

City goes back to square one

■ After being turned down by their top choice for new city manager, the Plymouth City Commission is regrouping, setting up interviews with remaining candidates in an effort to fill the long-vacated position.

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Short of starting the entire selection process over, Plymouth city commissioners have decided to invite three candidates to their Jan. 3 meeting to

interview for the vacant city manager's position.

The decision was a compromise after Commissioner Michele Potter's attempt to force the commission to negotiate with her top candidate, Roosevelt Park City Manager Michael

Overton, failed.

Potter reminded commissioners about a resolution they passed on a 4-2 vote at their Nov. 28 meeting, which called for offering the job to Overton in the event Hazel Park City Manager K. Joseph Young turned down the position.

Potter even went as far as to amend the resolution, calling for a unanimous vote to begin negotiations with Overton. That failed on a 4-3 vote, with only Potter, David Byers and Dan Dwyer voting in favor of the measure.

"Everything that I have found out about Mr. Overton has been positive, including the quality of his leadership," said Dwyer. "I think he would have a positive impact on Plymouth."

Commissioner Sean FitzGerald, who has former Fenton city manager Michael Cain at the top of his list, offered a motion to rescind Potter's Nov. 28 resolution and re-examine the selection process. That passed on the same 4-3 vote.

"The issue for me is experience," said

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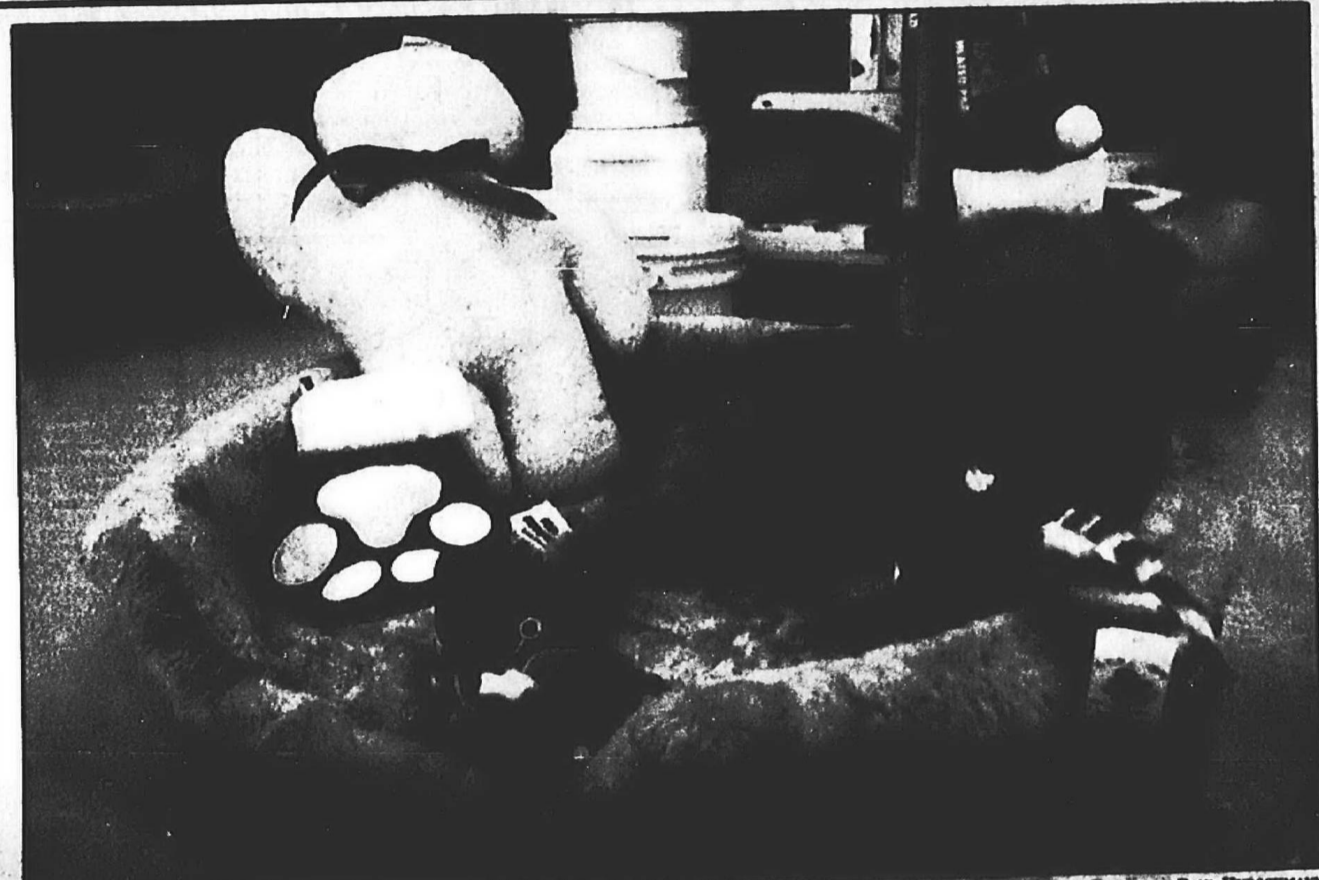
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Pet preferences: Rowdy shows off some Christmas gift toys, a stuffed plush toy, and a real shearling lined doggie bed at Specialty Pets in Plymouth.

Best friends

Don't forget your pet for Christmas

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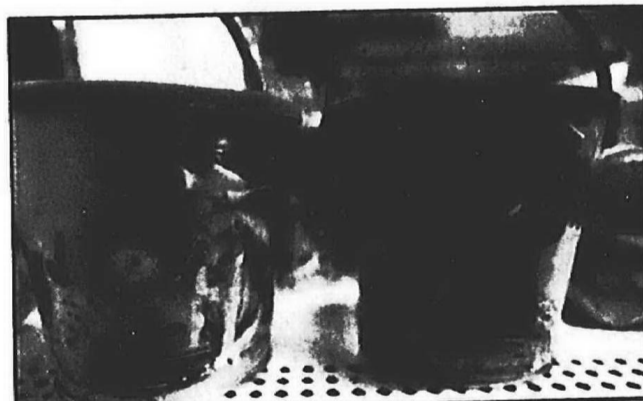
You've looked over your holiday gift list and checked it twice. Parents, check. Siblings, check. In-laws, check. Grandparents, check. Children, check. Gift exchange at work, check.

But perhaps you've forgotten a loved one who's probably the easiest to please when it comes to buying gifts, or may very well be amused for hours with a crumpled up piece of paper or a paper grocery sack.

Pets will likely show their thanks by batting around their gift with a paw or by chewing on them. If you buy them treats, chances are they'll gobble them up and beg for more.

If your "family" includes a dog, cat, bird, ferret, rodent

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Pooch-perfect: A bucket o' biscuits will liven up any dog's Christmas morning.

Weekend blaze rips through Francis home

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A Plymouth Township couple and their grandchildren narrowly escaped from a fire that destroyed the couple's home in the early morning hours Saturday.

The Francis Street home was destroyed by the blaze, which started shortly before 3:30 a.m. According to Plymouth Community Fire Chief Larry Groth, firefighters got the call at about 3:25 after the homeowner heard a small explosion.

The fire did an estimated \$150,000 in damage to the home, and another \$50,000 in content damages, according to Groth, who said the fire was started by an overloaded electrical system.

"When we arrived, the entire rear of the house was engulfed in flames," Groth said. "The homeowner, his wife and their two grandchildren, who were

■ 'They narrowly escaped with what they had on their backs.'

Larry Groth
—Fire chief

spending the night, were out of the house. They narrowly escaped with what they had on their backs."

Groth said the family was alerted to the fire when the homeowner heard a "popping noise" and smelled smoke. He woke his wife, then "hollered upstairs to get the kids," Groth said.

The homeowner was treated for smoke inhalation and shortness of breath at St. Mary Hospital. The other residents were unharmed, according to Groth.

The fire chief said the residents were using too many

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Winter wonderland



Pretty sight: Not everything about winter storms is annoying, as these snow-covered limbs hanging over the Rouge River, as seen from a bridge on Northville Road looking west, would attest.

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Salvation Army benefits from Cheer Club

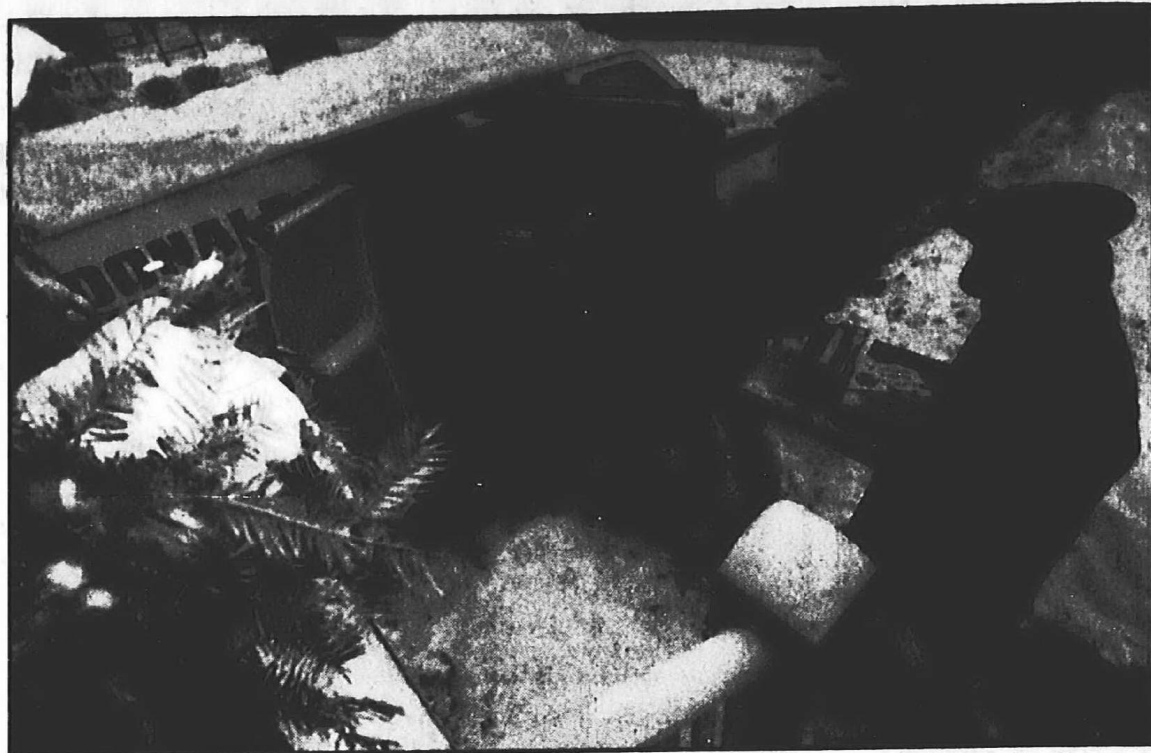
The Plymouth and Canton Observers want to thank the community for making this year's Cheer Club drive successful.

On Friday, the Salvation Army carted away two rooms full of toys and grocery items from our editorial offices on Main Street in downtown Plymouth. Donations included an impressive line-up of Barbies, Pokémon games and other toys to thrill area kids who may not expect much on Christmas morning.

There were also bags of groceries and basic supplies for the less fortunate families in the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities.

New and returning members to the Cheer Club included: Canton residents Mark, Cindy, Jeffrey and Cortney Simpson; Kurt and Dawn Denzer; Ann Confer, Janet and Brian; Ron Nagy, Cindy Martin, Cecilia Sovine; Danny Reilman; Juanita Fenkell; Cliff and Laponko Lambert; the Domenzain family; the Faerber family; and Sue Hester.

Also, Plymouth residents Emerson and Dianne Coates; Vicki Matthews; Nancy and Mike Riemenschneider; Terry and Susan Groneau; Jean, Mac and Kate Morris; the Day fami-



Canton Observer Editor Tedd Schneider, Salvation Army volunteer Joseph Krogman and Salvation Army Captain Steve Hull load a van Friday with donations to the Observer's Cheer Club at the Observer office on South Main.

ly; Stan and Barbara Szuba; ; Lorraine and William McLin; Dexter and Andrew Gregg; Rosita Smith; Mike and Peggy Beer-croft; and Bonnie and Dave

Cusumano. A special thanks goes to group donations from Horton Plumbing and the Canton Cheerleaders; the fourth-grade and combin-

ed 3/4/5-grade class of Amy Olivera at Bird Elementary in Plymouth; an anonymous Plymouth Township family; and the Plymouth-Canton Sharks hockey team.

Trash pickup late

Plymouth Township officials are reminding residents their trash will be picked up a day later during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Christmas trees will be picked up at curbside from Jan. 2-6, on the resident's collection day. Because the trees will be composted, township officials are asking that all tinsel, garland and non-organic materials be removed. Plastic tree disposal bags cannot be accepted.

Natural wreaths will also be accepted and composted, as long as all wire and non-organic materials have been removed.

For more information, call the township, (734) 459-3840.

Helping seniors

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging has funds available to help seniors who have financial limitations. Assistance can be provided for such things as trans-

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portation, payment of prescriptions and medical bills, food, medical insurance payments, minor home repairs (furnace or stove problems, leaks, defective door locks, etc.), home maintenance (leaf raking, snow removal, etc.) and legal consultation.

In emergencies, transportation via cab to destinations within a 20-mile radius may also be covered.

Anyone with knowledge of seniors who would qualify and need the service should call the PCCA at (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

Symphony subscriptions

Still looking for a Christmas present for someone? The Plymouth Symphony thinks it has the perfect thing.

The symphony is offering a mini-series subscription package to its remaining sea-

son subscription concerts, scheduled for Jan. 27, Feb. 17 and March 24. Trio packages are available for only \$35 for adults, \$30 for seniors or college students. That marks a minimum 18 percent discount — individual tickets for these concerts are \$14 for adults, \$12 for seniors/college students.

In addition to the chance to see the concerts, subscribers are eligible for season subscriber rewards, which include, but are not limited to, discounts and priority seating for special events, priority notification for all PSO events, ticket exchange privileges and acknowledgement in PSO programs.

Tickets for Cabaret Cafe, this year's annual concert/auction, are on sale. The event takes place April 6 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Tickets are \$50 for adult general admission and \$25 for children.

For tickets, season subscriptions or more information, contact the symphony office, (734) 451-2112, E-mail plymouthsymphony@aol.com, or visit the symphony's website at www.plymouthsymphony.org.

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Checking the list: Key rings, Santa hats and gift baskets for your pet are all good gift ideas.

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or even an iguana, chances are there is a gift especially for them at local pet supply stores. There are ferret hammocks, bird swings, iguana perches and bottles of dust bath for chinchillas.

Americans spend an estimated \$24 billion annually on pet care and feeding alone. In addition, the average American pet owner spends about \$16-\$140 annually for pet toys, \$20-\$50 annually on treats and \$20-\$30 on collars and leashes, according to the Michigan Humane Society.

Jean Carmean of Canton was shopping for a new squeaky toy for her 12-year-old miniature dachshund, Amy, at Pet Supplies Plus, 43665 Ford in Canton.

"I buy everything for my pet," Carmean said, adding that Amy particularly likes squeaky toys and plush toy animals. As a result, there are roughly 200 such toys scattered throughout their home.

"I think that (pets) need to have something to do just like humans do," Carmean said. "To (Amy), the toys are like her babies. She treats them as though they were her puppies."

In addition to the toys, Amy also has a cushy sleeping pad by a window, Carmean said.

Pet Supplies Plus manager Scott Hawken said he sees nothing strange about including pets on a holiday shopping list.

"People consider them part of the family," he said. "They want to get them all sorts of stuff."

People of all ages like to buy gifts for pets, but older people particularly like to pamper them.

"They just baby them," Hawken said.

Some gifts, like Santa outfits and reindeer antlers, are more for human entertainment than for the pets. But other gifts, like treats and toys, are as fun for the animals as cookies and milk or brand new toys from Santa are for human children.

"(Pets) do actually get something out of treats," Hawken said.

One of the most popular ways to play Santa with a pet is by giving them a stocking. Pet own-

Pets not good presents

It may be a good idea to buy holiday gifts for pets, but it's not a good idea to give pets as holiday gifts, according to the Michigan Humane Society.

That adorable puppy or kitten may have seemed like a good idea for a gift at first. But once the new owner loses interest or realizes that caring for the animal is more work than they thought, too often these animals wind up in shelters, or worse, are cast outdoors to fend for themselves.

"We don't recommend giving pets away as gifts," said Emily Coaker, community relations representative with the Michigan Humane Society. "Remember, pets are a lifetime commitment."

In addition, pets don't make

good surprise gifts. If a parent wants to get a pet for another family member, everyone should be involved in the decision.

After the holidays, the MHS' Westland shelter on 37255 Marquette becomes littered with former "holiday gifts." Some pets may be adopted, but most aren't.

While the MHS doesn't restrict pet adoptions before the holidays, all potential pet owners must pass background checks that determine whether they have suitable homes for pets.

"It's a nice idea to give a pet, but not if you don't know if the person wants the pet or if they don't have the time to care for it," Coaker said.

Society in Westland.

"Usually we don't recommend (animal) by-product toys," Coaker said. Bones can be fatal for dogs. They can become splintered, causing slivers to get wedged in the throat and stomach, damage the intestines and damage teeth. Some dog breeds have jaws strong enough to crush even large bones.

Bones should be thrown away as soon as they break up or shatter, Coaker said.

Bennett said pet lovers are only limited by budget at Specialty Pet Supplies. They can spend as little as 10 cents for a doggie biscuit, a few bucks for a new food dish, \$15 for a high-tech toy or hundreds of dollars on a scratching post/kitty condo for their felines.

One popular item for dogs is the "Yuppy Puppy" dog treat dispenser, which resembles a gum-ball machine. Dogs can operate it themselves by pushing on a bone-shaped lever to dispense the goods. It retails for about \$40.

Some of the hottest selling items recently are those geared toward coping with not-so-hot weather, Bennett said.

Relieved relatives welcome 'missing' grandmother back home for holidays

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A Plymouth grandmother is home safe and sound, and her relatives are relieved, after the Tonquish Creek Manor resident failed to arrive at a relative's home in Georgia last week.

Clara Parks, 86, boarded a Greyhound Bus last Wednesday morning in Wayne, expecting to get off in Macon, Ga., and spend the holidays with relatives.

However, family in both states became concerned when Parks failed to get off the bus in Georgia, with no clues as to her whereabouts.

"I was trying not to think of anything bad happening to her," said her grandson, Tim Parks, of Garden City. "I was just hoping things would turn out OK."

As Parks tells the story, the bus was on its way to Georgia when it got caught in a snowstorm in Kalamazoo.

"We just couldn't get through because of the snow," Clara Parks said. "Greyhound got us motel rooms and we had to wait until three o'clock the next day before we could continue."

The trip resumed, and everything was going well when the bus driver made an announcement that they weren't far from Macon, and he would let passengers know when they arrived.

"I guess I didn't hear him make the announcement that we were in Macon, so I just stayed on the bus," said Clara Parks.

After spending a night on the bus and dining on vending machine cookies, Parks was in sunny Florida and unsure of what to do.

After thinking about it, Parks decided she'd had enough vacation, and used her round-trip ticket to return to Michigan on Sunday.

"I'm tired, and glad to be home," said Parks. "I guess I'll just spend the holidays in Michigan."

Weather takes toll on Salvation Army

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The nearly 20 inches of snow that's fallen on the Plymouth-Canton area the past 10 days has taken its toll on the Salvation Army's holiday quest to meet its financial obligations for needy families.

"The weather didn't do us any favors," admits Capt. Stephen Hull from his Salvation Army office in Plymouth Township, which serves the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities. "We lost nearly three days of bell ringing because of the snow."

Hull said the Rotary Club did a great job of making up some of

the difference last weekend and is hoping the Kiwanis Club will do the same this weekend.

They'll need to work hard to make up a huge deficit. Hull said the Red Kettle campaign has thus far netted \$75,000 in cash, far short of its goal of \$113,000.

"We have a long way to go, but the week before Christmas is usually our strongest week," said Hull. "Reaching our goal is still doable, but it will certainly be a stretch. The one thing we can't control is the weather ... it has a mind of its own."

Hull said getting bell ringers for the weekdays has been his biggest challenge, while volunteers for evenings and weekends have responded well.

As for the mail-in campaign, the Salvation Army has reached more than half its goal, and Hull is confident it will be reached easier than the Red Kettle drive. Thus far nearly \$120,000 in donations have been sent in. This year's mail-in campaign goal is \$225,000.

Meanwhile, many companies, churches and families came forward this holiday season to sponsor 125 needy families by donating food, clothing and holiday gifts. Hull said the remaining 80 families on the list will be helped with food, clothing and monetary donations from area residents.

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electrical outlets and extension cords for the house, built for 60-amp service. Complicating the problem was the lack of smoke detectors in the building.

Groth was disconcerted to see the house had no smoke detectors, especially when they're so easy to come by these days. For instance, the chief pointed out,

Kmart recently had a sale where smoke detectors were available two-for-\$8.

"As a fire chief, I say if you don't have a smoke detector, invest in one," he said. "This fire points out what could have happened very easily. These people are very, very fortunate."

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Larry Groth

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trol over its operation.

Under the new plan, the district would not be allowed, under state law, to have one of its trustees on the school board of the charter.

"But, as a chartering institution, if Menlo Park doesn't fulfill the vision of the charter, they could yank the charter," said Flam. "They wouldn't have day-to-day control, but ultimate control."

Menlo Park Academy will attempt to use the latest information on brain research and use it to improve teaching techniques and learning ability.

"The educational program remains the same and intact, an agreement with the district to provide a lab setting for brain-based learning," he told board members.

Teachers for Menlo Park would come from members of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association. The K-2 school, which would add a grade each year until it encompassed fifth grade, would eventually have its own building within the district boundaries.

"The building is still an issue," said Flam. "The worst case sce-

nario would be to start with portable classrooms and begin a sinking fund to build revenue for a new building in several years."

Trustees appeared intrigued by the new option presented to them, but remained cautious because the district is already taxing its administrators with a number of long range projects, including the construction of an elementary school and high school.

Administrators are also in the midst of creating a program to integrate the three high schools. And, with the loss of Deputy Superintendent Patrick O'Donnell, who accepted the superintendent's job in Fenton, the administrative ranks are thin. Not to mention the start of contract talks with the teacher's union next year.

"It's not a question of whether it's a good opportunity, but we have to match up the opportunity factor with our ability," said school board president Darwin Watta.

"This isn't the right time for Plymouth-Canton," said Susan Davis, school board member. "We have so many projects going on right now. I'm not sure the

timing is right to consider one more innovative project for the staff."

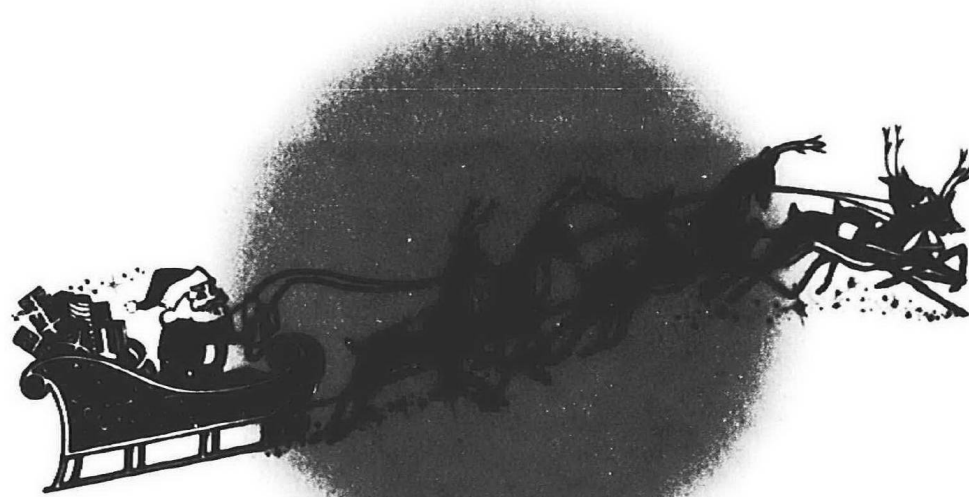
"I recognize the strain on our staff," said Trustee Roland Thomas. "However, if we can find an alternative like this with a payback, this is the kind of program that we're talking about in becoming entrepreneurs in the educational field. We need to step up to the plate and somehow push this district's leadership."

"We may miss the right timing if we don't lend itself now," said Trustee Elizabeth Givens. "When we talk about our vision priority of leading the state in education, this is the kind of stuff we're talking about."

Superintendent Kathleen Boher likes the leading edge opportunity for Plymouth-Canton, but not at a price.

"If our obstacles seem too great, I would recommend to the board this isn't the time," she said. "But, if we discover some of the obstacles aren't there or are easily surmounted, then I think this is a very exciting opportunity."

He's Heading Ho-Ho-Home.



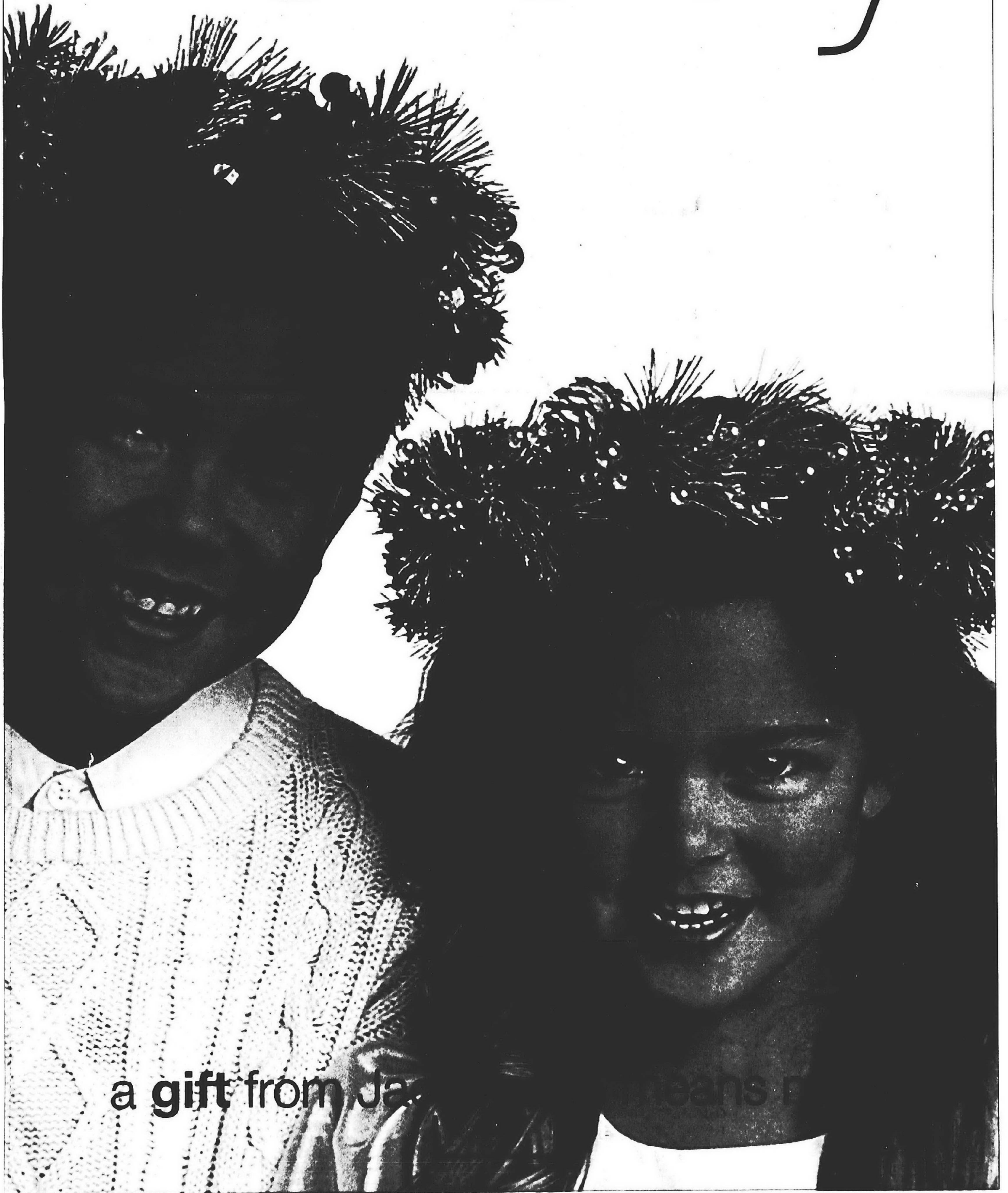
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CLARENCE J. PERRY

Services were held for Clarence J. Perry, 67, of Canton, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Dec. 18 with the Rev. George Charnley officiating. Burial was at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth.

Mr. Perry was born March 9, 1933 in Detroit and died Dec. 14 in Canton. He was a merchandiser. He was a veteran of the Army. He was a member of the St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet Perry.

Survivors include a daughter, Sharon M. Kopp of Holland, Mich.; a son, Michael R. (Lynn) Perry of Belleville; four grandsons, Joey Engel, Shawn Kopp, Josh Thomas-Perry and Joshua Kopp; and one great-grandson, Brian Engel.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburg Rd., Livonia 48154-5010 or the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield 48076.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

GEORGE CHARLES MORRISON

Services for George Charles Morrison, 73, of Panama City, Fla., were held at the Vermeulen Funeral Home on Dec. 16 with the Rev. Jack H. Baker officiating. Burial was at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Morrison was born May 24, 1927 in Detroit and died Dec. 9 in Panama City, Fla. He was a

time office supervisor. He was an Army veteran serving in World War II.

Survivors include one daughter, Dale E. Spessard of Edmore, Mich.; four granddaughters, Lisa M. Wysocki of Plymouth, Cindy Spessard of Taylor, Jennifer E. Burden of Redford, and Earlene J. Burden of Garden City; one brother, Ed Morrison; one nephew, Butch Jarvis of Lakeland, Fla. and one niece, JoAnne Jarvis of Lakeland, Fla.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

PATRICK MICHAEL DRAYBUCK

Services for Patrick Michael Drayback, 12, of Plymouth were held at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church on Dec. 16 with the Rev. Doc Ortman officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Patrick was born Dec. 6, 1988 in Dearborn and died Dec. 13 in Detroit. He was a student. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Survivors include his father, Michael M. Drayback of Plymouth, mother, Leslie Drayback of Plymouth; two sisters, Christin Drayback of Ann Arbor and Amy Drayback of Plymouth; a grandmother, Nora Maxine Garzaniti of Allen Park; four uncles, David (Barbara) Drayback of Northville, John Garzaniti of Florida, Dino (Joni) Garzaniti of California, and Dominick (Diane) Garzaniti of Colorado; and one aunt, Thea

Daniels of Allen Park.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield 48076 or Ronald McDonald House, 3911 Beaubien Blvd, Detroit 48201.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

LETHA JUNE JOHNSTON

Services for Letha June Johnston, 79, of Plymouth were held Dec. 19 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean A. Klump officiating. Burial was at Erie Union Cemetery in Erie Township, Mich.

Mrs. Johnston was born April 8, 1921 in Lambertville, Mich. and died Dec. 14 in Plymouth. She and her husband, Marvin owned and operated a trailer park and grocery store in Dearborn, "Ted's Grocery and Trailer Park." She also worked part-time at the old Cracker Barrel Party Store in Plymouth. She came to the Plymouth community in 1956 from Dearborn. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Plymouth. She was salutatorian of her high school graduation class in 1939 from Lambertville High School. She enjoyed knitting, cooking and playing pinochle.

"Mom was a great mom and grandma," said her son, Paul Johnston.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda Kay Johnston.

Survivors include husband, Marvin of Plymouth (they cele-

brated 58 years of marriage in July); son, Paul D. (Jeni) of Plymouth; and grandchildren Kyle Johnston and Alan O'Keefe.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

M. ANTOINETTE KING

Services for M. Antoinette King, 99, will be held in January with burial in Greenfield, Mo. in the spring.

Mrs. King was born Aug. 1, 1901 in Chicago and died Dec. 15 in Plymouth. She moved to Plymouth from Watertown, N.Y. in 1977. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Andrew King, four younger brothers and a sister.

Survivors include her daughter, Therese (Robert) Reed Gall of Plymouth; two grandsons, Robert William (Diana) Reed, Jr. of Salt Point, N.Y. and William Damien (Sara) Reed of Saugatuck, Mich.; and two great-granddaughters, Caitlin Elizabeth and Tamsen Celine.

Arrangements were made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

WILLIAM RICHARD WILD, JR.

Services for William Richard Wild, Jr., 46, of Farmington Hills, were held at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry R. Austin officiating.

Mr. Wild was born Sept. 8, 1954 in Pontiac and died Dec. 16 in Farmington Hills. He was an electrician for International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 58.

Survivors include his wife, Janice E. Wild of Farmington Hills; sons, Chad Wild, Ryan Wild, and Dave Wild; daughter Stephanie Lynn Wild (Mark Scott) of Chicago; parents, William and Judith Wild of Farmington; brother John Wild of Plymouth; sister Suzanne Marie (Guy) Browning of Farmington; grandson of Catherine

Schmidt and Nina Wild.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile, Southfield 48076.

Arrangements made by Thayer-Rock Funeral Home.

RICHARD S. BRZEZICKI

Services for Richard S. Brzezicki, 64, of Portage, were held Dec. 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portage with the Rev. John Hedrick officiating. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Brzezicki was born Oct. 10, 1936 in Detroit and died Dec. 16 in Portage. He was self-employed as a designer, developer, and builder of wood patterns. He moved to Portage in 1984 from Plymouth to establish his business, Richwood Pattern, in Portage. He had a love of boating and was a member of the Portage Boat Club. He also enjoyed flower gardening, sailing, traveling and building boats.

He was preceded in death by his father and a son-in-law, Dennis Borushko.

Survivors include his mother, Sophie Brzezicki of Tawas City, Mich.; three children, Tamara Borushko of Hamtramck, Todd Brzezicki of Hamtramck, and Terry (Robert) Neumann of Ann Arbor; two grandchildren, Jordan and Rayna Borushko; his long-time loving companion, Iona Gray of Portage, her children, Dawn (William) Payne of Portage, Zane (Laura) Gray of Beaver Dam, Mich.; and her grandchildren, Krystalyn, Marissa, and Bethany Payne, Jordan and Alexi Gray; two sisters, Ilene Neych of Tawas City and Marcia (Jerry) Brumm of Boca Raton, Fla.; a brother, Joel (Vivian) Brzezicki of St. Claire Shores; four nieces; five nephews; other relatives and many close friends.

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FitzGerald of Overton. "He's historically worked for communities smaller than Plymouth. I cannot in good conscience offer a contract of employment to Mr. Overton."

"I find it difficult to feel positive toward either one of the two candidates (Overton and Cain)," added Commissioner Bill Graham. "Mr. Overton because of his experience level. When it comes to Michael Cain, my issues deal with more of management style."

Graham told commissioners he recently heard positive information concerning Calvin Teague, administrator of Van Buren County, who failed to make the cut after candidate interviews Nov. 11. On Graham's information, Teague was added as the third candidate to interview.

"This is a very important issue for us, and I would like to see us be able to get past this and start talking about a different way of proceeding, instead of throwing the baby out with the bath water," said Commissioner Colleen Pobur. "This could go on forever."

Initially, commissioners talked of hiring a city manager with unanimous support. However, there seem to be some cracks appearing as the commissioners are split in their support. Some have suggested privately that a consensus for any candidate will not be achieved.

"I think we're in great danger, and we'd be fooling ourselves if, as a commission, we could have a 4-3 vote to hire somebody," said Mayor Dave McDonald. "I would be very concerned about the person willing to take a job on a 4-3 vote."

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State's electors cast ballots for Gore

By JON HUBBES
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In the stately and historic State Senate chambers in Lansing, 18 Democratic electors cast their ballots for Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Joseph Lieberman Monday afternoon.

Their votes didn't change the outcome of an election won by Republican George W. Bush and his running mate Dick Cheney, but that didn't dampen the spirit of the event.

"This is a celebration of what we did here in Michigan," said party chair Mark Brewer. "We're really proud of the fact we took the state for Al Gore."

Among the most proud was Farmington Hills resident and elector Marie Weigold, who placed in nomination the name of Vice Presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman. A former local party chair, she was chosen to represent voters in the 11th Congressional district.

Of Lieberman, Weigold said, "He has all of the qualities that we seek in our national leaders. Intelligence, integrity, effectiveness and the conviction to both speak and act his conscience. The day that Senator Lieberman accepted the nomination gave me a sense of pride in being a

Democrat."

The nominating speeches, including the Gore speech delivered by Detroit Deputy Mayor Freeman Henrix, were followed by balloting. By law, electors cannot choose any candidate other than the one designated by the majority of voters.

"Under Michigan law, all electors are committed to Al Gore," Brewer explained. "If they fail to vote for him, that's an automatic resignation, and we'd appoint a replacement immediately."

Honorary electors also waited in the wings, including Hills Council member Vicki Barnett. While Weigold signed ballots, Barnett got electors' signatures on the Electoral College program, as a keepsake.

While she considered it an honor to cast her vote, Weigold was even more pleased by a motion offered by state Rep. John Cherry and elector John Kelly, a former state representative, supporting the elimination of punchcard voting systems and establishing uniform statewide and nationwide election standards.

"Being an elector is historic, but it's for today," Weigold said. "This is about the future. This is about good government in action, making all the votes

count and making sure the process is available to and works for everyone."

The motion came in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court decision that effectively stopped ballot recounts in Florida, where thousands of punchcard ballots were still in dispute. The move gave Bush enough electoral votes to win the presidency.

Weigold pointed out that when Farmington Hills ballots won't go through the electronic reading machines due to an illegible mark or error, voters are given the opportunity to recast their ballots. That's not the case in Southfield, where punchcards are used, she said.

"It's like having two classes of voters," Weigold commented.

While state officials have concerns over the cost of uniform balloting, she added, "I don't see how anybody could be against it. Money isn't a good enough reason."

In addition to eliminating punchcards, the resolution called for a uniform statewide voting system, automatic universal lifetime voter registration once a person reaches age 18, establishing General Election Day as a holiday and correct problems with the Michigan Qualified Voter File.

Electors also called for the U.S. Attorney General and Department of Justice to undertake an investigation into the conduct of elections in Florida and possible violations of the Voting Rights Act.

While the system may have had its flaws in Florida, Brewer said, all the votes were counted in Michigan. Elector Sigrid Grace, an elementary teacher from Rochester Hills in the 9th Congressional District, still believes in the system.

"I have a relative who fought in the American Revolution," she said. "It was a very sentimental moment for me."

Chairperson of the Rochester Democratic Club and an officer at large with the Michigan Democratic Party, Grace felt very honored to have been chosen for the job and remains optimistic about the future of elections.

"I have great faith in our country," she said. "Hopefully, we'll learn a lot from this."



Big responsibility: Marie Weigold of Farmington Hills was one of Michigan's presidential electors, obligated to cast her vote for Al Gore.

There's no business like snow business

By DOUG JOHNSON
STAFF WRITER

Bob Springer, president of ACO, a hardware store chain headquartered in the dual giant warehouse buildings near I-275 and Grand River, has had a busy week keeping his 66 stores supplied with the tools of snow removal.

"The weather has been good for us," he said Tuesday. "It has kept customers in their own backyard. We have done very well with all snow removal items."

Springer, who travels in from his home in Howell, said snow shovels, windshield washer fluid, salt, lock de-icer products, snow brushes and scrapers have been flying out of the stores.

Some stores have run out of some items, he admits, but not for long.

"In some small towns we are the only source for several miles," Springer said.

The ACO warehouse was delivering items Saturday and again Monday. The 85,000-square-foot warehouse was also getting deliveries from manufacturers Saturday and Monday. About 200 employees work in the headquarters and office area at 23333 Commerce Drive, Farmington Hills. They have been in business for 54 years.

"The manufacturers have been good to us. Nothing is in short supply because the snow hasn't hit all areas of the country," he said.

Springer said his stores do not sell power equipment, including snowblowers.

Some ACO products can even be seen by northbound drivers on I-275. At night, Christmas decorations light up the snow

covered area alongside the back of the ACO warehouses. Some of the items like the white light deer shapes are sold in the stores.

Springer said he thought more people would actually see the lights if they put them out back.

ACO stores are as far away as Bay City, Adrian and Battle Creek.

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locations in Canton, Plymouth, Livonia (two stores), Redford Township (two stores) and Westland (two stores).

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Plymouth man reunites with long-lost sister

Nearly six decades melt as siblings meet

BY DAN WEST
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It was a little more than two years ago that Ken Vogras received a letter from his sister.

That might not sound unusual to most people, but for the West Bloomfield Water and Sewer Department director, it was the first time he had heard from his relative in 57 years.

"She found me over the Internet," Vogras said. "I knew she was my sister when I first read her letter because of the types of questions she was asking."

After two years of corresponding, the two saw each other last month for the first time in 59 years.

Beverly Denaray, who lives in England, and Vogras traveled to northern California for 10 days to stay with their half-sister, Carol Hilley, who was also long-lost to both her older siblings until 10 years ago.

"I was pleasantly surprised with the whole thing," Vogras said. "I thought about them, but didn't worry too much about looking for them because I assumed they had their lives and I had mine. But absolutely,

"I'm glad we got together."

Separated at childhood

Vogras, now 63, and Denaray, 61, were born in Detroit to the same parents. Hilley, 56, had the same mother, Gladys, but a different father. The trio's older two half-siblings, who are deceased, also had the same mother but different fathers.

With finances short for Gladys, Vogras said the state took her children away and placed them in new homes.

Vogras was 4 years old when he last saw Denaray before going to the Detroit Children's Aid Society, a program that places children in foster homes. The sisters were later adopted by different families and lived for some time in the metro Detroit area, but the siblings never saw or heard from each other.

Denaray's new family eventually moved to England where she married an entrepreneur. Hilley's life took her to California.

Vogras grew up in two foster homes: one with a blacksmith's shop in the northern Macomb County community of Romeo and one on a farm a little farther north in Almont, where he completed high school.

Thanks to help from his older

brother, police Officer Donald Pinckney, Vogras found work with the Plymouth Department of Public Works in 1966. He spent 35 years with the department, the last 25 as its director, retiring in 1990.

A year later, he was hired to lead West Bloomfield's Water and Sewer Department. He lives in Plymouth with his wife, Deanna. He also has a son, Loren, 43, and a grand-daughter, Lisa, 14.

Reunion

Vogras saw his youngest half-sister, Hilley, for the first time after she found him and contacted him 10 years ago. They've seen each other a few times over the past decade.

From England, Denaray tracked down her older brother and younger sister on the Internet. Denaray and Hilley saw each other a few times, and finally, Denaray and Vogras — the only two of the five siblings of the same father — saw each other for the first time in more than half a century.

Vogras admitted he was a little apprehensive while en route to Hilley's home in Nevada City, Calif., last month for the reunion.

"You worry if we can get along and if we have anything in common besides the same mother," he said.

During their visit, Vogras said there was an almost immediate connection with Denaray, the sister he hadn't seen since he



Happy times: Plymouth resident Ken Vogras is all smiles after returning from visiting a sister he hadn't seen in 59 years.

STAFF PHOTO BY TOM BROWNE

'You worry if we can get along and if we have anything in common besides the same mother.'

Ken Vogras
—Brother

job for at least a few months, then I'll play it by ear."

'We hit it off right off the bat. There was a lot of camaraderie.'

Ken Vogras
—After reuniting with sister

was 4 and she was 2. They shared their vague recollections of each other and their experiences growing up.

Just to make sure, all three siblings took a blood test for DNA confirmation they are all of the same mother.

"We hit it off right off the bat; there was a lot of camaraderie," Vogras said. "I can't believe it's true, that this would happen after you go 50, 60 years without

knowing each other."

Since Denaray travels frequently, the three siblings plan future visits to see each other. That will be easier for Vogras in the near future as he contemplates retirement.

"I was looking at leaving in January," said Vogras, who keeps a busy golf, hockey and exercise schedule. "But I'm going to help the new supervisor (David Flaisher) get used to the

Heart association offers shoveling tips

With the arrival of the season's biggest snowfall, Michigan residents will be forced to make the decision — to shovel or not to shovel. Dr. Barry Franklin, Director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at William Beaumont Hospital and official spokesperson for the American Heart Association, has information that might make you think twice before you pick up that shovel.

The American Heart Association says those who haven't been physically active or been diagnosed with a heart condition should be extremely cautious. Don't lift a heavy shovel piled high with snow. The combination of sudden physical exertion and the cold increases the heart's workload. It's natural for blood vessels to temporarily narrow in cold weather. The cold can even be more dangerous if vessels are already narrowed due to fatty deposits. Too much strain on the heart during these conditions can result in a heart attack or even sudden cardiac arrest.

"Researchers have found that the heart rate and blood pressure responses to shoveling heavy wet snow often approached and exceeded the same responses during maximum exercise testing," said Franklin. "Within two minutes, most subjects had already exceeded their upper heart rate limit."

Hypothermia is an additional danger that should be guarded against. Symptoms are slowed breathing and heartbeat, lack of coordination, confusion and drowsiness.

Here are some more tips from the American Heart Association for younger, healthy individuals who make the decision to shovel snow.

■ Wear several layers of clothing instead of one heavy layer.

■ Put on a hat or scarf because most body heat is lost through the top of the head.

■ Protect ears and hands from frostbite.

If you experience any of the following symptoms, you should call 9-1-1 immediately:

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■ Pain spreading to shoulders, arms or neck.

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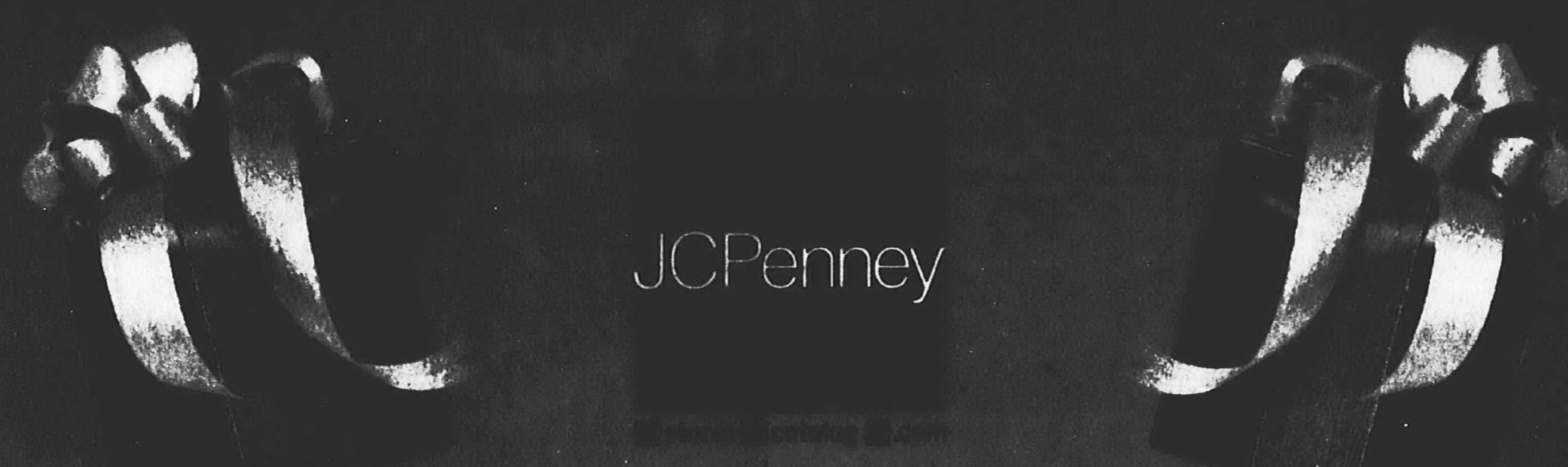
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Ready to roll: This is an architect's drawing of what Schoolcraft College's Waterman Campus Center will look like when expanded and remodeled. The college awaits Gov. Engler's signature on a key project appropriation.

Waterman Center expansion waits for governor's signature

BY RICHARD PEARL
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As soon as Michigan's governor puts pen to paper, Schoolcraft College will start moving on the \$27-million expansion of the Waterman Campus Center.

The project will expand and renovate the college's award-winning culinary arts classrooms and kitchen and dining facilities and create a business and industry training center.

After several years of inching the project up the state legislature's agenda, that body last week approved roughly \$13 million in matching funds and sent

the bill on to Gov. John Engler for his signature.

Officials at the community college on Haggerty Road expressed confidence Engler would sign the appropriation in the allotted 14-day time-period.

But even though Schoolcraft's board of trustees, during mid-November's final meeting of the year, approved the provisional awarding of contracts for final design and construction, "We won't release them (contracts) until the governor signs" the state appropriation, said A.H. "Butch" Raby III, college vice president for business services.

The contracts were given pro-

visional approval to save the project several weeks' time, because the trustees won't meet again until late January, Raby explained.

The contracts award the architects Ghafari Associates Inc. of Dearborn \$553,480 and Barton Malow Co. of Southfield, the construction manager, \$601,606 to proceed with the final design and construction planning.

The allocation to Ghafari is about 2 percent of the project cost, while that to Barton Malow is about 2.3 percent, according to Raby.

Once the design process is completed, bid packages can be put out, he said.

The project is expected to be completed by 2002.

Sunday Health Club set to begin at Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft College's Sunday Health Club lets members can work out every Sunday afternoon for 13 weeks. The winter season begins Jan. 7 and continues 1-5 p.m. through April 1. Membership fees are \$34 for individuals and \$72 for families.

Members have access to two gyms for basketball and volleyball; six handball, paddleball and racketball courts; wallyball courts; weightlifting machines, treadmills, exercise bikes, and other aerobic equipment in the fitness room; the swimming pool with two one-meter and one

three-meter diving boards; and saunas in both the men and women's locker rooms.

The activity is at the level and intensity you set. Members must furnish their own locks and towels, and children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. For additional information or to receive a registration form, call 734-462-4413.

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Editor joins staff of automotive magazine

Christopher A. Sawyer has joined Automotive Manufacturing & Production (AM&P) magazine as executive editor. He will be based in the magazine's Detroit editorial office in Ply-

mouth. Sawyer is filling a new position with responsibilities for developing, researching and writing monthly feature articles for AM&P. In addition he assumes a management role in the editorial operation of the monthly automotive trade magazine.

Sawyer, 42, has more than 14 years of experience in the automotive industry working as both a journalist and public relations professional.

"We're excited to have a seasoned journalist and auto industry insider like Chris joining the editorial team," said Rick Kline, Jr. publisher of Automotive Manufacturing & Production. "Chris' knowledge and experience will help us provide our readers with industrial strength coverage of the auto industry from design through delivery."

As a public relations professional, Sawyer was most recently an account director with Dearborn, Mich.-based Campbell &

Co. From February, 1996, until September, 2000, Sawyer served as the communications director for Lotus Cars USA, responsible for its global communications strategy, new vehicle launches, executive visibility, and a variety of other marketing communications functions. From October, 1996, through December, 1999, he served as a communications consultant to Visteon Automotive Systems, and was part of the team that planned and executed the launch of the company in 1997. Sawyer also provided communications counsel and support to a variety of other Campbell & Co. clients during his tenure with the firm.

Working as a journalist, Sawyer was senior editor at Automotive Industries magazine from November, 1989, through February, 1996. As senior editor he wrote and edited news articles on new vehicle introductions, driving impressions, new and innovative technologies, in-

plant processes, and a variety of executive and supplier news stories. While at the magazine, he was responsible for developing several special projects and he participated in numerous radio interviews as an industry expert on a variety of topics ranging from government regulations to industry trends.

From February 1986 until November 1989, Sawyer was an associate editor with AutoWeek magazine. While at AutoWeek he directed, edited and wrote the "News and Industry" section; researched and wrote numerous articles including a multi-page article on anti-lock braking and traction control that is required reading for all U.S. Secret Service Agents. He also was the first journalist to break news about many new vehicles including the Ford Probe and Mazda Miata.

Sawyer earned a bachelor of arts in general studies from the University of Michigan-Dear-

born with minors in economics, history and business administration. He has earned numerous awards for editorial excellence, including two Neal Awards and the Detroit Press Club Foundation award. Automotive Manufacturing & Production is published by Cincinnati, Ohio-based Gardner Publications. Each month, the magazine reaches 55,000 design, engineering, and manufacturing professionals and executives throughout the supply chain involved in key aspects of automotive product and process development and execution. For more information about Automotive Manufacturing & Production, visit <http://www.autofieldguide.com>.

Sawyer is a native of Dearborn, Mich. and currently resides in Farmington Hills. He can be reached at phone: 734-416-9705, fax is 734-416-9707 or e-mail: csawyerautofieldguide.com.

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Veterinary Notes by Elizabeth Routson, D.V.M.

Will My Cat Get Cancer From a Vaccination?

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these swellings that can develop into sarcomas.

If you have any concerns about your cat's health, please contact Drs. Bunt, Hill or myself at PARKWAY VETERINARY CLINIC. Our caring, compassionate staff provides complete veterinary services in a "family atmosphere." We treat all our patients as if they were our own pets. Visit either of our two locations at 41395 Wilcox Rd. in Plymouth, tel. 734-453-2577, or 5750 Lilley Rd. in Canton, tel. 734-981-4400. Both locations are open six days a week for your convenience.

P.S. Discuss any concerns with your cat's veterinarian to determine the safest vaccination program.

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Ice skating slate set

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Thursdays, Dec. 21 and 28, 11 a.m.-12:50 p.m.; Fridays, Dec. 22 and 29, and Wednesday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 23, 9:50 p.m.; Closed Dec. 24-26; Tuesday, Dec. 25, 4-6:50 p.m.; Wednesday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m.-1:50 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 30, 7-9:30 p.m.

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ADOPTIVE PARENTS NEEDED
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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

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 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 Gonzales at (734) 516-0746.

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HANDS ACROSS THE WATER
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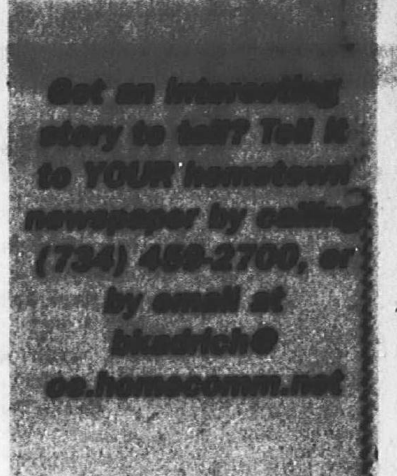
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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS
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It's good to know good deeds still get done

It would be easy to look at all the snow that has fallen in our quaint little town — more than a foot already — and feel dreary.

It would be simple to watch the weather, and see how futile Wayne County's efforts at keeping Plymouth Township roads cleared are, and be crabby. Easy to complain about the commercialness of the holidays, or the crowded conditions at the malls, or the rude people who grab that last pair of fuzzy bunny slippers that are on sale three-for-\$10.

Still, if we look closely, it's amazing how much good we find that goes unnoticed, especially during the holiday season, as we move about our busy, frantic and exhaustive lives.

Take, for example, the simple act of kindness of bringing hot chocolate to Salvation Army bell ringers, as someone did for the people ringing bells outside the Peaninan Street Post Office the other day. All we know is a name — Eric. Mary Lu and Peter Stone have no idea who the guy is, but they know what he did for them, in the name of kindness.

How often do you see people brush past the bell ringers, treating them as just another petty annoyance, a bothersome fact of holiday life?

But those collecting in front of the post office made special notice of the time people took to contribute. The Salvation Army, headed by Capt. Steven Hull, does a lot of good things around here; people show they appreciate it by dropping donations into the little red buckets.

Take the case of Theora Dunn of Plymouth, who was turning the curve at Mill and Wilcox when she lost control of her car and wound up in a snowbank and ditch. A young man — a complete stranger — stopped to help push, with little or no luck. Then six other men of "various ages," according to Dunn, appeared and got her out.

She never knew their names, and neither do we. We don't need to; nor does she. Perhaps it's enough to know people are still willing to go out of their way to perform such random acts of kindness.

And such good will toward men isn't necessarily limited to the holiday season. Dan and Kerri, the owners of Harvey's Deli in Old Village, made sure the election workers at St. Kenneth's had food and refreshment during their day-long odyssey working the general election last month. Election workers were so moved they wrote a letter to tell everyone the story.

There are enough Grinches in the world mad enough at their own demons and depressed enough for whatever reason that they could spoil the holiday season for Jimmy Stewart. There are enough Scrooges in the world that it wouldn't be such a wonderful life.

The beauty of the ending of "It's A Wonderful Life" is the lesson George Bailey learns: that no one is poor if he has friends. At this time of year, it's nice to know there are people in town who are learning — and teaching — the same lesson.

GUEST OPINION

Playing games ought to end at the doorstep of Capitol

Hey, we all understand that a certain amount of game playing goes on in Lansing.

Any legislative body has to have some pretty complicated rules and procedures if it is going to address the issues of the day in anything resembling an efficient manner.

While those rules are intended to promote fairness and insure public accountability, it's no surprise that a well-versed parliamentarian can go a long way on a skillful manipulation of the process alone.



Mike Malott

But it ought to end at the Capitol doorstep. When technicalities are used to frustrate or inhibit the will of the voters, or to keep them from voicing their collective view, it should be judged to be out of bounds.

That's what happened last week when the Legislature took up the issue of how permits to carry concealed weapons are handed out. Now at the discretion of local county gun boards, CCW permits are issued in an arbitrary manner, most Michigan lawmakers believe.

When they first took up a bill that would tell those gun boards they "shall issue" permits as long as the applicants meet certain requirements, it became quite controversial. Due to a public outcry in May 1999, the bill was set aside. Police officers and prosecutors across the state said that if the bill were passed, they would run a petition drive to put it to a referendum.

In lame duck session last week, lawmakers decided to give it another try. When the conference committee was hammering out the differences between the House and Senate versions, its members decided to tack on a \$1 million appropriation. The money would pay for public distribution of trigger locks and administration of the new CCW process.

But the real intent of the expenditure was to frustrate any attempt at a referendum. The state Constitution states that appropriations bills cannot be put to a referendum.

At first, the conferees didn't want to admit it. Rep. Mike Green, R-Mayville and Sen. Bill Bullard, R-Highland, using an identical response, defended the appropriation by saying, "It's legitimate spending."

True enough, but there was a supplemental appropriations bill moving through the Legislature at the same time that frankly would have been a more appropriate place for it.

Eventually, Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, fessed up — "it's true," he said.

Of course, they couldn't do it alone. When Rep. Gilda Jacobs, D-Huntington Woods, and Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, challenged the allocation as a violation of legislative rules, Rep. Bruce Petterson, R-Canton, in the House and Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus in the Senate, ruled that the spending was proper and not a violation of rules. Then 51 members of the House and 25 senators voted to uphold the rulings of their respective chambers.

Readers should understand there are reasons why these elected officials felt it was OK to obstruct and frustrate a referendum by voters. For one, they see the threatened petition as politically motivated itself. Wayne County prosecutor Mike Duggan and Attorney General Jennifer Granholm would get a boost of their own backing such an effort. And the issue could still go to the ballot as a constitutional amendment, even if it would take more signatures, Bullard noted.

Besides, they think they've got a pretty good bill here. Bullard and Hoffman both believe it's actually more stringent than current law. At least it isn't arbitrary, which the current system is.

"What I want is for voters to read the law," Hoffman said. "If they read the law, they'll be in favor of it."

If that's truly the case, then they shouldn't worry about putting it out for a vote before the public. If it is better, they should be able to convince the electorate of it.

Even if they can't, it's still the will of the voters and Lansing lawmakers should abide by it.

In the end, it was a nasty little trick on the voting public.

The merits of the bill aside, lawmakers tried to obstruct voters' ability to express their view.

What they'll get now is likely to be an angry response from the electorate ... and they deserve it.

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LETTERS

Objects to project

I am writing to echo others who are deeply concerned regarding the proposed new project for the former Wilcox House. Some of the newer developments in the heart of our town have been welcomed and definitely add to the unique ambiance we are privileged to be a part of.

However, I think the latest proposed development has the potential to impact on Kellogg Park in a way that no one has yet realized.

With a tall building such as is being proposed, the sun will be blocked from the east, as mentioned by Pat Ford in a recent letter to the Plymouth Observer. While that may not seem like too big of a problem it will alter the habitat within Kellogg Park in such a way that the grass will suffer from decreased sunlight and the trees definitely will suffer over time. The trees will still get some overhead sunlight but many of the trees in the park need more than 1-2 hours of direct sunlight to thrive.

Kellogg Park looks as beautiful as it does because of the amount of sunlight the pines, maples and honey locusts receive. With a decreased amount of sunlight, they likely will all die.

Think about that for a few minutes: Kellogg Park with no grass and no trees. The entire character and charm of our town would die right along with those trees. That park IS the downtown.

Cheryl L. Bord
Plymouth

Not so good

The title "Good Neighbors?" struck me as quite humorous for the recent letter to the editor written by Trintel Communications, Inc. This letter was regarding the construction of a 115-foot tower on the Knights of Columbus property on Fair Street in Plymouth.

The reason for my reaction? At the initial presentation of the site plan to the city of Plymouth Planning Commission, this very topic was discussed.

I use technology every day (even cell phones - with a headset!) — it is critical to my work. But technology must be in harmony with our life, and our community — not forced upon it. I am not against a cellular tower; I am against using this site for one.

Let's be clear, a 115-foot tower is viewed as unattractive and intrusive by the neighbors of the Knights of Columbus. Many of us spoke out against the tower for this reason, and many more signed petitions stating our opposition to the proposed tower.

Of course, there are other reasons we oppose this tower, some of which were listed by Trintel. But, these aren't the only reasons, and I would encourage anyone who would like to hear more on why we oppose this plan to join us at the City of Plymouth Planning Commission meeting 7 p.m. Jan. 12.

There is, however, one point that Trintel made in the letter that I would like to address here. They stated that the site could be used for any number of uses, some more offensive than their tower. Could you imagine the Knights of Columbus putting any of the suggested uses (such as municipal sewage) at the site? I couldn't.

In fact, as a Catholic, I was somewhat pleased by the fact that the K-of-C had its lodge near my home when I bought it. After all, I could expect them to be the very best neighbor one

could have, and could never fathom them wanting to build something that would be offensive.

Interestingly enough, the City of Plymouth's master plan shows a future site designation of institutional for the K-of-C property. Even our master planners didn't imagine the K-of-C using this site for such services.

At the initial Planning Commission meeting we appealed directly to the Knights of Columbus to be the good neighbors that we thought, and hoped, that they were (remember, this is the K-of-C's property, not Trintel's). At that meeting, their appointed representative (and grand knight), Mike Kisabeth, responded that "the Knights of Columbus does not want a dispute with the community, we want to be good neighbors. We withdraw our request!"

You could imagine the disappointment of the entire neighborhood when we saw the tower back on the docket! And thus my chuckle at the title — it seems the K-of-C has changed their minds — being good neighbors wasn't important to them after all!

Dan Miller
Plymouth resident

Pleasing Jack

Jack Wilcox loved this city, this community. He worked for its benefit day in and day out. Upon his death earlier this year, Jack left all his assets to a foundation formed for the sole purpose of doing good works for this community. The proceeds of the sale of the Wilcox site, together with all Jack's other assets, will go to the foundation to benefit this community.

Jack endorsed this proposed development. It will be a tribute to his memory. Jack was a thoughtful and caring person, with a great love of history, and himself an important part of Plymouth history. He was also a progressive thinker. He believed this development would contribute to perpetuating the sense of community that is a rich part of our history.

I visited Jack a number of times in the weeks before his death. He was in full charge of his faculties. Jack was very pleased with this proposed development and proud to be associated with it.

Dan Herriman, Director
Wilcox Foundation

PCEA was arrogant

I'm writing in response to the guest opinion on Dec. 14. I would like to say that if the Boy Scouts were prevented from meeting after school, other activities could also be prevented. If we are to focus on discrimination for one group, we must take a look at all groups, to be fair.

Sports, for instance, could be considered highly discriminatory, considering that many children don't "make the team." If a child was born a slow runner and not picked to be on the soccer team, he wouldn't be allowed to participate after school. If a child born with a poor singing voice wasn't chosen to be in the school musical, she wouldn't be allowed to participate in the practices after school. If a student's best work only gains him a "C" average in math and isn't allowed to be in the advanced math class, is this discriminatory?

The BSA, as an after-school activity, also has criteria, expectations and goals, just as any sport, music or

drama activity. I don't know why a gay boy would want to attend an activity such as the BSA, because it stresses traditional family values and roles, contrary to what he might believe.

If I were the parent of a boy scout, (even if I thought homosexuality was natural) I wouldn't want my son sleeping or changing his clothes in a tent, next to a gay boy who could potentially be attracted to him. In the same way, I wouldn't want my daughter sleeping or changing her clothes in a tent next to a straight boy who could potentially be attracted to her.

And no, this is not homophobia, it is common sense. There is no "fear" here, just a plain, simple choice.

Due to the actions of the PCEA, I believe they are the ones who have sent a "confused message" to their customers. They tell us to celebrate diversity, yet what they really want is conformity. You can only be diverse if it is on their terms.

Finally, I think the real "regal display of arrogance" was by the PCEA, not Mr. Watts. As a parent, I believe the PCEA does not exist for the benefit of the children.

Sheryl Phillips
Plymouth

Touched by angels

I wish to report acts of kindness. My name is Theora and I am 73 years old. I live in Plymouth Township. I was driving home from work on Dec. 12, and on turning the curve at Mill and Wilcox I lost control of my car and ended up in a snowbank.

Shortly a young man appeared and tried to help push me out but couldn't. Thereafter about six angels in the garb of men of various ages appeared. One went for a rope and another drove his vehicle behind me. They attached the rope and pulled me from the ditch.

My gratitude was boundless and I drove the rest of the way home feeling blessed. I never knew their names and maybe if you could print this they may read it and I know how grateful I felt and still do.

Theora Dunn
Plymouth Township

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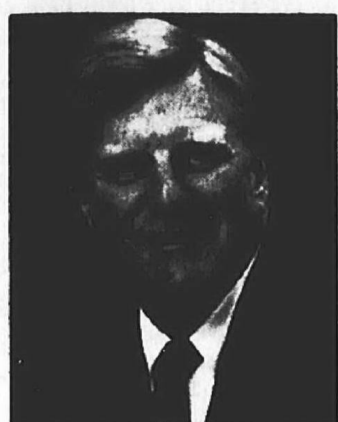
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Orderly Michigan recount reflects Staebler's legacy

Neil Staebler, the man who created the modern Michigan Democratic Party, died last week after a lifetime of distinguished public service. He was a role model to me and a genuine hero to many of my generation. His engagement in politics helped create a political climate in Michigan — civil, honest, citizen-based — that has lasted to this day.



Phil Power

Those with long memories will remember Staebler as "Mr. Democrat." Working with Walter Reuther, the legendary president of the UAW, G. Mennen Williams, and a small band of dedicated reformers, Staebler ripped the party from the corrupt grip of the Teamster bosses in the mid-1940s.

Preaching a doctrine of citizen participation, Staebler then built the Democratic Party into the powerhouse that elected Williams governor an unprecedented six straight times and spawned the likes of Sen. Philip A. Hart and Congresswomen Martha Griffiths.

Staebler's argument was radical for the times: In order to win elections, a political party had to be honest and democratic. Otherwise, the thousands of citizen volunteers necessary for an effective mass political organization simply would refuse to get involved.

Good citizenship, he argued, required everybody to get involved in the political process. Whether Republican or Democrat, he didn't care — just so long as people got involved. It was Neil Staebler who convinced countless Michigan citizens that politics was not necessarily ugly or corrupt and that political involvement was the highest expression of citizenship.

I was lucky enough to see this process up close from my early childhood on. Neil Staebler and his wife, Burnette, were among my parents' closest friends. It was Neil Staebler who persuaded my rock-ribbed Republican businessman father to become a Democrat — perhaps the most profound testimony to his gift of patient, stubborn persuasion.

In contrast to our era when political figures are one thing when on the public stage and entirely different in private, Staebler was identically the same at all times, whether at family dinners or at a Democratic convention. Thoughtful, rational, courteous, exquisitely well informed, endlessly patient to the point of doggedness. He could go

on arguing a point literally all night; in fact, he once co-authored a whole book, *How To Argue With A Conservative*.

More at home in the back rooms than on the bright stage, Staebler only ran for high office twice. When the Legislature and the courts couldn't get congressional redistricting right after the 1960 census, Staebler was elected in 1962 Congressman-at-large, representing all of Michigan in the U.S. House. He ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1964, largely to keep off the Democratic ticket a candidate he considered corrupt.

Staebler's contributions went far beyond Michigan. He had a hand in national politics in the days when party leaders actually knew the personal qualities of candidates contending for nomination to high office — something entirely lacking today, when nominations are bestowed largely through primary elections. He was one of the "wise men" of the Democratic Party, consulted by and listened to by a who's who of national political figures. He was an early member of the National Election Commission and would have, I think, been disappointed at its ineffectiveness today.

It was Neil Staebler who persuaded my rock-ribbed Republican businessman father to become a Democrat — perhaps the most profound testimony to his gift of patient, stubborn persuasion.

Staebler's legacy is still with us today. Consider, for example, the contrast between the recent recount chaos in the Florida presidential election and the matter-of-fact and civilized way in which the recount between Diane Byrum and Mike Rogers took place in the Eighth Congressional District. Much of Michigan's clear, practical law governing recounts and civilized way of conducting them is the direct product of Staebler's work.

Those who knew Neil Staebler in his heyday cannot but feel a sense of loss at what he could have contributed to help us through the aftermath of the presidential election fiasco.

As for myself, I count him among the tiny number of truly great men I have had the good fortune to meet. I'll miss him and his gift for civic virtue more than I can say.

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Separation of church and state has its reasons deep in history

A musician friend from Michigan married her college swain — in his native Poland. She recalled they needed two ceremonies, one Catholic (her husband's faith) and one civil, because the government, even though no longer Communist, didn't recognize church weddings.

Such anti-church sentiment is common in history. England in the 1850s forbade church weddings. But from 1750 to the early 19th century, England recognized only church weddings.

France once forbade the Catholic Church from erecting schools. In 1874 it took away the title "university" from Catholic institutions. England under Henry VIII and revolutionary France confiscated church property. France tried to nominate bishops

Tim Richard

for the pope to rubber-stamp. All this came to mind when I read the ill-tempered fulminations of Judge James Ryan. Once a Redford Township justice of the peace, Wayne Circuit judge and Michigan Supreme Court justice, Ryan now sits on the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals.

You may have missed it during the Florida recount mess, but the Court of Appeals struck down, 2-1, an Ohio law allowing state subsidies to private schools in Cleveland. About 96 percent of the affected students were in religious schools. The Court of Appeals called it an unconstitutional "endorsement of religious education, something in tension with the precedents of the Supreme Court." The majority was formed by a Clinton appointee and a Bush appointee.

Ryan, a Reagan appointee, dissented furiously. "This plainly hostile attack on the religious schools in the Ohio voucher program is one I would have thought unworthy of mention in an opinion from this great court."

Ryan has a reputation as a scholar, but this time he gave us a humbug. He descended into the language of the Religious Right, the fundamentalists who would cram their religion into government and down everyone else's throat.

The same kind of tirade occurred last June when the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a coercive, government-sponsored prayer by the

Santa Fe, Texas, school district. Justice Antonin Scalia dissented, saying the majority opinion "bristles with hostility to all things religious in public life."

Sadly, Ryan and Scalia both let their religious faiths interfere with their legal judgments.

No state in America requires a civil marriage ceremony in addition to a church wedding.

Michigan in particular gives great latitude to people who want to call themselves clergy.

America makes it unconstitutional to limit office holding to members of any sect.

We don't confiscate church property.

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We don't restrict the number of Catholic seminarians, as France used to do.

We don't tell John Paul II whom to appoint as bishops.

We don't forbid religious schools. In fact, the only regulation of religious schools is a simple, puffball report to the state Department of Educa-

America learned from Europe's totalitarians that it's dangerous to write checks, directly or indirectly through vouchers, to the church and doubly dangerous to let a religious sect control government.

tion that no one reads anyway. We protect religion. Ryan offends us when he imagines a "plainly hostile attack on the religious schools..." Scalia is off his rocker when he says six Supreme Court justices' opinion "bristles with hostility to all things religious in public life."

Michigan has a constitutional prohibition against tax money for religious schools, ministers and edifices. That's hardly "hostile" toward any church.

America learned from Europe's totalitarians that it's dangerous to write checks, directly or indirectly through vouchers, to the church and doubly dangerous to let a religious sect control government.

Unfortunately, President-elect George W. Bush thinks Scalia is a great guy and wants to appoint more justices like him. Perhaps the U.S. Senate will teach him differently.

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Cathy Standish

Pet's struggles teach local family about believing

In October of 1999, while my husband was in Tokyo on business, our 13-year-old dog Sheba became extremely ill. At first I thought it was simply the doggy flu, and waited for her to perk up. But she didn't, she became more ill and more despondent. When she refused the ice cream I pushed under her nose, I knew this was serious.

I took her to the veterinarian. I really believed he would give her an antibiotic, and in a couple of days she would be good to go once again.

What he found instead were lumps. Lumps in her neck, lumps in her stomach. Frightened, I felt as if I had neglected her. Why hadn't I found those monstrously large lumps? They felt so obvious when he had me palpate them. The veterinarian asked me if he could biopsy them, and I agreed.

Two days later, the bad news came. Our beloved family pet had a very fast-acting cancer. Because the antibiotics the vet had given me seemed to perk her up, I felt a tiny glimmer of hope, and even convinced myself she would get better.

But two weeks later, the glimmer faded. After my husband's return from Japan, the dog brightened for a few days, but then quickly faded again.

I braced myself for the next visit to Sheba's doctor. As he explained the outcome of this dreadful disease, the tears flowed as I held her, crying.

What I needed to do was coming to me in a flood of anguish. But how would I tell the children?

My husband and I explained to our three children that our sweet, lovable dog was very, very ill. We were going to have to let her go before the pain became too unbearable for her.

For the next two weeks, we fed her ice cream and scrambled eggs. We would lie next to her on the floor, holding her, and as we listened to her struggle for breath, one by one, we drew acceptance that she must not struggle with this pain any longer.

The day came to say good-bye for the final time. We each said good-bye in our own special way. My oldest son was inconsolable. At 14 he wanted to believe a new puppy needed to be born, as I had told the younger children, but he wasn't sure if he could believe that. He was being his dog, his friend, his roommate.

She had shared a place under his bed since he was very young. My younger two children hugged

her and kissed her and said good-bye, then went off to school believing she would be with them in spirit. The cynicism of the teen years hadn't taken hold and they were comforted by the thought of Sheba living a pain-free life as a new puppy.

My husband sat on the back patio with her, stroking her. They sat and she looked quietly at the sky, and he said she seemed, for that moment to be saying good-bye. Good-bye to the world and the backyard, good-bye to the squirrels she used to chase, good-bye to the birds she used to bark at.

Then when my husband brought her back into the house, Sheba then went and waited at the back door. Sheba was telling me it was time to go.

The tears really began to flow. A new puppy needed to be born, I told myself. She will live her new life without pain, I told myself. I kept thinking those thoughts and I let those thoughts comfort me as I drive with Sheba that last time, her head out the window, the wind flapping her ears. She looked at me, and I could almost swear she nodded. Yes, all those things were going to happen. So don't cry.

Our family still misses her. Even though she was a dog, she was a big part of our family, she was our dog. There is a stone in the backyard in her memory, where she used to run, and a birdhouse hanging from the tree she used to love to lay under.

Sometimes, with bittersweet laughter, we even bark at the UPS truck to preserve the humor she brought so often to a family who loved her.

The memories are sweet. Sheba helped to glue our family, and we will always love her for it. My husband took pictures that last day, then framed and gave one to each child.

We had dinner out that night and shared our memories of our dog with each other. On the wall in our kitchen is a special little tile that was presented to our teen. The child who felt he had lost his best friend. It is a picture of a boy, with his arm around his dog as he sits looking into the night sky. There, in that sky the stars spell out one word.

Believe.
Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the Plymouth Observer.

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Override of 'living wage' ordinances dies in state House

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Michigan's "living wage" pre-emption legislation suffered a slow, agonizing death on the final day of session in the state House of Representatives.

The bill, which would have pre-empted local living wage ordinances that essentially set a minimum wage rate higher than that set by state law, came to a vote in the House Thursday evening, Dec. 14. As amended by the Senate, the bill would have allowed cities that have already adopted such ordinances to keep them, including Detroit, Mad-

ison Heights, Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, Ann Arbor, Warren and Kalamazoo. Other cities however would be barred from passing new living wage ordinances.

Rep. Andrew Richner, R-Grosse Pointe Park, attempted to amend it back to its original form - tossing out even those already adopted ordinances. On that motion, the voting board was left open more than an hour while GOP leaders attempted to convince defecting party members like Reps. Paul DeWeese, R-Williamston, Gene DeRossett, R-Manchester, Jennifer Faunce, R-Warren, and Randy Richardville, R-Monroe, to give their "aye" vote support to the cause. Eventually, the board was cleared when the tally showed the amendment falling about five votes short of the mark.

The board was cleared to avoid recording a roll call that union members might use as fodder to oppose Republican incumbents in a future election, representatives explained. With the amendment defeated, the bill was set aside to die as the session ends Dec. 31.

Living wage ordinances typically require that companies that contract with those municipalities to pay wages at 125 percent of the poverty level. Pay rates in Detroit would have been \$8.23 if the company provided benefits, \$10.29 per hour if it did not, under its version of the law. The current state minimum wage is \$5.15 per hour.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce has opposed living wage ordinances and urged the state to override them on the grounds they will create a patchwork of different minimum wage rates across the state.

Richner's bill, tossing out those local living wage ordinances, produced heated debate in the Senate.

"I would hate to suggest that moving this bill so rapidly after the election has anything to do with retaliation for Let Local Votes Count, but it certainly looks like it," Sen. Alma Wheeler Smith, D-South Lyon, said.

Sen. Mat Dunaskies, R-Lake Orion, argued that the living wage ordinance in Detroit would boost the Salvation Army's payroll from \$1.2 million to \$3.5 million. So that charitable organization would not be able to continue its work for the city.

Smith countered that in Ypsilanti, the city has exempted non-profits from the living wage requirements.

"If you give local governments a chance, they will be responsive. These are the people who

are extraordinarily sensitive to local problems and come up with creative ways to address those problems," she said.

Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, contending the local ordinances should be left alone, blasted state lawmakers for dumping out these higher minimum wage rules while they are slated to get sizable pay increases in the coming year.

"We are getting these huge increases while we sit on our hands, and these ordinances are for people who are just trying to pay the mortgage and feed their kids," Peters said.

Senators changed the bill to protect existing ordinances while prohibiting other municipalities from adopting similar rules in the future, then approved the bill 20-16, only to have it defeated in the House later the same day.

Senators shoot down mourning dove hunting

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An attempt to create a mourning dove hunting season in Michigan fell just one vote shy of passage in the state Senate on the final day of session Thursday, Dec. 14.

The rejection means the bill dies as the term ends Dec. 31 and would have to be reintroduced next year to receive further consideration. Rep. Susan Tabor, R-Delta Township, said she was disappointed the bill she'd sponsored couldn't get the votes and was unsure if she would try again in 2001.

"The vote was a surprise, considering that the Senate has voted to allow mourning dove hunting in the past. Previous attempts have run afoul of the House, which granted its approval just last week."

Tabor's bill would have placed the birds on the state's list of game animals, which would have allowed the Natural Resources Commission to decide whether a hunting season would be created. The director of the Department of Natural Resources had already indicated he would favor a season if allowed to by law-

makers.

"It's good science," said Sen. Phil Hoffman, R-Horton, explaining his support of the bill. "Putting doves on the game list would allow the experts at the DNR to determine whether the population is healthy enough to withstand the stress of a hunt. Not all animals placed on the game list are hunted."

The population wouldn't be diminished by hunting, advocates said. There are 45 million mourning doves in Michigan, at least, Sen. Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, argued. Most doves migrate in the winter and every state to the south of Michigan has a dove hunting season, he contended.

"There is just no need for it," Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield, countered. "People have a strong emotional attachment to these birds and that is why there has been a ban on hunting them in Michigan for the past 95 years ... Of all the issues, I get the most input from constituents on this issue."

Since the bill was introduced little over a month ago, Peters said he had received "several hundred e-mails" opposing the hunt.

Insurance companies can now form PACs

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State Rep. Gerry Law, R-Plymouth, was in the thick of the debate in Lansing, working to revise Michigan's health care policy, even into his final hours in office.

Late on Thursday, Dec. 14, his last day in session before leaving office due to term limits, Law proposed - and won - a change that will allow insurance companies to form political action committees. He tacked the idea on as an amendment to House Bill 5959, his own bill to provide "continuity of care" by podiatrists.

The move was met with protests from House Democrats who objected on the grounds that a major change in campaign finance law was being raised at the eleventh hour.

Law explained that the 30-year-old provision "forces insurance companies to go through legal gymnastics to participate in the governmental process." An Attorney General's opinion years ago stripped out half of the old law, he said, but the vestiges force insurance companies to "launder" their political donations through associations, which hides the source of the money. He said that in allowing insurers to have PACs, his proposal would allow for more disclosure.

"Assuming that's all true," Rep. Mark Schauer, D-Battle Creek, responded, "why didn't you raise this earlier so that it could be discussed in committee ... I'm not arguing whether this is good public policy, but this is



State Rep. Gerald Law, R-Plymouth

terrible process."

Law said he had attempted to make the change before but the idea had received little attention from the legislature. He explained later that he decided to take it up then as amendment to the only insurance bill still in play in the legislature on that final day. He wanted to use his own bill as the vehicle, so other lawmakers would not object to the change being tacked on to one of their bills. And it took that long for the Senate to send his bill back for House consideration.

Representatives approved the change 66-30. Senators later concurred 22-12.

"I've wanted to do that a long time," Law said of the amendment to allow insurance PACs. "That has bothered me for years."

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KATHIE O'DONOHUE

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The original Christmas present was the best, and if I could dispense a gift to this world so desperately in need of receiving, I would bring God back into the workplace, schools, media, places of worship, and every other place He has been excluded from.

Then I would sit back and watch the miracle.

I am certain we would witness the re-emergence of true civility and kindness. We'd become reacquainted with timeless concepts like honor, integrity, courage and decency. Real heroes would once again be manifest.

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People first

If God were put back where He should rightfully be and we really paid attention, I believe we'd all wear racial, cultural, age and gender blinders, seeing each other first as human beings. We would put the needs of others before our own, lose the me-and-mine mentality, and be willing to reach across boundaries to recognize and meet the basic human needs we all share.

We would touch with hands of compassion, see with caring eyes. We would be courageous enough to take the chance, even risk rejection just to help someone else. No one would be hungry, thirsty, or without basic necessities, and everyone would have

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Delightful: Jenny and Ralph Duni-gan sit back and enjoy the holiday decorations that take more than four weeks to complete. An angel and tree (above) is an inviting addition to guests who visit their Canton home.

Couple know no decorating limits

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One look around Jenny and Ralph Duni-gan's house and it's not hard to see why it takes the Canton couple nearly four weeks to decorate their home for the holidays.

"We start by taking all the boxes down from our attic and putting them in the garage. There's nothing in our attic except Christmas stuff ... about 150 boxes," said Ralph. "We get a little carried away."

The couple will celebrate their first Christmas in their new 3,100-square-foot home whose size undoubtedly presented some decorating highs and lows.

"I'd like to figure out how to decorate around those windows," said Jenny pointing to a trio of windows that nearly reaches their 18-foot-high ceilings, "but I couldn't convince my sister-in-law to climb a ladder, that high, to do it."

The significant amount of space also allowed the couple to display their extensive collection of Christmas decorations that include 60 nutcrackers and 48 animated characters (approximately two-foot tall each) such as Santa Claus' from around the world, caroling couples, Pinocchio, and even Jolly Old St. Nick in a tub of bubbles — appropriately located in the children's bathroom.

Holiday spirit

Four full-size Christmas trees and an additional eight more of varying sizes dot the Duni-gan household including an angel tree of red and white in their front sitting room, an apple and pinecone themed tree in the master bedroom that compliments the existing decor, a 9 1/2-foot tree featuring sentimental and favorite family bulbs and a miniature tree in each child's room.

Why all this "extreme decorating?" The

couple says they have good reasons to appreciate the holidays — Ralph's birthday is Dec. 3, followed by the couple's wedding anniversary Dec. 30. "It's a tradition now," said Jenny.

A reason to celebrate

"With my birthday in December it's never hard to know what to get me," said Ralph who collects the animated characters and Franklin Mint Christmas trucks.

The decorating is a true family affair says Jenny who credits her creative sister-in-law Dani (pronounced Dana) Duni-gan of Redford, with hand making more than 94 bows that decorate the trees, garland and swags throughout the home. Ralph's mother, who lives just a few miles away in a turn-of-the-century farmhouse, has a collection of more than 800 Santas.

"Everyone really gets into decorating. My sister-in-laws are all creative. My mom made some of the smaller Christmas trees in the house and my sister in Scottdale goes crazy with her decorating," said Jenny.

The Duni-gan's say they truly enjoy the decorating process and try to wrap up trimming the house the week of Thanksgiving so they can appreciate the look as long as possible. Friends, family and even strangers have admired the couple's holiday designs as they were included in the Christmas walking tours of Rosedale Garden and Greenmead when they resided in Livonia.

The Canton couple say they regularly watch the cable channel HGTV for new and interesting ideas and try to shop year round — particularly after the holidays for the best deals.

"My sister-in-law is a big shopper and she's always picking things up for us,"

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Details: Nutcracker soldiers line the jacuzzi in the master bath.

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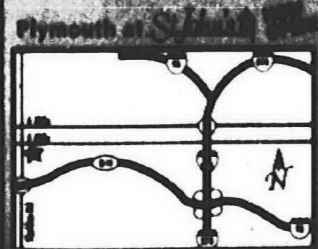
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Readers share special holiday traditions, customs

We asked readers what traditions they make a part of their holiday celebrations every year and here are some of the letters they wrote. Happy holidays!

Tradition with a Twist

When returning to work after a holiday weekend, a coworker and I were sharing Santa stories. My three daughters had reached the age of nonbelievers. I was expressing to my friend my sadness of their 10 minutes of glory; I got a coffee and took my place in front of the tree. Within 10 minutes the gifts were opened and my children were on their way. I was left behind in a pile of paper and dust.

My friend told me how her grown children return home on Christmas morning for the Santa Search. The gifts are hid and everyone is given a clue then the games begin.

The next Christmas at our home we had our first Santa

Search, but with a twist. Under the tree laid a Polaroid camera, film, and the first clue. My children were required to follow many clues, and take several photos along the way. The final gift was a Christmas album kit to be made by all. They searched, took photos, opened gifts, made cocoa, put together a wonderful photo album, and I savored the morning.

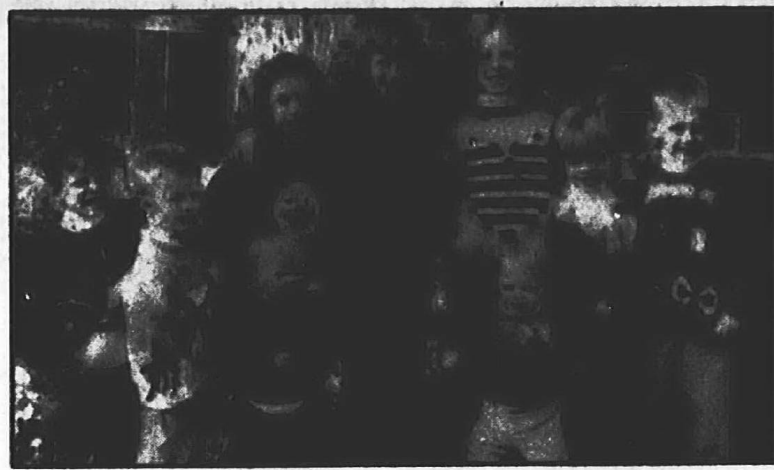
Now on Christmas Eve, the Polaroid camera, and film are placed under the tree with a clue, and the Christmas album of course. After the Santa Search is complete we enjoy our cocoa, and add the latest and greatest photos to the album. We also go back in time with the album to enjoy the years past.

Often the best traditions are borrowed ones with a twist.

Roxanne Hundrucker, Livonia

Creative holiday gifts

Doreen Walkuski of Livonia



Handmade tradition: Doreen Walkuski knitted sweaters for her grandchildren above, Lukas Walkuski, 4; (left to right) Joseph Platz, 3; Amy Taube, 5; Lauren Milard, 7; Sara Taube, 7; Peter Walkuski, 5; George Stephen Platz, 5; (front row) Alex Walkuski, 1½ and Stephanie Platz, 1.

has made knitting a tradition in her family. The longtime Livonia

resident knitted nine sweaters for her grandchildren for Christ-

mas 1999. "They were to be Christmas present but decided why wait — the first time they all were here at the same time I gave them the sweaters," said Walkuski.

She said she's likely to keep knitting sweaters for them as they get bigger as she has done for her own children and their spouses. "I've knitted things for all of them including a double wedding ring quilts. Two as wedding gifts, one as a shower gift and one for an anniversary," said Walkuski.

Doreen Walkuski, Livonia

Family affair

Christmas at the Naccashian house in Livonia is a true family holiday. Starting the weekend after Thanksgiving Kim Naccashian, her husband and children Ian, 4, and Sydney, 14 months, decorate their live Christmas tree. Christmas Eve the children leave out a plate of

milk and cookies for Santa Claus and carrots for the reindeer. The family spends Christmas Eve at Kim's mother's home where they read Christmas stories from books the family has passed down from generation to generation.

The Naccashians open presents Christmas morning and one person has the honor of helping Santa distribute gifts to everyone. Kim said this year her son Ian asked for the job and has been practicing reading the names of his parents, sister and family cat — Yoda.

"We celebrate Christmas all month long with my mom and dad at different family events," said Naccashian. "It's really nice."

This year the Naccashians will help their children write letters to Santa Claus and may even receive a call from the North Pole thanks to Kim's father.

Kim Naccashian, Livonia

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access to adequate and complete health care.

Love would be real, not some cheap, counterfeit Hollywood version, and the divorce rate would plummet. Commitment would be more than just a word or ideal.

The line between right and wrong wouldn't be so blurred, and the concept of common decency would be understood and appreciated by a runaway majority.

If God were once again the only Almighty in our lives, we

would no longer have to worship or pay undue homage to money, power, status, relationships, image, the body, or any of the zillion other things that steal our time and involvement.

We'd focus on pleasant things, not fixate on evil. We would scoff at the very thought of road rage, gratuitous brutality, revenge. We'd put an end to violent movies, hate-filled music and foul language. Vocabularies would be liberally peppered with uplifting words, terms of encouragement.

Everyone would live each day as if it were their last and as though they were going to be judged.

We would love our children and discipline them. We'd teach them to respect us all the while being people who deserve respect. We would help them understand what having character is all about.

We would view our young people as our most vital resource. We'd recognize in so many of their eyes the fear that is there, fear that compels them to hide

behind a facade of complacency, espousing the philosophy of "whatever"; and we'd do our best to replace it with hearts that care passionately. About things like justice, love and peace. We would encourage them to make that world, and we'd believe they could do it.

Hope would come alive again, and remain once for all, which, I believe is the true gift of Christmas. Christmas has something for everyone. It is about the best the world has to offer: wonderfully stimulating smells, sights,

sounds and fellowship. It sometimes uses a blanket of snow to compel us to slow down and find solitude. Christmas binds up the wounds of a busy, preoccupied world and encourages us not to get caught up but to learn to relax.

Christmas is not about a frantic pace or buying expensive gifts for those who have so much they really have no need of more. It's not about tithing to your place of worship and thinking you've done your part. Christmas is about caring beyond a day or

season or geographic boundary. About purging selfishness and giving of yourself real gifts: time, patience, forgiveness, love. It's not about materialism or even about money at all.

It's really about gifting those who are truly in need, just as God did that very first Christmas when He sent love gift-wrapped in flesh and blood.

Merry Christmas to all!
Kathie O'Donohue lives in Farmington Hills.

Decorating from page B1

said Jenny. "We buy a lot of things on e-Bay too."

The primary holiday colors throughout the home are gold, burgundy and a rich green. Besides coordinating colors the children, ages 2 and 3, have themed miniature trees in their bedrooms. Their son has a tree decorated with trains to match the train set that circles the room, year-round, atop a hand-made shelf that borders the ceiling of his room.

"His grandfather was a train engineer," said Jenny.

The Dunigan's daughter has a collection of porcelain Barbie ornaments and a tree decorated with miniature "Island of Misfit Toys" from the classic movie "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer."

The most unique and highly controversial tree in the house is the one in Jenny's home office. A proud graduate of the University of Michigan, the maize and blue tree adorned tree has dozens of bulbs featuring the college logo and infamous colors as well as an 8-by-10 photograph of former head football coach, Bo Schembechler, at its base.

"Ralph didn't go to Michigan. It's the one tree he allows me to express myself. That's why it's in my office," jokes Jenny.



Staff photo by Paul Hubschmann
Festive: Two of the more than 48 animated characters sit atop a dresser.

Year round
Considering all of the time and effort the couple puts into holiday decorating they said they've tossed the idea around of keeping the decorations up year-round.

"It looks so bare without it," said Jenny. "But I think it would get old after a while." A more viable alternative they say will be for them to have a finished basement and decorate with the more than 200 sports related ornaments and memorabilia they displayed in their Livonia basement.

"We didn't get any of that out because we're not done with the basement. We just don't have enough room right now," said Ralph.

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Mayes-Magro

Ron and Vicki Mayes of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Marie, to Leonard Paul Magro of Auburn Hills.

The bride-to-be is a student at Oakland University majoring in marketing. She will graduate in April 2001. She works at Sequoia Net.com.

Her fiancé, son of George and Maria Magro of Qormi, Malta, is a student at Oakland University and will graduate with a master's degree in computer engineering in April 2001. He works for Continental Teves.

An August 2001 wedding is planned at Newburg Methodist Church of Greenmead in Livonia.



Oman-Cleary

John and Janis Oman of Canton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Susanne Oman of Livonia, to David John Cleary of West Bloomfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University and currently works as an educational therapist at Hawthorne Center and Northeast Community Hospital.

Her fiancé, son of Marilyn and (the late) Francis Cleary of Brussels, Wisc., is a University of Wisconsin graduate and works for General Motors Tech Center. He has a doctorate in mechanical engineering.

A June 2001 wedding is



planned at Prince of Peace in West Bloomfield.

Davis-Bacile

Gregory and Jean Davis of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Michelle, to Todd Joseph Bacile of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Wayne State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She works as a registered nurse at Sinai-Grace Hospital in Detroit.

Her fiancé, son of Joseph and Carol Bacile of Livonia, is a Wayne State University graduate with a bachelor's degree in business. He is a computer programmer for Compuware Corp.

A February wedding is planned at St. Aidan's Church in Livonia.



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Komos

Joseph E. and Lillian C. (Kotlinski) Komos of Livonia are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year.

The couple wed Oct. 21, 1950 in Detroit. They have lived in Livonia for 46 years and have four children: Donald, Joseph Jr., Laura and John. They also have four grandchildren.

Joseph Komos worked at the Livonia Fire Dept. for 28 years and has since retired. The couple is involved with the Knights of Columbus Hall and the V.F.W.

To celebrate the special occasion, the Komos were guests of honor at a dinner party with family and relatives at Genetti's Restaurant in Northville. They



will spend the winter months in Sarasota, Fla.

Holmberg-Pugh

Paul and Cheryl Holmberg of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan, to Brad Pugh.

The bride-to-be is a 1991 graduate of Northville High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in English from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1995 and a master's degree in elementary education from Wayne State University in 1997. She works as an elementary school teacher in Livonia Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Bob and Gerrie Pugh of Farmington Hills, is a 1992 graduate of North Farmington High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in 1996 and a master's degree in his field from Oakland University in 1998. He works as a product development engineer



at DaimlerChrysler.

A June 2001 wedding is planned. The couple will make their home in Huntington Woods.

Olson-Miller

Peter and Gail Olson of Houghton announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to David Harvey Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a Wayne State University graduate who works at Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone in Detroit.

Her fiancé is a Stevenson High School graduate who works for Acme Garage Door Company in Livonia.

A May 2001 wedding is planned.



To send in your wedding, engagement, anniversary or birth announcement, contact Kimberly Mortson, Home Town Life editor, at (734) 865-2131 or kmortson@eo.hometown.net.

NEW ARRIVALS

■ **Joe and Renee Kochanek** of Plymouth announce with love and joy the birth of their son, **Liam Joseph**, born Sept. 28 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Grandparents are Betty Godfrey of Plymouth and Julius and Stella Kochanek of Wyandotte.

■ **Anthony Quartuccio and Wendy Sents** announce the birth of their daughter, **Tori**

Ann, born Dec. 6 at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. Grandparents are Larry and Julie Quartuccio of Florence, Kentucky, Wayne and Gerry Searcy of Garden City and Howard and Patricia Sents of Wayne.

■ **Timothy and Dana Piazzi** of Plymouth announce the birth of their second child, **Anthony Joseph**, born Dec. 10 at Oak-

wood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. He joins sister Gail, 9. Grandparents are Joseph and Josephine Piazzi of Westland and Bob and Gail Hart of Sonoma.

■ **Jim and Gina Walkup** of Wayne announce the birth of their daughter, **Jessica Danielle**, born Dec. 9, at Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center in Wayne. She joins brothers

Jimmy and Nicholas. Grandparents are Joe and Dorothy Walkup of Wayne and Marj Pucinski of Redford.

■ **Donald W. Clark and Patricia Kelley-Clark** announce the birth of their daughter, **Caira Elizabeth**, born Nov. 27.



Moriarty

John and Kathleen Moriarty of Redford Township celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 30.

The couple attended mass at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church and were the honored guests at a reception in the Monaghan Council Knights of Columbus Hall in Livonia. Family and friends reminisced with the couple as the Wakes and Weddings Irish Band played on.

The couple danced to the Anniversary Waltz, The Irish Wedding Song, and Harbor Lights. Special letters of congratulations were read to the couple from Cardinal Adam Maida, President Bill Clinton and Governor John Engler.

John Moriarty is originally from Dingle, County Kerry Ireland. He met Kathleen (Finn) at

the Friendly Sons of St. Patricks, an Irish Social Club. John played Irish football on the All Ireland Champion County Kerry Team. He is now retired from Chrysler Corp.

The couple wed at St. Francis deSales Church on Sept. 30, 1950 and have eight children: Maureen (Norm) Root, Robert (Nancy) Moriarty, Kathleen (Jim) Waldo, Eileen (Ken) Meier, John (Mary) Moriarty, Diane (Bob) Rousseau, Thomas (Kathleen) Moriarty and the late Patricia Sheila Moriarty.

They also have 18 grandchildren. Their eldest grandchild Christy Root Spicer and her husband Ted Spicer surprised the family by announcing the expected arrival of their first great-grandchild, due May 2001.

Congratulations to the Moriarty family.

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CALENDAR

WEEKEND

BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT 2000

All boys grades 6th - 8th are invited to a basketball Snowy Day Shootout 2000 at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28 at the Livonia YMCA Fieldhouse. Call the Plymouth YMCA for information and to register (734) 453-2904.

THE LIVING NATIVITY

The Living Nativity, featuring a live manger scene with real animals, will be held at Heritage Park in Canton 7-9 p.m., Dec. 21-23, presented by Canton Friendship Church. Please celebrate with us and let the meaning of joy of Christmas come to life for you and your family. For additional information call (734) 451-2100.

HOLIDAY CLASSES

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum presents classes and workshops for the holidays. Build a device that will protect your egg when you drop it from our second floor balcony. This class is 1-4 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 26 at the Museum. From 1-4 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 27, try your hand at the ancient Japanese art of paper folding, origami demonstrations and hands-on activities.

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

D&M Studio is now taking registration for its Annual Holiday - Fine Arts, Ceramic and Adult Workshops, running through Dec. 23. 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.

AROUND TOWN

YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking Spring Youth Soccer Registration the entire month of January at the Recreation office during business hours 8-4:30, Monday thru Friday. The office is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center. All registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for 8 years and under is \$45 for City of Plymouth residents, and \$65 for non-residents. For more information call (734)455-6620.

MICHIGAN BRIDGE TOURNAMENT

The tournament, which begins Thursday, Jan. 4, is being held at the Finnish Association Center, 35200 W. 8 Mile, Farmington Hills. Separate sections for all levels of players. The cost is \$9 for experienced players; \$7 for intermediates and newcomers; and \$5 for students. Reservations not necessary. Most sessions begin at 1 or 7 p.m. For information please call (734) 439-3617.

TEENS USING DRUGS

"How to Know and What to Do" will be presented 7:30 - 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education, Classroom EC4, 5305 Elliot Drive, Ypsilanti. 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. The presentation is free

and open to the public. Please phone (734)973-7892 for information.

TOY & HOBBY EXPO 2000

This expo returns Dec. 29 - 31 to the Novi Expo Center located at I-96 at Novi Rd. The Toy & Hobby Expo features operating model train displays as well as vendors selling new, used, antique and collectible toys, trains, models, racing & sports collectibles, dolly and plush animals. Show hours are 5-9 p.m. Dec. 29; 9-7 p.m. Dec. 30; and 10-3 p.m. Dec. 31. Admission is \$6 for over 13 and \$3 for 4-12 years old; parking \$5. For info call (734) 465-2110.

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL

Every second Tuesday at noon you're invited to bring your lunch and learn about art with the speakers from the DIA. The cost is \$5 for members and \$8 for others. Thanks to a grant from Ford Motor Co., these lectures are now free to senior citizens.

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.

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

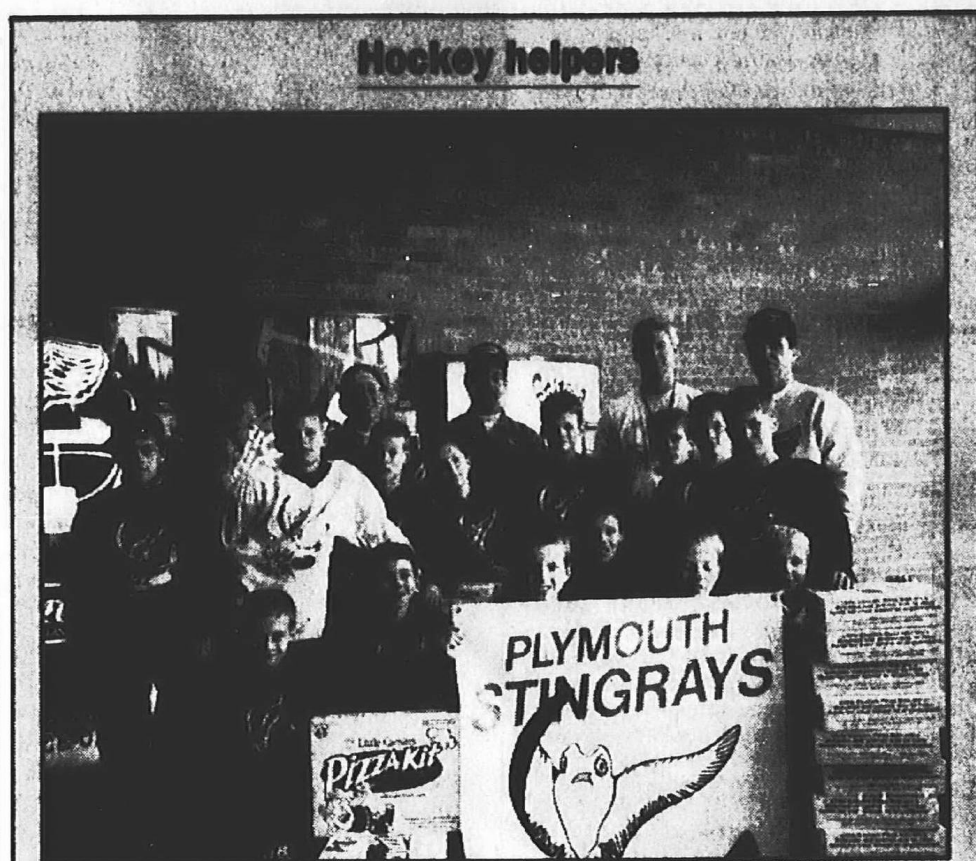
New Morning School in Plymouth is hosting two opportunities for interested families to tour the school, meet the staff and have your questions answered. The dates are: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23; and there will also be a Student Museum/Open House 2-4:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 11. New family discussions 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.

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. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure.

EVOLA MUSIC

Registrations are now being taken for Kindermusik Village Classes at Evola Music in Canton for children from birth to 18 months and their parents. Meet with other parents



Fund-raisers: The Plymouth Stingrays, a Squirt AA team of Plymouth and Canton youth hockey players based at the Plymouth Cultural Center, recently raised more than \$450 through a pizza hit promotion to help send residents of a Canton group home for the disabled to Disney World. Team members include: Michael Coon, Peter Curran, Kory Sosnowski, Clark Albers, Ricky Cigile, Kenry Weir, Joel Majszak, Michael Ciuffoletti, Colin Rolfe, J.P. LaFontaine, Sandro Sgambati, Timothy Kott and Michi Mihailovich. They are coached by Frank Majszak and his assistants, Earl LaFontaine and Joe Kott. Frank Sgambati is the team manager.

with babies birth to 18 months. Kindermusik at Evola Music offers a complete music program where both children and parents learn through music and movement. Call Evola Music Center at (734) 455-4677 to register for classes or for a free brochure. You may also visit the web site at www.ismi.net/kindermusikatevola.

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. 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.mediaone.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, 160 Fair St., Plymouth. All-you-can-eat buffet. Newly remodeled breakfast room. Call (734) 453-9833.

TAI CHI

Ongoing Tao 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

ASTRONOMY-SPACE DISCUSSION GROUP

This group meets 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.

BUSINESS NETWORK INTERNATIONAL

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 Chere 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.

HUMAN RIGHTS GROUP

The Human Rights Group meets at 7 p.m. the first Sunday of the month at the Plymouth Coffee Studio, 600 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. Call Paulette at (734) 416-9286 or Charlene at (734) 963-0649.

COUNTY CONNECTION

County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, a women's chorus singing four-part harmony barbershop style, is looking for members. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. every Tuesday in Ypsilanti. Call (734) 480-8843.

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 Christine at (734) 416-0300.

WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles dances are every Friday night at the following locations: Dec. 22nd Christmas Dance and Dec. 29 at Burton Manor in Livonia. Admission is \$4 before 8:30 p.m. and \$6 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dressy attire, no jeans, D.J., 21 and older, budget bar, hors d'oeuvres.

YOGA CLASSES

Yoga classes beginning in January in downtown Plymouth, Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. Six classes per session. The cost is \$50 per session. Call Cynthia for further information (734) 420-2418.

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

The Plymouth Baptist Church MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 9:15-11:30 a.m. These meetings provide a time for moms to develop new friendships with other moms. Special speakers, crafts and great food are some of the highlights at a MOPS meeting. Mothers, with their children, kindergarten aged and younger, are invited to attend. Childcare is provided. The church is at 42021 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call (734) 453-5534.

VOLUNTEERS

COMMUNITY LITERACY COUNCIL

The Community Literacy Council, a Plymouth-based not-for-profit organization, seeks part time volunteer clerical support for general office assistance. Basic computer skills helpful. A desire to make a difference a must. Flexible working hours. For information or to schedule a meeting call (734)416-4906.

ARBOR HOSPICE AND HOME CARE

Arbor Hospice & Home Care is seeking volunteers interested in helping terminally ill patients and their families with activities such as meal preparation, errands, reading and eating. Arbor Hospice is also looking for volunteer office workers to help with mailings, filing and typing. A volunteer orientation will take place 9-12 Noon Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Arbor Hospice & Home Care office located at 331 North Center Street in Northville. To register or for more information, call the Volunteer Services department at (248)848-4980.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shops are looking for volunteers to fill a variety of positions at all metro-Detroit Discovery Shops. Various days and times are available. Call (800) 925-2371.

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.: _____

Use additional sheet if necessary

RELIGION CALENDAR

UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN
 Universalist Unitarian Church of Farmington (26901 Healed Rd. north of Grand River) will offer the following services Sunday, Dec. 24:
 ■ Hanukkah Morning service 10 a.m. only. Rev. Bob Renjilian will focus on the Jewish holiday, its themes and messages. There are strong reasons to remember this story, with implications for Unitarian Universalists in the present day. A service for all ages. Special music for Hanukkah, along with other seasonal music performed by our own talented musicians and singers.
 ■ Christmas Eve. Come back to church in the evening for one or both of our special celebrations for Christmas Eve. A 6 p.m. service will include music, carols, and the Children's Play — a celebration for the whole family. An 8 p.m. service will include music and quieter contemplation of the holiday.
CHRISTMAS EVE

Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church will celebrate the Feast of Christmas at 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24th. The worship service, which is open to the general public, will be held in the Chapel of Our Lady of Providence, in the rear of the complex located on Beak Road, south of Six Mile, in Northville, Michigan. Holy Ascension Eastern Catholic Church is a newly formed parish currently holding weekly services at 8:30 p.m. at OLP. Our Lady of Providence is a residential and vocational program for adults with developmental disabilities. Visit www.holyascension.intranets.com (access code: "family"), or call our pastor, Father Wayne Ruchy, at (313) 582-1424 or Myron Zolkowaky, at (248) 386-1769.
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
 Newburg United Methodist Church (36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia) will hold Christmas Eve Services (Dec. 24) at 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 8 p.m., and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and New Years

Angels serve as important messengers

The angel is a popular, enduring symbol of Christmas. Angels adorn the tops of branches of Christmas trees, they march out over streets with trumpets from lampposts, and they appear on countless Christmas cards. Carolers recount the message and praise of angels as they sing. Beyond Christmas, books, television shows and movies, angels represent divine goodness, protection and intervention.
 The literal meaning of the word "angel" is messenger and angels play a prominent messenger role in the biblical Christmas account. Before Jesus was born, an angel appeared to Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, in a dream. An angel, identified as Gabriel, also appeared to Jesus' mother, Mary. Shepherds were aston-

ished when first one angel, then "a great company of the heavenly host" appeared to them at night.
 The message of the angels is united. To Joseph, the angel said: "She (Mary) will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." When Gabriel appeared to Mary, he promised: "You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus...Nothing is impossible with God." And to the shepherds, the angel announced: "Today the town of David, a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."
 Throughout the world, Christians join the eternal praise of angels at Christmas time, retelling their message of the

birth of Jesus. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have four Christmas worship services. At 5 p.m. service will be held at 46001 Warren Road in Canton and features a blend of contemporary and traditional Christmas music by the Singers of the Spirit, song leaders and instrumentalists. At 7 p.m., the church will hold another family service at 14175 Farmington Road in Livonia which will feature Cherub and Choristers Choirs, a youth handbell choir and special children's message.
 The Livonia site will also hold a Candlelight Service at 11 p.m. Worshipers will be given candles to raise during the singing of *Silent Night*. A pre-service concert of organ and handbell music begins at
 Please see ANGELS, B7

Eve Sunday services will not be held at our usual 9 a.m. time. There is only one morning service these two Sundays at 10 a.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
 Merriman Road Baptist Church (2905 Merriman Road, Garden City) will hold a candlelight Christmas Eve service, interpreted for the hearing impaired, 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24. Call (734) 421-0472 for information.
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
 Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia will hold a traditional Christmas service complete with a manger and youth vocal and handbell choir, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24. Candlelight Communion service will begin 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24.
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S SERVICES
 Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will have four Christmas worship services. At 5 p.m. Sunday

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<p>Charlotte Jacuski <i>Real Estate Associate</i> Holiday Greetings Century 21 Realty • Livonia (734) 464-7111 x 228 (810) 704-6377 pager www.charlottejacuski.com</p>	<p><i>Season's Greetings from</i> Wing Yee Restaurant 37275 W. Six Mile Road Newburg Plaza • Newburg & Six Mile (734) 591-1901 Open Christmas Eve 12:00 noon-Open Christmas Day 11:00 noon-6:00pm</p>	<p><i>Season's Greetings Wishing you a season of gladness, a season of cheer for Happy Holidays & a Healthy New Year!</i> Your Friends at Livonia Drugs (734) 421-3784</p>	<p>Carmack Appliance Co. <i>Wishing Happy Holidays to all our customers and friends</i> 32431 Ford Road • Garden City (734) 425-1790</p>	<p><i>Happy Holidays from</i> Paychex Paychex, It's a GREAT place to work! Visit our web site at www.paychex.com or call (248)855-6600 x 3005</p>
<p><i>Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season from</i> New Peking Restaurant 29105 Ford Road • Garden City (734) 425-2250 Open Christmas Eve 11:00pm-Open Christmas Day 11:00pm-6:00pm</p>	<p><i>From all of us to all of you Happy Christmas from your friends at the</i> Rusty Nail 43845 Ford Road Canton (734) 961-0776</p>	<p><i>Happy Holidays from</i> Three Brothers Restaurant 8025 General Drive • Plymouth (734) 416-3393 Open Christmas Eve 5pm-Open Christmas Day</p>	<p>BROSE ELECTRICAL <i>Your Lighting Store</i> Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday 9:30-6:00 Thursday & Friday 9:30-8:00 37400 W. 7 Mile Road • Livonia, MI 48152 (734) 464-2211</p>	

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day, Dec. 24 service will be held at 48001 Warren Road in Canton. At 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 the church will hold another family service at 14176 Farmington Road in Livonia. The Livonia site will also hold a Candlelight Service at 11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24. A pre-service concert of organ and handbell music begins at 10:30 p.m. and will feature carolers from many nations. The Festival Christmas Day Service and Communion will be held at the Livonia site at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 25. The church welcomes everyone 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 for a New Year's Service. Services are also telecast 9 p.m. every Thursday on WLTW, cable channel 12. For more information, call (734) 522-6830 or visit the Web at www.christouravivier.org.

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CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
An annual Christmas Eve Service will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. The service will feature singing, music, reflection, and fellowship. Call Memorial Church of Christ (36475 Five Mile Road, just east of Levan Road, in Livonia. (734) 464-6722 or e-mail memorialchurchofchrist@juno.com

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The morning service at Aldersgate United Methodist Church begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 with a birthday party for Jesus following the service. Evening services at 6 p.m. featuring the Family Musical, "The Christmas Chronicles," with lights, drama and lively music. Closing service with individual candles (nursery provided). Beginning at 9:30 p.m. a traditional service. Featuring the choirs and handbell choir, communion and candle lighting service. Aldersgate United Methodist Church (10000 Beach Daly Road, Redford). Call (313) 937-3170.

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Timothy Lutheran Church (8820 Wayne Road, Livonia) will hold their Festival Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24. The service will include candlelight, carols, choir music, communion and a special children's message. Call (734) 427-2290.

LESSONS AND CAROLS
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NEW YEAR'S EVE
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College standouts

Mark Radloff, a freshman at the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y., from Canton (University of Detroit Jesuit HS), helped his swim team to a fourth-place finish out of eight teams at the Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association Championships last week.

Radloff finished first in both the 100-yard (1:01.76) and 200-yard (2:15.82) breaststrokes and was fourth in both the 200 individual medley (2:05.49) and 400 IM (4:28.95). He was a part of the third-place 200 medley (1:41.54) and 400 medley (3:44.70) relays.

So far, pretty good. That's how Kristin Mayer's junior season as a member of the St. John Fisher College women's basketball team can be summarized thus far. The Cardinals, an NCAA Division III program, were 6-0 going into the holiday break.

Mayer, a 5-foot-6 tri-captain and a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, is averaging 8.5 points, 3.7 rebounds, 2.5 steals and 2.5 assists per game.

Spitz sparkles

The Spitz Gymnastics team turned in some very strong performances in the early portions of their season.

The Level 5 Spitz team was third at the Early State Meet Dec. 2 in Kalamazoo.

In the 10-year-old age division, Lindsey Petrusha (from Plymouth) was fifth in the floor exercise and 10th in the all-around (35.225) and Katerina Kariotis (Canton) was fourth in balance beam, seventh in floor and seventh in the all-around (35.40).

In the 12-and-over division, Amy Quiambao (Plymouth) was third in vault and was state champion on beam and in the all-around (35.175).

In the 7-9 Division, Mandy McManus (Canton) was second in vault, third on the uneven parallel bars, fourth in floor and third in all-around (35.50).

On Dec. 9-10, Spitz competed at the Holiday Jam in Grand Rapids, and both the Level 5 and Level 7 teams finished first.

Lindsay Bridges (Canton) was first in floor, second in vault and third in the all-around; Andrea Rivera (Belleville) was third on bars, third in floor and fifth in the all-around; Petrusha was second in bars, first on beam and second in the all-around; Kariotis was first on bars, second on floor and third in the all-around; Quiambao was first on bars, first in floor and first in the all-around; and McManus (Canton), fifth in the all-around.

Top performances for Level 7 gymnasts came from Kristie Savage (Dearborn), third on beam, second on floor and fifth in the all-around; Christa Smutek (Livonia), first on beam, first in floor and first in the all-around (36.325); and Alyssa Kelley (Plymouth), second in vault, first in floor and first in the all-around (36.80).

Katie Rasmussen (Canton) also competed at Level 8, placing third on bars, fourth on beam and fourth in the all-around.

Hockey double-header

The Plymouth Canton and Plymouth Salem hockey boosters have something special planned for the first Friday of the new year: a Student Night, with all Plymouth-Canton school district elementary and middle school students admitted for free when accompanied by a paying adult.

The games, scheduled for Jan. 5 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, feature Salem against Livonia Stevenson at 6 p.m. and Canton vs. Walled Lake Central at 8 p.m. Also, the first 100 students will receive a free hockey puck.

More fun is planned, so anyone interested in high school hockey should plan on attending.

Cruisers registration

Registration for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers Swim Team's winter season will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8 at the Salem HS pool. Limited enrollment is available.

For more information, leave a message at (734) 332-9378 or visit the team's web site at www.cruiserswimming.com.

Anyone interested in submitting items to Sports Scene or Sports Roundup may send them to sports editor C.J. Risek, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI, 48150, or may FAX them to (734) 591-7279.

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Sure, everyone in the Western Lakes Activities Association is used to seeing Plymouth Salem listed at the top of the standings where boys swimming is concerned.

And there the Rocks were once again, winning five of the 10 relays to score 261 points and earn the title at the WLAA-Relay Meet, hosted by Salem Saturday.

Maybe the bigger surprise was who finished second: Plymouth Canton with 225 points, easily outscoring third-place Northville (200).

"Last year we were third, so we knew it was possible," said Canton coach Ed Weber. "The real surprise for us was the (200-yard) backstroke relay. I really didn't expect us to win that."

"I'll be really interested in seeing how the season turns out for us."

The rest of the Chiefs' WLAA rivals may not share that sentiment. Livonia Stevenson finished fourth with 197 points, just ahead of North Farmington

(192) — even though the Spartans did not win a race, while the Raiders won two.

Livonia Churchill placed sixth (140), followed by Walled Lake Central (119), Farmington/Farmington Harrison (90), Livonia Franklin (94), Westland John Glenn (92) and Walled Lake Western (58).

Salem coach Chuck Olson was only slightly impressed by his team's performance. "By and large, the guys swam pretty well," he said. "Some were faster than we thought, others were a lot slower than we hoped."

Still, winning half the relays was impressive. And the Rocks didn't waste time asserting themselves, either, capturing the first two relays and placing second in the third.

Eric Lynn, Jim Ross, Dave Woodard and Mike Johnson combined for a first in the 400 freestyle relay (3:30.03), and Aaron Shelton, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo and Brian Mertens combined to capture the 400 medley relay (3:56.31).

Salem's William Clark, Shelton, Ross and Mertens won the 500 free crescendo relay (4:37.27); Lynn, Matt Showalter, Hugo Alvarez and Johnson teamed for a first in the 200 medley relay (1:46.07); and Dave Woodard, Dave Carson, Kevin Kilgore and Dzialo were tops in the 200 free relay (1:39.86).

Despite his team's dominance, Salem's Olson thought several of his rivals performed well. "I think a lot of them had good swims," he said. "It was unusual not to have Stevenson win an event, but they moved some things around."

North Farmington won two events and finished fifth, and Stevenson didn't win anything but spaced their kids around and finished fourth.

It was that kind of early-season meet, one in which no one was quite certain what to expect. "We thought



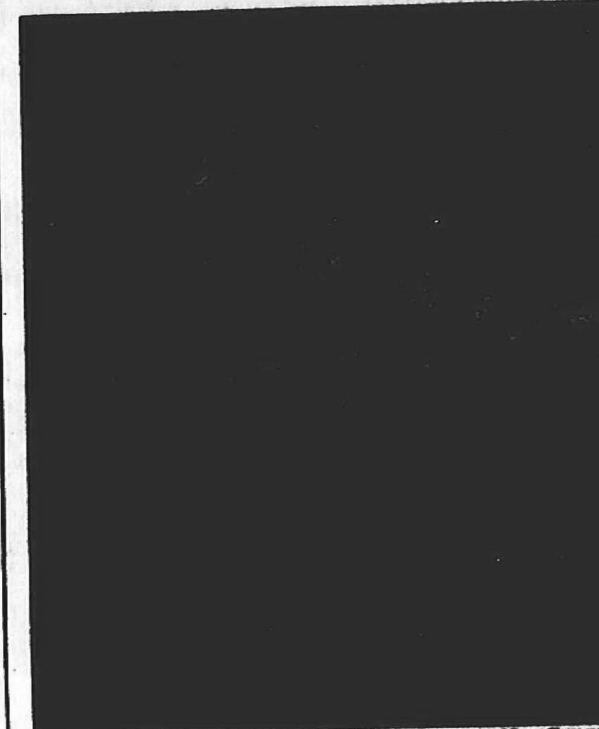
Victory stroke: Eddie Lindow was instrumental in Canton's winning the 200 breaststroke relay, one of two wins for the Chiefs.

we had a good chance to win the butterfly (relay), and we finished sixth," Olson said. "Everyone kind of stacked that up."

At the top of that stack was North's Adam Farber, Craig Paske, Sernet Alver and Lucas Digia (1:45.34). The Raiders' Farber, Paske, Brian Clauson and Mohamed Bachrouche also won the 400 individual medley relay (4:09.82).

Canton got wins from Brad Nilson, Dennis Speck, Eddie Lindow and Jon Heiss in the 200 breaststroke relay (2:05.82) and from Trey Gercak, Joe Le, Brad Herbeck and Steve Van Proyen in the 200 back relay (1:54.96). The Chiefs also placed second three times.

John Glenn's Chris McFarland and Derek Bell combined for the only other first, capturing the dive



Double-winner: Mike Johnson was on a pair of winning relays for Salem, the 400 free and the 200 medley.

Rocks can't contain Johnson

This time, the balance was there for Plymouth Salem's basketball team. They had four players reach double figures in scoring, they shot free throws well, and — most important — there were no real second-half letdowns.

What the Rocks lacked was a Gary Johnson.

Wayne Memorial's 6-foot-2 senior guard lit up the Rocks for 39 points, including seven three-pointers, in leading the Zebras to a 64-57 triumph over Salem Tuesday at Wayne.

The result left both teams with perfect records: Wayne is 4-0, Salem is 0-4.

"We had the hot hand," said Wayne coach Wayne Woodard. "They're getting

better. I think for (Salem) it's just a matter of winning a game. Once they break through, they'll get on a roll."

As has been their pattern, the Rocks started well enough, leading 14-10 after one quarter and 28-26 at the half. But there wasn't an outpouring of points in the last two quarters that beat them — not this time. Wayne's lead was just 48-44 entering the fourth period.

"It was a close game all the way through," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Both teams fired some bombs — there

were 16 threes in the game. Johnson just continued to bomb.

"They had a couple of putbacks and we turned the ball over a couple of times, which cost us."

"But for the most part, we hung in there. We've just got to sustain it for an entire game."

Salem got 17 points from David Hoskins, 12 from Nick Tochman, 11 from Jeff Haar and 10 from Ryan Haydon. Mike Nashad added 10 points for Wayne.

While the Zebras converted 16-of-25 from the free-throw line (64 percent), the Rocks made 16-of-21 (76.2 percent).



Dish out: Nick Tochman (left) netted 12 points.

Returnees boost hopes for Salem

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If there was a key name attached to Plymouth Salem's gymnastics season last year, it had to be Murphy — as in Murphy's Law, which simply states that anything that can possibly go wrong, will.

The Rocks' 1999-2000 campaign was plagued by injuries to key personnel. Melissa Drake had foot surgery after an early-season injury, and April Aquino and Emily Nicolau both suffered anterior cruciate ligament injuries that required knee surgery.

With her depleted lineup, Salem coach Melissa Hopson struggled to find a competitive lineup for the highly-competitive Western Lakes Activities Association — which, in gymnastics, includes Hartland, Brighton and Northville/Novi, all among the state's top half-dozen teams.

It showed when the Rocks finished seventh out of eight teams at last year's WLAA Championships. Don't look for a repeat this season.



Returning to the Rocks, Melissa Drake missed last season after injuring her foot.

"We have several girls who were injured last year," said Hopson. "We're currently

Canton on upswing

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It wasn't everything Plymouth Canton gymnastics coach John Cunningham had hoped for. The team had to rival Plymouth Salem in Monday's dual meet by more than two points.

But that could change. The Chiefs will improve. And so will Canton.

One of the Chiefs' top scorers from last season, Liz Fitzgerald, has graduated. Fitzgerald had led the Chiefs in the Division II all-around at the Western Lakes Activities Association Championships last season.

Finding someone to replace her won't be easy, but that's just part of the problem facing Cunningham.

The top scorer was the team's top scorer last season, but she's currently

any better she's up to full capacity," said Cunningham. "But she's already back, one or two months ahead of the original doctor's prediction. We're

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Canton collects its own Invite title

Make that two straight. Last year, Plymouth Canton's wrestlers accomplished something that had escaped them previously — they won their own Canton Invitational. Last Saturday, the Chiefs did it again.

The Chiefs had four first-place finishes in outscoring the other eight teams in the field. Canton totaled 248.5 points, well ahead of second-place Dearborn Fordson's 158. In third was Ann Arbor Pioneer (147), followed by Livonia Churchill and Garden City (141 each), New Boston

Huron (126), Ann Arbor Huron (122), Redford Union (104) and Allen Park (97). Canton's 'B' team totaled 78 points.

Canton's four weight-division champs were Greg Musser (140 pounds), Phil Rothwell (189), Ozzie Wagner (215) and Derek McWatt (275). In addition, one of the Chiefs' five seconds was secured by Doy Demasick at 125, son of head coach John Demasick, who became the first Can-

ton junior to earn 100 match wins.

"Doy is our first junior to reach 10 varsity high school wins, so it's kind of exciting for us," said his coach and father. "He is a thoughtful, fun person to be around who does not draw attention to his own wrestling."

"However, he is extremely dedicated and always expects himself to win. I am not only proud of what he has done, but who he is."

Doy is the third of four Demasick brothers to wrestle under their father at Can-

ton. He currently leads the Chiefs in wins with a 13-1 match record, and he holds the freshmen team record for pins and takedowns, and he shares the freshmen record for wins with Musser.

Also placing second at Saturday's Invitational for Canton were Kyle Pitt (119), Derek Robinson (130), Mike Siegrist (145) and Matt Nuss (189). Chris Hoesy (185), Joe Faraoni (152) and Shahein Rajae (160) placed third.

Canton wrestles next at Farmington Harrison Jan. 4.

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SC outshoots Lake Michigan

Lake Michigan Community College shot 52 percent from the floor and had six players in double figures — and still lost by 34 points Saturday to host Schoolcraft CC in a men's basketball encounter, 122-88.

Schoolcraft, now 8-1 on the year, was led by 6-foot-8, 260-pound DePaul University-bound Sam Hoskin, who poured in a game-high 30 points.

Derrick Bird (Ypsilanti) added 20 points, while guard Colin Wilkinson (Dearborn) scored all 14 of his points in the second half as the Ocelots outscored Lake Michigan, 65-46.

Nick Evola, a 6-7 center headed to Western Michigan, contributed 14 points.

Dwight Windom, who pulled down 15 rebounds in a Dec. 19 win over Lansing, added eight points along with point-guard Dave McGlown and forward Keanan Wier.

Lansing, 38 of 73 from the floor, got 18 points from John Hunt (Benton Harbor), 17 from Derek Ingeon and 15 from Lance Flemming.

Lake Michigan is 4-5 overall.

ADRIAN 85, MADONNA 88: Chris Howard scored 19 points and added eight rebounds Saturday, leading the host Bulldogs (6-0) past Madonna University (3-10) at the Merrilatt Center.

Three others also scored in double figures for Adrian, which is off to its best start since the 1988-89 season.

Steve Brooks added 16 points, while Dan Walter and Steve Herron chipped in with 13 and 12, respectively.

Mike Massey scored 19 points to lead Madonna, which trailed 40-30 at intermission.

Aaron Cox added 11 points, while freshman John Bennett (Livonia Churchill) had 10 points. Narnin Rusedaw grabbed nine rebounds.

Madonna made 22 of 54 shots from the floor (40.6 percent) and 18 of 21 from the free throw line (85.7 percent). MU had 25 turnovers to Adrian's 17.



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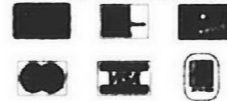
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scored 135.95 points in its opening meet, a win over Plymouth Canton. That's more than four points more than the Rocks scored at last season's WLAA meet.

"It's good to have everyone back," said Hopson. "We have a lot of talent, and now we have a lot of depth."

An indication of how good Salem could be came in Hopson's instructions prior to the Canton meet, normally one filled with the tension associated with a meet against a city rival.

"I told them to just go out and see how you're scoring," she said. "I wanted them to get all their nerves out. No one said anything about winning the meet."

Her efforts to relax her team seemingly worked: Aquino, a junior, won the all-around and Drake, also a junior, was second.

That was a good sign. Now add to the mix some of those who proved to be major contributors last season, after the others went down with injuries.

Tops among them is Bethany Bartlett, a sophomore who advanced to the individual state meet in three events as a freshman. Unfortunately, Bartlett has had a back problem that limited her to a couple of events against Canton.

Also returning are senior Ashley Heard and juniors Kelsey Ensor, Kara Dendrinis and Ste-

fanie Olli.

There are also a pair of freshmen who could be contributors: Kayla Dupey and Katie Waldek.

Last year's misfortunes have added a degree of determination to this season's squad. "I asked them what do they want to do now," Hopson said after the win over Canton, "and they said, 'Let's go up (in our scoring).'"

There are still early-season problems to deal with. "Staying on beam," noted Hopson. "And we have to get stronger routines in (uneven parallel) bars and vault. We need to upgrade them."

How much they upgrade will determine how far up the WLAA standings the Rocks climb.

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going to keep her on low impact stuff."

The Chiefs won't be in bad shape, even with Driscoll's limited action. Kristin Schilk, currently the team's only senior all-arounder, will "have to carry the team," said Cunningham.

By that he means provide leadership for two promising freshmen: J.Q. Williams and Audra Ahern. In last Saturday's 126.4-118.4 win at Vassar, both scored over 30 points in the all-around, Ahern placing fourth and Williams fifth.

Schilk's 31.65 was second — to Jill Rakovitis, a junior who posted a 31.75. Rakovitis' develop-

ment, the leadership and talent supplied by Schilk and Driscoll, and the up-and-coming freshmen make Canton a team to be wary of.

There are others who strengthen the team. Like senior Jessica Krueger, whose involvement in theater limits her practice time but whose ability is readily apparent, and sophomore Jacqui Bennington.

"We have decent depth until after our top seven," said Cunningham. "My goal this year is for our team to hit 140. But we won't be able to do that until February, when we get Amy back full time.

"If we stay well, we're going to

do well. It's going to be a good season. I don't know how we'll do in the WLAA . . ."

That's because, once again, the conference is loaded with Hartland, Brighton, Northville/Novi, Farmington and, this year, the new Livonia Unified squad all looking prominent. And Salem, over the injuries that plagued it last year, is much improved, too.

Can Canton move up in the league standings facing such a climate? "That's a possibility, but again, it depends how these girls develop," Cunningham said.

How quickly the Chiefs answer their questions may create more questions in an already competitive league climate.

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Skid continues: Rockers tumble to 1-13

Well, at least the Detroit Rockers are setting records. This kind, however, would be better left alone. Last weekend, the Rockers lost a pair of tight games, 18-17 to the Milwaukee Wave Friday at Compuware Arena and 19-17 in overtime Saturday at Harrisburg. That put the Rockers' mark at 1-13 and gave them a club-record 12 straight losses. The previous record of 11 was set in 1994-95 — the last season the Rockers made the playoffs. In Friday's loss to the Wave, Sean Bowers — named NPSL player of the week after scoring

18 points and blocking 10 shots in three games — was the main cog in the Detroit attack, scoring five goals (a three-pointer, two-pointers and two one-point shootout goals) and assisting on two others. Matt Tirschman's eight points paced Milwaukee. The difference may have been an early three-point goal awarded to the Wave, instead of a two (which replays indicated it was). At Harrisburg Saturday, the Rockers again started well

enough and had the early lead — as they had in their two previous games — thanks to Marciano Boumann's first career goal. But by halftime, the Heat had an 8-4 advantage. Detroit's 11-2 third-quarter surge erased that and gave the Rockers a 15-10 lead entering the final quarter. Harrisburg

battled back to knot it again on a goal by Steve Klein with 10:05 left, but a Dennis Brose goal 13 seconds later regained the lead for the Rockers. But they couldn't hold onto it. The Heat tied it and got the game-winner 1:10 into overtime. Detroit plays at Kansas City at 8:35 p.m. Dec. 29.

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conference championship is a big goal for us. "First we want to win the relays meet, then the conference, then see how well we can swim at the state meet. We want to take it one step at a time." The first step was certainly a good one.

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"We're going to keep trying. I just hope it happens pretty quick," said Brodie. Canton Agape 58, Macomb Christian 34: Canton Agape Christian ran its record to 3-0 with a first-half blitz that saw the Wolverines go up 17-9 after one quarter and 38-14 by halftime in a game played Tuesday at Wayne Memorial HS. Macomb Christian slipped to 0-3.

"We had a nice first half," said Agape coach Chuck Henry. That opening half was sparked by Paul Anleitner and Rob Hough; each of them had three three-pointers in the first two quarters, with Anleitner scoring 14 points and Hough 13. Anleitner finished with 23; Hough had 18 and Josh Anthony scored 11. Brian Wilkie led Macomb with 17 points.

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FINAL RELAY RESULTS
400-yard medley: 1. Salem (Aaron Shelton, Matt Showalter, Ben Dzialo, Brian Mertens), 3:56.31; 2. Canton, 3:56.43; 3. Stevenson, 3:58.29; 4. Northville, 4:07.21; 5. N. Farmington, 4:12.42; 6. John Glenn, 4:16.23; 7. W.L. Central, 4:20.77; 8. Harrison-Farm., 4:41.2; 9. W.L. Western, 5:08.91; 11. Churchill, disqualified.

400 freestyle: 1. Salem (Eric Lynn, Jim Ross, Dave Woodard, Mike Johnson), 3:30.03; 2. Stevenson, 3:40.38; 3. Churchill, 3:44.39; 4. Northville, 3:48.52; 5. Canton, 3:48.98; 6. N. Farmington, 3:53.31; 7. John Glenn, 4:08.47; 8. W.L. Central, 4:10.01; 9. W.L. Western, 4:18.6; 10. Franklin, 4:19.22; 11. Harrison-Farm., 4:39.31.

200 breaststroke: 1. Canton (Brad Neilson, Dennis Speck, Eddie Lindow, Jon Heiss), 2:03.03; 2. Salem, 2:12.96; 3. Churchill, 2:13.16; 4. Northville, 2:20.68; 5. Harrison-Farm., 2:24.26; 6. Stevenson, 2:29.53; 7. N. Farmington, 2:35.26; 8. John Glenn, 2:36.39; 9. Franklin, 2:46.56; 10. W.L. Central, 2:52.11; 11. Salem (exhibition), 2:50.31.

200 backstroke: 1. Canton (Trey Gersak, Joe Lee, Brad Herbeck, Steve Van Proyen), 1:54.96; 2. Salem, 1:57.05; 3. Churchill, 2:18.12; 4. W.L. Western, 2:20.71; 5. N. Farmington, 2:24.1; 6. Stevenson, 2:25.99; 7. John Glenn, 2:28.43; 8. Northville, 2:35.72; 9. W.L. Central, 2:39.24; 10. Harrison-Farm., 2:39.58; 11. Canton (exhibition), 2:36.83.

200 butterfly: 1. N. Farmington (Adam Farber, Craig Paske, Sernet Aher, Lucas DiGila), 1:45.34; 2. Stevenson, 1:49.23; 3. Northville, 1:52.03; 4. Churchill, 1:52.03; 5. John Glenn, 1:53.95; 6. Salem, 1:56.14; 7. Harrison-Farm., 1:59.43; 8. Canton, 2:02.57; 9. W.L. Western, 2:18.52; 10. Franklin, 2:51.81; 11. W.L. Central, disqualified.

Diving: 1. John Glenn (Chris McFarland, Derek Bell), 367.85 points; 2. Northville, 340.90; 3. W.L. Western, 335.70; 4. Canton, 334.85; 5. Franklin, 318.75; 6. W.L. Central, 294.95; 7. Salem, 255.15; 8. Stevenson, 221.05; 9. N. Farmington, 191.70; 10. Churchill, 143.40; 11. Harrison-Farm., 137.60.

400 medley: 1. N. Farmington (Adam Farber, Craig Paske, Brian Clauson, Mohamad Bachrouche), 4:03.62; 2. Canton, 4:17.24; 3. Salem, 4:18.12; 4. Stevenson, 4:30.31; 5. Northville, 5:10.04; 6. W.L. Central, 5:28.13; 7. Franklin, 5:48.77.

500 freestyle: 1. Salem (William Clark, Aaron Shelton, Jim Ross, Brian Mertens), 4:37.27; 2. Canton, 4:38.96; 3. Northville, 4:39.88; 4. W.L. Central, 4:54.34; 5. N. Farmington, 5:16.42; 6. Stevenson, 5:19.95; 7. Franklin, 5:22.41; 8. Churchill, 5:27.99; 9. Harrison-Farm., 5:51.52; 10. W.L. Western, disqualified; 11. Canton (exhibition), 6:07.79.

200 medley: 1. Salem (Eric Lynn, Matt Showalter, Hugo Alvarez, Mike Johnson), 1:45.07; 2. Stevenson, 1:48.02; 3. Harrison-Farm., 1:58.31; 4. Churchill, 2:01.06; 5. Canton, 2:01.26; 6. Northville, 2:08.81; 7. N. Farmington, 2:11.84; 8. Franklin, 2:16.14; 9. W.L. Central, 2:17.71; 10. W.L. Western, John Glenn, disqualified.

200 freestyle: 1. Salem (Dave Woodard, Dave Carson, Kevin Kilgore, Ben Dzialo), 1:39.86; 2. Northville, 1:48.32; 3. W.L. Central, 1:53.20; 4. Canton, 1:57.17; 5. Franklin, 2:02.43; 6. N. Farmington, 2:03.32; 7. Stevenson, 2:09.05; 8. Churchill, 2:27.49; 9. Harrison, 1:56.6; John Glenn, W.L. Westcott, disqualified.



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WANTED: NICE GUY

32 yr old, petite Asian female who enjoys reading, fishing, swimming and traveling looking for financially secure, loving, kind male, 31 to 50, who has a great sense of humor. BOX 25356

ONE IN A MILLION

Very attractive, single white female, young looking, 60, great shape/figure, 5'4", brunette/brown. Seeking very nice looking, single white male, 55, honest, outgoing, non-smoker, no dependents, emotionally and financially secure. For a sincere friendship and possible relationship. BOX 33588

INVITATION TO MEET

Single white female, 38, 5'7", fit, beautiful blonde, green eyes, good hearted, ambitious, seeking a successful, single white male, 45-50, who wants to team up and share a great life together. BOX 25979

SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Pretty, petite, passionate, divorced white female, 40plus. Seeks non-smoker, single white male, over 35, for dating, matching, relating. Let's create sparks and watch them fly! BOX 25332

SEEKING COMPANION

Professional single white female, 38, attractive, non-smoker, singer, loves animals, significant weight loss, still losing. Seeking a single white male, for friendship, companionship, and possible mature relationship. BOX 25314

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Divorced white female, 44, looks 36, 5'4", 112 lb, blonde hair, blue eyes, very attractive, petite, mother of one high school senior, financially secure homemaker who enjoys life. Seeking a single white male, at least 6', non-smoker, social drinker okay, for friends first, companionship, possibly more. BOX 28600

ALL I WANT AND MORE

Attractive black female, 62 yrs old, physically fit, 5'6", 155 lb, employed, educated, enjoys fishing, movies, museums, and sports. No dependents. Looking for a male, 45 to 57, non-smoker, mandatory who enjoys life for an honest, monogamous relationship. BOX 13832

COMEDIAN AT HEART

Classy, elegant, + size, single white female, 36 yrs. Enjoys cooking, Oakland County area, preferred. BOX 25323

LOOKING FOR MY MATCH

Single white female, 38, 5'5", brown hair, medium built, independent, good loving, humor, spontaneous, kind, caring, likes a variety of activities and sports. Seeking emotionally secure, honest, well mannered, confident, all American guy. 35 to 50. BOX 26670

OLD FASHIONED

5'10", white full figured gal, 45, looking for meaningful relationship that would lead to marriage. Non-smoker, no drugs, light drinker, college educated, employed, easy going with a variety of interests, including walking, swimming, playing cards, and fiction. Seeking a single white male, 45 to 55, with a good sense of humor. BOX 25354

MESSAGE FROM VENUS

Shapely smart, good looking, brunette divorced white female, youthful over 40, non-smoker, no dependents. Likes star gazing, running and living life to the fullest. Seeks divorced white male, over 40, who is caring, honest, and passionate Rochester area. BOX 25967

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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

GOLFER'S WHERE ARE U?

Single white female, 58, young looking, active, down river area loves to golf, but not ready for the love. Lots of interests, new adventures, seeking a single white male, 5'10" or taller, between 50 and 60, for conversation, friendship and more. BOX 33652

CONSIDER THIS

Attractive slender tall, intelligent lady 5'11", blonde hair, friendly, warm hearted and a smoker, is seeking a man 55 to 69 intelligent, tall, gentlemanly and interested in getting to know each other over dinner, faced with conversation. BOX 36140

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Young 57 down to earth, non-drinker, non-smoker, in search of a romantic kind with a good sense of humor family values to share life with as we watch our grandchildren grow. BOX 25350

NEW BEGINNINGS

Divorced white female, red hair, blue eyes, weight proportionate to size, Seeking a single male, 48 to 55, who enjoys movies, dining and having fun, for a possible long term relationship. BOX 33588

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

European born, refined, intelligent, romantic female, 5'7", height weight proportionate with many interests. Interested in meeting white gentleman, 67 to 74, intelligent, caring, emotionally and financially secure, non-smoker with a sense of humor, for lasting relationship. BOX 25380

SHOOTING STAR

Divorced, white professional female, 5'8", 125 lbs, brown/black hair and eyes, dimples, looks 40 and stable. Seeking a divorced, white male, 55 to 63, attractive, 6', stable and a good sense of humor. BOX 31913

ATTENTION: CLARK

You responded to my ad #23218, Sauerbraut, Anyone? You forgot to leave your phone number. Please respond again. BOX 25973

men seeking women

Call 1-800-454-5566 \$2.19 per min.

\$2.19/call connection fee

CALL ME

55 yr old gentleman, blue eyes, light sandy hair, recently retired, non-smoker. Enjoys exercising, animals and laughing. Call if interested. BOX 10664

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

Divorced white male, 62, employed, with variety of interests including the outdoors and all sports. Seeking female for long term relationship. BOX 10862

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IS THIS YOU?

18 yr old white male, 5'5", reddish blond hair, hazel eyes, medium build, likes bowling, go out with friends and quiet times. Looking for a white female to spend the holidays with, leading to a relationship. BOX 13785

GIVE ME A CALL!

37 yr old attractive black male, father of 1, seeking single black attractive female, 25 to 35, for a date and possibly more, someone down to earth. BOX 13998

FIT THE BILL?

Divorced white male, 48, dark brown hair, green eyes, large build. Works full-time, part-time musician. Enjoys music, laughing, reading, proud father of 12 yr old girl. Seeking a white female, 30 to 48, self supporting, long hair, full figured, intelligent, articulate, and willing to communicate. BOX 14020

YOU SHOULD CALL

Black professional male, 6'1 1/2", 208 lbs. Enjoys outdoor sports, cars and antique. Seeking a white professional female, with similar interests. BOX 14040

GIVE ME A CALL!

Single white male, 43, 6'1", brown hair, seeking someone to go to movies, dining out, for companionship. BOX 14083

CATCH OF THE DAY!

Single white male, 64', brown/brown, attractive, homemaker, independent professional, caring, seeking someone for good times, female who is caring and nice and shares similar interests, enjoys comedy, bowling, movies, dining out, traveling. BOX 32580

INTERESTED?

Single white male, 48, 5'4", 138 lbs, dark hair, blue eyes, mustache, lives down river, smoker, light drinker, easy going, call owner. Enjoys golf, movies and more. Seeking a single female height/weight proportionate. BOX 32603

WARNING: MAY CAUSE

Happiness. Answer this ad, you won't be sorry! Attractive, financially secure, professional, single white male, 46, 6', 170 lb, no dependents. Seeks attractive, single white female, 25 to 45, weight proportionate to height, who's happy with who she is. BOX 35078

62 FOR YOU?

Fashionable, sharp, single white male, 62, 5'10", 180 lbs, broad chest, no couch potato. Looking for someone kind of serious, age open, but femininity is a must. Oakland County. BOX 25319

GOOD CLEAN FUN?

Go ahead and call me, parent, male is 45, charming, easy to talk to, active and adventurous. Seeking nice single white female, for romance and friendship. BOX 35487

YOUNG MAN SEEKING

Older white female, 35 to 50, aim to medium, for friendship and companionship. I'm an attractive, healthy, fit, clean cut, single white female, 30, very easy going, open minded, sincere and financially stable in the Westland area. Give me a call. Wayne county. BOX 25325

METRO AIRPORT AREA

47 yr old, single white male, parent, attractive, 6'1", 200 lbs, smoker, social drinker, hard working, with a variety of interests that include, golf, camping, fishing, etc. Seeking an attractive, caring, single white female, height, weight proportionate, with family values and similar interests, must like children and animals. BOX 35488

A FIREPLACE...

My two loving arms, warm thoughts if you are attractive, weight proportionate, under 60 and ready for real relationship. This would love to meet that one special lady who answers this ad. BOX 35492

ABOVE THE CROWD

Stands a handsome, single white male, 44. With healthy active, fun lifestyle. Enjoys museums, volunteer work, animals and travel, with a good sense of humor. Looking for a woman to meet that one special lady who answers this ad. BOX 35492

CALL ME

41 yr old, single white male, two from Down River area, dark brown hair, hazel eyes, 5'9", 190 lbs, work for one of the big three auto companies. Enjoys just about anything. Looking for a woman, 35 to 55, with a loving heart. Because I have one. Looks and race, no problem. BOX 35493

CALL ME

41 yr old, single white male, two from Down River area, dark brown hair, hazel eyes,

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - DECEMBER 12, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, December 12, 2000 at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present: Bennett, Burdick, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Sheffery, Yack

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Director Conklin, Director Durack, Director Machnik, Director Minghina, Director Santomuro, Scott Daniel, Chief Michael Norabacher, Debbie Zvolchik, Frank Barrett

Supervisor Yack amended the agenda to add a presentation immediately following Board Member Reports Recognition of New Fire Marshall.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 28, 2000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by McLaughlin to approve the payment of bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Financial statement table with columns for Fund Name, Amount, and Total. Includes General Fund, Fire Fund, Police Fund, etc.

Trustee LaJoy wanted to explain in a little more detail the "Health Age Answers" pamphlet which is included in the new Focus which is being mailed to residents.

Supervisor Yack presented Fire Inspector Frank Barrett with his new Fire Marshall Shield. Supervisor Yack presented the Fire Marshall Shield as he congratulates Fire Marshall Frank Barrett.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to re-appoint Marcel Loosbrock and Jeffrey Smith to the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for additional two-year terms from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to appoint Tom Yack, Bob Sheffery and John Burdick to the Canton Township Elected Officials' Compensation Committee for a term from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to authorize the payment of the township's bills on December 29, 2000, as normally scheduled, subject to prior review by the Clerk and Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund, General Government Department to cover additional special assessment and property tax expenses on township owned properties. Motion carried unanimously.

Table showing budget amendments with columns for Increase/Decrease, Description, and Amount.

Motion by Bennett, support by Burdick to remove from the table for second publication the second reading of the Canton Beautification Commission Ordinance No. 147. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION ORDINANCE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 147

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF THE CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEETINGS, PROCEDURES AND COMMITTEES IN THE OPERATION OF THE CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILING OF AN ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GENERAL PURPOSES This section provides for the general purpose of Canton Beautification Commission.

SECTION 2. CANTON BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION This section establishes a Canton Beautification Commission whose actions and authority are defined in Section 1 of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. MEMBERSHIP The section provides for the membership of the Canton Beautification Commission.

SECTION 4. ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS This section provides for the election and duties of the Canton Beautification Commission.

SECTION 5. MEETINGS This section provides for the conduct of meetings of the Canton Beautification Commission.

SECTION 6. PROCEDURES AND COMMITTEES OF COMMISSION This section provides the procedures and committees in the operation of the Canton Beautification Commission.

SECTION 7. ANNUAL REPORT This section provides for the filing of an Annual Report of the Canton Beautification Commission.

SECTION 8. REPEAL This section provides that all other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, except as herein provided, are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY This section provides that should any provision of section of this ordinance be held invalid for any reason, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of the remaining provision or sections.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE This section provides that this ordinance shall become effective upon publication of the second reading.

Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, 48188, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to re-appoint Bob Paciocco to the Building/Fire Board of Appeals with a term expiring December 31, 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to re-appoint Catherine Johnson and Ronald Lieberman to the Canton Township Planning Commission, with terms expiring December 31, 2003. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to approve a resolution to adopt the Community Planning Principles endorsed by the Michigan Society of Planning. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to approve special event status for the Canton Community Junior Baseball/Soccer Association registration and permission to install signs advertising the event. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to introduce, table and publish the first reading of the Electric Utility Franchise and Retail License Ordinance No. 148. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTRIC UTILITY FRANCHISE AND RETAIL LICENSE ORDINANCE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 148

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND RETAILERS OF ELECTRIC POWER; PROVIDING FOR THE AUTHORITY OF THE TOWNSHIP TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRIC UTILITY FRANCHISE AND A RETAIL LICENSE; PROVIDING FOR THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND APPLICATION FEE; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY CONSENT OF AN ELECTRIC UTILITY FRANCHISE AND THE HEARING AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS PRIOR TO THE GRANTING OF AN ELECTRIC UTILITY FRANCHISE AND/OR RETAIL LICENSE; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS, STATE LAWS, FEDERAL LAWS AND ELECTRIC UTILITY CODES; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE FEE, UNDERGROUND, RESTORATION OF LANDSCAPING PROVIDED FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND REPAIRS; PROVIDING FOR WAIVER OF CONDITIONS AND EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, REPEAL.

SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. ELECTRIC UTILITY FRANCHISE AND RETAIL LICENSE

Section I. Title Scope, Construction, and Authority This section establishes the name of the Electric Utility Franchise and Retail License Ordinance, establishes the geographical limits of the Township as its effective area, provides that it shall be construed in accordance with applicable state and federal law and the Michigan Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations and is an act in accordance with the Michigan Constitution of 1963, Article 7, Section 17, 25, 29 and 30 and Public Acts pursuant thereto.

Section II. Definitions This section defines terms used in the Ordinance.

Section III. Insurance and Indemnification This section establishes the certificates of insurance that are necessary and provides that a franchisee or licensee shall indemnify the Township from liability resulting from the acts or omissions of the franchisee/licensee. This section also requires the Township to give notice to grants/licensee of any claim.

Section IV. Franchise, Application Procedure, and Application Fee This section provides that an electric utility shall not transact local business in the Township without a franchise. Any electric utility which, at the time of the effective date of this Ordinance, is transacting local business within the Township without a valid, unexpired franchise, shall have a reasonable time, not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days after being notified of the enactment of this Ordinance, to apply for a franchise. This section goes on to describe the application procedure requiring ten (10) copies of the application together with a signed proposed franchise to be filed with the Township Clerk and provides for the information that must be provided on the application form. This section further provides that franchise shall pay an annual franchise fee of 1.2% of annual gross revenues to offset the Township cost and expense of emergency responses to downed lines, restoration of rights-of-way and roads, and handling citizen complaints. The Township Board shall set the term of years or parts thereof for any franchise granted under the Ordinance. Any person granted an electric utility franchise under the ordinance is hereby exempt from the retail license requirements.

Section V. Electric Utility Franchise This section establishes the conditions for a franchise for an electric utility including: notification of the Township of the proposed installations, restoration of public property, barriers, traffic control, the relocation of facilities, easements, compliance with laws, compliance with local ordinances, rules and regulations, maps and records, identification, weather installation restrictions, tree trimming, trees and landscaping, emergency notification, street lighting, repairs, power outages, poles and pole maps, the removal of unused facilities, utility crowding restrictions, power lines, underground facilities, pavement cut coordination/additional fees, vacation (abandonment) of facilities, Miss Dig, third party use of the system, switching customer electricity provisions, standby service provisions, agreement to provide service (consideration), applicability of Michigan Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations, a prohibition of transfer of the utility franchise without prior written approval of the Township, a prohibition of sales and assignment without prior written approval, a provision that the franchise is not exclusive, and a provision for the acceptance of the franchise. The franchise conditions further provide that franchisee shall not have a priority of use of the public rights-of-way, public places, and/or public utility easements and acknowledges that it obtains no right to or further use of the public rights-of-way, public places and/or public utility easements other than as expressly granted by the franchise. This section also has a provision for the revocation, election and expiration of the franchise.

Section VI. Retail License, Application Procedure and Application Fee

This section provides for the requirement of a retail license and provides for the retail license application procedure including: an application, the information contained therein, copies of financial statements of the applicant, copies of any federal, state or county, including Michigan Public Service Commission, authorizations, grants or licenses, copies of any agreements to purchase electric power, an application fee, additional information, a restriction on misleading statements, and the retail license approval or denial process.

Section VII. Retail License to Sell or Offer for Sale Electric Power

This section provides for the conditions for a retail license for supplier of electric power including: compliance with laws, compliance with local ordinances, rules and regulations, switching customer electricity, rates and fees, a license fee, revocability, collection and remission of taxes, and exemptions to the retail license requirements.

Section VIII. Miscellaneous

This section provides for miscellaneous provisions including: that a licensee shall have no recourse against the Township, that there is no inducement for acceptance of a franchise, that there was no inducement for the acceptance of a retail license, that franchisee/licensee has read the terms and conditions of the Ordinance and does accept all of such terms and conditions, and that the Township Board reserves the right to waive the insurance and indemnification provisions of any franchise grantee or retail license grantee on the finding alternative conditions are sufficient to protect the township. This section goes on to provide that if the Township Board grants a franchise the Board shall amend the Ordinance to show that a franchise has been granted and the type and effective date of the franchise. The Township Board specifically reserves the right to charge a franchisee or licensee for any and all costs associated with enforcing the Ordinance.

SECTION 9. VIOLATION AND PENALTY

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

SECTION 10. REPEAL

This section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 12. SAVINGS CLAUSE

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

SECTION 13. PUBLICATION

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Cherry Hill Village Temporary Sales Trailers and Office/Commercial Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the Zoning Ordinance Amendments #00-5 and #00-6. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2000-5 SUMMARY

The Canton Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows: Article 15.00- C-1, Village Shopping District Section 15.02A- Permitted Uses and Structures, Principal Uses and Structures, by adding Subsection 10, Veterinary Offices and Hospitals.

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT 2000-6 SUMMARY

The Canton Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows: Article 6.00- Site Development Standards Applicable to Specific Uses

Section 6.07- Site Development Standards for the Downtown Development District (DDA) by amending the site development standards for the Downtown Development District (DDA) regarding use of guidelines and implementation of "Wall Location Plan", "Detail Sheet", and "Specifications", Landscaping/Streetcape Elements; Lighting, and Table A, Plant Species List.

Article 27.00- General Procedures and Related Standards

Section 27.04D- Planned Development, Development Regulations, by amending Subsection 5, Density, by deleting the opportunity for a density bonus for design excellence.

Section 27.06C- Amendments, Reasoning Signs, by deleting the requirement to erect a sign on property proposing an amendment to a Consent Judgment or Planned Unit Development unless such amendment involves a change in zoning.

*NOTE: These Amendments to the Canton Township Zoning Ordinance (00-5 and 00-6) become effective upon publication of this Summary within the Minutes of the December 15, 2000 Board Meeting in the Canton Observer on December 21, 2000. A complete copy of this Amendment is available for public inspection in the Canton Township Planning Services Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the Chartertown Final Planned Development District - Final PDD. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the rezoning request of Small Yards. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt a resolution approving the site plan for Zehr's Dragsters. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the request for two Planning Services staff to travel to New Orleans, LA, to attend the 52nd National

Planning Conference of the American Planning Association, March 10-14, 2001, including a 2000 year budget transfer of \$1,120.00 from Planning Services, Planning Consultants (101-653-000-0000) to Conference & Seminars Line Item (101-653-000-0000). The remaining expenditures, not to exceed \$2,000.00 shall be paid from the 2001 budget, Planning Services, Conference & Seminars Line Item (101-653-000-0000). Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to accept the bid from Hma Supplies Company to purchase a purchase order not to exceed \$631,000.00 and the Public Works Department to purchase 100 two-inch water meters, 2000 3/4 x 3/4-inch water meters, 2100 radio read water meters (RTRU), and associated control equipment during the 2001 fiscal year. Funding to come from FY2001, Accounts 600-000-111-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to create and authorize filling the position of General Assistant in the Finance and Budget Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to approve the collective bargaining contract between Canton Township and the FOAM union to run from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the purchase of the Canon, CLC 1180 Digital Color Copier/Printer from Ikon Office Solutions in the amount \$43,867.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the FCC Form 394 application to transfer the AT&T broadband cable television franchise to Comcast Cablevision of South, Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to award funding for printing the Discover brochure to the lowest qualified bidder, Grand Blase Printing, in the amount of \$6,235.25 and to charge the following account numbers as appropriate - Senior Center - 101-672-900-0000; Recreation - 101-691-900-0000; Football Center - 101-755-900-0000; Summit on the Park - 268-757-900-0000; Pleasant Run - 211-756-900-0000; Leisure Services - 101-750-900-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Sheffery to award the funding for the Leisure Services Directory to the lowest quote - National Wholesale printing Corporation, in the amount of \$9,889.93 and charge the following line items \$1,448.93 each; Senior Center - 101-672-900-0000; Recreation - 101-691-900-0000; Football Center - 101-755-900-0000; Summit on the Park - 268-757-900-0000; Pleasant Run - 211-756-900-0000; Leisure Services - 101-750-900-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdick to extend the contract of Governmental Consultant Services, Inc. for issue lobbying for a term beginning January 1, 2001 and terminating on December 31, 2003 for a fee of \$4,000.00 per month. The contract may be terminated upon a ninety (90) day written notice. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish the amendments to the Mechanical/Electronic Amusement Devices Arcades Ordinance No. 88(B). Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 88(B) AMENDMENT TO THE MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND ARCADES ORDINANCE NO. 88

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 88, MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND ARCADES ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION, PERMITTING, ESTABLISHMENT, MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES AND MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES ARCADES; PROVIDING FOR THE DEFINITIONS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE PERMIT AND INSPECTION PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR THE HOURS OF OPERATION; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF CONDUCT ON THE PREMISES; PROVIDING FOR THE LIMITATION ON THE NUMBER OF REPLAYS AND THE PROHIBITION ON PRIZES AND GAMBLING; PROVIDING FOR THE CONFISCATION OF UNLAWFUL DEVICES; SPECIFYING UNLAWFUL ACTS PROVIDING FOR MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICES ARCADES; PROVIDING FOR THE HEARING REQUIREMENTS AND PERMIT REVOCATION; PROVIDING FOR APPEALS AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND THE SEVERABILITY OF THIS ORDINANCE AND THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE; AND FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

This section provides for definitions of terms used in the ordinance.

SECTION 2. RESERVED

This section is reserved.

SECTION 3. PERMIT REQUIRED, APPLICATION AND INVESTIGATION

This section provides that a person must obtain a permit from the Township prior to operating a mechanical amusement device or arcade; it further provides for the application process and for investigation of the applicant.

SECTION 4. PERMIT FEES, EXPIRATION AND CHANGE

This section provides that permit fees shall be set by the Township Board; that permits shall expire each December 31st, and that if a device is replaced by a different device, the new device must be permitted.

SECTION 5. INSPECTION AND AREA REQUIRED

This section provides that Township Inspectors shall be permitted to investigate premises where devices are operated, and provides for floor space requirements.

SECTION 6. HOURS OF OPERATION

This section provides for the hours of the day a place that houses a device may be open for business.

SECTION 7. RESERVED

This section is reserved.

SECTION 8. CONDUCT ON PREMISES

This section provides that disorderly persons, gambling, alcoholic beverages, unlawful conduct, controlled substances, intoxicated person indecent conduct, disturbing noises, and/or payment other than cash shall not be permitted where devices are kept.

SECTION 9. NUMBER OF REPLAYS ALLOWED BY ANY DEVICE

This section provides that the number of free replays of a device shall not exceed fifteen (15) at one time; and that except for crane devices operated lawfully within the ordinance, no gambling is permitted.

SECTION 10. CONFISCATION OF UNLAWFUL DEVICES

This section provides that devices used contrary to this ordinance may be confiscated.

SECTION 11. UNLAWFUL ACTS

This section provides that it is unlawful to operate devices contrary to the Ordinance; that it is unlawful to attempt to evade this Ordinance; and that it is unlawful to interfere with the enforcement of this Ordinance.

SECTION 12. MECHANICAL/ELECTRONIC AMUSEMENT DEVICE "ARCADES"

This section sets forth additional requirements for operators of arcades, i.e. places where four or more devices are kept; provides for notice to residents and businesses surrounding the proposed location for the arcade, and provides for the requirement of a public hearing prior to issuing an arcade permit.

SECTION 13. PERMIT REFUSAL

This section provides for criteria for permit refusal.

SECTION 14. PERMIT REVOCATION

This section provides for criteria and procedure for permit revocation.

SECTION 15. CONSTRUCTION, NON-APPLICABILITY

This section provides that the Ordinance shall be construed to effectuate its purpose and to be consistent with current and future ordinances.

SECTION 16. APPEALS

This section provides that an applicant denied a permit and a revoked permit shall have a right to appeal the denial or revocation.

SECTION 17. PENALTIES

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

SECTION 18. REPEAL

This section provides that all Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 19. SEVERABILITY

This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 20. SAVINGS CLAUSE

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

SECTION 21. PUBLICATION

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

SECTION 22. EFFECTIVE DATE

This section provides that this Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law. Copies of the complete text of this Ordinance are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours.

ABJOURN Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The above is a synopsis of the actions taken at the regular board meeting held Tuesday, December 12, 2000. The full text of the approved minutes will be available following the next regular board meeting of January 9, 2001.

THOMAS J. YACK, Supervisor TERRY G. BENNETT, Clerk

Published December 21, 2000

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We wish you the very best during this holiday season
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GET THE Picture?

SCRAPBOOKS USE ARTISTRY, SAFE PRESERVATION FEATURES

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Looking back isn't what it used to be. The act of preserving photos and mementos in albums has become an art — so much so that an industry has sprung up around it, and it is often the subject of classes and the theme for parties.

What used to involve using four stiff, sticky corners to place a photo onto an album page, can now entail the use of pages decorated with designs as well as special materials to help keep photos, newspaper articles and other paper items from deteriorating.

"When we started six years ago there were limited products out there," said Denise Wiggers, who with her sister, Tammy Beck, and mother, Sharon DeSnyder, owns Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures.

"There are so many things...now." The store at 1985 E. Wattles in Troy carries papers, stickers and die cuts among a wide variety of materials. An area is used for scrapbook classes and parties.

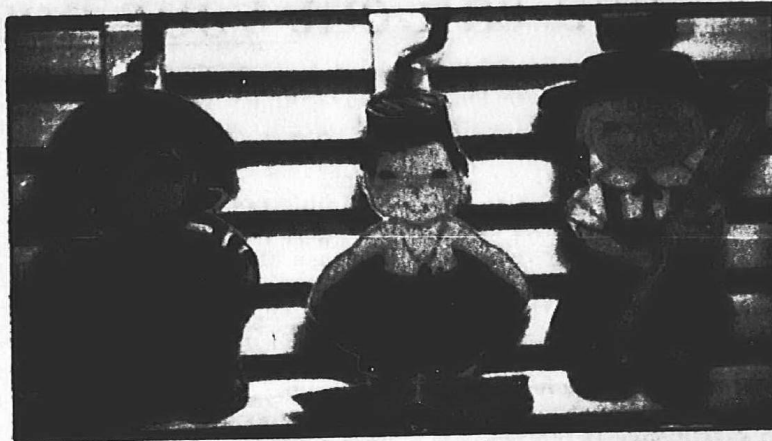
"Some people do it just to preserve their memories," Wiggers said. "Others do it just because it's fun."

Preservation

Michaela at Westland Crossing, at Warren and Wayne roads in Westland, is another treasure trove of scrapbook materials. Shelves in a section of the store are filled with such products as "memory templates" and kits, page protectors and special pens.

Photos can be arranged by themes — such as birthday, wedding, retirement, hobbies — with stickers and other decorations on the page.

Besides putting photos in an album, you can make them into jigsaw puzzles, transfer them onto computer CDs or



Colorful expressions: Figures and designs, such as these at Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures, add to the look of a scrapbook.

give them a distinctive look.

"Colorizing black and white photos is very popular," employee Kim Wilson said.

Michaela offers "scrapbooking" classes, and sessions at which participants can "crop all night," Wilson said.

"You can use our paper cutter."

Livonia resident Leslie Goldberg is a consultant for Creative Memories, a photo preservation company that was started in 1987.

The company offers presentations and home classes and workshops on how to scrapbook, and photosafe albums and supplies.

"The biggest misconception is I'm not artistic, I'm not creative, I could never do this," Goldberg said.

"We provide all the materials — albums, pens, stickers."

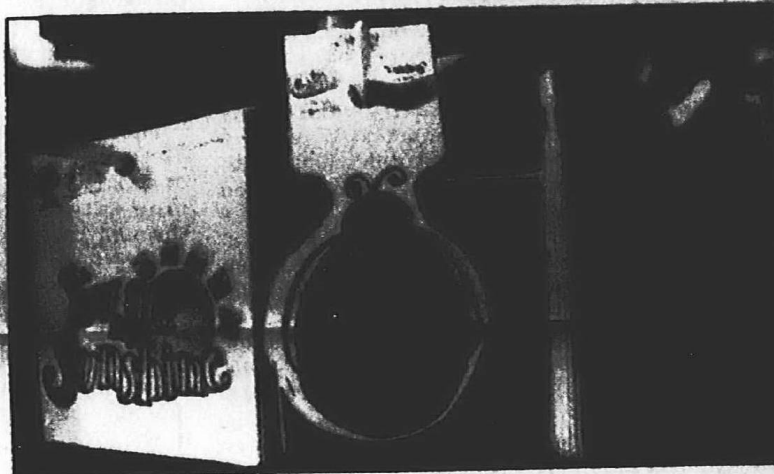
For a Creative Memories basic class, each participant brings six to eight pictures and pays a \$10 fee.

Goldberg recommends taking a scrapbook class, and has other advice.

"Start with the most current pictures," she said. "It doesn't seem like an endless task."

"Start by getting organized. Start simple, don't look at it as something that will never get done."

It's important to put your photos in something safe. Paper and even pens can hurt photos, and plastic in cheap



albums can be harmful.

"Our paper absorbs the acid so it won't spread," Goldberg said.

Lignin-free materials are safe, Wiggers said.

Videos

Another way to preserve memories visually is with video cameras. Films have changed in this field, too. Videos can be played directly on the TV or sent over the computer as a form of moving e-mail.

"You had VHS, then went to iVim, then to high-8 — more lines per inch, better sound," said Howard Cragg, sales person at Adray Camera, Big Beaver Road and John R in Troy.

"You don't have to go expensive," said Tom, another sales person.

A good video camera can cost between

\$800 and \$900. A common misconception buyers have is that they must have the most powerful camera. But that isn't necessary, depending on your needs.

Cragg recommends looking for optical zoom, stabilization and color viewfinder.

The cameras have screens or monitors built into them that show what is being filmed. Some video cameras are so small that they can fit into a pocket, so lightweight that they aren't tiring to hold.

Other uses include taping valuable items in the house for insurance purposes.

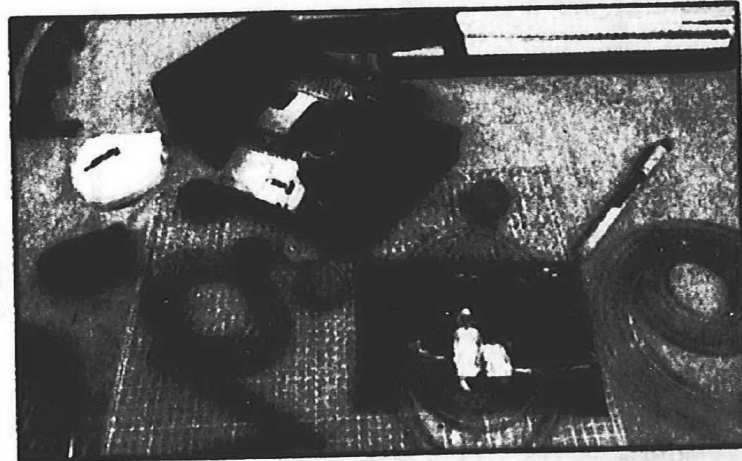
"It's very easy to do and a very good thing to do," Tom said.



Paper chase: Putting photos in an album these days can involve more than four sticky corners on a page. At Simple Pleasures Scrapbook Treasures in Troy, Tammy Beck (above) and Denise Wiggers (below, right) offer a wide variety of items to help people make creative scrapbooks, as well as products that help prevent deterioration of photos and papers. The store, like others in the area, also conducts classes on the subject and is the site for scrapbook parties.



Family business: Sharon DeSnyder (center) and her daughters Tammy Beck and Denise Wiggers pause for a moment in their store, which carries materials for scrapbooks.



Memorable endeavor: Creative Memories consultant Leslie Goldberg of Livonia (left) works on scrapbook pages at her home. Creative Memories gives presentations and offers materials (above) to make artistic and photo-safe scrapbooks.



INSIDE



JOE GAGNON

Take a look

The Appliance Doctor cautions consumers to take a good look at service company claims in ads before calling them.

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MARTY FIGLEY

'Tis the season

Spices play a large part in our preparation of holiday foods.

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MONTE HALES

Snow business

Prepare your camera for cold weather shots in Focus on Photography.

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HOME WORK

Watch claims in directory ads before calling service companies

APPLIANCE DOCTOR



JOE GAGNON

Do you ever let your fingers do the walking through your telephone directory? You ask which one because you get more than one a year now. It's amazing how many different phone books there are. Do you really know why there are so many? The answer is quite simple folks, somebody wants to make money.

I talk at dozens of seminars and believe me, I never do one without pulling out a telephone directory. I point out full page

ads which sometimes cost the business well over \$3,000 per month. Do you realize how expensive that can be in the course of a one-year period, especially if you have more than one ad in different categories such as appliances, dryers, washers, ranges and refrigerators? How can an appliance repair business pay such a high expenditure for advertising, unless they recoup that cost from their customers?

What about all the phone numbers you see indicating different locations throughout the metro area? It looks like a company has many different stores where you can walk in and shop their services. Is it just a phone number for an answering service or a phone number at an employee's house?

You don't have to wonder any longer because in many cases,

You need to take a look before you leap. You will see many ads which state free service call, but they forget to mention - with repairs.

what you see is not what you get.

Manufacturers names also appear in the directory advertising, but no one receives that permission unless they are an authorized agent for that manufacturer. Look at ads and see what I mean. Names of product companies all over the place, some legal and some not. Some ads even say, "factory-trained." Folks, I know many service personnel who have never been even close to a factory in their lives. Why all this deception?

How would you like to spend \$25,000 on a nice new service

van, \$2,000 on tools and test equipment, insurance, gas and maintenance and then drive out to someone's home and announce to them, 'Hi, I don't charge you anything for coming to your home.' Is there any solid reasoning behind doing business this way?

You need to take a look before you leap. You will see many ads which state free service call, but they forget to mention - with repairs. (Use caution here folks - if you can't figure out how a service company is going to make up the free service call, you're in trouble.)

Let us go back to the phone book. It is not the Bible, doesn't even resemble it and I bet most of us can find it easier than the good book. Why is that? It is because we don't know who to call when we need things. Why do I get over 30 phone calls a day from consumers? It's because they need someone to help them. The phone book does that, it helps consumers, but how much is the question.

After over 10 years of pleading with committees after committee at our state Capitol in Lansing, I believe that little is going to happen in regards to new consumer laws to protect homeowners from unethical service operations. State Rep. Jim Plakas, D-Garden City, a newcomer in Lansing, wants to get an appliance repair law enacted. I'll bet that even though we are good friends, he

also will experience frustrations in getting the bill passed. Stay tuned.

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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.

Even with this winter's rising oil prices, you can cut your heating bills

Soaring oil prices don't necessarily have to translate into hundreds of dollars more on heating bills this season. The following tips developed by the experts at HomeJupiter.com, considered to be the ultimate Internet resource for home building and renovation, can help you combat the oil crisis.

■ Don't let your house leak money. To find out where heat is escaping from your home, hold a lit incense stick next to openings

such as windows, doors, fixtures and attic space.

If the smoke travels in any direction but vertical, an air leak is present that needs to be sealed.

It's also a good idea to have rubber gaskets installed at all outlets and receptacles to reduce draft. Sealing hidden air leaks may save you hundreds of dollars.

■ Shower yourself with lower heating bills. New water-saving

showerheads can extend hot water availability.

■ Add floor kippace heaters to all bathrooms. Since tiles do not retain heat, bathrooms are usually underheated.

Adding kippace heaters to bathrooms lets you raise the heat in the bathroom without raising the temperature throughout the house.

■ Poor insulation is like a hole in your pocket. Check to see what type of insulation you have.

In an older home, insulation may have been blown in and settled over time or you may not have insulation at all. If so, you should contact an insulation contractor to re-insulate your home.

■ Squeaky clean systems can lead to fatter wallets.

Clean and repair all filters on your furnace, or replace the filters altogether. Clean ducts in a forced hot air system for heating efficiency. This not only helps you save money, it can promote

good health for your family.

■ Fight your fireplace's propensity to make your house colder.

The heated air inside your home goes right up the chimney. Increase efficiency by adding glass doors and a fan-powered heat exchanger that re-circulates hot air back into the room.

Check to see if the seal on the flue damper is as tight as possible. Only open the damper when a fire is going.

■ Make sure the chimney boiler and furnace are all cleaned and serviced annually.

■ Keep all south-facing glass clean.

Making the most of the southern exposure is a way to keep rooms warm at no cost.

For more information on home building and renovation, visit the Web site at www.home-jupiter.com

Install individual shutoff valves on water pipes

BY MERLE HENKENIUS
TODAY'S HOMEOWNER MAGAZINE

It shouldn't be necessary to turn off the water to the entire house just to fix a leaky faucet, but that's exactly what many homeowners must do. Why?

Because they don't have individual shutoff valves installed under every sink.

If you're facing the same situation, consider putting a valve on every hot- and cold-water supply tube.

The valves will not only allow you to shut off the water to one sink without disrupting the flow to others but they'll also provide a quick way to turn off the water in the event of a flood caused by, for instance, a cracked fitting or ruptured supply tube. The good news is that adding compression shutoff valves to an existing sink is a simple, straightforward job that most homeowners can handle.

In most cases you won't even need to replace the supply tubes that run from the valves to the

faucet. However, if the tubes are corroded or kinked, replace them with braided stainless-steel supply lines (about \$5 each). Standard compression valves cost about \$7 each.

There are two styles of compression valves commonly used in sink hookups. When the water pipe enters the sink cabinet through the back wall, a right-angle-stop valve is required to make the 90-degree turn to the faucet. When it enters through the floor, no turn is needed so a straight-stop valve is used.

You must also consider the type of pipe that supplies water to the sink. If it's made of half-inch rigid copper, you'll need a compression fitting to connect the valve. If the piping is threaded galvanized iron, use a valve that has female iron-pipe threads.

Highlighted here are two different installations: adding an angle-stop valve to galvanized iron pipe and putting a straight-stop valve onto copper pipe.

(Note that angle- and straight-stop valves are available for both copper and iron piping.)

Your first step is to shut off the water to the entire house at the meter.

Drain the system by opening the water supply tubes on the lowest floor. (Some water might remain in the system, so keep a small bucket handy.)

Next, use a wrench to loosen the water-supply tube from the adapter. Break the 3/8-inch compression nut free with the wrench, then twist it off with your fingers. To disconnect the other end of the supply tube from the faucet, use a basin wrench. The long handle of this wrench allows you to reach up behind the sink bowl and grab onto the faucet's coupling nut.

With the water-supply tube removed, use a pipe wrench to grip the threaded galvanized pipe stub coming out of the wall. Then use an adjustable wrench to unthread the old adapter from the pipe stub.

Take a wire brush and clean away hardened pipe dope from the pipe threads. Brush on a fresh coat of pipe-joint compound, then thread on the new valve. Tighten the valve using the adjustable wrench, but be sure to backhold the pipe stub with a pipe wrench. Lubricate

the threads of the angle-stop valve with pipe-joint compound and attach the new flexible supply tube. Connect the opposite end of the tube to the faucet with the basin wrench.

Sinks plumbed with copper pipe are even easier to upgrade. In this case, we attached a straight-stop valve to the pipe stub with a compression fitting.

Start by removing the water-supply tube and loosening the lower compression nut with a wrench. Lift out the old adapter fitting and set it aside. You won't be able to remove the old compression nut because the crushed ferrule will keep it locked in place, but that's not a problem. The new valve will connect right onto the existing nut and ferrule.

First, brush pipe-joint compound onto the valve threads and then press the valve onto the pipe stub coming through the floor of the sink cabinet. Next, pull up on the compression nut and thread it onto the valve.

Finish tightening the nut using two wrenches; be careful not to overtighten the nut, or the fitting will leak.

Finally, reconnect the supply tube to the valve and faucet, then turn the water back on. If you find a slight leak, tighten the compression nut a little more.

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Delectable decanters

Tasteful decor: Festive, colorful decanters filled with delicious edibles are now featured at Colorworks Uncommon in Farmington Hills. The decanters can be used in the kitchen to spice up meals, or to brighten up areas of kitchens or dining rooms. They are available in many flavors, including apples and cinnamon, jalapeño, cranberry, garlic sesame, and carrots. They also come in a variety of shapes and sizes - such as Art Deco, a rolling pin, hanging style and other stand alones. The price range is \$25 to \$150. Colorworks Uncommon and the Colorworks Design Studio are at 32506 Northwestern Highway. Call (248) 851-7540, or visit www.colorworksstudio.com



Icy timber

Old wood: Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture now is showcasing a line of furniture crafted from ancient hardwoods. This Ashland curlo cabinet is the first accent piece featured in the Echoes of Chequamegon Bay collection, made by Leick Furniture of Wisconsin from first-growth lumber recovered from the bottom of Chequamegon Bay near Lake Superior. The numbered collector piece is in its final cutting and will be retired soon. In the 1890s and 1900s, the Lake Superior shore near Ashland, Wisc., was the home to 15 sawmills. Rafts housing 16-foot logs floated in from logging camps. About 10 or 20 percent of the logs became waterlogged under the weight of others and sank. Icy waters held the timber in and underwater until 1991 when the trees were salvaged. Leick made the cabinet in the Mission/Arts and Crafts style from recovered red oak, using turn-of-the-century woodworking techniques as wood pegs, pinned mortise and tenon joinery and accenting it with leaded antique reproduction glass. It currently is priced at \$2,399 at Walker-Buzenberg, 240 S. Main, in Plymouth. Call (734) 459-1300.



Get cracking

Notable nutcrackers: These whimsical wooden nutcrackers from Zims, part of Jacobson's holiday collection, add fun to the holidays. The Toy Vendor nutcracker stands 14 inches high and retails for \$59. The Santa Claus nutcracker stands 13 inches high and is available for \$78.



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GARDENING

'Tis the seasoning: It's nice to learn of spice

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

According to my calendar, today is the Winter Solstice. The encyclopedia says it is "about Dec. 22," so I guess we're right in the ballpark.

This is the day of the year when the light and darkness are the same, and the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator and seems to pause before returning on its course.

Maybe today, with all the hustle and bustle of the holidays, we can take a cue from the sun and pause for a time to enjoy the festivities, friends and family.

Spices play a large part in our Christmas preparations (especially cooking). Here is some information about three that you may find interesting.

Meaningful gifts

According to the Christmas story, Melchior, oldest of the Three Wise Men and emperor of Arabia, presented gold to Jesus, which means love and is suitable for kings.

The youngest, King Gaspar, ruler of Tharsis, gave frankincense, a sweet spice with the meaning of prayer, suitable

because it's the only gift (when burned) we can give to God.

Balthazar, king of Ethiopia, presented myrrh, a resin from a thorny tree, which was used in embalming and symbolizes the suffering Christ would endure on Earth.

Frankincense is a pale yellow or red gum from the *Boswellia carterii* tree of Somalia and a region of the southern Arabian peninsula.

Deep cuts are made in the trunk, a narrow strip of bark is peeled off, and a milky juice exudes. This *Olibanum* hardens into yellow, tear-like drops when exposed to the air. Heat causes the bark to release a balsamic odor.

Frankincense has always been a rare and treasured substance. It was used in early times by the Egyptians in religious rites, by the Jewish as part of the incense of the sanctuary, and as a medicinal.

Today, frankincense is used in the preparation of incense and fumigants and as a fixative in perfumes.

Myrrh comes from small, thorny, flowering trees of Arabia and East Africa in the genus *Commiphora*. The aromatic liquid myrrh, or gum, is obtained from *C. myrrha* and *C. abyssinica*, and spontaneously exudes from the stems or when the bark is wounded. It also hardens into globules called "tears" when exposed to the air.

Both frankincense and myrrh are derived from plants of the torchwood or incense tree family. These two spices, when burned, emit a very strong, sweet odor.

Myrrh has a bitter taste. It has been used since ancient times in embalming, in incense and perfume, and as a medicinal; valued above gold.

Both frankincense and myrrh are derived from plants of the torchwood or incense tree family, *Burseraceae*, which is most common in tropical and subtropical Africa and Malaysia, as well as in tropical America.

These two spices, when burned, emit a very strong, sweet odor and a very small bit of either of them will heavily scent a room.

Cinnamon

Another spice that comes from a tree is cinnamon. It was one of the first spices sought in the explorations of the 15th and 16th centuries. It's the dried bark of a tree of the laurel family.

The evergreen cinnamon tree has shiny leaves, yellowish white flowers and dark blue berries. It is native to Sri Lanka and is grown in other nearby countries with tropical maritime climate. It can grow to 33 feet in the wild, but is kept cropped to aid in harvesting.

The outer bark isn't desirable, but as the cropping continues the finest bark comes from thin shoots (called quills) at the center of the plant.

These quills are assembled with the longest and best pieces of bark on the outside. They are rolled by hand to press the outside edges together, then rolled daily until properly dry, when they become tan in color and are smooth, thin and brittle. They are dried in the shade, as direct sunlight warps them.

Cinnamon sticks are great used as stirrers in hot chocolate or tea. One of the yummy treats I remember eating as a child is cinnamon toast. It is easy to make and may be a new idea of something to put out for Santa.

Toast bread, spread with butter, sprinkle with a mixture of sugar and cinnamon. Place in a shallow bowl. Pour warm milk over the toast. Eat with a spoon. What great memories!

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.



Spicy tales: Many spices are used during this season of the year. Cinnamon sticks are in the left-hand corner.

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Gardener tends tropical paradise

BY MARTY FIGLEY
SPECIAL WRITER

It's a jungle out there! Plants are climbing all over the place, large plants with mammoth leaves are growing very tall, water is cascading into a stream and all is well with the world.

Yes, the atrium in the Embassy Suites in Livonia is filled with many different and beautiful tropical plants. Never fear, all are kept in bounds and add much beauty.

The area is quite large but I still had an intimate feeling when I visited with Jane Suhail, the on-staff horticulturist and trainer at Planterra, 7315 Drake Road in West Bloomfield, who is responsible for keeping these foliage plants in tip-top condition. And that she does.

"I have been caring for the plants here for a year and it was a challenge to bring it up to my standards," she said.

Suhail has been "tropical gardening" for 25 years and learned a great deal about growing plants while she volunteered at the Cranbrook greenhouse from 1973 to 1979; she calls it her internship.

After a three-year hiatus, she began working for Planterra. This company mainly services commercial accounts but also services plants in homes, visiting quarterly. The company's phone number is (248) 661-1515 and Web site is www.planterra.com

Plants at the Embassy Suites range in size from vines such as



MARTY FIGLEY

Variety: Schefflera, fan palms, crotons and *Dracaena* are in a corner at the Embassy Suites in Livonia, tended by horticulturist Jane Suhail.

ivy, *Hedera*; pothos, *Epipremnum*; and lipstick vine, *Aeschynanthus*; to a very large Mexican fan palm, *Washingtonia* species.

The plants that vine are in 6- and 8-inch plastic pots so they can be replaced easily when necessary, while some varieties of fig, *Ficus*, such as *F. nitida* and *F. benjamina*, are in very large

planters at least 40 inches in diameter.

The rubber trees, *F. elastica*, are planted directly in the ground, as are the fiddle-leaf figs, *F. lyrata*, so named because of the shape of the wavy-edged leaves.

Many other beautiful plants such as *Schefflera*; croton (*Codiaeum*), several varieties with maroon, yellow and green variegated foliage; *Dracaena* Warneckii, with leaves of green with white stripes, and a solid green Janet Craig; *Sansevieria*; pothos; and peace lily, *Spathiphyllum*; grow all around the rooms in very well-drained soil that is two feet deep.

A tall waterfall fills a corner of the atrium, and a meandering stream, complete with goldfish, adds a soft note to the garden.

Care

Tropical plants in Michigan don't have a long life expectancy because they rely so much on sun. The two most important things for plant growth are sun and water.

"The sun is plant food; fertilizer is vitamins, not food," Suhail said. "The only part of the plant that uses water is the leaf. It only uses that water when the sun shines. How much water is determined by the amount of sunlight. I follow three rules: One, there is no such thing as a houseplant. Two, everything is done according to weather. Three, sun is plant food."

In some parts of the atrium, the light is brighter so Suhail

watches those plants. The more light, the more water that is necessary. Larger plants need more water. Also, how many leaves determines how much water, how much light determines how often.

"I water the hanging plants from the bridge, and all the plants, following these rules. For instance, the large *Ficus* take about 4 gallons a week," she said.

Fertilizer is metered out carefully. Suhail broadcasts dry fertilizer, 13-13-13, once a year on everything and in early spring applies liquid tonic on the palms.

She shares the tonic recipe: To one gallon of water add a good pinch of iron chelate, one teaspoon Epsom salts, Miracid (30-10-10) and an all-purpose fertilizer (20-20-20). Use one-fourth the recommended strength of the last two ingredients. For instance, if the label says one tablespoon, use 1/4 tablespoon of each per gallon.

There are few insects, but sometimes mealybugs are a problem. Suhail uses integrated pest management; the first treatment is Planterra's brand X, then, if necessary, pepper spray on a mixture of soap, alcohol and water.

Suhail prunes everything two times a year at the end of March and the end of September. One exception are the plants in the swimming pool area that need frequent pruning to keep them off the glass windows.

Suhail finds plants fascinating.

"I feel real responsible for the plants," she said. "They didn't ask to get in here. I need to take care of them. If you take care of your plants, they will take care of you."

"I think it's sad that people don't know how to grow things. The more people know, the safer I feel. If a person is going to make an occupation of caring for plants that person is obligated to learn and find out about all of this. It isn't fair to a 100-year-old plant to have someone who doesn't know to try to take care of it. A lot of it is instinct and common sense. We need to use our own best judgment."

Visit one or more of these "controlled jungles" and chase the winter blues away. Choose any of the following places to see the results of work by this dedicated gardener: Embassy Suites, Seven Mile and I-275; the Riverside Office Building, Civic Center Drive and Telegraph; the Hilton Suites, east of Updyke on Featherstone; and the VA Hospital, First and Cass in Detroit (which she says "is spectacular").

Suhail teaches and is available for lectures (which, she says, "I really like to do"). She can also be reached at (248) 684-5571.

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MONTE NAGLER

For those of you who live in cold climates or for those who live in the South but travel to snow country, winter photography can reward you with fabulous shots for your photo album.

But cold weather photography can present you with some problems that make shooting more difficult than during fair weather.

While photographers who live in a very cold climate are accustomed to such conditions, anyone used to more temperate weather can get caught unprepared.

Before setting off to take photographs in very cold conditions, you should spend some time preparing your equipment and your own clothing.

Almost any camera can be operated normally to about 0 degrees Fahrenheit, but at temperatures lower than this, difficulties may start to occur.

Why do cameras function less efficiently in the cold? The most common reason is loss of battery power. Batteries not only operate

Keep the battery in your pocket until you are just ready to shoot. Take your shots, then place the battery back in your pocket to keep it warm.

the metering system, but also operate the shutter on most newer cameras. Batteries work by chemical reactions that always proceed more slowly at lower temperatures.

Solution: Keep the battery in your pocket until you are just ready to shoot. Take your shots, then place the battery back in your pocket to keep it warm.

There are precautions you should take, too, for photographing in very cold weather. Dress warmly, in layers, and make sure your clothing allows easy access to cameras and lenses.

Wear two pairs of gloves — a heavy outer pair and a thin inner pair. Remove the outer gloves when you're ready to shoot. The thin pair will keep your hands warm, yet will enable you to work all camera controls.

In cold weather, you must take special care with your film.

Because it can become brittle, advance it carefully and slowly as you run through the roll (turn off your power winder) and rewind it carefully, too.

Besides the physical problems of working in low temperatures, there are other considerations. A major one is exposure. Snow-covered scenery is quite different from the average scene and the meter can be fooled. Remember that all meters are programmed to read average gray, so with snow scenes be sure to overexpose a stop or two in order to produce a good negative.

When you come in out of the cold, pay special attention to your camera. Water vapor in a heated room condenses on cold metal and glass surfaces and your camera will become covered with moisture. No damage will be done — just be sure to wipe off your camera.

There you have it. During the next cold snap, get out and snap some prize-winning shots.

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.



Cold composure: The temperature was below zero, but by keeping himself and his equipment warm, Monte Nagler was able to bring home this exciting shot taken in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

GARDENING CALENDAR

Does your garden club have an upcoming event or meeting you want publicized? Send items for consideration in Gardening Calendar to Kan Abramczyk, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. To send a fax, call (734) 591-7279.

be presented at the next Livonia Garden Club meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the Livonia Senior Center on Farmington Road.

The presentation will be made by Debra Christy-Merriman, teacher of the art of Chinese placement at Schoolcraft College. Visitors are welcome.

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 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.

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Celebrate Hanukkah with these recipes

INVITING IDEAS

Hanukkah is the Jewish celebration of the liberation of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Temple.

Starting Thursday, Dec. 21, 2000, at sundown, Jewish families all over the world will celebrate the miracle of one day's worth of oil burning for eight days at the time of this rededication.

RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

The lighting of candles in a menorah (candelabra-type holder) for eight consecutive nights has become a traditional way to celebrate Hanukkah, and the remembrance of this great miracle.

So the holiday begins tomorrow at sundown, you have been swamped with work, busy with the kids, engaged in daily activities, or just had a big lack of motivation - well, time to get off your latkes and get into the spirit of this festive holiday.

Here are some quick and easy ideas to make your holiday a little brighter:

■ Make a menorah out of cupcakes (of course have extras for the family to enjoy).

■ Buy some or combine products to make interesting toppings to top off your latkes (potatoes to pancakes): cinnamon-flavored sour cream peppered with cooked apples, chutney, fruit puree mixed with sour cream, fruit compote, or some cranberry-laced applesauce.

■ Don't want to make potato pancakes? Call up Steve's Deli, 6646 Telegraph in Bloomfield Township, (248) 932-0800; Bread Basket Deli, 28052 Greenfield in Oak Park, (248) 968-0022; or if in Ann Arbor, Zingerman's Deli, 422 Detroit Street, (734) 663-DELI. These three are turning out some great latkes!

■ Make some easy fruit compote by steeping bagged dried fruits (mixed or fruits of your choice) in flavored tea (mango or raspberry work great).

■ Make a menorah sculpture using fresh fruit and vegetables (and some candleholders). Make it mostly edible and then guests could use it as an appetizer course. The remaining candles can continue to burn brightly on the table.

■ Have a cool chocolate fondue with your bowls of foil-wrapped coins. Have guests unwrap the

chocolates and pop them into a fondue pot, mix with some liqueur and dip in slices of apple. Yum!

GINGERBREAD COOKIE SHAPES
A foolproof recipe for ecumenical gingerbread, it's also a great recipe for Christmas cookies for your non-Jewish friends.

This recipe takes five minutes to bake once the dough is rolled out. Decorate or just sprinkle with powdered sugar.

It is fine to double the recipe if you have a very large, heavy-duty mixer; if not, do in separate batches.

Yield: about 3 dozen, depending on the size of the cookie cutters

- Ingredients:
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 generous teaspoon ground ginger (just brimming over the top)
 - 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 1/2 cup black molasses
 - 1 large egg
 - 1 tablespoon white vinegar
 - 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Directions:
In the bowl of an electric mixer equipped with the paddle attachment, beat together on medium speed: butter, sugar, ginger, cinnamon, cloves, baking powder and baking soda, until light and fluffy, about 2-3 minutes. Scrape down the sides of the bowl as it mixes.

Add the molasses, egg and vinegar; mix until all ingredients are combined, about 1 minute.

Slowly add in the flour (if there appears to be strain on the mixer, finish adding flour by hand).

Place dough on a sheet of plastic wrap and chill for several hours.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.

Take a portion of dough from the refrigerator, roll out on a lightly floured surface until it is about 1/8-inch in thickness. Cut with cookie cutters of your choice. Reflour area, and continue until all of the dough is cut into desired shapes.

Place cut cookie shapes onto a parchment- or Silpat-covered baking sheet, about 1 inch apart.

Bake for 5-6 minutes, until edges are just lightly browned. Remove cookies from oven and let remain on sheet for just a couple of minutes. Transfer individually

to a wire rack to cool completely. Decorate cooled cookies as desired (use piped icing or just a sprinkle of powdered sugar).

CURRIED SWEET POTATO LATKES

Here is a delicious recipe adapted from Joan Nathan's book, *Jewish Cooking in America*, Random House, 1998. These are a real winner, and easy to make.

Yield: 16 three-inch pancakes

- Ingredients:
- 1 pound sweet potatoes, peeled and coarsely shredded
 - 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
 - 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
 - 1 teaspoon brown sugar
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon cayenne powder
 - 2 teaspoons curry powder
 - 1 teaspoon cumin
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste (about 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper)
 - 2 large eggs, beaten
 - 1/2 cup milk (approximately)
 - Peanut oil for frying

Directions:

1. In a large bowl mix the flour, sugar, brown sugar, baking powder, cayenne pepper, curry powder, cumin, and salt and pepper.

2. Add the eggs and just enough milk to the dry ingredients to make a stiff batter. Add the potatoes and mix. The batter should be moist but not runny; if too stiff, add more milk.

3. Heat 1/4 inch of peanut oil in a 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat until it is barely smoking.

Drop the batter by 1/4 cup metal measuring cup (doesn't have to be the full 1/4 cup) and flatten with bottom of cup.

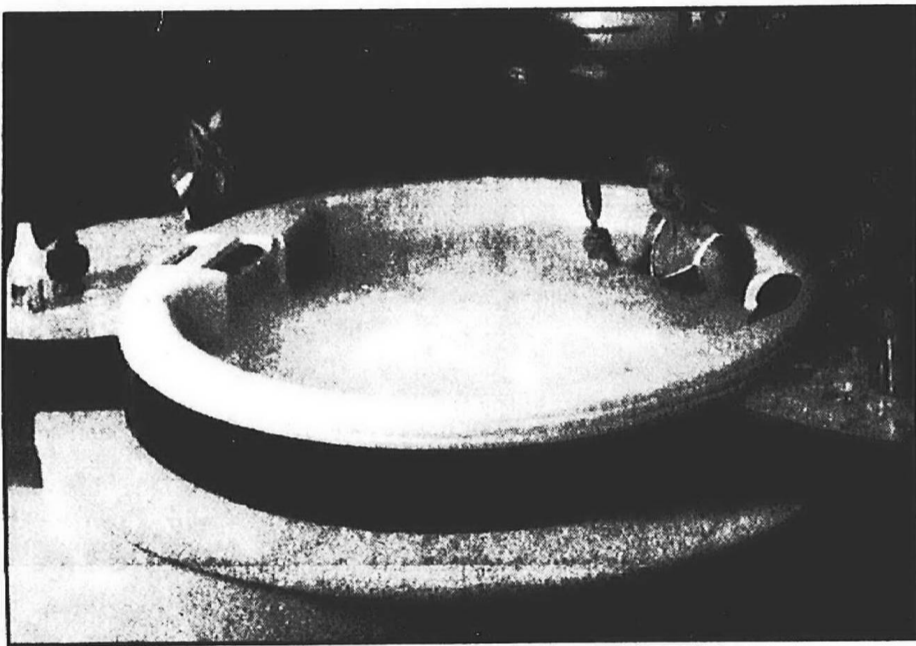
Fry over medium-high heat, about 6-7 minutes on each side until golden. If browning too fast, reduce heat a bit.

Transfer the browned latkes to a paper towel-lined baking sheet or platter to drain. Repeat with remaining sweet potato batter.

Cook's Note: You can use vegetable oil instead of peanut if preferred.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message from a touch-tone phone, dial (734) 953-2047, then 111, then J-O-H-N-S-T-O-N.

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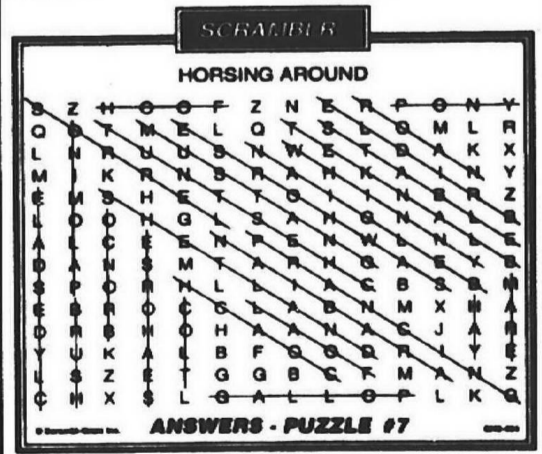
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FAMILY

Make last-minute gifts for holidays at home

CELEBRATING FAMILY



LISA LUCKOW-NEALY

No matter how prepared your family is for the holidays, there are always gifts you must get at the last minute.

You forgot the mail carrier. Your children added two more teachers to their gift-giving list. Your spouse reminded you of the distant relative who's in town for the holiday dinner.

Oh, and don't forget the hostess gifts you take to others' homes, the back-ordered stocking stuffers the store called you and said were in before the holiday - and the neat thing you saw at the store weeks ago that you've convinced yourself you have to give yourself.

Not everything requires a trip to a major mall or in-town mar-

chant. Take advantage of the holiday spirit by creating last-minute gifts together at home.

This is the time of the season to convince your family you are all creative, whether you believe it or not. Where do your family's talents lie, and how can you put them to good use to make something for that special someone at the last minute?

Give a homemade ornament.

You don't have to spend a small fortune to show someone you care. Start an ornament giving tradition with a recipient.

Photo ornaments are treasures to relatives and close friends. Look around your home to inventory the materials you have to make them. Start with colorful construction paper.

Have your children cut out the shapes (i.e. star, bell, ornament or tree). Embellish the border of the surface with notions such as iridescent cellophane, torn colored paper cut in a mosaic pattern, or sequins.

Insert each cutout photograph within the border. Punch a hole

near the top center point. String yarn, ribbon or wire through the hole. If you wish, add decorative beads before you fasten your yarn, ribbon or wire.

Put a smile on your mail carrier's face with a customized ornament in the shape of a miniature mailbox or holiday package. Ask your children to add their personal touches to make it one of a kind.

To package your ornament, use similar materials on your wrap to create an ensemble type of a look. It looks very decorative while telling the recipient your family put a lot of thought into the gift.

Give a bundle to bundle up. A homemade fleece throw is a winter favorite. This gift requires a trip to your local fabric store (unless you already have the materials at home) and a little sewing know-how.

You will need some warm Polar-type fleece (approximately 45 to 60 inches wide and 72 inches long) in the color and style of choice, neutral-colored fleece (same size as the first

piece) for the backing, coordinating thread, scissors, pins, a needle and a sewing machine.

This is a great project in which to involve your teenager and spouse.

Start by pinning wrong sides of each piece of fleece together. Next, sew the pieces together about 1/4-inch from the edge. Make sure to leave approximately a 12- to 18-inch opening so you can invert the fabric to the right side.

Once you have inverted the fabric, turn the edges of the opening under and pin right sides of the opening together. Hand stitch it closed using a needle and thread.

Build a deck of cards. Give someone on your list a deck of gifts they can appreciate throughout the entire year.

If someone in your family is comfortable creating a playing card design on your family computer, simply agree on a border design before you come up with your list of "suits." This way you will know how much space you

have to insert words onto each card face.

Next, talk over what your family wants to include in this gift. Think of what the recipient might like. You may wish to cut up each card gift under one of four categories similar to the four suits in a deck of playing cards.

One category, or suit, might include all heartfelt-related gifts. A gift card in this category may read, "Good for one dinner at our home." The second category in your gift deck might include household-related gift tasks. Your family may wish that a card in this category read, "Good for one spring yard cleanup."

Determine which categories your family will group your card gifts under before you fill out the gift deck. Once you've all made a list, have one family member create each card, whether you choose to do so on the computer or make each one by hand.

The number of cards you include in the deck is up to your family, based on the number of

ideas you wish to put into it. Whether your family chooses to print them out via computer or by hand, you may wish to use a slightly heavier paper stock to make the cards more durable.

There are several advantages to giving a gift deck of cards this holiday season. Your family can tailor the cards to their recipient. The deck is rather inexpensive to make, but priceless in its thought. And the recipient will have gifts to enjoy throughout the entire coming year.

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DESIGN CALENDAR

Santa Claus will visit the Kids Castle at Art Van Furniture, 27775 Novi Road in Novi, 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23. Santa will greet children and pass out special treats. Parents are invited to bring their cameras. Call (248) 348-8923.

Public tours at Meadow Brook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester are given 1:30 p.m. daily year-round, 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday. The hall is closed most holidays, and tour hours may change during special events. Meadow Brook Hall will be closed Dec. 23 through Jan. 2 because of OU winter recess. Call (248) 370-3140 for more

information about touring the hall and the Knole Cottage playhouse, or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org

Meadow Brook Hall, off Adams, is a 110-room, Tudor-revival style mansion built by the widow of auto pioneer John Dodge.

The Detroit Historical Society, in partnership with the Michigan Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers, will present its 2001 Designer Showhouse at the historic Vaughan-Verner home in Bloomfield Hills.

Built in 1839 by the Vaughan family and currently owned by Gunnar and Diane Wilmet, the

Residence chosen as designer showhouse

showhouse is a Historic Federal Farmhouse on 3.8 lush acres at 4778 Lahar, between Lane Pine and Long Lake roads.

James and Grayes Verner, of the family synonymous with the famous ginger beverage special to Detroit, resided at the home between 1936 and 1941.

For showhouse information and volunteer opportunities call

the Showhouse Hotline at (313) 833-7912. For showhouse sponsorship information, call Patricia Rosen at (313) 833-1827.

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Hanukkah items take on new looks

BY MARY ELLEN
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Traditional elements of the Hanukkah celebration have new looks.

Hanukkah means "dedication." It refers to the joyous observance through which Jews commemorate the victory of the Maccabees over the armies of Syria and the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem.

Whether used in a ceremony or just on display, items have a contemporary look as they convey ancient beliefs.

One example is the menorah, which is a nine-branched candelabra. An additional candle on the menorah is lit near nightfall each of the eight nights of Hanukkah. This represents a miracle involving a lantern that burned eight nights even though it had enough oil for just one

night. Today's menorahs can burn oil or be "lit" with electricity. Esther's Judaica, 6836 Orchard Lake in West Bloomfield, features an electric menorah with candles that light at a touch.

"Menorahs are made more now out of nickel so they don't have to be polished," said the shop's Esther. "Also brass." Traditional Traditional in Southfield (phone (248) 557-0109; visit allthingsjewish.com) carries tiny cups of solidified olive oil for use as menorah candles.

Noel Volkov, Andrew Galvin and Piper Strong are among the artists who are making whimsical and dramatic menorahs. Their pieces include metal and stained glass features and figures of Adam and Eve and Noah's Ark.

Dreidels are four-sided tops that are spun as part of a

The modern home celebration of Hanukkah — which begins Friday, Dec. 22, this year — includes the lighting of the menorah and special games and foods. Whether used in a ceremony or just on display, Hanukkah items have a contemporary look as they convey ancient beliefs.

Hanukkah game. Each side of the dreidel bears a different Hebrew letter that determines whether the player takes or puts in coins, nuts or other objects. These also have contemporary features.

"Dreidels are always popular," said Alicia Nelson of Tradition! Tradition! "There are new artists doing different designs."

Among these are Yehudit Newman and Linda Gerard, whose designs include intricate beading on the dreidel surfaces.

Other dreidels open like boxes and can hold chocolates, charms or other treats.

For the collector, there are hinged boxes with Hanukkah themes — such as one shaped like a dreidel with miniature "coins" inside, and another like a Hanukkah table with a tiny menorah on the top and a dreidel inside.

New serving pieces include silver items with such designs as stars and menorahs on the handles.



Modern celebration: Items to celebrate Hanukkah, available at Tradition! Tradition!, including a handpainted dreidel and hinged boxes.

STAFF PHOTO BY JIM SANDWELL

Celebrate Hanukkah with this fried fish and garlic mayonnaise

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fried foods are prepared during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah as a symbol of the oil that burned for eight days in a Jerusalem temple while the supply was believed to be enough for only one day.

This recipe for Fried Fish With Garlic Mayonnaise or Egg-and-Lemon Sauce from "Sephardic Flavors: Jewish Cooking of the Mediterranean" (Chronicle Books, \$35) by Joyce Goldstein aims to capture the sweetness of the fish.

Sole, snapper or cod, or boned whole smelt are recommended for the dish.

The fish can be served either alone, with just a squeeze of lemon at the table; with a dollop of "ajada," the Sephardic garlic mayonnaise; or with "agristada," an egg-and-lemon sauce.

FRIED FISH WITH GARLIC MAYONNAISE OR EGG-AND-LEMON SAUCE

For the fish:
2 pounds fresh fish fillets
Kosher or sea salt
All-purpose flour
Freshly ground pepper
2 eggs
Vegetable oil for frying
Sweet paprika (optional)

Place the fresh fish fillets on a plate, sprinkle with salt, cover, and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Spread the flour on a plate and season with salt, pepper, and the paprika, if using. Beat the eggs in a wide, shallow bowl. Pour vegetable oil to a depth of 2 inches into a deep saute pan and heat to 375° F on a deep-frying thermometer.

Working in batches, dip the fish fillets into the eggs and then into the flour and slip them into the hot oil. Fry, turning once, until golden and crisp, 3 to 4 minutes total for the fillets. (Cooking time is a little less for smelts.)

Using a slotted spatula, transfer to paper towels to drain briefly. Keep warm until all the fish is fried.

Arrange the fish on a platter and serve piping hot. Pass the sauce at the table.

For the garlic mayonnaise:
5 or 6 cloves garlic, green sprouts removed and

minced
Kosher or sea salt
1 egg yolk, at room temperature
1 cup vegetable oil, or mixture of olive oil and vegetable oil
2 to 3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Combine the garlic and salt on a cutting board and mash with the side of a knife to a fine puree. Transfer to a blender or food processor, add the egg yolk, and pulse to combine.

With the motor running, slowly add the oil, drop by drop, until a thick emulsion forms. Then add the remaining oil in a very slow, steady stream and process until the mixture has the consistency of mayonnaise.

Add lemon juice to taste, and thin with a little cold water if the mixture is too thick. Transfer to a bowl, cover, and refrigerate until serving.

For the egg-and-lemon sauce:
2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 cups fish stock or water, or mixture of stock and water
3 eggs, lightly beaten
Juice of 2 lemons (1/3 to 1/2 cup)
Salt

In a small saucepan, combine the cornstarch with a few tablespoons of the stock or water and stir to make a smooth paste. Add the remaining stock and/or water and bring to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly so no lumps form. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring often until thickened, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat.

In a bowl, beat together the eggs and lemon juice until quite frothy. Whisk in a little of the hot stock to temper the eggs, then gradually stir the eggs into the liquid remaining in the pan.

Simmer over very low heat, stirring often, until the sauce thickens, just a few minutes. Remove from the heat and season with salt.

Transfer to a bowl and cover to keep warm, or let cool and serve cold. When the sauce is served cold, it has the consistency of mayonnaise.

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SATURDAY



A 25-foot tall holiday tree with more than 2,000

ornaments greets visitors to Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn during "Traditions of the Season." The museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

SUNDAY



Tom Hanks faces the emotional ordeal of isolation in "Cast Away" now playing at metro Detroit movie theaters.

HE'S STILL Barrett Strong

Motown's legendary songwriter looks ahead to more great music

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Whether you recognize his name or not, chances are you know Barrett Strong's songs by heart. The Southfield resident penned tunes like "Money" and "I Can't Get Next To You. Songs that still manage to get you singing, humming and tapping along to the beat.

"I was born a musician," said Strong. "I started out playing piano at the tender age of 5 years old. I started in gospel. My sister and I had a gospel group."

From those gospel roots, Strong moved into the realm of R&B. Introduced at age 15 to Motown legend Berry Gordie, the temptation of working in the record industry took hold. Success came quickly for Strong, who achieved his first hit with "Money," a song he also sang.

Teaming up with songwriting partner Norman Whitfield, Strong tailored music that struck a chord with the likes of music industry giants - The Temptations, Marvin Gaye and Gladys Knight and The Pips. Together, Strong and Whitfield were the wordsmiths behind such timeless hits as "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "I Wish It Would Rain" and "Last My Love."

Despite his amazing history, Strong is adamant about looking ahead.

Five years ago, Strong opened Boomtown Sound, a studio in Southfield that caters to up-and-coming R&B acts like The Next Generation, gospel duos like Sheila and L.J., and soul rock songstress Eliza. Strong insists his roots as a musician found him through word-of-mouth.

About eight years ago, he met Eliza Thomaston while she was working at a Southfield health food store. "He said he was starting a label and he made me his partner," she recalled. Eliza said she's learned a lot working with Strong. "Don't believe everything you hear," is one of the credo's she repeated.

With a keen eye, Strong is seeking new local talent to work with. Of course, there are a few guidelines when you're dealing with a Detroit legend.

"When they call, we ask them to bring a tape so we can hear what they're doing," said Strong. "We want them to walk in looking like entertainers."

Strong remains the current music scene, and looks back to the days when Detroit, and the Motown sound ruled the roost. "It's not like it used to be," he said, "when there was talent on every corner. Talent used to be hard to get. Now it's everywhere. There are different people saying they're musicians."

Still, Strong believes. He's an avid supporter of local music.

"People are going to have to start supporting artists," said Strong. "People just changed. It's a different breed of individual out there. Technology changed it. I'm a true believer of real instruments. (Musicians) make everything real. It put a lot of real musicians out of work."

Thinking back to the golden days of radio, he recalled a time when there was one chart of hit songs. "Back in the days of Motown, we did R&B music with a pop edge," he said. "I look at it as being all good music."

Strong still writes and records his own music. Still sticking to the formula he found in his childhood - sitting down at the piano, working out a melody. Releasing his first solo album since 1971, "Stronghold 2," on his Blarritt Records label.

Strong mixed it up. He included his own version of "I Wish It Would Rain." He offered tunes with something of a country feel and returned to his roots of his choice, R&B.

"You're not what you used to be," said Strong of his songwriting over the years. "My ideas are different. Technology is so different. I still do things my way."

Perhaps no one knows that better than Brian Lord, an engineer at Boomtown.

"It's great to be around when he comes up with ideas," said Lord. "He created so many great tunes. He definitely knows what he wants to hear."

Strong's studio and production label offer a chance for local musicians to seek out their own dreams. "It's their day," he said. "I don't get involved in the things they're doing. It's a new day."

Learn more about and hear the latest from Barrett Strong by logging onto one of his Web sites: www.blarritrecords.com or www.barrettstrong.com. "Stronghold 2" is available at Harmony House, on Amazon.com and through Action Music Distribution.

FAMILY ADVENTURE

A winter adventure awaits at SPIRIT of Ford

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Slipping and sliding isn't fun if you're in a car after a blizzard in rush hour traffic, but it is if you're wearing ice skates.

At the SPIRIT of Ford Automotive Adventure Center in Dearborn, visitors can see how winter adventures intersect with the design, testing and manufacture of vehicles we use to get places like ice rinks.

The interactive exhibition, "Extreme Ice," is a whole lot of fun," said Shanda McKeenan, public relations coordinator for the museum. In the past, a wall of ice would have required a major detour in your travel plans. Now, it's a challenge.

As visitors learn how Ford Motor Company tests vehicles to function in conditions like "Extreme Ice" they can conquer a 40-foot long wall of ice, maneuver a battery-powered vehicle through ice and road obstacles, and race an air-powered car up



Glacier Hunt Participants' faces show the intensity of "driving" on air-powered car up and down an ice-covered road full of winter driving challenges at the Spirit of Ford Automotive Adventure Center.

and down a hilly, ice-covered road full of winter challenges.

Motor Manufacturer tests reaction time and shows how your conditions and driver control play a major role in road handling.

Ice climbing

Bring your ice skates and take a few laps around the outdoor Super Ice rink that never melts on winter low water. It goes. Skates are also available to

rent courtesy of Eastern Sports. Skates and the rink is included with admission to SPIRIT of Ford.

Trail markers can also slip and slide toboggan-style through deep ice ravines and treacherous mountain terrain in the new 1000s motor sleds for the Glacier Run. "You're pulled into a seat and feel everything," said McKeenan.

The exhibit also demonstrates Ford's safety features that have been tested through

their paces in cold conditions to ensure top performance in more moderate driving conditions, said Jo Haak, director of SPIRIT of Ford. A couple of concept vehicles are included in the display.

Santa

To help tell the global story of Ford Motor Company, SPIRIT of Ford's life size collection of 18 Santas showcases the diversity and richness of culture around the world.

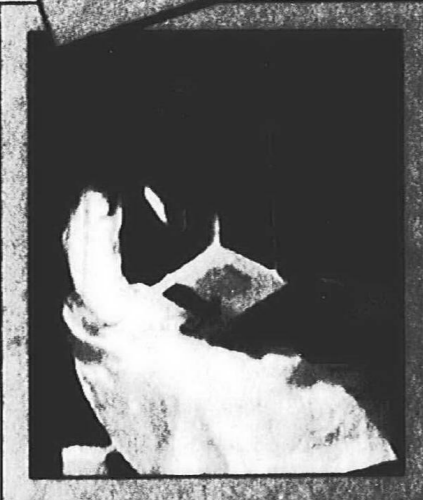
"In Japan, children believe that Santa has eyes in back of his head so that he can watch all the children year-round," said McKeenan. Kenté Claus, a West African Santa, is dressed in Kente cloth, a beautiful royal heritage cloth to promote good will. In France, Père Noël delivers gifts to children with the help of his donkey, leaving the gifts in the children's shoes. A 21st Century Santa is equipped with a cell phone.

A 30-foot holiday tree also helps set the festive mood at SPIRIT of Ford.

If you've got any last-minute gifts to buy, you might just find them at the Spirit of Ford. SPIRIT of Ford's gift shop has a lot of offerings, including a Mustang Stainless Steel Watch, \$69, Ford Teddy Bear, \$39, and Heavy Duty Industry Strength auto body care products from \$15 and up.

In addition to the special exhibit, you can visit the Design Studio Theater and Advanced Technology Lab.

"Extreme Ice" is an awesome exhibit," said McKeenan. "We've had a great response."



Stacy Cole stars in the musical "Cinderella: An American Fairytale" presented by Heartlands Theatre Company at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum through Dec. 30. Performances 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, and Wednesday, Saturday, Dec. 27-30. Recommended for ages 8-13 years old. Tickets \$5, call (313) 962-6001.

Get out of the cold and warm up with some new stories and characters on the silver screen this holiday season. Here's a look at some of the films coming to metro area theaters:

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, Judi Dench.

MISS CONSERVATIVITY

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 and Ernie Hudson.

THE CRIMINAL MINDS

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

ALL THE PRETTY HORSES

The film adaptation of Cormac McCarthy's acclaimed best-selling novel of the same title. The story of two young men, lured south of the border by the romance of the cowboy life and the promise of a fresh start. Together they embark on an adventure that will test their resilience, define their maturity, and change their lives forever. Stars Matt Damon, Henry Thomas, Lucas Black and Penelope Cruz.

Scheduled to open January 2001

RAMENA

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, Giuseppe Sulfaro, Daniele Arena.

Scheduled to open March 2001

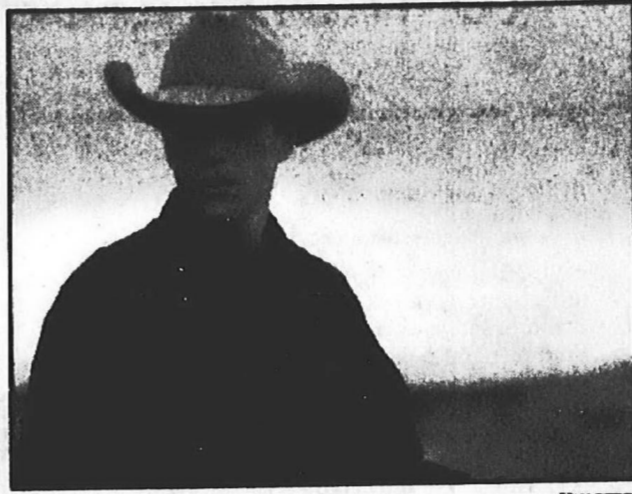
CONSCIOUSNESS

The story of musicologist Dr. Lily Pentecost, 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, Aidan Quinn, Pat Carroll, Jane Adams and Emmy Rossum.



DAVID APPELBY

Indulging: (Top photo) Juliet Binoche stars as the owner of a chocolate shop who manages to almost magically sweeten an entire town and touches lives of everyone in it, in "Chocolat," opening this Friday.



VAN BEEB

Coming of age: (Left) Matt Damon stars as Texas teenager John Grady Cole in "All The Pretty Horses," a Columbia Pictures/Miramax Films presentation. The film is due in theaters Christmas Day.

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Choose a release from a local recording artist and let your loved ones discover a new sound. To help you do the research, try the Web site at www.detroitpublictv.org.

Here's a better suggestion. Give the gift of music. I know. I know. How are you supposed to know what people have in their music collection? Admittedly, buying a CD for somebody without snooping through their stuff isn't easy. Chances are if they like the Dave Matthews Band, they've already got everything that's been recorded.

already know the type of music they like. Choose a release from a local recording artist and let your loved ones discover a new sound. To help you do the research, try the Web site at www.detroitpublictv.org. Click on the Watch icon, and then

Backstage Pass. You'll find a video vault of all the local and national recording artists that the Detroit Public TV series has featured over the past four years. They're broken down by music genre to make it even easier to sample.

If you know a Dave Matthews Band fan, you may wish to consider David Gray, who is the first artist signed to Matthews' own label. He's got a hit, *Babylon*, that sticks with you, as you'll discover by watching him perform on an edition of *Backstage Pass* that airs 7:30 p.m. Sunday,

Dec. 31 and 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4 on Channel 56.

You also can't go wrong by selecting Marshall Crenshaw for pop music fans. The Berkley High grad was in town this week for an acoustic show at the Magic Bag in Ferndale, and also performs on *Backstage Pass*, at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21.

I hope my suggestion helps you to cross a few people off your shopping list. You'll notice that I also dropped in a few hints about supporting local artists and watching *Backstage Pass*.

Both, as they say, make the perfect holiday gift.

Are you trapped in this pre-holiday nightmare? Are you on the verge of blanketing your friends and family members with something that says aromatherapy on it?

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CENTURY THEATRE: *Late Nite Catechism* through Feb. 11, at the theater, Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE: *This Blood's for You*, Thursday-Sunday to Dec. 31, at the theater, Detroit. \$15. (313) 868-1347/(248) 645-6666

FOX THEATRE: *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* continues to Sunday, Dec. 31, at the theater, Detroit. \$10-\$55.50. (248) 433-1515 or visit the Web site at www.ticketmaster.com

GEN THEATRE: *Escanaba in da Moonlight*, a comedy by Jeff Daniels, through Dec. 31, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at the theater in Detroit. \$24.50-\$34.50. (313) 963-9800

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE: *Twilight of the Gods* continues Dec. 21-24, Dec. 27-31, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday and Sunday; 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Wednesday and Sunday, at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road (corner of Maple & Drake), West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900

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. *Lion in Winter* opens Jan. 10; *Killing Time* Feb. 14; *The Ride Down Mt. Morgan* March 21, and *Little Shop of Horrors* April 25.

SECOND CITY THEATRE: *The Vagina Monologues* opens 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 23 and continues through Feb. 11, at the theater in 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

COLLEGE THEATER

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, at the theater on the Wayne State University campus, Detroit. (313) 577-2972

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

CINDY CINDERELLA: AN AMERICAN FAIRYTALE: Presented by Heartlands Theatre Company with Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 27-30. Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. \$6, call (313) 982-6001. American Sign Language interpretation will be provided Saturday, Dec. 30. Special services for blind and hearing impaired individuals are also available by calling (313) 982-6100. Ext. 2535

MARQUIS THEATRE: Musical adaptation of *Pinocchio*, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 30 and Jan. 6 and 13; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, and Jan. 7, 14. Weekday performances 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 26-29, at the theater, Northville. \$7.50. No children under age 3. (248) 349-8110

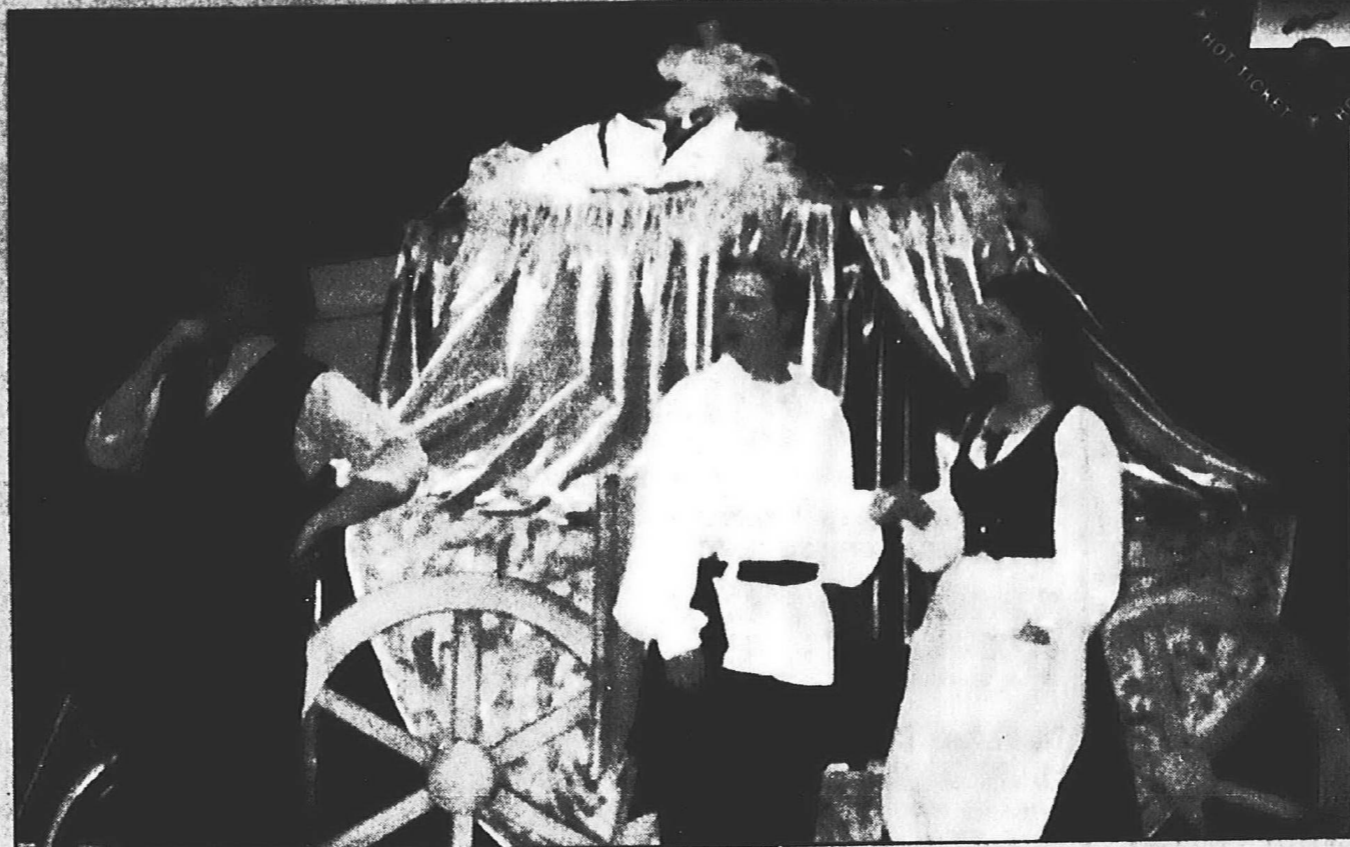
PUPPETART: *Cinderella* 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, Detroit. \$7, \$5 children. (313) 961-7777

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

CANADIAN BRASS: Joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$19-\$49. (313) 576-5111

CENTRALUNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Celebrates the Joy of the Advent season 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24, at Central United Methodist Church, Detroit. (313) 965-5422

COLORS OF CHRISTMAS: Concert featuring Roberta Flack, Peabo Bryson, Marilyn McCoo and Bill Medley, with Diane Louis conducting the DSO 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. \$27-\$60. (313) 576-5111



Family musical: *Tim Wolf* (left to right), *Patrick O'Reilly* and *Stacy Cole* star in the musical "Cindy Cinderella: An American Fairytale" presented by Heartlands Theatre Company at the Anderson Center Theater inside Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, through Dec. 30. Performances 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, and Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 27-30. Recommended for ages 5-12. Tickets \$6, call (313) 982-6001.

JAZZ UP YOUR HOLIDAYS: The Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents jazz for the holidays 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, at Temple Beth El, Bloomfield Hills. \$20, students free. (248) 645-2276

NATALIE COLE CHRISTMAS: Joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Orchestra Hall, Detroit. (313) 576-5111 or visit the Web site www.detroitssymphony.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

HOLIDAY DINNERS: Five course Christmas dinner, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 (\$75), and New Year's Eve Sunday, Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. open menu and 9:30 p.m. five course pre-fixed menu (\$95), at Ristorante Cafe Cortina, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-3033

HOLIDAY SALE: The artists of the Michigan Hot Glass Workshop exhibit their work at the Holiday Sale 2000 concluding with a blow-out sale noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 at 1604 Clay Avenue, second floor, Detroit. Open daily from noon to 6 p.m., the workshop features everything imaginable in glass. (313) 871-1798

TOY AND HOBBY: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30 and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Novi Expo Center. \$6, \$3 ages 4-12, \$5 parking. (734) 455-2110

BENEFITS

DETROIT DIVA'S & DON JUAN'S OF SONG/POETRY: A variety show featuring Dee Dee McNeil, Bettya LaVette, Big Daddy Boo Bear and many others 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, in the Paul Robeson Theater in the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers, Detroit. \$20, proceeds go to the Detroit Links and Linkages Abstinence Coalition which provides abstinence training through the arts for more than 3,000 local youth. (313) 342-1000

CLASSICAL

Doree String Quartet: Perform popular and light classical selections 12:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21 in the Livonia Civic Center Library Atrium. Free. Tea and coffee will be provided. Brown bag lunches welcome. (734) 466-2197

AUDITIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

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

NANCY GURWIN PRESENTS: Male actors sought for *Fiddler on the Roof*, which opens Jan. 13 at the Jewish Community Center for a five week run. Call Nancy Gurwin (248) 354-0545 for audition information.

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, pop)

MICHAEL JAMES/DEBORAH JIMMERSON: Piano bar 7-11 p.m. Wednesday-Thursday, and 8 p.m. to midnight Friday-Saturday, at La Bisteca Italian Grille, Livonia. (734) 254-0400

JIM PARAMANTES & COMPANY: 8:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday through December, at Excalibur, Southfield. (248) 358-3355

JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD & FRIENDS: 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30 (\$15 for music only, \$25 for music and buffet), and 9:30 a.m. to 3 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 31 (\$45, includes music, buffet and champagne), at the Harlequin Cafe, Detroit. (313) 331-0922

RON BROOKS TRIO: 9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

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

MATT MICHAELS TRIO: With vocalist Barbara Ware 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, at Ron's Fireside Inn, Warren Road, east of Middlebelt. \$5 cover. (734) 762-7756

LARRY NOZERO QUARTET: 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23 and 29-30, at Rocky's of Northville. (248) 349-4434

SHAHIDA NURALLAH: 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30 (\$10), and Sunday, Dec. 31, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

JOHNNY O'NEAL TRIO: 9:30 p.m. 11 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$15, one price for all three sets. (734) 662-8310

ROBERT PENN: 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

MARK RANDISI: 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, at Edison's, Birmingham. No cover. (248) 645-2150

BEN YONAS TRIO: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, at the Bird of Paradise, Ann Arbor. \$5 cover. (734) 662-8310

FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

GEORGE BEDARD: Performs with Sarah Brown and Bill Kirchen 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$15. (734) 763-TKTS

UNCLE BONSAI: 7:30 p.m. (\$17.50) and 10 p.m. (\$25) Sunday, Dec. 31, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. (734) 763-TKTS

WORLD MUSIC

CROSSROADS CEIL: 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, at The Ark, Ann Arbor. \$11. (734) 763-TKTS

TRINIDAD TRIPOLI STEEL BAND: Tuesday nights, at Leopold Bros. Ann Arbor. \$3.

DANCE

ADVANCED CONTRA DANCE: 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the Pittsfield Grange, Ann Arbor. \$10. (734) 665-8863

MOON-USTERS: 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

U-M BALLROOM DANCE CLUB: Ballroom dance lesson and open dancing 4-10 p.m. Sunday, at the Union Ballroom, Ann Arbor. \$2. (734) 763-6984

COMEDY

EL DORADO COUNTRY CLUB: Kirk Noland live phone show with Jason Douglas and Dee Profit Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, at the club, Commerce Township. (248) 624-1050

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Mike Green Wednesday-Saturday, Dec. 20-23, and Romont Harris Wednesday-Saturday Dec. 27-30, at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, Livonia. (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB: Bill Hildebrandt Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 21-23, at Paisano's at the club, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

Raise your local music I.Q.: See opens *Funktelligence* (pictured) and *Thornetta Davis*, for a special *Howling Diablos* performance 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. The show will be recorded live. Tickets for this all ages show cost \$8 in advance. Call (313) 961-8961 for details.



Guays 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.

MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE: Peter Berman Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 21-23, at the club, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE: Scott Henry Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 21-23, at the club, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9900

SECOND CITY: Here Comes My 19th Nervous Breakdown, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, at the club in Detroit. \$15 and \$20. (313) 965-2222/(248) 645-6666 or www.secondcity.com

TED'S PUB: Ladies Night at the Mic featuring comedians from metro Detroit, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, at the pub, Clawson. No cover. (248) 435-4755

7TH HOUSE: Bingo! An audience participation comedy romp, presented 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday, at the theatre, Pontiac. \$20. (248) 335-8100 or www.bingotheshow.com

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

ANN ARBOR HANDS-ON MUSEUM: The museum offers more than 250 interactive exhibits intended to make science fun, at the museum, Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. \$6, \$4 children/seniors/students. (734) 995-5439

FLEETWAY TUNNEL: Historical exhibit marking 70th anniversary year of Detroit-Windsor Tunnel, memorabilia and photographs, video showing construction of tunnel, through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, at Windsor's Community Museum, 254 Pitt Street West. (519) 253-1812

PLYMOUTH HISTORICAL MUSEUM: The First Ladies of Fashion exhibit featuring 14 reproduction Inaugural Ball Gowns continues to Feb. 1, at the museum, Plymouth. \$3, \$1 students, \$7 family. (734) 455-8940

TROY HISTORICAL MUSEUM: Michigan Lighthouses: An Aerial Photographic Retrospective continues to January 2001, at the museum, Troy. No charge.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM & GREENFIELD VILLAGE: Traditions of the Season continues to Monday, Jan. 1, and new Village Lantern Walk, *The Twelve Nights of Christmas* through Saturday, Dec. 23. Thursday-Saturday visitors can visit eight Village buildings at night and follow the lanterns to homes featuring traditional holiday cooking and decorations. Carolers, horse drawn carriage rides, cider and cookies are all part of the experience. Visitors will be able to pick out their holiday greenery at a Victorian era greens show. Reservations are required to take part in the evening program, call (313) 271-1620. For information about the Museum or Village, call (313) 271-1620

LIVE MUSIC

ANTIFREEZE BLUES FESTIVAL: With Lonnie Brooks, Jeff Grand, Jim McCarty, RJ's Blues Revue, Randy Volin's Sonic Blues, Bugs Beddow, 8 p.m. Friday Jan. 5 and Johnnie Johnson, George Bedard and the Kingpins, Thornetta Davis, The Millionaires, Chicago Pete & the Alligators, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, Magic Bag, Ferndale. (248) 544-3030

JOHNNIE BASSETT AND THE BLUES INSURGENTS: 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, Center Street Pub, Detroit. (313) 965-3651

BENNY AND THE JETS: Sunday, Dec. 31, Best Western Hotel, Romulus. (724) 728-2800

CHUCK BERRY AND JERRY LEE LEWIS: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 19, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$35-\$75. (248) 645-6666

BRIGHT AND ROBB ROY: With Rochester's own Prime Ministers, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. 21 and over. Call (313) 875-8555

BUGS BEDDOW BAND: 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, Beale Street Blues, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900; 9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 29-30, Union Lake Bar and Grille, Commerce Township. (248) 360-7450

CAPTURE THE FLAG: With Over It, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5, 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

CHAIN REACTION: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Library Sports Pub, Novi. (248) 340-8110; 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Innisfree Irish Pub, Garden City. (734) 425-2434

CLOUD NINE: 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

DEAD HEROES: With Hillside Strangers, Gutterpunk, Multi Grain, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-8961

WARN DEFEVER'S 100 YEARS BAND: Featuring the mastermind behind His Name is Alive, along with Bob McCreedy, Alicia of Slumber Party and more, performing songs from the I Want You To Live for One Hundred Years record, Saturday, Dec. 30, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

DETECTIVE NOT: 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, The Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. 19 and older. \$3. (734) 996-8555; 8:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, The Token Lounge, Westland. 21 and older. (734) 513-5030;

With Inside 5 Minutes, The Black Lodge, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555; With the Bomb Pops, 60 Second Crush, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Lili's 21, Hamtramck. (313) 875-6555.

DIETY: With Big Ass Ham, Joe Fate and TDX, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

EAT THE NEON: With Surrogate King, 40 Flea, Tuesday, Dec. 26, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. Free. (734) 996-8555

EKOOSTIK HOOKAH: Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, Magic Bag, Ferndale. \$13 advance. (248) 544-3030

FACTORY 81: With Relative Ash, Arizing, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (313) 961-8961

TERRY FARMER: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Shuck's Oyster Bar, Utica. (810) 323-6009

FIELD THEORY: 9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 21, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$4. (734) 996-8555

THE FIREBIRD BAND: Featuring ex-Braid members, 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29, The Shelter, Detroit. All ages. \$6. (313) 961-8961

TIM FLAHERTY TRIO: With Nancy K. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, Woodruff's Supper Club, Royal Oak. Free. (734) 996-8555

FRED: With South Normal, Red Dye 9, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Blind Pig, Ann Arbor. \$5. (734) 996-8555

G. LOVE AND SPECIAL SAUCE: 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. \$20 advance. All ages. (313) 961-8961

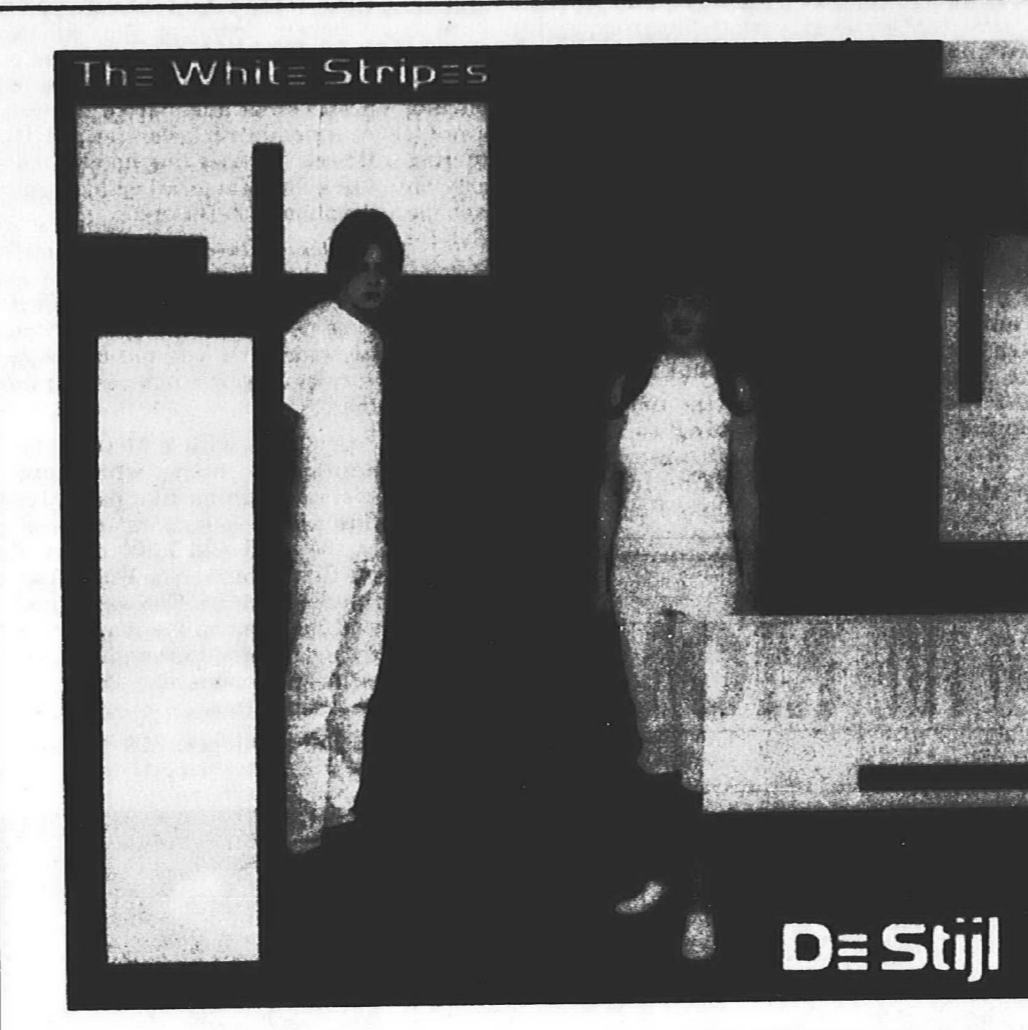
GABRIEL RECORDS: Home to local rockers Face, this independent label invites the public to a holiday celebration, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

GREENSTREET: With Roundabout Way, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, The Shelter, Detroit. \$8. All ages. (248) 645-6666

GYPSY DOG: 9 p.m. Saturday, Wintergarden Tavern, Livonia. Free. (248) 474-7150

HEMWOOD: Friday, Dec. 29, Gold Dollar, Detroit. (313) 833-6873

AL HILL: 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 21-23, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 26, 28-30, Zydeco's, Ann Arbor. (734) 995-3600



Paint the town for 2001: The White Stripes (pictured) and the Detroit Cobras are ready to rock in the new year in Detroit. With opener *They Come In Threes*, catch what's sure to be a great show 9 p.m. Dec. 31, at the Magic Stick, Detroit. Call (313) 833-9700 for details. If you like what you hear, checkout www.whitestripes.com and grab a copy of the band's latest CD, "DeStijl."

CLUB CIRCUIT

ALVIN'S: 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. 18 and older welcome. (313) 832-2355 or www.alvins.com

ANN ARBOR BREWING COMPANY: 114 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 213-1393 or www.arborbrewing.com

THE ARCADE: 2800 N. Milford Road, Highland. Located inside Olympic Lanes. (248) 887-1880

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BEALE STREET BLUES: 8 N. Saginaw Street, Pontiac. (248) 334-7900

BLIND OF PARADISE: 312 Main Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 662-8310

BLIND PIG: 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. \$3 in advance, \$5 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 or www.blindpigmusic.com

BULLFROG BAR AND GRILL: 15414 Telegraph, Redford. (313) 533-4477

CANNON: Joseph Campau just north of Caniff in Hamtramck. (313) 368-9278

CANTON CLUB: 210 S. First Street, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900

CLUTCH CANNON/HILL STREET: 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older Saturdays; 18 and older Wednesdays. (248) 333-2362 or www.961melt.com

COCO ARCADE: 301 Civic Center Drive, Detroit. (313) 963-6616

CONOR O'NEILL'S: 318 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Free live entertainment. (734) 665-2968 or www.conoroneills.com

COWLEY'S: 33338 Grand River Avenue, Farmington. (248) 474-5941

THE DECK AND THE FIVE HOLES: 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965-9500

DETROIT SCIENCE: 9 p.m.-5 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover \$10 for 21 and over. Cover \$15 for 18-20 year olds. No cover for women on Thursdays. (313) 438-4146 or www.detroitsscience.com

HOWLING DIABLOS: With Thornetta Davis, Funktelligence, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, St. Andrews Hall, Detroit. All ages. \$8 advance. (313) 961-8961

IMMUNITY: 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, The Cavern Club, Ann Arbor. (734) 332-9900; 9:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, Memphis Smoke, Royal Oak. (248) 543-4300

ALAN JACKSON: With Sara Evans, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, The Palace of Auburn Hills. \$27.50-\$34.50. (248) 645-6666

JAZZHEAD: 10 p.m. Monday, Fifth Avenue, Royal Oak. (248) 542-9922

KILLSWITCH: With Braillehouse, 10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 313.JAC, upstairs from Jacoby's, Detroit. \$5. 18 and over. (313) 962-7067

BB KING: With Bobby Blue Bland, The Manhattan, featuring Gerald Alston and Blue Lovett, 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, Fox Theatre, Detroit. \$30, \$37.50, \$75. (248) 645-6666

THE LANTERNJACK: With Stun Gun, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 30, Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

LIVE AND LOUD HOLIDAY BALL: With Innercourse, Paradime, The Diner Junkies, fashion show and all star jam, also Waxwings. The Flashing Lights, The Atomic Numbers and 12 Rods, Friday, Dec. 22, Majestic and Magic Stick, Detroit. (313) 833-9700

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Rock Candyland: 19 Wheels release 'Sugareen'

Chris Johnston saunters over smiling with an air of calm and confidence. And he should be. The Birmingham native and singer for 19 Wheels faces a new year full of possibilities. With a brand new album of perfectly-crafted, catchy pop rock songs — appropriately titled *Sugareen* — and record label interest on the rise, 19 Wheels finally seems to be rolling in the right direction.

Radio listeners have been hearing the band's cover of

BTO's *You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet*, on 89X's *Top 9 at 9*. It's jumped from 12 to 19 spins at press time. And anyone involved in local music knows getting played on the radio is no easy feat.

Relaxing at a table at Ferndale's Woodward Avenue Brewery — a restaurant he also owns — Johnston reflects on the road that got him here. It all started with a fascination for old 45's. Perhaps the preferred pastime in his early days, some things never change. "I was listening to the Jackson 5, The Beach Boys and The Beatles," he admits. "I wanted to be in the Jackson 5."

This was around the time he

also dreamed of being a Harlem Globetrotter. One listen to the 10 unforgettable tracks on sticky-sweet *Sugareen*, and its hard to picture him spinning a basketball on one finger instead of singing on a stage. But playing music started out as more of a chore than a passion. Suffering through piano lessons early on and switching to the saxophone in the Seaholm High School band, he eventually formed his own band with friends, and agreed to sing. "I look back at it and I don't know why I did it," he said. "But I'm glad I did."

By the time he moved to East Lansing to attend Michigan State University, Johnston started taking his own music more seriously. He gained some notori-

ety as a member of The Hannibals, which also featured longtime friend and The Atomic Numbers' drummer Matt Aljian. But by the late 90s, he found a perfect musical fit with guitarist Scott Owens and started (a more Americana rock version of) 19 Wheels — whose line up also features Tim Marzorati on bass and drummer Rob Dickey.

"I think those guys are great," said Aljian. "They're stuff is more straight-ahead. I think it lines up with what's going on on the radio. It's well put-together, very catchy. It's not easy to do that."

Complete with a Motor City-appropriate name, which suggests something like being the fifth wheel — but on an 18-wheeler, the band sold 7,800 copies of its first album, *Six Ways from Sunday* in 1998. The same year sent the band on the road for the *Aware Records* tour with national up-and-comers like Train and The Push Stars.

hooked up with producer Donny Brown (The Verve Pipe) and recorded at Ferndale's Tempermill Studio. One year later, Johnston is able to say: "I knew these songs would be what got us to this level."

With packaging and photographs that pop with as much energy as the music inside, *Sugareen* might be proof enough for major record labels to do more than come knocking on 19 Wheels door. Aside from the contagious BTO cover that ends the record, the band engages listeners with songs like *So Cool*, *360* and *Lovelydoveytown*. Drawing from its more acoustic days, some of the tracks draw you in with a low-fi start and seem to catch on fire. And the stories inside them paint pictures anyone can relate to. It's hard to believe most of the songs might've been written in Johnston's basement.

"He's the most motivated guy I've ever known," said Aljian. "He's a go-getter. After The Hannibals broke up, he kind of came

into himself."

That shows in Johnston's almost poetic rants at the closing of *So Cool* and *You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet*. He offers a spontaneity that seems to be missing from music these days. "It was one of those things that was meant to be," Johnston said.

That feeling pervades throughout the album and in the band's live performance. It's about time 19 Wheels receive some much-deserved recognition.

Catch 19 Wheels with Rochester's own roots rock foursome, Rooster, Saturday, Dec. 23, *The Alley*, inside *Mainstreet Billiards* in downtown Rochester. Call (248) 652-8441.

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Meet Octopus: Detroit's newest rock band

Eight years in the making, Detroit's latest rock offering, Octopus, revealed itself on stage for the first time last October. For founder and guitarist J. Frezzatto, it was more than a premiere, it was a rock fantasy fulfilled. Here's the story:

Observer & Eccentric: How did this virtual rock supergroup, Octopus, get started?

J. Frezzatto: "I realized that it was kind of now or never. I was sitting at work bored out of my mind, so I booked studio time and a show at the Gold Dollar. We had no set, no practices under our belts, and about four weeks to get it all together."

O&E: When exactly did Octopus form?

JF: "I started writing these songs in the fall and winter of '92. And then I tried to get a lineup together that could play them. No dice for the longest time. By process of elimination it turned out that the best people for the band were all close friends. Jeff and I have known each other for ages. He remembers jamming on one of these songs in his dorm room in college. I don't remember that, but I believe him. He's an absolute monster on drums. With this kinda music you have to keep the octane level pretty high. And Rico (Eric Pot) is easily one of the best bass players in town; he's melodically inventive, he's solid, and he's got taste. He does his best to save us from just being this totally primitive, one-dimensional thud."

O&E: What's your musical vision for this band?

JF: "Metal, minus the lame parts. I dunno. Some folks think we're 'punk rock.' What's the term now? 'Stoner Rock?' The funny thing is that I don't listen to all that much current 'heavy rock.' I listen to a lot of Air, Flaming Lips. The last really good hard rock album I bought was probably the last DMX record. That stuff is great. The Cat Power *Covers Record* — that's really great. Most of what passes for 'rock' these days is tedious, sexless, constipated-sounding, machismo-implosion garbage."

O&E: How is songwriting accomplished in the band?

JF: "I demo the songs as much as possible, then the band comes in and finishes 'em. It's mostly myself writing with Masha but everybody has a hand in it. I kind of establish the tone and the riffs but I usually get stuck on the vocals and final arrangements."

O&E: What does the band bring to the Detroit scene that no one's heard before?

JF: "Masha."

O&E: Did you know from the start you wanted a female voice for the band?

JF: "One day I was playing tapes for my friend Cory and he was like, 'You know what? This stuff needs a female singer. That'd be amazing.' Which made perfect sense. 'Cause if we'd have gone with a male vocalist I'm sure the whole thing would just drowned in this like avalanche of testosterone... So Masha (Marjeh) was sort of the missing link. Nobody else could've done this stuff. This is her first band. It's terrifying. And she's actually able to sit down and work on lyrics."

O&E: What inspires you to write in general?

JF: "I'm inspired primarily by my day-to-day life, which is pretty creepy and disturbing. I'm neurotic and paranoid, and I get real hung up on dreams, numerology, coincidences."

O&E: What can people expect to see at the Shelter performance? Do you think Octopus opening for deathgirl.com will make a good combination?

JF: "I'm looking forward to it. The Shelter has one of the best sound systems in town. Hopefully my amps will be working. (Octopus) and deathgirl sort of constitute two sides of the same coin. I mean, I'd pay five bucks to see that."

Octopus opens for The Paybacks and Gore Gore Girls Friday, Dec. 29, Magic Stick, Detroit. Call (313) 833-9700 for details.

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'Vertical Limit' reaches new heights

BY JON KATE
SPECIAL WRITER

The premise for *Vertical Limit* must have seemed as solid as a mountain. If the disaster film formula worked for a cruise ship (*The Poseidon Adventure*) and a skyscraper (*The Towering Inferno*), why not for the second tallest mountain in the world? The Pakistani peak called K2, after all, offers an icy smorgasbord of danger and death.

Vertical Limit, admittedly, keeps its viewers bolted to the backs of their seats, with spectacular scenery and special effects that more than once leave you dangling at the end of its

ropes. Throughout, however, one longs for the imperiled climbing party to include maybe a kvetching Ernie Winters or an embittered Ernest Borgnine. *Vertical Limit* plays it straight; this is no *Hollywood Squares* alumni meeting.

Chris O'Donnell and Robin Tunney are brother and sister mountain climbing buffs who face a life-or-death decision in the first minutes that sets the tone for the rest of the story. Specifically, why should three people die when two can live? O'Donnell's Peter Garrett made the call he had to make.

Now, three years later, he must make another: to climb 26,000

feet of K2 against overwhelming odds of bad weather and a ticking clock to rescue sister Annie and two companions.

And one more thing. Above 24,000 feet, we learn, the body begins to succumb to oxygen deprivation. This is - cue the title - our "vertical limit." Or as veteran climber Montgomery Wick (Scott Glenn) describes it, "Up there you're not dying, you're dead."

Peter's rescue party of six is enough to guarantee that one or more will be on the wrong end of an avalanche, an exploding canister of nitroglycerin or the bone-numbing cold. Directed by Martin Campbell (*GoldenEye*), the

action is fast and loud but the survivors are pre-ordained and obvious. Only Mother Nature gets to vote them off this island-or, mountain.

Vertical Limit is a good choice for pre-teens that, in an earlier generation, spent a Christmas vacation day seeing an adventure film like *Journey to the Center of the Earth*. This season's crop of movies has little else to offer this age group. *Vertical Limit* may make a few eyes roll from its onslaught of clichéd cliffhangers - with real cliffs - but it asks only that you sit back and enjoy the ride. As an added benefit, you'll snicker at what passes for cold around here.



Thriller: Braving the elements on the feared K2 in the treacherous "dead zone" about 26,000 feet, young climber Pete Garrett (Chris O'Donnell) and French Canadian medic Monique (Isabella Scorupco) struggle to pull his sister and members of her summit team to safety in "Vertical Limit."

'Bounce' might be a bust in theaters

BY VICTORIA DIAZ
SPECIAL WRITER

Bounce starts out at Chicago's O'Hare Airport and never really gets off the ground.

In the opening scenes of this soapy romance written and directed by Don Roos (*The Opposite of Sex*), Buddy Amaral (Ben Affleck) is a hotshot ad executive about to board a plane, when he decides instead to spend a night of passion with a pretty pick-up (Natascha Henstridge).

On the spur of the moment, he gives his boarding pass to a bumped traveler (Tony Goldwyn), eager to get home to his wife and kids. That night, somewhere near Topeka, Kan. the Los Angeles-bound airliner crashes, killing everyone on board.

Feeling awash in guilt (no, the crash was not his fault, but never mind), Buddy straightway turns to alcohol to soothe his conscience, and winds up at one of those desert treatment centers. There, he's introduced to the 12-step program and, when

he's released, he decides to look up the widow of the man who took his place on the ill-fated plane. He figures he'll apologize (although we're still not sure for what, but never mind). He also figures he'll maybe help her in some way, and ultimately help himself to deal with his addiction.

With no problem, he finds Abby Janello (Gwyneth Paltrow), living in the L.A. area with her two young sons and struggling to make ends meet. (Their "meet-cute" scene, which involves Buddy and a highly incensed ret-weller, is one of the movie's high points.) Soon, Buddy and Abby begin to exchange meaningful glances and to fall for each other. This, as you can imagine, is going to create some problems, since Buddy knows who she is, but she has not a clue about who he is, or that fate has chosen her beloved husband to die in his place.

Ben Affleck struggles manfully with his role, but it ultimately

eludes him (he's much more convincing as a fast-talking hotshot than as a sometimes woozy good samaritan). Gwyneth Paltrow fares considerably better as the single mom who's skittish about giving her heart to another man.

But onscreen there seems little genuine passion between the two. Though we keep hoping for some signs of an explosive chemistry that would enable us to feel caught up in this movie and to

really care about this couple and their plight, it never arrives. Instead, an odd, almost wooden quality persists, sending *Bounce* into its final, doomed nose-dive.

Jennifer Grey has her moments as the ticket attendant who succumbs to Ben's charms and allows one passenger to board in the place of another. And Johnny Galecki as a gay and insightful office gofer adds a touch of fun now and then.

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Hudson's restaurants

True to tradition, innovative

"THE TABLE HOPPERS"
RENEE SHAGLUND AND KERRY WYGONIK
STAFF WRITERS

Some things are so familiar, they deserve a second look. The J. L. Hudson's Cafe, for decades simply called "Hudson's restaurant," has become so much more than Maurice salads and chicken pot pies. It's now Herb Turkey Medallions with Yukon Gold whipped potatoes, Almond-Breaded Perch with a lemon tarragon aioli and Smoked Tomato with Linguine.

However, the infamous Maurice - that plateful of crisp julienne lettuce, Swiss cheese, ham and turkey with chopped sweet pickles and green olives that made its debut 80 years ago remains a hallmark of the Hudson restaurants.

"A lot of people don't even look at the menu," said Regional Executive Chef Chuck Sansone. "They just order the Maurice Salad."

Fortunately, both the Maurice salad dressing and the Sesame Seed (used on the popular Chicken Mandarin salad) can be purchased at the restaurant's adjacent Marketplace. Hudson's gets many requests to ship these dressings out of state.

Menu appeal

While most of the customers at J. L. Hudson's Cafe are women, heartier items like the perch, turkey medallions, meat loaf and the Frisco sandwich - grilled sourdough bread filled with roast beef, turkey, cheddar and Swiss cheeses, lettuce, tomato and fried onions - also appeal to men. The prices and portion sizes appeal to everybody.

J.L. Hudson's Cafe
Where: Inside Westland Mall, Warren Road at Wayne Road
Open: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Holiday hours, 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 22-23, (734) 458-6560.
Menu: Soup, sandwiches, pastas, house favorite entrees including Chicken with Puff Pastry, Baked Meatloaf, Perch & chips and Herb Turkey Medallions. Some vegetarian items. Children's menu available.
Cost: Reasonable. Salads \$5.50-\$9.95, pastas \$6.95-\$9.95, sandwiches \$5.95-\$7.95, House Favorites \$7.50-\$9.95.
Credit cards: All majors, except Diner's accepted.
Reservations: Not necessary, but you can call ahead.
Special events: J.L. Hudson's Cafe is available for business luncheons, showers and other special events after the holiday rush in January. Call (734) 438-5645 for details.
Carry-out: Available during store hours at the Marketplace Deli. Menu includes soups, sandwiches, salads, pasta, and chicken pot pie.
Other locations:
 ■ Twelve Oaks Mall — Novi
 ■ Oakland Mall — Troy
 ■ Somerset Collection — Troy

"If you went anywhere in the city, you wouldn't get the portions. We strive for the value."

said Sansone. There's not a menu item over \$9.95. Just as Hudson's has kept up with fashion, they've also paid attention to their customer's changing palates: In response to the strong Asian influence in foods popular today, Hudson's offers a stir-fried chicken and vegetable dish served over buckwheat noodles.

The menu also reflects the health concerns of guests without sacrificing innovation or taste. The house-made Vegetable Burger is anything but bland. Rather, it's a rich combination of mushrooms, carrots, ginger, brown rice, roasted red pepper and pecans and topped it off with cilantro ginger cream and sputs. Delicious.

Also, all salad dressings are served on the side, and all sautéed items are done in olive oil.

Children have always been welcomed at Hudson's. The children's menu, served with crayons, offers kid-favorites such as Thick & Goopy Cheese Pizza, Oodles of Noodles, and Good 'Ol Hamburger. Drinks come in spill-proof cups.

Destination spot

"We want to be more than a convenience for shoppers. We want to be a destination point for good food," said Sansone, who is responsible for food operations, including the restaurants, at 16 metro area Hudson's.

Hudson's newest menu, introduced in October, is a mixture of the tried-and-true house favorites and new items. But thank goodness Hudson's continues to pay homage to tradition. Sander's Hot Fudge always tops



STAFF PHOTO BY MATTHEW TAPLINGS

A man of good taste: Regional Executive Chef Chuck Sansone shows off two of the most popular items on Hudson's menu: Maurice Salad and Herb Turkey Medallions. Sansone said both portion sizes and prices are more than competitive with other restaurants.

their ice cream sundae, plain pudding with hard sauce, is always served during the holiday season, and a shrimp salad sandwich still comes on cheese bread.

"And if a guest wants something that's not on the menu, we're willing to make it for them," said Sansone. "We cater to whatever you need."

Angelina Nenzen of Garden City has been dining at Hudson's for 37 years. "I think they are

artistic, especially with the presentation. They're also very clean, and the food is homemade. I love the meat loaf," she said.

Nenzen summed up the sentiments of most Hudson's diners: "Service is very good. They're very jovial and pleasing. Prices are very good, and I've never given a tip that wasn't well-deserved and well-received."

Kerry Wygonik, assistant man-

aging editor of the Observer features group, and staff writer Renee Shaglund, who specializes in dining, health and business, are "The Table Hoppers." Send us your menu, tell us why you'd like us to feature your restaurant on our dining page, and set the table for two. You can contact Wygonik at (734) 953-2106 or e-mail kwygonik@e.homecomm.net. To reach Shaglund, call (734) 953-2128 or e-mail rshaglund@e.homecomm.net

Logan's Roadhouse opens in Livonia

Logan's Roadhouse opened Monday in Livonia. Logan's, 2859 Schoolcraft, is a 7,800-square-foot restaurant seating 292 people.

Logan's Roadhouse has been named of the country's hottest concepts by Nation's Restaurant News and is aggressively expanding its company-owned restaurant locations. The company opened 12 new restaurants in the last fiscal year.

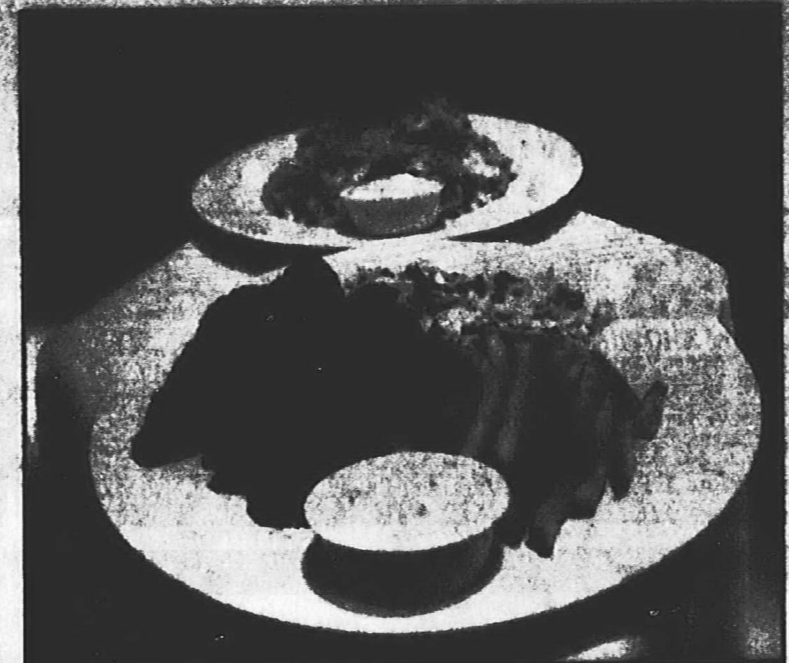
"We're especially excited to open a restaurant in Livonia," said Peter Kehayes, president and chief operating officer of Logan's Roadhouse.

Logan's menu features a simple but diverse selection of today's popular American fare,

including hearty portions of aged handcut steaks, baby-back ribs, mesquite-grilled chicken, appetizers, salads and seafoods. Logan's is known for its free peanuts, which guests eat while they wait and throw the shells on the floor.

Lunch prices range from \$4.50 to \$8.29 for express items like hamburgers and specialty salads or the petite sirloin steak, and from \$7.99 to \$17.99 for dinner entrees, which are served with a house salad, one side item and homemade yeast rolls.

Logan's Roadhouse will be open for dining from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.



Perfect perch: Hudson's almond-breaded perch filets served with a lemon tarragon aioli, french fries and slaw is fast becoming a house favorite among guests. In the background is the traditional Maurice Salad.

Hudson's famous perch

One of Hudson's signature dishes is Lake Perch with almond breading. The dish is served with house slaw, french fries and rolls and lemon tarragon aioli.

To make two cups of almond batter, toast and cool 1 cup of almond almonds. Combine with 4 ounces of Japanese bread crumbs in a food processor until fine, but not powdery. Salt and pepper to taste.

The perch is dipped into the flour, then into an egg wash. The perch is deep fried until golden brown.

To prepare the enough aioli for four, combine 1 cup of extra heavy mayonnaise, 1 teaspoon lemon juice, 1 tsp lemon zest, 1 tablespoon fresh tarragon, 1/2 tsp kosher salt, 1/2 tsp black peppercorns, 1/8 tsp tabasco sauce (a dash of tabasco). Hold cold.

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REAL ESTATE
 QUESTIONS



ROBERT M. MEISNER

We have kind of an unusual question:

The easement agreement that we had to go over the property of our neighbor we now find out was not clearly drafted.

We believe that we had a clear right to go over the property of our neighbor to get to a road, but the neighbor now says that that was not the case.

The easement is not clear on that. We had always thought we had a right to do so and have been doing so for close to 20 years. What do you think about that situation.

You are basically talking about a situation where you would be claiming a "prescriptive easement." An easement by prescription results from the use of another's property that is open, notorious, adverse and continuous for 15 years.

The fact that you thought you had an easement but were mistaken as to the interpretation of the easement, but that you exercised your rights to that easement over 15 years would, in my opinion, and based upon a recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision, give you a strong argument that you have a prescriptive easement.

Obviously, each case must depend on its own facts, so you are best advised to consult with a real estate lawyer in connection with your position.

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Inspector is on your side

BY NORMAN PRADY
 SPECIAL WRITER

Is the house inspection an exam you can study for?

If you're a seller, what can or should you do before (and after) the inspection?

If you're a buyer, can or should you try to look at a house the way a professional does? And what should you expect or require of the seller following the inspection?

While a home inspection isn't required in Michigan, "many Realtors promote them so people are comfortable with what they're buying," said Mike Goewey, president of the Michigan chapter, National Association of Home Inspectors.

"We work for the client who calls us," said Goewey. "If it's the seller, we like to look at what's going to come into the picture later on."

"By doing a complete inspection on your house, you'll get guidance as to what is important. It will provide you with the information needed so you can consider what to do."

"For example," Goewey said, "your electrical service is a 60-amp system. We'd tell you to consider upgrading to 100 amps" to make the home more saleable."

Goewey, whose company is Property Facts Home Inspections, Livonia, said that the seller would be alerted to safety issues and other problems most likely to come up at the time of sale.

These would include water in the basement, condition of the heating system, a bad roof, a new roof improperly installed and roof leaks.

What's an inspection cost?

If you have a 1,000-square-foot house, it will cost you about \$220 to

have Goewey walk through for a couple of hours with his hand-held computer and then tell you how things are. The fee, he said, can be higher depending on more square footage, the age of the house and accessibility of the crawl space and other areas.

If you're the buyer, the inspector's report gives you information that can guide your purchase decision.

"Our reports speak for what we inspect," Goewey said. "We never tell someone not to buy, but clients have walked away based on what we've found."

Look out for basements

Robert Adams, who runs Buy Right, an inspection company in Waterford, said, "One of the biggest reasons for legal actions in a real estate transaction is bad basements."

"The buyer," Adams said, "should look for evidence of movement in basement walls, especially long horizontal cracks or vertical cracks in block walls."

"Everyone is enamored by what's finished," Adams said, "but invariably there are areas that are unfinished where you can verify conditions."

"Look under the staircase, in a closet, behind the furnace, behind the washer and dryer and other places where the owner didn't or couldn't move something to paint over a problem. Recent paint might be an alarm."

Adams also said a buyer should look for signs of water in the basement.

"With a tile floor, see discoloration between the tiles or tile edges lifting. As you walk on the tiles, listen for cracking sounds, which would indicate moisture underneath. Foundation leakage is one of the more expensive repairs," he said.

Dick Green of Inspection Protection, Birmingham, said, "I can give you a lot

of good information about your home, but if you have a specific concern, you're better off to call a specialist in that area."

Disclosure required

Michigan law requires that the seller provide a disclosure statement indicating all known problems with the house, but the statement's value is limited by the seller's knowledge, said Carol Frick, chief manager at Equity Guarantees, a realty firm in Farmington Hills.

Her company's practice is to give the buyer the names of three inspectors they can confidently recommend.

The inspection, Frick said, is negotiable like other terms in the contract. "It would be foolish for the seller to refuse to allow it. It's easy to explain to the seller that this is added protection, that if the buyer buys knowing about a problem, it reinforces the sale."

"The seller shouldn't do an inspection ahead of time. Let the purchaser assume the responsibility for choosing the inspector, paying the fee and accepting the report."

"Then the buyer must decide what's important and what must be negotiated. Is the house worth what they planned to pay, and now how do they factor in repairs they want the seller to take care of or payment for the buyer to do the work?"

You can learn more about home inspections and inspectors by visiting the Web site of the National Association of Home Inspectors at www.nai.org or by calling (800) 448-3642.

Ask for informative brochures and for a copy of the organization's code of ethics.

Look at personal insurance



MYRON ZOLKEWSKY

My philosophy on insurance is pretty simple. Insurance is a good idea if you either have family assets that you need to protect, or if you do not have an estate, per se, but need to create one. Because the vast majority of home owners fall into the second category (they owe for more of their home than they own) it may be beneficial for them

to consider personal mortgage insurance.

Unlike Private Mortgage Insurance (PMI), which is imposed by lenders upon borrowers who have less than a 20-percent ownership interest in their homes, personal mortgage insurance is voluntary. PMI protects the lender's interest in your property; Personal mortgage insurance protects your family's ownership interest in your home.

Like other types of insurance, personal mortgage insurance should be used as a part of an overall family financial plan.

Accordingly, there are situations that warrant mortgage insurance coverage, and times when it might be unnecessary.

Myron Zolkewsky, a full-time licensed insurance agent of Equity Guarantees Group in West Bloomfield, explains that the majority home foreclosures occur as a result of death, disability, or unemployment of one of the owners. Depending on their personal needs, homeowners may protect themselves from any of these financial meltdowns.

Personal mortgage insurance is similar to life insurance in that the benefits of each may be used in any manner the beneficiaries choose. However, unlike life insurance, some mortgage insurance policies allow homeowners to recover some policy premiums if they never make an insurance claim.

The loss or disability of a loved one is tragic enough without the subsequent loss of a home for those left behind.

The very best insurance for your family is to not have a mortgage payment at all. However, if that is not possible, you might consider protecting your estate and your posterity with mortgage insurance coverage.

You may contact a professional at the Equity Guarantees Group at (248) 368-1769. To receive a list of other licensed insurance agents, call the Michigan Insurance Bureau at (517) 973-0230. If you prefer to not talk to an agent at all, you may research your mortgage insurance options via the Internet at www.equity.justern.net.

The "Timbo" Phillips is a loan officer for Commonwealth National Mortgage Corp. in Livonia. You may contact him at timbo@tim.com, or at (734) 797-5529 (24 hours). Get free mortgage updates and news via e-mail by sending a blank message to timbo-subscribe@listbot.com. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

Here's what you should look for

Here's a very condensed version of an inspection guide furnished by Property Facts Home Inspections.

While you might not be as thorough or as knowledgeable as a professional, you can make yourself a list of what's important to see when looking at a house you might want to buy.

Your questions should be about each item's condition - satisfactory, needing maintenance, needing repair or replacement.

ROOFS: grading, driveway, sidewalk, steps, retaining wall, landscaping, fencing, wood deck.

PATIO/TERRACE: roof, structure, interior, flooring.

GARAGE: roof, gutters, down spouts, trim, siding, ceiling, walls, electrical, doors, floor, window.

HOUSE EXTERIOR: foundation, trim, exterior walls, porch, steps, lighting, water faucet, gutters, down spouts, chimney.

ATTIC: access, structure, insulation,

ventilation, wiring, insects or animals.

ROOF: type, materials, valleys (where different angles meet, drip edge, vents, chimney flashing).

BASEMENT: floor, floor drain, sump pump, dampness, walls, ceiling, joists, main beam and post, windows, stairs, stair light, electrical, outlets, smoke detector.

CRAWL SPACE: access, floor dampness, insulation, raw sewage, main beam and post, plumbing, ventilation, ceiling joist, foundation.

PLUMBING: main water shut-off, incoming water service, pipes, water discharge, gas line and meter, water softener, water well, storage tank, water heater.

HEATING: fuel type, heat distribution method, carbon monoxide, heat exchanger, humidifier, filter, supplementary heat system, ceiling system.

ELECTRICAL: rating of service (amps, volts), wire type, GFI/D outlets (and locations), panel cover, circuit

auxiliary electric box (existence and condition).

KITCHEN AND APPLIANCES: sink, faucet, drain, waste line, garbage disposal, dishwasher, range, microwave, ventilation, electrical outlets, cabinets, drawers, counter-top, ceiling, lights, fan, walls, windows, floor, floor joists.

LAUNDRY: tub, washer, water lines, dryer, venting, ceiling, floor, windows, ceiling, lighting, fan, walls, windows, floor, floor joists.

BATHROOM: tub, shower, vanity, sink, faucet, drain, toilet, tile, floor, walls, windows, floor, floor joists.

GENERAL INTERIOR (BEDROOM, HALL, LIVING ROOM): front entry door, weather stripping, storm door, interior doors, baseboards, windows, ceiling, walls,



REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

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tion, call (800) 930-8353.

REAL ESTATE FORECAST

The 10th annual Metro Detroit Commercial Real Estate Trends & Forecasts Seminar runs noon through 1:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12, at the Marriott Hotel in Auburn Hills.

Speakers include Peter Linne-man, professor of real estate, finance and public policy, Whar-ton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania; Doug Etkin, president of Etkin Equities; David Andrea, chief economist, CSM Worldwide; and Sean McCourt, president, Ford Motor Land Development.

Cost, which includes lunch, is \$45 in advance, \$50 at the door.

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PM GROUP

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The first phase, 36 units, is nearly sold out. The community ultimately will consist of 73 units on a 15-acre parcel with 700 feet of Lake Huron frontage.

For information, contact PM Group at (248) 529-2000.

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

Weekly mortgage rates decline to 18-month low

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mortgage rates declined this week with rates for 30-year and 15-year mortgages dropping to their lowest levels in 18 months.

The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages fell to 7.42 percent, down from 7.54 percent last week, according to a survey released Thursday by Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

A year ago, the rate on 30-year mortgages stood at 7.86 percent and was rising. 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, declined to 7.11 percent last week, down from 7.19 percent the previous week. A year ago, 15-

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) 548-9600, or ordering through www.caonline.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, 38800 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.

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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.

Several new employees have affiliated with Albert Kahn Associates, an architecture, engineering and planning firm in Detroit.

Michael Kostecke, a civil engineer, joins the urban design and planning group. His responsibilities include site development and utility design.

Kostecke earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University and a master of science degree in transportation engineering from Wayne State University. He has 20 years experience in civil engineering.

Kostecke lives in Westland. William Ward joins as a project manager in the automotive/ industrial group. His responsibilities include project

resources and profitability, and client satisfaction.

Ward has a bachelor's and master's degrees in geology from Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., and Wayne State University, respectively. He has 30 years experience in environmental and project management.

Ward resides in Rochester Hills.

Al Woody joins as a technical adviser in mechanical engineering. His responsibilities include leading mechanical projects and developing mechanical concepts and designs.

Woody earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and a master of science degree in occupation and environmental health from Wayne State University. He's a 30-year veteran and a professional engineer.

Woody also lives in Rochester Hills.

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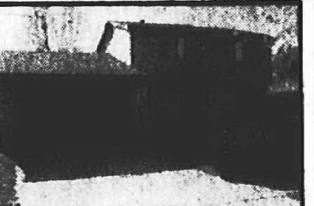

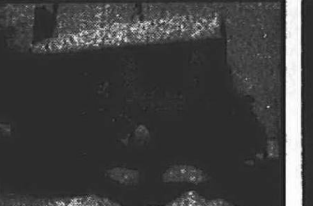




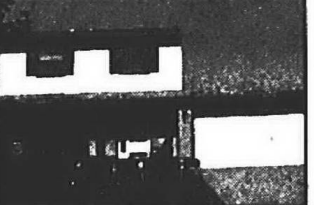
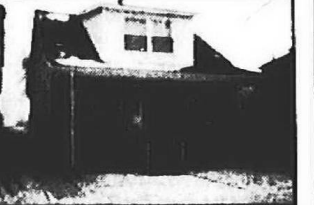



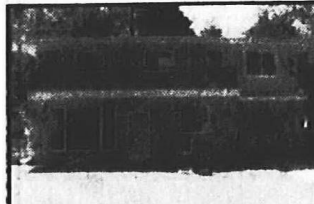

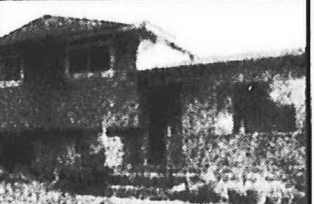
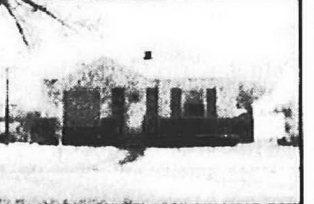


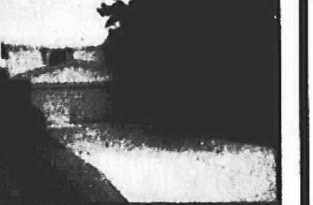
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1514 Aberdeen St \$180,000	42786 Lily Points Dr \$117,000	45470 W Arbor Way \$120,000	5590 Doris St \$123,000	15483 University Park Dr \$95,000	11588 Bellevue Dr \$275,000	10045 Hazelton \$101,000	18873 Olympia \$94,000	33739 Crown Rd \$185,000
43110 Arlington Rd \$220,000	45908 Stratford Cir \$85,000	43529 W Arbor Way Dr \$122,000	5071 E Clements Cir \$154,000	15483 University Park Dr \$95,000	14719 Thornridge Dr \$297,000	0945 Hamlet \$138,000	23309 Plymouth Rd \$95,000	6870 Hunter Ave \$117,000
45492 Augusta Dr \$340,000	68439 Stratford Cir \$85,000	41218 Woodfield Cir \$234,000	20129 Elm Dr \$140,000	29099 W Chicago St \$151,000	11529 Waverly Dr \$265,000	0909 Hamlet \$150,000	0186 Rockland \$120,000	30824 Shakerline Dr \$128,000
47108 Bing Dr \$338,000	12611 Stanton Blvd \$218,000	629 Woodfield Ct \$242,000	14822 Parkway St \$178,000	9524 Westmore St \$88,000	12619 Windsor Ct \$288,000	10000 Hamlet \$118,000	13462 Rockland \$130,000	7471 W Kingston St \$125,000
48040 Brunswick Dr \$215,000	12651 Stanton Blvd \$218,000	45779 Yorkman St \$154,000	20519 Pleasant St \$140,000	9409 Woodland Dr \$207,000	12901 Hamlet \$130,000	10851 Imperial Hwy \$130,000	11727 Royal Grand \$121,000	1702 W Lincoln St \$125,000
44145 Candewood Dr \$231,000	349 N Corbin St \$198,000	32000 Barton St \$118,000	31230 Grandon St \$165,000	40976 Colony Farms Cir \$225,000	10889 Indian \$138,000	12095 Royal Grand \$138,000	9000 San Jose \$148,000	1949 W Forest St \$125,000
7874 Charrington Dr \$220,000	41109 Northfield Dr \$118,000	29117 Beak St \$98,000	38170 Hamshire Rd \$282,000	11821 Deer Creek Cir \$185,000	0121 Vintash \$154,000	9000 San Jose \$138,000	9012 San Jose \$148,000	1702 W Lincoln St \$125,000
44291 Cherrington St \$179,000	1783 Orchard Dr \$88,000	28814 Donnelly St \$85,000	19293 Hardy St \$165,000	777 Deer Ct \$185,000	17297 Brady \$98,000	18239 DeLamare Ave \$97,000	29922 W Six Mile Rd \$225,000	7229 W Woodwood St \$144,000
231 Cherry Hill Pk Dr \$205,000	1691 Pebble Creek Dr \$221,000	30427 Elmwood St \$42,000	19638 Hardy St \$168,000	302 E Ann Arbor Trl \$134,000	18299 Brady \$98,000	20410 Moorthur \$127,000	16205 Wabash \$85,000	7777 Pleasant Ct \$124,000
1849 Copeland Cir \$210,000	443 Pleasant Ridge Dr \$76,000	30593 Elmwood St \$148,000	9004 Harrel St \$160,000	9935 Fellows Hill Ct \$490,000	24939 Elm \$105,000	20410 Moorthur \$127,000	9840 Wabash \$110,000	6229 Rockwood St \$188,000
38534 Dorchester Cir \$278,000	471 Pleasant Ridge Dr \$94,000	14188 Henry Huff St \$148,000	14188 Henry Huff St \$148,000	41443 Five Hills Rd \$235,000	0143 Fenton \$130,000	20410 Moorthur \$127,000	15741 Woodbine \$78,000	8224 Sanford Dr \$141,000
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47226 Glenbury Dr \$381,000	482 Pleasant Ridge Dr \$77,000	2115 Inquirer Rd \$85,000	19912 Irving Dr \$139,000	11329 Gold Arbor Rd \$132,000	17334 Garland \$101,000	12981 Hathaline \$148,000	33478 Bordeaux Ct \$238,000	24782 Stacy St \$139,000
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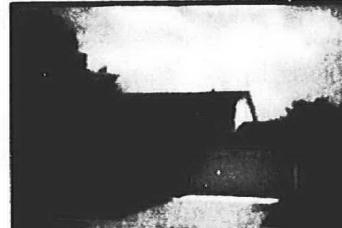
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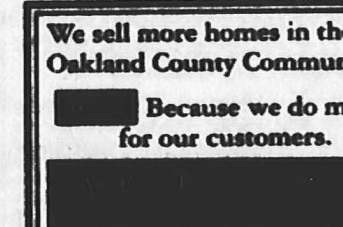
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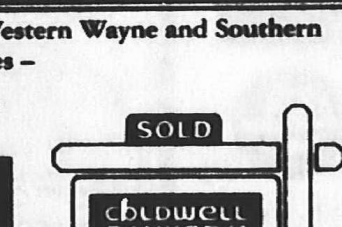
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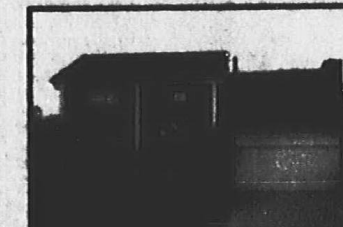
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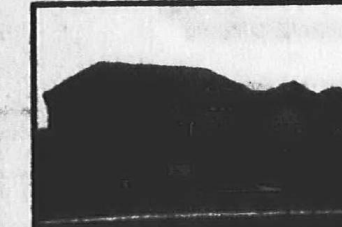
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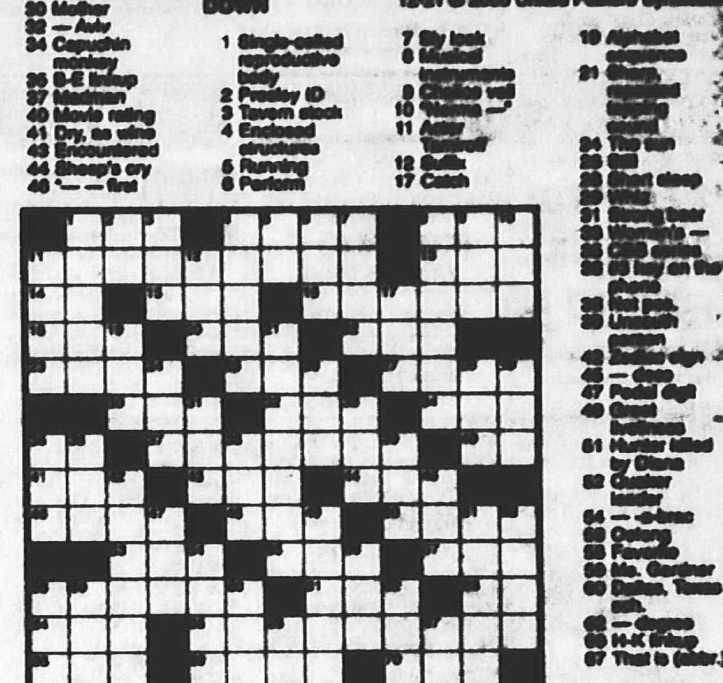
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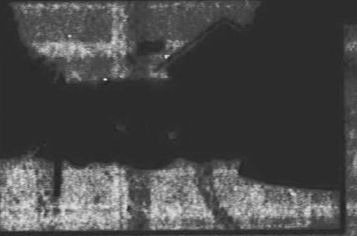
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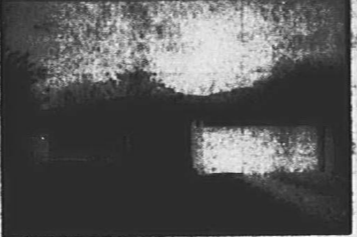
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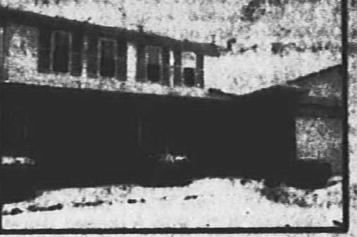
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CANTON DOLL HOUSE. Super clean 3 bedroom ranch with many updates. A car lovers dream with oversized 2 car heated garage & attached 1 1/2 car garage. (66WH) \$189,900 248-349-5600



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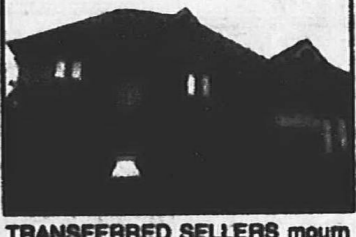
WONDERFUL 3 BEDROOM HOME! Remodeled kitchen, dining room, vinyl siding & a large backyard for the kids to play in. One half block from Crowley Park. HW included. \$1,500 Roof Allowance to Purchaser @ closing. (17CHE) \$99,900 734-455-5600



TOTALLY UPDATED 3 BD Bungalow in "Copper Canyon", Immed. Occup., updates incl: C/A, Vinyl siding, roof, windows, kitchen, furnace, glass block windows. Neutral colors T/O (68LAM) \$93,900 734-455-5600



CUSTOM BUILT CONTEMPORARY. Impressive entry, 4 spacious bedrooms, large car garage, private yard with pool, indoor SPA & sauna plus mirrored exercise room. Neat & clean. (77WES) \$799,900 248-349-5600



TRANSFERRED SELLERS mourn their loss. This exceptional home was completed in 1999 & is upgraded T/O. Fabulous floor plan, oak floors, maple kitchen w/white! FP in LR, FR & master bedroom. Novi schools. (18AND) \$535,000 248-349-5600



SPECTACULAR 4 BEDROOM 2 1/2 BATH IN EMBASSY CT! Premium lot w/mature trees & beautiful landscaping. Open Floor Plan w/natural decor. Foyer hardwood floors, spacious family room w/fireplace. Large kitchen. Door overlooking 2 tier deck. HPP. (79CLA) \$249,000 734-455-5600



VERY SHARP LOWER LEVEL CONDO! End unit in popular Lilley Points. Open floor plan, 2 bedroom, 2 bath (1 master), beautiful kitchen, newer carpet, neutral decor, large utility room, appliances incl. (73LIL) \$117,900 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL HOME! Updated kitchen w/oak cabinets. Newer vinyl windows w/bay window. This brick home is very well kept. New garage door & also newer vinyl siding on garage. Natural FP in living room w/beautiful mantel. (38SUS) \$79,900 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE OFFERS: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch with open floor plan, hwd floors, updated kitchen, ceramic bath, W/O basement & 2 car garage. Northville schools. Location! Livonia! (31WAL) \$229,900 248-349-5600



BREATHTAKING Tanglewood golf Course setting for the executive caliber home. One of the finest lots in Lyon township. The elegant interior offers solid doors T/O, Skylight, crown moldings, marble entry, sauna & x-tra room for office or bedroom. (66STA) \$999,000 248-349-5600



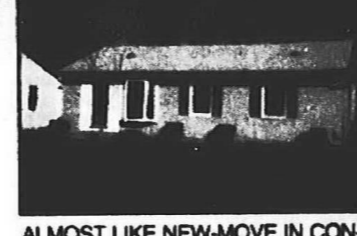
ONE ACRE CONTEMPORARY HOME. Dramatic four bedroom, 2 1/2 bath home offering beautiful setting, open floor plan, spacious room, vaulted ceilings with lake view. (44CRE) \$299,900 248-349-5600



DETACHED CONDO/BACKS TO WOODS! Neutral decor, freshly painted interior & exterior. Newer berber carpet in living room w/Natural fireplace, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, tiered deck w/view of woods. Pool & Clubhouse. Home Protection Plan. (64COL) \$215,000 734-455-5600



BEAUTIFUL RANCH/LIVONIA SCHOOLS! 3 large bedrooms. Large living room, 1 1/2 baths. Kitchen updated & offers eating space. Full basement w/fireplace & glass block windows. Newer C/A, Doorwall to Deck (28MER) \$149,900 734-455-5600



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NEED MORE ROOM? Look no further. Large ranch offers 4 bedrooms, open floor plan, 3+ car garage with heated workshop, claytiles, Pella windows and more. (165PR) \$699,000 248-349-5600



IDEAL OPPORTUNITY. Where can you get a 1997 four bedroom Colonial with 2 1/2 baths, 2+ car garage, hardwood floors, beautiful landscaping with paving brick patio. Bose speaker system & much more. (77COL) \$285,600 248-349-5600



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GREAT HOME, GREAT PRICE! 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch w/in. berm w/4th bedroom/Office, hwd fls in LR, large FR with doorwall-opens to oversized deck, 2 1/2 car garage, Heated A/G Pool. Newer windows, kitchen countertop, dishwasher & flooring (63ORA) \$174,900 734-455-5600



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WEST DEARBORN DISCOVERY. Update everything. 3 bedrooms, 1 bath bungalow with room in basement, 2+ car garage w/overhead. Newer roof, windows & furnace. Clean & freshly painted. (10PR) \$159,900 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS. All brick ranch featuring 1st floor laundry, 2 car att. garage, 2 1/2 baths, wet bar in huge family room and 3 fireplaces. Updates include newer furnace and roof. (75BRA) \$289,900 248-349-5600



VERY WELL MAINTAINED LARGE RANCH! Newer Roof, Electrical, Vinyl Windows, Furnace, C/A, Copper Plumbing, First Floor Laundry Nicely landscaped. Home Warranty Incl. (81GLE) \$109,900 734-455-5600



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QUIET TREE-LINED STREET w/walk to town. Ideal setting. Well-kept brick ranch w/2 car att. garage & full basement. Good sized home & nice lot. Includes DR, New furnace & roof. 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath & finished basement. (96MAY) \$189,900 248-349-5600




WOMAN OWNED 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath ranch w/2 car garage, full basement, 2nd floor laundry, new roof, windows & furnace. Clean & freshly painted. (10PR) \$159,900 248-349-5600



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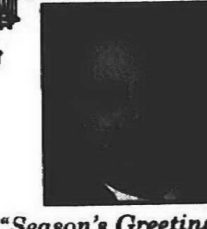
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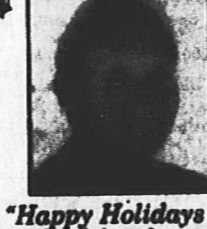
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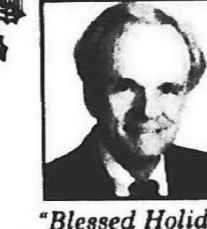
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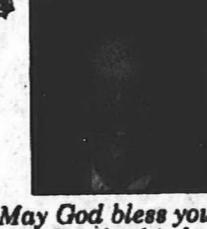
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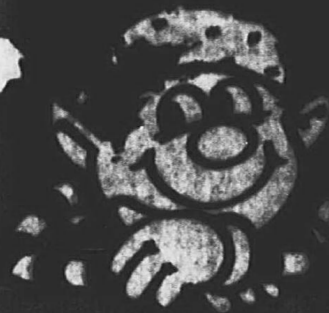
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