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Theft from vehicles is No. 1 crime in area

■ Clarkston-area residents are being urged to keep doors locked to prevent the most-commonly reported of crimes — larceny, especially thefts from vehicles.

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If Clarkston-area residents got into the habit of locking the doors to their cars and homes, the most common area crimes would drop in frequency.

Larcenies rank highest among reported crimes in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston. Reports are filed daily showing larcenies from vehicles, damaged private property, and home invasions.

In Springfield Township, Sgt. Pat Miles of the Oakland County Sheriff's substation agreed that larcenies, burglaries and home invasions are the most common forms of crime reported in his area. So far this year, there have been 212 larcenies and 79 reported burglaries and home invasions. Larcenies include items stolen from a vehicle as well as the theft of any personal property.

Cellular phones are the most popular item stolen from vehicles, followed by radios and compact disc players and other personal items. Miles said the high incidence of stolen cellular phones is attributed to a demand on the black market to reprogram and resell the telephones.

The most important way to deter such crimes, said Miles, is to lock your vehicle doors.

"Lock your vehicle outside, and lock them in the garage," he said. "Do not leave your doors from the garage to the house unlocked. Be observant. Look for strange vehicles in your neighborhood."

Independence Township police statistics mirror those results. This year, police encountered 584 larceny violations. Though that figure is down 10 percent from last year's total, it is one crime that happens frequently. Often the larcenies involve the theft of vehicle-related items such as cellular phones and car stereo equipment, said Lt. Dale LaBair of the Oakland County Sheriff's substation in Independence Township.

To prevent thefts from happening, LaBair agreed, locking the doors and taking personal items out of the car can help.

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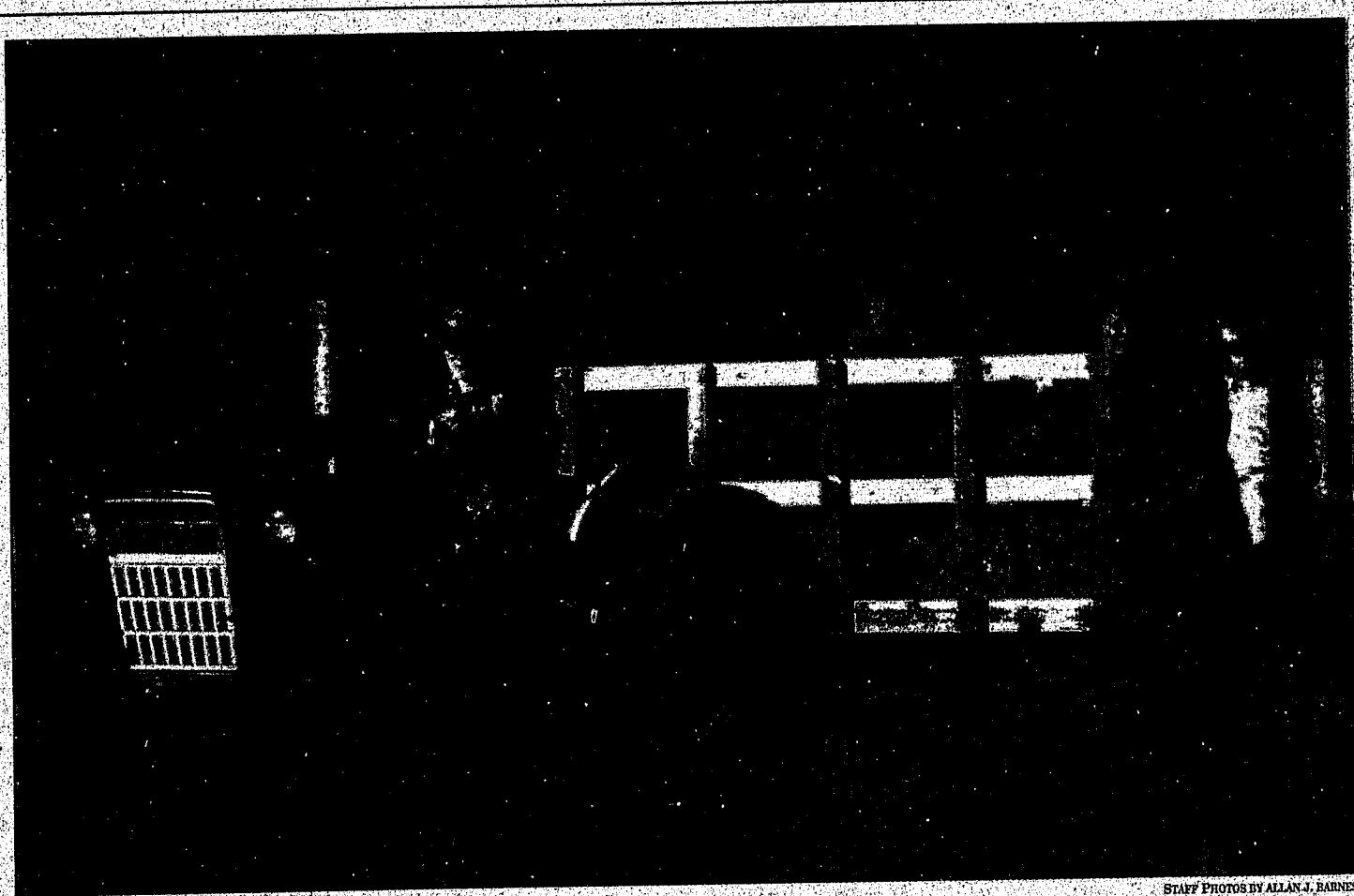

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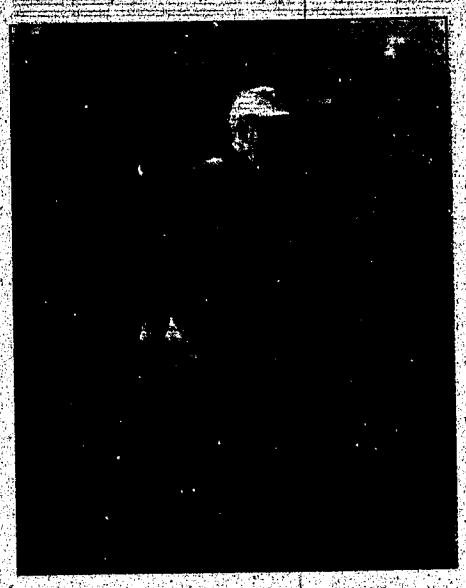
Hayriding around: *Clarkston resident Scott Lehmer drives the tractor, carrying (from left) Sue Golfis, her daughter Kaitlyn, 5, and Peggy Richtarich, and her daughter Elizabeth, 7.*

(Ever)green thumb

Local couple grow impressive crop of Christmas trees



Ready to go: *Delbert McCrary takes a tree to his shop for baling, or wrapping in wire, to make it easier to transport.*

By Barb Pert Templeton
Staff Writer

If you visit Rattalee Road Christmas Tree Farm and spot someone frantically waving a white flag in the air, it doesn't mean a shopper is surrendering to the elements.

Quite the contrary, the flag means another satisfied customer has found a tree to his or her liking and simply needs help cutting it down.

The "flag pole" system, which provides tree shoppers with an 8- to 10-foot pole with a white flag on top, is the brainchild of farm owners Delbert and Joan McCrary of Independence Township.

"When they find the tree that they want to buy, they just have to wave the pole with the flag and one of our guys will go out there and cut it down for them," Delbert said. "Or if they want to cut it down themselves, they can do that, too."

On the farm: *Joan and Delbert McCrary own a Christmas tree farm in Independence Township.*

The McCrarys have owned and operated Rattalee Road Christmas Tree Farm off Rattalee Lake Road since 1987. The land had been used for a horse farm, but when that business closed, the McCrarys wanted to do something else with the property.

"We're like suburban farmers, close to the city but we still have vacant land," Joan said.

Planting the crop

The McCrarys planted their first batch of trees in 1980. Taking care of those 8,000 tiny sprouts proved quite an education for the couple. They knew going in it would be seven years before the trees would be large enough to sell.

"We planted them hoping to sell them but didn't really know how it would go," Delbert said. "The time and work involved in seeing a tree reach its mature selling age keeps many people from going into the tree-farming business."

The trees ordered for planting by McCrary are actually already 3 or 4 years old and 10 to 16 inches tall.

Once the initial planting is completed, the tiny trees can be left alone until the second year, when

Please see **FARM, A6**

Library book fund grows with new contribution from Friends

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It must be the domino effect.

Contributions to the Independence Township Library's book fund have already surpassed $6,000.

Following two $30,000 challenge pledges – one each from Pine Knob Music Theater and the Independence Township Board – members of the library's friends organization voted Nov. 17 to donate $5,000.

For every $1 contributed by residents and community organizations like the Friends of the Independence Township Library, $2 out of the $60,000 in pledges will be presented to the library for reading materials.

If the challenge is fully met, the library would receive $90,000 in book funding, or the equivalent of about 4,000 books, Library Director Molly Lynch said.

"Considering that the drive is just starting, we're very pleased," said Lynch.

Other contributors include Independence Township Supervisor Dale Stuart and his wife Debbie, residents Eunice Motsinger, Patricia Wood and Buzz Silverman, who was the first to meet the challenge. A $500 contribution was made anonymously.

Said Friends President Laurie Stern, "We donate all the time. But, usually, each year we donate a substantial amount." Stern encouraged more residents to join the organization as a way to support the community's library.

"I would like to encourage some of the younger people in the community to get involved," she said. "It's just a great way to give back to the services that the library provides."

As of Tuesday, donations totaled $6,021, which is about 20 percent of the amount needed to obtain the full $60,000, Lynch said.

Contributions are tax-deductible, and forms will be available at the library's front desk, Lynch said.

Checks payable to the Independence Township Library can also be mailed to the library, she said. Those who wish to remain anonymous should indicate that wish on their checks, Lynch said.

VINTAGE CLARKSTON

Last week we met Lewis Reimann, who grew up in Iron Mountain, Mich., just after the turn of the century. Though life was hard for the men and women who struggled to make a living from the forest or the mines, as a boy Lewis saw only a town full of the comfort of familiar faces. He writes:

"If on an early morning I were to follow the red iron rock topped road ... to Main Street, I would come first to Frank Camin's ice house and root-cellar beer vault, where Frank's big steel-grey Percheron stood hitched to the beer wagon prepared to supply the local saloons with the cooling brew, kegs piled high and topped with chunks of lake ice mixed with marsh straw to keep the contents cool. Billy the drunk stumbled along the plank sidewalk from his fitful sleep in the town lockup to make his rounds of the back doors of the saloons for his eye-openers. Unwashed, long-haired and fragrant, he earned his shots of whiskey by cleaning the big brass spittoons in the taverns.

"A tribe of Chippewa Indians waited at the front of Pat Kelley's general store, (women) on the wooden sidewalk, beaded moccasined feet dangling over the edge — impatient to have their shopping and trading over before the saloons opened. Miners in their red, ore-soiled clothes hurried along the walks on their way to work, carrying their dinner buckets. Lumberjacks. .. strolled the early morning street, their red, bleary eyes showing the effects of the night before."

More from the Mountain next week.

Vintage Clarkston is written by Kim Huttenlocher, vice-president of the Clarkston Community Historical Society.

Deputy sheriff retires after 25 years of service

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Deputy Phil Lichok may be retiring from the Independence Township sheriff's substation, but he leaves behind his legacy.

That legacy includes his son, Deputy Vince Lichok, 22, who recently started work at the Oakland County Jail.

"The Lichok name is still here," said Dennis Nault of the Independence Township substation.

He added that Vince Lichok will take over his father's badge, no. 148.

The new no. 148, Vince Lichok, said he's learned a lot about law enforcement from his father.

"I'm proud to have that name," said Vince, one of four children.

Phil Lichok also has three grandchildren and was recently married to his high school sweetheart, Connie.

"He's from the old school, a very kind cop," said Connie Lichok of her new husband. "On his last day of work he gave a kid a ride home with his puppy dog."

After 25 years in police work, Lichok has covered territory in Groveland, Springfield and Independence townships. He has worked in the warrants division of the Oakland County Sheriff's department, as well as special assignments such as Seven-up, a two- to three-month holiday assignment in which he worked to prevent vehicle thefts.

"It's an exciting career, no doubt about it," said Lichok, a Clarkston resident. "You meet people from all levels of life."

In celebration of his work with the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Lichok was honored with a party at the Deer Lake Inn in Independence Township Monday afternoon.

"I'm probably going to miss him the most," said Sandy Cole, secretary at the Independence Township substation who organized the party. "I started here in May 1992. He had come just about the same time."

Cole described Lichok as a very private individual and a jokester. Whenever he doesn't want to answer a question, she explained, he says he can't "recollect."

"The thing I liked about him," she reflected, "(was that) he was always nice to people. (The job) gets so repetitious, but he was always ready to please and serve."

Doug Edgar, president of the deputy's union, described Lichok as follows: "What you saw is what you got, and what you got was not a man of a lot of words."

Though sometimes a quiet man, co-workers said he always made time to lend a hand.

Deputy Chuck Young met and trained with Lichok in 1990. He said Lichok brought a lot of experience to the county, and he was someone the younger officers would go to for advice.

Saying goodbye: *Deputy Phil Lichok is leaving the Independence Township Oakland County Sheriff Substation after serving for 25 years.*

STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Sgt. Clay Jansson of the Independence Township substation began his career 22 years ago working with Lichok and now Lichok will end his career in the same manner.

"He's a good friend, and I'm going to miss him," said Jansson.

But it isn't just fellow police officers who miss Lichok's presence in the Clarkston area. Nino Catenacci, the owner of Pine Knob Golf Course, said Lichok was "always around if we needed him."

He enjoys the sport and befriended staff members like Stan Torres at the golf course.

"He would drive around the township and people would walk out of businesses to wave to him," said Torres. "He's a tremendous asset to the community."

Cole said the hardest part to accept about Lichok's retirement is that he's moving away. While many former deputies still live in the area and visit, Lichok is moving out-of-state.

She will remember his sense of humor and practical jokes.

Good times or bad, Lichok was considered a hard worker.

"He worked as much as he could," said Cole. "He lived here practically. Anytime anybody needed (someone to work) overtime, it was Phil."

And, as Capt. Barnett Jones of the Oakland County Sheriff's Department explained, Lichok took his job seriously. On a routine traffic violation, Lichok once stopped a famous musician. Jones said that when the musician asked, "Do you know who I am?" and gave his name, Lichok only replied, "Pleased to meet you. I'm Deputy Lichok with the County Mountie and you're going to jail."

He didn't recognize the musician and wasn't about to afford him any special treatment.

Lichok's days of traffic stops and working overtime have come to a close. He said he plans to move away and "take it easy."

"I'm gonna miss the job, especially the people I've worked with over the years," he said.

Crime from page A1

"I am always amazed at how many people leave their car doors unlocked. Women leave their purses, men leave their briefcases on the front seat," he said.

"Put the car inside the garage, or at least lock it. Keep an eye on your stuff."

In Independence Township, assault offenses and damage to property are the next most common crimes.

For 1998, those statistics reached 317 for assault and 291 for damaged property. Both have decreased since last year by 3.7 percent. LaBair said that assault offenses involve mostly family disputes.

Destruction of property often translates into broken mailboxes and tire track-covered lawns, LaBair noted. It's usually attributed to juvenile mischief and considered a crime of opportunity.

"It's a matter of instilling values (in our youth), and of applying penalties when we catch them," said LaBair.

But overall, he said, they're doing pretty well. Class A, reportable crimes such as these, have decreased by 9.1 percent from 1997 totals.

"I'm pleased with our arrest record," added LaBair.

In nearby Clarkston, police records show a significantly smaller amount of crime for a significantly smaller population. Clarkston has a population of about 1,005, while Independence Township has a population of 28,000 and Springfield Township has a population of about 12,600.

■ 'I am always amazed at how many people leave their car doors unlocked.'

Lt. Dale LaBair
Oakland County Sheriff's Independence Substation

However, Chief Paul Ormiston agreed that larcenies are again the most common offense. In the past year, records show seven larcenies from vehicles which did not involve forced entry and two such crimes which did involve forced entry.

Again, cellular phones were the most popular stolen item.

"It's like a crime of opportunity," said Ormiston. "They just walk around, trying doors."

To prevent thefts, whether it be a car, home, or office, Ormiston said he encourages people to turn on as much light as possible.

"Light does deter," he said. "Don't leave your valuables visible."

Ormiston, who has worked in Clarkston for more than three years, said he can't remember the last time a home invasion occurred within the city limits.

Even the recent break-ins of local businesses came as a surprise, he said.

There has been no such crime in Clarkston since he began working there.

"It certainly wouldn't be a common occurrence," said Ormiston. "We have very little crime."

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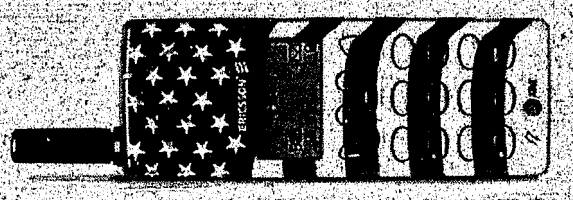

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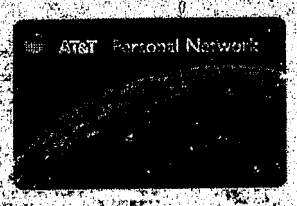

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Tell Santa: *During Lighthouse Clarkston's Tree of Caring celebration last Friday, Santa mingled with members of the crowd, including Reed MacWilliams, 7, and his mother, Mickey.*

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The giving tree: *Moved to downtown Clarkston, the "Tree of Caring" offers an opportunity to remember loved ones during the holidays.*

Annual lighting warms hearts

The first "Tree of Caring" event to be held in downtown Clarkston not only drew about 200 holiday revelers but also an appearance by Santa Claus.

Held Nov. 27, the fourth annual tree lighting ceremony brought in more than $4,000 for the Clarkston branch of Lighthouse Emergency Services, said Dori Edwards, the nonprofit agency's branch manager.

"Families really enjoyed coming down to town and seeing Santa. I think it was very good for downtown Clarkston," said Edwards of the ceremony's new venue at the corner of Main Street and Washington.

Residents who turned out also savored roasted chestnuts from Rudy's Quality Market and hot cider from the Clarkston Cafe, Edwards said, adding that the lighting ceremony is only part of the evolving event.

In addition to a $2,000 donation from the Clarkston Rotary Club, a large contribution was received from R.E. Shell and Associates, Edwards said.

Love lights are still available for purchase and are an excellent way to honor a loved one during the holidays, Edwards said.

Those who would like to purchase a love light to benefit the agency should send a check to: Lighthouse Emergency Services, 5331 Maybee Road, Clarkston, MI 48346.

Contributions are designated on the "Tree of Caring" as follows: red light, $5; green light, $10; blue light, $20; silver light, $25; gold light, $50; and tree top star, $100.

Donations should include the name of the person the light honors, and checks should made payable to Lighthouse Emergency Services.

—Nicole Stafford

Warm thoughts: *Breanna Bartley, of Clarkston High School's Bel Canto group, warms up with a cup of hot chocolate. Her mother, Sue, and brother, Keith, accompany her.*

Snowmobile fuel leak sparks house fire

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A fire erupted in the garage of an Independence Township home Sunday night while a man was attempting to fix the fuel line on his snowmobile.

The home, located in the 5100 block of Wood Lane, caught fire around 8:30 p.m. David E. Wilder was working on his snowmobile, which was leaking gas from the carburetor. As he tried to start the motor, the engine backfired and gas ignited.

"He made several attempts to put it out," said Fire Marshall Greg Olrich of Independence Township's Fire Station No. 1. "He was unsuccessful."

Wilder tried to smother the flames using a pair of coveralls. When the flames continued to burn, he grabbed the garden hose. When that attempt did not work, Wilder gathered his family and left the home, under the assumption that the fuel tank would explode.

"When he went inside, he forgot to shut the door from the garage to the house, which allowed the heat and the gas to get into the house," said Olrich, adding that the damage to the interior of the home could have been prevented. "Between the house and garage, you have a good barrier of drywall. It's critical that the door is left closed. It can hold back the fire."

Olrich said instead of water, a dry chemical fire extinguisher could have prevented the fire from spreading.

The house received smoke and heat damage, but no structural damage. Olrich said that the drywall in the home held back the heat. But any kind of flammable liquid fire is known to spread hot and fast.

"In any kind of house fire, close the doors behind you," he said. "It limits the amount of oxygen the fire can have and limits the spreading of fire."

The family is unable to stay in the home in its current condition and will be staying with other family members. Olrich estimated that about $50,000 in damage was done to the home.

"The important part is that nobody was injured," said Olrich.

Wilder took his wife and two children to a neighbor's house, where he then called 911.

Firefighters were able to put out the flames within 10 minutes of their arrival. Independence Township firefighters received assistance from Brandon Township firefighters.

The fire was considered accidental. Olrich added that while working on a vehicle, it should be kept outside the garage if possible.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Nov. 26-29.

Springfield Police

Theft

On Nov. 29, a license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Tindall Road**.

Vandalism

On Nov. 28, a vehicle parked on **Deer Hill** was reported damaged. The rims and tires, worth about $750, were reported stolen along with the facing of the compact disc player. The compact disc player was damaged and the driver's side window of the vehicle was shattered.

Independence Police

Thefts

On Nov. 27, a license plate was reported stolen from a vehicle while parked on **Sashabaw Road**.

On Nov. 28, a locked vehicle parked on **Mohawk** was reported damaged and items stolen. Among those items were a cell phone, wedding band, credit cards, and $270 in cash.

On Nov. 28, a cell phone was reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Snowapple**.

Vandalism

On Nov. 29, a mailbox on **Woodglen** was reported damaged for the third time in one week.

On Nov. 29, a fence on privately owned property was reported damaged on **White Lake Road**.

Operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol

On Nov. 26, a 28-year-old Farmington Hills man was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol after a routine police stop on **Dixie Highway**. At 2:31 a.m., the man consented to a preliminary breath test that showed a blood alcohol content of .147. He was arrested and lodged at the Oakland County Jail.

On Nov. 27, a 35-year-old Waterford man was arrested when he was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol. The man was stopped for crossing over a double yellow line around a curve on **Maybee Road**. At 2:50 a.m., he consented to a preliminary breath test which showed a blood alcohol level of .206. The man was arrested and taken to the Oakland County Jail.

Independence Fire

Firefighters responded to 18 calls between Nov. 26-29. Among them were 12 medical calls, three personal injury accidents, one automatic alarm, and one building fire.

On Nov. 26, firefighters investigated a carbon monoxide problem at a residence on **Miller**. The problem was found to stem from the homeowner's stove and oven.

Clarkston Police

On Nov. 24, two downtown Clarkston businesses were reportedly broken into, according to Police Chief Paul Ormiston. Nothing was taken from one of the businesses. At the other business, between $300 and $400 was reported stolen from a cash safe. Both businesses are located on **Main Street**.

Police were notified around 8:30 a.m. Ormiston said that individuals appeared to have gained entry by breaking through the side windows of the businesses and crawling inside the buildings. There are no suspects at this time.

On Nov. 28, an 88-year-old **West Church Street** resident was transported by ambulance to Crittenton Hospital after suffering weakness due to a cold.

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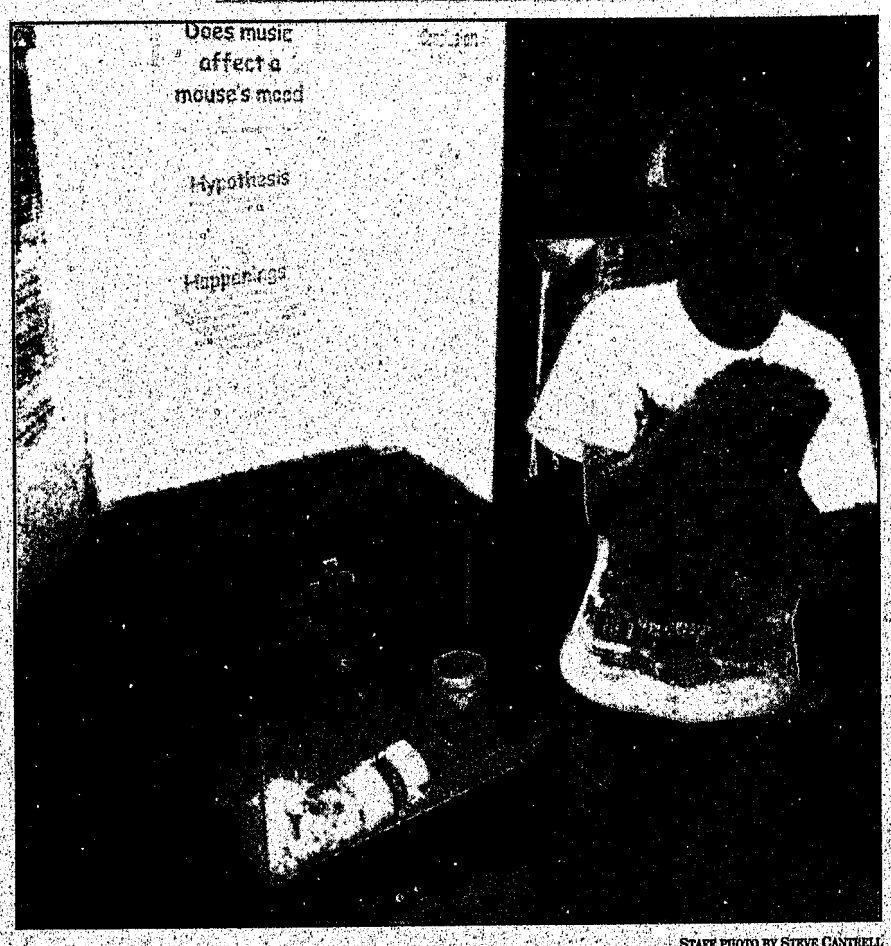

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Scientific rock: *Joey Fulcmei, a fifth-grader at North Sashabaw Elementary School, incorporated music into his science project to determine the effects of soft and hard rock on behavior. Fifth graders presented their projects on Nov. 24, before the holiday break.*

CHS madrigal ensemble to perform at Canterbury

The Clarkston High School Madrigal Choir will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, at Always Christmas at Olde World Canterbury Village in Orion Township.

The concert is one of several holiday performances planned by Always Christmas.

Members of the ensemble are: D.D. Moore, Lisa Smith, Elisha Wegman and Jessica Williams, soprano; Cara Forney, Tara Mattosky and Meg Murphy, alto; Joe Baldiga, Keith Chadrick, Jon Jones and Mike Lenhardt, tenor; and Derek Barnes, Phil DeVries, Brandon Scheiderer and Brian Witkowski, bass.

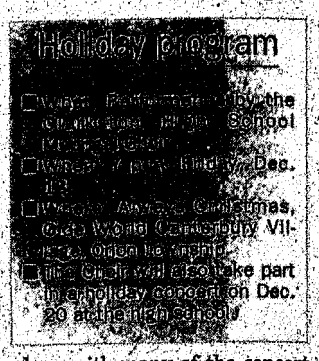
Audrey Taylor is in charge of public relations.

The ensemble has received excellent ratings at district and state solo and ensemble festivals for many years and was invited to represent the state at the 150th anniversary celebration of the Washington Monument last spring.

The group traveled to Washington, D.C., on Memorial weekend and participated in performances at the Jefferson Memorial Capitol Steps and at the Old Post Office Pavilion.

They will perform the Vivaldi Gloria with the high school concert choir at a free concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, in the new Clarkston High School auditorium.

This school year the group, along with many of the concert choir students, will be traveling to New York City on Memorial weekend for a concert tour weekend.



Local soprano part of Meadow Brook choir

Oakland University's Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance presents its popular show choir, The Meadow Brook Estate in an International Holiday Spectacular at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3; 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5; and 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Varner Recital Hall, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester.

The Meadow Brook Estate is composed of performers from Oakland University's Department of Music, Theater and Dance. Soprano Jennifer Lynn Ripari of Clarkston is one of the performers in the ensemble.

Call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 for reservations and information.

Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster Ticket Centers or by calling (248) 645-6666; or one hour before performance at the box office, although reservations are strongly advised.

Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations to participate attend the event should notify the box office in advance of performance. Tickets are $12 general, $10 seniors and $6 students.

OBITUARIES

June M. (Jakeway) Topolinski

June M. (Jakeway) Topolinski of Clarkston died Nov. 29, 1998, at age 81.

Mrs. Topolinski retired in 1951 as a secretary at Fisher Body and from St. Benedict's as a school secretary.

She is survived by her sons, Thomas (Lisa) of Florida and David of Grosse Pointe Park, and daughter, Anne Marie (Andrew) Uston of Florida, as well as two grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, William (Marcia) Jakeway of Flushing.

Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A memorial mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at St. Daniel's Catholic Church Parish Center, 7010 Valley Park in Clarkston.

The Rev. Msgr. Robert Humitz will officiate.

Memorials may be made to St. Daniel's Church in lieu of flowers.

James C. Sharland

James C. Sharland of Clarkston, a native of Ishpeming, died Nov. 23, 1998, at age 65.

Mr. Sharland is survived by his wife, Rosemary; sons, J. Scot (Susan) of Troy and Timothy J. (Sharon) of Danvers, Mass.; daughter, Laurie (Chris) Pechilis of Ipswych, Mass.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A private family service was held.

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A fund-raiser, "Chefs for Humanity," will take place 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Kingsley Hotel & Suites, 1475 N. Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

More than 30 of Michigan's best chefs, representing the area's top restaurants, will combine talents to create and host the event.

Proceeds from the $150-per-person admission will go to help those ravaged by Hurricane Mitch, which left 2.8 million people homeless. The chefs hope to raise $105,000.

To purchase tickets, contacts Unique Restaurant Corporation at (248) 646-0370, Ext. 219, or Tribute at (248) 848-9393. Checks and Visa/MC/Discover/Amex/Diners accepted. Checks should be made out to the "Mission Chapels Foundation."

A limited number of tickets will also be available at the door, but reservations are advised.

Commissioners to host Unity Day at Oakland Courthouse

The choir from West Bloomfield's Abbott Middle School will perform at 9:35 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners' Unity Day program in the auditorium of the Courthouse complex, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac.

Unity Day is being promoted as a "brief, but festive, cross-cultural event to welcome the holidays."

Artwork and performances by Oakland County young people, as well as food contributed by local restaurants, will highlight Unity Day, which begins at 9:15 a.m. Groups from Royal Oak Dondero High School, the Oakland Intermediate School Community and Pontiac Central High School are also scheduled to perform.

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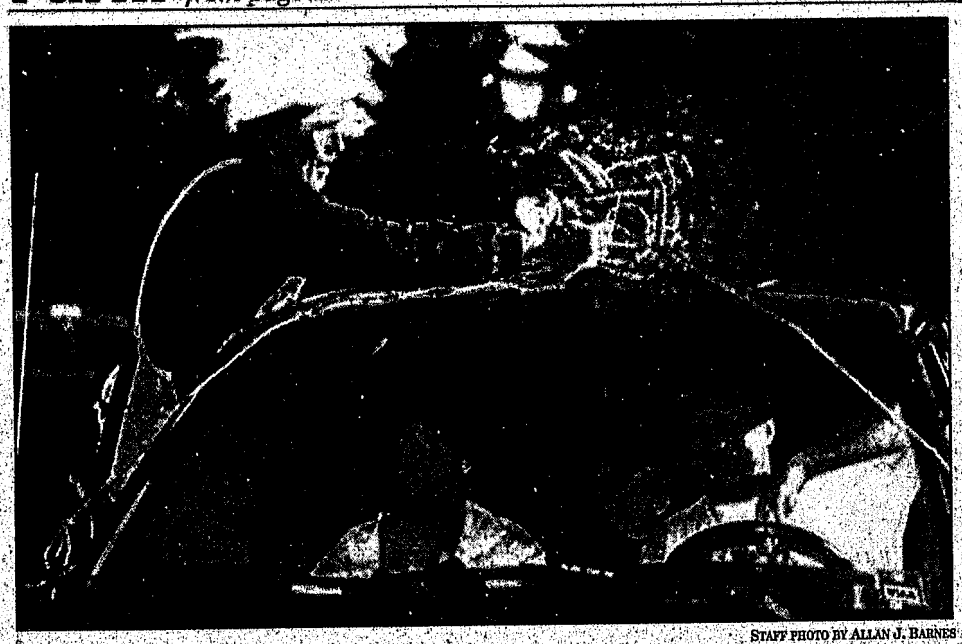

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Taking it home: *Delbert McCrary loads the Pasternak family Christmas tree into a vehicle. Robert and Karen Pasternak live in West Bloomfield with their sons, Nathan (on Karen's lap) and Evan (center).*

Delbert works to keep the grass away from the trees.

"I just spray some round-up around them to get the grass," he said. "There's a lot more stress on the trees if they're trying to compete with the grass to grow."

Watering rows of growing trees isn't necessary as the Michigan climate provides plenty to sustain them. Still, the McCrarys have to be diligent about spraying most of the crop with chemicals to keep the bugs out. All but the Scotch pines get a regular spraying each fall.

Once the trees have been in the ground for three years, Delbert has to start trimming them so they maintain the shape of a Christmas tree. He uses a special 16-inch tree trimming knife to do the job.

"The small trees grow pretty fast, but you don't need a ladder to get at them. You can just walk around them to do the trimming," he said.

By the seventh year the trees are ready to be sold. The first full-grown batch at the McCrarys' farm didn't move as fast as they had hoped.

"We didn't actually sell that many the first two years," recalled Delbert, adding that a spot on a local television station featuring his Christmas tree farm changed all that in 1990.

"The Saturday after they did that bit on TV, our whole parking lot was full," he said. "And we've been selling trees like crazy ever since."

Down on the farm

The business has been a great learning experience for the couple. Figuring out the right number of trees to plant caused a problem one Christmas, Delbert said.

"We should have planted another 400 or 500 trees one year but didn't and ended up with none to sell that season," he said.

"But we've learned a lot. I'd say the hardest part is trimming the trees because you have to do that in the hottest part of the summer, from mid-June to early August. It's really a major job."

Tackling the trimming often falls to a small crew of local high school boys who often stay with the project right through their college years.

The McCrarys really need all the extra hands they can get once they open their Christmas tree business for the season in mid-November. The farm along Rattalee Lake Road has a warming room for weary tree shoppers that includes hot chocolate, fresh coffee and sweet donuts.

Patrons can take a short wagon ride to the rear of the property to check out Scotch pines, blue spruce and Norwegian spruce in all their natural glory. Or, if they prefer a tree that's already left the soil, they can purchase one of dozens of fresh-cut Fraser firs imported from North Carolina.

The McCrarys' partner in the Christmas tree business is former Clarkston resident Ron Hudler. He lives in North Carolina on a farm that grows the Fraser firs. The unique trees are more expensive but often boast a dark green color and a great smell and don't lose their needles like other trees, Delbert said.

Satisfied customers

No matter the tree, once the selection has been made, farm hands run the tree through a shaker machine to get rid of dead needles and any bird nests. Then it's on to the baler, which folds the branches and wraps the tree up with a string.

For a tree up to 5 feet, the price is $20; one up to 7 1/2 feet is $30, and over 7 1/2 is $40. The Fraser firs range from $45 to $135.

Noting that their healthy crop even gets national exposure, Joan said they always send one of their home-grown beauties to their daughter in Florida.

"It's not a real big box, but it's a real long one," said Joan, smiling. "We ship it the week after Thanksgiving and it'll get there in about six days."

"And the best part of this whole business is seeing the same people year after year coming here for our trees," Delbert added. "People are in a good mood when they come out to get their Christmas tree and we really do have a lot of fun."

To get to the farm: from I-75 take Clarkston exit 91, go north (right) on M-15 for two miles, then left on Rattalee Lake Road for one mile. The farm is open seven days from 10 a.m. until dark. For information, call (248) 625-9127.

Waiters to steal show in celebrity fund-raiser

A celebration of merriment and jest will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20, 1999, at the Atheneum Hotel in the heart of Detroit's Greektown. The seventh annual Celebrity Waiters Dinner is a fun and profitable event named after the stars of the evening ... the waiters. The waiters are community and civic leaders who will serve family, friends and colleagues to earn "tips" for the American Diabetes Association.

Organizations such as Henry Ford Health Systems and Wolverine Tractor have graciously sponsored the evening's food, beverages, entertainment and decorations to ensure that every dollar raised is put to work to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

One of the highlights of the evening is the silent auction. Local businesses are given the opportunity to provide an item or service to be auctioned. Auction items range from the adventure of art, travel, sports and entertainment to the practical services of hair, body pet and car care; dinner out or delivered to you home and even customized gifts of a hand knit sweater or gourmet cookies.

The American Diabetes Association encourages those interested in becoming involved with the Celebrity Waiters dinner, or in attending the benefits, to call 1-888-DIABETES (342-2383).

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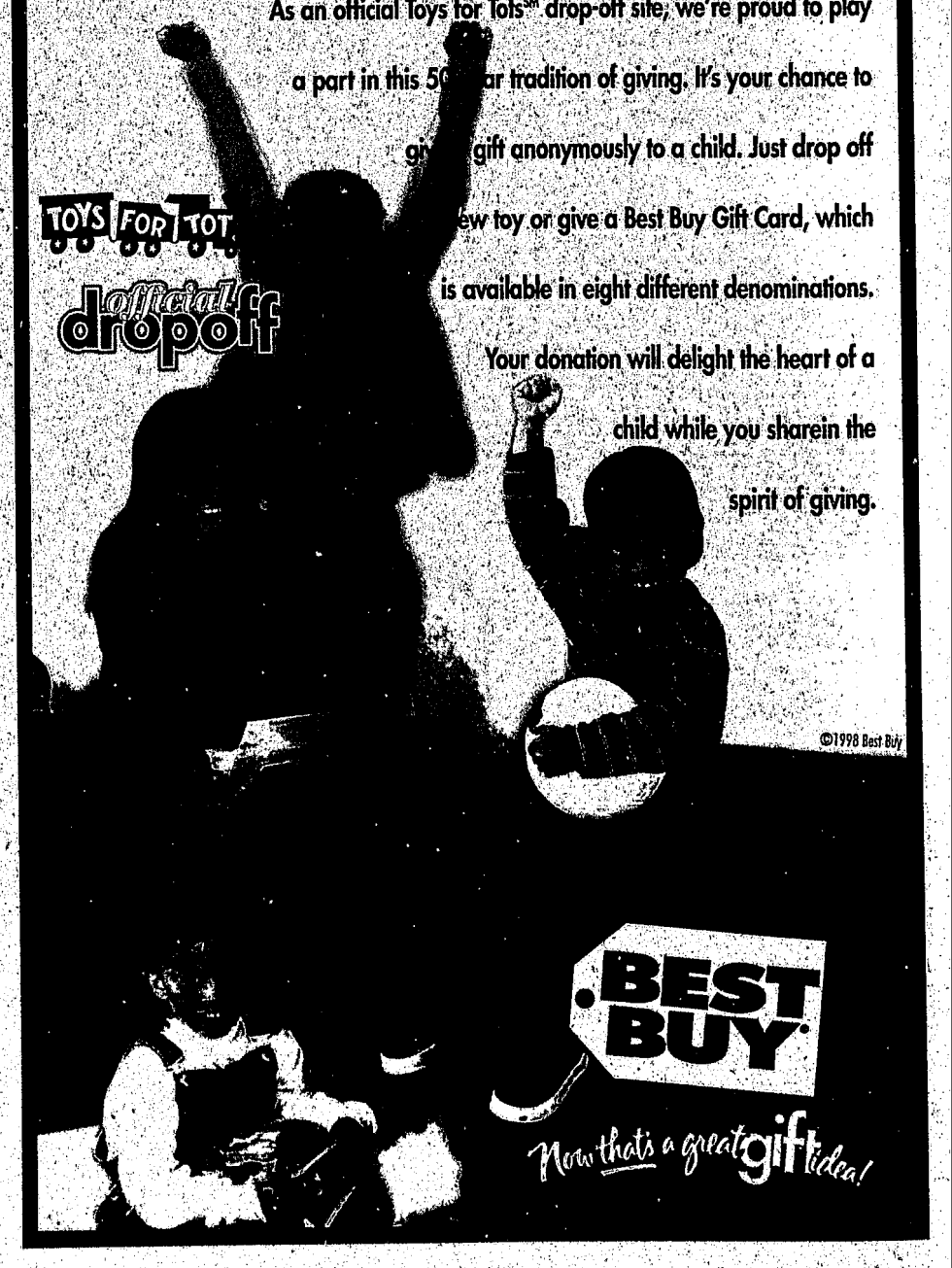

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Feel the need to volunteer? Here are some possibilities

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

Doing something for someone less fortunate during the holiday season is just a phone call away for residents hoping to volunteer their time.

Surprisingly, many of the soup kitchens and food banks across Oakland County say they have their holiday volunteer programs filled to capacity.

The Food Bank of Oakland County has its days filled, and Oakland County Meals on Wheels reports the same.

Despite the crowd of volunteers who will serve meals, many agencies say they still need help with other tasks.

Anyone who would like to lend a hand amid their holiday good cheer can contact the following organizations:

Lighthouse of Oakland County

The Lighthouse needs volunteers, including people to work in the gymnasium Dec. 11-22 sorting donations and helping families pick up the donated items. Call Barbara Bennett at (248) 652-8459.

Lutheran Children and Family Services

The agency can use some volunteers to work in their offices through December to stuff envelopes. The offices are located at 15160 W. Eight Mile Road, Oak Park. Call (248) 968-0100.

The Museum of African American History

Volunteers to help out during the Kwanzaa celebration, beginning Dec. 26. Volunteer posts include greeting guests, serving as an usher in the theater or assisting with crowd control. Program hours are noon to 5 p.m., but volunteers would be expected to arrive at 11 a.m. The attire for the event is all black. Slacks, skirts and blouses are fine but not blue jeans; contact Desirnai Hicks at (313) 494-5825.

Oakland County Special Olympics

The organization needs volunteers for two events in January, but sign up time is in mid-December. Special Olympics will host an ice skating party Saturday, Jan. 16, and an Alpine Ski Outing Tuesday, Jan. 19. Contact Special Olympics at (248) 674-4924.

Operation Good Cheer

This group is marking its 27th year as a provider of gifts to children and adults in foster care across Michigan. Getting the packages there on time prompted pilots at Oakland Airport to volunteer their time to fly the presents to cities across the state. Volunteers are needed to work inside hangars sorting gifts Friday, Dec. 4, from noon until 9 p.m., and again on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. to load the packages into planes. Call Dawn Horton at Children and Family Services at (517) 349-6226.

The Salvation Army

Volunteers are needed in many capacities during the holidays at locations across the county. Volunteers can help pack Christmas baskets and sort food at area churches. There's also a need for bell ringers at a variety of locations including shopping centers. To find out about a volunteer opportunity close to home, call the Salvation Army offices at (248) 443-5500.

Volunteer Impact Agency/Oakland County

The agency has more than 60 special volunteer opportunities during December. Assignments include everything from tutoring children to visiting the elderly to packing food boxes for the needy. Those interested should contact the Volunteer Impact Agency at (248) 559-4950, Ext. 3. All inquiries will be answered with a two page list of project options. Coordinator Kelly Masters asks that volunteers leave a home phone number, fax number and mailing address on the voice mail machine.

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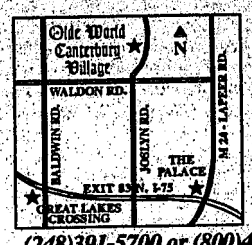

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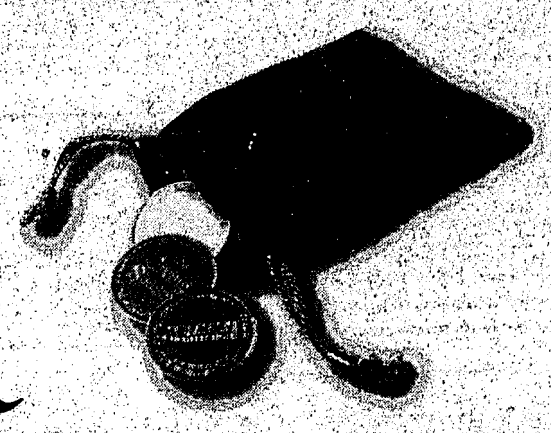

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"I urge the good citizens of Oakland County to choose a convenient location to drop off their donations of gently work coats, in good condition, those less fortunate," Bouchard said.

Bouchard started the Coats for the Cold before he entered politics, said Gayle Murphy, the senator's district representative.

The program runs Dec. 4-18. Coats will be collected from the 24 locations and distributed to Baldwin Church and Center Pontiac and to St. Christopher Human Services Center in Detroit.

"Last year's drive was great with the collection of more than 3,000 coats and sweaters in a short two-week period," Bouchard said.

"We have many to thank for the outstanding contributions over the past 12 years. I would like to express my appreciation to the Birmingham Moving Co. for its annual donation of collection boxes and to all participants for their generosity and for caring."

For more information, call Murphy at (248) 647-6453.

Following is a list of drop-off sites:

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Harlan Elementary School, 3595 N. Adams Road; Damman Hardware, 6650 Telegraph Road.

CLAWSON — ACO Hardware, 149 E. 14 Mile Road; Blair Memorial Library, 415 N. Main.

HUNTINGTON WOODS — Huntington Woods Public Library, 26415 Scotia Road.

HAZEL PARK — Hazel Park High School, 23400 Hughes; Hazel Park Library, 123 E. Nine Mile Road.

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PLEASANT RIDGE — Pleasant Ridge City Hall, 23925 Woodward.

ROCHESTER — Damman Hardware, 345 Livernois.

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Strong local sales expected

By Barb Pert Templeton
Staff Writer

Providing personal service and a chance to shop close to home will make for strong local retail sales this holiday season according to several Chamber of Commerce leaders across the county.

Most feel a strong economy will also help ring up sales in shops in the smaller communities.

"I think people are going to be spending a lot of money this year. They're in a buying mood," Carl Cyrowski, president of Orion Area Chamber of Commerce, said. "And with the mild weather people are out there all over the place, so retailers are going to do extremely well this year."

Added Christine Winans, executive director of the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, "Certainly, as the stock market has just shot up again, we're all hoping it will be a great shopping year. The retailers are looking forward to the season and it's nice that Birmingham has a different kind of shopping that's outside of what the regular malls have to offer."

A variety of specialty shops in a downtown atmosphere are what make up the Oxford and Clarkston retail settings, too. Officials in both chambers don't feel size or selection will impede sales this Christmas.

"With the number of new people in our community and the economy being good, I think our downtown will do reasonably well," Rick Laidler, Oxford Chamber president, said. "People shopping in downtown Oxford are loyal to our stores and they like the personal service."

"Clarkston is different then the major retail sections of some cities, things are on a smaller scale, but the downtown still has plenty to offer," said Wendy Halsey, Clarkston Chamber president. "I see a lot of enthusiasm from the local retailers, so we're expecting a good year."

Staff Photo by John Stormzand

Seasonal shoppers: *Shawn Bolton (left) and her mother Paula Bolton check out the goods at Somerset in Troy. Local stores are close, chamber officials emphasize.*

The recent opening of the mega mall — Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills — won't have a great affect on the smaller community markets who offer specialty shops, Oxford's Laidler said.

> **"... I think a lot of folks will stay right here to do their shopping."**
> *Gayla Houser*
> *Troy Chamber of Commerce*

"Great Lakes Crossing is just a zoo over there," he said. "I really think people like going back to places where they usually shop because they know the store and like the service."

"Several larger communities that boast malls of their own are also confident that Great Lakes won't put a huge dent in their overall sales figures.

"With Great Lakes Crossing, I think it's very interesting from an architectural standpoint and the concept is intriguing for this market-place, but I think shoppers would rather go to Somerset or Oakland Mall because they want it be within minutes of their home," said Gayla Houser, president of Troy Chamber of Commerce.

"Almost all the products and services they need are right here in their own backyard in Troy, and I think a lot of folks will stay right here to do their shopping."

The recent opening of Great Lakes Crossing won't pose a problem for Southfield because it's so far north, according to Ed Powers, executive director of that community's chamber of commerce.

"This far south I think the difference (in sales) might be measurable, but probably barely so," Powers said.

Northland Mall, in Southfield, offers a free trolley service for local shoppers, picking them up at hotels and corporate headquarters across the city during December.

Beyond shopping locations and pocket books, Powers feels the mindset of consumers has changed over the last year which will prompt a conservative approach to gift giving.

"I think the economy has a bit to do with it but mainly people are basically more careful shoppers these days," Powers said. "They are looking for price as well as value. I know I am when I'm out shopping."

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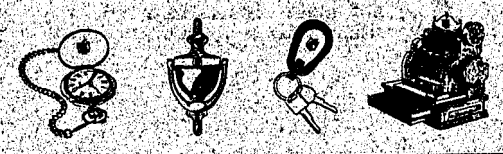

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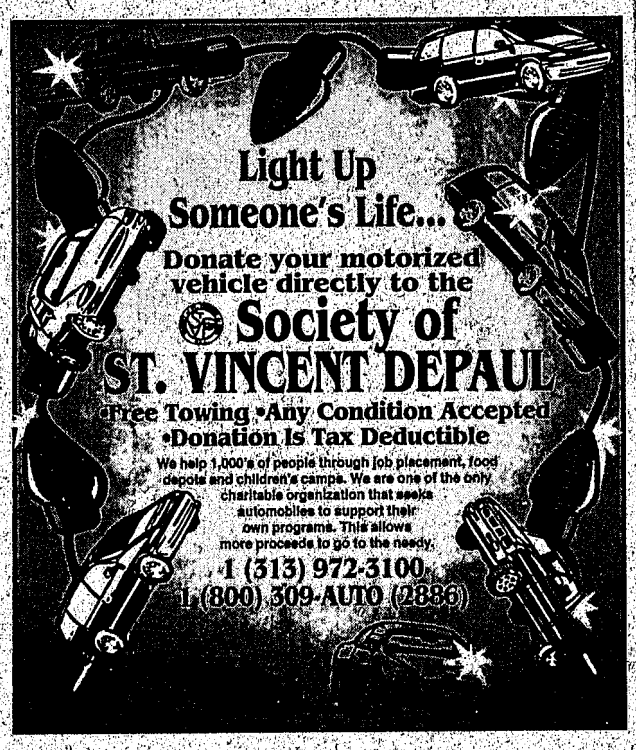

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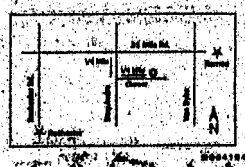

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Man helps spread word about Post-Polio Syndrome

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Don Varley doesn't own a pair of shorts. Never has, never will. It's one of the conscious decisions he made to hide the fact that his right leg is smaller than his left leg.

It's like the thick sweat socks he wore until the eighth grade to conceal his heavy knee-high leg braces. He thought nobody would know that he had had polio.

But these days, the 70-year-old Livonia man can't hide the shortness of breath and a slight limp and he doesn't try. Instead, he openly talks about his new crusade to let fellow polio survivors know about the late effects of the disease – Post-Polio Syndrome.

"A lot of people who had polio aren't aware of Post-Polio Syndrome, and there are a lot of doctors who've never seen a case of polio to know what Post-Polio Syndrome is," said Varley, Detroit coordinator for the Polio Connection of America. "I had one doctor tell me to get out and run five miles. That's the worst thing you can do. These are very delicate motor neurons, and running like that can burn them out."

Initially, it was believed that PPS affected about 25 percent of polio survivors, but the estimate today is more than 60 percent are expected to have Post-Polio Syndrome, a re-emergence of symptoms approximately 25-35 years after recovery from acute polio.

The symptoms include joint pain, fatigue, decreased physical endurance, new progressive weakness in muscles previously affected and unaffected by polio, breathing difficulties and sensitivity to the cold.

The goal of Polio Connection of America is to alert polio survivors to the late effects of the disease, which they may already be experiencing. As the Detroit area coordinator, Varley is collecting names and addresses of survivors so they can be sent informational packets about Post-Polio Syndrome.

Wanting to help

He got the assignment after checking a box that he was interested in volunteer work that appeared on the renewal form for PCA's quarterly newsletter.

He's also active in the Michigan Polio Network, serving on its board of directors and handling a support group that meets the fourth Saturday of the month October through March in Troy.

It was his wife who saw an article about the support group in a newspaper and cut it out for him. He went to a meeting but didn't like it, so he dropped out.

"At first, I found it extremely depressing; I guess maybe I was in denial," he said. "I dropped out for a couple of years, then went back and now I'm running it."

The late effect of polio "doesn't seem to relate to the severity of the disease but seems to relate to how active people were in their lives after polio," and its severity varies, according to Varley.

For Varley, the symptoms of PPS started showing up about 15 years ago. When he was in his prime, he "could run and climb trees," but at a football stadium, he found he had difficulty climbing the stairs. While PPS first affected his legs – mainly his right leg – he has found that his arms, hands and lungs now are affected.

He experiences a shortness of breath even though he didn't have bulbar polio, needs a railing to climb stairs, has difficult on rough terrain and takes a cane when he travels.

His energy level isn't what it used to be, but he has been more or less able to stabilize it and he has learned to live with his pain, having good success with magnets in controlling it.

"It's a perpetual thing," he said. "I wake up in the morning with pains in my legs. I think I have arrested mine. I haven't deteriorated as much in the last five years.

"I have a mild condition; I'm still ambulatory and can still get around, but there's some people in our support group who are in (motorized) scooters."

Last great epidemic

Poliomyelitis, or infantile paralysis, is an acute infectious viral disease characterized by fever, paralysis and subsequent atrophy of skeletal muscles. It is spread by asymptomatic people through the shedding of the virus from the throat and intestinal tract. Its spread is enhanced by poor sanitation, crowding and low standards of personal hygiene.

Last great epidemic

Known as the last of the great childhood epidemics, polio has been around for most of human history with the oldest identifiable reference found on an Egyptian stone engraving more than 3,000 years old. Cases tended to be rare in ancient times, but with improved waste disposal and use of indoor plumbing in the 20th century, epidemics of polio began to occur with regularity in the developed world.

Major epidemics occurred in the United States in 1910 and 1916, when more than 27,00 people, mostly children, were disabled and 6,000 died. It swept through the country in waves with serious outbreaks recorded in 1936, 1937, 1941, 1944, 1946, 1949, 1951, 1952 and 1954.

Before the disease was halted with the introduction of Dr. Jonas Salk's vaccine in 1955, one million Americans were stricken with the disease. Some 16,000 cases of polio were reported each year, but with the Salk's inactive, injectable vaccine, the incidence of paralytic polio had dropped by 96 percent to fewer than 900 cases in 1961.

Varley came down with polio in the 1930s when he was 3. He, his brother and a friend were playing in a wading pool and a few days later, Varley and the friend contracted the disease.

Information about his illness is sparse. His parents have died, and his brother was just 6 when he developed polio. He knows and recalls spending three months in isolation in a hospital. His family would visit, looking at him in the room through a window.

"It's a very vicious disease and in the early years, polio was looked upon as the plague," Varley said. "People were terrified of it and would quarantine families."

According to the Polio Information Center ONline, "only the fear surrounding AIDS can rival the feelings people had about polio in the first half of this century.... By the time of the great Depression, paralytic poliomyelitis was perhaps the most feared disease known."

As of 1993, polio was eradicated in the Western Hemisphere, and the goal by organizations

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'A lot of people who had polio aren't aware of Post-Polio Syndrome.'

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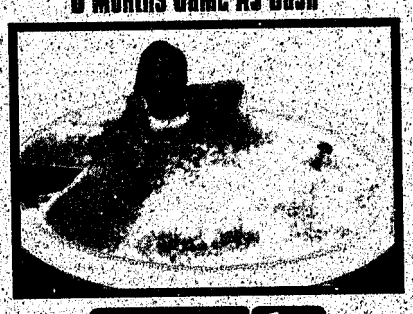

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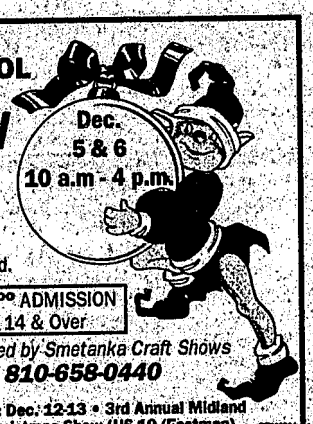

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A new spirit

Good move to bring event downtown

Dori Edwards, the manager of Clarkston Lighthouse, had a bright idea when she decided to move her organization's Tree of Caring ceremony to downtown Clarkston last week.

The move helped to spotlight the Tree of Caring program, a fund-raiser for Lighthouse, as well as for downtown businesses.

This is the second time in as many months that community leaders like Edwards have decided to involve downtown Clarkston in community events.

In October, Ann Conklin, the director of Independence Township Parks and Recreation, Penny Shanks, administrative assistant for the Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, and Buck Kopietz, a downtown business owner, organized the new Fall Fun Daze festival in downtown Clarkston. The festival was a combination of old and new events that involved downtown businesses like never before.

We commend these community leaders for their forward thinking. Business owners have been struggling to bring foot traffic back downtown. Over the years, a number of retail stores have closed, and offices have moved into the empty storefronts. At the same time, the surrounding area has developed, giving Clarkston-area residents more places to shop.

Holding community events downtown and involving the businesses there is one way to revitalize the historic village and return it to its former status as the focal point of the community.

Tree of Caring honors loved ones

It's not too late to "buy" a bulb and support Clarkston Lighthouse this holiday season through its Tree of Caring program.

Even though the tree on Main at Washington streets was officially lit Friday night, more lightbulbs can be added. Dori Edwards, the manager of Clarkston Lighthouse, is still accepting donations in the amounts of $5 for a red bulb, $10 for a green bulb, $20 for a blue bulb, $50 for a gold bulb and $100 for a tree top star.

Contributors purchase bulbs as a way to remember, recognize or honor loved ones at Christmas time. Businesses also purchase bulbs in lieu of an office gift exchange. Lighthouse will provide acknowledgment cards.

The Tree of Caring program is a fund-raiser for Lighthouse, an emergency service center for families in need.

To contribute to the Tree of Caring program, make checks payable to Lighthouse Emergency Services, 5331 Maybee Road, Clarkston MI 48346-3121.

Folks who prefer to donate their time in addition to or instead of money this holiday season are encouraged to call Mary Ann Emick at 673-4949.

Lighthouse Clarkston is in need of volunteers for all types of jobs.

One thing Lighthouse doesn't need at this time is clothing donations. In fact, Edwards has temporarily closed Lighthouse's clothing closet to free workers from having to sort clothes so they can have time to serve clients' holiday needs. Lighthouse will begin accepting used clothing again on Jan. 4.

Support OCC bid for job center

Business people often dislike writing letters. But if they want the benefits, they should rise above tradition and send a letter to Doug Rothwell on behalf of Oakland Community College's bid.

OCC is seeking $6 million in state money to build a "Center for Advanced Information Technology Training" on its Auburn Hills Campus.

The money would come from the state Jobs Commission as part of Gov. John Engler's recently-passed program to boost technical education through scholarships and training centers.

"If you don't build it, we'll get our employees from somewhere else," a spokesman from EDS (Electronic Data Services), one of the partners in OCC's consortium, told Rothwell, who is CEO of the state Jobs Commission.

It would be too bad if EDS couldn't hire local graduates and mid-career people locally. The company made a good case for a training center at OCC.

Kelly Services, the personnel people, made a good case, too, when it offered to put up $100,000 for developing the center – if OCC's bid is accepted. Kelly already has done yeoman service in helping to train former welfare clients for high-skill jobs.

The Engler administration got $50 million from the Legislature for its job training initiative.

First, $20 million will go for 10,000 community college scholarships, of which OCC students will get a "lion's share," in the understated words of Chancellor Richard Thompson – $1.6 million for 1,800 scholarships, more than any other two-year college in the state.

Second, $30 million will go for "at least five new technical training centers, providing the necessary infrastructure and equipment needed to support technical training programs," according to the governor's budget message.

One of the five centers, by law, will go to Focus:HOPE in Detroit. The other four will go to the most impressive bidders.

These are for what the governor calls "gold collar jobs" – those requiring high skills but not a four-year bachelor's degree. These aren't hamburger-flipping jobs.

The University of Michigan economic forecast for the next two years showed that the best way to keep out of the unemployment line is to earn at least an associate's degree from a community college.

Political pressure and newspaper editorials won't impress Rothwell much. He is more likely to be impressed by letters from business people.

OCC proposes a nearly 36,000 square foot facility with 12 computer laboratories, faculty and staff offices, a Michigan Works outreach center, other classrooms and seminar rooms. The college could train 16,000 graduates over five years for "gold collar jobs."

It proposes a four-acre site in the southeast section of its Auburn Hills Campus, near the intersection of Squirrel and Hamlin roads, and near M-59 and I-75. It would be contiguous to the Oakland Technology Park.

Also part of the local consortium are Oakland University, Oakland Intermediate School District, IBM, Chrysler Corp., Kelly Services and EDS. They – along with Microsoft, Kmart, Inca Computers and county government – hire OCC graduates.

The address of the man who makes the decision is:

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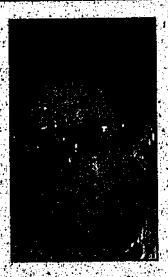

"I think that's really up to the jury to decide. I'm sure they'll find out things I don't really know about."

Dave Ramsey
Clarkston

"No, I think the issue should be addressed. I also think he's the wrong messenger."

Ted Pierce
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"I really don't know enough about the issues. I suppose not — if he didn't get convicted before."

John Egan
Clarkston

"I sure do. I think he makes a mockery of our government and our system. Only two people have the right — God and Jesus."

Deanna Duncan
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LETTERS

Article on family was heartfelt

I just finished reading your article on the Tudor family. You did an outstanding job. So often when articles like this are written, it's done without "feeling" — it's just another story. I believe that you, too, felt the love and warmth that radiates from the Tudor family. They really are as special as they appear ... nothing fake here.

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We will all continue to do what we can for them, for we are all children of God.

Thank you, again, for taking the time to write such a wonderful article on them.

Whether you believe it or not, you too have been touched by this wonderful family.

Dree A. Wint

Drug abuse education is vital

(Note: The following letter was originally sent to officials of Michigan State University. It is reprinted here at the request of the writer.)

As our entire community mourns recent tragic events, we appreciate the work being done by you and the entire MSU Alcohol Action Team to help make your campus a safer place for our youth to make that important, yet dangerous, transition from adolescence to young adulthood.

As a community coalition focused for the past three years on substance abuse prevention, we know that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs is a serious risk not only to college students, but also to high school and middle school youth. We are aware that, unfortunately, many students have firmly-established drinking patterns by the time they arrive on your campus. Together, we hope to begin to change this.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to enforce behavioral boundaries, impose consequences for underage alcohol and illegal drug violations, and to increase safe and drug-free alternative housing and social events for students.

From our standpoint within the local community, there are three things needed to help our children learn healthier attitudes about alcohol use: 1) a strong drug and alcohol prevention program within our school curriculum; 2) a training program for parents on drug prevention; and 3) reinforcing the message from all sectors of our community that youth are valued, and that illegal drug and underage alcohol use are wrong and dangerous.

We pledge to continue our work at the local level in these three areas, aimed at bringing about a positive change in accepted community norms relating to alcohol use. We also pledge ourselves to support your efforts at the college level to do the same.

Clarkston Community Task Force for Youth

Book grant not half-full glass

Recently, Palace Entertainment, which runs Pine Knob Music Theater, announced a challenge grant of $30,000. This was matched with an additional $30,000 by the Independence Township Board from the general fund. This means that for every dollar donated by the public, Palace Entertainment and the township board will contribute $2 to the purchase of new books for the library. I think it is such a good idea that I will endorse over my next township trustee paycheck to this fund.

It is unfortunate and odd that the editors of the Eccentric see this proposal as a half-full glass and use it as an opportunity to dredge up their call for a library board. The public/private partnership is not evidence of piecemeal funding of the library. Rather the library has been receiving steadily increasing funding over the last several years.

So there is no demonstrated need for an additional separate tax to fund the library. This is particularly the case when state law requires that to have such additional, dedicated tax, it is necessary to establish a library board as yet another level of government.

It is particularly curious that the Eccentric editorial recognizes that avoiding an extra layer of government is an important principle, yet suggests because it may be expedient to ignore principle merely for a perceived benefit. An important function of an elected township board is to use their good judgment to allocate scarce resources (tax money) among a variety of services. The current township board has, in my judgment, done a good job of translating our community's values and principles in making these decisions.

A little over five years ago, the township spent more than $1 million to erect a beautiful new library, then set about filling it not only with books but with the computers and modems that are the tools of a modern library. It is true that the derivatives' losses of several years ago meant the growth and funding for the library did not occur as quickly as most of us would have liked, but that is behind us now. The library's resources, services and hours are growing and will continue to grow. Moreover, the township is embarked in a program of cooperation with the new high school library.

I am absolutely convinced that the better course is to continue the kind of increases in funding to which the township board is dedicated. Fortunately, the majority of those now on the township board said in their 1996 campaigns that they did not favor a library bond.

That as a community we have private funding augmenting the growth of our library is a sign of vitality and good citizenship of which we should all be proud.

Neil E. Wallace
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STUDENT COLUMNIST

BEN NESS

I suppose it is normal for a man as relentlessly witty and charming as myself to entertain a number of intriguing social propositions. Everyday, it seems, I am offered the opportunity to share interesting times and interesting conversations with people of exceeding virtue. I take advantage of most of these, knowing that my afternoons would otherwise be spent engaged in the amusing but hardly adventurous pursuits of eating breakfast cereal and watching cartoons.

Rare is the occasion when I depart the high school without an exciting destination in mind and a chivalrous companion with whom to enjoy it. This is indisputably a fortuitous position. As a creature I am very much gregarious, one who attains great ebullience through consistently finding groovy ways to spend time.

However, this grand situation has brought about a challenging academic debacle. With staggering regularity, my already aloof attention to scholastics is overwhelmed by an impatience to escape. You must understand, good citizens, that my sixth hour class is statistical mathematics, a romantic pursuit to be certain, but not something for which I maintain any great degree of passion. By the time it rolls around, my undisciplined neurons have tired of erudition, focusing instead on the more stimulating prospects awaiting me after dismissal.

My eyes drift toward the alluring windows and periodically check the clock while my body shifts anxiously, waiting for the bell and all of the liberation it catalyzes. This is not a frame of consciousness conducive to good learning. It probably isn't conducive to anything, now that I think of it, except for tedium and impatience. Spend enough time in such a leisurely state of mind and you're going to wind up in trouble.

Inevitably, I get asked to perform some kind of esoteric calculation without having any idea where to begin, hopelessly marooned because I was indulging in a daydream and had missed the teacher's instructions.

The danger inherent in this tendency does not escape me. On countless occasions I have vowed to shape up, tune in, get responsible, and learn actively, but then 10 minutes later I'll find myself in the mind-numbing vortex of a lecture on synthetic division, and the boys upstairs start to get restless.

Quandary! Confusion! Sinister temptation and twisted rationales.

I cave in to the desire, telling myself that sitting and thinking about goofy stuff will benefit me more in the long haul anyway. Who needs all that statistical rot when we've got a dictionary full of words to play with and a disc-golf match coming up in less than an hour?

The bell rings, and for just a moment I feel tremendously guilty. Another sixth period has passed, and I have failed to absorb even a single byte of data.

But then I realize that school has ended. My afternoon will soon be actualized. The possibilities are delightful, so much so that I'm driven into identical villainy not even one day later.

Ben Ness is a student at Clarkston High School. His column alternates with a column written by Clarkston Community Schools Superintendent Al Roberts.

Era ends with passing of talented, motivated activist

PHILIP POWER

Don Thurber's funeral last Saturday was held at old Christ Church, on E. Jefferson Avenue in Detroit, close to the Renaissance Center.

As an Episcopalian and a sucker for ritual, I was deeply moved by the traditional, rolling liturgy and by the concrete symbols of faith so deftly melded together: the hymns, the stained glass shining in the warm sun, the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah," the bagpiper playing "Amazing Grace." Ritual, I think, provides the emotional content that separates everyday events from significant acts.

Funerals, certainly, are significant acts, bittersweet rituals designed to promote a healthy grieving and to stimulate the celebration of a worthy life. And nobody I know had a more worthy life than Donald M.D. Thurber.

The descendent of a family that lived in America since the 17th century and in Michigan since 1825, Don Thurber was truly a blueblood from a distinguished family. He attended Detroit University School and graduated from Harvard, where he forged friendships with John F. Kennedy, his classmate, and Sargent Shriver, his roommate, who would go on to marry a Kennedy sister and be the first director of the Peace Corps.

Don's career was in public relations and fund-raising. His firm, PR Counselors, was one of the best. After he retired, he was chairman of the board of directors of Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

But his love was public service, a blazing commitment that lasted his entire life.

When President Kennedy asked him to raise money for the National Park Service, he established the National Park Foundation that recently raised more than $1 million to refurbish Isle Royal National Park. He was a key fund-raiser for the restoration of Orchestra Hall and the building of the Center for Creative Studies. He was executive assistant to U. S. Sen. Blair Moody, a consultant to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall and an adviser to Secretary of Commerce Elliot Richardson. He was a regent of the University of Michigan.

I remember years ago going to his home in Grosse Pointe – elegant, tasteful, discreet – for a party to introduce Richardson (then considering a run for president) to the movers and shakers of the Michigan Democratic Party.

It seemed as though everybody who was anybody was there, drawn by Don's infectious enthusiasm and prodigious web of acquaintances.

Don was a member of a remarkable and small group, mostly men, members of distinguished families who felt to their bones the obligation to use their talents in disinterested, valuable public service.

It seems as though their stature and standing freed them from the ego needs that cheapen the careers of so many others, liberating them to devote their talents to benefit their entire society.

National examples abound, beginning with John Kennedy and Elliot Richardson, both Don Thurber's friends.

Two Michigan models come quickly to mind: G. Mennen Williams, six times elected governor and the founder of the modern Democratic Party, was a blue blood, an heir to the Mennen toiletries company fortune. William G. Milliken, the son of a distinguished Traverse City retailing family (Milliken's Stores), is still revered to this day for his sane, thoughtful moderation.

In a famous passage from "The History of the Peloponnesian War," Thucydides, the ancient Greek historian, relates Pericles' Funeral Oration:

"We are lovers of beauty without extravagance, and lovers of wisdom without unmanliness. Wealth to us is not mere material for vainglory but an opportunity for achievement."

Don Thurber did not quote Pericles in the funeral service he designed in the few weeks after he came home from the hospital to die. But he would have recognized it as a touchstone of his own life and philosophy.

I grieve Don's passing, not just because I was lucky enough to be a friend but also because his death diminishes yet again a small group of valiant, productive citizens of our state.

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Volunteers make it all happen for community charity

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Sometimes, if we are fortunate, we have times when we are reminded of things that are important, of things that transcend the commonplace — the immediate urgency of the workplace, housework, children and traffic jams.

Nov. 17, I had the opportunity to attend Lighthouse of Oakland County's annual luncheon. Lighthouse was fortunate to have many notables in attendance, some of whom are friends and neighbors. I had the distinct pleasure of sitting with Joan McCrary, Independence Township clerk. Many of these people believe it is their responsibility to influence others to contribute to the community where they live and work. This was a moment to honor them for doing so, including such wonderful people as Paul W. Smith from WJR. He was joined by other Beacon Award Recipients such as Bill Carry, Jan and David Stephens and Pat and Art Ciagne who have helped Lighthouse so often. Sen. Gary Peters spoke as master of ceremonies and Heath J. Meriwether, publisher of the Detroit Free Press, enlightened us as guest speaker.

■ We are reminded of a woman who came to Lighthouse looking for a way to rebuild her life and become self-sufficient. Her story was a testimonial to the resilience and resourcefulness people exhibit if given the chance, and some initial help.

All of the speakers and attendees have a commitment to give back to the community. They remind us of our purpose. You see, working for Lighthouse is a series of relationships. It is a collage of life's stories through the lens of a caring nonprofit organization that seeks to serve those among us who currently have less than they need. People come to Lighthouse hungry, homeless, jobless and with little hope for anything better. At Lighthouse, they find the help they need to stabilize their lives and become independent.

Sen Peters and Mr. Meriwether remind us of the stories that make us proud to be part of Lighthouse, stories of small and great successes — examples of how a helping hand enabled a neighbor to stand on her own.

We are reminded of a woman who came to Lighthouse looking for a way to rebuild her life and become self-sufficient. Her story was a testimonial to the resilience and resourcefulness people exhibit if given the chance, and some initial help. We are reminded of the Unity Park neighborhood in Pontiac where five existing homes are being renovated. This year, 18 new homes will be built on Osmun Street and 14 more on Dr. Martin Luther King Boulevard as part of a collaborative effort between local banks, developers, Lighthouse and other nonprofits. We are reminded of the many food and gift baskets that will ensure a holiday celebration for those who would not be able to celebrate without a helping hand from Lighthouse. We are reminded of the children and the difference we can make in their lives. We are reminded that Lighthouse helps people to imagine and then realize living lives of stability and independence. We are reminded of the abundant good that exists in our community, especially the good that is produced by such wonderful volunteers.

In April, Lighthouse of Oakland County Inc. was named the best managed nonprofit organization in Southeast Michigan for 1997 by Crane's Detroit Business. We are proud of what this award represents. However, it is the stories of the helping hand that makes Lighthouse a special place. It is a place where dedicated volunteers work to help others. Most of all, Lighthouse is a place of stories, stories that bring a tear to the eye and joy to the heart, especially at this time of the year.

Thank you and a most joyous holiday to all!

This column was written by Dori Edwards, the branch manager of Clarkston Lighthouse. This space is shared by local community groups on a revolving basis. Up next week: Task Force for Youth.

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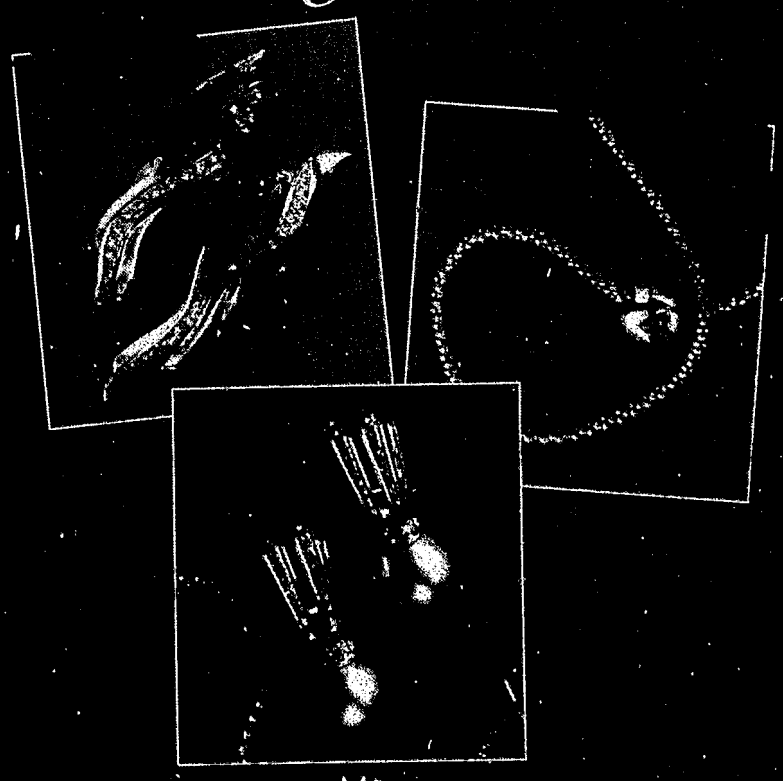

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Each age has a lesson to learn

Recently I received a anonymous fax entitled "Things to Learn." The "things" were categorized by age. I found them enjoyable and thought I would pass them along to you. Things to learn:

ON AGING

RENEE MAHLER

Age 53 - I've learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die.

Age 58 - I've learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life.

Age 61 - I've learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, try to improve your marriage.

Age 62 - I've learned that life sometimes give you a second chance.

Age 64 - I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

Age 65 - I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you, but if you focus on your family, the needs of others, your work, meeting new people and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

Age 66 - I've learned that whenever I decide something with kindness, I usually make the right decision.

Age 72 - I've learned that everyone can use a prayer.

Age 73 - I've learned that it pays to believe in miracles. And to tell the truth, I've seen several.

Age 82 - I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

Age 92 - I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.

I have no idea where these sayings originated and I have no idea who sent them to me but I thank whoever compiled them and whoever sent them. There are many lessons to be learned.

■ 'If an individual is in a nursing home or a home for the aged because of his (or her) physical condition and the availability of medical care is a principal reason for his (or her) presence there, the entire cost of maintenance, including meals and lodging, is deductible.'

U.S. Master Tax Guide

Q. My husband is in a nursing home. Can I take the cost of the home off my income tax?

A. To quote the U.S. Master Tax Guide "If an individual is in a nursing home or a home for the aged because of his (or her) physical condition and the availability of medical care is a principal reason for his (or her) presence there, the entire cost of maintenance, including meals and lodging, is deductible. If an individual is in such an institution primarily for personal or family reasons, then only that portion of the cost attributable to medical or nursing care (excluding meals and lodging) is deductible. Payments to perform both nursing care and housework may be deducted only to the extent of the nursing cost." They safest thing to do however, is to consult an accountant or attorney.

On Aging columnist Renee Mahler is a gerontologist and a former member of the Michigan State Commission on Services to the Aging. To leave a message for Mahler from a touch-tone phone, call (313)953-2047, mailbox 1869. Send your questions for her to The Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham

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like Rotary International is the elimination of the disease worldwide by the year 2000.

But that doesn't mean it has gone away. Cases now reported [illegible] vaccine. The Polio Connection is lobbying to eliminate use of that vaccine entirely.

"Sabin vaccine is a [illegible] virus, and it can ca[illegible] polio," said Varley. [illegible] it's cheaper and nice[illegible] use, so the governm[illegible] recommends it and [illegible] tors use it."

But for now, Varley works on educating polio survivors about PPS and fields six-eight calls a day from people who got his name from somewhere (he wonders where).

"[illegible] kind of my crusade," said. "It's not a [illegible] I'm just trying to [illegible] information out to [illegible] survivors."

To get information about Post-Polio Syndrome from the Polio [illegible] of America or for information about the Michigan [illegible] and area support groups, call Varley at (734) 42[illegible] write him at 16750 Bell Creek Lane, Livonia, MI 48154.

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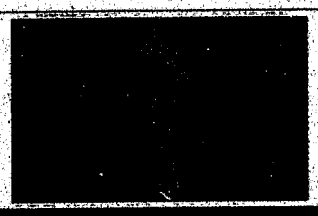

CAROLYN WALKER

When dreams of sugar plums turn into visions of turkey stuffing

Once upon a time there was a middle-aged woman who, upon approaching the age of 50, began to contemplate her holidays in a different fashion. She had long since given up the notion that something magical, in the childish sense of that magical word, would happen to her.

She still dreamed of wonder, but in smaller dreams such as this: If the world was lucky, a beautiful, peaceful, non-slick snow would come for Christmas. It would arrive on Christmas Eve and be a nice snow but a safe snow, and it would leave on the night before New Year's Eve and not challenge those who chose to go out.

(Compare this dream to those of her childhood, when great northern winds would be courted by little girl thoughts, and blizzards with huge drifts could be expected to engulf houses, grease Santa's way and hold entire families sway in their fantasies.)

Her little girl dreams had, of course, been tempered by certain realities and they had melted, just a little, with time — and with the trend away from real butter.

There were three experiences that showed the decrease of magic in our heroine's life, when she cared to think

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It's show time!

Clarkston High School open for tours

On tour: *(Left to right) Valerie Panrey, Barb Johns, Bob Watson and Tom Panrey take a tour of the new Clarkston High School. Tours of Clarkston's new gem are being given by parent volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays.*

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BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

It's already been featured as the school of the future on a CNN newscast and a CBS "48 Hours" segment. Now Clarkston's new high school — the biggest educational enchilada ever to be concocted in this area — is displaying itself for guided tours.

And while the Clarkston schools' whopper isn't expected to draw the same kind of throngs as a King Tut exhibit, there's no denying two factors that could attract a stampede:

■ No. 1: People like seeing unusual things — and everybody's already been to The Piercing Pagoda at Great Lakes Crossing.

■ No. 2: People like tour cookies.

Already primed for a potential visitor onslaught, 19 parent volunteers from the Clarkston School District have undergone training as official, badge-wearing tour guides.

In a recent interview, three guides who've already directed a tour described the experience and explained why they're proud to be known as goodwill ambassadors.

According to CHS parent Linda Knott, whose family moved to Clarkston from Iowa in September, the district's tour guide solicitation letter presented her with an opportunity to get to know more about her daughter's new high school. (The letter

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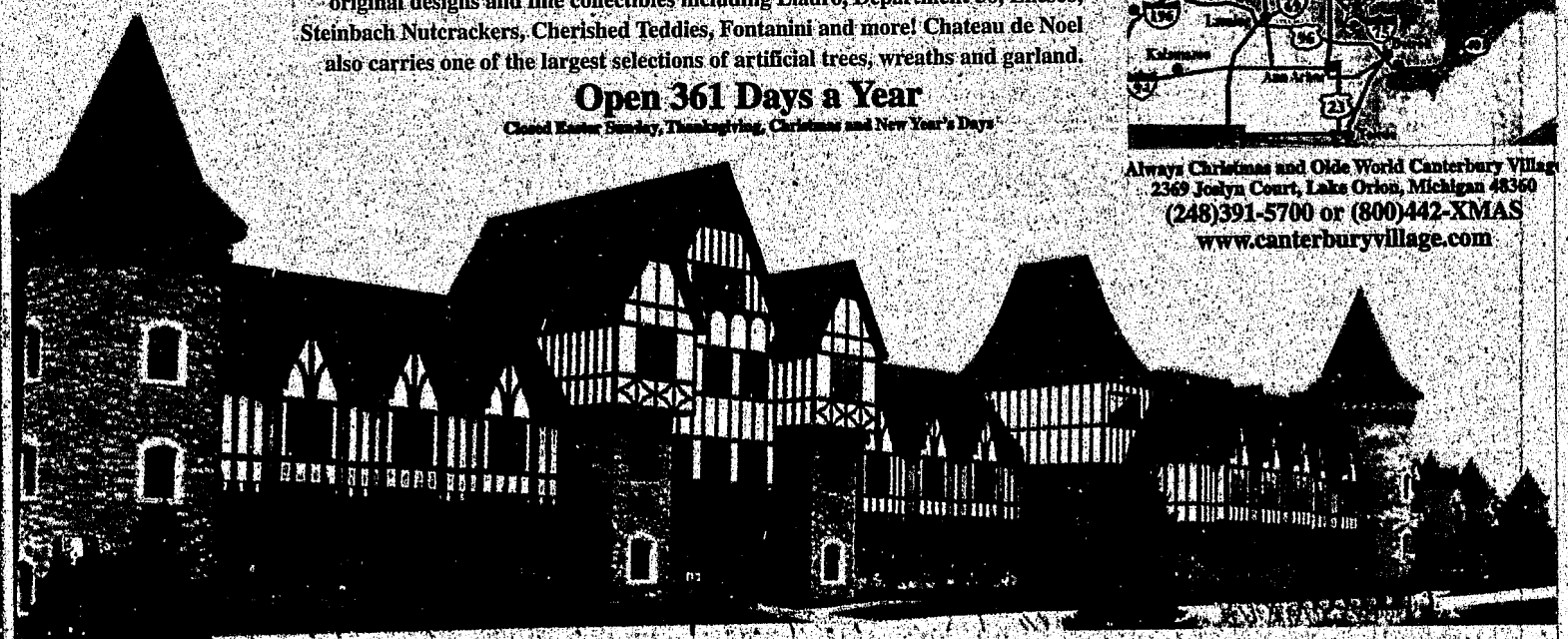

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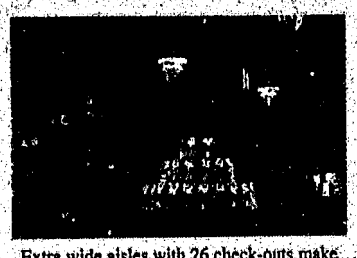

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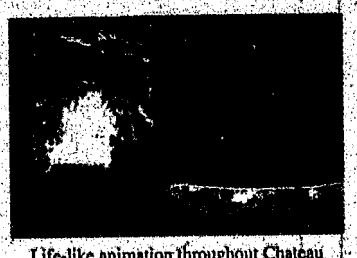

Life-like animation throughout Chateau De Noel enchant all who visit!

Walker

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of them.

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Having been first birthed, and then later married into a swarm of lady cooks, our middle-aged heroine gave up (early) the notion that she would one day prepare a turkey stuffing to die for.

The cooks who went before her had somehow carried off that great stuffing feat while at the same time becoming legend (despite their arguments) in their own lifetimes, and squelching our heroine's best intentions.

The eldest and sometimes most difficult of the cooks had obtained, early on, a prized old recipe from a very famous restaurant and she would accept from others no less than what it prescribed: the several-days-drying of bread pieces and then the re-moistening of them with water and then the hand-squeezing of them, piece by piece — like one would a sponge — before the adding of butter, onions and spices. How could any cook hope to compete with a scenario as complicated as that?

As it happened (and perhaps mercifully) our heroine accepted the fact that she had come of age in an era of critics and Stove Top and she turned her cooking dreams to hors d'oeuvres, which everyone knows can never be perfect.

But it made for easier dreaming.

Sometimes grumbling over the expectations of the others, our heroine did not realize for quite a long while that the magic was slowly slipping from her life, though eventually (and it went totally unnoticed by the others) she ceased spontaneous singing in her kitchen.

With her voice thus unrehearsed, she no longer expected to sing — using perfect pitch — the Silent Night hymn during a midnight candle-lit service, either.

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Our heroine could remember her first Christmas morning as an adult. She arose much later than was her childhood custom and she gathered along with her family members about the gift-laden tree.

Perhaps what followed could be laid at the feet of habit, but the truth is our heroine allowed her eyes to drift longingly toward the chimney mantel. Toward where she half expected to find her old Christmas stocking hanging and filled with what? Perfect stuffing? A new voice?

Of course, no such magic awaited her. The middle-aged stocking-stuffers who went before her had let their own dreams slip in direct proportion to our heroine's aging process.

When she realized this, our heroine guessed that if there was to be magic, it would have to begin with her. And with her ability to wonder.

She began by wondering exactly when she grew a taste for hors d'oeuvres.

Carolyn Walker is a free-lance columnist who lives in the city of Clarkston.

Tours

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was mailed in the fall to parents of seventh- to 12th-graders in the district.)

"I decided to become a tour guide because I wanted to see where my daughter was going to be," Knott said.

Knott explained that after two training sessions, she led a group of Warren-based architects, along with a superintendent from another district, through the new facility at 3 p.m. on a recent school day.

It went well.

"I couldn't have written a better script as far as touring and the kids," Knott said. "The kids were so polite. And they were everywhere. They were in play practice. And the girls' basketball team was practicing. And I wish you could have seen the looks on their (the visitors') faces as they walked through that school. The architects were looking at the building concept. The superintendent was looking at how active all of the kids were in all of the different areas of the school ... And when we got over to the auditorium, their jaws dropped."

With her daughter, Becky, securely situated in 11th-grade at CHS and another daughter in college, Knott said she's happy to help out.

"I'm glad I did this," she said. "Becky loves Clarkston. She chose to come here after looking at seven high schools."

For Christie Nico, the parent of 10th-grader Tara and sixth-grader Carla, becoming a tour guide was a chance to see where her tax dollars were going.

Nico said she's buoyed by what she's seen.

The 17 Clarkston senior citizens who recently toured CHS for two hours with Nico told her they felt equally thrilled about the school.

"They loved it," Nico said. "They were so excited about the technology because they didn't even use computers when they were working. And there were the kids, using it. They (the seniors) got a chance to go into some classrooms and see what the kids were doing. They loved interacting with the kids."

Sandy Kolano, a Clarkston parent who led 20 seniors around the school, said her recent afternoon tour also proceeded without a hitch.

However, Kolano admitted that she stopped by the school a few hours before the 90-minute tour to quickly run through the routine alone.

The parent of eighth-grader Bryan and fifth-grader Brad, Kolano said she now knows her way around CHS better than she navigates the inside of Bryan's building, Sashabaw Middle School. And she's enjoyed connecting with seniors.

"My group was great — and very polite," Kolano said. "Most of them said, 'Oh, we wish our kids had this when they were growing up.' A lot of the women wanted to know when they could use the pool. They were also impressed with the teachers' workroom. And they loved the cookies afterward! They thought our home ec (economics) department made them. But there is no home ec department."

So who made the cookies?

■ 'There's a lot of curiosity out there — a huge amount of curiosity — about the school, which is why we needed a group of tour guides before we could even open the doors.'

Barb Johns
director of public relations, Clarkston School District

"Food service," Kolano said with a smile.

The Clarkston mother said she's glad she responded to the district's call for tour guide volunteers.

"I like to talk and I like people, and I thought it would be a good opportunity to learn the building myself," Kolano said. "When my kids get there, I won't feel lost."

Did the three tour guides have a favorite spot at the high school?

Well, yes — but not the same one.

Knott said, "The gym and the auditorium."

Kolano answered, "The pool."

And Nico replied, "The media center."

In that same discussion, Barb Johns — the district's director of public relations — said she favored the high school's performing arts area. "There's nothing like it in Oakland County," Johns pointed out. "It's really a professional theater."

Though people may not agree on what is best about the new school, Johns said that CHS expects to see a steady flow of visitors in its first year.

"There's a lot of curiosity out there — a huge amount of curiosity — about the school, which is why we needed a group of tour guides before we could even open the doors."

So far, most tours have run on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, while school is in session, Johns said. However, other times have also been arranged to accommodate visitors' schedules. The maximum number of people in a tour group has been 20.

Johns said she's pleased with the people who have come forward to lead.

"We can count on our parents to give their time and to be enthusiastic," she said. "These are our front-line people. They're positive. And they're the first people a lot of visitors will meet when they come to the high school for the first time. Every contact they make is another opinion of this school district."

(Two tours of Clarkston's new high school are scheduled for the holiday break: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29, and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30. To reserve a spot on the holiday tours, or to arrange a group tour for another day and time, call Barb Johns at 623-5420.)

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THURSDAY, DEC. 3

WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP
7 p.m. Informal sharing meeting. Topic: Coping with the Holidays after the loss of a loved one. Facilitator: Christine Spencer, M.A., L.P.C., Director of Bereavement Services at Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home. Walk-in, no registration. Free of charge. Refreshments served. All area residents welcome. Any questions or if anyone would like to be on their mailing list, call the funeral home at 625-5231. Meeting is held at Independence Township Senior Center located in Clintonwood Park on Clarkston Road in Clarkston. Note: This Holiday meeting is for anyone coping with a loss.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

RECREATION FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE
7-9 p.m., Bingo. Hart Community Center, Davisburg Road at the Millpond, Davisburg. While NWOCS, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

7TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GREENS MARKET
8 a.m. - 8 p.m. The Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road (across from Independence Township Library). Garden Club Greens Market is the major yearly fund-raiser for the forty-member club. Club members combine their creative ideas and talents with a love of nature to produce arrangements of fresh or dried greens ideal for decorating home or business. They also offer fresh wreaths and roping for outdoor use. The selection includes three sizes of fresh balsam and concolor wreaths in addition to roping of mixed cedar, fir, and pine. Proceeds from the annual sale support local educational, scholarship, and beautification projects undertaken by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free tours of the c.1872 James Harvey Davis Home, 12450 Andersonville Road, Davisburg (across from Springfield Oaks Activity Center). Basement sale includes antiques, collectibles, crafts and baked goods. Proceeds will be used for a new roof.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE
10 a.m. - 7 p.m. 6725 Hogback Lake Road, Springfield Township. We invite you to come and enjoy a day filled with food, fun and frolicking. Join your Children are Precious family at our home and experience a day to remember with our kids. Call for directions: 620-9142. (We're closer than you think-near I-75 & Dixie Hwy.) Children Are Precious is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization which provides charitable respite services to families with children who have life-altering illnesses. Your support will assist with the purchase of equipment, and the care of our home and children. Donations are tax deductible as provided by law. Please send donation to CAP, 2690 Crooks Road, Suite 116, Troy MI 48084. Your donations make the difference.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
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HOLIDAY TRADITIONS WORKSHOP
1-4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Craft simple holiday gifts during simultaneous sessions for both adults and kids. Children ages 5 and under must have an adult attend kid's session. Also planned are a seasonal sing-a-long, surprise visitor and festive snack. Cost: $4 per person. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

POT LUCK
1 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. Spend a Sunday afternoon with your friends and enjoy the great food. Bring your favorite dish to pass. After lunch, join in a card game, table game or just some good old conversation. RSVP by Friday, Dec. 4 to be included. Call 625-8231.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

SPECIAL DAY CELEBRATION
Noon. Independence Township Senior Center. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries group style on the second Wednesday of each month with free cake and ice cream. Those celebrating birthdays also receive a free lunch at the center on their special day. If you birthday falls on a weekend or holiday, celebrate on the next day that we're open. Center is at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park, Clarkston.

FRIDAY, DEC. 11

SPAGHETTI DINNER
5-7 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. Featured is an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner. Dessert is only 75 cents extra. Program is open to the public so bring the whole family. All proceeds go directly to the senior center. No registration required. Center is at 5980 Clarkston Road in Clintonwood Park. Cost $4 adults, $2 child.

RECREATION FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE
7-9 p.m., Christmas Party. Heather Highlands Golf Course on East Holly Road, halfway between I-75 (Exit 98) and Dixie Highway. Visit with Santa, gifts for everyone. Dance to music of Disc Jockey Matt Wolfe. While NWOCS, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

SNACK 'N SANTA
1 and 3 p.m., Indian Springs Metropark. Santa will be at the park to meet all his young friends. Registration required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192. Cost: Children $5, Adults $2.

SUPERNATURAL SATURDAY-GIFTS OF MICHIGAN
1:30-4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Michigan's gifts to us include sparkling water and beautiful forests. Celebrate the holiday season by making gifts with a Michigan theme. By creating unique gifts, ages 7-11 can learn about our great state. Cost $10 per person. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, DEC. 12 & 13

FAMILY HOLIDAY FEST
6 - 9 p.m. Saturday, 2 - 5 p.m. Sunday. Bay Court Park, Andersonville Road between Dixie Highway and White Lake Road. You and your family are invited to capture the spirit of the season by joining Santa and his elves for a weekend at the festival. Park will be decorated as the North Pole with Candyland, Santa's Workshop, Toyland and much more. Also enjoy horse drawn carriage rides, and refreshments while listening to festive music. Cost: $5 resident, $7 non-resident, $20 resident family, $25 non-resident family. Advance tickets required by Friday, Dec. 11. For additional information call Independence Township Parks & Recreation Department at 625-8223.

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

HOLIDAY DINNER
6 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. 'Tis the season for family, friends, fellowship and food ... and we've got it all. Join us as we celebrate the joy of the season. We'll have a traditional holiday meal, some special entertainment and a visit from an out of town guest. $2 per person. Call the center at 625-8231 at least 48 hours in advance for a reservation.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

HOLIDAY SWING
5-11 p.m. Independence Township Senior Center. Swing into the holiday season with the big band sound of the String of Pearls Orchestra, Singers and Dancers at Whiting Auditorium. We'll stop for a dinner, on your own, on the way to the show. There's no doubt about it-this will bring you into the holiday spirit like the good old days. Remember-we'll take you to and from your house too, if you need transportation. $34 residents, $37 non-residents. To register call 625-8231.

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Reaching out: *St. Daniel Church is shipping goods to those in need in Honduras. Shown here are Arline Moore, Pastor Bob Humitz, Betty Haran, Bob Hadden and Kathy Garwood. Donations will be accepted through Friday night and all items must be specifically identified on the outside of each cardboard box. Needed are food, medical and cooking supplies, construction materials and baby items. Do not include any glass. All donations will be sent to World Relief Hangar, Miami International Airport, on Saturday, then flown to Honduras.*

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Jack's back!

Another high-profile court battle expected in Kevorkian case

BY PAT MURPHY
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For his last trial in Oakland Circuit Court, Dr. Jack Kevorkian showed up in colonial American dress, complete with powdered wig, and carrying what he said was a copy of common law permitting assisted suicide.

Kevorkian never wore the Colonial garb again, however, and for the remainder of the lengthy jury trial, generally heeded the advice of defense attorneys about additional theatrics or speaking to the media.

Now, almost three years later, as they prepare to take Kevorkian back into Oakland Circuit Court, prosecutors are expecting another high-profile court battle covered by Court TV as well as the major television networks.

"It won't be a media circus," insisted Oakland Prosecutor David Gorcyca, who has charged Kevorkian with premeditated murder, assisted suicide and delivering a controlled substance in the Sept. 17 death of Thomas Youk of Waterford.

But Gorcyca himself is already part of advanced publicity for the trial of Kevorkian, who admitted helping Youk, a 52-year-old victim of Lou Gehrig's disease, die. The retired pathologist, who lives in West Bloomfield, subsequently sent a video of that death to CBS to be shown on *60 Minutes*.

In that video, Kevorkian said his helping Youk might be called manslaughter, but he insisted it wasn't murder. Either way, Kevorkian dared the prosecutor to file charges.

Gorcyca accepted the challenge and, after filing charges in mid week, appeared Sunday on ABC's *This Week With Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts*, talking about Kevorkian and his business-like approach to ending the life of Youk by lethal injection.

"That program garnered world-wide publicity," Gorcyca said Tuesday. "Since it aired, my office has had calls from around the world. A friend of mine in Israel called me after seeing it on ABC."

Also on that program was Michael A. Schwartz, part of what used to be the Kevorkian legal team, headed by Geoffrey N. Fieger.

Schwartz was on the program even though it looks like neither he, Fieger nor their Southfield law firm will represent Kevorkian, who has announced he will serve as his own attorney, even though conviction on the murder charge carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison with no parole.

"ABC wanted me (rather than Kevorkian's newest defense lawyer David Gorosh) because I know Kevorkian," said Schwartz, who also plays poker with Kevorkian about once a month.

Schwartz was highly critical of Kevorkian's announced decision to act as his own lawyer. "With Geoffrey (and his team), Kevorkian was absolutely in the best possible hands," Schwartz said. "Why Jack went away from that is beyond me.

"But Jack is playing the fool," insisted Schwartz, referring to the axiom about someone defending himself in court having a fool for a client. "Representing yourself in court may work on TV, but not in real life," said Schwartz.

Kevorkian said he will be his own attorney, with legal backup from David Gorosh, who until two months ago worked in Fieger's office, and Robert Sedler, of the Wayne State University Law School.

Gorcyca said he doesn't know much about Gorosh, although they met and chatted before a joint appearance on the *Larry*

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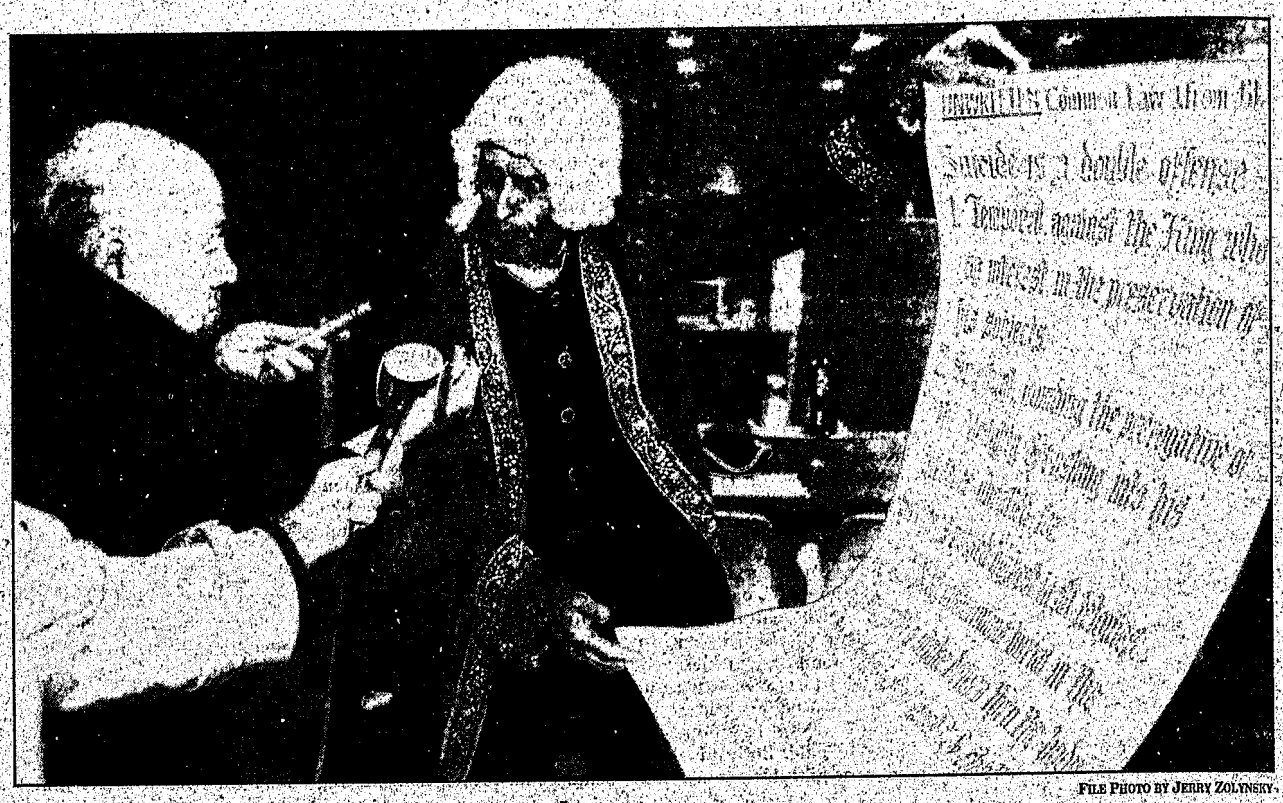

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Wigging out?: *During his 1996 trial, Dr. Jack Kevorkian dressed in colonial American garb and presented presented a copy of what he called the common law on suicide. Another high-profile court battle is coming up for Kevorkian.*

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Hospice provides an alternative to assisted suicide

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

When Dr. Jack Kevorkian assisted in the Sept. 17 suicide of 52-year-old Thomas Youk, an ALS patient from Waterford, he said Youk and his family expressed concern that he might choke to death on his own saliva.

That frightening event would not have been an issue if Youk had contacted Hospice of Michigan.

Care coordinator Gloria Kovak explained that Hospice has a number of medications that could have prevented such an occurrence plus kept Youk comfortable.

Providing a swift solution to a sad situation via assisted suicide is far from the agenda of the Hospice program.

"We are here to provide comfort and quality of life so the patient dies with peace and dignity," Kovak said.

"And I think with people in the medical profession the general consensus is that the doctors should not be involved in assisted suicide and I agree," Kovak said. "And since it's also an illegal act in the state of Michigan, law enforcement needs to deal with it."

Dragging out the inevitable or bringing the black cloud of death to the door may be an interpretation of Hospice for some, but that's just not the case, Kovak said.

■ 'We are here to provide comfort and quality of life so the patient dies with peace and dignity.'

Gloria Kovak
Hospice of Michigan

"That's not what Hospice is about. Sometimes the community feels that way, but they don't need to feel that way because Hospice is about life and about living," Kovak said. "We're not hastening or prolonging life. We're letting the disease take it's normal course."

Being accepted into the Hospice program requires the patient have a terminal diagnosis from their medical professional. The care provided is available 24 hours a day from a number of different sources.

"It's comprehensive care that addresses the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of the patient, it's almost holistic," said Tracy Lark, director of communications. "Our goal following Proposal B is to make sure everyone at least knows what Hospice is for their end of life decisions."

The Hospice services can be provided wherever the patient wants including the hospital, a nursing home or at their own residence.

"The end of life is often a time of [illegible] reconciliation [illegible] patients and [illegible] sense of closure [illegible]."

"There is a time to this time and a large part of our job is helping families to cope because it's very frightening for them," Lark said.

"We understand what they are facing and eliminate their fears and bring hope back into their life so they are not feeling so helpless."

"We show families that this experience can be a gift of love they provide to their loved ones at the end of life," Kovak said.

"Everybody comes to us at different levels of acceptance and our goal is help the family come to level of acceptance that is often necessary to see the patient through the progress of the disease."

Hospice of Michigan, based in Southfield, is the largest provider of Hospice Care in the state, serving 900 patients a day. It is the largest non-profit Hospice organization in the country and takes every patient regardless of ability to pay, although many insurance companies and Medicaid cover the service.

To contact Hospice of Michigan, call (248) 559-9209.

Kevorkian

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King Live television show. But the prosecutor said he knows Sedler is considered an expert on constitutional law — something that prompted his appellate division to research topics such as the affective date of the state's new law banning assisted suicide, Sept. 1.

Gorcyca agrees that Kevorkian "will be making a big mistake" if he does try to representing himself. "The stakes are very high," he said. Conviction on the murder charge carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison, while violating the state's ban on assisted suicide is punishable by up to four years in prison.

There's no doubt on Gorcyca's part about who will be the lead prosecutor in the Kevorkian case. It's John Skrzynski, a veteran trial attorney who twice in 1996 prosecuted Kevorkian for violating state law against assisted suicide. Both jury trial ended in acquittal.

"John's a top notch prosecutor," said his boss. "And we've learned some things from our experience."

Skrzynski has already made one comment indicating an awareness that showmanship may enter into any trial involving Kevorkian. That was last week at Kevorkian's arraignment when a magistrate in District Court 51 released Kevorkian him on $750,000 personal bond, rather than placing him in jail as some critics demanded.

Skrzynski was pragmatic, saying he'd rather have Kevorkian out on bond rather than in jail, where — as he has on previous occasions— he might garner sympathy by going on a hunger strike.

Kevorkian is scheduled for preliminary examination on Dec. 9, in Waterford District Court.

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Kevorkian's new attorney is no Fieger

■ 'I will evoke emotion, but I don't believe in being abrasive.'

David Gorosh
—Kevorkian's attorney

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David Gorosh doesn't relish comparisons between him and Geoffrey N. Fieger, the lawyer he supplanted as lead attorney on the defense team for Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

"Fieger is a master and I have the utmost respect for him," said Gorosh, referring to the attorney for whom he worked until about two months ago. "But Fieger has his style, and I have mine."

Gorosh has been thrust into the public limelight since *60 Minutes* aired a video of Kevorkian helping Thomas Youk of Waterford die on Sept. 17. Kevorkian was subsequently charged with first degree murder, assisting in a suicide and delivering a controlled substance.

To the surprise of many, the fiery Kevorkian announced he would serve as his own defense attorney with Gorosh and a team of other lawyers providing legal counseling.

Gorosh declined to use the phrase "serving as his own defense attorney" to describe his client's involvement in his own defense. "But Dr. Kevorkian will be very active in his own trial," said Gorosh. "He's not trained as a lawyer, but every defendant has a constitutional right to defend himself.

"He (Kevorkian) could very well cross examine witnesses and perform other significant tasks," said Gorosh.

Others, including Fieger and Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca, say Kevorkian would be making a big mistake representing himself. "The stakes are very high," said the prosecutor, who noted Kevorkian could be sentenced to mandatory life in prison if convicted of murder.

Ironically, Gorosh said he was among the people surprised when Kevorkian turned to him for legal counsel. "I'm not sure why," Gorosh said. "I have some ideas, but I'm not sure."

The Fieger team gave excellent service during the almost nine years it represented Kevorkian, Gorosh said. But now that Kevorkian has made a change — for whatever reason — Gorosh said he is ready.

Oddly enough, Gorosh grew up in Oak Park, "in the same neighborhood as Geoffrey Fieger." But he was more thrilled to be associated with Geoffrey's brother, Doug Fieger, a drummer with the pop-rock group known as "The Knack."

At Southfield-Lathrup High School, Gorosh was captain of the debate team and in 1986 won a debating scholarship to the University of Arizona. He subsequently enrolled at the University of Detroit-Mercy Law School.

Prior to joining Fieger's law firm, Gorosh worked with the Wayne County prosecutor's office where he quickly moved up the ladder to the point of handling cases involving armed robbery, criminal sexual assault, carjackings and murder.

"I handled a lot of major cases," he said, "but I've never been in the public arena like this (handling Kevorkian's case). I'm not sure I like it."

When it comes to courtroom styles, Gorosh said he and Fieger have at least one trait in common: aggressiveness.

"But I'm aggressive in a different way than Fieger is," Gorosh said. "He's a master at evoking emotion when it's called for.

"I will evoke emotion," said Gorosh, "but I don't believe in being abrasive."

Gorosh could never, for example, see himself with a blown up picture of his opponent with a red balloon as a nose — as Fieger once had to depict then-prosecutor Richard Thompson.

Gorosh said he has too much respect for the legal system to ever be so confrontational as to be considered insulting, as some belief Fieger has done. "But I will be very effective in defending the rights of Dr. Kevorkian."

In the meantime, Gorosh is busy opening a new office in Southfield. He and his wife, Laura — who teaches foreign language at Lone Pine and Pine Lake elementary schools — live in Birmingham. Their daughter, Hannah, is 4 months old.

Gilda's gets a grant

Gilda's Club Metro Detroit received a grant for $7,530 from Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeastern Michigan. The grant will be used for the purchase of a multi-media computer and software.

Hospice care a godsend for woman

Grace Fraser, 85, of Farmington Hills, was diagnosed with terminal cancer in October and entered the Hospice program soon afterwards. Despite her grave condition she never considered assisted suicide an option.

"That I don't approve of and that was not even an issue with me," Fraser said, citing religious reasons for her opinion. "Hospice care is wonderful and I'm so grateful to God that I found it."

Fraser's daughter, Joyce Hoppe, brought Hospice to her home on the recommendation of a neighbor. Her mother's diagnosis marks the third time in the last eight years that Hoppe has faced losing a family member to cancer.

She provided complete care for her husband until he was hospitalized and passed away before she even new about Hospice. Her younger sister also died following a two-year battle with cancer.

"The assisted suicide issue is a mute point with me. I feel when it's time to go, you will go," Hoppe said. "And I know when you see people suffering, some might think it should be ended, but personally I'm against it."

The fact that Hospice can provide relief from the pain and can be such a strong emotional support base for the family has made this third harrowing cancer experience easier for Hoppe.

She feels better about her mother's situation simply because her mom is so comfortable with Hospice.

Charter Township of Springfield

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NEW BUSINESS:

1. Richard Bourgeois, 11512 Ember, Davisburg, MI 48350 to increase a pre-existing non-conforming front yard setback of twenty (20) feet by an additional five (5) feet which would result in a front yard setback of fifteen (15) feet rather than the required fifty (50) feet. P.I. #07-28-201-028.

2. Kraftwood Construction, 9651 Kenyon, Holly, MI 48442 to determine whether the location of a custom cabinetmaking business in a structure and on land that is lawfully non-conforming as light industrial in a district currently zoned residential, would enlarge or alter the use in a way that would increase its non-conformity, P.I. #07-11-376-045.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the maps and variance requests may be examined at the Springfield Township Clerk's Office, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, Michigan, during regular office hours Monday through Friday until the date of the meeting. Anyone needing a special accommodation at the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at least two (2) business days in advance of the meeting.

NANCY STRÖLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 23, 1998
SYNOPSIS

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 p.m by Supervisor Walls

AGENDA:

1. Westwood Hills Proposed Plan:
   a) Convened to Closed Session 7:40 p.m to discuss proposed consent judgment, reconvened to Open Session 8:30 p.m.
   b) Formally indicated general willingness, conditioned on developer meeting limitations listed by Township, to negotiate a settlement.
2. Proposed Township Civic Center: Conditionally approved retaining Minoru Yamasaki Associates to continue architectural services for project, subject to execution of contract satisfactory to Township.
3. Shiawassee Basin Preserve Fund: Amended 1999 budget to revise total revenues and expenses to $39,465.00

ADJOURNED: 9:40 p.m.

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WAITING FOR YOUR CALL
Widowed WF, 60, 5'2", blonde/blue, N/S, social drinker, financially/emotionally secure, seeks honest, caring man, 58-65, good sense of humor. ☎1253

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Widowed WF, 50+, blonde/blue, N/S, likes movies, dancing, dining out, travelling, cooking. Seeking honest, romantic SWM, 50+, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎1012

PRETTY, 45, NO KIDS
Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 5'6", 275lbs, curvy, blonde; enjoys arts, beaches, sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/lover, to share time, talking, flirting, etc. ☎1625

SEEKS CONFIDENT, SECURE MAN
Pretty, classy, slim, secure, open, hip gal, 5'7", no children, seeks SWPM, average/attractive, trustworthy, emotionally/financially stable, fun, hip guy, 48-52, 5'6"-5'11". No games. You won't be disappointed. ☎1531

BUSINESS OWNER WANTED
by very pretty, full-figured, blue-eyed, blonde SF, youthful 48, 5'6", smoker, lives in Troy, seeks warm, intelligent man, for friendship. ☎1472

PRETTY LADY
Classy, slender, youthful, playful, intelligent, professional SWF, 5'4", brown/brown, homeowner, no dependents, N/S, social drinker, seeks educated PM, 45+, emotionally/ financially secure. Let's meet for coffee and see what happens. ☎1469

FIRST-TIME AD
WCF, 31, tall, thin, blonde, professional seeks attractive, adventurous male who loves skiing, golfing and boating. ☎1470

COMPANION & BEST FRIEND
SWF, 5'4", 138lbs, blonde, N/S, seeks SWM, 45-58, young-looking and energetic, like myself. A little bit country, a little bit rock-n-roll; can be humorous as well as serious. ☎1298

GENTLEMEN ONLY
I'm pretty, slender, tall, very intelligent, refined, fun, smoker, 52. Seeking intelligent, tall, articulate, classy, confident, gentleman, 52-65, wanting someone for cozy dinner dates laced with good conversation. ☎1285

A PINCH OF JUNGLE FEVER
Complex preference, not novelty. DWF, 38, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, seeks financially/emotionally secure black gentleman, late 30s+, for monogamous, physical and spiritual happiness. ☎9680

STARTING OVER
DWF, 43, 5'10", N/S, N/Drugs, easygoing, overweight, South Lyon Area, enjoys swimming, walking, bowling, cards, pets, traveling. Seeking honest, loyal SWM, N/S, N/Drugs. ☎1713

FRIENDSHIP SEARCH
SBF, college graduate, N/S, loves laughter, home movies, long drives. Seeking someone with whom to share friendship, possible LTR. ☎1620

THE CALL YOU WON'T REGRET
Mature, kind-hearted, quiet SBF, 22, 5', 160lbs, enjoys books and movies, seeks ambitious SWM, 24-30, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1628

WANT TO FALL IN LOVE?
SWF, 38, brown/hazel, enjoys cooking, going up North, boating, dancing, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, physically fit, Catholic SWM, 35-40, 5'+, N/S, for friendship, possible LTR. ☎1655

STILL LOOKING
SWF, 28, 5'3", enjoys dining out, dart, Red Wings, and more. Seeking SWM, 25-35, who is not afraid of a commitment. ☎1858

TAKE A CHANCE
Widowed lady, young 63, blond/blue, enjoys movies, theater, dining in/out, animals, walking, swimming, works part-time, has two weekdays, weekends free to spend with loving, caring white gentleman, 60s. ☎1657

LONELY IN WESTLAND
Financially secure, attractive SWPF, 50, 5'4", slightly overweight, trimming down, N/S; N/D, seeks S/DWM, 48-60, for friendship and companionship, possible LTR. ☎1651

WHERE ARE YOU?
Employed, active DWF, 59, 5'4", 145lbs, with Varied Interests; has searched far and wide for a SWM interested in LTR. I haven't found you yet. ☎1595

TIRED OF BEING LONELY?
Attractive DWF, young 50, 5'4", brown/blue, N/S, financially/emotionally secure, enjoys movies, dining, sports, travel, and romance. Seeking attractive, honest, caring, compassionate SWM, 45-55, financially secure, for friendship, leading to LTR. ☎1106

SHARE MY LIFE
Earthy, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 46, 5'10", enjoys antiques, animals, and log cabins. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 6'+, who enjoys the outdoors. ☎1597

EXPRESSIVE
Youthful, active, energetic, outgoing SBF, 58, 5' 4", seeks to meet SM with similar traits for friendship possible relationship. ☎1536

WANTED: BEST FRIEND/LOVER
SWF, 47, 5'6", 125lbs, pretty, great sense of humor, enjoys romance, laughter, fun in the sun. Seeking tall, handsome, secure SWM, 42-52, who's not afraid of commitment. N/Drugs or alcohol. ☎1537

COMPANION FOR HOLIDAYS
Pretty, proportionate, 54 years young lady who loves life, travel, earth/ocean. Still believes in kindness and sharing. Seeking tall, intelligent, emotionally/financially secure, healthy gentleman to enjoy the wonders of life with. ☎9123

BEAUTIFUL, PASSIONATE, DOCTOR
Vivacious, SF, 30-something, 5'5", 137lbs, seeks monogamous relationship, with an educated, financially secure, gentleman. ☎1529

FRIENDS FIRST
DWF, 31, red/green, size 8, enjoys some sports, Nascar, dancing, quiet nights, and time with son. Seeking S/DWM, 28-38, H/W proportionate, with same interests, for friends first, possible LTR. ☎1473

LET'S HORSE AROUND...
Urban cowgirl, 40, 5'7", 145lbs, brunette/brown, horse owner, N/S, loves volleyball, waltz ball, cross-country skiing, biking, hiking, travel. Seeking tall, fit male, 35-45, N/S, with similar interests. ☎1345

SOULMATE SEARCH
Attractive, passionate BF, seeks one special man, 35+, to be friend, lover, and companion. I know you are out there seeking me. ☎1346

R U SELECTIVE?
Tall, attractive lady, H/W proportionate, with great sense of humor and lots of TLC to share. Seeking tall, intelligent, romantic, quality male, 55+, with high standards, who enjoys various activities. ☎9726

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Educated, financially secure SBPF, enjoys travel, reading, intelligent conversation. Seeking honest, sincere SPM, preferably a graduate/medical student. ☎1351

COULD CONNECT...
with tall, H/W proportionate, secure, ethical, nice-looking guy, 47+, with hair. Pretty, dark-haired SWPF, 40ish, 5'4", 115lbs, with varied interests, great legs and good heart, would like to talk with you. ☎1378

ATTRACTIVE BLONDE LADY
European-born, refined, giving, loving, educated, young 50ish, 5'6", good figured, N/S, many interests, seeks gentleman, 65-75, with sense of humor, caring, intelligent, secure, N/S, for lasting relationship. ☎1297

R.S.V.P
an invitation to meet this attractive DWF, 44, if you are an attractive S/DWM, 38+, N/S, smart, sincere, fun, no games guy. Let the party begin! ☎1299

LOOKING FOR A WALK...
...in the clouds with you. SWF, 55, 5'3", enjoys dining out, casinos, live entertainment. Seeking SM, 50-63, a good listener, for dating and companionship. ☎1290

LOOKING FOR LOVE...
DW mother of three, 5'7", H/W proportionate, brown/blue, enjoys hockey, dining, music, dancing, movies. Seeking sincere, honest, fun-loving, stable S/DWM, 34-45, 5'8"+, H/W proportionate. Must love kids. ☎1292

ALMOST HAVE IT ALL
Everything going for you, but someone to share life with? I'm looking for someone like myself. Professional, attractive, articulate, spiritual, adventurous. I'm physically fit, 37, 5'6", long, dark hair/dark eyes. ☎1289

PRETTY NATURE LOVER
SWF, 43, 5'7", 127lbs, studying alternative medicine, into self growth, woods walking, singing, natural health, laughing, speaking truth, life. I'm spunky, unique, loving. Seeking N/S, soul connection SWM, 38-48. ☎9723

R U 4 ME?
DWF, 57, 5'4", 125lbs, long brown/blue, enjoys movies, restaurants, crafts, dancing, reading. Seeking S/DWM, 55-65, with similar interests. Friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1284

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
Easygoing SWF, 31, 5'7", medium build, dark/hazel, never married, two daughters (4 and 9). Seeking clean SWM, 25-35, for friendship, possible more. Must enjoy being around children and animals. ☎1252

WOMAN WITHOUT BAGGAGE
Attractive, fit, degreed, honest SWF, 30, 5'2", no dependents, rarely drinks, N/S, enjoys animals, sports, outdoors, humor, the zoo, romance. Seeking similar qualities in a SWM, 28-40, for LTR. ☎1199

LOOKING FOR THAT SPECIAL SOMEONE
SWPF, 51, 5'3", 125lbs, brown eyes, financially secure, enjoys outdoors, travel, quiet at home evenings, seeks sincere SWM, gentleman, caring, romantic, humorous, for a possible relationship. ☎8885

CARAMEL COMPLECTED
College-educated African American female, 35, financially secure, no children, enjoys dining, movies, concerts. Seeking SM, 28-37, 6'-6'4", for a LTR. ☎1065

I AM WHO I AM
Full-figured DF, 40, brown/green, smoker, hard-worker, seeks an employed male, age/race unimportant, kind caring, for dining, travel, quiet times. ☎1068

LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
SWF, 34, 5'4", 145lbs, brown/brown, seeks a nice, sweet, personable male, who likes sports, reading and music. ☎1161

ENTREPRENEUR
Pretty, successful, humorous, charming, interesting, giving female, 52, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, fine dining, cooking, boating, loves people. Seeking soulmate in a successful, sincere WM, 45-70. Please reply. ☎1162

DRAWN TO WIDOWERS
Real, pretty, smart, attractive female, 51, red/blue, educated, values family, honesty, morals, dignity. Interests: sports, dining, gardening, reading, walks. Seeking family-oriented male. ☎1109

PRETTY, FIT, AND HONEST
Humorous, romantic lady, 44, 5'4", 125lbs, brunette/blue, with a big heart, but not jealous or controlling. Seeking a very handsome, fit, and honest gentleman. ☎1116

ARE YOU READY TO SOAR...
on eagles wings? Do you believe all things are possible including finding that special someone? If you dare to believe God call and let's fly together. Seeking SBCM, 40-46. ☎1099

LADY IN WAITING
Good-looking 46, DBCPF, 5'5", 140lbs., N/S, enjoy traveling, movies, reading, exercising, outdoor activities. Seeking SCPM, N/S, with similar interests, for friendship, possibly more. ☎1098

BEAUTIFUL, BLUE EYES
SWF, 28, seeks mature, responsible SWM, 28-35, for LTR only, must enjoy music, romance and animals. Serious replies please. ☎1017

INTRIGUING, IMPETUOUS
WF, 50s, 5'6", seeks a tall WM, 55+, impulsive, creative, kind-hearted, who enjoys the river, mountains, pine trees, Chopin and Yanni. ☎1064

BEAUTIFUL
Big and beautiful DJF, 49, N/S, exquisite tastes and light-hearted attitude describe you and I, so let's meet! ☎1016

LIVE, LOVE, LAUGH
Attractive, full-figured DBF, 45, 5'11", enjoys traveling, and new adventures. Seeking honest, caring, sincere, intelligent, fun loving, open minded, SM, 47-59, NS, drug free, for possible LTR. ☎1011

GETTING TO KNOW YOU
Petite SWF, 29, 5', 130lbs, short brown/brown, enjoys dancing, dining, movies, theatre, concerts, outdoor summer activities, seeks SWM, 25-35, with no games, for friendship, relationship, possible marriage. Let's talk. ☎1007

WANTED: MAN IN UNIFORM
Laid-back, caring SWF, 24, enjoys movies, dancing, concerts, walks, dining out. Seeking uniformed S/DWM, 22-30, for friendship, possible LTR. Kids ok. ☎1008

LONELY IN LIVONIA
Shapely, adventurous, romantic, down-to-earth DWPF, 38, 5', brunette, N/S, one son, homemaker type. Seeking someone who can appreciate a fun, committed, family-oriented LTR. ☎1009

RESIDENT/PHYSICIAN/ENGINEER
...wanted. Seeking down-to-earth, respectable gentleman, under 35, single-never married. I'm youthful, 5'6", MBA graduate, natural beauty, classy yet down-to-earth. Enjoys tennis, walking, movies, theatre, cultural events. ☎1004

SEEKING SENSE OF HUMOR
DWF, 43, medium build, N/S, seeks a S/DWM, 43-50, N/S, employed, who likes children, outdoors, sports, for a possible LTR. ☎1000

INTERESTING GEMINI
SWPF, 50s, N/S, N/D, no dependents, sense of humor, spiritual, spontaneous, easygoing, seeks tall, polished gentleman, 58-65, intelligent, honest. Must be interesting. ☎9971

ARE YOU THE ONE?
SBF, 25, enjoys movies, concerts, bowling. Seeking professional male, 25-30. If you're out there, give me a call. ☎8915

SHORT AND SWEET
Classy petite DWF, red/brown, N/S, social drinker, loves country music, bowling, boating, gambling, traveling, cooking for someone special. If you are humorous, thoughtful and romantic, 55-60, under 5', I'm for you. ☎9822

CHAMPAGNE AND CAVIAR
SBF, 47, attractive, likes jazz, traveling, classic cars, dining. Seeking SM, sense of humor, financially secure, honest, race unimportant. ☎9820

PRETTY BROWN-EYED ITALIAN
Outgoing single mom, 38, brown/brown. Likes movies, theater, dancing, long walks, good conversation. Seeking handsome male, dark hair/brown, 35-45, who is romantic, sincere, honest, with a sense of humor. ☎1721

MEET SOMEONE WONDERFUL

MIDDLE EASTERN A PLUS
Sincere, thoughtful, trim, athletic, degreed, understanding SWPM, 39, 6'1", 190lbs, seeks very slim, trim Middle Eastern/white female, for monogamous, passionate LTR. ☎1770

OLD FASHION ROMANTIC GUY
Down-to-earth, intelligent, passionate, honest, very giving, sincere SWM, 35, extremely fit, knows how to treat a lady, loves kids. Seeking slim, soft, feminine, sweet-hearted SW/AF soulmate. For monogamous LTR. ☎1714

FIRST TIME AD
SWM seeks honest, ambitious, warm, caring SWF 50-60, not over 5'6" or over 140lbs, who likes flea markets, travel, home life, sewing, mending, cooking with variety of interests. No game playing. ☎1724

SEEKS FULL-FIGURED WOMAN
Widowed SM, 51, 5'5", with one child at home, seeks marriage-minded, kind, caring, loving, romantic woman, for LTR. ☎1718

REDFORD AREA
Very attractive, athletic SWM, 27, 5'10", 170lbs seeks attractive, fit SWF, 23-35, who enjoys exercising, shooting pool, movies and plain old fun and dating. LTR. ☎1664

ATTN: INCURABLE ROMANTIC
Have all the quality, sweet, sincere SFs gotten married or just moved to the Bermuda Triangle? Slim, sensual, spiritual SJM, 46, seeks SF, soulmate, 30-45. SE Oakland County. ☎1197

PHILOSOPHICAL AND KINDHEARTED
Friendly, philosophical SWPM, 33, attractive international relations PhD, athletic and physically fit, likes travel, tennis, skiing, art, music. Seeking strong-minded, kind, attractive, degreed SWF, with similar interests. ☎1291

DO PERSONALS WORK?
Gentlemanly, warm, sincere SWM, 47, enjoys movies, flea markets, country buffets, etc. Seeking expressive, attentive SWF, for LTR. ☎1652

UNIQUE, BALANCED...
good-looking SWM, 51, 5'9", professional, homeowner. Young mind, body, and soul, sincere, active; romantic, intelligent, spontaneous, communicative, humorous. Enjoy bicycling, art, music, reading, travel. Seeking attractive, multi-dimensional, slender soulmate. ☎1717

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SMILE WITH ME
Exceptional, practical, playful, caring, tall, handsome SWPM, 40-ish, dark blonde/large blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 45, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. See you soon. ☎9554

PLAIN AND SIMPLY PUT
Wanted: one easygoing, fun female, under 43, N/S, under 140lbs, who enjoys movies, bowling, walks, quiet times, for monogamous relationship. ☎1723

STRONG SHOULDER, GOOD EAR
Fit, attractive, young-at-heart DWM, mid-40s, 6'3", 190lbs, enjoys travel, outdoors, quiet evenings, seeks cute, feminine counterpart, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. Canton area. ☎1773

KIND-HEARTED
Intelligent, passionate, sensual, thoughtful, funny, good-looking, tall, well-built SWM, mid-30s, looking for sweet, easygoing, decent looking, sensual, passionate SF, for best friend/lover. ☎9461

FLORIDA VACATION MATE
Handsome SWM businessman, 45, vacations in Florida, seeks adventurous SWF, with fun-loving personality, to enjoy winter getaway with, possible LTR. Age open. ☎1711

JUST RIGHT 4 U?
Sophisticated, resourceful SWM, 44, free wheeling entrepreneur, seeks interesting, lively lady, 30s-40s, for socializing, possible LTR. ☎1712

TRUE GENTLEMAN
Honest, caring, attractive SWM, 6', brown/blue; enjoys, movies, sports, quiet time. Seeking attractive, caring SF, with same qualities, for friendship and possible relationship. ☎9727

SEEKING SPECIAL LADY
Outgoing, handsome, degreed SWM, 40, 5'8", N/S, enjoys dining out, movies, theater, cultural events, long walks, romance, someone to laugh. Seeking slender, attractive SWF, who is sincere and interested in LTR. ☎1710

LET'S SHARE HOLIDAYS
Professionally employed, college-educated WM, 48, 5'11", 195lbs, brown/blue, no dependents, occasional social drinker, N/S, enjoys outdoors, fitness. Seeking similar in WPF, 40-52, N/S, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1598

LADY WANTED
Warm, honest, attractive, humorous DWCP male, 51, brown/blue, N/S, enjoys movies, outdoors, family, travel. Seeking S/DWF, to respect and share life with. ☎1599

BEST AVAILABLE
Degreed African-American male, 45, 5'10", 180lbs, N/S, social drinker, enjoys art, movies. Seeking outgoing fun woman. ☎1619

A GENTLEMAN, SOMETIMES
DWM, 41, 175lbs, N/S, social drinker, seeks woman, 28-45, who enjoys shopping, cooking, and the outdoors. ☎1622

KRIS DRAPER LOOK-ALIKE
SWM, 34, 5'9", 140lbs, light brown/light blue, with great sense of humor, seeks SWF, 21-36, who enjoys hockey, football, hiking, sledding, for possible LTR. ☎1626

A SAIL AWAY
Attractive, emotionally secure SWPM, 54, who lives to touch all aspects of life, enjoys dancing, sailing, skiing. Seeking SWF, 38 +. ☎1627

NIGHT IN SHINING DENIM
SM, 5'9", muscular 180lbs, Sandy blond/blue, outdoorsman, seeks adventurous, emotionally stable SWF, 30-38, who's ready for travel, romance, and laughter. ☎1663

HUMOROUS
Fun-loving SWM, 42, 6'2", 195lbs, blond/hazel, good listener, likes kids, travel, water sports, rock music. Seeks WF, 30-45, for relationship. ☎1629

WANTED: BEST FRIEND
DWPM, 37, 5'10", 170lbs, enjoys outdoors, and being active. Seeking, affectionate, fit, loving sweetheart, to share music, travel, dining, and romantic, quiet times. Wixom area. ☎1665

LOOKING FOR SPECIAL PERSON
Very romantic SWM, 49, 5'9", 175lbs, brown/blue, looking for a very special woman; age open, for dating and more. All calls answered. ☎1661

YOUR SMILE WILL...
start my days, and fill my nights. SWM father of one. Seeking active, in shape, SPF 30ish, to share laughter with, must be honest, warm-hearted, love children. Novi area. ☎1659

GOT AN UMBRELLA?
Are you a SWF, 18-23? I'm a SWM, 22, looking for a nice, honest, caring person, for a possible LTR. I'm tired of being left in the rain. ☎1653

IF YOU KISS...
on the first date, let's go out! Neat stylish SWM 43, enjoys the arts, travel, dining and dancing. Seeking quality time with stimulating SWF. ☎1649

SLIGHTLY SINFUL
SWM, 39, works hard, plays even harder, many great qualities, seeks energy exchange with warm, expressive, potential sweetheart. ☎1650

RARE FIND
Handsome SWPM, 39, 5'10", 170lbs; trim, great shape, enjoys outdoors, volleyball, rock music, biking, dancing, comedy, custodial dad of 12 year-old son. Seeking attractive, slender, independent female, with similar interests. ☎9618

SHARE LIFE
Sincere, caring, fit, active SWM, 6', 170lbs, N/S, college graduate, foster parent, enjoys the outdoors, travel, culture, humor, and good conversation. Seeking retired SWF, 50s, LTR, to share life, adventures. ☎1014

SINCERELY YOURS
Seeking sincere, attractive, affectionate, very feminine SWF, 35-45, slim to medium build, for cultured, articulate, dignified, nice-looking SBM, 47, 5'7", 148lbs, who desires long-term, monogamous relationship. ☎1540

STILL SEARCHING
Attractive SWM, 35, 6', 190lbs, brown/blue, professionally employed, Garden City homeowner, seeks an attractive SWF, for dating, friendship, possible LTR. ☎1534

EXPLORE LIFE: FIND YOUR MAN
Creative, big-hearted SWM, 34, 5'9", sandy blond/blue, athletic build, outdoors man, enjoys travel, sports, working out. Seeking emotionally available, outgoing SF, 25-38, no children, H/W proportionate, with similar interests for LTR. ☎1662

DAD SEEKS MOM
Active, fit, financially secure, clean-cut DWM father, 50, 5'7", 150lbs, loves kids, has 2, wants to be part of a family. ☎1589

WANTED: PUPPY LOVE
SWM, 51, 6', 195lbs, with hair, seeks petite female, with warm heart, for holding hands, watching TV, walks in the woods, wine. Livonia area. ☎1590

MOVIE LOVER
This SWPM, 39, 5'11", with no dependents, N/S, also enjoys arts, tennis, travel, walking, bookstores. Seeking SWF, to share these and other interests. ☎1592

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
SB gentleman, 43, 6', 225lbs, N/S, N/D, enjoys indoor/outdoor activities, seeks a slender female friend, N/S, with many interests. Race/age unimportant. ☎1596

YOU SEEK AN...
Attractive, professional SWM, 39, 6', 165lbs, who listens to your dreams and helps make them a reality; who knows who he is, and loves who you are. ☎1191

LIVONIA AREA
Secure SWM, 55, likes movies, sports, travel, dining, quiet times. Seeking SWF, 43-55, N/S, N/D, for companionship to LTR. ☎1542

REAL LADY SOUGHT
Stable DWM, 54, looks 40, 5'11", seeks honest, loyal, marriage-minded, family-oriented S/DWF, 35-50, H/W proportionate, for LTR. ☎1538

ZEST FOR LIFE
Professional fire fighter SWM, 35, 5'8", 160lbs, blond/blue, enjoys outdoor activities. Seeking S/DW/HF, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1535

BALANCED & LOGISTICAL
Relationship friendly SWM, 46, responsive, reciprocal, marketable skills, has productivity and resources for a partnership with you (SWF, 34-50). ☎1532

ABOUT THAT VACANCY...
Why confront life's challenges alone? If you're a decent-looking, pleasant lady, I'm a sharp up-scale, reliable SWM, 40ish, looking to connect. ☎1533

SEARCHING FOR YOU
Fun, attractive, intelligent, romantic, caring DWM, 58, with great smile, interests vary from concerts to craft shows, long drives. If you're an honest, romantic looking for commitment/love, please call. ☎9544

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LOYAL
Tall, honest, sincere DWM, 54, 6'4", N/S, slim, in good physical condition, sense of humor, self-employed. Would like to meet a slender lady, 41-49, for companionship, possible LTR. ☎9541

USED GUY CONNECTION
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PAST YOUR PRIME?
You'll do just fine! Handsome, successful SWM, 45, tired of Prime Donnas, seeks settled, sociable, sincere lady, age open. ☎1288

WEST SIDE AREA
Attractive, financially secure DWM, 48, 6'1", 185lbs, brown/blue, moustache, N/S, light drinker, enjoys dancing, movies, music of 60s. Seeking attractive, slender, honest SWF, 38-50, who's emotionally ready for LTR. ☎9724

BIG TEDDY BEAR
Romantic, affectionate, witty, intelligent SWM, 36, 5'10", brown/hazel, loves travel, movies/theater, music, laughter. Seeking queen-sized beauty who loves to laugh. Race open. ☎1344

ONE OF A KIND WOMAN
Sincere, outgoing, nice, pleasant DWM, 40, N/D, N/S, enjoys bike riding, rollerblading, movies, relaxing, nice sunsets. Seeking full-figured S/DWF, 35+, for friendship and relationship. Plymouth area. ☎9551

AFFECTIONATE MAN
SWM, 32, 5'6", 160lbs, enjoys music, sports, walks, travel. Seeking attractive, slender, passionate SWF, 25-50, N/S. Let's get together soon. ☎1296

SEEKING YOU
Very caring, attractive, outgoing, giving SWM, 46, with a variety of interests, loves to be romantic and cook. Seeking same in petite SWF, for friendship, maybe more. ☎9363

ATHLETIC
Easygoing SWPM, 28, 5'7", 155lbs, seeks mature SWPF, 24-32, who enjoys movies, music, the outdoors, quiet evenings, sporting events, and is not afraid of commitment. ☎9975

ALWAYS AND FOREVER
Caring, affectionate, loving DWM, 52, 5'7", loves lake activities, skiing, movies, and quality times together. Seeking SF, 40-50, petite-medium, for friendship, possible long-term monogamous relationship. Race unimportant. ☎1548

FULL-FIGURED HIPPIE
Affectionate SBM, enjoys bowling, pool, parks, movies, dining out, much more. Seeking attractive, warm, loving, caring, affectionate full-figured hippie female, 35-48, any race, for possible LTR. ☎1547

INTELLECTUAL PURSUITS
Tall, intelligent, witty, warm DWPM, 39, dark brown/green, seeks S/DWP female, 30-40, for movies, music, books and stimulating conversation. ☎9281

SEND ME AN ANGEL
Open-minded, warm-hearted, full-time father of gorgeous little girl, by Novi, seeks 30ish, warm-hearted female's smile to fill our day. Lakes, travel, snowmobiling, and workouts. ☎1196

MARRIAGE-MINDED
SWCM, 50, enjoys dancing, long walks, having fun, playing cards, traveling. Searching for a good woman, 35-50, to share. ☎1545

NO GAMES
European, good-looking male 5'10", likes fun stuff, horses, skating, swimming, trips, back rubs. Looking for that special lady, for LTR. ☎1546

PLEASE CALL MY DAD:
Warm, kind, sensitive, down-to-earth DWPM, 39, 5'9", brown/hazel, custodial parent of two, social drinker, enjoys cooking, Cedar Point, camping, socializing. Seeking DWF, with kids, for companionship, serious relationship. West Bloomfield. ☎9536

STRONG, HEALTHY, HAPPY
DWM devoted dad, 5'11", 235lbs, resembles Al on "Tool Time", N/S, N/D, seeks S/DF, 35-47, race/religion open, N/S, who likes to laugh and be treated well. ☎1439

OPEN BOOK
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INDEPENDENT
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SIMPLE GUY
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CHRIST CHURCH CHOIR

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KIRK CHANCEL CHOIR

The Kirk Chancel Choir, soloists and orchestra, will perform Handel's Messiah, Part 1 and Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 West Long Lake Road in Bloomfield Hills.

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The Dec. 7 session is entitled "The Invention of the Jewish Home." The sessions are led by Rabbi Aaron Bergman. New students are welcome. Tuition is $7 per session ($5 per session for members of organizations that sponsor Eilu v Eilu: Adat Shalom, Beth Abraham Hillel Moses, Beth Shalom, B'nai Moshe, Hillel Day School, Shaarey Zedek and Women's League for Conservative Judaism-Michigan Branch.)

■ "The Creative Spirit in Today's Judaism" will be discussed by Dr. Joe Lewis at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, in a talk at Borders Books Music Cafe in downtown Birmingham. The event is free and open to the community. Lewis is an Oak Park educator and author of "Friday Night Alive! A Service of the Heart," and "The Family Participation Haggadeh."

FAITH LUTHERAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

An evening of ethnic and "American" choral and dance, along with traditional Christmas carols, will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Faith Lutheran Church, 37635 Dequindre Road, near 16 Mile Road, Troy. Rina Singha, a classical East Indian dancer, will tell the story of Jesus through dance. Choral groups featured will be the Detroit Urban Lutheran School Children's Choir and Faith Lutheran Church Praise Team. All proceeds will benefit event sponsor, People of the Book Lutheran Outreach. Ticket donation is $5. A reception will follow. For ticket reservations or more information call (734) 467-6256.

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The Congregational Church of Birmingham will present a free Christmas Concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. The concert features vocal and handbell choirs as well as soprano soloists. The church is at 1000 Cranbrook Road, at Woodward, in Bloomfield Hills. For more information call (248)646-4511.

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One of the best: *Effort like this helped earn Clarkston's Rachel Uchman (left) a spot on the Eccentric All-North Oakland girls' basketball squad.*

Hoopin' it up

'98 squad had all the right moves

■ Talent, hard work and dedication mark the players who make up the 1998 Eccentric All-North Oakland girls' basketball team.

BY BRAD KADRICH
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The perfect girls' basketball team would include superb athletes, ladies graced with marvelous basketball skill, dedicated to defense who can score at will and defend the basketball with intensity.

Perhaps we've put together the perfect team, because the players on this team can do all of those things.

Between them there are appearances in a regional, one district championship and two district finals appearances.

Here's a look at the top five players in the North Oakland area:

First Team

■ Jennifer Johnson, Lake Orion, senior — Johnson, one of the county's top post players, was a constant in a season during which the Dragons often struggled.

She put together an excellent all-around season, averaging 16 points and nearly 10 rebounds a game.

She had 54 steals and shot 63 percent from the field.

Her consistency provided a comfort zone for Dragon coach Eve Claar.

"Jennifer's consistency and her level of effort and performance in every game is something that every coach desires," Claar said. "Knowing going into a game you can count on a double-double from her every night, or close to it, was a nice luxury."

Johnson, always a quiet force for the Dragons, picked up some of the vocal leadership responsibilities for Claar, a departure from character that pleased Claar.

"She's a very quiet leader, leading by example with her effort," Claar said. "She did become more vocal as the season progressed, which was a great step for her. It wasn't something she'd done in the past, and she worked on it and really stepped up. I was really proud of her."

■ Liz Holbrook, Oxford, junior — After transferring in from Georgia, Holbrook, a 6-foot-1 center, led the Wildcats to a 17-7 overall record, including a 10-4 mark in the Flint Metro League.

Her athletic skills combined with a great leaping ability allow her to dominate the pain when she works at it.

Holbrook was one of three unanimous first-team all-Flint Metro League selections.

She scored 467 points in 24 games (19.4 per game), grabbed 281 rebounds (11.7 per game) and blocked three shots a game. She shot 45 percent from the floor and 70 percent from the free throw line.

In Oxford's plus-minus rating system, Holbrook finished an astounding plus-646.

"Liz is a very talented player," Oxford coach Ian Smith said. "When she wants to, she can just dominate a game."

■ Deana Kanipe, Clarkston, senior — Kanipe, one of two repeat first-teamers, did a little bit of everything for the Wolves, who struggled through a regular season and fell to Oxford in the district tournament.

■ 'Deana did everything we asked her to do. She led by example.'
Ann Lowney
—Clarkston basketball coach

Kanipe, who passed the 1,000-point barrier for her varsity career, scored 260 points (13 per game). She also had 56 rebounds, 62 steals and 52 assists.

Kanipe was asked to break opposing presses, score and play defense against quick guards. It was a performance that impressed her coach.

"Deana did everything we asked her to do," Clarkston coach Ann Lowney said. "She really learned a lot about defensive positioning and she stayed out of foul trouble, which really helped. Deana was a silent leader for us. She led by example."

■ Andrea Fedorinchik, Oxford, senior — She doesn't score, she's not a big rebounder, she's only 5-foot-7.

But Fedorinchik turned out to be one of the biggest surprises in Oxford's rise to a district championship.

When Smith restructured his lineup, going to a quicker defense-oriented rotation, Fedorinchik stepped in and helped make it work.

"She was a true find," Smith said. "She was the best move I made all season. She made me look like a genius."

She only averaged slightly better than three points a game, only grabbed 46 rebounds and had 54 steals in 24 games.

But her work ethic and team-first attitude endeared her to her teammates and earned her honorable mention honors in all-league voting.

On the way to a district championship, Fedorinchik shut out both Clarkston's Deana Kanipe, a 1,000-point scorer in her career, and Lapeer East's Stephanie Getz, one of the Flint Metro League's top guards.

"Both of those girls had killed us earlier in the year," Smith said. "Fed just shut them down."

■ Rachel Uchman, Clarkston, junior — One of two underclassman to make the team this year, Uchman embodied everything that was positive for the Wolves this season.

Uchman averaged seven points a game and grabbed a team-high 124 rebounds (seven per game) despite missing two games. She also had 35 steals.

She worked hard, was a defensive presence and added some scoring punch for Lowney's Wolves.

"Rachel had a great year," Lowney said. "She was our vocal leader on the court. She led by example, and she was a great inspiration. She gave 110 per-

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1998 Eccentric All-North Oakland Basketball Team

First Team

Player	School	Yr.
Liz Holbrook	Oxford	Jr.
Andrea Fedorinchik	Oxford	Sr.
Jennifer Johnson	Lake Orion	Sr.
Rachel Uchman	Clarkston	Jr.
Deana Kanipe	Clarkston	Sr.

Coach of the Year — Ian Smith, Oxford

Second Team

Tracy Gawecki	Lake Orion	Sr.
Sherikia Humes	Lake Orion	Sr.
Melissa Dopirak	Oxford	Sr.
Corinne McIntyre	Clarkston	Sr.
Dana Millard	Oxford	So.

Wolves rebound, ice Jags

BY MIKE SCOTT
SPECIAL WRITER

Proving they could rebound from a disappointing loss, Clarkston defeated Allen Park 3-2 in a non-league game Saturday night on the road.

The Wolves (2-1) scored once in each period and hung on in the final minutes for the victory. It was Clarkston's first game in a week and marked the beginning of a busy schedule which will see them play eight games in the first three weeks of December.

Bill Kalush and Adam Leech scored power play goals in the first two periods to put the Wolves up 2-0 and Steve Janowiak added an even strength tally early in the third. Allen Park came on strong in the final minutes, coming up with two goals late.

Allen Park pulled their goalie in the final minute but Clarkston netminder Steve Badger was solid in goal, making 23 saves and keeping the hosts from tying the match.

■ 'They were in the (penalty) box more often than we were and that's where the difference in high school hockey often is.'
Bryan Krygier
—Clarkston hockey coach

"They were in the (penalty) box more than we were and that's where the difference in high school hockey often is," said Clarkston head coach Bryan Krygier. "That's where the game can usually be won and that's why converting on our power play is so important."

Allen Park (1-1) has had a hockey program for a much longer time than the Wolves and came out hitting early and often. Krygier was pleased that his squad remained disciplined and did not take bad penalties despite being confronted with physical play. He feels if Clarkston can be the be more effective om special teams, they will win the close games.

However Krygier does want to see the Wolves do a better job of protecting the lead.

"We let up a little bit at the end and that gave them some life," he said. "I was emphasizing that we wanted to get the first goal in each period and we did that, but we didn't do a good job or protecting the three-goal lead."

Krygier also praised the play of Allen Park's goalie who kept his squad in the match until the late comeback. For the match, Clarkston outshot Allen Park 26-25.

Jon Bemis, Bret Postal and defenseman Ron Wells, who is back from a football injury, all recorded assists for Clarkston who faced Birmingham yesterdat afternoon at Lakeland Ice Arena.

Something Krygier has been stressing to his team in the past week is the importance of directing shots on the opposing net. He told his defensemen in practice last week that it is better to fire shots at 70 or 80 percent speed and get them on net than blast away a harder shot but have it sail wide. He also has encouraged forwards to get their sticks on any rebounds or point shots.

"It's better to take a little off your shot as long as we put it on net," Krygier said. "We did a beter job of that (Saturday). And we're going to have to it some more in the next few games."

Despite the week off from games and the Thanksgiving holiday, the Wolves have continued to practice on a regular basis. Krygier said the recent break in action may help Clarkston in the coming weeks as the schedule becomes more intense. The Wolves play at River Rouge Saturday night in another tough non-league battle before hosting Waterford Mott on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at 3:30 at Lakeland Ice Arena.

With more games there will be less practice time for Clarkston in December but Krygier said that means practice will become even more crucial, as team or system play is stressed rather than individual skills which were paramount earlier in the season.

"Practices are more focused. We need to fine-tune what we've already learned and take the experiences from our first few games," Krygier said.

Look for the Wolves to use non-league games and weaker league opponents as an opportunity to get additional playing time for its fourth line and second power play line. Krygier may also use these matches as a time to compare line combinations to see if any changes should be made.

"We want to go into each game with the attitude that we know we'll win," Krygier said. "Everything has to be funneled toward the net."

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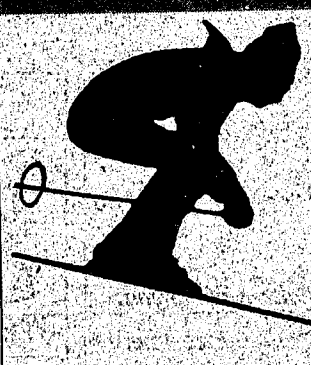

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cent every minute she was on the floor."

Second Team

■ **Tracy Gawecki, Lake Orion, senior** — Gawecki was a solid performer all season, but really helped the Dragons come alive near the end of the season, helping them reach the district championship game before bowing to Rochester.

She was second on the team in rebounding, averaging nearly five a game, and had 26 steals. She also chipped in six points per game. Gawecki was voted by teammates as the team's Best Defensive Player.

"She was such an impact player for us, especially down the stretch," Claar said. "It was hard to get her off the floor, she did so much for us. She was really the toughness of our team."

■ **Melissa Dopirak, Oxford, senior** — A senior guard, Dopirak struggled early in the season.

But she kept working hard and improving and, by season's end had become one of the Wildcats' best defenders.

She wasn't a big scorer, but with Holbrook on the floor she wasn't asked to score much. Dopirak provided defensive punch and, along with teammates Dana Millard and Beth Drake, made the Wildcats a better team.

She led the team in assists, was fifth in steals and scored three points a game. She was plus-91 for the season. She was an honorable-mention choice on the all-Flint Metro team.

■ 'Both those girls killed us earlier in the year. Fed just shut them down.'

Ian Smith
—Oxford basketball coach

"Melissa regrouped during the season and became the leader I'd hoped she'd be," Smith said. "By the end of the season, she was playing great basketball. She kept working hard and just got better as the second half of the season went along."

■ **Sherikia Humes, Lake Orion, senior** — Humes gave the Dragons their only consistent outside threat, and she also developed a knack for taking the ball to the hole.

Her speed and outside touch caused problems for opposing coaches. Humes averaged nearly 10 points per game and was the Dragons' leading 3-pointer shooter. She also had 35 steals and 28 assists.

"She's an explosive scorer, and I think the season reflected that," Claar said. "Shehad moments when she'd put together four or five great trips, and she'd score in bunches.

When she performed well, and put the ball in the basket, it made such a difference for our team."

■ **Corinne McIntyre, Clarkston, senior** — McIntyre suffered a foot injury earlier in the season, then came back to become a strong presence down the stretch for the Wolves.

With former Wolve Lori Wild moving to Utica, McIntyre had to pick up a lot of the slack in the post, a task she proved worthy of, especially toward the end of the season.

Despite missing two games, McIntyre was second on the team with 113 rebounds and chipped in three points per game.

"She overcame her injury and really picked it up at the end," Lowney said. "She always had to guard the other team's best post player. After the injury, she really became a great rebounder and a nice defensive presence."

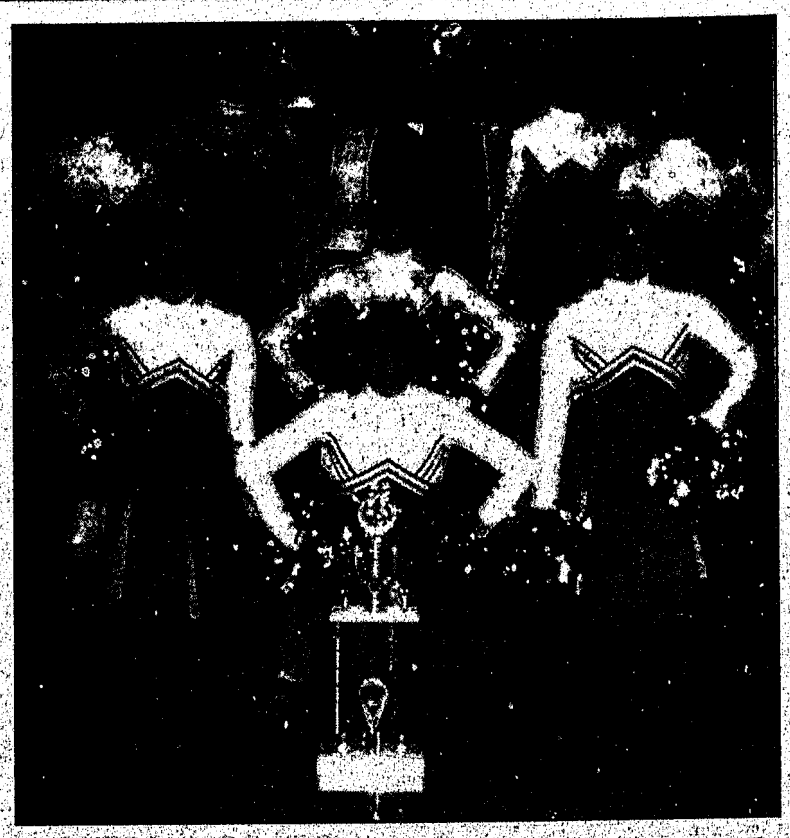
■ **Dana Millard, Oxford, sophomore** — On the bench to start the season, Millard, like Fedorinchik, hit the starting lineup when Smith restructured his defensive plans.

Ironically, Millard also turned into one of the Wildcats' biggest offensive threats as well. She was the team's leading 3-pointer shooter, making 22-of-69 (32 percent).

She also chipped in 37 steals and was third on the team in assists.

Her plus-111 rating was fourth on the team.

"She really played a key role for us down the stretch," Smith said. "When we got her into the starting lineup, she added that speed factor on defense and helped change our defensive scheme around. And she gave us that outside threat."



Cheery bunch: *Shalom's competitive cheer squad consists of (front) Karen Winegar, captain; (middle, l-r) Jessica Jenkins, Amber Smothers and Stacy Egerton; (back, l-r) Tabitha Clark, Anjela Johnson, assistant coach Michal LaTurneau, coach Ann LaTurneau, Nicole Mefferd and Sherri Egerton.*

Size isn't everything

Hawks prove bigger isn't necessarily better

BY DANIEL STICKRADT
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With just eight members, the Lake Orion Shalom Baptist competitive cheer team isn't anything like your successful prototypical cheer squad. But when the Hawks are out on the floor, the results are still the same.

Despite a small roster, Shalom's success so far this season can be measured by their performance Nov. 14 at the Christian Cheerleaders of America Midwest Regional, where the Hawks finished first out of 14 schools in the junior division (smaller schools) and second overall with 551 points in the three-round competition held at Covington (Ky.) Calvary Christian High School.

"The girls did a fantastic job and now they are really excited," said assistant coach Michal LaTurneau. "For a small team from a small school, this is a great accomplishment."

Because of their performance at the regional, which included schools from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Indiana, the Hawks qualified for the CCA National Finals March 18-20 at Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga.

"These girls have been working very hard and I think that it has all paid off," said LaTurneau, whose mom, Ann, is the head coach of the third-year program.

Shalom doesn't have any seniors on the team; in fact captain Karen Winegar is the only junior on the team. Sophomores Jessica Jenkins, Stacy Egerton, Anjela Johnson, Nikki Mefferd and Amber Smothers, plus eighth-graders Sherri Egerton and Tabitha Clark, round out the squad.

"We are not only a small team with just eight girls, but we are very young," said LaTurneau. "Our team is almost all sophomores."

Despite the small roster, Shalom is still able to do a variety of stunts and difficult routines, much like some performed by the state's traditional competitive cheer schools such as Grandville and Rochester, with whom the Hawks have practiced in the past.

"Practicing with a big school has helped. We learned a lot from that experience," said Ann LaTurneau. "It's very exciting what we've been able to accomplish. Not too much is expected from a small team like ours, but we accomplished a great deal."

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NORTH OAKLAND SPORTS SCENE

Wolfpack tryouts

The Clarkston Wolfpack girls AAU basketball tryouts are scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 6 at Clarkston Middle School.

Tryouts will be conducted from 1 to 2 p.m. for fifth graders; 2 to 3 p.m. for sixth graders; 3 to 4 p.m. for seventh graders; and 4 to 5 p.m. for eighth graders.

There is a $10 tryout fee, and a $250 season fee.

For more information, call Charlie Robinson, 625-9182.

Alumni game

The Lake Orion Dragons are trying to bring back a tradition.

The Dragons will host a Men's Alumni Basketball Game Tuesday, Dec. 22, in the new Dragon Field House.

Games are tentatively scheduled for 6 and 8 p.m., depending on the number of alumni who respond.

The game is open to any former Lake Orion men's varsity basketball players.

"We've got a new building and a new field house," new Dragon varsity coach Jim Manzo said. "We want to build on that, and there's no better way to do that than bringing back Dragon tradition."

Former players can call the athletic department, 693-5458, or contact Manzo directly at 693-5420, Ext. 6040 or 6041, or at home, 628-8594.

Hoop shoot contest

Area boys and girls ages 8-13 are eligible to enter the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" free throw contest hosted annually by the Pontiac-Waterford Elks #810.

This event, scheduled for Dec. 5 at Waterford Kettering High School, begins at 1:30 p.m. for ages 8-9; 3 p.m. for ages 10-11; and 4:30 p.m. for ages 12-13.

Age groups are determined by age attained as of April 1, 1999.

Contestants should arrive 30 minutes prior to the event to register and must wear gym shoes.

For more information, call chairman Art Parker, 673-5469.

Lake Orion tryouts

The Lake Orion Vipers/Pistons/Shock basketball tryouts take place in early December. Players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and a $5 tryout fee.

Following is the tryout schedule, with players' birth year, time, place and coach:

■ 1982, Dec. 9, 7 to 9 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Lisa Bennett, 628-4198 or Dale Judd, 628-1494.

■ 1983, Dec. 7, 7 to 9 p.m., Scripps MIddle School, Ken Keener, 628-5442.

■ 1984, Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Brad Ross, 391-1582.

■ 1985, Dec. 8, 7 to 9 p.m., Waldon Middle School, John Hill, 693-5775.

■ 1986, Dec. 10, 7 to 9 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Rich Campbell, 693-2993.

■ 1987, Dec. 7, 5 to 7 p.m., Orion Oaks, Dennis Hughes, 391-0680.

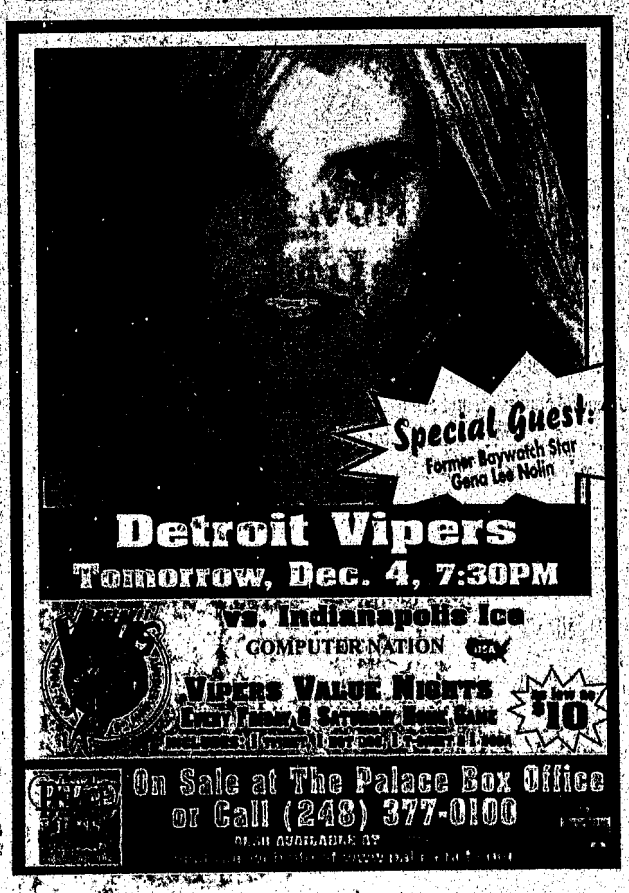
■ 1988, Dec. 9, 5 to 7 p.m., Scripps Middle School, Chris Swart, 391-6413.

Ram tryouts

The Michigan Lake Area Rams Amateur Athletic Federation travel baseball organization will conduct a tryout camp for its Mickey Mantle (ages 15-16) team.

Tryouts are for the upcoming baseball season. Specialized indoor training begins in February.

For more information call team manager Gary Neimo, (734) 981-3845.



Outdoor Calendar

(To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric's Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to bparker@oe.homecomm.net)

ARCHERY

TOYS FOR TOTS
The Western Wayne County Conservation Association will hold a 30-target 3D shoot on Sunday, Dec. 6, on its walk-through course in Plymouth. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Toys for Tots program. Call (313) 453-9843 for more information.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS
The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

JUNIOR ARCHERS
A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 661-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

CLASSES

BASIC SKI TUNING
An instructional clinic covering the basics of edge and base conditioning, waxing and detuning your alpine or nordic skis begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road (at Six Mile). Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

ICE FISHING
Bob "Hangman" Mitchel, of Redford, will give a seminar entitled, "Everything You Want to Know About Ice Fishing," beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the monthly meeting of the Huron Valley Steelheaders at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

FLY TYING
Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers. Call (248) 650-0440 for more information or to make a reservation for an upcoming class.

ACTIVITIES

GANATCHIO TRAIL
Come and explore the Ganatchio Trail, which runs from Windsor to Tecumseh parallel to the Lake St. Clair shore, during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 27. The event is sponsored by the Southeast Michigan Group Sierra Club. Participants should meet at the tourist information center on Route 3, south of the bridge in Windsor. Call (313) 581-7579 for more information.

CLUBS

SOLAR
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

CLINTON VALLEY BASS
Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.) The club meets monthly at Gander Mountain in Waterford. Call Mike Daly at (248) 666-8910 for more information.

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS
Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING
The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS
The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

BASS ASSOCIATION
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

MEETINGS

NRC
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resource Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10 at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

SEASON/DATES

DEER
The second archery season runs Dec.1-Jan.3. The muzzleloading season runs Dec. 4-13 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11-20 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

DUCK
The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules runs through Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

ELK
The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

GOOSE
There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific boundaries.

GROUSE
A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

PHEASANT
There is a special late season in southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-15. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

SQUIRREL
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

SHOOTING RANGES

BALD MOUNTAIN
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (skeet & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Dec. 31 are 10 a.m. to sunset Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. On Mondays and Tuesdays only the sporting clay course is open, noon tosunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1330 Greenshield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 814-9193 for more information.

ORTONVILLE RECREATION
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities. Range hours are 12 -5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

METROPARKS

METROPARK REQUIREMENTS
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

1998 PERMITS
The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are $15 ($8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching perm its are $18 ($9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

TOYS FOR TOTS
The Huron-Clinton metroparks are srerving as collection spots for the Toys for Tots program. The program is conducted annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve to serve needy children in local communities by providing them with new, unwrapped toys during the holiday season. Anyone wishing to donate a new unwrapped toy that has no violent connotations can drop them off at park offices of the HCMA Administrative Office through Dec. 16. Call (800) 477-2757 for more information.

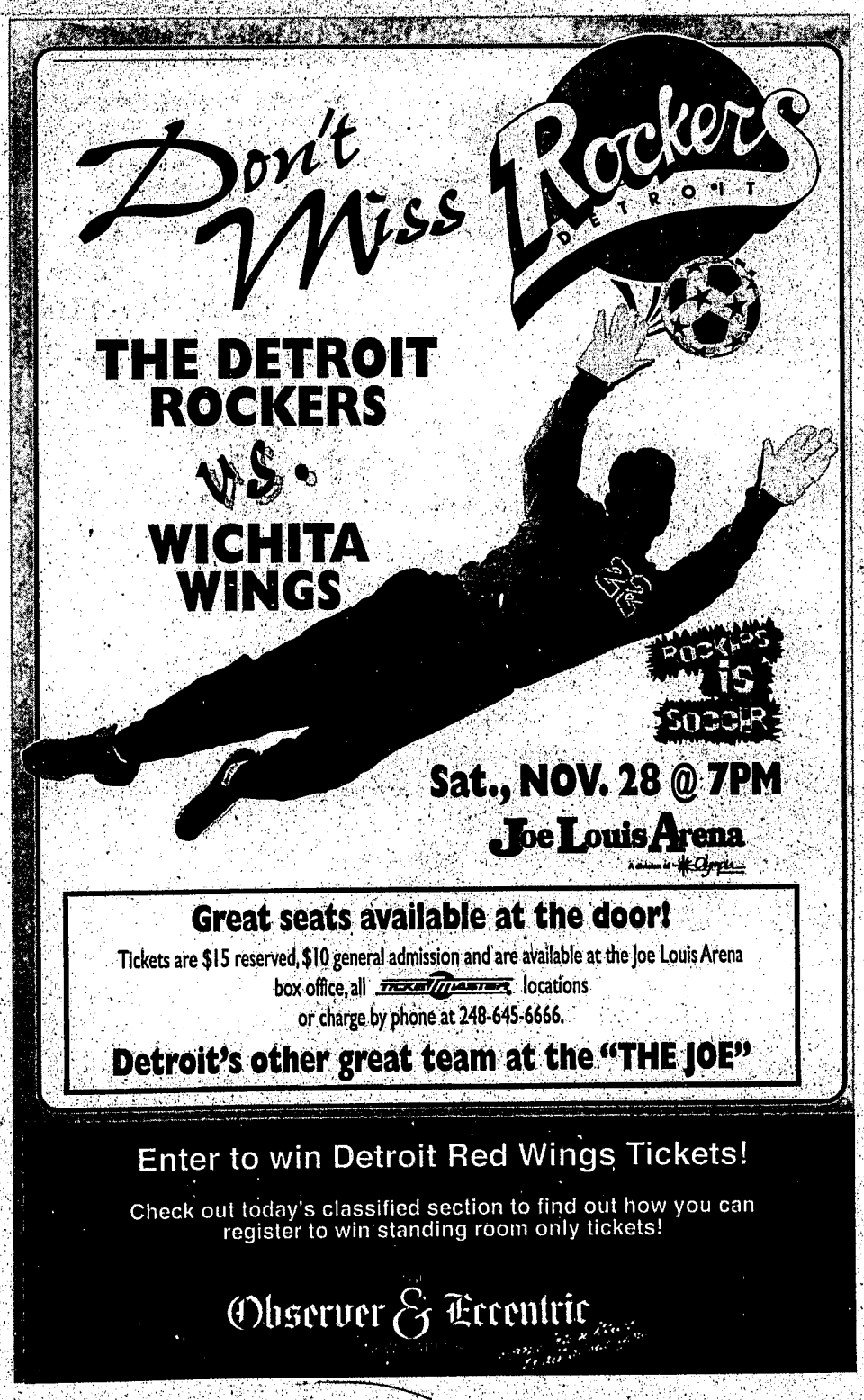
SNACKS WITH SANTA
Spend some time with Santa, enjoy a snack and a hayride and sing some holiday songs during this program, which will be held saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6 and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 12-13 at Kensington. Several sessions will be held each day and admission is by advanced ticket purchase only. Tickets are $5 per person. Call (800) 377-3178 to register. A similar program will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, at Indian Springs.

OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS
Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

HOLIDAY TRADITIONS
Participants will craft holiday gifts during simultaneous sessions for children and adults during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Independence Oaks.

GIFTS OF MICHIGAN
Celebrate the holiday season by making gifts with a Michigan theme during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Independence oaks.



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At least 2 years experience. Own tools & truck preferred. Competitive wages & benefits. Call: (734) 454-2555

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5 nights, own transportation, call - 248-442-2848 or fax - 810-225-0822

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Deliver & pick up closing documents for our busy Troy office. Must be dependable with good driving record. Good pay & benefits. Please fax resume to: Great Lakes Title, Attn: Bob (734) 462-0818

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Looking for caring, qualified individuals to work full or part-time in a S.I.P. program in Rochester Hills. Benefits available to full-time employees after 90 days. For more information, call Wendy at: (248) 360-4039

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Overnight Merchandising Crew, Shift Premium
Monday - Friday, 10:00pm - 7:00am

Please apply in person at: T.J. Maxx, Great Lakes Crossing, 4010 Baldwin Rd., Auburn Hills, MI 48326. T.J. Maxx is an equal opportunity employer committed to workforce diversity.

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Starting Rate $12.02/Hour with increases up to $15.02 at full rate!
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- Full company benefits
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EEO/AA M/F/D/V

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Call Gary at
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Cashiers, Receiving, Pantry & Stock Persons at the Lake Orion Kmart, 1025 S. Lapeer Rd.
Apply at the Service Desk or call Human Resources
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E.O.E.

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Call for appt. 734-454-0999

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GROUNDS
Edward Rose & Sons, a large property management firm seeks to fill full-time, year-round, groundskeeper positions throughout metro Detroit. Positions require energetic, responsible individuals who enjoy working outdoors. Advancement available. Pay commensurate with experience. Please call Toby at 248-539-2130 or send resume to: P.O. Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154.

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Management Office
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N.W. corner of
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- Guest Service Manager
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- Night Auditor

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Southfield, MI. 48075
248-423-3000

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3 hour, 5days/week AM Position. Hourly Rate: $7.81
Interested, qualified candidates should submit a letter of interest and resume to:
Janet Stack-Miller, Director
111 College Street
Holly, MI 48442
Deadline for applications is 3 pm, Monday, Dec. 7, 1998.

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INSURANCE AGENCY needs CSR to work in our non-smoking Farmington Hills office. Insurance experience necessary. Benefits. 248-478-4800

INSURANCE
GROUP INSURANCE SERVICE REP
Insurance agency located in Southfield is a seeking Service Rep with a minimum of 3 yrs. experience in employee benefits & willing to train in workers' comp. Please send resume to: Human Resource Dept. 26555 Evergreen, Suite 1720, Southfield, MI 48076
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Or 3 years experience for residential new construction. Excellent pay. Benefits & retirement. (734) 591-3310

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Full Time. Minimum 5 years experience. Must have valid driver's license. Call:
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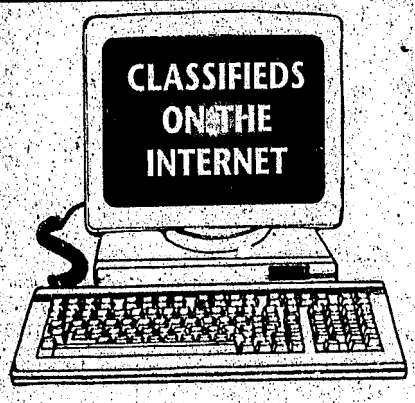

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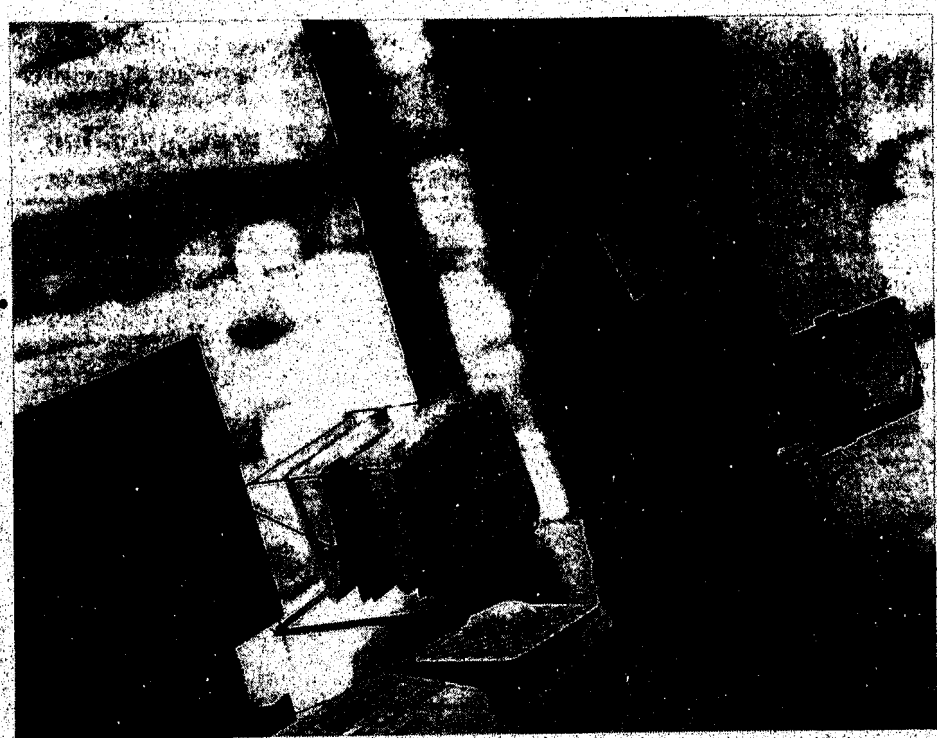

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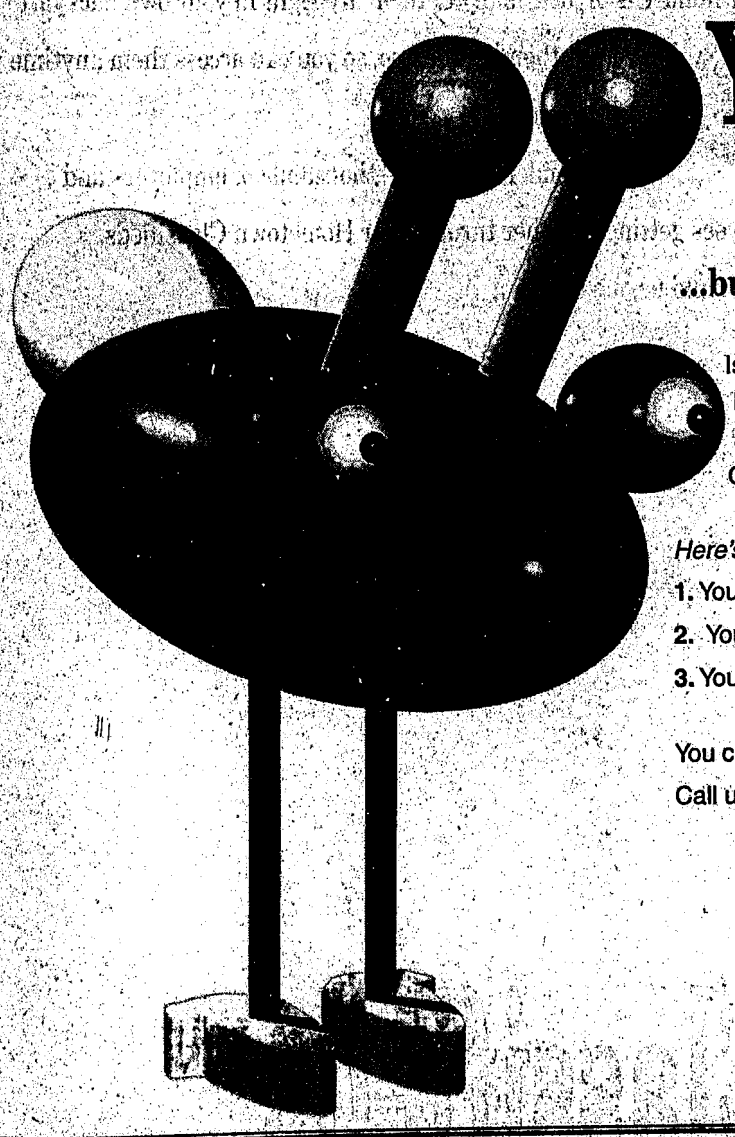

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DODGE, 1996, Ram 3.4 ton 4 wheel drive, automatic, excellent condition, loaded, w/towing/plow package, $16,500/best. (734) 285-1777

FORD F-250 1977- club cab, 1 ton suspension, 460 V-8, rebuilt transmission, new tires, body & interior good. Asking $4500/best (810). 590-1139

FORD F-150, 1995 XLT Supercab. Loaded, excellent condition, deal at $11,900. 810-792-1806

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FORD 1993, ½ ton pick-up 35,000 miles, extended cab, only $8999. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

GMC S15 '97 SPORT [illegible] 5 speed, H/O 4.3, [illegible] 60K, $8760. (248) [illegible]

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SONOMA 1998 extended cab, like new, 5 speed, 4 cyl, air, stereo, $8,750 248-623-9714.

824 Mini-Vans

AEROSTAR, 1991 - Eddie Bauer. Extended, fm/cassette, 83K. $4750. 248-559-2490

AEROSTAR 1992, XLT, extra clean, $2399 TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

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Caravan 1998, SE, V-6, full power
Blue Book $17,500
Wholesale Direct 14,900
You Save 2,600
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Chrysler Town & Country, loaded
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DODGE 1992 Caravan, 58k miles great condition, 1 owner, V-6, air, cruise, power door locks, cassette, $5700. (248) 650-8674

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FORD 1989 Aerostar XL - Air, rebuilt transmission, 116K miles. Asking $2500. (734) 981-5277

GMC 1991 Safari SLE-extended 6 passenger, many options, $5500/best. 248-788-1794

GMC SAFARI 1998 SLE, 33K miles, 7 passenger, 4 buckets. Sticker $25,765 Asking $18,500 After 4pm: 734-454-4057

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Blue Book $21,200
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You Save 4,000
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VOYAGER 1995 - 76k, 3.3L V6, 7 passenger, all power, air, $8500/best. (734) 397-0423

826 Vans

ASTRO 1994 - extended, 1 owner, loaded, excellent tires & condition $11,200.248-476-0110

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FORD 1990 Aerostar XL Extended - new brakes/tires. Runs great. $2400. 248-477-3596

FORD 1995 E350, air, am & fm, extended body, Excellent condition, 60,000. Asking $12,000/ Best. Call (248)624-5412
Pager (810)656-0391
or (248)478-7225

FORD 1994, E150 conversion van, 1 owner, loaded. Mint. Must sell $9000/best. 248-471-0783

FORD 1994, E250 work vans (2 total) V-8, auto, 1 runs, 1 needs [illegible] OR $2,000 for [illegible] (517)546-6043.

828 Sport 4 Wheel Drive

[illegible] 4x4, loaded, [illegible] black, non-smoker, [illegible]900. (248) 620-3415

BLAZER 1990, 4x4, like new, very low miles, 1 owner, Plymouth car, cheap. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

BLAZER 1994, 4x4, sharp, $8995. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

CHEROKEE 1990, 4 wheel drive, 4 door, sharp, $2899 TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

CHEVY CONVERSION, G20 Van, 350, Excellent condition. $5700/best. (734) 459-6901

EXPLORER, 1992, dark red, higher miles, loaded, $5500. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

EXPLORER 1993-2 dr. sport, 4 wheel, loaded, 87k, $8500. Pete 734-421-3337 734-451-0782

EXPLORER 1995 XLT, loaded, leather, transferable 100K warranty, jet bag (ski/luggage carrier). $15,900. 810-860-8150

EXPLORER XLT 1992 Original owner, about 89K, sunroof, loaded, $6200. 248-624-6927

EXPLORER 1991 XLT - 4 WD, 4 dr, 100k miles, auto, air, CD, clean, $6200. 248-553-7510

EXPLORER 1994, XLT, 4 wheel drive, loaded, $8999 TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

FORD EXPLORER '91, Eddie Bauer, 5-speed, 138K good condition. Asking $4200. 248-627-4247

FORD EXPLORER 1994 XLT, 105,000 miles, 1 owner, like new condition. $10,000. (810)227-2785 days or evenings (810)227-3647

Ford 1986, F250, 4x4, 115k, rebuilt motor, new parts, looks/ runs great, $4800 734-462-0117

FORD RANGER 4x4 1993, auto, roll bar with lights, new tires, brakes, shocks, exhaust, paint! Looks great! Has lift kit, 302 v-8 with headers, engine needs to be replaced. $1,650. (517)546-1607.

FORD 1991, RANGER, 4x4, V6, 5 speed, very clean, runs great. 734-525-7933

GMC 1994, JIMMY, 4 door, loaded, excellent condition, $11,500. (248) 549-6787

GMC 1994 - Jimmy, SLS, 4x4, new brakes/tires. Excellent condition. $9500. 734-453-6424

GMC, 1993 Jimmy, SLT, 4x4, leather, loaded, 28,000 miles, $11,500/ best. .....SOLD

GMC 1997 SUBURBAN K2500 SLT, 454, 13K miles, warranty, loaded $31,750. 248-684-5240

GMC 1996 Suburban SLE - 4x4, leather, loaded, every option, 40k, excellent condition, $25,500. 248-203-9600, leave message.

GMC,SUBURBAN 1997 SLT, loaded, 35K miles burgundy, tan leather,$30,900. 248-626-6377

GMC YUKON 1999, SLE - loaded, take over balance of 2 year lease. SOLD

GRAND CHEROKEE 1993 Laredo, 4x4 loaded, k-way miles, CD, $9480. (734)451-2578

GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED '97 - Black, 11,500 miles. Loaded. V-8, Leather, Power Everything, CD, Sun & Moon roof, Up-country, Suspensions, Dual Airbags, Privacy glass, premium wheels. Very clean, excellent condition. $27,900/ best. 248-258-8721

GRAND CHEROKEE 1994 LTD, CD, 70k, extended warranty, loaded, $14,290/best. 248-474-1441

JEEP CHEROKEE LAREDO '98 - Excellent condition, 4WD, tow package, $22,500. (313) 387-0288

JEEP '98 GRAND CHEROKEE - V8, CD, Very clean, asking $18,500/best. (313)562-3088

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SUBURBAN 1995 le'2500, 4x4, 54,000 miles, towing package, New tires, brakes & exhaust. $23,000. (517)546-1607.

TAHOE LS 1997 - 2 door, dark blue, CD, 14K miles. $24,900. After 12 PM: (248) 852-1996

TAHOE 1997 LT-42K, loaded, medium beige, 4 wd, heavy duty towing, $23,650. (248) 288-5104

Wrangler 1997 SE, 6 cylinder, aluminum wheels
Blue Book $18,470
Wholesale Direct 16,900
You Save 1,500
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WRANGLER 1992, 4 wheel drive, clean, $1,100 below black book, only $[illegible] down. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

830 Sport & Imported

BMW 1996 325e - charcoal black, auto, roof, ABS. Looks good. $9500/best. 248-652-7[illegible]

BMW 1979 320i, 5 speed, [illegible]K miles,arctic silver, spokes. Best offer. John 313-881-9770

BMW Z3 1996 Roadster - Light Blue/beige w/black top, 5-Speed, manual, fully loaded, options include leather, heated/ power seats, 6CD changer & on-board computer. Excellent condition, 11,000 Miles, $29,495. 248-723-1940

CORVETTE 1991 - Black on red, loaded, 23K, stored winters, glass T-top, $17,500. 248-375-5279

CORVETTE 1991 - Black on red, loaded, 23K, stored winters, glass T-top, $17,500. 248-375-5279

JAGUAR, 1992, Sovereign, excellent condition, fully loaded, w/sun roof, wire wheels, black, w/tan, 46K original miles, $12,300. (248) 649-8073

JAGUAR XJ6 1988 - excellent condition, 69k, sunroof, $6200. (734) 525-0394

LEXUS 1996 - ES300, Mint. Beige, loaded w/chrome wheels. $23,950. (248) 373-8752

MERCEDES BENZ, 1985, 380SEL, light blue/grey, 167K miles, heated seats, well maintained $9700. (248) 645-6323

MERCEDES BENZ 1998 SLK 230, silver, heated seats, phone, 5800 miles, mint. $38,000. (248) 344-2812

MERCEDES, 1995 E320, 15.5K, taupe, 1 owner, warranty, $33,900. 248-842-2829

PORSCHE 1987 944 S speed, sunroof, white/burgundy. Looks & runs great-$5850. 248-644-1764

SAAB 900SE 1995 V6, leather interior, new tires, 43,000 miles. $15,000/best. (810) 752-5803

1993 VOLVO 940 - auto, black/ tan, all power, sunroof, 67k low miles $11,500. 248-471-6515

VOLVO 850 Turbo Sport Wagon 1995 - all options, CD, 3rd seat, leather, moonroof, excellent condition, 40k, warranty, $21,000 248-203-9600 leave message

VOLVO 1994 850 Wagon: Leather, 3rd seat, sunroof, 41K miles. $19,000 248-330-3350

832 Antique/Classic Collector Cars

WILLYS JEEP 1946, 38,000 actual mi, original manuals, good condition. 248-620-0954

834 Acura

INTEGRA 1990, all black, power moonroof, cute little car, fully loaded including ashtray. $3200 TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

836 Buick

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SOMERSET 1981 - Burgundy, V6, auto., Loaded. Good Condition. $2100. (734) 261-2924

838 Cadillac

BROUGHAM,1988 - Blue, 100K miles, RWD. Excellent in/out! No rust! $4900/best 248-353-9035

CADILLAC STS '93- Loaded, white diamond, astro, alarm, heated lumbar seats & more. 47K miles $17,750/best. Marv,(248)569-3734

deVILLE, 1989, white, navy leather, loaded, CD, good condition, $3,100/ best 734-513-4125

ELDORADO 1991, all black, loaded, TYME does it again only $4999. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

ELDORADO 1992, black/black, loaded, looks new, excellent condition, 105K hi-way miles, $8400. (248) 203-9376

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SEVILLE 1998 - STS. White Diamond. Includes special options & OnStar. 10K. 248-625-4329

840 Chevrolet

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CONCORD 1998, leather, 67,500 miles, new tires, $7400 best offer. (248) 942-[illegible]526.

FIFTH AVENUE 1992 - loaded, white w/red leather, 59,000 miles, $6500. (734) 421-3128

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Blue Book $20,200
Wholesale Direct 16,900
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NEW YORKER 1987 - 1 owner, good condition, 67,000 original miles, $2400/best 734-261-7334

844 Dodge

Dynasty 1993-V6, auto, loaded, 59k, professionally maintained, $6,995. 248-360-6077

Intrepid 1998, auto, air, loaded
Blue Book $13,340
Wholesale Direct 9,900
You Save 3,440
Livonia Chrysler-Jeep (734)525-7604

INTREPID 1997 40,000 miles, loaded, extended warranty, $12,250. After 6pm 734-459-0672

NEON 1995- Highline, 42K, new brakes/tires, good condition. $5750 (248) 488-1084

NEON 1995- 5 speed, 4 dr., 55K, am/fm cassette, air, $5000/ best. (734) 425-4418

SHADOW 1994, Blue, 4 door, Auto, 63,000 miles, Runs well. $3,000/best. (248) 478-9464

STEALTH RT 1995, Silver metallic, loaded, 21K miles. Like new! $18,000 (734) 591-6367.

STRATUS 1997 - Purple, 18k, moonroof, cd, loaded. Like New. $11,900. (313) 538-6935

848 Ford

CASH - For your used car. Dealer needs cars. My wife says I pay too much! For phone appraisal. TYME 734-455-5566

CONTOUR 1996 SE - $10K, 60K miles, auto, loaded, CD, excellent condition, 734-261-9298

CROWN VICTORIA, 1986, LX, crystal blue, lower miles, runs great, $2200. (248) 684-5726

ESCORT 1994, 4 door, LX. Under 15,000 miles. Air. 1 owner. $7300. (313) 937-1728

ESCORT 1992 - GT, auto., moonroof, cassette, 91,700 miles, $4000/best 734-525-4268

ESCORT 1994 GT - 5 speed, moonroof, extras. Well Maintained. $3500. 734-261-7204

ESCORT LX '94-2 door, 83K, air, AM/FM stereo/cassette, power steering/brakes, excellent! $3500. (734)207-0488, leave message

ESCORT, 1997 LX Sport, 4 door, excellent condition, 18K miles, $8300. (313) 255-4352

ESCORT 1992 LX, station wagon- auto, air, am/fm radio, 21,800k, $4750 248-355-4350

ESCORT 1995, LX, Wagon, excellent condition, recent brakes/tires & more. Highway mi. $4795/best. 248-363-3089

ESCORT, 1995 LX, white, 3 door, auto, air, sunroof, 45,500 miles, $5300. 248-681-1493

ESCORT 1994 station wagon, automatic, 75,000 hwy miles, $5500/best offer 248-476-8765

ESCORT 1988 Wagon - regular maintenance, new tires, 57k, $1000/best. SOLD

FORD ESCORT LX '93 - 2 door, 5 speed, CD, sunroof, air, 53K miles. $4000. (734) 261-6486

FORD TAURUS 1995 GL 1 owner. Loaded, 49,975 mi. New tires. Excellent condition. $8500. (248) 879-2041

MUSTANG GT 1998- 5 speed. Laser red exterior, black/tan interior, air, CD, tape, 16K, $16,500/best. (248) 252-3076

MUSTANG 1992 LX, hatchback, excellent condition, automatic, am/fm, air, $3950. 734-421-0195

MUSTANG 1994, V6, auto, dark red, great little Christmas present. $49 down, $169/mo. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

PROBE 1994 - Auto., power steering/brakes, red, air, 50k, fm/ cassette, $5500. (734) 266-0219

PROBE 1993, GT, auto, air, $3800. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

PROBE 1995 GT- 34k, auto, great condition, AM/FM tape, CD, anti-lock brakes, moonroof, $8500. (248) 553-0782

PROBE, 1994 GT - Red, 5-speed, sunroof, assumable warranty, 248-545-2100 days; 248-626-3856 Eves.

PROBE, 1994 SE - Excellent condition, 76K, automatic. Must see! $5500. 313-292-5232

TAURUS 1991 - GL. One owner. Repair records. Runs Perfect. $3950. 734-513-2217.

TAURUS 1989 GL Wagon 3.0L, auto, air, 3rd seat, power, clean. $2950. 734-421-4336 Eves

TAURUS, 1995 LX, 3.8L, 64K miles,loaded, excellent condition, dark green/beige, leather, dual air bags, am-fm cassette/ CD, cruise, all power, keyless entry, new tires. $8,500/best offer. (248) 740-9793

TAURUS LX 1994- loaded, 47K, clean, maintenance policy, Ziebart. $7300 ★ SOLD

TAURUS 1990, LX, 87,000 miles. Well maintained. New tires. $3250. ★★★★★ SOLD

TAURUS 1998 SE - Duratec engine, keyless, security, auto-climate/lights, stereo CD, 13.8k miles, clean, $14,600/best. 734-525-4983 leave message.

TAURUS, 1996, V-6, 39K miles, factory phone, keyless, alarm, $9500. (248) 669-1609

TAURUS 1994 Wagon GL - Auto 3.8 V6, 49K miles, looks/ runs great. New tires, Ziebart. $8900/best. 248-477-9731

TAURUS 1996 Wagon, loaded, 56K, excellent condition. Call (517) 547-7899 evenings or 1-800-968-3100 daytime. $11,900 on best offer.

THUNDERBIRD, 1997 LX, V-6, 25K miles, red, tan leather, full power, many extras, showroom condition, $14,500. 313-584-4812

THUNDERBIRD 1989 V-6 auto, air, power, 85,000 miles, good condition, $3300 313-937-3108

852 Honda

ACCORD 1994 EX - excellent condition, 4 door, sunroof, automatic, ABS, all power, 52,000 miles, $11,500. 248-723-2993

ACCORD LXi 1988- loaded, new tires/brakes/exhaust - Super clean. Must see. $3900 (248) 647-1377

CIVIC, 1987, 4 dr, 5 speed, sunroof, white, CD, Air, mint,$1900/ best. 248-932-5144

CIVIC 1995, EX, power moonroof, all options, cute little car, small down, $103 mo. No cosigner needed. OAC. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

CIVIC 1992 - LX, Alarm, C.D. Player, Must See! $4450. (248) 626-1292

CIVIC 1994 LX, 4 door, grey, auto, alarm, CD, immaculate, 91K hi-way, $7300. 734-261-1840

854 Lexus

LEXUS ES300 1993 - 56K, loaded, sun/moonroof, leather, CD changer, metallic green, mint condition $15,200.248-553-8131

856 Lincoln

CONTINENTAL 1991, dark red, 62,000 miles, sharp, $6999. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566

CONTINENTAL 1994, sharp, executive, dark green with light gray interior, 94,000 miles, asking $8595. 734-525-7900

Towncar 1989 - very good condition, $6,000. Must see & drive to appreciate! 248- 474-0003

858 Mazda

MIATA - 1995 Shiny Red. A1 condition, convertible. 11,700 miles. Hard top, am/fm/tape, warranty. Power windows, air, $15,000 (248) 661-3808

RX7 1993-69K, red/tan leather, loaded, 1 owner, auto transmission, $15,400. (313) 882-0561

860 Mercury

COUGAR 1991, loaded, leather interior, wine red, very clean, $3,800. (248) 349-7499

COUGAR 1993 - XR7. Loaded, leather, 55k, Excellent Condition. $7495. (734) 451-1170

COUGAR 1995 XR7 V-8, premium sound, keyless, Alloys, 26K. $11,500. 734-464-0594

COUGAR 1994-XR7: V6, silver/ silver, loaded. 63,500 miles. Asking $7200. (248) 661-2149

GRAND MARQUIS 1991: Excellent condition. Clean! Loaded. $4600/best (734) 464-3515

GRAND MARQUIS GS 1990, 4 dr, immaculate condition in & out, garage kept. $4,250/best. (721)734-4645

GRAND MARQUIS LS 1991, clean, 81,000 miles, all power, $4500. 248-879-0215

MARQUIS 1996 LS - V8, automatic w/overdrive, 18,000 miles, excellent condition, garaged, ivory w/willow green interior, deluxe package - all the extras, $16,500. (734) 453-1242

SABLE 1993, Florida car, loaded, must see. $4495. 313-533-2276, 734-261-8475

SABLE 1990, station wagon, 3.0L, 58,000 miles, air, power, $4000/best offer. 734-454-0380

TRACER, 1989 2 Dr. Hatchback. White, excellent condition, 70K, $3300. 248-344-2622

TRACER 1997 Trio, 15,000 Miles. Asking $11,995. 30 MPG, well maintained. (734) 425-3419

862 Nissan

MAXIMA, 1995 GLE, loaded, leather, CD, 43K, excellent condition, $13,900. 248-399-7157

864 Oldsmobile

ACHIEVA, 1995, SL, 4 door, 71K miles, loaded, tires 5000 miles, $8500/best 248.788-1657

AURORA 1995 - Moonroof, 38k miles, $17,000. 248-377-7646; Eves. 248-650-8920

CUTLASS SUPREME 1996- Fantastic red V-6, air, cruise, 20,900 miles, $11,700 (810)574-1351

866 Plymouth

Neon 1997, auto, air, CD, power roof
Blue Book $11,500
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You Save 2,300
Livonia Chrysler-Jeep (734)525-7604

Neon 1998 Highline, auto, air
Blue Book $10,700
Wholesale Direct 8,900
You Save 1,800
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NEON, 1995, white 4 door, 5 speed, 67K miles, great shape, $5500 (734) 454-0612

868 Pontiac

BONNEVILLE 1990 - Excellent condition, loaded, 69,000 miles, $4295. (248) 661-0391.

Bonneville 1990 LE, air, cruise, power locks, hitch, 140K miles. Good condition. $2,600. (248)561-7409

GRAND AM 1992, SE coupe. V6. Auto. Air. 1 owner. 80K. $4500/best. (734) 261-4398

GRAND AM 1996 SE - Perfect condition. 4 door, spoiler, power, air, cruise, loaded. 13,300 miles. $13,000. (248) 474-7973.

GRAND PRIX, 1992. Great condition, very clean. $5000/best offer. 734-878-4817, after 5pm.

Grand Prix 1995 SE, auto, air, loaded
Blue Book $10,965
Wholesale Direct 8,900
You Save 2,000
Livonia Chrysler-Jeep (734)525-7604

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SUNBIRD 1989 - Air, auto., fm/ cassette, high miles, Great condition. $2500. (313) 534-8546

Sundance 1992, auto, air
Blue Book $7,245
Wholesale Direct 5,400
You Save 1,850
Livonia Chrysler-Jeep (734)525-7604

870 Saturn

SATURN 1996 - SL 2. Gold, auto., power windows/locks/ sunroof. $10,500. 248-674-9071

SL 1, 1995- auto, ABS, TRACTION CONTROL, cruise, air, $7000/best. (248) 673-9420

SL1 1994- 4 dr., 5 speed, air, cassette, low mileage. Great condition. $6495. (734)525-1997

SL2 1997, excellent condition, loaded, leather, sunroof, keyless, power, 5 speed, 30k miles, $12,000. (734) 425-2051.

SL2 1993- 39 K miles, blue/ black, cassette, cruise, ABS, 5 speed $6,300. 248-644-8654

SL2, 1996, plum, auto, ABS, leather, rear spoiler, 33K, $10,490. (248) 620-6448

SL-2, 1993, 5 speed, sunroof, ABS, CD, air, leather. Great condition. $2900 248-393-1128

872 Toyota

CAMRY, 1994, XLE, V6, loaded, all power, sunroof, alloys, leather, 56K, $12,000. 248-693-4143

CELICA ST 1994-White, 5-speed, 73K, air, all power, moonroof, $9200. Call 248-693-0229

876 Autos Over $2,000

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878 Autos Under $2,000

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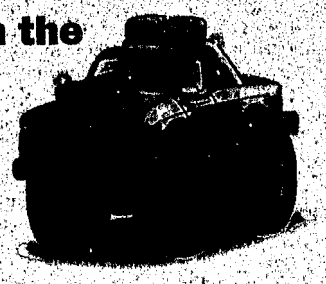

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Realtor at home: *Dariene Larson of Cranbrook Associates, Bloomfield Hills, stands in front of the 24-foot purple south wall of her own living room. She chose "aubergine" because she wants to "make up for the sobriety of my youth."*

What Realtors call home

By Norman Prady
Special Writer

As you settle into the customer's seat in the real estate agent's car before heading out on another leg of your continuing home search, you ask the agent, "Do you love the houses we're on our way to see?"

"Well," the agent says, "we're not looking for a house for me. We're looking for a house for you."

The agent is telling you that there's a difference between his or her own likes and the perception of what you might like.

Mark Owens can tell you about that. He's a Realtor with Century 21 Castelli & Lucas, Canton. He recalls a home he showed to a customer: "It was something I'd never want to live in," he said, but he thought the customer might.

"It was 1990s, very modern, Stainless steel railings on the stairway, a stainless steel refrigerator. Not a 'normal' $220,000 house.

"But I don't comment" about style and decor. Owens said. He focuses o the home's value, reserving his expressions of concern for things he thinks might negatively affect resale.

"You have to take a professional attitude," he said, and not burden the shopper with your own ideas about taste and design.

Until now, Owens' own idea had been a "very conservative" brick ranch in Livonia, which recently sold after his marriage. He and his wife are building in Canton. The 1-1/2-story Cape Cod with first-floor master suite. "Traditional," he said.

"We like to do neutral decor and accent it with decorating colors.

"It can be difficult at times to close off your own ideas," he said, remembering how he had to get rid of the wallpaper that seemed to be turning possible buyers away from his Livonia ranch. To sell, he said, he had to "neutralize."

And neutralize she would if she had to, said Dariene Larson, Realtor and assistant manager, Cranbrook Associates, Bloomfield Hills. But she sees no likelihood of selling her 1964 two-story contemporary house.

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Mark Owens,
Century 21 Castelli & Lucas, Canton

If she did, thought, she knows she'd probably have to deal with the purple wall. This is the 24-foot south wall of her living room: four four-foot windows sections set between two four-foot solid-wall sections, painted purple.

Or aubergine," she said. "The French word. Eggplant."

Why purple? "I'm like that old woman," she said, referring to the poem, "Warning," by Jenny Joseph: "When I'm an old woman, I shall wear purple with a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me ... spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves and satin sandals ... and make up for the sobriety of my youth."

The house, in which she has lived since 1962 and where she reared two sons as a single mother, is 2,400-square-feet "with vaulted ceilings and lots of glass."

She has updated the kitchen and the bathrooms, and nothing she sees in her tours of other homes motivates her to move. "There's nothing here not to like."

She especially likes the view through her purple and glass wall down to a river and the wildlife it attracts, including, she reports, "Herons and ducks".

"And at night," she says, "it's very romantic," but was not pressed for details.

A remarkable view also is the defining element of the Farmington Hills colonial Mary Krolikowski has lived in for the past 20 years.

A Realtor with Real Estate One, Farmington, she sees many beautiful houses in the course of her work, but none, she said, which can pull her away from her pond, the large variety of trees on the property, and the visiting ducks and other wildlife. "There's nothing on the window," she said. "We don't want to distract from the view."

"Cute ideas" are what Mike Care gets from home tours with his customers. Care is a Realtor with Prudential Pickering, Westland. A newlywed, he and his wife recently moved into a 1,200-square-foot ranch in Westland.

"We were kind of in a hurry" to find a house, he said, "just like some of the customers I get." The house they chose was "for entertaining purposes. It has open spaces, a fireplace, a doorwall. We can have two dozen people over."

Among those cute ideas, as his wife calls them, he said, is a shelving system he copied form a house he visited, building a laundry-room unit that has a fold-out work shelf and an ironing board.

Now Care is working on finishing the basement. His bar will have features inspired by a bar he saw in a house he was showing. He's planning to build in four glass-block sections in which he can display "the symbol of each of our sports teams. I think it will look pretty sharp."

When Virginia Tipton tours homes, she said, what she looks at is the effects of good housekeeping, comparing her home to some she sees. A Realtor and office manager with Red Carpet Keim Will Tipton in Garden City, she's lived for 28 years in a 1970s contemporary ranch, which she describes as "an extremely modest little home suffering from neglect."

After she visits a home that sparkles, she said, "I wish mine were that neat and clean and organized."

Job growth

Following is the total non-farm employment growth in selected metro areas 6/97 to 6/98.

	Job Growth	% Increase
Phoenix	81,100	5.9
Las Vegas	31,800	5.1
Tampa Bay	47,800	4.5
Houston	86,200	4.2
Seattle	69,000	4.1
Dallas	99,900	4.0
Atlanta	67,200	3.4
Denver	36,300	3.0
Detroit	**71,400**	**2.8**
Minneapolis	42,800	2.6
LA/Long Beach	97,500	2.5
NYC/Long Island	119,000	2.3
San Francisco	74,500	2.3
Boston	66,900	2.3
Washington, D.C.	58,000	2.3

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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What's a mortgage broker?

MORTGAGE SEARCH

DAVID C. MULLY

Most people looking for a new mortgage are familiar with the various people they will deal with, such as mortgage lenders and underwriters.

However, I have often been asked about what mortgage brokers do and why someone would work with one.

A broker is a real estate financing professional acting as an independent contractor. Over 50 percent of Americans work with a mortgage brokers.

There are circumstances when brokers may act as bankers, financing their loans. However, the majority perform origination services up to the point of financing – someone else provides the money for the mortgage loan.

Mortgage brokers represent the single largest residential origination source today. And over half the nation's mortgages are originated by mortgage brokers.

Brokers provide consumers with choice, convenience and expertise. The consumer receives a mentor through the complex mortgage lending process. The broker offers the consumer extensive choices and access to affordable home loans while balancing the consumer's financial interests and goals.

The role of the broker is somewhat different that the wholesale lender. The wholesale lender underwrites and finances the home loan, may service the loan payments, and ensures the loans' compliance with underwriting guidelines.

The broker, on the other hand, originates the loan. He is responsible for a detailed application process, financial and credit worthiness investigation, and extensive disclosure requirements must be completed in order for a wholesale lender to evaluate a consumer's home loan request. The broker conducts this research, counseling consumers on their loan package choices, and helping them choose a loan.

The mortgage loan process can be arduous, costly, and seemingly impossible to the consumer. The broker works as the liaison between the borrower and the lender. Many low-income borrowers with less-than-perfect credit histories have used brokers to get a loan.

As an independent contractor, the broker allows wholesale lenders to cut origination costs by preparing the borrower's loan package, loan application, funding process, and counseling the borrower. Brokers have minimal overhead and setup costs. With rare exception, the broker does not get paid until and unless the loan closes.

Thus, the broker has the ultimate incentive to provide the best possible customer service to the consumer.

David Mully's company, Mortgage Search Services, helps consumers save money when shopping for a new mortgage. He is not a mortgage broker and is not affiliated with any mortgage lenders. To contact him, call (248) 305-7337 or e-mail him at dmully@mich.com. You can access Mully's Mortgage Search column and current mortgage rates on-line at www.mtgsearch.com

Agents should have known

REAL ESTATE QUERIES

ROBERT M. MEISNER

When my wife and I recently bought a home, we were told that a shed was a part of the sale. The seller's disclosure indicated that there were no encroachments, so we used an old survey. The mortgage inspection survey didn't show any encroachment – or any shed. Everyone signed off on the survey at the closing.

The next-door neighbor just told us that the shed is on his property. So I told my agent. I also asked the sellers about the shed. They said they knew the shed was on the neighbor's property (they had received a verbal agreement to build it there) and they had told their real estate agent. So I called back my real estate agent and told him that the seller's agent knew about the encroachment but didn't disclose it. Both real estate agents deny knowledge of the encroachment. What can I do? I would like to keep the shed, but I don't want to pay for any new survey or pay to have the shed removed.

If you can show that you relied to your detriment on the representations of the real estate agents concerning the shed, and/or that the sellers made misrepresentations concerning the fact, you may well have a basis for damages against the seller, the buyer's agent and the seller's agent.

Hire a knowledgeable real estate attorney to write the respective potential defendants in advising them of your legal position.

In the meantime, try to work out something with the neighbor concerning the encroachment. It is more than likely that you will have to get a new survey.

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New law aids older homeowners

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's appropriations bill, which was recently signed by President Clinton, may benefit homeowners age 62 and older who have an interest in using the equity in their homes to supplement their retirement income.

This law increases the maximum property value that can be taken into consideration for determining benefits under the federally insured reverse mortgage program, commonly known as the Home Equity Conversion Mortgage ("HECM").

For example, a 75-year-old homeowner in Los Angeles whose home is worth more than $197,621 will be able to receive $18,809 more as a result of the new law. In other parts of the country, the magnitude of the benefit increase depends upon the county in which the homeowner lives.

"Reverse mortgages were designed to meet the needs of older homeowners," said Harris A. Turkel, senior vice president of reverse mortgages for GMAC Mortgage Corp. "By allowing seniors to safely convert some of the equity in their homes into cash, they are able to live better and more independently in their homes. Moreover, eligibility does not depend upon the homeowner's income or credit history," he said.

Unlike a regular mortgage, reverse mortgages do not require monthly repayments. Instead, repayment is due when the homeowner (and, if applicable, their surviving spouse) sells their home, moves permanently or passes away. At that time, the amount owed will be the total of the money received and accumulated interest.

However, the senior (or their estate) can never owe more than the value of the home. At all times, the senior continues to own their home. When they pass away, their home will be owned by their estate.

Reverse mortgages enable seniors to receive their mortgage proceeds in a lump sum, a monthly payment, a line of credit which they can draw upon whenever they choose, or a combination of the three. Although the proceeds can be used for any purpose, common uses include: additional income, pay off existing loans, home improvements, health care and unexpected expenses. Benefit levels are determined by the homeowner(s)'s age, property value, interest rate levels and the county in which he or she lives.

In addition to providing increased lending limits, the law also:

- ■ makes the HECM program permanent;
- ■ increases the cap on the total number of HECM loans from 50,000 to 150,000;
- ■ provides money for consumer education;
- ■ provides additional consumer safeguards. These include ensuring borrowers do not have to purchase other products or services as a condition for obtaining a HECM loan, restrictions on excessive fees, and additional disclosures of third-party costs.

HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded Oct. 12 - 15 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office and compiled by Advertising That Works, a Bloomfield Township company that tracks deed and mortgage recordings in southeastern Michigan. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Auburn Hills
1323 Collier Rd $120,000
3040 Debra Ct $92,000
2815 Horseshoe Ct $187,000
3366 Nichols Rd $105,000

Clarkston
6676 Almond Ln $158,000
9200 Andersonville Rd $360,000
8391 Bridge Lake Rd $160,000
9244 Brucedale Dr $110,000
5320 Cherlane Dr $168,000
5890 Chickadee Ln $212,000
4954 E Princeton Ave $171,000
8745 Edgar Ct $160,000
9429 English Oak Dr $72,000
5251 Glenwood Crk $251,000
5294 Glenwood Crk $233,000
18 N Holcomb Rd $269,000
9930 Ortonville Rd $166,000
6208 Pinewood Dr $248,000
6497 Southampton Dr $291,000
4882 Spring Meadow Dr $267,000
8998 Thendara Blvd $167,000
4976 Timberway Trl $240,000
6585 Walden Glens Ct $175,000

Commerce Township
4242 Arbour Dr $211,000
2505 E Oakley Park Rd $800,000
2096 Metzner Rd $139,000
5200 Paula Crest Dr $161,000
5617 Starwood $169,500
408 Steadfield St $117,000

Davisburg
11511 Big Lake Rd $96,000
10019 Creekwood Trl $400,000
8202 Tindall Rd $118,000
11181 Youngstree Ct $42,000

Farmington
34106 Cortland St $233,000
31831 Grand River # 9 $41,000
23260 Lilac St $129,000
32679 Meadowlark Ct $135,000
33740 Oakland St $395,000

Farmington Hills
31148 Applewood Ln $327,000
22093 Atlantic Pointe $101,000
28730 Bannockburn St $186,000
31140 Berryhill St $235,000
34848 Bunker Hill Dr $210,000
22046 Cape Cod Way $105,000
32529 Chesterbrook St $194,000
21801 Colgate St $84,000
25172 Delphi Ct $121,000
29857 Eldred St $105,000
24720 Farmington Rd $211,000
30037 Fernhill Dr $247,000
35544 Forestville St $221,000
29579 Fox Grove Rd $247,000
38249 French Pond $440,000
21342 Hamilton Ave $145,000
21625 Hamilton Ave $95,000
21254 Hatke Dr $350,000
21833 Inkster Rd $115,000
34391 Lakehurst Dr $250,000
29440 Meadow Ridg N $179,000
24056 Middlebelt #17 $70,000
28859 Millbrook Rd $275,000
36255 Muer Cv $199,000
28011 Old Colony St $390,000
28139 Potomac Cir $229,000
30432 Rockshire Ave $212,000
38294 Saratoga Cir $153,000
28036 Shiawassee Rd $90,000
29643 Sierra Point Cir $190,000
30416 Sunderland Dr $224,000
33791 Vista Dr $217,000
32013 W 12 Mile #309 $67,000
37858 Windwood Dr $289,000

Franklin
27261 Apple Tree Ln $58,000

Lake Orion
2957 Armstrong Dr $183,000
548 Garden Dr $180,000
1030 Indianpipe Rd $367,000
3314 Millcrest Dr $177,000
302 S Broadway St $100,000
3209 Sandoval Dr $210,000
1725 W Clarkston Rd $35,000

Lathrup Village
18570 Bungalow Dr $175,000
18535 Glenwood Blvd $239,000
18749 Sunnybrook Ave $123,000

Novi
25760 Abbey Dr $307,000
43310 Ashbury Dr $298,000
44800 Bayview Dr $122,000
23790 Broadmoor Park $371,000
47337 Butler Ln $217,000
30806 Centennial Dr $160,000
40307 Guilford $200,000
22759 Meadowbrook Rd $222,000
41617 Monterey Dr $198,000
23656 N Rockledge $105,000
43021 Oxford Ct $460,000
24432 Simmons Dr $183,000
24372 Surfside Rd $158,000
24130 Trafalgar Ct $399,000
42671 Wimbleton Way $258,000

Oakland Township
707 W Predmore Rd $220,000
517 W Romeo Rd $85,000

Orchard Lake
5236 Deer Run Cir $400,000

Orion Township
2408 Forest Hills Dr $206,000
3863 Long Meadow Ln $242,000
3921 Long Meadow Ln $271,000
4484 Morgan Rd $182,000
2528 Mueller Rd $116,000
3980 Queensbury Rd $125,000
3788 Rolling Hills Rd $236,000
371 Waldon Rd $118,000

Oxford
1500 Chestnut Trl $82,000
36 Cottage Ct $105,000
1551 Davison Lake Rd $185,000
1540 Harwood Dr $255,000
1549 Harwood Dr $249,000
1096 Hillcrest Dr $79,000
3390 Ludwig Rd $170,000
1225 Quail Ridge Dr $174,000
128 S Baldwin Rd $142,000
1149 Snowflake Ct $320,000
1170 Somerville Dr $172,000

Rochester
936 1st St $155,000
889 Aspen $233,000
455 Charlesina Dr $175,000
935 Churchill Cir $197,000
959 Churchill Cir $210,000
311 E Snell Rd $330,000
531 E University # 1307 $80,000
357 Northwood Ave $175,000
801 Plate St Unit 207 $49,000
633 Renshaw St $125,000
988 River Mist Dr $263,000
1002 River Mist Dr $215,000
1015 River Mist Dr $287,000
1308 Rock Valley Dr $273,000
1332 Rock Valley Dr $257,000
316 Romeo Rd $139,000
3401 Roseglade $324,000
1687 Snowy Owl Ct $289,000
1693 Snowy Owl Ct $73,000
105 Walnut Blvd $137,000
554 Wyngate Dr $65,000

Rochester Hills
1251 Avon Cir E $200,000
3114 Avon Manor Rd $115,000
1401 Barnes wood Ln $204,000
3507 Blue Heron Ln $357,000
1109 Brompton Rd $320,000
469 Buttercup Dr $233,000
3209 Chalfwood Dr $350,000
3875 Corie Ave $155,000
1618 Crestline Ln $228,000
2916 Dearborn Ave $42,000
2916 Dearborn Ave $185,000
3878 Donaldson Ave $252,000
3375 Eastwood Dr $132,000
1974 Edgemont Ct $291,000
1757 Edinborough Dr $385,000
2120 Elkhorn Dr $212,000
2717 Forest View Ct $282,000
1564 Gas Light Ln $129,000
851 Grovecrest $265,000
966 Grovecrest $300,000
998 Hadley Rd $150,000
2832 Harrison Ave $136,000
661 Heritage Ln $268,000
1655 Huntington Park $189,000
1956 Kilburn Rd N $240,000
19 Kirks Ct $127,000
433 Lake Forest Rd $265,000
371 Powderhorn Ct $257,000
1779 Quincy Dr $289,000
883 Rambling Dr $359,000
2223 Rochelle Park Dr $166,000
2735 S Christian Hills $185,000
1655 S Shore Dr $337,000
1330 Sherborn Ct $309,000
3681 Sleepy Fox Dr $410,000
1113 Springwood Ln $265,000
430 Tanglewood Dr $260,000
586 Tennyson $140,000
2864 Trallwood Dr $128,000
1307 Wagon Wheel Ln $152,000
2210 Wentworth Dr $283,000
2219 Wentworth Dr $287,000

Southfield
17336 Avilla Blvd $115,000
28405 Berkshire Dr $137,000
29608 Briarbank Ct $255,000
25020 Champlaign #4d $108,000
28103 Everett St $70,000
29890 Everett St $120,000
27480 Fairfax St $146,000
29614 Farmbrook Villa $118,000
25572 Filmore Pl $190,000
28945 Greenfield Rd $275,000
20834 Greenview Rd $85,000
21536 Indian St $95,000
29250 Kensington Ct $160,000
17220 Madison St $157,000
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23420 Plumbrooke Dr $169,000
22030 Poinciana St $74,000
21250 Potomac St $189,000
30260 Rock Creek Dr $158,000
21009 Sherman Ave $70,000
25325 Shiawassee #104 $39,000
25839 Southwood St $165,000
28895 Streamwood Ln $180,000
28043 Stuart Ave $97,000
24820 Thorndyke St $152,000
5000 Town Ctr $85,000
5000 Town Ctr $86,000
5000 Town Ctr $87,000
21540 Virginia St $181,000
2018 Woodland Ave $156,000

Troy
2219 Alexander Dr $160,000
1356 Almond Dr $424,000
6252 Atkins Dr $210,000
644 Barclay Dr $182,000
2789 Berkshire Dr $150,000
5737 Bingham Dr $202,000
5242 Breeze Hill Dr $145,000
2805 Briarwood Dr $314,000
5045 Buckingham Pl $117,000
5185 Buckingham Pl $125,000
1830 Buckthorn Ct $407,000
4720 Chapel Dr $195,000
1914 Crimson Dr $228,000
2251 Delesford Dr $220,000
3896 Edgemont Dr $300,000
1767 Enterprise Dr $98,000
1172 Fairways Blvd $173,000
3123 Frankton Dr $212,000
6058 Hearthside Dr $440,000
1958 Hempstead Dr $128,000
2392 Highbury Dr $183,000
442 Ivy Ln $285,000
825 Kirts Blvd $118,000
1804 Lexington Dr $555,000
2427 London Dr $187,000
3763 Mark Dr $209,000
3603 Milley Dr $162,000
155 Millstone Dr $383,000
6928 Mountain Dr $274,000
2316 Orpington Dr $180,000
825 Ottawa Dr $202,000
2325 Palmetto Dr $271,000
4059 Parkstone Ct $315,000
2832 Roundtree Dr $94,000
2983 Roundtree Dr $119,000
2889 Samuel Dr $147,000
4037 Shadrock Dr $250,000
4829 Squirrel Hill Dr $480,000
335 Starr Dr $145,000
2359 Sweet Dr $267,000
930 Sylvanwood Dr $197,000
427 Tara Dr $227,000
934 Trombley Dr $178,000
2320 Vermont Dr $154,000
4054 Walnut Hill Dr $233,000

Walled Lake
662 Decker Rd $131,000
1521 Dover Hi N $76,000
490 N Pontiac Trl $160,000
376 Neptune Dr $90,000

West Bloomfield
7484 Arrowood Dr $225,000
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4228 Breckenridge Dr $178,000
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7118 Danbrooke $241,000
5458 Deerfield Village $205,000
6985 Golden Ct $125,000
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3510 Green Lake Rd $153,000
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6667 High Ridge Rd $257,000
7279 Huntcliff $233,000
7220 Ilanaway Dr $286,000
3875 Lone Pine Rd $91,000
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MASONRY INSTITUTE

The Masonry Institute of Michigan hosts its annual meeting 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Double Tree Hotel, 27000 Sheraton Drive, Novi.

Cost, which includes continental breakfast, a presentation on glass masonry and lunch, is $50 for members, $70 for non-members. For details, call (734) 458-8544.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland hosts its monthly dinner/program, "Buying County Records on the Internet," 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at Stephenson Haus, I-75 service drive between I-696 and Nine Mile in Hazel Park.

Dinner is $14. The program at 8 p.m. is $10 for non-members. To register, call (800) 747-6742.

TOYS FOR TOTS

Century 21 Cole Realty, 25845 Plymouth Road, Redford, again will serve as a collection point for new, unwrapped toys in the Toys for Tots program sponsored annually by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves.

Coldwell Banker Professionals, 7151 N. Main, Clarkston, also will serve as a collection point through Dec. 16.

The toys are distributed to needy children.

SERVICE CONNECTION

The Service Connection in Livonia, (800) 287-0883, founded earlier this year, offers a free contractor referral service for residential and commercial inquiries.

Persons who inquire usually are given a couple of companies to consider by the end of the day.

The service includes roofing, tree service, asphalt/ concrete, carpet cleaning, plumbing, heating/ cooling, house cleaning and windows.

QUALITY CERTIFICATION

Roncelli Inc. of Sterling Heights, contractor, construction manager and builder, has achieved ISO-9002 quality control certification. The company has been in business since 1966.

MSHDA WEB SITE

Information about affordable housing, available loans and community development promoted by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority is now available on its new Web site at www.mshda.org

SALES WEB SITE

Curious as to what houses are selling for in your neighborhood?

Steve Wiese of Southeastern Appraisal Corp. in Farmington Hills has prepared maps on a community-by-community basis with that information on the Internet. And it's free.

Just point your browser to www.homevaluemap.com

PROPERTY INVESTORS II

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts a meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, at the Southgate Holiday Inn, 17201 Northline one block east of I-75.

Cost for non-members is $10. Beginning landlords interested in a free introductory package should call Wayde Koehler at (313) 386-7228.

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings, awards won and other news within the real estate, construction, architecture and mortgage communities.

Send a brief summary including town of residency and black and white photo to Real Estate Movers and Shakers, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.

Our fax number is (734) 591-7279.

Scott E. Elliott has been promoted to managing director of the automotive industry practice for the corporate advisory group with CB Richard Ellis in Southfield.

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Chris Burns and **Pam Drummond** have been appointed to head the relocation department of RE/MAX at Lakeside in Macomb. The two have been partners for 16 years.

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Ameson

Albert Kahn Associates announces two staff additions.

Susan Arneson joins the firm as manager of marketing and public relations. She will be responsible for orchestrating and coordinating all of the firm's major marketing and PR efforts.

Arneson holds a bachelor of arts degree in biology from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn.; a master of arts degree from Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa; and a master of business administration degree from the University of Michigan.

She's an active member of the Michigan Chapter of the Society for Marketing Professional Services. She has more than 20 years experience in the industry, most recently with Testing Engineers and Consultants in Troy.

Arneson lives in Lathrup Village.

Harper

Jacqueline Harper joins Albert Kahn as senior marketing coordinator. She will lead production of proposal development, prepare award submissions and coordinate project-oriented photography efforts. Harper brings seven years experience, most recently with Black and Veatch in Detroit. She attended Macomb Community College and lives in Birmingham.

Farmington Hills New Construction
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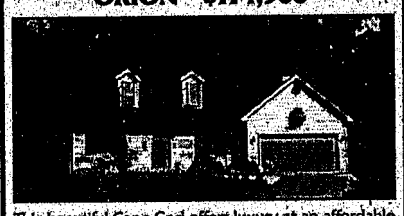
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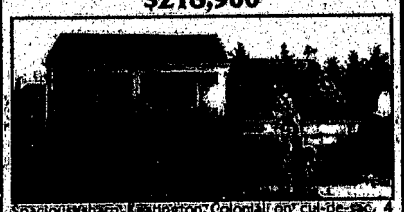
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For more information - Call the lenders at the phone numbers provided or access their website or e-mail

24 HR. MORTGAGE SEARCH HOTLINE 1-877-MTG-SEARCH(684-7327)		30-yr	Pts	15-yr	Pts	1 yr ARM	Pts
Able Mortgage Group	www.ablemtg.com 1-800-610-4041	6.50	2	6.125	2	5.625	2
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	1-248-740-2323	6.75	0	6.25	.25	6.00	0
Barclay Mortgage Funding Group	bclay@barclaymortgage.com 1-248-223-9984	6.375	2	6.00	2	6.125	0
Captiva Group Mortgage Co.	www.greatnorthernfunding.com 1-248-608-LOAN	6.875	0	6.625	0	N/R	N/R
Community Federal Credit Union	www.cfcu.org 1-734-453-1200	6.625	2	6.25	2	5.00	1
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	1-313-565-3100	7.00	0	6.75	0	4.25	2
First Federal of Michigan	www.ffom.com 1-800-DIAL-FFM	6.49	2	6.15	2	4.75	2
Franklin Mortgage Group	1-313-383-6000	6.375	2	5.875	2	N/R	N/R
GMAC Mortgage Corp.	www.gmacmortgage.com 1-800-964-4622	6.25	3	5.75	3	4.875	3
Group One Mortgage	www.grouponemortgage.com 1-734-953-4000	6.50	2	6.25	2	5.00	2
JMC Mortgage Corp.	1-248-489-4020	6.125	3.875	5.50	3.75	5.25	2.25
Michigan National Bank	www.michigannational.com 1-800-CALL-MNB	6.50	2.00	6.25	1.75	5.875	1.50
National City Mortgage	1-248-851-7800	6.375	1.75	6.00	2.00	5.375	1.25
Norwest Mortgage Corp.	www.norwest.com 1-800-752-8672	7.125	0	6.75*	0	4.875	1
Pioneer Mortgage Inc.	www.pioneermortgage.com 1-248-344-1244	6.875	2	6.00	2	4.25	2
Real Time Mortgage Corp.	1-888-565-FUND	6.25	2	5.75	2	5.00	2
Schwab Lending Mortgage	www.LowestRate.com 1-800-387-7662	6.75	0	6.875	0	6.25	0
Service One Mortgage	1-800-733-9009	6.875	2.125	6.875	2.125	5.262.00	
United Home Mortgage	www.uhmortgage.com 1-800-586-5505	6.75	0	6.50	0	4.625	0
Wolverine Mortgage	1-800-807-9377	6.375	2	6.00	2	5.125	2

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MORTGAGE SEARCH EXTRA

ABLE MORTGAGE GROUP 1-800-610-4041 www.ablemtg.com

TERM	RATE	PTS./FEE	DN.PMT.	LOCK	APR
30 yr FX	6.50	2/300	5%	45 days	6.72
15 yr FX	6.125	2/300	5%	45 days	6.49
1 yr ARM	5.625	2/300	5%	45 days	7.87
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30 yr FX	6.625**	0/350	5%	60 days	6.75
15 yr FX	6.25**	0/350	5%	60 days	6.375
1 yr ARM	5.25	0/350	5%*	60 days	8.012
10/1 JUMBO	6.625	0/350	10%	60 days	7.525
3/1 JUMBO ARM	6.25	0/350	10%	60 days	7.425

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APPROVED MORTGAGES INC. 1-734-455-2219 approvedmtgs@compuserve.com

TERM	RATE	PTS./FEE	DN.PMT.	LOCK	APR
30 yr FX	6.75	0/265	5%	30 days	6.700
15 yr FX	6.375	0/265	5%	30 days	6.647
1 yr ARM	5.75	0/265	10%	30 days	7.951
3/1 yr ARM	6.125	0/265	10%	30 days	7.322

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30 yr FX	6.25	3/295	5%	30 days	6.57
15 yr FX	5.75	3/295	5%	30 days	6.28
3/1 ARM	5.375	3/295	5%	30 days	7.47
30 yr FX JUMBO	6.875	3/295	5%	30 days	7.189

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30 yr FX	6.375	2/295	5%	45 days	6.658
15 yr FX	5.875	2/295	5%	45 days	6.330
1 yr ARM	5.00	2/295	5%	45 days	7.416
1 yr ARM JUMBO	5.25	2/295	5%	45 days	7.427

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20 yr FX	6.75	0/call	5%	30 days	6.814
15 yr FX	6.50	0/call	5%	30 days	6.576
1 yr ARM	6.00	0/call	10%	30 days	7.647

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GREAT AMERICAN MORTGAGE CORP. 1-800-240-9448 www.greatmortgage.com

TERM	RATE	PTS./FEE	DN.PMT.	LOCK	APR
30 yr FX	6.875	0/300	5%	30 days	6.95
15 yr FX	6.50	0/300	5%	30 days	6.68
1 yr JUMBO ARM	4.50	0/300	5%	30 days	7.01
5/1 yr ARM	6.625	0/300	5%	30 days	7.65

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30 yr FX	6.75	0/300	5%	30 days	6.80
15 yr FX	6.50	0/300	5%	30 days	6.59
1 yr ARM	5.25	1/300	10%	30 days	7.36

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15 yr FX	6.00	2/295	5%	60 days	6.36
1 yr ARM	5.375	2/295	10%	60 days	8.127
5/1 ARM	6.75	0/295	5%	60 days	8.776
1 yr FHA ARM	6.25	1/295	3%	60 days	7.571

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30 yr FX	6.75	0/338.50	5%	60 days	6.782
15 yr FX	6.50	0/338.50	5%	60 days	6.562
1 yr ARM	4.625	0/0	5%	60 days	6.625
1/1 yr JUMBO ARM	4.80	0/0	5%	60 days	6.80

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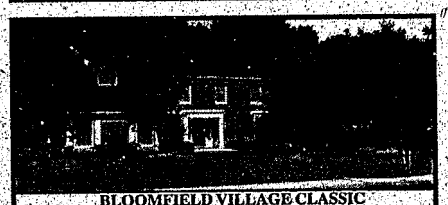


BLOOMFIELD VILLAGE CLASSIC
- Custom brick Colonial with first floor master
- White kitchen with premium appliances, dining room
- Lots of hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces, 4 bedrooms up
- Beautiful landscaping with attractive pool area

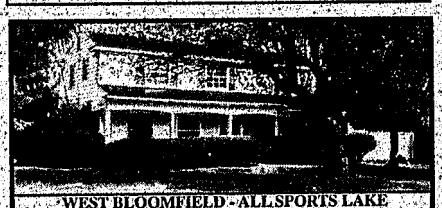
$1,100,000 (248) 646-6000 GL101

COMMERCE
- This 4 bedroom Ranch sits on a large lakefront lot
- Formal dining room, two fireplaces, family room
- Rec room, huge library/den, dynamite master suite
- Deck, fenced play area, sandy beach, all sports

$679,700 (248) 851-4400 LA829

BEAUTIFUL, & NEARLY NEW IN OAKLAND TWP.
- Nature area surrounds premium 1.25 acre lot
- Four bedrooms, 3 full & 2 half baths, dual staircase
- Walkout lower level, Corian throughout, gourmet kitchen has white cabinets & dramatic 2 way fireplace

$569,900 (248) 651-8850 GR477



WEST BLOOMFIELD - ALL SPORTS LAKE
- Four bedroom Long Lake Shores Colonial on treed lot with canal to all sports Upper Long Lake
- Fireplace in family room, many hardwood floors, 2.5 baths
- Den, formal dining, finished lower level walkout

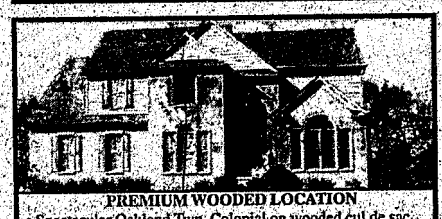
$519,000 Ann Greene, Irene Korpi (248) 646-3534 864582

ROCHESTER HILLS - BEAUTIFULLY NEW
- Just three months old with many upgrades
- Two story foyer, split staircase, tile & hardwood flooring, white island kitchen, firelit family room
- Luxurious master suite. Beautiful landscaping

$449,900 (248) 646-6000 BL199

STUNNING NEW CONSTRUCTION
- Ranch home with 12 ft. or greater ceilings thru-out
- Beautiful windows provide views of woods, water
- Upgraded carpet, wood floors, custom fireplace
- Jetted tub in spacious master. Walkout basement

$286,900 (248) 651-8850 OL176

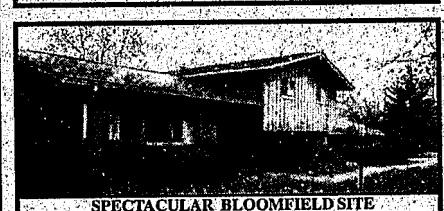


PREMIUM WOODED LOCATION
- Spectacular Oakland Twp. Colonial on wooded cul de sac deep within prestigious Country Creek Community
- Neutral decor, large center island kitchen, library
- Fabulous master bedroom suite, lower level walkout

$389,900 (248) 851-4400 DE460

ROCHESTER HILLS - RARE BEAUTY
- Fabulous decor and polished hardwood floors!
- Gorgeous brick & wood, four bedroom Colonial
- Quaint first floor library, wonderful master suite
- Sparkling white kitchen with quality appliances

$389,900 (248) 651-8850 HO366

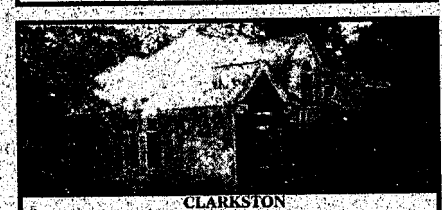


SPECTACULAR BLOOMFIELD SITE
- 1.5 acres of treed, rolling grounds
- Huge deck, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, spacious rooms
- Oversized 2 car garage. Potential guest suite
- Bloomfield Schools. City sewer and water

$359,900 (248) 647-6400 SQ357

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - IMPRESSIVE QUALITY
- Former model! Very sharp 4 bedroom 1987 Tudor w/ 3 car garage, hardwood floors, ceramic tile
- Library, family room, bar, deck, great price and more!
- Job Transfer, Need offer

$339,000 (248) 851-4400 SH168

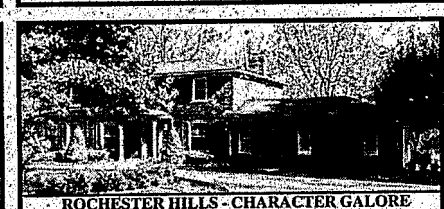


CLARKSTON
- Beautiful home situated on 2/3 acre treed setting
- Natural fireplace in great room, hardwood floors in entry and kitchen, 1st floor master suite with Jacuzzi
- Merliat cabinets, formal dining, Walkout basement

$309,900 (248) 324-3800 FO778

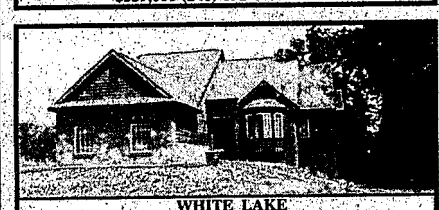
WEST BLOOMFIELD - BETTER THAN NEW!
- Great almost new condo in Lagoons of W. Bloomfield
- Upgrades and extras! Neutral colors throughout.
- 2000 plus square feet Second floor loft could be 3rd bedroom.
- Two beautiful fireplaces

$299,999 (248) 324-3800 HE657



ROCHESTER HILLS - CHARACTER GALORE
- Center entrance all brick Williamsburg style Colonial
- Stately formal living & dining rooms, lovely sun room
- Cozy family room with fireplace, fabulous kitchen
- Screened porch. Croquet court or putting green in yard!

$299,900 (248) 651-8850 RO603

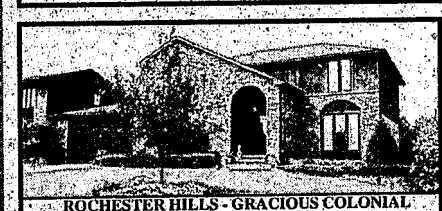


WHITE LAKE
- Transfer forces sale of this newer home
- First floor master bedroom with fashion bath.
- Great white and bright kitchen with appliances
- Walkout lower level. 3 car garage. Clarkston Schools

$ 263,900 (248) 851-4400 CO452

BIRMINGHAM
- Downtown Birmingham, best buy West of Woodward
- Move-in condition, updated Colonial
- Two bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 fireplaces, fabulous family room.
- Motivated Seller!

$260,000 Kathleen Hayward (248) 647-8086 LI251



ROCHESTER HILLS - GRACIOUS COLONIAL
- Elegant center hall Colonial with hardwood foyer
- New Pella windows, updated kitchen and bath
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, formal dining & study
- Fireplace in family room. Very peaceful setting

$259,000 Eleanor Feeley (248) 656-4404 PA329

CLARKSTON - CAPTIVATING COLONIAL
- Better than new home amidst a nature wonderland.
- Immaculate! Neutral decor with arched windows, hardwood & ceramic flooring & honey oak kitchen, master with Jacuzzi
- Private, wooded backyard adjacent to park.(PI622)

$249,900 Kim Harrison Echlin (248) 625-5704 PI622

STERLING HEIGHTS- POPULAR HATHERLY SUB
- Almost new Colonial offers an excellent floor plan
- Enjoy the georgeous backyard view from the deck
- Crackling fireplace in great room, large formal dining
- Four bedrooms, 2.5 baths, deck and 2.5 car garage

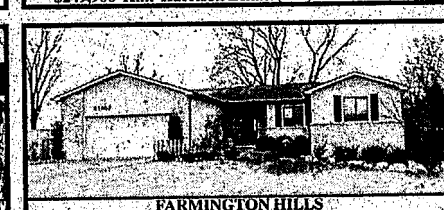
$249,900 (248) 641-1660 SI455

OAKLAND - PRIME LOCATION
- Gorgeous property for this potential gem
- With work his cedar Cape Cod could be charming
- Four bedrooms with basement and attached garage
- Very close to Goodison and Paint Creek Trail!

$244,900 (248) 651-8850 DU376

WOLVERINE VILLAGE - ALL SPORTS LAKEFRONT
- Darling home - 2-3 bedroom, open, neutral, C/A
- New carpet, fresh paint, oak kitchen
- Huge deck, 80' on the water with sandy beach!
- Oversized three car garage for toys or storage

$239,900 (248) 851-4400 CA267



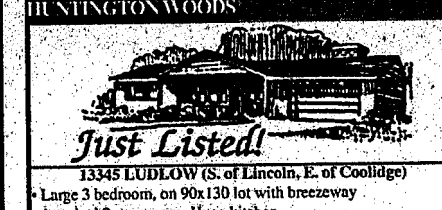
FARMINGTON HILLS
- Beautiful contemporary ranch in great location
- Cathedral ceilings and skylights, recessed lighting
- Gas fireplace and built in bookshelves in living room
- Master with walk-in closet & bath with whirlpool tub

$224,900 (248) 851-4400 GR279

SOUTHFIELD - LOVELY VIEWS
- Plenty of potential and gorgeous view of ravine behind this three bedroom ranch on corner lot
- Lower level walkout with full bath and bedroom
- Large two car garage. A wonderful value

$144,900 (248) 646-6000 NI232

HUNTINGTON WOODS



13345 LUDLOW (S. of Lincoln, E. of Coolidge)
- Large 3 bedroom, on 90x130 lot with breezeway
- Attached 2 car garage. Huge kitchen
- Three season solarium can convert to year round family room. Great street.

$254,900 Jane Solomon (248) 647-8068

GREAT SHRINE AREA, GREAT BUY
- Gorgeous dark hardwood floors throughout
- Three bedrooms are spacious plus 1.5 baths & family room
- New windows, electrical, driveway + updates galore
- Location is ideal. Great neighborhood. Plus deck.

$199,900 (248) 646-6000 BA290

SOUTHFIELD - THIS IS IT!
- This four bedroom Colonial has it all!
- Some hardwood floors, kitchen with breakfast nook
- Florida room. Finished basement w/ 5th bedroom
- Wall to wall fireplace, custom deck, inground pool

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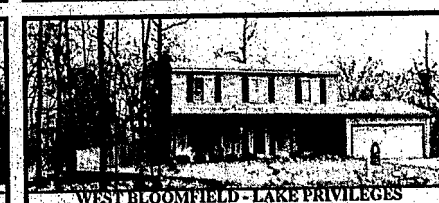
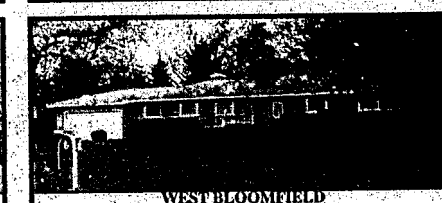


WEST BLOOMFIELD - LAKE PRIVILEGES
- Maintenance free Colonial with large fenced lot
- Natural fireplace in living room, breakfast room
- Three bedrooms, finished basement with rec room
- Many updates, platform deck, wide driveway for boat

$182,900 John J. Emerson (248) 539-8150 WO368



WEST BLOOMFIELD
- Brick ranch on quiet street in peaceful community
- Freshly painted and nicely updated with new white laminate kitchen and large family room addition
- Three bedrooms, all appliances included.

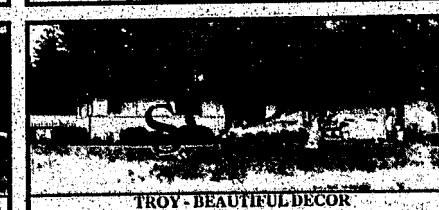
$175,900 (248) 646-6000 CA539

ROYAL OAK - WHITE PICKET FENCE
- If charm is what you want, charm is what you' ll get
- Three bedroom Colonial - walk to downtown!
- Updated kitchen and bath, three car garage
- White picket fence and all!

$145,900 (248) 647-6400 HA117

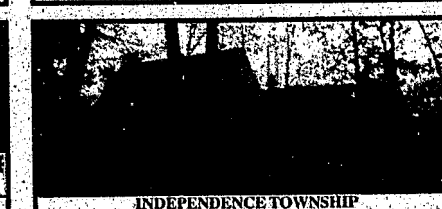
ROYAL OAK - LIGHT & AIRY CONDO
- Walk to downtown from Maryland Club!
- Better than new, clean light neutral decor.
- Light oak kitchen with ceramic flooring, High ceilings
- Attached garage. Beautiful grounds. Steps from pool

$149,800 (248) 641-1660 MA154



TROY - BEAUTIFUL DECOR
- This well maintained three bedroom brick ranch boasts gorgeous decor & exceptional landscaping
- Hardwood floors in bedrooms, fireplace in family room
- Finished garage w/ glass block windows for light

$145,000 Mike Alonso (248) 267-1107 TO109



INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP
- Charming updated beauty on corner lot in Thendora Park
- Stone fireplace in great room, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths
- Tastefully done top to bottom! Newer furnace & septic
- Privileges on Walters Lake. Clarkston Schools

$140,000 (248) 851-4400 MO878

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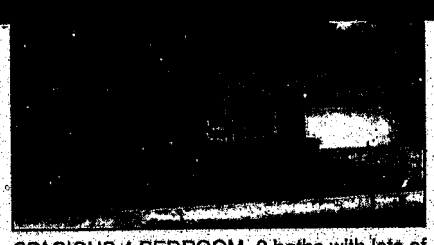


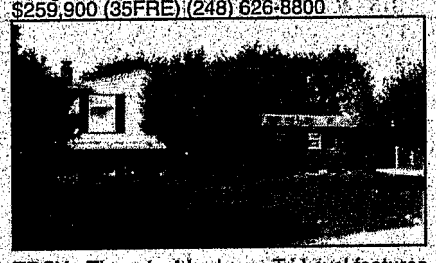
SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM, 2 baths with lots of updates! New windows, furnace, carpet, gutters, huge family room with fireplace, doorwall. Completely updated master bedroom with private bath. Two car garage, large fenced yard. $109,900 (248) 626-8800 (28SEL)

GREAT VALUE! Move-in condition ranch on treed lot, very private patio back yard. Updated throughout this brick ranch beckons your viewing. In area of homes selling above $210,000. Well into the sub. See it quickly!! $154,900 (35GAR) (248) 626-8800

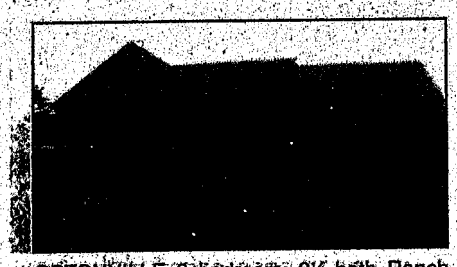
EXCITEMENT! Is how you will feel. Four bedrooms, 3 baths. Hardwood floors, white interior, huge windows & skylights. Separate master bedroom suite. Extensively updated plus a finished walkout basement. Almost an acre lot. $270,000 (29SUG) (248) 626-8800

SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath home features multiple updates: Roof, furnace, central air, kitchen, baths, landscaping & more! Two plus attached garage, Great room has vaulted ceiling. All newer lighting. $214,900 (28GRE) (248) 626-8800

LOCATION, LOVING CARE & LARGE LOT! Combine the 3 L's above w/Farmington Hills schools & a high turn over sub & you have a great buy. Bay windows, new neutral rug T/O. Large kitchen, formal dining & family room, living room. Trees in back afford privacy. $259,900 (35FRE) (248) 626-8800



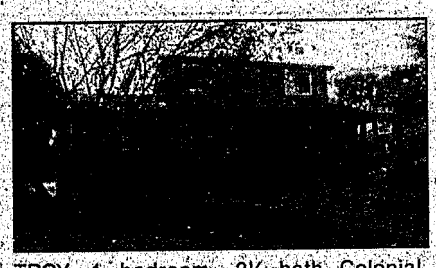
TROY - Three to 4 bedroom Tri-Level features many amenities too numerous to list. Andersen windows. All appliances. Troy Schools. $179,900 (89ELI) (248) 524-1600



ORTONVILLE 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Ranch home with 7 plus acres. Large great room with natural fireplace. First floor laundry. Home built in 1992. $289,900 (56SAW) (248) 524-1600

ROYAL OAK 3 bedroom Colonial. Updates include kitchen with doorwall to deck. Furnace, central air, windows, floor coverings. Living room with big windows. Move in condition. Neutral decor throughout. $168,900 (09EDI) (248) 524-1600

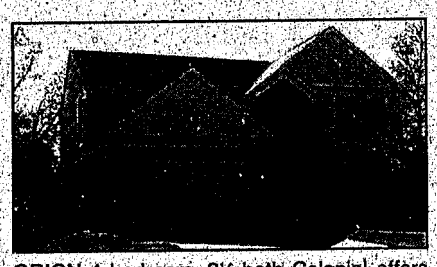
TROY 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Ranch home. First floor laundry. Family room and living room with 2 way fireplace. Brick paver walkway in front. Sprinkler system. Outside lights. $219,500 (42TRE) (248) 524-1600



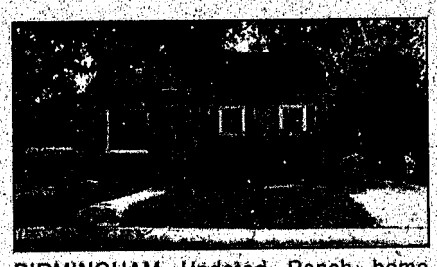
TROY 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial. Everything's been done for you! Just move in. Newer roof, furnace, windows, kitchen. Call Today! $238,900 (96FAL) (248) 524-1600.

TROY 3 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial. Built in 1988. View of pond. 30 day possession. Call Today. Two car attached garage. $264,900 (86CRO) (248) 524-1600.

DRYDEN Architectually stunning 1994 3 bedroom great room home with fieldstone fireplace. First floor laundry. Andersen windows. Cherry kitchen and a 2 car attached garage. $184,900 (25CAS) (248) 54-1600.



ORION 4 bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial offers lake privileges on Lake Voorheis. Walkout basement. Central air. Two fireplaces. Wood deck. $279,900 (34CAN) (248) 524-1600.



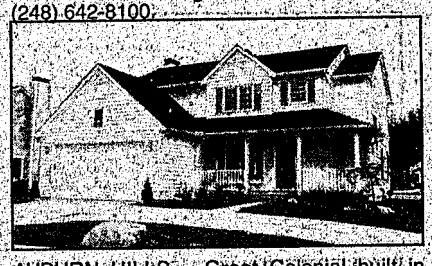
BIRMINGHAM Updated Ranch home includes all appliances. Central air. Carpet, roof, windows, deck. Finished basement. A must see! $162,900 (76BAN) (248) 524-1600.

WEST BLOOMFIELD – Desirable Ranch detached condo with loft and finished lower level walkout. Private wooded site! Lite & brite. Newer carpet. Master bedroom with Jacuzzi tub, living room & dining room offer high ceilings. Open floor plan and security system. $335,000 (10HER) (248) 642-8100

WEST BLOOMFIELD – Immaculate 4 bedroom, 2½ bath, newer carpet, freshly painted, library, large family room, finished basement. Large kitchen opens to family room. Over 3,000 sq. ft., deck, newer roof, side entrance garage. (14WIN) $329,900 (248) 642-8100

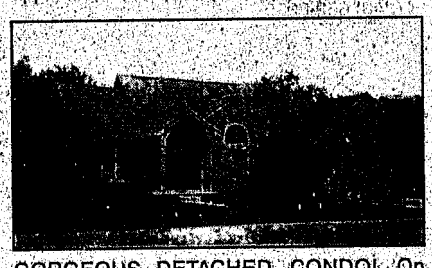
BIRMINGHAM – Priced to sell! Move right into this 3 bedroom, 1½ bath colonial within walking distance to schools & shopping. Features include cozy family room, hardwood floors, partially finished basement, updated kitchen, 2 car garage & wonderful yard. $299,900 (27WOR) (248) 642-8100.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS – A must see! Gorgeous home in popular Hickory Grove Sub. Updates: Kitchens, baths, roof, central air, furnace, siding, driveway & more. Hardwood floors, marble foyer, 2 fireplaces, dual decks. Shows great! $274,900 (69PAM) (248) 642-8100.



AUBURN HILLS – Great Colonial built in 1994. Four bedroom, master suite, family room, hardwood floors, white cabinets, huge deck, sprinklers. Great schools. No main roads. $239,900 (68HAT) (248) 642-8100.

ROCHESTER CAPE COD This brick/wood home with 1st floor master that views the wooded back yard is truly a 10. Two story foyer & great room, Oak kitchen with island, unfinished walkout. First floor laundry & all appliances. $277,900 (62RIV) (248) 652-8000



GORGEOUS DETACHED CONDO! On premium lot backing to woods. Completely neutral throughout, great room with cathedral ceilings & 2 sided marble fireplace. Sunny kitchen with with nook & doorwall to deck, cozy hearth area. Large master suite with jacuzzi. $264,900 (71FAI) (248) 652-8000.

PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP! Bright & clean, neutral decor, excellent condition. Fabulous 2 story hardwood foyer. Huge kitchen with island. Master suite with jet tub. First floor library, laundry. Professionally landscaped. Two tier deck. Cul-de-sac location. $284,900 (67TIF) (248) 626-8800.

ROCHESTER Only 6 months old! Four bedroom, 2½ bath Colonial. Oak kitchen, great room, library, dining room. Hardwood floors. Elegant master suite. Garden windows. Professionally landscaped yard with sprinkler system. $329,900 (25RIN) (248) 524-1600

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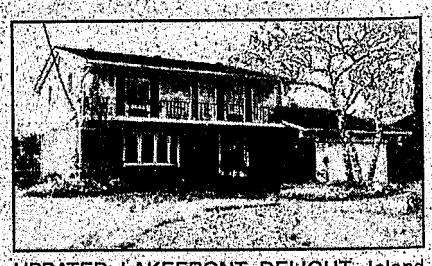
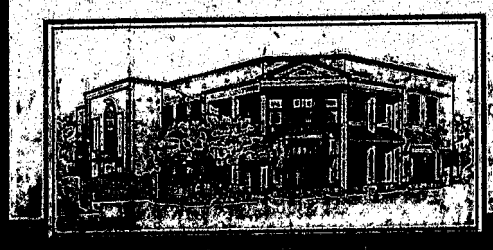
LAKE SHERWOOD LAKEFRONT. Traditional style colonial, 4 bedrooms, 2½ baths on secluded lot. Backs to nature area, unfinished walkout, almost 1 acre secluded quiet serene lot. A Must See House. $479,900 (09DEE) 363-1200



UPDATED LAKEFRONT DELIGHT. Island views from most windows of this recently updated colonial. Why buy new when all the work has been done for you! Master bath is fantastic to see, also hardwood floors, ceramic tile. Hurry! $259,500 (60ELL) 363-1200

LAKEFRONT LIVING IS BEST! Light, bright, open & totally updated! Three bedroom, 2 bath, high ceilings, fireplace, 2 + car garage. Lakeside deck, A-1 kitchen. Don't miss this one! $249,000 (91BIS) 363-1200.



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BACKS TO GOLF CLUB. Adjacent to Indianwood, large lot with mature trees, on cul-de-sac, neutral throughout, move-in condition. Large kitchen, Oak cabinets, expansive master with 6 ft. garden tub. $304,900 (26LAK) (248) 652-8000.

LAKEFRONT-LAKEFRONT – Brand new West Bloomfield Lakefront Colonial with finished walkout basement. Just completed. White kitchen. Hardwood floors & high ceilings on 1st floor. $359,900 (30LEY) 642-8100

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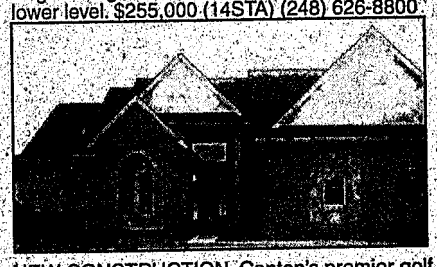
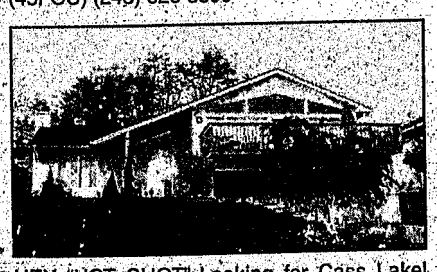
EXQUISITE CUSTOM CONTEMPORARY on Cul-de-sac with private wooded setting. Soft white interior. Gourmet kitchen/island with 2nd sink. Grand master suite with balcony & elegant bath with Jacuzzi & stall shower. Bright & light with loads of windows. Finished lower level. $255,000 (14STA) (248) 626-8800

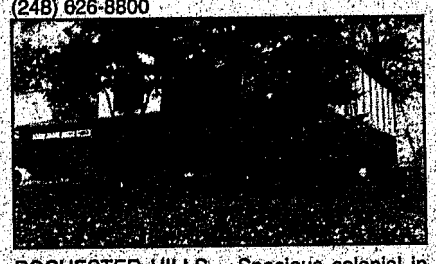


NEW CONSTRUCTION. Canton's premier golf course community. Fairway Pines at Pleasant Run. Soaring ceiling, 1st floor master suite, large island kitchen, bright Breakfast nook. Three car side entry garage. $293,900 (45FOU) (248) 626-8800



HEY "HOT SHOT" Looking for Cass Lake! Almost new 2,400 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths, garage & basement. A real cream puff with neutral decor & upgrades galore. Two story foyer, vaulted ceilings, center island open to great room & dining room, walk-in closet. $269,900 (11KIR) (248) 626-8800

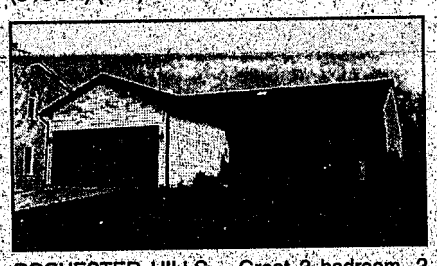
STUNNING RANCH in beautiful gated Ramblewood. Great room with fireplace, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, 4th bedroom/den in walkout lower level with 2nd fireplace. Two full & 2 half baths. First floor laundry, neutral decor. $289,000 (36VAL) (248) 626-8800



ROCHESTER HILLS – Spacious colonial in great neighborhood. Four bedroom, 2½ bath, living room, family room, dining room, study, huge foyer and great room. Lovely lot. Finished basement, 2 car garage. Walton & Adams area. $238,900 (93MED) (248) 642-8100

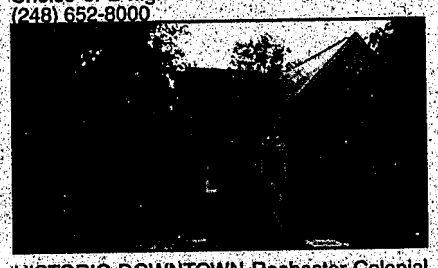
TROY – 5 bedroom, 2½ baths Colonial home on large wooded lot, newer roof, furnace, ceramic floor in kitchen, library. Finished basement with lots of storage. Parquet floors in dining room and foyer. $234,900 (44HIG) (248) 642-8100

TROY – Built in '86. Tastefully decorated and well maintained home offers 3 bedroom, 1½ baths, family room with fireplace, central air, attached garage, large corner lot, in-ground sprinklers, manicured lot and more! $159,900 (54CON) (248) 642-8100



ROCHESTER HILLS – Great 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch built in 1991 with open floor plan. Doorwall to 12x24 deck, 2 car attached garage. Full, easily finished basement. Must See! $149,900 (51YOR) (248) 642-8100

VERY NICE HOME in Metamora. Over 2 wooded acres! Sharp home built in 1991 with many amenities: central air, security alarm, finished basement, cedar closet, all kitchen appliances, wood stove, extra insulation. Choice of 2 high schools. $244,900 (40MIL) (248) 652-8000



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN Rochester Colonial fully remodeled! Living room/marble fireplace, bookcase mantle. Chandeliers, Oak foyer, skylite, 9' ceiling, bay window, ceramic, roof, vinyl siding, 6 panel doors, 5 ceiling fans. '98: deck, front porch, hot water heater, 2nd bath fixtures. $239,900 (15FOU) (248) 652-8000

SPACIOUS 1885 sq. ft. brick Ranch on ½ acre lot. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room, dining room, family room with fireplace, Florida room, fin. basement with wet bar, newer roof and water heater, 2 car att. garage, adjacent ½ acre lot also for sale for $60,000 only with house. $199,990 (40KAL) 248-652-8000

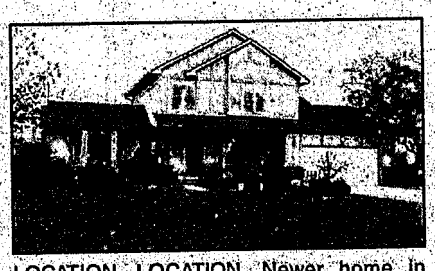
CAPE COD with first floor master. Large country size lot with big house. Lake privileges on Cranberry Lake with its 100 ft. swim dock and club house. Oh yes, did I say walk out and central air? $172,500 (51CHE) 248-652-8000

FISHIN' AROUND? You won't need to any more on this sharp ranch within blocks of all sports lake, plus open floor plan, formal dining room, extra deep basement plumbed for bath, 1st floor laundry. $169,899 (51CON) 248-652-8000

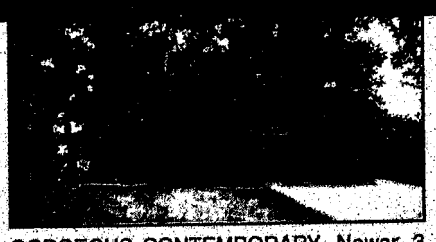
BRICK RANCH IN SHELBY, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large great room, city water. Large lot, lake privileges, natural fireplace, updates galore. Country Lane Estates. Chestnut Lake. $163,500 (35BUT) 248-652-8000

QUALITY BUILT family home, Rochester schools. Not only three bedrooms, breezeway, air, and 1900 sq. ft. but a possible loft or carriage house over the heated garage. Fantastic offer! $157,900 (46HES) 248-652-8000

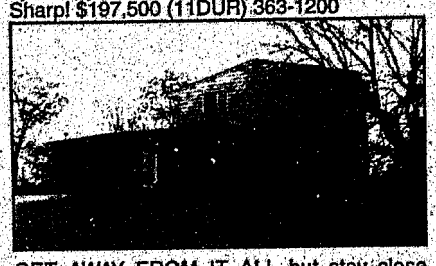
BRAND NEW RANCH HOME on premium 1 acre lot in developed sub. Soft contemporary with sensational qualities and 3 car garage. $244,900 (09NAN) 363-1200



LOCATION, LOCATION. Newer home in Mapleridge, walking distance to Walled Lake Western, 3 bedroom, 2½ baths, open floor plan, large yard. $209,900 (46SIL) 363-1200



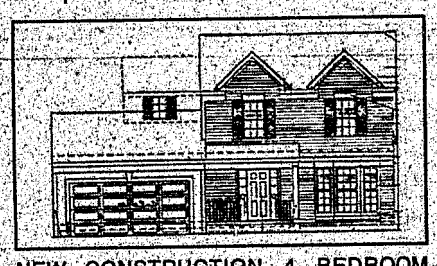
GORGEOUS CONTEMPORARY. Newer 3 bedrooms, 2½ baths on corner lot, open plan with hardwood floors and lots of ceramics, large deck with lake views, full basement, natural fireplace in great room, C/A, sprinkler system, priv. on both Elizabeth & Cass lakes. Sharp! $197,500 (11DUR) 363-1200



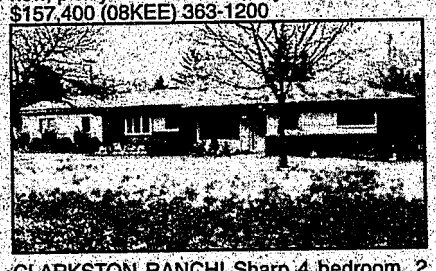
GET AWAY FROM IT ALL but stay close enough to commute. This beautiful, well updated 4 bedroom Colonial features entry level living room and family room with fireplace, formal dining, doorwall to custom deck, gorgeous kitchen and Huron Valley Schools. $169,900 (41CUR) 363-1200

COMMERCE LAKEFRONT! Here it is! Look no further. 40 ft. of lake frontage on Commerce Lake! Older home among many new! Great lot for walkout possibilities! $159,900 (12OAK) 363-1200

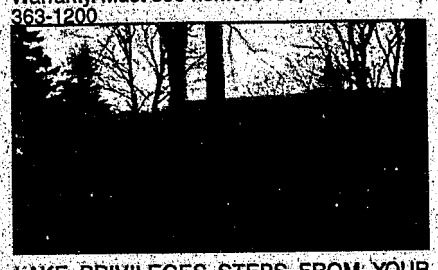
NEW CONSTRUCTION COLONIAL. Great value in this 4 bedroom, 1½ bath house with family room, living room, 2nd floor laundry, full basement, 2 car attached garage. To be completed 2/99. Buy now and pick your colors and options. $157,400 (00KEE) 363-1200.



NEW CONSTRUCTION 4 BEDROOM HOUSE. Lots of room for all 4 bedrooms, 1½ baths, 2nd floor laundry, open floor plan with large eat-in kitchen, full basement, 2 car attached garage. To be completed 2/99. Buy now, pick your own colors, city water & sewer. $157,400 (08KEE) 363-1200



CLARKSTON RANCH! Sharp 4 bedroom, 2 full bath home in one of areas most popular areas. Recent updates include carpet, ceramic floors, newer windows and shingles, large deck, C/A, and more. 1 year Home Warranty. Must see home. $139,900 (77SNO) 363-1200



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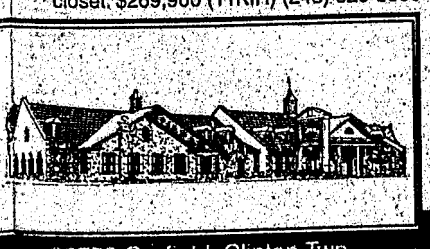

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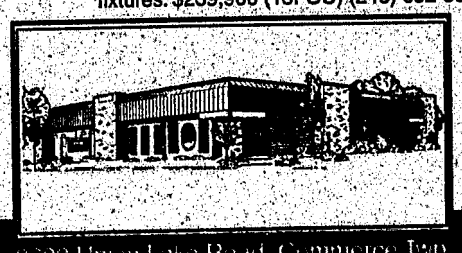

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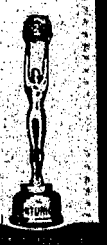

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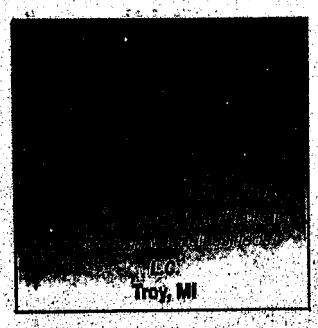

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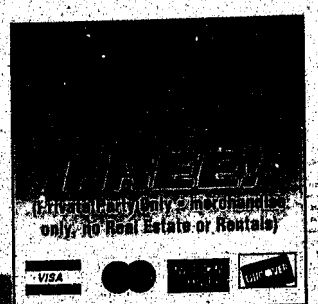

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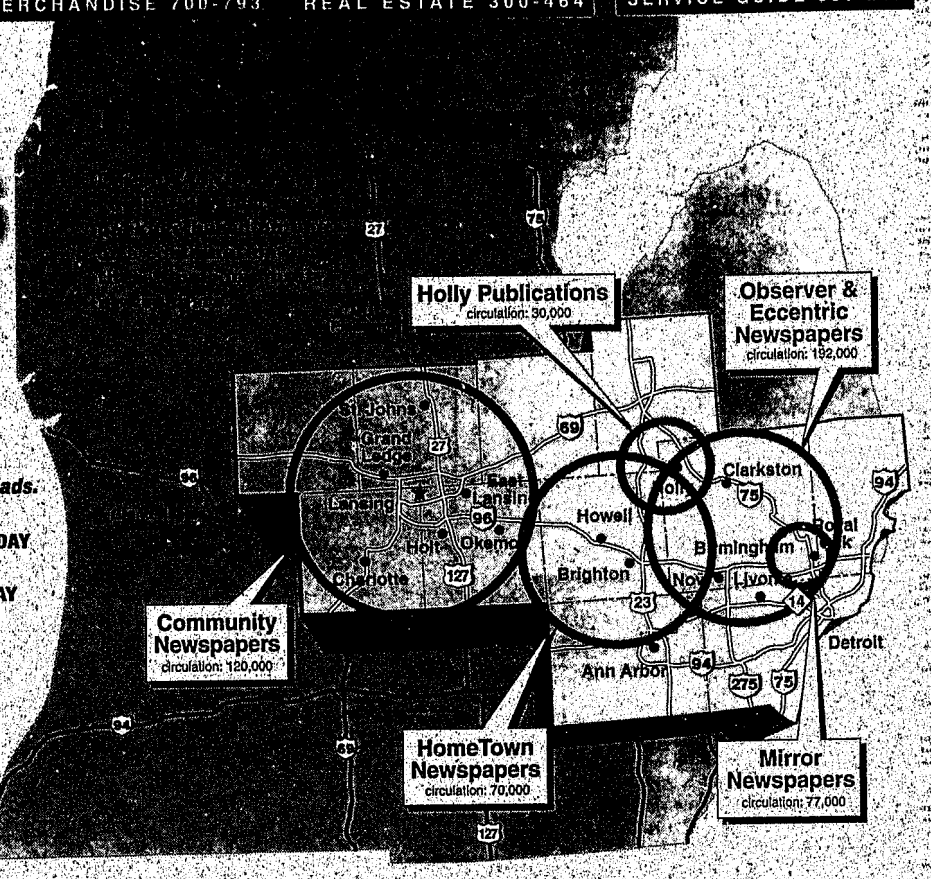

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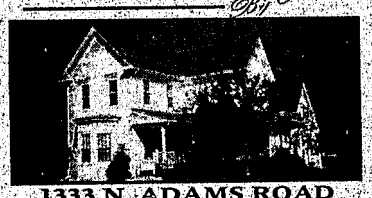

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LOVELY HOME
With lots of space and updates. Gorgeous kitchen, dining room features french doors to deck, huge family room, 2 car attached garage, newer roof (98), large fenced yard. Recently painted and Home Warranty! $141,500 (AJCHE)
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311 Dearborn-Dearborn Heights

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314 Farmington/Farmington Hills

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316 Fowlerville

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317 Garden City

Charming, maintained 2 bedroom ranch, large 80x123 lot, 28420 Bock. $76,900.
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CUTE 3 bedroom brick ranch home with very nice finished basement, garage & fenced in yard. Move-In condition! Garden City schools. $105,500.
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323 Howell

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325 Livonia

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326 Milford

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334 Plymouth

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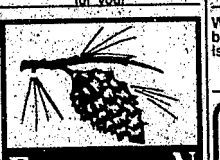

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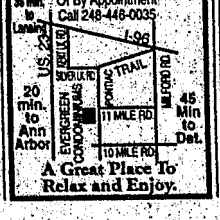

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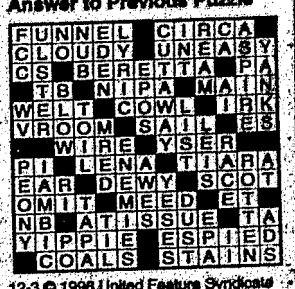

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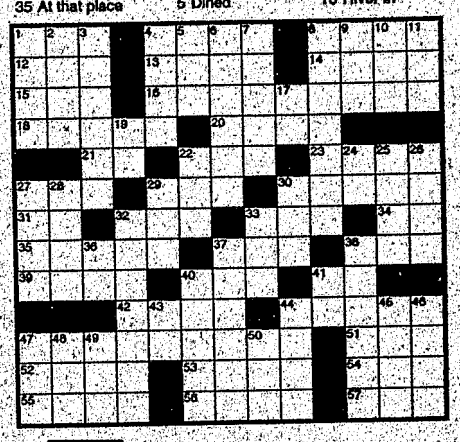

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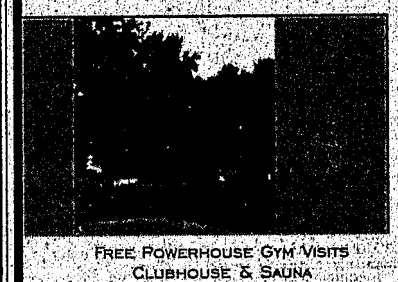

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Grocery survey protects consumers

JOE GAGNON

The city of Detroit has a Consumer Affairs Department which has a primary purpose of helping the residents of the city. For many years the residents of our suburbs have gotten to know the voice of Ms. Esther Shapiro, the longtime director of Consumer Affairs who recently retired from her position.

Today, we have a gentleman heading that department by the name of John Roy Castillo who continues to do exactly what Ms. Shapiro did, help educate consumers. Through the power of the pen, Consumer Affairs mails out a monthly four page newsletter which focuses on current trends of consumer protection. I cannot emphasize enough how valuable this newsletter has become to me in the past several years. I have done many seminars using the information I gain from reading it, and I would like to see each and every one of you have it in your possession. You can obtain this newsletter by sending a No. 10 envelope, self-addressed, with one stamp on it to Consumer Affairs Department, 1600 Cadillac Tower, Detroit, MI 48226.

Let me give you an idea of how informative this piece of information has become to so many consumers. What you are about to read has not been printed in any newspaper nor have you see a story on it on television. It is the opinion of John Roy and his department and bears repeating in this column.

Individual grocery store ratings for Michigan's 2,000 supermarkets were disclosed to the public for the first time by the Detroit Free Press in August in a series entitled, "Grading the Groceries." A few stores in Metropolitan Detroit were found to be selling outdated baby formula, contaminated meats and other unsavory food items. For example, state regulators discovered – in tests conducted between January 1997 and June 1998 – that 6 percent of hamburger samples checked were contaminated with other kinds of meat. The percentage of contaminated samples jumped significantly when regulators checked other types of ground meat: 19 percent for ground poultry, 38 percent for ground pork and 84 percent for ground lamb.

The potential for serious, food-borne health risk is underscored by the 110 warning letters issued to Michigan supermarkets since Jan. 1, 1997, for the sale of impure meat.

During the same period, 6,000 pounds of outdated infant formula from over 200 stores was confiscated. Now, Michigan regulators want to do away with the grocery rating system because they claim it can "mislead the public." I don't know about you but I want to know if my grocery store is selling contaminated meats, outdated stock or has been cited for violating sanitation codes. This issue has the potential to affect the health of each and every one of us. If you operate a store where the stock is rotated, is clean and employs sanitary practices to ensure that meat is not contaminated, you have nothing to worry about. And, if that's your store, that's where I want to shop.

State regulators should not do away with a legitimate tool that consumers can use to compare the quality of food stores because of a few angry store owners who received bad grades. Michigan's grocery rating system should stay in place. The state should worry more about protecting our health instead of reacting to a few disgruntled owners whose unsanitary business practices put the health of their customers at risk. Contact the state lawmaker and tell him or her that you support the publication of the grocery system. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon was the president of Carmack Appliances for 20 years and is today a weekend talk show host on 760 WJR. He can be reached at (313)873-9789. His book "First Aid on Appliances" is available in book stores and Damman Hardware.

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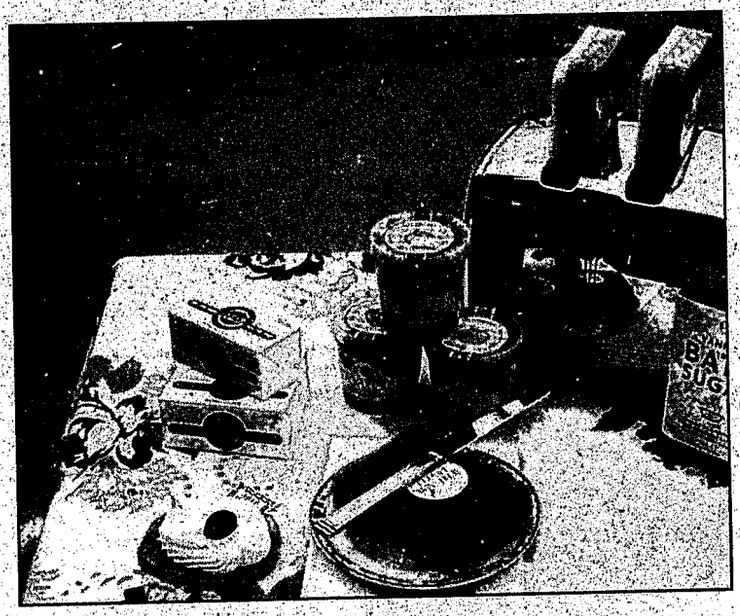
Ship shape: *Leonard Xerri shows off the nautically themed items from his New England Home store. After a year at Livonia's Laurel Park, the company has opened a second store at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills. The items offered provide sea lovers a chance to step back in time with carved mahogany ships with brass and copper trim and tea-stained sails, brass telescopes, sextants and compasses, distressed leather steamer trunks and more. Items are priced between $50 and $349.*



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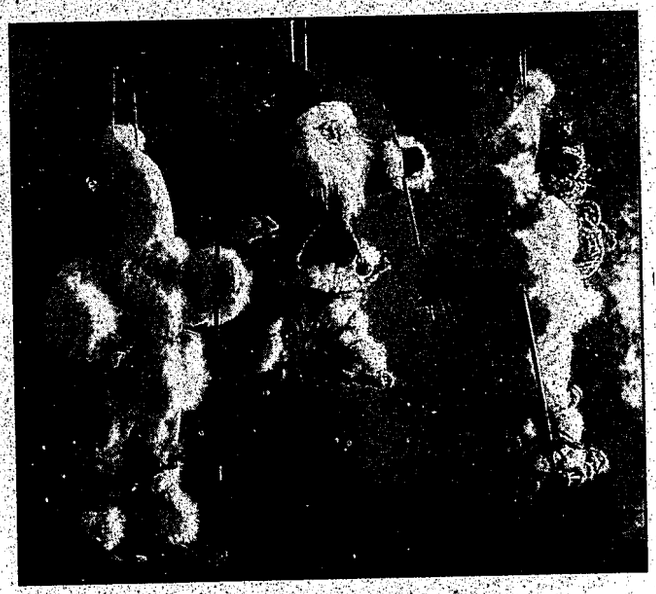
Soapy breakfast: *Direct from Australia, the makers have created a sponge that looks like a piece of toast for $5. Then, choose from three flavors of body jam-gel – black currant, strawberry or apricot marmalade for $8.25 each. Spread the jam gel on your toast sponge and clean up! No calories. If soaking in a bath is more for you, how about delicious vanilla sugar or hot chocolate bath salts priced $10-$14. These items and more are available at Raphael's Magnificent Possessions, 1799 Coolidge Highway, Berkley.*



Holiday slalom

Santa on the slopes: *These 8-inch Alpine Santa ornaments are available in six different styles in winter white or red/green from the Jacobson's Trim A Home Department for $10 each.*

AT HOME, Mary Klemic, *editor (248) 901-2569*
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Rack up delicious lamb recipes

RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

"Rack of Lamb" has become a significant joke between me and my dear friend and food colleague, Nancy Kennedy ... we have been editing cookbooks – many of which have numerous Rack of Lamb recipes. To the point of being slap-happy over how they are crusted, Nancy and I just get into a laugh session regarding that poor delicious ubiquitous meat, and as Seinfeld would say "not that there's anything wrong with it" – it happens to be delicious.

Wednesday morning when I heard Federal Express at my door, I expected a usual delivery for my artist husband, who has work coming and going all over the country – wrong it was a package for me, and inside – a rack of lamb. I just cracked up, and I certainly knew who it was from even before I read the card. Some joke – Nancy had sent me a rack of frenched lamb from a ranch in Sonoma County, California that specializes in the most tender and lean lamb...all of you should be so lucky to be in on that joke. It was absolutely delectable – the most tender and delicious lamb I have ever had. I've humbled up a bit – no more snide remarks when I see the next rack recipe!

If interested in the glorious treat Nancy so generously sent me – call or contact CK Lamb at – (707) 431-8161 Mobile phone: (707) 484-4524 Address: 11100 Los Amigos Road, Healdsburg, California 95448 and get their information on frenched racks, loin chops, boneless loin, whole legs or legs boned-rolled and tied – make one for your family for the holidays or give a special gift to someone special in your life. If looking for lamb locally, any fine meat market or specialty butcher will have racks to choose from. Your butcher will gladly french it for you.

With the holidays quickly approaching and holiday entertaining stressful – lighten up the load and make a Rack of Lamb as an entree for a dinner party or Holiday dinner (Hanukkah or Christmas). Easy and quick to do, this entree will wow the guests – if feeling creative add one of those trendy funky crusts – or have the guests pick their own crust and prepare the racks right in front of them.

A little lamb jargonese:

Frenched Rack of Lamb – a rack of lamb with the excess fat trimmed off, leaving the eye muscle intact (medallion-like) connected to cleared rib bone.

Loin lamb chop – a fabricated cut of the lamb primal loin – tender and flavorful

Leg of lamb – cut of the lamb primal leg – comes deboned or partially deboned – tender and flavorful. Often times served whole (like a roast) or sliced.

Lamb loin roast – subprimal cut of lamb primal loin

■ Rack of Lamb should not be intimidating – often thought of as difficult to do based on the menu cost.

■ Racks can be crusted with almost anything - herbs, nuts, a slather of mustard and herbs, dried chiles, rubs, dried mushroom powders, cracked black peppercorns, flavored bread crumbs (unusual flavored homemade breads – would make great crumbs (how about peanut butter bread crumbs?)

■ Great go-with flavors for lamb - mint, oregano, thyme and rosemary

RUTH'S THANKSGIVING RACK OF LAMB

This delicious and simple recipe just takes a matter of minutes to prepare – serve with some mashed sweet potatoes laced with brown sugar, maple syrup and scrapings of a Tahitian vanilla bean and steamed Chinese broccoli.

Yield: 4 servings (4 chops each)

Split and frenched rack of lamb (plus or minus 5 pounds)

Teriyaki Sauce

On a plate, pour teriyaki sauce over racks and let sit while preparing grill. Place racks on grill and cook to desired doneness (on both sides). Don't cook too long – this meat should be cooked medium-rare – warm in center. Cooking time will vary depending on grill and weight of racks –10-20 minutes.

MARINATED PEANUT CRUSTED RACK OF LAMB

Rack of Lamb with an Asian flair – serve with Jasmine rice (or favorite starch), some sautéed deep green Asian vegetables and a warm cup of saké.

Yield: 4 servings (4 chops each)

Ingredients for the Marinade:

3/4 cup peanut oil, divided (leave out 2 tablespoons to sear meat)

2 tablespoons sesame oil

2-3 tablespoons hoisin sauce (to taste)

1/2 cup mirin (sweet wine – see note*)

6 garlic cloves, peeled and minced

3 tablespoons fresh ginger root, peeled and minced

Thai pepper(s), seeded and finely chopped – very hot, wear rubber gloves

Split and frenched rack of lamb (plus or minus 5 pounds)

*If you want a fruitier taste, add a bit of raspberry or apricot jam

Ingredients for the Lamb:

2 tablespoons hoisin sauce

2 tablespoons Asian Chili Sauce (hot or mild)

2 cups unsalted peanuts, finely

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Minoru Yamasaki collection auctioned at Boos Gallery

The collection of the late Teruko and Minoru Yamasaki will be presented at auction 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Frank H. Boos Gallery, 420 Enterprise Court, Bloomfield Hills.

Minoru Yamasaki is the internationally renowned designer and architect who designed the World Trade Center in New York, the King Faud International Air Terminal in Saudi Arabia, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, the Behavioral Sciences Building at Harvard and in the Michigan Consolidated Gas building and the McGregor Memorial community Center at Wayne State and Temple Beth El in Bloomfield project among his more than 175 projects completed in his lifetime.

In 1963, Yamasaki was on the cover of Time Magazine. The story said, "Yamasaki has turned office buildings, schools, churches and banks into gentle pleasure palaces that are marvelously generous in spirit."

Teruko Yamasaki was also a well-known and highly respected artist, having been a scholarship piano student at the Juilliard School of Music and having performed with the Los Angeles Symphony Orchestra at the Hollywood Bowl when she was in high school. She became a well-loved piano teacher and professional performer in the metro Detroit area.

The auction will offer jewelry and the contents of Mr. and Mrs. Yamkasaki's Bloomfield Hills' home and features modern furniture designed and/or made by Minoru Yamasaki, Warren Platner, Bertoia, Knoll, Marcel Breuer and Herman Miller, to name a few; bronzes by Bertoia, Manzu and Nagare and paintings by Motherwell, Sarkisian and Enrico Donati.

Preview will be Friday and Monday, Dec. 4 and 7, from noon to 8 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Adopt-a-pet

Glory: *This 5-year-old Boxer was brought to us when her owners moved and couldn't take her along. Glory doesn't care for other dogs, but she wouldn't mind sharing her new home with cats. Glory (No. RO89299) and other pets are available for adoption at the Michigan Humane Society Rochester Hills shelter, 3600 Auburn Road, (248)852-7420, noon to 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.*

Inviting ideas

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Additional Equipment:

Pastry brush

In medium-nonreactive saucepan, mix together both oils, hoisin sauce, mirin, garlic, ginger and Thai pepper. Stir mixture over medium-low, simmer for 10 minutes; cool marinade. Place lamb in a nonreactive shallow container; pour marinade over racks. Cover with plastic wrap; marinate in refrigerator at least 2 hours (can be marinated overnight).

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Drain lamb and pat dry with paper toweling. Heat large skillet with 2 remaining tablespoons peanut oil over high heat.

Add lamb rack(s) – 2 sets of 8 chops; sear on all sides.

Transfer lamb to roasting pan. Cool racks for 20 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine 2 tablespoons hoisin and chili sauce. Brush chili mixture over lamb. With hands, press peanuts onto lamb, coating completely.

Return to oven and bake to desired doneness – I would leave it quite medium-rare (135 degrees F); bake for about 15-20 minutes.

*Cook's note: for a flavor switch use chopped macadamia nuts or pistachios.

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Relax, holiday parties can be fun

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
Staff Writer

There's no place like home for a holiday party. After all, home is where the heart is.

"People love to be invited to other people's home more then they want to be invited to a restaurants," said Floreen Halpern, owner of Amaryllis, a catering and party planning business in downtown Birmingham.

Halpern does both private and corporate holiday parties of all kinds: brunches, lunches, high teas, strolling buffets, sit-down dinners and cocktail parties. She caters an average party of 40-50 guests.

If you're worried about not having enough space for all those guests in your home, forget it. People don't mind cozying up during the holidays. "I think people want to be shoulder to shoulder," said Halpern. "People fit into the space allotted. If people are comfortable, they'll sit on steps going up."

Area party planners agree the most popular holiday party is the cocktail buffet, with a goodie-laden table or several food stations. The rules for a great buffet are simple: Plan your menu for walking and talking guests and use serving dishes no more than nine inches in diameter.

"Getting through a crowd carrying an 11-inch plate is difficult," said Halpern.

To fill in the lag between dinner and the sweet table, Halpern recommends creating a special "coffee" table with all the trimmings: flavored coffees, teas, liqueurs, whipped cream, cinnamon sticks and chocolate stirrers and spoons.

"People get nervous between dinner and dessert. They want to know there's chocolate in their immediate future."

Party planners say a great party is all about creating just the right "look." It's about unusual serving dishes displayed at varying heights, dazzling centerpieces, and tables draped with clothes of the opposite shape and lined with evergreens, pomegranates and berries.

"You want to be dazzled by the beauty," said Halpern.

Marti McMahon of Redford scatters gold and silver leaves across her holiday table. For a sit-down dinner, she'll often spray paint a maple leaf gold, write a guest's name on it with a black pen and place it on the plate. The effect is simple and elegant.

"This is a simple, easy way for my guests to know where to sit. The leaves are decorative through Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. I love utilizing things in nature. Pine cones, berries, pods from trees. Acorns are lovely."

Festivities, a family-owned business located in downtown Birmingham, handles soup-to-nuts party planning, from printing invitations to personalizing small guest and hostess gifts. "We bu a lot of things that are reasonably priced, fror $2.50 to $5 or $6, that are fun," said owner Mar Beth Winkworth.

Festivities has developed a reputation for hav ing unique gifts, paper products and ornament as well as creating beautiful and unusual cente pieces using special items customers bring in, lik an heirloom crystal bowl.

"We'll use items your mom used and incorpo rate them in a contemporary celebration o Christmas," said Winkworth. She also carries sev eral Chanukah items for gifts or for creating cen terpieces.

Party-givers need to keep their expectation realistic, said Winkworth, who provides caterin services through several area chefs. "They end u having a terrible time or simply not enjoying the party. Maybe you don't have to make every item.

Another professional party planner Carolyn E Hefner of China Closet in Birmingham handle everything from teas to Superbowl parties. Sh also uses her expertise at home, as she says "Unlike the shoe maker, I love to entertain a home as well."

Every year she celebrates the 4th of July wit elaborate barbecues.

"Another annual party at our house is the Ne Year's Eve Lobster Fest! Since we like to do thi party with a limited number of guests, we hav added a Fall Lobster Fest so others could b included," she writes. "This Fall, the party wa fun since the Titanic was just released on vide Titanic music played while the table was set wit an elegant display of a crystal candelabra and car dles, roses, wrapped chocolates and place card with tiny anchors tied to them. Needless to sa we all had a great time – and, unlike the Titanic no disaster!"

Marvel Steiger of Farmington has given a open-house brunch on New Year's day fo decades. Every year, the number of guest increase as children of original guests bring the own families.

Although she makes a new recipe every yea her basic menu consists of a variety of quiche coffee cakes, skewers of sausage and pineapp and an assortment of juices. One year she trie waffles.

"That was a disaster. I got waffle dough a over the table. The little kids poured too muc dough." Ditto for one-time-only punch bow "Too messy."

Steiger's New Year's brunch has become s famous that even a power outage one yea couldn't keep guests away. "We made scramble eggs in a chafing dish."

Maybe that's the secret of a great holiday part Relax, keep your sense of humor and enjoy you guests. If something small goes wrong ... wel improvise. After all, 'tis the season to be jolly.

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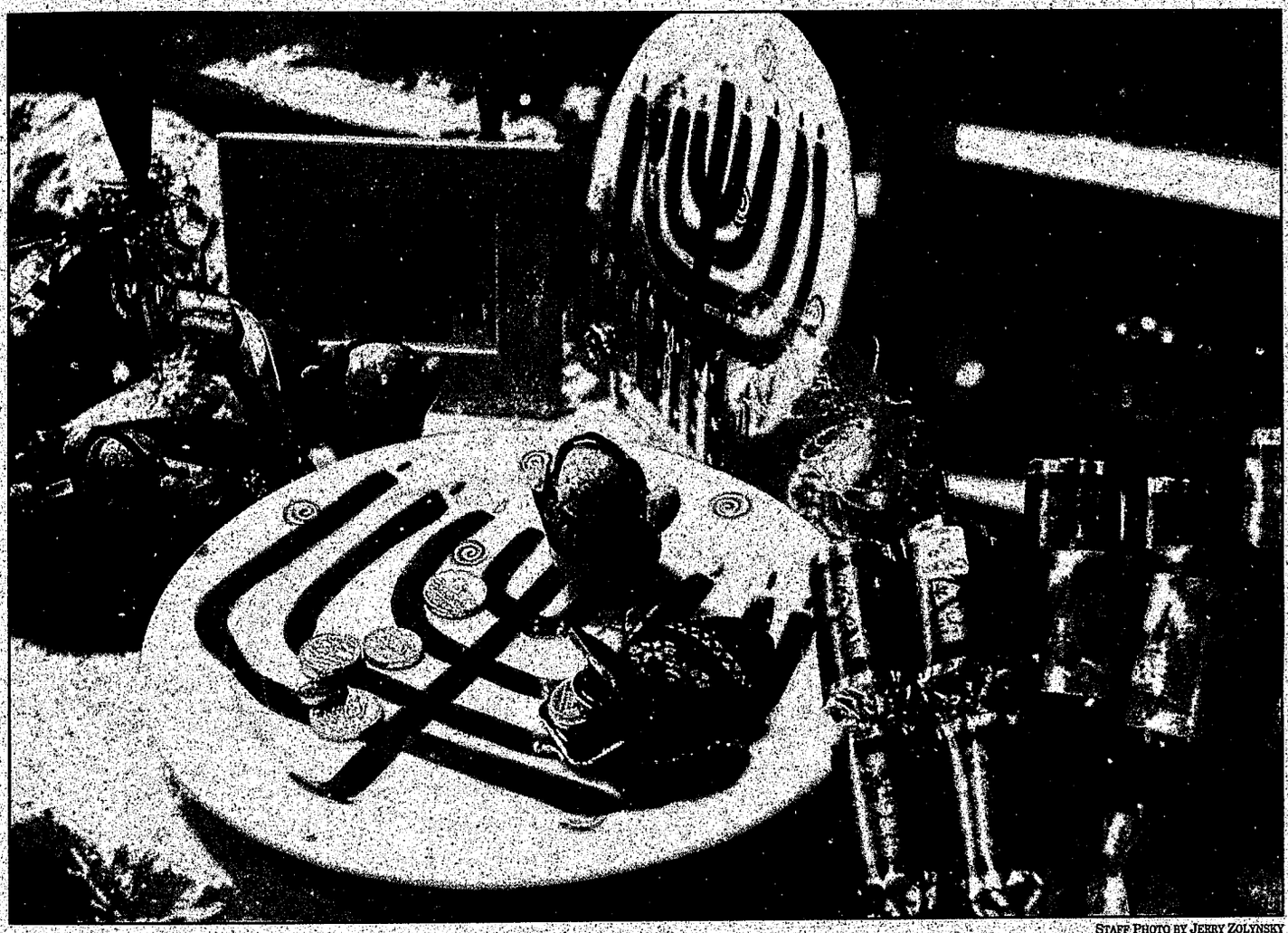
Warm invitation: *Floreen Halpern sips tea with husband Shelly. She says people love to be invited to someone's home for the holidays.*



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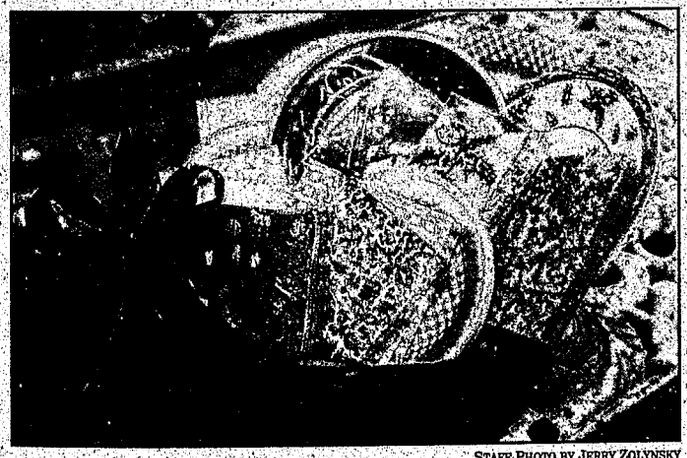
Chanukah centerpiece: *Mary Beth Winkworth creates Chanukah parties with these colorful items.*



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Pretty paper: *Napkins and paper plates announce the holiday season.*

ON THE COVER: *This invitingly sweet table setting was created by Floreen Halpern. Staff photo taken by Tom Hoffmeyer.*

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Try these gardening gifts

MARTY FIGLEY

Whoa! It's that time again, December and gift-giving dilemmas are upon us. Many things are on the market to please the most discriminating gardener, from large tools to stocking stuffers. Here are some suggestions:

From Fiskers: A set of items for the houseplant enthusiasts attractively packaged. It contains pruners, clippers, shears, tools, an apron, potting sheet, tool organizer, just everything one might need to take care of houseplants. Also, a prepacked set of power pruners (two sizes), and their more recent offering, the EZ Reach Pruning Stik, an amazing tool. 1(800)500-4849.

From Craftsman: Versatile 3-7/8-inch Handi-Cut Utility Cutters that cut carpet, rope, hose, linoleum, shrubs and other tough objects. Hubby has found many uses for his. At your favorite Sears store.

From Union Tools: A bright red Razor-Back/Imperial Schrade all-purpose, heavy-duty pocket knife (great for a stocking stuffer), and for us gals, a light-weight handy compost fork from Union's Lady Gardener series. 1(800)888-4196.

From Intagra, Inc.: A non-mess Nubark Natural Rose Stick Pruning Sealer is especially designed for rose growers. Available in stick form or in an 8-ounce jar or larger. 1(800)468-2472.

From Ames: Another stocking stuffer, durable, non-slip Handle Wrap (comes in a box). The tape has a safety ridge to prevent tools from slipping, for increased comfort and safety. 1(800)624-2654.

From Fist-Grip: Tools to aid gardeners who need more hand and arm support and add-on handles to fit those already owned. (201)543-2745.

From Garden Pals Inc.: Garden Gals hand tools just for women – handles are available in ladies' colors such as pink and purple. These tools are also recommended for senior gardeners or any gender who may have less strength in their hands than in younger days. Garden Pals has been given a commendation from the Arthritis Foundation for the Bypass Pruner, all-purpose Needle Nose Pruner and the Houseplant/Bonsai Pruner. 1(888)478-6657.

From Gardener's Supply Co.: For the cook in the family – another great stocking stuffer, the Garlic Smash & Odor Remover. A stainless steel gizmo, shaped like a button mushroom. It breaks garlic cloves for easier peeling and odor is removed from hands when they are washed with the "mushroom." It works! 1(800)863-1700.

What would a gift list be without mentioning a few books? Here goes:

If you believe in fairies or are skeptical, "Beyond Betwixt Between" by Carla

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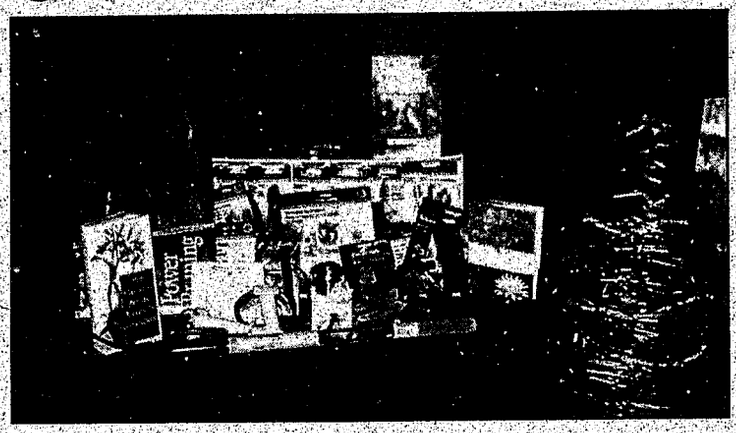

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Elvin McDonald has written a book especially good for beginners: "100 Orchids for the American Gardener (Workman, $17.95). Step-by-step instructions about taking care of these lovely plants including potting mediums, light, water and fertilizer information, as well as what to do when the plant goes dormant. Each named orchid is accompanied by a gorgeous full-color photograph. Accompany this with a beautiful plant.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden continues with its 21st Century Gardening Series: "Bird Gardens, Welcome Wild Birds to Your Yard," by Stephen W. Kress, guest editor. We learn how plants attract birds for feeding, etc., by timing of leaf color, when berries on shrubs ripen and how one affects the other. Twelve guidelines to make a successful place to attract birds (bird feeders alone won't do it) would be easy to follow. The major part of the book deals with the best plants for specific areas of the country; pages are color coded for quick reference. Membership to BBG includes a full year of these excellent handbooks. A "gift that keeps giving." (718)622-4433.

And, of course, my Dream Gardens trip to Southern France, May 17-26, this would be a long-remembered adventure. Call (248)644-2178 or (248)645-5050 for a brochure.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, then her mailbox number, 1859. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.

Good Garden Tips

1. Protect shrubs with a new product, Bush Jacket by Circlemoon. The special fabric is printed with a floral design and can be cut with ordinary scissors and it's reusable. One 4-by-6 sheet covers up to four plants. Call 1(800)-207-3768.
2. Buy your Christmas tree early, cut off an inch of the trunk and give it a drink. If you purchase a live tree, dig the hole for it before the ground freezes and set it out very soon after the holiday.
3. Give houseplants a winter rest; stop fertilizing until new growth appears next year.
4. If you grow holly, you can learn the gender now. Female plants have berries; you need to grow both male and female to have berries.
5. Wait until the ground is frozen before putting heavy mulch down.

Wallpaper repair tips

To take care of damaged wallpaper, try these:

■ Covering a hole in your wallpaper can be done by covering it with scraps of leftover wallpaper. Tear a piece of scrap wallpaper big enough to cover the hole. (The reason tearing the paper is recommended is because irregular edges of a torn piece are usually less noticeable than a straight-cut line.) Then spread a thin layer of adhesive on the patch. Place the wallpaper over the hole in such a way that the pattern in the patch will fit the pattern on the wall. Smooth the patch into place with a damp cloth and roll it with a seam roller.

■ Blisters in wallpaper can be repaired by using a single-edge razor blade to cut a slit in the blister. If your wallpaper is patterned, cut along an edge in the pattern. Lift the edge of the hole carefully. Using a small art paintbrush, spread a thin layer of wallpaper adhesive inside. Then smooth the repair with a damp cloth and roll over it with a seam roller.

■ To repair loose seams, pull up at the seam carefully to expose the underside of the wallpaper. Then apply a thin layer of adhesive to the back of the paper and smooth it back into place using a damp cloth. Press the seam down using a seam roller, which can be bought for less than $3.

■ When repairing a larger area of peeled paper you follow a similar process. Carefully lift the loose piece of wallpaper and dampen it to keep the paper supple. Spread the adhesive sparingly on the back and smooth the wallpaper back into place using a damp cloth. Then use a seam roller to help seal the edge.

Wallpaper adhesives usually come in a powder that is mixed with water, but premixed adhesives are also available. For $2 to $3, you can get enough for small repairs. Keep in mind that different wallpaper require different types of adhesive.

Be prepared when shooting people

MONTE NAGLER

On my two trips to China, I decided to make some photographs of some of the local people. I realized as I was shooting that a certain thought pattern and method of photographic preparation had gone through my mind that helped me to capture natural, strong images on film. I thought I would share these with you today in my column with hopes that you will bring home some impact-filled people pictures on your next photo venture.

To begin with, I'd recommend using 400 speed films in either color or black and white. High ASA films will enable you to hand-hold as a safer, faster shutter speed and will also allow you to use a smaller aperture to increase depth-of-field.

A medium telephoto lens such as 135mm (or telephoto zoom) will let you "move in close" and fill the frame while keeping as a comfortable, non-intimidating shooting distance.

If taking candids of people, try to attract a minimum amount of attention to yourself. Blend in with the surroundings and become a quiet observer of what's going on.

Pre-determine exposure and focus by pointing your camera at an object near your subject. Then quickly move the camera to the subject and snap the shutter. Fumbling with your camera controls while aiming at the subject may cause them to move away and you'll lose the shot.

There may be times when candids won't work. If so, simply ask permission to photograph. Most often people will co-operate especially if a few coins are offered. Check local customs, however. In some countries, people may take offense at being offered money. However, a couple coins was all it took to get permission to photograph this interesting Chinese man. And having my camera pre-focused with exposure predetermined enabled me to concentrate on capturing the spontaneity of the moment.

One further note: when photographing people in a foreign land, no model release is required.

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Striking portrait: *Monte Nagler shot this picture in Yangshuo, China.*

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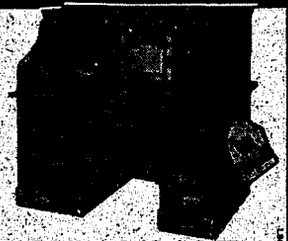

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■ The Community House in Birmingham presents "Plum Pudding: A Holiday Folk Art Show, Dec. 3.

The show features 41 well-known exhibitors who will display an eclectic, upscale collection of folk art for home and garden.

The show will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3. Admission is $4 and will benefit The Community House. Call Special Events at (248)594-6403.

The Community House is at 380 South Bates St. in downtown Birmingham.

■ The 24th annual Boston-Edison Home Tour will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. All tours will depart from Sacred Heart Seminary on Chicago Boulevard at Linwood. The tour will include five homes decorated for the holidays. Tickets are $12.50 and must be purchased in advance. Send checks made payable to the Historic Boston-Edison Association along with your name, address, telephone number and the time you would prefer to take the tour, to: Historic Boston-Edison Homes Tour, P.O. Box 06666, Detroit,MI 48206. To facilitate ticket handling, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your order. For more information, call (313)883-4360.

■ The Henry Ford Estate – Fair Lane have special holiday programs . Breakfast with Santa will be on Dec. 5. Annual favorites such as "Tea, Tour and Christmas Treasure" (Dec. 10, 11 and 21), Holiday Luncheon Concerts (Dec. 4, 10 and 11), Santa's Workshop (Dec. 11 and 18) and "Candles and Carols Dinners" (Dec. 6 and 13) and Candlelight Tours (Dec. 26-27) will all be featured again this season.

For information and reservations, call (313)593-5590.

■ Artist and designer Iwona Wiszniewski will autograph Polanaise glass ornaments and meet with collectors are three English Gardens stores Dec. 6 and 7.

Wiszniewski, an award-winning artist, educated in home decor, crafts, fashion accessories and interior design, combines original concepts with design skills to create top-quality, distinctive Christmas decorations.

She will be at the English Gardens in Royal Oak, 4901 Coolidge Highway, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. She will be at the Clinton Township store, 44850 Garfield Road, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. She will be at the West Bloomfield Store, 6370 Orchard Lake Road, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7.

■ Palmer Woods, one of Detroit's distinguished neighborhoods, will host visitors for the ninth annual Palmer Woods Holiday Home Tour, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Palmer Woods is west of Woodward and north of Seven Mile in Detroit. The five homes selected for this year reflect a variety of architectural styles.

Tickets are $12 per person in advance and $15 on day of the tour and include an illustrated tour book. Tickets may be purchased at the Detroit Gallery of Contemporary Crafts in the Fisher Building, Sidney Boggs Chocolates on Woodward and Terry's Enchanted Gardens. In the suburbs tickets are available at Blossoms in Birmingham, Pronto in Royal Oak, Sullivan Cleaners in Ferndale and Cup-A-Cino Coffee House in Grosse Pointe.

For more information, call (313)892-7384.

■ The Troy Garden Club will gather at the Troy Historical Museum 10:30 a.m. today to hang fresh greens and hand made red ribbons.

An open house 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, will feature fresh greens, Santa Claus, carolers, children's crafts and refreshments. Admission is free but donations are welcomed. The Troy Historical Museum is at 60 W. Wattles, west of Livernois.

■ The Merrillwood Collection, a collection of quality shops in downtown Birmingham, will hold a free holiday antique show and sale 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday,Dec. 5. The show will feature 20 quality antique dealers.

The show will feature jewelry, lighting, books, 18th and 19th century American and English furniture, American fine art, art glass, porcelain, primitives and antique toys.

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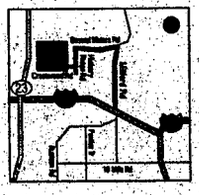

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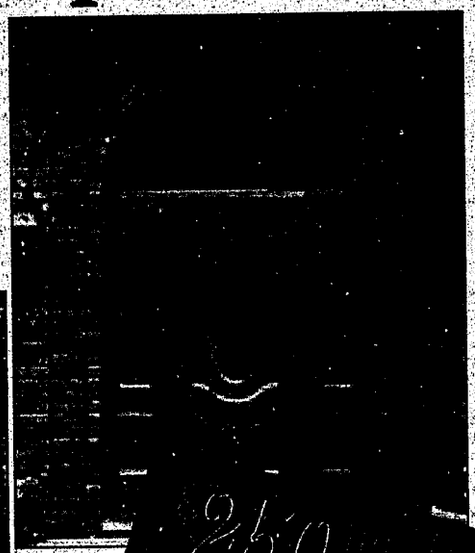

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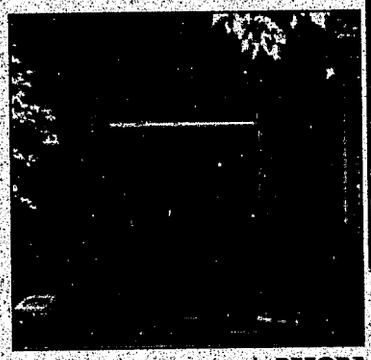

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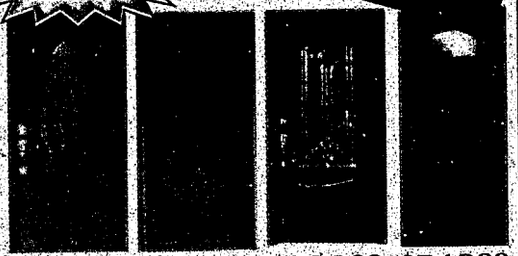

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

From handmade dolls by Carlye Crisler to fine art for the home, the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center Holiday Shop through Dec. 12 at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 Cranbrook (Evergreen) at 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, is an artful shopping alternative. Call (248) 644-0866 for show hours and information.

SATURDAY

Gemini, the internationally acclaimed children's folk singing duo, presents their annual family holiday concert 2 p.m. at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Tickets $7 general admission, call (248) 552-1225.

SUNDAY

The Michigan premiere of "Resident Alien" by Stuart Spencer opens 7:30 p.m. at the Aaron DeRoy Theatre, lower level of the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. Tickets $13 to $23, call (248) 788-2900.

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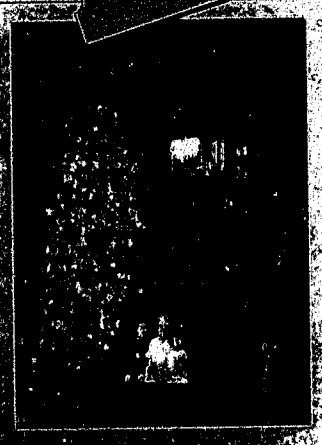

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester will delight guests of every age with "Picture Perfect Holidays" through Sunday, Dec. 6. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for the Holiday Walk is $12 for adults, $6 for children under 18, $6 for Oakland University affiliates with ID. Call (248) 370-3140.

'Noel Night'

offers a wonderland of sounds and sights

Featured performers: *The Festival Singers will light up Detroit's University Cultural Center with carols and street theater on Noel Night.*

By Linda Ann Chomin
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Dressed in Victorian coats and capes, Sharon Thomas and Kevin Finke take to the streets of Detroit's Cultural Center in a holiday celebration of caroling and live theater with the Festival Singers on "Noel Night" Dec. 5.

Thomas, a Waterford voice teacher, Finke of Royal Oak, and nine other members of the Festival Singers, including Thomas' husband Stephen, play 28 characters from Charles Dickens' classic tale "A Christmas Carol" with the Detroit Institute of Arts as a backdrop. They will be among the hundreds of handbell ringers and choirs joining in the event for an evening alive with singing, children's activities, a tree lighting ceremony, and horse-drawn carriage rides.

The 26-year-old tradition of "Noel Night" transforms the area into a holiday wonderland of sights and sounds, and nearly all of it is free. From puppet shows to mini dance performances of "The Nutcracker," 23 participating institutions offer an array of activities such as a Kwanzaa Card Workshop and an exhibit of dolls from around the world. The evening concludes with a community sing-a-long led by the Salvation Army Band.

"We love Noel Night," said Thomas, who majored in music at Oakland University in Rochester and began performing with community theaters such as the Bloomfield Players 20 years ago. "We think it's great that all of these arts and performing groups come together for this event."

Thomas, director of the 11 Festival Singers, founded the group four years ago to entertain crowds at the Dickens Old Fashioned Christmas Festival in Holly which runs weekends through December with singers, jugglers and fire eaters. In addition to playing Ebenezer Scrooze, Bob Crachit and the Ghost of Christmas Past, members of the group sing songs from the more than 40 in their repertoire at 6:45 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. in the Detroit Institute of Arts' Kresge Court. In between belting out "Silver Bells" and "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," the Singers perform Thomas' street theater rendition of "A Christmas Carol" outside on Woodward Avenue with audience participation sought for Marley's Ghost and the Ghost of Christmas Future. The Singers, age 24 to 41, hail from Rochester, Troy, Royal Oak, Clarkston, St. Clair Shores, and Ypsilanti.

"We do everything acapella with five and six part arrangements," said Thomas. "For the street theater, we encourage audience participation. They help us do the sounds of Jacob Marley's ghost like rattling the chains."

Finke first enjoyed street theater during his college days when he played Davey Crockett at Disney World's Frontierland in Orlando. An account executive for the Momentum Group, a division of McCann Erickson in Troy, Finke has performed with Stagecrafters and the Avon Players, to name a few.

"It's street theater and we interact with people," said Finke. "You maintain that character with the people you meet. I enjoy lighting up people's face and getting them into the holiday spirit. On Noel Night, there's a great pool of arts talent from all different cultures around Detroit. And I enjoy being part of that, making people smile and happy."

"NOEL NIGHT"

WHAT: The 26th annual event to ring in the holidays features carolers, choirs, street theater, dance, hands-on art, a tree lighting ceremony, and horse-drawn carriage rides. Festivities conclude with a community sing-a-long led by the Salvation Army Band 8:30-9:30 p.m on Woodward Ave.

WHEN: 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5.

WHERE: Detroit's Cultural Center (bounded by Ferry Street on the north, Forest on the south, Brush on the east, and Cass Avenue on the west). For more information or a schedule of events, call (313) 577-5088.

■ Parking is available in the Cultural Center and Detroit Science Center lots on John R, underground garage off Woodward at Farnsworth, and Rackham parking garage on Warren east of Woodward. Free shuttles run continuously throughout the evening.

Some of the highlights of "Noel Night"

- The Boys Choir of Ann Arbor kicks off the festivities at 4:30 p.m. in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 4800 Woodward.
- Photos with a Toy Soldier ($2) at the Children's Museum, 67 East Kirby
- The Mosaic Youtheater and St. Paul Royal Oak Lutheran Bell Choir at the Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward
- Horse-drawn carriage and sleigh rides depart every 10 minutes from the Park Shelton on East Kirby at Woodward, $6 adults, $3 children.
- Children's Ballet Theatre presents the "Butterfly Ball" and ensembles from the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra perform throughout the evening in the Prentis Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward
- Pippen Puppets perform "Rudolph, Rudolph! Where's Your Nose?" at 6 p.m., and the Foreign Language Immersion Choir sing holiday songs in several languages throughout the evening in the Detroit Public Library, 5201 Woodward
- At the Detroit Science Center, Sesame Street's "Art from the Fuzzy and Famous" exhibit celebrates 30 years of Big Bird, Cookie Monster and the rest of The Muppets, 5020 John R
- Kwanzaa Card Workshop, Adrinka Stamping on cloth, storytelling, 6-9 p.m. at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 East Warren
- Pre- "Noel Night" entertainment takes place 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at a Young People's Concert, "Holiday Songfest," under conductor Ya-Hui Wang at Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall, and during the event there's "Go Baroque," a Classical Series concert with conductor Nicholas McGegan at 8:30 p.m. Call (313) 576-5111 for ticket information.
- The 85th annual Gold Medal Exhibition and Holiday Sales Show at the Scarab Club, 217 East Farnsworth
- The Wayne State University dance department present excerpts from "The Nutcracker" every half hour in the Old Main Building on Cass Avenue, also view the exhibit "Metaphors" by Yvette Smith in the Elaine L. Jacob Gallery, enter at 480 West Hancock
- Shop for the holidays at 14 different locations including Center for Creative Studies, Detroit Institute of Arts Museum Shop, Museum of African American History Gift Shop, and Detroit Historical Museum Old Detroit Shop
- Make an evening of it by having dinner downtown at the Scarab Club, Detroit Institute of Arts' Kresge Court, or soups, sandwiches and desserts at the International Institute's "Taste of the World"

HOLIDAY MUSIC

Judy Collins brings her 'Amazing Grace' to Southfield

By Keely Wygonik
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If she could, Judy Collins said she would like to do holiday concerts year-round. "I like the material," said Collins in a telephone interview from New York City, "It's a very special time of year."

She'll be in Southfield on Tuesday, singing some of her favorite holiday tunes, along with "Amazing Grace," "Someday Soon," "Both Sides Now," and other songs that have made her a legend. The 8 p.m. concert is part of the City of Southfield's new Celebrity Series.

"I saw her last year and I fell in love," said Nimrod Rosenthal, director of Community Relations for the City of Southfield. "When she sang 'Amazing Grace,' I had tears in my eyes. She was

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Judy Collins Special Holiday Concert

WHEN: 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8

WHERE: Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road (south of 10 Mile Road). Concert is part of the City of Southfield's new Celebrity Series and will include traditional and new songs.

TICKETS: $30 and $35 per person, available weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Southfield City Hall, Main Reception Desk, 26000 Evergreen Road or the Parks and Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road, evenings 5-7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Tickets also available at all Ticketmaster Ticket Centers including Hudson's and Harmony House stores. Call (248) 354-4854 for more information. To charge tickets, call (248) 645-6666.

HIGHLIGHT: Special pre-concert dinner, $25 per person, offered by the Golden Mushroom Restaurant, 18100 W. 10 Mile Road (at Southfield). Call the restaurant (248) 559-4230 for reservations/information.

■ **Mark your calendar**

The Southfield Celebrity Series at Southfield Centre for the Arts will feature Nancy Wilson, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Tickets are $30 and $35 per person, available at Southfield City Hall or the Parks & Recreation Building, and Ticketmaster Ticket Centers.

Folk legend: *This photo of Judy Collins is from her new CD "Both Sides Now," released this fall by Platinum Entertainment.*

Collins *from page E1*

enchanting."

After the concert, "A Judy Collins Christmas at the Biltmore Estate," which Rosenthal watched on TV, he went to work to see if Collins would be available to perform at the Southfield Centre for the Arts. "She's wonderful," he said.

Collins will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Robert A. Martin. The concert will include traditional holiday songs and new songs for Christmas and Hanukkah.

To make it an especially memorable evening, the Golden Mushroom Restaurant is offering a special pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. before the concert. The dinner is $25 per person and begins with chilled smoked chicken breast on mixed field greens, red wine vinaigrette, crumbled blue cheese and avocado.

Diners can choose between two main courses – smoke-roasted beef tenderloin with roasted garlic whipped potatoes, grilled vegetables and wild mushroom gateaux, or bronzed Atlantic salmon on lemon risotto with artichokes and tomatoes.

Dessert will be a chocolate flourless torte with strawberry sauce and mint cream.

Southfield is just one of Collins' many concert stops this month. She'll also be performing in Sacramento, Calif., Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and Syracuse, N.Y. A self-described "road warrior," Collins said she enjoys touring – "I've got to make a living," she said. But there's more, "I love it (performing) it's a tremendous gift. I've had a successful career, it's been wonderful."

While most of us are fretting about holiday gifts, Collins is on the road bringing holiday cheer to millions of fans. Her fondest holiday memory is of standing around the piano with her brothers and sisters on Christmas Eve and singing carols. Her favorite is "The Holly and the Ivy".

After singing carols, led by her father, Chuck Collins, a singer, composer and radio broadcaster, the family would sit down to a big dinner.

Legendary singer: *Judy Collins will be presenting a Special Holiday Concert at the Southfield Centre for the Arts.*

If you're not able to attend the concert in Southfield on Dec. 8, you can tune into to the A&E Network 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20, and watch "A Judy Collins Christmas at the Biltmore Estate" on TV. You can also learn more about her latest projects, including a new release of Christmas songs from the Biltmore Estate concerts, on the Web at www.judycollins.com

Collins has released 30 albums, many of them certified platinum and gold, over her career which spans 3-1/2 decades. Trained as a classical pianist, Collins began taking piano lessons at age 4. Her repertoire includes folk, rock, spiritual and Broadway show tunes.

In 1969 Collins made her stage debut as an actress at the New York Shakespeare Festival where she played Solveig in "Peer Gynt" opposite Stacy Keach. She also appeared in the Arnold Schwarzenegger film, "Junior," the CBS series "Christy," and has a cameo in the soon to be released remake of a Rod Serling Story, "A Town Has Turned to Dust," directed by Ron Nilsson.

■ 'I've got to make a living.I love it (performing) it's a tremendous gift. I've had a successful career, it's been wonderful.'

Judy Collins
at Southfield Art Center

This fall she released "Singing Lessons: A Memoir of Love, Loss, Hope and Healing" (A Pocket Books Hardcover, $24). In the book, Collins looks back on her life and career, the triumphs and mistakes.Each chapter is separated by mediations she wrote in the period after her son Clark's suicide. He was 33 years old. A CD with a new song, "Singing Lessons," is included in the book.

"Singing and writing helped me heal," said Collins. "I sang my way through the pain and began to write daily prayers, which I included in this book.

"My song writing and prose writing are interconnected, one feeds the other."

A tireless performer and writer, Collins said she "feels very grateful to have had this much career."

But she's not ready to slow down. "I'm always looking for new projects."

"Both Sides Now," a new Platinum Entertainment release of new recordings of songs that have made Collins famous such as "The Times They Are A-Changin," "Morning Has Broken" and "Blowin' in the Wind," includes a tribute to her dear friend the late John Denver.

"I never recorded any of his songs," she said. "I'm glad to have had the opportunity."

Hilberry 'Scapin' delights

Wayne State University's graduate theatre company present Moliere's "Scapin" in rotating repertory through Feb. 3 at the Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Avenue and Forest on the Wayne State campus in Detroit. Tickets are $10-$17. Performances are scheduled 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19. For reservations, call (313) 577-2972.

BY SUE SUCHYTA
SPECIAL WRITER

Molier's "Scapin" is a comic romp with as many plot twists and turns as there are pratfalls and tumbles. The humor is both intellectual and physical, as clever wordplay is liberally interspersed with comically timed trips and flips.

Scapin is a street-smart servant who plays his masters like a game of chess, both for amusement and thrill. When the sons of two wealthy fathers fall in love with unapproved women when the fathers are out of town, Scapin agrees to not only help the young men gain their fathers' approval of the matches, but to bamboozle them out of the funds the young men need to finance their romantic endeavors. Scapin, who loves a challenge and survives by his wits, sets in motion a hilarious series of escapades, and defends his own honor along the way.

Fred Shahadi is captivating as the clever Scapin. He artfully handles the subterfuges his character employs to pull off his scams, playing the humble, contrite servant one minute, and a fast-talking schemer the next, while cleverly planting ideas in his dupes' minds. Shahadi's fast pace and excellent timing used Moliere's clever script to its full comic advantage. Shahadi also used multiple characters and accents in rapid succession as part of the ruse, a challenge he pulled off without missing a beat, much to the delight of the audience.

Octave and Leandre, the love-smitten sons, played by Mike Schraeder and Erik Gratton, were fun to watch as the earnest and gullible swains, easy pray for Scapin's manipulations.

The fathers, on the other hand, presented more of a challenge to Scapin. He needed them until he found their Achilles heel, then exploited it.

Garonte, Leandre's father and a notorious tightwad, was played with penurious perfection by Aaron Lake. Lake captured the character's fiscal distress with laughter-provoking physical reactions as well as verbal chagrin.

Likewise, Octave's father, Argante, played by Lucas Caleb Rooney, captured the dilemma of parting with his hard-earned fortune in both physically and verbally entertaining ways. Proud and pompous, Rooney's Argante held on to his control and dignity for as long as possible before unraveling under the unrelenting ruses of the clever Scapin.

Orestes Arcuni as Silvestre, a hapless servant and Scapin's reluctant accomplice, drew his share of laughter for his many pratfalls and woebegone expressions. Hyacinthe, Octave's lady love, played by Sara Wolf, and Zerbinettte, the sexy Gypsy desired by Leandre, played by Tanisha Gonzalez, began as polar opposites and ended up having startling similarities. Both used exaggerated feminine wiles to garner laughs.

The set was a colorful explosion of undersized and rakishly angled doorways. The costumes also accentuated the absurd. Scapin was dressed like a well-tailored clown, with keyboard trim on his clothing alluding to his ability to play people like a piano. For Scapin is a master manipulator producing laughter not only for what he does, but for the gullibility he expresses in others.

Show boasts knowledgeable hosts

BACKSTAGE PASS

ANN DELISI

I realize that everyone is probably missing Backstage Pass, but we are off the air temporarily for a good reason, the annual winter Pledge Break. Please don't forget to call and make a donation to Detroit Public Television, because it's the viewers that make shows like Backstage Pass possible. So the winter pledge left me with a dilemma, what to write for this week. Then it came to me, of course, I should have thought of this before. I am going to introduce and give some background on the hosts I mention in the columns every week. There are more hosts than there is room in this newspaper, so I am going to pick a few then focus on the rest next time.

Gerry Craig is a visual artist and writer. She graduated from Cranbrook Academy of Art with an MFA and from the University of Kansas in 1982 with undergraduate degrees from Art History and Textile Design. She was executive director at the Detroit Artists Market from 1990 to 1995 and previously worked for the Detroit Institute of Arts and Cranbrook Art Museum. Gerry's art has been exhibited throughout the United States, Japan, England, Australia, Mexico and Canada. Her writings have also been published in many art publications.

Lex Kuhne is a lawyer by training, but has a role on Backstage Pass as pop culture provocateur. Lex was a Metro Times columnist for more than eight years, with the popular "Word of Mouth" column. He also developed the format for 89X and was pop culture commentator both there and later for The Planet 96.3. Lex is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and Wayne State University Law School.

Kim Hunter is a native and lifelong Detroiter. Kim graduated from Wayne State with a degree in radio, television and film. Kim enjoyed a five-year stint as the host and producer of Radio Free Earth, a nightly, multi-cultural music program that ran on Detroit Public Radio. Kim also finds time for another favorite, writing. His music reviews and poetry have been published locally and nationally. He is currently the music reviewer for Against the Current magazine.

Marsha Miro has long been a recognized and respected voice in Detroit art scene. She attended the University of Michigan as an undergraduate, concentrating in political science with an art history minor. She then attended the London School of Economics before focusing on art, returning to Detroit to earn an MA in art history from Wayne State. Marsha has been an instructor at Oakland Community College at the Cranbrook Academy of Art and at the Center for Creative Studies. Marsha is currently the writer and documentarian of new architectural additions, working on both the book and film "Cranbrook: Evolution of a Dream" for the Cranbrook Educational Community. She writes criticism for Glass magazine and has published articles in American Ceramics.

Reading the long list of credentials the hosts on Backstage pass possess I realized we as Backstage Pass are a very lucky group. There are more host bios to come so keep a look out for those. Mark your calendar, Backstage Pass will be back Dec. 20. For more information, you can check Detroit Public Television's Web site at www.wtvs.org

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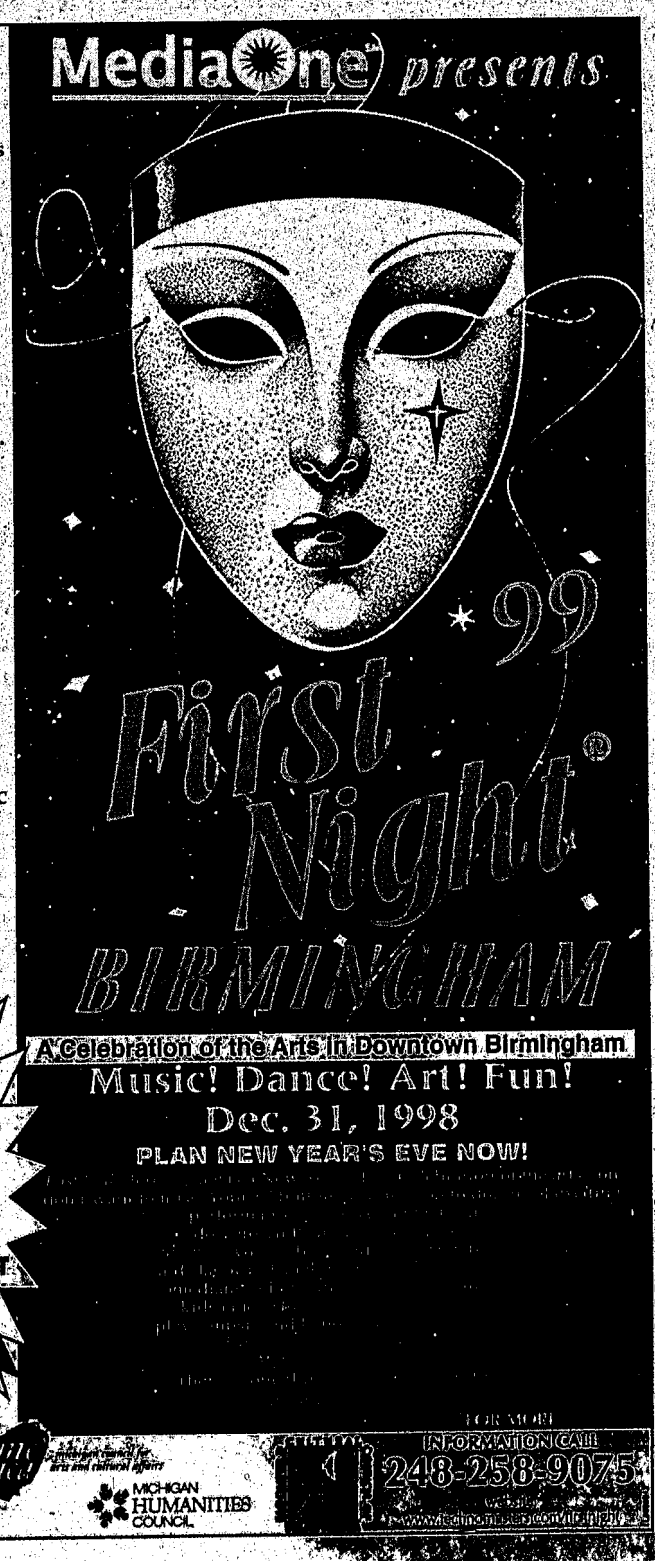

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Meadow Brook creates animated Christmas card

"A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted by Charles Nolte. Through Sunday, Dec. 27. Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. Performance times vary, call for information. Tickets: $25-$30.50; (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316.

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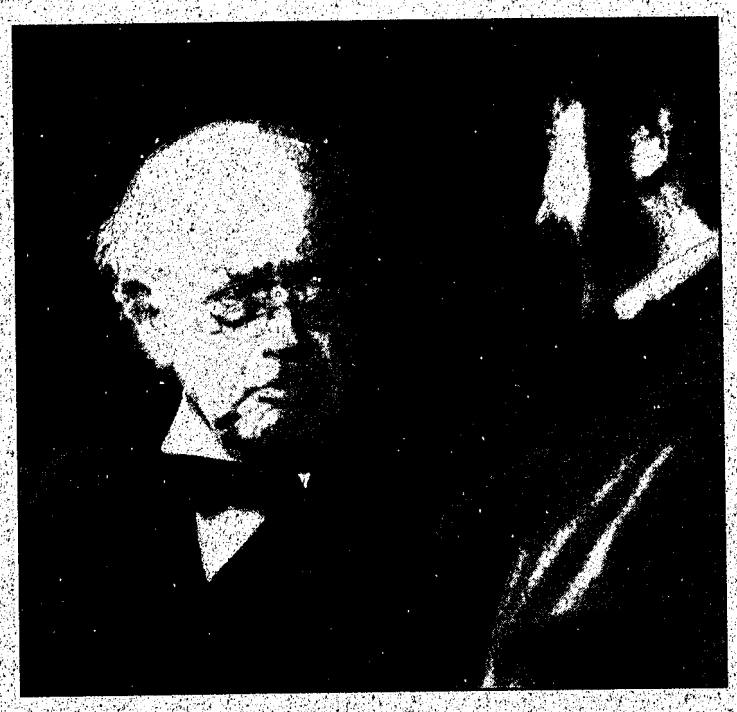

Holiday classic: *Booth Colman (left) and Richard A. Schrot in a scene from Meadow Brook Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol."*

The genius of "A Christmas Carol" is not only the layers upon layers of allegory and parable, but the sheer message of eternal hope in the face of the impulse to buy, buy, buy. Certainly, the notion of worship takes on an entirely material connotation during retailers most blissful season.

Of course, material gain – as the plight and redemption of Ebeneezer Scrooge teaches – is not a substitute for spiritual sustenance.

And who could argue that that's a lesson worth learning, again and again.

Appropriately, during the busiest shopping time of the year, Meadow Brook Theatre's annual homage to Charles Dickens and the true spirit of Christmas is a priceless counterbalance to the nausea caused by conspicuous consumption.

Indeed, attending Meadow Brook Theatre's 16th annual production might be a prerequisite before stepping into a mall to do your duty. Or at least before the electronic strip on your plastic credit card runs thin.

Thanks to Charles Nolte's adaptation, the production is as timeless as Dickens' tale. Under Nolte's direction, "A Christmas Carol" blends high theatrics, calculated pyrotechnics and measured doses of melodrama into a perpetual animated Christmas card.

At times, however, the mawkish spirit of the season drips like sap onto the carpet.

The sugary feeling gets a little out of hand during the Cratchit's Christmas dinner, which comes complete with a tiresome description of holiday food, prayers, song and toast.

The emotional gush, much like an overbearing uncle, is bearable given the relentless holiday cheer. And hey, if you can't get overly sentimental at the holidays then you might have the heart of a wet log.

And speaking of moribund souls, there's little doubt that for two hours the body and soul of Scrooge has been transferred to veteran actor Booth Colman, who has performed the role at Meadow Brook more than 600 times since 1981.

Colman not only looks the part, but adds subtle touches that makes Scrooge look less than a lump of coal, and more like a person whose insecurities and emotional vacuousness sowed the seeds of his desolation.

But "A Christmas Carol" isn't O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh." Rather, the Dickens' classic is about rediscovering those feelings of youth that made life more of a magical mystery, than a onerous task. And clearly at Meadow Brook, the cast is up to the challenge.

Particularly, Paul Hopper in the dual roles of the earnest Bob Cratchit and the daffy Fezziwig; and, Geoffrey Beauchamp as the Ghost of Jacob Marley recall the transcendental appeal of the story to be both a high moral lesson and pleasingly entertaining.

Meanwhile, director Nolte has added enough surprises to keep audiences searching for the next appearance of the ghosts and special effects. All made possible, of course, by the intricately magical scenic design of Peter Hicks and the jewel-tone period costumes of Barbara Jenks.

Ironically, Meadow Brook's "A Christmas Carol" has become as much of an annual tradition as those last-minute shopping trips to the mall.

St. Dunstan's stages children's show, helps Goodfellows

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook is presenting "The Sleeping Beauty," Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-13 at the playhouse, 400 Lone PIne Road, Bloomfield Hills. This will be Guild's fourth annual production for children.

Performances are 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12; 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13. St. Dunstan's is donating 50 percent of its net profits from all six performances to the Old Newsboy's Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. Tickets are $6 per person, call (248) 644-0527.

In 1997, St. Dunstan's Theater Guild decided to adopt the Old Newsboys Goodfellows Fund of Detroit as one of its principal outreach programs. "I believe in the Goodfellows' work because they can make a difference to young kids who otherwise would not be able to enjoy the holiday spirit," said Ara Basherian, president of St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook. "I know first hand because many years ago in the 1940s, my mother was a young widow with four children. We were the recipients of the Goodfellows and I will never forget their generosity and how they helped us feel the spirit of Christmas when times were very difficult for us. For many years, I have continued to support the Goodfellows through my contributions."

Last year's Children's Theatre production 'Who's Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf' helped raise $2,000 for the Goodfellows.

In addition to contributing to the Old Newsboy's Goodfellows Fund of Detroit, St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild is sharing the magic of theater with children who will benefit from the Goodfellows' generosity.

On Dec. 8, 9 and 10, St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild is presenting three special performances of "The Sleeping Beauty," exclusively for 600 children from Detroit inner city schools. Two hundred children will be present at each of the three performances.

The Goodfellow pledge is "no child goes without a Christmas." Goodfellows provide children with boxes filled with warm clothing, books, dolls, candy and toys.

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GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays ($27.50), 8 p.m. Thursdays ($27.50), 8 p.m. Fridays ($32.50), 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturdays ($32.50), 2 p.m. Sundays ($27.50) and 6 p.m. Sundays ($19.50). (313) 963-9800

JET
"Resident Alien," an intergalactic comedy of love and acceptance by Stuart Spencer, through Sunday, Jan. 3, at the theater, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield. (248) 788-2900 or http://comnet.org/jet

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
"A Christmas Carol," continues to Sunday, Dec. 27, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester. $25-$36. (248) 377-3300

COLLEGE

EMU THEATRE
"Ghost of the River House," an 11-year-old and her grandfather search for adventure in this play by Max Bush of Michigan, for ages 7 and up, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5; and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5, Quirk Theatre, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. $7 Thursday, $12 Friday-Saturday, $10 Sunday matinees. (734) 487-1221

ORCHARD RIDGE PLAYERS
"Shorts: A Theatrical Potpourri," featuring works by Edward Albee, Neil Simon, 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11, in Smith Theater on the Oakland Community College campus, Orchard Lake Road and I-696, Farmington Hills. $8, $5 students. (248) 471-7667

U-D MERCY THEATRE COMPANY
An evening of "Chekhov," through Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sundays, Earl D.A. Smith Studio Theatre, McNichols Campus, Detroit. $10, $8 students/seniors/UD Mercy employees, alumni. (313) 993-1130

U-M THEATRE AND DRAMA
"Volpone," 8 p.m. Thursday-saturday, Dec. 3-5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Power Center, Ann Arbor. $18, $14, $7 student with ID. (734) 764-0450

WSU BONSTELLE THEATRE
"Little Women" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Dec. 11-12, 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 and 13, Saturday, Dec. 12, 3424 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $8-$10; ages 5-12, $6. (313) 577-2960.

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Scapin," in rotating repertory to Feb. 3, 4743 Cass Ave., Detroit. $10-$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

LIVONIA-REDFORD THEATRE GUILD
"A Chorus Line," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, 15138 Beech Daly, Redford.$12 adults, $11 seniors, students. (313) 531-0554

ST. DUNSTAN'S THEATRE GUILD OF CRANBROOK
"The Sleeping Beauty," a production for children and their families, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11; 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at the playhouse, 400 Lone Pine Road, on the grounds of the Cranbrook Educational Community, Bloomfield Hills. Tickets $6 each, 50 percent of net profits from all six performances benefits Old Newsboys Goodfellow Fund of Detroit. Call (248) 644-0527 for tickets.

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN CHOPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding,"40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturday, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. $50 Thursdays and Sundays, $55 Fridays and Saturdays, in advance at 8 W. Lawrence St., Pontiac. (248) 745-8668/(248) 645-6666

GENITTI'S HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
Live interactive children's theater program, "Santa's Workshop," Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6, Friday, Dec. 11, and Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-23, 108 E. Main St., Northville. $9.65 for children, $11.65 adults, includes lunch, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH

AMERICAN FAMILY THEATER
"Cinderella," 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. $6, reservations. (248) 424-9022

EMU THEATRE
"Ghost of the River House," an 11-year-old and her grandfather search for adventure in this play by Max Bush of Michigan, for ages 7 and older, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 4-5, at the Quirk Theatre, on the Eastern Michigan University campus in Ypsilanti. $7 Thursday, $12 Friday-Saturday, $10 Sunday matinees. (734) 487-1221

MARQUIS THEATRE
"Cinderella," through Jan. 3, 135 E. Main St., Northville. 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Jan. 2, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 6, 13, 20, and Jan. 31 and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 28-31. $8.50. (248) 349-8110

NEW VAUDEVILLE YOUTH THEATRE
Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 19, Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, between Eight and Nine Mile roads, Southfield. (248) 552-7000/(248) 552-1225

NOVI THEATRES
"The Nutcracker," a play with dancing by June Walker Rogers, adapted by Mary Kay Davis, performed by Children's Annex Company, 7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi. $8, $7 advance. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20, Historic Players Club, 3321 E. Jefferson, between Mount Elliott and McDougal, Detroit. Saturday programs start with lunch at noon and performances at 1 p.m., Sundays with lunch at 1 p.m. and performances at 2 p.m. $7.50, $6.50 groups of 20 or more. (810) 662-8118

PUPPETART
"Close the Window...or, a Chelm Story," a folk tale inspired by Issac Bashevis Singer from old Russia, 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Detroit Puppet Theater, 26 E. Grand River, (between Woodward Avenue and Farmer Street), Detroit. $6.50, $5 children. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

STAGECRAFTERS YOUTH THEATRE
Hans Christian Andersen's classic tale, "The Snow Queen," 7 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 South Lafayette, Royal Oak. $5, all seats reserved. Patrons are also asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy to benefit the Salvation Army's Toy Drive for needy children. (248) 541-6430

WHISTLE STOP PLAYERS
"The Velveteen Rabbit," 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5-Sunday, Dec. 6, Plymouth Community Arts Council, Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. $5. (734) 416-4278

WILD SWAN THEATER
"The Cricket in Times Square," through Saturday, Jan. 2, Anderson Theatre at Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

HOT TICKET

Holiday memories: *Jillian Roettenberger, 9 and her brother, Alex, 3 of Troy look through a Dodge family album at Meadow Brook Hall where "Picture Perfect Holidays" continues through Sunday, Dec. 6. Original Dodge and Wilson family photographs are part of the elegant holiday decorations at the magnificent 100-room mansion on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Knole Cottage is open during daytime hours only. Admission is $12 for adults, $6 for children under 13, $6 for Oakland University affiliates with I.D. Knole Cottage admission is $1 for all ages. Call (248) 370-3140 for information.*

HOLIDAY EVENTS

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
Presented by the Nebraska Theatre Caravan, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall (M-59), Clinton Township. $22, $20 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

BERKLEY HOLIDAY FEST
Immediately following parade, 1-8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the downtown shopping district, 12 Mile between Coolidge Highway and Greenfield Road. (248) 548-8881

"BLACK NATIVITY"
Langston Hughes' musical drama presented by Cass Technical High School Drama Department, 10 a.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 8-10, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the Southfield Center for the Arts. $3 matinees, $8 evening. (313) 596-3900, ext. 211

"CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DINNER"
With Johnny Trudell Orchestra, Sunday, Dec. 6, Italian American Club Banquet Center, 39200 Hix Road, Livonia. $36, includes full course dinner, capuccino and espresso, and music. (248) 349-8880

CHELSEA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
Featuring Santa's workshop, kids' crafts, window displays, hayrides, cookie decorating, reenactments of German Christmas stories, festival of lessons and carols, Friday-Sunday, Dec. 4-6, throughout downtown Chelsea, I-94 exit 159 (north Chelsea/Manchester exit). Free. (800) 265-9045 or http://www.ypsilanti.org

CHRISTMAS WALK
The Friends for the Development of Greenmead presents its walk featuring seven homes decorated for the holidays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in Livonia. $7 advance, $8 on day of the walk, proceeds go toward restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village at Newburgh and Eight Mile roads. (734) 425-4855/(734) 464-2741

COBO CARNIVAL
Featuring a full-scale midway including games, rides and family entertainment, noon to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and Saturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, Cobo Conference and Exhibition Center, Detroit. Free admission but a charge for rides and games. $15 ride-all-day wristband. (313) 877-8111

DIA WASSAIL FEAST
Travel back 400 years to celebrate the holiday season in a re-creation of the legendary Winter Court of England's Queen Elizabeth I, vegetarian menu also available, 6:30-10 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, Dec. 10-12 and 17-19, in the Kresge Court at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Avenue. $135 Thursdays, $150 Fridays-Saturdays, proceeds to benefit the museum's general operating fund. (313) 833-4005

DEXTER'S VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS
Featuring free street performances, horse-drawn sleigh rides, carolers and musicians throughout town, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and Saturday, Dec. 12, in the village, northwest of Ann Arbor. (734) 426-5514, http://members.tripod.com/~Dexter426 or ebtek@hotmail.com

FIESTA NAVIDAD
A festive Mexican Christmas celebration with dancers and the "Los Arrieros" Mariachi band, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall (M-59), Clinton Township. $24, $22 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

FRIENDS OF BELLE ISLE
Wassail Party, 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, with performance of 16th century court dances by Renaissance Dance Company of Detroit, at the Belle Isle Casino, Detroit. $15. (313) 331-7760

IRISH CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
Will Millar's Celtic Christmas, Millar is formerly of the Irish Rovers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall (M-59), Clinton Township. $24, $22 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

"LIGHT ONE CANDLE"
A Chanukah program especially for children ages 5-10, educational program and craft (each family creates their own Chanukah menorah), 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 (West Bloomfield) and Thursday, Dec. 10 (Oak Park), at the Jewish Community Center. Optional 6:30 p.m. Kosher pizza dinner ($3). Reservations by Friday, Dec. 4, (248) 661-7649 (Dec. 9 program), (248) 967-4030 (Dec. 10 program).

"NOEL NIGHT"
The 26th annual event to ring in the holidays features carolers, choirs, street theater, dance, hands-on art, a tree lighting ceremony, and carriage rides, 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, festivities conclude with a community sing-a-long led by the Salvation Army Band 8:30-9:30 p.m on Woodward Avenue, in Detroit's Cultural Center bounded by Ferry Street on the north, Forest on the south, Brush on the east, and Cass Avenue on the west. Free. (313) 577-5088

"THE NUTCRACKER"
"A Spectacle on Ice" performed by Russia's St. Petersburg State Ice Ballet. 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall (M-59), Clinton Township. $28, $24, $22 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

SANDI PATTY CHRISTMAS
Concert, 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall (M-59), Clinton Township. $29, $27, $24 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

CHORAL

HANDEL'S MESSIAH
With the UMS Choral Union and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Hill Auditorium, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor. $10-$18. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

MADISON CHORALE
Present two Holiday Cabaret Concerts, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 and Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Wilkinson Middle School, 26524 John R, Madison Heights. $10 donation, $8 seniors/students (advanced sales). (248) 330-3589

THE MADONNA CHORALE
"Christmas Chorale Concert," 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse Chapel, Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia. Admission by donation to the music scholarship fund. (734) 432-5708

MADRIGAL CHORALE OF SOUTHFIELD
"Holiday Concert," 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Old St. Mary's Church, St. Antoine and Monroe streets, Detroit's Greektown. $15, $12 students and seniors. (810) 445-6199

OAKLAND UNIVERSITY
The Department of Music, Theatre and Dance presents its popular show choir, The Meadow Brook Estate Ensemble, in an International Holiday Spectacular 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5; 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in Varner Recital Hall on the campus in Rochester. $12, $10 seniors, $6 students, (248) 370-3013/(248) 645-6666

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
"Joy," a Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Plymouth Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. $9 donation. (734) 455-4080

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR
Holiday concert, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 W. Church St., at Main Street, Plymouth. $4. (734) 462-4435

HOLIDAY MUSIC

FARMINGTON COMMUNITY BAND
A "Holiday Collage" concert opens the band's season with holiday and classic band music 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Harrison High School on 12 Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills. $3 adults, $2 students, $8 family. (734) 261-2202

GALLIARD BRASS ENSEMBLE
Annual Holiday Concert, 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-1221

CLASSICAL

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALE CHORALE ENSEMBLE
Under the direction of Judith Premin perform Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols" with guest harpist Allegra Lilly 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Central Woodward Christian Church on the southeast corner of Adams and Big Beaver roads. Free. A festive tea follows the concert. (248) 475-5978

CHAMBER MUSIC AT SCARAB CLUB
The series begins with music by Villa-Lobos and Piazzola featuring soloist Peter Soave (South American music), and string quartet comprised of Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra, 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the club, 217 Farnsworth, behind the Detroit Institute of Arts. $15, $10 students/seniors. (313) 831-1250

LIVONIA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Rings in the "Sounds of the Season" when they perform with flutists Ervin Monroe, principal with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Alexander Zonjic and his jazz ensemble, also on the guest list is the Churchill High School Choir singing songs from the movie "Home Alone" and "Twas the Night Before Christmas," 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Churchill High School, 8900 Newburgh Road, Livonia. $15, $12 children. (734) 421-1111

LYRIC CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
Perform opera choruses that have a sacred theme 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, scenes will be introduced by Dr. Wallace Peace, a frequent lecturer for the Michigan Opera Theatre, at Christ Church Detroit. $15, $12 seniors/students. (248) 357-1111

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE
Violinist Stephen Shipps, accompanied by pianist Anton Nel, performs selections by Debussy, Ravel and Franck noon Wednesday, Dec. 9 in the Forum Building Recital Hall at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Free. (734) 462-4400, ext. 5218

ORGAN

MIKE ECCARD
Presents a Lowrey Organ Concert, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Evola Music Store in the Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. Free, but donations of canned goods accepted for the Franciscan Poverty Program. Reservations, (248) 442-9682

POPS/SWING

JUDY COLLINS
Performs holiday songs with the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, Southfield. $30 and $35, available at the Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, the Parks and Recreation office, or Ticketmaster outlets. (248) 645-6666/(248) 354-4854. Pre-concert dinner at the Golden Mushroom, 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, $25. (248) 559-4230

SHAKEN NOT STIRRED
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Karl's, 9779 Gottfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing/rockabilly)

T. TURNER
Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, at D.L. Herrington's Roadhouse, 2086 Crooks Road and M-59, Rochester Hills. (810) 852-0550.

AUDITIONS

AVON PLAYERS YOUTH THEATRE
Open auditions for sixth to 12th graders for "The Wizard of Oz," Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 8-9, registration at 6:30 p.m., auditions at 7 p.m. at the playhouse, 1185 Tienken Road, east of Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. For four performances Jan. 29-31. $20 membership fee required to be part of production. (248) 542-8447

JACKSONN PRODUCTIONS
Auditions for Jacksonn Productions and Trenton Community Players' "South Pacific," 7-10 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 8-9, Trenton Theatre, 2447 W. Jefferson, Trenton. Showdates are Feb. 25-28, and March 5-7. (734) 332-9166

NOVI THEATRES
Auditions for ages 7-97 for "The Wizard of Oz," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 8 and 10, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. All actors must pay a participation fee of $125 once cast. For performances March 5-6 and 12-13. (248) 347-0400

VOCAL ARTS ACADEMY
Auditions by appointment only for second semester 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Varner Hall, Room 134 at Oakland University, Rochester. (248) 625-7057

JAZZ

DWIGHT ADAMS TRIO
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 10, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150. (trumpet/piano/bass)

GARY BLUMER TRIO
8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Fridays, Dec. 4 and 11, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocals/piano/bass)

COLEMAN-RHOADES DUO
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 and Friday, Dec. 11, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. Reservations (313) 831-3838 (r & b)

BUDDY GRECA AND ANNA MARIA ALBERGHETTI
1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. $24, $22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays at Toa Chez, 27155 Sheraton Dr., Novi, (248) 348-5555; 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays to Saturdays at Encore in the Quality Inn, 1801 S. Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 335-3790; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays, at Vic's Market, 42875 Grand River Ave., Novi. (248) 305-7333 (vocal/piano/bass)

JUBILATION RUN
The Dixieland jazz band in cooperation with the New Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club presents jazz/ragtime, 3-6 p.m. Saturdays, at Steak 'n Ale, 32750 Concord, east of I-75 north, south side of 14 Mile, Madison Heights. $3 cover. (248) 588-4450

KATHY KOSINS
8-11 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Dec. 4-5 and 11-12, Giovanni's Cafe Italiano, 31 N. Saginaw St., at Lawrence Street, Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241; 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 8, 15, 22 and 29, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. Reservations (313) 831-3838

SHEILA LANDIS AND RICK MATLE
9:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, Dec. 10, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080; 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, The Coffee Beanery, 152 N. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. All ages. (248) 646-6022

BEN LEMPERT TRIO
8-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (jazz standards)

MATT MICHAELS TRIO
With Paul Vornhagen, sax, 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, with Louis Smith, trumpet 8-11:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, at the Botsford Inn, Farmington Hills. (248) 474-4800

JEANNINE MILLER
With Vincent Shandor Trio, 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8410

HIDEKO MILLS
With Surrogate Earth, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $6. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY
8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 3-4, Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 9-10, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. Reservations (313) 831-3838

ROBERT PIPHO
8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, at Duet at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Avenue at Mack, Detroit. Reservations (313) 831-3838

GARY SCHUNK TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (piano/bass/drums)

URSULA WALKER AND BUDDY BUDSON
With Dan Kolton, 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays at Forte, 201 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 594-7300

SUNNY WILKINSON
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and Dec. 4-5, and Friday, Dec. 11, Baci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300; With Ervin Monroe, DSO principal flutist, Margaret Kapasi, concert pianist, Barb Ogar and her Student Flute Choir, The Whitfield Company, Heart and Soul, and CKLW personalities Cam Gardner and Lisa Williams, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, as part of The Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse of Windsor and Essex County's Pipers' Holiday concert at Chrysler Theatre at Cleary International Centre, 201 Riverside Dr. W., Windsor. $40

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with reception, $12-$20 for general seating (Canadian prices). (519) 252-6579

GOSPEL/CHRISTIAN

GAITHER CHRISTMAS HOMECOMING
With Gaither Vocal Band, Janet Paschal, Larry Ford, The Happy Goodmans, Anthony Burger, The Martins, Candy Christmas, Jake Hess, Amy Lambert, Mark Lowry, Ben Speer, Bob Cain, Jessy Dixon, The Easters, and others. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. $17.50 reserved, Superfan seating is available. Seniors ages 60 and older receive $3 off reserved seating and children ages 12 and younger receive $8 off reserved seating. Group rates are also available. (248) 377-0100

"SANDI PATTY CHRISTMAS"
7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. $27, $24 students and seniors, $29 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

WORLD MUSIC

"FIESTA NAVIDAD"
Featuring dancers and a mariachi band, 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. $24, $22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

HART-ROUGE
3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Southfield centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road. $8. (248) 424-9022. (French/English)

PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 and 10, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, at Luciano's 39031 Garfield, Clinton Twp.. (810) 263-6540; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, at Benedetto's, 15505 15 Mile, Clinton Twp. (810) 790-1010 (English/Italian/Spanish)

"WILL MILLAR'S CELTIC CHRISTMAS"
Former Irish Rover with Robbie O'Connell and Aengus, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. $24, $22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

DANCE

CONTEMPORARY CIVIC BALLET
Rose Marie Floyd's is joined by Christopher Stowell of the San Francisco Ballet 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral Auditorium in Masonic Temple, 500 Temple, Detroit. $5. A second performance takes place 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, at Troy High School. $8. (248) 641-9063 or (248) 546-7484

CONTRA DANCE
8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, open jam for musicians of all levels 4-6 p.m., at the Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor Saline Road, south of I-94, Ann Arbor. $7. (734) 332-9024

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Ballet Internationale dance "The Nutcracker" Dec. 10-13 and Dec. 17-20 at the Detroit Opera House. $16-$35. (313) 576-1111 or through the DSO Web site at www.detroitsymphony.com

FULL CIRCLE DANCE COMPANY
Annual Children's Dance Concert, "Food for Thought Song and Dance Revue" brought to you by "Top Banana," 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, and 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, in Adray Auditorium, MacKenzie Fine Arts Building, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn. $5. (313) 845-6314

"THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER"
Through Sunday, Dec. 6, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. $15-$50. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org

LAKES AREA CIVIC BALLET
With guest artist James Toth of the Winnipeg Royal Ballet in Manitoba, Canada, Saturday, Dec. 12 (school group matinees Thursday-Friday, Dec. 10-11 ($5) at West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road. $8.50-$10. (248) 666-1971

LIVONIA CIVIC BALLET COMPANY
The official ballet company of the City of Livonia presents "The Nutcracker" 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 at Clarenceville High School Auditorium, 20155 Middlebelt Road, south of Eight Mile Road, Livonia. $12, $9 seniors/students, $6 children ages 5-9. (734) 427-9103

MICHIGAN CLASSIC BALLET CO.
"The Nutcracker," 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Mercy Auditorium, 29300 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills. (248) 334-6964

OAKLAND DANCE THEATRE
"Leaving Ground," a concert featuring works Oakland University students, faculty and guest artists, directed by Laurie Eisenhowe, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, in the Varner Studio Theatre on the Oakland University campus, Rochester. $10, $8 seniors, $5 students. (248) 370-3013

PLYMOUTH CANTON BALLET COMPANY
More than 150 musicians from the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet come together to perform "The Nutcracker" with guest artists Dawnell Dryja and Cameron Caldwell from the Cincinnati Ballet Company, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11 and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 12-13 at the Plymouth-Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. $17, $10 students K-12th grade, $5 Sugar Plum Tea. (734) 451-2112

RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Featuring the Rockettes, through Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10-$52.50. (248) 645-6666

"SPIRIT OF THE DANCE"
Produced by Dublin Worldwide Dance Productions in the tradition of Riverdance, features Russian Cossacks, Flamenco Fiesta and Irish routines, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12, at Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, Garfield Road and Hall (M-59), Clinton Township. $29, $26 students/seniors. (810) 286-2222/(800) 585-3737

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Paul D'Angelo, Robert Mack and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5 ($12); Ross Amicucci, Jim Hamm and Rich Higginbottom, Wednesday-Thursday, Dec. 9-10 ($12); Jeff Dunham and Joey Bielaska, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12 ($20), at the club above Kicker's All American Grill, 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Third Level Improv and new talent nights, 8 p.m. Sundays ($5). (734) 261-0555

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB AT PAISANO'S
Randy Lubas, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3 ($8, $20.95 dinner show package), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5 ($10 and $22.95), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 ($8, $20.95 dinner show package); John Di Crosta, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12 ($12, $24.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13 ($10, $22.95 dinner show package), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885

MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
Jack Mayberry and Jeff Margrett, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-6; "Christmas Comedy Event" with Joey Bielaska, Alyce Faye and Frank Turner, 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7. $5 off ticket price with donated toy. $10 with toy, $15 without toy, toys will be distributed to disadvantaged children for the holidays; Bob Zany and Mark Boyd, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 9-13, at the club, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak. 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays ($5), 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Thursdays ($6), 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays ($12), and 7:30 p.m. Sundays ($6). Prices subject to change. (248) 542-9900 or http://www.comedycastle.com

SECOND CITY
"Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend," a fifth anniversary celebration show retrospective, 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays with additional shows at 10:30 p.m. on Fridays-Saturdays through Feb. 7, at the club, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10 Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays, $17.50 on Fridays, and $19.50 on Saturdays. (313) 965-2222

JOHN VALBY
7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $15. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

MICHAEL WINSLOW
Star of "Police Academy" movies, 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Farmington Civic Theatre, 33332 Grand River Ave., Farmington. $25 and $20. (248) 473-7777

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

CRESTWOOD PLANETARIUM
"Off to an Asteroid, Mars and a Comet," the journeys of Deep Space 1, the two Mars Surveyor '98 spacecraft and Stardust beginning their flight this year, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 8-10 Crestwood School District Planetarium, 1501 N. Beech Daly, Dearborn Heights. $1 adults, 75 cents for students and children. Reservations necessary. (313) 274-3711

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
"Frontiers to Factories: Detroiters at Work 1701-1901," formerly known as "Furs to Factories," with a new Land Office, a "Wheel of Fortune" style land acquisition interactive, three new video screen interactives, a documentary video, a new Heavy Industry section and a display explaining Detroit's move from "Stove Capital of the World" to the Motor City, automobile capital of the world, opens Saturday, Dec. 5; "The Fantasy World of Doll Houses," through Jan. 31; "Remembering Downtown Hudson's" exhibit, a nostalgic look at what made the Hudson's downtown Detroit store an icon of the city's prosperous era, at the museum, 5401 Woodward Ave. (at Kirby), Detroit. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Free admission Wednesdays; $3 for adults, $1.50 seniors and children aged 12-18, free for children ages 11 and younger Thursdays-Sundays. (313) 833-1805 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

DETROIT SCIENCE CENTER
IMAX movies include "Tropical Rainforest" at 10 a.m. Mondays-Fridays, "Special Effects" at 1:10 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, and "Everest" multiple showings seven days a week at the center, 5020 John R (at Warren), Detroit. Admission to Exhibit Hall is $3 for adults, $2 for children ages 3-15 and adults ages 60 and older, free for children ages 2 and younger. IMAX films are additional $4. (313) 577-8400

HISTORIC CHURCH TOURS
Featuring St. Peter-St. Paul Jesuit, Christ Episcopal, Second Baptist, St. Dominic Roman and St. Paul Cathedral Episcopal churches, Monday, Dec. 7, leaves from the Detroit Historical Museum's parking lot at 10 a.m. $11 Detroit Historical Society members, $16 non-members, includes bus, tour and luncheon. (313) 833-1405 or http://www.detroithistorical.org

HOLIDAY HOMES OF HISTORIC YPSILANTI
Tour of homes, Christmas carols by the Sweet Adelines, homemade Christmas cookies, Festive Tables decorated by community members, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. $13, available at Remington's By Design, Me 'N' My Sister's Country Store, and Tea, Thyme and Treasures in Historic Depot Town, Ypsilanti. Benefits Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels and historic preservation in Depot Town. (734) 485-2164 or http://www.ypsilanti.org

GREENMEAD HISTORICAL VILLAGE
Tour 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 free concert by Livonia Civic Chorus at the church in the village, 20501 Newburgh, south of Eight Mile, Livonia. Tours $2, $1 children. (248) 477-7375

MEADOW BROOK HALL
"1998 Holiday Walk — Picture Perfect Holidays," through Sunday, Dec. 6, at the mansion, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. (248) 370-3140

POPULAR MUSIC

AHADA
9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

ALL HAIL ME
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock)

THE ALLIGATORS
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450; 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)

JOCELYN B. AND DETROIT STREET PLAYERS
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 11-12, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues)

BAKED POTATO
With Deep Space Six, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (funk)

BUGS BEDDOW BAND
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 642-9400; 10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Shark Club, 6650 Highland Road, Waterford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 666-4161 or http://www.bugsbeddow.com (blues)

GORDON BENNETT
9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Thursdays Dec. 3 and 10, Hamlin Pub North, 741 S. Lapeer Road, Lake Orion. Free. 21 and older. (248) 814-8109; 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Hamlin Pub, 1988 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 656-7700 (rock)

"BLIND PIG SHOWCASE"
With Pamela West, Sweet Kelly, The Element and Lurch, 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 996-8555 (variety)

THE BOMB POPS
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock)

BILLY BRAGG AND THE BLOKES
With Corey Harris, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $22.50 in advance. All ages. (734) 761-1800 or http://www.a2ark.org (pop)

BUFFALO TOM
8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8.50 in advance. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (pop)

BURNER
With Exploration, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

BUSTERS BLUES BAND
9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Giovanni's Cafe Italiano, 31 N. Saginaw St. (at Lawrence Street), Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241 (R&B)

CANDLEBOX
With The Hunger and Blue Plate Special, perform as part of radio station WIQB's "Rockin' for the Hungry" concert, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Michigan Theatre, 603 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor. $21.03, $27.50 limited superfan seating includes afterparty ticket. (734) 763-TKTS/(248) 645-6666 (rock)

CLOUD CAR
With The Numbers, formerly known as Big Block, and Scmods, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (rock)

JAMES CLOYD GROUP
9 p.m. Thursdays, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues)

CULTURE BANDITS
With Ghettobillies, 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Lili's, 2930 Jacob, Hamtramck. $5. 21 and older. (313) 875-6555 or http://www.lilis21.com (rock)

RONNIE EARL AND THE BROADCASTERS
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $17 in advance (each night). 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (blues)

EARTH CRISIS
5:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $11. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

GLEN EDDIE
9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Bobby J's Music Cafe, 29 Front St., Lake Orion. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 814-8550; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

FACTORY 81
With Slave 1, Flinch and Tap Root, 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. All ages. (810) 913-1921 (rock)

THE REV. MARC FALCONBERRY
Hosts acoustic blues jam, 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard (at Van Born), Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues)

TIM FLAHARTY TRIO
Hosts blues jam, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursdays, Frigate's Inn, 14 Mile Road (at East Lake Drive), Walled Lake. (248) 624-9607 (blues)

FUNKTELLIGENCE
9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8, as part of Mood Indigo night at Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (funk)

GHETTOBILLIES
With Joey Skidmore, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 10, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)

STEVE GORNALL
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Tickets at Ticketmaster. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 (blues)

HAL.9000
9 p.m. Friday, Dec, 11, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.golddollar.com (hardcore rock)

MICHAEL HILL'S BLUES MOB
10 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Amer's First Street Grill, Ann Arbor. $8 in advance, $10 at the door. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)

"HOLIDAY HOOTENANNY"
Featuring the Goo Goo Dolls, DC Talk, Semisonic, Better Than Ezra and Edwin McCain, 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Cobo Arena, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 or http://www.ticketmaster.com or http://www.planet963.com (pop)

THE HOPE ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Cafe Zola, 112 W. Washington St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 769-2020 or http://www.concentric.net/~hopeorch (pop)

LISA HUNTER
8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Six String Coffee House inside the Michigan League, University of Michigan campus. Cover charge. All ages. (734) 763-4652 (acoustic rock)

THE INCURABLES
With 1959, a Buddy Holly tribute band, play a benefit concert for 11-month-old Brittany Long, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Harris-Kehrer VFW Post 3323, 1055 S. Wayne Road, Westland. $5, free for those ages 5 and younger, includes pizza and pop. All ages. Long was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is undergoing chemotherapy. (734) 722-8743 or http://www.incurables.com (rock)

NIKKI JAMES AND THE FLAMETHROWERS
9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Giovanni's Cafe Italiano, 31 N. Saginaw St. (at Lawrence Street), Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 334-5241 (blues)

THE KINGSNAKES
10 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 4 and 11, Mr. Sports, 13090 Inkster Road, Redford. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 534-7420; 10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Rivertown Saloon, 1977 Woodbridge, Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 567-6020 (rock)

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8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

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9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, Amer's First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $8 in advance, $10 at the door. 21 and older. (bluesy rock)

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With Unwritten Law, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)

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9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (blues)

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With Valerie Barrymore, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)

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9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $6 in advance, $8 at the door. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)

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Zany 'Home Fries' will satisfy your appetite for something fun

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Silly, romantic, and sometimes stupid, "Home Fries" won't satisfy serious movie-goer appetites, but if you're looking for something fast and fun, this is it.

Sally Sawyer (Drew Barrymore) works the drive-through window at the Burger-Matic in a small town. That way nobody will know she's pregnant, by a married man, heavens!

■ 'Home Fries' isn't a gourmet meal, but if you're looking for a night of laughs, and maybe even a little romance, you'll be satisfied.

But Sawyer, who has a heart as big as Grand Canyon, had no idea her Henry (Chris Ellis) was married, until it was too late. Henry's wife, Mrs. Lever (Catherine O'Hara) knows about the other woman, and "can feel her." Sometimes Mrs. Lever even dreams about her, and in her dreams "she looks like a big black ant."

DEANA NEWCOMB/WARNER BROS.

Romantic: *Drew Barrymore and Luke Wilson star in the off-center romantic comedy, "Home Fries."*

"Home Fries" is definitely junk food for the mind, except unlike McDonald's, you don't know exactly what you're getting. This movie has more twists and turns than a roller coaster at Cedar Point. It's totally unpredictable, until near the end.

Henry pulls into Burger-Matic to see his girl, and order his favorite – a vanilla milkshake – "very cold, very tall." Sally's not happy, and won't agree to see him after her shift. On the way home, Henry, the rascal, takes his wedding ring out of the car ashtray, and puts it back on.

He's in for a surprise of his life. Mrs. Lever's two sons by a previous marriage, Dorian (Luke Wilson) and Angus (Jake Busey) are both Army National Guardsmen and Cobra helicopter pilots. Mom wants them to scare a little sense into Henry.

Things get a little out of hand, as Henry runs for his life with the helicopter hovering overhead. Sally's working the night shift, and starts to pick up the helicopter's frequency on her headset. She doesn't pay attention, because she's too busy arguing with her co-worker over who will clean out the milk shake machine.

The brothers don't know that, and they didn't know Henry had a weak heart either. When he ends up dead, sitting upright in the middle of a field, it sets off a whole chain of crazy events more fun than a Happy Meal.

O'Hara's hilarious as the woman done wrong. Her sons, who are in their 20s, act a whole lot younger. They sleep in bunk beds, bicker like little kids, and vie for mom's attention. Angus is crushed when Mrs. Lever tells Dorian, "you're my favorite."

As the older brother, Angus decides it's best to eliminate Sally just in case she heard something on her headset. Dorian didn't count on falling in love with her.

Set in a small town that could be anywhere U.S.A. there's a lot to like about this movie. Dorian goes to work at Burger-Matic, on a mission to find out more about Sally. He becomes a hero when her drunken father shows up with a shot gun at Burger-Matic during a birthday party for Sally's younger brother. "When he gets drunk he gets stupid," says Sally in defense of her dad. Angus isn't happy, "we don't need the publicity," he says.

Shelly Duvall is perfect as Sally's mom, Ms. Jackson, who bails her husband out of jail time and time again, and loves her children unconditionally.

Sweet Sally wants Mrs. Lever to know the truth about her husband. "I didn't know he was married until after I conceived," she explains to Dorian. "He lied to me, and he's been lying to her too. She needs to know."

Wilson and Busey are believable as the squabbling brothers choking on mom's long apron strings who will do anything to make her happy.

Mrs. Lever's family's breaking apart, and Sally's is just starting – "I know how I look to everyone," she says. "I was raised right, I can't help the rest, but I'm going to be a really good mother."

"Home Fries" isn't a gourmet meal, but if you're looking for a night of laughs, and maybe even a little romance, you'll be satisfied.

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MOVIE MEMORIES

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With shopping, parties and other assorted merrymaking, the holidays can be a very hectic time.

Sometimes it's nice to take a breather – to put your feet up and relax with a video. Movies, seasonal or not, are part of our collective memories.

There are some obvious traditional films people enjoy watching around the holidays. Like ***"It's a Wonderful Life"*** or ***"Miracle on 34th Street"*** – the latter a particular favorite of mine since childhood. There are the myriad of ***"A Christmas Carol"*** adaptations – my personal favorite is the one with George C. Scott although my seven-year old niece was quite amused by the Looney Tunes version.

Some of the other choices may not be so obvious. Another Christmas season favorite in our family was ***"The Shop Around the Corner."*** The 1939 romantic comedy starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan tells the story of bickering co-workers who don't realize they're lovelorn pen pals. (The e-mail version ***"You've Got Mail"*** is due in theaters shortly.) Everything gets resolved on Christmas Eve.

Another fun holiday movie is ***"Planes, Trains and Automobiles"*** the 1987 comedy in which uptight businessman Steve Martin and shower curtain ring salesman John Candy encounter all sorts of obstacles, calamities and annoyances in an effort to get back home for Thanksgiving. The version shown on television is very funny but the uncut video version is even funnier.

While probably not a film that immediately comes to mind around the holidays, there is always ***"Meet Me in St. Louis,"*** the 1944 musical that manages to hit most of the major holidays during the year leading up to the opening of the 1903 World's Fair Among the terrific songs is Judy Garland singing "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas."

An important rule in life is "know your audience." That's especially true if you are going to show a movie to a collection of friends and relatives of varying ages and tastes. I recall spending a holiday with friends when one of the siblings pulled out a copy of ***"Angel Heart,"*** a terrific but quite violent film. As one synopsis summed it up "Absolutely not for the squeamish or children." A shockingly bad choice for a family gathering.

We'd like you to share your memories and thoughts about your favorite holiday movie viewing over the years. E-mail your comments with your name, age and hometown to: **kwygonik@oe.homecomm.net** or fax at **734-591-7279** no later than Dec. 17. We'll run a sampling of your responses in our Dec. 24 edition.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 4

"PSYCHO"
A scene-by-scene remake of the 1960 Alfred Hitchcock classic. Stars Vince Vaughn, Anne Heche.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 11

"JACK FROST"
Fantasy adventure about a man who becomes a real father after returning to life as a cooler guy than he ever imagined possible – below freezing to be precise. Stars Michael Keaton, Kelly Preston.

"WAKING NED DEVINE"
A comedy fable about the true meaning of fortune. Someone in a small Irish town wins a lottery and the towns people want to share.

"HARD CORE LOGO"
Exclusively at the Landmark Main Art Theatre. The story of four characters who struggle to reconcile their mythic punk rock past with the hangover realities of the present. A tale of lost dreams, the lure of the open road and memories of youth that fade in the rearview mirror.

Scheduled to open Friday, Dec. 18

"THE LAST EMPEROR"
Bernardo Bertolucci's director's cut of the Academy Award-winning drama based on the life of Pu Yi, the child who was the last emperor of China.

"YOU'VE GOT MAIL"
A romantic comedy about two book store owners, rivals who accidentally fall in love in cyberspace with Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan.

Scheduled to open Wednesday, Dec. 25

"DOWN THE DELTA"
An emotional and riveting story where big city meets small town, young meet old, parents reconnect with children, and life for everyone becomes something unexpected.

"THE FACULTY"
Science fiction thriller that blends teenage angst, cutting edge comedy and out of this world special effects as the students of Herrington High School struggle to save the world from alien domination.

"LITTLE VOICE"
Magical musical comedy about the power and perils of expression. Based on one of London's most acclaimed hit plays, the story follows an aging but on-the-prowl widow who nevers shuts up and her reticent daughter, who barely speaks but does sing.

"SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE"
Witty and fast moving comedy set in 1593 that follows the trials and tribulations of Will Shakespeare, a struggling young playwright who's suffering from a terrible bout of writer's block until he falls in love. Stars Joseph Fiennes, Gwyneth Paltrow, Geoffrey Rush.

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Family feature: *Joseph Cross and Michael Keaton in a scene from "Jack Frost," opening Dec. 11 at metro Detroit movie theaters.*

F-111 sees big things for Control Freq.

CHRISTINA FUOCO

If Andrew Goldstone of F-111 Records has his way, the Detroit-based band Control Freq. and its debut album "Freq. Show" will be huge.

"We really feel like it's a mainstream (release) or can be a mainstream pop record. At the same time, we're going to attempt to cultivate some interest on the underground," said Goldstone, co-director of the Warner Bros.-affiliated label F-111.

"It's not a Spice Girls Record. It's got a lot more musicality to it."

Control Freq. is the latest project from singer/leader Dennis White, keyboardist Ken Roberts and guitarist Steve Zuccaro, all of whom are former members of Charm Farm. The band, whose album is due out in March, officially inked the deal recently.

Control Freq. signed to F-111 after former CIMX-FM DJ and Hits Magazine writer Caeri Bertrand referred the band to Goldstone.

"She told me about Dennis, and I used to run Astralwerks (Records). Dennis was doing more techno stuff on the side and we met up at the Winter Music Conference two years ago," Goldstone explained.

"When he sent me a tape of five songs, it was mostly just to say, 'Hey, this is what I'm up to.' He didn't know I was about to make a move to go to Warner Bros."

As soon as Goldstone heard the demo, he knew he had to have them.

"We're very happy to have them. It was pretty much the first thing we signed. They weren't officially signed until relatively recently. But it was a done deal shortly after we came aboard at Warner Bros. in March."

Control Freq. just returned from New York where it did a photo shoot at a "serious prop house," according to guitarist Zuccaro. For the shoot, the band used props from "Back to the Future."

"We were inside a spaceship and in a cockpit. We got all these fresh shots that we'll probably use for promo photos and the record," he said.

Charm Farm released an album, "Pervert," on Mercury Records and had a hint of success with the song "Superstar." The band was dropped shortly thereafter.

Guitarist Zuccaro said that already he's pleased – but cautious – about working with F-111 and Warner Bros.

"I'm not really as excited as before. I know what can happen. I'm kind of just like ho-hum about it because of what happened last time."

Rubbing elbows

Country singers Joseph James of Rochester Hills and Carl Larson of Farmington rubbed elbows with some of their genre's top singer/songwriters at the three-day prestigious songwriter retreat in Nashville.

"It was a great experience," James said. "If you're a songwriter, you're sort of in your element. We also had three days of working on even better songs."

During the three-day retreat, James and other songwriters, worked on improving their songwriting ability by interacting with fellow songwriters and breaking into small groups.

"We were whisked off from downtown Nashville at 8 in the morning on Greyhound buses. We were taken to an inn, an old Victorian home built 70-80 years ago," he explained.

The leaders of the group would perform the participants' songs and afterward critique them.

Songwriters were chosen to participate based on a tape of two songs that they were required to send.

In 1996, James released his debut CD "Back in Love," which featured the song "Car Country." The song hit No. 1 on two of the independent charts. Earlier this year, he performed a showcase at the Opryland Hotel during the Country Radio Seminar.

James, who also hosts "The Money Show" at 3 p.m. Saturdays on WCM-AM 990, is due to release his sophomore effort early next year. To hear samples of his new disc, visit http://www.joseph-james.com

Big winners

The hard pop band Sensitive Clown has reason to celebrate. It was named one of the four first-prize winners of Sony Music's DEMOlisten Derby battle of the bands.

Each member of the band – guitarist/singer Todd Wicks, drummer Joel Wicks, guitarist Rock McClain, and bassist Lawyer Ned Friendship – received a Sony mini-disc player.

Todd Wicks, a Rochester Hills resident, entered the contest after stumbling across information about it on the Web.

"There's probably a dozen or so of these things that bands enter each year. For some reason we lucked out this time. It's hopefully a little more recognition. I can't say that anything has directly come from it yet, but it's something on our resume, as they say," Wicks said.

Although Sensitive Clown didn't get the grand prize of studio time, Wicks said it's still a nice surprise.

"It's a tiny little bit of validation that encourages you and makes you think I'm not insane to think that this is something good. If a huge faceless corporation like Sony likes it, maybe there's a future for us after all."

Sensitive Clown performs at 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the New Way Bar, 23130 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. For more information, call the bar at (248) 541-9870 or visit Sensitive Clown's Web site at http:// www. msu. edu/ user/ wicksjoe

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Offspring finding time to be a band

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After hitting megastar status with the albums "Smash" and "Ixnay on the Hombre," the Offspring is finding time to be a band.

"We're practicing this week for the live show. It's been fun. We didn't practice yesterday. We just did interviews and photos. It was one of the funnest days I remember having in a long time," said guitarist Noodles, via telephone from his Orange County, Calif.

"We were cracking each other up, and playing and having fun. Everything is coming together really well."

The Offspring's "Americana" (Columbia) is poised to be just as successful thanks to the first single, the instantly memorable "Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)" and its catchy line "Give it to me baby."

"We had a lot of fun doing that, actually. It all came together once we were laying all the different layers down and all the different voices," Noodles explained.

The key to the song, he said, isn't the sample of Def Leppard's "Rock of Ages," or the line "all the girls say I'm pretty fly for a white guy." It's his fat guitar licks.

"It's in the same vein as the funk 'Low Rider' kind of thing. I just added the rough Offspring edge to it."

"Pretty Fly (For a White Guy)" pokes fun at white gangster wannabes, who frequent talk shows wearing tilted baseball hats, baggy pants, flavor-saver goatees, and tattoos.

"He thought we'd write this song about wannabes and this white guy, this white suburban middle class kid, who thinks he's down with the urban hip-hop kids and not cutting it," Noodles said with a laugh.

"We've all tried to fit in. Everybody kind of relates to trying to be something other than what we are. But it's also funny knowing people like that. You can be horrified but at the same time find the humor in it."

Characters on talk shows played a big part in the writing of "Americana," according to singer Dexter Holland, who earned a Ph.D. in microbiology. "She's Got Issues" shares Holland's thoughts on emotional baggage-carrying women: "Now I know she'll feel abandoned/If I don't stay over late/And I know she's afraid to commit/but it's only our second date."

"Why Don't You Get a Job" rips on people who take advantage financially of their lovers.

"Lately, I've been into this warped sense of Americana. The whole daytime talk show culture fascinates me. It seems like the stuff that used to be the fringe is more and more the everyday reality," Holland explained.

"If America was barbecues, big cars and life in the suburbs in the '50s, it's now totally a freak show. I want to show that ordinary, average American life isn't so average."

In the midst of all that is a surprising cover of the 1970s ballad "Feelings."

"It gets the point across in the very Offspring matter. At first we thought it could come out a little more metal sounding. That was how we even kind of attacked it from the beginning, with a heavy metal guitar solo and everything," Noodles said.

"But it didn't sound right so we were backing off and it fell into that Offspring groove. Plus, everybody knows the melody, everyone can sing-along. It's going to be fun to do live."

"Americana," recorded in February with producer Dave Jerden at his El Dorado Studios in Burbank, Calif., closes with the eight-minute, mostly instrumental, Middle Eastern-tinged "Pay The Man."

The Offspring and Unwritten Law perform a sold-out, all-ages show at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. For more information, call (313) 961-MELT or visit http://www.961melt.com for more information. To learn more about the Offspring, visit http://www.offspring.com or write to them via snail-mail at P.O. Box 5956, Garden Grove, Calif., 92846.

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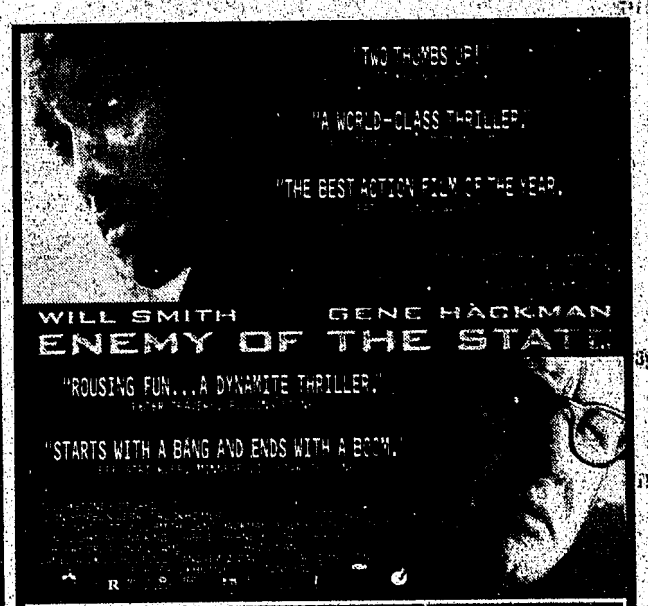

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Fusion creates more than East meets West cuisine

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
SPECIAL WRITERS

Perhaps you've noticed that Matt Prentice, President of the Unique Restaurant Corporation, likes bringing you new restaurants. Call him restaurant trend setter or creative genius, innovation is his specialty and Fusion in Farmington Hills is his latest.

Fusion is located in URC's former Relish. When a theme such as Relish lost its identity, Prentice said "makeover time." Diners never caught on to the Relish theme of salsas, Pacific Island sambal, Indian chutney, piccalillis, Indonesian, blatjangs or atjars served with wood-smoked fish and meats. So Relish backed off, gave diners what they wanted, and a new theme found room on the drawing board.

Prentice looked at dining trends and a bowl concept evolved. What do we like to eat in bowls? Noodles, rice and mashed potatoes. Asian noodle shops are popular around the world. They serve rice there too. But this is America and we love mashed potatoes or in new lingo "mash!"

Prentice needed a name to fit his ideas. He ran a contest. Fusion won and opened Nov. 19 in the Farmington Hills location of the former Relish. Decor and architectural design by Birmingham's Marc Therrien are new, more open and red/gold bright. But only 85 percent complete until mid-to-late December.

At its simplest, fusion cuisine refers to the blending of flavors created by the ancient technique of wok cooking. URC's Fusion takes them to the next level.

"Our concept goes beyond Asian," Prentice explained. "However, it will follow a healthy Asian diet with dishes that are about 60 percent carbohydrates, 30 percent vegetables and 10 percent protein. This reverses a traditional American diet that is about 60 percent protein, 20 percent carbohydrates and 20 percent vegetables."

Also of note – menu items are all under $10.

Fusion
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Prentice said "beyond Asian." True, but Asian oriented with serious dumplings and rolls such as steamed chicken and ginger shumai or vegetable and wild rice spring roll with orange duck sauce and hot mustard.

At Fusion you can have your mash, full-blooded American spuds, served up mini or mighty. Mini are appetizers, such as the creative Sweet Potato Mash with apple, chutney and candied pecans. Mighty versions are mega main dishes, all beyond Asian in concept. Comfort food at its lip-smacking best is Pepper Steak, slow-roasted brisket with onions, peppers and mushrooms over horseradish mash.

Among satays are tandoori chicken, but living in this state you have to try the Traverse City Special of apple cider marinated pork tenderloin with cherry BBQ and spicy mustard dipping sauces.

Prefer meatless? Go wild in the Fresh Vegetable Market! An all vegetable wok of choice with any of five sauces is $7. Toppings such as stir-fried chicken or sirloin, seared shrimp, roasted salmon or great crispy duck can be added for $3-6, depending on choice.

Included in the Oodles of Noodles department are stir-fried chicken in the Marco Polo; seared shrimp and green chiles in Bancock Shrimp; Tenderloin Teriyaki; Crispy BBQ Duck; or Mushroom Madness with stir-fried shitake, crimini and oyster mushrooms with leeks, garlic, fettuccine and wild mushroom sauce.

If you agree that Rice is Nice, you can choose from just about any of the above and have it your way.

Kiddie bowls at $5-6 feature spaghetti with tomato sauce, mac 'n cheese, chicken tenders and China bowl with crispy vegetables, rice and sesame-soy ginger sauce. All are served with soft drink and dessert.

Adults can choose from among four Sensational Sweets. Most unique is Mango-Ginger Creme Brulee. It's less custardy than the classic, but flavors are marvelous.

Orchestrating menu offerings created by Corporate Chef Jim Barnett is executive chef Jason Jones who climbed the URC kitchen ladder and was Executive Chef at Relish. Also out of the URC management talent pool are General Manager John Muster and Dining Room Manager Danford Egnor who inspired the beer selections, $3.50-4.50 in the Nuclear Fusion beverage department.

Arcs and Sparks are fusion cocktails including the G-Factor and a Neutrino. The Top Quark list of 25 wines from the Global Atomic Village are all available by the glass, $5.50-$9.50, or by the bottle at $20-$45. URC's wine director Madeline Triffon likes the Von Kesselstadt Scharzhofberger Riesling Kabinett best with "the broad spectrum of food offerings."

We liked both the 1997 Villa Maria Sauvignon Blanc from New Zealand and 1997 KWV Steen Chenin Blanc from South Africa with appetizers. Among reds our nod goes to 1996 La Famiglia di Robert Mondavi Barbera and 1996 Folie a Deux Old Vine Zinfandel.

Guaranteed all beverages, like many menu items are "beyond Asian," but with a fusion of delectable flavors.

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Dinner in a bowl: *General Manager John Muster (left) and Chef Jason Jones at the newly opened Fusion where diners can choose from a variety of dishes that are served in a bowl.*

WHAT'S COOKING

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