

"There's just one problem," joked the noted marketer and political prognosticator from New York as he addressed the magazine's coming-out party Tuesday evening at Dearborn's Ritz-Carlton: "How do you follow this?"

Zogby, best-known as the first pollster in the nation to predict no easy presidential victory for George W. Bush, wore his marketer's hat Tuesday as he announced the results of Zogby International's study of metropolitan Detroit's Arab-American community – the target audience for the magazine.

It's a growing, affluent community of over 350,000 Arabic and Chaldean peoples, the largest such population outside the Middle East.

It includes highly educated, professional individuals with a purchasing power of $2.7 billion who spend much of that income locally on homes, cars, jewelry, clothing and dining.

As for specifics on Arabica's readership – the English-language magazine is popular locally and nationally – Zogby said his random sampling of 200 of the magazine's mostly local 7,000 subscribers showed:

- 77 percent are ages 30-64 and 44 percent are the parents of children under 17 living at home;
- 76 percent have one or more college degrees, with 43 percent having three or more;
- 66 percent are in professional or managerial positions;
- 94 percent are homeowners, with 49 percent owning homes larger than 2,000 square feet and 37 percent owning two to five properties;
- half earn more than $75,000 and 25 percent have investments between $500,000 and $5 million; and
- 41 percent own luxury and sport utility vehicles while 78 percent own vehicles worth more than $25,000.

"The subscriber base is perfectly consistent with the target audience," said Zogby.

That was good news to founder and publisher Ahmad Chebbani, the soft-spoken Lebanese native and successful accountant who originally started the magazine 18 months ago as a business publication.

Chebbani's initial vision – of a high-end magazine to serve a growing segment and give it a voice to the larger community – has since undergone a transition which led to the bi-monthly magazine's being revamped to appeal also to women and families.

He recently brought on board as editor-in-chief Karim Alrawi, an Egyptian-born, British-raised international political analyst and playwright who has done two plays for Meadow Brook Theatre and whose third, debuting there in February, will deal with Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Alrawi, who also has co-authored studies on censorship and human rights, led the revamping of Arabica.

Its new look, design and content, which which debuted with the current November/December issue and maintained the upscale feel, includes a focus on culture and lifestyle.

While it continues to address business – there are features on the highly successful, Dearborn-based La Shish restaurant chain and on the new Arabic-themed casino in Las Vegas – it also includes features on Hayek and Coptic art; articles on the Jewish vice-presidential candidate, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, and pieces on Saudi Arabia's transition from oil to cyberspace and on the Palestinians' future.

It seems to closely follow part of Chebbani's mission statement: To be "the voice of the community in the ongoing dialogue that is shaping American society in the twenty-first century."

But what about following up that cover of Hayek, who incidentally is both Lebanese and Mexican?

Managing Director Mike Berry isn't worried. There's more than one beautiful actress of Arabic ancestry, he said.

Arabica Magazine is available on newsstands and in some Border's and Barnes & Noble bookstores.



Marketing man: *John Zogby, noted political pollster, has created a marketing study of Arab-Americans.*



Beautiful beginning: *Film actress Salma Hayek is featured on the cover of the revised Arabica.*

Western Wayne moves on enhanced 911 service

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The Conference of Western Wayne has given unanimous approval to a pair of resolutions dealing with telephone communications for its 18 municipalities.

One resolution authorized CWW Executive Director Marsha Bianconi to proceed with wireless 9-1-1 enhancement while the other opposes the plan by Ameritech and other local providers to install area-code overlays. The resolutions were approved at the CWW's mid-November meeting at the Romulus City Hall.

The 9-1-1 resolution authorized Bianconi to informally negotiate and sign, on behalf of the CWW, standard non-disclosure statements with wireless phone companies serving the area.

The move is part of CWW's Phase I effort to improve wireless 9-1-1 emergency telephone service within the CWW's telephone service district. Once fully implemented, the service will let police and fire departments confirm where emergency calls from cellular and digital phones originate, just as they do now with land-line phones.

It will be useful both in false alarms and in situations in which the call is interrupted before it's completed.

Bianconi said the agreements protect the seven provider companies' proprietary information. In addition, having a single signatory streamlines the Phase I process, she said.

The companies are Ameritech, WorldCom, Media One, TCG, GTE/Verizon, Allegiance and Focal. Only Ameritech provides local service in all CWW communities.

Although Phase I has a six-month timetable, Bianconi said there are over 50 Michigan counties trying to implement it, so it's likely to be staggered. "I'm taking my time with it," she said. "I'd rather do it right" than have to re-do it.

As for the area-code overlays, the CWW's 18 governmental representatives adopted the Flint Chamber of Commerce resolution opposing them.

The plan would establish new area codes within the existing 810, 248, 313 and 734 areas, thus requiring 10- or 11-digit dialing for calls made to the new numbers, whether they're to phones, in the next room or office or across the street.

Ameritech, GTE and others say the increased demand for fax, second-line and cellular/digital phone numbers has depleted the supply, necessitating the overlays.

But the Flint Chamber says the problem is the issuance of numbers in blocks of 10,000 to new local phone-service providers.

It says that policy should be reconsidered or, if the numbers truly have been used up, then new geographic area codes should be created, not codes within codes.

The Michigan Public Service Commission has scheduled a public hearing Dec. 11 in Pontiac on the proposed 248 area-code relief plan. The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. in the city council chambers, 47450 Woodward.

Part of Livonia and all of Farmington and Farmington Hills are in the 248 area code.

Flint, which is fighting the 586 overlay planned for its 810 area, is awaiting a decision on the matter from the MPSC. The decision is expected by year's end, according to MPSC spokeswoman Mary Jo Kunkle.

The PSC recently ruled that the 517 area be reduced in size and that a new 989 geographic area code be implemented for Saginaw and other communities.

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Problem gambling linked more to lottery than casinos

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Problem gambling in Michigan appears to be more closely linked to the state lottery than to the opening of three new casinos in Detroit, at least for the time being.

The number of calls from state residents seeking help through Michigan's compulsive gambling helpline peaks after lottery games produce especially large prizes, according to Jim McBryde, who heads up the state's program within the Department of Community Health. Casinos haven't produced any appreciable jump in the number of calls, running typically at less than 2,000 per month, McBryde said.

That would not be a surprise to mental health counselors, who predicted that among players caught up in addiction through Detroit's new gambling houses, fewer than 1 percent would seek treatment in the first year. Compulsive gambling typically is a long-term problem, as the tragedy in Farmington Hills last week points out.

Jihad Moukalled wrote in a suicide note that he started gambling more than 10 years ago. He then took the lives of his three children and his pregnant wife before taking his own Tuesday, Nov. 21.

McBryde attributes the lottery-related spikes in helpline calls to two possible causes: the big cash prizes attract players and cause them financial trouble with their overspending on tickets, or the increases simply come from the fact the phone number is printed on the back of every lottery slip.

In October, some 1,450 residents called and 135 were confirmed to be compulsive gamblers, that is they ranked high on a screening test given right over the telephone. Those who are identified to be problem or compulsive gamblers can get referrals through the helpline to support groups like Gamblers Anonymous and counselors for treatment. Since financial trouble is a frequent result of excessive gaming, the state will make up to 12 one-on-one counseling sessions available to gamblers who cannot afford to pay for it themselves.

Gamblers themselves are often in denial while the financial burdens fall heaviest on immediate family members. So those family members can get help, too, through the helpline. Both counseling sessions and support groups, like Gam-Anon, are available to family and friends of addicted gamblers.

Nelson Westrin, executive director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board, said the state is preparing to roll out a new compulsive gaming program. Players who believe is it time for them to quit can sign up with the state to be excluded from Michigan casinos.

Once they sign, their appearance in a gaming house could lead a year in jail or a $10,000 fine. Harsh as it is, the program is designed to give addicted players a strong incentive to stay away from casinos.

Similar programs already exist at the three Detroit casinos, Westrin and McBryde explained, although they are not as harsh. Troubled gamblers can voluntarily sign up to be "disassociated" from the casino. Casino workers then receive photos of those players, and if they show up, are immediately ejected from the building.

McBryde gave credit to the Detroit casinos for their efforts to deal with compulsive gambling. All three have been more active at initiating programs and posting signs of the compulsive gambling helpline than is typical of casinos elsewhere, he said.

Michigan law requires the casinos to fund much of the state's compulsive gambling program from their profits. Just to open, the casinos had to put up a total of $2 million to get the program under way, out of a state services fund totaling $25 million.

Michigan's Compulsive Gambling Helpline is (800) 270-7117 and operates 24 hours a day.

Gamblers Anonymous has a Michigan Hotline at (313) 792-2877. More than 35 local chapters of the group meet weekly throughout the state.

Gam-Anon, for family and friends of addicted gamblers, can be reached at (718) 352-1671.

Problem gambling signs

According to the National Council on Problem Gambling, pathological gambling behavior is indicated by five or more of the following characteristics:

- Preoccupation with gambling, reliving past experiences, handicapping or planning the next venture or thinking of ways to get money with which to gamble;
- Need to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve the desired level of excitement;
- Repeated, unsuccessful attempts to control, cut back or stop gambling;
- Restlessness or irritability when attempting to stop or cut down gambling;
- Using gambling as a way to escape problems of the day or a bad mood;
- After losing money, returning to "get even" (often called chasing one's losses);
- Lying to family members, a therapist or others to conceal the extent of involvement with gambling;
- Committing illegal acts such as forgery, fraud, theft or embezzlement to finance gambling;
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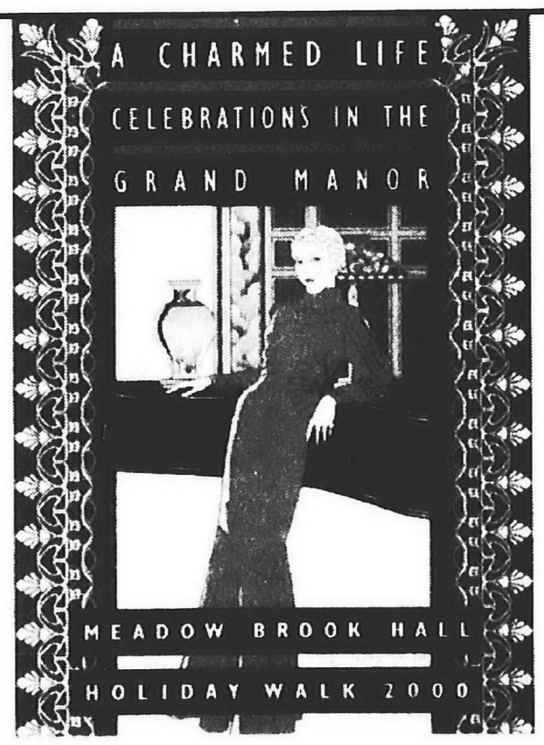

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■ The Women's Resource Center at Schoolcraft College is seeking volunteers. Call (734) 462-4400 Ext. 5524.

FIRST STEP
■ First Step project on domestic violence and sexual assault is seeking volunteers. First Step has been active in the effort to end violence in western Wayne County and Downriver communities for more than 20 years. Volunteers are needed in several communities for a variety of services. Training is provided. Call (734) 416-1111 Ext. 202.

ST. MARY MERCY HOSPITAL
■ St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is looking for adults who want to use their skills in a health-care setting. Specific roles include clerical, greeters, staff support and other non-patient care-related duties, as well as patient-comfort roles. Call St. Mary Mercy Hospital Volunteer Services Department at (734) 655-2912, or www.stmaryhospital.org.

SUPPORT GROUPS

GRIEF SUPPORT
■ New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers grief support groups and resources to the community free of charge. Groups for widows and widowers of all ages are offered in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston and Macomb counties. Groups will be provided for parents who have lost a child, parental loss, widows and widowers, suicide loss, and other losses due to death. Call (248) 348-0115.

DOWN SYNDROME
■ The Down Syndrome Support Group of Western Wayne County meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth. This group hosts speakers and provides support, physician referrals, and the latest information for families with children/ adults with Down syndrome. The focus is on the upside of Down syndrome and members look for ways to help children and their development in a positive environment. Call Michelle Gonzalez at (734) 516-0746.

FAMILIES ANONYMOUS
■ Families Anonymous meets monthly at 8 p.m. Thursdays at St. John Neumann Church, 44800 Warren Road, Canton. This group provides support for families and friends concerned about the use of mind-altering substances such as alcohol, drugs or behavior problems of a loved one. Call (734) 416-0315.

HANDS ACROSS THE WATER
■ Hands Across The Water holds its Adopting Older Kids (A-Okay!) meetings the fourth Thursday of each month at 7-9 p.m. There is a $5 fee; they also sponsor an adoption book discussion group the fourth Tuesday of each month from 7-9 p.m., this group is free. Call to register at (734) 477-0135. Hands Across The Water is located at 2890 Carpenter Road, Suite 600 in Ann Arbor.

STARTING OVER
■ Starting Over is a group for widowed men and women younger than 45. Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at Plymouth Church of Christ. Call (734) 662-5999.

GRIEF AFTERCARE SUPPORT
■ Vermeulen Funeral Homes offer a monthly grief aftercare support group meeting for those who have recently experienced the death of a family member or close friend. Call (734) 459-2250.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
■ Community Hospice and Home Care Services hosts grief support services for adults experiencing a loss through death. The meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Plymouth office of CHHCS (127 S. Main St.). Call (734) 522-4244.

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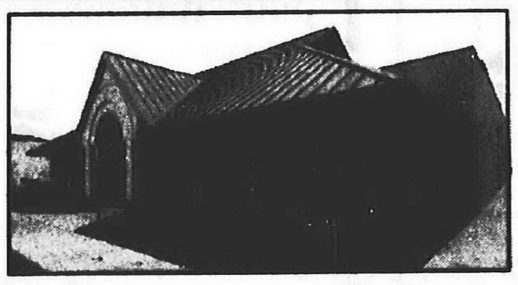

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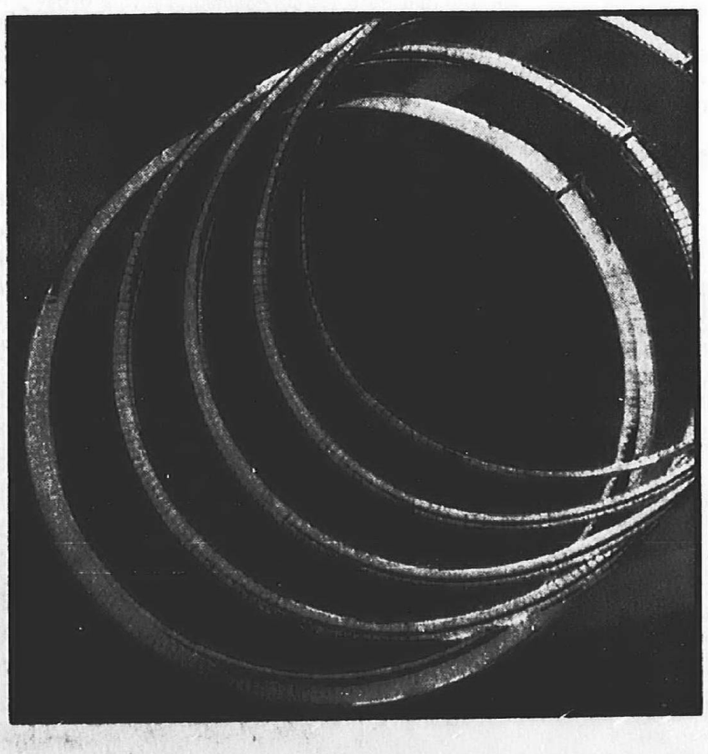

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Township trustees must subjugate egos

Well, that didn't take long.

New Plymouth Township Supervisor Steve Mann called his first meeting to order at roughly 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21, and by 7:33 the first sign of rancor hit the township board room.

The occasion: a special meeting requested by trustees Ron Griffith and Kay Arnold for the purpose of reversing the previous board's decision about reorganizing the township's administrative function. That motion, made at the final meeting chaired by former Supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, effectively eliminated the position of director of administrative services, held by Rosemary Harvey.

Harvey's dismissal was at the center of the reorganization plan, put together by Treasurer Ron Edwards and former trustee K.C. Mueller, with input and eventual approval from Mann. Clerk Marilyn Massengill and trustee Chuck Curmi also voted in favor of the reorganization at the Nov. 14 meeting.

The last-minute appearance of the whole plan, which Edwards insists was in the works for months, had Arnold and Griffith screaming "11th-hour politics" and other such political buzz words. They asked for, and got, the special meeting last week to discuss the issue. But Mann, in a move best termed unusual, made a motion to remove the issue from the agenda.

The motion sparked immediate debate, with Griffith suggesting such a move would "silence the minority." Township attorney Tim Cronin sided with Griffith, and Mann's motion was removed.

But the tenor of the discussion it engendered — particularly considering it was the new board's first meeting — is disturbing, and it could be prophetic. Mann joined Edwards, Massengill and Curmi in turning down Griffith's request to void the previous board's action. We wonder if it's the first of many 4-3 votes down the line.

That's fine; there's nothing that says the votes should all be 7-0 with little or no discussion. In fact, dissenting opinions are good for business. The split at last week's meeting comes as no real surprise; Mann, after all, defeated Keen McCarthy, who for the most part stood solidly aligned with Griffith and Arnold.

But the tone bothers us. It smacks of the same kind of dissension that has plagued the Plymouth City Commission in recent years. City commissioners have toned down the rhetoric lately, and we hope the township board does the same thing right from the start.

There are strong personalities on that board, particularly Arnold, Edwards and Curmi. Edwards seems destined to be the focal point whenever a controversial issue is raised. He and the rest of the board must find a way to put whatever ill will exists behind them for the good of the township.

Mann did what he had to do last week. He put his stamp of approval on the reorganization plan before it was ever presented to the previous board, then stood behind his decision last week. It was a controversial decision he had to acknowledge on his first night in the hot seat, and he never flinched.

The way things got started, that's a good thing. Now he needs to stand up and show he can work with everyone, not just the three who support him.

It's a lesson all seven board members must learn for their residents: The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.

GUEST OPINION

Legalized gambling claims yet another set of victims

What kind of a casualty rate are we willing to accept in our pursuit of a good time?

James Dobson, the ultra-conservative president of Focus on the Family, phrased the question that way a year ago. He was referring to America's growing affinity for gambling despite the fact we know that some will become compulsive about it and lives will be destroyed.



Mike Malott

Now more than ever, it is time we consider what our answer is going to be here in Michigan.

Legalized gambling claimed its latest victims last week in Farmington Hills. After returning from a trip to Las Vegas, Jihad Moukalled wrote out a note explaining that he had been gambling for more than 10 years. He suffocated his three children, ages 3, 5 and 7; killed his pregnant wife; and then took his own life.

Police Chief William Dwyer said the suicide note sent chills up his spine, especially a line in which Moukalled stated, "I was gripped by the hope of one more shot." That's the fallacy that drives addicted gamblers, Dwyer said, the belief that the next bet might turn it all around for them.

Almost as shocking, if you ask me, is what police found in the kitchen wastebasket in Moukalled's home – torn up "markers" from the MGM Grand in Vegas worth $225,000. The markers show he was, in essence, gambling on credit.

How could a casino let a player run himself into debt by almost a quarter million dollars?

Jim McBryde, who heads up the compulsive gambling program in the Michigan Department of Community Health, is also surprised by the amount.

"Someone should have seen that he was getting himself into trouble and put a stop to it," he said.

It turns out that extending credit to a player is common practice, according to Nelson Westrin, executive director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board. There are some, known as "whales" to the casino operators, who regularly play with thousands, even millions of dollars.

The practice is limited to the highest rollers, Westrin said. They have to be regulars and have to pass a credit check. It isn't in the casino's interest to run players into bankruptcy because it has to count those markers as revenue and pay taxes on the amount regardless of whether it can collect, Westrin said.

Nevertheless, it seems to me that the practice is particularly well suited to the destruction of lives.

Many who have enjoyed even moderate success in life could make themselves look like high rollers for a time, but they'd be playing with their life savings. I doubt casino credit checks are designed to protect out-of-control gamblers from themselves.

Not only could someone bet away a life savings in one afternoon, a gambler could do it without having to slow down long enough to go withdraw it from the bank.

Granted, this happened out of state. We might not be able to convince Nevada to end the practice, but if we are going to embrace legalized gambling here in Michigan, as we have, we would be well advised to curtail activities likely to encourage compulsive gambling. A ban on credit in casinos, or at least restrictions on the amount that can be given, would now seem to be well worth considering. Forcing players to put up their money up front is a good way to insure they can really afford to bet it.

Better yet would be a moratorium on new games, as a federal panel called for last year, or even a re-examination of whether we need everything from a lottery to horse racing to casinos in Michigan.

We should think about all this before the toll gets any higher ... because it will.

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LETTERS

■ Band is great

For the past four years I have been witness to a team that works together, plays together and when competing, focuses on doing their best.

This team trusts each other without question and each member is as important as the next. The team that I am speaking of is the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and Color Guard.

During school the team spends over three hours a day and all day Saturday practicing with a trip to a competition Saturday evening or during the day on Sunday.

When the team performs, most of the members are only inches apart, moving forward, backward, sideways and always twisting the upper body being sure they face the audience.

As one member moves, they are counting on the next person to be moving as well, at the same step.

This fast, complex marching is done while each member is playing an instrument, and all the while the Color Guard is weaving in and out, perfectly executing their part in the show.

When any band member is asked, "Are you are the star?" the answer is the same, "We all do our best."

No one person is a star or claims to be. When one of the members has a problem, the whole band lends support.

I am not a music person, so I can only comment on our band. The 200 plus individuals truly perform an amazing show and work as a team! The hours of practice both individually and together tells me one thing:

They have to enjoy what they do, for no one would put in all the work to get so little recognition!

I urge you to go to the next band performance and marvel at the commitment to quality that every person in the band, color guard and school has and the unlimited energy they put forth.

Thank you band members, color guard, music staff, parents and competitors for an exciting four years of watching.

Mark A. Erickson
Plymouth

■ Teens have voice

Sexists and racists. That's what we all think of when we hear the word discrimination, but I'd like to bring up a new word to all of you: "agists," people who discriminate against you solely because of your age, whether it be young or old. But that doesn't happen, or does it?

I am 15 years old and constantly shoved aside for that mere fact, my age.

In stores it doesn't matter when I approach the counter, if a more elder person approaches after me they are waited on immediately, while I wait.

And when I do speak out, all I hear is a muffled, "Gosh, kids these days are out of control," and "What are we going to do with kids these days?"

And quite frankly I'm sick of it.

I'm sick of being followed around any semi-expensive store just because I'm 15.

I'm sick of people just ignoring my opinions and questions when it comes to anything important, such as politics. I'm sick of waiting while 40-year-olds are waited on at the front desk before me, even though they just got there, and I've been waiting for 10 minutes.

I don't know what I'm expecting to get from writing this.

Maybe some other angered teenager will read it and agree with me; maybe some politician will read it and try to change people's minds about kids nowadays; or maybe someone will read it and realize that teenagers do have a voice in this community, and that voice will be heard.

I don't know what will happen, but I hope something does.

Christine McKeegan
Plymouth

■ Small town gone?

What is happening to the small town atmosphere?

I have lived and worked in the Plymouth area for almost 40 years. I've witnessed many changes, some good, some not so good.

The proposal of six-, maybe seven-story condos on the Wilcox property is by far the worst yet. I can't believe that the planning commission or the DDA would agree to something that size towering over Kellogg Park.

If we wanted to live in Royal Oak or Birmingham we would. Is there no end in sight? The Mayflower Center is already blocking out the afternoon sun.

Condos will block the rising sun and we can only guess what the next proposal is likely to be.

Come on people this is your town. Don't let this happen. Let's come together on this.

Pat Ford
Plymouth

■ Those who serve

I am writing this letter to spread the word about "Project Blue Light." During the upcoming holiday season, I would like to encourage local businesses and residents to display blue lights (in the window, porch light, bushes, wreaths, etc.) to show support for the police officers in the community.

The blue light is symbolic of our remembrance of those officers who have made the supreme sacrifice and honors those officers who continue to risk their lives.

In countless situations, police officers are exposed to the most undesirable elements of society so that the rest of us don't have to be.

The average person has no idea what a police officer is confronted with on a daily basis.

Yet most conduct themselves in a professional manner, exhibiting the utmost in patience, discretion and concern.

These men and women are truly deserving of our recognition and support. I encourage everyone to burn a blue light in support of law enforcement this holiday season.

Thank you.

Ann M. DeGhetto
Westland

■ Is it too much?

We are excited by the new possibilities in downtown Plymouth including the Wilcox project. But we wonder how much is too much?

We hope the city commissioners will not let their quest for tax dollars spoil the character of our wonderful town.

Downtown Plymouth - charming, livable, traditional - with a real Main Street USA feel has anchored the community for decades. Why ruin the ambiance?

Are multi-story complexes crammed on small lots, crowding our beautiful park and downtown streets charming?

Will the inevitable competition for parking spaces due to encroaching development make our town livable? How will our much used new library and enlarged museum cope?

Will too many new bars and restaurants crowd out our popular main street business mix of retail and professional?

Do we really want the "Royal Oak scene" in Plymouth where so many of their signature shops were forced out?

We are all for progress and improvement but not at the expense of the character of our town.

Greedy and thoughtless development will forever alter what made Plymouth special to begin with. We will then look like every other homogenized "upscale" suburban crossroads and lose our unique charm.

The city commissioners have the fate of our community in their hands. We hope they have the wisdom to temper their enthusiasm with prudence.

To register your concerns, please attend the Planning Commission meeting on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. on the second floor of City Hall. The issue is too important to ignore.

Jonathan and Nancy Pilon
Plymouth

■ Only 1 Civitan Club

Recent press articles have inadvertently suggested that two separate Civitan clubs exist in the area, one in Plymouth and one in Canton. Such is not the case.

One club only has been sanctioned and chartered. Its correct name is the Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club.

Joe Henshaw
Plymouth-Canton Civitans
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Trouble in auto industry still means trouble in Michigan

Economists like to play the "good news, bad news" game. And the economists at the University of Michigan are no exception to the rule.

In their most recent publication, "The Michigan Economic Outlook for 2001-2002," the U-M experts predicted our state's economy will remain strong next year but the rate of growth will start slowing down. Saul Hymans, Joan Crary and George Fulton have been looking at our state's economy for years; their forecasts are widely regarded as the best in the business.



Phil Power

Clearly, we have been enjoying the best economic times in most people's memories:

■ By year-end, the Michigan economy will have turned in its ninth straight year of job growth, the longest run of prosperity in 50 years.

■ Unemployment is at record low levels. As a practical matter, anybody who wants a job and has transportation can get one.

■ In five of the past six years, the manufacturing work week has been longer than for any prior year since 1970. Long work weeks means big overtime checks, not to mention bigger profit sharing payouts as the auto companies share good profits.

Next year won't be quite as good, according to the U-M experts:

■ Auto and truck sales will slow down, the victim of increased interest rates, which make car payments more expensive. The auto companies are already trying to cope with a soft market by offering big cash incentives.

■ Because auto sales will drop, manufacturing employment will go down. Michigan's unemployment rate, which has been below the national average for more than five years, will match it by 2002, with seven out of eight job losses coming from the durable manufacturing sector.

■ Businesses already clamoring for skilled labor will face tight labor markets as they try to grow. The U-M economists point out that labor shortages will likely be one of the biggest barriers to growth next year.

Things won't be all bad, though, especially as big investment decisions made in the last few years begin to be translated into bricks and mortar. General Motors' new assembly plant in Lansing will open sometime next year; GM also plans on spending $1.5 billion on research and engineering facilities in southeastern Michigan. The Detroit Lions' new football stadium is still under construction, and the $1.2 billion renovation at Detroit Metro Airport will boost service employment in 2001.

Five out of six new jobs in Michigan will come from the service and retail sectors, according the U-M economists, which should result in a 3.4 percent unemployment rate next year, higher than this year but still lower than 1970. Rising labor and materials costs will increase the rate of inflation from 2.3 percent this year to 2.6 percent in 2001.

For what it's worth, my own personal view is slightly less optimistic than the U-M forecast. I think the auto industry is facing big time problems and I figure most middle managers have become so used to good times they have little idea what to do when the economy turns south.

The real interest rate (i.e. the difference between the prime rate the banks charge their best customers and the underlying rate of inflation) is very high by historic standards. High interest rates have already cut sharply into current sales. And it looks as though the only way for the auto companies to keep sales up is by offering enormously expensive incentives. Chrysler is clearly headed for a major retrenchment.

Next year won't be quite as good according to U-M experts.

The auto supplier industry is scared stiff, and not just the American parts makers who are worried the Germans now in charge of Chrysler will dump them for foreign firms. For a number of years now, the auto companies have required suppliers to both increase quality and cut prices, maybe 3 percent one year, maybe 4 percent the next. The pressure is now so bad in the supplier chain that many companies can only remain profitable by running at full-tilt, three-shift basis. What happens if parts orders slow down?

And I understand that the bad loan workout departments at local banks are already busier than they have been in years.

Over the past few years, the Michigan economy has become much more diversified and less dependent on the auto industry. But the auto companies and the supplier chain still represent the guts of our economy. And trouble for the auto industry still means trouble for the rest of Michigan.

So if I were you, I wouldn't blow all your bonus check on Christmas shopping. I'd keep some tucked away for a rainy day.

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Township board has to learn to work, play well with others



Brad Kadrich

Not everyone is unhappy about the tenor of the initial gathering of the new Plymouth Township board.

And I'll give you seven guesses who feels at least a slight twinge of relief about the bickering that has gone on lately in township hall.

If you guessed the Plymouth City Commissioners, give yourself a gold star.

Here's a transcript of an actual (not really) conversation picked up by our secret microphones hidden in the City Hall meeting room. We've hidden the identities of the speakers (because we didn't know them to begin with):

Commissioner 1: *"I thought they were going to hit each other."*

Commissioner 2: *"You should be used to that. You've been on the commission awhile."*

Commissioner 3: *"You are obviously both missing the point."*

Commissioners 1 & 2: *"What point?"*

Commissioner 3: *"Who cares? It's them, not us."*

Commissioner 1: *"Where do you think they learned it?"*

Actually, the commissioners were being a little hard on themselves. Publicly at least, they've learned how to be gracious, even supportive of each other. For the most part. That's a lesson the township board is going to have to learn — quickly — if last week's special meeting was any indication.

Not that we should be surprised. The campaign season got a little nasty, particularly in the races for treasurer, where Gerry Law flung as much mud as he could find in an ineffective attempt to unseat Edwards, and for trustee, where incumbent Chuck Curmi and former board member and new candidate Abe Munfakh lobbed scuds at each other.

Follow the confusing lines a little more closely, and you can pick out where the rancor will come. Trustees Kay Arnold and Ron Griffith were closely aligned with former supervisor Kathleen Keen McCarthy, who lost to the new guy, Steve Mann. Mann, though he kept it clean, was hard on Keen McCarthy during the campaign.

It's no secret there's no love lost between Arnold/Griffith and Edwards. Edwards and former trustee K.C. Mueller were behind the move to reorganize the township administrative duties, eliminating the position of director, held by Rosemary Harvey, who spent a good deal of time at loggerheads with Edwards.

With a new administration on board and a public that kicked Keen McCarthy to the curb at least partly because she lost touch with them, these people are going to have to learn to work and play well with others.

Mann passed his first test last week, sticking by his original decision to back the reorganization. Edwards and Mueller, the authors of the plan, sought Mann's input before they ever approached the full board with the plan. Mann even made some suggestions, which were then incorporated.

But Griffith and Arnold put him squarely in the hot seat at last week's special meeting. Griffith hoped he could get the reorganization scuttled, at least until there was time for the full board to study it. To do that, he had to have Mann's vote, which meant Mann would have to reverse himself, even though he'd taken no public stand.

He didn't do it, and now the board looks, at least preliminarily, as though it's split pretty decisively, with Mann cast as the potential deciding vote on a variety of issues in the middle of two sides, with Edwards, Curmi and clerk Marilyn Massengill on one side and Munfakh, Griffith and Arnold on the other.

All of which, if last week's meeting was any indication, even has the city commission wondering: "Why can't they get along?"

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

■ On discrimination

This week's editorial (Observer, Nov. 23, Page A16) concludes, "Discrimination in any form is inherently wrong." Really?

Today's society prohibits convicted pedophiles – based on their behavioral choices – from being employed as daycare workers. That's a form of discrimination. Smokers are banned from sitting on airplanes or in certain sections of restaurants or entering most government buildings while exercising their particular behavioral choice. That's a form of discrimination.

Society judges these and numerous other forms of discrimination to be justified, even laudable.

Are you sure your editorial writers believe, in contrast, that "any" form of discrimination, including those listed above, is inherently wrong?

Don't you mean that any irrational form of discrimination is wrong. For instance, it is irrational to prejudge or discriminate against a person based on his or her skin color or ethnic background, since those are characteristics that tell you nothing about the person's character, judgment, reliability, or likely behavior?

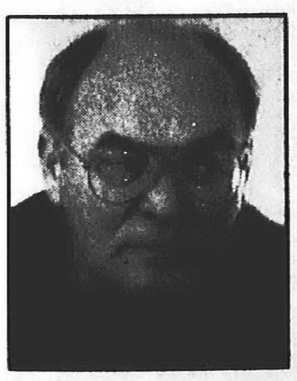
Once again, in clear contrast, if a person knowingly and repeatedly engages in: (1) behavior that constitutes a felony violation of state criminal code, (2) behavior that a 2-to-1 majority of Americans believes is "wrong," and (3) behavior that is scientifically proven to increase the risk of certain forms of cancer by 4,000 percent and cut up to 20 years off his life span: Is it irrational to take such willful, self-destructive, even life-threatening behavioral choices into account when assessing that person's character, judgment, reliability, and likely future behavior?

Gary Glenn, President
American Family Association of Mich.

Snafu proves point about Electoral College problem

In an article I wrote in early September of this year, I attempted to explain the mechanics of how the Electoral College works, or does not work, and postulated it was time to discard it and allow the people to elect the president by direct vote.

I suggested in this election year the system would misfire, by which I meant the winner in the Electoral College would not get even a plurality of the votes cast. It appears this prognostication was correct. If George "W" wins the Electoral College, but does not receive as many popular votes as Al Gore, then the guess was correct.



John Thomas

Has this happened before? Yes, on three occasions - all in the 19th century. It occurred in 1824, 1876 and 1888. The three presidents elected in these elections were ineffective and were not re-elected. It can be argued persuasively that the "people" rejected them.

I suppose that some TV pundit could argue they would have been failures as president anyway, but being elected with less votes than their respective opponents sure didn't help. Of course, in today's lexicon of political verbiage, the word "mandate" is used - some would say overused. That is, could either of our two current presidential aspirants argue (except with tongue in cheek) that he has an endorsement of the people to enact his respective platform on which he based his campaign? Hardly.

Indeed, I suggest such an argument is impossible if the winner fails to receive even a plurality of votes. He will no doubt try to do so anyway (maybe by putting two tongues in two cheeks at the same time). But, I predict a failed effort, an ineffective presidency, and a one-term president. If history provides a hint, then my guess will turn out correct. I do not have much pity for the president-elect in this setting, but I do have considerable sympathy for us, the people.

Let me return to my initial premise that the Electoral College has not worked again and that it has "misfired." We have had [illegible] of 50 presidential elections. In only three of them has the Electoral College winner failed to receive a plurality of votes.

We now face the real possibility of a fourth; that is, if you can believe the election returns told, and retold ad nauseum, by the TV media. There is, however, one good outcome to this bombast of information - the people are getting smarter by the minute.

I dare say the American people know more about the Electoral College system now than at any time in our 213-year history. This is good. It is an essential tenet of the theory of a successful democracy that the people are knowledgeable and informed.

Indeed, people now seem to be not only informed, they seem to be aroused and maybe even angry. One TV pundit recently stated that a poll of people who failed to vote on Election Day indicated that two-thirds of them (the non-voters) would vote if they had the chance again. This is an absolutely amazing fact since, no doubt, some of these non-voters probably thought the Electoral College was some type of educational institution located in rural Ohio.

What if the Electoral College had "misfired" not just three or four times, but 20 or 30 times? Do you believe that a knowledgeable and informed, aroused and angered citizenry would have allowed such a result where the winner receives less than a plurality of votes? I suggest that such a scenario would have produced a grassroots, surging effort to eliminate the Electoral College long before now.

Timing is always important. Perhaps now is the time. The people should be allowed to elect our president by direct popular vote. The Electoral College does not necessarily allow this result. Any new system we might fashion would probably still permit a president to be elected without a majority of the popular vote if there are third-party candidates. This remaining problem probably cannot be avoided, however we change the system.

The Electoral College was not crafted by the founding fathers to give small states a disproportionate vote. Rather, it was crafted to avoid the "tyranny of the majority." Unfortunately, it now allows for the minority to rule the majority.

Furthermore, the Founding Fathers provided in the Constitution for a method to amend the Constitution. They knew things would change and the Constitution would have to be amended from time to time. Let us use that wisdom too.

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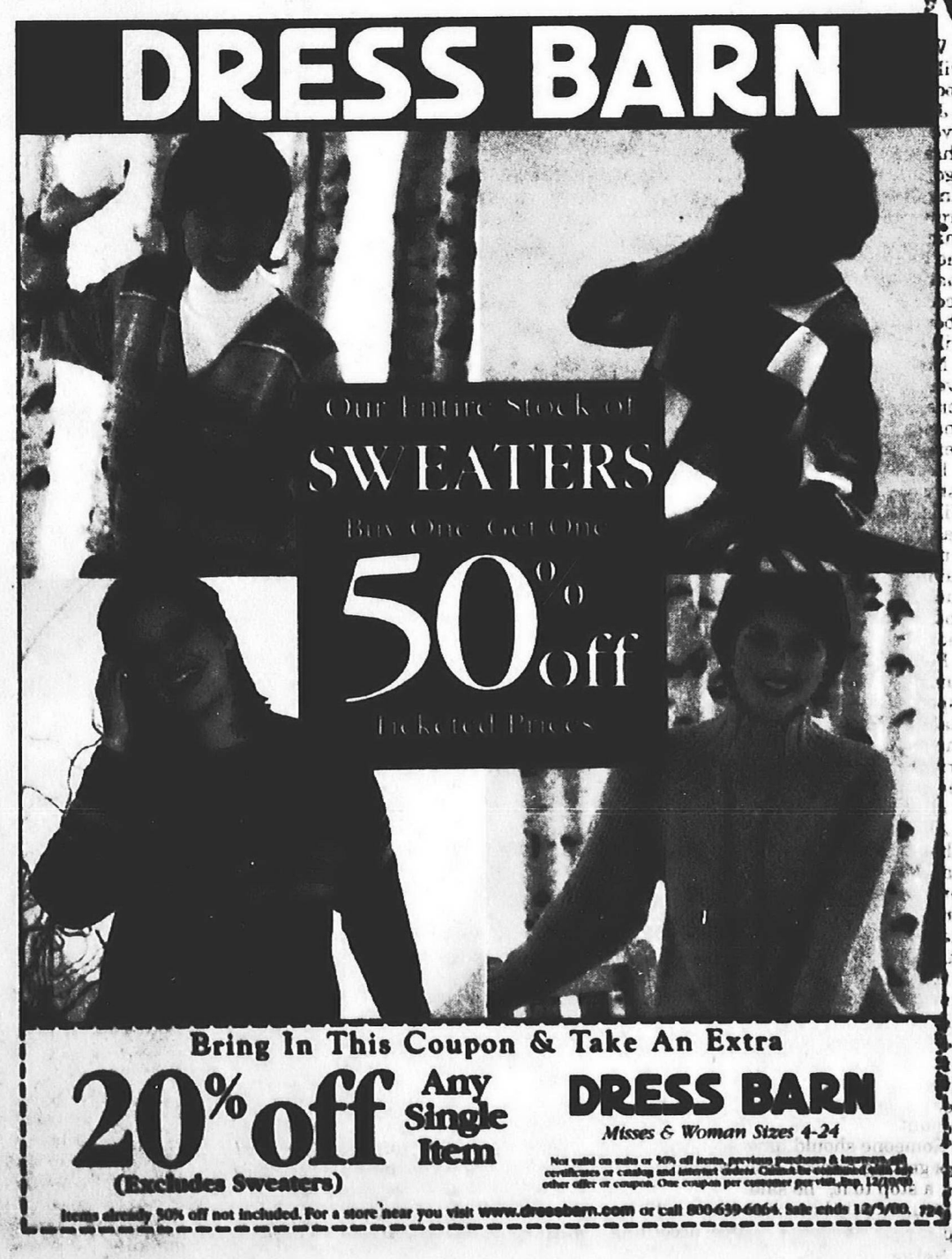

Schools after state for 3rd time in new Durant lawsuit

By Mike Malott
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School districts and the state government are at it again, fighting over funding.

Districts across the state filed their third lawsuit – known as Durant III – this month claiming that the state is underfunding schools for what they are owed for mandated special education programs under both the Headlee Amendment to the state Constitution and Proposal A.

More than 365 districts launched the suit, filed in the state Court of Appeals. Bloomfield Hills Attorney Dennis Pollard, representing the districts, believes the list of districts involved will eventually grow to more than 450.

What they are asking for is $417 million they say they've been shorted. Two previous lawsuits – Durant filed in 1980 and Durant II in 1998 – netted plaintiff districts more than $200 million in extra dollars from the state, they contend.

According to Pollard, the state is still "playing a shell game" with funding, counting money owed under the Headlee Amendment for special education as also fulfilling state obligations under Proposal A. The new lawsuit differs from the previous Durant suits in that a separate action was filed to contest allocations in more than a dozen other areas of funding.

'Frivolous suit'

But Gov. John Engler, according to spokesperson John Truscott, believes this most recent case is a "frivolous lawsuit" and that the state will seek first to have the suit dismissed.

Why then are so many districts signing on? "It's like the lottery for school districts. It's free. It costs them nothing. They are not paying the attorney fees, the taxpayers are and they might get lucky and get wealthy. There is no down side for the school districts," Truscott said. "We may have to ask that they pay their own attorney fees this time."

Truscott says shortages found in the first case have been fixed. While the court disagreed with the state's accounting in the second case, it did not agree that districts were being underpaid, Truscott argued. That accounting has been fixed as well, he said. And since then, the state has increased the state school aid budget more than ever before.

"Does that make any sense? Who pays attorney fees in a lawsuit? Does the winner pay attorney fees for the loser?" Pollard responded. "On the one hand, he wants to claim victory in the last case and on the other hand, he admits the state paid attorney fees – he admits he lost."

School view

A statement issued by 14 superintendents of district involved in the case explained their position. "The state is still playing games with the funding for special education. (The governor's) new scheme, similar to the last, uses the constitutionally guaranteed, unrestricted funding from Proposal A in order to meet the State's funding responsibility for special education costs ... The same dollar cannot be both, which is what the State is trying to do. In Durant II, the Michigan Court of Appeals made that point abundantly clear. By counting the same dollar twice, the State is pitting special education and general education parents against each other in a destructive fight for funding."

Signers included Michael Dixon, assistant superintendent, Rochester Schools; C. Robert Maxfield, superintendent, Farmington; John M. Schultz, superintendent, Rochester; and Dan C. Wertz, superintendent, Okemos.

Richard Headlee, author of the 1978 Headlee Amendment, has spoken out on behalf of the districts. In part, the amendment required the state to continue funding mandated programs at pre-1978 levels.

"Simply put, they decided to use local school districts' own revenues, guaranteed to them through Proposal A, to meet the State's funding obligation under the Headlee Amendment ... Michigan school districts were paid under this scheme out of their own financial resources for the State's wrongdoing," Headlee said. "Some concept. Consider for a moment how preposterous this legislative scheme truly was. This would be akin to a bank having been found guilty of not paying interest to its depositors on their savings accounts, turning around and shifting money from the checking accounts of those same depositors in order to remedy the bank's wrongdoing."

Local school districts joining the case so far include Avondale, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Brandon, Clarkston, Clawson, DeWitt, East Lansing, Eaton Rapids, Eaton ISD, Farmington, Fenton, Garden City, Grand Ledge, Hazel Park, Huron Valley, Lake Orion, Lamphere, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Oak Park, Oakland ISD, Okemos, Oxford, Plymouth-Canton, Redford Union, Rochester, Royal Oak, South Lyon, South Redford, Southfield, Taylor, Troy, Van Buren, Walled Lake, Wayne County RESA, Wayne-Westland, and West Bloomfield.

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Northwood University is holding lunch-time learning classes in business management beginning Dec. 5 at Northwood's new Livonia Program Center, 38777 W. Six Mile Road, Suite 212 at the corner of Six Mile and I-275.

The first class, Philosophy 301: Ethics, will be taught by Michael Rasak of Livonia. Students will meet during lunch hour twice a week to earn college credits toward a management degree. The classes will run for 10 weeks with holiday time off.

Philosophy 301: Ethics is an analysis of the moral and ethical principles of our civilization and consideration of topics such as moral influence, responsibility, the Judeo-Christian traditions, humanism and law and order.

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KIMBERLY MORTSON

Holiday letters need to be personalized

Now that the turkey's been carved and the biggest shopping day of the year past, we're on the fast track to Christmas. Topping my "to do" list this week will be writing my annual Christmas letter.

I know, I know. There are a faction of people out there who hate them and another segment of the population that love them. I'm in the love group. Nothing is more of a letdown than opening up a Christmas card only to find this ...

"Happy Holidays — The Andersons"

It's particularly disheartening when it's from those people whom I don't hear from that often. What better an opportunity than to sit down and catch me up on what's been happening at your end of the mailbox than in a Christmas letter.

■ 'First and foremost don't write a novel.'

Maybe it's my addiction to mail. I love getting mail. I remember in college I couldn't wait until the mail came after lunch to see who'd written me or sent me a card. Today it's the first thing I do when I get home from work. I love junk mail, catalogs, marketing survey's and magazines. Since the inception of e-mail my personal correspondence has dropped off somewhat, which is slightly disappointing, but at the same time it has improved the communication lines between some of those people that only scratched their name in a Christmas card once a year.

The right stuff

There are several approaches and some etiquette necessary to writing a good letter. First and foremost don't write a novel. Either choose some clever way to run through your past year like listing the top 10 things you did or create a one-page scrapbook of scanned pictures highlighting your travels or milestones during 2000.

Another no, no is dishing the family dirt. A friend of our family writes a letter so eyebrow raising, a Harlequin romance novel pales in comparison. In recent years she's talked about cheating sons-in-law, children who returned home, ongoing ailments, financially struggling siblings who don't repay old debts, divorces and more. I must admit it makes for interesting reading, but at the same time I cringe for her family who may not know she's divulging such personal information in a form letter.

Guidelines

Keep the tone of your letters light. They aren't meant to be depressing but need to strike a balance between what you and your family did this year and the letter becoming a brag fest.

Try writing a short resume for each family member. A brief synopsis of your children's activities, how you've been keeping busy on the weekends and someplace interesting you vacationed this year.

You might want to write two letters. One to those people who see you on a regular basis — for example a note explaining what you're thankful for — and another letter to friends and acquaintances. It's also possible not everyone on your Christmas list needs a letter.

A different twist on the Christmas letter is sending a holiday recipe. I once received a photograph of a friend's child mixing dough and attached to the back was a recipe card for cookies with a brief note from my friend. I thought it was particularly clever and the picture said more than a long letter could have!

If you include an e-mail address or maintain some kind of family Web site remember not everyone is online. Hand write a short personal note at the end of your letter in place of your e-mail address and include your phone number if it's someone you haven't spoken to in a while.

If you have a unique way of sharing your family news write HomeTown Editor, Kim Mortson, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

All wrapped up

Girl Scouts troop into malls during holidays



BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
STAFF WRITER

Girl Scouts from the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council are again offering gift wrapping services at three area malls during the holidays.

In their ninth year of business, Cadette/Senior Leader and Registrar Diane Bergendahl says the wrapping service the girls provide is "a job."

"In many instances this is the first job many of these girls have," said Bergendahl. "It's a good opportunity for them to learn how to handle money and to interact with customers."

Gift wrapping tables will be managed by approximately 200 scouts and adult supervisors now through Christmas Eve at Wonderland Mall (outside Wards and a second near the food court), Livonia Mall near Sears, and Laurel Park adjacent to Olga's restaurant.

"This is our seventh year at Wonderland and our ninth year in business," said Bergendahl. "We're pleased to be able to gift wrap at the new locations this year."

Kathy Swan, the mother of 13-year-old Girl Scout Christine Swan, said the troops are grateful for the complimentary space the shopping centers provide.

"All the malls should be commended for letting us be here rent free," said Swan. "They could be charging for the space we use but they welcome us back each year because shoppers count on us to wrap their gifts and they know their money is going to a good cause."

The motive for the girls working three-hour shifts after school and on the weekends until Christmas Eve is to raise money for scout activities and end-of-the-year trips.

Christine Brooks, 13, of Westland who is wrapping gifts with her mom Jane, is looking forward to the end of the year trip. "I don't know where I'm going to go yet," said Christine. Jane added that four of her six scouts from Troop No. 544 were volunteering at the gift wrapping tables in order to supplement the cost of their scout activities and field trips.



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Helpers: *Girls Scouts from the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council volunteer their time to wrap gifts at three areas malls as a fund-raising project. Scouts above at Wonderland Mall in Livonia are Ashley Malmsten (left), Christine Swan and Christine Brooks.*

"The girls in my troop are really excited about being able to work like this," said Jane.

Gift-wrapping services are provided during school hours by the parents of Girl Scouts that come from Livonia, Westland, Redford, Novi, Farmington Hills, Inkster, Southfield, Detroit, Dearborn Heights, Northville and Allen Park. After school, 22 troops, ranging from seventh- to 12th-graders, work in three-hour shifts starting at 3 p.m. On the weekends the girls have the opportunity to work different hours and some former scouts return from college to lend a helping hand.

"We couldn't do this without the help of the troop leaders, parents, scouts and volunteers," said Bergendahl. Committee members and volunteers include Sue Roy, Carolyn Feathers, Jeanette Bray, Theresa Marshall, and Vicki Kowalski.

All of the bows are hand-made by the scouts as well as the more than 4,000 gift tags they use in the first few weeks. Gift wrapping isn't limited to gifts purchased at the malls either.

Bergendahl said every year Ollie Fretter, former chairman of the retail appliance business, drops off packages to be wrapped from stores as far away as New York. Last year Bergendahl and Swan estimate they collected $13,000 (before expenses) during the five-week holiday season. Swan said some people are more than generous and tip the scouts because they know the money is going toward something

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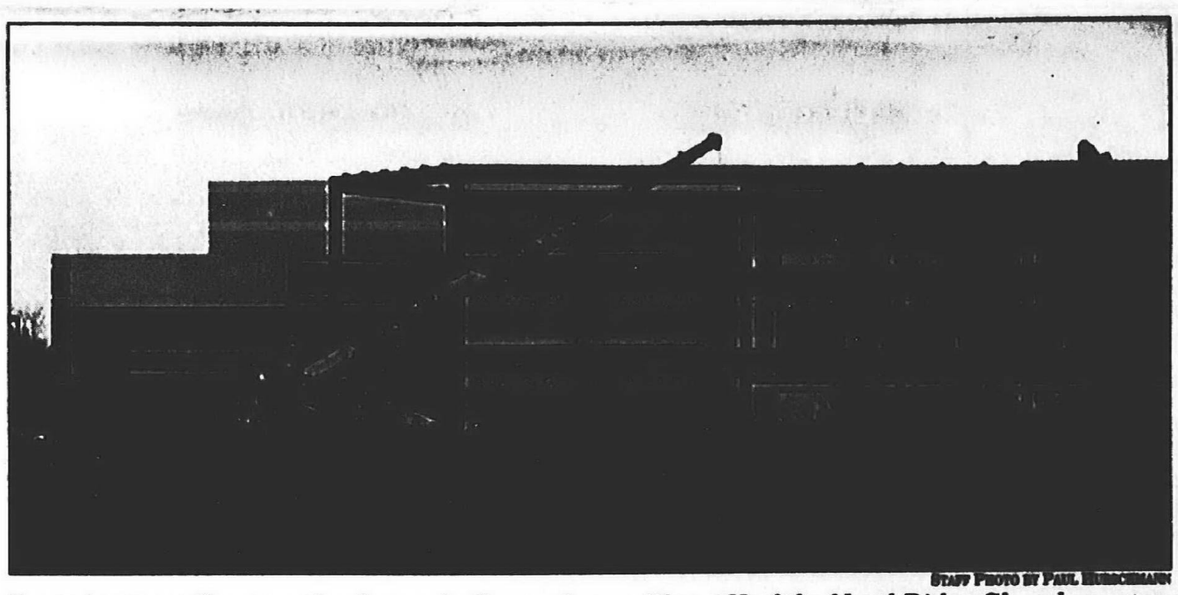

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Room to grow: *Construction began in September on Phase II of the NorthRidge Church master plan. Members are looking forward to the expansion being completed in December 2001.*

Plymouth church begins Phase II

BY KIMBERLY A. MORTSON
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Motorists making their way west on M-14 have undoubtedly seen the construction under way at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth. The existing church campus at 75,000 square feet is hard to miss. The current project, that began in mid-September, will add another 46,000 square feet of space onto the facility.

Under the design of Ann Arbor architectural firm Hobbs & Black and construction managers, The Christman Company of Lansing, Phase II of the NorthRidge Church is expected to be completed by December 2001.

According to Wayne Kurtycz, communications and front-line pastor at NorthRidge, the expansion will complete the final phase of the original master plan and has become a necessity due to the growing number of individuals and families who worship and socialize at the Plymouth church.

United by faith

"In April, the NorthRidge family took over the Compuware Arena [and] we all came together under one roof. That was exciting in itself because we have multiple services ... To show our heartfelt gratitude to God for what he is doing through the people of NorthRidge, now and for the future, we pledged over $8 million dollars over three years to fund Phase II," said Kurtycz. "Because it's not about the building of Phase II that is important. It is about the lives that will be changed that come into this building, it's about people."

Included in the 46,000-square-foot expansion will be a multi-purpose/banquet area, chapel, classrooms, a nursery for NorthRidge Kid's Ministry, and a new lobby featuring an exterior canopy offering shelter during inclement weather.

Kurtycz said one of the most unique and highly anticipated features of the construction project will be a "Starbucks" type café. "We are actually going to have our own Starbucks-style café — how cool is that!"

Multiple uses

NorthRidge members will use the multi-purpose area for programs, meetings and banquets as well as a place for worshippers to dine together during the church's Wednesday evening buffet. The chapel will be a "beautiful place for weddings" said Kurtycz and of the Kid's Ministry area he said, "We have kid's all over the place. NorthRidge is a kid's haven so we are going all out to give the kid's the kind of space they need to have fun with room to grow."

Aesthetic features of the addition include a large, spacious lobby accented by two stories of sea foam-colored glass.

While the expansion comes with a high price tag, Kurtycz said the April gathering of the NorthRidge family supported their belief that the lives they have and will change are worth every penny.

"The height of emotion was when the lights were turned off in the arena and we were asked how many of our lives had been changed by coming to this church. It was awesome to see the hundreds of [people] that lit candles representing how many of our lives had changed as a result of coming to NorthRidge. It was a moment that we will never forget. As we say around NorthRidge ...'Changed lives ... priceless!'"

NorthRidge Church offers contemporary music, concerts, and relevant talks is located at 49555 North Territorial Road, Plymouth Township. Sunday a "Seeker Sensitive Worship Service" is offered at 9:30 or 11:15 a.m. Visit NorthRidge on the Web at www.NorthRidgeChurch.com or call (734) 414-7777.

Disney trip a dream for ailing toddler

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

While other moms are making play dates, 3-year-old Erinne Williams' mom, Suzanne, makes doctor's appointments for countless tests, pokes and painful procedures. In the midst of the sadness as the toddler's body slowly deteriorates, Erinne captures hearts with ease and teaches profound lessons about life.

"It's a nasty disease, but when you spend any time with Erinne you forget what a horrible disease this is," Suzanne said. "You look at her and how can you be upset and down? She's such a tough trooper.

"She awakes every morning happy to wake up that morning," Suzanne said. "Erinne has taught me what really matters in life and what doesn't. What used to upset me before doesn't anymore."

Devastating

When Erinne was 14 months old, the Westland girl was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a genetic disease that affects the nerve cells in the brain stem and spinal cord. SMA wears at its victims' bodies until they become so weak they usually die from

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respiratory infections.

Erinne has pulled through pneumonia four times.

"Erinne's our little angel on loan to us," she said. "It has been tough on my faith, but I realize that God chose me to be her mom. I can honestly say I've never been angry with God. There's profound sadness, but I feel very honored. My job is to see how long I can keep her here. I know my other kids (Claire, 15, and Kevin, 9) feel that way, too. Erinne is different, very, very special."

The Williamses met Erinne's best friend, Olivia Werstein, and her parents, Cynthia and Chris, through a Web site for people with SMA. The two little girls have survived more challenges than most adults and together they are going to Disney World with their families Dec. 2-9. The vacation is paid for entirely by the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

"We don't know how many opportunities these girls will have to go together," Suzanne said. "Rather than wait, we thought we would get it now."

Erinne's wish is to have tea with Alice in Wonderland and Cinderella and Olivia wants to pet a real elephant and ride Dumbo. They'll maneuver the fantasy world of make-believe in their motorized wheelchairs.

The need to make the trip as soon as possible was accentuated when Erinne suffered from a respiratory infection that lead to a collapsed lung a week before the trip.

"The trip will be a nice positive change for the families," Suzanne said. "We will be able to take a break from the doctor's appointments, physical therapy appointments, machines and treatments."

But even the prospect of a fun-filled vacation was bittersweet.

When Suzanne asked Olivia's mom about taking the girls at the same time and accepting the Make-A-Wish offer, she knew the Brighton couple had to acknowledge the idea that their daughter may die at a young age.

"It's a final step: 'That my kid will get their wish granted,' " Suzanne explained.

Best of friends

The girls have had other adventures together, like appearing on the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Labor Day Telethon and being featured in Make-A-Wish public service television spot that will be shown during December.

But their futures aren't promising. Most people with SMA don't live past childhood.

"Our biggest problem is keeping her from getting respiratory infections," Suzanne said, explaining that neither she nor her husband knew of a family member with the disease.

Erinne was born in May 1997 and was diagnosed in July 1998 after Suzanne tried to convince doctors that her daughter wasn't meeting the milestones she learned to expect from her other children and from her vast experience as the director for Botsford Hospital employee day care.

"It took me four months to convince doctors," Suzanne said. "With some families, it takes them up to a year to get doctors to see this is the problem, especially if you don't have it in your family."

Suzanne knew there was something wrong when Erinne wasn't attempting to stand and she was crawling on the top side of her hands.

"The doctors didn't want to say a whole lot about the prognosis," she added. "I had to research what it is and it was quite a shock when I learned that many, many die in early childhood."

Before she was diagnosed, Erinne was able to stand if she was propped up by furniture. She walked with a tiny walker and leg braces and she was making progress in the summer of 1999.

But all that changed in November 1999 when she got pneumonia and was hospitalized for 15 days. Erinne never regained even those first skills.

Erinne can no longer crawl or roll over without help. She can feed herself, but she fatigues easily and always needs help by the end of the meal. Helping her to gain weight is a struggle.

Erinne can hold markers and is starting to write, but she isn't strong enough to take caps off of markers.

She's in a wheelchair now and will be getting a power chair this month on loan by Frank Mobility in Pennsylvania. While insurance companies have rejected requests for a power chair, a Frank Mobility company representative, Bill Russell, wanted to make sure Erinne's trip to Disney World would be as carefree as possible.

Even though Erinne's body is weakening, her mind is strong. She's doing what you might expect from 5- and 6-year-olds – spelling her name, identifying coins and mastering the alphabet, colors and numbers with ease.

"Kids with SMA tend to have extremely high IQs," Suzanne explained.

Painful time

But the disease has been stressful for the family and has taken a toll. Family and friends tend to keep a distance.

"People have pulled away from Erinne and me – it's painful to see," Suzanne said. "It's a horrible disease and people don't like to talk about horrible things and 3-year-old children shouldn't be like this. It's an isolating journey. The only person I feel can understand what I'm going through is Olivia's mom. She has become my soul mate. It's a very lonely road."

The Williamses faced another six months before Erinne was diagnosed. Her father, Jim, suffered a closed head injury that affected his personality.

Suzanne and Jim have been separated for 15 months. But one of the most frustrating things for Suzanne is dealing with insurance companies.

"Every appointment with specialists has been a fight," she explained. "Life shouldn't be that way. If they can deny half the people who come across, they can save money. If Erinne dies while she's waiting for them to provide a power chair, they don't have to end up paying for it. It's an expensive disease from an insurance company's point of view."

Erinne can't sit up in the bathtub while Suzanne bathes her, which means she needs a special bath chair. She also needs a special car seat and other incidentals to do everyday tasks.

One of her happiest moments with Erinne was when she was being fitted in a powerized chair. Suzanne was talking to the medical professionals and Erinne took off after two minutes of instruction. She maneuvered it perfectly and never hit a wall. It was her first small sign of independence away from her mother's protective arms.

"I told her to come back after a few minutes and she turned around and said, 'No, Mom. I want to go.' My kid told me 'No' and it made my day."

For more information about Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan or to make a contribution, call (800) 622-9474.

To see Erinne on the Internet, go to www. oursmaangels. com/ ErinneRose.

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worthy.

"Last year I wrapped a package for a gentleman on Christmas Eve that came to $1.50. He handed me a $100 bill and told me to keep the change," said Swan. "That's really generous."

Swan and her daughter Christine are looking forward to a Girl Scout trip to Savannah, Ga., in late spring with their troop thanks to the money they raise through gift wrapping project. "The trips are educational and a nice way for the girls to spend time with their peers. While in Savannah, we're going to visit the home of Juliette Low, founder of the Girl Scouts," said Swan.

Gift-wrapping services are available during mall hours at Wonderland, Livonia Mall and Laurel Park. Prices are determined two ways: boxes brought by customers are measured then priced. Boxes purchased from the Girl Scouts have a different pricing schedule.

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ENGAGEMENTS & WEDDINGS

Pipa-Salvato

Michael and Leona Pipa of Westland announce the marriage of their daughter, Michele Marie, to Vincent James Salvato of Redford. He is the son of Thomas and Emily Salvato of Livonia.

The couple wed July 8 at St. Valentine Catholic Church in Redford, before the Rev. Thomas Belczak.

The bride was attended by her sister and matron of honor, Judith Shahinian; bridesmaids Heather Endo, Sandy Pedersen, Suzy Shipman, Holly Tomasik, and flower girls Breanna Massy and Chiara Salvato, the groom's nieces.

The groom was attended by his brother, best man Thomas Salvato; brothers and groomsmen Joseph Salvato and Peter Salvato; groomsmen Daniel



Miles and Jeffrey Bruck.

The Salvato's received guests at Warren Valley Golf Club in Dearborn Heights. They took a honeymoon to Maui and Oahu, Hawaii and will make their home in Redford.

Paddock-Lankton

Richard and Pamala Paddock of Westland announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Lynn, to Robert William Lankton of Detroit. The couple wed Oct. 27 at Community Lutheran Church in Flat Rock.

The bride is a student at Eastern Michigan University and works at Magna Seating.

Her husband, son of Ken and Marylyn Cantrell of New Boston, is a firefighter in Taylor.

The couple wed before Pastor David Gohn. The bride was attended by Tracy Paddock, Dana Paddock, Melissa Gorman, Holly Goon and flower girl Angela-Grace Kehrig.

The groom was attended by Erik Mullinix, James Lankton, Jeremy Brumfield, Tim Mar-



shall and ring bearer E.J. Mullinix.

The couple received guests at Hawthrone Valley Country Club and took a trip to Jamaica.

Cook-Mitera

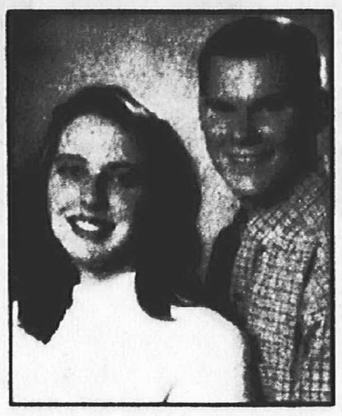
Terry and Gale Cook of Canton announce the marriage of their daughter, Rachel Starr, to Richard Jason Mitera of Westland.

The bride is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School.

Her husband, son of Rick and Mary Mitera of Canton, is a 1997 graduate of Plymouth Canton High School.

The couple wed Oct. 14 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church before Deacon Pat Conlen. The bride was attended by maid of honor Chelsea Cook, bridesmaids Molly Szewczyk, Kristen Bull and flower girl Jordan Edwards.

The groom was attended by best man Adam Piazza, groomsmen Brian Szewczyk and Rob



Batzloff. Ushers were Bob Mitera, Greg Tomaszycki. The ringbearer was Conner Kivisto.

The couple received guests at American Legion in Livonia and took a wedding trip to Hawaii.

Knoph

Edwin and Genevieve (Radowick) Knoph of Northville, formerly of Livonia, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last month. The couple exchanged their wedding vows on Oct. 26, 1940 at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Detroit.

They have seven children: Judi of San Antonio, Texas, John of Gladwin, Greg (Sharon) of Livonia, Joe of Northville, Jerry (Marcie) of Garden City, Mark (Jeanette) of Marion and Mary Kay of Novi. They have 13 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.



To celebrate the occasion, the couple shared a special dinner with their family on Oct. 26.

Wyrybkowski-Bush

Douglas and Renee Wyrybkowski of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Christina, to Brian Bush.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are both graduates of University of Michigan. Her fiancé is the son of Raymond Sr. and Janet Bush of Warren, Ohio.

A November 2001 wedding is planned.



Krueger-Livernois

Gary and Lana Krueger of Westland announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Jule, to Jason Michael Livernois of Dearborn Heights.

The bride-to-be is a John Glenn High School graduate and a graduate of Wayne State University. She is a licensed funeral director at Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

Her fiancé, son of Mick and Gerri Livernois of Riverview, is a graduate of Riverview Community High School and University of Michigan. He is a financial consultant at Merrill Lynch.



A May 2001 wedding is planned at Christus Victor Lutheran Church in Dearborn Heights.

Caplan-Okun

Walter and Margo Caplan of West Bloomfield, formerly of Livonia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Lynn, to Allyn Jay Okun.

The bride-to-be is a 1988 Livonia Stevenson High School graduate. She earned her bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Michigan and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Michigan Law School. She works as an attorney for the law firm of D'ancona and Pflaum in Chicago.

Her fiancé, son of Gayle Reitman of Branson, Missouri, and Melvyn Okun of Campbell, Calif., earned a bachelor of sci-



ence degree in telecommunications and a master of science degree in information and communication sciences from Ball State University in Indiana. He is a supervising systems support engineer with PAT Systems in Chicago.

A February wedding is planned at Temple Israel in West Bloomfield.

Podrasky-Carbone

Peter and Jean Podrasky of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelly Ann, to Michael Joseph Carbone of Warren.

The bride-to-be is a 1990 graduate of Ladywood High School in Livonia, and a graduate of Northern Michigan University, where she earned her bachelor's degree. She is working toward her master's degree in business administration at Central Michigan University. She works as a human resources generalist at FCI Automotive.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Lincoln Senior High School and is pursuing a degree in engineering. He works as an indus-



trial engineer at Zenith Industries.

An April 2001 wedding is planned at St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Canton. The couple will receive guests at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Keith Jr.** and **Carol Tappan** of Novi, formerly of Livonia, announce the birth of their daughter, **Ava Claire**, born Oct. 20 at Providence Hospital in Southfield. Ava joins brother Ross Joseph, 4, and sister Leah Margaret, 2. Grandparents are Dick and Peggy Celski of New Baltimore and formerly of Livonia, Joanne Tappan of Livonia and Keith Tappan Sr. of Farmington Hills.

■ **Dawn La Pointe** of Livonia and **Robert Winship** of Oak Park announce the birth of their daughter **Caitlyn Rose Winship La Pointe** born Nov. 17 at Oakwood Hospital. Caitlyn (Katie) joins big brother Ryan who is excited about welcoming

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WEEKEND

LIGHTING OF THE CANTON TREE
Bring family out for a fun-filled evening as Canton kicks off the holiday season with the lighting of the "official" community tree. The ceremony will be held 7-9 p.m. Dec. 4, at the Township Administration Building Complex (Fire Station No. 1) , 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Enjoy visits with Santa, caroling, refreshments, hayrides, an ice carving demonstration, mini train rides, clowns and giveaways. Call (734) 397-5110.

NEW HOPE CENTER HOLIDAY GATHERING
New Hope Center for Grief Support has planned a holiday gathering at the Country Epicure Restaurant in Novi beginning with a social hour at 5 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 3. Knowing the holidays can be especially difficult for anyone who has lost a loved one, we are offering this special dinner for grieving men and women in a safe and caring environment. Call (248) 348-0115.

LUNCH WITH SANTA
ArtReach presents "Lunch with Santa" 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Don't miss this special opportunity to bring your favorite preschooler or kindergartner to an intimate holiday lunch with everyone's favorite, Santa Claus. Enjoy pizza lunch, pictures with Santa, craft and an exciting holiday story. The member price is $10 per person and non-member $12. Call 734-416-4278 for reservations. Seating is limited.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE
Brackney Chiropractic Health Center is sponsoring a Holiday Food Drive through Dec. 4 to assist area families in need during this holiday season. Donations of nonperishable food items are being accepted at Brackney Chiropractic, 8512 Canton Center Road in Canton, or call (734) 455-4444. Donate a grocery bag of nonperishable food items and receive a free initial chiropractic consultation and exam through Dec. 4.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CONCERT
The Fine Arts Series of First Presbyterian Church of Northville will present Handel's Messiah at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Tickets are on sale in the church office during regular business hours. The price for the tickets is $10/adult ($12/door) and $35/family ($40/door). Call (248) 349-0911.

ART & JEWELRY FESTIVAL
Native West celebrate its 11th annual "Holiday Art & Jewelry Festival" with the art of Cherokee painter Bill Rabbit, and a selection of Native American jewelry from the Southwest 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call (734) 455-8838.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
The 125-voice Plymouth Community Chorus presents its 28th annual Christmas Concert, "Holiday Seasonings" Sunday, Dec. 3 at Plymouth Salem High School at Joy and Canton Center Roads in Canton. Tickets are $10 and available by calling the Plymouth Community Chorus at (734) 455-4080.

HOSPICE'S 13TH TREE OF LIFE
The Angela Hospice annual "Tree of Life" will be on display at Laurel Park Place in Livonia through Dec. 31. The 13th annual tree extends its branches to those who wish to give a gift of remembrance by adorning the tree with an "angel wing" ornament bearing the names of loved ones, living or deceased. Call (734) 464-7810.

AROUND TOWN

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW
Plymouth's "Holiday Doll Show" returns to the Plymouth Cultural Center 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10. The show will feature vendors, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique and limited edition collectible dolls of all kinds and their accessories. Adults $5, kids under 10 free. Call (734) 455-2110.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
The Canton Rotary Club is sponsoring "Breakfast With Santa." All children will sit on Santa's lap and have their pictures taken. A representative from the Canton Police Department will be providing all children with a free ID kit (picture and fingerprints). Proceeds will benefit the International Service Projects for children in third world countries. The cost is $5 for children and $8 for adults. To make reservations, contact Laura Whichello at (734) 207-8517 or (734) 546-0164.

HOLIDAY HOMES TOUR
Ypsilanti's fourth annual Holiday Homes Tour will **take place 1-6 p.m. Dec. 10.** Six residences, including several historic homes will open their doors to the public, with the proceeds benefiting the Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels program. The cost of the tour is $10 in advance and $12.50 the day of the tour. Tickets are on sale at Quinn's Essentials and Me 'N' My Sisters in Depot Town, Ypsilanti, Haab's Restaurant on Michigan Avenue or by calling (734) 480-3129.

TEENS USING DRUGS
Teens Using Drugs: How To Know and What To Do will be presented by Ron Harrison, social worker, in the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, room EC4, 5305 Elliot Dr., Ypsilanti. Part One: "How To Know" will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Dec. 5. It will provide information on how to recognize a teen substance abuse problem, understand the progression of substance abuse, and know when to take action. Part Two: "What to Do" will be presented 7:30-9 p.m. Dec. 12. It will provide information on what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is identified, and will include a recovering teen speaker. The presentations are free and open to the public. Free literature and refreshments are provided. They are co-sponsored by Community Action on Substance Abuse, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, and the Washtenaw County Community Partnership, Inc. Please phone (734) 973-7892 for information.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY
The Plymouth Corps of the Salvation Army is asking for community support in the Adopt-a-Family Christmas program. Individuals or groups are needed to act as sponsors for low-income families in the Plymouth/Canton area. Sponsors are asked to anonymously provide Christmas gifts and dinner for an average-sized family. The sponsor does the shopping, distribution is the responsibility of the Salvation Army. Call Bill Moritz (734) 453-5464, Ext. 29 to be matched with a family.

ROLLER SKATING CLASSES
Learn to skate at Skatin Station II in Canton for children or adults 7-8 p.m. every Sunday. Call (734) 459-6407.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
New Morning School in Plymouth is hosting three opportunities for interested families to tour the school, meet the staff and have your questions answered. The dates are: 9:30-11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6; 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23. There will also be a Student Museum/Open House 2-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11. New family discussions will occur at 3:30 p.m. that day. New Morning is a state licensed and certified parent cooperative school covering pre-school through grade eight. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorning@mediaone.net.

COOKIE WALK
The seventh annual cookie walk featuring European home made cookies is beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile, Livonia. Cookies are priced at $8 per pound. Prepackaged gift boxes are also available. Call (248) 476-343.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS
D&M Studio is now taking registration for it's Annual Holiday - Fine Arts, Ceramic and Adult Workshops. Children age 3 and up will be creating fine art gifts using watercolors, plastercraft, ornament making, felt designs, woodcrafts, ceramics and more. For adults there are two-day workshops to create watercolor Christmas cards. Classes available at three locations: D&M Studio, 8691 N. Lilley, Canton, Plymouth Cultural Center, 425 Farmer, Plymouth, and The Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. Call D&M Studio at (734) 453-3710.

KINDERMUSIK CLASSES AT EVOLA MUSIC
Registrations are now being taken for the winter/spring semester of Kindermusik for children from birth through 5 years of age. Classes begin the week of Feb. 4. HOLIDAY SPECIAL: Register by Dec. 23 and receive a special gift for holiday giving. Cal Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure.

EVOLA MUSIC
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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
■ Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center staff invites you to join them for a New Year's Eve Party on Sunday, Dec. 31. The party begins at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, deluxe bar, a midnight snack and music by Silver Sounds DJ. At midnight there will be a champagne toast with the party continuing until 2 a.m. Tickets are on sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets cost $95 per person. There are no refunds and you must be 21 years of age to attend. You can purchase tickets in person at Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton, or call (734) 397-6800 to charge by phone.

MADONNA UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION
■ Madonna University's registration for the winter 2001 term is taking place now through Friday, Jan. 5, for new and returning students. Office hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with the exception of Dec. 18 and 21 when the office will close at 5 p.m. All offices will be closed Dec. 22-Jan. 1. Classes begin the week of Jan. 8. Call the Admissions Office at (734) 432-5339.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
■ The Plymouth Optimist Club is selling Entertainment 2001 Books. Proceeds will be used for children's causes throughout Southeastern Michigan. Books are $40 and will be home delivered. Call Bill Von Glahn at (734) 453-8253.

KINDERMUSIK
■ Village Music, a professional music facility in Plymouth's Old Village at 130 E. Liberty, has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are available for newborns through 7-year-olds. Call Norma Atwood at (734) 354-9825.

CREATIVE MUSIC CENTER
■ The Creative Music Center of Plymouth/Canton has on-going registration for its Kindermusik classes. Classes are prorated. Classes are at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth, 45000 N. Territorial (just west of Sheldon). For information, call Lori Nelson at (734) 354-9109.

NEW MORNING SCHOOL
■ New Morning School in Plymouth has openings for the upcoming school year (2000-01) in the following programs: Half-day kindergarten (afternoons) ; the whole-day kindergarten; and the middle school (grades six through eight). New Morning is a state-licensed and certified parent cooperative. Interested people can call the school at (734) 420-3331 or e-mail to newmorning@ mediaone.net. Visit the Web site at people. mw. media one. net/ newmorning.

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

K OF C BREAKFAST BUFFET
■ The Knights of Columbus holds a breakfast buffet every Sunday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the K of C, 150 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833.

TAI CHI
■ Ongoing tai chi classes are offered in Livonia and Bloomfield under the sponsorship of the Taoist Tai Chi Society. Day classes for seniors available at the Livonia location. Observers welcome. Visit its Web site at www. ttcs. org. Call (248) 332-1281.

CLUBS

EVENING HERB STUDY GROUP
A new evening herb study group is forming and accepting members. The group meets 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, at the U of M Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Room 125, 1800 Dixboro Road, Ann Arbor. Contact Susan at sburek@provide.com.

ASTRONOMY-SPACE DISCUSSION GROUP
This group neets 7 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. Ages 6-11 are welcome with an adult accompanying. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, questions and discussion. Call astronomer Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

BNI
■ Business Network International (BNI) holds their regular meetings from 7-8:30 a.m. The Canton II Chapter meets every Wednesday at Millennium Security Services, 42010 Koppernick, Suite 117, Canton; the Plymouth Chapter meets every Thursday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, Plymouth; the Livonia Chapter meets every Friday at Senate Coney Island on Plymouth Road at Stark, Livonia. Call the BNI regional office at (810) 323-3800.

ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP
■ The Astronomy Discussion Group meets every third Monday of the month 7-8 p.m. in the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main. Astronomy novices and enthusiasts (age 6 and older) may attend. Adults must accompany those younger than 12. Door prizes, handouts, videos, slides, lecture, and open discussion are a part of the meetings. Call Mike Best at (734) 459-2378.

MOPS
■ The Plymouth Baptist Church holds the MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Childcare is provided. The church is located at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, between Lilley and Haggerty. Call (734) 453-5534. Space is limited.

CIVITAN CLUB
■ The Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club meets the first and third Thursdays of the month: Business/ Salvation Army; Dinner/ Damon's. Call either (734) 453-7569 or (734) 981-7259.

GOURMET DINING GROUP
■ The Plymouth/ Northville/ Canton Gourmet Dining Group meets the second Saturday, October-June. Planned menu and recipes for each meal. If interested in joining, call Dottie Brower at (734) 455-1206 or Pat Stokes at (734) 455-7446.

MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES
■ The Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples Club meets 7 p.m. the third week of each month on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays. Play group meets twice a month on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call Pam Heestand at (734) 981-3341.

M.O.M.
■ Meet Other Mothers (M.O.M.) presents guest speakers and discussions from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month. Baby-sitting is provided. Call Cheree at (734) 416-6214 or Laura at (313) 538-7622.

M.I.T.I.
■ Moms In Touch International is for mothers to meet weekly, for one hour, to pray for their children and schools. The goal is to form a group for each school in Plymouth-Canton. Call Karen at (734) 397-2771 or Elaine at (734) 459-3896.

MOMS CLUB
■ MOMS Club welcomes all western Wayne County stay-at-home mothers to meet at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month. Play group meets every Wednesday. Call Lisa at (734) 844-3685.

STAMP CLUB
■ Meetings of the West Suburban Stamp Club begin at 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays of the month at The Plymouth Historical Society, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth. Their Christmas party is from 4 p.m.-9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres at the University of Michigan's Botannical Gardens, a bus tour of the world famous St. Nicholas Light Display at Domino's Farms, and a buffet dinner at Weber's Inn. The cost is only $25 per person. Call Sandy Strzalkowski at (313) 533-7787. The Web site address is www. oeonline. com/ ~pnj/ wsec. html.

PLYMOUTH NEWCOMERS
■ Plymouth Newcomers is a social organization dedicated to helping people meet others in the community through its monthly meetings and variety of special interest groups. Call Jacquie at (734) 455-6817.

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Among the best: *Robert Vercruysse, a director of the Bingham Farms firm of Vercruysse, Metz & Murray, has been selected to be included in Woodward / White's 2001-2002 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" in the category of labor and employment law (management). He has been included in every edition of this publication since 1989. Vercruysse is a past chair of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan whose clients include manufacturing operations, institutions of higher education, news organizations and television stations. He graduated from Michigan State University with high honors and received his degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Vercruysse and his wife, Cynthia Kabza Vercruysse, are longtime residents of Plymouth.*

CALENDAR FORM

The Plymouth Observer *welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Plymouth Observer, 794 South Main Street, Plymouth, MI. 48170, or by* **fax to 734-459-4224**. *Deadline for Calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. Call 459-2700 if you have any questions.*

Event:

Date and Time:

Location:

Telephone:

Additional info.:

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RELIGION CALENDAR

ONGOING

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Volunteers are alwasy needed at Resurrection Ministries every Thursday from 6-7 p.m. Duties include passing out food to the needy from their food pantry that feeds over 30 families per month. Clothing, household items and or monetary donations are always needed. All gifts and donations are tax deductible. Donations can be dropped off at Resurrection Ministries or Nicole's Revival located at 958 N. Newburgh Road, Westland. Call (734) 729-1234. If you need a volunteer to pick up your donations call (313) 896-1708.

TEAMKID
Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) is a fun-filled, Bible-based club for kids from first through sixth grades. Meet at the church every Sunday from 4:45-7 p.m. for Bible stories, games, prizes and snacks. Call (734) 421-0472.

RCIA CLASSES
If you are interested in joining the Catholic faith or wish to learn more about our faith, please call Deacon John (734) 425-4421. Our RCIA classes will start at 7:30 p.m. at St. Theodore Parish in our Parish Center building located at 8200 N. Wayne Road in Westland.

TAZ
Merriman Road Baptist Church (2055 Merriman Road, Garden City) hosts this Tuesday evening gathering for youths from seventh to twelfth grade. Every Tuesday, 7-8:30 p.m. join the group in hearing a live band, playing games and tackling real-life challenges from a Biblical perspective. Call (734) 421-0472.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
Detroit First Church of the Nazarene (Haggerty Road North of Eight Mile) will host a ladies bible study at 9:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. Tuesdays through December. Weekly study of the book of John. $15/semester for materials. Call (248) 348-7600.

WEIGH DOWN WORKSHOP
Weigh Down Workshop - Classes are Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. for 12 weeks at Geneva Presbyterian Church 5835 Sheldon Rd. Canton. Call Mary Kay (734) 459-9077.

NEW BEGINNINGS
New Beginnings, a grief support group held meets every Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church (30900 Six Mile Road) in Livonia. In addition the group welcomes a guest speaker the first Thursday of every month. Call (734) 422-6038 for more information. Upcoming speakers include:

- Jan. 4, Moving on.
- Feb. 1, The Grief Process, Rev. Chuck Sonquist
- March 1, Self Care quiz for grief, Sue Ann Daniel
- April 5, Dreams, Visions and Images, Rev. Phil Seymour
- May 7, Memories, Del McPherson

BIBLE PROPHECY
Recall this climactic scene from "Fiddler on the Roof." Tevye the poor Russian Jew, has just concluded arrangements for the wedding of his daughter. Filled with joy at the prospect, he suddenly is confronted by the Russian constable, who informs him there will shortly be a destructive demonstration in his village. Tevye begins to quake with a rage. As is his habit, he talks with God: "Dear God, did you have to send me news like that, today of all days? I'm true we are the chosen people, but once in a while chosen people for what?" To find out more about "What Are God's Chosen People Chosen For?" write for a free booklet: Associated Bible Students of Metropolitan Detroit, P.O. Box 2153, Dearborn, MI 48123.

GOSPEL MEETINGS
Stark Road Gospel Hall (9280 Stark Road, Livonia) will host special gospel meetings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday through Friday evenings through November. Speakers include Daniel Shutt and Norman Crawford.

UPCOMING

A HOLIDAY FESTIVAL WITH LIVING NATIVITY:
Decorated lighted trees will be presented 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 1-2 at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Christmas cookies and refreshments will be for sale. Call (734) 421-7249.

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS
NorthRidge Church in Plymouth presents The Glory of Christmas - The Journey of the Fourth Wiseman. Show are Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 2, 1 and 6 p.m.; Dec. 3, 6 p.m.; Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 9, 1 and 6 p.m.; and Dec. 10, 6 p.m. Tickets are $10 (plus $2 service fee per ticket). Reserved seating. No refunds or exchanges. Due to the length of the program, children under the age of four will not be admitted. No nursery provided. For tickets call (800) 585-3737 or visit www.ticketsplus.net

ELECTION SERMON
"Election Sermon: Part 2 — The Series?" Sunday, Dec. 3 at Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington. Who knew that this was going to happen? It can't hurt to pray about politics, but Rev. Bob Renjilian will go further with a humanistic response for our religious community. "Meet the Minister" will be held after each service for those who would like to learn more about our church and religion. The Congregational Meeting will also be held at 6 p.m. Sunday for members to vote on important issues for the coming year. Services, Sunday School, and Nursery at 9 and 11am. 25301 Halsted Rd. (N. of Grand River) Information call (248) 478-7272 or www.uufarmington.org

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Redford Civic Symphony Orchestra, directed by Joseph Lewis, will present a free concert at 3 p.m. Dec. 3 with a variety of familiar selections and Christmas music at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church 27475 Five Mile Road (just west of Inkster). Call (734) 422-1470.

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR
The Livonia Youth Choir is performing their Winter Concert on at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. at Faith Luthern Church (30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia) admission is free. The Livonia Youth Choir is for children ages 8-13 from Livonia, Redford, and Westland. Call Patty Foresta at (734) 422-2320.

ROSEDALE GARDENS CONCERT
The Chanel Choir of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church (9601 Hubbard Drive, off West Chicago between Merriman and Farmington in Livonia) will present "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Conductor Adam C. Riccinto will lead the 40 voice choir in the most well known of Vivaldi's sacred choral compositions. Also featured on the program is Corelli's Concerto Grosso No. 8 for Strings (the Christmas Concert). The concert is free and will be followed by an afterglow. Call (734) 422-0494.

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR
The Livonia Youth Choir will present their Winter Concert at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Faith Lutheran Church (30000 Five Mile Road, west of Middlebelt) in Livonia. Admission is free. Call (734) 427-9578.

4 TICKETS TO CHRISTMAS
"Four Tickets to Christmas" a musical presentation by the choir and orchestra of Covenant Community Church (25800 Student, Redford). Under the direction of Keith Currivean and Lisa Mollenkamp. Program at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK
Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church (36075 Seven Mile, Livonia) will host the 7th Annual Cookie Walk at 9 a.m. (until sold out) Saturday, Dec. 9. Nut, apricot, poppyseed and sweet breads; perogies and stuffed cabbage, fancy and european cookies, candies and nuts, prepackaged gift boxes of cookies also available. Call (248) 476-3432.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
The children of Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia) will present their annual Christmas pageant titled "A Committee of Angels" at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services Dec. 10.

A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL
Presented by The Celebration Choir and Drama Ministry at Calvary Baptist Church, performances are 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 at the church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. Free. Call (734) 455-0022.

HOLIDAY JAZZ CONCERT
PRIME Vocal Jazz will present "Jazz Up the Holidays" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road (just west of Inkster). PRIME Vocal Jazz is a group of six singers backed by an instrumental trio under the direction of Steve SeGraves. Free will offering. Call (734) 459-4399

SILVER ANNIVERSARY
St. Theodore Parish celebrates the 25th anniversary of its dedication, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13 with a Mass and reception. Special invitation is extended to former parishioners. The church is at 8200 Wayne Road, Westland. Call (734) 425-4421.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA
St. Paul's Lutheran Church (20805 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills) will host a Christmas Cantata "I Have Seen the Light: The Search for Christmas" at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 followed by a reception and at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 17 followed by a Christmas potluck. Call (248) 474-0675.

TLC STORY TIME
Story time at Timothy Lutheran Church of Livonia, 8820 Wayne Road (between Joy and Ann Arbor Trail) will begin from 3-4 p.m. Dec. 16. Join us for crafts, songs, Christian stories, and snacks (similar to a mini-VBS program each month). Kids are invited to bring their friends, parents or grandparents. Books are chose with kids 3-10 in mind, but kids of all ages are welcome. RSVPs not necessary but helpful. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothylivonia.com.

AMAZING GRACE
Amazing Grace, a Christmas musical by Ron and Shelly Hamilton, is the touching story of a young man's attempt to escape his past one Christmas, only to find that God's love is perfectly demonstrated in his amazing grace. The public is invited to come and see this free holiday musical at Grace Baptist Church of Livonia (28440 Lyndon, Livonia). Performances will be on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Nursery care will be provided and transportation is available. Call (734) 425-6215.

CHOIR PERFORMS
The Youth and Adult choirs, as well as the Bell Choir will perform at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, Sunday Dec. 17. Julie Fletcher is our director. Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia).

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia) will hold Christmas Eve Services at 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m., and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Years Eve Sunday services will not be held at our usual 9 a.m. time. There is only one morning service these two Sundays at 11 a.m.

HEALING SERVICES
The Rev. Gary Seymour offers healing services for the series titled "Rise and Come Forward" the third Wednesday evening of each month at the Church of the Risen Lord, 821 N. Newburgh in Westland. Call (734) 397-7132.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY
Thursday Bible studies at Timothy Lutheran Church are available from 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. every week. The morning study is led by members of the congregation, and the evening study is led by Pastor Powell. Timothy Lutheran Church is at 8820 Wayne Road in Livonia. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www.timothylivonia. com

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN
New Life Lutheran Church worship service is at 10:15 a.m. Sunday at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Sunday school is also offered. Please call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail the church at newlifelc@ yahoo. com

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY
Sunday School for children ages 3-13 is offered by Timothy

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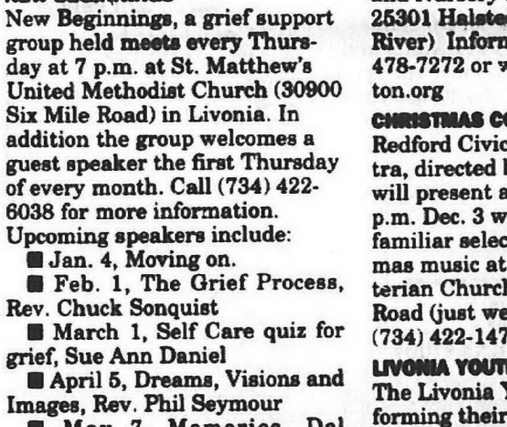
Cantata Academy, Detroit's World Class chorale, will present its holiday concert "Songs of the Season" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Trinity Church of the Brethren in Redford.

The concert will include a mix of holiday songs including some traditional carols and songs for the Hanukah season. In addition, religious works by Hector Berlioz, Anton Bruckner, Giovanni Pergolesi, Antonio Vivaldi and Dominick Argento will be performed.

Now in its 39th year, the Cantata Academy performs annually throughout the Metro Detroit area. The group recently performed at the Detroit Institute of Arts as part of the Detroit Cultural Center's celebrated Noel Night.

The 35-member group is conducted by Dr. Michael Mitchell, a celebrated Choral conductor and music clinician. In addition to conducting the Cantata Academy Chorale, Mitchell is also the director of Choral Activities at Oakland University where he directs the University Chorus and the Oakland Chorale.

Admission for the concert is $15 ($12 for students/ senior citizens). Tickets will be available at the door the night of the concert or by calling in advance at (248) 358-9868. Trinity Church of the Brethren in Redford is located at 27350 West Chicago at Inkster Road.



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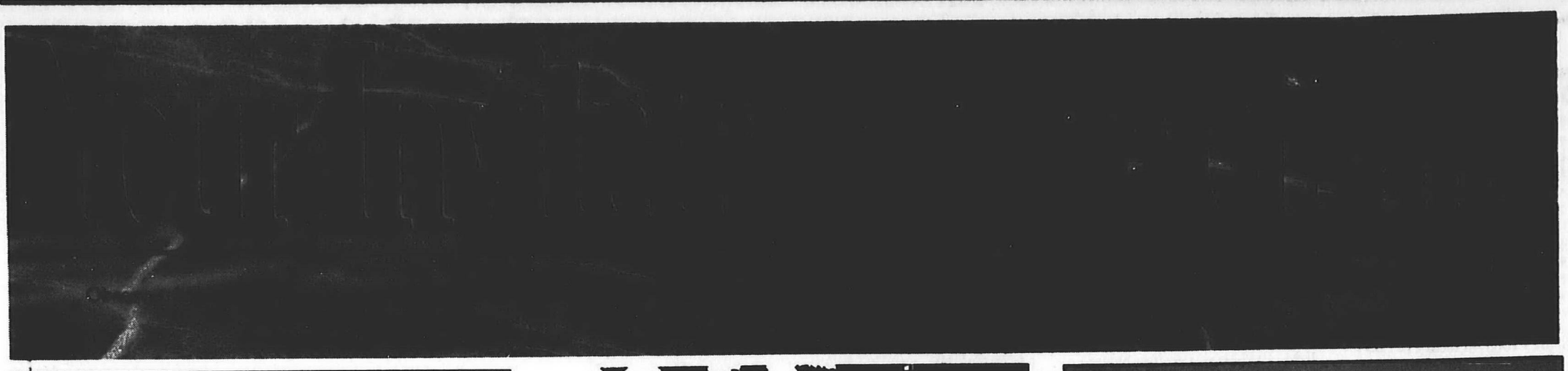

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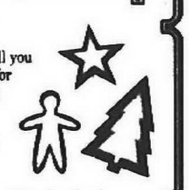

If you ask children what they want for Christmas, they will probably tell you about all the latest toys and games on the market. For most well-cared-for youngsters, it may be these material things in their lives that give them the most joy and happiness. The same isn't true for the less fortunate children in this world. For Christmas, these children would probably ask for something like a new pair of shoes, or a warm coat, or perhaps a sweater. The true Christmas spirit should be more about giving than receiving, and sharing what we have with others.

He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. **King James Version Luke 3:11**

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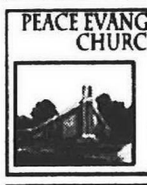

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MONEY

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Now — tally it up. Tree and tree stand: $50. Boxes of ornaments, flashing lights, tinsel? Another $50. Wrapping paper, $1.99 a roll. Presents for the kids, the spouse, the parents — $50 to $100 per person? One stocking, $6.99, plus $20 worth of stuff to fill it. And Christmas dinner — goose, dressing, vegetables, fruit salad, pies, candies, snacks, wines — $100 if you're lucky.

It's enough to make even the most dedicated Christmas-phile want to drive a stake of holly ($4.99 at the local nursery) through Santa's heart.

This season holiday shoppers might consider giving themselves the best present of all: a debt-free new year.

"This is the time of year when purchases are driven by feeling and emotion," said Ron Stampfl, professor of marketing at San Diego State University. "The spirit of the holidays is one of giving — we like to give to those we love — but it doesn't mean we should go into unreasonable debt to express our feelings."

Easier said than done, said some shoppers, in tones that rose from whines to wails.

"You try to contain it, but then you start buying all these little dumb things," said Chris Tim, 26. "I do try to shop around, go from one store to another to check out prices — until Dec. 24, when I just buy what's left."

There are ways to rein in the high cost of the holidays, say consumer advocates.

Shopping tips

Holiday shoppers should consider the following:

— Prepare a budget. Along with gift-giving, include the cost of gift wrapping and mailing packages, travel expenses, high-or entertainment costs, new clothing and decorations. Eliminate the unnecessary and stick to the final budget.

— Prepare a list of family and friends you will give gifts to this year. Are there people on the list who could be omitted

— Once you've narrowed your gift-giving list, set a dollar limit for each person.

— Make a list of the gifts you want to buy, then shop for the best bargain. Avoid impulse buys. Consider handmade gifts, gifts of your time or gifts to charity in a family member's name.

— Shop when you are rested. If you are tired or hurried, chances are you'll make bad or extravagant purchase decisions.

— Learn this mantra by heart: "Visa, MasterCard, American Express — each a ticket to excess."

— Do leave home without them. Use cash, check or a debit card. If you insist on using credit cards, be prepared to pay them off when the bill comes, and use only the card with the most advantageous interest rate or bonus reward.

This last bit of advice is particularly important for the majority of shoppers who vow to make budgets or lists, and fail, said Irene Wells, president of Consumer Credit Counselors of Southern California, a nonprofit consumer debt counseling service.

"In January, we will see droves of people with buyers remorse, and they start to come in as soon as the credit card bill arrives," said Wells. "When people use credit cards, they just aren't as aware that they are spending cash, cash that they will owe — with interest."

Religion *from page B5*

Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road, Livonia) every week. Pastor Carla Thompson Powell teaches this class which helps children to learn more about the Bible and grow in faith toward God. Call (734) 427-2290 or visit www. timothylivonia. com

NEW BIBLE STUDY
Adults interested in a complete overview of the scriptures may attend a Bible study at 9:15 a.m. Sundays at New Life Lutheran Church at Bird School, 220 N. Sheldon. Call (734) 459-8181 or e-mail newlifelc@ yahoo. com

HEALING SERVICE
The Church of the Risen Lord presents a healing service at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month at the church, 821 N. Newburgh, south of Ford, Westland. The service, led by the Rev. Gary Seymour, is part of the series of healing services, "Rise and Come Forward." Call the church office at (734) 397-7132.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
Garden City Presbyterian Church offers a contemporary worship service at 9:15 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the church, 1841 Middlebelt, between Ford and Cherry Hill roads, Garden City. The contemporary service offers uptempo music and an informal atmosphere.

REMARRIED GROUP
The Remarried Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville offers an informal, drop-in support group for those struggling with the issues of a blended family. The group is hosted by the Rev. Paul Clough and meets 7-8:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Room C309 of the church, 40000 Six Mile at Haggerty. There is no cost, and registration isn't necessary. Call Stacy Cole at (248) 374-5912.

THRIFT SHOP
The Thrift Shop, sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, is located at 494 N. Mill, one block north of Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Call the store at (734) 459-1250.

RITE OF INITIATION
Adults interested in joining the Catholic church may "inquire" at the ongoing Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Theodore of Canterbury Church, 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland. The process is open to any interested adult including baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation with First Communion and/or Confirmation. Call Lorraine Short, pastoral minister, at (734) 425-4421.

EARLY CHILDHOOD
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers an early childhood program, a day-care program for toddlers age 18 months to 3 years. The program is available full or half days Monday through Friday. Children have organized and spontaneous activities – all hands-on and interactive. The program is state-certified and offered at the church, on Farmington Road. Call (734) 513-8413.

HISPANIC CHURCH
The Hispanic Pentecostal Church holds worship 2 p.m. Sundays. Call (248) 471-5282.

LIFE CARE MINISTRIES
Have a problem? Need to talk? Call Life Care Ministries for a Christian perspective. (734) 427-LIFE Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 109 p.m. (excluding holidays). Anonymous. Confidential. Free.

REDEEMED TREASURES
Redeemed Treasures thrift shop (sponsored by Detroit Teen Challenge) is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. year 'round. The shop is at 20740 Grand River (1.5 miles east of Telegraph). While browsing, you can have your car washed and detailed for a donation.

SCRIPTURE SERIES
A Scripture Series is being offered at Saint Colette Church (Newburgh between Six and Seven Mile roads) from 7-9 p.m. Thursday evenings. Pre-register by calling (734) 464-4435. Walk-ins are welcome.

New arrivals *from page B3*

his new sister home. Grandparents are Darlene Winship of Oak Park, Charles La Pointe of Westland and Dolores La Pointe of Dearborn Heights.

■ Scott and Melissa Hillebrand of Livonia announce the birth of their son Adam Eugene born Oct. 9 at Huron Valley Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township. Grandparents are Pam Serylo and Debbie and Gene Hillebrand both of Livonia. Great grandparents are Wally and Phyllis Serylo of Redford, Elaine Hillebrand of Redford and Elaine Seay of Dearborn Heights. Other proud family members include Aunt Rachel, Uncle Dennis and Uncle Eric. Adam is the first grandson and great grandson on either side of the family.

■ Michael and Elaine [illegible] of Canton announce the birth of their son Andrew [illegible] born July 18 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Andrew joins sister Kelsey Lauren, 2. Grandparents are Beverly Bonus and Gary Bonus of Lincoln Park and Roy and Iona Husken of Sterling Heights. Great grandparents are Nora Puckett of Sterling Heights and Kathleen Husken of Warren.

■ Keith and Angela Myers of Garden City announce the birth of their son Nantan Keith born Oct. 24 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Grandparents are Alan and Susan Pohto of Canton Township, and Frank and Velma Myers of Barton City. Great grandparents are Flora Love of Wixom, Al Preuss of Wixom and Dorothy Pohto of Livonia. Great great grandmother is Eva Winarski of Detroit.

■ Mark and Kathy McCray of Dearborn announce the birth of their son, Hunter Max, born July 18 at Oakwood Hospital. Hunter joins big brother, Montana, 6. Grandparents are Tom and Delores Dubiel of Westland and Ben McCray of Dearborn.

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Listings for the Singles Calendar should be submitted in writing no later than noon Friday for the next Thursday's issue. They can be mailed to 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, or by fax at (734) 591-7279. For more information, call (734) 953-2131 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net

WESTSIDE SINGLES DANCE
Every Friday WestSide Singles hosts a dance at Burton Manor in Livonia (Schoolcraft west of Inkster Road) from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Must be over 21, and dressy attire (no jeans). Open to the public. A deejay will be playing Top 40 music and current hits. Appetizers will be served (hot/cold). Early admission special $4 before 8:30 p.m. and $6 after. Call (734) 981-0909.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
The Wayne-Westland #340 Chapter of Parents Without Partners will be hosting a dance on Dec. 9 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Roma Hall in Garden City (corner of Cherry Hill and Venoy). This dance is the annual Toys for Tots dance. Bring an unwrapped toy worth at least $5 and get $2 off admission. Without toy admission will be $5 for members, $7 for non-members. Call (313) 381-1242 or (734) 285-9227.

WEDNESDAY METRO SINGLES
Wednesday Metro Singles Dance begins at 8 p.m. every Wednesday and concludes at 1 a.m. Cost is $6 or $5 before 8:30 p.m. Free swing dance lessons offered from 8-9 p.m. DJ, budget bar, refreshments, 21 and over, dress attire please. Roma's Banquet Hall, 32550 Cherry Hill Road (east of Venoy) in Garden City. Call (313) 438-6258 or (734) 422-4550.

METRO SINGLES DANCE
Come join the fun ... where singles go to meet. The Metro Singles Dance has a new location at Crystal Park Banquet Hall, every Thursday, from 8-11 p.m. Free dance lessons, 8-9 p.m. D.J., budget bar, 21 and over, refreshments, dressy attire (no jeans please). Admission is $6. Hotline (313) 438-6258. Crystal Park Banquet Hall (17099 Champaign, Allen Park).

SINGLES WELCOME
Bethany Suburban West is a Catholic organization which provides spiritual, social and educational assistance to divorced or separated Christians.
Movie Night, Dec. 1. "It's a Wonderful Life." at the Redford Theatre on Lahser and Grand River, Redford. Cal Pat (734) 522-4262.

Singles Dance, Dec. 2 at St. Robert Bellarmine (W. Chicago and Inkster). $8 cover charge include refreshment. Dance runs from 8 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Proper attire please.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP
Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center has a Divorce Support Group that meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month in the McDowell Center (Room 225) from 7-9 p.m. No fee is required. Call (734) 462-4443. A schedule through December follows:
- Dec. 12, Group discussion facilitated by Cynthia Koppin.
- Dec. 26, No meeting due to the holidays.

SINGLE ADULT MINISTRIES
Talk It Over meets from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost $6. Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.
- Singles Parents/Kids. Wednesdays SPM would like to offer you the Ward EPC Wednesday evening dinners at a reduced rate. $2 per person, $6 max per family. Make you reservations by calling (248) 374-5988. Dinners begin at 6 p.m. Group discussion at 7 p.m.
- Stepping Stones Children's Recovery Workshop is held Thursday evenings through Dec. 14. This is a divorce recovery workshop for children grades K-12. Cost is $10 per child. Free child care provided. There will also be parenting classes for the adults. Call (248) 374-5920.
- Kathy Troccoli is coming to Ward church at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1. The concert will be in the church sanctuary. Tickets are $5. Call (248) 374-5920.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS
Parents without Partners, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the single-parent family. We offer educational, social, and recreational activities for single parents and their children. Dues $30 per year. For membership information in the Ann Arbor Chapter #38 call (734) 973-1933 or visit the Web page at www.aapwp.org
- Dec. 1, Singles Dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Music by DJ Imperial Sound. Cash bar. Non-smoking dance area. Sponsored by Parents without Partners, Inc. Dance 9:00PM-1:00AM, $7.00 non-member, $5.00 members.

www.aapwp.org or 734-973-1933.
- Dec. 10, "Learn how to take great family pictures," from Vern Otto. Vern brings 35 years of experience in all fields of professional photography to this lecture. Bring your camera and questions. Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 S. Stadium, Ann Arbor. Sponsored by Parents Without Partners. 5-6 p.m. free of charge. Contact Bonita (734) 547-9549. Light refreshments furnished.
- Dec. 15, Singles Dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor.
- Dec. 31, Singles Dance at the Zal Gaz Grotto, 2070 W. Stadium, Ann Arbor.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB
A general meeting of the Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit (a non-profit organization of single Catholics, 21 and over, who have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in the Catholic church) will be held Wednesday.
Upcoming events include:
- Outdoor Volleyball every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. St. Rene Parish (35955 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights). Call Rita (248) 336-0391.
- Outdoor Tennis every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Meet at Boulan Park, west side of Crooks Road, just 1/2 mile north of 16 Mile Road. Call Tom (248) 547-5884.

TALK IT OVER
TIO meets the second Friday of each month in Knox Hall from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Free will offering. Coffee/cookies served. Call (248) 374-5920.

METROPOLITAN PROFESSIONALS
The MSP invite you to meet new friends, dance and socialize from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. There will be a Top 40 D.J., cash bar and hors d'oeuvres (8-9 p.m.) The ballrooms are non-smoking. For scheduled dances call (248) 851-9909. Activities include: Monday, Nov. 20 Euchre, Pinochle and Dinner at Cowley's Old Village Inn (33338 Grand River Ave., Farmington). Anytime from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is $6.

CHRISTIAN SINGLES
Attention singles - Christian Singles Today Interactive Saturday Fellowship is held from 7-11 p.m. at The Church of the Savior (Five Mile Road at Newburgh) in Livonia. Call (248) 478-1410 for information.

YOUNG SINGLES
Attention young singles ages 17-29. Join us at the Christian Singles Music Cafe every Saturday from 7-11 p.m. at The Jesus Center, 20911 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 478-1410 for information.

WEDNESDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES
Wednesday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc., meet every Wednesday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile Road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Open to the public - ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). The Single Mingle Dance costs $5; $4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call the hotline at (313) 842-0443.

SUNDAY SUBURBAN SINGLES
Sunday Suburban Singles Dance Parties Inc. meets every Sunday at The Warren Chateau Banquet Center (10 Mile road one block east of Mound) in Warren from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Event is open to the public for ages 21 and up. Proper attire is recommended (no jeans). Cost is $5; $4 before 8:30 p.m. For information call (313) 842-0443.

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FARMINGTON PROFESSIONALS
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- Join us Thursday for "Fun and Fine Dining." Our goal is to provide members and friends with a sampling of some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area. Each week the restaurant will differ in style, ambiance, price range and menu. We meet every Thursday anytime between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- Singles Mingles Dances - locations vary weekly. Call (248) 851-9909 for specifics.
- Co-ed bowling leagues are held every other Sunday starting at 5:45 p.m. at Drakeshire Lanes (located on Grand River east of Drake Road in Farmington Hills). We bowl every other Sunday for 12 weeks including a bowling banquet. Substitute bowlers are needed most weeks. Leagues start at 5:45 p.m. bowl three games.

Holiday shopping calls for extra safety measures

As the season of holiday shopping approaches, shoppers should be mindful of convenience and safety measures. The following tips were submitted by Westland Shopping Center:

- Avoid the rush, shop at off-peak hours. Most shopping centers will extend their hours next month to accommodate the rush. Mall traffic is lighter from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
- Shop early. Waiting until the last minute will decrease the selection of goods available.
- Be aware and alert of your surroundings. Walk with confidence and make sure someone knows where you are, when away from home.
- Park in well-lit areas as close to your destination as possible.
- When in public, carry your purse or wallet close to your body. Don't let a purse hang off of your shoulder, where it might easily be grabbed.
- Don't use an automated teller machine alone.
- Be discreet in carrying your money. Keep it concealed until you reach the checkout. Keep a list of all credit card numbers in a safe place. Hold onto receipts and destroy carbon papers.
- Carry your key in hand before walking out into the parking lot. Check your car and look inside before entering.
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According to a national survey, massage therapy is gaining popularity, particularly among middle-aged adults. According to the most recent poll, commissioned by the American Massage Therapy Association, 27% of Americans indicated that they had a massage in the past five years. This is up from 22% in 1998 and 17% in 1997. Part of the increase is attributable to weekend athletes who suffer from injury or aching muscles. Office workers are also seeking massage therapy for treatment of repetitive-motion injuries arising from computer use. There are also those who appreciate the overall sense of well-being that they derive from massage. Studies show that massage improves nervous system functioning and lowers stress hormone levels.
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Runners at Nationals

Catholic Central senior Dan Krawiec competed in the 2000 Foot Locker Cross Country Championships Midwest Regional in Kenosha, Wis., over the weekend.

The Canton resident placed 96th at the University of Wisconsin — Parkside, finishing in 16:25. Livonia Stevenson senior Eric Mink was 149th in 16:44.

In the freshman/sophomore race, Farmington High sophomore Ryan Kiblawi was 80th in 17:57.

Holiday skate

The Garden City Figure Skating Club and the Garden City Parks and Recreation Department will hold their annual Christmas Exhibition from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Garden City Ice Arena.

The event will feature club competitors and Parks and Rec figure skaters performing to Christmas music.

A $1 donation is requested and canned goods will be accepted at the door to donate to the needy.

Adult men's basketball

The City of Farmington Hills is accepting registrations for its adult men's basketball leagues.

Games are played on Sundays or Mondays at the Costick Activities Center. The fee is $325 per team.

For more information call the Recreation Services Department at (248) 473-9570 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Snowy Day shootout

The Livonia YMCA is taking registrations for its new Snowy Day Shootout boys basketball tournament for boys in grades 6-8. The event will be held Thurs., Dec. 28.

Team registration deadline is Dec. 22, with individual registrations accepted until house teams are filled.

Prizes will be given to winners and all participants will get pizza, pop and a T-shirt.

Call (734) 261-2161 with questions.

Drummers running

Registrations will begin Dec. 6 for the 12th Day of Christmas '12 Drummers Running' races Jan. 6 at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor.

There will be free day care for preregistrants only.

The Kid's Kilometer begins at 4:30 p.m., the 5K run starts at 5 p.m. and the Leisure (untimed) walk opens at 5:45 p.m.

Cost is $16 for the run or walk, which includes a T-shirt, and $6 for the Kid's Kilometer (add $5 for a T-shirt).

The top three in each of 17 ages groups will win a sterling silver necklace or key chain. The top 50 walkers take home etched goblets.

A printable entry form or online registration is available at www.AthleticVentures.com.

Girls AAU hoop tryouts

■ Tryouts for the Livonia Lightning AAU girls basketball teams will be Sunday, Dec. 3 at Ladywood High School for the following age groups:

14-and-under, noon-2 p.m.; 15s and 16s, 2-4 p.m.; 10s and 13s, 4-6 p.m.; 11-and-under, 6-7:30 p.m.; 12-and-under, 7:30-9 p.m.

There will be a $10 fee. Checks should be made payable to: Livonia Lightning Basketball Club.

The club cost is approximately $250 per player, which covers practice time, seven tournaments and reversable jersey. There is also an additional $12 AAU fee.

Each player and parent will need to fill out the AAU form and sign an assumption risk form.

For more information, call Patrick Cannon at (734) 953-0854.

■ Age-group tryouts for the Motor City Blazers, an AAU basketball club, will be at Schoolcraft College, located at 18600 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, in Livonia:

14- and 15-and-under: 4-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 9;

16- and 17/18-and-under: 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 and 5-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10;

12- and 13-and-under: 4-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 and 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10.

The tryout fee is $12, which is the cost of an AAU membership card.

For more information, call coach Pat Battani at (810) 264-4535.

Vernarsky saves Whalers

Beating a team by three goals on its own ice should indicate an easy game against them at home. The Plymouth Whalers discovered that wasn't necessarily so when they hosted the Peterborough Petes Saturday.

BY NICHOLAS A. GISMONDI
SPECIAL WRITER

This wasn't the same Peterborough Petes team the Plymouth Whalers beat 7-4 in Peterborough in September. But at least the result was the same.

On Saturday in front of 3,111 fans at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, the Whalers got the game-winning goal from Kris Vernarsky with 4:17 left to play to claim a 3-2 victory.

"I had the benefit of seeing (Peterborough) Friday night in Windsor, and right now they are playing playoff hockey in November," said Whalers associate coach Steve Spott. "And I think that frustrated us early in the game, but it was something that we were able to address in between periods.

"They were playing very defensively and our top guys were able to make it happen for us."

Slowly, the Whalers are getting back the key players who could make a difference. On Saturday, Tomas Kurka — who scored 36 goals and totaled 64 points last season, including a team-best 12 power-play goals — was back in the lineup after being sidelined all season with a hip flexor.

Kurka was instrumental in the victory, collecting a goal and assisting on Vernarsky's game-winner.

"He's a world-class player, and Tomas will definitely be a guy, along with (Stephen) Weiss, who we will lean on heavily throughout the season," said

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Rockers iced by Blizzard

A trip to Buffalo to face the Blizzard proved no help to the struggling Detroit Rockers Saturday.

They did manage to make a game of it — unlike Thursday's 14-5 thrashing suffered against Toronto — with Shawn Bonay knotting it at 7-all with a one-point shootout goal with just 27 seconds left in regulation.

But it was Buffalo, with former Rocker Bryan "Goose" Finnerty in

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WRESTLING PREVIEW

Chiefs get set for a title hunt

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CANTON

Last season, Plymouth Canton's wrestling team attained goals that, just a few years ago, would have seemed unlikely if not unreachable.

The Chiefs set a school record for dual-meet wins, posting a 19-6-1 record. Injuries down the stretch, however, cost them just enough to delegate them to a tie for fifth place at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament.

Canton was then eliminated by Salem, a team it had beaten earlier in the season, in the state team district final.

Despite the struggle at the finish, it was a very successful season for the Chiefs. "It was," agreed coach John Demsick. "We had some injuries at the end of the season that held us back, but overall we were very pleased."

Now the question is how do

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Rocks lacking in experience

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SALEM

Last season provided a bit of everything for Plymouth Salem's wrestling team.

The Rocks had some outstanding individuals, including three state qualifiers in Ronnie Thompson, Rob Ash and Josh Henderson. Thompson finished second at state in the 119 weight division, while Ash was eighth at 125. Henderson made it to the second day, wrestling at 140, but didn't place.

There were several others, like Mike Poponey, Lucas Stump and Steve Dendrinos. One thing they all have in common is that they've all have graduated.

And that means coach Greg Woochuk is facing a rebuilding job.

"Without a feeder program, you're always in a rebuilding year, so I guess the answer is yes, this is the proverbial rebuilding season," Woochuk

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Walk-on star gains top status

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A little more than four months ago, Kristah Manteuffel was a normal college student — juggling classes with work and trying to fit in a personal life somewhere in the cracks.

When she gets up this morning, she'll still be doing the same thing — work, school, maybe some time for herself.

It is the four months in the middle that make this story special.

For in that time, Manteuffel went from being a walk-on for Schoolcraft College's women's soccer team to walking away with a rare honor — first-team All-American.

"It's an accomplishment, for sure," said Manteuffel, who scored 20 goals and 28 assists for the Ocelots as the team finished fifth at the National Junior College Athletic Association. "Playing this season was a great experience. Of course, being as successful as we did helped a lot."

We'll back this story bus back up to 1997, when Manteuffel made the All-Observer soccer team as a senior at Redford Thurston. She did so well that she played the next season at Eastern Michigan University, but something wasn't right.

"It just wasn't for me," said Manteuffel. "I didn't like it there. There was a lot of crap going on and it wasn't what I was looking for. I wanted a fun time playing and you can be competitive and have fun at the same time. I played the year and I hated it."

So Manteuffel left Eastern and headed for Schoolcraft, where she planned on juggling a part-time class schedule with her job at Sizzling Sticks in Northville. But she still had the soccer bug, and kept in the mix by helping out at soccer camps, run by Schoolcraft men's coach Van Dimitriou. And there, she caught the right person's eye.

"Some of the people working with the team had seen her helping out and suggested that she might fit and that I talk to her," said

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Late addition, big score: *Kristah Manteuffel walked on at Schoolcraft and led the Ocelots in scoring with 68 points.*

Vermeulen rates with Observer's best



FILE PHOTO BY [illegible]

Canton's best: *Derek Vermeulen was meet medalist twice for Plymouth Canton and led the Chiefs in scoring average for nine holes (38.6) and 18 (80.8).*

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK
STAFF WRITER

AU OBSERVER GOLF

The Rockets caught fire and took coach Dan Burtka all the way to Coach of the Year on the Observerland golf scene this season.

Westland John Glenn fought off some tough losses to record the area's top team finish in the state tournament and earn Burtka recognition for molding a young team into a state power.

"We struggled in our duals; we lost six matches by a stroke," Burtka said, "so I knew we had kind of a special team.

"Going into the season we knew we were going to be there with everbody else. It's just that we never seemed to get on the same page together. But we just caught fire in the regionals.

"I thought we had a chance of qualifying — but winning it was something that gave the kids a lot of confidence."

It was the second time Burtka's team had qualified for the state finals. The other time it missed playing on the second day by two strokes, which turned out to be incentive to make it to the second round this fall.

The Rockets did, finishing in the top dozen as junior Jeremy Pendelet shot 79-77--156 to tie five other golfers for fifth place in the individual standings.

John Glenn scored 334-337--671 to wind up 18th, 10 shots behind Jon Asher, Plymouth at Forest Akers West at Michigan State University.

"I'm proud of this team," Burtka said, "and four of them are coming back next year."

Reason enough for this coach to stick around past his retirement at John Glenn, where he works in the work-to-9 program for special education kids, for one more season of coaching the boys golf team.

Burtka has always coached because he enjoys it and he enjoys the kids.

He was asked to take over one day about 15 years ago on the eve of the season and discovered "I just love it. I got hooked on it and one thing led to another.

"So I think I'm going to be back coaching one more year. I've had this group since ninth grade. I kind of want to see that group through.

"They are dedicated and fun kids. I hope next year to make a little more noise in the league. It's a tough golf league."

Competition in golf, both boys and girls, has increased so dramatically that teams are shooting losing scores today that would have produced undefeated seasons in the early and mid-1990s.

"Kids today are playing better than I ever imagined," said Burtka, a golf fanatic who did not play in high school. "They hit the ball a long way and have a lot of finesse around the greens.

"And they have a good mental attitude. If you don't have it there, you don't have it."

Burtka's boys definitely have it.

The 2000 All-Area golf team:

First Team

Jeremy Pendelet, Jr., John Glenn: Jeremy's 79-77 earned him a ninth-place finish in the state tournament and sparked the Rockets to a 12th-place tie in the team standings. He averaged 78.6 strokes per round and 44.4 for nine holes, finishing a 36, 42 and 37 for his regional. The Rockets averaged [illegible]

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Creek, a par 72 course. The three-year letter winner medaled four times in dual meets.

"Jeremy will be the rock of a potentially exciting squad next year," said his coach, Dan Burtka. He was honorable mention All-State.

T.J. Lester, So., Catholic Central: Lester moved up from the junior varsity to make a big impact in his first year with the big team. He averaged 38.4 for nine holes, playing at Cattails in South Lyon, and 77.6 in six 18-hole tourneys. Lester was the overall medalist at the Division I regional by shooting a 72 and wound up fifth overall at the state tourney, earning him All-State honors to go with his All-Catholic League awards.

"He worked on his game over the summer and was a solid competitor," said CC coach Bill Hayes. "He played his best throughout the year and continually improved. He has an excellent demeanor for the game and 99.4 percent of the time, he's got excellent course management."

Matt Lee, Jr., Harrison: A repeat selection on the all-area team, Lee received an all-state honorable mention for the second year in a row, too. He qualified for the Division 2 state meet after shooting 76 and finishing third in the regional at Dunham Hills.

Lee averaged 78.5 strokes in eight tournaments and 36.6 in 10 dual matches. He shot 76 in the Oakland County, WLAA (tied for third) and Country Day tournaments. Lee was all-WLAA and all-county.

He was the medalist in six events and led the Hawks for the last three years with the lowest scoring average.

"He's a good kid with a great disposition, and he knows what he has to do to improve," coach Bill Spencer said. "He's making that little bit of improvement each year that you need to make. He's making the jump past a lot of kids that are out there."

Scott Wolfe, Jr., Stevenson: Voted Most Valuable on Spartan team (7-4) that finished third in Western Lakes meet and seventh in regional. Team co-captain averaged 38.3 for dual meets and was WLAA medalist with a 71, his best score of the season.

"He's one of the best in the league, obviously," said his coach, John Wagner, "and he proved that at the conference match. He's a natural athlete. He assists his coach and his team during the season."

Rich Sudak, Jr., John Glenn: Steadiest player on Rocket squad that surprised with 12th-place finish in state meet. Medalist or co-medalist in four dual meets, averaging 40.8 with low of 35. Averaged 79.6 for six 18-hole rounds, including a 79-80 in the state meet. A 79 earned Sudak a top-10 finish in the regionals at Carrington in Monroe. Tied for first with 77 in Western Wayne meet at Kensington. Three-time varsity letter winner. "I'm really looking forward tohaving him back next year," said Coach Dan Burtka of John Glenn.

Evan Chall, Sr., Churchill: "Evan was the backbone of our team," Chargers' coach John Farrar said. "His worst nine was 41. He either put up a good score or a great score. Every match he was reliable."

Chall medaled in five dual meets with a low of 32. He had a 76 at the Brighton Invitational that placed him seventh and recorded an 81 at the Western Lakes meet. He averaged 38.18 and recorded a 38 in the city meet that was the best individual round.

Second Team

Jon Luna, Sr. Catholic Central: Luna had a memorable senior year, averaging 39.6 for nine holes — led by shooting a 33 at Oakland Hills' South Course — and a 79.6 average for six 18-hole tourneys. The four-year letter winner also made the All-Observerland team as a sophomore.

"His overall leadership has been very good," said Hayes. "He's had some very good rounds for us and kept us going in several matches."

Brad Johnson, Sr., Redford Union: Johnson stood out for the Panthers this season, averaging 39.1 in dual meets and being named the team's Most Valuable Player. He did pretty well in the Mega Blue too, earning medalist honors at the league meet with a 75 and coming in second overall, after dual meets were factored in.

"He was our medalist in six of eight dual meets," said RU coach Bob Sadler. "He just played great all of the time. I can't say enough good things about him."

Matt Bartnick, Jr., Stevenson: Averaged 39.3 and medaled in two dual meets. Was the Western Lakes conference medalist in 1999.

"In spite of what was an off year for him, he still managed a 39.3 average," Coach John Wagner of Stevenson said. "He was a consistently low-scoring player and he has a very competitive spirit."

Jimmy Cappelli, Jr., Garden City: Cappelli worked hard this season, finishing sixth overall in the Mega White, earning all-league honors, averaged 39.5 for dual meets and 82 for 18-hole events. He also finished third in the Western Wayne County tourney and had the fifth-lowest score at the Division I regional with an 80.

"He's a hard worker," said GC coach Ron Pummill. "He played on the Powerbilt Tour over the summer and was third-alternate for the Michigan Junior Amateur. He's golfed a lot and worked hard."

Keith Hay, So., Farmington: Hay averaged 39.6 strokes in dual matches and 80.4 in tournaments to lead the Falcons with the best overall averages.

He was medalist in the Country Day Invitational with a 74 and was all-WLAA, shooting 76 to tie for third place.

Hay also shot 77 and medaled in the West Bloomfield Invite at Kensington Metropark and 83 in the Oakland County tournament.

"He hits the ball very well for a 15-year-old young man," coach Jim Miner said. "If he continues to play and improve, I expect him to start coming in with 37 and 38 pretty consistently.

"We haven't seen that since (state champion) Jason Buha. He has a chance to set some records by the time he's a senior. He has a good future ahead of him."

Derek Vermeulen, Sr., Canton: Not much was expected of Plymouth Canton's golf team this season. But those like Vermeulen helped after that.

Vermeulen served as the Chiefs' captain in only his second year on the team. There was a good reason for that: He paced Canton throughout the season, registering the team's best average in both nine-hole dual meets (38.6) and 18-hole tournaments (80.8).

Along the way, he shot a one-under par 34 at Hilltop, Canton's home course — the lowest score a Chief has shot there, at least in coach Tom Alles' memory.

Vermeulen shot an 80 to earn all-division at the WLAA Tournament and had a team-low 83 at the state regional.

"He definitely deserved some recognition," said Alles. "He had a good season."

Oh yes: Canton went 7-4 in dual meets and tied Northville for first in the Western Division with a 4-1 mark.

2000 ALL-OBSERVER BOYS GOLF FIRST TEAM

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SECOND TEAM

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Brad Johnson, Sr., Redford Union
Matt Bartnick, Jr., Liv. Stevenson
Jimmy Cappelli, Jr., Garden City
Keith Hay, So., Farmington
Derek Vermeulen, Sr., Ply. Canton

THIRD TEAM

Zach Davis, Sr., Redford CC
Jay Smith, Sr., Ply. Salem
Bobby Jones, Jr., Ply. Salem
Ryan McKendry, Sr., Ply. Canton
Kevin Kasten, Jr., Liv. Churchill
Greg Lane, Sr., Wayne Memorial

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dan Burtka, Westland John Glenn

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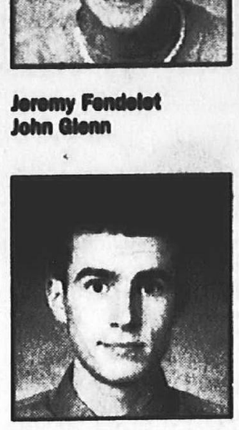
Redford Catholic Central: Matt Davey, Brian Peczynski; Livonia Stevenson: Matt Courtright, Drew Girard, Chris Thomas; Farmington: Brad Bavaria, Drew Mutema, Brian Proven; Plymouth Salem: Brian Gullen, Mike Thackeberry; North Farmington: Mike Patterson; Farmington Hills Harrison: Junichi Miura; Redford Union: Cody Bartlett; Redford Thurston: Chris Sidor, Tony Davies, Charlie Foye; Livonia Franklin: Steve Mato, Cole Mulvey, Jim Priebe, Ryan Tracey; Plymouth Canton: Scott Oliver, Andrew Wagner; Garden City: Josh Byers, Matt Pawenski; Westland John Glenn: Keith Fukuda, Jason Lang, Randy Villemure.



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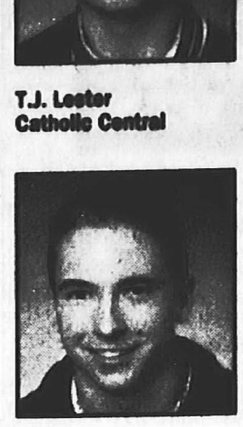

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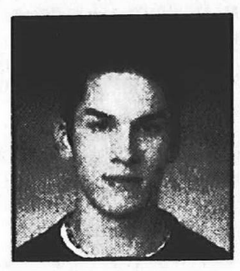

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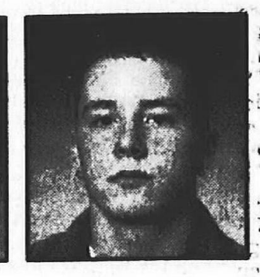

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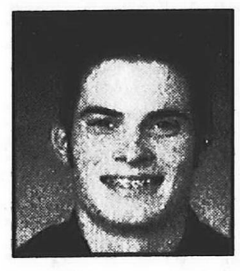

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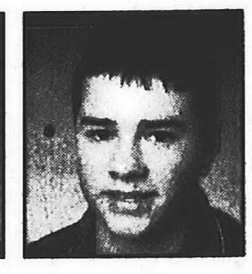

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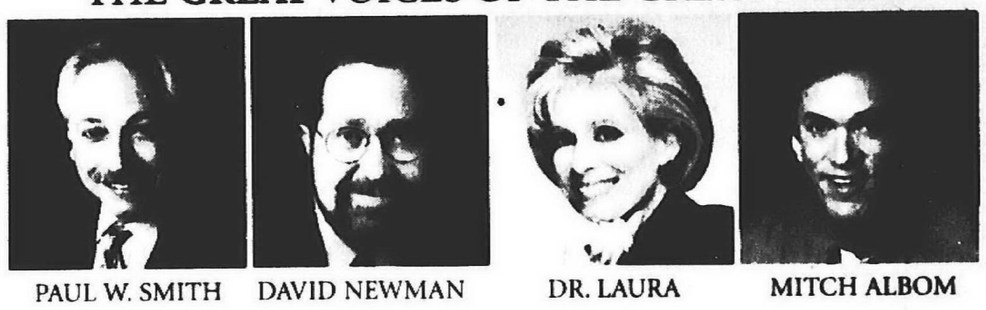

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Ocelots win a pair, lose a pair

BASKETBALL

The opportunity for a highly successful road trip was there for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team. But poor choices, on and off the court, made it only partially a success.

The Ocelots won two of their three games, dropping their biggest test of the trip to 12th-ranked Tallahasee CC 106-93 Saturday in Tallahassee, Fla.

After the trip, SC coach Carlos Briggs suspended two of his key players, guard Mike Peek and forward Dwayne Holmes, indefinitely for violating team rules.

Briggs said both could still return to the team this season if they abide by the terms of their suspensions.

Poor defense in the second half was the main culprit in the loss to Tallahassee. SC led 45-39 at the half, allowing the host team to shoot just 33 percent from the floor.

"We played a pretty good first half," said Briggs. "We were up by 13 points at one time, but we let them close it at the end (of the half).

"In the second half, we just didn't play good defense. They came out fighting and we didn't come out fighting at all. We never quit, but we shouldn't have been in that position."

Tallahassee more than doubled its shooting percentage in the second half, converting 73 percent from the field.

Sam Hoskin led SC, now 4-1 for the season, with 26 points and 10 rebounds. Derrick Bird netted 22 points and seven boards, Dave McGlown had 14 points and seven assists, and Nick Evola scored 11 points.

Marcus Hatten paced Tallahassee (9-0) with 25 points.

On Friday in Tallahassee, Hoskin poured in 34 points and Bird added 26 as the Ocelots drubbed the Sydney (Aus.) Sharks 126-76.

This game was never close. SC led 64-28 after one half and kept running up its point total in the second.

Joining Hoskin and Bird in double-figures scoring were Dwight Windom III with 18 points and eight rebounds, and Evola and Emir Medunjanin (from North Farmington) with 11 points apiece (Medunjanin had a team-high nine rebounds). McGlown added seven points and 10 assists.

Trevor Black led Sydney with 19 points.

Last Thursday in their trip's opening game, SC toppled Gulf Coast CC 103-78 in Tallahassee. The Ocelots recovered from a sluggish start — they led by just two, 48-46, at the break — to rout Gulf Coast.

"We talked at halftime how they liked to run up and down the floor," Briggs said. "So do we, but we like to do it with a purpose. And we take pride in our defense. We knew that they don't, and that was the difference."

Bird topped SC with 25 points (and eight boards). Hoskin added 22 points and 10 rebounds, with Colin Wilkinson scoring 15 (going 5-for-7 from three-point range) and Medunjanin collecting 10.

Shawn Dunston was best for Gulf Coast, which fell to 4-4, with 14 points; Ken Green added 13.

The Ocelots rank second in the NJCAA in scoring, averaging 110.8 points per game. Hoskin is fourth individually in scoring at 25.2.

Madonna routed

Poor shooting continued to plague Madonna University's men's basketball team in its 74-48 loss at Albion College Tuesday.

The loss, the Fighting Crusaders' fifth-straight, left them with a 2-5 record. Albion is 3-1.

Madonna converted just 7-of-27 first-half shots (25.9 percent) and shot just 30.2 percent (16-of-53) for the game. Albion was 26-of-62 for the game (41.9 percent).

The Crusaders were also outrebounded 44-36 and committed 18 turnovers to the Britons 12.

Madonna trailed 33-18 at the half and never caught up.

Aaron Cox led the Crusaders with 13 points. Mike Massey netted 10. Brett Quayle had 16 for Albion, with Jon VanderWal collecting 12 and Steve Champine 10. Andrew Neidlinger had eight points and 10 rebounds.

Tech drops Madonna

Madonna University's women's basketball team could not contain the juggernaut presented by Florida Tech last Saturday as it absorbed a 98-76 loss in Melbourne, Fla.

Tech hit 38-of-79 floor shots (48.1 percent), including 7-of-9 three-pointers (77.8 percent); Madonna was 28-of-60 from the field (46.7 percent) and 3-of-7 on triples (42.9 percent).

The biggest difference: The Crusaders had 32 turnovers while Tech made 18.

Madonna, now 3-3, trailed 54-40 at halftime. Tech improved to 4-1.

Kathy Panganis led the Crusaders with 20 points; she also had two steals. Lori Enfield added 14 points and eight rebounds, Mahogny Fletcher (from Farmington Harrison) had 11 points, five boards and two steals, and Kristi Fiorenzi (Plymouth Canton) netted 10 points, six rebounds and two steals.

Tech had six players reach double figures in scoring: Delicia Phillips with 18 (and 10 rebounds), Felicia Bell and Hatasha Griffin with 17 apiece, Shawntel Williams with 14, and Stephanie Barrowman and Sarah Awe with 12 each.

Madonna wins NAIA opener

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Nagel carries Rocks past Flyers

Steve Nagel collected the game's first two goals, then assisted on the next two — including the game-winner, scored by Chad Schlamb with 3:09 remaining to play — as Plymouth Salem edged Farmington United 4-3 Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

The win improved Salem's record to 2-1. Farmington is 0-2-1.

The Flyers were playing their first game under the direction of coach Mike Harris, formerly of Livonia Stevenson. Harris was serving as an assistant coach under Glenn Breuhan until Breuhan and assistant coach Bernie Buller both abruptly resigned Monday.

Nagel got both his goals in a 13-second span of the first period, with Mike Maurer and Mark Nagel assisting on the first and Dave Bida and Maurer assisting on the second.

Farmington narrowed the gap to 2-1 on a first-period goal by Matt Lee, but the Rocks made it 3-1 by period's end when Bida scored, assisted by Schlamb and Steve Nagel.

Kevin Temerowski got the only goal of the second period, narrowing Farmington's deficit to 3-2, and Brian Marion knotted it for the Flyers with 6:52 left in the third period.

James Dogonski was in goal for Salem. Greg Diven was in the net for Farmington.

CC 5, St. Joseph 2: Redford Catholic Central had Buffalo (N.Y.) St. Joseph right where it wanted them on Sunday — tired.

The Shamrocks wore down St. Joe — playing its third game in as many days — and wound up with a 5-2 win.

After St. Joe's opened the scoring, Mike Radigan put CC on the board at 9:43 of the first period. Brett John then scored the first of his two goals at 13:05 of the second.

John scored again 31 seconds into the third period, followed by goals by Jared Ross at 8:18 and Ryan O'Dea at 9:30.

Andy McCoy and Jim Blanchard combined for 30 saves for CC, while the Shamrocks had 36 shots on goal.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 1
Franklin vs. Farm. Unified at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Redford CC at Culver (Ind.), 7:30 p.m.
Canton vs. Northville, Churchill vs. Salem at Cultural Ctr., 6 & 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2
Redford CC at Culver (Ind.), 2 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Wednesday-Sat., Nov. 29-Dec. 1
Madonna at NAIA Nationals at Palm Beach Atlantic (Fla.), TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Dec. 2
Madonna at Transylvania (Ky.), TBA.
Clark St. at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3
Madonna at Transylvania (Ky.), TBA.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Saturday, Dec. 2
St. Francis (Ind.) at Madonna, 1 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Dec. 1
Ply. Whalers vs. North Bay at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 2
Ply. Whalers vs. Oshawa at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 3
Ply. Whalers at London, 1:30 p.m.

NATIONAL PRO SOCCER LEAGUE
Saturday, Dec. 2
Rockers at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.

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Westbank Anglers, located in the Bloomfield Plaza at Telegraph and Maple roads, will conduct a Classic Atlantic Salmon Fly Tying Class. This two-day class will offer the intermediate to advanced angler an opportunity to learn to tie classic Atlantic salmon flies. The first segment, scheduled for 6 p.m.-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15, consists of explaining the various materials, how and where to obtain them and their preparation. The second segment, slated for Saturday, Dec. 16 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., involves tying a married wing fly. The materials will be provided, but participants need to bring a vise, scissors, bobbin, tackle pliers and small non-serrated jaw pliers. For costs and additional information, call Westbank Anglers at (248) 538-3474.

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Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

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Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester Hills. Meetings are open to all anglers (boaters and non-boaters). Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Hours for archery and clay target shooting are noon to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Rifle range hours are 3 p.m. to sunset Mondays and Tuesdays; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesdays; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

LIVONIA RANGE
The Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The range is also open Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only through the end of November. Cost is $4 for adults and $2 for children. Livonia residents shoot free of charge. The range is located on Glendale Ave., east of Farmington Road. Call (734) 466-2410 for more information.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fridays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

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Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are noon-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

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Whalers *from page C1*

Spott. "He gives us more options when we look down the bench just because he is a guy who can perform in any situation out there, be it the power play, penalty kill, or four-on-four.

"Whenever he is on the ice, he's a threat to score a goal."

The Whalers are still without Carolina draft choice and veteran point man Jared Newman, who is day-to-day with a back injury. Also, winger Justin Williams continues to play well for the NHL's Philadelphia Flyers.

The Petes opened the scoring at the 1:44 mark of the second period with a goal by Ryan Ramsay, with assists going to Marcel Rodman and Kurtis Foster. Kurka equalized the score with a power-play goal at 17:49 of the second, following passes from Weiss and James Wisniewski (from Canton).

Peterborough recaptured the lead on an unassisted goal by Brad Self at 2:45 of the third period, Self knocking the puck loose from beneath Plymouth goalie Rob Zepp and putting it in.

Less than two minutes later, the Whalers re-tied it. A Libor Ustrnul slapshot from the blue line slipped away from Petes' goalie Davie Currie; Stacey Britstone pounced on it and slid it in to knot it at 2-all. Ustrnul and Damian Surma earned assists.

The game-winner started with Kurka in the neutral zone. His cross-ice pass reached Weiss, who fired a low shot toward the left side of the Peterborough net. Vernarsky was in position to redirect the shot past Currie and give the Whalers their first lead of the game, one they would not surrender. It was Vernarsky's first goal of the season.

The Whalers are 17-4-2-1 this season with 37 points, good for first place in the OHL's West Division and second in the Western Conference behind the Erie Otters. The Whalers play the North Bay Centennials at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Compuware, then host the Oshawa Generals at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. On Sunday, they play at Windsor.

Rockers *from page C1*

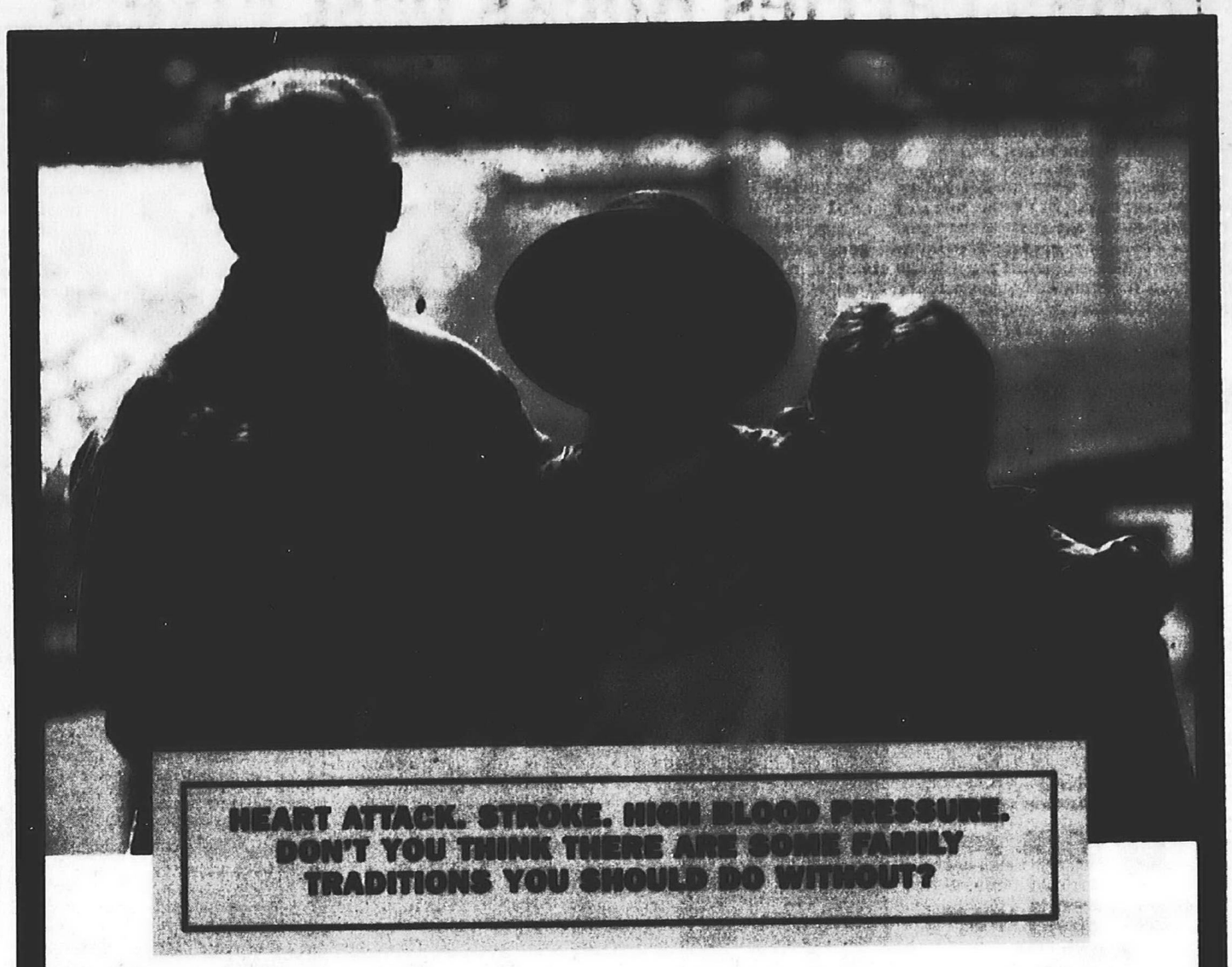
goal, that emerged with the victory, thanks to a goal by Matt Little 12:01 into overtime.

The loss left Detroit with a 1-7 record. The Blizzard are 3-5.

Andrew Crawford scored on a shootout just 22 seconds into the game to give Buffalo the early lead; the Blizzard maintained it through the half, with Sean Bower's two-point score the Rockers only points of the first two periods.

After a scoreless third quarter, fourth-period two-point goals by Decu (from Droo Callahan) at 3:12 and Tim Ernst (Boney) at 7:23 put the Rockers up 6-5. A two-pointer by the Blizzard put them back on top before Boney's dramatic game-tying goal.

The Rockers return to action at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Philadelphia.



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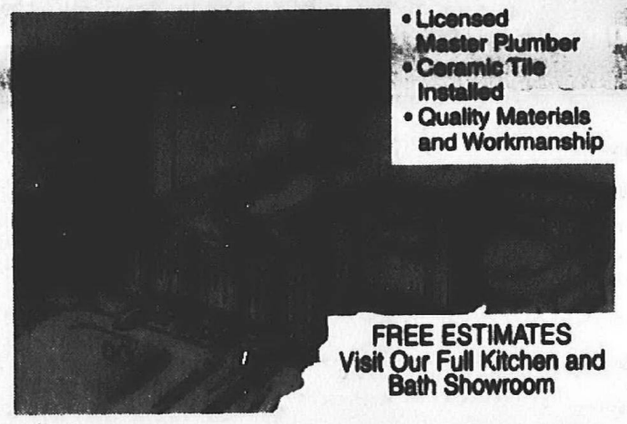

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Rocks from page C1

said. "But we have a great group of juniors who have stuck together since they were freshmen.

"And hopefully, we'll have some surprises as well."

The cupboard is never bare at Salem. The Rocks have 52 kids out for wrestling, so the interest in the sport remains strong. Developing that interested group into a talented team is the task facing Woochuk and his assistants, Lee Krueger and Dave Dameron.

There are eight wrestlers with notable experience who return, but only one is a senior: James March, who wrestles at 160.

Others with experience include juniors Zack Jenson, who's moving from heavyweight down to 215; Andrew Bennett, who will be at 152; John Early, who wrestled at 215 last year but will be at a more natural 189 this season; and Ryan Bedoun, who placed in the top four at the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament last year at 145.

Another junior, Phil Portellos, is recovering from a knee injury and should return to the lineup by early January. Portellos will help strengthen the 160-171 divisions.

A pair of sophomores should also supply some experience to the lineup: Mike Goethe, who wrestled at 103 last season and will move up to 119 this year; and Nick Moniodis, who's going from 112 to 125.

Last season, the book on Salem was to stay with the Rocks through the lower weight divisions and overtake them in the uppers. This year, there are still places in the lineup other teams can take advantage of.

"We still have a few holes, but we have a lot of juniors who have put in the time at JV," said Woochuk.

Wrestlers the Salem coach hopes will step up include juniors Tony Kennard at 140, Brandon Sammut at 130, Adam Schaefer at 152, Brian Schultz at 145 and Craig Blair at 171. Mike Dendrinos, a freshman and Steve's little brother, may see action at 103.

All things considered, this may best be described as a developmental season for Salem.

"If we could wrestle a whole season before this season, it would be just great," said Woochuk as he noted the team's inexperience at the varsity level.

"We're going to have some ups and downs, but they're working real hard."

Something good is bound to come from this Rocks' wrestling team, but most of it may not be noticed until next year.

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you prolong it? That answer won't be difficult for Demsick to supply.

He graduates just one key senior from last year's squad: John Pocock, who was 38-8 while wrestling at 140 pounds and completed his prep career with 105 wins. This season, Pocock is helping as a coach.

That leaves a lot coming back. And although most of them have bulked up and will be moving up a weight division or two, the talent is there to make Canton one of the WLAA's premier teams.

"The thing about our team this year is we do have a lot of talent," said Demsick. "Success is within our grasp. They'll be no one to blame but ourselves."

The team's four captains supply an able corps to build around. Combined, they totaled 128 mat wins.

Kyle Pitt, a senior, was 38-4 at 103; he'll move up to 119 this season, a jump that could cause him some trouble. "I don't expect him to go loss-less,"said Demsick. "But I think he will place at state.

"It could be a real shock for him. The kids are more mature and a lot stronger."

Pitt has 99 career wins. He'll be shooting for his 100th tonight when Canton opens its season with a tri-meet against Plymouth Salem, Monroe and Farmington at Salem.

The Chiefs other captains are senior Joe Faraoni, who had 25 wins in an injury-shortened campaign at 145 last season (he'll wrestle at 152 this year); junior Greg Musser, who was 34-11 a year ago at 135 (he'll be at 140 this year); and junior Doy Demsick, whose record at 119 a year ago was 31-14 (he'll be at 125-130 this season).

That isn't the end to Canton's strong lineup. Others who return are Scott McKee, a senior who had 25 wins at 152 last season and will be at 170 this year; Derek McWatt, a senior with a 31-14 mark at heavyweight; Shahein Rajaee, a junior with 25 wins at 160; Phil Rothwell, a junior with a 31-14 mark at 189; Mike Siegrist, a junior who had 25 wins at 130 (now at 145); and Chris Hosey, a junior who had 25 wins at 125 (now at 135).

Some others to watch include senior Ozzie Wagner at 215 and sophomore Rob Schnettler, the team's top freshman last year, at 103-112.

"We do have some weight classes that aren't as strong," said Demsick. "We're not invincible. We have a couple of weights where we go back and forth — we have some variance at 103, 112 and 130.

"But we have some guys who are really battling for it, and that's good to have."

The strength of this season's team may be evident in Demsick's choice of where to focus his attention: in developing his second team. "That's one of the areas we're trying to shore up," he said. "We were a little shallow last year."

If depth is the main problem, the Chiefs could slide up behind WLAA powers Northville (the defending conference champ) and Walled Lake Western, teams that Demsick thinks will dominate again. Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem were strong last season as well.

"I think our boys are developing confidence and moral fiber," said Demsick. "And that's what you need for success."

The Chiefs have the ingredients. Now it's just a matter of blending them properly.

The Observer: Best at local sports coverage

Manteuffel from page C1

Schoolcraft women's coach Bill Tolstedt. "I got her to try out and picked her up right away. Wow, did it work out well for us."

It worked out well for Manteuffel, too.

"I wasn't going to play any more," said Manteuffel. "Then I did those soccer camps and did some training for them. Then someone talked to me about it and I thought, 'well . . . '"

It wasn't quite a done deal, though. First, it meant Manteuffel would have to go back to school full time. And she'd have to find a way to juggle work around classes and find someone to cover her shifts when she was unavailable. Those two proved to be relatively painless.

Then there was the little matter of not playing competitively in three seasons.

"She wasn't too terribly rusty, but there were skill sets that hadn't been used in competition for a while," said Tolstedt. "It was evident that she was talented and in discussions with her, she showed her maturity to want to play and to commit to it."

"I guess I was never really out of it," said Manteuffel. "I've always been good at sports. Sure, the level wasn't as good as in a game, but skill-wise, it was the same as in the camps and messing with the ball. Game-wise, I had to get used to it again."

On the field, it wound up coming back pretty easily. Off the field, there was some adjustment.

"I need to be busy, so playing wasn't tough," said Manteuffel. "But the toughest part was the schedule. It was non-stop, between school and work and soccer and soccer weekends away. And being told what to do. I haven't been told that in a while. You have to listen all the time and that was the hardest part about it."

She worked her way into the starting lineup and in the Ocelots' attack, flourished.

"One of the things we do differently than other schools is attack more out of our midfield than our front," said Tolstedt. "She played both positions for us and we had the rotation set up to keep her on the outside and rotate into the front. She was able to score from anywhere."

That she did. Manteuffel was second on the team with 20 goals scored and led the team with 68 points. And it didn't hurt that she was a team leader by example.

"She has a great personality in terms of supporting the team," said Tolstedt. "She was mature in her approach to the games and at practice. She wasn't a captain, but led by example. She's an assertive person who knows what she wants, but she also supported all those around her, regardless of who it was."

Next season's plans are still up in the air. Because she played at Eastern, her NCAA clock started and Tolstedt is trying to find out how much eligibility Manteuffel has left. Several schools are looking at her, and Division II, III or NAIA schools are an option. She could end up back at Schoolcraft for another season.

But whether she plays again or not, Manteuffel has had a season to remember.

"It's an accomplishment for sure," said Manteuffel. "If I can keep playing I will. It was fun, in any case. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Used equipment sale

The Canton Parks and Recreation Services is once again sponsoring its annual used sports equipment sale, which will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Pheasant Run Golf Club clubhouse in Canton.

Those wishing to sell items may drop them off at Pheasant Run from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30. Sellers set the prices and keep the money, minus 15 percent which goes to the Parks and Recreation, which provides the volunteers to do the selling. Money and/or unsold items may be claimed from 1-2 p.m. Dec. 2.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2000
INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR DIEBOLT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (DADCO)

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: That a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2000, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider Diebolt International, Inc.'s (DADCO) request to amend Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate No. 98-375 to reflect the actual total cost of the project. The applicant submitted and was granted a request for tax abatement covering the addition to their existing facility, including machinery and equipment. The actual total cost of the project exceeded more than 10% of the original estimate cost. The facility is located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd, Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan.

The request is on file in the Township Clerk's Office where it is available for public perusal from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any Township resident or member of any taxing authority within the Township of Plymouth shall have the right to appear and be heard. Written comments directed to the Clerk and received prior to the meeting will be considered. Following the public hearing the Board of Trustees may consider the request.

The public hearing, commencing at 7:30 p.m., will be held in the Meeting Room at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, on Tuesday, December 12, 2000, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee meeting. Telephone number (734) 354-3224.

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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS
3:00 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2000

Regular meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m.
Present: Terry Bennett, Steve Mann, Mark Abbo
Agenda - adopted as presented.
Minutes of the regular meeting of October 23, 2000 - approved.
Schedule of operating expenses totaling $1,113,488.35 - approved.
Operations & Maintenance Report for October 2000 - received and filed.
Operations Manager's Report for November 2000 - received and filed.
Middle Rouge Lift Station; Leaking Block Walls - approval to solicit pricing from at least 3 contractors for investigative work; as recommended by the International Masonry Institute.
Capital Budget Amendment; MRPI Sewer Repairs -approval to establish the capital budget in an amount of $67,030 and to table the allocation on the cost sharing percentage until the next regular meeting.
Lower Rouge Emergency Repairs - Pump #3 Motor; Change Order - approval to amend the budget by increasing the Lower Rouge Corrective Maintenance line item by $10,000.
Award of Contract; Landscape Architect & Project Management Services - approval to award a contract to SmithGroup, JJR of Ann Arbor, Michigan, for a price not to exceed $24,650.
Digital Sewer Atlas; Budget Amendment - approval to increase the Equipment line item by $16,000.
YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed.
The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

TERRY G. BENNETT
Alternate Chairperson

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
BOARD PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 21, 2000

A regular study session of the Charter Township of Canton Board of Trustees held Tuesday, November 21, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yark
Members Absent: Kirchgatter
Staff Present: Director Santomauro

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Motion by Bennett, support by LaJoy to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY - PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT SURVEY
Jerome Boles is with the Regional Community Policing Institute at Michigan State University. Mr. Boles is the former Chief of Police at the Lansing Police Department, where he served as a police officer for thirty years. Jane P. White is the Associate Director of the National Center of Community Policing for the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. She has served internationally and nationally as an active consultant to criminal justice organizations, including innumerable police departments on reorganization as it relates to community policing. Some of the benefits of community policing that were explained are: increases potential for impacting crime, fear of crime, and quality of life issue; coordinates and leverages resources from all sectors for more effective strategies; increases trust and understanding; strengthens organizational support, creates a network of assistance, guidance and technical support in problem-solving; and uses a more strategic approach to create long-term impact. The National Center for Community Policing was established twenty-seven (27) years ago at Michigan State University and is currently working with thirty-four (34) Departments statewide. The survey conducted for Canton Township, finds strong leadership within the department, job satisfaction ranks high within the department, and in nearly all of the points of the survey (approximately twenty), Canton Township's Public Safety Department ranks high.

COMMUNITY SURVEY
Director Santomauro explained that a community survey was conducted by the Public Safety Department to evaluate service, to prioritize service needs and to identify areas of development for the department. More than 90 percent answered yes to the question Do you feel safe in Canton? Not surprisingly, Canton residents overwhelmingly believe their police and fire departments are doing a good job. Approximately 85 percent of those surveyed said police service is good to excellent. Canton's fire department rates even higher with nearly 98 percent of residents saying it provides good to excellent service.

CRIME DOWN TURN
Director Santomauro explained that crime on the FBI's definition of part & offenses was evaluated. The part I offenses include Criminal Sexual Assault, Robbery Aggravated assault, Burglary, Larceny, Retail Fraud, Motor Vehicle Theft and Arson. The good news is the crime is down 27 percent of the Canton for the first eight months of 2000. The total number of part I offenses dropped from 1,748 in August 1999 to 1,265 during the same period this year. Director Santomauro explained that monitoring crime statistics helps the department stay in tune with what's happening in the community.

CRIME vs. TRAFFIC
Director Santomauro explained that a community, in general, views traffic stops as a positive sign from its police department. Neighborhoods enjoy the visibility that traffic stops bring to their area. Traffic law enforcement is an important element of community policing. It is for these reasons that the Canton Police Department places such a high emphasis on traffic stops. Money from tickets does not come back to the police department. The time, effort and money spent of traffic enforcement comes from various police department budgets, none of which are reimbursed from tickets written. Offices are encouraged in their efforts for traffic enforcement and as a result is in a safer community due to more public awareness, more criminal arrests, drug interdiction, and criminal investigations. Officers become better at what they do because of the frequent interactions with the public.

The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular study session of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of November 28, 2000.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor — TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

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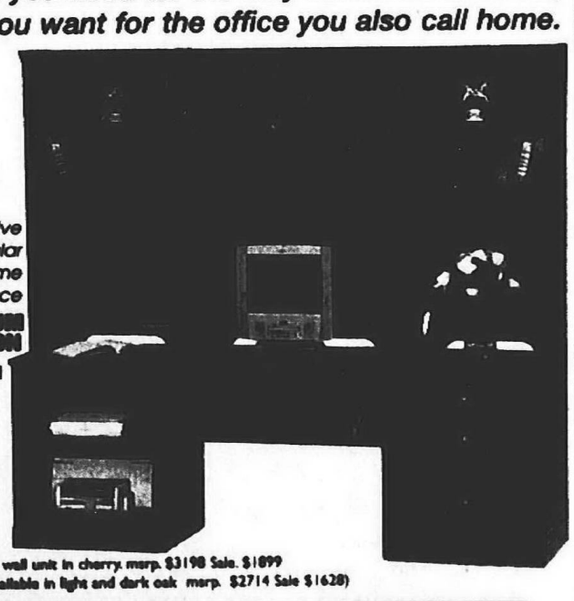

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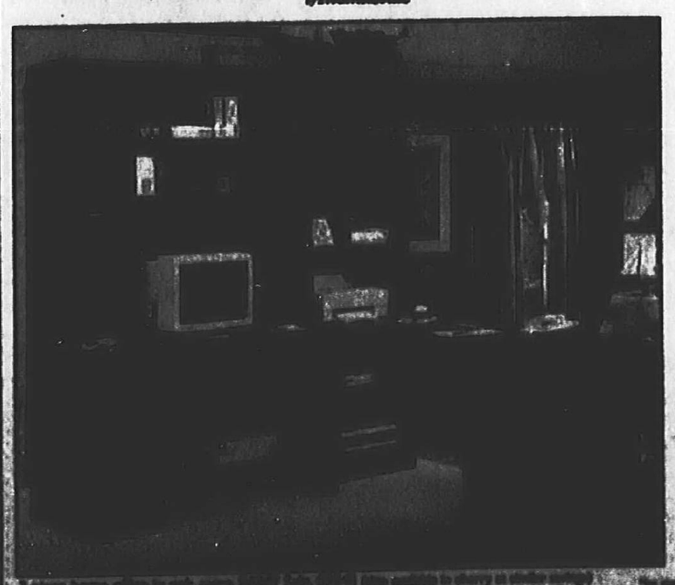

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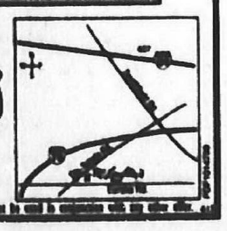

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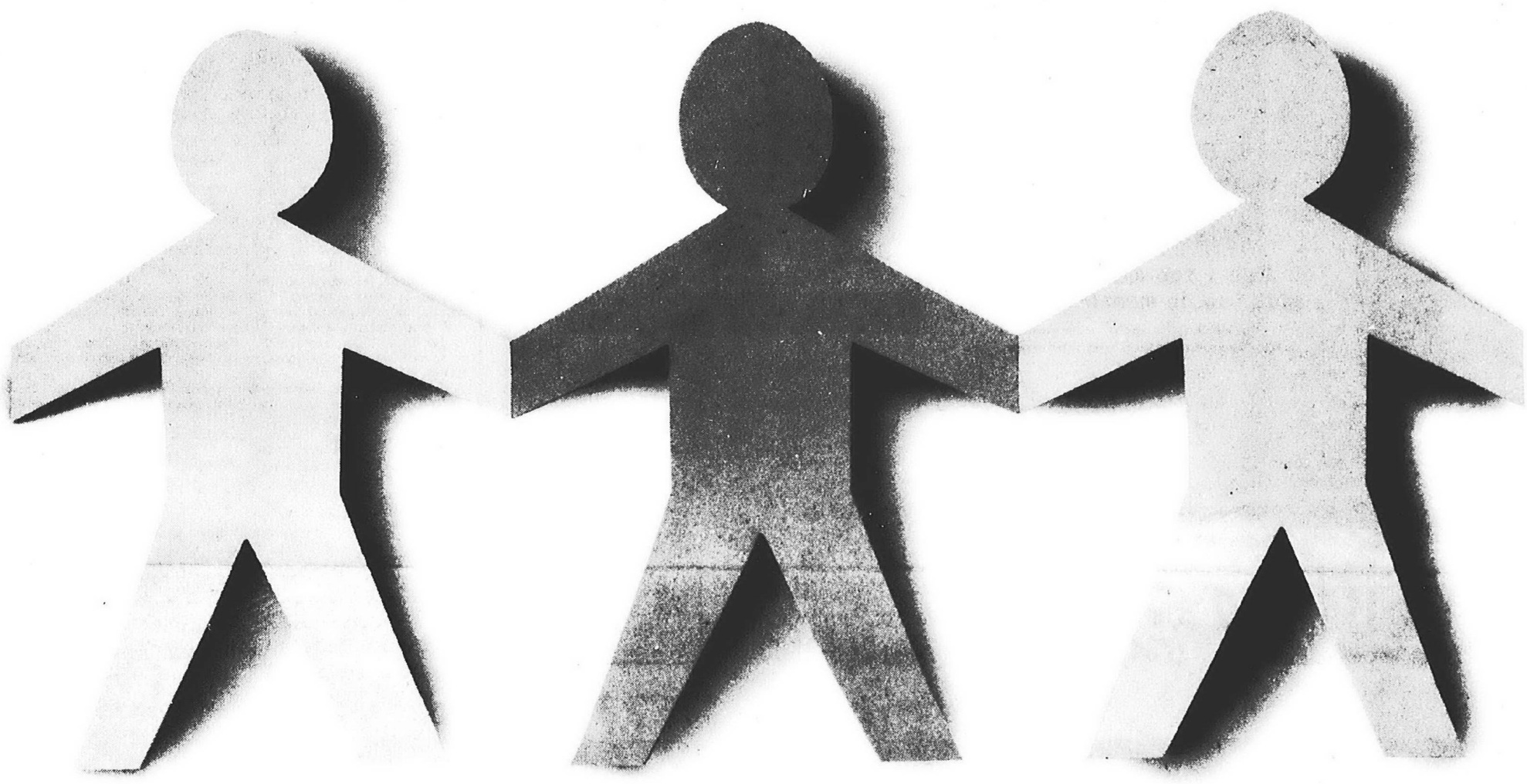

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Thursday, November 30, 2000

Grand Celebrations

Meadow Brook Hall presents scenes from 'A Charmed Life'



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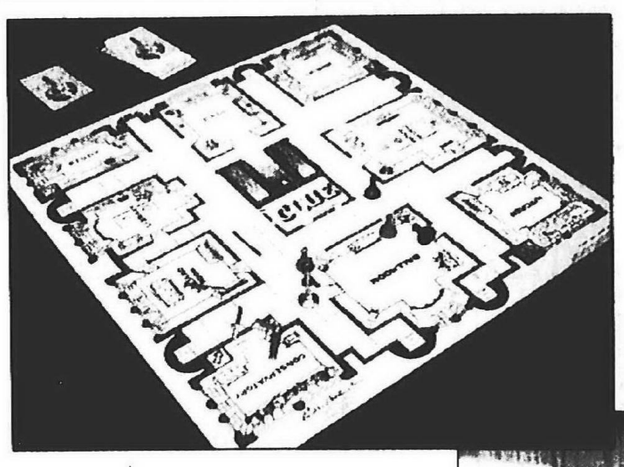
Grand manner: *Alfred Wilson's study was the site of New Year's Eve card parties. It is one of the rooms at Meadow Brook Hall decorated to recall celebrations of the Dodge-Wilson family.*









Festive scenes: *For "A Charmed Life," the games room (above photos) at Meadow Brook Hall features holiday decor among the unusual furniture and board games. A bedroom (right) contains a smaller tree adorned in pastel shades. Staff photos by Donna McLaughlin.*

BY MARY KLEMIC
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Celebrate the holiday season in a grand manner, by visiting a grand manor. The 30th annual Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester, *A Charmed Life: Celebrations in the Grand Manor*, opens Friday, Dec. 1, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 10. Visitors will have glimpses into celebrations by the Dodge-Wilson family at the mansion.

Oakland University founders Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred Wilson and their family lived in the 110-room mansion from the late 1920s through 1967. *A Charmed Life* will present vignettes recalling special occasions, arranged among elegant holiday decorations.

It was a charmed life. Family members traveled around the world, and in the winter, they rode a sleigh on outings. Frank Sinatra and Tommy Dorsey entertained for Frances Dodge Johnson's 25th birthday in 1939.

Photos and souvenirs, and objects from the Meadow Brook collection that are rarely seen — including the sleigh, and Frances Dodge's 1938 wedding dress — will be on view. Tables will be set as they might have been for Christmas and New Year's parties.

For example, the dining room table will feature a centerpiece of packages, each with a string leading to a place setting. This is in keeping with the family tradition of each person sitting at the table pulling the string to get his or her package.

For the holidays, the mantel in Alfred Wilson's study is laden with greenery decorated in silver and gold angels, ornaments, strings and tassels, similar to a tree in the window.

The family had a New Year's Eve card party in this room. After dinner and toasting the New Year, guests would play bridge.

"They had enough friends and family over for four or five sets of bridge," said Maura Overland, curator of collections.

"Richard (one of the sons) thought the parties were so nice he would bring dates back for them."

The lower level games room features molding with a checkered pattern accented with images of chess pieces. It contains unusual furniture, including a chair with a bear figure forming the back and arms. Around a card table, which has recessed sections for the players' convenience, are chairs with pointed, cathedral-like arches.

For *A Charmed Life*, old Clue and Chinese Checker games are exhibited, along with a small table shuffleboard. The Christmas tree in the room is adorned with poinsettias, ribbons and holly.

Visitors will see the dress Matilda Dodge Wilson wore to Frances' debutante ball at the Book Cadillac Hotel in 1933. The event had a silver and dark theme; Matilda's silk and satin crepe dress is dark and features rhinestone accents.

(Frances' outfit included an orchid that had been dyed black. It was considered scandalous and shocked Detroit society, Overland said.)

Frances' bedroom is decorated in burgundy for the holidays. Among the decor are strings of glittering beads on a chandelier. As in other years, the decorating at the hall is done by Panache, designers from Georgia.

Hours for *A Charmed Life: Celebrations in the Grand Manor* are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except for Wednesday, Dec. 6), with last admittance 4:30 p.m. Hours Wednesday will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with last admittance at 8:30 p.m.

The Meadow Brook Hall Gift Shop, with new and unusual items added for holiday shopping, will be open during the Holiday Walk hours.

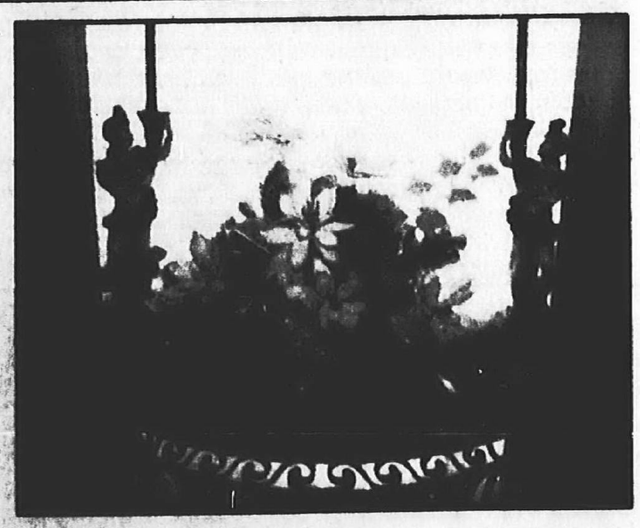
Admission — which includes admission to the Knole Cottage playhouse, where Santa will greet visitors — is $12.50 for adults, $6 for ages 12 and under, $6 for OU affiliates with ID, $10 for groups of 20 or more.

Black-tie holiday gala evenings are scheduled Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2, with reception and touring 6:30 p.m. and dinner 8 p.m. An afterglow following dinner includes dancing. Cost per person is $200 for patron, $275 for benefactor. Advance reservations are required for the gala evenings.

Meadow Brook Hall is on the OU campus, off Adams, south of Walton. Call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

All proceeds from the Holiday Walk are used for the preservation and interpretation of Meadow Brook Hall.





Greenery galore: *Meadow Brook Hall isn't the only beautiful home in the area open to the public this month. A house in Rochester Hills, one of the residences on this year's Holly Walk, is filled with decorated trees. The great room is shown here. For the story and more photos, please turn to Page D2. Staff photos by John Stormzand.*

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ASK THE VETS



DRS. MICHAEL AND TRACY JAFFE

Dear Doctors,

My husband and I are having the same argument we have every fall. He says it's fine to let Molly, our 8-year-old golden retriever, live outdoors during the fall and winter. I think she should be allowed to stay indoors when it's cold and just go outdoors for her walks. He says "Just leave her outside, she'll be fine." Can you settle this disagreement for us?

The bottom line is: Keep your husband outdoors and let your dog inside. Since it's hunting season, how many of you wives would know the difference?

On a more serious note, as the temperature and snow start to fall, it's time to start to consider the hazards of winter and help acclimate your pets to the harsher climate.

Young, healthy arctic breed dogs, such as huskies, samoyeds and malamutes, generally tolerate the cold and wind better than most pets.

We don't think any pet, including your golden retriever, should be left outdoors during temperature extremes. Those especially at risk are very young or old animals, ones with medical problems, thin pets, and those with sparse or short hair coats.

During harsh weather, the only time your pet needs to be outdoors is for a few minutes at a time to get exercise and relieve herself. Some dogs enjoy romping in the snow and want to play outdoors longer.

Winterize your pet

If you can't tolerate your pet in the house during cold weather, please follow our advice to help "winterize" your pet. Your pet will partially acclimate herself by storing a bit more fat and developing a denser coat as she is exposed to cooler temperatures.

Provide approximately 25 percent more calories in the diet of an outdoor pet during winter because extra calories are needed to help generate the extra energy to keep warm. Indoor pets may not get as much exercise, so cut slightly back on their food.

Provide a well-insulated, windproof outdoor shelter for your pet. The house should be just large enough for your pet to stand up, turn around and comfortably lie down. If it is much larger it may not provide sufficient insulation.

The house should be dry and draft-free, and contain soft bedding. Straw on the floor of the dog or cat house also provides insulation. Any bedding or straw needs to be replaced when it becomes wet.

Electric heating pads are available to place on the bottom of the house, but they must be plugged in to an electrical outlet and could pose a fire hazard if left unattended. If possible, relocate your pet's house to the sunniest part of the yard.

You'll deprive your pet of water if the water bowl freezes. Place fresh warm water in the outdoor water bowl several times each day. A non-stainless-steel bowl works best.

Pet Supplies Plus carries an electric water bowl heater. If you have an electrical outlet on the outside of your house, this water bowl heater may work well for you.

Since cats seldom will use a "cat house," consider installing a small pet door in the garage or leave the garage door open a crack so your cat can escape the cold.

Under the hood

Cats tend to nestle under car hoods to warm themselves near the car engine. Pets can get injured if they are trapped under the hood when the engine is started.

Hit the hood of your car with your fist or honk your horn before you start your car, especially if your cat sleeps in the garage or if you park outdoors. This should startle a cat who has taken refuge under your hood, and it is hoped he'll scurry away.

If you have any doubts, open your car hood and check to make certain there aren't any cats under the hood before you turn on the engine.

After your pet spends time outdoors, inspect her feet for clumps of ice, snow, or ice-removal agents that might become embedded in the hair of the feet or in between the toe pads. These need to be removed with a moist towel because they can cause discomfort.

Your pet can get sick if it licks large volumes of ice-remover containing salt, magnesium or calcium chloride from his feet. Nontoxic ice remover is commercially available (Safe Paws®).

Some dogs prefer to be bundled up in a sweater or coat and waterproof booties when they go outdoors. Pet apparel constructed of fleece is our first choice for warmth. Your local pet supply store should carry a variety of styles and sizes.

Overexposure danger

Even a healthy pet with an outdoor shelter isn't immune from cold overexposure. An animal left outdoors in extremely cold weather, especially if he gets wet, can suffer from hypothermia and frostbite.

A hypothermic pet may shiver, act more sluggish and not move around as much. Hypothermia can be life-threatening. If you think your pet is hypothermic, bring him indoors and warm him with heated towels or blankets placed around his torso, head and extremities.

Inspect your pet's toes, tips of ears and tail, and external genitalia for coldness, pain, numbness or swelling, which is indicative of frostbite. Don't rub these frostbitten parts in an attempt to warm them — it may further damage the tissue.

Left untreated, frostbitten tissue will continue to die and gangrene may develop. Pets with hypothermia or frostbite need prompt medical attention.

If you live in a wooded, hunting region, please don't allow your pets or children to roam outdoors unless they are supervised and wear orange reflective collars and vests. Accidentally shooting a person or pet must be every hunter's nightmare.

Finally, keep your pets off the streets and snowmobile trails. Ice and snow make maneuvering a vehicle to avoid hitting an animal more difficult.

Keep pets from wandering onto ice-covered ponds or lakes. Your pet won't be able to determine whether the ice is thick enough to support his weight.

Antifreeze

When you add antifreeze to your car, wipe up any spills and place antifreeze containers out of the reach of both pets and children.

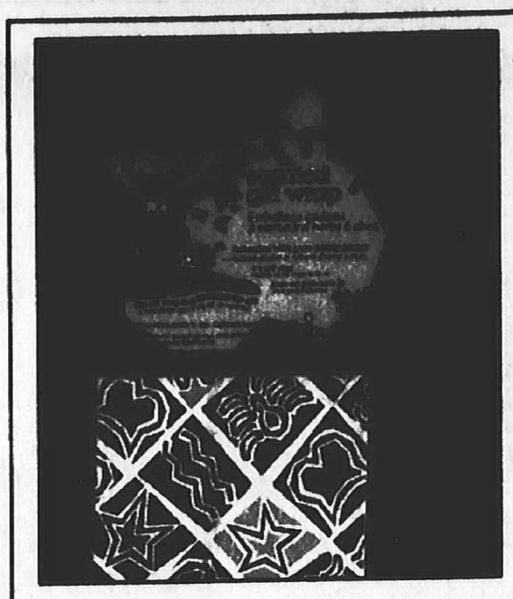
The sweet taste and bright color may entice a thirsty or inquisitive animal or child to ingest some. Just a few swallows of ethylene glycol-based antifreeze, depending on the person or pet's body weight, can be fatal.

If you suspect your pet or child has ingested antifreeze, contact your veterinarian or physician immediately.

We recommend the use of Sierra Antifreeze Coolant® or Prestone LowTox® Antifreeze because they are propylene glycol based and are significantly less toxic to pets, wildlife and children than ethylene glycol-based antifreezes.

Good luck convincing your husband to let Molly take refuge in the house this winter. We hope we have addressed the hazards of leaving pets outdoors when it's just too darned cold!

Send questions to be addressed in this column by mail in care of Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham MI 48009; or by e-mail to askthevets@juno.com



Purr-fect wrap: *Catnip-scented paper by the Kong Company is perfect for wrapping gifts for your cat.*

Catnip-scented paper makes purr-fect wrap

The Kong Company, maker of the Kong Toy, has introduced a catnip-scented gift wrap for the felines on your shopping list.

Using a specially developed process, Kong saturates its wrapping paper in fresh catnip nectar. The paper is then sealed in mylar to preserve its pure catnip scent.

Just one whiff of this unusual gift wrap will captivate cats, setting off a blissful chain of scratching, sniffing and rolling around in ecstasy.

"You can give your cat this wrapping paper on Christmas morning, and she'll keep herself amused without having to investigate everyone else's presents," said Joe Markham, a cat owner and president of the Kong Company.

"All of the cats who tested this for us, including my own pets, went wild over the gift wrap."

The Kong gift wrap has also been tested by veterinarians, and is completely safe for cats.

The suggested retail price of the paper is $3.49 for a 9-by-12-1/2-inch sheet. For more information, call the Kong Company at (303) 216-2626, or visit www.kongcompany.com

Only the freshest catnip plants are used in the gift wrap making process. Kong processes the catnip into nectar within a few hours after it is harvested to ensure that the wrapping paper has a field-fresh scent.

The scent of the fresh catnip on the paper is so rich and so real, it acts like a magnet to attract cats.

Markham advises owners not to put a Kong-wrapped present under the tree until they're ready to give it to their pet.

"There's no way you're going to surprise a pet with this paper, they know it's catnip," he said.

The new catnip gift wrap is available in two festive, contemporary patterns. Both feature vivid colors and eye-popping designs.

One of the patterns is built around a fish, butterfly and cat food theme. The other has lively abstract stars, kaleidoscopes and paws.

ADOPT-A-PET



Cloe: *Cloe is a 9-month-old pup in search of a new owner. She is a beagle with those beagle qualities: likes fun, snoops around and loves to keep active. Her last owners surrendered her to the shelter because they weren't active enough to keep her. Visit her at the Michigan Humane Society Westland Shelter, 37255 Marquette. Call (734) 721-7300 from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday.*

Follow these tips to prevent dog bites

Detroit is ranked eighth on the list of Top 10 Dog Bite Accident Cities, according to the U.S. Postal Service.

Dogs that lack proper socialization skills to people, and are not supervised or safely confined, are most likely to bite humans along with those that are not sterilized or receive little or no attention or handling.

Although particular breeds of dogs are often accused of being most likely to bite, other characteristics are better predictors of canine biting behavior. Dogs not spayed or neutered are three times more likely to bite. For this reason, the Michigan Humane Society suggests the first step you take to prevent your dog from biting is to have it spayed or neutered.

The Michigan Humane Society offers these tips to prevent dog bites:

- Always use caution around a dog you don't know.
- Respect a dog's space. Don't enter a strange yard or reach over a fence to pet a dog.
- Never surprise a dog, especially one that is eating, sleeping or caring for puppies.
- Dogs rarely attack without warning; potentially dangerous dogs may stare straight ahead with hair raised and teeth barred or growl, snarl or snap.
- If a dog threatens you, avoid eye contact, stay motionless and keep your hands at your side. Children should be taught to stand still and "be a tree" if approached by a strange dog.

Here's some advice on cleaning up after pets

Everyone gets caught up in the excitement of the holiday season, even our four-footed friends.

Sometimes the hustle and bustle of the holidays can lead our pets to have messy "accidents."

Cardinal Laboratories, maker of the Pet Botanics Stain & Odor Remover, says that sales of the popular cleaning solution pick up every December as more owners try to cover up Fido's foibles.

"The holidays are fun, but they can be rough on a dog's bladder," said Barbara Denzer, vice president of marketing for Cardinal Laboratories.

"A dog's routine is thrown during the Christmas season. He's left home alone a little longer than usual, then the next thing you know he has an accident on the living room rug – just before your guests arrive for a holiday party."

Denzer offers the following advice for cleaning up your pooch's problems:

- Gently wipe and blot liquid from the soiled area with paper towels or cloth before applying stain and odor remover.
- Don't rub stain and odor remover into the soiled area, since this will make the stain spread.
- Avoid exposing the soiled area to direct heat or sunlight, both of which will cause the stain to set in the floor-covering fabric.
- Get to the source of the odor by cleaning the pad under your carpet as well as the floor boards.
- Use products specifically formulated for removing pet stains and odors, rather than all-purpose household cleaners.

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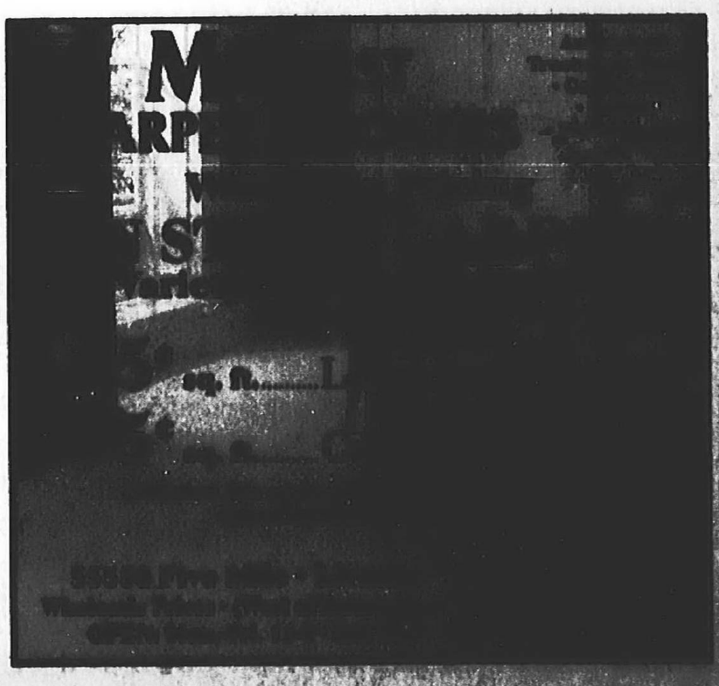

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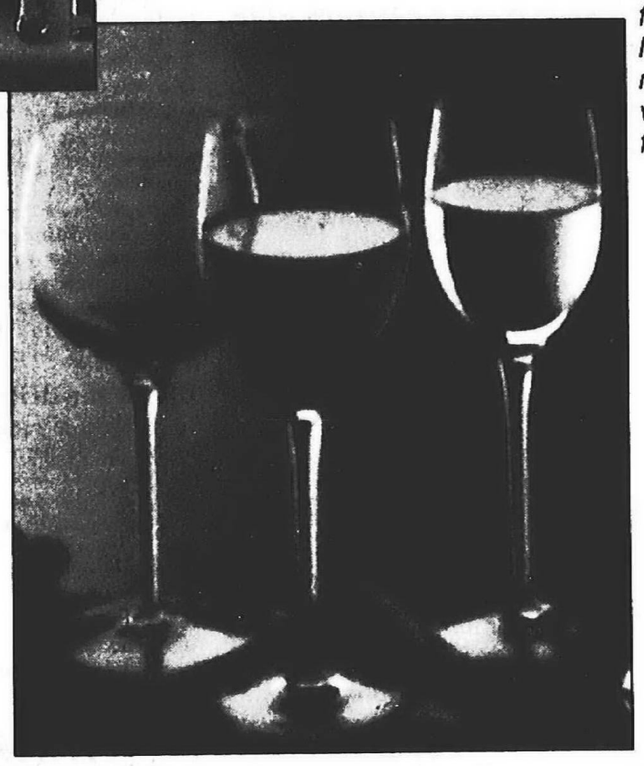

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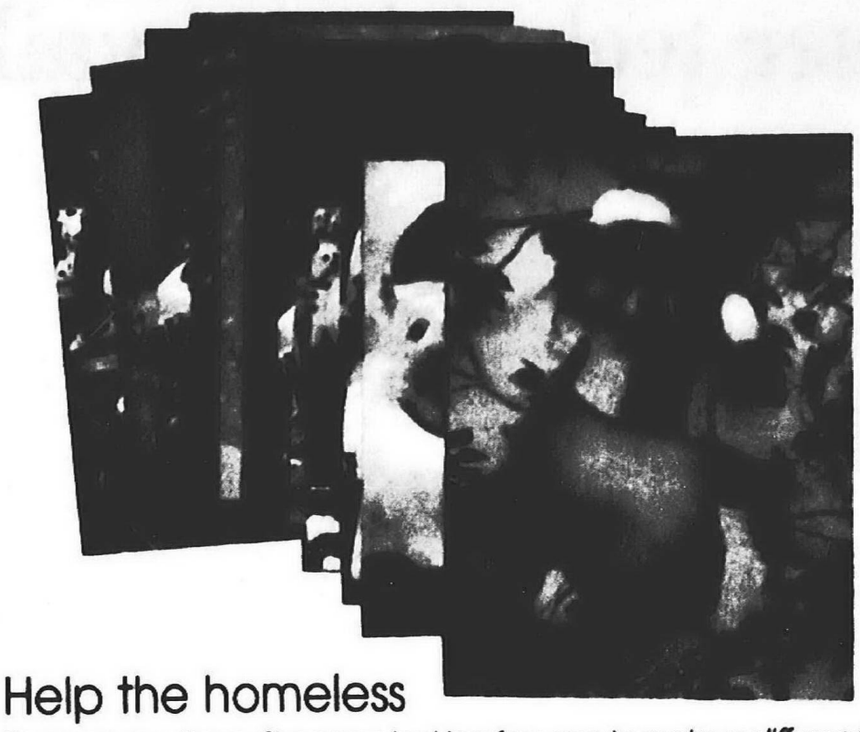

Help the homeless

Seasons greetings: *Shoppers looking for ways to make a difference for homeless animals this holiday season can consider many unique gifts and greeting cards from the Michigan Humane Society. Holiday cards can be purchased for $12 for a box of 10 or 12, depending on style, from MHS locations at 3600 Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, and 37255 Marquette, Westland. All proceeds go directly to helping homeless animals housed at the shelter. Call (248) 852-7420 for a gift catalog or visit www. michiganhumane. org, click on Paw Pourri and select order online feature.*

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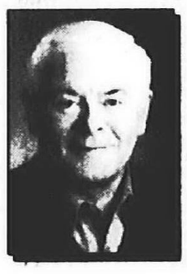
HOME WORK

Fewer technicians available to service appliances

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

There are many problems in the major home appliance industry today.

New products are introduced only for consumers to find the appliances have serious flaws shortly after they're broken in. Many consumers make repeated calls so items like $1,000 washing machines can be serviced. They are frustrated.

In my end of the business, I know fewer appliance repair technicians are available. No one trains them anymore. Service companies also are finding it hard to expand the customer base.

In fact, the entire industry is short many thousands of service technicians which are desperately needed to take care of the increasing number of new products sold. I know friends who just can't simply hire a new technician because there are none to be found.

In the electronics industry, the situation is even more desperate. They tell me that in some areas of the country, consumers can't get service unless they carry-in their projection set or their HDTV. The waiting period keeps on getting longer for a service call.

For those of you who think that your product is new and covered under warranty, that warranty makes no difference.

Never before in the history of this country, have we seen such turmoil between the manufacturers and service agents. Many of the long-time agents are refusing to service certain products because they feel they are losing money doing so. They want to concentrate time and effort in making a profit and that can mean dealing only with cash-paying customers. What will happen in the future is becoming very uncertain.

The problems above are magnified by another important fact. These appliance and electronics repair companies are closing up a lot faster than any new ones opening up.

Who can blame them for getting out if all they do is go around in a circle? You own a business and you can't pay the bills, you might as well get out. What about the service technician who makes the least amount of money in all the service industries? He might as well get into another type of service industry, use his mechanical aptitude and make more money.

A lot of work is derived from taking care of manufacturers' warranties and the service companies have some issues with the reimbursement they receive. To list a few problems, payments do not equal regular out-of-warranty calls, reimbursements are delayed, and parts costs and shipping are not covered. The future does not look rosy.

Since I first wrote about this four years ago, it is much worse. In the years ahead, you will wait a long time when you need service, you will spend a lot more for that service and you will get sticker shock when you go shopping for new products that you must purchase.

The positive side to this story, if there is one, is that a manufacturer cannot afford putting a product into the American home that costs so much and ensure that it is "fail proof." It will be a better product, but cost more money. How this all comes about is the question. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Newstalk 760, WJR-AM, every Saturday and Sunday mornings. He is a past president of The Society of Consumer Professionals. His second book, "The Words and Wisdom of The Appliance Doctor" is available in book stores. His phone number is (313) 873-9789.

Do you have a question for the Appliance Doctor? Contact him care of Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk @oe. homecomm. net. Look for Gagnon's suggestions in a future Appliance Doctor column.

Blow away the heavy white stuff with well-maintained snow thrower

ASK DAD



HARRY JACHYM

If the predictors and early indications are correct, we'll see a greater than normal snowfall this year.

Haven't we heard this before? In any event, it's good to be prepared for it. Remember the January 1999 snowfall.

To start, be sure you own at least a snow shovel, and it's in good shape. Don't wait until the first big snowfall. They quickly disappear from the stores after that one.

Don't forget to get your ice melting products. Calcium chloride or ammonium sulfate are less corrosive than rock salt and easier on the lawn.

Now is a good time to think about buying a snow thrower. There are several sales going on and selections are still pretty good.

Don't be snowbound

Though these machines come in many sizes, shapes and prices, they can be basically broken into two types. The single-stage models, which have paddles or augers that pick up the snow and throw it in one action or two-stage models which pick up the snow with an auger, sending it to a blower. This blower throws the snow through the chute.

The size of the area you have to clear and how far the snow must be thrown will determine the correct one for you. A two-stage unit clears a wider path and throws the snow further than the single stage models, and they are self-propelled. They are larger, taking up more storage space, and usually more costly. They also contain more moving parts which can lead to higher maintenance costs.

■ Look over the entire unit for loose and broken parts and check the drive belt for wear. Any problem should be repaired now before the repair and part shops get busy.

Two-stage units are probably the right choice for you if your driveway is over 40-feet long, you have a corner or other large lot or you need to throw the snow further than 15 feet.

A single stage is fine for most snowfalls and lots in this area. Besides being less expensive to purchase, they store in a smaller space and maintenance is minimal.

Another consideration when purchasing either single or double stage throwers is electric starters. As I see more years pass me, I realize this option really isn't that expensive.

Keep it clean

If you already have a snowthrower, it's time to check that it's running right.

Frank Chapp, a vocational automotive technology instructor for a local school district, says preparing the snow thrower for winter should have started last spring. Chapp suggests keeping gas stabilizer such as Sta-Bil mixed with the gasoline, and making sure it is not just in the tank, but has been run into the carburetor.

As a matter of fact, it's a good idea to mix stabilizer with gasoline used in all your lawn and snow equipment.

Gasoline, especially when mixed with oil (for 2-cycle engines), begins to break down within a few weeks. Gasoline left in the carburetor between seasons is bound to cause trouble. Even if you ran your snow thrower dry at the end of last season, there is still a little in the carburetor. This is enough to cause difficult starting and poor operation.

Chapp also suggests protecting the upper cylinder with fogging oil (available at most small engine repair shops) and changing the crankcase oil before storage. If you didn't change the oil in the spring, do it now.

Check the drive belt

Check the wiper blade and paddles for wear and proper operation. Look over the entire unit for loose and broken parts and check the drive belt for wear. Any problem should be repaired now before the repair and part shops get busy.

Try starting the snow thrower. If it's difficult to start or won't keep running once started, the problem is often caused by the spark plug. You can check it for wear and fouling, but why not just replace it?

The frustration of trying to operate the snowthrower on a worn or fouled plug, especially on a two-cycle engine isn't worth the $2 or $3 a new one will cost.

Once the snow thrower is up and running, don't forget to winterize your lawnmower and other gas lawn equipment (see above). If you have a power washer, along with winterizing the engine, drain the pump or add anti-freeze according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Harry Jachym, a licensed builder, lives in Plymouth and teaches building trades to high school students in a school district in western Wayne County. Send any questions or comments to Harry Jachym, care of Ken Abramczyk, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or kabramczyk @oe. homecomm. net

Dates set for home, garden shows

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) has announced the dates of its home and garden shows for 2001.

"By bringing everything together under one roof, our shows are redefining how many homeowners do their shopping," said Dave Kellett Sr., president of BIA and of Kellett Construction Company of Bloomfield Hills.

BIA is the non-profit sponsor of the shows.

BIA will sponsor:

■ The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will sponsor the ninth annual Home Improvement Show Feb. 1-4.

- the ninth annual Home Improvement Show Feb. 1-4 at the Novi Expo Center
- the fourth annual Macomb Home Improvement Show Feb. 16-18 at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center in Warren
- the 83rd annual GMC Builders Home & Detroit Flower Show March 22-25 at the Cobo Conference-Exhibition Center
- the fifth annual Spring Home & Garden Show April 5-8 at the Novi Expo Center
- the ninth annual Fall Remodeling and Furniture Show Oct. 11-14 at the Novi Expo Center.

The shows will feature advice, ideas and innovations from exhibitors displaying products and services for the home and garden.

An array of experts and celebrities will share their knowledge to help attendees achieve their home and gardening goals.

Here are gift ideas for remodelers

BY JOSEPH TRUINI
TODAY'S HOMEOWNER MAGAZINE

■ Professional tile setters use a wet saw to cut tough glazed ceramic tile, marble and stone. The motorized saw is equipped with a diamond-abrasive blade, sliding table and water pump that cools the blade as it cuts.

The Craftsman Soft-Wire Cable Cutter ($20, Model 42758) is designed for slicing through copper and aluminum electrical wiring as well as the tough plastic insulation that surrounds them.

Unlike most wire cutters, which rely on brute strength, this tool features a compound-leverage mechanism that has a 12-to-1 power ratio. Translation: It exerts 12 times more force than a traditional wire cutter, which reduces hand cramps and wrist strain.

Professional tile setters use a wet saw to cut tough glazed ceramic tile, marble and stone. The motorized saw is equipped with a diamond-abrasive blade, sliding table and water pump that cools the blade as it cuts.

Wet saws make setting tile much easier, but they cost a prohibitive $1,000 to $2,000. If you have a small area to tile, the trick is to rent a wet saw for $50 to $65 a day. But if your project is a lot bigger, you might consider purchasing Porter-Cable's new Model 1500 Tile Saw ($299), an affordable, pro-quality wet saw. It has a 7.4-amp motor and 7-inch diamond blade for crosscutting tile up to 14 inches square. It can also slice tiles on the diagonal up to 10 inches square.

Think all utility knives are the same? The new Instant Change Utility Knife ($10, Model 10-788) from Stanley has three key features that make it different.

Blade changes take about 10 seconds. Press the yellow button on the side of the tool, pull out the old blade, insert a new one and release the button.

New blades are conveniently stored in a swing-out magazine molded into the handle. No more screws to remove and lose. Finally, the knife is equipped with a handy cord cutter that lets you cut string while the blade is safely retracted into the handle.

For more information, visit Sears at www.sears.com/craftsman or call (800) 377-7414; Porter-Cable, www.porter-cable.com, (800) 487-8665, or Stanley Tools, www.stanleyworks.com, and (800) 782-6539.

AR Kramer now open in Canton

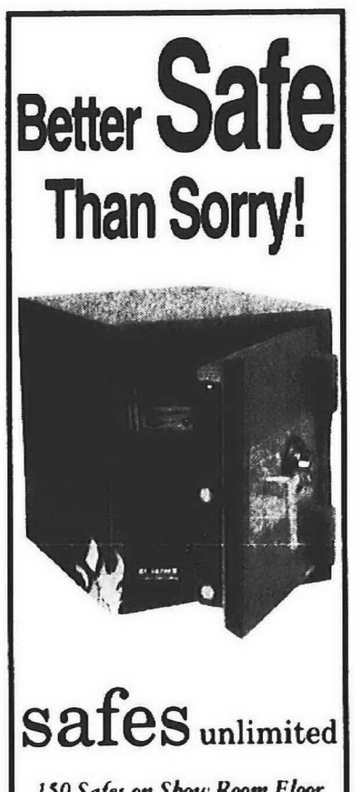
The AR Kramer Flooring Co. has opened a store in Canton.

AR Kramer opened a new Dupont Flooring Center at 42170 Ford Road, just east of Lilley in early November.

This showroom is what company officials call the exclusive source for DuPont Stainmaster Ultra Life carpet. As a DuPont Flooring Center, the showroom represents an innovative approach to carpet shopping. Carpet samples are arranged in easy-to-shop, well-lighted display racks, segmented by three Stainmaster brands: DuPont Stainmaster carpet, Dupont Stainmaster Xtra Life and Dupont Stainmaster Ultra Life carpet.

Now celebrating its 75th anniversary, the AR Kramer Co. opened its first showroom in Detroit in 1925. Today a third generation of the Kramer family carries on the tradition of offering its customers products and service.









LIVING WELL

Have friends over for a holiday cleanup party

INVITING IDEAS



RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

You made it through Thanksgiving. Perhaps the holiday meal was out at a restaurant or at someone else's abode, but Christmas dinner is designated as yours. Time to get out the dustbin and start preparing for the big dinner plans.

Now is the perfect time to get organized, clean out the pantry, or set up an area designed to fit your holiday needs — a real party planning central.

And why do it alone? Gather some close friends and do it as a group project. Friends always come through when there is a need (if you have the right friends!).

Here is the perfect time to get them committed, but make it a fun experience and provide lunch and food breaks throughout the day.

Begin your cleanup party with calls for help. Don't have too many over unless your house is huge. Three or four is the perfect number.

Provide your helpers with aprons, paint smocks or some old XL shirts (all of which you aren't worried about getting dirty or having paint spill on them).

Have a plan ahead of time. Don't plan it out when guests (helpers) arrive, although they may have some great suggestions.

Have ready a big pot of coffee or tea, or a cooler filled with bottled water, juice and pop.

Make some submarine sandwiches ahead of time. It is good to have some vegetarian options available for those who want to keep it light while working. Have sandwiches wrapped in wax paper or restaurant tissue for easy handling, and no added stuff to wash.

Also ahead of time, bag up some sticks of fresh veggies (individual bags would be ideal), and have some individual snack bags of snack foods (potato chips, corn chips, vegetable chips or pretzels) to accompany your submarine sandwiches.

If your particular cleanup party involves organization, a great field trip with the flock would be to such places as Organized Living, Bed, Bath and Beyond, Linens and More, Meijer household department. You get the idea.

Your guests may have some great ideas for reorganizing, and seeing the options available at these locations helps enormously.

If you are planning on painting a room, have paint, tarps or drop cloths, rollers, paint pans and brushes on hand before helpers arrive. There's something not fun about going out and getting this stuff!

Pick up some extra large Baggies (2-gallon and 2-1/2-gallon are available at Meijer and Kmart, respectively). They are wonderful for covering baking equipment, serving pieces and foodstuffs.

In my room-size pantry, I have some restaurant shelving that holds large plastic containers. These lidded plastic boxes are labeled and filled with bagged equipment. Each container is organized with certain items that are used in conjunction with one another, and are labeled (with a labeling machine) for easy viewing.

A little planning makes for great storage and easy entertaining. Include these friends in the labor. Do feed them while they are there, then invite them for a holiday party to enjoy the real fruits of their labor.

Some ideas for great submarine sandwich combinations at work time:

- Traditional Italian meat and cheese sub with a pesto spread instead of mustard or Italian dressing
- Leftover turkey or chicken sandwiches with sun-dried tomatoes, Romaine lettuce and a black olive pesto
- Roasted vegetables layered with assorted cheeses, topped with shredded lettuce and some balsamic vinaigrette
- Sliced roast beef topped with an herb mayonnaise (with or without cheese)
- Crisp bacon, Romaine lettuce and tomato slices, drizzled with mayo-mustard sauce
- Sliced Havarti cheese, lettuce shreds and thin slices of mango, apple or crisp pears, topped with a drizzle of fruity vinaigrette

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin.

Learn how to cook dishes for holidays at Novi show

Turkey, ham, cakes and cookies, fancy appetizers and feel-good foods sound like a holiday feast in the making.

It's all part of the Michigan Christmas Show, which runs Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 30- Dec. 3, at the Novi Expo Center.

During the show's four days, more than two dozen cooking programs are scheduled for the stage sponsored by Honey Baked Ham Co.

Kathy Stark, a cooking instructor and professional chef, will demonstrate how to cook the perfect holiday ham or turkey.

Stark has a holiday menu planned, along with a soup sampler, quick and elegant holiday appetizers and what she calls "twice is nice." You may call them leftovers.

Maureen Kimmel of the Pampered Chef demonstrates easy and simple (and prize-winning) luscious desserts. Chef Jeff Evans of Steve & Rocky's in Novi will cook up some holiday surprises. You'll learn the real secrets of cake decorating from Rhoda Sheridan at Lechter's Housewares.

Hour Detroit magazine is bringing Chef Evans, and chefs from the Epoch Group and The Essence of Northville. Karie Lee Shull, the Homemade Gourmet, will have time-saving tips for the cooking season ahead.

Small shops will be set up with crafts, gourmet foods, hot-piping strudel, gifts for everyone on your list and entertainment. The show is sponsored by Fox-2 News.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday. Admission is $7 for adults and $4 for children 6-12. Children six and under, excluding groups, are free.

A Farmer Jack bonus card will get $1 off admission. Discount coupons are available at Honey Baked Ham and Einstein Bagel stores.

For more information, call (800) 849-0248 or visit www.southernshows.com/mcs

Visit seven homes Saturday on Livonia Christmas Walk

Visit seven lovely homes decorated for the holidays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, for the Livonia Christmas Walk.

Presented by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead, all proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village.

Tickets are $7 in advance or $8 on the day of the event. Tickets can be purchased from any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center Library gift shop, Greenmead and the Department of Community Resources, located on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. If tickets are purchased the day of the event, patrons will need to start at the Civic Center Library on Five Mile Road just west of Farmington, or the Hill House at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, to obtain a program with a map of the walk.

One lucky Christmas walker will receive a free Friday night's stay for two at the Livonia Marriott Hotel at Laurel Park Place. Be sure to fill out your ticket stub and turn it in to any Christmas Walk hostess. The drawing will be held after the Christmas Walk. The winner will be notified by telephone.

For information, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

Doll show returns to Plymouth

Plymouth's Holiday Doll Show returns Sunday, Dec. 10, to the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth.

The show will feature vendors, collectors and doll artists selling new, used, antique and limited edition collectible dolls of all kinds and their accessories. Show hours are 11 a.m.to 3 p.m. Admission for adults is $5, children under 10 years of age are free.

For show or vendor information, call (734) 455-2110.

CRAFTS CALENDAR

If you would like to announce an upcoming craft show, bazaar, or arts boutique — items can be sent to: Crafts Calendar, 36251 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150 or e-mail kmortson@oe.homecomm.net 477-8942.

CHRISTMAS SHOW
Expressions Arts & Crafts will be hosting an Art & Craft Pavilion at the Michigan Christmas Show that will be held at the Novi Expo Center Nov. 30 - Dec. 3. All work must be original work of the artist or crafter. Please call (248) 348-5448 for more information.

HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW
The Civic Park Senior Center (15218 Farmington Road) will host a Holiday Craft Show from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 1 featuring arts and crafts, hand-made items and refreshments. Call (734) 466-2555.

HOLIDAY GIFT BAZAAR
A Holiday Gift Bazaar by home-based businesses will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. Businesses include Tupperware, Mary Kay, Longaberger Baskets, Home Interiors and much more! Rudgate West Subdivision — North off Ecorse Road one mile East of I-275 in the Community Club House — 7040 Shawnee, Romulus. Call (313) 359-9477 or (734) 464-9801.

COLLAGE ARTS/CRAFTS SHOW
17th Annual Collage Arts & Crafts Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 2 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3, Walled Lake Western High School (600 Beck Road) between Pontiac Trail and Maple Road.

ARTS AND CRAFTS
Thurston High School is having a craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at 28255 Schoolcraft Road between Inkster and Beech Daly in Redford. This is a juried show and [illegible] Call (313) 538-6468.

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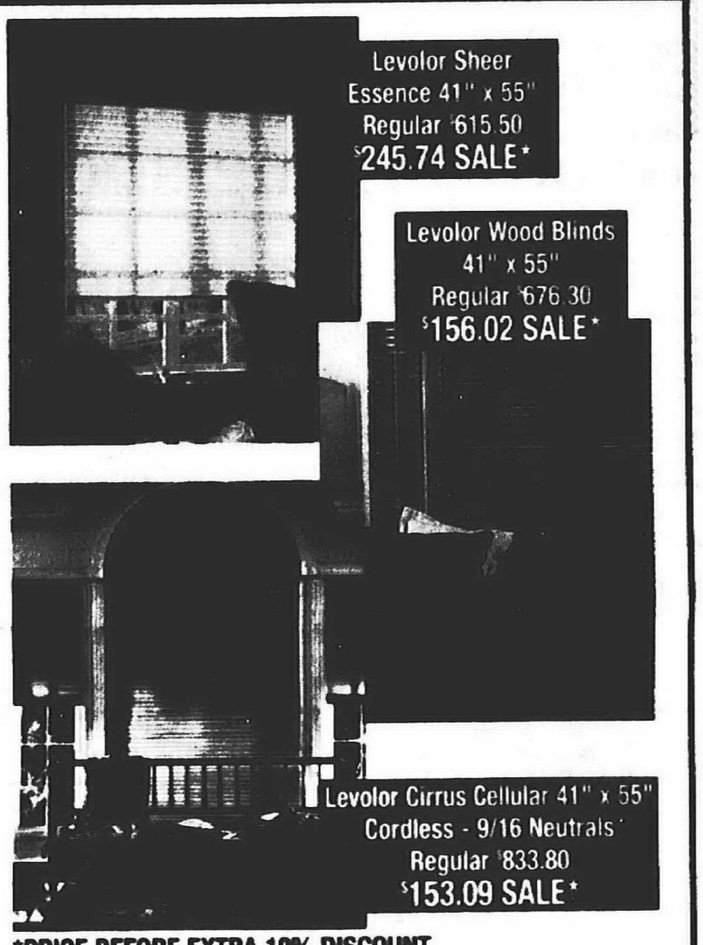

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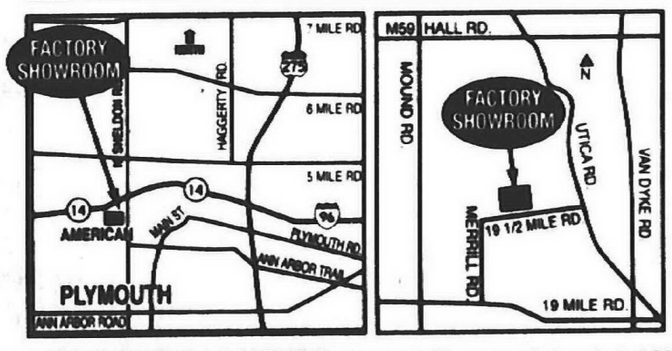

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MONTE NAGLER

Each year, millions of new cameras, lenses and photo accessories are sold. An almost equal number of used items are either exchanged, sold privately, buried in a drawer or discarded.

Much of this old equipment is obsolete or damaged beyond repair. But some of it can be found hardly used and in excellent condition. Substantial savings can be made and a worthy piece of equipment added to your photo gear if you can distinguish between bargains and junk.

The best sources for finding used equipment are camera stores, classified ads and local photo flea markets.

With basic items such as tripods, flash units and darkroom accessories (trays, measuring cups, tongs, etc.), very little can go wrong, so buying them is a pretty safe bet. But with cameras and lenses, you need to be more cautious and check them out closely. Here's how:

First, carefully inspect the exterior of that used camera you're interested in. A lot can be learned from its general condition.

Some wear and tear is normal, such as worn corners and marks from neck-strap fittings. Just be sure the wear isn't excessive.

Be wary of dents, large scratches and especially distortion of the camera body. These indicate a dropped or abused camera and serious damage could be concealed inside.

Look through the viewfinder to ensure that focusing devices, readouts and so on are all clearly visible.

Be sure to check the battery compartment for any damage from old, corroded batteries. Wind the advance lever and snap the shutter at all speeds. It should operate smoothly down the scale.

Open the camera back and check for cleanliness. Then set the shutter at "B" and watch through the opened camera back as the shutter closes. There should be no sluggishness.

At different ASA settings, check the meter out by using a spare or friend's camera as a reference. Readings should be within one-half stop.

Finally, focus at infinity and look through the viewfinder. Distant objects should be clearly in focus. If not, the lens mount, mirror or focusing screen may be out of alignment.

Good lenses can be terrific bargains. You may be able to pick up a top-quality used lens at the same price, or lower, as a new but inferior model. Even at the same price, you're better off with the used lens. Everything should operate smoothly on the lens. It should focus easily and the glass should be free from scratches.

Buying from a distant seller when you can't check out the equipment can be risky indeed. Better to buy locally where you can ensure that your new piece of used equipment will serve you well.

Monte Nagler is a fine art photographer based in Farmington Hills. You can leave him a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then N-A-G-L-E-R. His fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Austin power: *No problem with used equipment here. A used lens performed perfectly for Monte Nagler in his photograph of this cowboy "still life" in Austin, Texas.*

Woodworking show visits Novi again

Don't miss the one-stop shop for woodworkers when the Metro Detroit Woodworking Show returns to the Novi Expo Center.

Show hours are noon-7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10. Admission to the show is $9 for adults, with children 12 and under free. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Woodworkers, home builders, woodturners and carvers, hobbyists and professionals can see the newest in hand tools, power tools, machinery and supplies.

The event features more than 100 different manufacturers displaying and demonstrating woodworking, turning, carving, finishing materials and supplies. The show gives attendees the luxury of shopping for all their workshop needs — home or commercial — all under one roof, at discount prices.

Woodworkers can ask questions, improve skills and interact with industry authors, instructors and master craftsmen at seminars and floor demonstrations presented by Fine Woodworking magazine and the Marc Adams' School of Woodworking.

Visit the Masters' Stage and see demonstrations by Marc Adams and Michael Fortune on a variety of woodworking techniques. They will also answer questions and show woodworkers how to correct common mistakes. Each session will last 30-60 minutes and takes place on the show floor. Adams and Fortune, along with Bill Hull and Jeff Jewitt, will be conducting a series of in-depth, three-hour seminars presented by Fine Woodworking magazine and the Marc Adams School of Woodworking.

Sessions include basic woodworking, bending wood, bandsaw and planer jigs, basic veneering, decorative veneering, coloring wood and hand-applied finishes.

Full-day seminars are $95 and three-hour seminars are $60. Advance seminar registration includes a free weekend pass to the show ($12 value) and can be charged by calling (800) 826-8257.

The Michigan Woodworkers Guild will be present to display members' work and collections, demonstrate skills, share tips and answer questions.

All attendees will be eligible to enter a prize drawing for a new Jet, Performax, Powermatic shop valued at up to $7,500.

For information, visit www.thewoodshows.com or call (800) 826-8257.

DESIGN CALENDAR

■ All generations are invited to celebrate the season at a holiday Victorian dessert tea 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at the Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile in Farmington Hills. Tickets are $10 and available at the center; they won't be sold Wednesday. The program will be "A Civil War Holiday," presented by Pamela Yockey, who collects and restores historical gowns. Seasonal music, poinsettias, an elaborate gingerbread castle, desserts catered by Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe and an array of teas will be featured. The tea is sponsored by the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division and Waltonwoods at 12 Oaks. Call (248) 473-1830 for more information.

■ Children of all ages will enjoy visiting with Stumpy the Talking Christmas Tree, a miniature tree that responds to questions and has ideas of his own to share, 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Art Van Furniture, 29905 Seven Mile in Livonia. A friendly elf will be with Stumpy to greet youngsters and pass out gifts. Call (248) 478-8870.

■ A holiday food drive continues through Sunday, Dec. 17, at all Art Van Furniture stores. Help the hungry by bringing in non-perishable food items (boxed and canned meals, canned vegetables, canned fruits, powdered milk, canned soup and boxed cereal).

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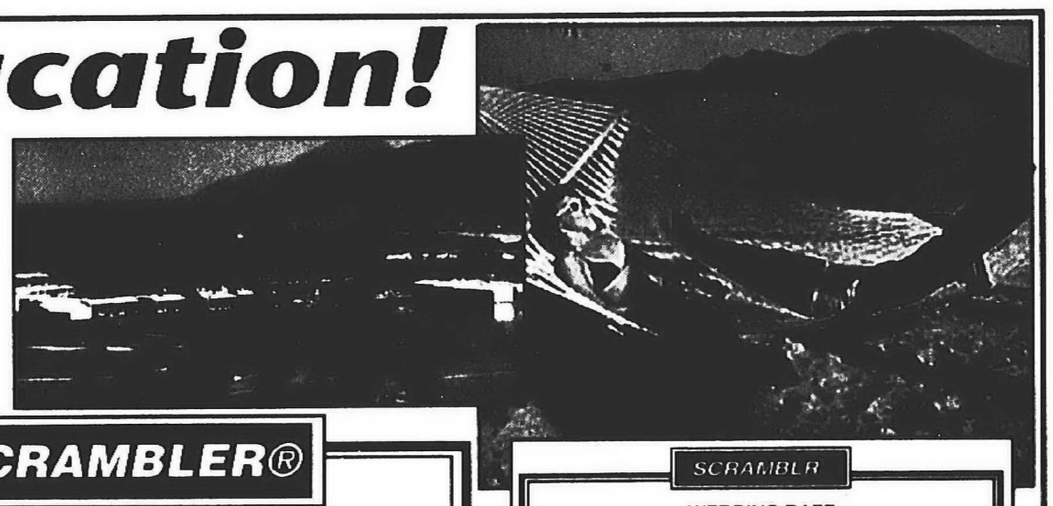

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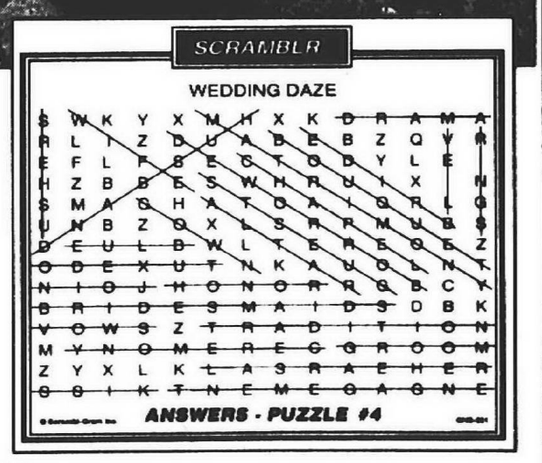

ANSWERS - PUZZLE #4

Rules:

Each Thursday's SCRAMBLR® contains a number of words reading from left, right, diagonally, up or down. Some words begin with letters you've already used in other words. Words from the list that appear as two words (e.g., New Brunswick) could appear in the puzzle in separate places. AT LEAST 10 WORDS MUST BE CIRCLED TO MAKE AN ENTRY VALID.

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4. All entries must be received at our office by noon on Tuesday in the week following publication of SCRAMBLR®
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6. The weekly winner will be announced within 10 days after publication of each puzzle. Names of the winner and photos (when possible) will be appear in your hometown newspaper and prize money will be awarded in person or mailed within 10 days of the Tuesday deadline.
7. The decision of the judges will be final.
8. Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are not eligible to win prizes in this contest.

★ DON T FORGET TO PUT THE PUZZLE NUMBER ON YOUR ENVELOPE!!!!!!!

GARDENING

Books highlight gardens, from cottage to greenhouse

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

This is a busy time of year, but gardeners can always find some time to make that green thumb a little greener.

Everything you may want to know is included in *Creating a Cottage Garden in North America*, Stephen Westcott-Gratton ($29.95, Fulcrum).

The author explains how to transform an existing landscape as well as what to do when starting from scratch. He stresses the use of native plants and warns that a little "messiness" is to be expected, that straight lines and rigid plantings aren't suitable.

The idea is to have a garden that has interest throughout the season with all types of plants — flowers as well as vegetables and trees that provide food. By following Westcott-Gratton's guidelines, every gardener can be successful with cottage gardening. Much good information.

Also from Fulcrum, a revised and expanded edition of *Greenhouse Gardener's Companion*, Shane Smith ($21.95, soft), is now available. It features a new section on orchids, an expanded section on natural disease and pest control, plus more.

You will learn how to grow flowers *and* food in a greenhouse or sunspace, and how to use greenhouse principles in a sunny room as well as to grow all manner of crops, propagate, and properly take care of problems when they arise. The nitty-gritty of greenhouse construction and the technicalities that make everything work is fascinating.

Garden guides

You've seen him on TV, now you can have Ainsley Harriott's *Meals in Minutes* ($19.95, DK), a cookbook that will prove good food doesn't need to take long to prepare.

Each of the 100 recipes has a snappy title, such as "Teasing Turkey Pita Pockets," "Pasta Cream Bean Dream" and "Merry Berry Christmas Crumble." Harriott has thoughtfully included tips for saving time, necessary ingredients for the pantry and equipment to make cooking easier (buy the best).

The Plantfinder's Guide to Garden Ferns, Martin Rickard ($34.95, Timber Press), is just the ticket for those who grow, or wish to grow, these versatile plants.

Rickard discusses their use for every garden condition — tender and hardy, large and small, robust and filmy, and the many shapes and colors of the lovely fronds. It is fascinating to learn the history of ferns (collectors would go to great lengths to find choice specimens), and the photographs show how versatile they can be.

The majority of the book describes the many ferns now in cultivation, and also features Rickard's personal observations of the species and cultivars that he has grown.

A little book, *Blue Mountain: A Spiritual Anthology Celebrating the Earth*, F. Lynne Bachleda ($15.95, paper, Menasha Ridge Press, distributed by Globe Piquot Press), is a collection of nature writings of such people as Georgia O'Keefe ("When you take a flower in your hands and really look at it, it's your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else. I want them to see it whether they want to or not."), plus R. Carson, Mohammed, A. Dillard, Thoreau and others; poems, proverbs, lyrics, essays and fiction passages.

"The book has seven guideposts for a spiritual journey ... that originates with a longing that might also feel like loneliness — a need or desire to reconnect with the vitality and possibilities offered by nature," Bachleda says.

Facts not Fear, Michael Sanera and Jane Shaw ($14.95, paper, plus $4 shipping and handling; write Regnery Publishing Inc., Dept. 194, 1 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., 20001), is "a parents' guide to teaching children about the environment."

The book claims to "provide parents and teachers accurate information to address children's concerns about the health of our planet.

"It gives balanced attention to environmental issues that plague our generation ... It will show through simple activities with children how you can set the environmental record straight."

Sanera is the director of the Center for Environmental Education Research, a division of The Claremont Institute; Shaw is a senior associate of the Political Economy Research Center, a non-profit institute that studies market approaches to environmental problems.

From the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, *Hummingbird Gardens: Turning Your Yard Into Hummingbird Heaven* ($9.95), shows how to entice these birds to your garden and how to encourage them to stay a while.

It also offers information about appropriate hummingbird plants for each section of the country, and a section illustrating the 18 species of hummingbirds in the United States and Canada, as well as four species that are rare here. All pertinent information about each bird is included.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then 111, then 3445. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



MARTY FIGLEY

A lot of information: *Many diverse subjects are featured in these books.*

GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in Gardening Calendar to Ken Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

GARDEN CLUBS

LIVONIA

The Livonia Garden Club will hold its annual "Fresh Greens Table Arrangement" workshop at the Churchill High School cafeteria at 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 2. This year's holiday arrangement will feature a hurricane candle set amongst a bed of various crisp, fresh pine boughs embellished with gold ribbons. Register through Livonia Public Schools Community Education Department. Cost is $22 for Livonia residents and $27 for non-residents. All instructions and supplies are included. Bring your own pruners and scissors. Early registration is encouraged as this annual event is usually a sellout. Refreshments are included and a Ways and Means table of gift ideas will be available for purchase. This annual event is a major fund-raiser for the Livonia Garden Club.

Also, on Saturday, Dec. 9, members of Livonia Garden Club, with the help of local teens, create holiday arrangements for Angela Hospice patients.

BACK TO SCHOOL

MORE GARDENING

The Michigan School of Gardening, 29429 Six Mile, in Livonia offers a variety of subjects. Register in advance. Classes are limited in size.

Here is a list of some of the classes:

Common Problems and Critter Control, Mondays, Jan. 8, 15 and 22 at 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Another section is offered those Mondays at 6:30 p.m. and that Saturday at 1 p.m.

Garden Design, five Tuesdays, starting Jan. 9 at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. How to select and arrange plants for individual beds or small areas within a landscape. The class requires a Focus on Design course or equivalent experience as a pre-requisite.

Lawn Pest Management, Jan. 29, at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. Identify and diagnose common diseases and pests of lawns. Learn management techniques and control strategies and lawn care without pesticides.

Call (248) 4-GARDEN for information on fall and winter classes, times and costs or click on www.michigangardening. com

MORE SEMINARS

FREE LECTURES

English Gardens hosts free weekly gardening seminars for the public at its five locations, including 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the Royal Oak/ Troy store, 4901 Coolidge Highway, north of 14 Mile, call (248) 280-9500, and 7 p.m. Thursdays at the West Bloomfield store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, north of Maple, call (248) 851-7506. Call (800) 335-GROW for the nearest English Gardens, or visit www. englishgardens. com

NURSERY TALKS

Saguaro Nursery and Gardens, 470 W. Five Mile Road in Whitmore Lake, offers a series of free lectures at 1 p.m. Sundays by nursery owner Richard Tuttle. On Dec. 3, the topic will be "How to Keep Indoor Plants Happy All Winter." "Flowering Houseplants for Winter Color" is scheduled for Dec. 10. "Great Gifts for Gardeners" will be discussed Dec. 17. The nursery offers a 10 percent discount on any plant discussed in the lectures. For information call (734) 449-4237.

MATTHAEI

HERBS DISCUSSED

An evening herb study group will meet 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, to share herb-related crafts. Bring any type of craft idea to share, using herbs. You may make a brief presentation to the group, explaining your craft or simply show a sample of the finished project. The group will meet in Room 125 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 Dixboro Road in Ann Arbor. For further information about the program or membership, please call (734) 761-1029 or e-mail sburek@provide.net.

WINTER BIRDS

Matthaei has the potential for hosting a number of birds which overwinter in southeastern Michigan. Expect common and uncommon local birds. The session begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, and lasts until noon. It starts with an inside lecture and moves outside. Bring binoculars, warm outdoor clothing and warm boots. Participants will adjourn to a local eatery for lunch and discussion. For information, call (734) 998-7061.

INDOOR BONSAI

Learn the ancient art of bonsai on five Sundays in January and February from 2-4:30 p.m. Classes will be a mix of lecture and hands-on experience as students will given time to create their own indoor bonsai. Students are encouraged to bring their own plants. Plants and pots will be available for purchase.For information, call (734) 998-7061.

Apply now for master gardener classes

The Michigan State University Extension program in Wayne County will offer classes in January for Wayne County residents interested in becoming master gardeners.

The Michigan Master Gardener program is a horticulture education and volunteer leader training program offered by MSU Extension in Michigan counties. The volunteers distribute home gardening information to Michigan residents.

Classes are scheduled 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, at the Wayne County Extension and Education Center, 5454 Venoy in Wayne and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Wayne County MSU Extension Office, 640 Temple (sixth floor), in Detroit.

All classes will be taught for 12 consecutive weeks, covering the following topics: introduction to plant science, flower gardening, indoor plants and their care, integrated pest management, vegetable gardening and woody ornamentals. Also included are soils for plant growth, household pests and wildlife, lawn establishment and care, growing backyard fruit, diagnosing plant problems and composting and vermiculture.

To obtain certification, master gardeners must pass weekly quizes, the final examination and volunteer 40 hours within one year of completing the class to help MSU Extension educate the public in the horticulture field.

Fees are $200 for a Wayne County resident or $240 for others. Two members of the same household can enroll in the class and fees are $300 for both. A horticulture professional, paying by a business check, will be charged $210.

Applications for the 2001 Master Gardener class can be picked up at the Wayne County MSU Extension office at 640 Temple (sixth floor), in Detroit from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To have an application mailed to your home, call Monica Van Buren or Kristine Hahn at (313) 833-3417 during the same hours.

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INTERIORS

The increasing luxuriousness of the American bathroom has made it an oasis of escape from the stress of the outside world – and sometimes from the rest of the house as well.

It's no longer unusual to see bathrooms outfitted with such amenities as a whirlpool, steam room or even a complete workout facility. It's also no surprise that the style and décor of bathrooms are now given as much importance as other areas of the home.

When it comes to design trends in today's opulent bathrooms, there's one word on everyone's lips: windows.

Windows and skylights are what people want most in their newly built or remodeled bathrooms, according to the National Kitchen & Bath Association's latest design trends survey. Just like the bathrooms they illuminate, these windows are bigger and bolder than ever.

"It's often the case that these prominent windows face the street, so homeowners are looking for stylish window coverings that let in the outdoor light, while providing privacy," says Stephanie Witt, a certified bath designer in Grand Rapids, Mich., and NKBA president.

These two essential bathroom design elements can be presented in a single shade called Duette Duolite, where two honeycomb fabrics are combined to provide total flexibility in light control.

For a window overlooking the tub, for example, one could make the top section of sheer fabric and the bottom section of opaque fabric to enjoy the daylight.

Often, there is too much daylight flooding the bathroom, so light control becomes an important design factor. A new remedy for this problem is Serenette SoftFold Shadings from Hunter Douglas. This is a light-diffusing window ensemble with a tailored, drapery look and privacy and light control options. Serenette Shadings feature a patented 4-1/4-inch wide 100 percent fabric SoftFold louver that diffuses and softens light through its unique teardrop shape.

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"I find that the huge windows of today's bathrooms need softening," says Witt. "Window coverings and shades create that essential soft touch." Vignette window shadings can achieve that desired effect. Featuring layers of gently contoured fabric folds that overlap one another like billowy waves, Vignette shadings combine the softness associated with fine custom draperies with the ease, practicality and durability of shades. Vignette shadings come in a bevy of rich woven fabrics and over 100 designer colors.

As for color in bathrooms, the NKBA survey found that white is still the most popular color. However, Witt points out that many find an entirely white bathroom too sterile. "An excellent way to give a white bathroom flair," she suggests, "is to use window coverings as an accent color."

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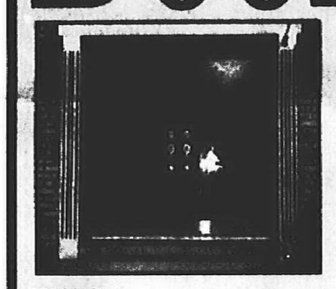

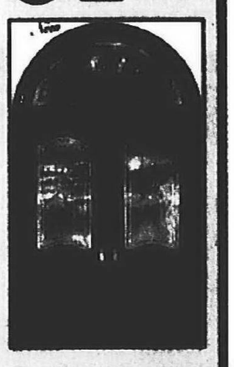

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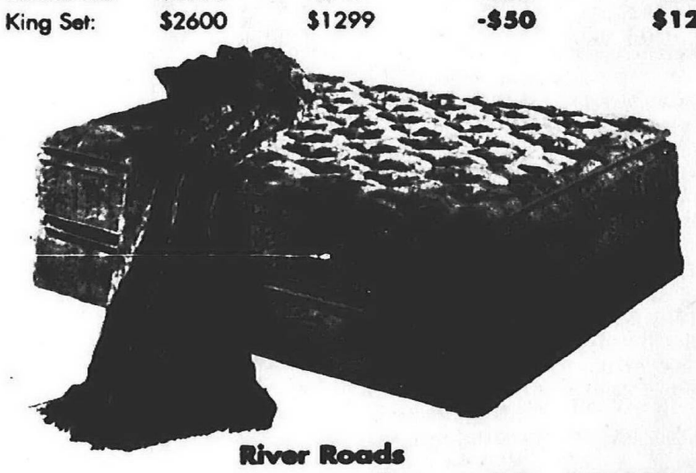

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ENTERTAINMENT

FRIDAY



Enjoy "A Sentimental Christmas" with singer Kathy Troccoli, 7:30 p.m. at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. Concert tickets $5, call (248) 374-5920.

SATURDAY

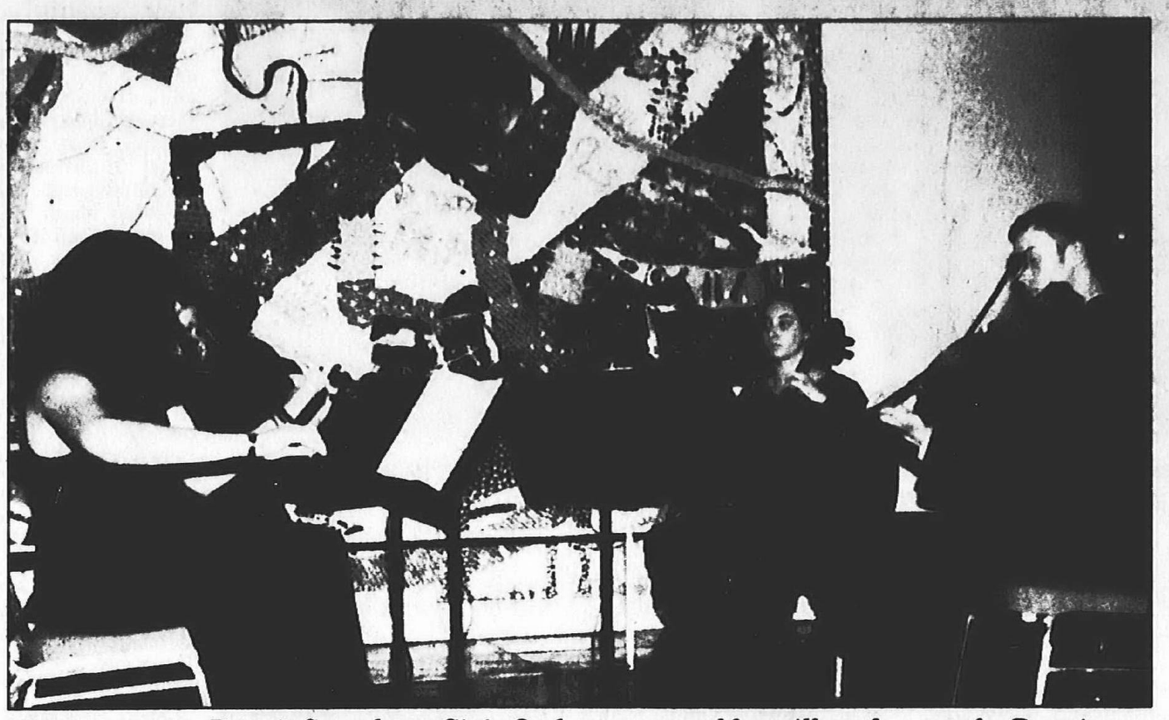


Karolyn Grimes, who portrayed Zuzu Bailey in the 1946 holiday film classic "It's a Wonderful Life," will discuss her role in the film at the Historic Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahser, at 7 p.m. The film will be shown after her speech. Tickets $10, (313) 531-4407 or (248) 258-5806.

SUNDAY



Wayne State University's Bonstelle Theatre presents "The Miracle Worker," 2 p.m. at the theater, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 577-2960 for tickets.



Classic sounds: *Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra ensembles will perform at the Detroit Institute of Arts as part of Noel Night.*

Noel Night

EVENT ENTICES YOUNG, OLD WITH MUSIC AND REINDEER

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER
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Noel Night is more than just an opportunity to sing for Shari Clason and the rest of the members of the Schoolcraft College Community Choir in Livonia. After the 50-voice chorus performs at 7 p.m. in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, many of the singers plan to take horse-drawn carriage rides, visit Santa's reindeer, and indulge themselves in a multitude of multicultural music styles.

The choir, under the direction of Mark Perrine, will sing seasonal music, including selections from Brahms, Purcell, Rutter and Luboff along with conducting a *Messiah* sing-a-long. This is the second year the choir, now in its 36th year, will perform at Noel Night.

Something different

"It's always fun to see all the people down at Noel Night," said Clason, a Northville resident who joined the choir 25 years ago. "And the Cathedral Church of St. Paul is a wonderful facility, a somewhat older church that has a cathedral atmosphere. It gives us an alternative to our usual venues. It's something that's a little bit different."

Noel Night gives young as well as older musicians the opportunity to perform in a variety of venues. Ensembles from the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra, under director Charles Burke, will play holiday and classical music amidst the van Goghs and Da Vincis at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

"It's such a festive event to begin with and it's a nice way for them to perform in front of a large audience and it gets the word out about the civic orchestra," said Burke, a Canton resident. "It's always nice to kick off the holiday with music."

Maureen Riley is expecting about 20,000 to attend the 28th annual Noel Night which concludes with a sing-a-long to the music of the Salvation Army Band on Woodward Avenue.

The theme this year – One Planet, One People – celebrates the holidays in a multitude of ways from Jewish programming at the International Institute and the Kids Klez Band of Michigan at the Detroit Public Library to an old-fashioned Southern Christmas with Appalachian carols and spirituals at the Heritage Museum. Or watch dancers perform scenes from the *Harlem Nutcracker* at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

What: The 28th annual Noel Night features music, art exhibits, caroling, carriage rides, holiday shopping, and a chance to visit Santa's reindeer. The evening concludes with a sing-a-long on Woodward Avenue
When: 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2.
Where: In the University Cultural Center between Ferry and Warren, and Cass Avenue and John R, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 577-5088.

Festive

"It fills the streets; it's definitely festive," said Riley, special events director for the University Cultural Center Association which produces Noel Night. "The kids can come and see the reindeer stabled at the New Detroit Science Center and meet the elves. The Scarab Club will have a jambalaya dinner and Santa will visit there as well. Santa, the Christmas Bear and elves are available for photos in several locations."

Along with music from around the world, Noel Night offers a chance to purchase gifts including one-of-a-kind art works and items from museum shops and holiday church bazaars.

"We've expanded the programming on Woodward Avenue to include a Holiday Gift Shoppe, a tented artists' enclave with hand made German ornaments, Pewabic Pottery, a glass artist, and items from Bag Lady Beads," said Riley. "There will also be food booths with everything from hot dogs to turkey legs and soup. The Detroit Artists Market will also be joining us this year. It adds another shopping opportunity. There's lots of holiday shopping including a Center for Creative Studies student sale."



Christmas caroling: *The singing street urchins of Oakland county-based Michigan Youth Theatre perform music that brings the world of Charles Dickens to life.*

Drama based on 1911 trial

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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The Runner Stumbles by Milan Stitt, opening Friday, Dec. 1 at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford, is a production Sean Kelley has wanted to do for a long time. It's based on a 1911 Michigan trial. A nun is murdered and the prime suspect is the parish priest.

"It is a very gripping drama that deals with the religion, a possible inappropriate relationship between the father and nun, and the murder trial," said Kelley who is directing the show, and serves as Guild president. "I think it has all the qualities of good theater, it makes you think as well as feel. A great deal can be learned about ourselves through the theater and this is an excellent example. It also has a surprise twist at the end which is done very well."

On stage
What: The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford presents *The Runner Stumbles* by Milan Stitt
When: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, Dec. 8-9, Dec. 15-16, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17.
Where: 15136 Beech Daly, one block south of Five Mile Road) Redford,
Tickets: $12 adults, $10 students/seniors, call (313) 531-0554

Plot

Here's the plot — Father Rivard, banished to a small parish in Solon Township, near Grand Rapids, falls in love with Sister Rita. When circumstances forced her to move into the rectory with him, his anguish became unbearable. Their relationship, inevitably, spelled tragedy, but not until the explosive and surprising climax of their sacrifice and the identity of the murderer is revealed.

John Hicks of Livonia portrays the young, just out of law school, prosecutor who would like to put Rivard in jail.

"It's interesting how quickly the play changes from past to present," he said. "You're in court, and then there's a scene of what actually happened in the past. There are lots of twists. It's a plain set and the audience has to use their imagination."

The script is what attracted Lance Abke of Plymouth to the show. "As soon as I read it I knew I had to do the show," said Abke who portrays Rivard. "These characters are striving for perfection, but realize they're human and flawed."

Rivard was banished because the bishops and other higher ups in the archdiocese thought he was disruptive. "It's very political," said Abke. "There are ulterior motives behind what happens."

As the play begins, Rivard is arrested in Detroit four-and-a-half years after Sister Rita was murdered, and brought back to Solon for trial.

Flashbacks

"The play is a series of flashbacks from 1911 to 1906," said Abke. It starts with when Sister Rita first comes to the parish and progresses to the point where she is killed.

"There are a lot of interesting characters and it seems to capture that time period," said Abke. "It's an excellent drama, a couple of hours of good entertaining suspense. It's riveting."

Abke, who has performed in plays on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus in Farmington Hills,

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THEATER

'Cindy Cinderella' a family 'American Fairytale'

On Stage
What: *Cindy Cinderella: An American Fairytale*, book and lyrics by Michael Vigilant, music by Gerald Castle. Presented by Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village in collaboration with Heartlande Theatre Company.
When: 2:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 2-3, Dec. 9-10, Dec. 16-17, Saturday, Dec. 23; Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 27-30.
Where: Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn.
Tickets: $6, call (313) 982-6001. Group rate available.
■ American Sign Language interpretation will be provided for deaf and hearing-impaired audience members Sunday, Dec. 3 and Saturday, Dec. 30. Special services for blind and hearing impaired individuals are also available by calling (313) 982-6100, Ext. 2535.
■ For more information about Heartlande Theatre Company call (248) 968-1094 Ext. 1

BY KEELY WYGONIK
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Poor Cynthia McCall is treated like an indentured servant by her mean Aunt Gertrude and cousins Constance and Anne. Her father, a seaman in the Union Navy, is away fighting, and her only friend is a neighbor Thomas Alva Edison. McCall is comforted by the hope that her father will return as promised for the Mariners Ball.

If this sounds a little like *Cinderella*, you're half right. It's the plot for *Cindy Cinderella: An American Fairytale* an original family show by Michael Vigilant and Gerald Castle opening Saturday, Dec. 2 at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

Vigilant, a Troy resident, wrote the book and lyrics for this delightfully funny show that will tug at your heartstrings. It takes place in Port Huron, a city where Edison spent part of his childhood.

"It was an exciting challenge," said Vigilant, who worked on the script with Birmingham-based Heartlande Theatre Company. Heartlande Theatre was approached by Henry Ford Museum to prepare a family show for the holidays.



Curtain call: *The cast of "Cindy Cinderella: An American Fairytale" practices the final scene during rehearsal.*

Original script

"This is a first for us," said Mary Rychlewski, who founded Heartlande with Jan Radcliff. "It was our first original script for children/family theater."

Unlike other theater companies who present the works of others, Heartlande works with playwrights like Vigilant to develop the work from inception of an idea, to script to music and production.

"It's a fascinating process," said Rychlewski. "People don't understand it. Original theater allows us to comment on our society."

Vigilant and Castle have worked together before. Castle's brother, Dan, a Birmingham resident, is directing the show. "Gerry, Dan and I started out together," said Vigilant. "There's always been a nice chemistry between us."

Because the play is at Henry Ford museum, it had to have a historical foundation. "Thomas Alva Edison spent part of his childhood in Port Huron," said Vigilant, who is marketing director and interim managing director at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts in Detroit. "He was precocious and inquisitive. He published his

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"A Christmas Carol" returns to Meadow Brook Theatre through Sunday, Dec. 24. Call (248) 377-3300 for tickets and performance times, or visit www.mbtheatre.com

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likes working at the Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford.

"It's very personal," he said. "There's not a bad seat in the house. When you're there you're close to the audience. There's a lot of energy. It's an intimate space that's beneficial for the actors and the audience."

Samantha Steckloff of Farmington Hills portrays Sister Rita. "It's kind of a murder mystery that's based on a true story," she said. "I really like my character, and the rehearsals are going well. It's a very good story that takes place in Michigan."

The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford continues its season in January with *Driving Miss Daisy*. Performances Jan. 19-20, Jan. 26-28, and Feb. 2-4.



Rehearsal: *Samantha Steckloff as Sister Rita, (left), Lance Abke, (Father Rivard) and Diane Aretz (Mrs. Shandig) practice a scene from "The Runner Stumbles."*

Chamber concert showcases clarinetist, pianist

The Chamber Music Society of Detroit continues its 57th season with a performance by clarinetist Richard Stoltzman and pianist Lukas Foss 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at Seligman Performing Arts Center on the campus of Detroit Country Day, 13 Mile Road at Lahser in Beverly Hills.

The program will include Lutoslawski's *Five Dance Preludes*, Stravinsky's *Three Pieces*, Bartok's *Romanian Dances*, and *Three American Pieces* by Foss.

Known for his innovative jazz performances and chamber music excellence, Stoltzman has performed with more than one hundred orchestras worldwide. A two-time Grammy winner, he has released nearly 50 recordings on multiple labels including RCA and Sony Classical.

Foss is known throughout the world as a pianist, composer, conductor and educator. A former music director for the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Buffalo Philharmonic, and the Milwaukee Symphony, he has appeared with many orchestras including the New York Philharmonic, Boston Symphony, and Tokyo Philharmonic.

Tickets are $18 to $67, students $15, and available at all Ticketmaster locations. Call (248) 645-6666.

Stoltzman will conduct a master class with three area advanced clarinet students — Angela Brenton a student of Theodore Oien of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Michael Wayne, and Jeremy Eig, students of Fred Ormand of the University of Michigan — 1-3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 at the Seligman Performing Arts Center. Brenton will perform a selection from Mozart's *Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra, K622*. Wayne will play a selection from Nielsen's *Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra, Op. 57*. Eig will perform Bartok's *Contrasts* with Lydia Liu, violin and Bonnie Wagner, piano. There is no charge for the session, which is open to the public.



Richard Stoltzman

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own newspaper."

Relationship

The father of two daughters ages 9 and 7, Vigilant wanted the story to be about a father/daughter relationship. It's a topic near and dear to his heart. "I wanted Cynthia to have an empowered person," he said. "I didn't want her to rely on a romance to fulfill her life"

Cynthia McCall, played by Stacy Cole, is an aspiring writer who helps Edison with his newspaper. Her father sends her shoes from his travels so that she'll know what it's like to walk in other people's shoes. He believes having this insight will help her become a better writer.

The subtle message is that ours is a world of diversity. Walking in other people's shoes helps you understand where folks come from.

"I'm only making a suggestion," said Vigilant. "I don't want it to evolve into preaching."

The show is also about the magic of believing in your dreams and the happy ever after.

"Life isn't just an equation, magic occurs" said Vigilant. "It's wonderful for children and wonderful when adults believe that it still can happen."

Patty Ward of Birmingham portrays Aunt Gertrude. "She's very nasty," said Ward as she tried to think of something positive to say about her character. "Cynthia's mother died, and her father is away fighting the Civil War. I have to provide food and a bed, and I resent it. Toward the end I soften."

Prince

Patrick O'Reilly of Farmington portrays the prince-like character who rescues McCall. He's a Union soldier stationed on the same ship as her father."

Both Ward and O'Reilly are enjoying being part of an original production.

"It's fun to create the role; you get to make it your own," said O'Reilly. "We're doing a lot of creating as we go along."

'It's geared for kids and it's a very funny, heartwarming story. It's wonderful to work here. You step right into history the minute you walk into the museum.'

Patty Ward

Actress

Both are enjoying the music and messages about inspiration. Edison had a lot of failures before he was successful. Each character has to overcome obstacles to achieve their goals.

"It's geared for kids and it's a very funny, heartwarming story," said Ward. "It's wonderful to work here. You step right into history the minute you walk into the museum. It all kind of melts together. And there's a happy ending; good prevails over evil."

Stage manager

Stacey Griffin of Garden City, a graduate of Oakland University, is the stage manager. "I love directing, and the next best thing is stage managing," she said. "I call the show, and make sure everything technically happens when it's supposed to."

Griffin who is married and has a 21-month-old son, loves all aspects of theater. In addition to working on *Cindy Cinderella* she stars in the title role of the *Velveteen Rabbit* presented by September Productions.

She believes *Cindy Cinderella* is a wonderful family production, and offers an opportunity for people to support local theater in metro Detroit.

She likes the love story aspect of the show and historical aspect.

"It really is fun giving personality to Thomas Edison a person many children of heard of, but couldn't phantom as a young man. It's just fun."

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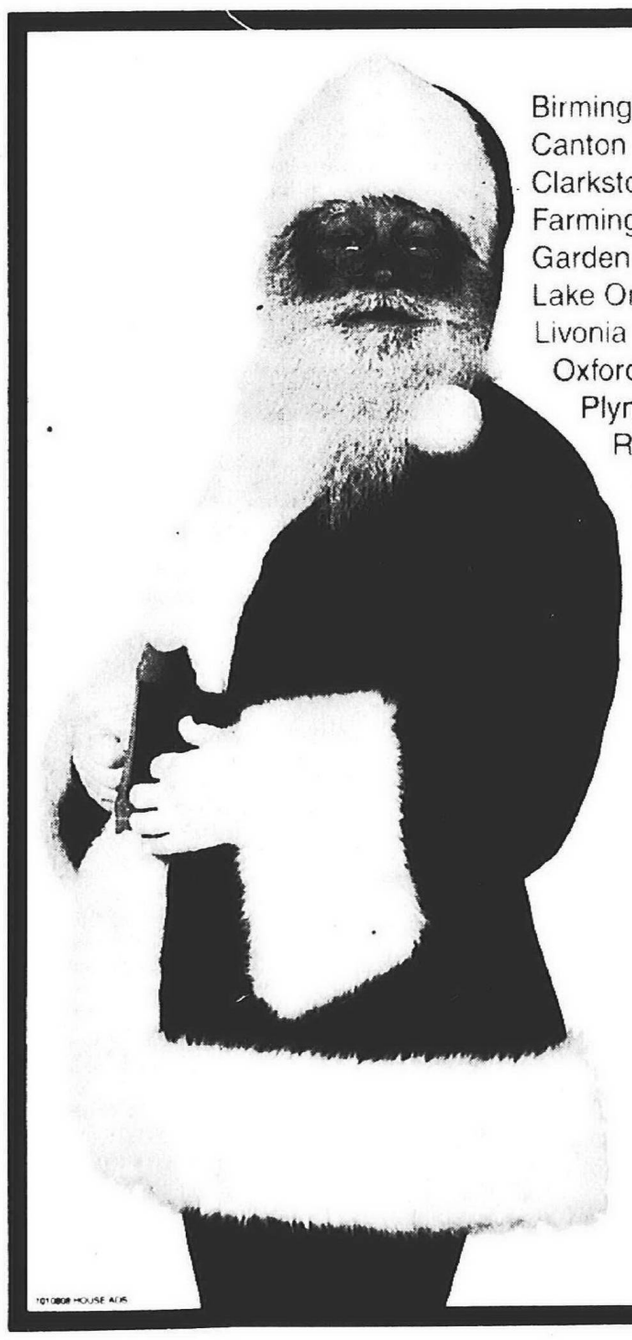
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COMMUNITY THEATER

Plymouth Theatre Guild performs 'Miracle'

The Plymouth Theatre Guild brings to life the heart-warming story "Miracle on 34th Street" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2 at the Water Tower Theater on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. Tickets $10, $7 ages 18 and under. Call (248) 349-7110.

BY PAMELA JOY MCGOWAN
SPECIAL WRITER

Sure we've all seen one version or another of the movie *Miracle on 34th Street*, but experiencing it on stage is much more fun, and the Plymouth Theatre Guild delivers it.

Directed by Barry V. Levine, a former drama teacher and off-off-Broadway actor, the cast of various ages and experience do an exceptional job bringing the Christmas spirit to the Water Tower Theatre in Northville.

In the stage adaptation there is some deviation from the familiar story found on the silver screen, but the lesson is the same: "Faith is believing in things when common sense tells us not to." Peppered with humor, elves and even a strolling choir, the magic of Christmas comes alive in this production.

Kris Kringle is a kindly old man who claims to be the real Santa Claus. A desperate Macy's executive, Doris Walker, hires him to fill in for the store's drunken – and thus recently fired-Santa, though she is not falling for the "real Santa" bit. A dispute arises between "believers" and "non-believers" and eventually Mr. Kringle finds himself in court with Doris' new boyfriend, Fred, struggling to prove the "non-believers" wrong. Everyone gets what he or she deserves in the end, including the nasty Ms. Sawyer, who is set on "exposing" Kris Kringle from the beginning. Of course, Doris' skeptical daughter, Susan, rediscovers the blind faith of a child and is rewarded by Santa.

Kris Kringle

Kris Kringle is convincingly played by C.J. Nodus. No stranger to the stage, Nodus has appeared on Broadway, and directed and acted in many other small productions. So it's no surprise that he is Santa right down to the ho, ho, ho's.

His discussion of imagination with Susan (played by Lauracindy Plague of Canton) is compelling and flawlessly delivered. Likewise, Kathleen Booker (Doris) and Dennis Hubel (Fred) do an exemplary job building the chemistry between their two characters. Watching Doris go from a cold, career-obsessed person to a sensitive, lovable woman keeps the audience from wanting to shake her for not immediately noticing the wonderful guy she has right in front of her. And Fred stays nicely confident in his belief in her and Kris Kringle.

Elves

And then there are the elves. They are cute, they are silly, and their appearances are so meaningfully placed that the production would not be the same without them. The "Littlest Elf," played by 5-year-old Plymouth resident Kelsey Tomei, is small in size but big on character. All the elves work well together to illustrate the "Elf Union." The troop of elves (Kelsey Tomei, Wendy Tomei, Stephanie Hubel, Chelsea Rourke, Laura Van Valkenburgh, Teresa Asevedo and Lauren Norris) consists of kids (and one adult) from not only Plymouth, but Farmington Hills, Northville, Novi, and Garden City as well. Livonia residents, Lauren Maceroni (Megan) and Phyllis Sollars (ensemble), make their debuts with the Plymouth Theatre Guild.

Other stand-out performances include the appearance of Producer and Assistant Director, D. Ed Cox as Charlie Halloran, and John Yono, who brings some of the first humor of the play with his portrayal of the Drunken Santa – Christmas is in the bottle.

Sets

The sets and props for this production by area residents are kept simple, which helps not to detract from the characters. The costumes, especially those of the elves, keep with the spirit and tone of the story, and Santa looks just like he did when you dreamed of him as a child – and maybe still do.

The cast makes excellent use of the aisles, enveloping the audience even further. It's hard not to leave the production wanting to put up your Christmas tree, sing carols, and maybe even tackle the shopping malls.

Pamela Joy McGowan is a Livonia resident who writes about community theater for the Observer Newspapers.

'The Lion in Winter' thought-provoking

The Farmington Players present "Lion in Winter" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, Dec. 8-9; Thursday, Dec. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 6800 Orchard Lake Road, between 14 and 15 Mile Roads, West Bloomfield. Tickets $12, call (248) 553-2955.

BY BOB WEIBEL
SPECIAL WRITER

■ The setting, costumes, props, lights and sound are well done.

If indeed, history is prologue, The Farmington Players potent production of *The Lion in Winter* provides insights into the lengths men will go to secure and maintain power (e.g. the presidency). It is Christmas Eve, 1183, at the castle of Henry II, in Chinon, France.

The king not only rules England, but is titular head of much of France, because of a weak King Philip. It is not a cheerful time for Henry, however. Which of his three sons will succeed him on the throne? That is the question. He favors one, his queen another. Henry has cast her into the dungeon to set her mind straight. When that fails, he releases her from prison is a vile ploy to see things his way. What follows is a endless series of deceits, lies, betrayals, crosses, double crosses and triple crosses, as the principals plot to have their way.

Commanding performance

James Goldman's play makes for great theater as performed by the Players under the able direction of Nancy Harrower. Ves Spindler gives a commanding performance as Henry II. In appearance, stature and voice Spindler is more like a pride than a mere lion bellowing about the stage demanding that others bow to his wishes. His legacy must live on. Even if it breaks his heart. Even if he must disinherit his sons, throw them in the dungeon, have his marriage annulled, and marry his mistress to give him more sons to choose from. His shrewish wife, Queen Eleanor, played superbly by Jan Salisbury, holds the trump card — title to the province of Aquitane, which Henry covets. She has a sharp tongue and will stop at nothing be the winner. One time taunting Henry that she has slept with his father. Another time, presenting knives to her sons to use against Henry.

The queen tolerates Henry's many affairs, including his latest with a French princess, Alais. Brienne rae is alluring and compelling as a women who may have to sacrifice her desires to satisfy the whims of the men about her. Ken Branshaw, masterfully creates a vivid character in Geoffrey, the middle son, who is favored by neither parent. He survives on intelligence and cleverness.

Randy Coble, as Richard the Lionheart, gives an understated but effective performance as the son favored by the queen. Matt Yanke, in his first major role, plays Henry's favorite son, John. Still in high school, Yanke's youth serves him well as a young man caught in a whirlwind of intrigue he doesn't quite understand. John Abair, Jr. is very good as King Philip, who arrives to claim what is rightfully his — only to be rebuffed by the strong personality and devious deals of Henry.

Setting

The setting, costumes, props, lights and sound are well done, contributing to an entertaining and thought-provoking evening of theatre — even though playwright Goldman gives us a longish first act.

Bob Weibel is a Westland resident and writes about theater for the Observer Newspapers.

Children's performer



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FOX THEATRE: *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* opens Friday, Nov. 24 and continues to Sunday, Dec. 31, performances interpreted for the deaf 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13 and 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the theater, Detroit. $10-$55.50. (248) 433-1515 or visit the Web site at www.ticketmaster.com

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MEADOW BROOK THEATRE: *A Christmas Carol* continues through Sunday, Dec. 24, at the theater on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Performances Tuesday-Sunday. $26.50-$39.50, (248) 377-3300/(248) 645-6666

PLANET ANT: *Before & Laughter,* an original comedy by Second City alum Nancy Hayden, continues to Sunday, Nov. 26, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. $10. (313) 365-4948 Ext. 1

SLOWSHARES THEATRE COMPANY: *Ain't Misbehavin'* continues to Sunday, Dec. 3, at the theater, Detroit. $25, $22 seniors/students. (313) 872-0279

SECOND CITY THEATRE: *The Vagina Monologues* opens 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 t through Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. Tickets $85 for opening night charity gala, includes after glow. Tickets $45 for the run of the show, with $15 tickets available for first 25 students to present ID. (248) 645-6666

COMMUNITY THEATER

AVON PLAYERS: *Forever Christmas V, 'Tis the Season!,* a holiday musical, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16 and Thursday, Dec. 14, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 and 10, at the playhouse, Rochester Hills. $15, senior/student/group rates available for Thursday and Sunday performances. (248) 608-9077

FARMINGTON PLAYERS: Present *The Lion in Winter* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2 and 8-9, and Thursday, Dec. 7, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, West Bloomfield. $12. (248) 553-2955

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD: Brings to life the heart-warming story *Miracle on 34th Street* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at the Water Tower Theater on the campus of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. $10, $7 ages 18 and under. (248) 349-7110

THEATRE GUILD OF LIVONIA-REDFORD: *The Runner Stumbles* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, 8-9 and 15-16 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 and 17, at the theater, Redford. $12, $10 seniors/students. (313) 531-0554

COLLEGE THEATER

BONSTELLE THEATRE: *The Miracle Worker* by William Gibson opens 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 and runs weekends through Sunday, Dec. 10. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, Detroit. $8-$10. (313) 577-2960



Bah Humbug: *Dennis Robertson stars as Ebenezer Scrooge, Joshua Romeo and Hanna Lynn Mathers as Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol," playing through Sunday, Dec. 24 at Meadow Brook Theatre on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester. Performances Tuesday-Sunday, tickets $26.50-$39.50, call (248) 377-3300 or (248) 645-6666.*

EMU THEATRE: *A Christmas Carol,* 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2 and 8-9 and Thursday, Dec. 7, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Quirk Theatre, Ypsilanti. $13 Friday-Saturday, $11 Sunday, $8 Thursday, $2 discount if purchased 20 minutes or more advance. (734) 487-1221

HILBERRY THEATRE: Luigi Pirandello's *Six Characters in Search of an Author* runs in rotating repertory until Feb. 22. Performances 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday; *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* runs in rotating repertory through Dec. 9; *As You Like It* runs in rotating repertory until Dec. 16, at the theater,, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC, THEATRE AND DANCE: Double bill of the opera productions of GianCarlo Menotti's *Amahl and the Night Visitors* with *Harrison Loved His Umbrella* by Stanley Hollingsworth, Dec. 1-10. Performances 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 5-6 in Varner Recital Hall on the campus in Rochester. $12 general, $10 seniors, $6 students. (248) 370-3013. Performances with the Warren Symphony 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at Roseville Junior High School, 16250 Martin Road, Warren. $18 general, $16 seniors, $10 students, $5 children. (810) 754-2950

THE THEATRE COMPANY: *Stop Kiss* by Diana Son continues 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday until Sunday, Dec. 3, in the Mcauley Auditorium On-Stage venue on the University of Detroit Mercy's Outer Drive Campus. $12, $10 students/seniors. (313) 993-1130

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN: Players' Club presents *Twelfth Night* 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, in the School of Management Building Lecture Hall B on campus. No charge. (734) 699-9876

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN THEATRE *To Kill a Mockingbird* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 7-9 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10; *The Tempest* 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 14-16, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. $20 and $15 reserved, $7 students. (734) 764-0450

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

MARQUIS THEATRE: Musical adaptation of *Pinocchio,* 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Jan. 6 and 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31, and Jan. 7, 14, also 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 26-29, at the theater, Northville. $7.50. (248) 349-8110

PUPPETART: *Cinderella* 2 p.m. Saturday, dec. 2, 9, 16 and 23, at the Detroit Puppet Theater. $7, $5 children. (313) 961-7777

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS: Present *A Child's Christmas in Wales,* based on the story by Dylan Thomas, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. $5. The production is also available to tour schools and other venues Dec. 4-21. (734) 416-4278

WILD SWAN THEATER: Present *The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.* Wednesday-Friday Dec. 6-8, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 9-10, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Towsley Theater in the Morris Lawrence Building of Washtenaw Community College. $8, $6 children. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666

YOUTHEATRE: *The Very Hungry Caterpillar and the Very Quiet Cricket* 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, at the Millennium Centre, Southfield. $8 in advance, $10 at the door. (248) 557-7529

HOLID'AY CONCERTS

ALEXANDER ZONJIC: Kicks off St. Mary's College's fifth annual *Classics on the Lake* concert series with A Pipers' Holiday Concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Orchard Lake. $15 adults, $10 students, afterglow $30. (248) 706-5355

ANN ARBOR SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Sing-a-Long with Santa* 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, Ann Arbor. $10, $5 children, $25 familes, $50 patrons. (734) 994-4801

BIRMINGHAM CONCERT BAND: Presents two Christmas concerts 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple (at Chesterfield), Birmingham. The band will perform with the St. Benedict Choir. Second concert 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, St. Isidore Catholic Church, 18201 Twenty-three Mile Road, (corner of Romeo Plank Road). This performance will feature Patty Cooper with the band.

CANTATA ACADEMY: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, Redford

DETROIT CHAMBER WINDS: Concerts at Costick, features Detroit Chamber Winds holiday concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at Costick Activities Center, Farmington Hills. $15 adults/$12 seniors/$10 students. (248) 473-1856

DETROIT CONCERT CHOIR: Perform music from around the world 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8 at Grosse Pointe Memorial church; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at St. Hugo of the Hills Church, Bloomfield Hills, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at Grosse Pointe Woods Presbyterian Church. $15. (313) 882-0118

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Messiah* 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $16-$71. (313) 576-5111

EMU CHOIRS/CAMPUS MINISTRIES: Present seasonal songs and readings, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. No charge. (734) 487-2255

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND: Present its annual winter concert Warm Winter Winds 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Farmington High School Auditorium. No charge for the concert but a good will offering will help support the community band. For more information or to be placed on the Farmington Community Band mailing list, call (734) 261-2202 or visit the Web site at www.fcbmusic.org

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CHORUS: *We Wish You the Merriest* Christmas concert 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 15-16, at Farmington High School Auditorium. (248) 788-5322 or visit the Web site at www.farmingtonchorus.com

FEAST OF CAROLS: 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Royal Oak United Methodist Church. Free-will offering benefits the church's youth programs. Christmas concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 16. $8, $5 seniors. (248) 541-4100

FESTIVAL CHOIR: Perform Advent and Christmas portions of Handel's classical oratorio *Messiah* 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church. Free-will offering. (313) 882-5330

JACKSON CHORALE: Sing a Christmas concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at Central United Methodist Church, Waterford. $10, $8 seniors/studetns. (248) 651-3085

LIVONIA YOUTH CHOIR: Present their winter concert 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Faith Lutheran Church, Livonia. Free. (734) 427-9578

MADRIGAL CHORALE: Holiday concert 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Old St. Mary's Church in Detroit's Greektown. $15 in advance, $18 at the door. (810) 465-5973

MESSIAH: Presented by First United Methodist Church Performing Arts Series with the Festival Chorus and Chamber Orchestra, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. The church is in Royal Oak. (248) 541-4100

MICHIGAN CONCERT CHORALE: Sing the *Messiah* 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Iroquois Avenue Christ Lutheran Church, Detroit. $6, $20 patrons with preferred seating. (313) 921-2667

MUSICKE MAYKERS: Join with Celtic harpist Cecilia Webster and fiddler Judy Plester to peform traditional Christmas music with a Celtic flair 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church, Detroit. Free will offering. (313) 822-3456

NORTHVILLE CONCERT CHORALE: Perform the *Messiah* 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at First Presbyterian Church, Northville. $10 advance, $12 at dooor, $35 family (advance), $40 at door. (248) 349-0911

RACKHAM SYMPHONY CHOIR: Perform *Amahl and the Night Visitors,* an opera classic written especially for children, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Music Hall, Detroit. $15, $5 children. (313) 963-2366/(248) 645-6666

SWEET ADELINE CONCERT: The Spirit of Detroit Chorus of Sweet Adelines International will present their annual show *The Spirit of Christmas* 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at Mercy High School, Farmington Hills. (313) 937-2429, matinee group sales (734) 422-2692

TWELFTH NIGHT SINGERS: A cappella voices in olde English attire sing a Christmas concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Zion Lutheran Church, Woodward at Albany, two blocks south of 9 Mile, Ferndale. Free will offering.

A UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS: Featuring the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of Detroit and Vesnivka Choir of Toronto 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Clinton Twp. (810) 286-2222; 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at St. Mary's Center, Monroe. (734) 241-5277

UNIVERSITY MUSICIAL SOCIETY: Presents Handel's *Messiah* sung by the UMS Choral Union 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor. $12-$20. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229

VOX HUMANA: Detroit's Chamber Choir present a concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at Frist Unitarian-Universalist Church, Detroit. $10 advance, $7 students/seniors; $15 at the door, $10 seniors/students. (313) 964-2658

YPSILANTI COMMUNITY CHOIR: Performs with the Barnhill Concert Band in a festive holidat concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. No charge. (734) 487-2255

SPECIAL EVENTS

CHANCEL CHOIR: Sing Handel and Bach as part of Advent celebration Sunday, Dec. 3, at Central United Methodist Church, Detroit. (313) 965-5422

CRANBROOK GARDENS GREENHOUSE SALE: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, until 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Bloomfield Hills. (248) 645-3147

HOLIDAY DOLL SHOW: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. $5 ages under 10 free. (734) 455-2110

UTE LEMPER: The singer performs cabaret music 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Michigan Theatre, Ann Arbor. $16-$36. (734) 764-2538

MADRIGAL DINNERS: Schoolcraft College holds its annual Madrigal Dinners 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 8-9 in the Waterman Center on campus, Livonia. In addition to wassail and cider, fresh bread and salad, diners will be treated to roast rib of beef and Yorkshire pudding, roasted herb potatoes, royal plum and cranberry pudding with brandied hard sauce, and Scottish shortbread. $40 for second tier seats. To reserve a banquet seat, call (734) 462-4670

NOEL NIGHT: The 28th annual event features music, art exhibits, caroling, carriage rides, holiday shopping, a chance to visit Santa's reindeer, and concludes with a sing-a-long on Woodward Avenue, 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the University Cultural Center, Detroit. (313) 577-5088

OWL PROWL: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Kensington Nature Center, near Milford/Brighton. Pre-registration required, call (248) 685-0603/(800) 477-3178

POLISH CHRISTMAS EVE: Enjoy a traditional Wigilia (Polish Christmas Eve) and performance by the Radomianie Polish Folk Dance Ensemble 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10 at Stitt Post No. 232, Dearborn Heights. $19, $13 for age 12 and under, and include brunch and performance. Deadline for reservations is Friday, Dec. 1. No tickets available at the door. (734) 427-8640

REDFORD THEATRE: Karolyn Grimes, the actress who played Zuzu Bailey in *It's a Wonderful Life,* will discuss her role in the film 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, film at 8 p.m., at the theater. $10. (313) 531-4407/(248) 258-5806

X-TRAVA CON: Comic book, toy and non-sport card show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Livonia. $2. (248) 426-8059

BENEFITS

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY: With Featured Soloists Audrey Brown, Christine Bonner and Therese Oldani perform "Fantasia on a Christmas Carol" 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, Andiamo, Warren. Benefit includes dinner, concert, valet parking. $75 adults, $25 children under 10. (248) 650-2655

MAKE A WISH BENEFIT: Kevin Devine performs at a holiday sing-a-long concert 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30 at Domino Farms, Ann Arbor. Minimum donation is $5 per vehicle weekdays, $7 weekends, $100 per bus. Proceeds benefit the Make a Wish Foundation. (734) 930-4430

CLASSICAL

ARIANNA STRING QUARTET: 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Pease Audtiorium, Ypsilanti. No charge. (734) 487-2255

DETROIT ORATORIO SOCIETY: With Borealis Brass Quartet and Mark Kaczmarczyk, presents "Music of the Nativity" with pieces like Vauhan William's "Fantasia on a Christmas Carol," Daniel Pinkham's "Christmas Cantata" and Josquin's "Ave Maria" 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, St. Hugo of the Hills Chapel, Bloomfield Hills; 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, St. Mary's Church, Royal Oak. (248) 650-2655

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: *Bach and Handel* 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, 10:45 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. $15-$71. (313) 576-5111

SEAN DUGGANS: The international prize-winning pianist performs Bach 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. No charge. (734) 487-2255

8 days a week

Making contact: Please submit popular music items for publication to Stephanie Casola; all others to Linda Chomin, two weeks in advance to the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150 or by fax (734) 591-7279. Items must include the date, time, venue, admission price and a telephone number.

EMU COLLEGIUM: Perform and all Bach program 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Holy Trinity Church, Ypsilanti. No charge. (734) 487-2255
MICHIGAN CHAMBER PLAYERS: Will perform Oliver Messaien's *Quartet for the End of Time*, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, Guild Hall, Sanctuary of Christ Church Cranbrook, southwest corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine Roads, Bloomfield Hills. $25 at door, $15 for students. (810) 751-2435
REDFORD CIVIC SYMPHONY: Perform a Holiday Concert featuring music from around the world 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Livonia. No charge. (313) 538-1652
RICHARD STOLTZMAN/LUKAS FOSS: The clarinetist and pianist perform 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the Seligman Performing Arts Center at Detroit Country Day School, Beverly Hills. $18-$67. (248) 645-6666
TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA: Plays 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, Detroit Opera House. $40 and $30, (248) 645-6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS: Presents its 28th annual Christmas concert Holiday Seasonings 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Plymouth-Salem High School, Canton. $10. (734) 455-4080
RODRICK DIXON: Operatic tenor and light classical, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 28, Athens High School, Troy. $15 at the door. (248) 335-5307
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR: Performs a traditional holiday program 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 as part of the Noel Night celebration at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit. A second performance will be given 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, Livonia. Donations will be accepted during intermission. (248) 349-8175/(734) 462-4435

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

BIG BAND WORKSHOP: The Michigan Jazz Festival committee is still looking for young musicians to participate in its second free big band jazz clinic 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Dec. 5 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, Livonia. Johnny Trudell, co-founder of the festival, has again assembled a "first call" band of Detroit musicians and educators who will perform a variety of big band music while demonstrating basic concepts of style, technique and other necessary ingredients of big band performance. Jack Pierson, director of Schoolcraft College's Jazz Band and vocal jazz group SCool Jazz, will narrate the program.
To reserve a space or for more information, call Midge Ellis at (248) 474-2720
OPEN HOUSE: An all-male holiday chorus is having an open house 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, while helpful, the ability to read music is not a requirement. If you can carry a tune, you're welcome to attend, at Newburg United Methodist Church, Livonia. (734) 981-6342

PLYMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Is looking for qualified, energetic and excited community members to fill volunteer and part-time production, stage management, educational, and music library positions, hourly wages commensurate with experience, there are also a number of volunteer clerical positions available. If you're interested in helping the orchestra, call (734) 451-2112 or visit them at their new office in Forest Place, 470 Forest Avenue, Suite 18, Plymouth

SINGERS WANTED: Learn to sing male four-part harmony, audition not required but the ability to sing "on key," 7:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, in the music department of the Arts Building at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn. (734) 261-5321/(313) 278-1078

SWING BAND: The OPC Senior Band invites musicians to dust off their instruments and join the band 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, or just drop by to listen, at the Rochester Older Persons Commission, 312 Woodward Street. (248) 646-2864

POPS/SWING

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA: 9 p.m. Monday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $7 cover. (734) 662-8310 (big band, swing, bop)
MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bistecca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400
JIM PARAVANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday through November, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

JAZZ

MARK ARSHAK: 9 p.m. Satuday, Dec. 2 at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150
JOHNNIE BASSETT: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturay, Dec. 8-9, at the Century Club Restaurant, Detroit. (313) 963-9800
RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $5 cover. (734) 662-8310
EMU JAZZ/PERCUSSION ENSEMBLES: 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4, in Pease Auditorium, Ypsilanti. No charge. (734) 487-2255
EVENING OF JAZZ AND CLASS: 6:30 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m.dinner Saturday, Dec. 9, at the main branch of the Detroit Public Libary. $100, proceeds help support the construction of Project Main Street, an interactive learning environment for children. (313) 833-4042
BENNY GREEN: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310
DALE GRISA TRIO: 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, at Sweet Lorraine's in the Livonia Marriot. No cover charge. (734) 953-7480
PAUL KELLER/CARY KOCHER QUARTET: 9 p.m. Tuesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $5 cover. (734) 662-8310
LOS GATOS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $5 cover. (734) 662-8310
MARION MEADOWS: 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2, Club Upscale, Detroit. $30. (248) 645-6666
MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With Russ Miller, saxophone/flute and Jerry McKenzie, drums 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6; with saxophonist Paul Vornhagen 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 13, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Warren Road, east of Middlebelt. $5 cover. (734) 762-7756
JAMES MONTGOMERY: 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150
LARRY NOZERO QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30, at Rocky's of Northville. (248) 349-4434
BEN YONAS TRIO: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. $5 cover. (734) 662-8310

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

KARLA BONOFF: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $17.50. (734) 763-TKTS
DENNIS CYPORYN BAND: 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $11. (734) 763-TKTS
WILLY PORTER: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 763-TKTS
PAUL THORN: 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 6, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 763-TKTS
MARK WINNINGHAM: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $15. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

PADDY KEENAN: The uilleann piper performs with Sean Tyrell 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. $13.50. (734) 763-TKTS (Irish)
TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. $3.
IRISH CEILI: The Detroit-Windsor Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will be having a ceili 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9 at the White Heather Club, 150 Vester (1 block north of Nine Mile Road and 1 block east of Woodward) Ferndale. Traditional Irish music provided by local musicians. There will be set and ceili dance instruction, no experience necessary. Come and learn traditional Irish dancing. Cash bar and food will be provided by the White Heather Club. Admission $7. (734) 420-0832

DANCE

DETROIT DANCE COLLECTIVE: A modern dance concert featuring the Detroit Dance Collective and Art!Art! Barking Dog Dance Company of Kentucky 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1 at Wayne State University Community Arts Auditorium, Detroit. $15, $12 students/seniors. (313) 965-3544. A special Danceabout Dance Concert for Young Folks will take place 10:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 1. $6.
LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Presents *The Nutcracker* with the Dearborn Ballet Theatre 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, in the Churchill High School Auditorium, Livonia. $15, $10 children/students. (734) 425-4855
MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET: *The Nutcracker* featuring guest artists from Ballet West 11 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at Mercy Auditorium, Farmington Hills. $15, $12 seniors/children. (248) 334-6964
MOON-DUSTERS: Ballroom dancing to live bands 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, at the Livonia Civic Center, 15218 Farmington Road, Livonia. $5. (248) 967-1428
NOVI THEATRES: Children Annex perform *The Nutcracker* Friday-Sunday, Dec. 8-10, at the Novi Civic Center. (248) 347-0400
WATERFORD-OAKS BALLROOM DANCING: 8-11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 1, at 28000 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford. (248) 673-4764
WOLVERINE SILVERSPUR DANCERS: 7:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Italian American Cultural Center, Warren. $7. (810) 774-9148

COMEDY

BINGO!: An audience participation comedy romp continues 8 p.m. Wenesday-Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, at the 7th House, Pontiac. (248) 335-8100/(248) 645-6666
ANDY DICK'S CIRCUS OF FREAKS: Performance comedy 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Michigan Theater, Ann Arbor. $20, $15 students with I.D. (734) 762-TKTS/(248) 645-6666
CAPITOL THEATRE: Live from the Vinyl Cafe Stuart McLean performs a show centered around a small record story 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, at the theater, Windsor. $28.50 (519) 253-8065
EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Darwin Hine with P.J. Buttland, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2; Elliot Branch with Sal DemilioFriday-Saturday, dec. 8-9, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Allyn Ball Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 30-Dec. 2; Lowell Sanders Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 6-9at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555
JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Barrie Diamond Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 30 to Dec. 3; Jeff Wayne Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 7-10, at Paisano's: at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE: Elliott Branch Friday-Saturday, Dec. 1-2; Mike Hessman Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 7-9, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080
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'Grinch' shows how Jim Carrey stole our hearts

By Jon Katz
Special Writer

Twenty years ago, Robin Williams was the toast of Tinseltown. His overflowing popularity and over-the-top personality, however, couldn't save the overblown screen version of *Popeye*. Jim Carrey must surely be wondering whether the $123 million *Grinch* will be his *Popeye*.

Worry not, Jimbo. *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* is a tour de fur for the incomparable Carrey, a swirling blizzard of otherworldly fantasies that the good doctor himself would have blessed with a papa's pride.

As innocent as was the 1957 book, as unsophisticated as was the 1966 animated television version, director Ron Howard built the largest set in Universal Studios' history and still managed to keep it simple. The story, that is.

Grinch, at its heart, is about the meaning of Christmas. And since the cave-dwelling Grinch – lean, green and mean – has a heart that's two sizes too small, the village of Whoville has a problem. Two problems, in fact, as one of its smallest citizens, Cindy Lou Who (Taylor Momsen), harbors holiday doubts of her own. In her song *Christmas, Why Can't I Find You?* Cindy laments, "Did Christmas change, or just me?"

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The Grinch and Cindy Lou are the only characters from the original book. Jeffrey Price and Peter A. Seaman (*Who Framed Roger Rabbit*) offer a "whostory" lesson (there are lots of "who" puns, from "whovenile delinquent" to "whobilation") that expands the story without adding any fat.

They show, for example, how the 8-year-old Grinch (Josh Ryan Evans, in a fine, Grinchy performance of his own) came to have it in for the Whos. They also give Cindy Lou parents: befuddled Whoville postmaster Lou Who (Bill Irwin) and wife Betty Lou Who (Molly Shannon).

But it's Carrey who carries the film, with an assist from five-time Academy Award-winning make-up artist Rick Baker. Carrey's voice, face and body are a symphony, harmonious and eloquent, soaring through new and uncharted progressions of expression.

Carrey's Grinch is every bit the meanie from Mount Crumpit that Dr. Seuss gave us, "the one creature within a billion billometers who hates Christmas." He's also a lonely soul who just needs a friend. Doesn't that hit a familiar chord? Only someone totally lacking in-forgive us-whomanity would turn such a creature away.

Watch for some other notable Whos, including Jeffrey Tambor as Mayor May Who and Christine Baranski as haughty neighbor Martha May Whovier. And it wouldn't be a Ron Howard film without brother Clint, here as mayoral assistant Whobris.

Is *Grinch* an instant family classic? Possibly, but some of the effects, even Carrey's rapid-fire mannerisms and Ralph Kramden temper, may be a bit intense for the youngest ones.

Interestingly, while the Grinch has the bark but little bite, the Whos have these distorted faces reminiscent of the pig people from that *Twilight Zone* episode where the beautiful girl is the one sent away. They may need more explaining than the six-foot furball himself.

Happy Wholidays.

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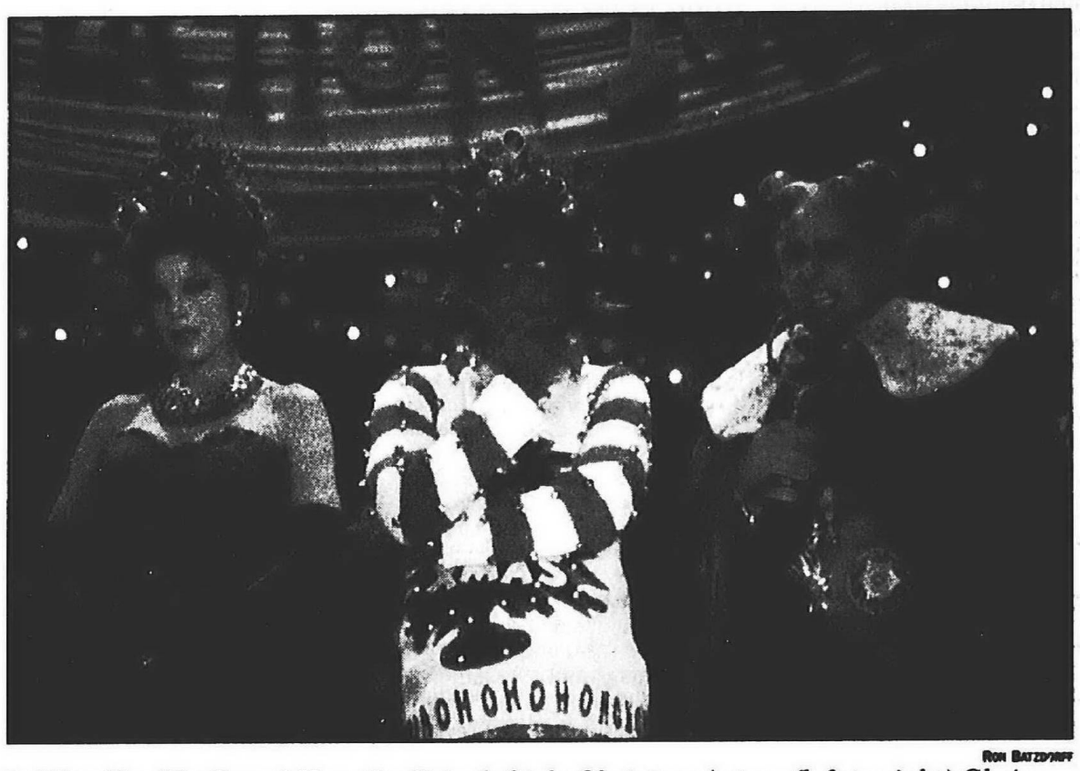

Ron Batzdorff

In Whoville: *'Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas' stars (left to right) Christine Baranski as Martha May Whovier, Jim Carrey as the Grinch and Jeffrey Tambor as Mayor May Who. Ron Howard directed this holiday spectacle.*

Film suffers from lame script

By Jon Katz
Special Writer



Jaap Buitendijk

Red Planet: *Carrie-Anne Moss and Val Kilmer star in this film about a futuristic mission to Mars.*

You know you're in trouble when the best performance in the film is by the scenery. With an honorable mention to an animated metal robo-dog.

Red Planet poses a premise worthy of consideration. It is 50 years from now, and we've totally loused up good old Earth. The planet is so polluted even frogs are extinct. Hey, no problem. There're lots more planets where this one came from; let's just move to the next one.

First, probes are sent to seed Mars with oxygen-producing algae to create a breathable atmosphere. When communications mysteriously stop, the first manned Mars mission is dispatched to find out why.

But that's just the prologue. During the next two hours, we learn that Mars itself has way more life than the six-pack of actors on board Mars One. Naturally, everything that can go wrong does. No surprise there, when you consider that three of the crewpersons are named Robby, Chip and Bud. Would you trust your future to two of *My Three Sons* and the youngest Bundy from *Married With Children*?

Val Kilmer (*At First Sight*) is Robby, the ship's fix-it man. The only thing he can't fix is himself up with the ship's commander, Carrie-Anne Moss (*The Matrix*). She's up there on the mother ship while he's down on the planet with four of the least interesting space travelers in sci-fi memory. Even the accomplished Terence Stamp can't rescue himself from screenwriters Chuck Pfarrer and Jonathan Lemkin's lame spiritual meanderings.

The guys are interchangeable in color as well as in character. *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry had to fight the networks for diversity 35 years ago; it's a shame to even have to bring it up today.

Moss fares better than the men, with considerable gratitude to the ground laid by Sigourney Weaver in the *Alien* trilogy. Her Lt. Commander Bowman is strong and able. Not that strong, however, that she can tell the filmmakers what they can do with the obligatory space shower scene.

Moss isn't the only import from *The Matrix*. The sound, costume and production designers were all brought in, and their work, at least, is exceptional. Pay close attention to the astronauts' uniforms and see how many corporate logos are featured; we spotted Nokia, IBM, Hughes Aircraft and Toshiba. Perhaps these companies won't suffer the same fate as Pan Am and Bell Telephone, each prominently displayed in the late Stanley Kubrick's visionary *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

Shot in the Australian outback and a Jordanian desert, *Red Planet* does get across the idea that we'd better take care of what we've been given; the alternative is not pleasant.

In fact, the only alternative less pleasant is a sequel about Venus.

Then again, that's where we've read women are from, so maybe there's hope.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 8

PROOF OF LIFE
An American engineer working in South America is kidnapped and held for ransom. His company won't pay, so his wife must hire a freelance hostage negotiator to secure his release. Stars Meg Ryan, Russell Crowe, David Morse.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 22

CHOCOLAT
A mysterious woman arrives in a French town and opens an unusual chocolate shop. Her ability to sense a customer's private desires and satisfy them with just the right confection stirs up the town. Stars Juliette Binoche.

MISS CONGENIALITY
An FBI agent trying to follow in her heroic mother's footsteps goes undercover as a beauty pageant contestant to thwart the efforts of a group threatening to bomb the event. Stars Sandra Bullock, William Shatner.

WES CRAVEN'S DRACULA 2000
Taking up where the Bram Stoker legend chillingly ends, Dracula's century-old crypt is opened and the world's most seductive and sinister vampire is unleashed upon modern times. Stars Gerard Butler, Johnny Lee Miller, Justine Waddell, Christopher Plummer.

Scheduled to open Monday, Dec. 25

MALENA
From the Academy Award-winning director of Cinema Paradiso comes an intimate portrait and an epic story of independence, intrigue, courage and the indelible presence of true love. Stars Monica Bellucci, Guiseppe Sulfaro.

SONGCATCHER
The story of musicologist Dr. Lily Penleric, a fiercely tenacious woman who journeyed into the mountains and discovered the wild-hearted world where American folk, bluegrass and country music were born. Stars Janet McTeer.

STREET SCENE

The Tragically Hip get back to 'work' with new music



STEPHANIE A. CASOLA

Few bands adopt a true egalitarian system of songwriting, establishing a real collective effort. But for Ontario-originated rock sensation The Tragically Hip, music comes from all five members, equally. And the band believes that's the key to longevity in the rock world.

"We're a songwriting collective," said Robby Baker, guitarist. "Everyone writes all the time."

That credo has kept the band intact and fostered a mutual respect among its members for more than a decade. For longtime friends Baker, vocalist Gordie Downie, drummer Johnny Fay, guitarist Paul Langlois and bassist Gord Sinclair, it's also been a means to success. The Hip have sold over a million records in the United States alone. They sell out arenas like The Palace and Pine Knob Music Theatre on most visits to the metro area. No one seems to tire of their guitar-laden riffs and swaying melodies. Not around here, anyway.

On Nov. 16, Baker called from Vancouver, the second night of the band's arena tour, to talk about this long history and The Hip's latest album, *Music @ Work*. Fresh from soundcheck, he sounded more enthusiastic than expected – the band has essentially been on the road since last May. "I think the idea is always just to try and push ourselves," said Baker. For those attending the upcoming Detroit show, *An Evening With The Tragically Hip*, the band will perform two separate sets; 70 minutes of music followed by a 20 minute break and then another 70 to 100 minutes of music. I guess when you have a 15-year history and nine albums to your credit, you can do that sort of thing.

With *Music @ Work*, the band came up with 30 songs in its first session of writing. Again having no particular direction in mind, the music molded into what appears on the album. Like all the band's previous work, the songs tend to evolve each time they are performed. For The Hip, music that "works" is music that constantly changes.

"I don't go back and listen to the records," said Baker of the band's previous material. "(If I) hear a song on the radio, it takes me back to the five of us at that moment. It's weird but for us, a song is a living, breathing thing. We take them out, play them live. We're always nipping and tucking."

"Songs are like frozen moments in time, like a snapshot," said Baker. "Listening to the records for me is like looking through a high school yearbook."

By that he means, it's nice to have but he doesn't often crack it open. As for the new songs, Baker feels the band created an eclectic record. From the band's heaviest moments, on *Tiger the Lion*, to its most subtle, *As I Wind Down The Pines*, *Music @ Work* showcases a tight-knit group of friends whose musical efforts ebb and flow seamlessly.

"(On) *Tiger The Lion* we were really pleased to have a song that challenged us, and challenges our audience," said Baker. "People say as we get older, we're getting mellower."

The Hip never did cater to trends, anyway

"We never really saw ourselves as a hip band," said Baker. "I always thought that because we were friends first, we would sort of outlast everybody. We'd be around in 15 years. When your best friends are in the band, you're in it for the long term."

The Hip's devoted fan base has proven they too are in it for the long haul. The band, while it hasn't achieved heaps of commercial success, earned a dedicated following who often travel from one show to the next. "In the past we haven't been a huge radio or video band," admitted Baker. "Because we were not that kind of band, people know the band through our albums. They listen to the whole album. They are fans of the band rather than fans of a song."

Knowing that, The Hip reach out to those devoted fans at live shows by digging deep into its past and performing obscure material alongside a mix of newer songs. "Those are the fans you really want," said Baker. "They force us to basically change up the set every night."

Expect the unexpected when The Tragically Hip return to Cobo Arena. It's a venue the band loves, said Baker. The band previously recorded its live album there. While this time the tape won't be rolling, the Tragically Hip is sure to prove again that its truly their music at work.

See An Evening With The Tragically Hip 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, Cobo Arena, Detroit. Tickets are $27.50. Call (248) 433-1515.

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Off to make their 'Music @ Work': *The Tragically Hip is (left to right) Johnny Fay, Gord Sinclair, Gordon Downie, Robby Baker and Paul Langlois. After 15 years as a band, the Hip says it's stronger than ever. Catch them in Detroit this weekend.*

Modern musical celebrates life

Jonathan Larson's modern musical, "Rent," continues through Sunday, Dec. 3. at The Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway in Detroit. Showtimes are 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Nov. 30-Dec. 1; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3. Tickets $16.50-$53.50.Call (248) 645-6666.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Enter the cold, metal-laden world of *Rent* and you'll find some of the most engaging, realistic characters in modern musical theater. Jonathan Larson's live-for-the-moment drama returns to Detroit bringing back all the enthusiasm a rock opera can possibly muster.

The set remains a simplistic array of cold steel structures. A white paper lantern moon and cold blue lights shine on the cast who are carefully decked in bright costumes that – like the story itself – celebrate life. The Detroit Opera House offers an intimate, elegant and contrasting backdrop to a show that glorifies bohemian life off 11th Street and Avenue B in New York City.

Rent, based on Puccini's *La Boheme*, centers on a group of young, struggling artists who are faced with eviction when a former friend named Benny (Brian M. Love) comes to collect back rent. Benny hopes to open a virtual studio and demands the money owed to him. But he'll let it slide if they prevent the "drama queen" performance artist, Maureen, from protesting the loss of performance space.

What unfolds under this premise is a story of love, life, art and compromise told straight and unflinchingly. The story is seen through the eyes and camera lens of Mark Cohen, an aspiring filmmaker whose voyeuristic approach to life stifles his own happiness. Matt Caplan portrays him with vehement enthusiasm, wearing the signature black and white striped scarf with pride.

Mark's roommate, Roger Davis, has all but given up on life since his girlfriend committed suicide. As the reclusive rock singer, actor Christian Mena doesn't quite live up to the role of Roger. He got off to a shaky start on opening night. Mena's voice didn't always match the power and fury demanded by the character. At times he seemed uncomfortable with his guitar – the very instrument Roger uses to express his feelings. Over the course of the year, the time span of the story, Roger strives to find the song he will leave as a legacy. His achingly-beautiful solo *One Song Glory*, does begin to redeem him.

Angel Schunard, the delightful transvestite, is played with boundless energy by Shaun Earl Angel marks the very epitome of believing in one's self and making each moment in life count. For it's his sad demise from AIDS which refocuses the rest of the characters on their own dreams.

Highlights of the show, however, lie with the female cast members. Mimi Marquez, played by the fiery Saycon Sengbloh, is the wild girl who lives too fast. Her strong voice and demeanor won't hold back, and her talent is showcased in her solo *Out Tonight*, which has Sengbloh howling like a cat and prowling around the set in heels and rubber pants. Mimi is the personification of a will to live.

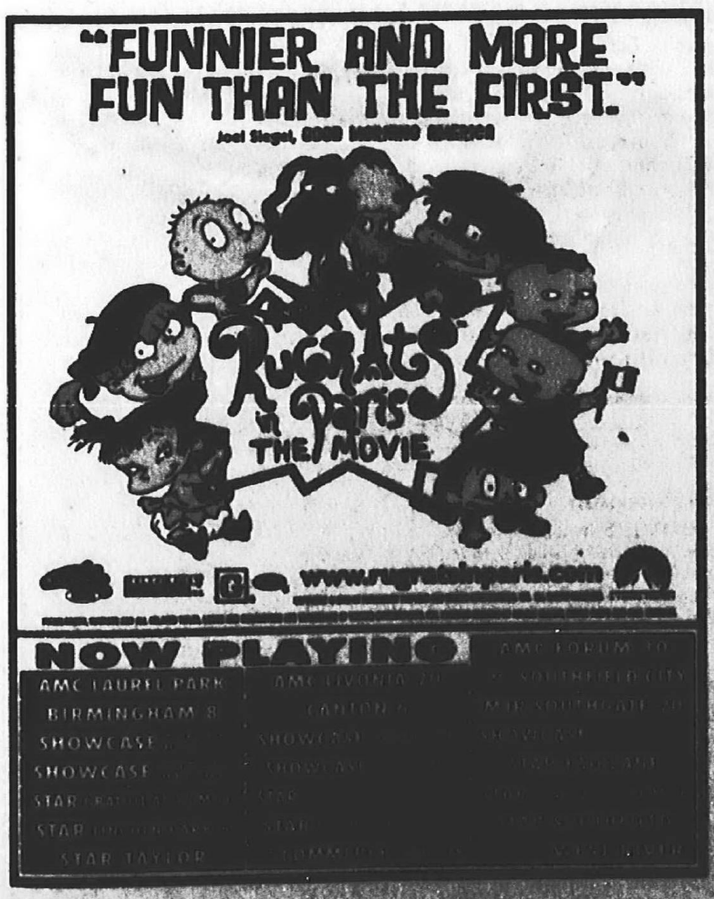
Maureen Johnson (Maggie Benjamin) and Joanne Jefferson (Jacqueline B. Arnold) portray a convincing lesbian couple on the roller-coaster relationship express. Maureen's impromptu attitude constantly clashes with Joanne's need to take-charge. The comedic duet between Joanne and Mark – Maureen's ex-boyfriend – titled *Tango: Maureen*, still holds gets the audience roaring with laughter with its take on infidelity.

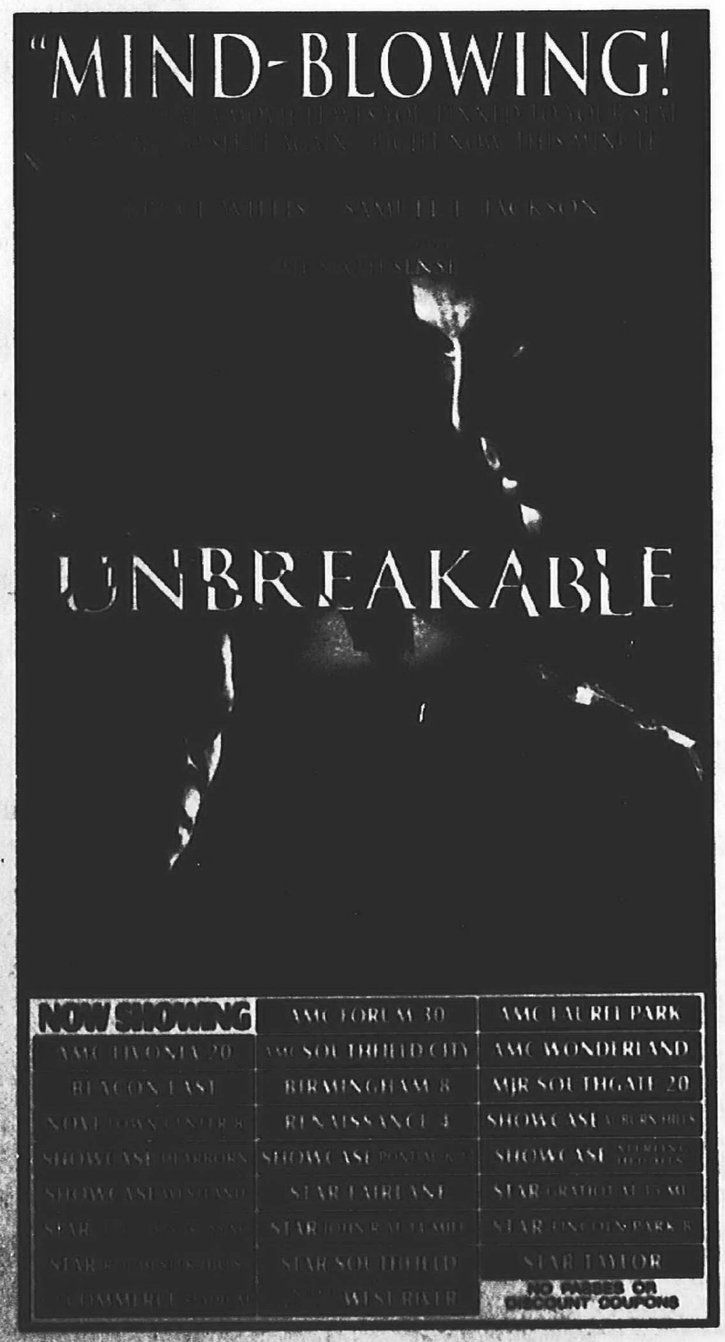
Scenes are cut with "recorded" telephone messages, hinting at the lives of these characters. But perhaps the strongest musical elements of the show are found in songs like the catchy *Seasons of Love* and powerful *La Vie Boheme*, where the entire cast showcases its ability to sing, dance, and profess the all-encompassing theme: the joy of living.

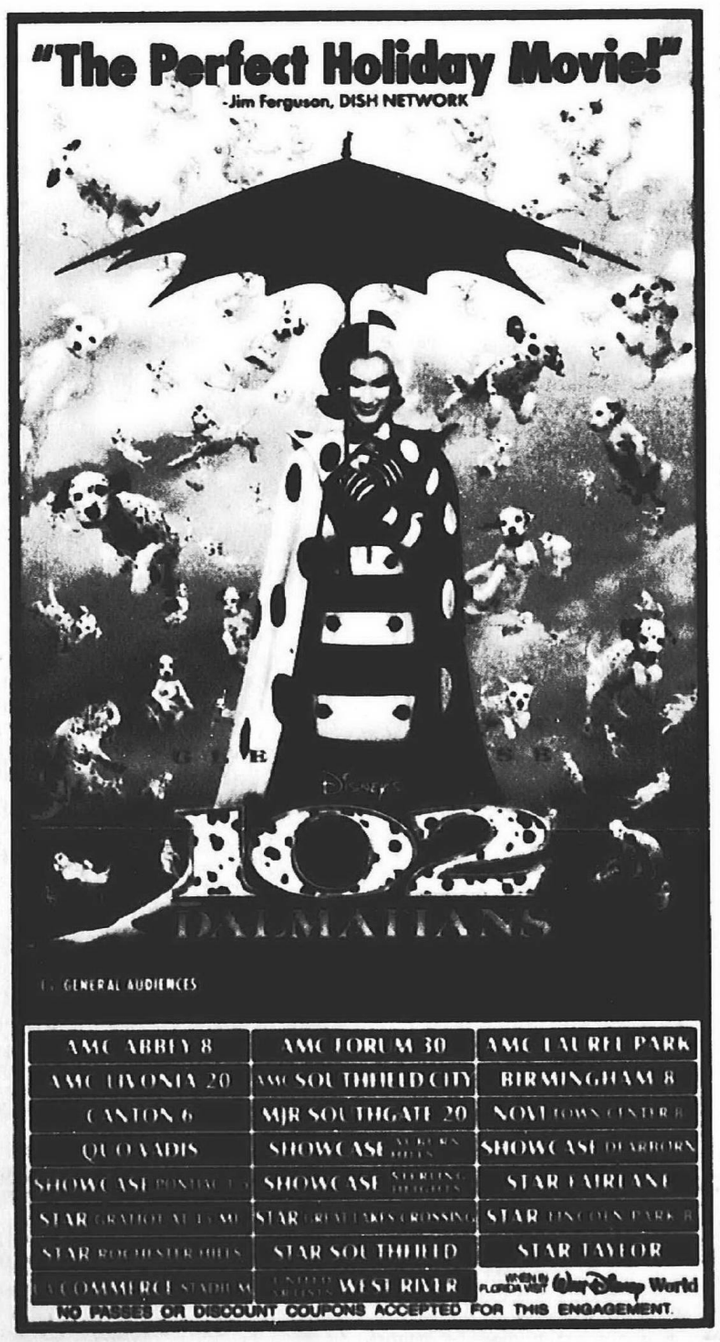
Though Larson – who died of an aortic aneurysm after the final dress rehearsal in 1996 – never lived to see his show in completion, *Rent* allows his words and vision to live on. Much like Jack Kerouac's legacy in the novel *On The Road*, *Rent* is a musical celebration and reminder to live for today. As Larson believed, there is truly "no day but today."



Blaze of glory: *The Touring Company of Rent performs this weekend at Detroit's Opera House. Share in the glory of Bohemian life as seen by the show's creator, the late Jonathan Larson.*







Tellme: Number to call for restaurant information

BY ELEANOR HEALD
SPECIAL WRITER

Need restaurant information quickly? Can't remember the name? Local restaurant or national? What style of food do you want? Seafood, Cajun, Italian, Tex-Mex or other?

Would you like a recommendation for the restaurant too? What about a reservation? Directions?

You can get all this and more by phoning 1-800-555-TELL and following the voice-activated prompts. If you have Internet access, you may find the service easier to use by first checking out keyword options at www.tellme.com under the category "restaurants."

When I learned recently about Tellme from Master Sommelier Evan Goldstein and vice president of online services and public relations for Seagram Chateau & Estate Wines Company, a sponsor of the Tellme restaurant category, I knew it would be expertly done.

Directory

The free, voice-activated restaurant directory provides information for more than 435,000 restaurants nationwide and can even make a toll-free connection directly to a restaurant for directions or reservations.

For some eateries, there is a recommendation from Zagat Survey, a well-respected professional publication which reviews and rates restaurants nationwide.

Tellme combines the traditional one-on-one consumer reach that electronic media provides with the interactive experience of the Internet.

Using Tellme

This is a smart phone. Once I stated the category "restaurants," it recognized I was phoning from a Birmingham, Mich., exchange. Therefore, I was asked (by a natural-sounding electronic voice) if I wanted a restaurant in the general area.

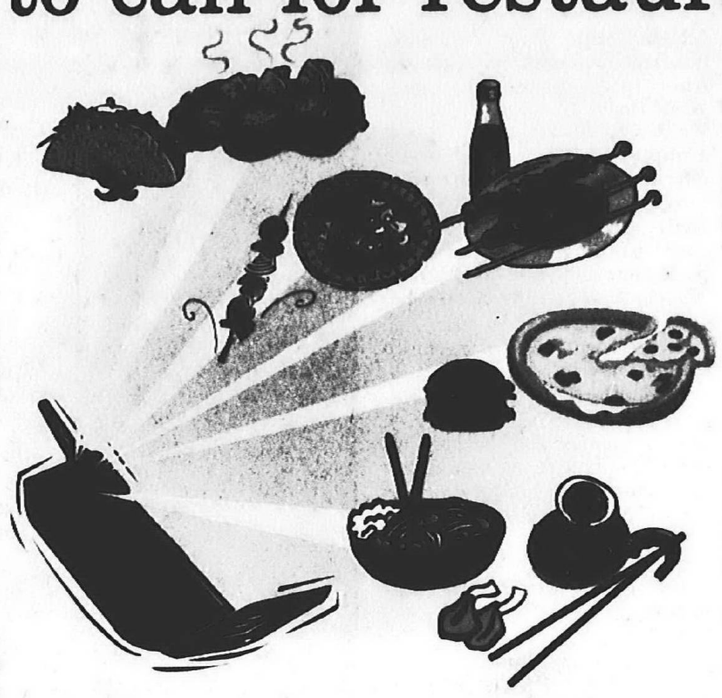
Responding "yes," the next inquiry came about category. Because I had checked the website, I was familiar with possibilities, and responded, "seafood" and avoided listening to a list of options.

Among seafood choices were the following: Ocean Grille, Streetside Seafood, Troy Marriott, Flying Fish Tavern, Joe Muer's Grill, Cooker's Bar & Grill in Troy, and Lily's Seafood, Royal Oak.

Why was Charley's Crab not on the list? Why wasn't there a review option for Ocean Grille, a restaurant in the Michigan Zagat Survey?

According to Marci Gottlieb, Tellme's press contact, Tellme was launched at the end of July 2000 and evolves daily. Restaurants on the list, read to a caller, are in order of their Zagat ranking. All reviews are not yet recorded.

"Speech recognition is not perfect," Gottlieb said. "We have 70 linguists recording in audio studios across the country. They use dialects, regional pronunciations and proper French, for example, if the restaurant has a French name."



Expanding options

Time for a movie after a casual dinner? To test this potential, I phoned the same 1-800-555-TELL and "the voice" said "thanks for calling again."

Again? The smart phone knew it was not my first call. Big brother? Not really. Once you get hooked on the helpfulness of Tellme, you can store favorite information too.

As for movies, I learned what was playing where, got a short review, a Tellme rating, show times, theater location, and a connection if I wanted it.

What better gastronomic pleasures than those found in New Orleans? What did Tellme offer that would be useful on a business or pleasure trip?

I got hungry for Cajun food. Along with several others, Commander's Palace and Galatoire's were on the list with Zagat reviews. Why not Brigtsen's, on everyone's favorite Cajun list?

"Because it's pronounced BRIGHT SONS, this name is a challenge for speech recognition," Gottlieb said.

OK, so it's not perfect yet.

Readers use Tellme

Internet savvy and well-traveled gourmand, Greg Stein of Bloomfield Hills, prefers to use search engines that give him more information. "I found it awkward because I couldn't glance as I'm used to online," he said.

But what about usefulness for Internots (new-age lingo for those not connected in cyberspace)?

"Lacking access to the Internet, I'd rate the service good," Stein said. "But I still think more reviews need to be added. Ideal would be for the Web site to offer the same information as it does now by voice. An either/or scenario would be more functional."

Gottlieb said the site was lauded by the visually handicapped. "Using a dining guide or the yellow pages is difficult for this segment of the population," she noted. "Directory assistance is expensive. Tellme contacts for free."

Jim McCook of Beverly Hills is handicapped for phone use. He and his wife Aldamarie eat breakfast out nearly every day. He used Tellme to search out new places. "I think they missed the best breakfast places in and around Birmingham like the Original Pancake House, The Gallery and The Breakfast Club," he said.

Because McCook can access the Internet, he like Stein, would like a pop-up list that could be printed. He'd also like a pop-up sample menu, too.

Internet savvy Allen Beckerman of West Bloomfield is internationally well traveled. "I used Tellme to search for restaurants in Chicago," he said.

"When I got the list, I had no idea what area of Chicago they were in. The system needs some area or district divisions."

When I suggested he could use the free phone connection to learn this, Beckerman said he thought this wasted his time and that the system should provide more questions that pinpointed his location relative to restaurants in which he might be interested.

"However, if Internet sourcing is not available, Tellme is great," he concluded.

According to the Pew Internet and American Life Project, an authoritative source for timely information on the Internet, half of American adults do not have Internet access and 57 percent of these are not interested in getting online. For them and when Internet access is not available to regular users, Tellme is a handy restaurant information source.

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RESTAURANT SPECIALS

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SWEET AFTON TEA ROOM

Holiday High Tea offered noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Four course high tea, dessert table and live music. Bethany Stawasz will perform the harp on Dec. 3. Charlene Berry will entertain on the dulcimer Dec. 10. The cost is $15.95 per person, children under 12 are $12.95. Sweet Afton Tea Room is at 450 Forest in downtown Plymouth. Call (734) 454-0777.

CANDELIGHT CHRISTMAS DANCE

Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Livonia, 32900 Five Mile Road. Doors open 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3, dinner served 6 p.m. Seven course dinner, dancing to Sono Mo. Menu includes Penne with marinara Sauce, Pasta Primavera with White Sauce, Roast Loin of Pork with Mushrooms, Chicken Piccata, salad, oven roasted potatoes, sugar snap peas, Italian Ice, dessert table. Tickets $36 per person, call (734) 591-0042.

PURTAN PIZZA

Shield's Restaurant and Pizzeria offers a new pizza topped with a blend of barbecue sauce, chicken, brick and cheddar cheeses and red onions. The pie benefits the Purtan Family Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation, started by Detroit radio personality Dick Purtan and his family. The restaurant will give fifty cents from every Purtan Pizza to the foundation. A large pizza costs $14.95 and a small is $7.95. Shield's is located at 1476 W. Maple in Troy (248-637-3131), 25101 Telegraph in Southfield (248-356-2720) and 1620 Telegraph in Dearborn (313-278-9100).

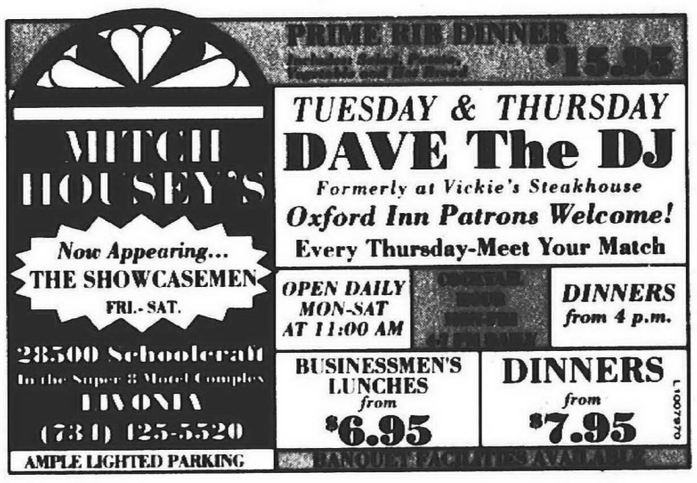
BUDDY'S PIZZA

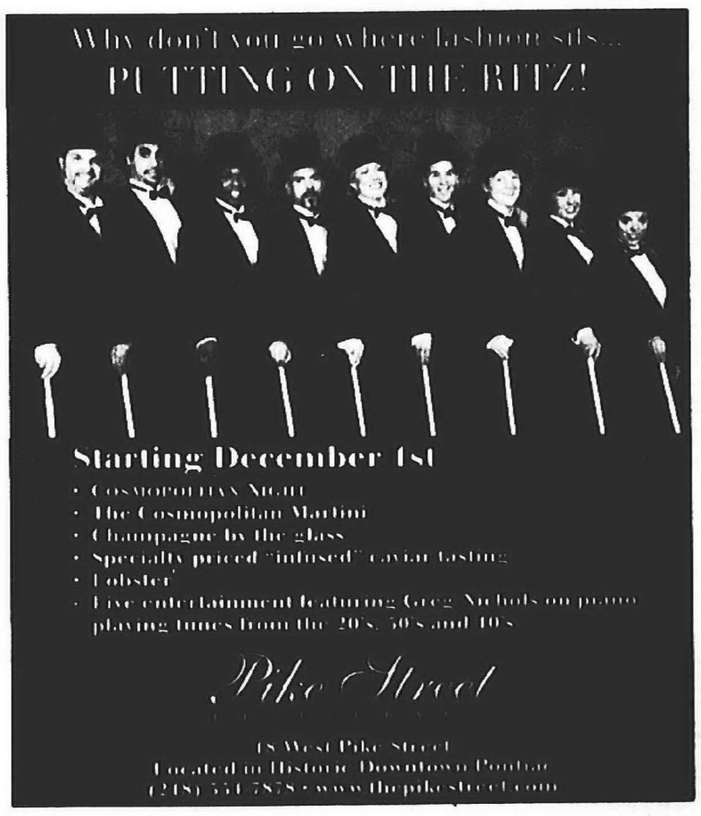
All nine Buddy's Pizza locations will present Weight Watchers' Florine Mark as their new "Got Pizza? Give Dough!" celebrity beginning Dec. 1. When you order Marks' signature pizza topped with a new cheese blend, spinach, mushrooms, sliced tomatoes, roasted garlic and black olives, Buddy's will donate a portion of the proceeds to the Detroit Institute for Children. The new pizza consists of a blend of brick and no fat cheese. For more information visit www.buddyspizza.com

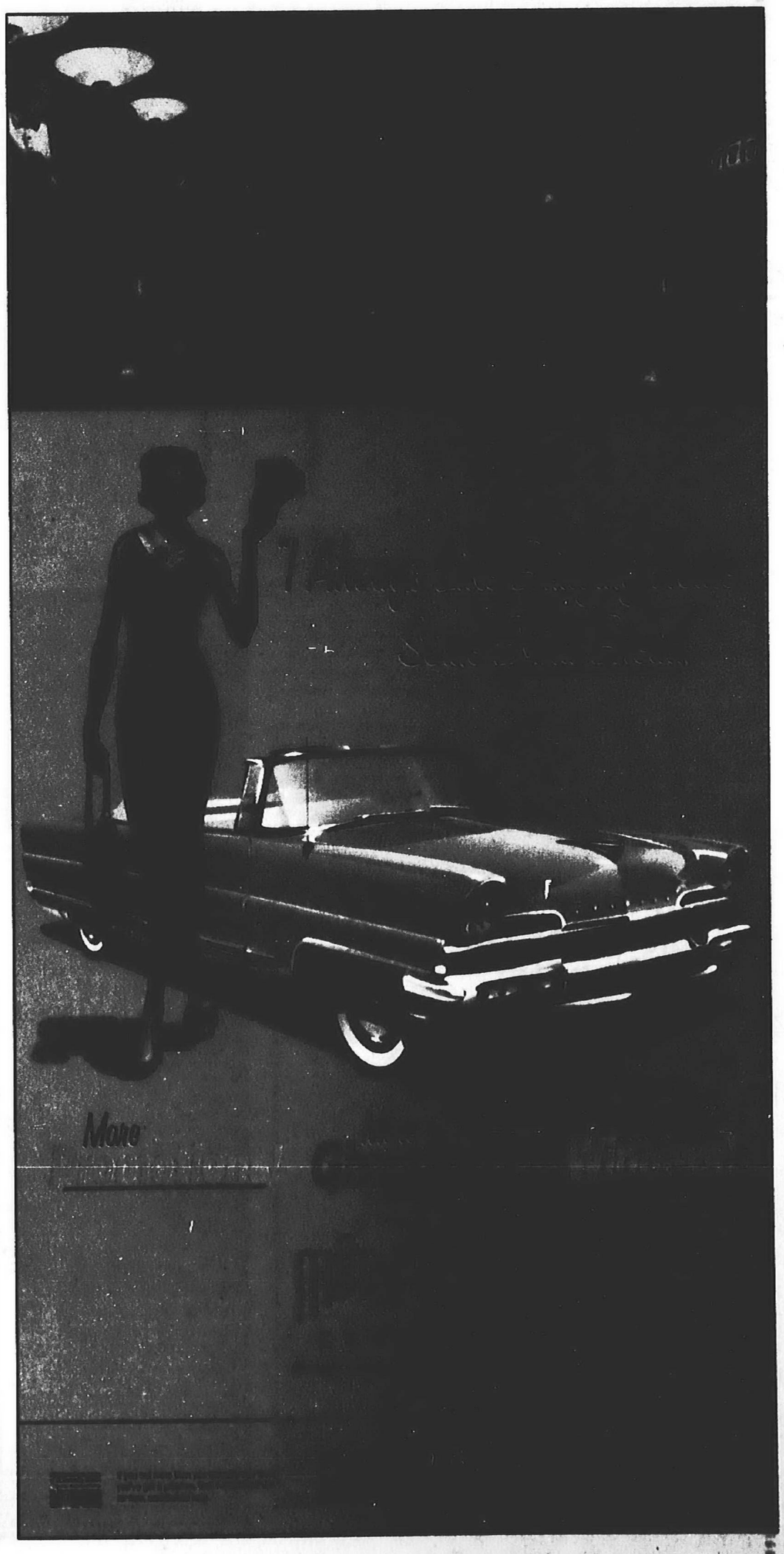
DINNER AND ROCKETTES

Comerica Park's Tiger Club offers dinner packages that include a buffet dinner followed by a performance of "The Radio City Christmas Spectacular." Offered 5:30 p.m. (buffet), 7:30 p.m. (show) Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 13-14 and Sunday, Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m. (buffet), 4:30 p.m. (show). The cost is $75 for Dec. 13-14, and $85 for Dec. 17. Call (313) 983-6611 for more information, or (248) 433-1515 for tickets.









Where to go for legal knowledge

REAL ESTATE QUERIES



ROBERT M. MEISNER

I recently bought a condominium here but have lived in a condominium in Florida for many years.

What legal requirements are condominium owners in Michigan subject to other than the association's documents? I know Florida law, but I don't know Michigan law.

Our interest is mainly becoming familiar and knowing whatever legal requirements exist for condominium owners here in Michigan.

Michigan has a condominium statute entitled the Michigan Condominium Act of 1978. This collection of laws has had several amendments, and it is presently in the process of being considered for amendment yet again.

Another relevant statute relating to condominiums is the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, since most associations are incorporated under that statute.

There are courses that are taught by persons experienced in community association law, including a condominium operations class offered by Oakland Community College. You should call (248) 471-7729 for more information.

You may also wish to obtain a copy of the condominium statute from your legislator.

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- ☑ **SELLER DISCLOSURE STATEMENT** (REQUIRED BY LAW)
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Popular Decisions

Top 10

How do your choices stack up?



RANDALL MASTERS/STAFF ARTIST

What are Top 10 reasons for buying a new home?

BY NORMAN PRADY
SPECIAL WRITER

You're going to buy a house. Why will you choose this one or that one? What are your reasons? What is most important to you?

Do you think everyone has just about the same reasons? Is the old saying true that the most important consideration in real estate is location, location, location?

Perhaps you'd like to compare your reasons against the results of an unscientific survey of real estate agents here.

The agents were given an alphabetical list of 10 buying reasons and asked to prioritize based on their own sales experiences and their customers' decisions.

Certainly, there are no correct answers. The choice of neighborhood is less dom and arbitrary with no claim of being totally representative of the endless roster of concerns which leads to a purchase.

The answers to the survey, however, might give you some reassurances or some new thoughts about your own choices and decisions.

It was generally agreed among the sales agents surveyed that location referred to a general area or community and that neighborhood was a specific area within the location.

Decor or landscaping had to do with the acceptability of the home's appearance relative to painting, wallpaper, greenery and such.

State of repair had to do with the buyer's feelings about how much or how little mechanical and fix-up work had to be done to make the house workable and livable.

Here's the list. Get a pencil and number the reasons 1-10, starting with the one that's most important to you down to the least important.

- ❒ Architecture
- ❒ Decor
- ❒ Distance to work
- ❒ Landscaping
- ❒ Location
- ❒ Lot size
- ❒ Neighborhood
- ❒ Price
- ❒ Schools
- ❒ State of repair

Now here's how some professionals ranked the reasons. Deon Benson, Realtor, Blue Sky Realty, Southfield.

1. Neighborhood
2. Schools

■ Perhaps you'd like to compare your reasons against the results of an unscientific survey of real estate agents here.

3. Location
4. Price
5. Distance to work
6. State of repair
7. Decor
8. Landscaping
9. Lot size
10. Architecture

Benson believe that once homebuyers choose location – the general area – their choice of neighborhood is less important to them and that they might be likely to choose a less desirable neighborhood if it's a way to get a home into the larger community.

Ron Walraven, sales associate, RE/MAX Gold, West Bloomfield:

1. Location
2. Distance to work
3. Architecture
4. Neighborhood
5. Price
6. Schools
7. State of repair
8. Decor
9. Landscaping
10. Lot size

Price, Walraven said, was definitely a middle concern. He put decor and landscaping low because "they can be changed." Lot size, to him, was just to be accepted if everything else was OK.

Debbie Biehl, co-owner, Blue Moon Appraisal and Real Estate Consultants, Clarkston:

1. Schools
2. Location
3. Neighborhood
4. Decor
5. Architecture
6. Price
7. State of repair
8. Lot size
9. Landscaping
10. Distance to work

Biehl put distance to work last. She said, "People drive two hours to work, don't they?"

She initially listed schools third and then moved it to first. "People believe that schools are better" in one neighborhood or another. She put decor high because of her recent sales of houses that "looked cute."

Mike Root, sales associate, Century 21 Hallmark West, Clarkston:

1. Location
2. Distance to work
3. Neighborhood
4. Schools
5. Lot size
6. Decor
7. Architecture
8. Landscaping
9. State of repair
10. Price

Root listed price last, saying that if the buyer is happy with the other reasons on the list, price becomes acceptable even if higher than an original buying limit.

Rick Fatyma, associate broker, Realty Executive West, Plymouth:

1. Price
2. Location
3. Schools
4. Neighborhood
5. Distance to work
6. State of repair
7. Architecture
8. Lot size
9. Decor
10. Landscaping

Fatyma wondered how the newspaper's list had been compiled and then said, "Your 10 are as good as anyone else's."

He put price at the top because "everything is an outgrowth of price and one's ability to buy." He said that he gets mortgage pre-qualifications on homebuyers "so we know what range we're talking about."

Patrick J. Acree, sales associate, Why USA All American Properties, Inc., Farmington Hills:

1. Price
2. Schools
3. Location
4. Neighborhood
5. Architecture
6. Distance to work
7. State of repair
8. Lot size
9. Landscaping
10. Decor

Acree ranked schools high because he knows of buyers "who would not go to certain areas because of the schools."

You can get up-front financing

MORTGAGE BITS



TIM "TIMBO" PHILLIPS

Some wholesale mortgage lenders have introduced "up-front" financing for new residential construction.

Until now, a builder either had to tie up his own money or the buyer would have to give the builder progress payments during construction. Such payments often came in the form of loans against the borrower's current home. Either way, the construction finance process was burdensome.

The rules have changed. Borrowers may now secure complete financing at the beginning of construction instead of at the end. Borrowers accrue interest only on the draws (incremental payments) they make until the construction is complete, but they do not have to make payments until then. Interest due is rolled into the fully funded loan.

The best "up front" lenders also help borrowers by allowing them to borrow up to 95 percent of their new home's cost, and by letting them take a more favorable interest rate if the market improves.

Some of these cutting-edge lenders do not consider borrowers' current mortgage or rent payments to calculate maximum financing. They figure that if a borrower is building a new home, he will be selling the old one about the time the new one is completed.

Because "up front" financing allows borrowers to secure the entire amount of their mortgage at the beginning of construction, they do not need "bridge loans" or equity loans, and they only pay one set of closing costs. When their home is complete, they simply move in without the added pressure of meeting a firm deadline to sell their current home.

Though beneficial to borrowers, residential builders have the most to gain when borrowers using "up front" mortgages as the new construction will be financed with minimal builder out-of-pocket costs. With "No Document" and "Stated Income" options now available, you should count on seeing much more of these "win-win" mortgage products in the near future.

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MULTIFAMILY ACTIVITY

Building permits issued for apartments and attached condos, January through September, 2000, in selected metro areas.



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CHARLOTTE, N.C.	6,017	+7
SEATTLE	7,645	N.C.
DETROIT	2,392	-16
CHICAGO	6,089	-23
LAS VEGAS	3,638	-37
DALLAS	4,023	-42

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer-area residential real-estate closings recorded Sept. 11 - 15, 2000, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton

43551 Applewood Rd $179,000
47584 Ashford Dr S $380,000
41674 Bedford Dr $135,000
42400 Beechwood Dr $192,000
42147 @arcliff Ct $226,000
6676 Burnham Dr $168,000
7799 Charrington Ct $216,000
268 Cherry Hill PointDr $214,000
7615 Corbin Dr $198,000
6602 Edgewood Rd $216,000
46301 Gainsborough Dr $216,000
45011 Glengarry Rd $275,000
43425 Hanford Rd $93,000
43425 Hanford Rd $138,000
1935 Hendrie $320,000
1250 Heritage Dr $161,000
45597 Holmes Dr $237,000
44443 Newbury Prt $98,000
43866 Nowland Dr $247,000
43897 Nowland Dr $252,000
7226 Oaktree Ct $201,000
41958 Pocatello Dr $273,000
4467 Pond Run $256,000
4511 Pond Run $265,000
45111 Rector Dr $187,000
3685 Riverside Dr $210,000
45108 Seabrook Dr $314,000
45341 Seabrook Dr $306,000
644 Sorel Dr $282,000
42156 Starlite Ct $220,000
44256 Vassar St $230,000
43720 WestminsterWy $205,000
42555 Woodwind Ln $273,000
43685 Yorkville Ct $143,000

Garden City

30218 Balmoral St $139,000
5810 Belton St $129,000
31764 Brown St $140,000
32280 Brown St $195,000
30414 Cherry Hl $160,000
950 Douglas St $139,000
5904 Henry Ruff Rd $143,000
30120 John Hauk St $110,000
6503 Lathers St $124,000
30934 Roselyn Ave $132,000

Livonia

19507 Bainbridge Ave $165,000
16556 Bell Creek Ln $330,000
11659 Cardwell St $104,000
10002 Cavell St $135,000
9241 Colorado St $137,000
9026 Danzig St $121,000
14371 Doris St $190,000
14800 Fairlane St $340,000
33359 Fargo St $70,000
18849 Flamingo Blvd $149,000
11071 Flamingo St $150,000
31657 Gable St $150,000
17580 Golfview St $248,000
8964 Hanlon Ave $230,000
14365 Harrison St $169,000
34101 Hathaway St $173,000
38027 Hees St $184,000
39054 Lapham Dr $228,000
32326 Lyndon St $155,000
36139 Meadow Brk $191,000
14819 Melvin St $195,000
19022 Milburn St $155,000
6927 Norwich St $144,000
28470 Oakdale St $200,000
32810 Ohio St $184,000
32822 Ohio St $130,000
33805 Orangelawn St $140,000
30934 Richland St $159,000
30976 Richland St $168,000
34995 Six Mile Rd $229,000
15351 Susanna Cir $263,000
28843 Torrence St $215,000
18025 University PrkDr $135,000
31037 W Chicago St $142,000
33125 W Chicago St $136,000
18319 Whitby St $148,000
28024 Whitcomb St $108,000
31637 Wyoming St $152,000

Plymouth

41033 Greenbriar Ln $160,000
41087 Greystone Blvd $246,000
13100 Hidden Creek Dr $275,000
13335 Latheron $402,000
47113 Marlea Ct $1,000
46651 N Territorial Rd $258,000
40688 Newport Dr $130,000
381 Pinewood Cir $115,000
9640 Pine Ct $275,000
49378 Quail Run Ct $380,000
856 S Harvey St $214,000
11330 S Worth $152,000
11461 Spicer Dr $236,000
11707 Spicer Dr $175,000
1151 Sutherland St $195,000
11731 Sycamore Dr $140,000
1147 W Ann Arbor Trl $188,000
40810 W Normandy Ct $375,000
12340 White Tail Ct $497,000

Redford

26049 Cathedral $158,000
26325 Cathedral $124,000
19848 Dailey $85,000
20040 Delaware Ave $36,000
15407 Dixie $80,000
15595 Fox $134,000
9992 Garfield $101,000
15519 Kinloch $113,000
20463 Lennane $130,000
13928 Mercedes $78,000
13955 Minock Dr $134,000
17650 Olympia $116,000
9909 Salem $109,000
14229 Salem $118,000
25417 Southwick $109,000
26204 Student $128,000
12955 Woodbine $107,000
9908 Wormer $122,000

Westland

6650 Central City Pkwy $185,000
6710 Central City Pkwy $140,000
7524 Deering St $118,000
34216 Florence St $118,000
6086 Herbert St $107,000
34278 Marquette St $140,000
5746 N Berry St $85,000
6125 Sanford Dr $143,000

Existing-home sales eased in October, Realtors report

Sales of existing single-family homes slipped last month but remained at historically strong levels, according to the National Association of Realtors.

Existing-home sales slid 3.9 percent in October to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.96 million units from an upward-revised level of 5.16 million units in September. However, last month's sales activity remained 1.6 percent above the 4.88-million unit pace in October 1999.

NAR President Richard Mendenhall said sales activity is within the level of expectations. "The present existing-home sales volume is consistent with the pattern of stabilization that began in September, with sales expected to fluctuate within a fairly narrow range in the months ahead," he said.

■ In the Midwest, homes were reselling at an annual rate of 1.07 million units in October, down 4.5 percent from September.

"The decline in mortgage interest rates is helping to keep sales activity strong, and we expect the 30-year fixed interest rate to average close to 7.8 percent for the next year," Mendenhall said. According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 7.80 percent in October, down from 7.91 percent in September; it was 7.85 percent in October 1999.

Any month with home resale activity close to a 5.00-million unit pace is historically very strong, said David Lereah, NAR's chief economist. "We're forecasting existing homes sales to total 5.04 million this year, only the second year in history with sales exceeding the five-million mark," he said.

The national median existing-home price was $138,200 in October, up 4.3 percent from October 1999 when the median price was $132,500. The median is the midpoint – half the homes sell for less, while half sell for more.

Seasonal shifts

Lereah noted home prices are down on a month-to-month basis, but this is a decline resulting from seasonal shifts in the market. "Every year since recordkeeping began in 1968, the median home price has dropped in the fall because fewer families with children are in the market. As a result, a higher percentage of buyers are singles and childless couples, generally purchasing more moderately priced homes, so we see a seasonal dip in prices," he said. "This has nothing to do with appreciation, which is why we always compare prices to the same period a year earlier," he explained.

Housing inventory levels rose 1.8 percent at the end of October with 1.74 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 4.2-month supply at the current sales pace. However, inventory levels remain 13.0 percent below the 2.00 million homes available in October 1999.

Breakdown by area

Regionally, In the Midwest, homes were reselling at an annual rate of 1.07 million units in October, down 4.5 percent from September, but remained 1.9 percent above October 1999. The median price in the Midwest was $120,000, down 0.1 percent from a year ago.

The Midwest region consists of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

The existing-home sales pace in the South rose 2.6 percent in October to an annual rate of 1.99 million units; they were 4.2 percent above October 1999. The median price of an existing home in the South was $128,200, which was 6.5 percent higher than October 1999.

The South region consists of Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

In the West, home resales fell 11.6 percent from September to an annual rate of 1.30 million units in October; however, September was the second-highest level ever recorded in the West. The pace was 2.3 percent below October 1999. The median existing-home price in the West was $183,300, up 6.1 percent from the same month a year earlier.

The Western region consists of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

Housing Affordability Index declines in 3rd quarter of 2000

Higher home prices offset rising incomes and declining interest rates during the third quarter of this year, resulting in an erosion of housing affordability, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR's composite Housing Affordability Index was 124.7 during the third quarter, down 1.6 percentage points from 126.3 reported in the second quarter; it was 7.2 points below the same period a year earlier when it stood at 131.9.

The index shows half the nation's households had at least 124.7 percent of the income needed to buy a home at the third quarter median existing-home price, which was $142,800. This index measures affordability factors for all home buyers making a 20-percent down payment, with an index of 100 defined as the point where a median-income family has the exact amount of income needed to buy a median-priced existing home. The third-quarter median family income was $50,657.

The affordability index is at the lowest level since the second quarter of 1992, when it registered 123.7, said Dennis R. Cronk, NAR president. "Although home sales remain near record levels, we are concerned that affordability conditions are at an eight-year low," Cronk said. "The biggest concern is for first-time buyers, who face an even larger challenge," he added.

Affordability for first-time home buyers is at the lowest level since the second quarter of 1990, David Lereah, NAR's chief economist, said. "Our first-time buyer index dropped 1.3 percentage points in the third quarter to 73.6...a 10-year low," he said.

Lereah added a positive note. "Interest rates have been declining in recent weeks and appear to be having a stabilizing effect, but this underscores how sensitive the market is to changes in interest rates, which are the single biggest factor in entry-level housing affordability," he said.

The association's First-Time Homebuyer Affordability Index shows a typical first-time buyer household, aged 25 to 44, with an income of $29,288, had 73.6 percent of the income needed to buy a typical starter home with a 10-percent down payment. The median starter home price was $121,400, during the third quarter.

According to the Federal Housing Finance Board, the average effective mortgage interest rate for existing homes was 8.10 percent during the third quarter; down from 8.19 percent in the second quarter; it was 7.58 percent in the third quarter of 1999. This is a weighed average interest rate between fixed and adjustable loans, including the cost of points, and represents a bottom-line mortgage cost.

Conditions remain fairly good for trade-up buyers, who can use the equity from their existing home to make a 20-percent down payment, Lereah said. "Our index shows a median-income family can afford a home costing $178,100 – well above the third quarter median price of $142,800. Obviously, conditions vary widely across the country, but as a general national gauge, good housing affordability conditions remain."

The typical first-time buyer could afford a home costing $89,400 during the third quarter – about half of what a median-income family could afford. Cronk said the dramatic difference in affordable prices demonstrates the problem for first-time buyers. "While first-time buyers are in fairly good shape in the much of the Midwest and South where home prices are relatively low, the situation in the high-cost markets of the Northeast and on the West Coast is becoming even more critical," he said.

"This means that whoever is elected president must not take today's good housing market for granted – if we don't help first-time buyers, who account for 42 percent of home sales, the housing market could drop to levels where it would become a drag on the entire national economy," he explained.

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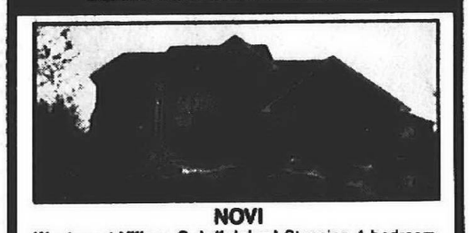

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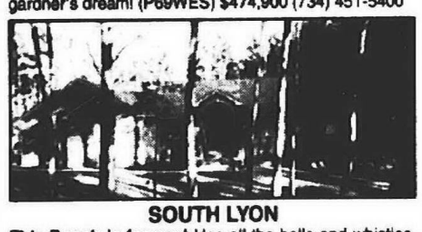

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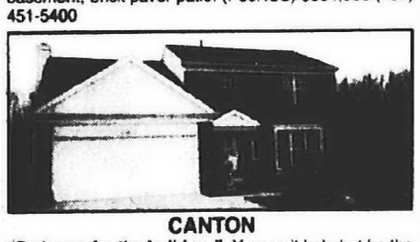

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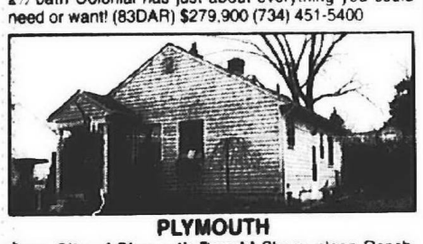

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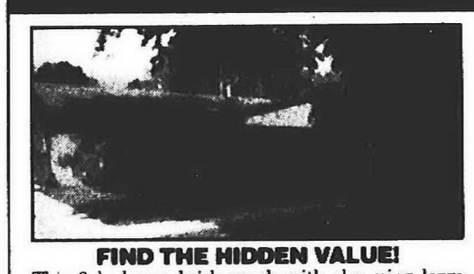

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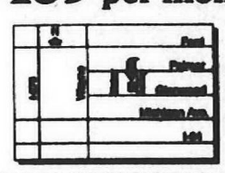

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BUY HOME CLASS

Rosemary Firestone, a Realtor with RE/MAX 100, and her financial services team present a free, no-obligation class on how to go about buying a house 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Westminster Title, 39500 High Point Boulevard, Suite 140, Novi.

Participants include Tom Dargle, Flagstar Bank; Jeff Mifsud, Allied Mortgage Capital; David Rieman, Farm Bureau Insurance; Craig Yee, HomeTeam Inspection; April Wolters, financial planner; and Firestone.

For reservations, call (734) 420-9600.

BUY HOME CLASS II

Approved Mortgages sponsors a free seminar for home buyers 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Summit on the Park, Canton Center between Cherry Hill and Michigan Avenue, Canton.

For reservations, call Diane Adamick at (734) 455-2219 Ext. 217.

AWARDS NIGHT

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan and the Apartment Association of Michigan host their annual Leadership Recognition and Awards Night with dinner and entertainment 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5, at the Dearborn Ritz Carlton.

Tickets are $120. For reservations, call (248) 737-4477.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts a dinner/ program on Internet access to Oakland County public property records Thursday, Dec. 14, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 870 N. Main, Clawson.

Presenter: Phil Bertolini, administrator, equalization division, department of management and budget, Oakland County.

Dinner, at 6:30 p.m., is $14 for everyone. The program, at 7:30 p.m., is free for members, $10 for nonmembers. For reservations, call (800) 747-6742.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Young Mortgage Bankers Committee hosts a holiday party/ raffle 5:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 14, at the San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver, Troy.

Cost, which includes dinner, is $60 for members, $75 for nonmembers.

For reservations, call (248) 945-3875.

PYRAMID AWARDS

The Washtenaw Contractors Association issues a call for nominations for its 2001 Pyramid Awards for outstanding performance in the construction industry in Washtenaw County.

Intent to nominate forms are available through the association at (734) 662-2570 and are due Dec. 8. Self nominations are encouraged.

HAZARD REPORT

VISTAinfo, a publicly owned company based in San Diego, has a Web site that offers a free overview of environmental conditions – contaminated waste sites, hazardous waste locations and landfills – by ZIP code.

The Internet address is www. NearMyHome. com

More specific reports are available for a fee.

PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A book available from the Community Associations Institute can help community association managers and board members ensure that their playgrounds and tot lots are as safe as possible.

Detailed information is provided on safety inspections and implementing an effective maintenance plan.

"Playgrounds for Young Children" is available for $40 by calling (703) 548-8600 or ordering through www. caionline. org

PAY REPORT

A 2000 Compensation Survey Study compiled by the Building Owners & Managers Association of Metropolitan Detroit and the Institute for Real Estate Management is now available for purchase.

Cost is $45 for survey participants, $90 for BOMA and IREM members and $150 for nonmembers.

To order, call (248) 848-3714 or send a check to BOMA, 38600 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, 48331.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit continues a membership drive. Categories include individual membership ($10), family ($20), organizational ($35), supporting ($50) and sustaining ($100).

For information, call (313) 963-1274.

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has updated maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

Just dial up www. homevaluemap. com

Taubman joins GM in RenCen upgrade

■ Construction will begin next year on the new GM Heritage Museum of Technology that is scheduled for completion in 2002.

Taubman Centers Inc. has joined in the $500 million redevelopment program for General Motors Global Headquarters at the Renaissance Center.

Taubman will be responsible for developing merchandising plans, implementing retail-leasing activities and providing retail marketing for the Renaissance Center, Millender Center and the future River East mixed-use project, all located in downtown Detroit.

"Taubman brings an enormous wealth of retail experience to our team and knowledge of the marketplace," said Matt Cullen, general manager of the GM Enterprise Activities Group. "Retail is important to our mix of services within the Center for GM employees, Center tenants and Detroit residents and visitors."

There is approximately 230,000 square feet of retail space in the Renaissance Center and Millender Center; River East retail space is undetermined at this time.

Renaissance Center has been reconfigured to create clusters for retail and service firms. The Center's financial services area in Tower 100 was completed earlier this year and includes Bank One, Comerica, Michigan National Bank, Research Federal Credit Union, Kinko's and Shoefixer's. Last month was the grand opening of the Center Court Cafe, a 40,000 square foot food court on the Promenade Level that features 17 restaurants and seating for 1,100. The five-story Wintergarden overlooking the Detroit River is under construction and will also feature retail and restaurants. Earlier this year GM World, a showcase of GM interactive product displays, opened to the public on the Center's Promenade Level.

Construction will begin next year on the new GM Heritage Museum of Technology that is scheduled for completion in 2002.

"We are very pleased with the opportunity to work with General Motors at their global headquarters in Detroit," said Robert Taubman, Taubman Centers president and chief executive officer. "Our plan is to identify merchants that will serve both internal and external customers and create a thriving retail environment." Taubman will work closely with Hines, the Center's development and property management firm, to develop the retail plan.

"We recognize that under GM's direction Renaissance Center is undergoing a significant rebirth and the city is emerging with new growth potential," said Taubman. "We are delighted to be a part of the Center's future and the future of Detroit."

General Motors Global Headquarters at the Renaissance Center currently has offices for more than 5,500 GM employees and 2,500 non-GM tenant employees. Renaissance Center includes four 39-story office buildings and the 73-story Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center Hotel.

Ascending from a four-level, 14- acre podium, the four office towers have a combined office space of 2.2 million square feet and could house a working community of more than 10,000.

Taubman is based in Bloomfield Hills.

Loan rates holding steady for holidays

(AP) Rates for 30-year and 15-year mortgages held steady last week but adjustable-rate mortgages ticked up.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages was unchanged at 7.73 percent for the week ending Nov. 24, the same rate as the previous week, according to a survey released Wednesday by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company. A year ago, the rate on 30-year mortgages stood at 7.75 percent.

In mid-May, rates on 30-year mortgages hit a five-year high of 8.64 percent.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, also were unchanged at an average 7.41 percent this week. A year ago, 15-year mortgages averaged 7.36 percent

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 7.28 percent, up from 7.25 percent the week before. For the same period last year, one-year ARMS averaged 6.45 percent.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

"Financial markets are in a holding pattern as the winter holiday season begins, leaving rates below 8 percent for the 15th consecutive week," said Robert Van Order, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

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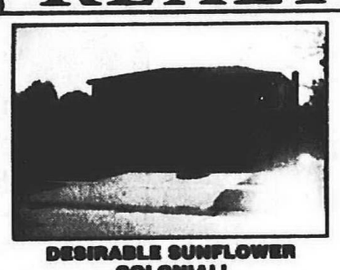

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This 4 bedroom, 2½ bath brick home is waiting for your finishing touch. Features you want, like formal dining room, family room with fireplace, study, 1st floor laundry and finished basement.
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Walk right in - sit right down! Canton colonial! Spaciousness abounds, family room with volume ceiling, 2 story foyer, loft overlook, formal dining room, private master suite, oak kitchen, 1st floor laundry, full basement, 2½ baths, meticulously maintained & landscaped.
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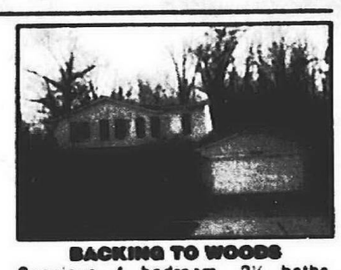

BACKING TO WOODS
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2½ baths, traditional floor plan. Family size kitchen with ample cabinets, formal dining room, family room with fireplace. Master with bath and walk-in closet. Main bath with double sinks, 1st floor laundry, newer carpet, windows, roof, etc.
(569CA) $244,900



FAMILY FRIENDLY HOME
Spacious Canton colonial! Quiet court setting for this 4 bedroom, 2½ bath home offering a traditional floor plan - living room, formal dining room, family room with fireplace, full basement, attached garage, updates galore! Walk among the willows - beautiful private yard with creek, deck and patio!



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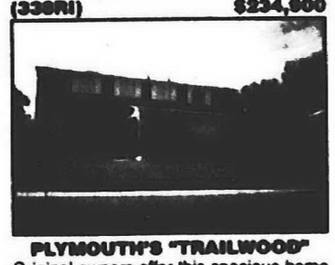

PLYMOUTH'S "TRAILWOOD"
Original owners offer this spacious home in highly regarded location. Hardwood floors under original carpets, sun room addition of family room, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, study/den and 1st floor laundry.
(019CA) $255,000



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Comfortably situated on a quiet court in Plymouth's Beacon Estates, this 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 half bath colonial comes complete with marble foyer, den with built-ins, 27x18 family room, the likes of Sub-Zero, Corian and Jenn-Air and a delightful roster of amenities.
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Move in and enjoy all the updates made by the present owner. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths, huge family room with fireplace and wet bar, formal dining room. Must be seen to appreciate.
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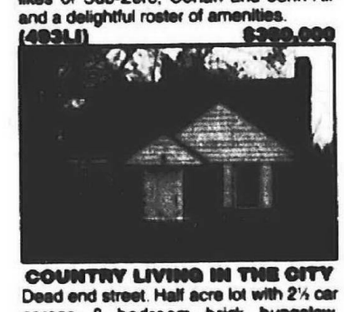

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Dead end street. Half acre lot with 2½ car garage. 3 bedroom brick bungalow, freshly painted interior and decorative moldings. Newer windows, C/A, roof (complete tear off). Refinished hardwood flooring, finished basement with half bath and room for shower. Lots of storage, newer furnace, plumbing and electric.
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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

Our fax number is (734) 591-7279. Our e-mail address is bjensen@ oe. homecomm. net

Nancy Austin, a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Preferred in Plymouth, has acquired the professional designation of Seniors Real Estate Specialist.


Austin

The SRES helps senior citizens make wise decisions about selling the family home, moving to a senior community and other issues.

Austin, a Canton resident, also holds designations of Graduate Realtor Institute and Accredited Buyer Representative. She's been in the business 16 years.

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Real Estate One Novi has relocated to new offices, 43155 Main, Suite 2300, Novi. The phone number remains the same, (248) 348-6430.

Kathy O'Neill is office manager.

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Robert R. Jones, a West Bloomfield-based luxury home builder, has received the National Association of Home Builder Remodelors Council Chairman's Award.

Jones received the honor for his work as chairman of grassroots attendance for the 2000 Remodelors Show earlier this year in Detroit.

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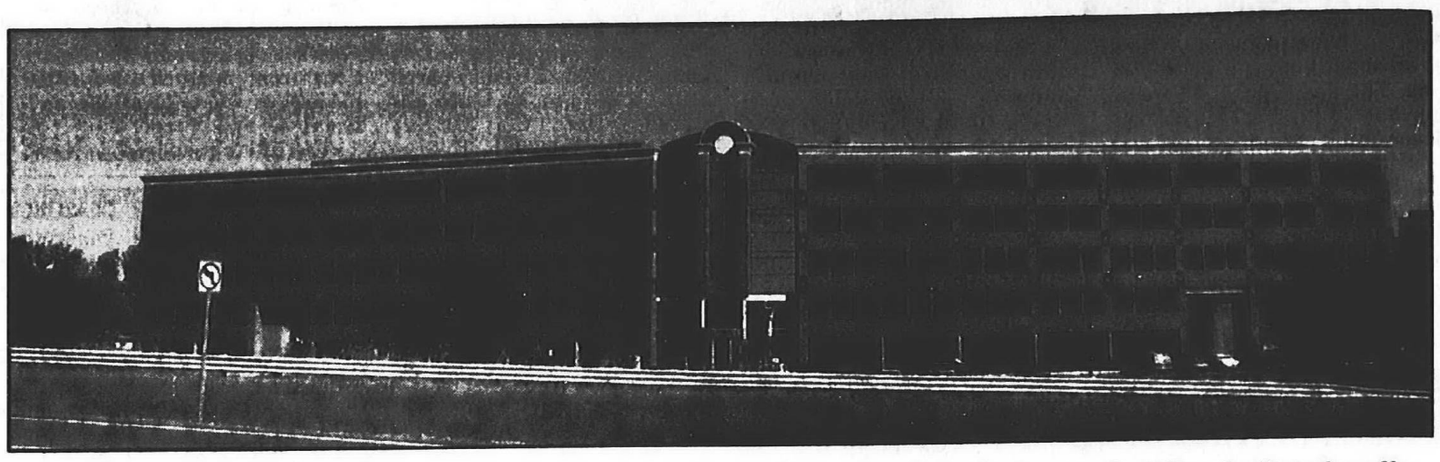
Haley & Aldrich of Michigan, an environmental consulting and underground engineering firm with offices in Plymouth, has been hired for a brownfield (contaminated site) redevelopment near downtown Jackson.

The 12-acre project will include a 430,000-square-foot office structure, structural and surface parking and a pedestrian mall.

The relocation of the Consumers Energy Headquarters, a major utility, triggered the project.

CPA firm opens its newest office



Along the freeway: *Plante & Moran combined two existing offices when it had a 5-story building built to handle the firm's expanding business.*

Plante & Moran, the ninth-largest certified public accounting and management consulting firm in the United States, opened its new Auburn Hills office. Located in the Cambridge Court complex at I-75 and University Drive, the office combines the firm's former Troy and Bloomfield Hills offices and houses more than 150 staff.

Plante & Moran is headquartered in Southfield.

"We have been watching the business and residential growth patterns in northern Oakland County, and Auburn Hills in particular, for several years," said Bill Doyle, managing partner of Plante & Moran's Auburn Hills office. Doyle specializes in real estate.

The five-story office building, which includes a floor-to-ceiling atrium, was developed by University Development Co. Plante & Moran will occupy the top two floors, using 54,000 square feet. Their address is 2601 Cambridge Court, Suite 500, Auburn Hills, 48326. The phone number is (248) 375-7100 and the Web site is www. plante-moran. com

Founded in 1924, Plante & Moran specializes in manufacturing, healthcare, real estate and construction, government and financial services. In addition to traditional audit and tax services, the firm provides innovative management consulting services that include technology and network communications, process and quality management, employee benefits, mergers and acquisitions, executive training, wealth management and international structure and transactions.

3 brochures can help with buying or selling home, and moving

Each year, one out of every five families moves. To help ease the stress involved with buying, selling or moving from your home, the MetLife Consumer Education Center has created three free brochures – *Buying a Home, Selling a Home* and *Moving*.

Made available as a public service, the free brochures are part of the MetLife Consumer Education Center's *Life Advice* program, created to help people better understand and manage the major events in their lives. (800) 638-5433.

To help determine how much money you may need to borrow to finance your home, *Buying a Home* provides methods for determining your net worth and disposable income. The brochure also offers tools to calculate a monthly mortgage payment you can handle and suggests questions to ask when interviewing possible real estate agents, including:

- How many houses are you prepared to show me?
- Will you provide references?
- Do you represent the seller's interest, the buyer's interest or both?

In addition, *Buying a Home* stresses the importance of carefully selecting your prospective home's location, specifically noting its proximity to local schools, municipal services and public transportation.

Selling a Home suggests placing your home on the market early; if you find a new home before selling your present one, you may wind up with two mortgages. The brochure also provides information on using a broker and offers simple suggestions for increasing your home's marketability. *Selling a Home* lists factors to consider when pricing your home and emphasizes the importance of knowing what tax implications may result from the sale of your home.

Moving helps you evaluate whether to move yourself or to hire pros and offers guidelines on how to properly pack valuables. In addition, the brochure provides a checklist of everything that needs to be done prior to the move, such as closing bank accounts, notifying utilities and service companies and filling out a forwarding address form at the post office. *Moving* also includes important tips to help the actual moving day go smoothly.

Call (800) 638-5433 to request free brochures. The advice program was recently awarded the first-ever Consumers' Choice Award for outstanding educational services to the American public by the United States Consumer Information Center.

All brochures list reference sources for additional information, and many can be accessed on the Internet at www. lifeadvice. com

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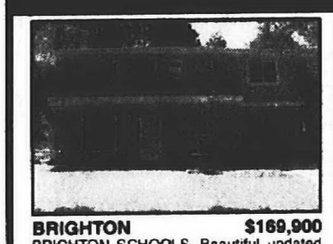
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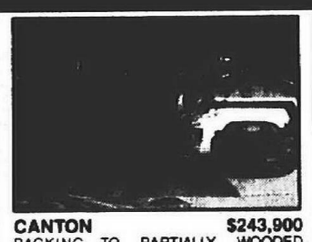
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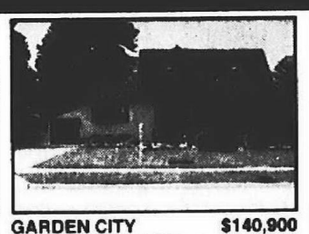
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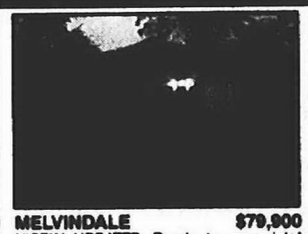
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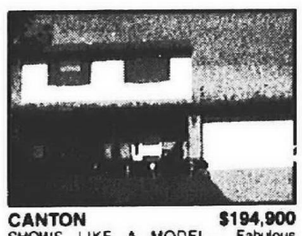
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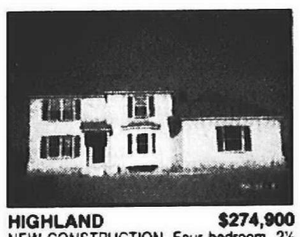
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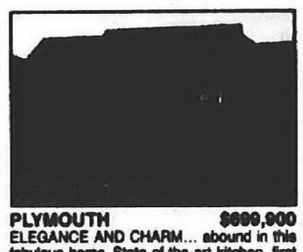
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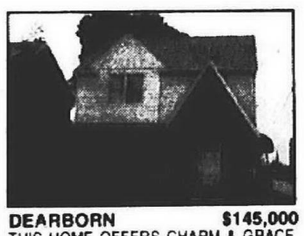
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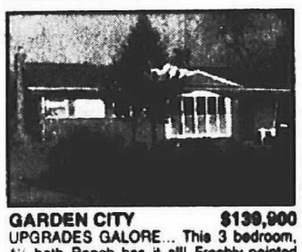
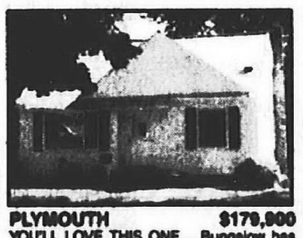

GARDEN CITY $139,900
UPGRADES GALORE... This 3 bedroom, 1½ bath Ranch has it all! Freshly painted with new Berber carpet, ceramic tile in kitchen & foyer, partially finished basement with gas fireplace, ½ bath and glass blocks. Upgrades include furnace, air, roof, kitchen, bath, windows, etc. Neutral decor throughout. (OEP64MAR) 734-453-6800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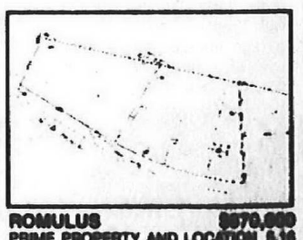
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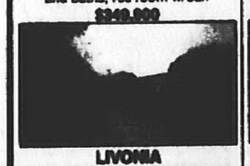

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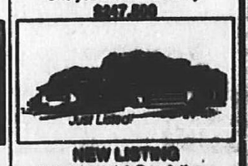

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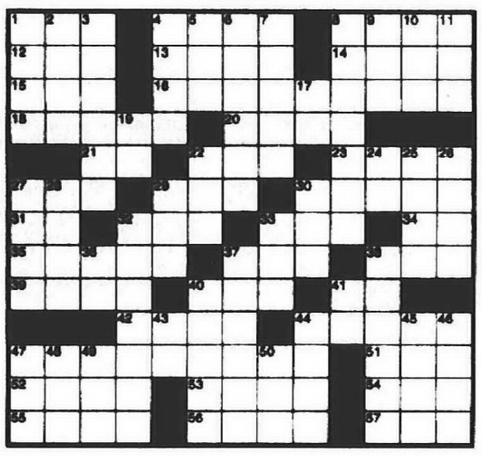

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JUST LISTED - Beautiful 'new' 2 story home in Shadowland Subdivision. Great floor plan includes 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, living room, family room with fireplace, 2nd floor laundry, full basement and 2 car attached garage! Hartland Schools. $234,900.

NEW LISTING! - Spotless quality built ranch situated on 4.79 acres! Home includes large dream kitchen open to dining & great room with fireplace, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, formal dining with doorwall to deck, finished walkout lower level and 2 car attached garage! Gorgeous Dunham Lake privileges too! Hartland Township & Hartland Schools. $265,000.

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324 Linden

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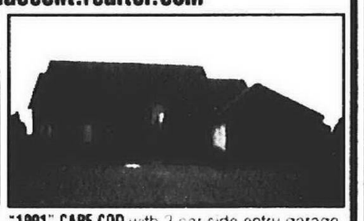

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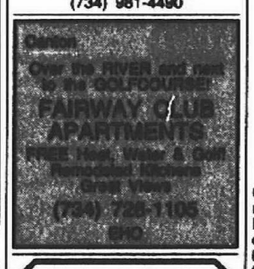

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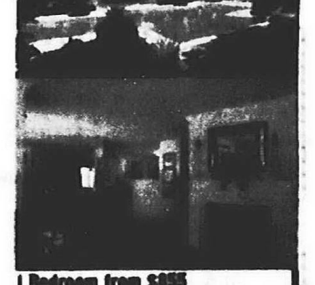

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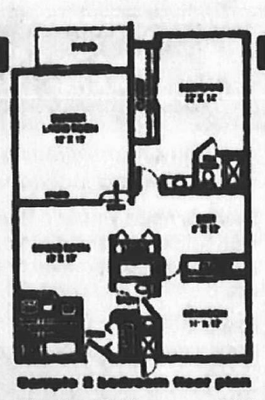

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500 Help Wanted General

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AUTO PARTS Distribution Center. Part & full-time. 2nd shift. Order Pullers & Packers. Driver with CDL license. Apply at: Parts Plus, 41839 Michigan Ave., Canton, MI. Contact Allen or Steve

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PARK WEST GALLERY Attn: Client Services 29469 Northwestern Southfield, MI 48034

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500 Help Wanted General

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

The Trowbridge Retirement Community is looking for full and part-time Customer Service representative to work at the front desk. Qualified candidate will have exceptional customer service experience. Flexible work hours, days, afternoons and weekends. Must possess excellent communication skills. Generous benefit package including paid vacation, medical insurance, and 401K. Applicants may fax/mail resume, or apply in person Monday through Friday between 9:00AM and 4:00PM at: The Trowbridge 24111 Civic Center Drive Southfield, MI 48034 Fax: 248-352-0344 EOE Drug Free Workplace

CUSTOMER SERVICE

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Customer Service

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DIRECT CARE

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DIRECT CARE STAFF

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DIRECT CARE STAFF

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EMPIRE Doors and Windows

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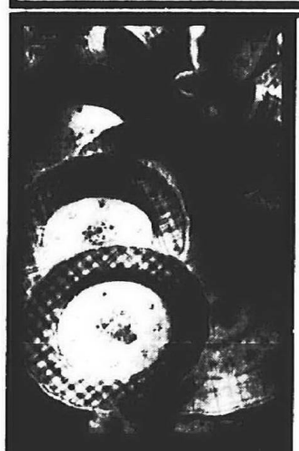

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e-mail: ebibik@oe.homecomm.net
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Controller

The Mirror Newspapers is seeking a detail-oriented but big-picture minded leader to join our management team. This is a hands-on position supporting 5 newspapers within the South East Oakland County marketplace. As Controller, you will be responsible for the efficient, timely and accurate operation of the accounting function, and Human Resources, as well as identifying and reporting on key performance measurements. The right candidate must have strong analytical, organizational and PC skills using MS Office products; understand systems; work well within a team environment; and have excellent communication and interpersonal skills. We require 3 to 5 years experience. CPA preferred. Qualified candidates, send salary history and resume to:

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DRIVER
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LAKE PRIVILEGES! 1994 Ranch with over 1800 sq. ft. on spacious corner lot. 2 car attached garage, basement, 1st floor laundry. $198,500 (02ANA) 734-455-5600



TONS OF SQUARE FOOTAGE! Lots of storage space in this 5 bedroom Colonial, 2 baths, huge kitchen, all appliances stay, circuit breakers, newer entry door and roof, lovely yard, covered patio. $120,000 (60HAZ) 734-455-5600



VICTORIAN FARMHOUSE! In Northville Twp. Approx. 100 year old home on 1¼ acres. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and room to roam. Newer vinyl siding, A/C, copper plumbing and other updates. Fireplace. $262,500 (00SEV) 734-455-5600



BREATHTAKING Tanglewood Golf Course setting for this executive caliber home. One of the finest lots in Lyon Township. The elegant interior offers solid doors throughout, skylight, crown moldings, marble entry, sauna and extra room for office or bedroom. $800,000 (65STA) 248-349-5600



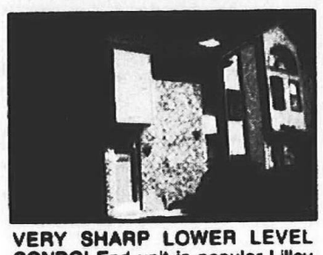
CUSTOM BUILT CONTEMPORARY. Impressive entry, 4 spacious bedrooms, large car garage, private yard with pool, indoor spa and sauna plus mirrored exercise room. Neat and clean. $799,900 (77WES) 248-349-5600



CANTON DOLL HOUSE. Super clean 3 bedroom Ranch with many updates. A car lover's dream with oversized 2 car heated garage and attached 1½ car garage. $169,900 (58WHI) 248-349-5600



SHARP RANCH CONDO WITH FULL BASEMENT! 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage. Cathedral ceilings, fireplace, deck overlooking nature preserve. Move-in condition. Neutral decor. All appliances stay. $224,900 (45AND) 734-455-5600



VERY SHARP LOWER LEVEL CONDO! End unit in popular Lilley Pointe. Open floor plan, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths (one master), beautiful kitchen, newer carpet, neutral decor, large utility room, appliances included. $117,900 (73LIL) 734-455-5600



OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Calif. fieldstone natural fireplace with raised hearth in family room. 4 BR, 2 bath Ranch with newer vinyl windows and ceramic tile. Doorwall to deck, lower finished basement with walkout. Merrillet cabinets, bay window, storage galore. HPP. $209,999 (51SOM) 734-455-5600



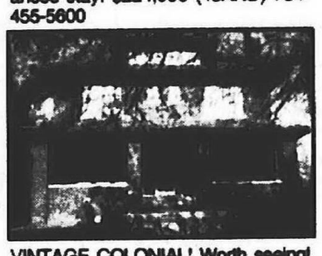
SMILE YOU FOUND IT...Well maintained Colonial located walking distance to schools and town of Northville. 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths. Great family neighborhood. Private fenced backyard that is nicely landscaped. $235,000 (92ELY) 248-349-5600



WEST DEARBORN DISCOVERY. Updates everywhere. 3 bedroom, 1 bath Bungalow with rec room in basement, 2½ car garage with opener. Newer roof, windows and furnace. Clean and freshly painted. $129,900 (10PRI) 248-349-5600



NEED MORE ROOM? Look no further. Large Ranch offers 4 bedrooms, open floor plan, 3+ car garage with heated workshop, skylights, Pella windows and more. $509,000 (16SPR) 248-349-5600



VINTAGE COLONIAL! Worth seeing! Well kept home in Boston-Edison features. Newer: furnace, block windows, natural woodwork. Huge finished 3rd level used as master bedroom with walk-in closet. Beautiful oak front door. $169,900 (10ATK) 734-455-5600



WONDERFUL FAMILY HOME! 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Livonia Colonial with many updates. Formal DR, library with crown moldings, bay windows, doorwall to deck, master suite with bath and sunken tub, 1st floor laundry. $326,900 (69MAY) 734-455-5600

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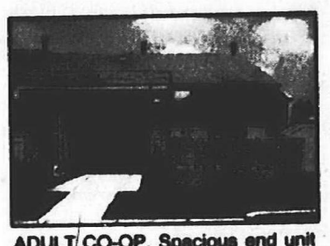
ABSOLUTELY CHARMING HOME offers two separate living areas: quaint front parlor and a modern family room. Beautiful natural woodwork, spacious rooms and cedar lined closet. $147,000 (14PON) 248-349-5600



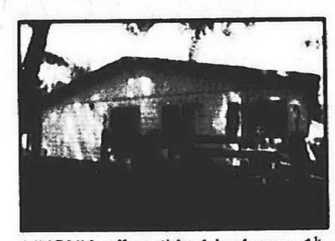
ADULT CO-OP. Spacious end unit pond view 2 bedroom, 2 bath Condo. Finished basement with walkout, clubhouse, pool and park. $104,500 (21ADA) 248-349-5600



SUPER CLEAN WELL MAINTAINED RANCH! 3 bedrooms with many updates: furnace, C/A, vinyl siding, vinyl windows, roof, carpeting, new driveway, circuit breaker, bath, entry door. Living room with gas fireplace. Home Warranty. $99,999 (36CAR) 734-455-5600



GREAT CONDO LIVING OPPORTUNITY! Terrific floor plan. 55+ community. Many updates: freshly painted, newer furnace, windows and doorwall. Spacious basement. HPP. All appliances stay. MBR with huge WIC. Patio, community pool and clubhouse. $127,900 (67NEW) 734-455-5600



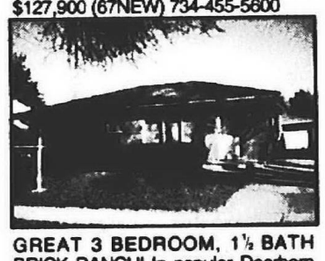
LIVONIA offers this 4 bedroom, 1½ bath Ranch with large lot, oversized garage, newer furnace, freshly painted. New furnace '98. Mechanic's dream garage. $149,900 (10ORA) 248-349-5600



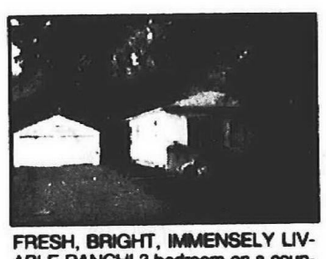
FAIRWAY PINES BEAUTY. Extraordinary care and exquisite taste have made this home the find of the century. 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths and the absolute best of all worlds on the 5th fairway of Pheasant Run Golf Course. $429,900 (78MER) 248-349-5600



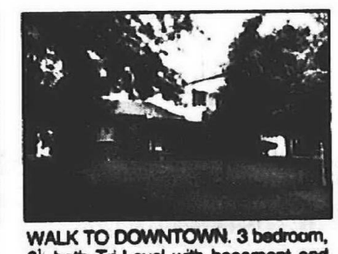
WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM HOME! Remodeled kitchen, dining room, vinyl siding and a large backyard for the kids to play in. One-half block from Crowley Park. Home Warranty included. $1,500 roof allowance to purchasers at closing. $99,900 (17CHE) 734-455-5600



GREAT 3 BEDROOM, 1½ BATH BRICK RANCH! In popular Dearborn Heights sub. 2½ car garage. Partially finished basement, C/A, vinyl windows, hardwood floors in bedrooms. Great home for the money! $134,900 (04NOR) 734-455-5600



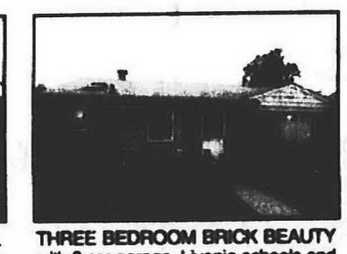
FRESH, BRIGHT, IMMENSELY LIVABLE RANCH! 3 bedroom on a country-like half-acre lot! Beautiful kitchen with cherry cabinets. Nice landscaping. Spacious living areas. A great price! Ready to move in. $149,900 (70WAY) 734-455-5600



WALK TO DOWNTOWN. 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Tri-Level with basement and enclosed porch. Large family room with fireplace and 2 car attached garage. $198,900 (77HOL) 248-349-5600



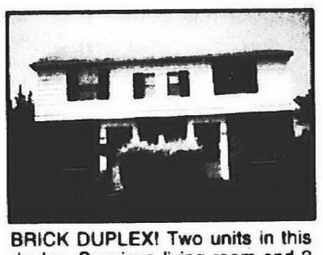
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY SETTING. Desirable home with lots of trees on double lot. Newer white kitchen cabinets, newer doors including garage door. Cozy all season breezeway. Huge deck. $158,900 (15NOR) 248-349-5600



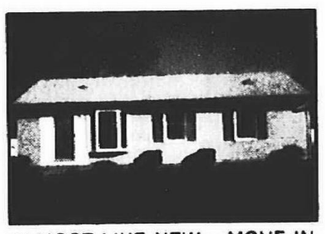
THREE BEDROOM BRICK BEAUTY with 2 car garage, Livonia schools and shopping. Lots of updates like windows, furnace, C/A, and roof. Better hurry. $122,900 (23MIL) 248-349-5600



SPECTACULAR 4 BEDROOM/2½ BATH IN EMBASSY CT.! Premium lot with mature trees and beautiful landscaping. Open floor plan with neutral decor. Foyer HW floors, spacious FR with FP. Large kitchen. Door overlooking 2 tier deck. Many updates. HPP. $259,000 (79CLA) 734-455-5600



BRICK DUPLEX! Two units in this duplex. Spacious living room and 2 bedrooms for each. Hardwood floors in living room and bedrooms, kitchen with dining area. Home Warranty. $167,900 (40PAR) 734-455-5600



ALMOST LIKE NEW – MOVE-IN CONDITION! Newer vinyl thermo windows with marble sills. Family room has newer doorwall and gas corner fireplace. Kitchen remodeled with new cupboards. Master bedroom with his & hers closets. $119,900 (16WES) 734-455-5600



NEED MORE ROOM? Check out this 3 bedroom Colonial with many 2000 updates: furnace, carpet, kitchen countertops. Hardwood floors in kitchen and entry. Gas fireplace in family room. $189,900 (13LAN) 248-349-5600



SHARP 3 BEDROOM brick Ranch decorated in neutral colors. Hardwood floors are in great condition. Updated electrical, painted inside and out in last few years. Stove, washer and dryer included. Partially finished basement. One year warranty. $168,500 (23MEL) 248-349-5600



SHARP WOODCREEK HOME. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 full baths Quad features an updated kitchen, newer furnace. Tastefully decorated throughout. $335,000 (11NEW) 248-349-5600



ENJOY BEAUTIFUL FALL COLORS! With this large 3 bedroom sprawling Plymouth Ranch. Numerous updates: kitchen, French doors, roof, C/A, furnace, hot water heater, carpet, driveway. Gorgeous wooded backyard. $205,000 (05GOV) 734-455-5600



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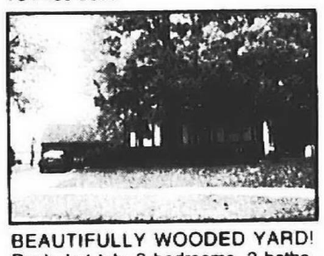

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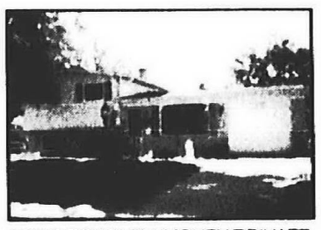

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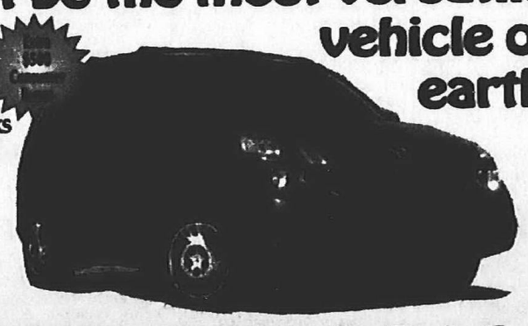

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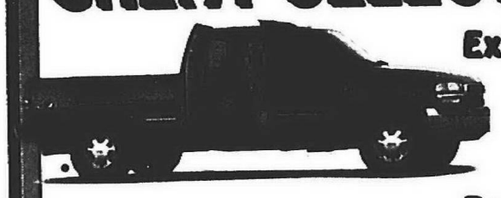

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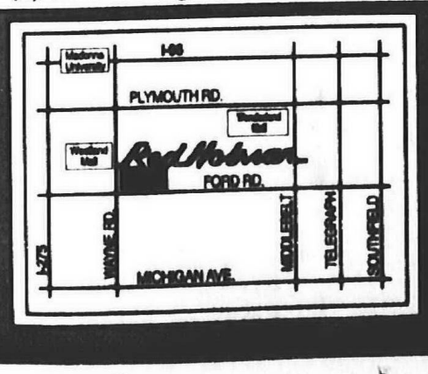

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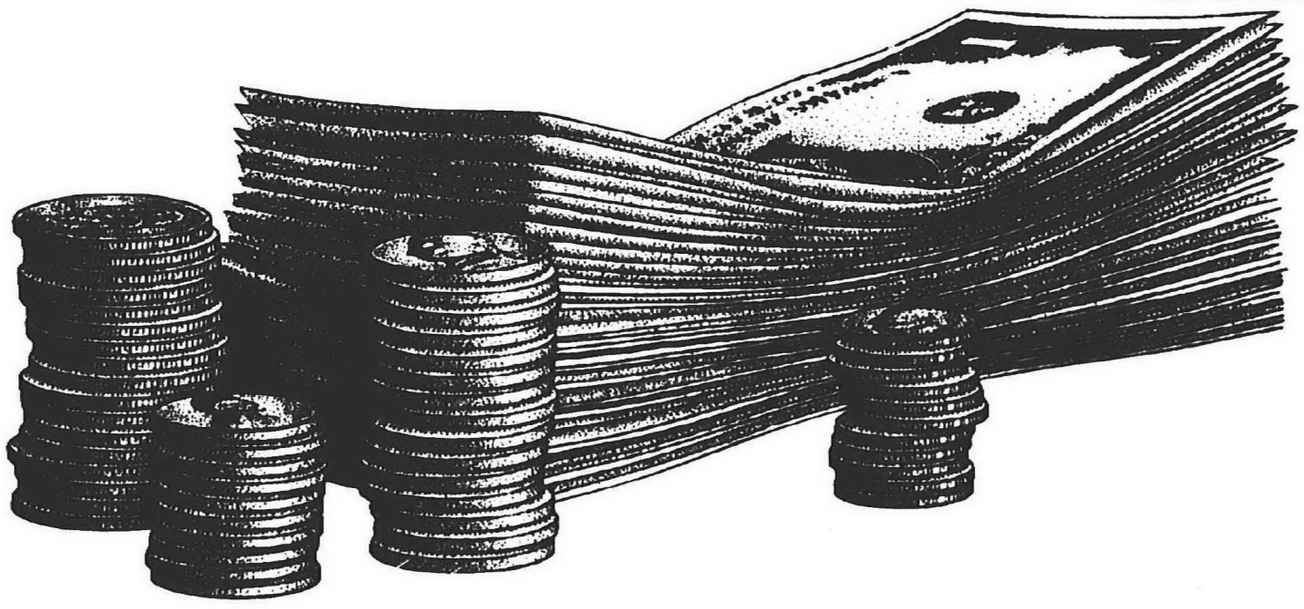

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Divorced white female, 49 yr old, 5'3", petite, with long blonde hair and green eyes, non-smoker, social drinker, seeking an attractive, honest, sincere, caring, single white male, with many interests, for friendship, good times and possibly more. BOX 10424

ONE ON ONE!
Single white female, seeking a tall, single white male, 53 to 62, cute, humorous, honest, and sincere, who enjoys doing things together and believes in a monogamous relationship. BOX 13745

OPEN YOUR HEART!
Single white female, 46, petite, honest and sincere, enjoys dancing, sports, travel, working out, and much more. Seeking single white male, with similar interests, for friendship, possible long term relationship. BOX 13749

THE IDEAL MATE!
Single white female, seeking single white male, 44 plus, who would enjoy doing things together, for friendship and companionship, possibly a lifetime of romance. BOX 24419

TRYING AT LOVE AGAIN
Single female, looking for love the second time around. Seeks a nice guy, 50 to 60, 5'11", with dark hair, fit and handsome, for a permanent relationship. BOX 32468

SEEKING A PARTNER
Single female, who is physically, emotionally, financially fit, who is ready for friendship, and possible long term relationship. Who can enjoy fine dining, home cooking, likes golf, the outdoors, dancing, and a warm fire. Must be a non-smoker. Social drinker okay. 52 to 62. North Oakland area. BOX 25070

DREAMS
60 yr old, single female, believes in romance, enjoys classic cars, country life and simple pleasures. Seeking a kind, sincere, single or divorced male, 46 to 60, non-smoker, with similar interests, for a long term monogamous relationship. Down River area. BOX 14471

NEW TO THE AREA
Single black female, 40, 5'3", brown eyes, reddish brown hair. Interest in meeting someone who is honest, not a game player, caring, likes to laugh, knows how to treat a lady. 36 to 52. BOX 25073

NORTH WEST SUBURBS
Fit, younger looking 50's, romantic, Christian lady, master's, tall, slim, pretty, optimistic, loves laughing, financially secure. Enjoys the good life, boating, water activities, travel and dining. Seeking the right one, tall, thin, attractive, honest, affectionate, happy, positive attitude, successful with values. BOX 25075

ATTENTION HARLEYS
Divorced white female, 41, no dependents, height/weight proportionate, caring, considerate, cute and cuddly, enjoys just about anything with the right person. Seeking warm hearted, romantic, non-smoking, white male who is ready for a relationship. BOX 35480

COMEDIAN AT HEART
Classy, elegant, + size, single white female, 36 yrs. Enjoys movies, walking, all activities, candles, and romance. Seeking professional male, 35 to 45, for a compatible, fun enjoyable relationship. BOX 25078

CUTE AS A BUTTON
Single white female, 62, 5'3", medium build, enjoys casinos, dancing, fine dining in or out, walking, holding hand and cuddling. Seeking a white gentleman, 45 to 60, that knows how to treat a lady. BOX 35484

I'M SANE
22 yr. old, single white female, 5'6", 125 lbs, loves horror flicks and cooking. Seeking muscular, single white male, 25 to 31, who is smart and strong willed. BOX 35485

A LADY OF CLASS
Vivacious, upbeat, very attractive, blonde female, a professional, 5'7", 115 lbs, upper 60's, seeking soul mate counter part, 60's, a professional, for dating, possible long term relationship. Call me and see what life has in store for us. BOX 35866

READY FOR ROMANCE
Attractive, single black female, 40 plus, light smoker social drinker. Seriously thinking of warm kisses on cool nights. Loves movies, dining in or out, and long massages. In search of a sweet loving, single white male, 5'10" or over. For friendship and more, age open. BOX 35460

CONSIDER THIS
Attractive, slender, tall, intelligent lady of 54 is she lady'like, amiable, warm hearted and a smoker, is seeking a man, 55 to 65, intelligent, tall, gentlemanly and interested in getting to know each other over dinners, laced with conversation. BOX 35140

FIRST TIME AD
Divorced white female, 44, taste 36, 5'4", 112 lbs, blonde hair, blue eyes, very attractive, petite, mother of one high school senior, financially secure homeowner who enjoys life. Seeking a white male, 40-50, at least 5', non-smoker, social drinker okay, for friendship, romance, possibly more. BOX 35000

GUESS WHO
How nice all you to drop in and check out my listing. I'm a fun single female, early 50's, who likes dining, dancing, movies, theater, long walks, quiet times, romance, and more. Seeking a good life companion. BOX 35070

CLASSY BLACK FEMALE
Classy, sassy, 5'7", 167 lbs, 37 yrs. young, college educated, professional, who likes to dance, go to movies, dine out, travel, and more. Seeking a man, 30 to 45, who is employed, has a car, for a committed relationship. BOX 35480

LOOKING FOR LOVE!
Active, fun loving, gentle, non-smoking, single white female, Christian, well educated and traveled, with no dependents. Loves golf, boating, sports, culture events and much more. Seeking a secure, single white male, 44 to 54, with similar attributes. BOX 32513

FIT THE BILL?
5'10", brown eyes, strawberry blonde hair, employed, likes sports, travelling, dancing, movies, theatre, cooking and more. Looking for a tall, emotionally/financially secure gentleman, 49 to 59, who has a great sense of humor and loves life, for a one on one relationship. BOX 23845

YOU SHOULD CALL
Spiritual inclined, divorced white female, 43, 5'6", weight proportionate to height, blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys a wide range of interests. Looking for white male, 35 to 55, with similar interests. BOX 24400

GENUINE GEM
62 yr old, white female, non-smoker, who's fun, giving, loving and loves life. Enjoys movies, flea markets, dining out and much more. Looking for a sincere, successful, secure, stable, loving white male, 45 to 60, who's a non-smoker, positive and loves life. BOX 16776

HONESTY A MUST
Single white female, 66 yrs young, 5'6", medium build, graying blonde hair, educated and retired. Likes travelling, good conversation, fine dining, music and much more. Looking for a companion, who's tall, professional, retired, to enjoy life's pleasures. BOX 16809

TAKE A CHANCE....
...I'm sure we will have a lot in common. Single female, 5'6", active, with reddish/brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys the finer things in life. Looking for a single male, 49 to 60, with a zest for life. If you're interested, give me a call. BOX 17007

GIVE ME A CALL
Divorced white Christian woman, 5'9", 130 lbs, 46, with one child. Seeking a Christian man, who's 38 to 44, professional, financially secure, motivated, self confident, must like children, church, sun, laughter and affection. BOX 16895

SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE
Single female, 59, 5'6", 135 lbs, attractive, educated, well groomed, fun loving, feminine, out going, and a good listener. Enjoys travel, reading, new adventure, people, outdoors, and learning. Seeking non-smoker gentlemen, with a spirit of adventure. BOX 32373

GIVE IT A TRY
Attractive, and fun loving, 5'3" blonde, with bubbly personality, likes hiking, travelling, dancing, and same sports. Looking for a gentleman, 50 to 60, for friendship, possible long term relationship. BOX 16934

DOES ANYBODY LIVE...
Downriver? Wanna have fun? Like the finer things? In shape? Successful? Classy? Looking for that one special girl? This attractive, blonde, blue eyed, 5'4", 125 lbs, 45 yr old, enjoys people, entertaining, cooking, long weekends, romance, travel, and antiques! P.S. First time placing an ad. BOX 35474

WHO SAYS GOOD.....
...things come in small packages? I'm a short, plus size, cute, dark skin, brown eyed woman, with enough intelligence and kindness for both of us. Looking for a quality, spiritual, sweet guy, non-smoker, tall, good sense of humor, to melt my queen size heart. BOX 24286

GOLFERS WHERE ARE U
Single white female, 56, young looking, active, down river area, loves to golf, but not ready for the tour. Lots of interests, new adventures. Seeking fit single white male, 5'10" or taller, between, 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33662

WANNA BE LOVED
Divorced white female, 39 yr old, 5'3", medium build, mother of two, strawberry blonde hair, hazel eyes. Enjoys sports, bowling, bingo, quiet times at home, movies, camping, walking and much more. Seeking white male, 35 to 45, with similar interests, for friendship first and possible long term relationship. BOX 33466

SPICE OF LIFE
5'6", 140 lbs, long brownish red hair, independent, romantic, who enjoys dancing, shooting pool, bowling, race cars, outdoors, or a quiet evening at home watching movies. Looking for a man, 35 to 45, who's romantic and enjoys some of the same interests, Down River Area. BOX 33514

NEW BEGINNINGS
Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size, Seeking a single male, 40 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining, and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33656

SHOOTING STAR
Divorced, white professional female, 5'6", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks minus 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

GRAIN GIRL
Single white female, 40, blue eyes, blonde hair, 5'6", slim build. Enjoys golfing, all outdoor activities, movies, and walks. Looking for a tall, romantic man, 45 and up, who's easy going, intelligent, understanding, with similar interests, for possible long term relationship. BOX 25091

NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK
Tall, attractive, down river widow, with no dependents. Seeks her match, 55 to 65, intelligent, honest, caring, with dry humor and open to most activities. C-Span, travel, dining, good conversation and Christian values. He will receive loving support, affection and loyalty. Send reply with photo. BOX 35405

INVITATION TO SHOP
Single white female, 55, 5'7", 8, medium/ athletic, green eyes, dark brown/ auburn, professional, your fit, who enjoys shopping, your life, who likes to dine out, enjoys a good time, and likes to travel a bit. Please write me. BOX 35479

CLASSY CLASSIC FEMALE
Attractive, classy, 5'7", 167 lbs, 37 yrs. young, college educated, professional, who likes to dance, go to movies, dine out, travel, and more. Seeking a man, 30 to 45, who is employed, has a car, for a committed relationship. BOX 35480

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LIFE'S TOO SHORT...
Give me a call...39 yr old, full time father, non-smoker, light drinker, likes to play darts, pool or just having fun. Looking for a single female. Together let us laugh, enjoy life and share in a committed relationship. BOX 10439

NICE GIRL WANTED
Single male, 42, looking for a nice single white female, 25 to 45 who enjoys dining out, hockey games, and sports. Hoping for a long term relationship that would be warm and wonderful for both of us. BOX 10492

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Single white male, 38, 5'9", 165 lbs, hazel eyes, smoker, social drinker, hard worker and down to earth. Seeking a single female, 24 to 38, with similar qualities, for good times and a possible relationship that could prove to be warm and wonderful for us both. BOX 10555

AVERAGE MALE
6'2", 250 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, glasses, with a lot of interests, looking for a female, 40 to 50, attractive, petite to plus size, with a sense of humor, for friendship first, maybe long term. BOX 10576

DEEPER IN LOVE!
Single white male, 21, seeking single white female, 21 to 25, for friendship, good times, possibly more. BOX 13739

COMPLETE MY LIFE!
Single white male, 34 yr old, 5'11", medium build, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys working out, running, movies, the beach, the outdoors, concerts, sports and much more. Seeking single white female, with similar interests. BOX 13752

GIVE ME A CALL!
Divorced white professional male, attractive, 48, seeking single or divorced white female, 35 to 45, humorous, and sincere. Enjoys many interests, for friendship, and good times. BOX 24392

GOOD TIMES HERE!
Divorced white father of two, who enjoys many interests, seeking single or divorced white female, 20 to 40's, who enjoys parties and much more, for friendship, good times and possibly more. BOX 24399

LOVE IN THE AIR!
Single white male, 42, 5'8", 175 lbs, athletic build, who enjoys the outdoors, life, working out and much more. Seeking single white female, with similar interests. BOX 32391

I'M WAITING
Single white male, 33, 5'9", 166 lbs, medium build, with brown hair, and blue eyes. Enjoys sports, cars, music, movies, and much more. Seeking single white female ,18 to 24, with similar interests. BOX 32518

LET'S CHAT
Single divorced white male, late 40's, 5'9", 155 lbs, attractive, well built, and fit. Looking for someone out there, 35 to 45, height/weight proportionate. BOX 32557

WANT TO KNOW MORE?
Black male, 39, looking for an intelligent, tall female for good times together. BOX 13865

HOPEFUL BUY SHY?
I'm your guy! Honest, handsome, white male, 46, with a good attitude. Seeks shy but motivated, single white female, for dating and togetherness. BOX 25082

HANDSOME IRON WORKER
Tall, dark hair and eyes, slender build, 58 yr. old, male. In search of a female, 40 to 50, slender, who likes dining, dancing, boating, travel, casinos and doing things on the spur of the moment. For friendship and possible long term relationship. BOX 33510

MATT DAMON
Cute, 5'8", 165 lbs, over 37, young looking single male. Enjoys movies in or out, great cook. Seeking smart lady for partnership. Sense of humor, feeling slightly disenfranchised. Livonia, Farmington, Novi areas. BOX 25084

FUN TIMES TOGETHER
31 yr old, 6'4", 195 lbs, single Afro American with a build head and hazel eyes, enjoys basketball, movies, concerts, cooking, hiking and much more. Seeking a black or Hispanic, 25 to 35, to share good times and maybe more. BOX 32473

6-2 ON THE EYES
White male, 49's, long brown hair, 6', 215 lbs. seeking female, 35 to 56, blonde preferred. Looking for that special attentive, passionate, romantic honest person to share in my enjoyment of candles, movies, music and dinners. BOX 33500

LET'S MEET
Affectionate, retired, single male, 60, 5'5", blonde hair, blue eyes, likes dining out, movies, walks in the park, watching tv and travelling. Seeking a nice lady, to have some fun with. BOX 36061

PLEASE READ THIS....
...If you are 48 to 58, slim, white attractive female, looking for a non-violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy. I am 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a lifetime relationship. I'll answer your call. Downriver area. No games. BOX 32049

JUST THE TWO OF US!
Trim, athletic, fun loving, caring, 6'2", 190 lbs, single white male, is seeking a romantic, fit, single white male, to develop a loving relationship. BOX 32477

HONEST
Tall, divorced white male, 6'4", good physical condition, 56, non-smoker, self employed, honest, sincere, sense of humor. I would like to meet a slender lady, 45 to 50, who is easy going with good values, for companionship and possible long term relationship. BOX 35984

LOOKING FOR YOU!
If you are, look no more! 38 yr old, 6'1", 190 lbs, sincere, fun loving, single white male, attractive, professional, is seeking a special, loving, white or Asian female, to develop a long term relationship. BOX 32552

GREAT EXPECTATIONS
Professional single white male, 44, 5'8", fit, Catholic, no dependents, communicative, humorous, persevering, flexible and more. Seeking a fit, emotionally available, single white female, for a happy, healthy relationship. BOX 33455

WARNING: MAY CAUSE..
Happiness. Answer this ad, you won't be sorry! Attractive, financially secure, professional, single white male, 48, 6', 170 lb, no dependant. Seeks attractive, single white female, 25 to 45, weight proportionate to height, who's happy with who she is. BOX 35978

KEEP A SMILE
Single white male, 46, 6'1", blonde/brown hair, brown eyes, excellent build, slim, figure, resembles Don Johnson, and Fabio. Loves to play hockey, roller blade, football, bowl. Looking for that goal oriented, female, caring, and loves to keep a smile on her face. BOX 13778

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Youthful 61, 5'11", 175 lbs, white male, non-smoker, self employed, no dependents, easygoing, positive attitude. Likes travel, reading, conversation, movies, dining out, exercise, new adventures. Seeks attractive, petite female, for long term monogamous relationship. Westland area. BOX 25968

WARNING...
...May cause happiness. Answer this ad and you wont be sorry! Attractive, financially secure, professional, single, white male, 41, 6', 170, no dependents. Seeks single white female, 25 to 45. Reply now! BOX 33492

WHAT I NEED
Very young looking, 48, African American male, medium brown complexion, 5'7", 170 lbs, medium build, easygoing, clean, disease/drug free, employed, never married and no dependents. Interests dining out, cooking, gardening, cinema, music, and holding hands. Seeking a single/divorced white female, 40 to 55, with similar interests. BOX 13802

I'M YOUR KNIGHT
and daytime friend, too! 47, divorced, adventurous, fun loving, easygoing, slim, Catholic, honest, college graduate, non-smoker, social drinker. Enjoys boating, amateur theatre, bowling, walks, movies, dancing and travel. Seeks a lady, close in age, with similar interests, for a long term relationship. BOX 26002

VERY GENTLE
If you are looking for a early 60's, 5'6", 175 lbs, caring, loving, light hearted, gentle, honest, good looking man, who doesn't sit at the bar, call me. Looking for an attractive, light hearted, slim lady, 50 to 60, to spend life with. Downriver area. BOX 33429

GOOD VALUES
Professional white male, 59, 5'11", 198 lbs, attractive, no dependents, college educated, with a couple of degrees, non-smoker, good listener. Communication is important. I'm open, honest, very positive, and up beat. Interests are the outdoors, walking, travel, movies, and music. Seeking an attractive lady, affectionate, with same values. BOX 13809

INTERACT WITH...
Quality!! A single white male, 43, childless, college grad, nice looks, open to marriage or long term relationship. Seeks to interact with a charming lady companion. BOX 24957

SEEKS SOUTHERN GAL
Single white male, 40's, professional, college graduate, blonde hair, brown eyes, clean cut, bubbly personality. Enjoys sailing, sun, sand, swimming, traveling South, fireplaces, romance, candle light dinners. Seeks sweet Southern gal for relationship and romance. Will answer all. BOX 35476

HANDSOME AND HONEST
36 yr old, handsome, 6', blue eyes, nice smile, athletic, seeks an attractive woman who has character, spirituality, honesty and also an adventurous side. BOX 24958

DEGREED MALE
Professional single white male, 42, 6'1, 190 lbs, trim, athletically built, degree, sincere, and warm hearted. Seeking a trim, Christian woman, still very much a romantic at heart, for a sincere, long term relationship. BOX 32457

WAYNES WORLD
Single white male, 5'10", 205 lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker. Enjoys cooking, movies, baseball, tennis, and dining out. Seeks single white female, 45 to 55, honest, height/weight proportionate, for monogamous relationship. BOX 35477

GOOD GUY
Honest, romantic, retired, silver hair, fair looking, stocky build, seeks slender lady for bowling and golf, 55 to 63, that's caring, talkative and fun to be with! Call me! North Oakland area. BOX 24961

STILL SLEEPLESS
48 yr old male, large build, hazel eyes, 5'10", non-smoker, light drinker, enjoy movies, walks, bike riding, cooking, shopping, miscellaneous things, cuddling, quiet times and candlelight dinners. Looking for female, 45 to 55, with similar interests, who is willing to teach me new things. BOX 35478

FAMILY FUN AWAITS
37 yr old 6'1", 190 lb, handsome, secure, single white male in Dearborn with 8 yr old daughter. Enjoys reading, biking, boating, family activities and more! Seeking a fit, honest, loving female for a great relationship and enjoying life! BOX 35479

ALL WORK AND...
...no play? What's the point! Get a life with this stylish, cultured, entertaining white male, 48. Seeking our an interesting female fun mate. BOX 35483

DOWNRIVER AREA
Financially secure, retired, 68, white widower, 5'9", 185 lbs, brown hair and eyes, into boating, bicycling, walking, movies, country music, dining, slow dancing and just quiet times. Seeks retired, financially secure white lady, 60 to 65, for a long term relationship. Who knows what it will lead too! BOX 35486

GOOD CLEAN FUN?
Go ahead and call this single white male. He is 48, charming, easy to talk to, active and adventurous. Seeking nice single white female, for romance and friendship. BOX 35487

STOP! READ THIS!
If you are tired of these ads and meeting flaky men, then call me. I have both feet on the ground, big hearted, don't drink, am gentle, widowed, well built, early 60's and look much younger. You must be under 61, lean, attractive and serious about your future. I will return your call. Down river area. BOX 35488

METRO AIRPORT AREA
47 yr old, single white parent, attractive, 5'1", 200 lbs, smoker, social drinker, hardworking, with a variety of interests that include, golf, camping, fishing, etc. Seeks an attractive, caring, single white female, height, weight proportionate, with family values and similar interests, must like children and animals. BOX 35489

LIGHT HEARTED
Attractive, widowed, white single male, 5'9", 175 lbs, with good sense of humor, early 60's, enjoys all the good things in life, financially secure, gentle. Looking for a slim, attractive, white lady, 50 to 58, for a permanent relationship, no games. BOX 33486

PLEASE READ THIS
If you are, 48 to 58, slim, white and attractive, call me. If you are looking for a non violent, loving, happy go lucky, non-drinking guy, call me. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs, attractive, widowed and lonesome, looking for a life time relationship. I'll answer your call. Down River, no games. BOX 33419

AS GOOD AS IT GETS
Very kind, respectful, considerate, single white male, 39, 6'5", 246 lbs, with brown hair and green eyes. I enjoy camping, fishing, hiking, anything outdoors, dancing and the movies. Seeking an honest, loyal and loving female who enjoys doing similar things. Children okay. BOX 15486

SINGLE PARENT
Single father of one, likes bowling, quiet evenings at home, movies, play, concerts, biking, and sports. Looking to meet a someone, with similar interests. BOX 20447

VERY ACTIVE
White male, 41, 6'1", never married, very long hair, told to be good looking, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys snowmobiling, bowling, boats, race cars, camping, and going up North. Seeking attractive female, who is tired of games, 25 to 45, with similar interests. BOX 25993

INTEGRITY
Looking for someone to take out to dinner, movies, walk, and talk together. Why don't you pick up the phone and we can talk it all over in comfort and style? BOX 25396

LONESOME
Attractive, widowed, white single male, 5'8", 175 lbs, 62, acts younger, excellent physically condition, blue eyes, very easy going and light hearted. I like walking, traveling, games and conversations. Looking for a slim, attractive lady under, 60, with a nice personality for a serious relationship. BOX 33426

LET'S TALK
Attractive, 38 yr old, single white male, 6', 190 lbs, brown hair and eyes, enjoys sports, dining out and quiet times at home. Looking for an attractive female 27 to 38 with a good sense of humor and similar interests. BOX 20446

SEEKS SOUTHERN GAL
Single white professional male, 40's, college graduate, blonde hair, brown eyes, clean cut, bubbly personality. Enjoys sailing, sun, sand, swimming, traveling South, fireplaces, romance, candle light dinners. Seeks sweet Southern gal for relationship and romance. Will answer all. BOX 25986

NO GAME PLAYERS
Hispanic, 5'9", 180 lbs male, 53, non-smoker, well established likes fishing, flea markets, long quiet evenings. Looking for a lady, 40 to 50, in hope of making a romantic connection. BOX 33482

GIVE ME A CALL
Honest, hard working, nice guy, divorced male, early 40's, short, light build, dark hair, brown eyes, no dependents and employed. Seeking a female for friendship and more. BOX 32532

FRIENDSHIP AND MORE
Divorced, professional, white male, 39 yr old, tall, slim, honest, hard-working, easygoing. I enjoys bike riding and anything outdoors. I'm in search of a female, 28 to 40, 5'8" or taller, thin to medium build, without children, for friendship and possible relationship. BOX 33497

PRETTY WOMAN
Richard Gere. Younger looking in 30's, 6'4", trim, Christian, optimistic, caring, giving, loves to laugh, financially set. Enjoys the good life, boating, snow skiing, cycling, travel and dining. Seeking the right one, late 20's to early 30's, tall, thin, pretty model, honest, with values and happy. Northwest suburbs. BOX 36070

ESCAPE
Escape the single life with me. Single white male, 42 years old, 5'10", 195 lbs, curly blond hair, hazel eyes, somewhat active, very adventurous. Looking for single white female, 35-50, petit to medium build, non-smoker, social drinker, with similar interests, financially secure. BOX 26015

SPECIAL FEMALE
Single black male, 38, 5'5", 140 lbs, college educated, great sense of humor, employed, and no dependents. Seeking a single special female, any race, 25 to 39, who is college educated, no dependents, outgoing, and nicely built. BOX 32372

FIRST TIME AD
Single white male, 33, 6'2", 225 lbs, smoker, social drinker. Enjoys sports, comedy clubs, camping, walks. Seeking single female, 23 to 33, slim, with similar interests, for friendship and possible relationship. BOX 33501

AGED TO PERFECTION??
Holding up well? Handsome, single white male, 46, with integrity and style. Seeks decent looking, loveable lady. For dating companionship and possibly more. BOX 25390

VERY SPECIAL MAN
Black male, 46, very special looking for a very compassionate and sincere lady, 35 to 60. Wayne county area. BOX 32537

JUST MAKING MEMORIES
And definitely not boring. Divorced white male, 5'11", fit, 220 lbs, easy going, honest, intelligent, loves to have fun. Into weekend getaways, classic cars, motorcycles, romance, and much more. Seeking compatible, attractive, fit, fun lady, 35 to 52, with a touch of class. BOX 25394

BLUE JEANS TYPE GUY
White male, 42 yr old, 5'8", 240 lbs, enjoys outdoors, cooking, movies, biking and quiet conversations by the fire. Loves kids, hate spectator sports. In search of long term relationship with non-smoking, sweetheart, with similar interests. North Oakland area. BOX 25398

34 NEW ADS!

WORTH LOOKING INTO
Charming, sincere, single white male, 49's, good at laughing, listening and loving. Seeking a special, friendly, lady, for meaningful, romantic, relationship. BOX 25976

NO GAMES
Single young looking, 59 yr old white male, attractive and good looking, tall, weight appropriate to height, many interests, enjoys going out to dinner, movies, weekend drives and travelling, also enjoy quiet times at home. Seeking an attractive white female, 35 to 50. BOX 33516

CALL ME SOON
Hardworking, divorced, white male, 49 yr old, 5'9", 175 lb is seeking a fun loving, easy going, intelligent, pretty, single white female, for companionship and long term relationship. Redford Area. BOX 36082

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white male, 39, 6'1", 250 lbs, with herpes, enjoys bike riding, swimming and more. Seeking a single white female for friendship and possible long term relationship. BOX 33517

BRIGHT EYES
49 yr old, white male, 5'7", 145 lbs, dark blue eyes, fun loving, non-smoker, who likes walking, swimming and camping. Seeking a petite white female, for possible long term relationship. BOX 33496

GIVE ME A CHANCE
Divorced white male in search of ideal mate, 39 plus, for fun and friendship, dating or possible long term relationship. Non-smoker. BOX 26039

ATTENTION: SHERYL
You responded to my ad, my mailbox number was 33460 and the title of my ad was " Herpes". I did not get all of your number, can you please call and leave your number again. BOX 33518

YOUR LAST CALL!
Sophisticated, nice looking white gent, 44, one of a kind. Enjoys the arts, outdoors, travel, etc. Seeking a special lady in his life to share. BOX 33519

FIRST TIME AD
Are you tired of living the beginning of the Cinderella story and would like to skip to the end of it? Then consider exploring with this very successful, attractive, Oakland County gentleman. I'm divorced, 5'10", 155 lbs, 59 plus, trim, non-smoker and more than enjoy having fun. BOX 25334

A WALK IN THE WOODS
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IS THIS YOU?
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Divorced white father of two, 43 yr old, 6'1", 200 lbs, attractive, physically fit, who enjoys tennis, skiing, walks, dining out, movies, dancing, quiet times and much more. Seeking single white female who's down to earth and shares similar interests. BOX 20465

WAITING ON YOU!
Single white male, 28, 6'1", 200 lbs., with red/brown hair, brown eyes, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities, and much more. Seeking single white female, 25 to 30, for fun times, dating, friendship, possibly more. BOX 34991

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LOOKING AHEAD
Divorced white male, 5'11", financially secure, professional, 61, who likes exercise, fine dining, theater and travel. Seeks intelligent, attractive single or divorced white female, 40 to 58, who would be good company in all kinds of situations. BOX 36083

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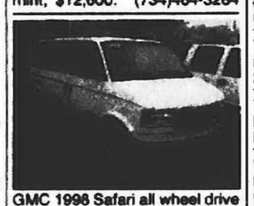

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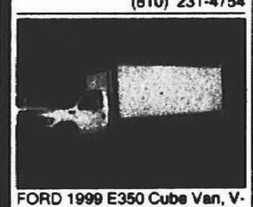

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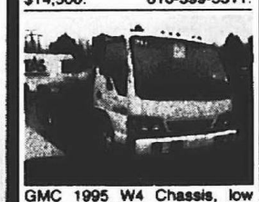

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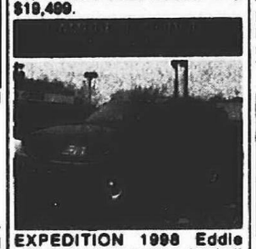

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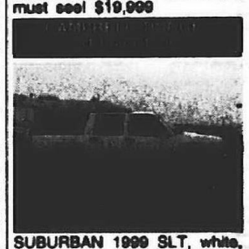

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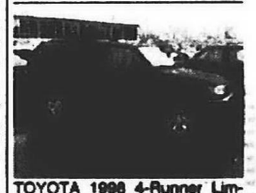

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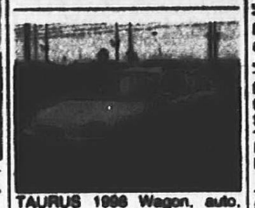

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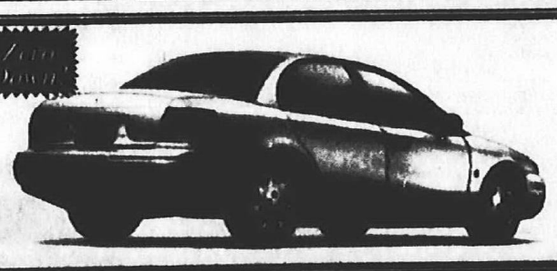

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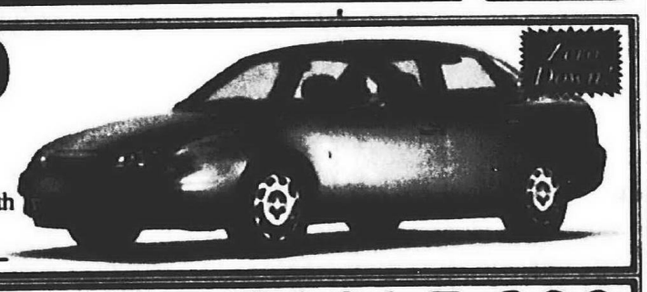

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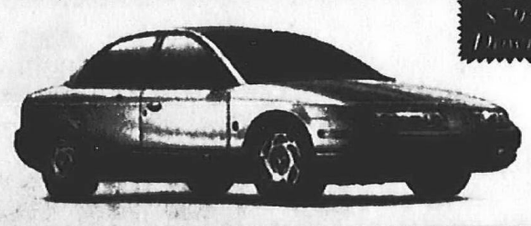

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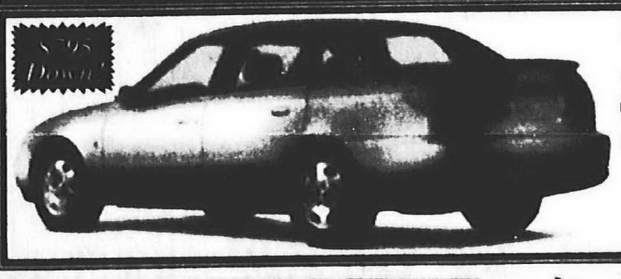

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870 Subaru

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SL, 1996, 47k, stereo, air, new tires, oil changes 3k, maintenance list $6,500. 734-326-2359

SL2 1997 - 33,000 mi., pw/pb, air, dark green, 4 door, $9900. 248-645-5921

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872 Toyota

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