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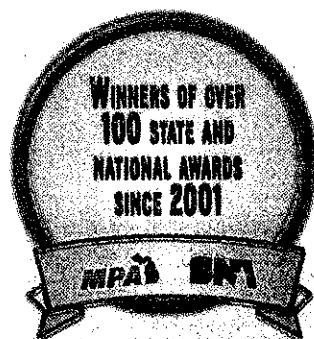
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Kathy Nowacki, owner of Vintner's Cellars, sits in her store with a glass of Cianti.



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Vintner's owner Kathy Nowacki tends to some of the wine that is being aged in the store.

Personalized vino

Vintner's lets customers make their own wine

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

It was a natural progression for Kathy Nowacki, who, with her husband, Darryl, just opened Vintner's Cellar on Lilley Road in the Golden Gate Shopping Center south of Joy.

The business is a small winery, in which wines are made and sold, and where customers can come in and make their own wines — with a little help from Nowacki.

"I'm Italian and the first time I made wine was with my grandfather when I was just a kid," she said. "He grew his own grapes. I don't remember stomp-

ing any, but he had a grape press in the basement. I've been drinking wine all my life."

Her husband spent time in Germany while he was in military service and got interested in German wines.

So when her job as a legal assistant was eliminated a while back, she started thinking of starting her own business. She just wasn't sure what kind.

"I didn't want to get into food service," she said. "I wasn't going to be delivering pizza at 2 a.m. or worry about my drivers."

Meanwhile, she and her husband started looking for wine kits so they could make their own wine. On the Internet they came across the Web site, www.vintnerscellar.com, and after some discussion decided to buy a franchise and open a shop in Canton.

Nowacki said Vintner's Cellar is very big in Canada, where there are about 1,700 similar stores. There are now six

PLEASE SEE WINE, A7

Police order man to remove snakes

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A Canton man who has more than 50 poisonous snakes and some tarantulas in his home on Brighton Lane in the southwest portion of the township has promised police he'll have them out of his house by 7 p.m. Friday.

The existence of the snakes came to light after their owner, Rudolph Hatfield, 51, was bitten by his pet 9-foot-long bushmaster, while he was attempting to clean its cage on Dec. 4.

He was on his way to his daughter's house for help when he lost control of his car and went into a ditch. When police came upon the scene and were told what had happened, Hatfield was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where officials contacted the Detroit Zoo for an antidote to the venom.

He was later transferred to Detroit Receiving Hospital where he was still receiving care on Wednesday.

When he told hospital officials about his other snakes, they notified Canton Police who entered the house with a search warrant on Sunday accompanied by a Detroit Zoo official.

"When the police got there and saw what they were dealing with, they called the fire department for assistance," said Canton Fire Marshal Frank Barrett. "Not that we knew how to deal with it either."

Nevertheless, they managed to capture the bushmaster and send

PLEASE SEE SNAKES, A5

Lessons learned

Lockdown helps park prepare for terrorism situations

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It's been nearly two years since Canton Township police stormed Plymouth-Canton Educational Park one Thursday morning — about 7 a.m., as classes were about to begin — reacting to a 9-1-1 call from a frantic parent who noticed a man carrying a rifle into Plymouth High School.

Attempts were made to lock down the three-high-school campus as police searched for the gunman. Plymouth High School was entrenched in lockdown mode, while Canton and Salem never got the word and went about business as usual.

"Here we are, carrying AR-15s, fully loaded and ready to go, looking for a gun," said Canton police officer Robert

Smedley, who was the school resource officer at the time.

"Students at Plymouth weren't roaming the halls, but it wasn't a complete lockdown. They were sitting in their seats, when they should have been on the floor with the lights out."

"In the gym, kids were still playing volleyball," Smedley added. "They needed to take it seriously."

Fortunately, the incident turned out to be a science teacher with a BB gun for an experiment. However, had it been the real thing, P-CEP wasn't prepared to respond.

Tuesday morning at the Park, officials followed up previous table-top exercises with a 19-minute drill, part of the requirement for homeland security grants totaling \$613,000 for Canton

Township and \$55,000 for Plymouth-Canton Schools.

Bob Hayes, director of student services, said lockdown drills have been done at all the other school buildings in the district, but not at the Park.

"We've never tackled the high schools before because it's so huge and imposing," Hayes said, "but we've got to do it."

"It's a lot easier when you have a self-contained building with 900 children, rather than three high schools with more than 5,000 students," he said. "What we've learned from other incidents around the country is that we have to be ready. When the incident happens, the best you can hope for is controlled chaos."

All three high schools were put in lockdown mode as several dozen Canton Township



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Officer Robert Smedley of the Canton Police Department finds an unlocked door during an emergency lockdown drill at Salem High School Tuesday morning.

police personnel, P-CEP security staffers and administrators walked the halls, looking for unlocked classroom doors and anyone roaming the hallways during the drill. Students and teachers were required to lock classroom doors, turn off all the lights and keep away from windows from 8:58 a.m. to

9:17 a.m.

Smedley found a couple of classrooms on the second floor of Salem where he could peek into the windows and see students inside.

"If I'm coming through here and all I want to do is shoot

PLEASE SEE LOCKDOWN, A3

Goodfellows fall short in newspaper sale

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

The Canton Goodfellows raised about \$3,000 during Saturday's annual newspaper sale, but they are still short of their goal.

"About 15 folks braved the cold and weather to sell papers," said Goodfellows President Nancy Spencer. "But we are still in need of new toys, clothing and especially food. And we still have 25 children who need to be adopted."

She said adoptees need only

to buy gifts for the child or children they adopt. The Goodfellows take care of everything else.

Nancy's husband, John, said the group's annual expenses run between \$15,000 and \$20,000 for the food they provide families, and gift certificates to buy clothing and more food.

"We generally give \$50 per child in gift certificates for food and clothing," he said. "Even at \$50 per child for 450 kids, that's \$22,500 in gift certificates."

He said the group has raised about half that amount so far

and has one more week to go.

"We start sorting and packing Dec. 15, 16 and 17 at the Community Room in the Canton Public Library," he said.

"On Saturday, Dec. 18, we will make the deliveries."

He said the organization is sharing information and resources with other agencies such as the Salvation Army and United Way.

"The Plymouth Goodfellows got a donation of die-cast cars and trucks," he said. "They took what they needed and shared

their surplus with us."

This year, the Canton Goodfellows organization is providing assistance to about 150 families, that include 450 children.

"Please help us make our pledge 'No Canton Child Without a Christmas' a reality this year," Nancy Spencer said.

Donations are still being accepted and can be mailed to Canton Goodfellows, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

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Coming Sunday in your Canton Observer

Keep in motion
Exercise is important to having a better quality of life, especially for seniors. In Sunday's Health section.



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MULTI-CULTURAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Come celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa tonight at the Canton Public Library, from 7 to 9 p.m.

During the festive evening, participants will learn about the history, dishes and traditions of each of these holidays, all celebrated in December. There will be several performances, including by the acapella Christian singing group Seek to Be. This free event, which is open to residents of all faiths, will take place in the library's community room. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

WINTER LUNCHEON

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

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

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

GIFTED PROGRAM

Van Buren Public Schools is accepting referrals for possible placement in its Gifted Program for the 2005-06 school year. Eligible students must be in grades K-7.

The program, which services students in grades 1-8, is designed for academically gifted and highly motivated students. The program stresses a combination of acceleration and enrichment. There is a high level of academic work, a rapid instructional pace, and many opportunities to delve more deeply into subject matter.

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Mighty mouse

The mouse from author Laura Joffe Numeroff's popular children's book, 'If You Give a Mouse a Cookie,' visited the Canton Public Library on Saturday. More than 180 children took turns sitting with the mouse. During the month of November, children visiting the library voted the mouse their favorite storybook character.

information call Barbara Woody at (734) 697-6370.

THEATER AUDITIONS

Auditions for the DuBois Theatre production of the Broadway musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* will be held on Jan. 5 and 6 in the DuBois Theatre at Canton High School from 3-6 p.m. There will be an audition workshop held at the same location on Dec. 15 where those interested can learn the music and learn audition tips. If you can't make the work-

shop, contact Mrs. Henry at Canton High School beginning Dec. 15. She will provide audition packets.

SLEIGH BELLS

The Canton Concert Band will present its holiday concert, A Sleigh-Ride Celebration, on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road. The band will be playing an evening of classic holiday favorites. Tickets for the event are \$8, and are available at the

Summit, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. For more information, call (734) 394-5460, or go online to www.cantonband.com.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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

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

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

"The Plymouth/Canton community has supported us for over 20 years. The Bitteringer Team Scholarship is just one of the ways that we can say thank you by giving back to our community," Noel Bitteringer said. "This is our way of paving the way for a stronger, happier future for the next generation."

For more information, contact the team at (734) 459-1010, or email Bitteringer at noelbitteringer@remax.net.

MAKE IT-TAKE IT PARTY

Kids ages 5 and older can make a special gift for holiday giving Dec. 11 at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. Class is from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., so bring a lunch and be ready with create wonderful art and play some games during this fun-filled day. Participants will even make the wrapping and have it all decorated to take home. The cost is \$40 for PCAC members, \$45 for non-members. Class size is limited

To register or for more information, call the Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

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

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

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

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Animal rescue group sponsors photos with Santa

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Fran Mika of Canton can't say enough about her cats. "Pets are the best stress relief," said Mika. "They give you so much love back."

Her two cats are Snowball ("And she's not all white") and Midnight, nicknamed Pee Ah Bee or P.A.B. Mika finds the pets help her cope with the demands of a job and graduate school.

"They give me love every day," she said, noting a vacation to a sunny clime would provide only short-term pleasure. "I think a pet is the best thing for someone who has a medical challenge."

Mika planned to bring Snowball and Midnight to the PETsMART on Ford between Haggerty and Lilley in Canton for a Guardian Angel Animal Rescue "photos with Santa" session. Sessions began Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4-5, and will continue on weekends through Dec. 19, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

"PETsMART puts this on every year," said Sandy Mezza of Livonia, one of the founders of the no-kill animal rescue group. The price per photo session is \$9.95 for two pictures, with the rescue group receiving half.

Guardian Angel has pets at

the store in Canton seven days a week during store hours. The group usually has representatives at the store on weekends when they're not off at another charitable event.

"That just means we're somewhere else," said Katie Elder of Redford, noting the group has rescued animals from throughout southeastern Michigan as well as up North.

"We span one end to the other," Elder said.

Mezza was holding Annie, a rescued German shepherd about seven years old and available for adoption. Annie was in a kennel up North for about four years.

"We have put a lot of money into a lot of animals," Mezza said. Fund-raisers such as the Santa photos help; the group has held picture sessions in the past at the PETsMART Northville store and had a great response.

The group takes animals from veterinarians, Mezza said, as well as many animals from the streets. Elder said Guardian Angel is selling 2005 calendars for \$17 featuring animals. "That puppy got adopted today," she said while looking at the cover photo for the calendar.

Eli Orsette played Santa Saturday, and agreed the pets will get great gifts in their stockings this year.



Annie, a 7-year-old German shepherd available for adoption, visits with Santa, played by Eli Orsette. The Guardian Angel Animal Rescue/PETsMART photo sessions will continue weekends through Dec. 19 at the Canton store, on Ford between Lilley and Haggerty (north side).

"They've been very good," Orsette said.

Gerry Kruse of Plymouth Township was Santa Sunday and also enjoyed his time in the red suit. "It was nice and they thanked me, they thanked us," Kruse said.

Elder and Mezza, whose organization emphasizes spaying and neutering for pets as well as adoption, agreed there's much to love about animals.

"Their companionship," Elder said. "They love you no matter what."

"What's there not to love?" Mezza said, adding some owners don't treat their pets with love.

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue can be reached at P.O. Box 511309, Livonia, MI 48151 or online at www.gaarpetfinder.com. The phone is (734) 332-9459, e-mail kelder@twm1.rr.com.



Canton Police Officer Robert Smedley and Bob Hays, director for student services, talk about what happened during the emergency lockdown drill at Salem High School Tuesday morning.

LOCKDOWN

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and kill people, I can see them," he said. "My job as a shooter is to get my body count up."

Sgt. Jerry Hardesty said the whole idea of a lockdown is "to get people out of sight, to limit the targets for possible bad guys."

"Schools are fairly high on the threat assessment because terrorists consider schools a soft target," Hardesty added. "We just don't prepare for a tornado or school shooter, we try to prepare for any type of casualty."

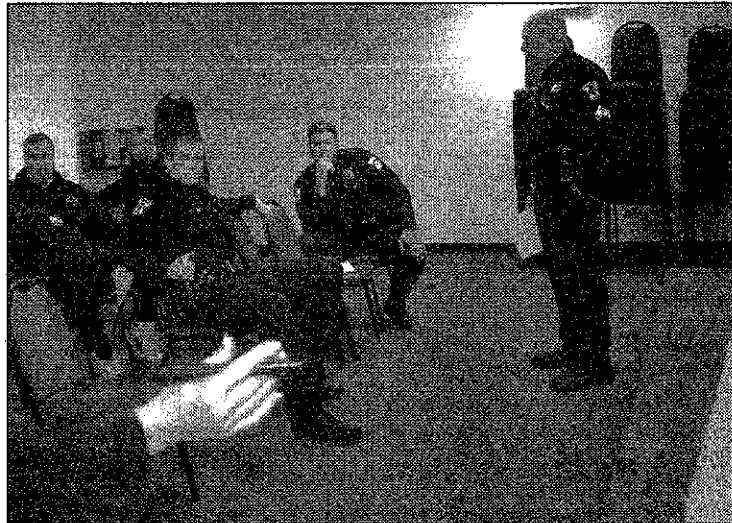
Supt. Jim Ryan, who participated in Tuesday's drill, knows all about needing an emergency plan.

When he was superintendent of Waverly Community Schools in Lansing, there was a chemistry experiment explosion that created chaos.

"One child got burned badly, three others had minor burns," Ryan said. "The firemen wouldn't go in the room because it was a hazardous materials situation, and the principal was screaming for them to come in."

"We didn't shut down the ventilation system, parents were taking kids home and we didn't know who was leaving," he added.

"In the debriefing the next day, the police and firemen were screaming at us. We



PHOTOS BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

couldn't have done more wrong."

Salem High School Principal Jerry Ostoin, before an executive session debriefing, concluded the lockdown went well.

"There was some excessive chatter in the rooms that needs to be addressed, and I closed one person's door, who thought the drill had been canceled," he said. "By law, we do 10 fire drills and two tornado drills each school year. I think we may do two of these a year."

In one class, Smedley heard students laughing and carrying on inside the classroom, until he pounded on the door screaming, "This is the police. Open the door."

Students then became silent. "They told us to be quiet, but we didn't listen," said Emily Theodore, 14, of Plymouth.

"When the police knocked on the door, then we started to be quiet."

Chelsey Rizzo, 18, of Canton, said uncertain times call for the need to be prepared for all situations.

"It should be done, considering we're at war right now, and the other things that are going on," said Rizzo, a Salem senior. "I think it's scary we have to practice terrorism and attack drills, or for a sniper on campus."

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Trinity concert turns silver

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Trinity Presbyterian Church's 25th-annual Christmas concert is expected to be a marriage of traditional songs, contemporary songs and high-tech multimedia entertainment.

Trinity's "Unwrap Your Heart" Christmas concert is scheduled 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday, Dec. 11 at the church, 10101 W. Ann Arbor Road, at the northeast corner of Beck and Godfredson. Tickets are \$2 per

person and can be purchased by calling (734) 459-9550.

"We're really going to try to engage all people's senses," said Ellie Schupra, Trinity's director of outreach.

Big screen TVs, videos, and live drama are all expected to be part of the show - all tied into a Christmas theme, Schupra said.

"We're doing a little bit of variety," she said.

Tony Capianetti, who specializes in pop and jazz, will serve as guest soloist. Directing the entertainment will be

Steven SeGraves, choral director at Trinity.

He also is director of the Farmington Community Chorus.

One contemporary tune audience members may recognize is "Peace," originally performed by former Doobie Brothers member turned solo artist Michael McDonald.

Schupra said that she would like to see people turn to Trinity's annual Christmas concert as one of their holiday traditions - akin to *The Nutcracker* and Handel's *Messiah*.

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Landers Pita Cafe employees Anass Takharimi (left) and chef Mohamad Naim display a few of the dishes now available at the new Canton restaurant.

Landers brings Mediterranean cuisine to Canton

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

You won't find anything on the menu at the new Landers Pita Cafe that you wouldn't find on owner Mazen Halabi's own kitchen table.

Halabi, who is a native of Syria and current resident of Dearborn Heights, says the restaurant specializes in Mediterranean dishes, found throughout the Middle Eastern world, from countries including Syria, Lebanon, Jordan,

Egypt and Iraq.

"I was very careful in selecting the dishes I have. If I don't like it, I won't sell it," Halabi said. "I've selected the best of what each country has to offer. Every country has its own dish it is known for, and I picked the stuff I liked."

Halabi, who is a mechanical inspector for the city of Dearborn, opened the restaurant last month in the Golden Gate Shopping Center on Lilley, just south of Joy. It is located in the site formerly



Although Landers specializes in Middle Eastern cuisine, they do offer American dishes such as this fish and chips platter.

occupied by the Kabob Pita Cafe. Despite the similarity in name, Halabi said he has an entirely different menu, as well as new staff, including lead chef Mohamad Naim, who has 35 years of experience preparing Middle Eastern cuisine, including stints at popular area restaurants, La Shish and The Sheik.

This is the first business venture for Halabi, who has always dreamed of opening and running his own business. He said if Landers has any specialty, it is the many sandwiches and roll-ups they offer, which include Kasaida chicken/steak, shawarma chicken/beef, and the kafta sandwich. The menu also includes numerous salads, soups, dinner combos, and Mediterranean specialties like shish kabobs, kibe and shawarma. There are also

several American dishes including fish and chips, and burgers.

"We're priced very competitively. All we ask is that people give us a try," Halabi said.

The restaurant also caters parties, and has a number of special trays that Halabi said will meet most tastes.

During its grand opening, which runs through Christmas, Landers has a special offer of \$1 for a second sandwich, after the first is purchased at full price. Normal weekly specials include \$0.99 burgers on Tuesdays, and four mini-pock-ets for \$2.99 on Sundays.

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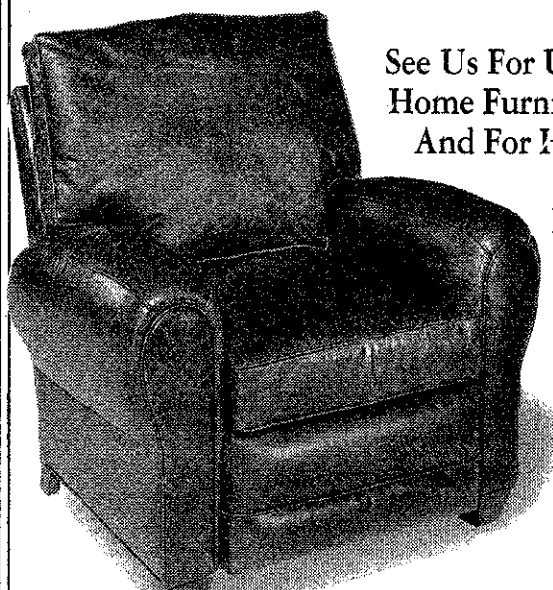
Sunday's "Our Kids Can't Wait — Fair Funding for Schools" story should have indicated that the \$110-\$120 per student cost for retirement is the increase in the payment school districts must make in 2004-05. Last year, the dis-

tricts' contribution was 12.99 percent of teachers' actual wages. It jumped to 14.87 percent this year. For example, for a teacher earning \$60,000, the retirement cost would have been \$7,794 in 2003-04. This year's cost would be \$8,999.

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Longtime health official retires

Gloria Bruhowzki, who has been the president of the United Home Health Services in Canton for more than 20 years, has retired.

UHHS, which is located at 2200 Canton Center Road, is a non-profit, Medicare-certified home health care agency that is an affiliate of Garden City Hospital.

It provides skilled nursing and therapy services.

Bruhowzki's long list of accomplishments include being a past president of Michigan Home Health Association, consultant to Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, and leader on the Michigan Home Health Association

Reimbursement Committee. She was also the recipient of the National Leadership Award from the National Republican Congressional Committee in 2003.

"It has been my pleasure to serve United, our affiliate Garden City Hospital, and the community. UHHS is a quality organization. The staff is exceptional and will miss them," Bruhowzki said.

The UHHS Board of Directors has appointed Penny Rhein as Bruhowzki's replacement.

She has been vice-president of UHHS for 11 years and has been with the company since its founding in 1983.



Gloria Bruhowzki (right), outgoing president of United Home Health Services in Canton, accepts a plaque of appreciation from Gary Ley, CEO of Garden City Hospital, and Penny Rhein, who is replacing Bruhowzki.

Property rezoning draws flak from residents

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

A request to designate two small parcels of land on Canton Center Road from medium-low density residential to office use won approval from the Planning Commission Monday night, despite opposition from residents in adjacent neighborhoods, who don't like the idea.

The land in question is on the east side of Canton Center just south of the Farmer Jack center. A 160-by-639-foot lot immediately south of Farmer Jack is occupied by one single-family home. The property south of that is occupied by an automobile service facility.

Mel Morris, who owns the property on which the house is located, made the request to have the zoning designation changed on the future land use map from residential to local shopping with office use recommended.

The planning department incorporated his request with their own recommendation to change the designation on both properties — his and the one occupied by the auto center.

"The parcels, individually, are not wide enough to split or develop in any other manner

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Beth Shockey
resident

under the current zoning," Canton planner Jeff Goulet told the commission. "The office designation would allow some flexibility for reuse of the Morris parcel and allow for an appropriate transition zone between the community shopping center use at the intersection to the lower intensity residential uses to the east and south."

But resident Beth Shockey, who lives on Gerald Court just south of the auto center, wasn't happy with the proposal.

"I've lived here for eight years," she said. "The quality of life is what needs to be looked at. We're opposed to any commercial development on this site."

Shockey, who, along with

numerous other neighboring residents, signed petitions opposing the project, cited various reasons for their opposition, including:

Decreased property value, security risk, unpleasant view of buildings/pavement versus homes, annoying illuminated signs, disturbing parking lights, foul garbage dumpsters, unwelcome noise and increased flow of traffic.

She presented the commission with pictures her group had taken of messy dumpsters in strip malls.

While the commission agreed that some of the pictures were upsetting, and probably indicated violation of ordinance regulations, the discussion focused primarily on the use of the site for an office building and not for commercial retail.

Commissioner Melissa McLaughlin asked Goulet if, since the proposal was for a change in designation on the future land use map and not an actual rezoning, the commission would have enough leverage to insist on office use for the site.

Goulet said yes.

"I told the petitioners the only way you'll get this approved is to limit it to office use," he said.

Bob Olson, a real estate broker representing Morris, said the designation they were requesting would serve as a transition between hard commercial and residential developments.

"You've got hard commercial on the north and hard commercial on the south," he said. "We asked what are we going to do for this site that would be best for Canton and best for the surrounding neighbors. I feel this is going to bring property values up."

And Morris told the commission that the only way the garage next door is going to go away is if an office building goes in.

"You could put a doctor's office in there or a dentist's office," he said. "I have a customer for my property and he's committed to building a nice building. I, for one, would not let a retail store go in there."

Resident James Guth addressed the commission briefly.

"I came in here very much opposed to this," he said. "As long as you keep it as office, I feel much better about it."

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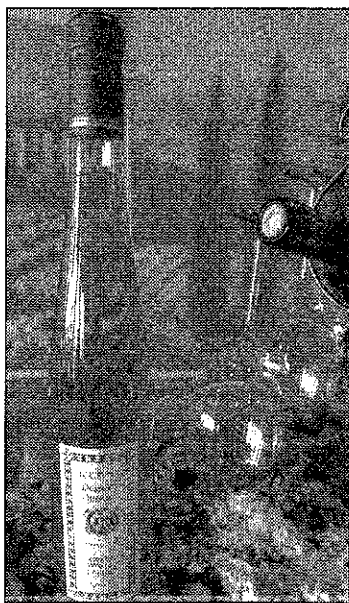
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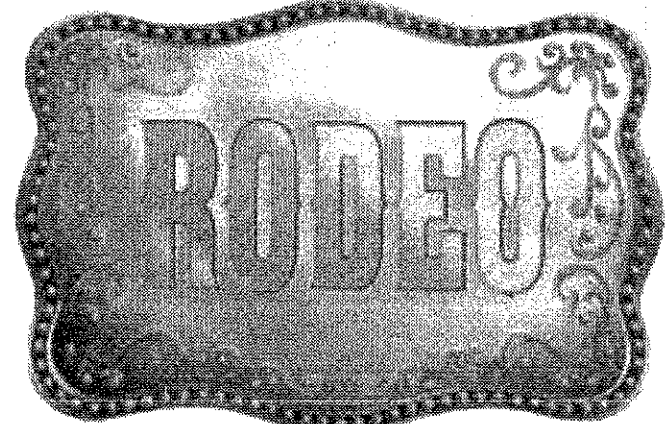
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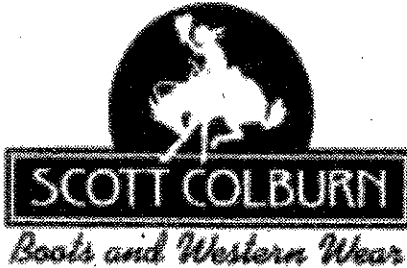
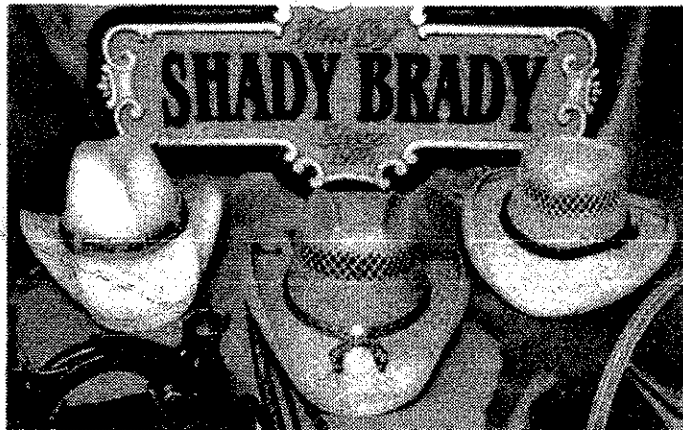
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Schools are fine, but need support

This past year, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* have presented a series of articles, Today's Lesson, taking an in-depth look at issues facing our public education system.

With the implementation this year of the 2002 federal No Child Left Behind Act and the 10th anniversary of Proposal A, which changed the way Michigan finances its schools, this seemed like the perfect opportunity to jump into education's alphabet soup from Proposal A to MEAP to NCLB to AYP.

We met with state officials, local school board members, administrators, teachers and students to see what impact all these innovations are having on the education of our children.

What we found were dedicated but frustrated teachers; financially strapped administrators; teaching students afraid they won't find a job; and students who, in spite of everything, are making the grade under difficult circumstances.

We have a positive and optimistic view of our school districts, but we realize they face major challenges in both funding and designing an educational program that will meet the needs of the 21st century and competition from every corner of the world.

■ No Child Left Behind is a major effort by the federal government to place its stamp on public school education. The bill was passed in 2001 with bipartisan support, the end result of years of progressive ideas about how to improve public education, especially those schools in high-poverty areas that receive Title I federal funding.

We believe there is much to praise in the legislation. It has the admirable goal of 100 percent proficiency for all students in math and reading by 2013-14. It recognizes the need for school accountability and testing, while leaving the specifics to each state. It recognizes the need for higher standards for teachers. It provides for an early reading program. It includes the needs of students with special problems.

But the act has been rightly criticized by educators. While federal education spending has been increased, No Child Left Behind was not fully funded even as it mandated more programs, paperwork and potentially expensive remedies for some schools. Though only schools receiving Title I money face penalties, all schools are being evaluated under NCLB guidelines as administered through Michigan's Education YES! program.

The remedies suggested for "failing" Title I schools have also been criticized as an attack on public schools rather than a well-conceived strategy for dealing with myriad problems, many outside the classroom, that create failing schools.

■ Michigan's annual report card has drawn complaints. In the recent high school report cards, several area high schools scored well in the letter grade portion but failed to make adequate yearly progress because subgroups within the schools did not improve. While it is important that any evaluation system account for underadvantaged students, students with disabilities and students who aren't proficient in English, it might be better and less confusing if these groups are evaluated separately.

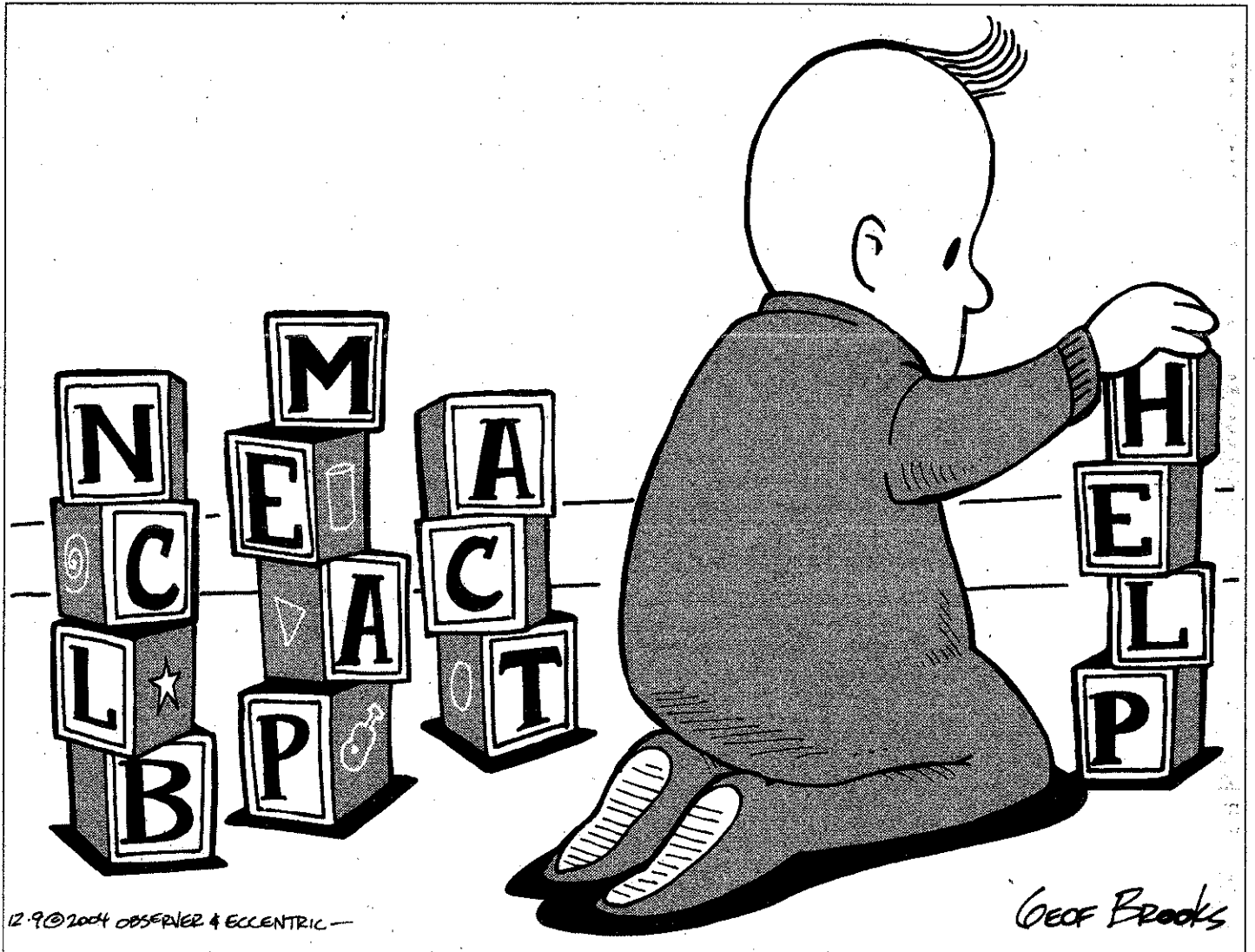
■ The Michigan Education Assessment Program test was originally designed to show the state Board of Education whether or not schools were meeting standards in core subject areas. It has also become a test to evaluate the progress of individual students. We believe the MEAP should continue to be the test used in elementary and middle schools.

At the high school level, a test needs to be devised that satisfies two goals, an evaluation of the school and, for those students who are college-bound, a test to judge a student's ability to do college level work. We believe substituting the MEAP with the ACT or similar test doesn't fulfill those two goals.

■ When Proposal A was originally approved by voters in March 1994, it was intended to slow down runaway property tax increases by shifting school funding to the sales tax. A secondary intention of the proposal was to equalize school funding, to narrow the gap between wealthy districts and poor, primarily outstate, districts.

The proposal has generally been successful. Property taxes leveled off. The gap between districts narrowed. But Michigan's struggling economy has resulted in an annual game in which districts wait to see whether they will have to take another cut in state funding. In addition, some more prosperous districts are chafing at not being allowed to increase their millages, even when residents would readily approve increases to keep their school programs intact.

We believe Proposal A was needed. We also believe that it is time to re-evaluate Michigan tax laws and school funding to adjust flaws in tax legislation that are hurting school districts and local government programs.



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LETTERS

Generation answers call

I would like to give a salute to the young people who are giving their lives and limbs for us. I am of the "baby boom generation." I was drafted during the Vietnam war in 1969. I served one year in "Nam" and was glad to get out with only unseen scars. My generation and people my father's age were skeptical about this "X-Generation," what with Game Boys, Nintendo, skateboards, loud heavy metal music, and a seemingly fond disregard for authority for elders and their parents. Then the call to arms came. They have answered that call with great pride, heroism, determination and a commitment to freedom.

I am proud to see them in news interviews respond with such maturity and confidence for their reasons for fighting. I thought with this generation we were probably in "Big trouble," if our country ever had to go to war again. I'm happy to admit that I was wrong. These men and women deserve all of our support and respect. I am proud to be an American, along with all these fine young people.

T. Smith
Canton

Fond hunting memories

I really enjoyed Kurt Kuban's column, "Hunting ban is just another step further away from Canton's roots" (Dec. 2). For safety reasons I fully agree with the township's decision to ban hunting. However, this is with reluctance as I have some great memories of hunting in Canton.

I grew up on the farm of my stepfather, Bud Corwin, in Canton. In the 1950s and 1960s, Canton was an agricultural community. Yes that is hard to believe today. The major produce was sweet corn. Thus Canton was known as the sweet corn capital of Michigan. Field corn and soybeans were also prevalent. This gave abundant food and hiding areas for pheasants. The woodlots harbored squirrels and, along the creek beds, you could always find rabbits. There was nothing like coming home from school grabbing the ole faithful 20-gauge bolt action from the back porch and a handful of shotgun shells. Then walking to the garage where my faithful black mongrel (mostly spaniel) King waited for me.

Most farm boys of Canton had good school attendance records. Except on opening day of pheasant hunting season. This was like a holy ritual (similar to some deer hunters of today's time). I remember one year when I was planning on skipping school on opening day. My English teacher told us a big part of our grade was an emotional speech to be given that day. The teacher assigned me the topic: Why students should not take opening day of pheasant hunting off school. This was my first class of the day so I decided to wear my hunting clothes to school, give my speech and skip out. You can imagine I was not very emotionally involved in my topic and might as well have just skipped the class.

After pheasant season, rabbits and squirrels were abundant game in the Canton woodlots. I remember spending many hours hunting squirrels in the

woods on the north side of Ford Road about halfway between Ridge and Napier Roads. Amazingly these woods are still there. Those pesky rodents were so smart. They would be in the tree and hide on the opposite side. About the time you got to the other side they had moved to the side you just came from. I remember the first squirrel I shot. I was so proud of the achievement and my good mother fried it up to add to that night's supper.

One strange thing about today's suburbia is there are many more deer in the area than there were in the '50s and '60s. Rarely were deer seen in Canton.

Oh what great memories of hunting in Canton as a kid. I only hope today's youth in their later years will enjoy the memories of playing with their Game Boys as much as I remember farming and hunting in Canton. You mentioned this is one more bit of our heritage that will be relegated to a display at the historical museum. Unfortunately the Canton Historical Society does not have any stories or pictures of hunting in Canton. If anyone has any they would like to make available to the society, leave a message at the museum (734)397-0088. This would be greatly appreciated so stories and pictures can be saved for future generations at the historical society museum.

Thank you for reminding me of the memories.

David Curtis
president, Canton Historical Society

Get over it

I am writing in response to the letter "No healing" (Dec. 2). The authors of this letter are obviously still angry at the results of the presidential election, and state that the Democrats should filibuster anything the president tries to do. Not only is this childish and counter-productive, I am hoping that the few Democrats that people DID elect have more sense and intelligence than to base their decisions on spite.

The writers of this letter have declared that all "churchgoers" who voted for President Bush should be ashamed of themselves, and that they themselves are somehow morally superior than the rest of us. They support politicians like John Kerry and Jennifer Granholm who say they are Catholic, and then openly support the legal destruction of life.

If they don't believe in the tenets of the Catholic faith, then why go around touting the fact that you are Catholic? Being Catholic takes commitment, first and foremost, to preserve the sanctity of life. You can't ever have the "moral upper-hand" if you don't have any morals.

Voters obviously agreed. If you read the Bible, you will notice that there have been wars since the beginning of time. Sometimes God Himself steps in and kills the evil people in these battles. Terrorists are evil. Saddam Hussein is evil.

Russia, China, Britain, and even France have publicly said that they were of that definite opinion, and told the U.S. that Saddam Hussein had purchased uranium from Africa. This uranium, combined with the weapons Hussein already had, would have given him the ability to destroy Israel, or any of the other neighboring

nations that he had already tried to take over. The Senate, the House and the U.N. all heard this intelligence, all agreed, and all voted for the U.S. to take military action in Iraq. If the torture chambers, mass graves, and stockpiles of weapons don't convince you that Iraq was not a peaceful nation, then you are simply turning a blind eye to the truth and are trying to hold on to your own personal pride and narrow view of the world.

Our brave volunteer armed forces have taken the burden upon themselves to try and rid the world of this menace. The casualties of this war do not come close to the sheer numbers in the mass graves. Where is your concern for those souls, and their families? Have you prayed for them?

A. Jory
Canton

Benefits need changing

Your article on school funding problems identified two problems.

Politicians don't like spending caps, except when they're used to get trade-offs that they have every expectation of nullifying at a later date. Proposal A has been a success. Now younger families and seniors like us can afford to remain in our home because of capped property taxes. Nothing is said about rolling back the increase in the sales tax that was part of the trade-off.

It's time the teachers union joins the rest of us and drops defined benefits and changes to defined contribution. It was rather telling that the biggest problem was the pension costs, not educating students. Many of us have taken hits from the economic downturn, yet teachers appear to think they should be immune to it.

Perhaps one of the first steps should be changing the teacher's pension fund into a 403b, like the 401k that most of us have. Teachers only reinforce the perception that federal and state bureaus are one big retirement club. Proposal A is not the problem. Runaway costs are the problem. Jim Ryan from Plymouth-Canton Schools might explain why the new Canton High School looks more like a corporate headquarters than a teaching building.

Taxpayers are not unlimited financial resources to state and local municipalities. We live in the real world and they should join us.

Joanne Sonnenberg
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"If they said it once they said it 20 times: 'Until we start hearing from voters we don't believe there's a crisis in funding education' ... We (administrators) can yell all we want (but) voters need to let legislators know."

Dr. James Ryan, Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, on the summit to discuss school funding problems

State is spiraling toward a real financial disaster

Here we go again.

News of fresh fiscal disaster for Michigan came out of last week's "revenue estimating" meeting between the House and Senate fiscal agencies and state Treasurer Jay Rising. This year's state budget, which took effect Oct. 1, is already \$370 million in the red as a result of less money coming in than was forecast. The deficits show up in both the General Fund (\$257 million) and the School Aid Fund (\$113 million.)

The Michigan Constitution requires the state budget to be balanced, so the new forecasts will require Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the



Phil Power

Legislature to cut spending in the current year by at least \$370 million. And the governor is already talking about whacking another half-billion out of the budget she is preparing for the fiscal year that starts next October; she has already put state departments on notice to expect cuts from 5 to 7 percent.

Sound familiar? Yup. We've seen the same dreary show played out in Lansing for three years running. First the revenue estimating meeting projects a deficit, usually bigger than expected because the state's economic recovery is lagging. Next, the governor and legislative leaders moan about how dire the situation is. Finally (and after much to and fro) our leaders cobble together a mixture of mid-year spending cuts, tax and fee increases and miscellaneous accounting gimmicks.

Over the past three years, the state has undergone \$3 billion (that's "billion" with a "b") in budget cuts. That's serious money; you've gotta lose a million a thousand times to be out a billion. The autopsy shows multiple malformations. State general fund revenue has fallen from \$9.75 billion in fiscal 2000-01 to an estimated \$7.85 billion this year, a drop of nearly \$2 billion, not even considering inflation.

Revenue sharing — the money the state doles out to counties and communities — has taken a \$429 million (or 27 percent) cut over the past three years. State spending on our 15 public universities has dropped from \$1.91 billion to \$1.69 billion over the same period, a \$220 million hit. For a glimpse at the bigger picture: The state today contributes around 40 percent of the universities' total revenue; it was 75 percent 10 years ago.

There isn't much more down to get, as they say in the south. Reality check: Sorry, but it is really not the time for "here we go again." We need to recognize some simple realities that our leaders would rather gloss over:

1) What we have been doing for the past three years is little more than re-arranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Budget cuts here and there, tax and fee increases and accounting gimmicks might be sufficient to get Michigan through a temporary period of a down economy. But it's now clear that our

economic situation is not temporary and that we are undergoing a profound and lengthy change in our economic base. Short-term nips and tucks here and there are not going to cut it, long term.

2) The underlying cause of Michigan's budget problems for the past three years is a chronic structural deficit between what the state takes in tax revenue and what services it provides to its citizens. This structural deficit is estimated by the experts at the non-partisan, nonprofit Citizens' Research Council (the best in the business) at more than \$1 billion each year!

Basically, that means we are set up to automatically earn less than we spend. The general fund, over which lawmakers have direct control, is about \$8 billion. So our built-in deficit is more than 12 percent. No household I know of can withstand a shortfall like that for very long without making serious and drastic changes. Normally, in fact, if they are already on a tight budget, they try to find ways of bringing in more money.

3) We have yet to see the worst. It now looks as though the city of Detroit's budget shortfall is around \$300 million, with the red ink at the Detroit school system adding up to another \$200 million. Rumor is that the accounting firm that just finished the audit of the schools is considering an opinion that questions whether the school system can continue as a "going concern."

If the finances of Detroit or its schools or both implode, somebody is going to get stuck with the tab. One of the most thoughtful and knowledgeable observers I know told me last weekend that Michigan is now on the cusp of the largest crisis we have faced since the Detroit riots in 1967. I think he's right.

The scariest thing about all this is that the political class doesn't seem to get it. Legislative leaders continue to blather on and on about cutting state spending. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce keeps bleating about cutting more taxes. Granholm keeps appointing more advisory commissions. Nobody seems interested in saying we've got big problems and that we've got to take some serious steps to deal with them.

The axiom is that democracies usually fail to deal seriously with big problems until a crisis becomes so large enough that even the most expedient politicians can't sweep it under the rug. This is what is then called "leadership." Well, the water is lapping at our ankles and Michigan's leaders need to start leading and stop fudging. Now.

Psychiatrists say that a good clinical definition of insanity is when people keep doing the same damaging thing over and over and over again. I wonder how a competent mental health professional would diagnose our present leadership.

What I am certain about is that treatment needs to happen, soon.

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

County needs federal help to pay for programs for abused children

As county commissioner for the communities of Redford Township, Garden City and Dearborn Heights, I am privileged to be the voice of my constituents and the guardian of their county tax money. Sometimes, this privilege requires that I be an advocate for Wayne County citizens on a national level.

I am one of 25 representatives on the National Steering Committee for Health, Human Services and Education for the National Association of Counties (NACO). During our recent annual meeting, we set the organization's legislative agenda for the coming year. In the weeks and months ahead, NACO staff members will be lobbying Congress on critical human services and education issues.

One of the most pressing concerns facing a county like Wayne is our obligation to fund child care services. By child care, I am not referring to day care for working parents. Instead, child care services means funding services for abused and neglected children.

Every county in Michigan is required by the state to pay for foster care programs. Unfortunately, Wayne County has a larger proportion as well as a higher number of wards than other counties in Michigan.

We get federal and state money to help pay for these programs, but a large portion is funded by county tax dollars. The federal reimbursement rate has not been increased since 1996. However, the expenses continue to rise at a significant pace. As a result, county tax money must make up the shortfall.

This presents a delicate dilemma. Do we make an economic decision and cut services, or do we do what it is right for the children? I have always been a proponent that if you invest in children on the front end, it will cost you less on the back end. Society will also be a better place.

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We are hoping that our NACO lobbyists can convince Congress to increase federal funding for abused and neglected children to a realistic level. This will help us maintain quality programs and help put these kids on a positive track going forward.

The NACO meeting also included a disturbing presentation about the growing threat of methamphetamine use in counties across the country. Better known by its street name of crystal meth, this is a very addictive drug that is very cheap and easy to manufacture.

It's more addictive than crack cocaine, and its use by teenagers and young adults has become more prevalent in both urban and rural areas. All of us — parents, teachers and government officials — need to be diligent so that crystal meth doesn't become a problem in Dearborn Heights, Garden City and Redford Township.

As always, I appreciate receiving input from citizens on any issue or topic. Please contact me by e-mail at pcavanag@co.wayne.mi.us or call my office at (313) 224-0930.

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The full story unfolds as Nancy Seaman testifies

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Seaman was the fixer when there was a problem.

But it wasn't until two days after killing her husband, Bob Seaman, with a hatchet in their Farmington Hills garage that she realized the problem this time was unfixable.

She cleaned up the blood in the garage with bleach, wrapped up her husband's bloody body in a tarp and duct tape and painted over the blood on a wall in the garage.

She said she had no intention of dumping her husband's remains when Farmington Hills police discovered the body two days later.

"He was my husband, I couldn't do that to him," she testified this week in Oakland County Circuit Court.

The fourth-grade teacher at Farmington's Longacre Elementary School is charged with first-degree murder in the death of her husband May 9.

Seaman was asked by her attorney to recall her 31-year marriage. After thinking about it seriously in jail for the past seven months, Nancy Seaman, 52, said she was stunned to recall 94 incidents of physical abuse in their relationship.

She broke down and wept. The abuse came and went. She said he had affairs. Still, she would always give him one more chance to change.

"I loved him," she explained.

HER EXPLANATION

Nancy Seaman said she bought a hatchet on May 9 at a nearby Home Depot with the intent to clear small branches. Her attorney showed photos of the back yard where it appeared the branches had not been cut for more than a year. "I have been doing yard work for most of our mar-

riage," she said.

She put the hatchet on top of a portable generator in the garage next to other gardening tools for her upcoming project.

Despite going to a different home improvement store earlier in the day with her son, Jeff, and his wife, Rebecca, Nancy said she didn't buy a hatchet then because Jeff was in a hurry.

Nancy testified that she got up around 5:30 a.m. Monday from her upstairs bedroom and was surprised to see her husband already up and in the kitchen. Even though she didn't have to be at Longacre until around 8:20 a.m. on school days, she testified that she always left the house hours earlier to avoid conflicts.

"He said, 'I think it's time we talk about going our separate ways,'" Nancy testified.

She told him she couldn't deal with such a conversation that morning. After more attempts to discuss it, Nancy said she finally gave in and told Bob she was "ready for this. I already have plans."

That's when Bob Seaman told her he found out the condominium that she was looking at was not for their son, Greg, but for her.

"I was stunned," she said, realizing Bob had found boxes in their home filled with her personal items.

After an attempt to run out the front door, Nancy said she discovered the deadbolt lock with an inside key removed. The door was locked.

She ran to the back door that entered the garage when she was violently shoved down by her husband.

Nancy said Bob was screaming at her, saying, "You'll never live to move into that condo."

Fearing for her life, she curled in a fetal position and covered her face with her arms, she testified.

"I can hear him coming



TOM HOFFEMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Nancy Seaman testifies in her trial.

toward me and I said to myself, 'I've got to get up,'" she told the jury.

"He grabbed my leg and as I got up with one hand and with my other hand I felt the handle of the hatchet," she said.

"I picked it up and swung it at him," she continued, making contact with this face. Bob Seaman maintained his grip on her leg after the initial blow, she said.

"I kept swinging it and swinging it," she said while breaking down in tears. "I had to stop him."

An autopsy showed Bob Seaman had 16 chop wounds to his head.

THE KNIFE

Nancy Seaman testified her husband drew blood on top of her right hand with the knife she used while they argued before entering the garage.

He took the knife to the garage, she said. She found it nearby when she let go of the hatchet. She said she doesn't remember stabbing him, but an autopsy showed he had more than a dozen stab wounds on his back. His throat was cut.

After the attack, Nancy Seaman said she ran upstairs to her bedroom.

Despite an attempt to call in

a substitute teacher for her that day, an automated phone service told her it was too late for a replacement.

She threw her bloody clothes into the bathtub, showered and went to school. She returned home at lunch, entering through the front door.

With the home's door to the garage open, she saw through the passageway her husband's legs on the floor.

"There was blood everywhere," she said. "I can't believe what I saw."

All that went through her mind was, "I can't let (my son) Jeff see his dad like this. I knew I had to clean it up and fix it and make it OK," she said.

Nancy bought cleaning supplies, including gallons of bleach. She said she dragged her husband's body over to the classic Mustang that was being restored in the garage. She wrapped the body, but said she couldn't bring herself to look at his face while she did it.

By the time oldest son Jeff Seaman came to see her on Monday night, the garage was pristine. Jeff Seaman testified earlier he found nothing at the

home out of place.

Nancy Seaman went to school Tuesday. She didn't know that two Farmington Hills police officers earlier in the night went inside her unlocked home for a welfare check after receiving several missing person calls from friends and relatives of Bob.

The officers testified they found nothing out of place.

After school, she admitted she shoplifted a similar hatchet at the same Home Depot. She returned the shoplifted hatchet to wipe the purchase off her credit card record.

She called in for a substitute teacher the next day.

Meanwhile, family members and friends grew increasingly concerned about Bob's disappearance. On that Wednesday afternoon, two detectives came to the Seaman home to talk with Nancy. They found her husband's body in the back of Nancy's Ford Explorer. Earlier that day, she drove to a Meijer store with the body in the SUV.

TURNING HERSELF IN

Nancy testified that just

before police arrived she planned to take the body to her father's home downriver where she would ask to use his father's attorney to turn herself in.

She said when she went to the Farmington Hills police in the summer of 2002 to make a domestic abuse complaint, an officer told her her husband would be arrested and put in jail if she made the report.

"I was scared," she said when she lied to police about the whereabouts of her husband, telling them to investigate his batting cage business in Northville.

On cross examination, Nancy Seaman said her intent was not to kill her husband but to protect her own life.

She also admitted she lied to her son, Greg, during an initial phone call from jail. She told her son police had the wrong murder weapon and that she returned the hatchet days later.

The teacher finished testifying in her own defense Tuesday. Her attorneys are expected to rest their case Friday after a medical expert in domestic abuse testifies.

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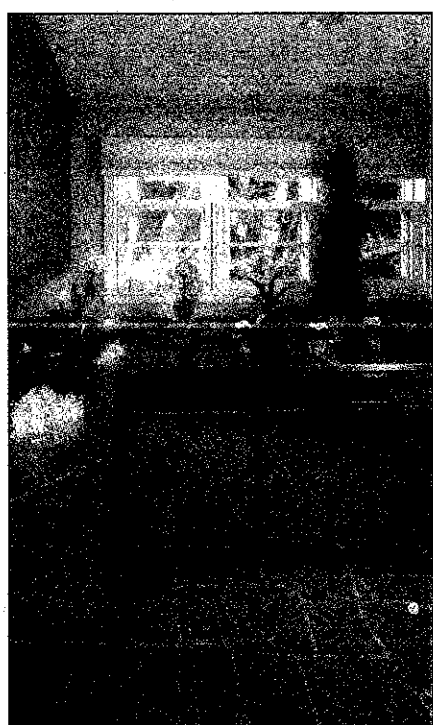
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More and more homeowners are turning to the sleek look of new appliances. This room looks like a kitchen, but it really is a laundry room.

Refrigerators, microwaves part of new technology

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

A washing machine that talks to the dryer about how to care for garments sounds like an episode from *The Jetsons*, a 1960s show about a space age, futuristic family life.

Well, the future has arrived with technology sold in your hometown. Put a sweater in the washing machine with specific cleaning instructions and the washing machine, made by General Electric, tackles the stain and tells the dryer what to do.

Today's dryers are just as "smart." Models with built-in sensors automatically stop when clothes are dry. That results in lower energy bills since the dryer isn't operating unnecessarily.

"A lot of products that are out there are energy efficient," explains Gordon Hartunian, president of ABC Appliance Warehouse with 42 locations including Troy, Southfield, Redford, Farmington, Novi, Birmingham, Waterford and Brighton.

More and more people are buying front loader washing machines that use less water. They also have stronger spin cycles that extract more water and take less time to dry.

Those front loaders sell from \$499 to \$1,300, according to Henry Reynolds, sales associate with Walter's Home Appliances, which has stores in Brighton, Canton and Livonia. Reynolds estimates the unit will pay for itself in 10 years.

A new refrigerator could save you money in the long run, too. A newly developed refrigerant allows you to run the appliance for \$50 annually. Five years ago, a similar model would cost around \$85 annually to run.

New dryers also have features that refresh clothes that haven't been soiled. A jacket that reeks with smoke, for instance, is passed through a filtered air system and comes out with a just-washed smell.

"Washing machines and dryers aren't things people gravitate toward, they seem to be replaced when they have to be replaced," Hartunian says. "But, now they accomplish so much they're replacing them with some of the new products."

Styles in dishwashers have changed, too. Today they have bigger interiors than in the past to accommodate the trend toward larger plates, Reynolds said.

"There's also an automatic clean cycle that senses that if a lot of food is going into the disposer that it would turn on the clean cycle again," he says. A delayed timer that will turn on whenever you want is another new dishwasher feature.

Most appliances are much quieter now. "You can't hear them at all," Reynolds says.

Consumers are finding, too, that new isn't always better.

"There are certain things people go for and certain things they won't," says Reynolds.

One technology that bombed 15 years ago, for instance, was a microwave oven that would print-out the ingredients needed for particular

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The formal parlor area of the historic Hill House at Greenmead, wonderfully decorated for the holidays.

Deck the Halls

Your home can dazzle for the holidays, adorned in decor that's as elaborate or elementary as you choose. While traditional colors and elements are still popular, don't be afraid to think beyond them. That's among the suggestions offered by area designers, decorators and others who are involved in dressing up sites for the holidays.



The dining room of Hill House at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia is set with a "Twas the Night Before Christmas theme, complete with settings that display the poem.

STORY BY MARY KLEMIC | STAFF WRITER

"One of the shifts in the industry is a lot more people are having (decorating) done before Thanksgiving," said John Collins, general manager of the English Gardens Landscape Department.

English Gardens, with stores in West Bloomfield, Royal Oak, Dearborn Heights, Clinton Township and Eastpointe, provides interior and exterior holiday decorating services.

Business has increased "500 percent" in the 10 years the services have been available, Collins said.

"We started decorating in October (for this season)," he said.

COLORS

Designers and decorators see more than red and green for the holidays.

For example, copper and sage are this year's colors, Collins said. Earth tones are in, said Barry Harrison of the Art-Harrison Interior Design Studio in Birmingham.

"With pink being so popular this year, put it on the tree," said Debbie Sinclair, owner of Nature's

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Accents

Winter tips

When the cold weather comes in and takes hold, household expenses and utility bills run high.

Kitty Werner, author of *The Savvy Woman's Guide to Owning a Home*, (RSB Press, Waitsfield, Vt. \$14.95) offers some advice to those wanting to keep their energy costs as low as possible and avoid a crisis in the middle of the winter:

- Set your thermostat lower — 68-70 degrees Fahrenheit during the day, 62-64 degrees at night. Grab extra blankets and comforters for beds, couches, and chairs. Program your thermostat to turn the heat down when you don't need it.

- Inspect the roof and siding for damage. Repair and replace as needed. Clean out the gutters.

- Look for drafts around windows and door trim. Caulk from the inside. Install inexpensive, but highly effective, plastic window covers. Replace damaged weather strips around doors and windows. Install storm windows. Don't forget basement windows, or garage windows and doors.

- Hang heavy drapes over the windows. Better yet, get insulating drapes. Close them at night to keep cold air out, open them during the day to let the sun aid in heating the house.

- Change the air filters on your heating system. Have a furnace pro do a maintenance check on your furnace. Clear all furniture and boxes from heating registers.

Getting upscale

Laminate manufacturer Wilsonart Laminate interviewed kitchen designers to determine how a few simple tricks of the trade can give ordinary kitchens an upscale appearance.

A few creative elements bring some impact and custom look to a kitchen that is in need of a little oomph.

"It can be as simple as adding low-voltage halogen lighting," said Marcello Luzi, a Philadelphia-based interior designer. "This lighting makes everything look better and brings the kitchen to life. Even the food looks better."

John Oetgen of Atlanta likes to use glass-front cabinetry. Refacing existing cabinets and incorporating glass fronts is an economic and creative way to makeover kitchen cabinets, he says. "It's a lot cheaper than replacing the cabinets, and if you don't want to show what's inside, use frosted glass," Oetgen said. Other design options include colored or textured glass and lighting the cabinets from the inside.

Other ideas include metallic laminate backsplashes, tall cabinets, custom laminate countertops, chandeliers as pot racks and colored window panes.

Think about that new family room in the basement before starting project

Brenda from Garden City writes: "How can I repaint over basement walls that have enamel paint on them? I've tried the product, Kilz, with no luck. I also



Terri Guastella

would like to turn my basement into a family room and need creative storage ideas that do not include stacking up plastic boxes." Before addressing your specific questions about your basement, Brenda, let's back up for just a minute. Utilizing your basement as living space requires a little planning.

Start with taking an objective look at the entire basement. Where is the best location for a TV/family room? Is there a need for unfinished storage, an office, craft room or workbench? Which of these areas requires natural light? As you can see, some forethought in basement planning is necessary to achieve the desired results.

Since you inquired about a difficult paint situation, I contacted the paint experts at Sherwin-Williams through the website: www.sherwin-williams.com. Their recommendation is to clean all contamination off of the walls and thoroughly rinse. TSP (or trisodiumphosphate) is a great product to use before painting any surface, just be sure and follow instructions about ventilation, wearing gloves, etc. TSP can be purchased at any hardware store, such as Home Depot or ACO.

Once the walls are cleaned and rinsed, apply one coat of Sherwin Williams PrepRite Bonding primer to the walls. This primer is intended to help adhesion of the topcoat to slick surfaces like enamel paints. After the primer has completely dried,

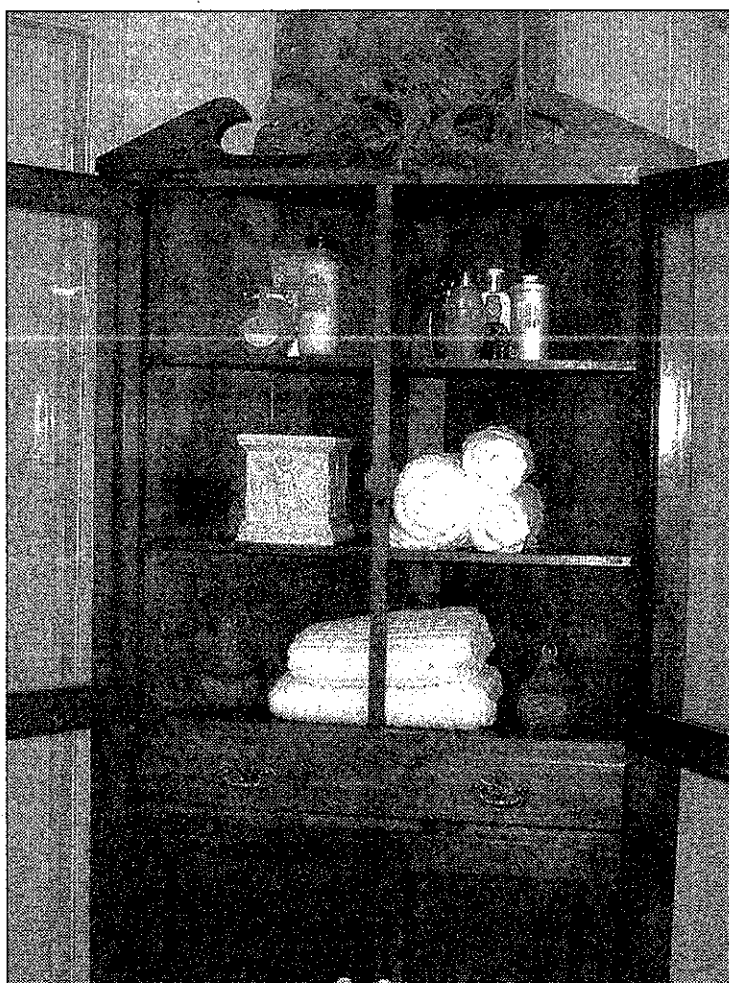
apply your new color to the walls. This should take care of your paint dilemma, but should you have further questions, Sherwin Williams is a great resource.

Basement storage is an entirely different issue. Stackable, plastic containers are fine for concealed storage. Like you, many people do not like the look of these as a design element in their homes, even if it is in the basement. Attractive storage solutions on a budget, requires some creative thought and legwork. Remember that the basement holds the potential to be just as beautiful and functional as the main level of the house.

One approach to solving your storage problems is to scour garage and estate sales for shelving units. The bargains can be amazing if you are willing to take the time and seek them out. Wood or laminate bookshelves, buffet tables and armoires, are all pieces that will bring a more finished look to the basement, while meeting your storage needs.

Do not hesitate to use a piece in a different way than it was intended. A small chest of drawers can be repainted and serve double duty as an end table. A dining room buffet can be used as a sofa table in the basement and hold games, crafts, or whatever needs to be stored out of sight.

If estate sales are not in your time frame, another option is ready made. Many companies, like Sauder, make furniture you can assemble yourself. There are lower cost knock-offs out there that compete with Sauder, but may not have as much style. You also should check out some of the new organization stores that sell ready-made storage items from small cubbies to armoires. Keep in mind that you will spend more money if



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A corner china cabinet is used as creative storage in a master bath.

you go this route than with the estate sale route. One advantage to buying new is that all of the pieces you purchase can be coordinated with each other. If you, or someone you know, are handy with carpentry, consider custom storage units. This is the most expensive route, depending on the size and complexity of the design. The advantage to choosing the custom route is that your storage needs are specifically met, you choose the materials, and the unit will fit perfectly into the designated space.

As you acquire items for your basement, always think about how this item will help meet your storage needs. For instance, if you would like a

coffee table or ottoman in front of the sofa, make sure there is storage space inside. Do not consider purchasing something, even from a garage sale, if it does not meet your specific needs.

Be a critical shopper, and be patient. The results will be worth the effort and you will be able to use your basement as additional living space, while meeting all of your storage needs. Good luck!

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella with your questions at: exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com.

Holidays are a great time for a celebration

The responsibility for many of holiday parties falls on my



Diana Koenig

shoulders each year. This year, I want to make them the best ever. I need some fresh ideas.

The holidays provide a great opportunity to throw a party. People are usually in a festive mood and ready to celebrate.

Planning is easy because decorations are available everywhere and many stores run sales on consumable items. You can choose to plan an elaborate, expensive party or a simple, inexpensive party depending on time available and your budget.

Before making such decisions, consider how many of the holiday parties are at your home. Do you entertain on Thanksgiving, Christmas or Hanukkah, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day? If you host every holiday party, you may want some help with the preparations.

Begin your preparations by buying home and food magazines. They contain ideas on food preparation and home decorations. You might also want to use some of the suggestions listed below on giving parties.

Elaborate and expensive: Arrange a dinner to be prepared and served by a caterer. You should check on having the food prepared by a restaurant, which may be less expensive. (All you have to do is pick up the food and serve it.) Hire a service to clean or decorate your home for the appropriate holiday season. Use your finest china, crystal, and silver. Use linen tablecloths and napkins. Serve champagne or wine with the meal. Buy fresh floral arrangements to coordinate with the holiday. Place a wrapped gift for each guest at his table place, such as a unique ornament. Gourmet chocolate works for any occasion.

Simple and inexpensive: Buy your decorations and paper goods when they are on sale. The best time to make these purchases is at the end of the season. Store them in a labeled plastic container for next year. Take advantage of the traditional holiday decorations already adorning your home. For other parties during the year you might need to buy banners, crepe paper, and bal-

loons to create a festive atmosphere.

Plan a traditional American meal or introduce a change in the menu by preparing an ethnic food such as Italian, Mexican, German or Greek. Keep in mind, however, that traditional foods such as turkey, ham, sweet potatoes and dressing are discounted during this time of year.

Coordinate a potluck in which each family brings a food dish to share with the group. (Cleanup is simplified because you have not created such a large mess preparing food.) Use plates, glasses, and silverware that can be cleaned in the dishwasher.

Decorate the center of each table with a candle or a single flower surrounded by greenery. Fill a clear dish with the appropriate holiday candy for another centerpiece idea. For Christmas, use red and green candies. Wrap garland in a circle and put some ornaments in the center.

For crowds of more than 12 people, consider using paper plates, cups and napkins as an alternative.

At your New Year's party include a piece of paper and festive pencil (as a party favor) at each place. Have each guest make a list of their New Year's resolutions.

Designate an area for soft drinks, tea, coffee and punch so everyone can serve themselves. Red punch coordinates well with a Christmas party but if spilled, is not easily removed from the carpet.

Make games available for all ages. You may choose group games such as Charades, Outburst or Win, Lose or Draw. Another alternative is to set up several card tables for cards and board games.

Hosting suggestions for any type of party: Plan ahead with food preparations to eliminate kitchen crisis and stress when the guests arrive. Clean your house the day before, not the morning of the party. Set your tables the day before the celebration. Greet each guest personally as they arrive.

Do not spend most of the time in the kitchen with food preparations and clean-up. Enjoy your guests.

Today's Refrigerator Bulletin: "The love of family and friends is the most important ingredient in a holiday party!"

Send your questions and success stories to: **Diana Koenig**, Email dianakoenig@hotmail.com or www.domesticplanner.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Holiday classes

Telly's Greenhouse and Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy, presents classes in holiday decor. Class fee is \$5. Pre-registration is required; call (248) 689-8735. Participants will receive a coupon good for \$5 off a \$50 purchase made within seven days of the class. Judy Cornellier will help you assemble and decorate your own holiday door swag in Holiday Bow and Swag Demo, 11 a.m. or 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12. Choose from decorations and fresh greens to create a stunning holiday door greeter. All materials will be

available for purchase. Cornellier will also demonstrate bow making and offer dozens of beautiful ribbons for purchase. Materials extra. In Holiday Greens Arranging, 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, assemble and take home your own arrangement that will serve as a centerpiece for your holiday decor or a personalized gift. Bring in your own containers or choose one of the wicker, ceramic or resin planters at Telly's to hold your creation. All materials will be available for purchase. Materials extra.

Holiday Magic

Goldner Walsh Nursery will present a

free program, Making Holiday Magic in Minutes: Decorating Forgotten Spaces, 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Goldner Walsh is at 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations. In the program, Detroit News garden columnist Nancy Szerlag will show you how to deck the halls with panache and put together a holiday look that reflects your own style for table and home. Learn such things as how to pull together an elegant tabletop, embellish the back of your dining chairs, and make all those fabulous bows

that seem more difficult than they really are. Refreshments will be served. After the program, Szerlag will autograph copies of her two books, *Annuals for Michigan* and *Perennials for Michigan*. The books are available for purchase at Goldner Walsh for \$18.95. If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

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Promotion ends Dec. 22nd

Build your own gift this season Here's to cold milk and scrapers

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

As far as we're concerned, there is absolutely nothing more meaningful than receiving a handmade gift – and nothing more joyful than being the creator of such a gift.

Here are some ideas that you might enjoy making and giving to family and friends this holiday season.

For fun, we'll start with a project that can be used for several purposes. It can be a compact disk holder, a VHS holder, a mini bookcase or even a DVD rack. And best of all, it's easy and inexpensive to build.

You will need two pieces of 1-by-6 lumber, each about 10 to 12 inches long (you choose the exact size and species). Regardless of what size you end up with, it's pretty important for both pieces of wood to end up matching in length and width.

You also will need two pieces of half-inch dowel stock, each about 12 inches long, preferably the same species as the 1-by-6s. Clamp the two pieces of 1-by-6 together and sand around all four edges until they match in size and shape.

While they remain clamped together, drill a pair of half-inch holes through both pieces at once. The holes should be side by side about 1-1/2 inches on center in from one of the narrow ends; which end makes no difference. The holes should be spaced so that they are about 1 inch or so on center from each side. Exact placement of the holes can vary, but they must be in the exact same position on both 1-by-6s.

Once the holes are drilled, sand or ream them out about 1/16-inch or so to ensure that the dowels will slip through easily. Slip the dowels through the holes, and your project is complete except for stain and varnish or paint.

How about that! A project that requires no screwing, hammering or bolting, and it can be done in less than an hour. By the way, if you want to get fancy you can route the edges of the 1-by-6s or you can carve them.

PICTURE FRAMES

Here's an easy one. Round wooden shower curtain holders are getting hard to find, but work best for this gift-giving project. However, plastic ones work almost as well.

Gather up several and simply spray paint them in your favorite color. (We love gold.) Take family photos and cut them in a circle about the diameter of the shower curtain loop. Finally, glue the photo to the loop.

The time-consuming part of this project is waiting for the paint to dry. Shower curtain hook picture frames make inexpensive photo gifts that can be used year-round or as Christmas tree ornaments, or both!

PYRAMIDS

Again, easy is the key word here. For this project you will need two pieces of wood or particle board cut into matching triangles.

We used a piece of 1-by-14 clear pine. We cut its length to exactly match its width and then made a perfect diagonal cut. We clamped the two pieces of wood together and sanded all three edges until both pieces were identical in size and shape.

We marked the exact center of the two pieces (between the base and apex), and cut a 3/4-inch wide notch from the bottom (base) to the center of one piece and a 3/4-inch wide notch from the top to the center in the other piece.

By the way, our notch was cut to match the width of our

1-by-14. Had we decided to use half-inch material, our notch would have been a half-inch.

With the notches cut and sanded, we were then able to interlock the two pieces into a pyramid-shaped stand with four sides.

The final step involved cutting slots into the four sloping edges of the pyramid. We used a small hand saw to cut half-inch deep slots 1/4-inch apart along all four sloping edges. We decided to paint ours green to simulate a small Christmas tree.

ORNAMENTS

Often a project is so simple that we completely overlook how special it can be. Making a tree ornament out of a scrap of wood can be fulfilling, personal and fun. A gingerbread man, a toy soldier, a snowman – all of these shapes and more can be trimmed out of plywood, particle board or dimensional scrap lumber in minutes with nothing more than a jig saw.

Use a cookie cutter to transfer the shape onto the material. Clamp it to your workbench and cut. Sanding the edges completes the job unless you enjoy carving. The figure can be handpainted or simply finished by writing someone's name on it.

We made chubby little snowmen and used a Forstner drill bit to drill a circular recess in each snowman's belly. We then cut out a family picture to fit the circular recess and glued it in place with contact cement. The result: a little white snowman wearing a black top hat, with black eyes, an orange nose and a family picture in its belly.

And, that's all there is to it. For more home improvement tips and information, visit www.onthehouse.com, or call us at (800) 737-2474 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (EST) Saturdays.

And, good luck!

almost forgot how good a glass of cold milk tasted until the other day when I pulled a gallon jug out of the refrigerator which sits in our garage.

I sat down with a plate of homemade cookies (thanks to our neighbor Mellisa) and I told Valorie that the milk was so cold, it reminded me of years ago.

By the way, that refrigerator is a 1948 model which keeps items at a constant 34 degrees.

That can be as much as 10 degrees colder than the modern refrigerator of today. I've accepted the way things are today so much, that I have not been smart enough to put the milk in the garage refrigerator.

Today's modern refrigerator should not be placed in a garage because you can experience serious problems with it, many of which that are not covered by the warranty.

Here's the message: Before you serve the children milk, chill it – much like a bottle of wine – then ask them if it tastes better. We may have healthier kids running around tomorrow.

And as far as the milk is concerned, the extreme cold temperature gives milk a taste that might entice more children to drink it and

like it.

We visited Valorie's brother Bill Lough and wife Dawn in Minnesota for Thanksgiving Day.

They have a beautiful kitchen range which is 10 years old. The top is a dark color.

They love the range except for the stains which are quite noticeable and Dawn said that they can't be removed. She showed me the cleaner that she uses.

I went out to the garage to get one of those razor type scrapers, applied some of her cleaner product and scraped the cooking residue off the top of the stove.

She thought it was wrong to use the scraper but was pleased with the results.

I told Dawn that these smooth-tops were once made in white only and those units really showed the stains.

The change to darker colors helped lessen the complaints from consumers, but didn't stop the problems.

Today, when you purchase many of the smooth top ranges, they come with a special cleaner and even include a razor scraper.

Here's the message: If you want the beautiful look of a smooth top in your kitchen, be prepared to be the perfect homemaker.

A homeowner who purchases a new gas or electric range today, replacing one that was 15 years or older, is sure to complain about the oven temperature.

Their cooking ways have been set for years, always

working with near perfect temperatures to match the oven control knob.

In today's modern range you can expect fluctuations in temperatures of at least 25 degrees, either too high or too low as to what is set on the temperature control.

This is a fact of life today with new kitchen ranges and you have no choice but to make an adjustment yourself.

Here's the message: Buy a thermometer and check out the oven temperature so you know the variance in degrees.

Pre-heat your oven for 30 minutes before you begin cooking the sensitive products and learn not to peek or open the door until finished.

In closing today I would like to ask you why the above information is necessary to make you an informed consumer.

I know that some of this knowledge just doesn't make sense but let me tell you that service technicians across this country have to educate homeowners every day on just about every appliance.

Forty years ago, we didn't have to do this much explaining and there was good reason for that. Companies built these units better and to last longer.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ-950 and WXYT-1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

Check plugs, freshen fuel in snowblower

If you drained the fuel and stored your snowthrower properly last spring, getting it started will be a breeze. Regardless of how responsible you've been, now is the time to make sure your snowthrower is ready for winter. Follow this winter-ready snowthrower checklist, and you're well on your way to a clean driveway all winter long.

SPARK PLUGS

Inspect your spark plugs and replace them as needed. Spark plugs should be replaced if damaged or worn. Also, take a look at the wires to make sure they're in good shape. Check your owner's manual for replacement recommendations.

OIL

The best time to change the

oil is before you store your snowthrower at the end of the season. If you didn't complete the task last spring, run the machine for a while until it warms up. To drain the old oil, place a container underneath the oil drain plug, and then remove both the oil drain plug and the fill cap so that the oil flows out. Once it has drained, replace the oil drain plug and carefully refill the oil just until full. Check the oil level with a clean dipstick to make sure you haven't overfilled it. Replace the fill cap and clean off any spilled oil.

FUEL

Fresh gas makes starting your snowthrower easier. Gasoline is formulated seasonally so engines start better in cold weather and stay cooler in

hot weather. So, hold off buying gas as long as you can. Once you've purchased new fuel, add a good quality fuel stabilizer to your gas can. Stabilizers help slow the aging process of the gas. Be sure that your snowthrower's gas tank is full of fresh fuel.

Last but not least...it won't hurt to take a look at the belts and tires as well. Make sure belts are not cracked or falling apart and regulate the tire pressure according to the owner's manual.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

If your snowthrower needs professional help, be sure to get it into your local service center early. If you wait until the first snowfall, chances are you'll be without your machine just when you need it most.

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Wire brushing, acid will clean brick fireplace

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

John asks, "Could you recommend a treatment to remove the white streaks and efflorescence on a natural red brick fireplace, which were caused by a leak at the roof-chimney connection?"

"We have tried washing it with pool acid and had little or no success."

First, our compliments on your terminology. Efflorescence is the proper term to identify the process that caused the white streaks on the surface of your fireplace face.

As the leaking water evaporated at the surface of the brick, it left mineral deposits

behind in the form of a white powder.

A sponge isn't heavy-duty enough for the kind of scrubbing required to remove efflorescence. Try wire-brushing the area without using any acid at all.

If that doesn't do the trick, then acid will be needed. The pool acid you used may have been overdiluted. A 10-percent solution of muriatic acid (one part acid, nine parts water) is recommended. Keep the area very moist with a wet sponge while alternately scrubbing with a steel wire brush (brass will be too soft).

Caution: Muriatic acid is dangerous. Always use eye protection, protective clothing, and gloves.

Take simple security precautions

Guardian Alarm of Southfield advises holiday travelers that burglars are trained to notice the telltale signs of an empty home, and they cannot be easily fooled.

Some of the things they look for include a buildup of newspapers, uncollected mail, and lack of interior lighting. Don't ruin a holiday trip by coming home to an empty, burglarized house.

Devote a little time to take the following precautions:

- Lock and double check windows and doors. Don't forget the garage doors and windows. Give your house an occupied look by keeping adequate lights on, having someone cut the grass or shovel snow, and suspending all daily deliveries of mail and newspapers.
- Give a nearby relative or trustworthy neighbor a house key so he or she can make periodic security checks.
- If you have a monitored electronic security system, verify your emergency notification

information with the alarm company.

Turn the volume level on the telephone to its lowest setting.

Inform your local police or sheriff that you'll be leaving and ask if they provide security checks on unoccupied homes. A written record of possessions will help to recover your belongings if a robbery should occur.

When leaving, take a walk around the house and check all doors and windows and make sure the last person out sets the alarm system and locks the door.

When you are on the road to visit family and friends, don't let your guard down. Use travelers checks and credit cards whenever possible and avoid carrying large amounts of cash. Make sure that all luggage and belongings are in the trunk of the car and out of sight.

Be as security minded when you travel as you are when you are at home. Be alert and aware of your surroundings.

Do these chores before winter comes

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Winter is setting in and the cold, wet days to come will prevent us – or at least make it very difficult for us – to perform important tasks that affect our comfort and our pocketbook.

If the temperature in your area, for example, has dropped to an average below 55 degrees Fahrenheit, then the possibility of patch-painting exposed wood surfaces is lost until spring.

Yes, you can paint. And, the paint job will probably look as good as ever. But chances are it probably won't stick.

Paint just doesn't cure when its temperature is below 55 degrees.

When it doesn't cure properly, it doesn't stick. When it doesn't stick properly, it will peel off prematurely. Mid-winter and the hottest days of summer aren't meant for painting.

CONCRETE

Concrete is another product that doesn't do well in extreme temperature conditions.

A cool day is great for concrete because it takes longer to cure and the slow curing time actually reduces the potential for cracking. But, once the temperature gets into the mid-50s, the curing process changes and you can end up with concrete soup.

Be cautious of the contractor who tells you that it's OK because there are additives that can change curing time even on very cold days.

This is true to some extent, but do you want to be the one who owns the cracks if the concrete company fails? It is hard enough to get proper curing when the weather is perfect.

Why gamble when the weather is extreme?

GARDEN TOOLS

This time of year is our last chance to clean, oil and store our gardening tools.

Before it gets too cold to comfortably walk outside – let alone clean anything – get your garden tools pressure-washed, oiled and stored in a dry location. Wooden handles rot and splinter in wet weather and unprotected metal will rust, even if it is indoors.

Don't be shy about oiling the handles as well. Wet winter air, leaks in the tool shed roof and walls – not to mention damp ground – all promote moist storage conditions.

WOOD SURFACES

Besides tool handles, this time of year also is our last chance to oil exterior wood surfaces to protect them against water damage.

Oil preserves wood. Once absorbed into the wood's fibers, the oil displaces water that would otherwise cause fungus damage and rot.

Unfortunately, once winter rains begin, exterior surfaces absorb the water and won't absorb much oil.

Therefore, oiling wet wood is a futile practice that, simply stated, is worthless and useless.

FURNITURE

This time of year is our last chance to clean, protect and store our barbecue and our garden furniture.

It is important to remember to clean these items before storing them. Small pests are attracted to mud-covered wood and metal.

If the barbecue is outside

and built-in, shut off the fuel source and protect areas where spiders can nest and lay eggs. Not because the spider could be unfriendly, but because the webs they weave can clog fuel lines and orifices.

WINDOWS, ROOF

This time of year is our last chance to paint and caulk exterior windows and doors to reduce high energy bills. Paint won't cure when it's too cold outside. And nothing (paint or caulk) sticks to a wet surface.

This time of year is our last chance to make ready your storm windows and shutters.

We all know that storm windows increase home comfort and reduce energy bills. But it is very human to wait until the last minute. Unfortunately, waiting until the last minute results in long lines at the window store and other place that offer storm window repair and maintenance.

This time of year is our last chance to replace loose or missing roof shingles to prevent damage to our home's interior.

When wet weather is on the horizon, roofers are their busiest, which means it is the hardest time to get their help. Be sure to spend a minute or two – right away – with a pair of binoculars to check out the condition of your roof.

A missing shingle can leave you with thousands of dollars' worth of interior damage to ceilings, walls, cabinets (not to mention their contents), damaged floor covering and more. Call now if you suspect a problem.

FLUE

This time of year is our last chance to have our firebox and flue checked for cracks and

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This time of year is our last chance to have our water heater cleaned and checked. Cold water in the summer is bad enough. But, there is nothing worse than no hot water in the dead of winter.

LIGHT BULBS

This time of year is our last chance to change exterior light bulbs.

Picture yourself changing an exterior light bulb when the temperature outside is near or below zero. Change all exterior light bulbs now. It is inexpensive and could save someone a slip on the ice.

This is definitely an important time. It's your last chance for the year to do a lot of things.

Have you made YOUR list? For more home improvement tips and information, visit our Web site at www.onthehouse.com, or call us at (800) 737-2474, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EST every Saturday. And, good luck!

Breaking gardening traditions is good - sometimes

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Now is a good time of year to attack some gardening traditions – five, to be exact – associated with planting trees and shrubs.

Why now? Because the first tradition has to do with the best time to plant.

Tradition dictates spring planting, but fall is actually a better time.

Plant now and roots have some time to grow before spring warmth coaxes leaves from bare stems. Also, the soil is often too slumpy to dig early in spring; now should be perfect for digging.

The next tradition has to do with the size of the planting

hole.

Better a \$5 tree in a \$50 hole than a \$50 tree in a \$5 hole, goes the old saying. Not so. The planting hole for a tree or shrub doesn't need to be any larger than the spread of the roots.

Digging a bathtub-sized hole is, anyway, futile because any tree or shrub roots will – or should – eventually spread beyond even that hole.

Also, there's no reason to use great quantities of organic materials, such as peat moss, leaf mold or compost, to fluff up the soil in the planting hole (Tradition No. 3).

Create too fluffy a soil and roots have little reason to leave the planting hole, and

they should as soon as possible!

Similarly, don't put organic matter or gravel in the bottom of the hole to improve drainage.

The actual effect is the opposite: A perched water table is created, leaving roots gasping for air.

Right after planting, all the best gardeners have traditionally staked their newly planted trees (Tradition No. 4).

In fact, it is generally better not to stake a tree.

Trunks allowed to sway in the wind become stronger and develop better. Even the roots grow more on an unstaked tree.

The gardener who follows

traditional wisdom in planting a bare root tree or shrub has one final task – Tradition No. 5 – after the plant is in the ground.

That task is to cut back some stems "to balance the loss of roots." Don't do it!

It turns out that hormones produced in stem buds, especially those at the stem tips, help stimulate root growth and, hence, stem growth.

Keep pruning to a minimum, and remove a few stems at their origin rather than shorten many stems.

Notice that throwing these planting traditions out the window makes for less work.

Do choose the site carefully, mulch, and water regularly the first season, though.

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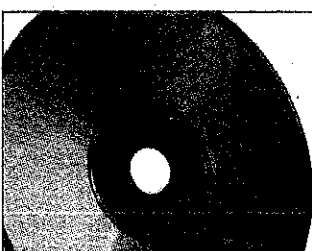
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HOME CALENDAR

Holly Walk

Six Rochester area homes beautifully decorated for the holidays will be featured at the 2004 Holly Walk, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, presented by the Friends of the Rochester Hills Public Library.

Tickets, advance only, are \$20 and benefit the library. Tickets are available at Bordine Nursery Garden Store, Dillman & Upton True Value Hardware, the Friends' Library Store, Heslop's at the Village of Rochester Hills, Sharon's Hallmark and Werner's Hallmark.

Refreshments will be served at the dairy barn at Van Hoosen Farm.

For information, call (248) 652-3549.

Doll show

A Holiday Doll Show will take place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born in Wayne.

Admission is \$5, free for under age 10. For more information, call R.R. Promotions Inc. at (734) 455-2110 or visit

<http://www.ameritech.net/users/rrprom/show-list.html>.

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Santa visits

Santa Claus will visit Kids Castles at some area Art Van Furniture stores to greet children and pass out special treats. Parents may bring their cameras.

Santa will be at the stores in Southfield (22555 Greenfield, phone (248) 569-3770) noon to 2 p.m. and Novi (27775 Novi Road, phone (248) 348-8922) 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11; in Westland (8300 Wayne Road, phone (734) 425-9600) noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18; and in Shelby Township (14055 Hall, phone (586) 566-1490) noon to 2 p.m. and at 6500 14 Mile in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100) 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 19.

Caroling

Stop by any Art Van Furniture store 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, to enjoy favorite holiday carols performed by a local high school choir.

The schools include Livonia Stevenson High School at the Livonia store (phone (248) 478-8870), South Lyon High School at the Novi store (phone (248) 348-8922), Marian High School at the Royal Oak store (phone (248) 549-2900), Eisenhower High School at the Shelby Township store (phone (586) 566-1490), Mumford High School at the Southfield store (phone (248) 569-3770), Hazel Park High School at the store on Eight Mile in Warren (phone (586) 779-9530), Bishop Foley High School at the store on 14 Mile in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100), Clarkston High School at the store in Waterford (phone (248) 674-4731) and Lutheran High School Westland at the store in Westland (phone (734) 425-9600).

Toys for Tots

Creating a special Christmas for needy children is the focus of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

You can help by donating a new, unwrapped toy for a child and bringing it to any Art Van Furniture store now through Monday, Dec. 13. The toys will be delivered to local youngsters by Christmas Day. No toy guns or breakable toys.

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, presents a variety of home decor classes for different skill levels. The schedule includes Fabric-covered Boxes (fee is \$20), Sunday, Dec. 12. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com for registration and other information.

Children's activity

A special program designed around the classic poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" will take place 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, in the Friends Meeting House at Greenmead Historical Park, Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia. The event is recommended for ages 4-8. Space is limited and reservations are required. Cost is \$6 per child. All tickets are sold in advance. For information, call (248) 477-7375. The program will include an interpretive reading of the poem, a Christmas

craft to take home, a Christmas sing-along and a Christmas treat to eat. Proceeds will benefit Greenmead.

Kwanzaa celebration

The Storytellers will share stories about the African-American tradition of Kwanzaa 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, at Art Van Furniture, 13855 E. Eight Mile in Warren.

This enthusiastic duo, which will demonstrate ethnic musical instruments, performs lively presentations and encourages the participation of children in attendance.

Maybury greens

Maybury Farm in Northville is selling wreaths in all forms for the holiday season, now through Dec. 20. Fresh greens have been made into wreaths, candy cane wreaths, and swags. Each wreath purchased will have hung on one of the Maybury Farm barns. Prices range from \$20 to \$30.

The Maybury Farm Welcome Center also offers a delightful array of candles, votives and many other items. Maybury Farm is just inside the entrance to Maybury State Park on Eight Mile, 1-1/2 miles west of Beck Road.

Your donation will help with the rebuilding of Maybury Farm. Hayrides or sleigh rides (if there is snow) are offered 1-4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays until Dec. 20; cost is \$3 adults, \$2 children. For information, call the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

Holiday Walk

The 2004 Holiday Walk at Meadow Brook Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, continues through Sunday, Dec. 19. Tours are offered daily, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Sunday (last admittance at 4 p.m.).

Cost is \$20 for adults, \$5 for under age 17 accompanied by an adult, free for under age 2.

Every Saturday and Sunday, children can enjoy holiday story time and visit Santa Claus in the ballroom. Other activities include writing letters to Santa, designing personalized ornaments and holiday cards.

For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

The Holiday Walk is a major fund-raising event for Meadow Brook Hall. Proceeds are used for the preservation and interpretation of the historic property. Meadow Brook Hall is the fourth largest historic house museum in the country. It was built in the 1920s as the residence of OU founders Matilda Dodge Wilson and Alfred Wilson.

If you have a letter for Santa, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

Overcome hard drive clutter with new desktop search tools

I hate clutter.

It not only insults my sense of order, but also makes things impossible to find.

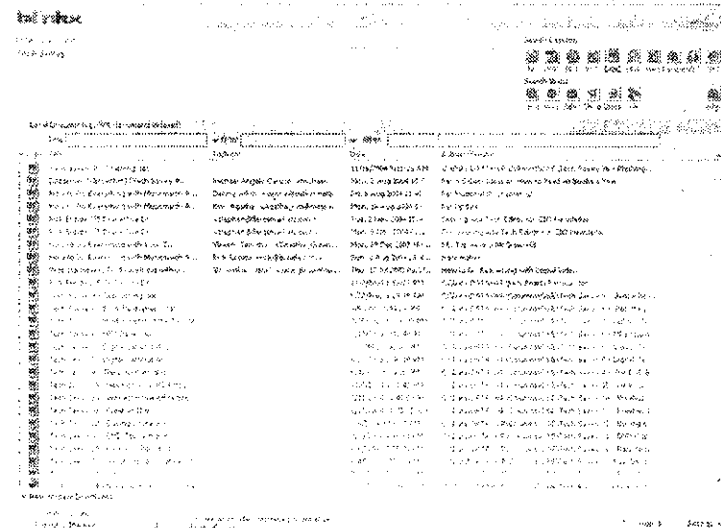
This being a technology column, you know I'm not talking about my closet (though I could certainly use some help in that department).

No, my white whale is computer clutter—the thousands of Word files, digital photos, e-mail messages, MP3s, and other items

I've accumulated over the years and continue to accumulate.

Despite my best efforts to keep things organized, clutter ultimately wins out. And when the time comes that I need to find something, it often takes considerable time and effort.

Enter desktop search tools, the biggest thing since, well, Google. A desktop search tool is like a search engine for your hard drive. You know how Google produces almost instan-



taneous results when you click Search? Desktop search tools offer the same speed and convenience, but focused on your own PC instead of the Web.

For example, suppose I'm looking for an old PowerPoint presentation. I don't remember the filename or where I saved it, only that it contains a reference to one of my shamelessly self-promoted books, *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld* (which, by the way, makes a great gift).

Old way: Sift through a

bunch of folders, open numerous presentations in hopes of finding the right one, and just generally waste a bunch of time.

New way: Use a desktop search tool to find the document in about the time it takes to read this sentence.

Rick, 1. Clutter, 0.

Desktop search tools are now available from Blinkx (www.blinkx.com) Copernic (www.copernic.com), and Google (desktop.google.com). Microsoft plans to unveil one of its own later this month.

The best part? They're all free. So far I've tried only one of them, and I don't need to try any more. Blinkx is so fast, so efficient, and so incredibly helpful, I'm tempted to send the developers some money just to say thank you.

The program actually does a lot more than just search my hard drive. It also searches Web sites, news and shopping portals, and Web logs (better known as blogs). Another search option, Stuff I've Seen, shows you recently viewed items.

What's more, if the program finds a lot of matches to your search criteria, it's sometimes difficult to cull what you need out of those matches. Even so, it's easy to see why desktop search tools have attracted so much attention lately. If you often have trouble finding stuff on your hard drive, one of these programs can really save the day.

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HOLIDAYS

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Floral Gifts in Livonia. "It doesn't have to be red and green." The store is decorating a tree in purple, she said.

"We like to play with color, something else besides green and red," said Arturo Sanchez of Art-Harrison. "Why can't you use tropicals?"

Your decorating colors can pick up the hues in the room. For example, some of the holiday accents in a room at the Hill House at Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia have colors that coordinate with the shades of pink in the wallpaper.

HISTORICAL

Greenmead also offers another decorating idea: Take a new look at the old.

Members of the Elmwood Station Questers, Mill Race Questers, Quakertown Questers, Sand Hill Questers and Sauk Trail Questers and many other volunteers dress up the Greenmead structures in keeping with the time - and rural setting - in which they were built.

"You have to think not only the (year), you have to think country," said Linda Wiacek, recreation supervisor, Livonia Department of Community Resources. Hill House was built in the 1840s. Among its Victorian era decor are table-top Christmas trees, and greens at the tops of portraits and mirrors. The house is also decorated with a theme every year. For this year's theme of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, in the dining room, the chandelier is draped with a garland of sugarplums, artificial "mice" rest on the table, and the place settings feature a motif of the classic poem.

NATURAL

To borrow from Michigan's motto: If you seek pleasant decor, look around you. Natural features, such as branches from the yard, can become original ornaments for the inside of the home.

A client recovered a branch



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with an antler form from a birch tree, and turned it into a decoration by adding votive lights, Harrison and Sanchez said.

To make a faux tree, tie some ornamental grass in a bundle and hang it upside down, Sanchez said. The grass will spread out on the sides, creating an evergreen tree shape.

For wreaths, Harrison and Sanchez suggest using magnolias and hydrangeas for inside the home, and turnips and radishes for outside (squirrels won't eat them). Spray glitter on one side for a dramatic effect.

At the Shaw House at Greenmead, osage oranges - with their wrinkled, chartreuse skins - are arranged on steps and with berries in a bowl on a chest. The house also features hydrangeas, bittersweet in a pitcher, and pomanders made of cloves and oranges.

On the tree, Sinclair suggests having a theme - toys or candy, for example; or one that shows your interests, such as sports. Use different elements, such as feathers, things from your yard, silk and Teddy bears, she said.

TABLE

Don't stop at decking the halls. The holiday table has more to it than place settings.

Eric Lundy, visual coordinator at Forte Belanger Catering in Troy, suggests an organic look for the table. The elements he suggested included fresh evergreens or holly down the middle of the table, and a cylinder vase filled with cranberries or small ornaments.

Lundy said he gets mismatched glasses at clearance sales and uses them for table accents, placing them around

the settings or clustering them in the center. They are good for holding floating candles.

In the Hill House dining room, the table centerpiece is a large glass bowl filled with colorful glass ornaments, on a red runner with a poinsettia design. The crystal goblet at each setting holds a bright ornament too. For a table display at the Orchestrations for the Home showcase at Michigan Design Center last month, Harrison and Sanchez glued oranges into a tower and filled gaps with sprigs of green.

FLOWERS, FEATURES

Poinsettias aren't the only flowers of the season.

"Flowers and bulbs like paperwhite and amaryllis are

becoming more popular than poinsettias," Sinclair said.

New features abound for decorating.

"Interior decorating has grown tremendously," Collins said.

The biggest innovation is the prelighted Christmas tree, he said. These lifelike trees come with lights already on them. The heights include 3 feet, 7-1/2 feet, 9 feet (the biggest seller) and 24 feet.

In English Gardens' decorating services, professional designers and installers dress up homes and businesses, using existing decorations or adding new items. Workers also take down the decorations and offer optional storage. A warranty hotline is always open, to handle such situations as replacing light bulbs.

"We like to say that we're not only putting up lights, we're saving marriages," Collins said.

The business asks for a lead time of at least 10 days but will be flexible, Collins said.

He said to be sure you use top-quality products, such as a heavy duty grounded power cord.

And putting your decorations away in an organized way when done really helps for the next year, Sinclair said.



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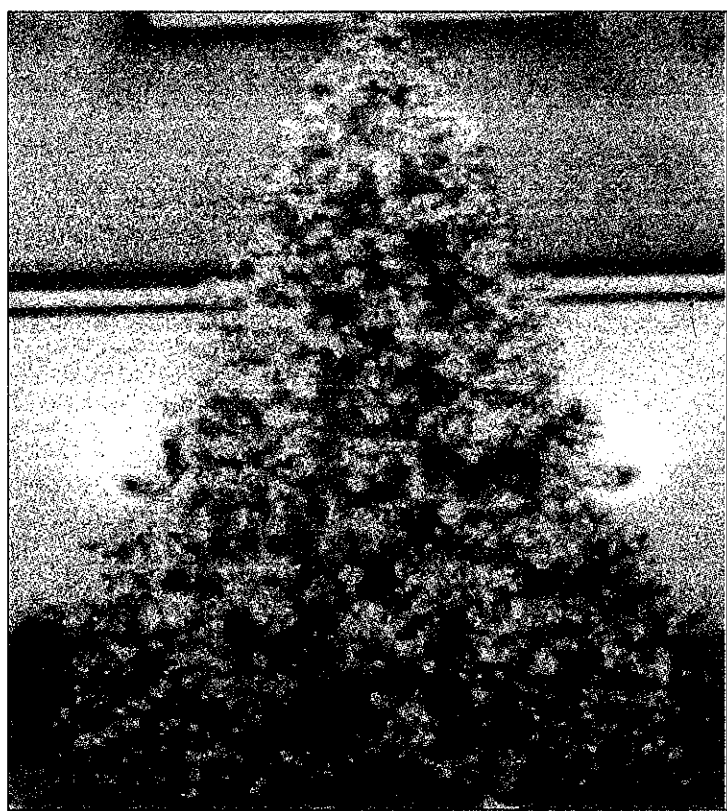
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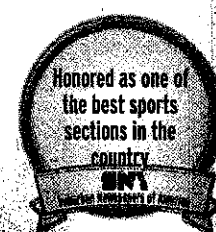
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Canton grapplers pin foes at Hudson tourney

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's wrestling team pulled off an impressive reversal at Saturday's Hudson Team Wrestling Tournament held at Hudson High School.

With their backs figuratively pinned to the mats after starting 0-2, the Chiefs bounced back to win the five-team Hudson dual-meet invitational by racking up a 4-0 record. Among their wins was a record-setting 75-0 trouncing of Hillsdale. The 75 points was the most ever scored

in a dual meet by Canton, which also defeated Napoleon (33-32), Hudson (37-30) and Jonesville (63-9) to run their dual-meet record to 4-2.

"I think the message I sent to the kids after last Wednesday's losses sunk in," said Canton coach Casey Randolph, who grew up in Hudson. "We got some confidence back after losing our first two meets. Six kids went undefeated Saturday, which was huge."

"Even though the teams we beat aren't Division 1 teams, a couple of them have outstanding programs and tradition."

Hudson is a top-10 Division 3 team and Hudson had seven state qualifiers last season. And Jonesville beat us last year at this tournament, so they have some talent."

The six Chiefs who went unbeaten Saturday were Ryan Schnettler (103 pounds), Nick Poole (112), Corey Phillips (130), Ryan Webb (135), Konrad Konsitzke (140) and P.J. Caram (189).

Canton's one-point victory over Napoleon was a thriller, Randolph said.

"If our last wrestler, Matt Sweda, gets pinned, we lose," he explained. "The kid had Matt on his back, but he fought him

off and almost came back to win the match (Sweda lost 12-11). It was pretty exciting. The whole team was off the bench cheering."

Randolph heaped praise on sophomore Chris Hasse for the way he took on state qualifier Eddie Haynes in the in over Hudson.

"It was the last match and Chris didn't have much experience, being only a sophomore," Randolph said. "Even though Haynes was a senior, he struggled to get points against Chris. He did a great job."

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2004-05 PREP BASKETBALL OPENING NIGHT

PCA paves Franklin Rd. in opener, 66-38

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Christian Academy's basketball team wiped out a rough start with a smooth finish Tuesday night in their opener against Novi Franklin Road.

The Eagles were hit with a slight case of opening-night nerves, before surging in the final three quarters to a 66-38 victory over NFR.

"We had some first-game jitters in the first quarter," PCA coach Doug Taylor confirmed. "We only had eight turnovers in the first half, but four of them were mistakes you only see in an opening game."

"They played a two-three zone and we didn't shoot well early. We were shooting too early in the offense. Once we became more patient with the ball, we hit some shots."

PCA's Steve Sumner proved to be the catalyst of the Eagles' victory. His game-high 30 points included four three-pointers.

"Steve played a great all-around game for us," Taylor said. "He not only shot well, but he did a nice job of handling the ball."

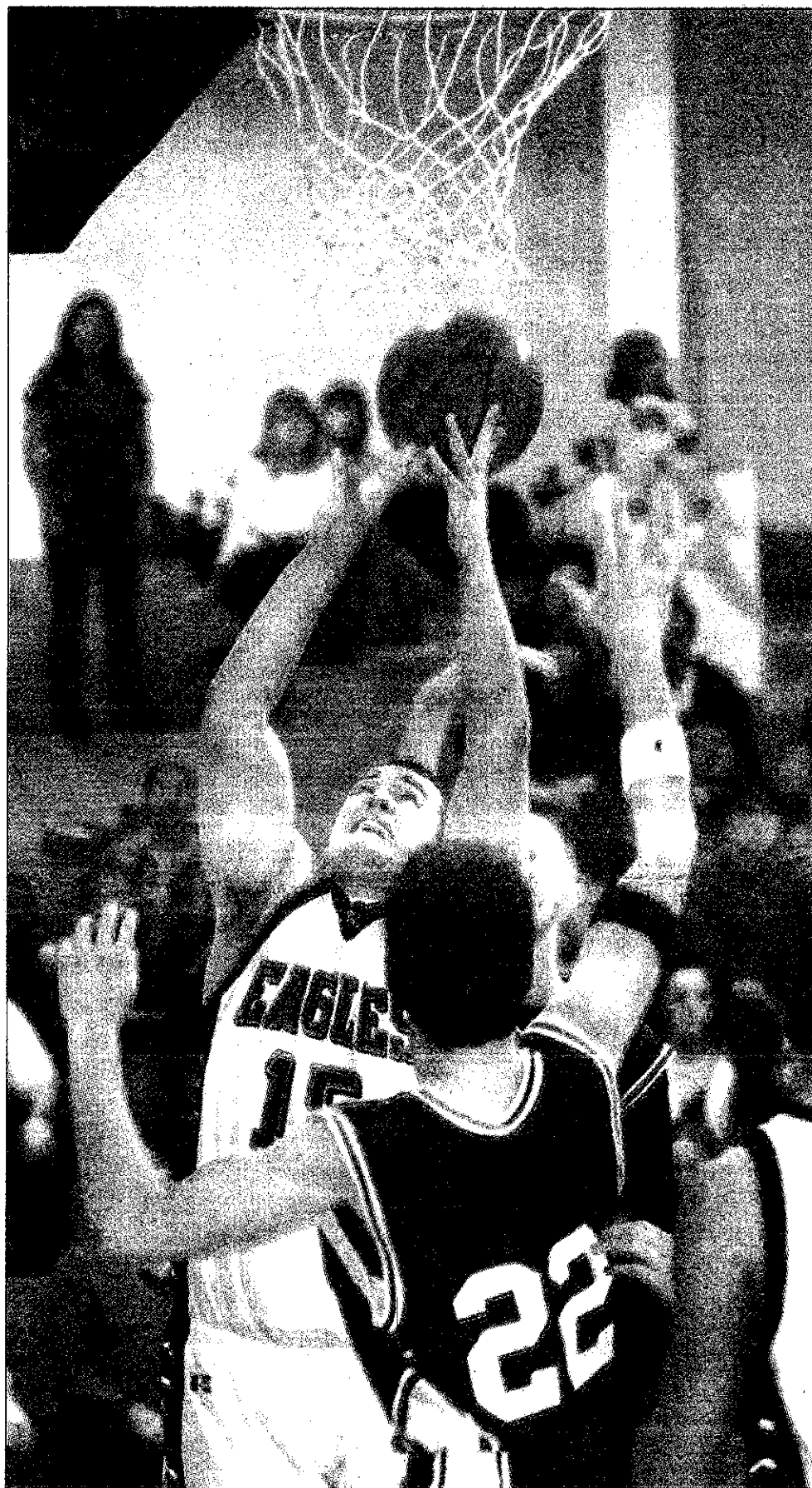
Sumner's back-court mate Chase VanTiem also made NFR pay for playing a zone, as he buried a pair of threes on the way to a 13-point night. Aaron Ciborowski played well in the paint, netting 10 points and nine rebounds.

"I thought Matt Saagman had a strong game for us, too," Taylor added. "He only scored four points, but he had 10 rebounds. He actually led us in rebounds in the first half."

The Eagles did a nice job of neutralizing NFR's 6-6 center Josh Boisseau, who was limited to just eight points.

"Aaron did a nice job of locking up

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Plymouth Christian Academy's Aaron Ciborowski deposits the ball in the net after grabbing an offensive rebound during the second quarter of Tuesday night's 66-38 victory over Novi Franklin Road. Ciborowski finished with 10 points and nine rebounds.

Plymouth runs past Greenhills

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When your team comes close to scoring 100 points in its opening game, it's difficult to find many faults.

Such was the case for first-year Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner Tuesday night when his Wildcats lit up the scoreboard and visiting Ann Arbor Greenhills in a 92-76 win.

It was the first of five December home games for the Wildcats, who won't play a game outside their gym until January.

"I thought we could have played a little better defensively," Van Wagoner said, "but it's hard to complain when your team puts up the kind of numbers we did tonight. We weren't locating their players well on the defensive end. That's one thing we need to work on."

The Wildcats had no trouble locating the net with the ball as they shot to a 46-39 halftime lead and 71-56 advantage after three quarters.

D.J. Coleman did the most damage for Plymouth, canning a team-high 27 points. He also led the 'Cats with five steals. A trio of Coleman's teammates also hit double figures: A.J. Davey (21), Kulraj Sandhu (15) and Joshua LeDuc (13). Will Rhoden was nearly unstoppable for Greenhills, tallying 35 points. The senior buried 11-of-13 free throws.

"I was happy with the way we finished on the break tonight, even though most of the time the shots were contested," Van Wagoner said. "I wasn't please with the way we boxed-out on defensive rebounds. They were shooting a lot of threes and we weren't sealing, so they were getting too many offensive rebounds off long shots."

LeDuc paced the Wildcats' rebounding effort, ripping down 10 boards.

Junior point guard Brent Jones didn't score, but he contributed nine assists.

The Wildcats host Lincoln Park Friday night at 7 p.m.

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Sidelines

WMU signs Marrone

Western Michigan University announced the signing of six players to NCAA letters-of-intent including Redford Catholic Central pitcher and outfielder Greg Marrone (Plymouth).

The 6-foot-2 Marrone, a three-year varsity starter, earned Catholic League All-Central Division honors last year for the 25-10 Shamrocks, who reached the state semifinals in Division I. During the summer with the Michigan Indians, a 17-and-under squad in an 18-and-under local Connie Mack circuit, Marrone threw 33 innings and had 35 strikeouts with a 1.91 earned run average. He also hit .370.

Rock mat tourney

The Salem High School Varsity Wrestling invitational will be held Saturday in the school's gymnasium. The meet will begin at 9 a.m. Finals should begin at approximately 5:30 p.m. Joining Salem will be teams from Canton, Novi, Redford Catholic Central and Belleville, among others.

Blazers perfect

The Canton Blazers Girls U13 team finished 8-0 this fall to win its division in the Great Lakes Soccer League. The Blazers outscored their opponents, 38-0.

Players are Michelle Armer, Hillary Genrich, Shelby Jones, Danielle Letang, Michelle Letang, Megan Maynor, Andrea Revels, Bethany Swanberg, Brooke Perry, Autumn Harper, Anne Marie Mattarella, Kristen Holland, Kacey Taylor, Rebecca Krul, Amanda Burnard, Melanie Kulczycki, Katelyn Doxtater. The team is coached by Pat Armer and Bruno Genrich.

Tigers lauded

Former Belleville football players Jerriel Burrus, a redshirt sophomore, and Junior Michael Hall were honored recently at the Wayne State University football banquet.

Burrus was named the squad's special-teams MVP after making every WSU punt return this season. His 131-yard return average ranked 18th in the country. Burrus also had 52 tackles and broke up a team-high six passes from his defensive cornerback position.

Hall was honored with the Ron Solack Memorial '35' Award. He made 44 tackles and had three sacks this season. He also forced two fumbles, had two quarterback hurries and broke up two passes.

MU cagers fall

The Madonna men's basketball team fell 75-63 to Olivet College Saturday in the consolation game of the Purple and Gold Financial Tournament held at Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio.

The Crusaders trailed 33-32 at the half before Olivet pulled away late in the game.

Noel Emehiser paced MU with 22 points, 12 of which came from beyond the three-point line. He also grabbed a team-high nine rebounds.

Salem spikers young, but talented

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The coach is new, but the youthful talent is still around for this year's Salem volleyball team.

First-year coach Jennifer Peterson, who called the shots at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard the past four seasons, inherits a team dominated by proven underclassmen who helped lead the Rocks to a second-place finish in the Western Lakes Activities Association's regular-season standings during the 2003-04 campaign.

Salem, 8-1 in WLAA matches, finished just one game behind WLAA champion Livonia Churchill and compiled a 17-2 overall game record in the conference.

"This team wants to work so hard that I have to kick them out of the gym every night," said Peterson, who

played collegiate volleyball at Michigan Tech University.

"We have some powerful hitters and a lot of girls who are 5-8 or taller. We've been practicing since Nov. 18, so we're ready to start playing."

"We're young, so we'll make some youthful mistakes, but every girl on this team is a hard worker, so I'm optimistic."

Perhaps the Rocks' most talented returner is 5-11 junior Lauren Price, who hones her skills on competitive club teams during the off-season.

"Lauren has played a lot of volleyball, and it shows," Peterson said. "She has excellent skills."

Two returning sophomore starters — 5-10 Lauren Kurtz and 5-10 Theresa Coppellie — will give the Rocks a solid front court that should make life miserable for many Salem

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Salem junior Lauren Price will be a key component in the Rocks' quest to unsettle Livonia Churchill in the race for the Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball title this season.

Rock icers win two straight

Salem's hockey team improved its record to 4-3 Tuesday night with a 5-3 home victory over Walled Lake Central at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

Adam Gillikin put the Rocks ahead 1-0 when he scored at 4:21 of the first period off a pass from Stephen Tripp.

The Vikings' Tim Henderlong knotted the score at 1-1 four minutes later when he pushed the puck past Salem goalie Brandon DeMars.

Salem scored the game's next three goals to lock up the victory. Chris Wilson made it 2-1 with just over four minutes left in the opening period. The hosts then received goals from Nathan Werda and Gilliken early in the second period.

Wilson added some insurance later in the period when he scored off assists from Gilliken and John Maurer.

On Saturday night, the Rocks ousted Dearborn, 4-1, in a game played at the Cultural Center. Salem got goals from Maurer, David Carey (two assists), Tripp and Wilson. Ed Simeone, Chris Brant, Craigen Bauldry, Brooks Belhart, Gilliken and Maurer were credited with assists for the winners.

Lance Wojewiczki tallied the lone goal for Central. Derek Edelen played well in goal for Salem.

Salem, Canton matmen open with varied results

The Salem and Canton wrestling squads opened their dual-meet seasons at the same place, but with different results Wednesday night.

The Rocks jump-started the 2004-05 campaign with a pair of victories: 34-25 over the Chiefs and 60-15 over Wayne Memorial.

Canton is now 0-2 after its loss to Salem and a 35-33 heart-breaker to the host Trojans.

"It was a nice way to start the season," said fourth-year coach Greg Wochuk. "The wrestlers who I am expecting a lot out of this year did well against some good competition."

Canton coach Casey Randolph said he was disappointed in his team's performance.

"I was frustrated and I talked about it with the kids on the bus," Randolph said. "We need to re-group now, which I think they will do because they responded well in practice on Thursday and Friday."

Double winners for the Rocks included Jeremy Stankewitz (103), Matt Keffler (119), Ryan Stump (125), Val Gui (152), Jeremy Henderson (189) and John Smith (275).

Two-time Canton victors were Corey Phillips (135), Ryan Webb (140), Konrad Konsitzke (145) and P.J. Caram (215).

SALEM 34, CANTON 25
Dec. 1 at Monroe High School
189 pounds: Jeremy Henderson (S) won by

PREP WRESTLING

major dec. over Pat McWhirter, 12-1; 215: P.J. Caram (C) pinned Alex Smith, 3-44; 275: John Miller (S) dec. Tom Bonnell, 5-4; 103: Jeremy Stankewitz (S) pinned Ryan Schnettler, 2:00; 112: Nick Steiger (S) dec. Sam Santilli, 14-10; 119: Matt Keffler (S) won by major dec. over Jay Fleischmann, 18-3; 125: Ryan Stump (S) won by major dec. over Nick Poole, 19-7; 130: Cory Mervyn (S) dec. Pete Bonneau, 8-6; 135: Cory Phillips (S) dec. Scott Fysh, 12-5; 140: Ryan Webb (C) dec. Ryan Olson, 8-1; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) dec. Jake Bennett, 9-4; 152: Val Gui (S) pinned Matt Sweda, 3:50; 160: Marwan Faraj (C) won by major dec. over Kevin Mlynec, 15-4; 171: Alex Amberg (C) pinned Robert Stankewitz, 2:45.

SALEM 60, WAYNE MEMORIAL 15
Dec. 1 at Monroe High School
160 pounds: Kevin Mlynec (S) pinned Jeff Elswick, 5:28; 171: Steadman Frye (WM) won by void; 189: Jeremy Henderson (S) pinned Robert Coffey, 0:30; 215: Alex Smith (S) pinned Nick Remington, 3:25; 275: John Miller (S) pinned Frank Hammond, 1:21; 103: Jeremy Stankewitz (S) pinned Jamie Preiss, 4:31; 112: Josh Preiss (WM) pinned Nick Steiger, 3:31; 119: Matt Keffler (S) dec. Jason Crothers, 10-7; 125: Ryan Stump (S) pinned Kevin Whittenberg, 1:18; 130: Justin Keatts (WM) dec. Josh Anson, 5-3; 135: Scott Fysh (S) pinned Timmy Grabowitz, 3:22; 140: Ryan Olson (S) dec. Pat Goring, 8-6; 145: Jake Bennett (S) pinned Ryan Nesbitt, 0:45; 152: Val Gui (S) pinned Chad Phipps, 3:35.

MONROE 35, CANTON 33
Dec. 1 at Monroe High School
160 pounds: Mark Myers (M) dec. Marwan Faraj, 5-4; 171: Alex Amberg (C) pinned David Warnke, 3:43; 189: P.J. Caram (C) won by major dec. over Nick Ragsdel, 17-5; 215: Kyle Hawkins (M) won by tech. fall over Pat McWhirter, 16-1; 275: Jeff Maddux (M) pinned Tom Bonnell, 1:55; 103: Zac Stevens (M) pinned Ryan Schnettler, 2:14; 112: Raulin Massingill (M) pinned Sam Santilli, 3:25; 119: Dain Taylor (M) dec. Nick Poole, 10-8; 125: Jay Fleischmann (C) pinned Taylor Elisman, 2:57; 130: Hunter Duncan (M) pinned Pete Bonneau, 5:47; 135: Corey Phillips (C) won by tech. fall over Kelley Poupart, 20-4; 140: Ryan Webb (C) won by tech. fall over Joe Hess, 17-2; 145: Konrad Konsitzke (C) dec. Kyle Whitted, 5-3; 152: Matt Sweda (C) won by major dec. over Devin Duncan, 8-0.

FIGURE SKATING

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 6 p.m., figure skaters who train at Canton's Arctic Edge will be skating in a holiday exhibition at the facility, which is located on Michigan Ave., just west of Canton Center.

Admission is free to see some of the top skaters in the area performing to Christmas music.

PCS girls start to play like a team

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls hockey team is not only starting to play like a team — it's starting to win like a team.

The Penguins improved their record to 5-2 Tuesday night with a 6-3 triumph over Grosse Pointe North. The Lady Norsemen fell to 0-3.

"I told the team after the game that they're really starting to play like a team," said PCS coach Lori Callahan. "Earlier in the season, girls would carry the puck end to end. Now, we're passing the puck better. I'm very happy with the effort this team gives every night. If we continue to work as a team, we'll continue to do well."

North's Emily Nelson gave the Lady Norsemen an early 1-0 lead when she slid the puck past Penguin goalie Kristie Kowalski.

The lead would be short-lived as PCS's Olivia Pennebaker scored two minutes later to knot the game at 1-1. Amanda Rowley and Lisa Ealy picked up assists on the goal.

The Penguins' Adrienne Cercone gave her team a 2-1 lead at the 11:55 mark of the second period after taking a pass from Sharla Gillespie.

After Nelson tied the game at 2-2, PCS's Tara Boliard gave the Penguins the

lead for good when she scored off assists from Cercone and Keely Kowalski.

Stephanie Murray, Erika Perkovich and Ealy finished off the scoring for the winners, who got a strong game between the pipes from goalie Kristie Kowalski.

PCS 10, BLOOMFIELD 0: On Saturday, nine different Penguins scored goals in the mercy-rule-shortened victory over Bloomfield, which is experiencing growing pains in its first year of existence. PCS led 9-0 after the opening period and added its 10th goal early in the second. According to league rules, gains a 10-goal advantage, the game is officially over.

"We played out the rest of the second period, but the three goals we scored after our 10th goal didn't count," explained Callahan. "Even though they're a new team, I thought Bloomfield did a nice job with their positioning. Once they improve their skating speed, they'll be very good."

Olivia Pennebaker scored a pair of goals for the Penguins. Boliard, Ealy, Kristen Schwan, Amy Coleman, Lauren Coleman, Perkovich, Sarah Skonieczny and Keely Kowalski each scored one goal for the winners. Pennebaker, Kristin Callahan, Perkovich, Gillespie, Cercone, Kristina Creith, Murray, Keely Kowalski and Skonieczny all tallied assists for the Penguins.

Kristie Kowalski recorded the shutout

between the pipes.

GROSSE POINTE SOUTH 4, PCS 2: The Penguins gave the two-time defending state champion Blue Devils everything they could handle before succumbing to a pair of late goals.

"I think we surprised South by how well we played," Callahan said. "Last year, they beat us pretty badly, so I think they thought it was going to be a blowout this year, too. Even though we lost, I think it was a mental win for the girls. They never gave up."

Trailing 1-0, the Penguins evened the score at 1-1 when Boliard scored off an assist by Callahan with just 44 seconds left in the opening period.

South regained a 2-1 advantage 1:02 into the second period, but PCS responded again, tying it on a goal from Schwan, who was assisted by Murray with 13:21 to go in the second period.

The Blue Devils scored the game-winner with 7:21 left in the second period. They added an insurance marker 1:13 into the final period.

Kristie Kowalski turned in a stellar performance in net for the Penguins. "She stopped a lot of shots," Callahan said.

The Penguins return to action Saturday afternoon at Port Huron.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOOP TRYOUTS

The Plymouth/Canton Crossfire girls basketball organization will hold tryouts for the upcoming season on Saturday, Dec. 11, in the Plymouth Christian Academy gymnasium.

The school is located at 43065 Joy Rd. (between Morton Taylor and Lilley roads).

The school sits behind Calvary Baptist Church. Tryouts will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for girls 13 and under.

The tryout fee is \$15. All girls interested in trying out should arrive a few minutes early to register.

For more information on the tryouts, please contact Gary Wheeler at (734) 459-7574.

LEARN TO SKATE

The winter session of the Novi Ice Arena's Learn to Skate program will run from Jan. 4 through Feb. 19, 2005. Classes are offered in a variety of times on Tuesdays through Saturdays. Skate rental is available.

In addition, Learn to Skate students who are registered will receive free admission to open skating at the Novi Ice Arena throughout the seven-week session.

The following classes will be offered: beginning tots; Snowplow Sam 1-3; basic 1-8; freestyle 1-2; adult 1-4; and home school.

Open registration for Learn to Skate begins Dec. 5.

For more information, call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit its Web site at www.noviicearena.com.

Tyree leads Ocelot lady cagers to win

Westland John Glenn's Sara Tyree scored 17 points and grabbed six rebounds to pace a balanced attack Saturday as the Schoolcraft College women's basketball team routed Olive-Harvey (Ill.), 70-39, to wrap up the Schoolcraft Invitational title.

Amantha Combs (Belleville) added 11 points and team-high eight rebounds for the Ocelots, now 6-2 on the season.

Char Gibson, Ashley Gibson and Takara Tuff each added 10 points in the win for the Ocelots, who led 30-15 at half-time. Ashley Gibson also had a team-high seven assists and four steals.

Keyanna Mayfield led Olive-Harvey (6-5) with 11 points.

DAEMEN (N.Y.) 66, MADONNA 48: Tournament MVP Germany Jackson scored a game-high 24 points to lead Daemen College (N.Y.) past Madonna University in Saturday's championship final of the Houghton College (N.Y.) Tournament held at the Nielsen Center.

The Wildcats (6-3) shot 51.9 percent from the floor (27-of-52), while the Crusaders (3-7) shot 25.4 percent (17-of-67), including just 3-of-24 from three-point range.

Jessica Ruddell added 15 points for Daemen and Joanna Daugenti, who also made All-Tournament, added 13 points, nine rebounds and six assists.

MU's Martina Franklin (Redford Union) had 19 points and 10 rebounds. Stephanie Childs scored nine points, while Sarah Thomson had eight points and 13 rebounds. Jackie Pinston dished out five assists.

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MOTOWN'S NEWEST HOLIDAY TRADITION

Belleville soars past Salem

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Some high-flying basketball teams are known for playing above the rim.

It seemed like Belleville was playing above the *backboard* for long stretches of Tuesday night's 61-35 season-opening victory over Salem.

The Tigers' superior leaping ability produced a staggering 49-23 rebounding advantage, which was instrumental in their 26-point triumph.

"They have a lot of weapons," Salem coach Bob Brodie said, assessing the Tigers' deep and talented roster. "We were blocking out (on rebounds) pretty well, but they were still getting second, third and, sometimes, fourth shots. They have the kind of team you can't make mistakes against because they'll make you pay."

The Tigers would have rung up a debt on many teams the way their highlight-reel game was running in high gear for most of Tuesday night's second half, when spring-loaded junior Leon Freeman, sharp-shooting senior forward Joshua Samarco and several of their teammates were putting on an airshow.

"I think we missed a few shots early on because of some first-game tightness," Belleville coach Mike Krogel said. "Once we started to get into the flow of our offense and we became more patient with the ball, we were more successful."

Offensively, both teams struggled early in the game, combining to make just 7-of-30 first-quarter shots. The Tigers failed to connect on any of their eight 3-pointers against Salem's zone defense in the opening eight minutes.

The momentum — and the scoreboard — started shifting to Belleville's side midway through the second quarter when Samarco found the range from beyond the arc. At one point, the 6-footer drained long bombs on four straight trips down the court to extend Belleville's lead to from 18-14 to 30-16.

"In the first quarter, we were getting

open outside shots, but the wrong people were taking them," Krogel said. "We weren't patient enough early on. I called a timeout and told them that the 3-point shots are going to be there for us all day, but let's work to get something a little closer to the basket."

Brodie admitted it's nearly impossible to slow down the Tigers when they start throwing in triples with consistency.

"If you extend your defense against them, they take it to the rack," he said.

Freeman, who is ranked as one of the top juniors in the state by several high school basketball scouting gurus, brought the Belleville fans out of their seats on his second shot of the night when he forcefully threw down a dunk on a fast break.

However, the electric play proved costly as Freeman was whistled for a technical foul — his second foul — for hanging on the rim, forcing Krogel to take him out for the balance of the first half.

Salem cut the gap to 35-23 on a Kyle Price putback with six minutes left in the third quarter, but the Tigers followed with an 8-0 run to put the game on ice.

Samarco finished with a game-high 19 points. Freeman and junior forward Tommie Clark both chipped in with 10 points and 12 rebounds.

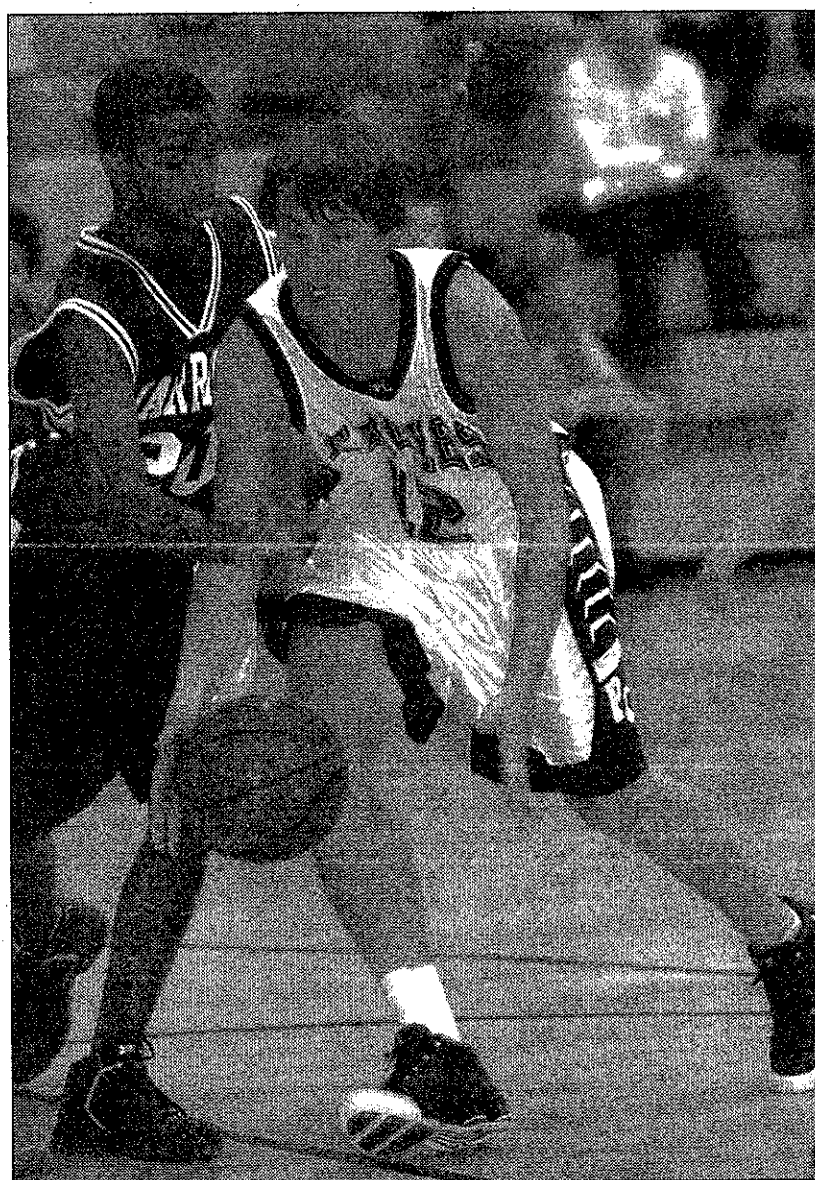
The Rocks were hampered by 22 turnovers, which limited them to just 41 shots from the field compared to Belleville's 72.

Junior guard Jon Pomorski and junior forward Kevin Bradley led the Salem scoring attack with six points each. Junior forward Joe Halewicz, senior guard Brad Zonca and sophomore forward J.P. Truesdell each netted five points. Halewicz and Price both pulled down five boards.

The Rocks shot 24 percent from the field (10-of-41), while Belleville was successful on 36 percent of its shots (26-of-72).

Salem returns to action Friday night when it hosts Monroe at 7 p.m. Belleville travels to Westland John Glenn Friday to take on the Rockets.

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Plymouth Christian Academy's Jon Wendt, of Garden City, attempts to drive past Franklin Road's Bernard Stepherson in the first half of Tuesday night's 66-38 Eagle win.

'We definitely need to work on our free-throw shooting.'

Doug Taylor
PCA coach

PCA

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with their big guy," Taylor said. PCA connected on just 6-of-16 free throws. NFR was more proficient from the line, making 14-of-18.

"We definitely need to work on our free-throw shooting," Taylor said. "We were 0-for-5 from the line in the fourth quarter, so we're fortunate it wasn't a close game."

The Eagles led just 8-7 after the opening quarter as they failed to hit the open jump shot that were made available by the Eagles' zone. The second quarter was a different story, though, as PCA outscored their over-matched foes to take a 26-10 lead into the half-time break. The Eagles led 49-19 after three quarters, which allowed Taylor to play his reserves for most of the final eight minutes.

PCA returns to action Friday night when it hosts Livonia Clarenceville. The opening tip is scheduled for 7 p.m.

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Agape cagers look at bright side after losing two MVP's

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape Christian's boys basketball team lost three key elements from last year's incredibly successful 16-6 team to the collegiate ranks this season, but coach Keith Anleitner is looking at the bright side.

"We lost a lot, but I like this team," Anleitner emphasized. "We have good chemistry and everybody works hard. It's a pretty intense group of kids who really enjoy playing basketball."

Departed from last year's squad are co-Michigan Independent Athletic Conference most valuable players Jordan Napier and Charlie Henry, both of whom are playing for Madonna University.

Also gone is coach Chuck Henry, who is coaching Napier and his son, Charlie, at MU. But the coaching transition couldn't go any smoother considering Anleitner was the Wolverines' junior-varsity coach last season and he served as the head coach at Agape for five years beginning with the 1995-96 campaign.

"I know all of these kids real well, so that helps," Anleitner said.

Besides the player/coach turnover, the biggest change for Agape this season will be the fact that it was moved down from

the MIAC Blue Division to the MIAC Red. Following the conclusion of each season, the league's athletic directors meet and can decide to move teams up or down depending on their expected level of competition.

"We lost Jordan and Charlie, which is probably the biggest reason the AD's decided to move us down," Anleitner said. "We'd prefer to play in the upper division, but we have to accept their decision and move on."

The Wolverines' starting five will consist of two seniors, a pair of juniors and a sophomore. The upper-classmen are co-captain Gabe Molnar, a 5-foot-10 shooting guard who averaged around six points per game last season, and Brian Horning, a 5-9 sharpshooter who earned considerable playing time as a junior.

"Gabe is an excellent shooter and outstanding defender," Anleitner said. "This is his third year on the varsity, so he has a lot of valuable experience. Brian played a lot last year in a support role. He can shoot the 'three' and he has good jumping ability."

Anleitner's son, Jack, will bear the point-guard responsibilities for the Wolverines. The 6-0, 165-pounds sophomore is an outstanding perimeter shooter and he can handle the basketball.

"Jack hit some big shots last season," Keith Anleitner said.

Junior co-captain Derek Leathers will handle the center duties for Agape. The 6-3, 180-pound post player has bulked up considerably since last season, Anleitner said.

"He has worked hard with the weights and has really put on a lot of muscle," Anleitner said. "He's a good rebounder and he can score as well."

The final starting berth will be filled by a junior — either 6-2 Matt Molnar or 6-3 Ryan Barber.

"Whoever doesn't start between the two of them will be our sixth man and still play a lot of minutes," Anleitner assured.

Filling reserve roles for the Wolverines will be 5-9 junior Matt Holmes, 5-10 junior Kyle Miller, 6-0 sophomore Devon Bottiaux and 5-10 sophomore Josh Greco.

Anleitner said the MIAC Red promises to be a competitive division.

"It should be up for grabs," he said. "Bethesda and Baptist Park should be the top contenders, but we'll be in there, too."

The Wolverines will play seven home games and 13 road contests this season. Agape plays its home games at Discovery Middle School in Canton.

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Wolverine hoopers nip Deerfield, 43-40

The Canton Agape Christian boys basketball team staged a fourth-quarter comeback Tuesday night and edged Deerfield, 43-40, in the season-opener for both teams.

The Wolverines trailed 13-10 after one quarter and 22-15 at the half before outscoring the host Minutemen 28-18 over the final 16 minutes.

Agape point-guard Jack Anleitner paced the winners with a team-high 16 points. The sophomore was clutch at the free-throw line, nailing 7-of-12 attempts.

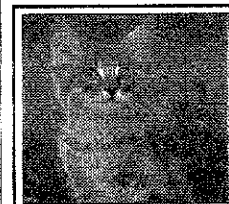
Anleitner's back-court mate, Gabe Molnar, opened with a strong game, too, netting seven points.

Derek Leathers was effective inside for the Wolverines, tallying six points and a game-high 12 rebounds.

Andrew Keinath paced the Minutemen with eight points.

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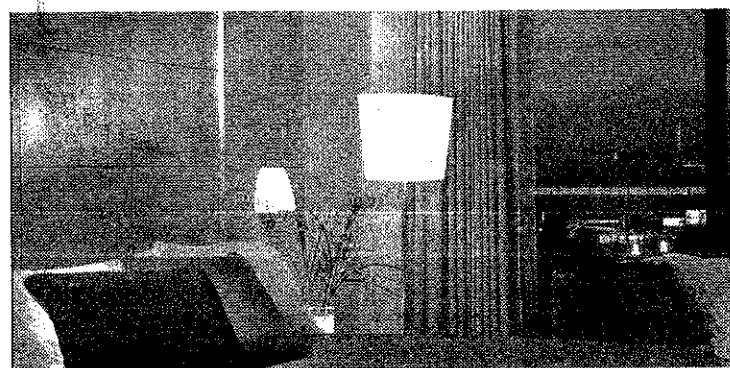
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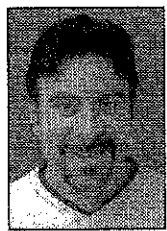
Lions need big piece of cheese Sunday at Green Bay

On Dec. 15, 1991, the Detroit Lions waltzed into Green Bay and snoozed their way to a 21-17 victory over the Packers. It wasn't even that big a deal. The Lions had just won their fifth in the past six meetings in Wisconsin.

Brett Favre became the Packers' quarterback in 1992 and the Lions haven't tasted triumph in cheeseland since, unless you like a chunk of rotten Limburger.

Thirteen straight times they have fallen to Green Bay on the road. That includes a playoff loss in '94 and three losses in Milwaukee, where the Packers don't even play anymore. The only thing frozen about the infamous "frozen tundra" of Lambeau Field has usually been the Lions' offense.

"It's a tough place for anyone to play, but that is certainly one streak we must



Mark Wilson

break," said Lions coach Steve Mariucci, who had a hand in beating his current team in five of those games when he was an assistant to Mike Holmgren.

The man who is desperate to beat Green Bay at Lambeau on Sunday is the same man who helped start this streak. Mariucci was the Packers' quarterback coach. Favre was the quarterback.

Gee ... thanks Mooch. "Funny how things turn out sometime, huh?" Mariucci said.

The Lions stand at 5-7 and are heading back into Lambeau after the Packers

suffered their worst defeat in 14 years. Beaten by 30 at Philadelphia will make Favre that much more angry, that much more hungry.

"We've got to file the loss to the Eagles away and just get ready for Detroit," Favre said. The loss wasn't even cold yet and already the future Hall of Famer was thinking about the Lions. That can't be good.

Favre has lost to the Lions eight times in Detroit — seven at the Silverdome and once at Ford Field. Beating him here hasn't been a tough trick. This is a week where everything has to go right. Joey Harrington has to have a career day and Kevin Jones needs to come close to his rushing total of 196 yards against Arizona last Sunday.

Defensively, the Lions must finally find a way to stop Favre at Lambeau. His

consecutive start streak continues and hits 202 games this weekend. His touchdown pass streak ended in Philly at 36 straight games.

"We know he will be an angry quarterback when we face him there. It will not be easy by any stretch, but we have to find a way," Lions cornerback Dré Bly said.

"Big-play" Dré had two of the Lions' four interceptions against Arizona rookie QB John Navarre. Comparing Navarre to Favre is like comparing ... well, there is no funny analogy. The football gods won't even allow you to put Favre and Navarre in the same sentence.

Oh wait. There is one comparison. Each guy has a "v" in his name. See? Wasn't that funny, was it?

It will be cold and nasty at Lambeau on Sunday afternoon. That doesn't even

include the weather.

The Packers just aren't gracious hosts. Since the Lions' losing skid began in '92, Green Bay has lost only 19 games total at home. No team in pro football has been better in front of its own crowd than the guys in green and gold.

It's a great opportunity for the Lions. They need to let it all hang out Sunday. They need to quiet the cheeseheads. They need to show fans in Detroit that Mariucci really is "building something good here," as his slogan suggests.

If that happens? We can all go have a victory pizza ... with extra cheese, of course.

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Harrison's Woods has good start at Missouri

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Marcus Woods of Farmington Hills appears to have a bright future as a college football player at the University of Missouri.

The redshirt freshman tailback played in all 11 games and finished as the team's third-leading rusher with 428 yards on 101 carries.

Woods, a two-time all-stater at Harrison High School, scored his second touchdown in the season finale Saturday as Missouri upset Iowa State, 17-14.

He capped a nine-play, 94-yard drive in the first half as the Tigers took a 7-0 lead.

Woods' 5-yard touchdown run followed a 24-yard run by him on the previous play in which the 5-foot-8, 185-pound speedster broke two tackles.

Adam Crossett's 25-yard field goal in overtime won it for the Tigers, who finished 3-5 in the Big 12 Conference and 5-6 overall.

The victory ended Missouri's five-game losing streak and knocked the Cyclones out of the Big 12 championship game.

A win would have made Iowa State the North Division winner outright and given the Cyclones a chance to play Oklahoma for the conference title.

As a senior at Harrison, Woods was offered a scholarship by former Michigan State coach Bobby Williams, who was later fired. The offer was rescinded by new coach John L. Smith, and that's how Woods ended up at Missouri.

With junior Damien Nash, the starting tailback and team's leading rusher, announcing this week he was leaving the program, the door could be open for Woods to be the starter next season.

Only Nash, with 792 yards, and quarterback Brad Smith (553) rushed for more yards than Woods, who averaged 4.2 per carry and 38.9 per game.

Woods also caught eight passes for 60 yards and

ranked seventh on the team in pass receiving. Woods was fifth in all-purpose yards with 488.

Woods had two starts this season, against Texas and Kansas State. He scored his first collegiate touchdown in the latter game, in which he had 10 carries for 68 yards. He had 17 carries for 81 yards against Iowa State for his best single-game performance.

Woods, a four-year varsity player in high school, is the all-time leading rusher at Harrison with 4,803 yards on 660 carries and the school's career scoring leader with 540 points. He scored 90 touchdowns for the Hawks (1999-2002).

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Canton works hard for first-game win

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

They may wear red-and-white uniforms, but Canton turned in a blue-collar effort Tuesday night in its season-opening 48-45 victory at Monroe.

"I thought we played extremely hard," said Chief coach Charlie Paye. "It was a defensive battle on both ends. It seemed like every shot was contested."

To say Canton's scoring

attack was balanced would be an understatement. Three seniors — Kevin Thornton, Julian Smith and Andy Cortellini — paced the Chiefs with 10 points a piece.

Thornton almost achieved a rare triple-double, finishing with 10 rebounds and eight blocked shots.

Jake Thompson led Monroe with 16 points.

Canton roared to a 32-21 halftime advantage as it had few problems breaking the Trojans' full-court pressure.

However, the hosts cut their deficit to 42-35 after three quarters and actually had a chance to tie it in the final seconds.

"They stole the ball from us following an in-bounds pass with four seconds to go and they got off a half-court shot at the buzzer," Paye said. "We played real well in the first half offensively, but we took the air out of the ball in the final minutes of the fourth quarter and we missed some free throws, which let them get back into the game. We didn't get good shots in the second half like we were getting in the first half."

The Chiefs were strong on

the boards as sophomore Ryan Waidmann (six rebounds), Smith (five) and Steve Paye (four) combined with Thornton to limit the Trojans' second shots.

Jason Houdek and Smith each dished out a team-high four assists. Cortellini had three.

Canton opens the home portion of its schedule when it hosts Novi Friday at 7 p.m. in the Phase III gymnasium.

"They've beaten us four straight times, including twice last year, so it should be a tough game," Paye said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., December 23rd, 2004 for the following:

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Bid forms may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department counter or you may contact Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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PREP BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 10
Livonia Clarenceville at PCA, 7 p.m.
Monroe at Salem, 7 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Novi at Canton, 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 10
Northville at Plymouth
at Plymouth Cultural Center, 8:30 p.m.
Walled Lake Northern at Canton
at Arctic Edge Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11
PCS Penguins at Port Huron
at McMorran Place, 4:30 p.m.
Canton at Chelsea, 7 p.m.

PREP WRESTLING

Saturday, Dec. 11
Canton and Salem at Salem
Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Plymouth at Armada Tournament, TBA

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Dec. 11
Plymouth Christian and Canton at
Livonia Stevenson Invitational, TBA
Salem at South Lyon Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Saturday, Dec. 11
Salem, Plymouth and Canton at
WLAA Conference Relays at Salem, 10 a.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Sunday, Dec. 12
Mohawk College at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 10
(Bethel College, Ind. Tourney)
Madonna vs. Bethel (Ind.), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11
Bethel (Ind.) Tourney, 6 & 8 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 10
(Kalamazoo Valley CC Tourney)
Schoolcraft vs. Columbus St. (Ohio), 1 p.m.
Kalamazoo Valley vs. Highland (Ill.), 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11
K'zoo Valley Tourney, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Dec. 10
Whalers at Sarnia Sting, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 11
Whalers vs. Owen Sound
at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 12
Whalers at Guelph Storm, 3 p.m.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD PROCEEDINGS - NOVEMBER 23, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 23, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo; Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Regular Board Minutes of November 9, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Expenditure Recap for November 23, 2004**

General Fund	101	\$	416,729.08
Fire Fund	206		108,388.40
Police Fund	207		68,309.83
Summit Operating	208		45,151.18
Cable TV Fund	230		147,616.93
Twp Improvement	246		2,498.75
E-911 Utility	261		1,663.54
Auto Forfeiture (wwa)	267		18,626.72
Federal Grants Fund	274		1,423.00
Auto Theft Grant	289		913.00
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402		22,122.86
Cap Proj - Road Paving	403		109,119.53
Golf Fund	584		36,668.15
Water & Sewer Fund	592		1,710,315.20
Post Employ. Benefits	736		138.57
Saltz Road Paving	803		5,393.14
Lotz Road Paving	804		2,465.43
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815		7,550.40
Koppernick Corporate	852		77.00
Tonguish Creek Storm	854		98.00
S. Haggerty Rd. Paving	865		175.00
Total - All Funds			2,705,443.71

PRESENTATION: RECOGNITION OF TOM GEROU FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. Mr. Gerou not present.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT - ENGINEERING SERVICES - OVERTIME. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the Engineering Service Fund Budget to increase Overtime. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase (Decrease) Appropriations:** Overtime #101-447-708-0000 \$2,000.00, Contracted Services #101-447-818-0000 \$(2,000.00). This budget amendment does not increase or decrease the Engineering Services Fund Budget.

Item 2. CONSIDER A WARD OF BID FOR PURCHASE OF 1-INCH TYPE - K COPPER TUBING. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for 39,000 feet of 1-inch type-K Copper Tubing, in 150-100' rolls to Liberty Plumbing Supply Company, 29101 Michigan Ave., P.O. Box 390, Inkster, MI 48141 in the amount of \$66,105.00 (account # 592-000-111-0002, Inventory Construction Materials). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR CANTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for the Canton Community Foundation's Christmas in the Village. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S MINISTRY. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs for Tri-City Christian Women's Ministry's holiday craft fair. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. GRANT FUNDING TRANSFER AND BUDGET AMENDMENT. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the transfer of \$300,000 State of Michigan grant funding for the Performing Arts Center from the Community Improvement Fund (account #246-000-699-0000) to the Capital Projects Building Construction Fund (account #246-959-965-4000). I further move to approve the following budget for this transfer. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. DEDICATE RIDGE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. (LSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the dedication of a 43-foot right-of-way along Ridge Road (Cherry Hill School property) going north to the north property line of parcel 71-071-99-0007-000 and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute the Ridge Road right-of-way documents. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. ESTABLISH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES FOR 2005. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2005 as follows: first, second, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to be held at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan. Proposed as of the second week of February, meetings will be moved to the Charter Township of Canton, Administration Building, Board of Trustees meeting room, first floor, 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL CALENDAR:

Item 1. CONSIDER THE INTERSECTION AUDIT COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2005 INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to accept the Intersection Audit

Committee's recommendation for the 2005 Intersection Safety Improvement Program as noted and further move to authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to execute an intergovernmental agreement with Wayne County to provide design and construction engineering services for these projects. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 2. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER MAINTENANCE OF 16.01 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 16.01 miles of local roads and authorize the payment of \$49,319.00 from account no. 101-441-950-0000 (Wayne County Road Maintenance). Motion carried unanimously.

Item 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRE PERSONNEL TO ATTEND SCHOOL OF FIRE STAFF AND COMMAND. (PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 (Account # 206-336-952-0000, Fire Department Training) for tuition for Lt. Battistone and Le. Daubresse to attend the School of Fire Staff and Command at Eastern Michigan University. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 4. FIRST READING TO AMEND THE CURFEW ORDINANCE. (CLERK/PUBLIC SAFETY) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to table Ordinance Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 46-503 Curfew Ordinance with first reading on November 23, 2004, Publication on December 9, 2004. Second reading on December 14, 2004 with publication and effective date on December 23, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, SUMMARY OF CURFEW AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 1, SECTION 46-503; TO PROVIDE FOR CURFEW FOR MINORS UNDER 17 YEARS OF AGE; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY, AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 1, SECTION 46-503 Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 1, Section 46-503 is hereby amended to read as follows: **Sec. 46-503. Curfew.**

- This section provides for a curfew for any minor under 17 years of age between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., and for any minor under 18 years of age between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- This section provides for the following defenses to a curfew prosecution: the minor is accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian or an adult designated by the minor's parent or guardian; the minor is on an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian or an adult designated by the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop; the minor is in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel; the minor is engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop; the minor is involved in an emergency; the minor is attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the township, a civic organization, or another similar entity; the minor is exercising First Amendment rights; the minor is married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with law.
- This section provides that it is unlawful for the parent or guardian to allow such child to violate the provisions of subsection (a).
- This section provides that it is unlawful for the owner, operator, or any employee of an establishment to knowingly allow a minor to remain upon the premises in violation of subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION 2. 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 3. REPEAL. This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 5. 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 6. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk cause this Ordinance to be published.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication.

Item 5. FIRST READING TO AMEND ORDINANCE FIREARMS. (CLERK/PSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to table Ordinance Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 2, Firearms Ordinance with first reading on November 23, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, SUMMARY OF FIREARMS PROVISIONS, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS; TO PROHIBIT THE POINTING OR DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS; TO PROHIBIT THE POSSESSION OR DISCHARGE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR DRUGS; TO PROHIBIT THE RECKLESS CARRYING OR USE OF FIREARMS; TO PROVIDE FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; TO PROVIDE FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, SEVERABILITY,

AND SAVING OF ALL PENDING MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1: AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 2, SUBDIVISION II This section provides that Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 2, Subdivision II is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-241. Definitions. This section provides for definitions of terms used in this subdivision.

Sec. 46-242. Exemptions. This section provides that authorized officers of the in the performance of their duties and people acting for the lawful protection of life and property are exempt from the prohibitions.

Sec. 46-243. Pointing or discharge of firearm. This section provides that it shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally point a firearm toward any other person, and that it shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm within the township, except at an approved range.

Sec. 46-244. Possession while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. This section provides that it shall be unlawful for an intoxicated person to carry or possess any firearm.

Sec. 46-245. Reckless carrying or use. This section provides that it shall be unlawful to recklessly use, carry, or handle any firearm.

SECTION 2. 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.

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SECTION 6. PUBLICATION. This section provides that the Clerk cause this Ordinance to be published.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This section provides that this Ordinance shall take full force and effect upon publication. 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.

Item 6. RIVER'S EDGE AT CHERRY HILL VILLAGE (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution for the final site plan for River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF Canton Township Final Site Plan for **River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village Site Condominiums** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Steve Chisek, has requested final site plan approval for River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village to be located on Cherry Hill Road between Ridge and Napier Roads, identified as part of tax EDP #074-99-0010-706; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant final site plan approval conditioned upon receipt of the following:

- Financial guarantees for landscaping, sidewalks or lighting along common areas, entrance monuments and other similar items.
- Two copies of the Master Deed and by-laws in recordable form.
- Confirmation of final engineering plan approval by Wade-Trim as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Steve Chisek, to approve the final site plan of the proposed River's Edge at Cherry Hill Village subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill Rice and Director Faas.

OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated that on December 7, 2004 there will be a Board Study Session on Paperless Board Packet. On December 8, 2004 there will be a Special Board Study Session on Board Orientation and Goal Setting. On December 9, 2004 there will be a meeting for strategic planning for the Cultural Commission. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to move to closed session to discuss the purchase of property at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Reconvened to open session at 8:15 p.m. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to authorize the purchase of the property located at 5645 Beck Road (71-065-99-0001-000), from Hal Rosin, in the amount of \$125,000 plus closing costs. The purchase of the property will be taken from the Community Improvement Fund Public Works Account # 246-440-970-0000. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board

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Fourth-quarter comeback pushes Eaglets past CC

SALEM

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opponents in the approaching weeks.

Other key players in Salem's quest for a WLAA crown will be senior Kelly Lepper, setter Ashley Hayes, mid-hitter Lauren Bala, junior Danielle DiPietro, junior Shannon Rusin, and sophomores Nikki Mersch, Chelsea

McPhail, Courtney Feiler, Kelly Behr and Katrina Cope. "I like our balance and our versatility," Peterson said. "We have several girls who have good size, but who can play anywhere you ask them to." Salem opens the season Saturday at the South Lyon Invitational. The first serve is set for 9 a.m. The Rocks' first home match is Wednesday, Jan. 5, when they host Westland John Glenn.

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BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

For most of Tuesday night, Redford Catholic Central's frontcourt dominated their opening-game opponent from Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

The host Shamrocks took a 37-32 lead into the final quarter. But that's where it all unraveled, as the Eaglets stepped up their game at both ends of the floor and escaped with a 47-46 Catholic League crossover victory.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes," lamented Shamrocks' head coach Rick Coratti. "If we eliminate those we'll be a pretty good team"

At the top of the list of mistakes was a foul on St. Mary's sophomore guard Kalin Lucas — who led all scorers with 23 points. Lucas had no chance to make a desperation trey as the third quarter expired, but he was fouled anyway. Instead of the Shamrocks leading 39-30 after three, Lucas hit two of three foul shots to trim the lead to seven.

"That didn't help matters," Coratti said. "Instead of being up nine we were up seven."

And the fourth got off to a

'I learned my team will compete and play with a lot of heart and desire.'

George Porritt
St. Mary's head coach

poor start for the home team as St. Mary's sophomore guard Dionte Allen stole the ball and went in for a layup, slicing the Shamrocks advantage to 39-34. Allen's bucket was the first field goal for the team since the second quarter; all five of the team's third-quarter points were via free throws.

Still, Catholic Central managed to hold a 44-34 lead with more than six minutes to play, thanks to a layup by 6-7 junior center Chris Harding (eight points and several blocked shots) and a left-wing triple by junior guard Antyrio Raimier (16 points).

Back-to-back buckets scored by St. Mary's (Lucas and senior forward-center Chris McLaurin) trimmed the lead again, this time to 44-38

and — unlike earlier in the frame — the Shamrocks did not have an answer.

A three-point play by Allen with 1:59 left made it 46-45 Catholic Central and set the stage for the winner. Allen took the ball away in the St. Mary's end, went coast-to-coast and dropped in a layup with 1:35 on the scoreboard.

The Eaglets got the ball back and took precious time off the clock, eventually forcing a late foul. But when the front end of a one-and-one did not drop for St. Mary's, the Shamrocks regained life. Unfortunately, they could not get the ball inside for a good scoring opportunity.

"We weren't patient on offense," said Coratti, referring to a couple of rushed long jumpers during the fourth, when the Shamrocks maintained a slim lead and had the chance to both knock off seconds and add to the advantage.

St. Mary's head coach George Porritt called it a "special win" for his team.

"I learned my team will compete and play with a lot of heart and desire," said Porritt, whose squad was without

sophomore forward Jon Tassin due to illness.

Also in double figures for Catholic Central was junior center Aras Butkanas, with 11 points.

For much of the first three quarters, Butkanas and Harding altered a number of St. Mary's shots while taking care of the boards.

Those efforts led to several low-post baskets for the Shamrocks, particularly in the third. Harding canned a layup following a steal and then made a bank shot with a minute left in the frame, opening up a 39-29 lead.

But Catholic Central could not keep that positive trend going in the final eight minutes, when the Eaglets stepped up defensive pressure.

Coratti did say he was encouraged "at times" by the play of his low-post players. "But there were other times I thought they could have been more aggressive."

Catholic Central's next game is 5:45 p.m. Saturday against Southfield-Lathrup at Detroit Country Day.

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YOUTH WRESTLING

The second session of the Canton Wrestling Club will run from Jan. 3 through March 13. The cost is \$45 and includes membership in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association and a club T-shirt.

Registration will be held Wednesday, Dec. 15 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in room 305 of Canton High School's Phase III building.

Practices will be held Mondays and Wednesdays. Athletes from first through eighth grades may participate. Practices will be divided into beginning and advanced wrestlers.

For more information, contact Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083 or e-mail him at c_randolph44@yahoo.com.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON BOARD

TO THE OWNERS OF THE FOLLOWING

DESCRIBED LANDS: North Pointe Subdivision, Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan

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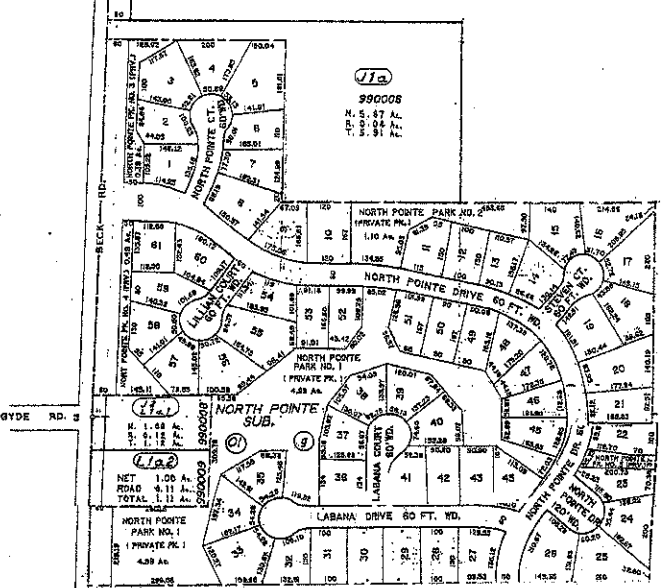
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TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the provisions of Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan 1954, as amended, the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to proceed with the public improvements consisting of road repairs, sidewalk installation and sign installation in North Pointe Subdivision.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has tentatively declared its intention to make such improvements and tentatively designated the above described premises as a special assessment district against which at least a part of the cost of said public improvements is to be assessed.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has caused to be prepared plans showing the public improvements, the location thereof, and an estimate of the cost thereof which have been filed with the Township Clerk, Charter Township of Canton, Michigan, for public examination.

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board will meet on **Tuesday, the 14th day of December, 2004, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Standard Time, at the Summit, 46000 Summit Parkway, Chestnut Room, Canton, Michigan, to hear objections to the public improvements, and to the special assessment district thereof.**



Terry G. Bennett, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Canton

Publish: December 9, 2004

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Mass Schedule:

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First	Sat.	9:30 a.m.
Sun. Masses	7:30 & 9:30 a.m.	

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Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M.

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Weekday Masses
Tuesday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday - 4:30 p.m.
Sunday - 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

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East of Middlebelt, between 5 Mile & Schoolcraft Rds.
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Sun. 8:30 & 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon
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Bible Class
Sunday 10am & Wednesday 7pm
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Tuesday & Thursday 7pm
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First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth
1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI
734-453-0970

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
Wed. Evening Testimony Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Reading Room 550 South Main
Monday-Saturday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
734-453-1676

CHURCHES OF THE NAZARENE

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45801 W. Ann Arbor Road • (734) 453-1625
Sunday School - 9:45 A.M.
Sunday Worship - 11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening - 6:00 P.M.
Family Night - Wed. 7:00 P.M.
NEW HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN: 455-3196

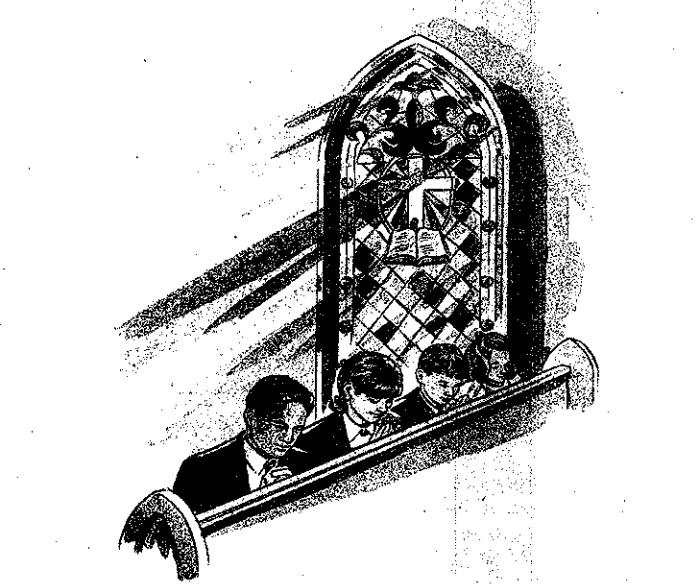
CHURCH OF GOD

Riverside Park Church of God

11771 Newburgh Road
Livonia
Corner of Plymouth and Newburgh
734-464-0990

Service Schedule:

Sunday School	9:30am
Sunday Worship	10:45am
Wednesday Evening	6:00pm



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Clarenceville United Methodist

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www.pfumc.org

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10000 Beech Daly
2 blocks south of Plymouth Road

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9:30 a.m. Cont. Family Worship
11:00 a.m. Sunday School all ages
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734-699-3361

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Sunday School 10 am ages 3-11
Nursery 8:45 - 12:15 pm

This Sunday, Dec. 12
Christmas Pageant at 11:00 a.m.
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9:45 - Modern
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Early Childhood Center
Phons 734-513-8413

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Rev. Luther A. Werth, Senior Pastor & Rev. Robert Bayer, Assistant Pastor

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Sunday School
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The Rev. Timothy R. Halboth, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Victor F. Halboth, Assistant Pastor

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Adult Bible Class 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School
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Kurt E. Lambert, Pastor
Richard Schumacher, Principal/Youth Director

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734 422-5550

Sunday Bible Study 9am
Sunday Worship Service 10am
Wednesday Evening Service 7pm

Rev. David W. Zeuschner, Pastor

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Rev. Kirk D. Miller
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Sunday School at 10:45 am
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who share Christ with all people.

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EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

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Pastor Eric Steinbrenner

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Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

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It's Easy To Criticize...

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

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

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

DECEMBER

Birmingham-First Concert Series

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

Benefit concert

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

Journey to the Manager
A musical with concert choir about the journey to the Depression area, Renaissance Italy, streets of England, and back to the 21st century to discover the true meaning of Christmas 6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 11-12, First Baptist Church of Wayne, 36125 Glenwood, between Newburgh and Wayne roads. No charge. Call the church at (734) 721-7410 or Martin Whitehead (734) 326-4342.

Journey to Bethlehem

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

Annual cookie walk

9 a.m. until sold out Saturday, Dec. 11, cookies plus nut, apricot, poppyseed and sweet breads, Ukrainian kielie and many more ethnic and traditional holiday cookies, potato, cheese and sauerkraut pierogies and stuffed cabbage, candies and nuts, pre-packaged gift boxes of cookies also available, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, Livonia. Call (248) 476-3432.

Cookie walk

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

Holiday bake sale

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

Holiday bazaar

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

Voices of Christmas

8:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, between 13 and 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 626-3620.

Holiday concert

Featuring the ARPI Swedish Men's Chorus, directed by Arthur Elander, and the Scandia Women's Chorus, directed by Ruth Anne Zimmer, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 West 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$10, and available by calling (248) 626-7906.

Advent Candlelight Service

Featuring adult and children's choirs as well as handbell and wind choirs 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 1343 Penniman,

Plymouth. Pastor Paul Schaefer of St. Peter's and Pastor Tom Schroeder, of neighboring Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Novi, will read Advent scripture passages after which the various choirs will respond with selections appropriate to the message. Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus' coming to earth as the Savior of the world. Christmas services at St. Peter's will be at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and 10 a.m. on Christmas Day. For more information, call (734) 453-3393.

Seasonal concert

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

Christmas concert

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

Journalist to speak

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

Living Nativity

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

Christmas Cantata

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

Choir cantata

I'll Be Home for Christmas choir cantata 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 8828 Wormer, Redford. Everyone is welcome to attend. call (313) 537-7480.

Global Gifts and Crafts Shop

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

UPCOMING

Blood Drive

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

ONGOING

Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster, is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free, 30-minute class, wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats option-

al). Join us as we exercise for JOY. For more information, call the church office (313) 937-1199.

Worship services

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

Community Bible study

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

Contemporary service

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

Bible Study for Parents

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

Trinity Episcopal Church

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

Orthodoxy 101

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

Support group

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

Grief support programs

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

Grief workshop

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

Bible studies

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

New contemporary service

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

Prayer group

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

Stronger Women

Walking group, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers, coffee social, fun and fellowship continues 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays through Nov. 18, at Faith Covenant Church, 35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Registration fee \$25, walk-ins \$5. Baby-sitting \$2 per

child, \$4 per family per session. For more information, call (248) 661-9191.

Women of the Word

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

Worship schedule

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

New modern-style worship

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

youth, and adult Bible classes will also be offered at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach Director, at (734) 522-6830.

New service times

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

New Sunday School

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

Adat Shalom

Synagogue Services are 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday, 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. Sunday, at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100.

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information.

Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups. Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for eating disorders, meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous, a 12-step program for alcohol related problems, meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous, a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems, meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays, at First Baptist Church, 300 Willis, one block north of Maple, one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance.

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

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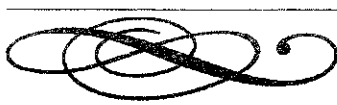
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THOMAS NATHAN ABBOTT

Age 53, of Westland, died December 2, 2004. He was born January 5, 1951, in Kalamazoo. He was a 1970 graduate of Bentley High School in Livonia, and also graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. He is survived by his mother, G. Jean Wells; his sisters, Jeanne Abbott, Mary Kathryn (Angelo) Constantine, and Nancy Carol (Ted) Nelson; and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held Saturday, December 4, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan, the American Cancer Society, or Leader Dogs for the Blind.



ELLIE REBECCA JAKUBOWSKI

Age 3 months, of Plymouth, died December 6, 2004. She was born August 24, 2004, in Superior Township. She is survived by her parents, Michael and Cassie; her sister, Emma; and her grandparents, Ben and Susan Jakubowski of Plymouth, and Linda Cummins of Bonita Springs, Florida. She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Wayne Cummins. Funeral services will take place Friday, December 10, 12noon, at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth. Friends may visit beginning at 10am. Memorials may be made to The Ellie Jakubowski Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 701515, Plymouth, MI, 48170.

MINA OPAL MAXWELL

Age 80, passed away December 7, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Arthur David; dear mother of David Michael (Esther) and Jerry Scott (Debbie); loving grandmother of Jason, David and Shannon; dear sister of Raoul Silsbee, Ronald Silsbee and Felice Leser. Funeral service will be held at the O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home, 41555 Grand River, Novi (1-248-348-1800) Friday 11:00am. Visitation Wednesday 5-9pm and Thursday 1-4 & 6-9pm. Donations in Mina's memory may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, P.O. Box 214182, Auburn Hills, MI 48321-4182. Online sympathy messages at: www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

JAMES SUTHERLAND

Long time Farmington Hills resident, passed away on Monday, November 29, at the age of 64. Born May 28, 1940 in Cambridge Massachusetts. He grew up in Cambridge, Oxford, Ohio and Ann Arbor, Michigan. Survived by his brother David Sutherland of Ann Arbor, David's spouse Enid, their children Katherine Sutherland Ruml and Charlie Sutherland, a great-niece, Julia Ruml and two nephews, James and Geoffrey, sons of his late brother Gordon. Upon graduation from Oberlin College, Mr. Sutherland served two years in the Peace Corps in Malaysia. In 1970, he began teaching in Farmington. He taught at the old Farmington Junior High, Warner Middle School and Duncel Middle School. He was a respected and loved teacher and colleague and retired in 2001. Mr. Sutherland also served for a period of time as a park ranger in Michigan. With a deep love of nature, he was a member of the Audubon Society and Nature Conservancy. He was an avid bird watcher and writer of poetry. Mr. Sutherland encouraged his students to express their greatest joys and life's experiences through writing. He was a mentor and coach for many students trying to find their poetic voice. He will be greatly missed. No memorial arrangements have been made at this time. Condolences may be sent to Mr. and Mrs. David Sutherland, 801 Miner St., Ann Arbor, Michigan, 48103.

BRUNO E. KOBERNIK

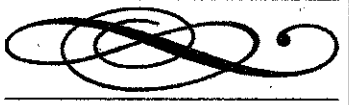
Age 89, December 5, 2004, of Livonia. Beloved husband of Caroline. Dearest father of the late Gerald (Margaret), Richard (Judith), Larry (Pat) and Karen (Phil) Gibson. Dear brother of Gertrude Wilde, Kurt, Robert and Carl. Grandfather of 10. Great-grandfather of 5. Funeral service Wednesday 11 AM (instate 10 AM) at Calvary Missionary Church. Visitation Tues. 1-9 PM at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Family suggests contributions to Calvary Missionary Church.

RUTH PERRY

Age 79, December 5, 2004 of Livonia. Preceded in death by her husband Ira; brothers Duke, Glenn and Carl Taylor. Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia Wed. 1-5 PM and Thurs. at St. Alexander Catholic Church, 27835 Shiawassee, Farmington Hills from 11:30 until time of funeral mass at 12:00. Rosary Wed. 1:00 PM. Donations to Michigan Humane Society.

EDMUND J. REPUCCI

Age 79, of Farmington Hills, died November 27, 2004, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington. Mr. Repucci was born August 11, 1925, in Mansfield, MA. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills and Green Valley, Arizona, Mr. Repucci taught math at Oakland University and Xavier University in Phoenix, Arizona. He was also a science and math consultant for Walled Lake Schools. Mr. Repucci is survived by his daughter, Patti (Steve) Parks, son, Bob (Marsha) French, 8 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and brother, Robert Repucci. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Mr. Repucci is preceded in death by his wife, Alice French Repucci and parents, Victor and Josephine Repucci. A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, November 30th at St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Visitation held Monday, November 29th at Lunch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Clawson. Interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials appreciated to Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament, Farmington Hills.



KELLY VARGO

Born Sept. 21, 1983, passed away tragically in an auto accident on Dec. 5, 2004. Beloved daughter of Sue Ruggiero; sister to Terri and Christopher; beloved granddaughter of Patrick and Ruth Ruggiero; niece of Kathy Hellen, Patrick Ruggiero (Gretchen), Tony Ruggiero (Lois), Karen Ruggiero and Michael (Brooke) Ruggiero. She will also be missed by her nine cousins. She was preceded in death by her father, Gary Vargo and great-grandmother Anna Rogiero. Kelly was a graduate of Redford Thurston in 2002 and was attending Michigan Career Technical Institute Plainwell, MI, studying the Culinary Arts. Funeral service will be held at St. Robert's Church, Redford, at 10am Thursday. Arrangements entrusted to Turowski Funeral Home, Middlebelt Rd., Livonia, MI.

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Whalers deal Lundmark to Saginaw for '06 pick

The Plymouth Whalers traded veteran defenseman Erik Lundmark to Saginaw Tuesday in exchange for a seventh-round draft choice in the 2006 Ontario Hockey League Draft.

Lundmark came to the Whalers as an undrafted free agent in 2002 and was in his third season with Plymouth. After playing 92 games over the past two years with the Whalers, Lundmark was a healthy scratch for much of this season, playing in five games and scoring one goal with penalty minutes.

Overall, Lundmark played in 97 games for the Whalers, scoring four goals with three assists and 49 penalty minutes.

"Unfortunately, Erik was caught in a numbers game this season," said Whalers coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "He deserves a lot of credit for earning a spot on the roster as a free agent two years ago. He worked very hard here in Plymouth. We wish him all the best in Saginaw."

Busy weekend

The Whalers play three games this weekend. They're in Sarnia on Friday night, they host Owen Sound on Saturday at the Compuware Sports Arena, and they travel to Guelph on Sunday for a 3 p.m. game.

Saturday's game will be the Whalers' final home game before the Christmas holidays. Plymouth plays in Toronto on Friday, Dec. 17, Belleville on Saturday, Dec. 18, and on Sunday, Dec. 19, they visit Oshawa.

Plymouth returns to action at home on Tuesday, Dec. 28, when it hosts Brampton at 2 p.m. and Sarnia on Thursday, Dec. 30, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400.



Steel City champs

During the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the Livonia Knights '91, a Bantam A hockey team, captured the Steel City Tournament in Pittsburgh (Pa.) with a 1-0 win over the Canton Crush. Tournament MVP Robby Brzezinski scored the game-winner. Other members of the Knights, who won a tourney earlier this year in Cleveland, include: Richie Dunphy, Kody Strong, Adrian Motta, Tyler Barnes, Erik Bird, Dan Bostick, Anthony Capatina, Joe Catalano, Steven Deuby, Carson Gurski, Jake Hermann, Robert Louwers, Kenny Masiarczyk, Brent Mishowski and Alec Smythe. Robert Smythe is head coach, assisted by John Strauch, Shawn McGowan and Mike Herman.



Turkey champions

The Livonia Mite Predators captured five consecutive games to win the Eddie Edgar Thanksgiving Tournament. They defeated teams from Novi, Saginaw, Plymouth and Southfield en route to the title. They won the championship with a 6-1 win over the Kensington Valley Eagles. The Members of the Predators, who outscored their tourney opponents, 23-8, include (front row, from left): Dylan Becker, Rachel Fradette, Mickey Sinclair, goalie Nicole Russell (1.6 goals-against average), Julia Lutz, Clifford Brookman, Riley Firman; (second row, from left) Mark Cummings, Justin Reinholdt, Brendan Whitney, Joshua Mann, Anthony Rotondo, Cameron Mount-Campbell, Brandon Gabrielson, Dominic Lutz, Michael Licata; (third row, from left) assistant coaches Ed Lutz, Jerry Cummings, Dave Whitney, head coach Mike Sinclair and assistant Brian Gabrielson. Team sponsors include Mr. Chicken of Redford, Rotondo Brothers Contracting and Russell Landscaping.



Hockey champs

The Livonia Pee Wee Predators defeated the Novi Lynx, 4-0, to win the Sports Weekend Extravaganza Thanksgiving Tournament (Nov. 24-26) in Melvindale. Predators captain JJ Pettersson, who scored a hat trick, was named game MVP. Other members of the Predators include: Erik Cipparone, Steven Gazley, Matthew Jarecki, Cody Johnstone, Ian Kain, Charley Kuder, Jimmy Labby, Sebastian Morelli, Justin Osborn, Nicholas, Qassis, Trevor Ralph, Michael Rybinski, Michael Schwarz, Matthew Thomas and Connor Zagata. Coaches include Roger Labby, Eric Olsen and Mark Pettersson. Team sponsors include Baskin Robbins, Expert Tile & Marble, Jet's Pizza, Munchies Pizza and Outback Steakhouse.

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Did you know that the number of people in metropolitan Detroit needing help with basics like food and shelter has increased by 33 percent over the past three years?

But our ability to protect and support our vulnerable men, women and children is at risk this holiday season. With fewer public locations available for our Red Kettles, we need your help to **Make Change Happen** for people who need us most...

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Each year during the holidays, we introduce readers to a lesser-known champagne house of highest quality. The nod this year goes to Champagne Alain Thiénot (pronounced like the three letters T, N, O), considered a rising star by many pundits. Wine buffs present at your holiday celebrations may not recognize the name Champagne Thiénot, but they will taste the quality.

SOME BACKGROUND

After completing his education at age 25, Alain Thiénot began a banking career. But he was bored. Equipped, however, with finance and management skills, he returned to the Champagne region, where he discovered a passion for the soil and what it produces best — wines that bubble.

For a time, Alain Thiénot's father was in charge of a champagne house. Was the champagne trade in his genes? A taste of his champagne cuvées today, may lead you to believe so.

Grapes for Champagne Thiénot come from 52 estate acres, ranked at the top of the échelles des crus (percent system of rating Champagne vineyards), and more purchased from owners of similarly ranked vineyards. Beneath the chateau, rebuilt in 1920, lies an elaborate network of aging cellars, quarried 20 feet into layers of chalk. There the process of riddling is done by hand.

Fermentation completes in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks except for a selection of top wines that are fermented in new oak barrels. These wines are used primarily for the vintage-dated Grande Cuvée.

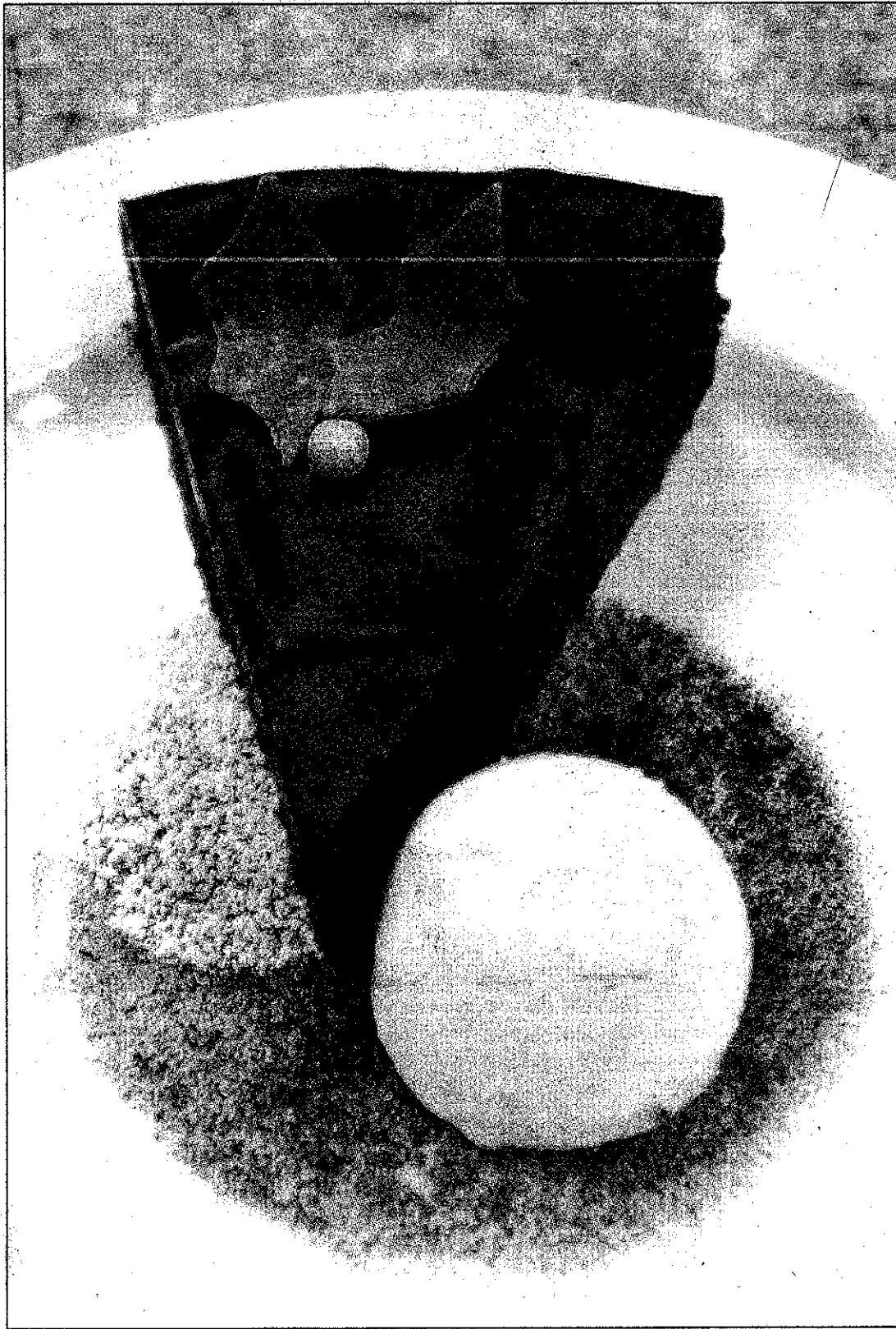
OPTIONS

Among Thiénot champagnes are a Non-vintage Brut (\$40) and Brut Vintage 1996 (\$56), both of which make sophisticated aperitif pours. As is the champagne house tradition, the Brut sets the house style and the vintage brut incorporates house style with vintage characters, derived from a particular year, and 1996 is a very good one.

If your preference for an aperitif champagne is a rosé, then Champagne Thiénot 1999 Brut Rosé (\$56) showcases deep color and raspberry aromas with balanced acidity to match a variety of hors d'oeuvres from seafood to sliced roast beef.

Champagne Thiénot Cuvée Stanislas 1996 (\$72) is 100 percent chardonnay grown on the slopes of Avize, Grauves, Chouilly, Mesnil-sur-Oger and Vertus in the Champagne region. Strictly selected for their elegance, delicacy and ageability, these crus (specific sites) exemplify the pure traditional style of

PLEASE SEE WINE, D2



Gâteau Nancy, a flourless chocolate cake, can be topped with ice cream.



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Teresa Summers finishes decorations on the Bûche de Noël.

GATEAU NANCY

3/4 ounces butter
6 ounces bittersweet chocolate
1/2 ounce brandy
1/2 ounce granulated sugar
1 tablespoon bread flour
2 egg yolks
3 egg whites
1/2 ounces granulated sugar

portion of the recipe. Just until combined.)

Fold the meringue in three stages or so.

Pans should be greased and floured. Fill 3/4ths of the way.

Bake at 375°F for 15 minutes and then turn down oven to 350°F and continue to bake.

Cakes are done when they just begin to fall back in and a skewer comes out clean, about another 15 minutes or so.

Garnish with holly and berries made with Marzipan.

(See Marzipan recipe in the Bûche de Noël recipe on page.)

Recipe courtesy of Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

On a double boiler, melt together the first three ingredients and set aside.

Dry blend the sugar and bread flour, and stir into the above mixture.

In a small stainless steel bowl, whisk the yolks till light and they resemble ribbon.

Whip the whites to a firm, moist meringue.

As the whites are ready, combine the yolks and chocolate mixture.

(Do not overmix this

Sweet!

You'll top off the holidays with these dynamic desserts

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

OK. You're getting together with your siblings or friends for a Christmas potluck.

Your sister's bringing the ham, your parents will prepare the kielbasa and your brother is baking bread.

And you've got dessert.

Gulp. The pressure's on.

But it's OK.

When thinking about what to prepare this Christmas,

get back to basics, says Joe Decker, instructor at Schoolcraft College and one of only two American Culinary Federation's certified master pastry chefs in the United States.

"Simplicity and elegance still guides my philosophy in creating desserts," Decker said. "Think of classical food combinations and present them in a contemporary fashion."

TWISTING TRADITION

Decker does just that when he takes two traditions and combines them for a delectable pecan flan.

And what would be Christmas be without chocolate? Gâteau Nancy, a flourless chocolate cake, is created with French dark chocolate, then coated with Yvonne's Chocolate Glaze, named

after Yvonne Gill, the one-time owner of Yvonne's Magasin de Cuisine and Tweeny's Cafe in Birmingham, who taught Decker how to make this sauce.

Then there's the Bûche de Noël, a log-shaped flourless almond sponge cake made with French buttercream and almond paste.

This dessert is reserved for the artistic, more daring home chefs who are undaunted by any task in a kitchen. That dessert can be displayed as a centerpiece on a table,

surrounded by hors d'oeuvres as it was recently at Schoolcraft.

BROAD APPEAL

You have to remember, however, not all your friends are professional chefs, Decker said.

"You have to ask, 'Is it going to taste good and will it have a broad appeal to your guests?'" Decker said. "Your friends may not subscribe to what pastry chefs subscribe to. Most of the friends I hang around with are baseball parents."

"It should have broad appeal, is recognizable and it tastes good."

The pecan flan features a cream cheese filling with



Pecan flan has a wonderful blend of flavors of cream cheese, pecans and short dough for the crust.

Side dish

Gift cards ready

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Pecan pointers

Researchers have identified a delightful ally in the fight against chronic disease and aging — pecans.

The *Journal of Agriculture and Food Chemistry* reports pecans are among those foods richest in antioxidants; in fact, they contain the most antioxidant capacity of any nut.

Antioxidants are substances found in foods that protect against cell damage and, studies have shown, can help fight Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, cancer and heart disease.

To include more pecans in your diet, try sprinkling them on pancakes or waffles, in fruit-flavored yogurt, on cereal or as coating for chicken or fish. You can also add them to brownie or cookie recipes.

Pecans are packed with nutrition including vitamin A, vitamin E, folic acid, calcium, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium, several B vitamins and zinc. It only takes about an ounce (about 20 pecan halves) to get the nutritional and antioxidant benefits.

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PLEASE SEE HOLIDAYS, D3

TASTE CALENDAR

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Weight Watchers

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Cooking at Schoolcraft

Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Marcus Haight, certified executive chef and Schoolcraft instructor, will teach his Five Star Restaurant Revue 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Cost is \$139. For more information on these and other culinary arts continuing education classes visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

Cookies with Santa

Children will create a dozen cookies and meet Old Saint Nick himself for a special treat at Shield's Restaurant and Pizzeria in Troy at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11. Shield's will provide pre-baked cookies and all the doodads. The cost for the event is \$7, which includes a beverage for children, a visit with Santa, Polaroid photo and small gift. Parents can reserve a spot for their children in advance by visiting Shield's, 1476 Maple Road, at the corner of Maple and Crooks in Troy or by calling (248) 637-3131. Walk-ins are welcome but space is limited and will be given to those who sign up in advance.

Cookie sale

Homemade holiday cookies will be available 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 11, at the 12th Annual Cookie & Basket Sale at the West Bloomfield United Methodist Church, 4100 Walnut Lake Road, 1/4 quarter mile west of Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield. Choose baskets filled with homemade jams, jellies, cookies and candy. Call (248) 855-1613 for information.

Cookie walk

More than 50 varieties of cookies will be available at the Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 11th Annual Cookie Walk Saturday, Dec. 11. Doors open at 8 a.m., the sale begins at 9 a.m. and continues until cookies are sold out.

Here are tips for healthful holiday baking

You don't have to give up holiday baking for health reasons. With some simple substitutions, you can make your favorite recipes more healthful without sacrificing taste.

For example, many recipes call for more sugar than is really necessary. Begin by cutting the amount by one-quarter to one-half. Dried fruit like raisins or dates will add natural sweetness when you're cutting back on sugar. For cakes, fruit breads and muffins, use frozen apple juice concentrate, thawed, to provide sweetness. Compensate for the extra liquid this adds by using it in place of milk (but not eggs or oil) in a recipe.

Sometimes it's hard to think of baked goods without butter, cream and eggs - all of which contain saturated fat. But more healthful fats can be substituted in smaller amounts. Use 1/4 cup of canola oil or "light" olive oil instead of 1/2 cup of margarine (a source of trans fats). "Light" olive oil has no detectable "olive" taste when baked with other ingredients.

Although a small amount of fat provides texture and flavor, you probably won't need as much as traditional recipes require. Adjust your recipes to be lighter and leaner by substituting unsweetened applesauce or other pureed fruit for some of the oil or butter. Because oil



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Using apple sauce and canola oil instead of butter and margarine can cut the trans fat in this biscotti.

is in a more liquid form than butter, you can substitute less fruit puree or less canola oil for butter.

To replace cream, try low-fat evaporated milk or fat-free half-and-half. Substitute two egg whites for one whole egg, or try packaged egg substitute, if desired. Replace half the fiber-poor white flour with whole-wheat pastry flour, made from soft wheat berries. It has a lighter, finer texture than regular whole-wheat flour, making it perfect for cakes and cookies.

Many of these cooking techniques are used to create these Ginger Spice Biscotti.

GINGER SPICE BISCOTTI

Canola oil spray
1/4 cups unbleached, all purpose flour
1 cup whole-wheat pastry flour
4 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/2 teaspoon allspice
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 large eggs
1/2 cup canola oil
1/2 cup unsweetened apple butter or applesauce
1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar
1/2 cup dried cranberries or other chopped dried fruit

Preheat oven to 325° F. Coat a

large cookie sheet with oil spray. Set aside.

Mix dry ingredients together in a bowl. Use a food processor or hand mix eggs with oil and apple butter until blended. Blend in the sugar. Add half of the dry mixture and blend until smooth. Add remaining dry (The dough will be soft and sticky but easy to handle.) Transfer dough to a large bowl. Fold in the dried fruit.

Place one-half of the dough at each end of the cookie sheet. With damp hands, form each piece of dough into a log 3 inches wide and about 1/2-inch high. Place logs about 4 inches apart. (Logs will spread during baking.)

Bake 25-30 minutes, or until firm to the touch. Remove from oven and cool 10 minutes. (Leave heat on.)

With a serrated knife, cut each log into 1/2-inch cookies cut on the diagonal.

Bake 10 minutes. Turn each cookie over and bake 10 more minutes.

Turn off heat and leave biscotti in the oven 10 minutes. Remove and cool on a wire rack.

Makes 40 biscotti.

Per serving: 63 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 10 g. carbohydrate, 1 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 38 mg. sodium.

Recipe from the American Institute for Cancer Research.

This cooking needs few ingredients

BY J.M. HIRSCH
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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - The five-ingredient fad mostly has yet to impress me.

In recent years publishers have produced a steady stream of inane books that claim to help you pull together a 12-course meal with nothing but five or fewer common ingredients.

My issue isn't with the supposed ease. Nothing turns me off more than a recipe with 25 ingredients and 50 steps (and here's a tip to publishers: Numbering the steps makes it look even worse).

My gripe is that most of these recipes actually call for more than five ingredients (perhaps the authors need those numbers). Even when they do limit themselves to five items, they too often call for prepared items from the freezer section.

Don't get me wrong, convenience foods can be a lifesaver. But let's not pretend that heat-

ing up a frozen entree in a broth of condensed soup with a side of biscuits from a tin is home cooking. Some truth in advertising would be nice.

Which got me thinking that surely there are good five-item recipes that actually call for fresh ingredients, while still offering the promised ease of low-impact cooking.

I was pleased to discover that the newly redesigned *Vegetarian Times* magazine was way ahead of me.

During the course of overhauling the 30-year-old standard bearer of vegetarianism, the publishers added a new column dedicated to five-ingredient recipes that rely primarily on fresh ingredients.

In the November-December issue, the first since the redesign, food writer Nava Atlas offers a selection of simple recipes that draw on common, fresh ingredients.

The shortcuts that are included seem more reasonable than your typical five-

ingredient fare. Beans, roasted red peppers and chutney sauces are items I'm not likely to prepare from scratch no matter how much time I have.

Atlas' selections all include quick-cooking whole grains, a nice change from the usual pasta used in so many speedy recipes.

Other highlights of the magazine's new look include a column focused on recipes for quick one-pot meals, such as lentil-vegetable soup, tips and recipes for putting healthy foods in child-friendly forms, and a piece called 1 Food 5 Ways, which offers a variety of preparations (sweet and savory) for cranberries.

CHUTNEY BULGUR WITH CURRIED CHICKPEAS

(Preparation: 30 minutes)
1 1/4 cups bulgur wheat
20-ounce can chickpeas, drained and rinsed
3 medium ripe tomatoes, diced
2 teaspoons curry powder, or to taste

8- or 9-ounce jar sweet and spicy chutney, such as mango

Cover the bulgur with 2 cups boiling water in a heatproof container. Cover and let stand until water is absorbed, about 30 minutes. For a faster preparation, combine water and bulgur in a saucepan and heat over a medium-low flame until water is absorbed, about 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, combine the chickpeas, tomatoes and curry in a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer over a medium-low flame. Heat for 2 to 3 minutes, then cover and keep warm until needed.

Stir the chutney into the bulgur and season with salt. To serve, mound a portion of bulgur on each plate and top with chickpea mixture.

Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 340 cal., 6 g fat, 10 g pro., 65 g carbs., 12 g fiber.

(Recipe from the November-December issue of *Vegetarian Times* magazine.)

WINE PICKS

Among more familiar brands, the following bested our annual Champagne taste-off:

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■ Bollinger 1996 Grande Année (\$110), a 70 percent pinot noir and 30 percent chardonnay blend from a vintage with long aging potential.

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■ Nicolas Feuillatte Cuvée Palmes d'Or 1996 is hallmarked by 60 percent pinot noir for full body and 40 percent chardonnay, offering elegance

and a balanced finish.

■ Pommery Brut Royal (\$35) in an avant-garde clear blue carrying case perfectly suited for gift giving.

■ Taittinger Prelude Grands Crus (\$70), new entry this year, made from half chardonnay and half pinot noir from 17 100 percent-rated grands crus vineyards in Champagne.

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mented in small oak barrels.

Champagnes are often ranked by stars, three being the top. Thiénot Grande Cuvée is a three-star champagne.

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HOLIDAYS

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honey and an egg yolk glaze that will shine a holiday glow from the nearby Christmas lights. Chocolate flourless cake was developed in the Gâteau Nancy region of France.

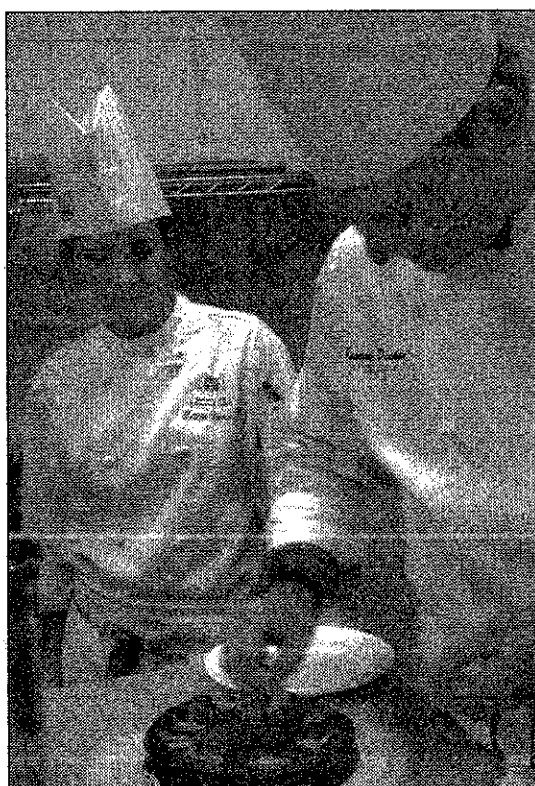
"It's simplistic and wonderful with ice cream," Decker said. "Its structure comes from eggs, a little from the chocolate. You melt the chocolate and the butter, whip with egg yolks, and fold in egg whites, just as they start to form moist, firm peaks."

The log is more challenging, but if you can handle rolling a sponge cake and decorating it with French butter cream, then that Yule log may fire up your holiday crowd.

Of course, there's the marzipan garnishes on the desserts — the holly leaves and holly berries and the snowman, picket fence on the Buche de Noel, created for this story by Teresa Summers of Farmington Hills, who is Decker's sous chef and culinary student enrolled in the advanced baking and pastry program at Schoolcraft.

"The log is done with a fork," she explains about the log look. "You pipe it on, then use a fork to make it wavy and straight. It's extremely creamy."

That dessert can take as long as six hours to create, and the meringue should sit overnight, Decker said. The chocolate cake and pecan flan take a little as two hours and can keep overnight if you wish to work ahead, Decker said. The short dough for the flan should sit overnight, Decker said. The marzipan garnishes for all of them can be made ahead. Decker recommends a



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Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts Department, and Teresa Summers, Decker's sous chef and advanced culinary student, prepare festive holiday desserts.

practice run on creating new desserts.

"It's always good to practice one before they come over," Decker said. "The second time we do anything, it's always better."

HOLIDAY RECIPES

YVONNE'S CHOCOLATE GLAZE

3½ ounces butter
8 ounces bittersweet couverture (see note)
¼ cup corn syrup
¼ cup water
¼ cup kirsch
¼ cup brandy

Line a stainless steel bowl with the butter. Place chopped chocolate, water and corn syrup on top.

Melt on double boiler till ¾ melted.

Turn off heat and allow residual heat to finish melting the ingredients together. Stir with wire whip to combine. Cool to 95°F and stir in the kirsch and brandy. Apply at 85°F.

Note: Couverture is a mix of chocolate with cocoa powder. You can use Baker's semisweet or bittersweet chocolate, or Peter's and Valrhona (50-50), but not too much Valrhona, according to Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and Schoolcraft instructor.

Decker said he learned this recipe from Yvonne Gill, who owned Yvonne's Magasin de Cuisine and Tweeny's Cafe, which were both located in Birmingham.

Pecan Flan

Yellow Short Dough
2 pounds butter

1 pound sugar
3 yolks, cooked and sieved
3 eggs
3 pounds cake flour

(For chocolate short dough substitute 8 ounces cocoa for 8 ounces of cake flour and add 1 egg.)

Cook 3 egg yolks slowly and stir frequently until cooked, then push through sieve. Cream together the butter, sugar and sieved egg yolk to a smooth paste, about 1 minute on low to medium speed. (You do not want this mixture aerated.)

Add the eggs and scrape down the bowl. Add the flour all at once and mix on low speed till the ingredients are thoroughly incorporated. Roll into a tube and wrap in saran. Label, date and refrigerate.

Cream Cheese Filling

8 ounces cream cheese
5 ounces sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
12 ounces pecan halves (or enough to cover cream cheese filling)

Allow the cream cheese to sit at room temperature for a while to warm and soften. Begin by mixing just the cream cheese. Mix low speed to avoid over-aerating the cream cheese. Scrape down two times.

Add the sugar and continue to

mix at low speed. Scrape down two times.

Add the eggs one at a time and scrape down between additions.

The vanilla can be included with the eggs. (Note: Use pecans when assembling flan.)

Glaze for Pecan Flan

2 eggs
¼ cup sugar
1 cup corn syrup
1 teaspoon vanilla

Combine all ingredients in a moon bowl and whisk to combine.

Allow to sit for a few minutes. A foam will rise to the top of the glaze.

This should be scraped off and reserved to be added back later. For each 11-inch pecan flan, place a little less than 1 cup of glaze on the surface of the pecans.

To assemble flan, create crust with short dough, then place cream cheese filling inside. Top with pecans, then add glaze.

Bake in the oven on a hearth at 350°F for 30 minutes or so. Till the edges are golden brown and the center is set and dry. Remove from oven and lightly apply apricot glaze to each flan. Allow to cool.

Recipe courtesy of Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

EGG NOG CREAM WITH CRANBERRY PORT WINE SAUCE

1 cup egg nog
3 egg yolks
½ vanilla bean
2 teaspoons gelatin
1 tablespoon water
Nutmeg, pinch
Angostura bitters, to taste
1 cup heavy cream

Remove from heat. Bloom the gelatin in cold water. Stir into above hot mixture. Stir in the nutmeg and bitters. Cool the mixture to 75°F.

Whip the cream to soft peak and fold into the cooled mixture. Pipe into glasses immediately. Garnish with whipped cream and cranberry sauce (below).

Combine the egg nog, yolks, and vanilla bean and cook over a double boiler to 185°F.

CRANBERRY PORT WINE SAUCE

8 ounces cranberries
¾ cup port wine
¼ cup sugar
1 cup water
Lemon juice and zest, to taste
Salt, to taste

Bring the ingredients to a boil and strain through sieve. Cool and drizzle over the egg nog cream.

Recipe courtesy of Joe Decker, certified master pastry chef and instructor at Schoolcraft College.

Deck the halls with Buche de Noel

BUCHE DE NOEL:
A YULE LOG CAKEFlourless Almond
Sponge Cake

7 eggs, separated
1 cup ground almonds
¾ cup sugar

Combine the egg yolks and the sugar and whip on high speed till light and ribbony, five minutes or so. Remove mixture from the mixer and stir in the finely ground almonds.

In a separate bowl, whip the whites with

a little cream of tartar to moist firm peaks. Fold in all at once into the yolk mixture.

Spread out onto a sheet pan (9- by 13-inch) on parchment paper that has been greased and floured.

Bake at 350°F for 30-35 minutes or so until rich golden brown. Cool it and freeze it with parchment paper still attached.

French Butter Cream

1 pound sugar
½ cup water
1 vanilla bean
12 egg yolks
1½ pounds butter

Whip the yolks till light and ribbony. Cook the sugar solu-

tion to 250°F. Pour the hot solution into the whipping yolks. Whip until cool.

Cream the butter and add the cooled yolk mixture in three stages and mix till incorporated. Do not overmix.

French Meringue

(for mushrooms on top of cake)
4 ounces (approximately 2-3 fresh egg whites)

Cream of tartar, pinch
½ cup granulated sugar
4 ounces powdered sugar

Whip the whites with the cream of tartar to create soft

peaks, then gently rain in the granulated sugar. Whip the whites on high speed until firm moist peaks are formed.

Remove the meringue from the mixer and immediately fold in the sifted powdered sugar. Pipe immediately to make little mushrooms and dry in a pilot oven overnight or until crisp and dry.

Marzipan for Modeling

(to create snowman in this recipe or holly leaves in Gâteau Nancy for decorations)

8 ounces almond paste
6 ounces powdered sugar
1½ ounces corn syrup (amount of corn syrup may vary)

Heat the corn syrup on a double boiler to 180°F.

Place the almond paste in a 5-quart KitchenAid bowl with a paddle and add the hot syrup.

Mix together to smooth dough.

Add the sifted powdered sugar and mix in. Wrap airtight in cellophane and refrigerate.

Divide dough into appropriate quantities. Break into small portions and color them. Pieces are precolored before formed and shaped into desired decorations (i.e. holly leaves)

To assemble the Buche de Noel:

While sponge cake is still frozen, flip it over onto clean parchment paper. Peel off old parchment paper that was used to cook sponge and lay back down on sponge cake. Return sponge to upright position. (This technique of reusing the same baked paper allows the sponge to be rolled up tighter.)

Spread about 2/3rds of French Butter Cream on cake.

Form log by making sure length of log is left to right, then pull paper down slightly and toward you so it is tight. (The sponge cake is frozen, but it is flexible.)

The edge of the sponge becomes the seam and should be at the bottom of the roll as it allowed to set up in the refrigerator.

Make sure the paper is left on the roll as it helps form the log into a nice round shape. Allow to set three or four hours or until firm in refrigerator.

Place the seam side down and leave the paper around it before decorating.

Cut the ends.

Spread remaining cream on the outside of the log, creating a bark texture with a knife.

Add meringue mushrooms and decorate with Marzipan by creating a snowman or other Christmas or winter decorations.

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Take biscotti to your next party

BY DANA JACOBI
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During the holidays, including the weeks of special parties leading up to them, surrendering to the season's sweet temptations can actually produce less guilt, and add less to your waistline, if you take an active role in producing those temptations.

Here are some strategies that will create great pleasure and minimize the regret.

Take dessert along wherever you go.

Make it a surprise if you are not asked to contribute something to the menu.

Make cookies and other baked desserts, but substitute an ingredient low in fat for a high-fat ingredient.

Evaporated skim milk, for example, can be used in place of cream, and "lite" olive oil can replace butter in many recipes.

You can also reduce at least slightly the sugar called for.

Decorate the tops of cakes with a light dusting of confectioners sugar rather than those high-fat, super-sweet icings.

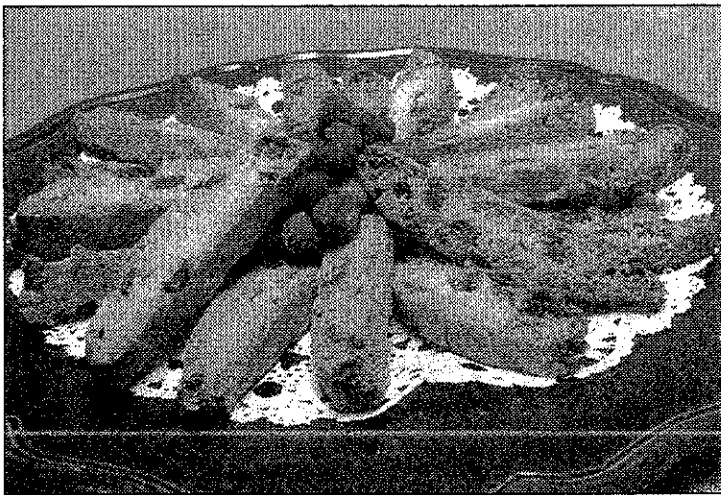
If ice cream will be served, make fresh fruit compote.

It's as simple as dicing up apples, for example, that are cored but with their peel on, and cooking them slowly (tightly covered) with apple juice concentrate, grated citrus zest and a vanilla bean until tender and slightly caramelized.

The whole bean adds a mellow sweetness extract does not. It lets you also add little or no other sweetening, depending on your taste.

(One bean costs a small fortune, but I reuse mine at least 10 times in fruit desserts. Or you can substitute a cinnamon stick.)

For a sophisticated but healthful treat, try these whole-wheat biscotti with almonds and fruit.



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CRANBERRY & ALMOND BISCOTTI

- ¾ cup dried cranberries
- ¾ cup whole almonds
- 1 cup sugar, divided
- ¾ cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- ¾ cup whole-wheat pastry flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup golden raisins
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ tsp. almond extract

Cover cranberries in warm water in a small bowl and soak to plump them, about 20 minutes. Drain, gently squeeze out excess moisture and pat them dry with a paper towel.

Set a rack in the center of the oven, and preheat to 350° F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper (or foil lightly coated with canola oil spray). Set aside.

Grind the almonds with 2 tablespoons of the sugar, pulsing in 5-second bursts until most of the almonds are a powder, about 30 seconds.

Place the nuts in a large mixing bowl.

Add the remaining sugar, both flours, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt to the nuts. Toss the cranberries and raisins with a tablespoon of this mixture, then stir them into the

dry ingredients, mixing well. Mix in the eggs, vanilla, almond extract and 2 tablespoons water. With a wooden spoon, mix until a sticky, dense dough forms, working in all the flour.

Halve the dough. Moistening your hands lightly with cold water, shape the dough into two flattened 13- by 2½-inch logs, spaced 4 inches apart on the lined baking sheet.

Bake until golden and firm to the touch, about 25 minutes. Cool logs on the baking sheet for 15 minutes. Transfer logs to a cutting board.

With a serrated knife, cut each log diagonally into ½-inch thick slices. Arrange them cut-side down in one layer on the baking sheet, with slices touching each other. Bake 10 minutes, turn, and bake 10 more minutes, or until biscotti are a honey color and dry to the touch. Turn the oven off and leave biscotti there for 10 more minutes. Remove them from the oven and let them cool on the baking sheet. Store sealed in an air-tight container for up to 3 weeks.

Makes 3½ dozen cookies.

Per cookie: 70 calories, 2 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 12 g. carbohydrate, 2 g. protein, 1 g. dietary fiber, 40 mg. sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of The Joy of Soy.

Books can be gratifying food for thought

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
AP FOOD EDITOR

NEW YORK (AP) — Most cookbooks earn their keep in the kitchen. But there's a whole category of books that dwell lovingly on the subject of food, ingredients or cooking, and that seem more appropriately savored first of all as gratifying armchair reading.

That doesn't mean they can't also have a recipe content that may later lead the reader into the kitchen.

Both kinds may be what you buy as a present for someone else before indulging yourself. "Gift books" tend to be larger, or more expensive, usually handsomely illustrated, or charmingly decorative.

Among many candidates for gift lists published this year are the following:

■ *The Compleat Squash: A Passionate Grower's Guide to Pumpkins, Squashes, and Gourds* (Artisan, \$40) by Amy Goldman.

Goldman, author of *Melons for the Passionate Grower*, writes as gardener, cook and advocate of preserving the world's heritage of fruits and vegetables.

The science of the squash she describes is balanced by a variety of mouthwatering recipes.

The book becomes a work of art through photographs by Victor Schrager, which persuade the reader that squash are as beautiful to look at as they may eventually taste.

■ *Bordeaux Chateaux: A History of the Grands Crus Classes 1855-2005* (Flammarion, \$60) is a luxurious wine book whose text is an accessory to a pictorial tour of the French country estates and mansions of the Bordeaux wine region.

Large-format, double-page spreads alternate with smaller details in the color photographs by Christian Samarron that, yes, do include vineyards and wine, bottles and glasses, but focus mostly on the chateaus at the center of wine production.

There's a foreword by Hugh

Johnson to the work of a team of writers: Jean-Paul Kauffmann, Dewey Markham, Cornelis van Leeuwen and Franck Ferrand.

As a related bonus gift for the serious connoisseur, note: *The Wines of Bordeaux: Vintages and Tasting Notes 1952-2003* (University of California Press, \$60) by Clive Coates, a detailed reference book, as opposed to a picture book.

Famous professional chefs have produced books lavished with fine photography as well as recipes for those who aspire to attempt some of the masters' dishes.

■ *Bouchon* (Artisan, \$50) by Thomas Keller. This is a weighty, detailed account, by the owner of Napa Valley's renowned French Laundry, of his other restaurant, Bouchon, located next door, and of its bistro style of cuisine.

Photographs by Deborah Jones in color and black and white set the scene and bring the food, it can seem, just a bite away. Definitely one for the armchair.

■ *Patrick O'Connell's Refined American Cuisine* (Bulfinch, \$45) is based on O'Connell's work at the highly rated restaurant The Inn at Little Washington, Va., of which he is chef and co-owner.

The book's title aptly categorizes the stylish but down-home American-based cooking on which the recipes are based, while the photographs by Tim Turner show not only the food but also some of the inn and countryside.

■ *Frank Stitt's Southern Table* (Artisan, \$40) by Frank Stitt.

This is sophisticated Southern, another large-format tome: The book's subtitle is *Recipes and Gracious Traditions from Highlands Bar and Grill*, in Birmingham, Ala., of which Stitt is chef-owner.

Photographer Christopher Hirsheimer makes the food look more than good enough to eat and includes some scenic context.

■ *Geronimo: Fine Dining in Santa Fe* (Ten Speed Press, \$50) is by Cliff Skoglund and Eric DiStefano.

Skoglund is owner and DiStefano is head chef of Geronimo, a popular restaurant in a historic hacienda building popular for its "new American" cooking combined with cosmopolitan fusion elements.

Photographer Peter Vitale gives the food and setting handsome visibility.

■ *Foods of the Americas: Native Recipes and Traditions* (Ten Speed Press, \$39.95) by Fernando and Marlene Divina, and the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, moves beyond the United States in its scope.

Written by a chef and his wife, it features modern recipes and background essays on the North, Central and South American cultures in which they originate.

Color photos by Maren Caruso alternate with period and archival photos of people and artifacts.

■ *Bringing Tuscany Home: Sensuous Style From the Heart of Italy* (Broadway, \$29.95) by Frances Mayes, with Edward Mayes, elaborates on the details of the Mayes' life in Italy to inspire admirers of it to adopt some of that detail into their own lives, wherever they live.

This includes house and garden as well as kitchen and food. There are plenty of glowing color photos by Steven Rothfeld to back the text.

■ *A Celebration of Herbs: Recipes From the Huntington Herb Garden* (Huntington Library Press, 2004, \$29.95) is based on the lectures of Shirley Kerins, former curator of the Huntington Herb Garden in Pasadena, Calif.

More than 200 recipes are featured, most using fresh herbs; herb chart and sources are included.

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Nosh on these delicious potato knishes

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) – The holidays are upon us, and that means there is a lot of eating to be done.

Thankfully, the season is scheduled to create the perfect celebratory eating circuit. Start with Thanksgiving, follow it closely with Hanukkah, then cruise through Christmas and end with a New Year's banquet bash.

Not Jewish? So what? Just as you don't need to be Christian to celebrate Christmas, you also needn't be Jewish to appreciate Hanukkah – or at least to savor some of its traditional foods.

Though I'm not Jewish, my father is. That meant that while I may never have had a bar mitzvah, I've enjoyed plenty of great Jewish foods, including my grandmother's raisin kugel (think chewy cake and cookie in one).

If you're new to Jewish cuisine, start with latkes, deliciously crunchy fried potato cakes that go so nicely with applesauce. Depending on the recipe, latkes will remind most people of really crispy hash browns.

Or there is matzo brei, a sweet French toast-like dish in which sheets of matzo bread are soaked in warm water, then squeezed dry before being coated in egg, fried and served with cinnamon and sugar.

When I was a teenager my father and I would make matzo pizza as a midnight snack. Take a large sheet of matzo bread, spread a thick layer of tomato paste (sauces are too watery), top with cheese and bake until the cheese melts.

While we're on matzo, don't forget matzo ball soup, a dish in which delicious doughy balls seasoned with ginger, onion, allspice and nutmeg are served in a rich broth.

But perhaps my favorite Jewish food is the knish (pronounced kuh-NISH), a sort of burrito for the Hanukkah set. Soft dough is baked around a variety of fillings, potatoes and mushrooms among the more traditional choices.

We usually bought our knishes at a grocer.

They were good, but not great. Too bad we didn't know how easy they can be to make, and how much better than anything you can buy.

A great source for a wide variety of veg-friendly Jewish recipes – including a number of knish options – is Steven Raichlen's *Healthy Jewish Cooking* (Viking, 2000).

Among the many tempting options is what he calls Jewish polenta (traditionally known as mamaliga).

The recipe is similar to its

Italian cousin, but Raichlen stirs in cottage cheese instead of Parmesan.

For a great starter knish, try Raichlen's fat grandma's potato knishes, which he says are easier to form than the more traditional bread-coated variety.

FAT GRANDMA'S POTATO KNISHES

(Preparation: 1 hour 5 minutes)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 large onion, minced (about 2 cups)
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 2 1/2 pounds baking potatoes (about 3 or 4), peeled and cut into 1/2-inch dice
- Salt
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs, such as chives, parsley, basil and dill
- 1 egg
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 to 4 tablespoons flour or bread crumbs

Spray oil

Optional crust:

- 1 cup unflavored bread crumbs
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

Preheat oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Heat the oil in a large nonstick skillet over a medium flame. Add the onion and cook about 6 minutes. Reduce heat to low, add garlic and paprika and cook until caramelized, another 6 to 7 minutes.

Meanwhile, place the potatoes in a large pot with cold salted water to cover. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until the potatoes are soft, about 8 to 10 minutes.

Drain the potatoes and return them to the pan. Cook the potatoes over a medium flame 1 to 2 minutes to evaporate any remaining liquid. Remove the pot from the heat and let cool slightly.

Mash the potatoes in the pot. Stir in the onion mixture, herbs, egg and salt and pepper, to taste. Mix in the flour or bread crumbs. Potato mixture should be thick enough to form with your hands.

Wet your hands and form the potatoes into patties about 1 1/2 inches thick and 3 inches across.

To use the optional crust, combine the bread crumbs, paprika, onion powder and garlic powder in a shallow bowl. Dredge each knish through the crumbs, shaking off any excess.

Arrange the knishes on a nonstick baking sheet lightly sprayed with oil.

Spray the tops and sides of the knishes with oil. Bake until golden brown, about 30 to 40 minutes, turning the knishes with a spatula after 15 minutes.

Makes 8 knishes.
(Recipe from Steven Raichlen's *Healthy Jewish Cooking*, Viking, 2000.)

Create a feast from Venice for the holidays

BY DANA JACOBI
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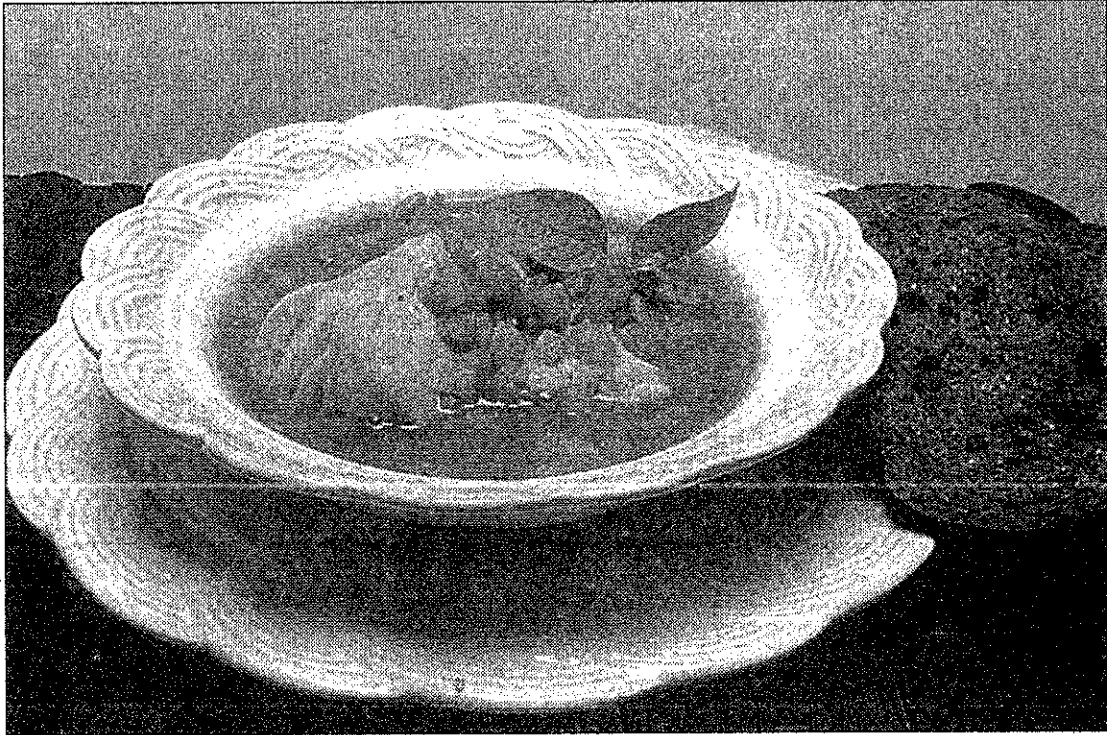
Despite the influence of American fast food that has spread across the globe, Italian cooking remains distinctively national as well as regional. Visitors to Italy still find that many of the dishes they have tried in one place are quite different in a town just five miles away.

Given this provincialism, I find it particularly striking that the cooking in two Italian regions is markedly influenced by many sources that are not even Italian. These two regions, the Veneto and Sicily, sit at opposite ends of Italy.

Venetian and Sicilian cooking both reflect their regions' associations with various cuisines, including Arab, Turkish, North African, French, Spanish and Asian. Sicilian food reflects the succeeding influx of seven waves of invaders, starting with the Phoenicians, and including the ancient Greeks, Arabs and the French. In the Veneto, it was the region's adventurous merchants who brought recipes for exotic dishes and the spices home from as far away as Asia (remember Marco Polo), and even introduced polenta, made from corn that originated in the Americas.

In both Venice and Sicily, Christmas Eve is celebrated with fish dishes. The Jews of the Venetian Ghetto developed their own seafood recipes. With the start of Hanukkah, this week is the perfect time to make Zuppa di Pesce, a lovely fish soup, almost a stew really, that derives from the Italian Jewish community.

Observant Jews do not eat shellfish, so this recipe features chunks of firm, sweet halibut. Sea bass is also good, or a combination of meaty fish, including red snapper, which is ideal. You may even find imported branzino, a Mediterranean sea bass flown in from Italy these days, which is also known as spigola, for those who appreciate this succulent aristocrat of the sea.



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VENETIAN FISH STEW

- 2 carrots, coarsely chopped
- 2 celery ribs, coarsely chopped
- 1 large onion, coarsely chopped
- 3 whole garlic cloves, plus 1 clove finely chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/4 pound halibut steak, halved
- 1 tablespoon and 1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- Pinch of red pepper flakes
- 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons tomato paste

hour. The editors point out that the tenderloin in this recipe cooks quickly because it's sliced.

Suggested side dishes for the pork are wild and white rice blend, and Brussels sprouts.

FRUITED PORK TENDERLOIN

- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- One 1-pound pork tenderloin, trimmed
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped pitted dates
- 1/4 cup golden raisins
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/4 cup apple juice
- 1/4 cup tawny port or other sweet red wine
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 whole cloves
- Parsley sprigs, optional

Heat olive oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cut pork crosswise into 8 slices; sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon

- 2 tomatoes, seeded and chopped
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 8 large basil leaves, cut in very thin strips for garnish (optional)
- 4 slices toasted rustic bread (optional)

Place the carrots, celery, onion and whole garlic cloves in a deep saucepan. Add 4 cups cold water and salt. Bring to a boil over high heat, reduce heat, and simmer 10 minutes. Add the fish. Simmer gently 12 minutes. Remove the fish with a slotted spoon. Remove the skin and bones from the fish and add to the pot. Set the fish aside.

Simmer the mixture, which is now a stock, 20 minutes or until reduced to about 3 cups. Strain into a large bowl and set aside. Discard solids. Rinse and dry the pot.

Heat the oil in the pot over medium heat. Add the chopped garlic and ginger and sauté gently until garlic colors lightly, 30 seconds. Add the stock, pepper flakes, lemon juice and tomato paste. Return the fish to the pot. Heat until the stock is steaming. Add the tomatoes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Serve immediately, garnished with the basil, if using, along with the bread, if desired. (After being refrigerated overnight and reheated, this stew may take on a "fishy" taste.)

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 245 calories, 7 g. total fat (less than 1 g. saturated fat), 13 g. carbohydrate, 32 g. protein, 2 g. dietary fiber, 415 mg. sodium.

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Pork tenderloin, fruit make tasty dish

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pork tenderloin can be lean enough to star in a low-fat dish of style and taste, especially if the recipe also includes some of the fruity elements that complement pork so well.

The ingredient list for this fruited pork tenderloin dish includes raisins and dates, but almost any other dried fruit will work, say the editors of *Cooking Light* magazine who have compiled a fall 2004 special edition.

The publication, *The Best of Cooking Light: Quick and Easy Around the Clock* (\$4.99), features this recipe among 115 others, for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Recipes are arranged to make up 25 menus, and they're packaged with a variety of kitchen tips and shortcuts.

Most of the recipes can easily be made in less than half an

salt and pepper. Add pork to pan; cook for 2 minutes on each side or until the pork is browned.

Add remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt, dates, raisins, water, apple juice, port, mustard and cloves. Cover and simmer 2 minutes or until pork is done. Remove pork from pan.

Bring date mixture to a boil; cook until reduced to 1/2 cup (about 5 minutes). Remove

cloves; discard. Garnish with parsley sprigs, if desired.

Makes 4 servings (serving size: 3 ounces pork and about 2 1/2 tablespoons sauce).

Nutrition information per serving: 265 cal., 8.6 g total fat (2.5 g saturated), 23.9 g pro., 19.7 g carbo., 1.6 g fiber, 75 mg chol., 382 mg sodium.

(Recipe from *The Best of Cooking Light: Quick and Easy Around the Clock*.)

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Give a little chai mix this holiday season

BY DANA JACOBI
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To give is to receive, and you can feel especially good when offering a homemade present that is both personal and unique.

In this time-pressed day and age, when making traditional gifts like cookies or jam takes too much time, one of my favorites is a generous jar of Chocolate Spiced Chai Mix.

Spooned into a mug containing a tea bag, boiling water turns this unique instant mix into an aromatic, heart-warming treat. Combined with hot milk, it makes a lovely, soothing cup of cocoa.

Supermarkets carry everything you need to make this mix. Assembling it requires only measuring the ingredients into a large mixing bowl. And the recipe can be doubled or tripled, making it an easy present for coworkers or everyone in your club, neighborhood, or class.

For packaging, I scoop the mix into one-pint canning jars, or empty jam and mustard jars I saved because of their pleasing shape. To dress up the jar, you can cut out squares of fabric and tie them in place over the cap using a length of ribbon. If you don't have fabric, use squares of heavy gift paper, pleating them to fit round the cover.

One reason I love this gift is its flexibility. For casual giving, I simply tie a tag with instructions around the neck of the jar. Sometimes I also tie on a few cinnamon sticks to use as stirrers.

For more special recipients, I line a small basket with an inexpensive cloth napkin, and set in the jar of Chai mix plus a box of black tea bags and a bundle of cinnamon sticks.

For very special friends, I might take time to bake biscot-



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Give a generous jar of chocolate spiced chai mix.

ti, which keep well and whose shape looks nice in the basket. Or, instead of cookies, include a decorative mug or two.

The ingredients in this mix also offer options. If you can spend a bit more on them, try using ground chocolate (sold in a canister and found next to unsweetened cocoa in some stores), which makes an even richer cup of chai.

For the powdered milk, those with a larger grain dissolve most smoothly and rapidly.

THREE-WAYS HOT COCOA MIX

1 cup instant nonfat dry milk powder
1 cup sugar
½ cup Dutch-process cocoa powder
¼ cup dried egg whites
1½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground allspice
¼ teaspoon ground clove
¼ teaspoon ground ginger
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
6-inch cinnamon sticks (optional) for garnish
Black tea bags

In a mixing bowl, vigorously whisk together the dry milk powder, sugar, cocoa, egg white powder, cinnamon, allspice,

clove, ginger, and black pepper, making sure all the tiny clumps are broken up.

Spoon the mixture into a jar, and seal tightly.

This mix is intended to be used with 1 percent milk to make hot chocolate, or a tea bag for making chai. If giving this mix as a gift, include instructions for using 1 to 2 teaspoons, according to taste, per serving.

Makes 2½ cups mix.

For chai, brew one tea bag in a cup or mug of hot milk. Remove the tea bag and stir in the mix. Add a cinnamon stick as a stirrer, if desired.

For hot chocolate, place the mix in a mug and gradually stir in hot milk.

Add a cinnamon stick as a stirrer, if desired, or 2-3 drops of vanilla extract, or 1 drop of almond extract.

For Hot Mocha, mix ¼ teaspoon instant espresso into the Hot Chocolate.

Per serving of hot chocolate: 112 calories, 3 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 24 g. carbohydrate, 8 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 129 mg. sodium.

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Duck with apples has flavor of fall for festive holiday entertaining

BY JOAN BRUNSKILL
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

NEW YORK (AP) — If you're looking for an alternative to your usual meat or poultry for festive entertaining during the holiday season, an option would be to follow food writer and cooking teacher James Peterson's lead and fearlessly serve duck.

Peterson's credentials for inspiring confidence? His numerous cookbooks include *The Duck Cookbook* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2003, \$30) — illustrated, like most of the others, with his own photographs.

Recently, in a Manhattan kitchen, Peterson demonstrated for a visitor the preparation of an unpublished recipe for duck breasts cooked with cider and apples.

It was ready quickly, and it is a simple dish to make — although Peterson's relaxed, genial manner and professional know-how would have made it appear easy anyway.

Commenting on the recipe, "Duck just seems to lend itself to fruit," he said, smiling, acknowledging, "Yes, it's a cliché."

About this particular combination, Peterson said, "I like the sweet and sour aspect."

He likes to use sauerkraut, too, he said, for its combination of flavor with the red meat of duck.

Peterson talked about what he was doing as he cooked, explaining his methods and suggesting variations, scoring the skin a little to render a bit of the fat, sautéing over medium heat so as not to overcook the duck — "You want meat that's a little rare."

Duck breasts cook faster and are more tender for this dish, he said, whereas duck thighs are better braised or slow-roasted.

To tell when the duck breasts are done, when browning them in the skillet, Peterson said, "I look for plumpness, cooking them on

the skin side — on the flesh side I would really only cook to sear a little."

For the apples, sometimes a little sugar is nice, depending on your taste. Making the sauce, Peterson suggested other liquids that work well for cooking with duck — wine, Madeira, sherry or beer.

Put the last piece of butter into the sauce cold, he said. "You want it to stay emulsified. The butter pulls it all together."

To serve the duck, Peterson said, it's easier to cut it skin side down, at an angle. He did just that, and the duck in its apple sauce was tender and flavorful, quite as good as the smell as it cooked.

What to drink with this duck? Peterson suggested red wine, a pinot noir, perhaps a French Burgundy.

The duck breasts used in this recipe are from the White Pekin duckling, also known as Long Island duckling. With its mild-flavored, very lean meat, this is the most common variety on the market, readily available in food markets.

DUCK BREASTS WITH CIDER AND APPLES

(Preparation: 10 minutes, cooking: 30 minutes)
3 cups homemade or low-sodium chicken broth
4 Granny Smith or pippin apples

3 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon vegetable oil
Salt and black pepper (to taste)
6 White Pekin duck breast halves (6 ounces each)
3 tablespoons honey
1½ cups sparkling apple cider
1½ teaspoons chopped fresh thyme

In saucepan over medium heat, simmer broth until reduced to 1½ cups; set aside.

Peel, core and cut each apple into 12 wedges.

In large skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon of the butter with the oil until butter foams.

Add apples; cook about 8 minutes, stirring occasionally,

until apples are golden-brown and tender but not mushy. Season with salt and pepper; set aside.

Heat oven to 425 degrees Fahrenheit. With sharp knife, score skin side of duck breasts in a series of parallel cuts ¼-inch apart, without cutting into meat. Make a second series of parallel cuts perpendicular to the first to form crosshatch pattern. Season breasts with salt and pepper.

Place breasts skin side down in heavy nonstick skillet large enough to hold them comfortably in one layer. Cook over medium heat about 8 minutes or until fat runs out and skin is golden-brown and crisp. (Some breasts may brown more quickly than others; remove each breast as it is done.)

Transfer breasts to baking dish or another skillet, skin side down, and finish cooking in oven about 8 minutes for rare, 10 minutes for medium-rare and 12 minutes for medium, turning breasts after 6 minutes. Let breasts rest 3 to 4 minutes before slicing.

While duck breasts are in the oven, pour off fat from skillet breasts were browned in. Add honey and cook, stirring to dissolve browned duck juices in pan, about 3 minutes or until honey darkens slightly.

Carefully pour in cider and simmer until syrupy. Add chicken broth, remaining butter and thyme; simmer until sauce thickens slightly (there will be about ½ cup). Heat apples gently in sauce; keep warm over low heat.

Cut each breast crosswise on a slight angle into 4 to 5 slices about ½-inch thick; fan 1 breast on each of 4 plates. Spoon sauce and apples over duck, dividing it evenly.

Makes 6 servings.

Serving suggestion: Serve with a pilaf of mixed wild and long-grain rice.

Nutrition information per serving: 410 cal., 16 g fat, 157 mg chol., 452 mg sodium, 31 g carbo., 1.7 g fiber, 37 g protein.

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No need to renew recorded bylaws

Do condo bylaws require periodic renewal with a state agency to keep them in effect? One of my friends stated that he failed to renew their bylaws with the state and now the bylaws are no longer in effect. Could that possibly be true?

It is difficult to answer your question with exactitude without looking at your bylaws but, generally speaking, the bylaws once recorded with the Register of Deeds, are valid and do not have to be renewed by the state unless there is some provision in the bylaws to the contrary. Indeed, the state has gone out of the regulatory business of reviewing condominium documents since 1983. Your friend should consult with a condominium association attorney to clarify his misperception.

We are dealing with a management company who can't take criticism and whose principal threatens us with a libel suit if we make any disparaging comments about his management company to other members of the board.

This is unfortunately a tactic of intimidation which is being practiced by one or more management companies in the Detroit area to keep their business and intimidate directors who do not like the way the management company is doing business. Of course, if you make a knowing false statement about the management company with malice, you could be held accountable. However, if you are a director, you are entitled to a qualified privilege in regard to the association's business if you are operating in good faith in terms of your statement. The fact that you criticize the management company should not be a basis for any libel or defamation suit. The management company, more than likely, realizes that. I would immediately terminate the management company and find a company that is more ethical.

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Agents and staff from Century 21 Town and Country in Commerce Township gather together with a few of the coats the office has collected as part of their annual share the warmth coat drive.

Realtors 'Share the Warmth' by helping others at holiday time

BY KEELY SCHRAMM
STAFF WRITER

Local Realtors are "Sharing the Warmth," collecting Toys for Tots and money to buy phone cards for troops in Iraq. At Real Estate One in Bloomfield Hills, the staff is making holiday wishes come true for two senior citizens.

"This business is not about houses, it's about people," said Mike Dowdle of West Bloomfield, a Realtor with the Birmingham office of Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate. "The community is everything to us. We want to contribute." All 15 of the metro Detroit Coldwell Banker Schweitzer Real Estate offices are collecting Toys for Tots. Dowdle and other staff members will help sort the toys that will be delivered to needy children. "It's a very worthwhile cause and we believe in the spirit of giving," said Kathy Schweitzer, director of administration for Coldwell Banker Schweitzer. "There's nothing more beautiful than having a child unwrap a new toy. It's important give back to the community."

The staff at Century 21 Town and Country's Commerce Township office, 2730 Union Lake Road, is collecting coats for the needy through Dec. 31. Cash donations will be used to buy coats, hats and mittens.

"Last year, we collected 1,100 coats and our goal for this year is to collect at least 1,200 coats," said Suzanne Shew, event chair. "We're halfway there, but hope to surpass our goal. We are in need of all types of coats, jackets and outerwear in all sizes."

Donated items are being distributed to the needy by Baldwin Church & Center and

Grace Center of Hope in Pontiac and Open Door Outreach and Leggett Elementary School in Waterford Township.

"We deliver the coats to the facilities regularly and don't wait for them to accumulate," said Shew. "People are cold now and need coats. The community has just opened up their hearts. We have people who wash and mend coats that need it, and two local dry cleaners donated their services."

Shew believes it's important to give back to the community, because "the community gives so much to us. They come to us to help them make the most important sale of their lives, which is the sale of their homes. We appreciate their trust in us, and would like to give back."

"Most of us feel very fortunate," she added. "Almost everyone has gone through a bad time when they needed help, it's nice to give back. Someone helped us, and now we're helping somebody else."

Brent Cleland, a Realtor with Max Broock Realtors of Rochester, participates in the city's annual Christmas parade, held this year on Dec. 5.

"If you're receiving an income from a community, you need to give back, be involved

and helpful," he said.

"We built a float for the parade - a magic castle playhouse - and auctioned off the playhouse at the Women's Council of Realtors luncheon. It brought \$4,000. The money will go to the Community Housing Network in Troy which provides housing for the disabled. It makes you feel very good. We did the same thing last year. The parade is lots of fun, it brings people together."

Lots of people think about children during the holidays, but senior citizens are sometimes forgotten. That's why the Real Estate One office in Bloomfield Hills is adopting two senior citizens through the Oakland Lighthouse Emergency Services program.

"It's a great time to give back, seniors can be an overlooked population at Christmas," said Kathy Robinson, who is organizing the charity drive.

"It's heartbreaking to hear what they want - toilet paper, a pan, a reacher to grab things on high shelves, such simple things," added Laura Cantin. "Who remembers these people who are often alone?"

In addition to shopping for the seniors they adopted, the staff of 25 is working at The Lighthouse on Dec. 15 to help

with deliveries.

"Our job is people and their housing needs," said Cantin. "We get very involved and want to give back. Working in real estate makes you realize how lucky we are."

Chris Courtney, president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors, is helping the Farmington Hills-based organization collect money to buy phone cards for the troops in Iraq.

"We're taking up a collection at the office and I take the fish bowl to all of our events," said Courtney, reciting a long list of holiday parties and meetings. "We want to collect as much as we can. It's the holidays, you want to be home, but if you can't the next best thing is calling home."

On Dec. 13, more than 1,000 people will gather at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Dearborn for the Great Lakes Region Metro Detroit Century 21 Broker Council's annual holiday breakfast. In addition to buying a ticket, everyone is expected to bring canned goods or toys for the needy.

"This is massive, you can't imagine the stuff that gets collected for the Salvation Army, and I mean good stuff," said Linda Gratz, marketing director for Century 21 Today. "They also take up a collection."

Century 21 Today has five offices in metro Detroit - Redford, Livonia, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Farmington Hills. "Each of our offices does different things," said Gratz. "The office sponsors a needy family. It makes us feel good to help. Most Realtors make appreciable salaries and this is their way of giving back and doing good stuff in the community."

Mortgage Bits

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Fannie, Freddie set limits

Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, America's two largest home loan repositories, will now lend borrowers more money for their purchases. Beginning in January, conventional mortgage limits for single-family homes will be \$359,650. Both companies say that the increase will help more than a quarter of a million homeowners now qualify for conforming mortgages.

Though Fannie's average mortgage amount was only about \$140,000 in 2004, this increase will have a profoundly positive effect on other homeowners whose loan amounts are at or above the previous upper limit as these borrowers could save tens of thousands of dollars as a result of the changes. Freddie Mac estimates that total mortgage interest savings for a borrower with a typical 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at the new conforming loan limit is as much as \$24,800 over the life of the loan.

Jumbo borrowers with current loan balances between \$333,700 and \$359,650 may have a lot to gain by refinancing their existing mortgages into this new extended "non-jumbo" category. For example, if an existing jumbo borrower with a \$350,000 balance can improve her rate by a mere half percent, she may drop her total interest payments by about \$1,400 per year. Alternatively, she may opt to take out \$20,000 in cash and still lower her interest rate and mortgage payment a bit.

Additionally, these ex-jumbo borrowers may now access other conforming loan products that may improve their situations. Short-term adjustable rate mortgages are very popular for borrowers with loans approaching the upper conforming loan limit. In most instances, a three- or five-year ARM can save homeowners enough money to pay for a subsequent refinance many times over.

Even homeowners who remain slightly above the new limit can benefit from the change. Piggy-back or split loans are still great alternatives for those seeking the warmer waters outside the jumbo zone. If you are not sure if the new loan limits affect you, you can usually get a decent analysis of your situation with a quick phone call to your mortgage loan officer.

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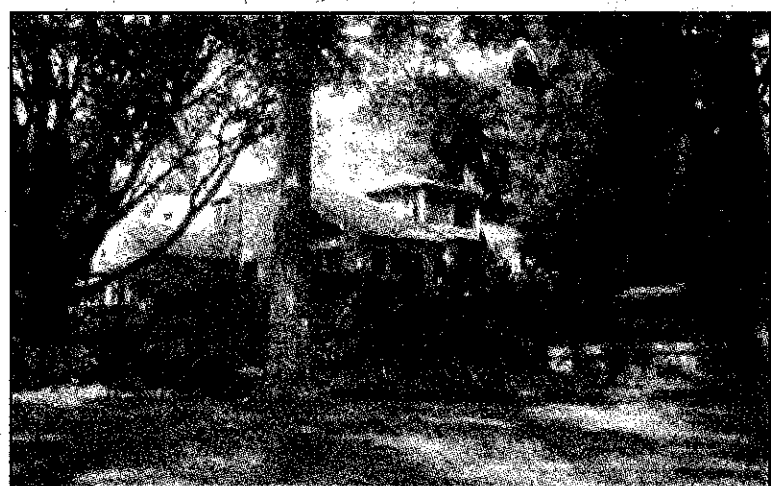
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In today's fast-paced market, experts say it is absolutely necessary that real estate agents and mortgage lenders not just understand the mechanics but also have the practical skills to quickly evaluate finance options, qualify buyers and effectively communicate the terms and alternatives for financing. Now real estate professionals have new training options to go along with new easy-to-use tools to help them provide their clients with the best services for the lowest cost. These tools, such as the easy-to-use Qualifier Plus calculators from Calculated Industries, help agents provide the best possible service by providing on-the-spot answers.

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Rates on 30-year, 15-year mortgages rise sharply

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
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Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages rose sharply as expanding economic activity raised inflation concerns among Wall Street investors.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly survey released Thursday, Dec. 2 said rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages climbed to 5.81 percent, the highest since early October, up from 5.72.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. After that, rates had drifted lower as the economy hit a soft spot that eased concerns about an inflation flareup.

Recently, there have been signs that the economy is moving ahead at a solid pace.

"Recent economic indicators

came out better than had been anticipated, buoying financial markets and reinvigorating confidence in financial markets that the last three months of the year will post a very positive rate of economic growth," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist.

"Of course, with the signs of strong growth come fears of inflation and that tends to push up long-term mortgage rates," he added.

For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates this week averaged 5.23 percent – also the highest since early October. That compared with 5.15 percent the previous week.

Even with the increases, mortgage rates are still low by historical standards. And that's powering home sales, which are

expected to hit record highs for all of 2004.

One-year adjustable rate mortgages, however, sank to 4.19 percent, from the previous week's rate of 4.27 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Each loan type carried a 0.6 point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.89 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.22 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.77 percent.

Separately, home prices increased nearly 13 percent during the 12 months ending Sept. 30, reported the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight. "The growth in house prices over the past year surpasses any increase in 25 years," said director Armando Falcon.

Book shows how to profit from property

(NAPSI) – A growing number of people now see how their house is more than a place to live. It is also their primary investment.

And, as with any other kind of investing, there are strategies that can increase a person's chances of turning property into profit.

A new book is said to share these strategies, showing how to invest in real estate in a wise, safe and profitable manner.

According to Dan Auito, author of *Magic Bullets in Real Estate*, (Hathshire Press), "Real estate is the best thing one can invest in – and it's open to anyone – but too many times I see people making foolish mistakes and costly errors, or utilizing bad judgment."

The tips offered in the book include how to:

■ Use other people's money to get ahead.

■ Locate dream tenants, screen potential buyers, seek out the best properties.

■ Price a property right and advertise it properly to sell for a quick profit.

■ Select an agent – and understand the different types of agency relationships.

■ Attend an appraisal course – but not get a real estate license.

■ Network for deals, how to negotiate a deal, how to find a real estate mentor, and how to locate properties that pay off.

■ Leverage someone else's research to evaluate good locations.

■ Understand all of the available financing options.

■ Know when to improve or expand a property – and when not to.

The book also shows how the

average person can build wealth in real estate by:

■ Creating networks

■ Avoiding the traps and conditions that can sabotage good deals.

■ Finding and rehabilitating run-down homes in just 10 days.

A dual-licensed real estate agent and appraisal assistant, as well as a founder of a nonprofit drug prevention corporation and a real estate consulting group, Auito says he was motivated to write the book because he was sick of seeing people "ripped off and taken advantage of."

Designed to be used as a workbook, the book also contains a comprehensive glossary and a listing of Internet resources.

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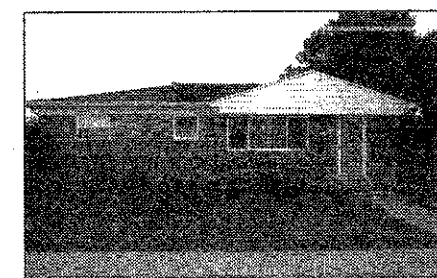
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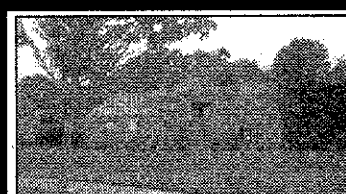
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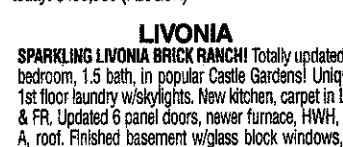


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BREATH OF FRESH AIR. Enjoy peaceful country living in this 2001 contemporary in desirable location. Special features include vaulted ceilings, main fir mstr, neutral décor, formal dining & skylights. 1 acre parcel on a cul-de-sac. \$369,900 (870SC)



SHARP CANTON COLONIAL. This home has 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths & many desirable features. Family room, 1st floor laundry, formal dining, professionally finished basement. Maintenance free exterior, deck & sprinklers. \$274,900 (371RE)



MAPLES OF NOVI. Sharp 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo offering ceramic & hardwood floors, crown moldings, vaulted ceilings, fireplace, cedar deck, partially fin bsmt w/workout room & plumbed for a bath, plus an attached 2 car garage. \$224,900 (363CO)



TASTEFULLY UPDATED. Just move in and enjoy this 4 BR Canton Colonial. Newer Andersen windows, newer furnace, HWH, roof, flooring and paint. Updated kitchen & baths. Fenced yard with private patio & deck, garage & shed. \$229,900 (175DU)



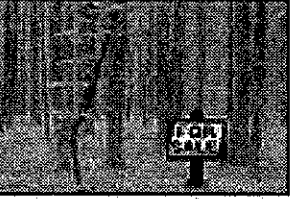
WONDERFUL COUNTRY AREA. This 3 bedroom ranch is close to all sports White Lake and enjoys lake privileges on Duck Lake! Nice open floor plan with a beautifully remodeled oak kitchen. Fresh paint & many updates. \$134,900 (890CL)



ABSOLUTELY PERFECT! Prime lot backs up to a commons. Beautiful 3 bedroom home with a huge 1st floor master, finished basement with an office, entertainment area & guest room. Family room w/fireplace & doorwall to the patio. \$209,900 (609BR)



CANTON CHARM. Totally updated 3BR/2 BA ranch! Updated w/appls, furnace, windows & roof shingles. Fresh paint inside & out. Neutral carpet, nice finished basement w/wet bar and luxury bath. 2 car garage and screened in porch. \$187,500 (592CH)



WOODED SETTING. Fantastic lot to build your dream home! Private wooded setting for walkout building plans in an area where you can appreciate the beauty of nature and quality homes. Close to Salem Hills Golf Course. \$129,900 (860PL)



AWESOME TOWNHOUSE CONDO. Neat and clean condo w/updated windows, kitchen, flooring, furnace, roof & carpet! Master with his/hers closets, basement w/rec room and the newer apps will remain. Seller says BRING YOUR OFFER. \$126,900 (012NO)



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME! 3 lots available. 2.5 acres each, one lot is a walkout. 2,400 sq. ft. minimum to build gas & electric. Saline schools. Can build a pole barn on all 3 lots. \$129,900 (400PE)



LOVELY PLYMOUTH CONDO. Everything has been done for you to move right into this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo. Finished basement, fireplace, patio and deck. All appliances stay in the maple kitchen. Amenities include pool & clubhouse! \$182,000 (413WO)



LINCOLN PARK COLONIAL. Cathedral oak kitchen w/ceramic floor. New doors, recessed lights. Barber carpet t/o, ceramic tile, updated bath, elec & plumbing, furn, C/A, roof shingles w/tear off roof, vinyl siding & trim on house & garage. \$129,750 (607DE)

NORTHVILLE/NOVI
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CANTON
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FARMINGTON
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WESTLAND/GARDEN CITY
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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS \$2,500,000**

The Castle House!! Custom Antique Vestibule, Elegant Dr + Lr. Million Dollar Views On The 18th Hole! Elegant Room Sizes Designed For Family Living And Gracious Entertaining. Custom Millwork And Stonework. (OEN00AYE) 248-347-3050

**BRIGHTON \$299,900**

6 bed 2880 sq. ft. lakefront home. Sandy beach and dock. Large 90' deck facing lakeside to watch the wildlife. Den with fireplace, cathedral ceiling and skylights. 2 1/2 car garage. (OESLY56CLA) 248-437-4500

**CANTON \$418,900**

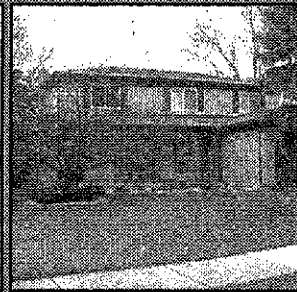
Beautiful Home On A Lot Backing To Trees And Stream. Sunny Gourmet Kitchen. Study W/french Doors. Includes A 2-way FP to F.R. HW Firs In Foyer, Kit & Nook. Luxurious Vaulted Master Suite/Finished Basement. (OEL38SAN) 734-591-0333 9364908

**CANTON \$279,900**

Fabulous Condo On Private Cul-de-sac On A Private Lot! First Floor Mstr Ste W/cathedral Ceiling, Soaring Ceiling In Liv/din Rm. W/gas Frpl, view Of Commons. Private Study Off Foyer! Loft Up For Fr Or Possible 4th Bdrm. (OEN95CHE) 248-347-3050

**CANTON \$247,000**

Best Value In River Meadow Sub! Traditional Colonial Style Home. Beautifully Decorated & Well Maintained W/warm Neutral Colors To Formal Living/dining Rms. Island Kitchen Is Open & Family Rm W/vaulted Ceiling. (OEN90RIV) 248-347-3050

**CANTON \$239,900**

Don't Judge A Book By It's Cover. Walk Into This Canton Beauty & Be Charmed. Bring The Whole Family. A Home Made For Entertaining. Note The Formal Dining Rm & Living Rm. Large Family Rm W/nat.frpl. (OEN09ARL) 248-347-3050

**DEARBORN \$530,000**

Great Bar. Newer Items: Roof, Cutters, Parking Lot, Kit, Elec Serv, Furn, A/C, Plumb, Sprinkler Sys In Office Bsmnt. Bar Owns 2 Dart Machines, Juke Box, 2 Poker Mach. Near Ford Rouge. Terms Avail. Incl Liquor Lons (OEL14SCH) 734-591-0333

**DEARBORN HTS. \$149,900**

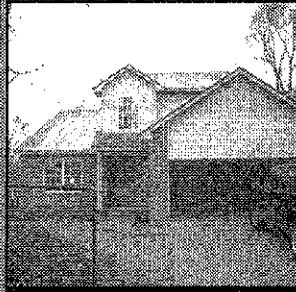
This Cozy 2 Bed Ranch Has Many Updates Incl New HW, Ac, Roof 5 yrs & Gutters, Disposal** Lg LR W/F/P** Lg Country Kit** Cer Bath** Dbl Frnd Lot** Mechanics Garage** FFL** Will Look At All Offers!! (OEL42COL) 734-591-0333

**DEARBORN HTS. \$94,900**

Cute bungalow ready to move in! Home offers new siding, windows, flooring, newer furnace & roof. Lg upper BR w/loads of storage. Neutral decor t/o. Lg open yard on dead end street. Great starter home w/good schools. (OEP61CUR) 734-453-6800

**FARMINGTON HILLS \$1,300,000**

Park Your New Sports Car In Front Of Your Spectacular New Home. Now You Can, Seller To Contribute \$75,000.00 Cash Back To Buyer At Close W/ Accept. offer. Not To Be Duplicated, 2 Acre Private Setting. (OEN55NOR) 248-347-3050

**FARMINGTON HILLS \$229,900**

Move In By Christmas. New Built, Brick Colonial In Farmington School District W/dramatic Cathedral Ceilings In The Living Rm & Mstr Bedroom. Gas Fireplace In Living Rm, Wood Firs In Foyer, Kitchen & Breakfast Nook. (OEN54COL) 248-347-3050

**GARDEN CITY \$174,900**

Beautiful Garden City Ranch! Everything Has Been Done. Vinyl Siding, Roof, Windows, Hardwood Firs. Electrical, Plumbing, Master Bdrm Has Cathedral Ceilings, Jacuzzi, Walk-in Closet, Hdwd Firs In Living & Dining Rm. (OEN45DON) 248-347-3050

**GREEN OAK \$269,900**

Attractive colonial with all the extra! 16x32 deck, sprinkler system, formal dining room, 1st floor laundry, family room with natural fireplace, finished basement and much more! (OESLY49AYL) 248-437-4500

**HOWELL \$174,900**

Wow! Great family home great lot and curb appeal galore! Newer roof furnace air H2O heater and gutter helmets. Excellent location! Partially finished basement with possible 4th bedroom. (OESLY61GLE) 248-437-4500

**HOWELL \$90,000**

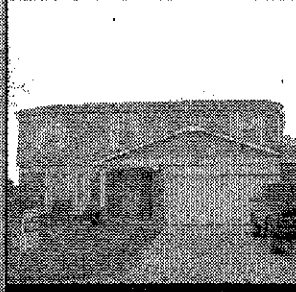
The Palm Cafe. Turnkey and profitable! Brand new equipment strong client base pre-paid advertising. Want your own business? Here is your chance. (OESLY60GRA) 248-437-4500

**INKSTER \$118,500**

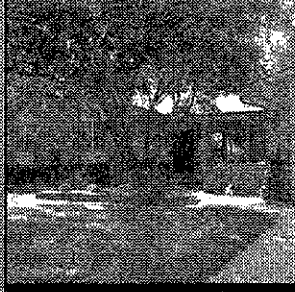
Spacious brick ranch! Many updates include kitchen, bath, windows and more! Beautiful newly finished full basement. Large fenced yard w/ lovely landscaping. Move-in condition. 3 bedrooms. (OESLY49CHE) 248-437-4500

**INKSTER \$83,000**

Updated kit w/new cabs counters & ceramic flr. Updated BA w/8 Jacuzzi tub - newer windows & entry doors - HW Firs - fin bsmt - appls stay - 1 year home warranty * c/o complete * motivated seller * (OEL46WES) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA \$289,900**

Totally Updtd- Maint Free Home- Mstr Bdrm 12x25, FR 18x27- 2 Skylights Each- Updtd Wdws- Kitch W/oak Cab, 2nd Flr Lndry- Wd Drs- Jetted Tub Mstr- 90% Eff Furn- & Fr- 365 Sq Ft Rec Rm L/L- Privacy Fence- Nwr Gar dr. (OEL21PER) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA \$275,000**

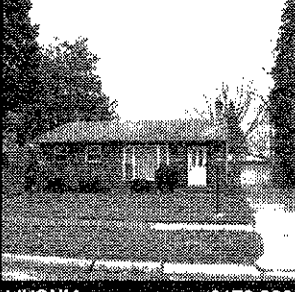
Awesome 3br brick ranch on cul-de-sac backs to woods. 2.5 baths, beautifully updated kitchen, light cabinets, counters, flooring, appliances. Recessed lighting & crown molding t/o, prof. decorated. (OEN77VEN) 248-347-3050

**LIVONIA \$232,900**

Bright & Airy Livonia Condo. Pvt Entrance Courtyard, Large Liv/din Area W/brick Gas F/p & Doorwall To Deck Backing To Commons. Eat-In Kitchen, 1st Flr Laundry, 2 Full Bedroom Stas W/pvt Baths, Walkin Closets. (OEN20LAU) 248-347-3050

**LIVONIA \$230,000**

Move-In Cond 4 BR, 1.5 BA Colonial. Charming LR & Frml DR H/W Vrg W/brick Gas F/p & Doorwall To Deck. Fantastic FR W/ FR Full Bsmt. Part Fin. Hdwd Firs. Vinyl Wndw. Updated BAS. 2 Car Gar (OEL44SUN) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA \$179,900**

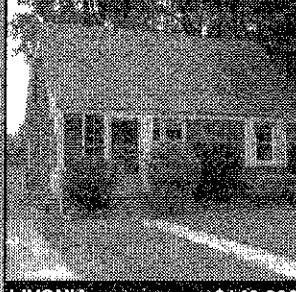
Beautiful Brick Ranch W/ Livonia Schools. Lrg LR w/ FP & HW Firs. Huge Kit Area W/ Pergo Firs. New Bath. Fin Bsmnt W/ 3rd Bed. New Furn 2000. Financing At 1/4% Below Market Offered On This Home Ask For Details (OEL46DEE) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA \$173,800**

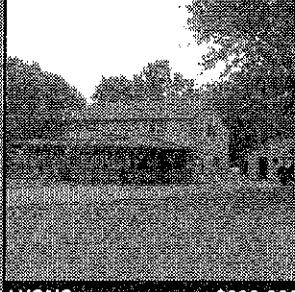
3 Br/2ba Br Ranch, priced Well Below Appraised Value. New Honey Oak Kitchen Just Completed! Updates Already Done Include Furn, C/a, roof W/ear-off, Vin Wnds, Gar Dr, rent Drs, & More. 2 Car Gar, patio, fin Bmt & HW Firs T/o (OEL86PAT) 734-591-0333

**LIVONIA \$170,000**

Price Reduced!! 1212 Sq.ft. brick Ranch in Steveson District. Aggressively Priced For A Quick Sale. Updates Include oak Kitchen W/appl, Remodeled Bath, Newer Siding & Gutters, Hwn, Elec. Service, & Vinyl Windows. (OEN09PLA) 248-347-3050

**LIVONIA \$149,900**

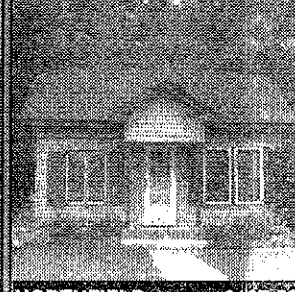
Excellent 3 Bedrm Brick & Alum Trim Bungalow W/enclosed Porch. Nice Kit W/all Appl. Updates Inc: Newer Roof Shingles, Cop Plumb, Vinyl Windows, Bath, Newer Furnace, C/A, HWT, Garage Door w/ Auto DO, Part Fin Bsmnt. (OEL78CAV) 734-591-0333

**LYONS \$229,000**

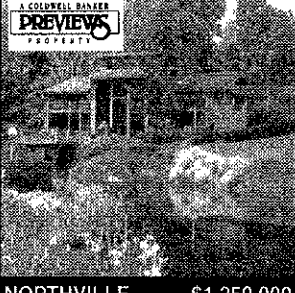
Pella windows. 98% Furn. Recessed & indirect lighting in great rm. Ceramic fl in kit. & DR. Merril cabinets. Separate shower & tub in master. 6 panel doors, wood blinds. 2 car gar. w/2 car sized workshop attached & 2nd fl. (OESLY57CAS) 248-437-4500

**MARION \$299,900**

Beautiful home in newer sub that features city water and sewer, walking trails and playground. Home has huge island kitchen, hardwood floors. Large master suite w/jetted tub. (OESLY770AF) 248-437-4500

**NORTHFIELD \$107,500**

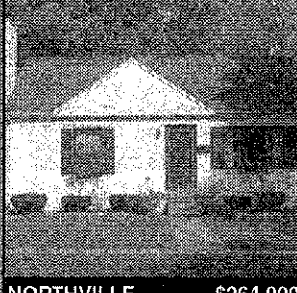
Great starter home w/deeded access to all sports lake! 2 bdrm, 1 bath on almost 1/4 acre. Plenty of room to build up or out. Updates include: completely remodeled bath, w/jacuzzi tub, Italian ceramic tile throughout (OESLY28ELI) 248-437-4500

**NORTHVILLE \$1,250,000**

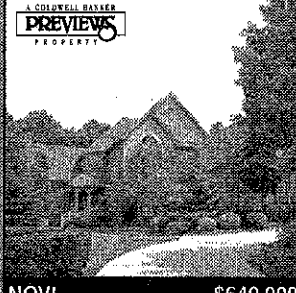
4BR, 4.5 BA w/multiple fireplaces & 3.5 car garage. Exceptional W/O LL well-comes you to an incomparable rear yard. 2.75 acres lends to a privacy & eye popping views of water & lavish landscaping. Limitless amenities! (QEP20VAL) 734-453-6800

**NORTHVILLE \$595,900**

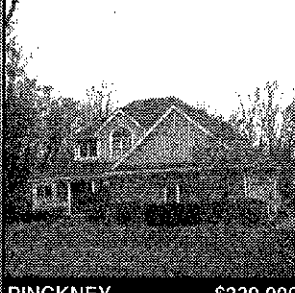
Builder says sell! Exceptional price on this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath cape cod on Northville premier golf course. 1st floor master suite. 3 br's up have 2 full baths & gourmet kitchen-nook. Soaring ceilings. Must see! (OEP33CRY) 734-453-6800

**NORTHVILLE \$264,900**

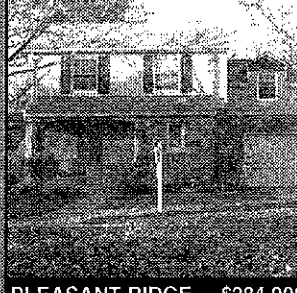
3BR, 2BA brick bungalow in downtown Northville. Updated kitchen w/premium maple cabinets. Finished basement w/full bath & family room w/natural fireplace. HDWD floors & cove ceilings. Great character & charm! Hurry! (OEP60SPR) 734-453-6800

**NOVI \$649,900**

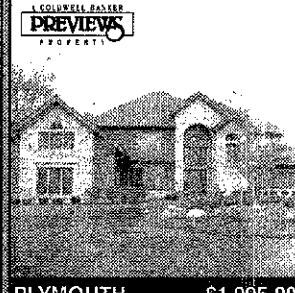
Location Location Location! 4BR, 3.1BA colonial. Gorgeous private treed lot. Living room & family room w/fireplace. Lux master. Prof finished basement. Beautiful inground pool w/water-slide & diving board. (OEP56WHE) 734-453-6800

**PINCKNEY \$339,900**

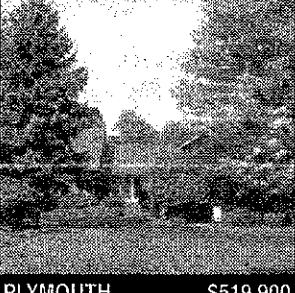
Golf course frontage plus lake access! Great floor plan, 1st floor master, huge kitchen and mud room. Full stone fireplace with full wall of windows looking at course! Lower level close to finished! (OESLY69PEB) 248-437-4500

**PLEASANT RIDGE \$284,900**

Sharp Pleasant Ridge Colonial W/premium Fieldstone Elevation! Vintage Character T/O! New Roof Tear-off, New Furnace & Ca. Fenced Backyard, Sprinklers, New Gar Dr & Opener, New Windows On 2nd Flr, Part-Fin. Bsmnt. (OEN11MAY) 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH \$1,995,000**

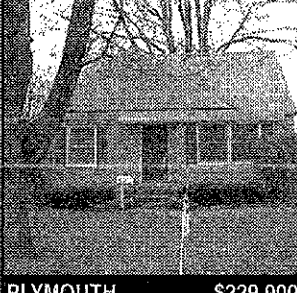
Indiana limestone & 3/4" cedar exterior. Radiant heat,utron lighting & music system t/o. 18' high foyer & LR w/marble flrs. Florida rm w/wome fr & lg jacuzzi. MBR w/whis & her full baths & W/C's. 4 car htd garage. (OEP11RID) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$519,900**

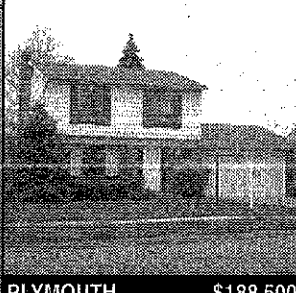
Estate size lot. Updated kitchen w/granite countertops. Dual master suites. Sun room w/access to wrap around deck. Finished walkout. Professionally landscaped. Truly one of a kind! Must see! (OEP45NOR) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$344,900**

All the charm of 1932! HW firs, coved cings w/modern updates: both baths, kit cabs, cntr, fir, car life, siding & gutters. New Indscp, carpeting, fin bsmt. Located in the heart of dntn on lg lot w/2 car gar & fence. (OEP50ANN) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$229,000**

Essence of Plymouth lifestyle w/3BR bungalow within walking dis to town, parks & schools. Hilltop Inc: HW firs, wet plaster, CA, 2 car gar & 50x141 fenced yd. Newer custom kitchen, win, roof, fur & remodeled bath. Charming! (OEP51SUN) 734-453-6800

**PLYMOUTH \$188,500**

Super Value! Remodeled kit w/oak cabs, neutral cntrs & fir. Cozy FR w/natural FP & doorwall to deck. All bedrooms have hardwood flr. Spacious master bedroom. Close to all conveniences & short walk to elementary school. (OEP21TAV) 734-453-6800

**REDFORD \$132,900**

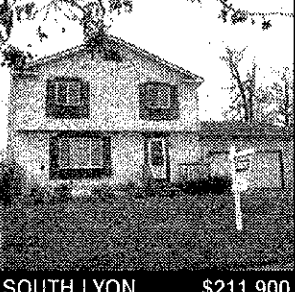
3 Bed, 2 Full Bth Brk Ranch In Redford. L/V rm W/bay Wndw. Exc. Kit. W/new Wood Cab, Granite Cntrs, Stove, Micro, fridge & dshwshr Full Bsmnt W/glass Blck Wndws. Cop Plmb. Vinyl Wndw. Nwr Furn, Roof, W/1.5 Car Gar. (OEL83NOR) 734-591-0333

**SOUTH LYON \$345,000**

Welcome home! Everything you're looking for is right here! 4 beds, 2.5 baths. Great master suite. Nice island kitchen that flows into family room w/fireplace. Formal dining and living rooms. (OESLY90POL) 248-437-4500

**SOUTH LYON \$217,900**

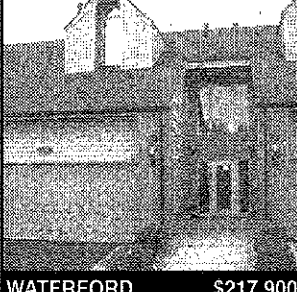
Large 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath condo w/open airy floor plan. Finished basement w/family room, full bath, walk-in closet and huge storage/workroom. (OESLY07EVE) 248-437-4500

**SOUTH LYON \$211,900**

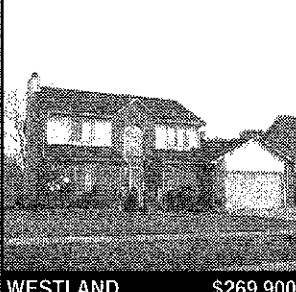
This Spacious Colonial Has Been Freshly Painted And Newly Carpeted. A Great Family Home. Ceramic Floors, Neutral Decor. Walking Distance To Schools And Backing To Commons. (OEL67DEA) 734-591-0333

**SOUTHFIELD \$155,000**

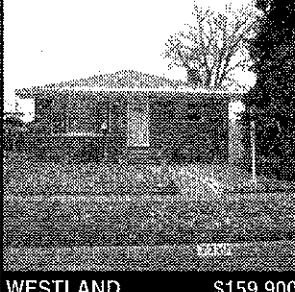
Well Maintained 3 BR Brick Ranch In Cranbrook Village Sub. Newer Furn & C/a. New Glass block Day Lite Wndws In Bsmnt. Hrdwd Firs T/Oodds Warmth To The Lr W/ Fireplace & Cathedral Ceiling. Lrg Wndws. (OEL32CHE) 734-591-0333

**WATERFORD \$217,900**

Best lake front location in complex! Closest distance to club house, pool and boat slip which is included. 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage and fireplace. Open floor plan. Great for entertaining. Move in - condition! (OESLY40ADA) 248-437-4500

**WESTLAND \$269,900**

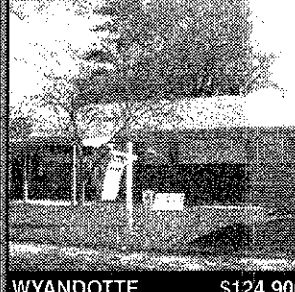
What a deal! 6 year old colonial w/Livonia schools in beautiful Oakwest Estates. Trex no maintenance deck surrounds a gorgeous pool. Fenced yard looks over wooded preserve leading to Holiday Park. (OEN78CHE) 248-347-3050 9216173

**WESTLAND \$159,900**

Livonia schools! Immaculate 3 bedroom, 1 bath brick ranch. Completely remodeled kitchen w/oak cabinets, ceramic tile, new d/w, oven & fridge. Bath updated. Part fin bsmt. New roof w/elec water heater. Home warranty. (OEP10FRU) 734-453-6800

**WESTLAND \$157,900**

Great location! Charming 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo with Livonia schools. Neutral decor. High efficiency furnace, doorwall overlooks deck & wooded area. Near Westland Mall. Show & sell! (OEP80RIV) 734-453-6800

**WYANDOTTE \$124,900**

Attention First Time Home Buyers! This 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch Awaits You! Tons Of Updates...a/c, Furnace, Newer Windows, Electrical, Carpet. Updated Bath, Cedar Closet In 2nd Bdrm, Privacy Fenced Yard. (OEN711ST) 248-347-3050

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SALEM-28 ACRES-1658 FRONT Yes, 1,658 feet of frontage on 7 Mile & Chubb Rd. Private, rural yet near everything. South Lyon schools & Northville mailing. Investor's delight! 23S0 \$700,000

734-455-7000

PLYMOUTH

CITY OF PLYMOUTH-HOUGH PARK Superb contemporary custom built home w/outstanding location on almost a half acre lot. 4 BRs, 4.5 baths, open & flowing fir plan to service one and all. 23E1409 \$694,900

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SOUTHLYON

NEARLY NEW VICTORIAN HOME ON 5 ACRES Ultra charming 3124 square foot home has it all. Granite kitchen, hardwood floors, finished basement, jetted tub, wrap-around porch, pool, heated pole barn w/concrete floor and driveway on 5 acres. 349-6200 24137618 \$649,900

248-348-6430

PLYMOUTH

EXPECT TO BE ENVIED as the owner of this imposing cape cod on estate sized lot. Gourmet kitchen w/hearth room. Double sided frplc in bright soaring family rm. Call NOW for appointment! 23F11075 \$575,000

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CANTON

FAMILY LIVING AT IT'S BEST Looking for that special place? Look no more. This lovely colonial is turn-key. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 2 lavs. Frml LR, DR, library. Fabulous kitchen w/cherry cabs, island & pantry. 23L427 \$474,900

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PLYMOUTH

TOP OF ITS CLASS! Highly upgraded with the finest materials. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, mahogany dining room, lavish laundry and lav. Situated on a 1/2 acre wooded site. Immediate occupancy. 23I9348 \$349,348

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LIVONIA

WELCOMING SPACIOUS RANCH Over 2060 SF w/3 BRs, 2.5 BAs, kitchen, DR, FR w/FRPLC & mstr w/BA & WIC. Full fin bsmt. Fenced yard w/cement patio, garage & shed. Numerous recent updates! 349-6200 24110562 \$337,500

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FARMINGTON HILLS

4 BR, 2.5 BA BRICK COLONIAL Lrg eat-in kitchen, formal DR, lib w/custom dual workstation & solid cherry shelving. Mstr w/BA & WIC, fin bsmt, tiered deck. 50 acre commons w/tennis & more. 24098383 \$325,000

734-591-9200

LIVONIA

NEW CONSTRUCTION W/LIVONIA SCHOOLS This 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial has 2144 square feet, bath & 2 car garage. Ceramic tile in baths, oak cabinets & floor in kitchen, nook, 1/2 bath & foyer. Curtis Creek, an 11 home development. 24004538 \$324,900

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LIVONIA

LIVONIA SHOWCASE!!! Vacation year round in this beautiful 5 BR, 2.5 BA contemporary. MBR ste w/sunroom, overlooks pool & hot tub. 1/2 acre lot on cul-de-sac. Close to everything! 348-6430 24140669 \$319,900

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WAYNE

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WESTLAND

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LIVONIA

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PLYMOUTH

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FARMINGTON HILLS

LOCATED IN THE HEART OF FARMINGTON HILLS You will enjoy many amenities: Kitchen w/upgraded cabs open to great rm w/vaulted ceiling, FRPLC, dormers, lib w/balcony, 1st floor laundry & much more. 24022017 \$199,900

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CANTON

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BEST OF DEARBORN This is a must see! It sparkles! New carpet; new sod; freshly painted. Updtd kitchen & bath. Extra lrg lot. Full sized DR. Nice deck & backyard. 349-6200 24102808 \$198,000

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WESTLAND

END UNIT CONDO 2 bedroom, 2 bath end unit ranch condo. Updated oak cabinetry in kitchen & bath, freshly painted, partly finished basement & plumbed for third bath. 24041689 \$189,900

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LIVONIA

OUTSTANDING VALUE 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Totally updated kitchen, bath, wndws, furnace, C/A & electric. Fin bsmt, vaulted ceilings. Close to major shopping. Home warranty. 23H36482 \$174,900

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BRIGHT & CHEERY RANCH Neat & tidy brick ranch with a white picket fence. Frplc in family rm. Finished basement w/ tons of storage. Many updates. Excellent location! 349-6200 24053850 \$149,999

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REDFORD

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WESTLAND

UPDATES GALORE Kitchen, bath, furnace, A/C, appliances, siding, windows & carpeting are all less than four years old. Huge lot close to 1/2 acre. This is a must see! J474 \$119,900

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PLYMOUTH Charming Condo
1 bedroom upper condo. Private entry & carport. In-unit laundry, storage unit, CA, ceiling fans, ceramic floor & major appliances. Very well maintained!
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GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath rambling brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, basement, formal dining room, library w/bay window, vaulted ceiling in great room w/fireplace, FFL, oak kitchen w/appl's + 4 season sun room.
(E38LAS) 734-455-5600 \$479,885



GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream
3 BR ranch w/fin LL w/rrlp BA. Newer carpet, windows, roof & furnace. 94. Copper plumbing, updated electrical & glass block windows. Close to schools. All appliances stay. Steel entry doors. What a cutie.
(E81FLO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



WESTLAND Great Location
For this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch. Partially finished basement w/5 bath, eat-in kitchen & dining area. Fully fenced rear yard with patio. Low maintenance exterior. House roof in March of '04.
(E90STI) 248-349-5600 \$131,900



WESTLAND Stretch Your \$\$\$\$\$
Charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage, nice finished basement. Newer furnace, electric, most carpet, updated bath. Hardwood floors in most rooms & home warranty.
(E84DEN) 734-455-5600 \$139,900



GARDEN CITY Well Maintained Home
And updated with roof-single layer, circuit breakers, furnace & CA, windows & more. Newer kitchen w/appliances, 2 car garage w/att out building. All this in this 3 bedroom brick/aluminum ranch.
(E05SUN) 734-455-5600 \$135,000



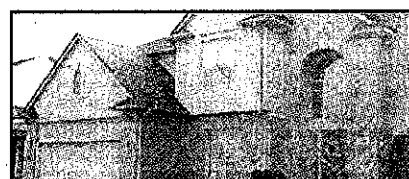
REDFORD Cozy Home On Double Lot
3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/2 car garage attached by breezeway, finished basement w/2nd kitchen & bath. Newer roof, windows, kitchen & carpet.
(E18BRA) 734-455-5600 \$115,999



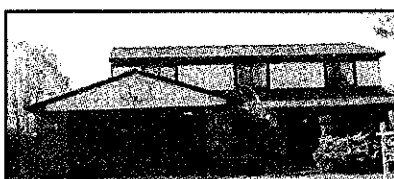
NOVI Entertain Indoors & Out
Pride in ownership. Custom kitchen & hearth room, stainless appls. Brick paver patios (3), electric awning, pool, putting green. Huge DR, FFL, gas generator, well for lawn, 3.5 car heated garage, X-wide drive.
(E37HAZ) 248-349-5600 \$599,900



SHELBY A Gem In Emerald Creek
Gorgeous Emerald Creek condo w/2 BR end unit w/oversized deck overlooking large pond. Professionally landscaped. Decadent loft, library, master bath w/Jacuzzi tub. Open fir plan, on golf course
(E08STO) 248-349-5600 \$249,900



PLYMOUTH Spacious Colonial
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2 story foyer w/hardwood floors, high ceilings on main floor, crown molding in GR & DR, large bath w/garden tub in master suite island in kitchen, fireplace in GR, doorwall to patio.
(E56WEN) 734-455-5600 \$348,900



CANTON Large Colonial
In Sunflower sub w/large lot backing to ravine. Updated furnace, CA, patio, roof, some windows & doorwall. Basement, 2 car attached garage & appliances. Don't miss this one.
(E01CHA) 734-455-5600 \$268,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
5 bedroom, 3 full & 1.5 bath 19th century colonial on approx 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom, hardwood floors, country kitchen & formal dining room. Large pole barn, pond, deck & gazebo. A must see!
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REDFORD Just Move In And Enjoy
It's ready for the fussy home buyer. Maintenance free exterior and just as nice inside and out. Updated kit w/oak cabs, stove, fridge & dishwasher included. Full bsmt w/glass block windows & workshop. Home sweet home.
(E48LEN) 248-349-5600 \$119,900



REDFORD Ready To Move?
Quick occupancy. 3 BR ranch w/living room, dining area, plus eat-in kit w/oak cabs & neutral counters. Neutral carpet T/O plus hrdwd flrs under carpeting. Gar. bsmt, newer furn w/humidifier, air cleaner & CA.
(E37WCH) 248-349-5600 \$145,900



CANTON Exceptional Colonial
Charming 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2.5 car attached garage, full basement, family room w/fireplace & vaulted ceiling, kitchen w/oak cabinets, island & appls. Large yard w/brick paver patio & sprinkler.
(E81BAY) 734-455-5600 \$316,900



NOVI Enjoy The Tranquility
In this lovely 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath townhouse w/spectacular view of pond from the patio or every room. 1st class finished basement, beautiful kitchen w/hardwood floor.
(E03PON) 734-455-5600 \$165,000



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Updated
3 bedroom, 2 bath home w/abundance of cabs in eat-in kit, FR w/frp, crown mold in bedrooms, freshly painted. Pella windows w/built-in blinds, furnace, CA & HW/H new '02. Brick paver patio, sprinklers, 2 car att gar.
(E31ASP) 734-455-5600 \$217,900



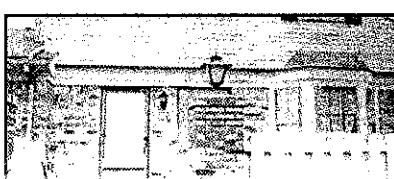
SOUTH LYON This Is A Charming
Brick home boasts newer roof, windows, kitchen, bath, deck, fresh paint plus finished basement. Great location in sub - cul-de-sac lot w/private backyard & 2 car gar. Ceramic tile baths plus hrdwd flrs t/o. South Lyon Schls.
(E23LYO) 248-349-5600 \$183,000



CANTON Great Location
4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/bath ceilings, open floor plan & neutral carpet. All windows & doors done in rich oak. Finished basement ready for bath. Professionally landscaped, sprinklers, lighting, 2 car garage. Must see.
(F08WEL) 248-349-5600 \$325,000



SOUTH LYON Awesome Find!
Enormous 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch built in 2001 offers 3 car attached garage, family room w/gas fireplace & ceramic surround. Cathedral ceilings & open floor plan. Formal DR, newer kit appls stay, mstr bath w/jetted tub.
(E08BUC) 734-455-5600 \$339,900



CANTON Great Townhouse Condo
3 bedrooms w/1.5 baths. Crisp & clean, freshly painted. Low traffic area, updates in kitchen & 5 bath. Nice bay window in dining room w/built-in seat, 2 skylights, brick paver patio, basement & appls stay. Must see!
(E79ARB) 734-455-5600 \$137,000



FREEDOM TWP. Custom Built Home In 2000
20+ acres offers this wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/3 car attached garage, walk out basement, Gambeal barn, stone fireplace in family room, cedar deck & panoramic views.
(E10BET) 734-455-5600 \$439,900



NORTHVILLE Waterfront Estate
Exquisite "Monarque" model on Mystic Lake in Stonewater. Custom T/O. No expense spared. Full fin LL W/O. Two large bedrooms, 2 car attached garage on wooded setting. All appls. Large deck off dining room. Immaculate condition. Pre-approved buyers.
(E40MAN) 248-349-5600 \$1,085,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value
Beautiful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial w/oak trim, maple cabs, custom hardwood, finished basement w/oak, bath, kitchen & wooded cul-de-sac lot & 2 car garage. Great lot w/plethora of room to play.
(E24MER) 248-349-5600 \$619,900



LYONS Location! Location!
Lovely 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial backing to large 6 acre pond. 2 car attached garage, finished walk-out, family room w/gas fireplace, walk-in closet in master bedroom, large deck overlooking the pond.
(E08BAR) 734-455-5600 \$244,900



MELVINDALE Adorable Brick Bungalow
3 bedrooms w/extra den, CA, newer vinyl windows, finished basement, freshly painted, hardwood floors, 1.5 car garage w/pener. Fenced yard. Close to all amenities. Home warranty included. Call Now!
(E81RUT) 734-455-5600 \$131,900



NOVI Welcome Home
Spacious open floor plan California style ranch. Great room with lots of windows, 2 fireplaces & 1st floor laundry, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage w/workbench, crown molding & Novi Schools.
(E06TEN) 248-349-5600 \$194,900



NORTHVILLE Walking Distance To Town
Contemporary condo w/many upgrades. Hardwood floors, heated floor in master bath. Large WIC, fin LL W/O. Two large bedrooms, 2 car attached garage on wooded setting. All appls. Large deck off dining room.
(E00MOU) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown
Location, location. A rare find. This ideal setting everyone looks for when buying a home. Serenity and comfort of living in a private court location. A hop, skip & jump to downtown. Hardwood floors under carpeting.
(E78FAI) 248-349-5600 \$229,000



TAYLOR Updated Ranch
3 bedrooms, 1 bath home w/open floor plan, updated kitchen with appliances, updated bath, newer furnace, CA, 2.5 car garage.
(E53BUR) 734-455-5600 \$117,900



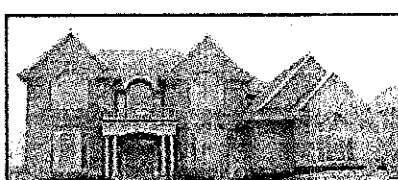
SOUTH LYON Location! Location!
Pretty tree setting on large corner lot. Clean neutral decor for 4 bedroom, 2 bath bi-level. Newer hardwood flooring, LR & DR. Kitchen w/ceramic tile, appls, LL w/alcove w/gas frplc & storage + 2 car att gar.
(E74PEP) 734-455-5600 \$224,900



LIVONIA Bungalow
Remodeled kit includes appls & laminate floor also in DR. Bath in FR, 2 upper bedrooms & stairs, LR & 2 lower bedrooms have frplc, floors. Michigan basement, 2.5 car gar, patio & wide drive. Part fenced.
(E71FIV) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



LIVONIA You'd Better Hurry
Super ranch home priced right & just listed. 3 BR, 1.5 BA w/fin LL, 2 car garage w/pener, fenced yard close to shopping & xways. Fresh paint & carpet in LR. House roof shingles-'03, much more. 1 year warranty.
(E81OXB) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



NORTHVILLE Incredible Value
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub. Largest sq. ftg. by Moon. Upgrades: marble granite, cust. cherry cabs, 2-story enclosed porch, spiral staircase, MBR w/3-way frplc, sitting rm + BA, Fin LL w/kit, BA & BR.
(E02MAN) 248-349-5600 \$1,149,900



DEARBORN Own & Rent
Spacious upper/lower apt. Exterior has brick/alum siding. Great Dearborn location. Total of 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, nicely finished basement, lots of storage, 2 car garage & 2 private balconies.
(E32HOR) 734-455-5600 \$185,000



WESTLAND Charming Townhouse
Offers 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full basement, attached garage, newer kitchen floor, light oak cabinets & some newer appls. Master suite w/bath. Custom woodwork & window treatments. Large deck.
(E13HUN) 734-455-5600 \$161,900



NORTHVILLE Fantastic Blue Heron
This beauty overlooks the water and skies and has boat docks, walkout lower level and is quality built. 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Lower level is teenage quarters for privacy. Neutral colors t/o are appealing & flowing.
(E58BLU) 248-349-5600 \$372,900



MILFORD Lakeview, Hillside Haven
4 BR, 2 BA home w/lake privileges, frplc, wood stove in GR, updated kitchen cabinets & counter, deck & MBR overlook Sears Lake. Almost 3/4 acre wooded lot. Close to downtown Milford.
(E64PAR) 248-349-5600 \$174,900



NORTHVILLE Downtown Northville
2 bedroom home w/formal DR, large LR, FR w/vaulted ceiling & gas frplc. Updated kitchen, baths, windows, roof, furnace & A/C. Basement & 1 car attached garage. Home is on a lot that has a CBD zoning.
(E14RAY) 248-349-5600 \$260,000



WESTLAND A Must See
3 bedroom colonial w/eat in kitchen, sun room, formal dining room, large living room, 100x131 lot, 2 car garage & basement.
(E05PAL) 734-455-5600 \$146,900



LIVONIA Sharp Condo
Large 2 bedroom upper unit w/neutral decor, cath ceilings, gas fireplace, snack bar, doorwall to private covered balcony, kitchen w/light oak cabinets & in unit laundry room.
(E48SMI) 734-455-5600 \$155,000



COMMERCE Extreme Quality
New construction. 3 BR, 2.5 BA ranch w/frplc in GR. Extra deep bsmt w/daylight windows-plumbed for add'l BA, cath ceilings, ceramic and hardwood. First floor laundry. All on approx. 1 acre. 4 car garage.
(E45CAR) 248-349-5600 \$314,900



ORCHARD LAKE Small Home w/Lake Privileges
Nothing fancy, but you'll love the fun with "all sports" Upper Straits Lake privileges. Boat & dock facilities. West Bloomfield schools. Great site for large custom home.
(E34PAR) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



WESTLAND Gorgeous Ranch
1990 built 3 BR, 2 BA home w/large kitchen & pantry. Ceramic floors, crown molding & newer vinyl windows in '02. Finished basement w/full bath & possible 4th BR. 2.5 car garage, sprinkler system & more.
(E25UNI) 248-349-5600 \$167,500



CANTON Abundant Space
Large 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 car attached garage, finished basement, FR w/frplc & doorwall to deck, oak kit w/garden bay window, ceramic floor & doorwall. Newer furnace, CA, shingles & windows.
(E80CHA) 734-455-5600 \$250,000



WEBSTER TWP. Unique Country Home
Custom built 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on approx. 2 acres w/2 car attached garage & 3 car detached garage, basement, wrap-a-round porch, above ground pool w/decking, large kitchen & dining room + appliances.
(E42RYA) 734-455-5600 \$355,000



NORTHVILLE Stylish And Spacious
2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 lav end unit with walk-out. 2 car garage. Lots of updates. Close to downtown. Highly acclaimed schools. Great Value. Great investment.
(E44CON) 248-349-5600 \$199,000



LIVONIA Move Right In & Enjoy!
All the big ticket items are done. This 3 BR ranch features bay window, remodeled kitchen, updated baths - new '04, new '04 tear-off roof, newer furnace, AC, FR w/frplc, 2 car garage & basement. Super location.
(E48SCH) 248-349-5600 \$212,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept
Spectacular - one of the best "premium lots in Chelsea Park. Formal living room & dining room. 2-story FR w/bay window frplc. A cook's delight kitchen. Grand master suite, princess suite and Jack and Jill bath.
(E43CHE) 248-349-5600 \$710,000



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BRIGHTON
EXQUISITE CUSTOM HOME 1 acre rustic setting, more than 3800 SF, gorgeous kit, elegant LR, lib, 2-way frplc highlights FR, sunroom, hrdwd flrs, tremendous fin'd w/o, fabulous home! 349-6200 24124565 \$795,000
248-348-6430

COMMERCE TWP
UNIQUE LAKEFRONT RANCH HOME Million dollar views of Lower Straits! Enjoy California contemporary family rm w/sunken hot tub overlooking lake, Florida rm, wrap around screened porch, 3 level decking. 24147813 \$645,000
248-851-1900

MILFORD
MAGNIFICENT COUNTRY ESTATE SUPER 4 bedroom/3.5 bath hm on a gorgeous 2+ acre wooded lot! 1st floor master suite w/fireplace! Great guest bedroom! Screened porch. Walkout bsmt! Must see! 349-6200 68FOX2 \$574,900
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SPRINGFIELD
TWO HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Turn of the century farmhouse. Charm & character thru-out. Over 3000 SF, 2 frplcs, sunroom, hrdwd flrs, tremendous fin'd w/o, 3 acres total with barn. 24144029 \$559,900
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WHITE LAKE
4 BR, 3.5 BA, 5000+ FIN SF on 2.5 wooded acres. 1998 built. Soaring ceilings. Pictures & tour www.localgen.com or 877.934.6683 ID 705 for details. 24144840 \$549,900
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WEST BLOOMFIELD
COMPLETELY REMODELED IN '03! 4 BRs, 3.5 baths. Marble foyer, hrdwd flrs & granite kit! Beautiful FR w/gas FP. Full fin bsmt. Prvt yd w/pool. NEW411- \$539,900
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TROY
EUROPEAN STYLE TUDOR, uniquely designed floor plan, spacious, tall ceilings. 24139344 \$529,900
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OAKLAND TWP
FABULOUS GOODISON HILLS HOME. 4 BRs, 3.5 baths. Exquisite throughout-gourmet kitchen w/appliances. Wood flrs-granite-updated baths-impeccably maintained. Fin LL. FOR471 \$519,900
248-652-6500

OAKLAND TWP
BUILT IN 2003-4 BRs/3.5 BATHS Premium w/wooded cul-de-sac location, 3-car garage, walkout. \$5,000 buyer incentive, pool/clubhouse. Immediate Occupancy. CRE544 \$519,900
248-652-6500

COMMERCE TWP
NEWER MIDDLE STRAITS WATERFRONT HOME All sports canal front. 2 story great rm. Great location by Baypoint Ck. Open floor plan. Hwd 1st flr. Lt oak kit w/island, sub 0. Fin bsmt. 3 BRs, 2 1/2 BAs. Only 4 houses from main lake. 24142728 \$475,000
248-851-1900

WYANDOTTE
RIVERFRONT on low traffic desirable Van Aistyne. 3 BRs, 2.5 baths, 2200 SF. Many recent updates. Gorgeous hardwood floors thru-out. Loads of charm & unbelievable water views! VAN24019617 \$475,000
248-851-4100

WALLED LAKE
ALL-SPORTS WALLED LAKE FRONTAGE Enjoy 91 ft frontage on all sports Walled Lk! 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Newer blt colonial, oak island kitchen, 2 car garage, in-law suite, 1st flr laundry, AC, much more! 24056452 \$469,900
248-851-1900

WATERFORD
LAKE VIEW CONTEMPORARY! NEW CONSTRUCTION. Upscale quality, custom designed. Features hrdwd flrs, ceramic bath & a well appointed kitchen. Soaring ceilings. Open floor plan, walkout basement. 24134443 PC250392 \$469,000
248-644-4700

FARMINGTON HILLS
IMMACULATE! 1st floor master contemporary. Fireplace in GR. Dining rm. Eat-in kitchen. 3.5 baths. Walkout LL. Backs to woods, extensive decking. 24148417 \$449,900
248-851-1900

DAVISBURG
CUSTOM BUILT BEAUTY ON 5 ACRES Quality throughout, 2700 SF, walkout bsmt, 3 car garage, cathedral ceilings, gas frplc, bay windows & stunning 1st flr master w/WIC. Adjoining 21 acres available. 24136776 \$429,900
248-625-0200

SOUTH LYON
PRESTIGIOUS TANGLEWOOD GOLF COMMUNITY Welcomes you to this gorgeous cape cod. Built in 2003, this custom built home includes 1st floor master suite w/bath, formal dining room and 2 story great room. \$413,900
248-437-3800

TROY
MOVE IN CONDITION-NW TROY, new kitchen, hardwood floor, corian, new window/siding, finished basement, 2500 square feet. 24114641 \$412,500
248-813-4900

SOUTH LYON
TANGLEWOOD GOLF COMMUNITY! Stunning custom 4 bedroom colonial on interior lot! Gourmet island kitchen, formal DR & LR, family rm w/gas fireplace & master suite w/WICs & bath. Large deck! 349-6200 24141686 \$400,000
248-348-6430

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
MOVE RIGHT IN! Beautiful Hickory Hgts home! Refinished hrdwd flrs, newer windows, crown moldings, lg open kitchen, comfortable floor plan. Lg treed lot, front & back. Walk to Birmingham. 24101236 \$399,900
248-548-9100

FARMINGTON HILLS
OPEN RANCH ON BEAUTIFUL LARGE LOT Great opportunity. Foyer w/winding staircase to LL. Stone frplc, wet bar in GR. French doors to music rm. Florida rm. Open kitchen, fantastic floor plan. 3 car garage. 24111961 \$399,000
248-851-4100

WHITE LAKE
NEW CONSTRUCTION - LAKE FRONT! 80 ft of canal frontage on White Lake. Unique floor plan, 3 BR, 3 BA, FR, GR. Nice size mstr ste. 1st floor laundry. Natural frplc. Some brick on the ext, ceramic & hrdwd fls. 24054308 \$398,000
248-684-1065

FARMINGTON HILLS
SPARKLING COLONIAL in desirable Timbercrest Sub. Wood floors, cathedral ceilings, crown moldings, bay windows, butler's pantry & formal dining room. Beautifully landscaped w/deck. \$389,500
248-437-3800

HARRISON
LOOKING FOR PARADISE? Gorgeous home w/16 ft ceilings. Hardwoods t/o. Loft sitting area. Granite counter tops, ceramic frplc. Dream home w/stunning backyard, inground pool. Pure tranquility! 24122569 \$385,000
248-851-4100

WEST BLOOMFIELD
HILLTOP SETTING IN DESIRABLE SUB Bloomfield Hills schools. Large formal LR & DR. Step down FR w/frplc, wet bar, doorwall to deck. Oversize master suite w/library. Fin bsmt. Lots of space, improvements. 24115728 \$385,000
248-851-4100

FARMINGTON HILLS
FABULOUS 1ST FLOOR MASTER SUITE Built in 99. 3 BR, 2.5 BA on prvt cul-de-sac. High ceilings, master w/whirlpool. Upgrades galore! Maple, granite kitchen. Over 2200 SF. Landscaped w/gazebo, backs to commons. 24130834 \$369,900
248-851-1900

WHITE LAKE
CUSTOM QUALITY Soft contemporary-Walled Lake schools, open floor plan, 1st floor master suite, 2.5 baths, extensive hardwood flooring, full basement, 3 car garage. 24144890 \$379,000
248-363-8300

FARMINGTON HILLS
DUPLEX-LIVE IN ONE, RENT THE OTHER Let your tenant help pay your mortgage! Spacious quality built all brick duplex. 2.5 car garage on each. Appincs. Full bsmts. Deck backs to woods. Landscaped, sprinklers. 24076516 \$375,000
248-851-1900

COMMERCE
GORGEOUS CAPE COD Premium wooded lot. First floor master. Cathedral ceilings in great room & master bedroom. Finished walkout basement. 24064279 \$355,900
248-851-4100

FARMINGTON HILLS
BEAUTIFUL MOVE-IN CONDITION HOME Spacious colonial, fantastic neighborhood. Hwd foyer, new carpet, freshly painted w/o. Deck overlooking private yard. FR w/frplc, library, formal DR. Huge 1st flr Indry. 24130758 \$355,000
248-851-4100

WHITE LAKE
WHITE LAKE - WEXFORD MANOR SUB. GORGEOUS New 4 BR, 2800 SF model home. Fabulous open floor plan. Loads of unbelievable upgrades. Wooded cul-de-sac sub. S of M58 off Bogie Lk Rd. Other styles from low \$290's. 24050265 \$350,000
248-851-4100

TROY
4 BEDROOM, 2073 SF, BRICK RANCH w/basement & attached 2.5 car garage on 1.8 acres w/stream and woods. 24115360 \$350,000
248-813-4900

BEVERLY HILLS
SHARPI Freshly painted thru-out! 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath, hrdwd floors, natural frplc in LR, part finished bsmt. Florida room. (662) 24121999 \$350,000
248-548-9100

FARMINGTON HILLS
LARGE FARMINGTON HILLS RANCH W/POOL. 3036 SF, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths w/fee form in-ground pool, deck & patio. Marble floor in foyer. French doors & family room w/fireplace. A must see home! 349-6200 24076877 \$349,900
248-348-6430

WEST BLOOMFIELD
DETACHED + 1ST FLOOR MASTER Breathhtaking ranch with loft. 20K + limestone kitchen. Neutral/open floor plan. 3 full baths, 2 car attached garage, basement. Sits on cul-de-sac, gated community. 24140554 \$345,000
248-363-8300

WHITE LAKE
NEW CONSTRUCTION Lovely 4 bedroom colonial. Huge kitchen w/hardwood floors. 4 good size bedrooms. Great room, full basement w/9 ft ceilings. Lovely elevation & many extras. 2700 SF. 24116032 \$339,900
248-851-4100

ROCHESTER HILLS
BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL WITH OPEN FLOOR PLAN! Exclusive location with privacy & exceptional views of well landscaped backyard. Foyer w/circular stairs, walk-in pantry, partially finished bsmt, neutral. 24101641 \$338,000
248-644-4700

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
BEAUTIFUL WOODED SETTING Premier condo community. Private brick paver courtyard. Updates include hrdwd flrs, crown molding, pool & tennis. 24100219 \$320,000
248-644-4700

COMMERCE TWP
DESIRABLE STONE GATE COLONIAL Gorgeous & immaculate 4 BR, 2.5 BA custom 2 story. Quality throughout. Prof decorated, landscaped. 3 car garage, library, formal dining rm. Master suite w/garden tub, WIC. 24105825 \$329,900
248-851-1900

BEVERLY HILLS
UPDATED BEAUTY 2004 total renovations in kit, baths. Baths have ceramic, new fixtures, cabinetry. Freshly painted, newer carpet, windows, refinished hrdwd floors. Drywalled bsmt. 24143377 \$329,900
248-851-1900

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
FAMILY HOME IN A DESIRABLE NEIGHBORHOOD! A winding road leads to a beautiful treed property. Lovingly maintained home features a walkout basement, 3 fireplaces, 4 BRs & 3 full BAs. Also for lease @ \$1995/m. 24140452 \$329,000
248-644-4700

LAKE ORION
ROOM TO ROAM! Appealing colonial. Park-like 1/2 acre backs to treed nature area. 4 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Clean & neutral w/bg BRs. Secluded, low-traffic sub w/nature trail. LEY821 \$324,900
248-652-6500

ROCHESTER HILLS
SPACIOUS COLONIAL Original owners, well kept home. Neutral decor, nearly 3000 SF, 5 BRs, 2.5 BAs. Newer roof, furnace & a/c. 24149829 \$321,900
248-644-4700

ROCHESTER
SHOWS LIKE A MODEL. Immed occup. 2 BR/2 BA ranch condo. 2 car att gar. White kit cabs. All appincs-deck-quiet location. Maple Crk. Village Condo. BOU161 \$319,900
248-652-6500

WEST BLOOMFIELD
4 BEDROOM HOME ON WOODED CUL-DE-SAC LOT Loaded w/many features & improvements. Cherry cabinets, new counter & ceramic backplash in kitchen, updated 1st flr Indry, roof, furnace, more. 2.5 baths. Full walkout bsmt. 24095597 \$315,000
248-851-4100

HIGHLAND
COLONIAL W/FIN WALKOUT! 4 BR, 3.5 BA, beaut. 3/4 wooded cul-de-sac setting! Fin bsmt has wet bar/columns. Huge bath w/ceramic shower. 3 car gar! Huge deck. Lovely GR w/frplc and more! 24128637 \$309,900
248-684-1065

SOUTH LYON
3 BEDROOM, 2.5 BATH COLONIAL. Master bedroom with master bath and walk-in closet, tiered deck and paver patio on nearly a half acre lot. 24125480 \$299,900
734-591-9200

BEVERLY HILLS
BEVERLY HILLS RANCH! This charming home w/3BRs & 2 full BAs on the first floor & fin bsmt sits on a double lot. Enjoy the view in your private fenced backyard. Also a 2 car att garage. 24144695 \$299,900
248-644-4700

TROY
A+ TROY SCHOOLS in charming family neighborhood. 4 large bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, finished basement with bathroom. Large master bedroom. Lots of storage. Large lot. 24133000 \$295,000
248-851-4100

COMMERCE
NOSTALGIC FARM HOUSE REPLICABuilt '92. Great, covered, wrap-around porch. 1st floor master, new carpet, approximately 1000 SF. decking, partially finished basement. Commerce/Milford 24142142 \$294,800
248-363-8300

COMMERCE TWP
JUST PACK AND MOVE IN! Beautiful 1997 colonial with desirable golf course frontage. Spacious 4 BR, 2.5 BA. Nicely finished lower level. This is a must see. 24148472 \$289,900
248-851-1900

ROYAL OAK
IMMACULATE 4 BR, 2.5 BATH RANCH! Mstr ste w/full bath & WIC. Hwd flrs, crown, fresh paint w/o. Fin bsmt w/2nd frplc, wet bar, office, workshop & laundry. PAR391 \$284,900
248-652-6500

WEST BLOOMFIELD
GREAT LOCATION! 2/3 acre corner lot, this 4 bedroom colonial is in pristine condition. Close to 15 Mile & Orchard Lake. Call for details. 24147374 \$279,900
248-851-4100

OXFORD
LAKEFRONT 4 BR colonial. Frplc in FR. Updated kitchen, nook opens to FR. 2 doorwalls. Hwd flrs. Freshly painted, neutral decor. Side entry garage. Part finished bsmt. (74TA) 24144214 \$279,000
248-393-3300

LAKE ORION
MOVE RIGHT INTO THIS STUNNING MODEL HOME. 4 BR colonial on huge lot. Decorated by interior designer. Hardwood floors, jetted tub, fireplace in great room. KEY100 \$278,000
248-652-6500

NEW HUDSON
GREAT INVESTMENT! Excellent business opportunity! Zoned commercial/b-2/w/75 ft frontage on Grand River in New Hudson, 1537 SF bldg, Water/sewer avail at st. 349-6200 24050695 \$275,000
248-348-6430

LIVONIA
NORTHWEST LIVONIA Great 3-4 bedroom colonial has 1st floor master, 2.5 baths, great room & library. Beautiful treed lot. Nice house! 24122602 \$275,000
248-851-4100

BLOOMFIELD HILLS
COZY AND CHARM! Great feeling as you walk into this 3 BR ranch. Living room has panoramic view of spacious yard with inground pool. DR has hwd floor and floor to ceiling wndw. 24103039 \$270,000
248-644-4700

ROYAL OAK
PRESTIGIOUS "NORTHWOOD" SUB Classic 1922 California bungalow w/3 BRs, covered porch, LR w/frplc, DR w/beamed ceiling, brkfst/ rm w/original leaded glass cabinets, 9' ceilings, hwd flrs, bsmt & 2 car gar. (730) 24146488 \$269,900
248-548-9100

FARMINGTON HILLS
GREAT VALUE 4 BRs, 2+2 BAs, over 2000 SF home. Newer roof, furnace, wndws. Backs to park area. Private street. Huge kitchen. Upstairs Indry. All appincs incld. Fab fin bsmt, daylight wndws. 24138263 \$265,000
248-851-1900

WEST BLOOMFIELD
CONDO Fabulous private setting for partially detached condo w/1st floor master BR. Gracious living rm w/cathedral ceiling. Private deck & secluded patio. A great value! 24109995 \$263,900
248-851-4100

WATERFORD
PREMIUM LOT OVERLOOKING NATURE PRESERVE & river. Quality home features 3 BR, 2.5 BA. FR w/vaulted ceiling & stone frplc. Bay window in DR, mstr ste w/vaulted ceiling. Deck. 24103318 \$259,900
248-851-4100

OAKLAND TWP
2.68 ACRES! Huge hay barn w/a perfect 3 BR cape cod. Totally updated. Larger than it looks. 3 nice decks. Finished walkout & kitchen w/French doors. (38OR) 24141742 \$259,900
248-393-3300

TROY
BIRMINGHAM SCHOOLS 3 BRs, 1.1 baths, .50 acre, hrdwd flrs, updated kitchen, new roof, hwh, furnace & air, bsmt. 24113973 \$258,900
248-813-4900

CLARKSTON
1836 FARMHOUSE OVERLOOKING CROSBY LAKE! Located on almost 2 acres, extensively renovated in '93, deck and above ground pool in backyard, insulation and additional electrical outlets added to garage. 24138793 \$258,000
248-644-4700

CANTON
ALMOST NEW CONDO BACKS TO WOODS Fabulous 3 bedroom home. Hardwood in foyer, powder room, kitchen. Oak kitchen w/built-in appliances. Upgraded fixtures. Neutral throughout. Light and bright. Great master suite w/cathedral ceilings. 24142421 \$255,000
248-851-1900

TROY
2000 built, 1800 SF w/Troy Schools. Neutral decor w/many updates. Quiet area. 3 BR/1.5 bath. 24138257 \$254,000
248-813-4900

TROY
SHARP COLONIAL, GREAT LOT! Remodeled kitchen, updt'd roof, windows, furnace & c/a. Move in condition. 24119716 \$249,900
248-813-4900

WATERFORD
READY TO MOVE IN canalfront home on all sports Cass Lk. Beaut deck for entertaining, 3 BRs, Fla rm, updt'd FR w/frplc. Grt cottage or hm. 24141202 \$239,900
248-363-8300

SOUTHFIELD
ENJOY TRANQUILITY 24/7 Spacious sunrm and DR overlook spectacular backyard leading to the Ravines. 2 full BAs, 2 nat'l frplcs, circular drive. 24084034 \$234,500
248-723-0055

STERLING HEIGHTS
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Full solid brick ranch on Metropolitan Parkway. 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath & 2 half baths. Finished basement. Lot is 100 x 120. 24111643 PC251172 \$229,900
248-644-4700

WATERFORD
SPRAWLING RANCH WITH LAKE PRIVILEGES Shows like a model! 1st flr laundry, white kitchen, skylights. Library. Finished lower level w/BRs, bath. Deck overlooks woods. 4 BRs, 3 full BAs. White Horse Lk privileges. 24145606 \$225,000
248-851-1900

SOUTHFIELD
SPACIOUS QUAD Plenty of room to roam in this great family home located in a quiet neighborhood of Southfield. Hardwood floors under the carpet and a eat-in kitchen. A must see. 24144317 \$223,900
248-644-4700

WATERFORD
ALMOST NEW, CUSTOM BUILT 3 bedroom/2.5 BA colonial. Lake privileges on Cass Lake. Gorgeous kitchen w/island & maple cabinets. Great room, vaulted ceiling. Master suite w/BA. This one is a 10! 24146796 \$219,900
248-851-4100

LATHRUP VILLAGE
COZY LOVING OLDER HOME! A rare find! One of Lathrup's great older homes with quality & detail not found in newer homes. Lrg eat-in kitchen w/bay and much more. 3 BRs, 1.5 BAs, 2 frplcs & lrg dbl lot. 24109881 PC251032 \$219,000
248-644-4700

WATERFORD
GREAT SUB W/SIDEWALKS & NATURE PRESERVES Island kitchen overlooks great room w/gas fireplace. 1st floor laundry. 4 spacious bedrooms w/good closet space. Home is situated on large lot in middle of sub. 24114302 \$215,000
248-851-4100

SOUTHFIELD
MR. CLEAN LIVES HERE Very nice ranch w/ formal dining room, family room, Florida room, 2 full baths, and newer windows. 24130236 \$214,900
248-723-0055

ROYAL OAK
COMPLETELY UPDATED & PRICED TO SELL! Updated 3 BR, 2 BA, cozy, 2-story home. Newer kitchen w/applines, ceramic foyer, hwd flrs, open fr plan. Updated baths, jetted tub. Partly fin bsmt. Enjoy front and rear decks! 24116860 \$209,900
248-851-1900

NOVI
GORGEOUS BRICK RANCH 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. New kitchen cabinets, corian counters, stainless steel appliances and much more. Enjoy subdivision pool, clubhouse and lake. 24080392 \$209,900
248-851-4100

FERNDALE
MAKE THIS HOUSE YOUR CASTLE! Att col in trendy Ferndale. 50x152 lot w/mature trees. Spa tub, brand new carpet, new floor in kitchen. Needs a little TLC. 349-6200 24125470 \$209,000
248-348-6430

WALLED LAKE
3 BEDROOM NEW CONSTRUCTION CONDO in resort-like community. Still time to pick out some selections. Across the street from Walled Lake. Beautiful inside and out! 24141508 \$207,495
248-851-4100

FARMINGTON HILLS
CAREFREE, RELAXED LIFESTYLE CAN BE YOURS 2 BRs, 2 BAs. Tiled entry. Open fr plan. MBR w/WIC. Eat-in kit. Spacious LR w/gas FP. Formal DR. 1st flr Indry. Full bsmt. Brick paver patio. 349-6200 24089471 \$199,500
248-348-6430

WALLED LAKE
IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Beautiful 2 BR, 2 full BA condo. Includes all applns, gas frplc, att gar, maple kitchen cabinets, ceramic tile baths. Lakeside living + pool, clubhouse, commons. 24141754 \$195,950
248-851-4100

COMMERCE
MINT CONDITION 3 bedroom home, Pergo floors, first floor laundry, two car attached garage. Totally updated with lots of storage. Walled Lake schools. 24138722 \$194,000
248-363-8300

HIGHLAND
BRICK HOME - DUCK LAKE PRIVILEGES! Meticulously maintained home large lot! Spacious living room and family room with fireplace. Nice kitchen with eating area and doorwall to deck. 24113365 \$193,900
248-684-1065

WATERFORD
RELIVE MEMORIES OF THE PAST! Updt'd 1901 farmhouse w/4 BR, 2 BA on huge lot! Updates incld roof, kitchen, baths, A/C, H2O htr, windows & more! 2 car det heated gar w/bonus rm plus shed. 349-6200 24101893 \$189,900
248-348-6430

ROYAL OAK
CHARMING UPDTD BRK RNCH backing to park. Features 3 BRs, 2 BAs, LR, DR & 4 season rm or FR. Part fin lower level with rec room. Great location. 24051066 \$184,900
248-851-4100

TROY
WHAT A GREAT VALUE! 3 BRs, 2 baths w/Troy schls. Large rm sizes & lot. Updated kitchen. 24121670 \$180,000
248-813-4900

WARREN
LOVELY RANCH Home features a natural frplc in FR. Fin bsmt, large fenced backyard w/patio, att garage. 24106051 \$179,900
248-723-0055

WEST BLOOMFIELD
SELLER SAYS "MUST SELL" CHECK COMPS! Fantastic ranch unit. Prvt entrance, front deck overlooks tyd. MBR w/WIC, full BA, LR has frplc, recessed lts. Newer Pergo flr in kit w/eating area. Fin bsmt. 24134997 \$178,900
248-851-4100

ROCHESTER HILLS
3 BR/2.5 BA, Streamwood condo. Newer refrig., water heater, humidifier & gar door opener. Appincs/ceiling fans incld. Backs to commons, community pool/tennis. ALL187 \$178,900
248-652-6500

FARMINGTON HILLS
CONDO IN CROSSWINDS Lovely ranch end unit-great prvt lot. Perfect move-in condition. Fresh paint, dramatic cath clngs, Cal. closet in MBR & gorgeous fin bsmt. All appl. 349-6200 24129415 \$175,000
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LOOKING FOR AN ANGEL...

In a SBM, 38-50, 6', 190+. Must be honest and laid-back. I enjoys movies, going out, walks, nice conversation, dining, more. **2531635**

VERY CUTE

SBF, 30, 5'5", 140lbs, homeowner, college-educated, down-to-earth, no kids. N/S, seeks a very cute, down-to-earth SBM, 30-42, for possible LTR. **2510428**

LOST IN MICHIGAN

SBPF, 29, 5'5", 130lbs, no children, never married, very attractive, easygoing, laid-back, loves travel. Looking for sincere, open-minded, laid-back male who has his stuff together. **2229089**

RING MY BELL

SWF, 35, full-figured, Sagittarius, smoker, enjoys kids, pets, camping, living up North. Seeking SWBM, 38-50, for friendship, possible romance. **2436329**

SEARCHING

Sexy, attractive SBPF, 33, 5'11", 145lbs, brown complexion, curly hair, enjoys movies, dining, ISO her soulmate, a compatible SBM, 45-55, possible marriage. **2508955**

BIG, BOLD, BEAUTIFUL

Attractive, voluptuous SBF, 33, N/S, beautiful smile, seeks single man, 21-30, who is adventurous, spontaneous, interested in dating. **2511305**

WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE

SBF, 27, Capricorn, smoker, 5', stable, financially secure, seeking a SM, 25-45, who is stable and knows what he wants in life. **2531401**

ATTRACTIVE PRINCESS...

seeks knight. SBF, 5', desires SBM, 25-35, for possible LTR, must be ambitious, enjoys pets, long walks, sports, be employed and full of possibility. **2530839**

MUST HAVE SPECIAL VALUES

SWCF, 51, 4'11", 115lbs, blonde hair, two grown children, loves animals, church, children, sports. Seeking a good Christian man, 50-62, for friendship first, possible LTR. **2530353**

LOVES TO DANCE

Tall brunette, very attractive, 5'9", long black/gray, looking for an available WM, 53-70, 5'10+, who loves to dance also. **2531151**

LOOKING FOR ME?

SBF, 19, 5'5", brown complexion, thick, stocky, likes weed, gets tattoos, sunshine, fresh air, quiet times, romance, flowers. Seeking caring, compassionate, considerate, commitment-minded man to share the good things in life. **2520419**

LET'S COMMUNICATE

Active, affectionate SBF enjoys dining out, movies, plays, cooking, traveling. Seeking honest, good-humored SBM, 55-70, w/similar interests, for companionship. **25143508**

TOO MUCH JOY

Chirruping SBF, 53, loves to have fun in the kitchen, catches all the latest movies, has good time no matter what. ISO like-minded. **2527940**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SBF, 45, tall, pretty, enjoys working out, theater, cooking, comedy clubs. Seeking tall SBM, 42-60, attractive, financially secure, similar interests. **2483446**

TWO HEARTS ONE LIFE

SBF, tall, medium build, N/S, who enjoys music, traveling, comedy shows, seeks man, 45-55, N/S, who is outgoing, affectionate, stable, for LTR. **2444748**

TAKING IT IN

SWF, 52, 5'2", 190lbs, youthful-looking, shoulder-length hair, brown/brown, love motorcycles, James Taylor, dining, seeking SBM, 48-59, **2530084**

SEEKS PROFESSIONAL MALE

SWF, 57, 3'9", long brown hair, looking for an educated man, 35-55, who likes politics, reading and going to movies. **2529129**

GOOD ENOUGH?

28-year-old SJF, fun, various interests, enjoys sports, comedy, movies, and more, seeking SM, 25-35, funny, sincere, honest, caring. **2520224**

IN IT FOR THE LONG-TERM

SBF, 30, 5'6", loves to get away for the weekend, would like to get to know SBM, 23-41, w/passion for travel and life. **2505782**

SELF-EMPLOYED...

Intelligent, funny SBF, 35, full-figured, Artes, marriage-minded, N/S, likes jazz music, comedy, action movies. Seeking man, 29-45, **2525351**

GIVE IT MY ALL

SBF, 37, down-to-earth, 5'10", big and beautiful, N/Drugs, seeking clean-cut SM, 38-55, N/Drugs, for fun and dating. **2872722**

SOMEONE SPECIAL

SBF, 42, 5'3", 140lbs, enjoys film, theater, musicals. Seeking handsome, passionate, active, outgoing SBM, 45-55, for LTR. **2704112**

PRECIOUS ONE

SWF, very pretty, a young 39, medium dark/green, works in medical field, seeks attractive SWM, outgoing, honest, caring, sincere, creative, for best friend, more. **2523058**

NOT INTO HERMES

Petite WF, 50s, with games, willing to give it another chance, seeks one-on-one relationship with SM. Race, age unimportant. **2405796**

WHERE ARE YOU?

Attractive, outgoing, honest, sexy SBF, 32, ISO SM, and race, 31-37, for relationship. I enjoy movies, rollerblading, comedy clubs, bowling, etc. Serious replies only. **2455371**

QUIET, QUALIFIED

SBF, 47, N/S, attractive, shy, w/great sense of humor, enjoys nature, skiing, plays, movies, music, tries to savor the joyous moment. Seeking BM, 42-55, **2460494**

CALL ME

Fun-loving, affectionate, real SBF, 32, enjoys playing cards, the outdoors, candlelight dinners, having fun, seeking SWM, 30-50, for dating. **2474843**

LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS

SF, 29, likes laughing, hanging out, having fun. Looking for similar SM, 38-41, N/S, for friendship or more. **2510395**

YOU NEED ME

Very attractive, young, full-figured, mixed BF, 30, 5'6", searching for down-to-earth, tall, responsible, mentally/physically/financially secure male. I need you as much as you need me! **2519124**

LOVAL

SWF, 43, Leo, N/S, blonde/blue, professional chef, green thumb, petite, enjoys cooking, boating, seeks compatible SWM, 43-50, N/S, for dating and possible relationship. **2567322**

ATTN: WORKAHOLICS

SWF, 39, 5'7", 125lbs, ISO professional male, for friendship possible relationship. Not just arm candy, have opinions, feelings, don't want perfection just right person. **2410965**

LET'S HANG OUT

SF, 28, 5'11", 135lbs, CNA, enjoys movies, travel, hanging out, seeking compatible SM, 25-45, who shares similar interests. **2547292**

SECRETARY OF FUN

SWF, 36, Leo, N/S, blonde/green, mother of 2, seeks serious, hard-working SWM, 35-55, N/S, who is not into bars. **2498442**

MAYBE US?

WIFW, 42, devoted mom, 5'7", 145lbs, seeks handsome child-friendly SWM, 37-47, who enjoys bowling, movies, dining out, festivals, for friendship possible relationship. Prefer N/S, N/D, D/D-free. **2510109**

HAVE FUN AND CHILL

SF, 6'4", 250lbs, works in medical field, seeking a SM, who wants to have fun and chill with her. **2517112**

SEARCHING FOR A REAL LOVE

Full-figured African-American woman, attractive, 44, no children, ISO African-American male, 32-38, to spend quiet evenings. I'm carefree, love laughter, good times, concerts, plays, sporting events, traveling, and quality time. **2290167**

LOST: AMAZING BOYFRIEND

SBF, 21, 5'3", HPTW, He wasn't tall, dark (or even handsome) but he was fun, loyal, giving, house-broken, played well. Similar? Or know someone like that? I'm a remarkable arse. **2425836**

JUST LET ME KNOW

Intelligent, caring, affectionate DWF, 28, 5'4", brown/brown, full-figured, enjoys helping people, the outdoors and more. Seeking outgoing, trustworthy, affectionate SWM, 24-35, for friendship, maybe more. **2515849**

ADAM LOOKING FOR YOUR RIB

Financially secure, independent SBPF, 31, 5'7", 160lbs, enjoys concerts, movies, dining, quiet times and more. Seeking SM, 41+, w/similar interests, for possible LTR. **2517475**

CHRISTIAN BACKGROUND

SBPF, 30, no children, seeks goal-oriented SBGM, 25-37, no children, who is respectful, intelligent, intellectual, and respects women. **2519950**

JUST THE FACTS

SWF, 27, full-figured, N/S, enjoys movies, dinner, dancing. Seeking man, 24-35, N/S, race unimportant, for friendship, possible romance. **2520724**

ARE YOU THE ONE?

SBF, 41, 4'5", wishes to meet a king-sized SBM, 41+, for friendship and companionship. **2595520**

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing, active, petite, ISO fun male, 60+, who likes bridge, tennis, reading, hiking, animals, kids, popcorn, willing to don a tuxedo now and then. **2227193**

A LOT TO OFFER

Outgoing SBF, 24, 5'6", 350lbs, professional employed, loves the fun and excitement of festivals, enjoys new things and concerts, seeks handsome, honest SBM, **2286833**

A PRECIOUS JEWEL

Very attractive BPF, Christian, 47, 5'5", 145lbs, honey brown, N/S enjoys outdoors, movies, traveling, cooking. Seeking romantic BPM, 40-45, financially secure, similar interests, for LTR. **2432793**

FRIENDS FIRST

SBF, 28 Aquarius, N/S is looking for a friend SBM, 28-38, N/S. Must have a sense of humor, must be hard-working, trustworthy, and goal-oriented. **2579073**

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

Sports-oriented BF, 39, two teenage daughters, physics teacher, loves jazz, sports, gospel, pinos, amusement parks. Seeking SF, 29-45, **2223080**

LOOKING FOR GOOD FRIENDS

SBF, 38, is looking for SW/HAM who is educated, fun, outgoing, adventurous, spontaneous. Laughter and conversation are good things. Must be a gentleman. **2525889**

OPEN AND HONEST

SF, 35, looking for a woman, 25-45, for affection and attention. Call, let's see some excitement to life! **2424565**

A LOT TO OFFER

SF, 31, 5'2", 145lbs, N/S, mother, enjoys cooking, movies, plays, having fun. Seeking honest, outgoing, handsome SM, 29-40, **2426910**

LOVABLE AND SWEET

SBF, 30, 5'2", brown/brown, 170lbs, mother, working student, Libra, N/S, seeks independent, smart BM, 35-75, for friendship, possible relationship, LTR. **2437579**

LET'S ENJOY LIFE

No drama, no GF, 15, SBPF, interests, concerts, plays, movies, dining and more. Enjoys having fun, seeking SD/M, for LTR. **2424320**

ARE WE A MATCH?

SWF, 26, enjoys the outdoors, rollerblading, biking, long walks and romantic dinners. Looking for SWM, 25-30, for LTR. **2485764**

YOU WILL LIKE ME!

Attractive SWF, 66, 5'3", blonde, artist, fun-loving, seeks well-groomed SWM, 60+, enjoys cuddling, dining out, and sharing life. **2272663**

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Genuine, attractive, feminine, independent SBF, 5'6", 140lbs, who enjoys jazz, romantic dinners, quiet evenings, plays, nights in, seeking honest, independent, sincere, feminine SF, 30-42, **2473831**

IT'S ALL GOOD

Cool SBF, 31, 5'8", N/S, likes to bowl, fish, skate and travel, seeks SBM, 19-35, N/S, to share honest friendship, romance, quality time together. **2476902**

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beautiful, full-figured SBF, enjoys comedy and romance, bowling, walks in the park. Seeking tall, handsome SBM, 33-50, **2481293**

SENSE OF HUMOR A MUST

SF, 43, smoker, student, looking for SM, 25-35, N/S, who is trustworthy, a good listener, and will make me happy. **2549339**

HELLO, HOW ARE YOU?

Loving, down-to-earth SBPF, 33, 4'11", 160lbs, mother, N/S, N/D, enjoys bowling, shopping, movies, live entertainment. Seeking SBGM, 32-35, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. **2282935**

SIMPLE REQUEST

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QUIET BEAUTY

SBF, 46, shy but loves to laugh, enjoys concerts, movies, seeking good, honest SBM, 43-50, N/S, for LTR. **2498245**

FEELING LIKE A LADY

SWCF, honest, pleasant, long hair, 42, no children. Likes nature walks, travel, cooking, children, feeling like a lady. Seeking honest, genuine, marriage-minded SDWCM. **2578655**

GET TO KNOW ME!

SF, 38, N/S, mother of two, looking for working man, 28-55, N/S, for friendship first. **2431382**

PTITOME OF BEAUTY

SBF, 19, 5'3", 148lbs, N/S, loves journalism, literature, writing, reading, movies. Looking for SM, 19-34, for possible relationship. **2518785**

A LOVE MATCH

SPF, 43, travels on business a lot. Looking for laid-back, happy, financially secure man, 50-60, who needs someone in his life. **2526662**

A LOT TO OFFER

Widowed WCF, 47, Italian background, with grown kids, N/S, is looking to meet a man, 45-50, N/S. **2541030**

STILL LOOKING

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RESCUE ME!

SBF, 41, 5'5", average build, enjoys church, family, shopping, much more. Looking for SBM, 43-47, professionally employed, N/S, who knows how to treat a woman. **2408635**

CALL ME!

SF, 21, 5'4", 140lbs, long dark/hazel, N/S, no children, enjoys dining, movies, working out, bowling. Seeking SWM, 21-40, N/S. **2488573**

SHALL WE DANCE?

SAF, 56, 4'11", 105lbs, desires well-groomed, older gentleman, 60-75, who loves to dance and travel. Grosse Pointe area preferred. **2498134**

ROMANTIC LADY

Good-looking SWF, 65, 5'5", 135lbs, reddish-brown hair, humorous, likes gardening, reading, going out to movies. Seeking SWM, 66-76, 5'3"-6'2", for companionship, possible LTR. Ypsilanti area. **2990369**

GET TO KNOW THIS...

petite, attractive SBF, 57, N/S, enjoys music, concerts, dining. Looking for SBM, 57-63, for friendship, possible LTR. **2402895**

NO NONSENSE

Nice-looking, active, no-nonsense gal, seeks good-looking, active, no-nonsense guy, 35-49, white or Hispanic. DWPF, young 43, athletic. Companionship and fun desired. **2448855**

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DARK EBONY

SBF, 42, 5'8", full-figured, seeks intelligent man, 48-60, 5'8"-6'2", medium build or heavyset, for possible relationship. **2322593**

AM I LOOKING FOR YOU?

Attractive, kind-hearted SBF, 44, 5'8", full-figured, enjoys dining out, movies, playing cards, family and more. Seeking family-oriented, intelligent, humorous SB/HM, 40-60, for friendship and companionship. **2328281**

SHALL WE?

DWCF, 40, 5'4", HW proportionate, light brown hair, N/S, loves golfing, suspense movies, and travel. Seeking active, outgoing WM, 40-49, N/S, for friendship. **2245969**

NEW TO WAYNE CO. AREA

SBPF, 35, 5'6", 150lbs, with red hair, marriage-minded, smoker, loves drama, movies, dancing and crossword puzzles. Seeking WM, 45-60, smoker who enjoys music and sports. **2245545**

WHERE IS MR. RIGHT?

SF, 46, likes dancing, bowling, romantic evenings, swimming. Seeking SM, 40-55, with good sense of humor. **2257065**

LIBRA

DBF, 50, looks much younger, enjoys music, long walks, quiet times. Seeking W/HAM, 35-50, for friendship, possible long-term relationship. **2533657**

ARE YOU OUT THERE?

SBPF, 47, enjoys quiet nights, travel, cooking, reading, movies, street arts. Seeking warm-hearted, financially stable, loving man who enjoys the same, for happiness. possible LTR. **2118468**

YOUR WILDEST DREAMS

SBF, 48, smoker, loves jazz, dining out, romantic evenings, and movies. Seeking feminine BF, 35-50, under 5'4", honesty a must. **2260017**

WORTH THE CALL

SBF, 19, 5'7", Sagittarius, N/S, stay at home mom, student, seeks romantic, passionate SBM, 19-34, who enjoys family activities, cuddling, surprises. **2415741**

SEEKING THE RAINBOW

Open-minded, energetic, spontaneous SBF, 48, 5'3", seeks the star at the end of the rainbow. My star: someone communicative, kind-hearted, who enjoys romance, exploring life. **2598477**

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Advertising Feature

Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

When you're going over the river and through the woods to Grandma's house -- or even, as in our case, across Michigan, around the Lake, through the Windy City, across barren northern Illinois, up through flat southern Wisconsin and into the hills of the south Central part of the state north of Madison -- there's no better sled for the trip than a mammoth SUV.

That was particularly the case for last Turkey Day, when I took a 2005 Yukon Denali on the trip for our family of four, plus a small dog. The vehicle was perfect for the trip: Large enough on the outside to ensure a feeling of safety; roomy enough on the inside for everyone to have their own space for the nine-hour ride; powerful enough to respond well to every traffic condition; tight-handling enough even for nimble cone-avoidance maneuvers on the mean streets of Chicago; packed with enough amenities to make the trip reasonably entertaining; and spacious enough in the back to pack not only normal luggage but also bags of Christmas presents and extra duffel-bags full of garb for the family's annual turkey bowl.

True, Yukon Denali is no world beater when it comes to mileage. Packed down with four people, one canine and lots of luggage, the SUV only averaged about 15 to 16 miles a gallon -- even in highway mileage -- for the whole trip. But as long as gasoline remains below \$2 a gallon, having to make the occasional \$40 stop for a fill-up seemed a small price to pay in order to gain all of the vehicle's other advantages.

Yukon Denali is indeed a "premium" SUV in every way. It's not much to look at on the outside, bearing the distinctive utilitarian style that always has been GMC's calling card (but which was somewhat modified by the appearance of the stylish new

Envoy recently). Yet Denali isn't an ugly vehicle by any means, with some nice organic lines complementing a basic boxiness. And, of course, that boxy shape comes in very handy when you're looking for interior room.

Powered by GM's Vortec 6000 six-liter, V8 engine, which puts out 325 horsepower, Yukon Denali makes drivers and passengers alike feel that they're in good hands. The power-train provides substantial power from the start, of course, and is coupled with the Hydra-Matic four-speed electronic transmission to provide smooth transitions up and down the gear ratio. Cruising at 70 mph on the highway seems effortless.

Fortunately, all that power is controlled by nicely tuned handling, for a family vehicle, and by a suspension system that swallows up unexpected obstacles on the road without feeling like a rolling living room.

Just as fortunately, however, there are aspects of Yukon Denali that do resemble a rolling living room. Seating up front is very ample and comfortable, with several power buttons providing adjustments to both driver's and passenger's sides. The console in the middle is very ample as well, with plenty of holes and slots for just about anything that's looking for space on a trip, including cell phones, sunglasses, drinks, CDs and a box of Kleenex.

And here's where the advantage of boxiness comes in: Unlike some other passenger-haulers,



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such as the Town & Country minivan by Chrysler, space in the front isn't at all tapered, giving driver's and front passenger's legs and everything else plenty of room.

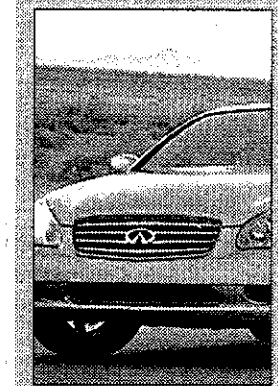
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