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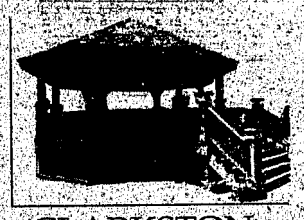

Just before the turn of the century, a boy named Lewis Reimann lived with his parents and 12 brothers and sisters in Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula. Many years later, that boy grew up to write an autobiography called "Between the Iron and the Pine," detailing his life and his town. He writes, in the forward of his book, about a wealthy Chicago businessman who was asked in the 1890s to invest in Iron Mountain, Michigan's iron and lumber industry. The man laughed, saying that the place was so far away from everything that it would never amount to much. But the area's beautiful pines were sold to build most of the homes in the young city of Chicago, and the iron from the ground helped to build industries that were then used to help America win both world wars. Though the industries were successful, and would have made the man from Chicago rich had he invested, everyday life in Iron Mountain back then was not easy.

Reimann writes, "Between the Iron and Pine, men struggled to wrest a living. Lumberjacks came from the woods of Maine and the forests of northern Europe, and miners from England's Cornwall and south Europe and others, like my father, came without previous skill at either industry to make places for themselves wherever they could in the crisp and rugged environment which lived essentially on lumber and iron ore." Next week, a boy's eye view of Iron Mountain.

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

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'Tree of Caring' brings carolers, cheer

■ Festive fund-raiser — to be held in downtown Clarkston for the first time ever — will feature all the holiday trappings, including a glowing tree and a visit from a jolly fellow who appears only around this time of the year.

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Downtown Clarkston will be aglow with holiday spirit Friday evening as carolers and Christmas tree lights come together in remembrance of holidays passed and in aid of those less fortunate.

Lighthouse Emergency Services, Clarkston branch, will hold its fourth annual "Tree of Caring" fund-raising festival, which gives residents an opportunity to remember their loved ones and help others.

This is the first year the ceremony will be held in downtown Clarkston. Previously, it was held at Lighthouse. The ceremony is also being expanded for the first time ever to include a visit by Santa and refreshments by local merchants.

Dori Edwards, branch manager, called the tree "a beacon of hope and caring" because the lights represent the memories of people in the community who require help or have passed away. Contributions to the Tree of Caring will go to Lighthouse Emergency Services, an organization serving residents with an immediate need for food, clothing and shelter.

"As you drive past the downtown shops, you will see a tree resplendent in its glow, a tribute to a community that shares its wealth with those who are in need," said Edwards. "It is activities like the 'Tree of Caring' that make the Clarkston community a special place to live and work."

The Clarkston Rotary Club strung the lights on the tree, which will remain continuously lit.

"We have a long history with Lighthouse," said Jeff Lichty, president of the Rotary Club.

The event will bring together both of the organizations with the community of Clarkston, he added. Lichty will present a check for $2,000 from the Rotary Club in support of Lighthouse Clarkston.

The tree, located on Main and Wash-

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STAFF PHOTO BY STEVE CANTRELL

Man of tradition: *Clarkston High School athletic coach Gordie Richardson has been attending the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit his entire life.*

Perennial parade

Tradition provides meaning for local coach

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Tradition: something immaterial, a style, practice or philosophy that is passed from one generation to next.

For Gordie Richardson, or "Coach Gordie" as he is known at Clarkston High School, a dictionary definition doesn't capture the true essence of tradition.

Tradition is far more all-encompassing and life-affirming for 49-year-old Richardson, who has been attending the Thanksgiving Day Parade in Detroit every year since he was 3 months old.

"There's nothing better than being in something that has meaning and bringing friends and family together," said Richardson, Clarkston High School's assistant varsity football coach and head girl's coach for volleyball and track.

"You never know when the last time is going to be," said the Springfield Township resident.

"You make a commitment to something. It's important to you and you're going to do it."

Richardson grew up in the city of Detroit and attended his first Thanksgiving Day Parade on Nov. 24, 1949, rendering this year the 50th anniversary of his attendance.

Richardson also has never missed the parade's beginning.

But simply going to this year's parade wouldn't be enough for a man who manages to hatch and uphold smaller traditions within larger ones.

Tradition is actually comprised of layers of tradition for Richardson.

"I'm kind of a tradition kind-of-guy. That's just me," he said. "It started as a family tradition and now it's my tradition."

Richardson's layers of tradition are evident in the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Every year since the People Mover was built, Richardson has met his sister and family at the corner of Grand Circus Park and Woodward

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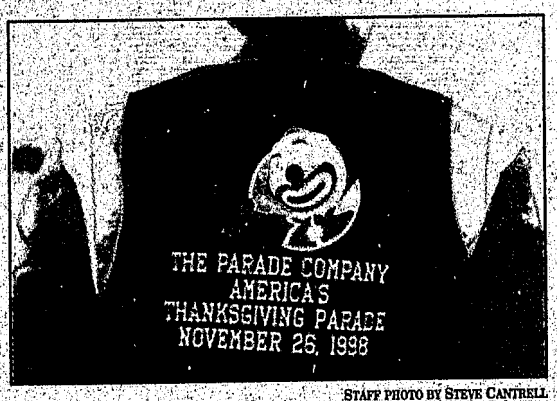

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Parade pride: *Gordie Richardson will wear this commemorative jacket, which bears the Thanksgiving Day Parade's current logo of a clown, while marching in this year's parade.*

Concerns expressed over future of M-15

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Clarkston City Council members listened to concerns from Planning Commission Chairman Steve Secatch Monday night concerning improvements to M-15.

Secatch came before council with suggestions for changes in the road between downtown Clarkston and Paramus. After speaking with neighbors and residents, Secatch voiced opposition to the idea of constructing a grassy median in the middle of M-15. Rather than a median, Secatch suggested that the trees and shrubbery be planted between the homes and the street to provide more privacy from the heavy truck traffic that passes down the road.

Council members assured Secatch that no specific plans had been made for M-15 improvements.

During the Nov. 9 meeting, City Engineer Gary Tressel announced that the Michigan Department of Transportation has studied the need for improvements to M-15. Among his suggestions, Tressel said the road could be improved by widening Main Street in areas north and south of downtown to allow for a boulevard.

"Part of having the islands was to show a 'slow-down' to traffic," said Mayor Sharron Catallo.

Council member Anne Clifton added that a boulevard would help drivers identify when they are traveling into a neighborhood, not continuing on a highway. She agreed it would encourage drivers to slow down when entering the village limits.

But Secatch said that homes along M-15 only have about 15 feet of space between the house and the road. He said widening to include a median would reduce that space and place the houses even closer to the road. Restating his point that the necessary work take place to shield the homes from the road, he advised council that his idea was "just something to take into consideration."

Catallo said that council was more concerned about improvements to the downtown area, such as sidewalk lighting improvements and possible resurfacing.

"If we could get downtown repaved, that's an excellent idea," Secatch said.

He later asked if the council would

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Attorney finds self right at home in 6th grade class

BY JAN BAKER
SPECIAL WRITER

The first time he attended the sixth grade, Tom Rabette sat quietly at his desk at Presentation of Our Lady Grade School in Detroit and listened to instructions from a pointer-waving Dominican nun.

The second time Rabette attended sixth grade, the Clarkston attorney and father of two Clarkston Middle School students sat at a desk in his kids' school and listened to pupils brainstorm their own solutions with the help of a teacher named Mr. Andress.

And holy mixed applications: This teacher had no pointer.

But despite some major departures from his own happy school experience, Rabette said he was glad he went back to sixth grade on Nov. 19.

A guest in Howard Andress' sixth-grade language arts and math classes, Rabette was one of six community members who participated in a Clarkston Education Association program called "I've Been Back to School."

According to Danielle Blanchard, CEA organizer of the districtwide visitation day, the program aimed to "serve as an eye-opener to community members about what's going on in the classroom and about what it takes to teach."

Blanchard said the event also attempted to enhance communications

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STAFF PHOTO BY ALLAN J. BARNES

Listen up: *Lawyer Tom Rabette and students Justyn Roderick and Ashley Meharg pay attention to Howard Andress' math lecture.*

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Avenue before the start of the parade.

The location not only serves as a meeting place but also enables the group to watch workers drag the parade's gigantic balloons under the People Mover.

"So, we're their personal cheering section," Richardson said.

Another pre-parade tradition is watching the Turkey Trot. Richardson uses the opportunity to cheer on friends and students who are participating in the pre-parade event.

This year, Richardson may have to break some of his smaller traditions.

For one, Richardson will be wearing a colorful varsity jacket made and embroidered for him in commemoration of his 50 years of parade attendance.

Richardson's wife, Anne, has been working to get the jacket made for about two years. The jacket bears the 1949 advertising logo of J.L. Hudson's department store, the parade's founder and long-time sponsor. It's also embroidered with the current parade organizer's logo of a clown.

■ '... I tried really hard that whole parade to yell "Happy Thanksgiving" as much as I could.'

Gordie Richardson
longtime parade goer

The Hudson's logo was obtained through research by Michael Hauser, guest curator at the Detroit Historical Museum.

Tri-County Sports did the custom embroidery work.

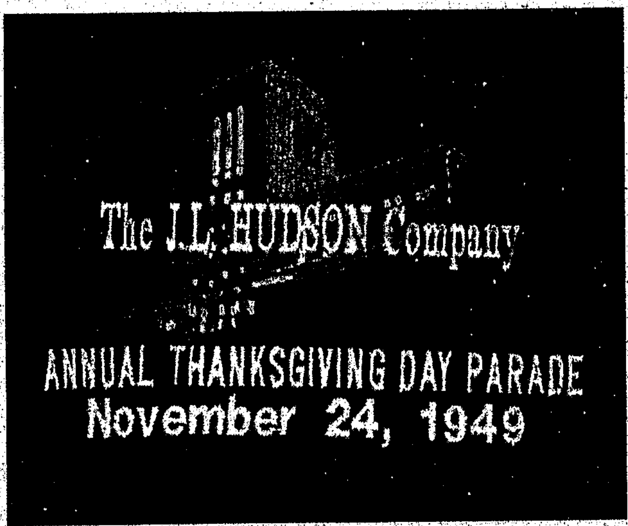
Richardson will also sit atop a float and walk in the parade in hopes of encouraging others to regularly attend the event.

"I go to the parade anyway so why not?" said Richardson, who in 1985 walked in the parade dressed as a space man.

"I walked along, shook hands and had a great time ... and I tried really hard that whole parade to yell 'Happy Thanksgiving' as much as I could," he said.

While the parade has changed over the years – it's apparently much longer – Richardson plans to do about the same he did in 1985.

"I'm just going to go down there and enjoy the heck out of myself."



Images of old: *A logo used by the J.L. Hudson's department store in 1949 is also embroidered on Richardson's commemorative jacket.*

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ington streets in downtown Clarkston, will be lit at 7 p.m. Friday by a special guest. Organizers expect that none other than Santa Claus, traveling in a fire truck, will rise to the tree top and light the tree. Filled with red, green, blue, silver, and gold lights, Edwards said, the tree of caring is "a way to recognize someone, remember someone, or honor someone."

"You remember that person when you see the light as you drive through town," said Edwards.

Following the ceremony, residents are invited to join Bel Canto, a Clarkston High School girls choir, in caroling along Main Street in downtown Clarkston between 7-9 p.m.

"I'm excited about the annual event being a downtown event, and what that's going to do for the downtown area," said Edwards, who expects at least 200 visitors for the winter festival.

The Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce has worked with Lighthouse to contact local businesses for help and participation. The Clarkston Cafe will provide hot cider. And Rudy's Quality Market will roast chestnuts.

Wendy Halsey, president of the chamber, said that the event allows her organization to support downtown businesses. The chamber encourages downtown businesses to remain open during the celebration, she said.

Businesses are welcome to contribute to the fund-raiser, rather than have an office gift exchange, Halsey said.

But the "Tree of Caring" celebration also gives people a chance to remember those friends and family members who've passed away.

"It's a way to remember them," she said.

Halsey recalled a woman, participating in the "Tree of Caring" festival, who cried during the lighting ceremony.

"It was her first Christmas without her sister," said Halsey, who did not know the woman's name. "It's the donations in the name of people that are so touching."

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

Contributions may be made in honor or memory of an individual. Specify the person's name, your own name and address. Contributions are designated as follows: a red light for $5, a green light for $10, a blue light for $20, a silver light for $25, a gold light for $50, and a tree top star for $100.

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between educators and community leaders, and provide greater citizen involvement in the schools.

During Rabette's visit, the attorney encouraged students to set high goals for themselves and work hard to achieve them.

He also interacted with students, helping them with their class work.

"I really enjoyed it," he said with a smile, following his CMS classroom stint.

"The language arts class was 'organized chaos' — a lot more free-wheeling than any of the classes I had as a student at Presentation. But then again, I guess most of us didn't really need quite as much discipline as we had there."

Later, in math class, when Andress asked stumped student Tiffany Petiprin to recall her "fact families" from second and third grades to solve an algebraic equation, Rabette turned around in his desk and whispered to other Paleozoic grown-ups in the room, "I don't remember that!"

He pointed out other obvious changes from his own school experience.

The teacher, Andress, didn't wear the occasional steely-eyed glare — or the black Dominican habit — of a beloved-yet-intimidating Sister Mary Black and Decker.

And two CMS sixth-graders were intermittently sucking on lollipops in class — a no-no in bygone days.

Parochial school disciplinary traditions notwithstanding, Rabette said he was impressed by the amount, scope and sophistication of math work that Andress' students had covered. "When they're in this class, they're busy," he said.

The attorney left the room that morning with these two observations about a successful education: "It takes dedicated teachers," Rabette said.

"One of the things I'll always remember about the Dominican nuns was that they brought a dedication, a focus, to the table. They had high expectations of us. For them, teaching was a vocation ...

"But it also takes involved parents and community members who help kids understand that education is important ... That means teachers should be respected. When I was in school, the nuns had that kind of respect and support from the parents. If you misbehaved in school or didn't get your work done, that was nothing compared to what you would face at home."

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hold a public hearing when the time comes to decide how the road will be improved.

Catallo assured Secatch a public hearing would be held.

In other business Monday:

■ Council unanimously adopted the city's Wastewater Ordinance 108-1, a 50-page document that concurs with the latest regulations for the city of Detroit.

■ Council held the first reading of six ordinances for the Building Officials and Code Administrators International Inc. (BOCA). The ordinances are updated every three years. Council reviewed changes to the basic building code (119-1); the national electric code (120-1), the national plumbing code (121-1), the fire prevention code (122-1), the property maintenance code (123-1) and the national mechanical code.

City Attorney Thomas J. Ryan said the ordinances update the 1993 code to the most current code standards, set for 1996.

"They're always about three years behind on that code," said Council Member Michael Kelley.

Christmas Greens Market set for 12-hour run Dec. 5

The Clarkston Farm and Garden Club will hold its seventh annual Christmas Greens Market 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Church of the Resurrection, 6490 Clarkston Road (across from Independence Township Library).

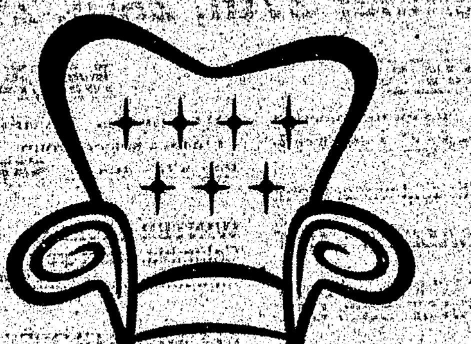
This year the club chose a new day and a new location for the market.

The Christmas Greens Market is the major yearly fund-raiser for the 40-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 Christmas Greens Market support local educational, scholarship and beautification projects undertaken by the Clarkston Farm and Garden Club.



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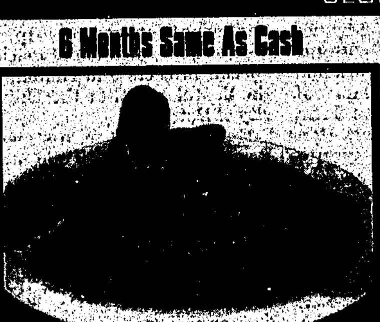

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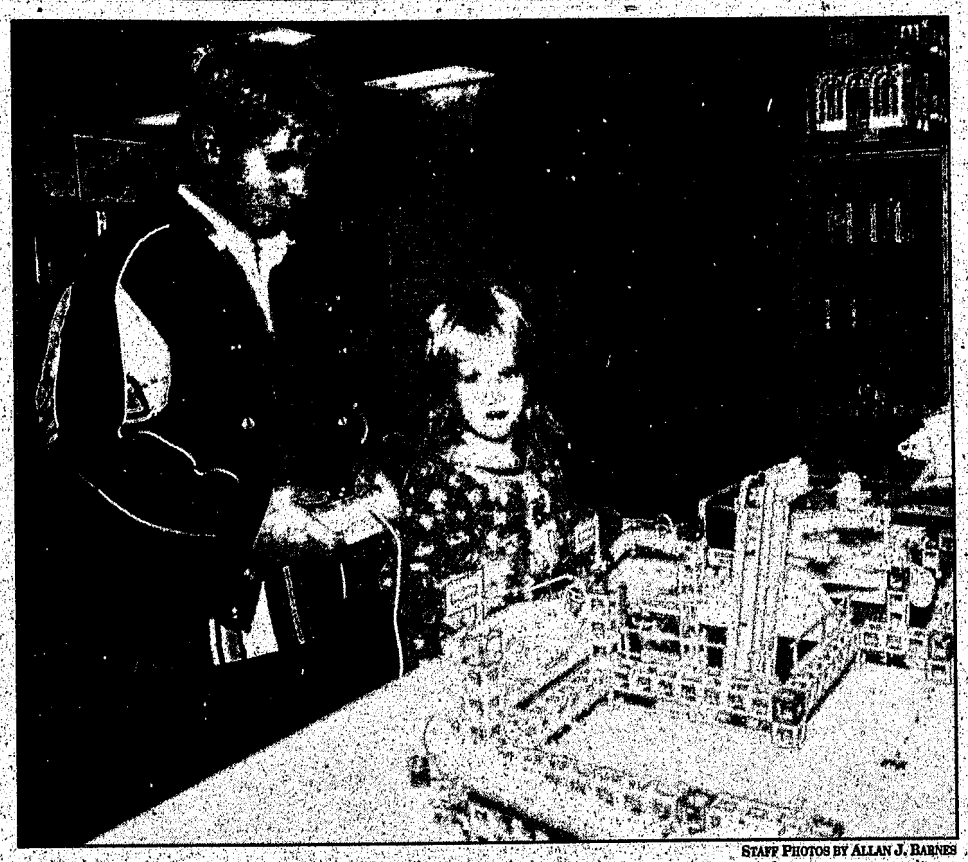
Holiday shopping

Area stores prepare for rush of Christmas customers



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Test marketing: *Bubble Dragon customers Joshua Zettel, 9, and April Zettel, 4, of Waterford enjoy playing with the toys available for sale.*

The perfect gift: *At Bubble Dragon Toys in Waterford, Kristen Fair, sales clerk, helps Clarkston residents Renee Lazoen and her 2-year-old daughter Erin shop for a present.*

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Clarkston-area retailers are getting ready for the mad holiday rush.

Increasing staff and store hours, and stocking merchandise for sale, store managers and owners are sure to have their hands full starting Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, often dubbed as the busiest for shoppers.

While the newly-opened Great Lakes Crossing expects to match opening-day records of 82,000 shoppers, local businesses have their own strategy for handling the holiday crowds.

Stacy Grant, assistant manager at Hit or Miss on Dixie Highway in Independence Township, said she's sure to encounter big crowds as the holiday rush has its official start.

"We increase our staff tremendously," she said, to cope with the crowds. "We try to have everything in order; all of out stock is on the floor."

She said the most difficult part of working in a store during the holidays is dealing with impatient customers.

"Everyone's stressed out," Grant said. "We only have one register. We'll have a line of people waiting. They want to get going to the next store.

"We try to be efficient and friendly," she said.

Joe Gibson, owner of Bubble Dragon Toys on Dixie Highway in Waterford, isn't worried about being understaffed for the holidays. The Clarkston resident opened the store four years ago and consistently "overstaffs" in preparation for this time of year. He said that's the best way to ensure that customers will be greeted with knowledgeable staff members.

"I'm real big on customer service," said Gibson.

■ 'You look forward to the end and at the same time, you don't want it to end.'

Joe Gibson
owner of Bubble Dragon Toys

What concerns Gibson most about holiday sales is keeping popular items in stock to serve his customers. He keeps an eye on merchandise that has shown recent interest and merchandise that customers ask the most questions about.

"There's always a few surprises," said Gibson.

Working during the holidays poses something of a conundrum for store owners like Gibson.

"You look forward to the end and at the same time, you don't want it to end."

Though the holiday shopping rush promises to bring longer, busier working hours for Harmony House employees in Independence Township, store manager Marita Mincy said it's the best time of the year to work.

"It's a lot of hours, but the people have been really nice," said Mincy, who has worked for Harmony House for six years.

The music store is moving to a larger location at 7093 Dixie Highway, which will hold more merchandise. The new location will open Friday, she said, "for the busiest shopping day of the year." Welcoming back college students who've worked at the store in the past, she said, they're ready for the rush. Compact discs, regularly about $17.99, will drop to between $12.99 and $14.99. The store will be open until 9:30 p.m. weeknights and open an hour earlier on Sundays.

Mincy said by working in retail, she's noticed that people have begun shopping a bit earlier for the holidays. She noticed shoppers carrying their gift lists as early as October. Though Mincy said she tries to get her own shopping done early, it rarely happens ar she planned.

"We work so many hours, we end up being the last people shopping," she said.

Working in retail gives her a different perspective as a shopper.

"I know what all the people are going through," Mincy said.

Country Cords on Dixie Highway in Independence Township usually hires about two extra staffers for the holiday crowds.

Business has been a bit slow lately, but store owner Rod Lema blames it on the weather.

"It hasn't snowed yet," he said. "It doesn't feel like Christmas."

The store, which services newborns through age 12, has increased its hours by staying open on Sundays between Thanksgiving and Christmas. And they will offer free gift wrapping.

Lema said the holiday shopping strategy in Clarkston is malls first, then local shops.

"A lot of people go to the mall after Thanksgiving,' he said. "After that, they come back to the local businesses."

Shirley Wilson, owner of The Parsonage on East Church Street in downtown Clarkston, agreed. She doesn't anticipate a large crowd on Friday, but knows the busy season has begun. Rather than hire holiday help, she said, "we just work faster" to sell twice as much merchandise as the store carries for most of the year.

Like other retail workers, Wilson said her job impacts her own shopping habits.

"If I can't do it over the phone, it doesn't get done," she said of holiday shopping. "I don't have time to go the mall."

OBITUARIES

Jason "Jay" Montgomery

Jason "Jay" Montgomery of Clarkston, formerly of Dearborn, died Nov. 16, 1998, at age 34.

Mr. Montgomery was manager of products at U. S. Steel in Troy and loved the outdoors.

He is survived by his wife, Jennifer; son, Evan; daughters, Quinn and Olivia; and mother, Lorraine Montgomery, of Dearborn. He is also survived by parents-in-law Mary Beth and James Webster of Dearborn; brothers, Bill (Paula) of Dearborn, Ray (Maria) of Colorado and sister, Melissa (Steve) Barnes of Colorado.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A funeral service was held at Our Lady of the Lakes Church in Waterford. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family to be used for the children's future education.

Stanley J. "Bud" Furman

Stanley J. "Bud" Furman of Clarkston died Nov. 17, 1998, at age 58.

Mr. Furman was an avid golfer and active member of the Clarkston Eagles.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; sons, Kenneth (Andrea) Furman of Waterford, Richard L. Vining of Alma, Robert E. Vining of California and Jack L. (Linda) Vining of Saginaw; daughters, Kelly Furman of Clarkston, Linda J. Schaller of North Carolina and Sherry L. (Steve) Anspach of Houghton Lake. He is also survived by five grandchildren and brother Robert Furman of Clarkston.

Funeral arrangements and service were entrusted to Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 29350 Southfield Road, Suite 110, Southfield MI 48076.

Vera (Shaver) Morey

Vera (Shaver) Morey of Davisburg, formerly of Pontiac, died Nov. 21, 1998, at age 65.

Mrs. Morey is survived by her daughters, Barbara "Bobi" Morey of Grosse Pointe Park and Peggy (Phil) Williams of Ortonville, and by sons John (Shellee) of Attica and Don (Stephanie) of Grosse Pointe Park. She is also survived by three grandchildren, a sister, Roberta "Bert" Allen of Holly, and a brother, Merle Shaver of Waterford.

Funeral arrangements were made by Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home in Clarkston. A private family funeral service was held at the funeral home. Interment was at Perry Mount Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Institute, 153 S. Telegraph, Pontiac MI 48341.

Rev. Cletus F. Hartmann

Rev. Cletus F. Hartmann, S.J., of Clarkston, died Nov. 20, 1998, at age 86.

Rev. Hartmann was a Roman Catholic priest and teacher. Some of his assignments included serving as a teacher at Xavier University, Chicago; associate dean/arts and sciences, teacher, assistant professor and acting chairman of the mathematics department at Loyola University.

While at Loyola, Father Hartmann was athletic director when Loyola won the NCAA national basketball championship. He also held the position of teacher, special projects and chaplain of the dental school at the University of Detroit.

He is survived by his sister, Rosemary Hartmann, and brother, Joseph N. (Patricia) Hartmann, both of Merritt Island, Fla.

Funeral arrangements were made by A. J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home in Troy. Interment took place at Colombiere Center in Clarkston. Memorial tributes may be made to Colombiere Center, 9075 Big Lake Road, Clarkston MI 48347-0137.

POLICE NEWS

The following incidents were reported to police and fire agencies in Springfield and Independence townships and the city of Clarkston Nov. 19-22.

Springfield Police

Theft

On Nov. 20, a $200 wallet containing $213 cash and three credit cards was reported stolen from a purse while stowed at a business on **Andersonville Road.**

Independence Township

Thefts

On Nov. 18, tools and equipment were reported stolen from a locker at Clarkston High School on **Flemings Lake Road.**

On Nov. 19, license plates were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Dixie Highway.**

On Nov. 19, guns were reported stolen from a residence on Cecilia Ann.

On Nov. 20, windshield wiper arms were reported stolen from a vehicle parked on **Cayuga.**

On Nov. 22, a bank deposit of $71.09 cash and $633.55 in checks was reported stolen from a business safe located on **Dixie Highway.**

On Nov. 22, $82 in cash was reported missing from a planner left at a restaurant on **Dixie Highway.**

Found Property

On Nov. 19, a black purse without identification was found on **Dixie Highway.**

On Nov. 20, a cell phone was found in the area of **White Lake** and **Clement.**

Independence Fire

Firefighters responded to 14 calls between Nov. 19-22. Among them were seven medical calls, one vehicle fire, one activated fire alarm and one personal-injury accident.

Clarkston Police

On Nov. 20, police and Independence Township firefighters responded to an address on a street off **Holcomb Road** where a 36-year-old woman experienced an apparent overdose on prescription medication. Police said the overdose appeared to be accidental and the woman was transported to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

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Volunteer organizations prepare for busy holiday

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

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

Surprisingly, most of the soup kitchens and food banks across Oakland County are pleased to say that they have their holiday volunteer programs filled to capacity. The Food Bank of Oakland County has all of its days filled and Oakland County Meals on Wheels reports the same.

"We are all set for Thanksgiving," said Oakland Meals Director Alfreda Polan. "And the Jewish Federation is coming out again this year to deliver all of our Christmas meals which is wonderful. It gives our regular drivers a real break."

Despite the crowd of volunteers who will serve meals many agencies still need help with a variety of other tasks.

Those who would like to lend a helping hand amid their holiday good cheer can simply contact the following organizations for information about programs.

Lighthouse of Oakland County Holiday Gift Program

The Lighthouse is in need of volunteers to work inside their offices from Dec. 1-17 contacting families to come in and pick up items. They also need volunteers to work in the gymnasium from Dec. 11-22, sorting donations and helping families pick up the donated items. For information and to sign up to help call Barbara Bennett at (248)652-8459.

Lutheran Children and Family Services

The agency can use some volunteers to work in their offices through the month of December. Tasks may include filing and stuffing envelopes. The offices are located at 15160 W. Eight Mile Road in Oak Park. For additional information call the agency at (248)968-0100.

The Museum of African American History

They need volunteers to help out during their Kwanzaa celebration, Dec. 26 to Jan. The volunteer posts include greeting guests, serving as an usher in the theater or assisting with crowd control. The 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 blue jeans are not. For more information contact Desirnai Hicks at (313) 494-5825.

Oakland County Special Olympics

The organization will need volunteers for two events in January but sign up time is in mid-December. The Special Olympics will host an ice skating party on Saturday, Jan. 16, and an Alpine Ski Outing on Tuesday, Jan. 19. They can use volunteers to make sure the children taking part in the events are in the right place and scoring is correct. For more information contact Special Olympics at (248) 674-4924.

Operation Good Cheer

This group is marking it's 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 at the airport sorting gifts on 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. For more information or to sign up for the event call Dawn Horton at Children and Family Services at (517) 349-6226.

The Salvation Army

They can use volunteers in numerous capacities throughout 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 your home call the Salvation Army offices at (248) 443-5500.

Volunteer Impact Agency/Oakland County

The agency has more than 60 special volunteer opportunities in the month of December. Assignments include everything from tutoring children, to visiting the elderly to packing food boxes for those in need. Those interested in taking part in a project this year 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 for volunteering in December. Coordinator, Kelly Masters asks that volunteers leave a home phone number; fax number and mailing address on the voice mail machine to help expedite the process.

Animals adept at signal reading

OAKLAND... NATURALLY

JONATHAN SCHECHTER

My right hand rested firmly against the small of her back. Her right hand gently clasped my left hand. I was very aware of the slightly entwining of fingers. And her copper nails. And a touch of perfume. She whispered a few words.

The words she whispered? "You dance like you write." And then she queried me on coyotes. I did not know her. She had my attention. Complete. Undivided.

This is a column about nature of another sort.

Animal communication mechanisms are not limited to wild things like lions and tigers and bears. We humans like to segregate ourselves from the wild kingdom of which we are a part. We need to acknowledge that all species – humans included – react to signals around us. Random signals confuse. She was signaling. But what?

Good communication is of paramount importance in passing along written words or the gene pool. Miss a warning and you may be devoured on the Serengeti Plains or rejected on the dance floor.

"Who are you?" I demanded, tightening my grasp on her hand. Turns out we almost met three years earlier. A blind date that never came to be. This time: You're Carol? You're Jonathan? She "knew" me from my column. Carol is a people watcher. We sashayed about exploring human similarities to the territorial responses of wild things. Seemed like the thing to do as 500 people jostled about to see and be seen.

Biology text teaches that through tactile senses animals detect objects. No problem here. Certainly this was not the governor-elect of Minnesota holding my hand. And sudden motion attracts potential mates. Hair-flipping. She denied hers was intentional. Yet that is what first caught my eye in the darkened room. Optical clues count. Bright blue feet of the blue footed-booby attract mates. I decided it was not wise to ask if her red hair was an optical clue, a clue like the sexual lure of the sea-bird's blue feet.

Among birds it is usually the brightest and loudest male that gets the mate. I wondered if that held true in the human world. I was dressed in a dark suit and a subdued tie. We were surrounded by territorial behavior. Human sharks circled for a receptive mate. Some species regurgitate food as mate enticement. I had to think quickly. She accepted my drink offering – a social substitute – and stayed. Dark suit and all.

She shared the tale of a coyote that visits her property and watches her cat. And – this might have been a bad move on my part – I shared the tidbit that I keep a dried specimen of coyote scat in my desk drawer. Her hand still rested on my shoulder.

Her cat is not truly tame. Cats never are. The cat goes out in the field to do what cats do. Kill. Perhaps one day – while out on a songbird hunt, or a mouse-tormenting session – her cat will become the hunted. Coyotes have adapted to Oakland County and being opportunists hunters will accept the unintentional offering of a cat. The division between predator and prey is thin. Poetic justice? Nature's way.

Our animal communication conversations continued into the night. Competing males accepted – at least for the evening – my territorial claim to her table. And she accepted my thesis of parallel behavior between the wild kingdom and human night life and an offer to continue the conversation over a dinner at another time.

I have a week to study. I will start with the text "Sources of Error in Animal Communication."

How do I "dance like I write?" She would not say. Should I be pleased? I suspect not.

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Nature Notes

La Nina is coming – with snow! Plan ahead for special winter events with the D.N.R. at southern Lower Peninsula Michigan State Parks.

Holiday Trees – Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13 at Maybury State Park in Northville. From 1-3 p.m. take a horse-drawn hayride through farmland to pick your holiday tree. Hayride, pre-cut tree and vehicle entry permit for $30 per family. 248-349-8390.

Potawatami Trail Winter Hike – Jan 9, Pinckney State Recreation Area, Pinckney. Registration and starting time 8:30- 10:30 a.m. Individuals and scouts can join this 10 mile winter hike. Trail patches awarded to those who complete. $4 per hiker. Information; 734-426-4913.

Winter Festival – Feb. 13, Bay City State Recreation Area, Bay City. 10 a.mm – 8 p.m.. Build a bluebird nest box. Identify wildlife tracks. Competition for snowsculpting, snowman building, ice fishing, ice skating, cross-country skiing and winter bird ID; 517-667-0717.

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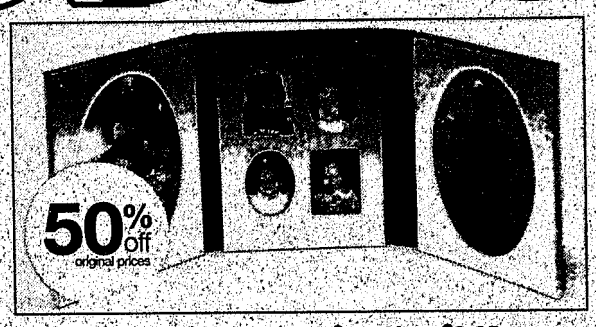

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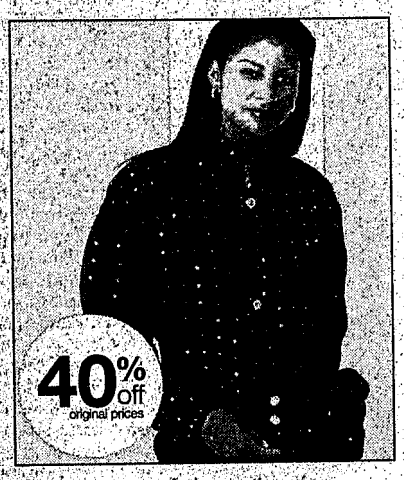

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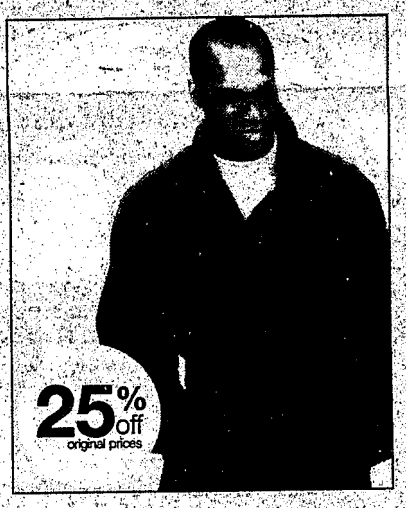

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Cooking up a storm

Area's top chefs put help for hurricane victims on menu

BY PAT MURPHY
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To hear Mickey Bakst and Ron Edwards talk, raising $200,000 is almost as easy as whipping up a few hors d'oeuvres.

Bakst and Edwards are friendly rivals who normally compete for hearts and palates of restaurant-goers in the metro area — Bakst at the Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills and Edwards at the Five Lakes Grill in Milford.

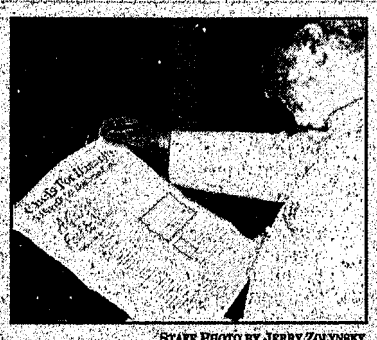
In a sense, they match their business acumen and culinary skills with other friendly rivals at restaurants and eateries like the Golden Mushroom in Southfield, the Whitney in Detroit and Restaurant 220 in Birmingham.

About 10 days ago, however, that rivalry all but disappeared as each learned about Hurricane Mitch and the thousands of people it killed and many more it left homeless in Honduras, Nicaragua and other places.

Bakst remembers thinking about the dead and homeless and trying to imagine the extent of the devastation.

Edwards immediately thought about the Olancho region of Honduras, where he spent the summers of 1993 and 1994. "The devastation from flash flooding and mud slides was terrible," he said. "Rivers that were 150 feet wide suddenly became 10 miles wide. Entire villages no longer existed."

Their reactions were similar. Without knowing what the other was doing, Bakst and Edwards started making phone calls. "We were calling the same people," said Bakst. "It was amazing."



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Spreading the news: *Chef Michael Houlihan of Tom's Oyster Bar in Southfield prepares to sign a poster to promote "Chefs for Humanity."*

Equally amazing, Edwards said, was the response. "Everybody wanted to help," he said. "There wasn't one negative reaction."

The two chefs decided they and their friends must do what chefs do best: Cook.

They formed "Chefs for Humanity" — about 30 chefs from the metro area committed to helping storm victims in Honduras.

The number 30 isn't magical, it's a workable cut-off point. "We could have gotten more chefs," said Bakst, "but 30 is all we can handle."

Furthermore, the chefs are not run of the mill cooks on leave from fast-food eateries. They're some of the best in the metro area. They're so good, according to Bakst and Edwards, knowledgeable diners are willing to pay $150 to sample their wares.

Details haven't been worked out. But preliminary plans call for the chefs to prepare bite-size portions of something they themselves would like to eat.

"Something savory or sweet is the operative rule," said Edwards.

Michael Houlihan, of Tom's Oyster Bar (Southfield and Royal Oak), said he plans to serve their name sake, oysters in the half-shell. "We haven't decided on just what we will serve," he said. "But oysters in the half-shell is the minimum."

Rick Halbera of Emil's Restaurant in Northville hasn't yet decided what he will prepare. "But I'm leaning toward pan-seared cod cheeks," he said.

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They'll trot for their turkey on parade day

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

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When pilgrims and Indians begin dashing down Jefferson Avenue on Thanksgiving morning, it won't be a reenactment of the first holiday feast. The costumed runners will be part of the 16th-annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot. This year's event is sponsored by Arbor Drugs.

"When you're standing there at the foot of Woodward and Jefferson you've just never seen such a sea of humanity," said participant Libby Heppler of Birmingham.

"Some people are pushing babies, others have dogs on leashes and some are dressed up as turkeys or pilgrims or Indians. They're all laughing, jumping, talking and having a ball."

Heppler has been taking part in the annual turkey day race since 1985 and loves every minute of it. Not one to swiftly sprint across the finish line in the top 20, she enjoys taking part as a race-walker instead.

"I think I'll finish this 10K in about an hour and ten minutes, which is OK," said Heppler, who hits the pavement four times a week to prepare for the event. "Just being in that mob of people makes this race a lot of fun and a real blast."

Giving area runners a chance to compete in a major event is what keeps Ed Kozloff on board directing the Turkey Trot each Thanksgiving. A former runner, Kozloff is also President of the Motor City Striders, the group that is hosting the event. The Striders are the oldest and largest club in Michigan, Kozloff said.

The 10K run has participants young and old dashing through the streets prior to America's Thanksgiving Parade.

The six and a quarter mile competition is the third largest participant race in Michigan.

"We usually register around 5,000 men and women," Kozloff said. "And they run in front of a crowd of 750,000 that are there for the parade."

The oldest racer registered this year is 91-year-old Jim Ramsey, of Detroit, who recently finished the Detroit Free Press Marathon, 26.2 miles, in seven hours and 42 minutes.

"He did that so I'm sure he's going to finish our race," Kozloff said.

The race's registration takes place at Cobo Hall. The location is quite unique as races go because it includes plenty of rest rooms and places to relax prior to the start, Kozloff said.

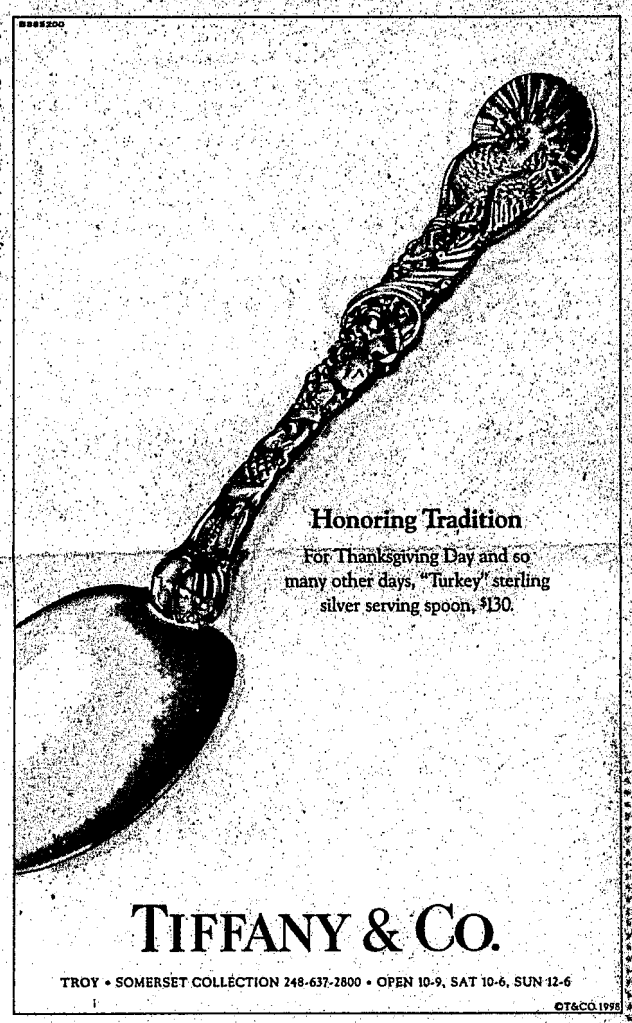
Heppler said the race "gets grueling" at the end as the participants make their way through the most rundown parts of the city and have to dash up a loading dock ramp to get up into Cobo Hall to the finish line.

"Your legs are aching and you want to just die and then you face that ramp," Heppler said. "But you do it. And there at the end you've never seen so many apples in your life. And people just standing around laughing and talking and sweating."

The 40 cases of apples are part of a huge table stacked with 50 cases of bananas, 7,000 bagels and 10,000 drinks that runners enjoy prior to the awards ceremony. First place plagues are presented to men and women in two categories, 39 and under and 40 and over. Another 150 men and women pick up medals for their finishing times.

"Most people are done and on their way by 10 a.m., so that makes it really nice," Kozloff said. "It's a very active thing to do in the morning before going home for a big dinner."

Runners may register the morning of the race from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. at a cost of $20. Proceeds go to the America's Thanksgiving Parade.



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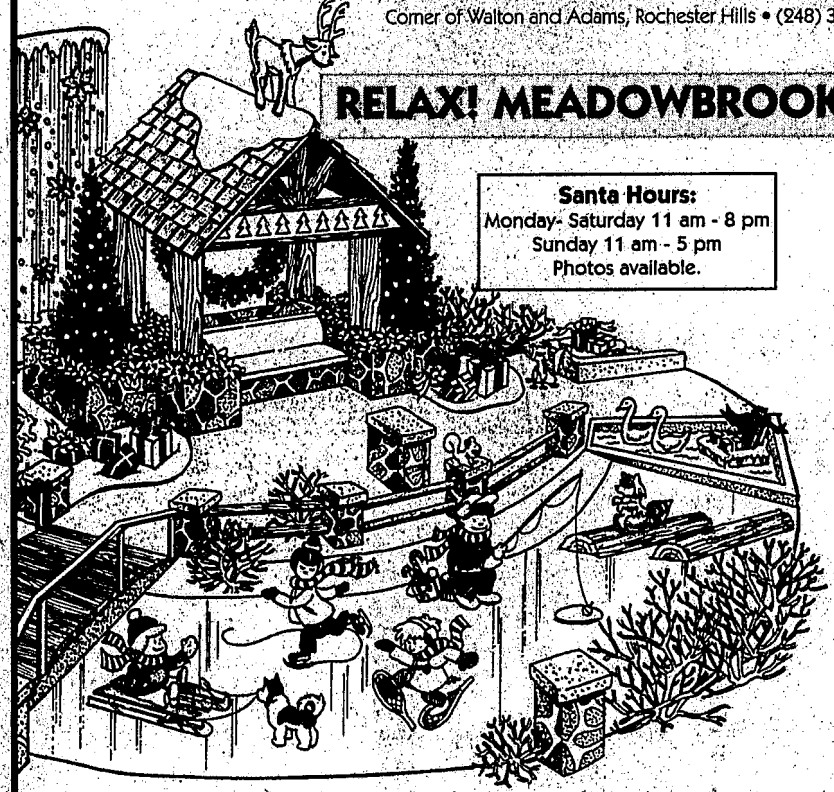

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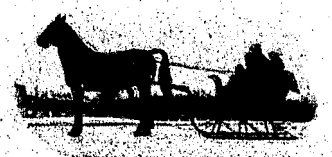

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Here are some Detroit-area restaurants that will donate chefs for benefit cooking event

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What's cooking?: *Mickey Bakst of Tribute in Farmington Hills explains the "Chefs for Humanity" program to other chefs at a recent meeting.*

Diners may not recognize the names that make up "Chefs for Humanity," the organization committed to raising money to help the victims of Hurricane Mitch in Honduras.

But diners may recognize the restaurants they represent when the chefs host a $150 per plate fund raiser from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Kingsley Inn, Bloomfield Township.

"Something savory or sweet is the operative rule," said Ron Edwards, who with Mickey Bakst organized the fund raiser.

Some of the restaurants participating in the fund raiser are:

Avant Garde, Birmingham; Beans and Cornbread, Southfield; Big Rock Chophouse & Brewery, Birmingham; Cadillac Coffee, Madison Heights; Cafe Cortina, Farmington Hills; Capital Grill, Troy; Cloverleaf Fine Wines, Southfield; Common Grill, Chelsea; Dominos, Ann Arbor; Duet, Detroit; Emily's Restaurant, Northville; Encore, West Bloomfield; Five Lakes Grill, Milford; Fonte d'Amore, Livonia; Forte, Birmingham; Golden Mushroom, Southfield; MacKinnon's, Northville; Merchant of Vino, Dearborn; Mon Jin Lau, Troy; Morels, Bingham Farms; Rattlesnake Club, Detroit; Restaurant 220, Birmingham; Restaurant Villages; Rocky's of Brighton; Schoolcraft College, Livonia; Steve & Rocky's Novi; Too Chez, Novi; Traffic Jam & Snug, Detroit; Tribute, Farmington Hills; Whitney, Detroit, and Woodruff's, Royal Oak.

Tickets are available through Unique Restaurant Corp. at (248) 646-0370 or the Tribute Restaurant at (248) 848-9393.

Chefs *from page A7*

The cuisine may be more flavorful with wine and champagne from Master Sommeller Madeline Triffon, from the Unique Restaurant Corp.

Tickets will be the main source of revenue — enough, possibly to raise $105,000. But Bakst and Edwards have commitments from corporate sponsors who they say have pledged to match ticket sales. "So $200,000 is reasonable," said Bakst. "That will change the lives of more than 100,000 people."

Part of Bakst's motivation is an experience he had in December, 1995, when the main warehouse of the St. Vincent DePaul Society in Detroit burned down, destroying clothes and toys destined to brighten Christmas for thousands of needy families.

"The response was tremendous," Bakst said. "People from around the country helped out. Now, we'll get the chance to help somebody else out."

Chefs for Humanity will hold the fund raiser from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Kingsley Hotel and Suites in Bloomfield Hills.

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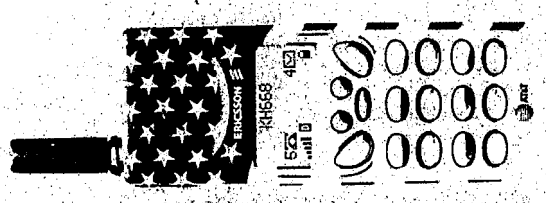

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Correction Notice

In our November 26th ad, we featured the game *Centipede* for Sony PlayStation and *Superman* for N64. Due to delays in manufacturing, these games are not yetavailable. We are offering rainchecks for *Superman*.

We also mistakenly featured the DVD movie *Bladerunner* as one of five free titles received with purchase of a DVD player after mail-in rebate. The correct DVD title is *Lost in Space*.

We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused.

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OPINION

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Library self sufficiency

It's time to shelve piecemeal funding method

Pine Knob Music Theater should be applauded for pledging up to $30,000 for new books for the Independence Township Library.

The music theater's executive director announced at an Independence Township Board meeting last week that it will donate $2 for every $1 contributed by a resident. It set a ceiling of $30,000.

The township board then voted to contribute another $30,000 from its general fund toward library books, raising the potential amount to be raised for library books to $90,000.

As most users know, the Independence Township Library needs books. Currently, the library has about 1.5 books per capita, about half the state average.

While the matching grant program, if successful, will go a long way toward helping to stock the library's shelves — it's estimated $90,000 will purchase about 4,000 books — it's only a temporary fix to an ongoing problem.

Independence Township is going to continue to grow in population, and the library needs a dependable source of financing.

Some Independence Township officials have been reluctant to support the formation of a board to oversee the library and levy a tax to fund it.

They view a library board as another layer of government, one that's not needed. They prefer that they oversee the library, funding it with money coming from a variety of sources including the township's general fund.

While we agree, philosophically, with them — that less is better when it comes to government — we differ with them in this instance.

The Independence Township Library is one of a small percentage of libraries in the state that don't have a board. In fact, just 15 percent of Michigan libraries have no taxation authority. The Independence Library is one of them.

We think the Independence Library needs its own board with the ability to tax. History has shown that the current funding situation is inadequate.

The library has to compete with other worthwhile township programs for the limited amount of money in the general fund.

We think the services of a library are too fundamental to a community to leave to sparse general fund allocations and the chance generosity of residents and corporate citizens.

Plenty of need, opportunities for giving

It's been a good year for many folks in Oakland County. Employment is strong. Interest rates are falling. The stock market, after a scary dip, is rising again.

But it hasn't been a good year for everyone, even in a county as prosperous as ours. There are still thousands of people who are far from sharing in our county's wealth. Some of them are our neighbors.

There is much need in our world and many worthy agencies to offer a helping hand. They deserve your support.

But if you are looking to help individuals and families a bit closer to home, we'd suggest these agencies:

Child Abuse and Neglect Council

The Pontiac-based agency serves abused youngsters. It seeks items ranging from scissors and construction paper to hats and mittens. To find out more, call (248) 333-1539.

Common Ground

The Bloomfield Hills-based sanctuary serves youths and families in crisis. Food, kitchen and laundry supplies would be welcome. Learn more by calling (248) 456-8150.

FISH of Oakland County

A program run though Central United Methodist church of Waterford, the FISH Program provides food and clothing. Call (248) 334-5555 to arrange donations.

Food Bank of Oakland County

True to its name, the agency distributes non-perishable food items to more than 100 service and church organizations throughout the county. Canned goods are especially welcome and can be dropped off at 120 E. Columbia in Pontiac.

HAVEN

The domestic violence shelter seeks a variety of items ranging from bedding items to clothing, including diapers. Items can be dropped off at 75 W. Huron, Suite 205 in Pontiac.

Jewish Family Services

The Southfield-based agency serves a variety of clients, especially immigrants and the elderly. Warm clothing and cleaning equipment, including vacuums, brooms and mops, are welcome.

The agency also seeks a color scanner and printer and other office supplies. To learn more, call (248) 559-1500.

Lighthouse Emergency Services

The agency, a branch of Lighthouse of Oakland County, allows donors to adopt low income families and seniors and fill out their personal wish lists. It also maintains a Good Neighbor Fund to help with medical needs. To contribute, call (248) 745-6365.

Neighborhood House

The Rochester-based agency is collecting unwrapped toys and clothing items for Rochester-area children and teens through Dec. 16. Donations can be made at its offices, 1234 Inglewood 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. To learn more, call (248) 651-5836.

Oakland County Children's Village

The county-run correctional program seeks games and sports equipment. It also allows organizations and agencies to adopt a cottage of children to provide them a holiday party. To find out how you can help, please call (248) 1135.

Salvation Army Headquarters

Headquarters are at 16130 Northland Drive in Southfield, opposite Home Depot. Donations of food, winter clothing and new toys may be taken there. They should be tagged for the attention of Major Donna Miller, administrator, who notes that many of those new to this country are homeless and settle in this area.

Women's Survival Child Care Center

The Pontiac-based center serves children from 2½ to 12. Games and toys are especially welcome. To find out more, call (248) 338-4488.

These are by no means the only agencies that merit help. But they do allow Oakland County residents the opportunity to help their own, and they remind us that there is still need in the middle of all our county's prosperity.

COMMUNITY VOICE

QUESTION: **Do you think more men are helping to prepare Thanksgiving dinner today than 10 years ago?**

This question was asked at the U.S. Post Office in Clarkston?

"As long as you get fed, who cares."

Medford Pittman
Springfield Township

"Yes ... my husband does help me a lot, and my son brings things for the holiday dinners, and they probably would not have done that 10 years ago."

Edith Rosaen
Independence Township

"Yes, mainly because I retired in March and I'm doing most of the cooking."

Dennis Hoadley
Independence Township

"Oh, yes. I just think men are realizing it's not just a woman's thing, and they're finding that they enjoy it."

Dolly Fairse
Independence Township

LETTERS

Tax bills on the way out

Winter tax bills will be mailed by Dec. 1. Taxes are payable from Dec. 1 through Feb. 14.

This year Feb. 14 falls on a Sunday. Also, Monday Feb. 15 is President's Day, a legal holiday. Therefore, winter taxes can be accepted on Tuesday, Feb. 16, without late charges. Starting Wednesday, Feb. 17, winter taxes will have a 3 percent penalty. After Monday, March 2, taxes are delinquent and can be paid only at the Oakland County Treasurer's office. In March you should contact the township treasurer's office for a revised bill to pay to the county.

If you are paying your own bill, you can mail it, put it in the night drop box at the front door of township hall, pay at a local branch of NBD, Old Kent, National City (formerly First of America), or Oxford Bank or pay in person at township hall. The township treasurer's office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Township offices will be closed Dec. 24-25. Charge or debit cards are not accepted for payment at this time.

Winter tax bills consist of township and county taxes. The township rate is 7.7991 mills. Included is the voter-approved funding for police, fire, library, safety paths and general operations. The county portion is 4.6564 mills.

The total for both township and county is 12.4555 mills. Last year the total was 14.5334 mills. The biggest factor in the drop of tax rates for Clarkston School District residents this year is the transfer of 1.8 mills of school debt that was moved from winter to summer taxes this year. There are additional small decreases for all residents in their township and county rates this year.

Your tax bill is calculated by multiplying the taxable value of your property times the approved millage rate and dividing by 1,000. For example, take a house worth $200,000. This house would have a taxable value of about $100,000 (state equalized valuation of at least $100,000) and would owe $1,245.55 this winter. Last year this home owner would have paid $1,453.34.

There are a couple of variables that could increase your winter property taxes. Any special assessments that you may have are added onto the winter tax bill. Specials could include such things as street light districts, sewer or water projects, lake maintenance, or road-paving projects. Also, if you have delinquent water or sewer bills, they are added on the winter bill.

Low-interest rates have resulted in increased numbers of real estate sales and refinancing of mortgages. Contact the treasurer's office to verify that your taxes have been paid up to date. Please make sure if you close on a new home that you file a property transfer affidavit and a homestead exemption, if applicable, in the assessor's office. Any name change or mailing address change for a property must be communicated to the assessor's office.

If you have changed your mortgage company or have dropped your mortgage tax escrow account, you need to contact the treasurer's office. The treasurer's office will make every attempt to ensure property owners receive their bill in a timely fashion. If you pay your own taxes, you need to make sure you receive a bill. If you don't receive a tax bill or a customer copy by the second week in July (summer taxes) or the second week of December (winter taxes) you need to contact the treasurer's office.

Please contact the treasurer's office at 625-5111 ext. 209, 212 or 248 if you have any questions.

Jim Wenger
Independence Township Treasurer

Drug switch can be dangerous

As a practicing ophthalmologist in Oakland County, I am appalled by a new development in the treatment of patients that can and has had severe consequences. I am referring to the practice of some pharmacists unilaterally changing prescriptions to generic drugs when a doctor has specified "Dispense as Written" on the prescription, especially without contacting the physician.

Although this may not seem serious on the surface, the generic version of some medications does not work for the illness being treated, and in fact can actually be harmful to the patient. It is the law for pharmacists to follow the prescribed treatment recommended by that physician, especially when it is clearly stated on the prescription.

If a patient requests a generic, he or she should be informed that his or her doctor does not recommend that course of action because of ineffective or dangerous results.

Most pharmacists are excellent professionals who lend their expertise to patients appropriately. For the other individual and corporate pharmacists who are changing prescriptions to the detriment of patients, I say this: you are hurting people. Please do your job, and I'll do mine.

Alan M. Mindlin, MD, FACS, president,
Oakland County Medical Society

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— Philip Power

POINTS OF VIEW

Alternative school has good start toward its goals

Gerald and Patricia Estwick of Farmington Hills are particularly grateful this Thanksgiving.

Their son, Demetrius, has exchanged the D's and E's he used to bring home on his report card for A's and B's.

He is more helpful around the house and kinder to his younger sisters. And, according to his mom, "He feels good about Demetrius."

Demetrius is one of 50 students enrolled in the newly-established Southwest Alternative Middle School which opened its doors this fall in downtown Farmington.

His classmates are seventh and eighth graders from the West Bloomfield, Farmington, Novi, Huron Valley and South Lyon districts who had difficulty learning in a traditional middle school setting.

To seven students spread out over a room the size of a traditional classroom, teacher Derek Miller talks about literature with an engaging mind, a roving eye and a firm, but delicate hand. He works to draw everyone into the discussion, and somehow is able to make what each student says important, no matter how offhand the remark.

"In alternative education, we have a saying: 'If kids aren't learning the way we teach, we have to teach the way kids learn,'" says Russ Averill, who coordinates and teaches in the new school. "The key to our success is small class size — 12 students per teacher."

"Teachers can take more time with you," reports Amanda Kempker, who, like many of her classmates, had qualms about leaving her friends and neighborhood middle school for a new, unknown experience.

"I'd probably be getting in a lot of trouble (there)," she acknowledges. "My dad's really happy because I'm doing better. He took me shopping since I was doing so good."

JUDITH DONER BERNE

Amanda's mom, America Kempker, is equally delighted. "We were kind of reluctant. We just didn't know if it was the right thing. But what a turnaround she has made. They allow her to express certain aspects of her personality. She takes pride in things again."

Enrollment in the new school is voluntary, but parent involvement is not. Parents are expected to attend meetings and workshops devoted to their child's educational program and to learn specific skills for interacting more positively with their child.

Indeed, a recent parent open house was very well attended, according to Dianne Duthie, director of alternative education for the Farmington Public Schools. And many stood up to publicly describe their child's positive progress.

This is the first alternative regional middle school to open thus far in Oakland County.

Three new consortiums have been formed to create alternative middle schools to serve students in Avondale/ Birmingham/ Bloomfield Hills/Troy; Lake Orion/ Clarkston/ Waterford; and Clawson/Madison Heights.

Those educators obviously will be watching the progress of the Southwest Alternative Middle School. So will the districts of Walled Lake and Clarenceville, who were originally included in the southwest consortium, but chose to pass on it this first year.

"Our biggest goal is to make school a positive experience," Averill says. "Most of these kids are everyday Joes who just need the extra boost."

That's the same goal the alternative high schools that serve many of our communities once had.

Proponents of alternative middle schools hope that by interrupting the cycle at a younger age, students will go back and prosper in the regular public school system.

Southwest Alternative middle schooler Chris Perdue says that's right up his alley. He wants to do well, "so I can go back to my other school. I actually got to see better letters than 'E' on my report card."

Stay tuned. The alternative middle school, like its students, is a work in progress.

Judith Doner Berne, a West Bloomfield resident, is former managing editor of the Eccentric Newspapers. You can comment on this column by calling (734)953-2047, ext. 1997 or in a letter, or fax (248) 644-1314 to the editor of this newspaper.

Job outlook remains bright for those in skilled occupations

Although it's kinda dry, the annual forecast "The Michigan Economic Outlook for 1999-2000" just issued by the University of Michigan's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics is the best in the business.

As everybody knows, our economy flourished in the 1990s. If we have two more years of job growth, Michigan will have experienced the longest run of job creation in the past 50 years. The forecast suggests this might well be possible, although at a somewhat slower rate of growth than in the past.

The forecast assumes no big national strike by the UAW against General Motors. It takes into account the GM plant closings in Flint and Kalamazoo, offset against a boom in construction activity in the Detroit area stemming from new casinos and stadiums and the $1.5 billion renovation of engineering and research facilities at the GM Tech Center in Warren.

The forecast is for job growth over the next two years, but slowing in the year 2000, with only moderate inflation. Conversely, unemployment is expected to rise a bit, to 4.2 percent in 1999 and 4.5 percent in 2000. If these rates are sustained, Michigan unemployment for the four years since 1997 would be the best since 1970.

What's the big worry? As anybody who reads the Help Wanted section in this newspaper knows full well, it's the labor shortage, especially intense in the higher skills categories. "The risk posed by labor shortages is that they can impede job growth," the RSQE forecast dryly notes. Most employers would snort, "Impede, my foot!" What they're faced with is absolute labor shortages and increasing costs, especially for skilled workers.

Traditionally, economies get new workers from three sources: the unemployed; increases in participation in the labor force (for example, women deciding to go to work instead of staying home); and from increases in the working-age population.

PHILIP POWER

But in Michigan unemployment is at record low levels, and job growth over the past years has sucked about all the women who want to work into the job market.

So the pool of labor is drying up, especially at the higher education end of the spectrum, where most of the higher wage jobs are concentrated. The U-M data show that people who never got an associate degree from a community college are three times as likely to be unemployed as those who have an associate degree and above. Unemployment for those with a college degree will be at only 1.1 percent; for those with a master's degree, 0.6 percent.

Readers with kids who are thinking of dropping out of high school or getting a job after getting their high school diploma would do well to urge them to think again!

This also goes for those who are thinking of getting UAW jobs in the auto industry. UAW membership peaked at 1.51 million members in 1979 and has declined steadily to the present level of 760,000.

How come? The UAW lost the auto supplier sector during the 1980s, when the percentage of unionized workers fell from 52 percent in 1979 to 21 percent today. Why? A 100 percent wage gap between for Big Three-UAW parts plants and independent non-union parts plants.

This, in turn, forces attention on GM and the UAW. GM wants to spin off its Delphi parts operation because it faces far higher parts labor costs than Ford or Daimler-Chrysler. The UAW faces the bind of either seeing parts plants spun off (and, potentially, decertified) or consenting to a reduction of wages.

The situation is even tougher when it comes to Big Three plants versus the Japanese transplanted plants. According to Sean McAlinden of U-M's Transportation Research Institute, the labor cost advantage for a Japanese transplant is $1,670 per small car manufactured.

So, when your family gathers around the dinner table for Thanksgiving, urge them to stay in school, get good skills and stay away from UAW auto plants. Then give them a second helping of mashed potatoes!

Phil Power is chairman of Home Town Communications Network Inc., the company that owns this newspaper. He welcomes your comments, either by voice mail at (734) 953-2047, ext. 1880, or by e-mail at ppower@oeonline.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CORNER

North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy

Donated farm land will be preserved as wildlife sanctuary

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC) and the Humane Society of the United States Wildlife Land Trust (HSUSWLT) jointly announce the preservation of a 111-acre farm in Springfield Township as a wildlife sanctuary.

The sanctuary is the gift of a local couple who have dedicated their lives to the treatment, caring and support of wildlife in their community. The couple have deeded ownership of the land to the NOHLC, granted a conservation easement on their property to the HSWLT, and retained some property as a "life-estate."

"For 30 years, we have considered this land our sanctuary. Now we want to give something back by making certain the wild animals who have shared this land have their own safe sanctuary," said the land donors, who wish to remain anonymous. "With this partnership of help, we are now proud to know our land will remain a protected wildlife habitat long after we are gone."

■ The Springfield Township site is the first trust-protected property in Michigan.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy is dedicated to preserving the quality of wildlife habitat, the character of the landscape, and protecting the natural resources of our community. Serving the community for more than a quarter century, the NOHLC now preserves 23 parcels totaling nearly 464 acres. It owns eight properties and holds scenic/conservation easements on 15 others.

The Humane Society of the United States Wildlife Land Trust is dedicated to the protection of wildlife through the creation of wildlife sanctuaries. The HSUSWLT works with private landowners who donate their land, or rights to their land, to the Trust for perpetual care.

The Trust now protects more than 4,000 acres across the country. The Springfield Township site is the first trust-protected property in Michigan.

To provide for the permanent protection of their land, the donors have deeded the land to the NOHLC, and granted a conservation easement to the Wildlife Land Trust. A conservation easement is a legal agreement between a land trust and a landowner, which legally prohibits harmful uses of the land. With the partnership created by these donors of this land, a permanent wildlife habitat — a safe place — has been created.

"This is an exciting and significant step in the preservation of open space in Oakland County," said Dr. Thomas K. Stone, president of the North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy. "Thanks go to the patience and commitment of the donors and to the many conservancy volunteers who worked long and hard to make this gift possible."

"By donating a conservation easement to the Wildlife Land Trust and deeding the land to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy, this couple has created a wildlife sanctuary where animals will be safe from the destructive tide of human development," said Trust Executive Director Dr. John Kullberg. "Both organizations are as impressed with the donors' generous act as we are with the rich beauty of their Michigan land."

The NOHLC, incorporated in 1972 as the Independence Land Conservancy, preserves such properties as waterways, forests, natural areas and farmland. It protects various open spaces in the headwater regions of the Clinton, Shiawassee, Huron and Flint rivers.

The North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy works with individuals, neighborhoods, organizations, municipalities, developers and planners in a continuing effort to preserve the best of today's natural environment so that future generations can enjoy a better tomorrow in our community.

NOHLC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. It offers various types of memberships, such as $10 for an individual, $25 for a family, and $100 for a lifetime membership.

Questions about the meeting or the conservancy may be directed to North Oakland Headwaters Land Conservancy (NOHLC), P.O. Box 285, Clarkston, MI 48347. Telephone: (248) 625-8193.

This column is shared by local community groups. Up next week: Lighthouse of Clarkston.

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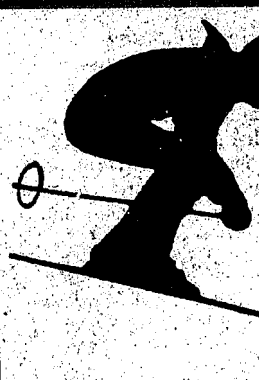

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CAROLYN WALKER

Rearranging furniture no job for a La-Z-Boy (or woman)

First came the notion. Then came the room-changing, strength-draining, mood-altering experience.

It seemed to me that I had a simple — even a good — idea two weeks ago when I decided to purchase a 14-inch-wide, 3-foot-long, free-standing sofa table to put behind my couch.

Because of the angle of our home on its particular north-pointing lot, I find that there's never enough light in the living room to read by — and I like to read. A sofa table behind the couch, I reasoned, would provide an excellent spot for my new brass lamp.

Surely, only happiness could follow.

And so I went merrily on my way, in search of a table that was affordable, decorative and sturdy. I visited four furniture stores (one of them twice) before I found a catalog model I could live with. And I placed my order and waited.

The table arrived Wednesday. Today is Friday and I am exhausted. Amazingly, I have spent a good portion of the past 48 hours rearranging furniture in three (count them three!) rooms in order to accommodate that one purchase.

Armed with a vision, I moved our ancient floor-model television from corner to corner three times, our sofa three times, our La-Z-Boy four times, my grandmother's World War II-era

Please see WALKER, A14

Peace and harmony

Holiday candles set mood

STAFF PHOTOS BY STEVE CANTRELL

'Tis the season: *For decoration only, these caroler-shaped candles are a work of art available at The Davisburg Candle Factory.*

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Christmas tree lights are elegant and glistening. Ribbons and gift wrappings are festive and colorful.

And, holiday gatherings are, for the most part, joyous occasions.

The only problem with all these holiday traditions is the amount of time they require. Even a simple gift wrap can be a time-consuming, not to mention expensive, affair.

But, candles — long a holiday staple (remember, candles were once used to light Christmas trees) — are a different story.

"Candles mean warmth, home, comfort, sentimentality and that's all that Thanksgiving and Christmas are about," said Mary Tebo, owner of The Davisburg Candle Factory in downtown Davisburg.

"Can you imagine a Christmas house without candles?" Tebo asked.

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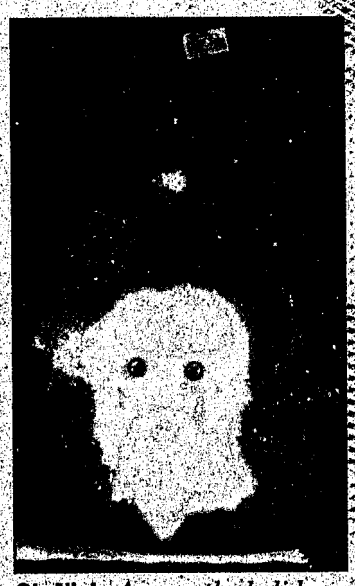

St. Nick: *Among the holiday candles available at The Davisburg Candle Factory is one of Santa Claus.*

Shiny and bright: *These decorative candles – a specialty at The Davisburg Candle Factory – look just like Christmas Tree ornaments.*

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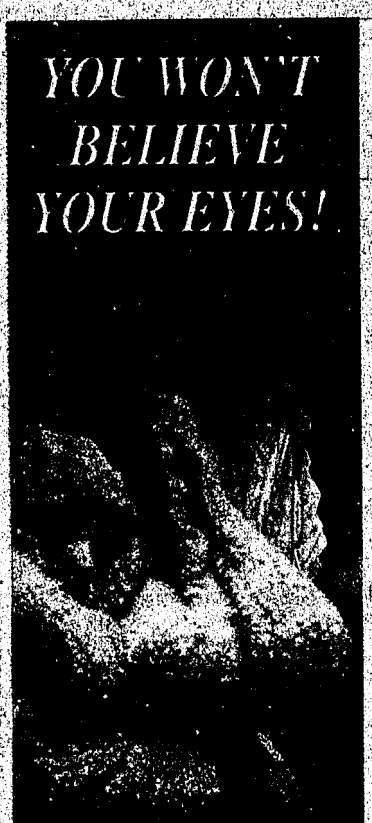

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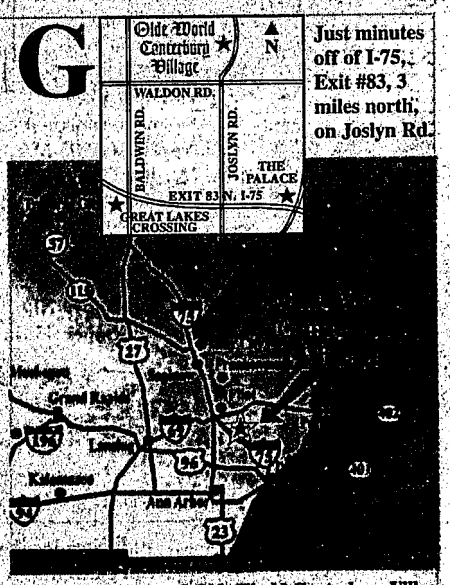

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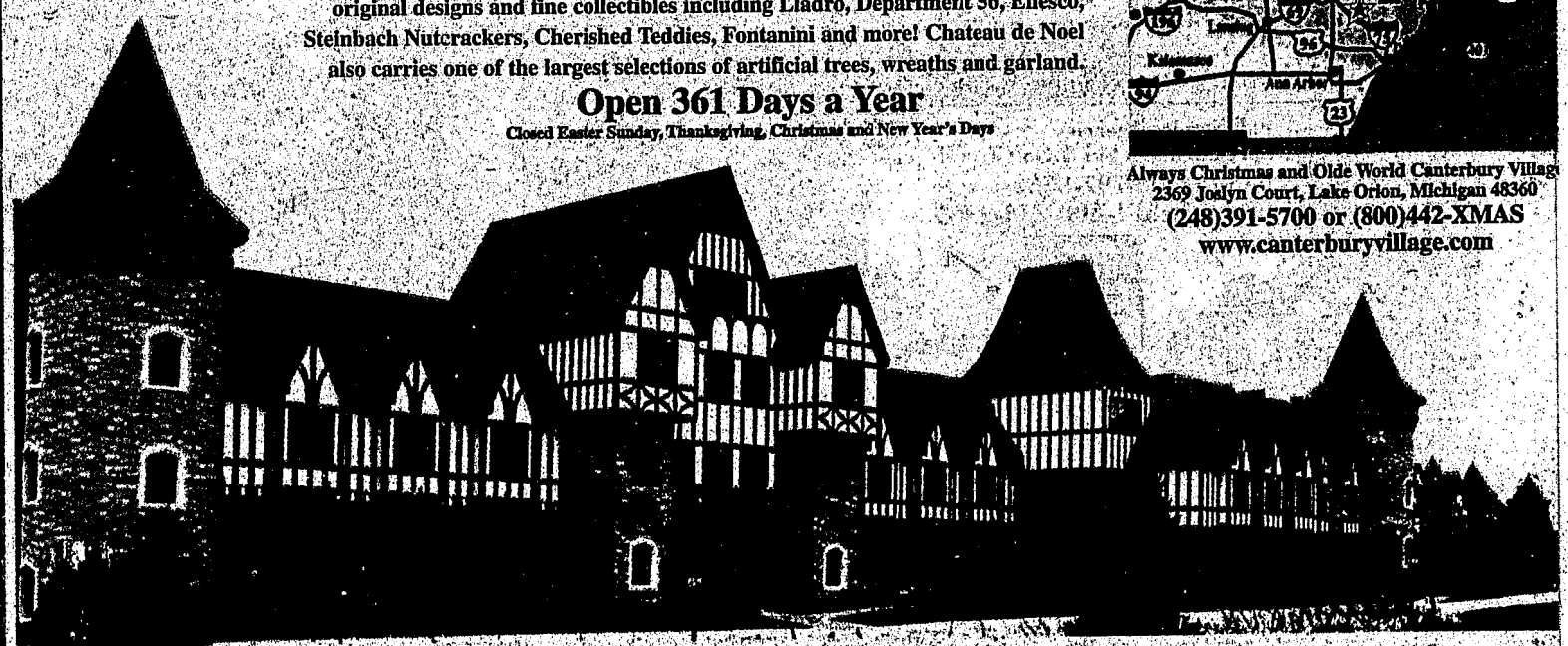

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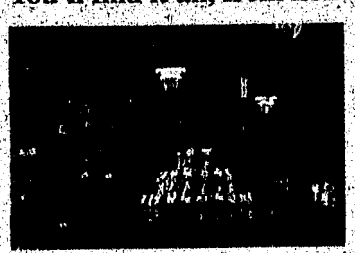

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Candles *from page A13*

Actually, Tebo isn't plugging her product: sales at the candle factory are at their highest between Thanksgiving and the end of the year.

The local business produces about 100,000 candles during the holiday season and sells an average of 2,000 candles per week.

Furthermore, candles' popularity has surged in recent years, Tebo said.

"In the last five years, candles have come into their own," said Tebo, who has operated the Davisburg Candle Factory for more than 30 years.

"Everybody's into candles now," she said. "It's the aromatherapy, new age kick."

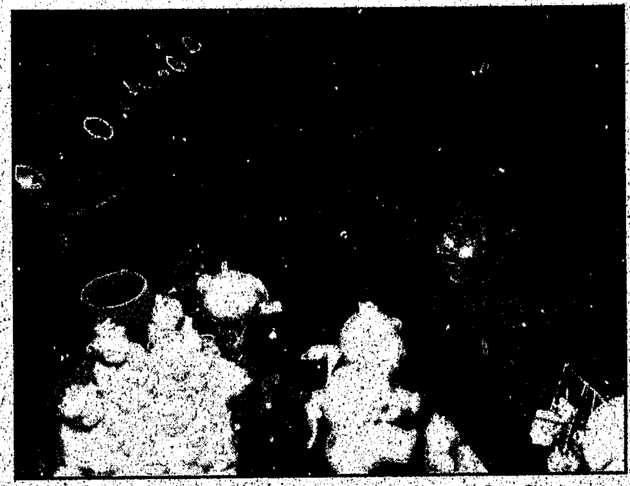
But, candles have always indulged their users with the benefits proffered by aromatherapy enthusiasts.

> ■ **'In the last five years, candles have come into their own.'**
> *Mary Tebo*
> *owner, Davisburg Candle Factory*

"It's stuff we've been using for years," said Tebo. "They've just marketed it nicely."

The selection of votive candles at the Davisburg Candle Factory is a case in point. From vanilla and clove to raspberry and plum, the small votive candles come in every mood-enhancing scent imaginable — even eucalyptus for those who want to conjure up memories of mom on sick days.

The votives burn for about 10 hours and only cost 90 cents.



Holiday shopping: *Ariel Leaym and Samatha Cesaro, from the Butterflies and Bullfrogs Christian Preschool in Commerce Township, look at candles in The Davisburg Candle Factory.*

Although the Candle Factory specializes in decorative candles, votives are the store's biggest seller.

Vanilla and cinnamon are the store's most popular candle aromas despite an array of holiday scents, including pumpkin, bayberry, peppermint, gingerbread, pine, evergreen and holly berry.

Tebo's decorative candles, along with her pillar line, are probably the next best-selling items.

The store's decorative candles not only come in a variety of scents that set the holiday mood but also are visually appealing. Tebo's evergreen-shaped candles, for example, are pine-scented and cost $6.95. The store's Santa-molded candles come in mulberry and cinnamon and start at $3.50.

Snowball candles, a traditional holiday form that Tebo sells for $10, also come in a variety of scents and colors. "People say, 'I remember grandma having those,'" Tebo said of that particular candle style.

"People are trying to get back to the basics," she said. "It's frantic and, therefore, going home, people want to get peaceful. I think the world out there has become a little unsafe, so people want to close the door, put on the candles, and say, 'Ooff, I've made it.'"

The Davisburg Candle Factory is open 10 a.m.- 4 p.m., Mon.-Sat. For additional information, call (248) 634-4214.

With a house marked sold, it's back to habits of the past

ROCHELLE SMITH

This Thanksgiving I'm thankful for simple pleasures. Have you noticed that some of the simple pleasures in life, which we normally take for granted, become something truly special when we have been without them for awhile? I'm enjoying life with a renewed sense of freedom lately. This freedom comes from one little word: sold.

Perhaps my family is enjoying life even more than I am since we sold our house. There's an old expression, "If Mama ain't happy, ain't nobody happy." While we were in the process of trying to sell our house, this 'expression' meant real 'depression' for my family. There's just something about knowing that complete strangers might be walking through my house at any time, looking in closets, opening cabinets, walking through the basement and garage, that makes me crazy. My normal, mild-mannered, relaxed approach to cleaning disappeared and I became a neurotic, obsessed cleaning maniac. Don't get me wrong, my house was still not perfectly clean, but trying to get it that way was making me a mess.

My family knew what they were in for the day the For Sale By Owner sign went up. About five minutes after I pounded the sign into the front yard, I started. Upon finding crumbs on the dining room table, I became crazed. "I've been cleaning this house for weeks, and now, when people could be coming at any minute, someone has left crumbs on the table! We can't have people walking though the house with crumbs on the dining room table! Who did this?" At that point my husband whispered the bad news to my boys, "She's going to be like this until the house sells."

Do you remember the television show "The Incredible Hulk" with Bill Bixby? During the opening credits of each show, mild-mannered scientist David Banner could be heard saying, "Don't make me angry. You wouldn't like me when I'm angry." During the three weeks that we were trying to sell our house, I had my own motto. "Don't make a mess. You wouldn't like me when you make a mess." Like the Incredible Hulk, I also would undergo a very unpleasant metamorphosis. Unlike the Hulk, though, my metamorphosis didn't turn me green as much as it did red. As my blood pressure rose, over every little spot on the faucet or splash on the bathroom mirror, my normally pleasant disposition became incredibly unpleasant. Much like the Incredible Hulk, who would rip trees out of the ground when enraged, I became the Incredible Nag who would rip the vacuum out of the closet. The Hulk would roar growls as he ran through the woods. I, on the other hand, would bark out accusations as I ran the Liquid Gold over the woodwork ("I know one of you boys left this water mark on the dining room table." "I just polished the door frame yesterday and someone put fingerprints on it again!").

Since we signed the papers to sell our house two weeks ago, life has become a wonderful thing. It took a couple days to let down my guard. The first time I noticed a soap splash on the counter, I started to get agitated, but then I remembered — no strangers are going to see it. Then there were the kids shoes piled next to the door. I started to grab them and toss them into the garage (the shoes, not the kids), but then it hit me — we can be slobs if we want to. No one will ever know.

Yes, life is good. If we weren't so busy trying to build our new house during evenings and weekends, I might encourage my whole family to sit around in our pajamas all day Saturday, leave our beds unmade, make crumbs, splash water on all the mirrors and just basically enjoy life. Maybe we could even watch some old reruns of The Incredible Hulk, just for old-time sake.

Rochelle Smith, who lives in Clarkston, is a free-lance columnist.

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Choose the time most convenient for you — 10:30 a.m. to noon or 2-3:30 p.m. — and pick up your free tickets now at the library.

One adult per family may attend, please. Admission is by free ticket only. The adult does not need a ticket. Space is limited to 125 young persons for each party.

Tickets must be picked up at the library by a family member of children attending.

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ACHIEVERS

Jason Bertram of Clarkston has been selected to sing for Kapelle, the premiere choral group, at Concordia University, River Forest, Ill, where he is a freshman majoring in music and pre-seminary studies. He is the son of Azel and Jackie Bertram and is a 1998 graduate of Clarkston High School.

Concordia University is a four-year, Lutheran liberal arts university serving 1,275 undergraduate and more than 700 graduate students. It is a member institution of the Concordia University System, a nationwide network of colleges and universities of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

Junior **Lisa Herron**, outside hitter for the All-MIAA Volleyball Team at Kalamazoo College, earned Second Team honors for the Hornets. Herron led the Hornets in kills with 377. She had a .224 attack percentage, 120 digs and 36 blocks in 114 games. Herron is a biology major and is the daughter of Glenn and Judy Herron of Clarkston.

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secretary one time (The Perfectionist said staunchly that he was never moving that thing again two months ago when we hefted it down from upstairs and so I performed this feat by myself), two end tables multiple times, my great-great somebody's old steamer trunk once, our video-cassette cabinet once, our upright oriental bar once and, of course, I moved the sofa table.

Trust me, I am far from finished.

The first reality I faced, after I de-boxed the sofa table and screwed on its legs, was that the table, when placed behind the couch like it's supposed to be, made the entire ensemble stick too far out into the living room, crowding the piano. (The fact is, the sofa began to look like a boat dock maniacally twisted out of place by a storm atop a sea of blue carpeting.)

Hmm, I thought.

I then moved the table and couch into the center of the living room, squarely between the front entrance and dining room doors, to see how it would look when coupled with the La-Z-Boy. I pictured them forming a kind of conversation pit in front of the fire place.

It looked awful.

Then, against my better judgment, I moved the couch and table kitty-corner on an angle in front of the living room windows to the spot where the television once sat, following a suggestion that my mother recently made.

I had been adamant that I was not going to do this. "It's my house," I huffed defiantly to her, with a sense of all-knowing egotism.

Nevertheless, her idea worked. The couch and the table looked great but where would the television go?

Experimentally, I moved the television into the La-Z-Boy's spot and the La-Z-Boy up against the piano, in a manner that subsequently prevented the chair from laying back. Something had to be done.

I then unloaded the aforementioned steamer trunk of a lifetime's worth of family photos, hauled it into the dining room, put all the photo albums back into it, sat down on the couch, and waited for The Perfectionist to arrive home.

He came onto the front porch, an expression of shock upon his face, and he forced a smile.

"How'd you like to help me move the oriental bar?" I asked him. I had, of course, divested its contents onto the living room floor and its doors were hanging open, like a gaping mouth.

The Perfectionist acquiesced, stifling an urge that he could no longer contain by the time dinner was ready.

"I've never seen anything like a small table create so much havoc," he commented. "And then you can't see it." He was making a reference to the fact that the table rests, almost invisibly, behind the sofa.

You can too, I thought. All you have to do is get on your knees on the sofa's cushions, give a bounce, and look over its back.

(Speaking of havoc? Here's a secret: When the living room wallpaper arrives in a couple weeks we'll have to repeat the whole experience. Only then, we'll be moving furniture around paste. Talk about your potential sticky experience!)

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

HONOR ROLL

Everest Academy
Honor Roll Students
First Marking Period 1998-99

Grade One
Paul Albarran
Lisa Galasso
Mary Clare Houlihan
Aubrey Latimer
Nicholas Parlove
Matthew Rouhana
Joshua Stafford
Matthew Thompson
Michael Warner
Theresa Weisbrod
Veronica Young
Jackie Aksten
Katie Carr
Keith Cordner
Connor Dolven
T. J. Kelly
Mitchell Laflamme
Brandon Loehr
Bradley Stencil
Jenny Vyskocil

Grade Two
Jenna Boscardin
Elizabeth Elias
Gianluca Ferrari
Emily Gray
Jessica Karlewski
Scott Koenigsknecht
Eddie Mackowiak
Jessica Parlove
Matthew Calvano
Lukas Heller
Caitlin Kelly
Alyson Lozicki
Ben Nagel
Rachel Oliver
Tommy Pellerito
Keeley Pendy
Michael Salomon
Matthew Sheperd
Marisa Stroster
Richard Thompson
Sean Smith

Grade Three
Joe Allen
Tara Bartle
Rachel English
David Greco
Jeffrey Gunderson
Tara Hamp
Alex Kovaleski
Alexandra Manias
Niccolo Mastromatteo
Annie Mathues
Elisabeth Maurer
Rachel Postelnic
Ryan Schrotenboer
Christine Warner
Matthew Williams

Grade Four
Cassia Anderson
Jennifer Henry
Sabrina Tungol

Grade Five
Ana Iacobelli
Jackie Postelnic
Anne Marie Warner
Mary Williams
Daniel Smith

Grade Six
Erik Nelson
Christopher Sajdak

Grades Seven and Eight
Emma Mizusawa
Katie Szarama
Andrew Costello
Guillermo Lerch
Gunnar Martz
Brian Williams
Daniel Wilson

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Clarkston Eccentric publishes calendar items free of charge. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Type or print: Event, date and time, location, telephone number and any additional information and mail to the Clarkston Eccentric, 7151 Ortonville Road, Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346 or fax to 625-5712. Deadline for calendar items is noon Friday for the following Thursday's paper. All phone numbers below have 248 area code unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY, NOV. 27

RECREATION FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE
7-9 p.m., Bowling at Holly Lanes (Grange Hall Road, Holly, 1/2 mile west of traffic light). $1.50 per game-shoes included. While NWOCS, a volunteer organization, provides recreational activities, care givers have responsibility for direct supervision of participants. For more information, call 634-9570.

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

SURPRISE & DISGUISE-ECO-EXPLORERS
1:30-4 p.m. Lewis E. Wint Nature Center at Independence Oaks County Park. Animals use fascinating masquerades to avoid being seen and startling enemies. Learn about the use of camouflage, mimicry and warning colors in the natural world through live and mounted animals, games, crafts and slides. This program is for eco-explorers ages 6-8. Cost $10 per child. Registration required. Call 625-6473.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

WORLD OF THE WHITE TAILED DEER
2 p.m. Indian Springs Metropark. That cute Bambi has quite a life: toughing it out in all sorts of weather, evading predators, dealing with crowded conditions in its habitat, and surviving in the midst of humans. Learn about the real White-tailed Deer through slides, study skins and an autumn hike in search of deer sign. Ages 5 and up. Free. Registration is required. Call 625-7280 or 1-800-477-3192.

MONDAY, NOV. 30

MYSTERY TRIP
1-9 p.m. Sponsored by Independence Township Senior Center. There's nothing like a good old fashioned mystery, now is there? 'Tis the season for just about anything. Wear your walking shoes and bring your appetite ... those are the only hints you'll get. These are popular activities, so sign up now so you aren't disappointed. $34 residents, $37 non-residents. To register call 625-8231.

THROUGH NOV. 30

FLU VACCINES
POH Medical Center, 5980 S. Main Street, Clarkston is offering flu shots through Nov. 30. Cost $15. For more information call 922-0817.

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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
10:30 a.m. - Noon or 2 - 3:30 p.m. Independence Township Library, 6495 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. Children 3 - 11 are invited. Special sparkling entertainment, gift books for everyone, a movie and refreshments. A picture with the North Pole visitor is a $1 option. Choose the time most convenient for you and pick up your free tickets after Nov. 11 at the library. One adult per family may attend. Space is limited to 125 for each party. Sponsored by the Clarkston Area Optimists.

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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

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 and

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.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY
2 - 4 p.m. American Legion Post 377, Mary Sue Street at the end of Maybee Road, Clarkston. Sign up at the bar or for more information call Robin Puckett at 625-6425.

THROUGH DEC. 20

CANNED FOOD DRIVE
Auto Lab, 5534 Dixie Highway, across from Our Lady of Lakes Church. To benefit Lighthouse Clarkston. Receive 10 percent off repair bill if you bring in 12 cans of non-perishable food. For more information, call 623-1400.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

MARTIN PRESTON AS LIBERACE
9:15 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sponsored by Independence Township Senior Center. Pre-New Years celebration in Toledo, Ohio. Martin Preston is recognized as the greatest impersonator in the country. He has captured Liberace's flamboyant style both in music and costumes. Singer extraordinaire William Garon will also be performing. $69 residents, $74 non-residents. To register call 625-8231.

JAN. 8, 9, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 & 23

DEPOT THEATER
7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The Importance of Being Earnest. This classic comedy is a seasoned favorite for playgoers of all ages. This most witty comedy revolves around the most ingenious case of manufactured mistaken identity. To avoid social responsibility, Jack Worthing has invented an irresponsible younger brother named Earnest. When his friend Algernon decides to pose as Earnest in order to woo Jack's beautiful ward, they both soon learn the importance of being earnest. This scrambled mayhem is peppered with Wilde barbs that are as fresh today as when he wrote them. $9 Thursdays, $10 Fridays and Saturdays. For tickets call 625-8811 or 625-2511.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PLUS PROGRAM
The "People Listening, Understanding, Sharing Program" of Clarkston Area Youth Assistance needs adults to serve as mentors. Volunteers provide time, help and encouragement to children age 5-17 in need of positive role models. Training and support is provided. Call 625-9007.

ONGOING

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS
7 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. Saturday, Clarkston Church of God, 6300 Clarkston Road, Clarkston. For more information on Thursday's meeting, call Anne Marie at 625-8894, or for Saturday's meeting, call Margaret at 666-4479.

CLARKSTON AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE
7 p.m. Meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at the Senior Citizens Center in Clintonwood Park. Volunteers work with staff to plan and sponsor programs to strengthen youth and families and prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency. Call 625-9007 for more information.

CLARKSTON COMMUNITY BAND
Woodwinds, percussionists and brass wanted. Rehearsals 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays. Sponsored by Independence Township Parks and Recreation. To join or for more information, call 625-8223 or 625-3546.

CARE GIVER SUPPORT GROUP
7:30-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Calvary Lutheran Church, 6805 Bluegrass Drive, Clarkston. Adult Children of Aging Parents. No fee. Call Judy Nichols at 625-4051 for information.

BINGO
American Legion Post 377 sponsors hard-card bingo with specials every Tuesday, 6:15 p.m. Mary Sue Street, Clarkston. Call 673-9301 for additional information.

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Money a primary (but taboo) marriage problem

RELATIONSHIP REALITIES

ANITA TAYLOR

Q—Joe and I have been married for 26 years. We have a great family, wonderful friends and a beautiful house. The only thing we consistently argue about is money. Every month when our Visa bill arrives, Joe opens it and has a fit! While he claims I handle the money, he yells and questions every purchase. I never overspend, but his tantrum makes me feel angry and like a child. I love Joe, I'm committed to my marriage, but I'm frustrated.

Along with sex, in-laws and children, married couples rank money as one of their primary problems. While a source of chronic conflict, the subject is frequently veiled in secrecy. It may be surprising to discover that money is more of a taboo topic of conversion than is sex.

While courting, we're likely to share past sexual experiences and never mention money. Yet, we can't deny that money is at the base of marital and family life; a form of energy, and a currency between partners. Indeed marriage forces each of us to become economically interdependent. Your question brings the topic out of the closet!

Most difficulties can represent conflicts from childhood and/or struggles for a balance of power in your marriage. First, as individuals, we may have very definite ideas about how money should be earned, managed and spent. Each can trigger frustration and an internal struggle. The struggle depends largely on how money was used in our family of origin and our personal reaction to the money messages we received.

For example, let's take the woman growing up in a family where dad expressed love through gifts of clothing, but showed little physical or verbal expression of affection. As an adult, this woman may rush out to buy herself clothing any time she feels depressed or unloved.

Second, whether inherited or earned, money represents power in a relationship. The amount one person earns in comparison with their partner's income establishes relative power. Ideally, partners strive to maintain a relationship where neither feels submissive or dominant, but instead respected as equals.

However, all too often, the spouse who earns the most, controls the money and its decision-making power. Wanting equality but feeling powerless and angry, the other partner gets even. Revenge, conscious or unconscious, can be expressed in many ways such as withdrawing sexually, becoming ill, losing valuable items, or wrecking the family car.

Remember, financial compatibility does not come naturally. It is a difficult process that must be negotiated and renegotiated. Resolution requires self-awareness, a willingness to understand your partner, and honest communication. This is truly the "work" of a relationship.

No matter who earns the money, or which partner earns more, the spirit within the relationship can shift from one of competition to one of collaboration. While I can not offer a universal solution to the problem, I urge you to take a deep breathe, put love in your heart, and talk to Joe.

Bloomfield Hills resident Anita Taylor is one of two therapists who alternate in writing this relationship column. She is a psychologist and certified Imago Relationship Therapist in Birmingham. Questions for her may be sent to: Anita Taylor, Suburban Life, The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Modern technology poses problems in raising children

Alice McCarthy has asked James H. McCarthy, an editor and computer expert, to review an important book: "Failure to Connect: How Computers Affect Our Children's Minds for Better and Worse" by Jane M. Healy, an educational psychologist and professional educator who has also written "Endangered Minds: Why Children Don't Think - and What We Can Do About It." McCarthy highly recommends both of Healy's books to her readers.

ALL ABOUT FAMILIES

ALICE MCCARTHY

While it may not be wise to judge a book by its cover, book-titles are often revealing: both of the author's purpose in writing and the author's attitude toward the subject at hand. "Failure to Connect: How Computers Affect our Children's Minds—for Better and Worse" by Jane M. Healy, Ph.D, is a good case in point.

The first part of the title comes, of course, from the zany and often frustrating world of computer "error" messages, those irritating boxes that appear on the computer screen to tell you something is wrong. Healy's play on words, however, deals with a more fundamental and important issue: the failure to connect with each other and with ourselves.

Failure to Connect is divided into three parts. Part One, "Digital Dreams Meet Reality," reviews the current use of computers in schools and at home and offers reasonable and responsible guidelines for making choices about technology for children. Part Two, "Digital Childhood," treats the personal issues of technology use: brain development and the social, emotional and intellectual aspects of children and teens using computers. Part Three, "Doing it Right When the Time Is Right," is taken up with describing good and bad ways of using new learning technology with kids of different ages.

Jane Healy is an educational psychologist and long-time educator. Her 35-year career includes experience as a teacher and principal and consultant. She knows schools and she knows kids. As important, she is a parent and grandparent and an experienced computer user. Her book is based on hundreds of hours in classroom and home interviews and observations, and while her conclusions may be controversial, she does not fall either into the category of those who hate computers or those who worship them.

There are two compelling reasons to read this book. First, the book is filled with practical and insightful checklists on subjects ranging from choosing software to computer addiction. If you choose to connect, in computer terms, this book will save you a lot of legwork and frustration. More important, however, and the second reason this book should be on your bookshelf, is the section "Digital Childhood."

Digital childhood

What Healy knows about the most is the brain. The three chapters of "Digital Childhood" are an essential and easy- to-digest—primer on the brain, intelligence, learning styles and social and personal development. No matter how you feel about computers, Healy's discussion is a fascinating and personal appreciation of how children grow and develop.

As with all debates about technology — just think of the still raging 40-year debate about television — there are issues of power, who is gaining power and who may be losing power. A subtheme in "Failure to Connect" is the future of children and the future of education. Overwhelmingly, Healy urges parents and educators not to abandon children to technology and to reinvest in children and education in order to meet the challenges of a new invention, the computer.

Alice R. McCarthy, Ph.D., is a nationally known parent educator, writer and editor. She is the mother of five children and grandmother to eight. To leave a message for McCarthy, from a touch-tone phone, call (313)953-2047, mailbox 1894, or write her at The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Thanksgiving Day parade 'gets bigger and better each year'

BY BARB PERT TEMPLETON
STAFF WRITER

When Dr. Milton Gordon made his way down Woodward Avenue this morning, he wasn't dressed up as a pudgy penguin holding fast to a giant balloon. But he was having a ball just the same.

Gordon, of West Bloomfield ,marked his 14th year as a participant in the America's Thanksgiving Parade. This is the first year he wasn't walking the route as a balloon handler because large corporations now sponsor most of the balloons.

"I was a balloon handler with my brother-in-law and we had the Chilly Willy balloon when it was part of the parade. They dressed us up as penguins," Gordon said. "When we handled rocking horses and the fish balloon we were dressed as clowns."

Despite the change in handlers this year Gordon donned a Toy Soldier costume and took his place carrying a banner in front of a float along the parade route.

The annual holiday extravaganza that travels a two-mile route from Woodward and Mack to Woodward and Jefferson celebrates its 72nd year of providing Thanksgiving memories to millions.

This year's Grand Marshall's were legendary Motown singing group, The Temptations.

"This is the largest most sensational parade our organization has ever created. Staging this giant-sized spectacle would not be possible without the tremendous support from the city, our volunteers and participants in front of and behind the scenes," said Susie Gross, president of the Parade Company. "The parade is getting bigger and better each year. In fact, the ten new floats represent the largest number ever to debut in one year."

A few of the new floats created this fall include:

Aesop's Fables: A three piece float by Art Van Furniture that features a collection of children's stories. At a gigantic 73 feet in length it is the second longest float in the parade.

Goldilocks and the Three Bears: It's the first Mardi-Gras style float and is sponsored by General Motors. It has multiple levels, including a stage for the eight piece Simone Vitale Band .

The Grinch Who Stole Christmas: The float, sponsored by Hudson's, will include a moving sleigh and a swimming fish plus the Grinch's "antler-ed" dog, Max.

Cliff Pfeifle, a parade volunteer from Oxford, worked to give many of the huge floats a fresh look for this year's event.

Pfeifle, a compute systems developer who retired from Chrysler, worked as a volunteer last year and finds the experience very rewarding. He helped parade walkers get their costumes and make-up on at the start of the route early this morning.

"I really just do a little bit of everything there," he said. "I like to do things to help other people."

Gordon loves the people aspects of the parade work too. He always takes a group downtown with him and the pack includes family, friends, neighbors and patients from his dental practice.

The Parade Company was founded in 1984 in Detroit and is a non-profit organization. It also hosts the Hudson's Fireworks and the Detroit Red Wings Stanley Cup Victory Parade.

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Susie Gross
Parade Company president

Charter Township of Springfield

NOTICE OF ADOPTION AND SUMMARY
EXCAVATION AND EXTRACTION ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE NO. 70

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a regularly-scheduled meeting held on November 12, 1998, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Springfield adopted Ordinance No. 70, Excavation and Extraction Ordinance, which ordinance is summarized herein and shall be effective seven (7) days after publication of this Notice and summary.

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

PREAMBLE — States Purpose of ordinance.

ARTICLE/SECTION — CATCH LINES AND SUMMARIES

ARTICLE I — DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01-1.12 — Sets forth specific definitions of "Building Department," "Commercial Operations," "Earth Balancing," "Ground Water," "Person," "Processing," "Residential," "Soil Excavation and/or Mining," "Suitable Fill Material," "Surface Waters," "Township Board," and "Township."

ARTICLE II — PERMITS, PROCEDURE

Section 2.01 — Permit required. Establishes permitting requirement to operate a soil excavation site or perform earth balancing operations; sets forth activities for which no permit shall be required.

Section 2.02 — Authority of Planning Coordinator. Provides that Planning Coordinator has authority to administer provisions of ordinance.

Section 2.03 — Review by Planning Coordinator. Requires referral of application to Township Engineer, and other consultants as deemed necessary, and issuance of findings and written reports by Planning Coordinator to Township Board.

Section 2.04 — Granting of Permits. Specifies expiration date for permits, renewal provisions, and requirements which must be met to issue a permit.

Section 2.05 — Conditions. Authorizes Board to attach conditions to granting a permit and to revoke a permit when a condition has been violated.

Section 2.06 — Administrative Review. Sets forth circumstances when permit application may be handled solely by administrative review by Planning Coordinator.

ARTICLE III — APPLICATIONS

Section 3.01-3.13 — Specifies information which shall be provided by applicant upon submission of an applicant for permit.

ARTICLE IV — BONDS AND INSURANCE

Section 4.01 — Bonds. Requires applicants to post surety and specifies minimum sum and compliance guarantees of surety. Upon failure of applicant to fulfill conditions of permit, authorizes Township to use proceeds of surety to perform acts necessary to produce compliance. Grants license to Township to enter onto property for inspections and to bring property into compliance. Specifies conditions to be considered by Board in fixing the amount of surety, and requires applicant to notify financial institution and Township of any lapse in effectiveness of bond.

Section 4.02 — Insurance. Requires that applicant file certificates of insurance with Township Clerk insuring applicant, its employees/agents/representatives and Township; specifies minimum amount of insurance per person and per occurrence; requires notification to Township upon alteration or discontinuance of insurance.

ARTICLE V — PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Section 5.01 — Sets forth standards which must be met for soil excavation or removal, and filling of land requiring a permit; specifies compliance with Township's Environmental Performance Standards, establishes hours of operation and days of operation; drainage requirements, requirements to prevent tracking or leaving of mud or debris on public rights of way and use of flagmen for traffic control.

ARTICLE VI — REQUIREMENTS, SOIL EXCAVATION AND REMOVAL

Section 6.01 — Setbacks. Establishes minimum setback required for cutting or excavation.

Section 6.02 — Standing Water. Specifies actions which must be taken, under certain circumstances, to prevent accumulation of standing water.

Section 6.03 — Fence. Sets forth circumstances when a fence may be required.

Section 6.04 — Roads. Requires that certain sections of roads be kept dust free, and methods for doing so.

Section 6.05 — Topsoil. Sets forth requirements for stockpiling of suitable topsoils.

Section 6.06 — Processing. Restricts processing of minerals to E-1 Extractive Industrial Zoned District.

Section 6.07 — Slopes. Specifies minimum horizontal/vertical ratios for slopes and requires planting of vegetation to prevent soil erosion.

Section 6.08 — Soil Erosion Control. Requires that soil erosion control measures protect drainage courses, wetlands and adjacent properties.

Section 6.09 — Phasing. Sets forth maximum acres that may be excavated without having reclamation completed at any one time; gives Board authority to require that soil excavation and earth balancing operations be conducted in phases.

ARTICLE VII — RESTORATION AND INSPECTION

Section 7.01 — Requires progressive restoration of excavation site; specifies procedures for refund or reduction of bond; sets forth circumstances under which Township may use bond proceeds and gives Township authority to place lien against property for any additional amounts due for cost of restoration; sets forth notification procedures, and time period, regarding site restoration; allows for periodic inspections of property; sets forth action which Township may take if restoration not complete within 60 days after expiration of all permits.

ARTICLE VIII — ENFORCEMENT AND VARIANCES

Gives Township Supervisor or his/her representative authority to issue appearance tickets or civil infractions notices for violations, and gives Township Board right to grant variances from the literal application of provisions of ordinance.

ARTICLE IX — VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Section 9.01 — Presumption of Civil Infraction. States that a violation of this ordinance shall be deemed a municipal civil infraction.

Section 9.02 — Violation and Penalties. Establishes $75.00 fine for first offense, $150.00 fine for first repeat offense and $500.00 fine for second (or any subsequent) repeat offense; authorizes judge or magistrate to issue any judgment, writ or order necessary to enforce, or enjoin violation of, ordinance. States that each violation and each day a violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense; provides that in addition to remedies provided for in ordinance, other available remedies may be sought; authorizes judge or magistrate to impose costs, damages and expenses provided by law; provides that a default in payment of a fine, costs, damages, or expenses may be collected by the Township by a means authorized for the enforcement of a judgment under Chapters 40 or 60 of the Revised Judicature Act, MCL 600.101, et. seq., MSA 27A.101, et. seq., as amended; provides that the court may proceed on other sections of ordinance if a defendant fails to comply with an order or judgment; specifies that failure to answer a citation or notice to appear in court is punishable by a fine of not more than $500.00, plus costs and/or imprisonment not to exceed 90 days.

Section 9.03 — Civil Contempt. Specifies circumstances under which a defendant may be held in civil contempt; under certain conditions allows for additional time for payment; sets forth maximum term of imprisonment or amount due; specifies conditions which must be met before a defendant committed to imprisonment can be discharged from custody; cites provisions whereby the civil contempt shall be discharged.

ARTICLE X — REPEAL

Repeals all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent with provisions of this ordinance.

ARTICLE XI — SEVERABILITY

States that if any one part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, the balance of the ordinance remains in effect.

ARTICLE XII — EFFECTIVE DATE

States when ordinance becomes effective.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct summary of Ordinance No. 70, Excavation and Extraction Ordinance, adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Springfield Township Board held on the 12th day of November, 1998. A true and complete copy of the ordinance may be inspected or obtained at the office of the Springfield Township Clerk, 650 Broadway, Davisburg, MI 48350, at all times said office is open for business. Those needing a special accommodation should contact the Springfield Township Clerk's Office at least twelve (12) business days in advance.

NANCY STROLE, Clerk
Charter Township of Springfield

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Shapely WF, 48, brunette, no dependents, seeks intelligent, educated WM, who enjoys looking at the stars, escaping on weekends, and lively conversation. Friends first. Rochester area. ☎1772

GREAT PERSON
Attractive BF, 50, 5'6", 150lbs, N/S, educated, employed, no dependents, seeks one great male, 48-55, H/W proportionate, N/S a must, for monogamous relationship. Race open, must live alone. No hang-ups/baggage. ☎9878

WHAT A COMBINATION
Tall, thin, fiery-tempered SF, 30, blonde/blue. Passionate lover, great friend. Impressive to look at. Even better to converse and/or debate with. Did I mention confident? Call me. ☎1715

PROVERBS 3:15
41, 5'8", 135lbs, N/S, non-drinker, christian, brunette, seeks company of quality gentleman, for sharing and caring. Bloomfield area. ☎1719

GREAT PERSON/FUN
Black female, a young 50, affectionate, employed, N/S, social drinker, wide variety of interests. Seeking mature male, who's fun and affectionate, 46-54, N/S, with no hang ups. ☎1720

SWF - BUILT TO LAST
1963 limited edition. Shapely, sporty model, enjoys romantic, spontaneous excursions, or kicking back in neutral. Trunk contains: tennis racquet, books, CDs, yoga mat. Seeking ambitious SWM, to co-pilot across life's roads. ☎1718

SLEEPLESS IN LIVONIA
DWF, 27, 5'3", fun-loving, caring, loves movies, dining, bowling, Red Wings. Seeking a fun-loving, caring gentleman, 24-33, for a relationship. ☎1709

MAKE BEAUTIFUL MUSIC
DWF, 44, financially secure, professional musician, sexy, classy, blonde/blue, romantic. Seeking an outgoing, secure, college-educated S/DWM, 35-50, passion for life, for a possible LTR. ☎1660

BEAUTIFUL SMILE
Very attractive, athletic, slender, degreed DWF, 49, 5'7", enjoys sports, concerts, movies, laughter. Seeking tall, athletic, healthy, degreed, spontaneous, honest, widowed or DWM, 48-53, with sense of humor. Birmingham area. ☎1588

I WOULDN'T...
ask anyone do anything that I couldn't do. Imaginative, educated SJF, mid-50s, 5'6", blonde/green, slim, sweet disposition, self-supported. Bakes good Tooty Fruity cookies. Dutch Treat. Real and fun conversation. Commitment it right. ☎9373

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, 60+, blonde/blue, N/S, likes movies, dancing, dining out, traveling, cooking. Seeking honest, romantic SWM, 60+, N/S, for possible LTR. ☎1012

45, NO KIDS
Bright, sweet, playful DWF, 5'8", 275lbs, curvy, blonde, enjoys arts, beaches, sports, movies, reading. Seeking male friend/lover, to share time, talking, flirting, etc. ☎1625

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

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, 39, pretty, independent, happy, sensual woman of substance, seeks financially/emotionally secure black gentleman, late 30s+, for monogamous, physical and spiritual happiness. ☎9880

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

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

SHARE MY LIFE
Earthy, easygoing, independent, creative, young-at-heart SWF, 48, 5'10", enjoys antiques, animals, and log cabins. Seeking affectionate, secure gentleman, 6'+, who enjoys the outdoors. ☎1597

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

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, wally 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 60ish, 5'5", 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. ☎1193

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. ☎1108

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. ☎1085

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, N/S, 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, 60s, 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. ☎9915

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 6', 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

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

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, 5'8"-5'11". No games. You won't be disappointed. ☎1531

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

WANT TO FALL IN LOVE?
SWF, 39, brown/hazel, enjoys cooking, going up North, boating, dancing, seeks humorous, trustworthy, sensitive, physically fit, Catholic SWM, 35-40, 6'+, 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. ☎1656

LOOKING FOR THAT GENTLEMAN
DWF, 5'8", full-figured, reddish-brown hair, smoker, social drinker, enjoys movies/theater, quiet dinners. Seeking tall, financially secure gentleman, 48-55, who knows how to treat a lady. Westland area. ☎1441

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

MEN SEEKING WOMEN

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Exceptional, practical, playful, caring, tall, handsome SWPM, 40-ish, dark blonde/large blue, seeks attractive, slim SWF, under 46, N/S, with similar qualities, who's seriously interested in a relationship. See you soon. ☎9554

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

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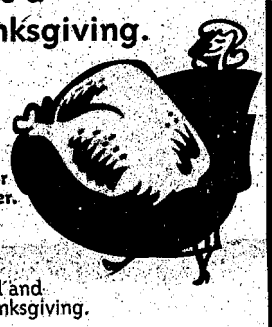

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STRONG SHOULDER, GOOD EAR
Fit, attractive, young-at-heart DWM, mid-40s, 6'3", 190lbs, enjoys travel, outdoors, quiet evenings, seeks cute, feminine counterpart, 35-45, for friendship, possible LTR. Canton area. ☎1773

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

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

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. ☎1716

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, 48, 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, attractive 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, I enjoy bicycling, art, music, reading, travel. Seeking attractive, multi-dimensional, slender soulmate. ☎1717

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

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. ☎1655

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, lets 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. ☎9818

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, 47-57", 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

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 activies. Seeking S/DW/HF, 25-35, with similar interests, for friendship first, possible LTR. ☎1535

SOMEWHAT HUMOROUS
Caring, attentive, friendly SWPM, dark blond/large gorgeous blue, tall, fit, and handsome, N/S, seeks attractive, slim, monogamous SWF, under 46, for possible LTR. No prima donnas, please. ☎9636

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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EXCEPTIONAL GUY
Easygoing, honest DWM, 35, 6'1", 215lbs, brown/blue, enjoys movies, dining out. Seeking SWF, 30-45, with similar interests, for possible LTR. ☎1528

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
This fresh, handsome trade-in is an incredible bargain, loaded with options, ready for delivery. Divorced? Bad credit? No problem—quick approval! ☎1287

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

WEST SIDE AREA
Attractive, financially secure DWM, 46, 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
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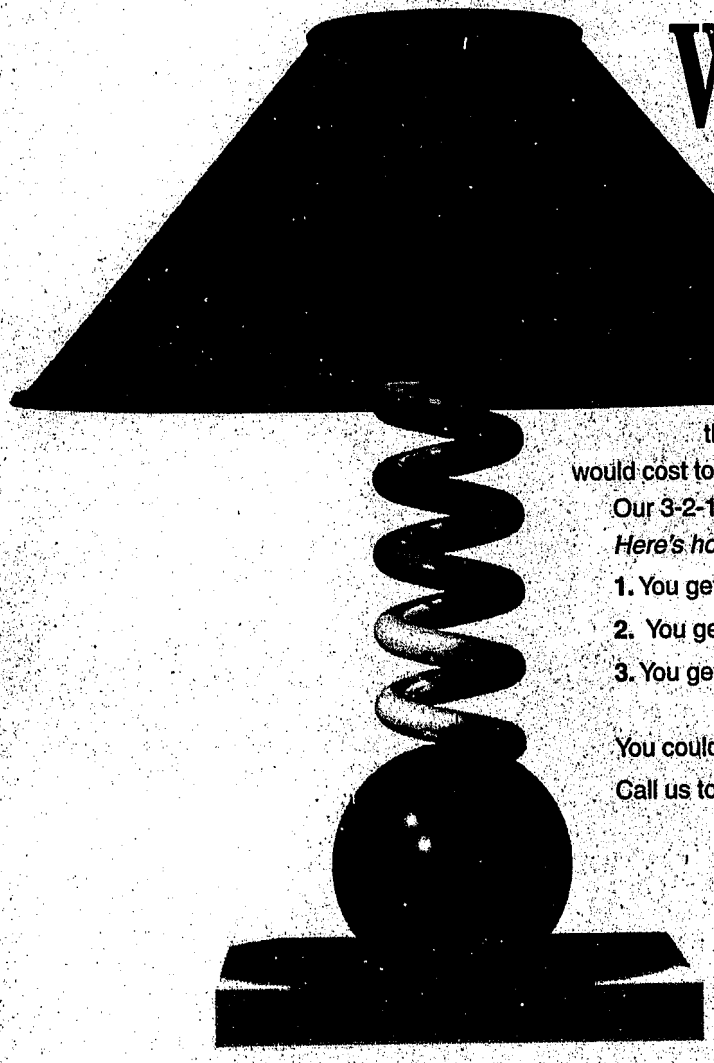

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BILL PARKER

Possible world record the hot topic of successful hunt season

The firearms deer season is drawing to a close and the season of 1998 won't soon be forgotten.

The hot topic of conversation throughout the hunting community these days is talk about a possible world-record buck shot a few weeks ago in northern Michigan.

Mitch Rompola, the current state record-holder for the biggest typical buck taken in Michigan with a bow and arrow, evidently topped that monster by whacking an unbelievable buck on Nov. 13th.

The Rompola Buck, as it will forever be known, is an enormous typical 12-point. The buck features a 38-inch spread and dressed out at 263 pounds.

November 13th must have been a good day to be in the field. Several area hunters also filled tags on Friday the 13th.

• Second-year archer Brian Goemaere took his second buck of the season on the evening of the 13th while hunting from a tree blind in Oakland County.

The Oakland Township hunter took a nice 8-point while hunting over a bait pile. Earlier in the season Goemaere also arrowed a 4-point from the same blind, which is located on the edge of an overgrown hay field and a stand of hardwoods

• Redford's Mark Landis was hunting from a tree blind in Washtenaw County on the 13th when a prize 9-point buck crossed his path. The 38-year-old hunter made a clean shot and tagged a 170-pound trophy. Landis was hunting on the edge of a cut cornfield.

• Steve Rock, of Birmingham, took a dandy 7-point with his bow and arrow on the evening of Friday the 13th. Rock was hunting over a bait pile along the edge of a swamp in Lapeer County.

• Fourteen-year-old Ryan Caddick didn't waste any time breaking into the ranks of the successful hunters. Hunting private land in Oakland County with his father Dean, the young of Oxford resident dropped a big doe on opening morning with his .410 ga. later that day Dean took his turn and tagged a mature 9-point buck with a 17-inch spread.

• Another father/son team has enjoyed exceptional success this year. Sixteen-year-old Chad Wedge, of Leonard, arrowed a dandy 7-point buck on October 17th while hunting in a stand of woods along the edge of an overgrown corn field in Oakland County.

On opening day of the firearms season Chad shot a button buck while hunting from a tree blind on the edge of a cut cornfield. His father, Bill, dropped a healthy 6-point buck late in the afternoon of opening day of the firearms season.

"I've got to look over my shoulder for Chad. He is a good hunter. This is his third season (hunting) and he's already shot two 7-points and six does," said Bill.

• Plymouth resident Merle Malville ventured up to the Traverse City-area for the firearms season and didn't waste any time filling his buck tag. The veteran hunter shot a trophy 8-point at 7:45 a.m. on Nov. 15. The rack features an 18-inch spread and 7-inch brow tines.

I'm sure there are many more successful hunters out there. If you, a friend or a relative had a successful hunting season let me know about it then look for your success story in upcoming issues of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

This isn't limited to buck hunters. Every deer is a trophy in one way or another so share your hunt with others by telling your success story. Send information to me at 805 E. maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009.

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Icers trail early, can't catch Lakers

■ The Clarkston Wolves wasn't left with much to be thankful for headed into the holiday after falling behind West Bloomfield and losing, 3-2, for its first hockey loss of the young season.

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Clarkston headed into the Thanksgiving holidays with a 1-1 record following Saturday's 3-2 loss at Lakeland Ice Arena versus West Bloomfield.

The Lakers (2-0) jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the first period and never fell behind. It was a wild second period with the two teams combining to score four goals.

The Wolves were led by Jeff Bemis, who had a goal and an assist and Adam Leech, who tallied his first goal of the season. Bill Kalush and D.J. Thomas also added assists.

Clarkston played it's best period of the match in the third but was unable to beat the West Bloomfield netminder despite constant pressure. For the game, Clarkston outshot the Lakers 17-16.

"At some points we beat ourselves," said head coach Bryan Krygier, who felt West Bloomfield often was first to the loose pucks in the zones and along the boards. "There was a lack of intensity in our guys."

Still, the Wolves played evenly with a talented West Bloomfield squad. Although the Lakers are playing their first year of high school varsity hockey, they are comprised of numerous players who have grown up playing on travel teams in the area.

Steve Badger made 13 stops in net for Clarkston and continues to play well. He is a key to the Wolves improving on defense as the season progresses.

"There are certain situations where the guys still aren't sure what to do," said Krygier, referring to the play in Clarkston's own zone. "With a new system, that is going to take some time and they'll learn."

The system Krygier has instituted this year focuses on positional play, particularly in the defensive zone. He said his players need to become less reactive and more disciplined. As a result, the Wolves are likely to compete in lower scoring games than they did a year ago.

As an example, when the puck is in the corner in Clarkston's zone, Krygier has stressed containing the opposing player and his puck control. He refers to it as "read and react."

"And the system involves being responsible for (man) coverage," said Krygier. "That means angling a guy off properly and not letting him walk in on our net."

Although the Wolves have worked extensively on positional play the previous two weeks in practice, it is only from game experience where they really learn how effective it can be.

Krygier praised the play of West Bloomfield, a team he felt played with a great deal of discipline.

It was no mistake the Wolves generally controlled play in the third period. Krygier wants his squad to be the best conditioned team when the third period arises and with the amount of skat-

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Dragons drop semifinal to Rams

CLASS AA PLAYOFFS

BY BRAD KADRICH
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Lake Orion quarterback Darren Tooley would have loved to stop and smell the roses as his Dragons made their first appearance in a state football semifinal game Saturday.

But the Rockford Rams never gave him the time.

The Rams hurried and harried Tooley into his worst statistical game of the season and took advantage of four Dragon turnovers to post a 48-7 win in a Class AA semifinal at Lansing Everett.

The win advanced the Rams (11-1) into the state championship game against Redford-Detroit Catholic Central Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Pontiac Silverdome.

The Rams sacked Tooley several times, hurried him several more and basically manhandled the smaller Dragons on both sides of the ball in handing the Dragons (10-2) their first loss since a Week 3 beating at the hands of Troy.

"They physically beat our butt at every position," Lake Orion coach Chris Bell said. "Up front they manhandled us, and our receivers couldn't get off the line. They're just a physically dominant football team."

It started on Rockford's second possession of the game.

The Rams fumbled the first time they touched the ball, but Lake Orion couldn't take advantage of it.

When they got the ball back after a Dragon punt, the Rams marched 63 yards in 11 plays, taking 4:35 to put up a 7-0 lead.

Quarterback Dan Richard got the score on a one-yard quarterback sneak.

The Dragons fumbled on the ensuing kickoff, and the Rams recovered at the Dragon 10.

Three plays later, Richard found a wide-open Steve Mikulak for a three-yard touchdown that gave the Rams a 14-0 lead with 2:41 still left in the first quarter.

Then came the game's turning point, if there is a turning point in a 48-7 game.

The Dragons faced fourth-and-two at the Ram 48, and Bell decided to go for it. Tooley's pass for Adam Eldridge was high, and the Rams took over.

Seven plays later it was 20-0 after a 26-yard touchdown pass to Brad Hambleton, and the game was, for all intents and purposes, over.

■ 'The fourth down call was mine. I thought we needed to make something happen.'

Chris Bell
—Lake Orion coach

"The fourth down call was mine," Bell said afterward. "I thought we needed to make something happen. It turned out to haunt us."

The Dragons made another mistake on the ensuing drive, and the Rams wasted little time converting it into points.

Ryan Kerekes dove in front of a Tooley pass intended for Eldridge and picked it off. It took the Rams four plays to go 21 yards, this time on a perfectly-executed wrap-around draw play to Mikulak, who scooted 14 yards to put Rockford up 27-0.

Rockford's Chris Maksim returned an interception 31 yards for a 34-0 lead on a Lake Orion drive that was a microcosm of the day for the Dragons.

On first down, Tooley was sacked by Jon Polczak for a 17-yard loss. Steve Seargeant was then dropped for a two-yard loss by Asa Fuhrmeister before Maksim's pick.

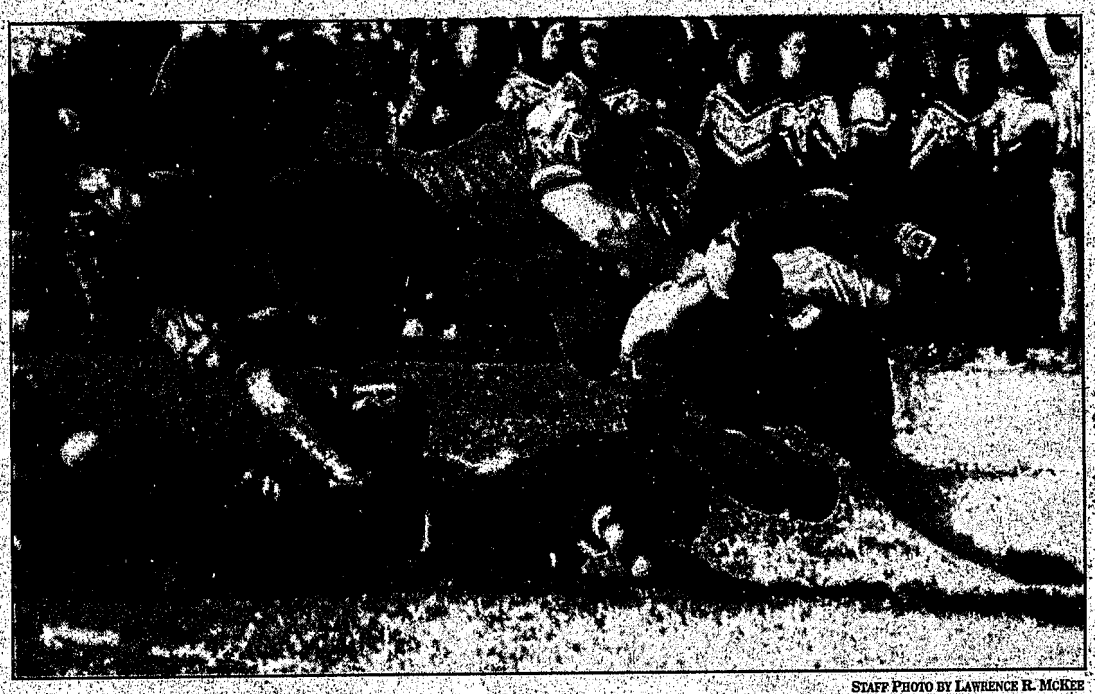
"The turnovers in the first half killed us," Bell said. "In games like this, you can't lose turnovers. We just made some mistakes, and once the ball started rolling, we couldn't stop it."

The Dragons were shut out until 1:02 remained on the clock, when Derek Lindamood, who finished with 77 yards on eight carries, most of it late, scored from six yards out.

Tooley finished 6-of-24 for just 63 yards with the two interceptions. Defensively, Zak Keasey led the Dragons with 15 tackles and a fumble recovery.

Steve Sheffield had 10 tackles, Matt Wohlgemuth had nine and Chuck Ventimiglia recovered a fumble.

"We just didn't play well," Bell said. "But part of that is Rockford is a good football team."



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Through the air: *Lake Orion wide receiver Adam Eldridge (6) comes down with a reception despite the best efforts of Rockford defender Mike Lundberg (8) and his teammates during the Rams' 48-7 win over the Dragons in Saturday's Class AA state semifinal.*

Eagles drop season opener to No. 1 Patriots

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For three years, opposing coaches throughout Michigan have been trying to figure out a way to stop Todd Weber and Dave Dalton. On Monday, the Temperance Stateline Christian duo continued the mystery and added a another victim to their list.

Weber, a 6-foot-3 senior forward, and Dalton, a 5-8 senior guard, combined for 50 points and 22 rebounds as the Patriots rolled past host Clarkston Springfield Christian 70-31 in the season opener for both teams.

"Those two are very strong players, but we are a very expereinced team with six of our top seven players being seniors," said Stateline coach Tom Hobbins. "With that many seniors, we're way ahead of schedule even though we've only had two weeks of practices."

Weber broke the Monroe County career scoring mark against Springfield, tossing in a game-high 29 points to go along with nine rebounds and three assists. Weber was 12-for-25 shooting and 5-of-6 from the free throw line to give him 1,707 career points. The old record was 1,693 set by current Toledo University head coach Stan Joplin.

Meanwhile, Dalton was 9-of-17 from the field, including two 3-pointers, for 21 points to go along with 13 rebounds and 10 assists for the Patriots (1-0, No. 1 MACS).

"(Stateline) ran its offense very efficiently, and that's something that we struggled to do," said Springfield coach Dennis Hopkins. "We played the game at the tempo we liked, but we didn't take a lot of high-percentage shots like they did. That's why Stateline is so successful. They execute their offense so well and they take a lot of high-percentage shots."

Stateline, which has won the past three Michigan Association of Christian Schools Divsion 1 state title the past three seasons and has only one loss to a Michigan opponent with Weber and Dalton in its lineup, came out of the gate on fire and led 19-8 after the first quarter.

Dalton was a perfect 5-for-5 from the field in the opening frame, with many backdoor feeds coming from Weber.

"Those guys know how to play together," said Hobbins. "They always seem to be on the same page."

STATELINE CHRISTIAN (71) — Bobby Morrissey 3 0-0 6; Adam Minnich 0 0-0 0; Aaron Allen 1 0-0 2; Mark Walton 1 0-0 2; Dave Dalton 7 (2) 1-2 21; Matt Worley 0 0-0 0; Todd Weber 12 5-6 29; John Klemmer 1 3-4 5; Mike Ringle 1 (1) 0-0 5; Glen Stemer 0 0-0 0; Josh Fouck 0 0-0 0; **TOTALS** — 26 (3) 9-12 70.

SPRINGFIELD CHRISTIAN (30) — Matt Christie 0 (1) 0-0 3; Trevor Cole 0 0-2 0; Mike Digg 0 2-2 2; Jon Vanaman 4 0-1 8; Tony Gonzalles 0 (1) 0-0 3; Felipe Brito 0 1-2 1; Adam Armstrong 2 0-2 4; Greg Irish 1 (1) 0-0 5; Tom Reece 0 0-0 0; Knoa Knapper 0 1-2 1; Tom Devine 2 0-3 4; **TOTALS** — 9 (3) 4-14 31.

Weber really started to heat up in the second quarter and knocked down 19 points by halftime.

Meanwhile, the Eagles (0-1), who return just one player with extensive playing time from a year ago, struggled from the field in the second quarter, shooting 4-for-12 in the stanza, and found itself in a 34-17 hole by halftime.

"We are a young team and that has to be taken into consideration," said Hopkins. "But we now see what we need to work on. We need to stick to our offense and we need to play a lot better team defense. We gave up too many easy baskets tonight."

Mike Ringle, a 6-1 sophomore forward, added five points, six rebounds, four steals and four assists for the Patriots, and 6-3 senior center John Klemmer supplied five points and five rebounds for Stateline.

Junior forward Jon Vanaman led Springfield with eight points and eight rebounds, while 6-4 junior center Adam Armstrong supplied four points and nine boards for the Eagles.

Wildcats' run ends in loss to Captains

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When the Oxford Wildcats beat Lapeer East to capture a district title Friday, they jumped out front and led the Eagles wire-to-wire.

And for the first four minutes of Monday's Class A regional semifinal, it looked like deja vu all over again against Waterford Kettering.

But the Captains righted their ship, used a second-quarter outburst to take a sizeable lead, and cruised to a 56-38 win over the Wildcats at Macomb Dakota High School.

The Captains (18-5) outscored the Wildcats 16-0 over the last two minutes of the first quarter and the first five minutes of the second.

Kettering used its quickness, smooth passing and high-pressure defense to put the spurt together, and knock the Wildcats out of contention.

"We talked about them not getting runs like that," Oxford coach Ian Smith said. "We talked about staying patient if they put a couple of baskets together. I don't think we did that."

The Wildcats trailed 31-16 at the intermission, but used a run of their own to get back in the game through the middle of the third quarter. The run was fueled by strong rebounding and solid defense.

With her Wildcats trailing 38-23, senior guard Melissa Dopirak, who saved one of her best games for last, scored on a backdoor feed fromjunior Tonya Seidl.

A few seconds later, freshman Payge Salquist drained a 3-pointer.

After Kettering's Andrea Hillsey missed a 3-pointer, Oxford junior Liz Holbrook hit a pair of free throws to make it 38-30.

On the next possession, Hillsey missed another 3-pointer and Devon Hillstrom missed an easy putback.

Holbrook hauled down the rebound, and the Wildcats found a wide-open Dana Millard in the corner at the other end. Millard canned the 3-pointer and Oxford had pulled within 38-33.

But the Captains put together a 7-2 run that stretched the lead to 45-35 with 7:20 left, and Oxford never really threatened after that.

■ 'They're fundamentally sound and they're physically strong. It's tough to come back against a team like that when you're down 15 points.'

Ian Smith
—Oxford basketball coach

"There were so good," Smith said of the Captains. "They're fundamentally sound and they're physically strong. It's tough to come back against a team like that when you're down 15 points."

Holbrook finished with 19 points, eight rebounds, two blocked shots and three steals.

Millard had eight points, while Andrea Fedorinchik scored six and Salquist added four.

Seidl finished with three steals, while Dopirak, the Wildcats' point guard, dished out eight assists.

Oxford jumped out to an early 7-2 lead behind Holbrook and Millard.

Holbrook got her own offensive rebound, then converted a three-point play for a 5-0 lead. After Amanda Batcha put Kettering on the board, Millard sank a jumper from just inside the arc.

But the Captains put together an 8-2 spurt to take their first lead, and a layup from Holbrook with 1:55 left accounted for Oxford's only other points of the opening period.

Seidl stopped the bleeding caused by Kettering's 16-0 run by canning a jumper with 2:50 left in the first half.

Millard hit a 3-pointer and Fedorinchik hit a long-distance jumper with a foot on the arc. But it wasn't enough to overcome a large deficit.

"I just think we were out of synch in the first half," Smith said. "We made some adjustments, and our girls made a great run, but (Kettering) settled down."

Hillsey led the Captains with 16 points. Allison Keebaugh finished with 12 points.

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STAFF PHOTO BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

Boxed In: *Oxford's Liz Holbrook finds herself penned in by the defense of Waterford Kettering's Amanda Batcha (right) and Allison Keebaugh. The Captains beat Oxford, 56-38.*

SPORTS BRIEFS

Alumni game

The Lake Orion 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.

Nagel hot

Former Oxford Wildcat Bhree Nagel, now a star at Rochester College, continues to shine in her sophomore season.

Nagel, who was an All-American at Rochester last year, set a school record with 38 points in a recent game against Concordia. Nagel hit 13-of-19 from the floor, and made 12-of-24 free throws.

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.

Contestants should arrive 30 minutes prior to the event to register. Call chairman Art Parker, 673-5469.

Shock tryouts

The Detroit Shock will hold tryouts for girls' AAU basketball teams Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Oakland Community College Auburn Hills campus.

The tryouts will be for teams in four separate age divisions, including girls born in 1983, 1984, 1985 and 1986. Coaches have experience in taking teams to AAU nationals.

There is a $5 registration charge at the door. For more information call: For 1983 age group, Rich, (810) 768-1417; for 1984 age group, Larry, (248) 620-0238; for 1985 age group, Stacy, (810) 636-2006, and for 1986 age group, John, (248) 693-8943.

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.

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■ 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.

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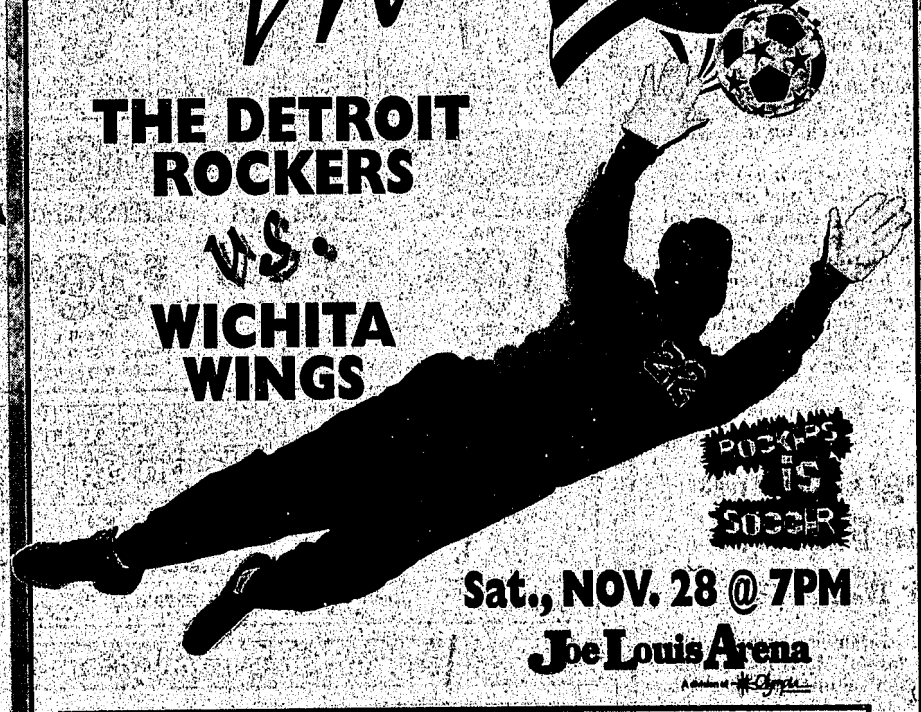

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Oxford's playoff run ended by Harrison

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Oxford began the season with a harsh 48-0 defeat by defending Class A champion Farmington Hills Harrison, and to the surprise of many, the Wildcats got a chance at a rematch in the state semifinals.

But as surprising as the rematch was Saturday, the outcome was not as the top-ranked Hawks hounded the Wildcats once again and rolled to a convincing 48-7 triumph at Rochester High School.

Top-ranked Harrison (12-0) will make its state record 12th state finals appearance at 1 p.m. Friday at the Pontiac Silverdome when they take on 10th-ranked Hudsonville (11-1). Oxford, making its fourth Final Four appearance in the 1990s, finished 9-3.

Junior tailback Kevin Woods was the biggest thorn in the Wildcats' side as he rushed for 159 yards on seven carries — one rush was for a loss — and scored on runs of 57, 63, eight and 22 yards for Harrison.

"Some people had said I wasn't running hard enough and that put some fire down in me," said Woods. "I just want a chance to run the ball now. Coach (John) Herrington always tells me to keep driving with my feet when I run the ball and that's what I try to do."

Besides Woods, Harrison had several players caught in the offensive act. A total of seven players rushed for the Hawks, including junior Corey Davis, who had seven carries for seven yards.

In the air, senior quarterback David Pesci was 6-for-8 passing for 110 yards, while senior Mike Hoad had two catches for 36 yards, and seniors Ricky Bryant and Brian Nelson both had two catches for 34 and 32 yards, respectively.

The Hawks' weapons made quite an impression on Oxford coach Bud Rowley.

"They've got a really nice football team," he said. "They've got great players and they had a great day. They had a little more than we did and that's the bottom line.

Apparently, the Hawks had a lot more than the Wildcats on this particular day. While Oxford only broke into Harrison territory one time in the first half, the Hawks nearly scored at will.

On the second play of the game, Woods broke a tackle near the line of scrimmage and rambled 57 yards for paydirt with 10:55 still left in the opening quarter. Senior Joe Ghannam nailed his first of six PATs for a 7-0 lead.

Oxford fumbled on the ensuing possession with Amir Trombley recovering, and Harrison converted that into points seven plays later when senior Matt Turney scored on a 1-yard plunge.

Oxford once again coughed up the ball on their next drive with Turney later scoring on a 1-yard out with 11:49 remaining in the second quarter for the Hawks.

"We haven't had too many turnovers in the playoffs, but really that's not what hurt us today," said Rowley. "They've just got a very good football team."

Woods piled on two more touchdowns before halftime — a 63-yard burst around right end and a seven-yard jaunt to the left corner of the end zone — as the Hawks headed into intermission with a commanding 34-0 advantage.

"We basically talked (at halftime) that it was time to play for respectability," said Rowley about his halftime speech. "We made a couple of nice drives in the second half and we did OK."

Harrison was able to tack on one more touchdown — a 22-yard TD run by Woods with 9:11 left in the third — before the Wildcats got on the board.

Senior Joe White scored on a 1-yard run on the first play of the fourth quarter for the Wildcats, who were led by senior George Gomez's 86 yards on 14 carries.

However, Harrison was able to add another tally with 10:18 to play when Davis raced 52 yards to cap the scoring.

"I thought we had a very balanced attack and our defense had them in check," said Herrington.

Although the season came to an abrupt end fro the Wildcats, Rowley was not discouraged.

"We really had a helluva run," he said. "We finished 9-3 and most people thought we would finish something like 5-4. I'm looking forward to next season. I'd like to hurry up and get winter, and then spring and summer over, so we can get next season going."

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ing Clarkston has done the first two weeks of the season, it is no surprise they appeared to be the stronger team in the waning minutes Saturday.

"We want to have everyone still playing with fresh legs in the third," he said, adding his squad did pick up the overall intensity in the third period. "We shouldn't lose any games because we aren't conditioned late in the game."

The Wolves also are getting more ice time for practice as Krygier has made arrangements with local ice rinks, including Lakeland, to insure that. With a limited number of ice rinks in the area and the ever-increasing number of high schools fielding hockey squads, getting enough practice can be a problem.

Clarkston had off Monday and Tuesday and took to the ice yesterday for practice. They will skate again tomorrow in preparation for Saturday night's 8 p.m. puck drop at Allen Park High School.

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Registration due Friday for McGrath

Registration has begun for the 17th-annual McGrath League basketball clinic at Clarkston High School.

The clinic is open to players in grades 4-9, and starts Dec. 5.

Cost is $65 for the first child, $50 for additional children in the same family.

Registration deadline is Nov. 27.

For more information, call the Clarkston athletic office, 623-4002.

Sessions are scheduled for Dec. 5, 12 and 19; Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30; and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Sessions start with fourth-graders at 11 a.m. and run an hour apiece through 5 p.m.

Players who are playing more than one hour must get permission and pay for the additional time.

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.

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.

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.

FISHING BUDDYS
Fishing Buddys Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. The meetings are open to all anglers. Call (248) 656-0556 for more information.

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 firearms season runs Nov. 15-30 statewide. 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 is Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-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.

RABBIT/HARE
Rabbit/hare season run through March 31 statewide.

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.

PONTIAC LAKE
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7800 Gale Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 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.

BACKPACKING PICTURED ROCKS
Take a slide-illustrated backpacking trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore during this program, which begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Stony Creek.

WHITE-TAILED DEER
Search for deer signs and learn the whitetail's life history during this program, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at Indian Springs. A similar program will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

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.

ECO-EXPLORERS
Eco-explorers ages 6-8 will learn about the use of camouflage, mimicry and warning colors in the natural world through live and mounted animals, games, crafts and slides during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Independence Oaks.

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.

STATE PARKS

STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year.
A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390.
For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 685-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

HOLIDAY TREES
Take a horse-drawn hayride through farmland to pick out your holiday tree during this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5-6 and Dec. 12-13, at Maybury. Cost is $30 per family and includes hayride, choice of pre-cut tree and daily motor vehicle permit.

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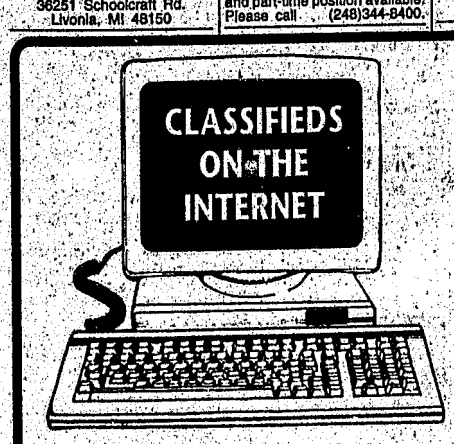

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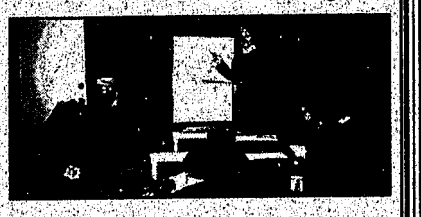

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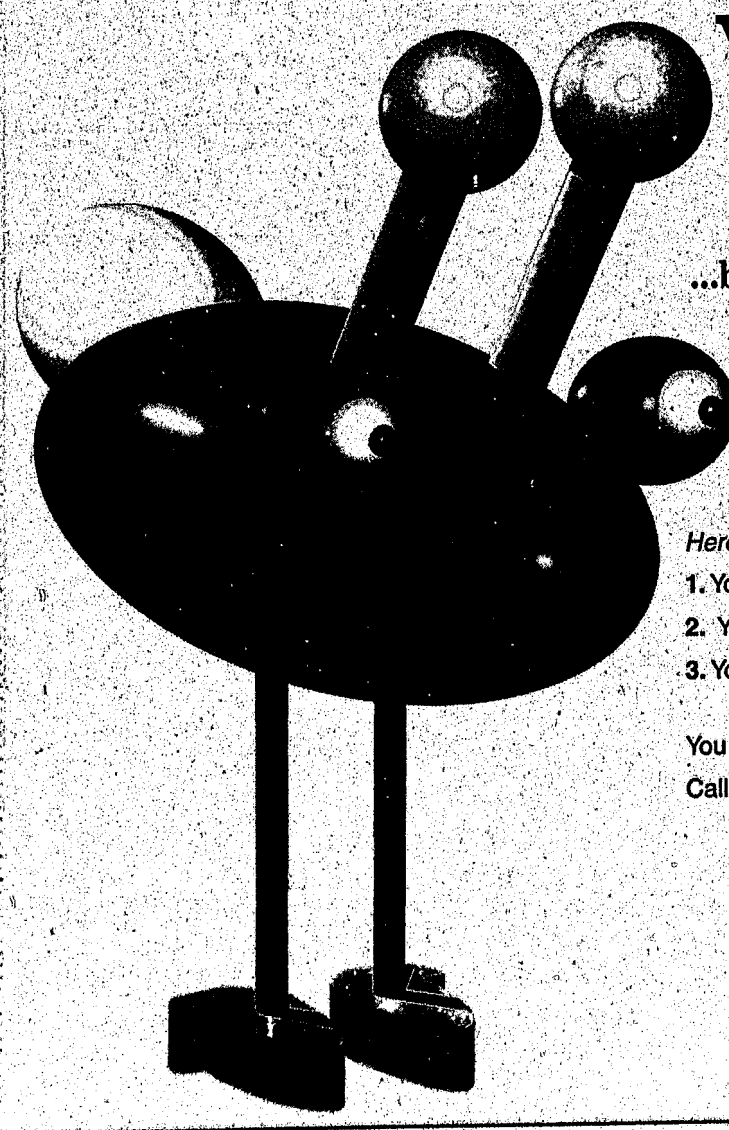

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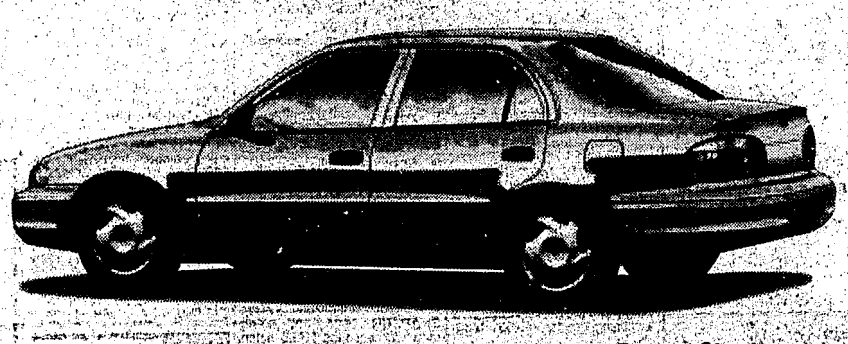

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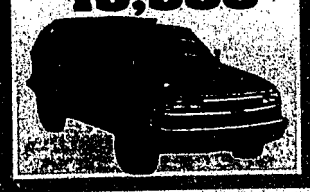

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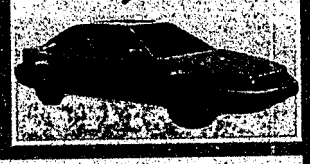

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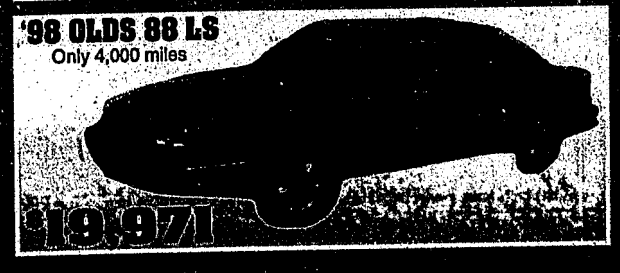

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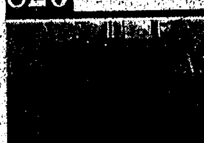

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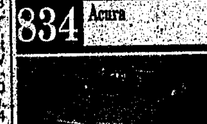

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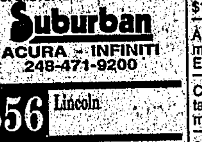

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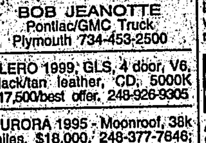

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870 Saturn

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872 Toyota

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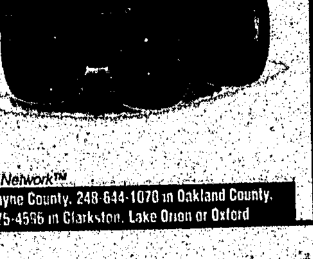

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Honoree: *Richard L. Komer, whose company is involved in projects all over the metro area, has been selected Builder of the Year by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan.*

Komer – Builder of Year

BY DOUG FUNKE
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His business philosophy is rather simple and straightforward:

"To build a quality product that's affordable," said Richard L. Komer, partner in the development/building company of Wineman & Komer in Southfield.

"Building something innovative – that's another thing. And being honest with the public and educating the public," he added.

Komer, 58, a Bloomfield Hills resident, has been selected as Builder of the Year by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan for promoting the interests and objectives of the group.

He will be honored at the association's annual leadership recognition and awards night Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Komer concentrated in real estate law and worked for Rose Hill Builders and Biltmore Homes before taking up with brothers Henry II and John Wineman 22 years ago.

"Now, I do land acquisition, land development," Komer said. "I'm in charge of sales and marketing of the finished product. Henry's in charge of the financial end. John's in charge of field construction."

Wineman & Komer first built at Emerald Estates in Troy. Other projects under way or completed include Clarkston Pines (Independence Township), Boulder Park (Bloomfield Hills), Roundtree Subdivision (Orion Township), Polo Club Apartments (Farmington Hills) and Country Club Manors of Oak Pointe (Brighton).

"We build from production housing all the way to ultra custom for $2 million," Komer said. "We do major remodelings."

The firm also has constructed its own office building and now is getting involved in senior housing.

"I like to take development from beginning to end and see the reaction of people living in a community, happy to live there, enjoying their neighbors," Komer said.

A licensed builder and real estate broker, Komer is a director with BIA, the Michigan Association of Home Builders and the National Association of Home Builders.

He's also active on sales and marketing, legal and legislative committees.

"The biggest challenge facing builders now would be finding available, well-located property that's affordable," he said.

"Second, competing with large, national building companies that will soon be entering the market. And proper market research, working with consultants, so you build the right product in the right location," Komer said.

Komer, married to Judy for 33 years, is dad to Margery and Nancy.

"I think he's always had a love of hard work," said Judy, a Realtor with Cranbrook Associates. "He just has a real interest in it. Some people just punch a clock. He's a man who loves his work."

Henry Wineman, who described Komer as a good friend, said the three partners complement each other well.

"Once Dick has a project or an undertaking, he has a tremendous follow-through. He keeps prodding along until it gets finished. He's very conscientious," Wineman said.

Komer also toils hard on behalf of the association, added Stuart Michaelson, president of Stewart Homes.

"Specifically, he's working on a program with Realtors and builders to put together a formalized relationship in terms of paying commissions," Michaelson said. "He's a very honest guy, somebody you can work with and trust what he says."

When not developing land or building houses, Komer enjoys golf, fishing, classical music, traveling and movies.

Most affordable

Here are the 10 metro areas in selected Midwest communities with the lowest percentage of gross income needed for monthly payments based on 1997 purchases.

City	% of income
1. Houston	24.1
2. Kansas City	24.7
3. Indianapolis	24.8
4. Tampa Bay	25.5
5. Philadelphia	25.7
6. Pittsburgh	25.8
7. Salt Lake City	26.1
8. Minneapolis	26.4
9. St. Louis	26.5
10. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale	27.1
Cleveland	28.3
Chicago	29.2
Detroit	31.7
Milwaukee	34.7

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

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In search of the right score to qualify for a loan

MORTGAGE SEARCH

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Part 2 of 2

Ask seasoned mortgage underwriters, and they will tell you that a mortgage's ultimate performance depends on far more than a borrower's credit report.

It is this intuition that has led five mortgage industry companies in the last two years to develop and introduce commercially available mortgage scoring systems.

Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp. (MGIC) in the spring of 1996 became the first to introduce a model designed exclusively to numerically score the probability of a mortgage going through foreclosure.

Mortgage scoring models available today have several things in common. For example, they were developed using historical mortgage performance data and designed to specifically predict the performance of mortgage loans, not smaller-balance consumer loans.

They consider more than just a borrower's credit report. Important risk factors such as loan-to-value ratio, loan type, property type, the health of real estate markets, debt-to-income ratio, and loan term are generally included.

Also, most scoring models available today incorporate the the traditional borrower credit score produced by a model developed by Fair, Isaac and Co. (FICO) score. But it is the consideration of the other risk factors that enhance the predictive power of mortgage scoring systems beyond FICO.

Mortgage scores objectively and consistently quantify a mortgage's risk, allowing lenders to make even more educated decisions about whether a mortgage will be paid on time.

In underwriting, this allows loans with higher scores to be handled more quickly, thereby moving borrowers to closing more quickly. It also helps loans with lower scores receive an appropriate amount of underwriter review.

Mortgage scoring also shifts the focus of underwriting from the borrower's credit profile to the whole loan package. This means that mortgage scores can identify mortgages as being lower risk, even when their credit scores predict that they are higher risk.

Clearly, scoring has arrived – and it has arrived to deliver greater predictive power, improved efficiency and productivity, and better profitability.

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Association will get the lawyer it deserves

REAL ESTATE QUERIES

ROBERT M. MEISNER

The attorney for our association has done a good job, but the board of directors, under pressure from certain malcontents at the condominium, wants to find a cheaper attorney.

We interviewed an attorney who guaranteed that our delinquency problem would be corrected and otherwise bad-mouthed our present attorney, claiming that our current lawyer had had unnecessary problems collecting fees.

Nonetheless, the board hired the attorney, and I am dismayed at their short-sightedness and naiveté. Do you have any comments?

Any attorney who guarantees a result to a client is looking for trouble, since there is no guarantee of any outcome in any a particular course of litigation.

Obviously, attorneys may give opinions as to how they would seek to deal with collection and other association issues, but for the board to accept carte blanche that the attorney will obtain a certain result may well be naïve.

As to the attorney's comments about your present attorney, that type of "bad-mouthing" should speak for itself and, frankly, goes to the integrity and class – or lack thereof – of the attorney making the statements. If your association is penny-wise and pound foolish, it will probably end up getting what it deserves.

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Otto Binggeser enters Hall of Fame

BY DOUG FUNKE
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Otto Binggeser said he's never stepped away from a challenge, rarely taken no for an answer.

Not when he immigrated to the Detroit area from Germany in 1953 with a wife and young daughter and $600 in debt.

Not as he branched out from painting to drywalling to residential construction.

Not when the inevitable valleys occurred during the business cycle.

Not as he continues to stay active at the age of 75 on a consulting basis in Bing Construction, which he started nearly four decades ago.

Binggeser's devotion to the construction business and his leadership in the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan have resulted in his selection to that organization's Hall of Fame.

"The average immigrant, no matter where he comes from, is not the average representative of that country," Binggeser said. "It takes guts ... to go to an unknown future.

"I had made good money as a specialty painter. I had my own dance band. I had confidence in myself. I just came over to better myself. I reached for it."

And he grabbed it. Binggeser made the most of his opportunity by working hard and networking contacts before the term became fashionable in business today.

"I thought the grass was greener on the other side of the fence," he said. "I felt I could do it, too. I knew many, many builders personally."

Binggeser's company has built more than a thousand houses and apartments in the Detroit area. The first were constructed just blocks away from the firm's current headquarters in Bloomfield Hills.

Otto Binggeser
Hall of Famer

"Having started in the building trades, I long ago recognized that a builder is only as good as his staff, subcontractors and suppliers," he said. "It's very important to surround yourself with the right people."

Binggeser counts among the highlights of his career – in addition to being recognized as an outstanding tradesman – his terms as president of the Building Industry Association and the Michigan Drywall Contractors Association.

His greatest thrill in building?

"The challenge to see the house go up from the basement, every day making progress, satisfying homeowners," Binggeser said.

Irvin H. Yackness, longtime executive director of the association, said he's amazed at what Binggeser has accomplished.

"I think a great deal of Otto," Yackness said. "In a way, I love the man. He's worked so hard and overcome so much hardship.

"He managed in spite of starting with nothing and a language problem. As a painter, he used to go from job to job on a streetcar.

"The perfect house has never been built," Yackness said. "Otto tried to come as close as humanly possible to do a no-defect house. Because of that, he has a very prosperous building business. Otto never became arrogant. He's retained his humility."

Donald Van Every, an Auburn Hills developer/builder, is a BIA Hall-of-Famer himself.

"Otto is a great guy," Van Every said. "He's a self-made man. He's a naturalist; he loves trees. He has a place up north where he's planted thousands. His day is made when he can walk in the woods.

"He knows what he's doing," Van Every added. "He knows what it takes to do a good job. He does it. And he's honest."

Binggeser, married to Lonny and dad to Ursula and Susan, enjoys traveling, hunting and family gatherings.

He offers this advice to young people breaking into the business. "Keep your eyes open. Keep your ears open. Put your brain in gear. You have to be willing to learn."

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
6678 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 $168,000
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
6565 Waldon Glens Ct $175,000

Commerce Township
4242 Arbour Dr $211,000
2505 E Oakley Park Rd $600,000
2036 Metzner Rd $139,000
5200 Paula Crest Dr $151,000
5517 Starwood $189,000
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
34105 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 $285,000
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 Hetke Dr $350,000
21833 Inkster Rd $115,000
34391 Lakehurst Dr $250,000
29440 Meadow Rdg N $179,000
24056 Middlebelt #17 $70,000
28859 Millbrook Rd $275,000
35255 Muer Cv $199,000
28011 Old Colony St $390,000
23139 Potomac Cir $229,000
30432 Rockshire Ave $212,000
38294 Saratoga Cir $153,000
28035 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 $48,000
633 Renshaw St $125,000
988 River Mist Dr $263,000
1002 River Mist Dr $215,000
1015 River Mist Dr $237,000
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
654 Wyngate Dr $65,000

Rochester Hills
1251 Avon Cir E $200,000
3114 Avon Manor Rd $115,000
1401 Barneswood Ln $204,000
3507 Blue Heron Ln $357,000
1109 Brompton Rd $320,000
469 Buttercup Dr $233,000
3209 Charlwood Dr $350,000
3875 Cone 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 $169,000
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 $269,000
833 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 $266,000
430 Tanglewood Dr $260,000
566 Tennyson $140,000
2864 Trailwood 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
29606 Briarbank Ct $255,000
25020 Champlaign #4d $108,000
28103 Everett St $70,000
29690 Everett St $120,000
27460 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
29895 Marshall St $144,000
30545 Marshall St $145,000
27350 Nantucket Dr $179,000
23231 Plumbrooke Dr $138,000
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
28835 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 $162,000
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 Delaford Dr $220,000
3898 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
6926 Mountain Dr $274,000
2316 Orpington Dr $160,000
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
4629 Squirrel Hill Dr $480,000
335 Starr Dr $145,000
2359 Sweet Dr $287,000
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 Hl N $76,000
490 N Pontiac Trl $160,000
375 Neptune Dr $90,000

West Bloomfield
7484 Arrowood Dr $225,000
7096 Balmoral Dr $110,000
7098 Balmoral Dr $110,000
4293 Barcroft Way $340,000
5936 Barnstable Ct $272,000
6742 Beverly Crest Dr $235,000
3174 Bloomfield Park Dr $360,000
4228 Breckenridge Dr $178,000
5986 Cromwell Rd $222,000
7094 Danbrooke $239,000
7118 Danbrooke $241,000
5458 Deerfield Village $205,000
6965 Golden Ct $125,000
6397 Golden Ln $135,000
3510 Green Lake Rd $153,000
2998 Green Woods Ct $259,000
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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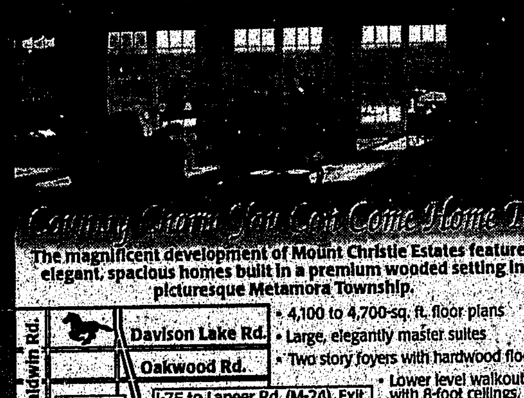

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15 yr FX	6.50	2/295	5%	60 days	6.36
1 yr ARM	6.875	2/295	10%	60 days	8.157
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1 yr ARM	4.50	0/0	5%	60 days	6.60
1 yr JUMBO ARM	[illegible]	0/0	5%	60 days	6.60

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VILLAGE GREEN

The clubhouse of each Village Green apartment community in the metro area will serve as collection sites for non-perishable food and cash donations through November for the Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Gleaners provides more than 15 million pounds of food annually to member agencies.

For information on Village Green sites, call Erin Kutchey at (248) 932-2788.

PROPERTY INVESTORS

The Real Estate Investors Association hosts an open discussion during its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 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, president, at (313) 386-7228.

CAREER EXPO

The Washtenaw Contractors Association organizes a free construction career expo 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, in the Morris Lawrence Building at Washtenaw Community College, Huron River Dr. east of U.S. 23 in Ann Arbor.

Co-hosts include the Home Builders Association, Washtenaw County Electrical Contractors Associations, International Masonry Institute and three high school building programs in Washtenaw County.

For information, call (734) 662-2570.

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. Reservations required by Tuesday, Dec. 1, at (734) 458-8544.

PROPERTY INVESTORS II

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.

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The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will honor many members Dec. 8 during its leadership recognition and awards night.

Otto Binggeser is the Hall of Fame designee, **Richard Komer**, Builder of the Year.

Gary Shapiro, president of the Ivanhoe Cos. in West Bloomfield, is Developer of the Year; **Eric Brakke**, president of Four Seasons Sunrooms in Southfield, Remodeler of the Year; and **Anthony Lombardo**, president of Lombardo Enterprises in Utica, Young Builder of the Year.

Also, **Millie Druckery Pratt**, Royal Oak, Women's Forum of BIA Leadership Award; **Donald Bourdeau**, Al Bourdeau Insurance Service, Farmington Hills, Spike of the Year for membership recruitment; **Shelby M. Koss**, regional sales manager of Soft-Lite Windows, Roseville, Associate of the Year; and **Cathi A. Waun**, sales counselor, Heritage Residential Group, Farmington Hills, Salesperson of the Year.

A Distinguished Service Award will go to **Stephan F. Slavik Sr.**, president of Slavic Enterprises, Farmington Hills, for service to the apartment industry.

Also, **Dominic Moceri Sr.**, partner with Moceri Cos. in Auburn Hills, and **Elmer Modde**, retired building department director in Sterling Heights, for service to the building industry.

Also, awards to **Thomas Yack**, Canton Township supervisor, for service to the housing industry; **Henry L. Green**, executive director of bureau of construction codes for the state, service to government; and **Philip D. Gentile**, building director, West Bloomfield Township, the Thomas Ricketts Award to the region's outstanding building department.

Outgoing BIA President **Mark Guidobono**, chief executive officer of Cambridge Homes, Northville, also will receive special recognition.

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UFT Mortgage Banker	www.uftmortgage.com 1-800-638-6505	6.625	0	6.375	0	4.50	0
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Rates post first decline in 4 weeks

WASHINGTON (AP) – The average interest rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages fell this week for the first time in four weeks, to 6.86 percent, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said.

The decline, from a three-month high of 6.93 percent the previous week, apparently came in anticipation of a Federal Reserve cut in short-term interest rates, said economist Robert Van Order of Freddie Mac.

Six weeks ago, the average dipped to 6.49 percent, a 31-year low, as investors unsettled by global financial turmoil shifted money into the United States. As confidence began to recover, rates rose.

Still, the average has remained below 7 percent for five months. It reached 7.22 percent in late April, its peak for the year so far.

Fifteen-year mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, averaged 6.51 percent this week, down from 6.57 percent.

On one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, lenders were asking an average initial rate of 5.52 percent, down from 5.56 percent.

The rates do not include add-on fees known as points, which averaged around 1 percent of the loan amount for all three types of mortgages.

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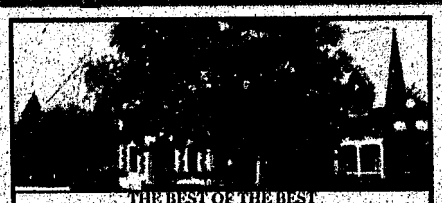

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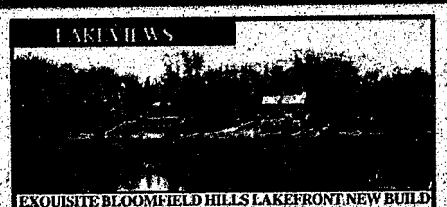

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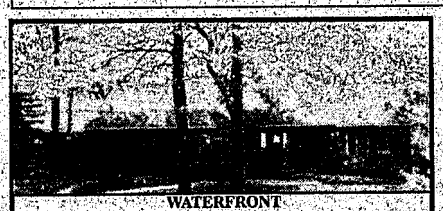

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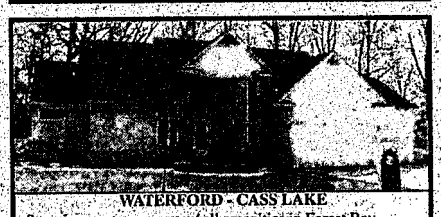

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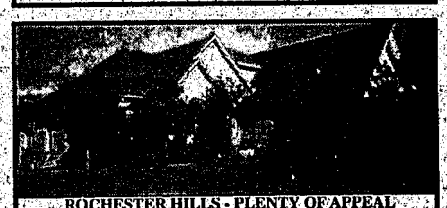

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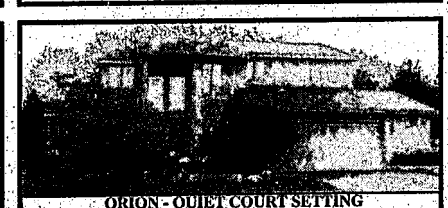

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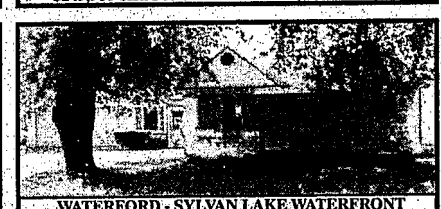

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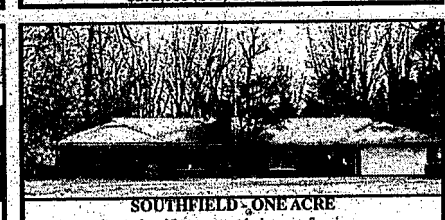
- Seller motivated - make offer

$258,000 (248) 646-6000 SH554

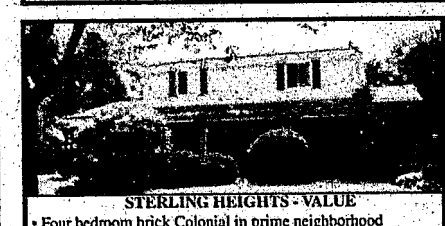


SOUTHFIELD - ONE ACRE
- 2,100 sq. ft ranch with one wooded acre of privacy
- Cozy up to the fireplace in the living room or the family room then relax in your private Jacuzzi room
- Lovely atrium, four bedrooms and two full baths

$199,999 (248) 324-3800 GL264

SHELBY TOWNSHIP - BEAUTIFUL & UPDATED
- Nice ranch on a quiet, dead end street next to park.
- Three bedroom, 2 bath, 2+ car garage. Utica Schools
- Big family room with skylights, fireplace, bay window & doorwall to private backyard. 2,250 square feet

$194,900 (248) 641-1660 EL880

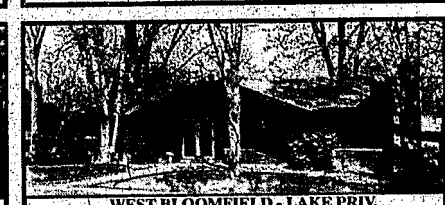


STERLING HEIGHTS - VALUE
- Four bedroom brick Colonial in prime neighborhood
- This one owner home has been very well kept
- Hardwood floors under carpet, large foyer, 1st floor laundry, doorwall off family room leads to patio

$189,900 Ask for: Christine Hemmings (248) 647-8081 JE376

SOUTHFIELD - LOVELY VIEWS
- Plenty of potential and gorgeous view of ravine behind this substantial ranch
- Lower level walkout with full bath and bedroom
- Extra large two car garage & shed. A wonderful value

$144,900 (248) 646-6000 NI232

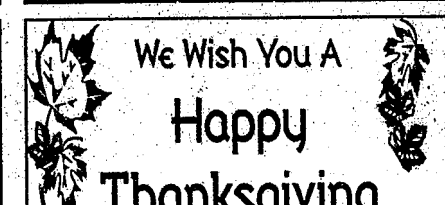


WEST BLOOMFIELD - LAKE PRIV.
- This brick & wood ranch has newer interior thru-out!
- Two ceramic baths, oak kitchen, hardwood floors
- Fire lit family room, 3 bedrooms, large living room
- Two decks. Close to schools! Darb Lake Privileges!

$174,900 (248)851-4400 WI598

FARMINGTON HILLS - BRING YOUR FAMILY
- Settle in for the holidays and cozy up to the fire
- Hardwood floors, custom moldings & neutral decor
- New kitchen, baths, furnace, plumbing & electrical
- Motivated seller! Backs to vacant land for privacy

$169,900 (248) 324-3800 SP231

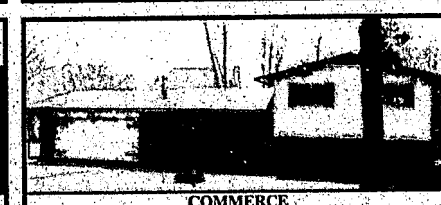


WEST BLOOMFIELD - RARE OPPORTUNITY
- Sharp three bedroom condo in Centuar Farms
- Open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, large kitchen
- Double sliding doors opening to beautiful deck
- Direct access two car garage. Updated exterior

$168,900 (248) 851-4400 PA618

ROCHESTER HILLS - ALL READY FOR YOU
- Ranch condo with attached garage
- Beautifully finished basement with bath
- Quick possession Close to shopping and movie theatres

$160,000 Ask for: Joyce Dobbs (248) 656-4422 ME51



COMMERCE
- Hardwood floors in bedrooms and living room
- Oak kitchen. New vinyl floor, furnace, CA, deck
- California rock fireplace. Three treed lots
- Desirable Commerce Lake privileges. Boat launch

$159,900 (248) 851-4400 SU465

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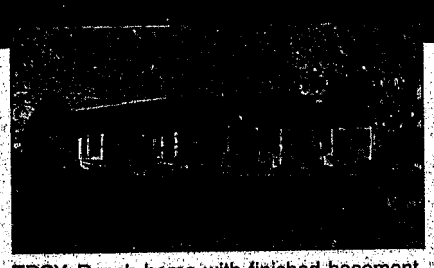
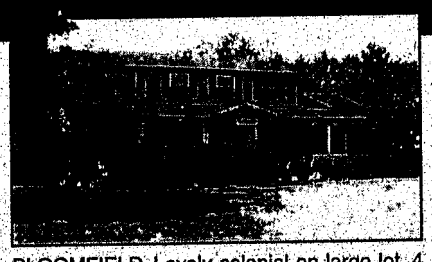
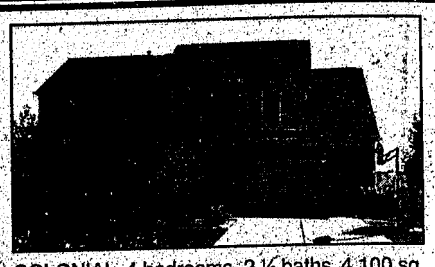
CONVENIENTLY LOCATED! Backing to wooded wetlands on a cul-de-sac. Marvelous 2 story, great room, cathedral ceiling, floor to ceiling natural fireplace, premium wood floors, crown moldings, library, ceramic foyer, island kitchen. $299,900 (00ESS) 248-652-8000



TROY. Ranch home with finished basement. Remodeled large bathroom with oversized jet tub and shower stall. Pella windows. Central air. Deck. Newer furnace. Home warranty. $179,900 (83CAL)) 248-524-1600



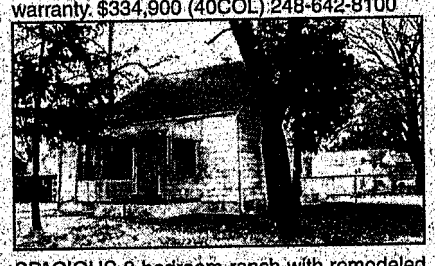
BLOOMFIELD. Lovely colonial on large lot. 4 nice-sized bedrooms, 3 ½ updated baths, updated kitchen with parquet floor and frosted oak cabinets. Spacious master bedroom suite with walk-in closet. Finished lower level with 2nd kitchen. 2 tier deck, 1 year home warranty. $334,900 (40COL) 248-642-8100



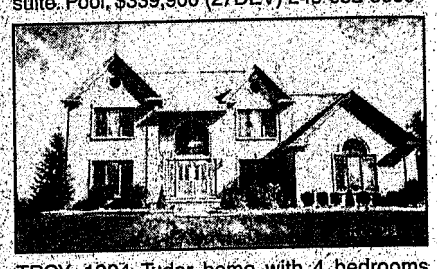
COLONIAL. 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths. 4,100 sq. ft. 1,100 sq. ft. walkout w/bath & bedroom. Country kitchen, study & living and dining rooms, 9' ceiling. Great room w/fireplace & cathedral ceiling. Dual staircase & master suite. Pool. $339,900 (27DEV) 248-652-8000

FOUR BEDROOMS, 2 ½ baths. Island kitchen. Huge family room with fireplace, finished basement. Large garage for cars and crafts. Home warranty. $293,600 (73GRE) 248-652-8000

TROY. 3 BEDROOM, 2 ½ BATH ranch home with lake privileges. First floor laundry. Finished basement. Wood deck. Sprinkler system and much more! $209,900 (O5EME)) 248-524-1600



SPACIOUS 3 bedroom ranch with remodeled bath in Farmington Hills. Newer appliances, upstairs carpet & roof. Glass block windows in basement. Two garages. Hardwood floors on main level. Walk-in closet in master bedroom. $127,900 (21ALB) 248-626-8800



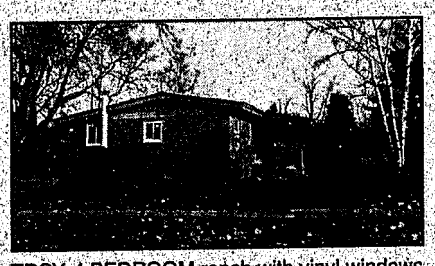
TROY. 1994 Tudor home with 4 bedrooms and 2 ½ baths. Located in Oak River East Subdivision. Upgrades, premium lot, sun room, skylights, high ceilings and a 3 car attached garage. $569,000(08RAM) 248-524-1600

ROCHESTER CAPE COD. This brick/wood home with first floor master that views the wooded back yard is truly a "10". Two story foyer and great room, oak kitchen with island, unfinished walkout. First floor laundry and all appliances. $279,900 (62RIV) 248-652-8000

TROY. A must see 4 bedroom, 2 ½ bath colonial. Loaded huge kitchen. Dining room with pillars. Neutral decor throughout. Central air. Deck. Sprinkler system and much more! $316,900 (45CAR)) 248-524-1600

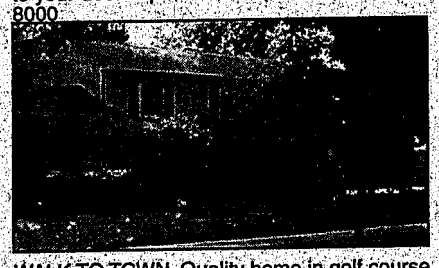
SPACIOUS 3 bedroom ranch. Large lot. Recent updates include: roof, furnace, hot water heater & sump pump. Home warranty is offered by sellers. $4,000 credit towards decoration. $118,900 (21IND 248-626-8800

FIVE MINUTES TO ALL ROCHESTER OFFERS! Be it Meadowbrook, Oakland University, Chrysler World Headquarters or just the fine dining and shopping in the heart of old Rochester, this lovely home brings all to your doorstep. $279,000 (19BUR) 248-652-8000



TROY. 4 BEDROOM ranch with vinyl windows offers many updates throughout that include: kitchen floor, furnace, roof, finished basement, stove, refrigerator. Home warranty included. Birmingham schools. $164,900 (92BRO)) 248-524-1600

LOVELY 4 bedroom house with 2 full baths. Fireplace in living room, large master bedroom with sitting room, kitchen with eating area, finished basement with 2 bedrooms & bath. Formal dining & more. Sharp! $129,000 (16GRE) 248-626-8800



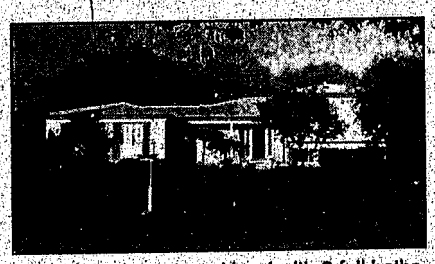
WALK TO TOWN. Quality home in golf course community. 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, hardwood floors, crown moldings, formal dining, library, finished basement, central air, sprinklers, gorgeous yard, premium lot. Immaculate! Just move in! $269,900 (80GRE) 248-652-8000

OXFORD. Custom built contemporary with 4 bedrooms and 4 full baths. 10 acre property. Great room, 2 fireplaces. Lots of windows. 3 car attached garage. $489,900 (75FAR) 248-524-1600

CANAL FRONT. Completely remodeled! 2 lots away from lake. Stunning views highlight this hilltop setting overlooking all sports lake. White cabinet, new carpet, freshly painted. Ceramic tile in kitchen. Breakfast nook. $219,900 (42BLU) 248-626-8800

NEWER COLONIAL. Southern exposure through wall of glass in great room, makes you feel part of the 5 acres are very close to you. Marble fireplace, cathedral ceilings also set the mood for great living and entertaining. $299,500 (60OLT) 363-1200

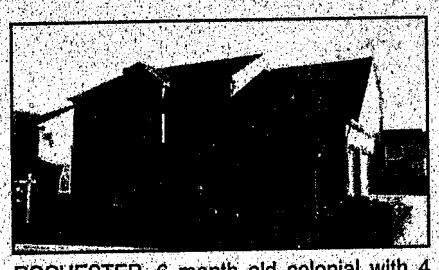
ORION. 2 year old 4 bedroom, 1 ½ bath colonial. Gourmet kitchen. Central air. 2-way fireplace in family room and library. Walkout basement. Wood deck. Much More! $329,900 (40MAR) 248-524-1600



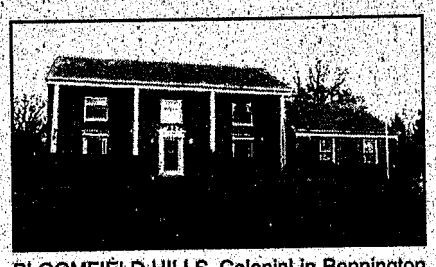
TROY. 4 bedroom quad level with 2 full baths. All neutral colors. Kitchen with oak cabinets. French doors to Florida room. Treed lot. Home warranty. Call today! $247,000 (35HEA) 248-524-1600

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! The perfect private area of 8 cluster homes, built in 1995. 3 large bedrooms, full basement & attached garage. Fenced lot. Immediate occupancy. $143,900 (73PER) 248-626-8800

SHOW STOPPER! Contemporary opulence. Personality plus. Brand new 1 ½ story, perfect site, three car garage, vaulted and tray ceilings, designer upgrades, Euro kitchen, heart shaped tub in master plus shower. $257,800 (20JES) 363-1200



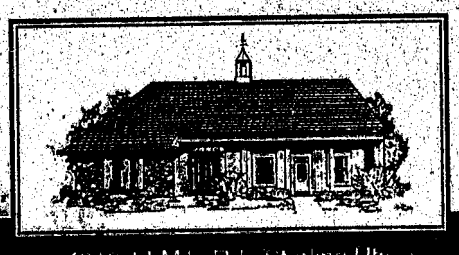
ROCHESTER. 6 month old colonial with 4 bedrooms and 2 ½ baths. Oak kitchen. Great room, library, dining room. Hardwood floors. Elegant master suite. Garden windows. Rec area sprinkler system. $329,900 (25RIN)) 248-524-1600

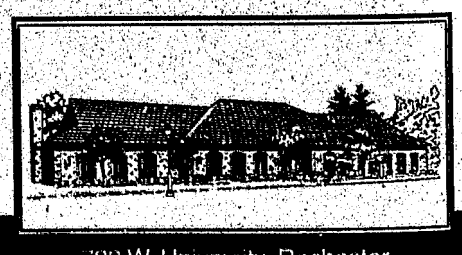


BLOOMFIELD HILLS. Colonial in Bennington Green! 2,730 sq. ft. 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths. Living room has built-ins, family room has fireplace, large dining room. Hardwood floors, patio with hot tub, huge lot is almost ½ acre. Bloomfield schools. Warranty included. $379,900 (03ANT) 248-642-8100

3 BEDROOM COLONIAL. Large family room with fireplace. Finished basement. new windows in bedrooms. Hardwood floor under carpet. Hurry! $159,900 (17THI) 248-626-8800

BEAUTIFUL HOME. Beautiful almost new home on 15th green of Brentwood. Open floor plan, neutral decor & daylight basement. $234,850 (97HAV) 363-1200





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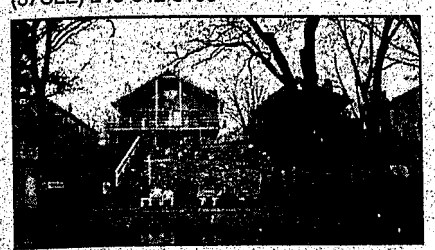
BLOOMFIELD TWP. Quality and extras best describe this 4 bedroom Tudor built in 1990. Marble floors, 3 car garage, Corian kitchen. Dramatic 2-story entry, cul-de-sac location, professionally finished basement. $414,900 (37CLE) 248-642-8100



WHITE LAKEFRONT GEM. All the bells and whistles here! Includes 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, circular staircases with new hardwood & ceramic floors. Drive-in boathouse with deck work galore! If you want it all hurry to see this one. $399,714 (84LOC) 363-1200

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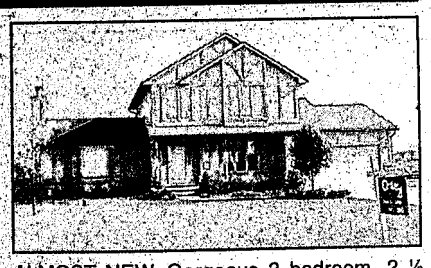
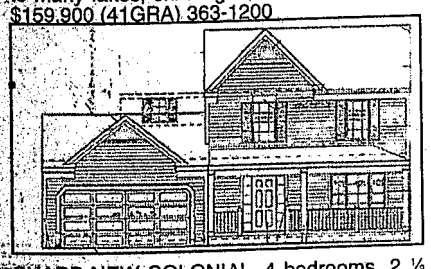


ALMOST NEW. Gorgeous 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath home in newer sub. Located on premium lot with great landscaping. This house is immaculate & ready to move into. $214,900 (24SYC) 363-1200

BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED INSIDE & OUT! Bring your fussiest buyer to this one. 3 bedroom, 1,800 sq. ft. 2+ car attached garage, fireplace, pool, extensive decking, large patio, too many new items to list. Close to many lakes, ski lodges, lots of recreation. $159,900 (41GRA) 363-1200

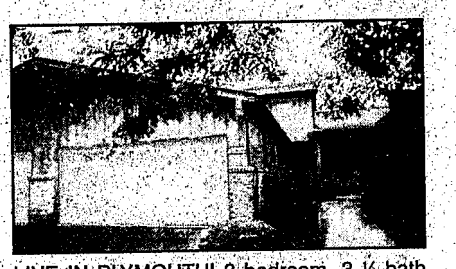


SHARP NEW COLONIAL. 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, living room, family room, large eat-in kitchen, full basement, 2 car attached garage, city amenities, close to schools, shopping and major access roads. To be completed 2/99. Buy now, pick your colors and upgrades. $159,900 (90KEE) 363-1200

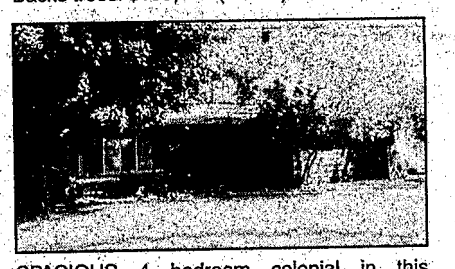
CASS LAKEFRONT CONDO with exceptional water views, elevator access to second floor and basement, deck to enjoy scenic area, and spacious interior surroundings. $157,900 (59POR) 363-1200

GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD. Lovely home in nice neighborhood. Neutral decor, central air, fenced yard with extensive decking & hot tub. $154,900 (34WEN) 363-1200

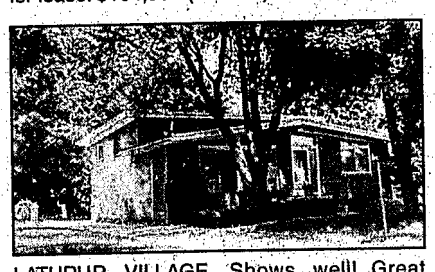
DON'T SKIP OVER HIS HOME. Half acre fenced lot, three bedrooms, two baths, full basement, two fireplaces, two car garage, master bath, run or it's gone! $139,900 (25HAL) 363-1200



LIVE IN PLYMOUTH! 3 bedroom, 3 ½ bath condo within walking distance of downtown. Features include a spacious living room with fireplace, dining room, finished lower level with a bar & more! Private setting in complex. Backs trees. $199,000 (12PIN) 248-626-8800

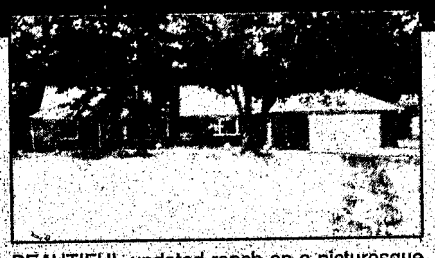


SPACIOUS 4 bedroom colonial in this desirable Mt. Vernon Estates. Large family room with fireplace. Nice location. Troy schools nearby. Brand new central air & furnace. Home warranty included. Available for lease. $184,900 (23CUM) 248-626-8800



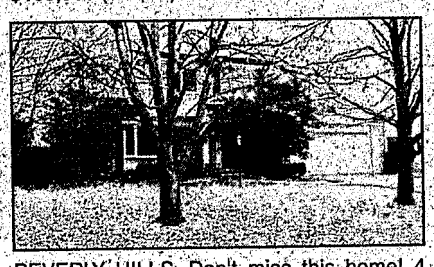
LATHRUP VILLAGE. Shows well! Great location. 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, master bedroom with full bath, large living room, family room, dining room, roomy kitchen, cozy breakfast nook, hardwood floors, cathedral ceiling, large back yard with Jacuzzi & more! $199,900 (18WIL) 248-626-8800

BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED 1 acre lot. Updated & open floor plan. 4 bedrooms, 3 ½ baths. Finished walkout. Newer kitchen, lower level bath, furnace, central air, roof, Pella doors, sprinkler system & more! Hardwood under most newer carpeted floors. Guest quarters. $289,900 (24CHA) 248-626-8800



BEAUTIFUL updated ranch on a picturesque lot with spring fed pond. Updates include kitchen, laundry, family room, driveway, gazebo & cement patio. All appliances included. Immediate occupancy. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Fireplace. $209,000 (25BRO) 248-626-8800

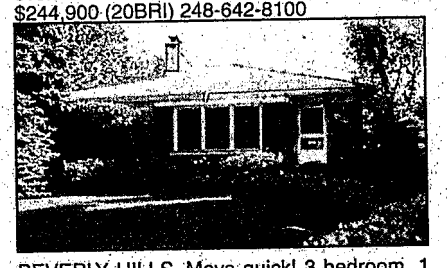
THIS SMASHING 3 bedroom, 2 ½ bath condo is gorgeous. Features include den with hot tub & wet bar. Finished basement, outstanding decor, 2 car attached garage. Incentives offered by seller. Call for details. $169,900 (52WRI) 248-626-8800



BEVERLY HILLS. Don't miss this home! 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ bath colonial with nice floor plan! Formal dining room, family room, brick patio, hardwood floors. Birmingham schools. Near park, quiet street. Many improvements! $264,900 (56ALL) 248-642-8100

BLOOMFIELD. Gorgeous brick ranch, 3 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, living and dining room, family room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen, 2 car garage on beautifully landscaped lot. Great neighborhood, convenient to I-75. $255,000 (71ASH) 248-642-8100

FARMINGTON HILLS. Colonial backs to woods. 4 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths, living & dining rooms, family room w/fireplace. Large kitchen. Huge bedrooms. 21x16 master bedroom suite w/private dressing area! Covered deck overlooks woods. Home warranty. Built 1981. $244,900 (20BRI) 248-642-8100



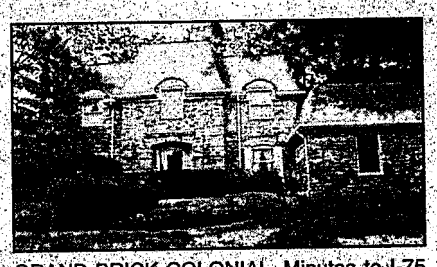
BEVERLY HILLS. Move quick! 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bath brick ranch with marble fireplace, exposed hardwood floors, wet plaster coved ceilings, spa room. Finished basement w/32x15 rec room w/wet bar. Additional work room w/built-ins. Updates: furnace, air, vinyl windows. $229,900 (35LOC) 248-642-8100

BEVERLY HILLS. Wonderful ranch. Open, flowing floor plan, large rooms, formal dining room, 2 fireplaces, 3 bedrooms, screened porch, wonderful oak kitchen, rec room, 2 car garage, Birmingham schools. Move in condition! $204,900 (54BEV) 248-642-8100

WEST BLOOMFIELD. Gorgeous large lot offering loads of privacy! 3 bedrooms, 1 ½ baths ranch. Updated kitchen with all appliances. Cozy family room with fireplace leads to deck. Central air, 2 car attached garage, newer roof. $189,900 (60BRO) 248-642-8100

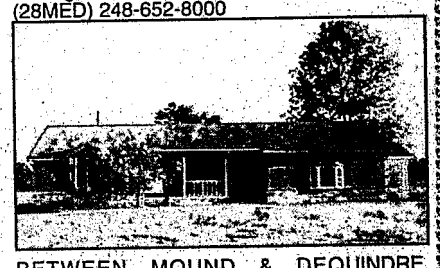
TROY. Northfield Hills townhouse! 3 bedrooms, 1 ½ baths St. Moritz model. Updated kitchen, newer furnace, central air, newer windows. All appliances. Value priced to reflect need for decorating. $132,000 (62BRE) 248-642-8100

TROY BRICK RANCH with 3 bedrooms. Full basement. Many updates throughout. Deck. Quiet neighborhood. Home warranty. 2 car attached garage. $154,900 (45SHE) 248-524-1600

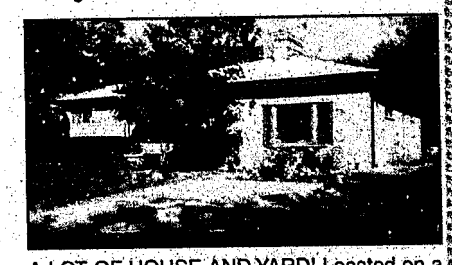


GRAND BRICK COLONIAL. Minutes to I-75 & Rochester. Great family room with brick fireplace, door wall to patio. Lavish master with fireplace & great view. Finished basement with bath, recess lights & bar. Elegant living room with trim package. $257,977 (37PIN) 248-652-8000

MINT CONDITION EXECUTIVE COLONIAL. 4 bedrooms with private den. Many updates, large rooms accent the open, neutral decor. Large bay windows, crown molding, premium window treatments. Newer carpeting throughout, multi-level deck. $244,900 (28MED) 248-652-8000



BETWEEN MOUND & DEQUINDRE. Acreage & pole barn with electric concrete floor. 3 bedroom ranch, family room, living/dining room with cathedral ceiling, 1st floor laundry, basement & deck. Very country setting. $204,000 (60THI) 248-652-8000



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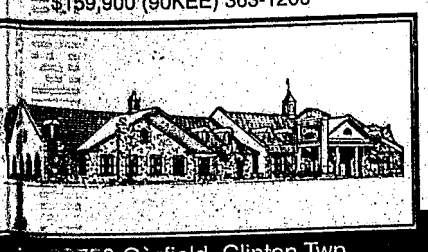

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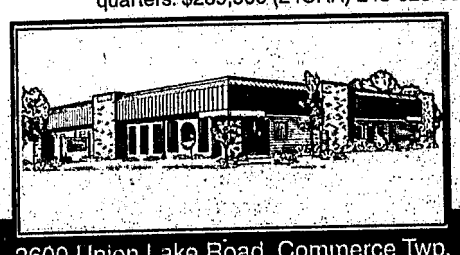

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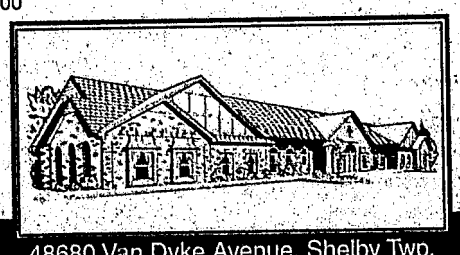

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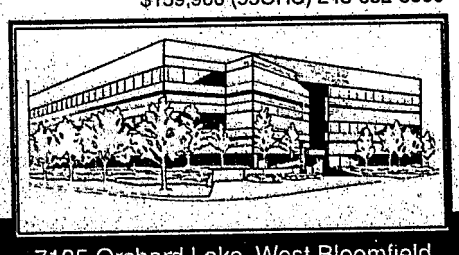

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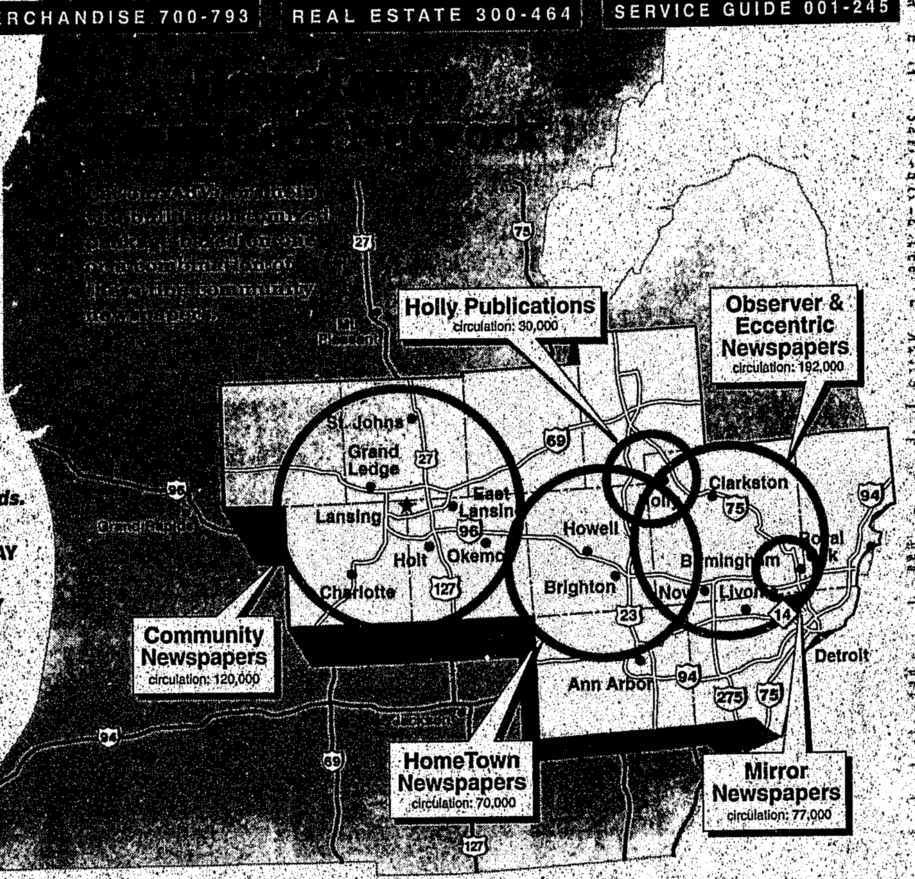

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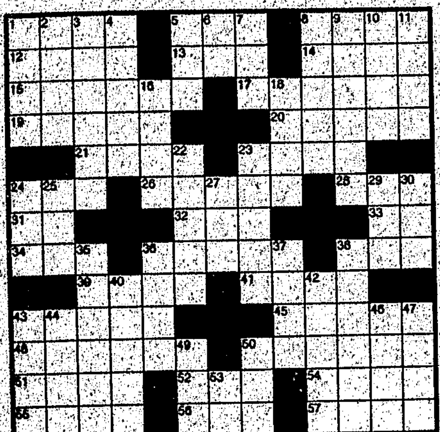

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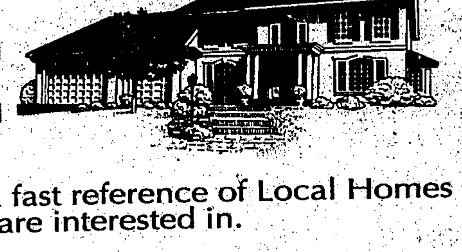

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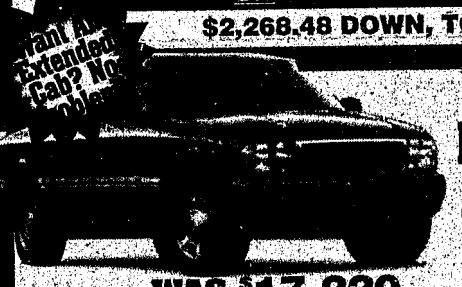

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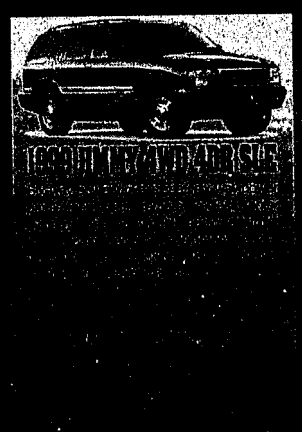

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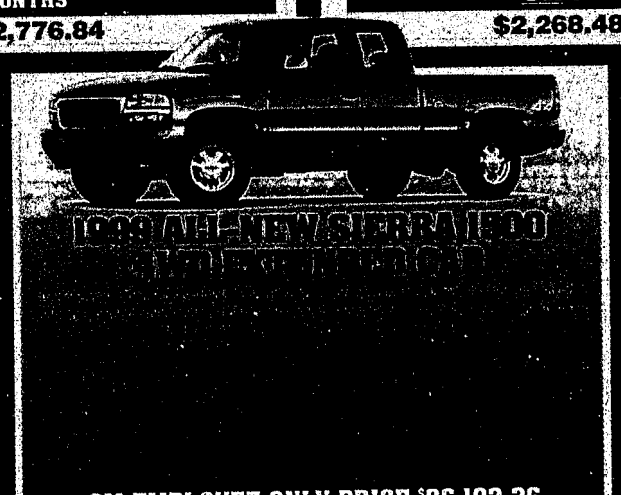

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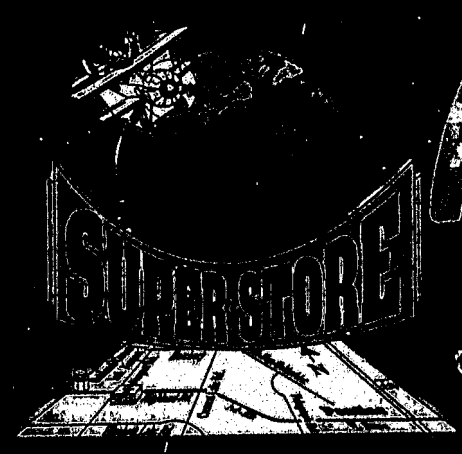

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JOE GAGNON

This story you are about to read is true. Names etc. have been changed in order to preserve the job of the writer.

If, in the future, you should be reading, hearing or seeing a national story based on the contents of this column, you will understand.

I was talking the other day with some people who are in the news business and we were discussing the dryer fires that have occurred around this area lately, the loss of two children and the burn out of over 20 apartments in a downriver community. The tragedy of all this and more and how it continues to happen. I was explaining the new state law which bans the use of plastic vent line and the lack of education on the subject of dryer vent line.

I blamed the stores, the home building industry and even the manufacturers themselves. I was being very egotistical and describing how I alone have created this awareness across the country and was very proud in having done so.

As I was leaving the group somebody suggested that I should receive the Congressional Medal of Honor for probably saving so many lives across the country. As I laughed and rounded the corner of this newsroom, I walked into a good friend who is a veteran newsperson who wanted to ask me a question about his dryer. Let me replay that conversation as best I can.

Newsperson: "I live in a condo complex that is 20 years old and my dryer along with others is not vented to the outside. I've been living there for two years along with my 10-year-old son. I don't feel right about it. I have a scratchy throat etc., etc. Is it safe?"

Joe: "Tell me how the dryer is vented if it doesn't go outside."

He explained the the vent line goes to a plastic bucket which has water in it. I explained that that type of venting is not good for your lungs. The chlorine by products of the wash load are being put into the air that one breathes. If this chlorine has been proven to cause holes in the heat exchanger of a furnace, what is it doing to his lungs. It must be vented to the outside and the quicker the better. During this 10-minute conversation, I was having it was obvious that my friend had a bad cold. He coughed every 20 seconds and I'm not exaggerating. The more I talked with this person, the more concerned I became. I began to ask more questions, and I took over the conversation at this point by playing the professional newsman that I'm not.

He informed me that the dryer was in the condo when he moved in and that the previous owner was an older gentleman who had died. This previous owner had a wife who died a few years before from respiratory problems. The more I listened to my friend, the more alarmed I became. I asked one final question. Is it an electric dryer.

Newsperson: "I used to think so until recently I noticed a small copper tube runs from the gas hot water heater to the back of the dryer which I think would make it a gas dryer.

Folks, I'm not kidding you when I say that I almost started crying right there on the spot. How could this award-winning journalist be so ignorant of what I've been screaming about all across this country for the past 10 years. Why has this person never heard me talk about it on the radio show or read about dryer vent line in this newspaper. Where has my friend been? I know this, he's come close to dying and our conversation has probably saved his life.

I explained again about venting an electric dryer into a home and the results of breathing the chlorine by products of the wash load. I darn near grabbed him and shook him to emphasize that he's lucky to be alive. A gas dryer vented into a home will kill you and that's for sure. The burner assembly of a dryer is one third that of a typical furnace. You don't vent a furnace into a home for the obvious reason of a death certificate which states – Death caused by carbon monoxide.

I have to cut this story short now but let me make a statement. My friend is now in the process of having the dryer vented to the outside and his problem is resolved. What about all the other people who are living in this dangerous situation. You can bet your bippy that I'm going to stick my nose in in. And the last question and the most important one. What about the two previous people who lived there and died. 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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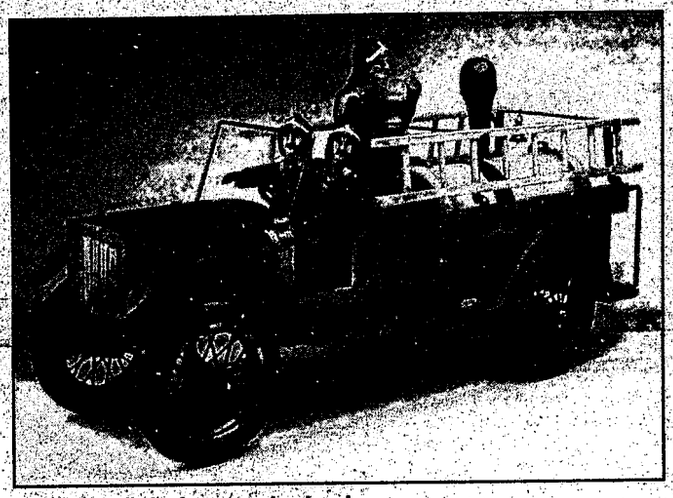

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How to explain those other holidays

LISA LUCKOW-HEALY

Do you recall how old you were before you realized other neighbors, classmates or acquaintenances observed a holiday ethnic tradition different from your own? As a young child growing up in a Christian environment, you may have been surprised to learn not everyone celebrated Christmas. Or perhaps being Jewish, you thought people only observed Hanukkah unless they were Christian. In that case, you knew they decorated Christmas trees and opened lots of gifts from Santa Claus.

When you were old enough to understand the reality that there were different end-of-the-year holiday celebrations in addition to your own, you began to ask a lot more questions. However, years ago merchandisers did not market the widely varied ethnic traditions as they do today.

As a parent, you now find yourself searching for information that will help you answer questions from your children pertaining to different religious or ethnic observances. How do you answer a question from your 5-year-old like, "How come Santa Claus doesn't come to my friend's house?" or "Why do our neighbors light candles on a kinara?"

Begin by explaining the fundamentals of different holiday observances. Remind your child of the meaning of your own holiday tradition as the foundation of your conversation. For example, if you celebrate Christmas, point out that Dec. 25 is the birthday of Jesus Christ. It is the day you attend church services to rejoice in this special celebration . . . a day you come together with family and friends to spread joy and the giving spirit. Young children recognize Christmas Eve as the time to prepare for the arrival of Santa Claus. They leave snacks near the Christmas tree, struggle to fall asleep and wake up Christmas morning to find presents under the tree from jolly old St. Nick.

This year, Hanukkah begins the evening of Dec. 13 and continues through dusk Dec. 21. Hanukkah is a historical, religious celebration that began when Judas Maccabaeus and his small army claimed victory over the Syrians in 165 B.C., reclaiming the temple in Jerusalem. A seven-branched candelabrum was to be lit for the temple's rededication ceremony purification rite. However, there was only enough sacramental oil left to burn the lamp for one day. Miraculously, the lamp burned for eight days.

Hanukkah is the celebration of this divine miracle. On the first night of this eight day observance, Jews light one candle on the menorah – a nine-branch candelabrum, and each child receives a small gift. One of the nine candle holders serves as an anchor for the shamas (the worker candle) that is used to light the other candles. One the second night, two candles are lit. The third night, three, and so on through the eighth night when the final candle is lit, parents may give each of their children a bigger gift and Hanukkah gelt (real money, or gold foil wrapped chocolate coins).

Kwanzaa, the holiday that honors African-American culture, focuses on the bond between family and friends for a seven day period beginning Dec. 26 and ending Jan. 1. Kwanzaa, meaning "first fruits of the harvest," was conceived by civil rights leader Maulana Karenga in 1966. Kwanzaa focuses on seven shared beliefs and values – unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith. Each of the seven nights of the celebration, red, green and black candles of the kinara (candleholder) are lit to signify the seven key areas. Throughout Kwanzaa, African-American families celebrate with song, dance, storytelling and gift-giving that commemorates their heritage. The highlight of the holiday is a feast on the seventh night.

Check with your local library or bookstore for more detailed information about end-of-the-year holiday traditions around the world.

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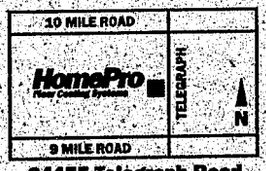

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Interesting books help you garden

MARTY FIGLEY

This month we will review a variety of interesting books which just might be the one you are searching for.

Fast Flower Arranging, by Jane Packer ($19.95 Dorling Kindersley) illustrates more than 120 quick and easy, yet stunning flower displays. Packer shows a gallery of flowers and their various shapes, and fruit, foliage and vegetables commonly used in floral design. Each arrangement is accompanied by a "list of ingredients" needed to make it. For instance, colorful raffia bundled around a glass vase, then set inside a larger one will hide flower stems; flower heads closely set together at the rim of the vase – no stems showing; arrangements for all seasons; and special occasion ideas, all are fresh and clean.

The Gardener's Guide to Growing Penstemons, by David Way and Peter James ($29.95, Timber Press) will encourage readers to use these versatile flowers in borders, raised beds, rock gardens and semi-shady areas. The color range is large in the many species of this American native. The authors reveal the long history of the plant and suggest ways to use it in the garden, propagation methods and pest and disease problems. The color photographs are sharp and reveal the beautiful colors of the blooms.

The Gardener's Guide to Growing Clematis, by Raymond J. Evison ($29.95, Timber Press) is another in this excellent series. If you think of Jackmanii when you think of Clematis, you have a treat in store when you discover the many species that can provide bloom all through the season. This book not only speaks about the large-flowering plants but also the lesser-known ones and their varieties and suggests ways to use them for maximum impact. The encyclopedic section of descriptions and the lovely photos will inspire you to try something different.

80 Great Collector's Garden Plants and 80 Great Natural Habitat Plants ($15 each, Clarkston Potter), two small soft-cover books by Ken Druse are excellent companions to his hard cover books, "The Collector's Garden" and "The Natural Habitat Garden." Alike in layout, each succinctly describes the plants; superb photos by the author depict them in all their glory. The small size and slick covers will encourage readers to carry them along when they are on a plant expedition. These can be ordered through your favorite bookseller.

Birdscaping Your Garden, by George Adams ($18.95, Rodale Press) contains a plant directory that attract our feathered friends, including trees, shrubs, flowers, vines and berries. The botanical name and description, native distribution, cultivation, as well as the birds that are attracted to each one makes this a valuable guide. There are some photographs. A big bonus is the 64 wonderfully detailed illustrations of birds which Adams created. Each drawing shows the bird with one of its favorite plants and will help you identify the birds which visit your garden.

Making Bent Willow Furniture, by Brenda and Brian Cameron ($19.95, Storey) will guide crafters in this ancient art to construct their own rustic creations. The authors teach how to prepare the willows, which tools to use and the techniques necessary to be successful.

Making Bentwood Trellises, Arbors, Gates, Fences, by Jim Long ($19.95, Storey) illustrates with black and white drawings and easy-to-follow directions, the crafting of items mentioned in the title. Long recommends certain plants to grow on the finished products and shares growing tips with the descriptions.

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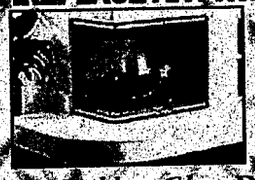

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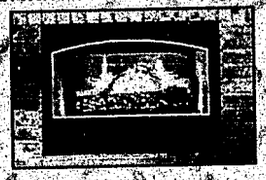

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From Franklin to Birmingham and Livonia, a host of home tours with hundreds of do-it-yourself decorating ideas could inspire you to create a winter wonderland this holiday season.

On Dec. 5, Richard and Audrey Yanity open their doors for visitors to feast on their traditional red and green designs on the Livonia Christmas Walk to benefit the restoration of Greenmead Historical Village. Seven homes from an 1860s farm house to a Williamsburg inspired home will have accents by florists in Livonia and Westland including Deckers Flowers & Gifts, Weber's Floral Gifts, Five Star Florist, The Purple Rose, and French's Flowers & Gifts who help provide fresh decorations for the Yanitys' home.

Manager of Newton Furniture in Livonia, Richard Yanity directs a team of interior decorators who've shared their tips with him.

"We've always been very family oriented about decorating," said Audrey Yanity. "Many of the items were handed down from grandparents and go back to the 1940s."

Married for 19 years, the Yanitys alternate with family members for a Christmas Eve celebration before going to Mass. Throughout the season the couple hosts small dinner parties and a work party. Audrey plays the organ and everyone sings.

The Yanitys moved into the 1950s ranch four years ago. A disaster with three layers of linoleum in the kitchen, the home, which the couple transformed within three months, is a bright and airy contemporary nestled in a park-like setting. A closet in what was once a bedroom is now an inset bookcase in an expanded great room with an open floor plan leading to the formal dining room and kitchen. Large windows at the back of the house look out on the backyard Richard's turned into Santa's workshop. Three grapevine deer resting under a towering evergreen and live farm ducks add to the enchantment of this tranquil setting.

The home's furnishings are eclectic and range from pre-Colombian accents in the master bedroom to the Oriental/traditional flavor of the dining room. The holiday table, a Depression-era William and Mary, is set with their grandmother's china. Grandma's 1940s stove warms the kitchen. The decorations for four Christmas trees, each with their own identity, are packed in boxes and labeled by room and stored in the attic.

A few tips from Richard for creating a Christmas to remember are to go through your cupboards: use Grandma's crystal. If you break it, so what at least you're enjoying it. The mistake people make is spreading their stuff out; concentrate it on a table or a shelf to create vignettes. Buy after the holidays, but the Yanitys are big on reusing decorations.

Snowprints

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Village walk Sunday, Dec. 6.

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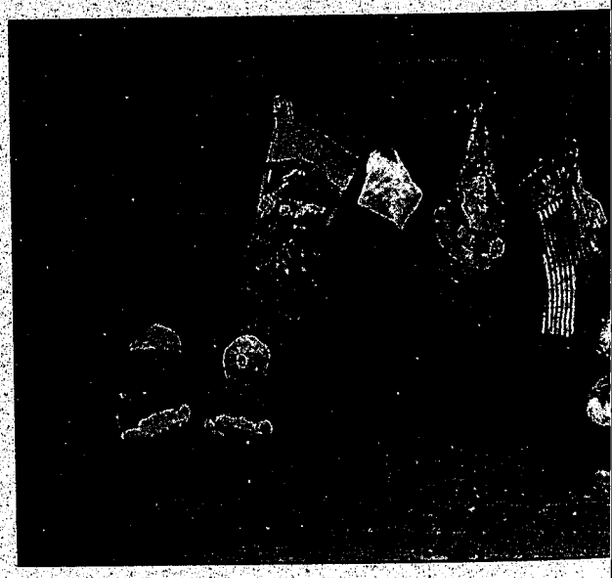
Neutral tones: *The great room in the Versaci home features a fireplace accented with tiles from Pewabic Pottery.*

Historic background: *Built in 1864, this Franklin home
been a stop on the Underground Railroad. (Below) T
cypress bins used on the mushroom farm now frame
fireplace.*

Old world craftsmanship: *All of the cabinetry and woodworking in the Versacis' mahogany library is handcrafted.*



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style home of Anthony and Sally Versaci

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From the kitchen with its Brazilian-walnut center island and granite countertops to a master bedroom with a domed ceiling and his and her bathrooms and walk-in closets, all of the cabinetry and woodworking is handcrafted throughout. The Venetian glass chandelier in the formal dining room took six months to ship from Europe.

Fireplace tiles from Pewabic Pottery, a mahogany library, wine cellar, and a guest bedroom with window treatments from a Detroit Symphony Orchestra home Sally and partners Jan Fazio and Linda Mandlebaum decorated with items from their Design Steps business in Bloomfield Township, fill the rest of the five bedrooms and 4 and 1/2 bath house.

Versaci's tips for holiday decorating are to start early. Use a basic color scheme; sometimes less is more. If you have collections, definitely use them but group them together. Antique ornaments are wonderful. It's fun to use them non-traditionally by placing them in a bowl.

Holly Day Tour

Built in 1864 on land purchased in 1824, the historic home in the Franklin Village Holly Day tour is one of six, including a Greek Revival and one home built around 1860 which partly served as Franklin's first post office, that visitors can skim decorating tips from on Dec. 5.

The owners, who wish to remain anonymous, proudly relay that it was supposedly a stop on the Underground Railway, and at various times home to a Civil War Surgeon, bee keeper, blacksmith, and mushroom farmer. In fact the cypress bins from the mushroom farm now frame the front of the fireplace. A built-in rifle cabinet next to it was an early addition. Not too long ago when the newspaper insulation was being updated in the 1 and 1/2 story home, an 1890 edition of the Detroit Free Press was found crumpled between the walls.

"It's neat being a part of that history," said the homeowner. "I wish the walls could talk."

In addition to the tour homes, the 12-hour Holly Day is alive with ice carving, children activities, hands-on crafts by the Franklin Arts Council, carolers, luminaries lighting the way for horse drawn carriage rides, and Menorah and tree lighting ceremonies.

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Winter wonderland: *Standing in front of a wreath by French's Flowers & Gifts, Richard and Audrey Yanity take a breather from decorating their Livonia home for Christmas.*

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On the Cover:
The dining room table in the Birmingham home of Sally and Anthony Versaci is decorated with china by the late designer Versace and a centerpiece made from fresh fruits, eggplant, garlic, ferns, eucalyptus and three gold candles. On the buffet are candleholders crafted from fresh pineapples. Cover photo by Jerry Zolynsky.

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Making spirits bright: *The Yanitys formal dining room rings in the Christmas holiday with its traditional red and green theme.*

Holiday Walks

Christmas Walk, a benefit for the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia, features seven homes, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, tickets $7 in advance, $8 day of walk, and available at all Livonia libraries, or by calling (734) 425-4855 or (734) 464-2741.

Franklin Village Holly Day, a traditional celebration with ice carving, children activities, hands-on crafts by the Franklin Arts Council, carolers, luminaries lighting the way for horse drawn carriage rides, Menorah and tree lighting ceremonies, and a home tour, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, in the historic village of Franklin, tickets $8 and available in Franklin at the Village Barn, the Market Basket, or by calling (248) 626-2820/(248) 851-9179/(248) 855-4613.

"Picture Perfect Holidays," Meadow Brook Hall's Holiday Walk, Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, , until 9 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 1-2, $12 adults, $6 children 12 and under, at Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University, Rochester. Gala patron dinners Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-7, 6:30 p.m. reception and tour, 8 p.m. dinner, tickets $175, $250, reservations required, (248) 370-3140.

Snowprints" A Winter Tour of Homes to benefit Seaholm High School student programs in Birmingham, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6 in Birmingham, tickets $15 in advance, $18 day of tour, and available in Birmingham at Seaholm High School, Mills Pharmacy, Birmingham Drugs, and Carney Paterson Florist, or by calling Nina Brooks at (248) 642-5269.

Ongoing walk

"Christmas at Fair Lane," tours of the National Historic Landmark, beginning in the Powerhouse visitor center, to benefit restoration of the Henry Ford Estate, Tuesday, Dec. 1 to Thursday, Dec. 31,10 a.m. 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. weekdays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Sundays, closed Christmas Eve and Day, and New Year's Day, tickets $7 and available at the door or by calling (313) 593-5590. Breakfast with Santa for children, Tea, Tour and Shopping, Luncheon concerts, Santa's Workshop, Candles and Carols Dinner, Candlelight Tours, call for dates and prices.

Early morning is best for photos

BY MONTE NAGLER
Special Writer

Ever wonder when it is the best time of day to photograph? It's the early morning ... without doubt!

Early morning has always been my favorite time of day to get the best shots. There's a stillness in the air, a calmness in the lighting and a mood in the sky that is offered by no other time of the day.

Here are some reasons why I recommend photographing early in the morning.

To begin with, there's usually an absence of wind and breeze meaning that tall grasses and free branches will hold still for your camera. This means you can take full advantage of depth-of-field by placing foliage in the foreground of your composition and know that everything will come out sharp and in focus.

Fighting Island in the Detroit River was the setting for this dramatic photograph. Early morning light and early morning active seagulls provided the best opportunity to capture this exciting image on film. The same effect would not have been available at any other time of the day.

Flowers, often covered with dew, are also very still in the morning and, if you're lucky, you'll find one with a butterfly. Because a butterfly's wings are weighed down with moisture in the early morning making it difficult for them to fly away, you should be able to move in close with your camera for an impact-filled shot.

Another reason for photographing in the morning is that you'll often find fog and mist. Low lying mist over the lake

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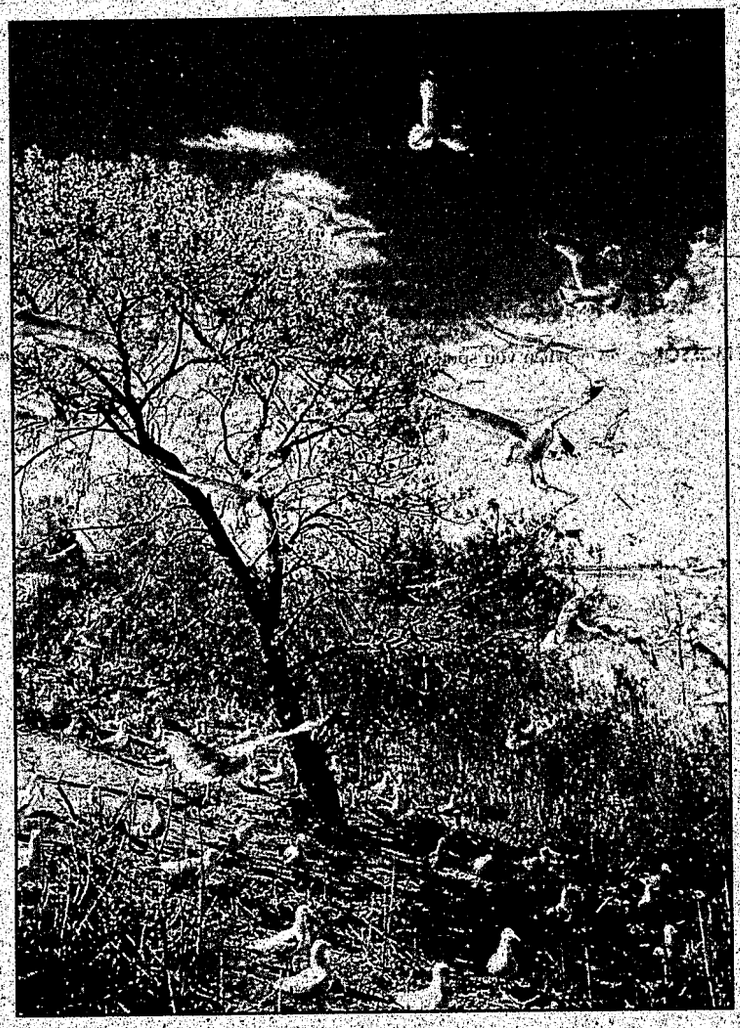

Best light: *The early morning provided Monte Nagler the right conditions for shooting this dramatic scene on Fighting Island in the Detroit River.*

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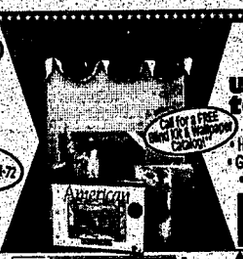

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Turn left-over bread into croutons

RUTH MOSSOK JOHNSTON

The Thanksgiving feast is over – the house is still in disarray and as you look around the kitchen at the left-overs – lamenting "what am I going to do with all this?" Fury fills up in your eyes when you spot the six loaves of bread you asked your hard of hearing, elderly aunt to slice up several for the meal ... you of course were too busy to notice that there was no bread on the buffet table – and now there are six loaves staring you in the face. Don't feel too disheartened, no one thought you needed bread anyway, except maybe for those young cousins who really wanted a turkey sandwich instead of a platter portion – oh well, as they say "if you wind up with lemons, you make lemonade" – my new adage is "if you have extra loaves make croutons!"

You can always feed the birds, if it's on your own property – and not public grounds ... leave seed for them, and use this left over bread to feed the flock at your next holiday party or meal.

Croutons can be used for lots of things not just a salad bar accessory.

How about ...

- Making your own stuffing or dressing (for the Christmas buffet table).
- Use large croutons for as a base or a top for some piping hot French onion or thick cheese soup
- Petite croutons topped with crème fraiche and caviar or delicious home-made pâté make for the perfect appetizer
- A crouton is the perfect base for a garlic and buttery escargot – then you have the bread crouton to mop up the remaining garlic-butter
- Make large Parmesan dusted croutons and top with petite filet mignon – serve as a neat entree for dinner.

CROUTON-FILLED HERB POTATO DUMPLINGS

Yield: 1 dozen

This recipe is a variation of the accompaniment served at Haussner's, a German restaurant in Baltimore, Maryland where they use these dumplings as a side for their Sauerbraten (beef roast marinated in a sweet and sour-type sauce, and braised). A foodie friend shared this recipe with me after she made her variations. If in Baltimore and hankering for German Cuisine – Haussner's is open on Tuesdays through Saturdays – call ahead for a reservation (410) 327-8365.

12 (1-inch) sourdough bread cubes or bread of your choice (cheese bread is delicious)
1 1/2 pounds russet potatoes (about 2 large), scrubbed well
1 1/2 teaspoons salt (or to taste)
Cayenne (to taste)
1/8 teaspoon dried basil
1/8 teaspoon ground oregano
1/2 cup (or more) all purpose flour
1/2 cup cornstarch
1 large fresh egg

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Place bread on baking sheet. Bake until nicely crisp (approximately 10 minutes); completely cool bread.

In large pot of boiling salted water, cook potatoes until tender, about 40-45 minutes. Drain potatoes, and cool slightly. Peel potatoes and cut into large pieces.

Place in refrigerator until well chilled, at least 45 minutes.

In large bowl, mash potatoes; add salt, cayenne, basil and oregano. Add 1/2 cup flour and cornstarch. Using your hands, knead the combined mixture in bowl until it forms a smooth dough – adding more flour by tablespoonfuls (if needed); mix in egg.

Form dough into balls, using 1/4 cupful for each dumpling.

Insert bread cube into center of each dumpling; roll dumpling between palms to form a smooth ball.

In a clean pot of boiling salted water (and working in batches), cook dumplings for 10 minutes. Using slotted spoon, transfer dumplings to a serving bowl. Serve as a side dish with your favorite meat or poultry.

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2 cups celery (with leaves), chopped
2 1/4 cups dry sherry
1 1/4 cups dried blueberries
1 1/4 cups dried tart cherries
1 1/4 cups dried cranberries
3 tablespoons fresh parsley, trimmed and chopped
1 1/2 tablespoons fresh sage, chopped
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped
1 1/2 tablespoons fresh thyme, chopped
1 1/4 cups chicken stock (homemade or prepared) – or more as needed
3 large fresh eggs, lightly beaten

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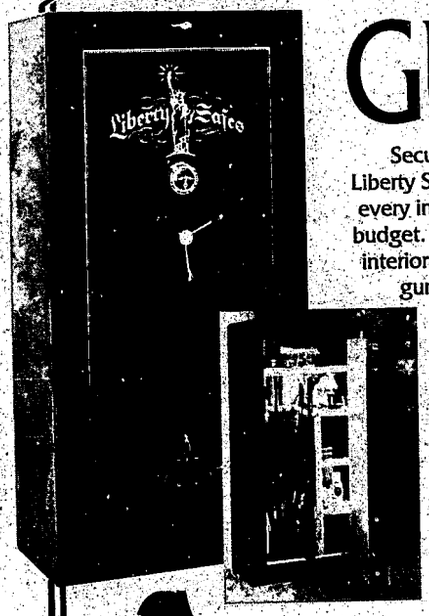

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■ The Community House in Birmingham presents "Plum Pudding: A Holiday Folk Art Show, Dec. 2 and 3.

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 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and 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.

■ Hudson's Somerset will welcome Nambe designer Karim Rashid 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the store's Third Level China/Crystal department.

■ 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 Troy Garden Club will be sponsoring the 14th annual Festival of Trees, a benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan. The club has volunteered to decorate six small trees and donate a decorated wreath in keeping with the theme "Making Spirits Bright." The Festival of Trees" is through Nov. 29 at Cobo Hall and is the largest annual special event fund-raiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

■ 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.

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■ 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.

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Cranbrook holds plant sale

Cranbrook House & Gardens Auxiliary will present its annual Holiday Plant and Gift Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

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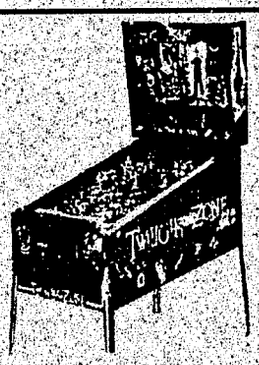

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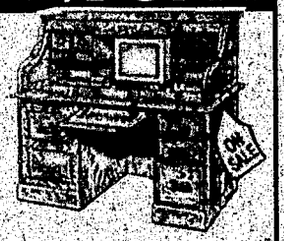

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Salt (to taste)

Pinch of cayenne pepper (or to taste)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Butter 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish (or size closest to – Le Creuset, glass or heavy stainless steel).

Place bread cubes in very large bowl. In a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter; add onions and celery and sauté until vegetables are tender and almost brown. Add sherry, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme; cook until fruit is tender and liquid is reduced to 1/3 cup (approximately 6-8 minutes). Add to bread cubes; stir to mix. Add chicken stock to dressing; season with salt and cayenne pepper. Mix in beaten eggs; place dressing mixture into baking dish.

Cover with aluminum foil and bake 30 minutes. Remove foil, and bake until top begins to brown and get nice and crispy.

Ruth Mossok Johnston is an author and food columnist who lives in Franklin. To leave her a voice mail message, dial (313) 953-2047, mailbox 1902.

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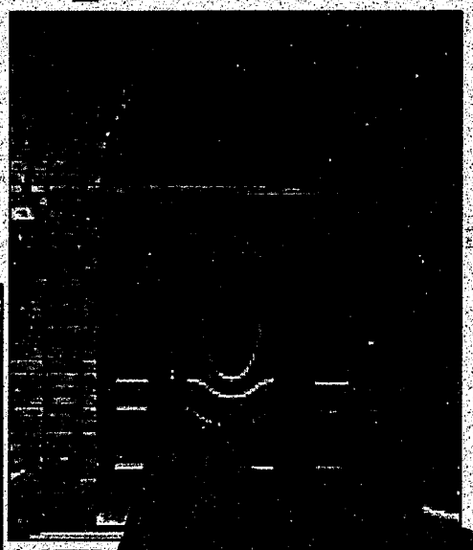

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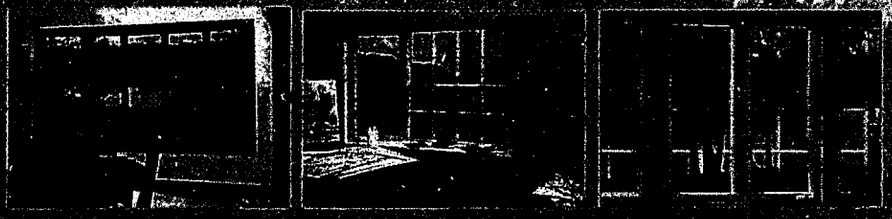

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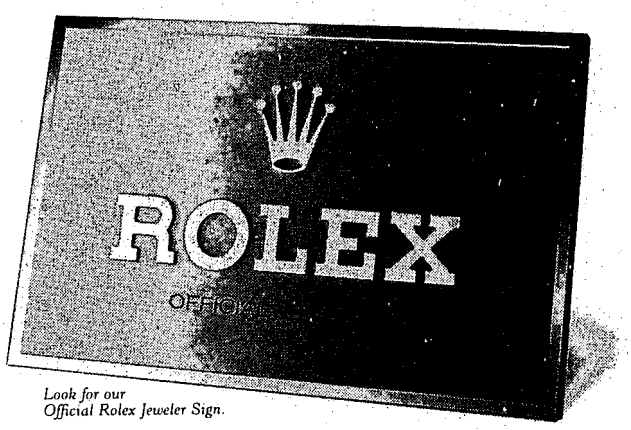

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Linda Bachrack
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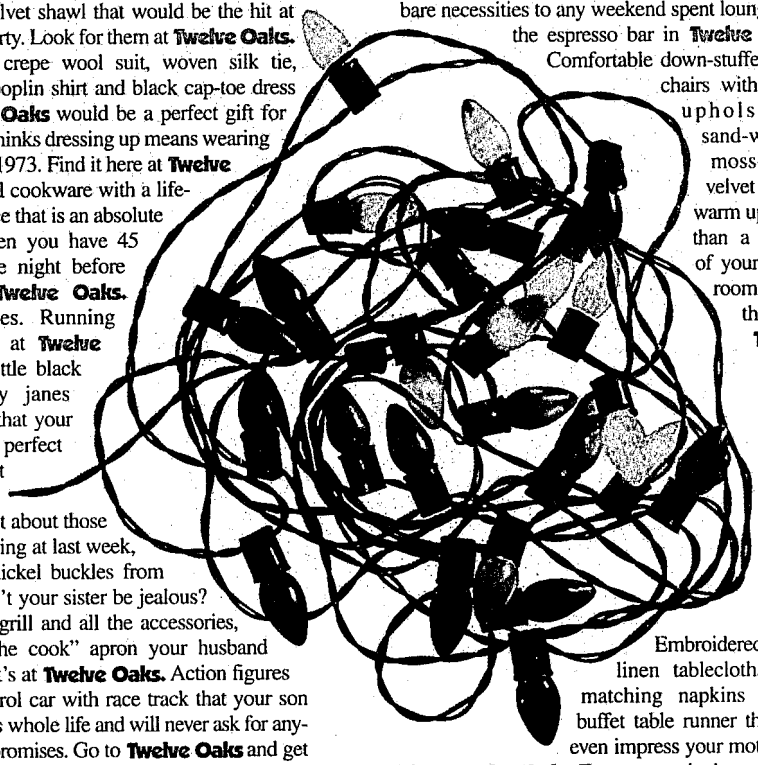

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– *Linda Bachrack*

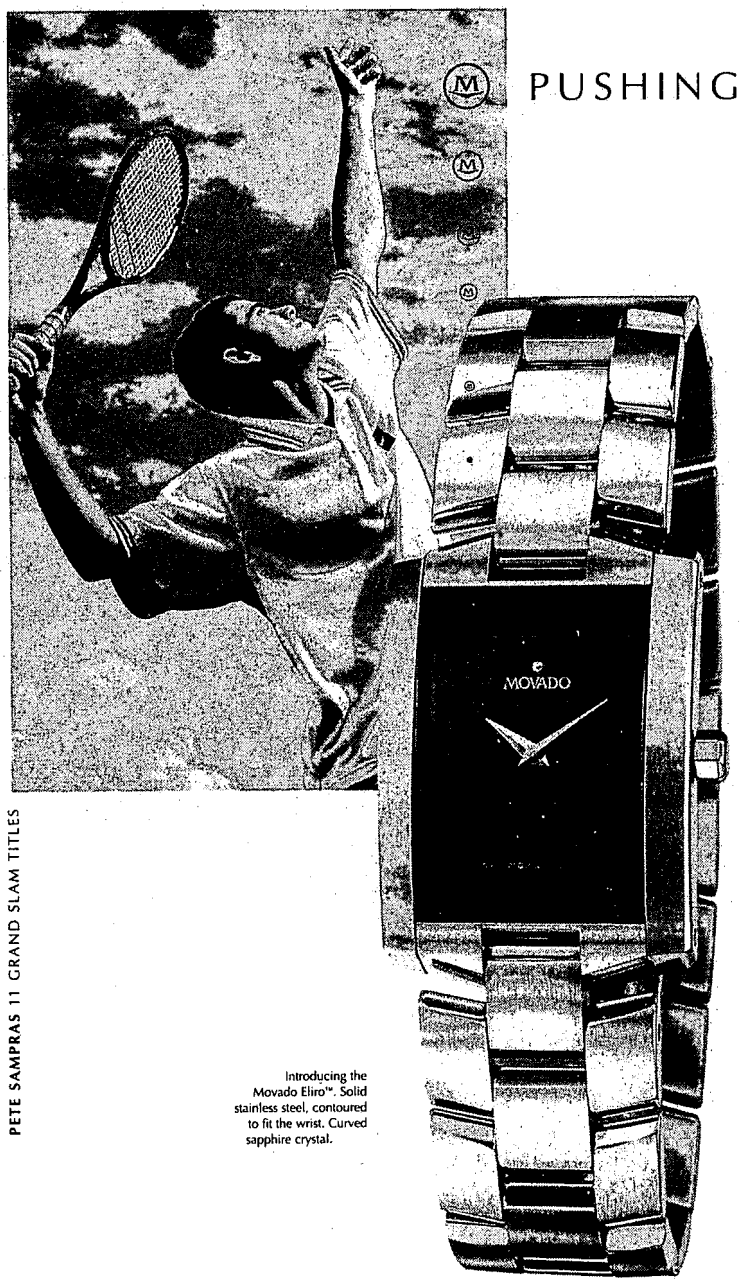
On fire: *A red dyed Tibetan lamb boa ($135) circles the neckline of a rabbit coat ($550), Ceresnie & Offen, Birmingham.*

Well red: *Revue leather shirt jacket, $298, Jacobson's.*

Ablaze: *Obermeyer ski parka with fur-trimmed hood, $209, Bavarian Village.*

Hot: *(Center) Scarlet leather 3/4-length coat, $700, Solomon & Son & Co., West Bloomfield.*

Cherry on top: *Reversible shearling barn jacket, $1,295, Burberry, Somerset Collection, Troy.*



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In the Red...

Looking for something extra-special to give your sweetie this holiday season? We've found some extravagant gifts that might make your bank account bleed, but the red ink will be well worth it.

BY REBECCA KALAJIAN

No matter the season or the reason, diamonds are still a girl's best friend. For holiday gift giving, nothing puts a sparkle in her eye like a diamond, so this year let the sky be the limit.

Why diamonds? "There is nothing like the scintillating dance of light that a diamond reflects," says Lonnie Kanode, director of Tiffany & Co. at the Somerset Collection. "Each and every stone is unique, to be enjoyed all the time. They are both beautiful and durable."

For the trendier person on your list, consider presenting a pavé diamond necklace, one of the hottest looks around. "The pavé look is subtle but in the evening light the diamonds will really sparkle," says Kanode. "A pavé piece transitions perfectly from day to evening." Pavé diamond brooches and necklaces in the shapes of frogs, crabs, and dragonflies are also popular and range in price from $3,750 to $31,750.

The holiday season is a classic time to propose, and the classic ring to buy is the single diamond solitaire in a platinum Tiffany setting. "The holidays are a heartfelt time and a good time to break the engagement news to one's family," says Kanode. Prices for single diamond solitaires range from $890 to $134,420, and all jewelry comes wrapped in Tiffany's classic light blue box tied with a white bow. As they say, the nicest gifts come in small packages.

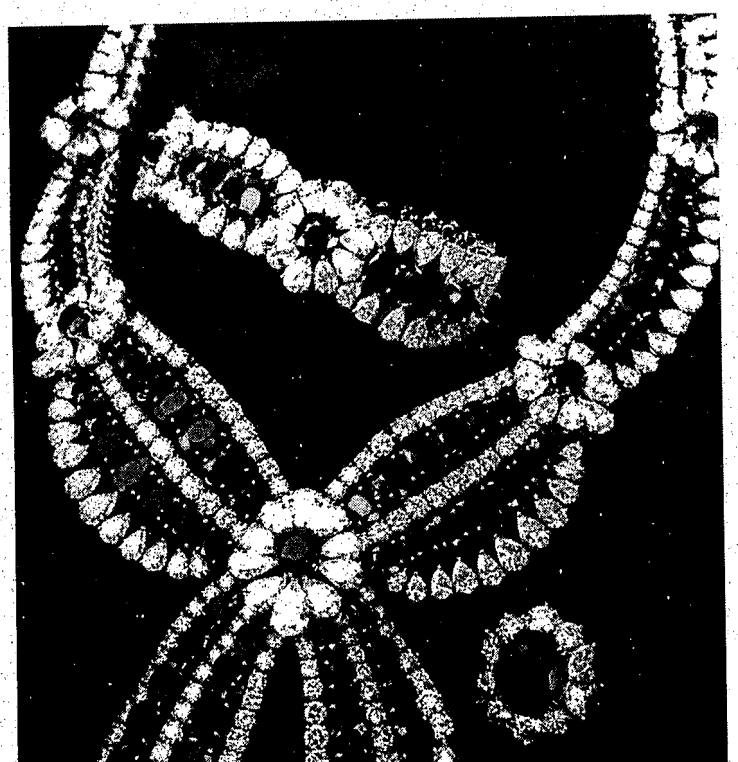
For those with something bigger in mind, a photographic portrait is a timeless, priceless gift. "It's a perfect gift to give at the holidays," says Don Sayles, photographic portrait artist at Portraits by Sayles in Birmingham. "These portraits become heirlooms as they are handed down, generation to generation."

If it is the children you would like to capture on canvas, Sayles stresses the importance of photographing each child in the family at a certain age, one by one. "I had one family who brought in all four children for a sitting," he explains. "However, a fifth child later joined the family, making their treasured portrait obsolete."

Certain ages, such as 2, 4, or 8, are excellent times to bring children in for sittings. "You just can't miss those perfect years," says Sayles. "I'm puzzled by how many people miss the cute childhood years. It's really then when the children photograph so beautifully."

Photographic portraiture is an economical option for those considering having a painted portrait done. "The painted portraits I really liked were about $25,000," says Kerry Dillon of Birmingham, whose daughter Katie was photographed at age 4 1/2. "The quality of Don's work was great and about one-fifth the price. You could easily spend that amount on a piece of art for your home and it wouldn't mean half as much." If you are in search of a unique and cherished gift for your loved ones, a picture is worth a thousand words.

Prime cut: *Vintage poster by French artist Benjamin Rabier is considered an investment piece by collectors. Poster, $4,800, Print Gallery, Southfield.*



Fire and ice: *Cartier's luxurious diamond, platinum, and Burmese ruby suite is the ultimate gift for the ultimate woman. Necklace, ring and bracelet, price available upon request, Cartier, Somerset Collection, Troy.*

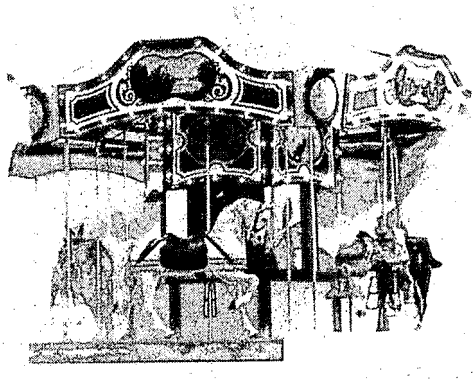
For that impossible-to-buy-for person on your list, only your pocketbook will limit your possibilities. For the executive who has it all, Mont Blanc's $125,000 solid gold writing instrument, encrusted with 4,810 pavé diamonds, may be the perfect stocking stuffer. For children big and small, consider the Neiman Marcus $300,000 full-sized carousel, or perhaps a miniature, drivable $1,800 Ferrari for Junior. If Junior is in his 40s or 50s, he might be thrilled to find a red Cadillac STS or green Oldsmobile Aurora wrapped in red ribbon.

Art, both old and new, is always right for the holidays. Vintage French posters are all the rage and will add character to any home. If your loved one is an antiques collector, give a gift that will appreciate and be appreciated, such as an antique sterling tea service. Functional art, such as a gemstone-inlaid globe, can be displayed with pride and used for a lifetime.

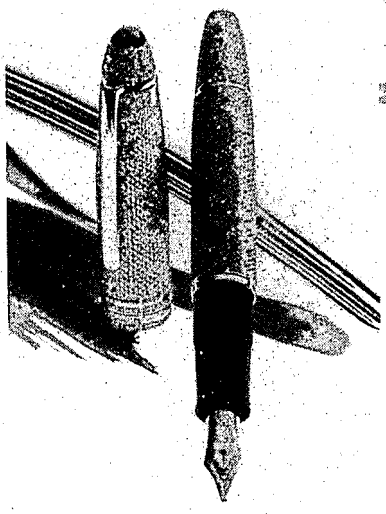
This holiday season, let romance prevail. Surprise him with the promise of a weekend getaway for two at the luxurious Inn at Bay Harbor where, come spring, golfing is at its finest. Wrap her in your arms with a Saks mink shortcoat, dyed a festive red. Clasp a stunning diamond necklace or ruby and diamond bracelet on her. Or treat your family and friends to a custom designed, specially prepared seven-course feast by Encore Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills. Owner Chuckie Sugayan will even come to your home and cater for any number of your guests and loved ones.

Nothing quite equals the sense of exhilaration and adventure you feel when drifting over the landscape in a hot-air balloon. Whether rising against the backdrop of morning's first light or the blue of an evening sky, a champagne toast amid the clouds is a moment to remember. The Michigan Balloon Corporation in Holly designs special sky's-the-limit packages including bed, breakfast and picnic flights ($575-$795).

Come December, let your imagination soar.



Childhood treasure: *A one-of-a-kind fully operational carousel with hand-carved figures signed by the artist, $300,000, Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy.*



Write on: *A gold and diamond Solitaire Royal fountain pen, $125,000, Mont Blanc, Somerset Collection, Troy.*

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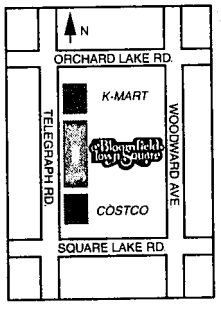

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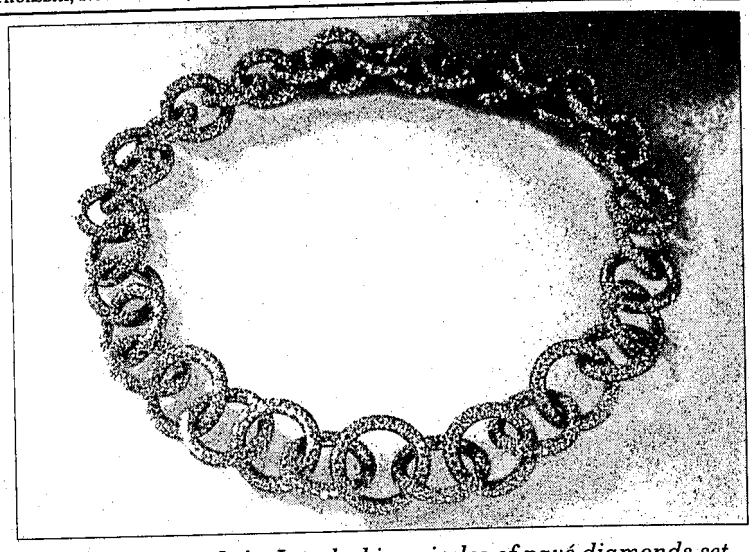
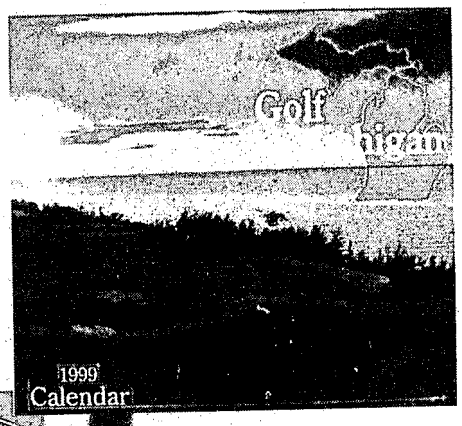


Pavé, s'il vous plait: *Interlocking circles of pavé diamonds set in platinum are sure to make her eyes shine. Necklace, $135,000, Tiffany & Co., Somerset Collection, Troy.*



Par excellence: *Bay Harbor Golf Club near Petoskey is Michigan's preeminent golfing destination. Shown here on the cover of the 1999 Golf Michigan Calendar photographed by golf course landscape photographer Dave Richards ($12.95).*

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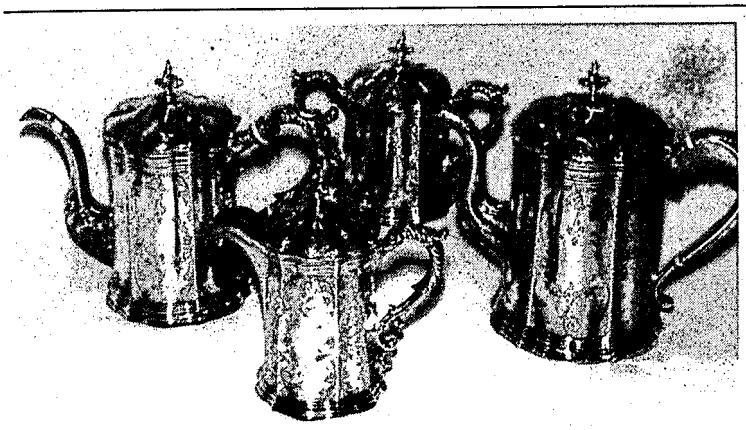
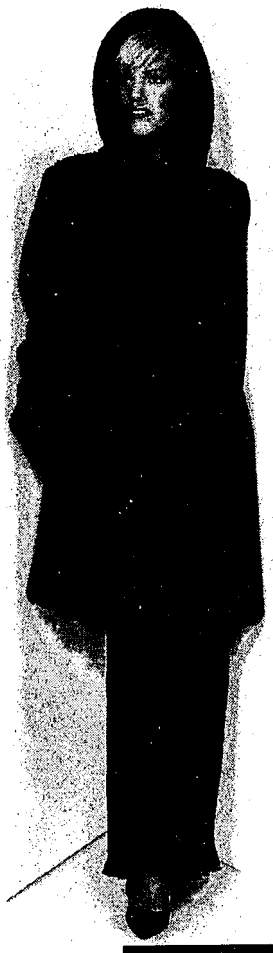
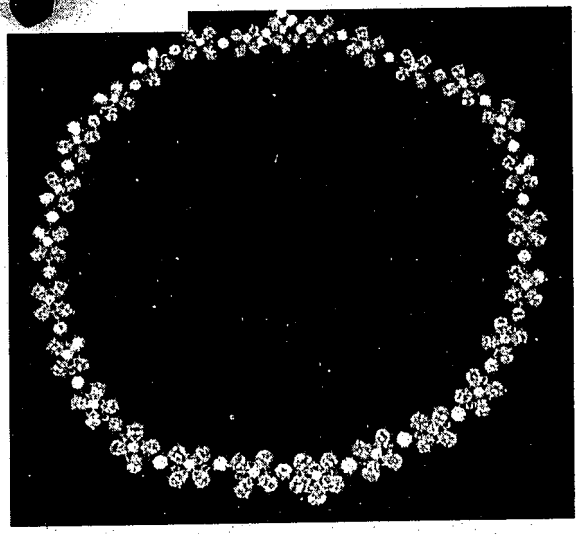
Auto-matic joy: *Finding a 1999 Cadillac Seville STS ($53,100) or an Oldsmobile Aurora ($38,700) under the tree would guarantee holiday happiness. Suburban Oldsmobile and Cadillac in Troy.*



High tea: *This hand-engraved and hand-cast antique sterling tea service by William Gale is a unique gift for the serious collector. Service, $5,200, Cleon Chase Antiques, Birmingham.*



Red hot mink: *Saks Fifth Avenue's exclusive Bisang red dyed shortcoat will keep her warm no matter what the weather. Coat, $11,500, Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Collection, Troy.*



Floral masterpiece: *Wearable, 50-carat art. Necklace, $200,000, Jules R. Schubot Jewellers, Troy.*

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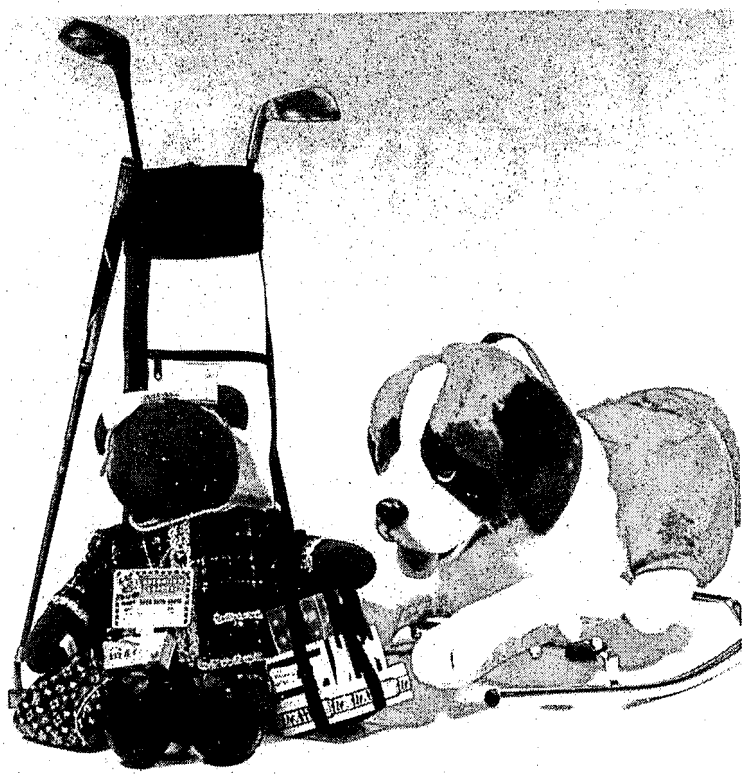

Kids. They'll tell you what they want, what they really, *really* want, and it's up to you to make it happen. Instead, what you really, really need is a quick and dirty guide to what's hot and hip for kids this holiday season. This year kids are clamoring for everything from classic yo-yos to interactive stuffed animals with a vocabulary rivaling Webster's. For the bigger kids on your list, collectors classics such as Phantom of the Opera Ken and Barbie or a Steinbach Darth Vader are flying off the shelves. If your child already has it all, how about a set of pint-sized golf clubs or a shopping bear that sports "Bearragamo" shoes and holds an "Ambearican Express" card? And don't forget Teletubbies; they're everywhere this year along with Blue's Clues, Arthur, Furby, and a whole host of T.V.-inspired characters.

Isn't holiday shopping really, really fun?

– Rebecca Kalajian

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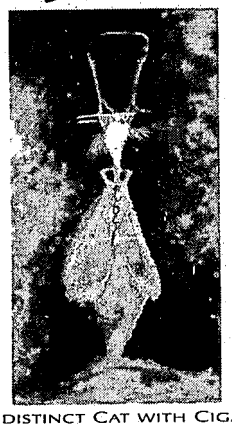

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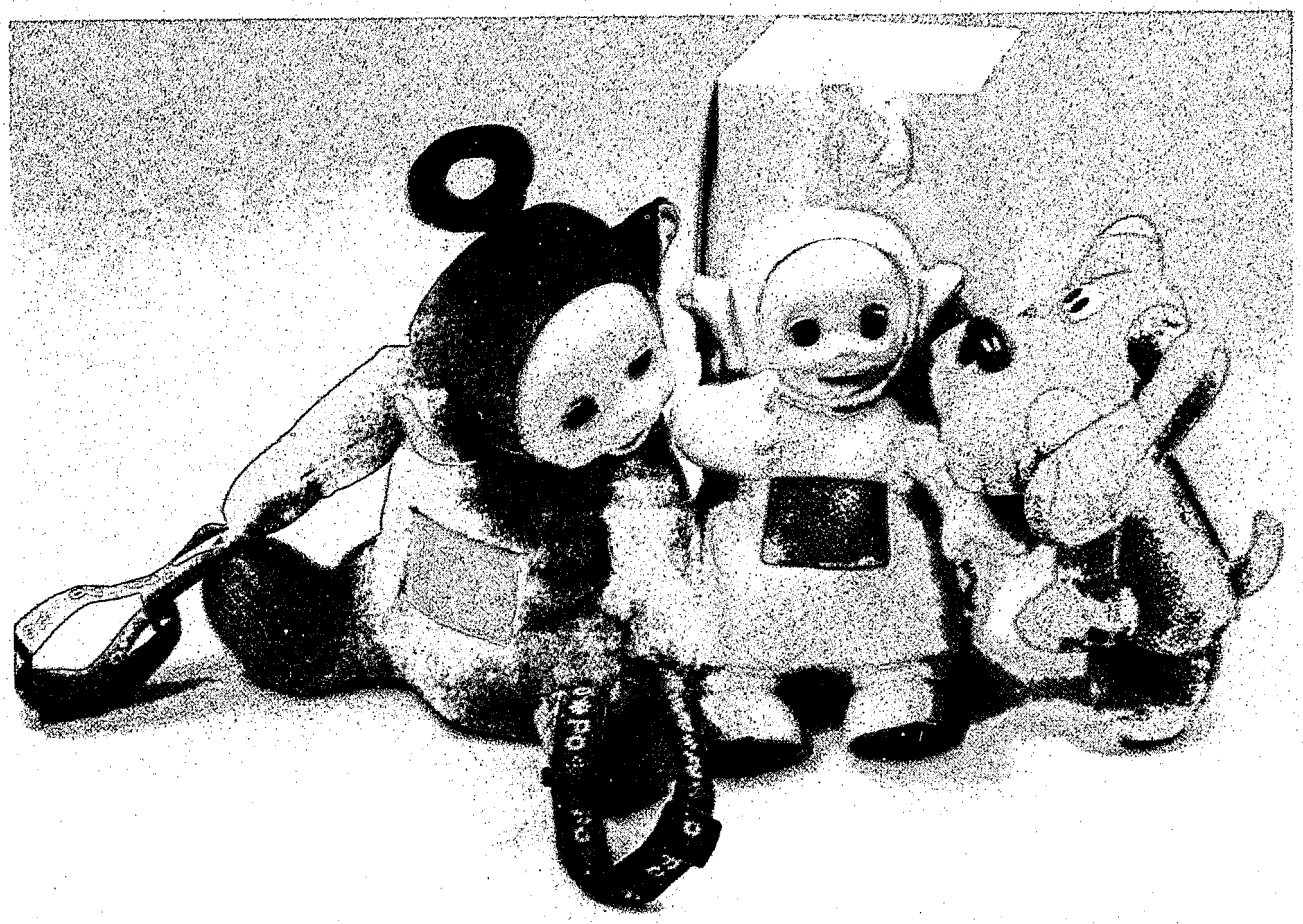

Holiday must-haves: *Po Teletubbie backpack by Holiday Mischief Makers ($32), Blue's Clues Singalong Blue by Fisher Price ($24.99), Talking Laa-Laa by Playskool ($29.99). All at FAO Schwarz, Somerset Collection, Troy.*

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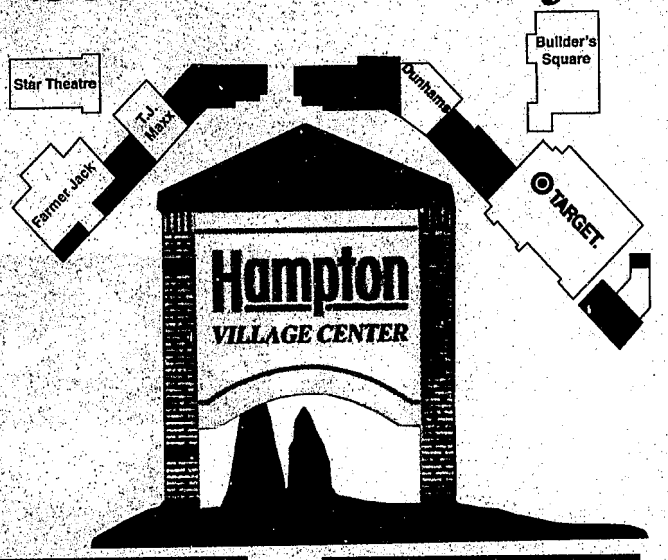

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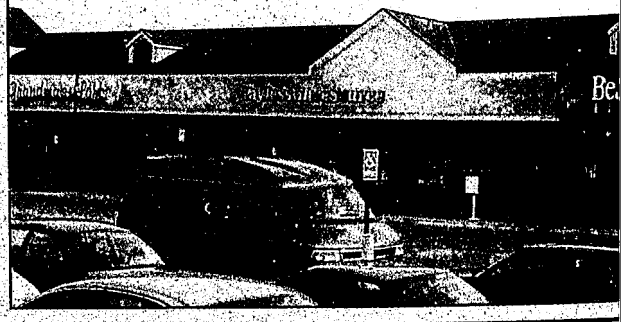

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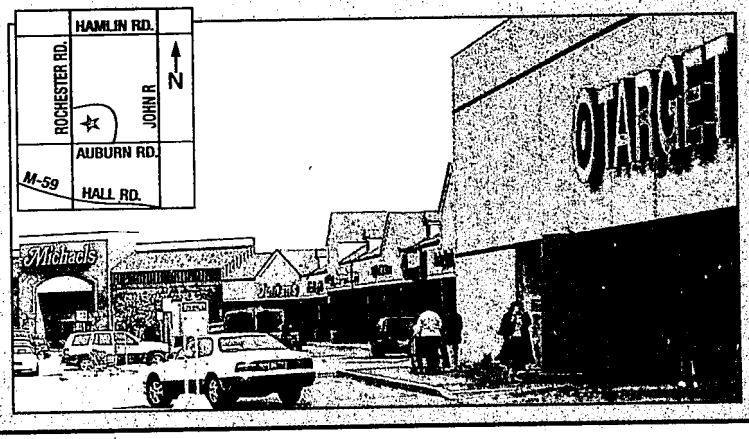

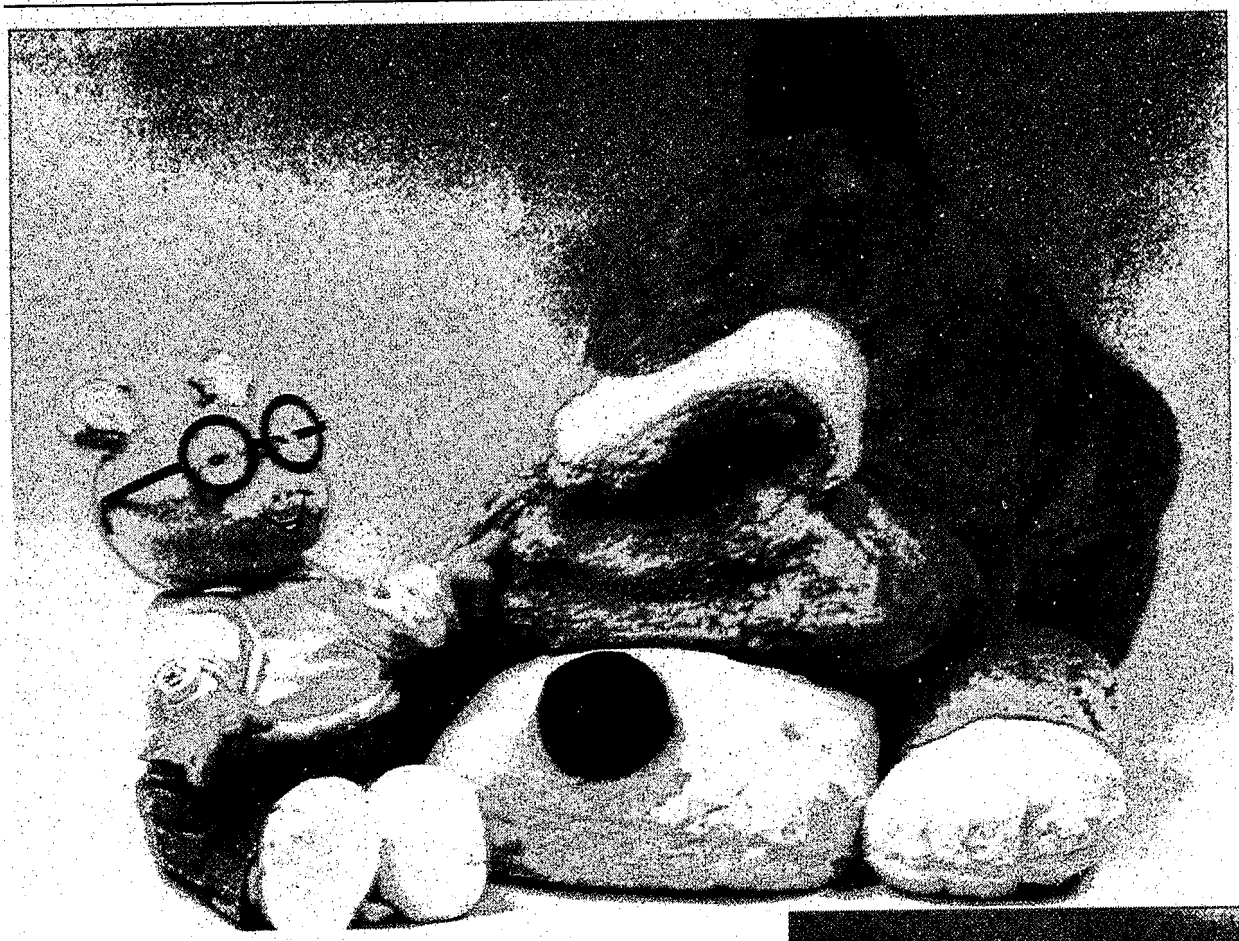

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Scarlet Letters...

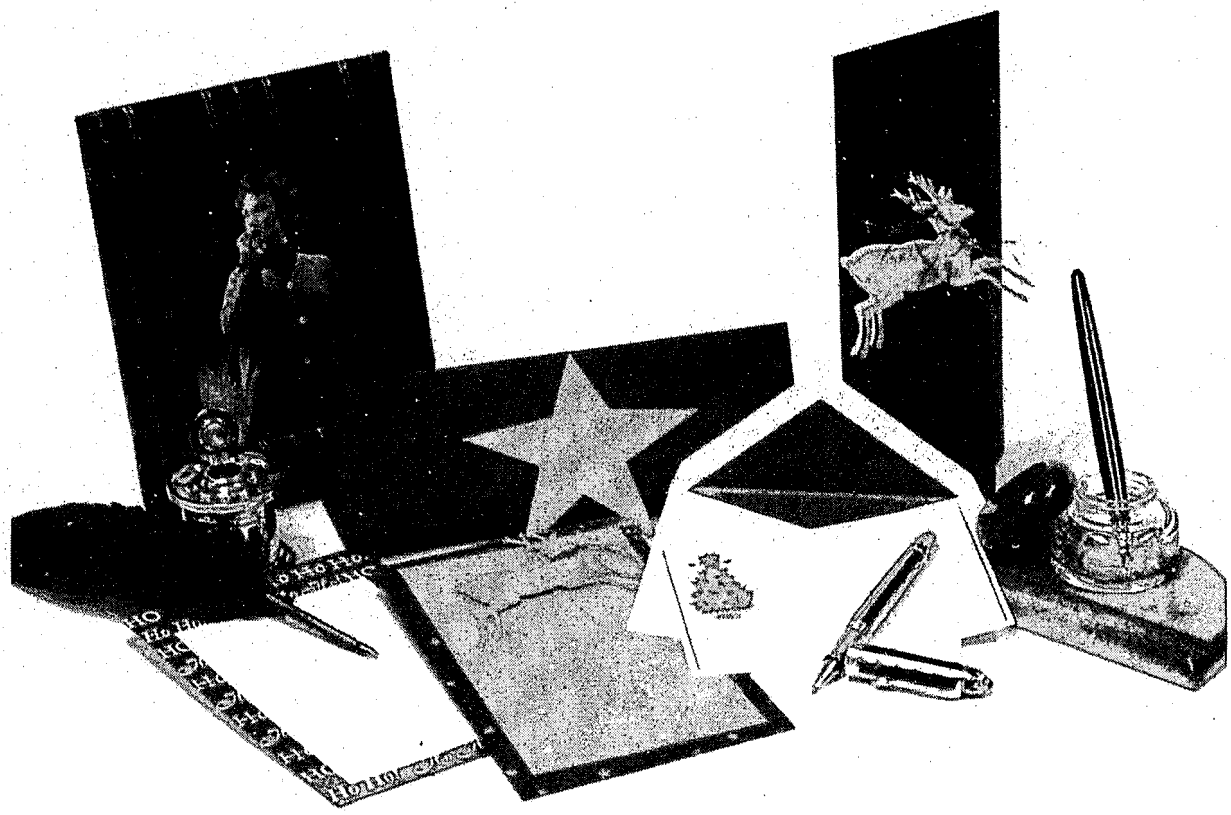
Make this holiday a red letter day with desk accessories guaranteed to make your *bons mots* sizzle.

Whether giving gifts to colleagues or someone whose office is at home, red desk accessories will brighten up anyone's workspace. Beautify her desk with a red-marbled glass ink pot filled with rose-scented ink. Punch up a dreary report with metallic red paper clips. Treat him to a red leather eyeglass case or fancy red mechanical pencil.

Pens are a classic gift at holiday time, so make your gift memorable by choosing a style and color they won't forget. Inkpots with matching writing instruments can be found in an assortment of styles, from red feather pens to classic nib pens. For something with a little more flair, try a red enamel and gold ribbed pen modeled after a Fabergé egg.

Photo frames, holiday notes or paperweights all make wonderful hostess gifts. For the computer aficionado, try an Anne Geddes-designed mousepad or a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired font as a gift. No matter what you choose, red works for holiday and for every day.

– Rebecca Kalajian



Crimson cache: *This collection of items will brighten up any dull desk. (Clockwise from left) Red plaid frame by Helene Batoff ($32.50), Barbara's Paper Bag, Birmingham; Reindeer notes by Meri Meri, Barbara's Paper Bag; Jean Pierre Lepine inkwell, base, and matching pen ($65), Colorado Pen Co., Somerset Collection, Troy; Michel Perchin Fabergé-inspired pen ($3,200), Jules R. Schubot Jewellers, Troy; Christmas tree postcard ($4.50 for 10), and lined envelope ($9 for 25), Crane Paper Co., Somerset Collection, Troy; Reindeer notes with translucent paper overlay ($17), Barbara's Paper Bag; Ho!Ho!Ho! notes by La Vie En Rose ($13.99), Penn & Paige, Rochester; 23 kt. gold inkpot with red feather pen by El Casco ($85), Colorado Pen Co.*

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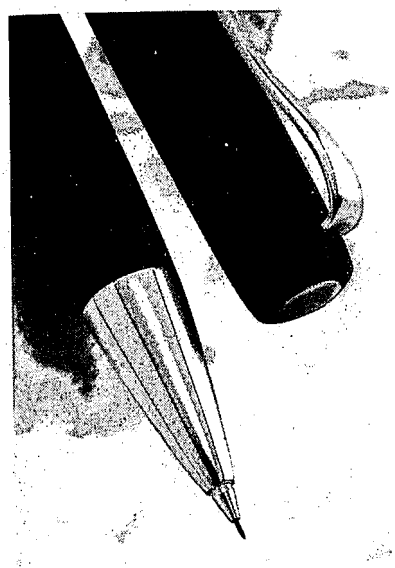
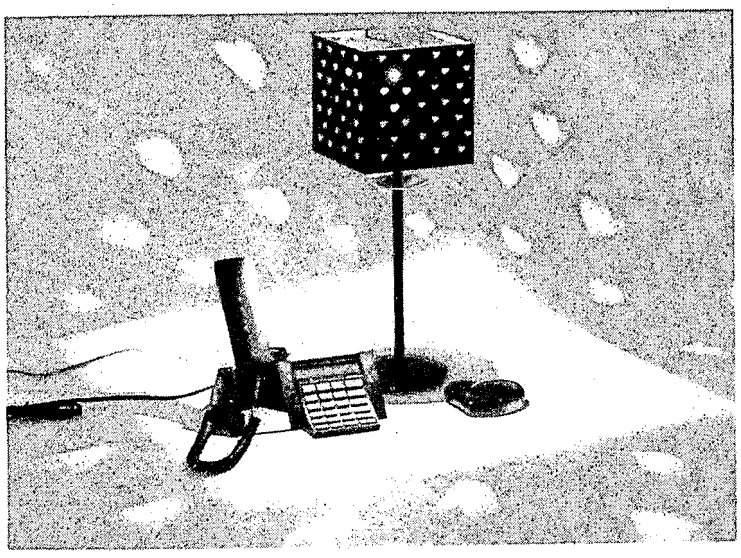


Red letter day: *Express yourself with a Montegrappa Symphony mechanical pencil from Humidor One in Southfield.*

Desktop drama: *Items to make friends and colleagues blush with pleasure. (Clockwise from left) Red rubber vase by Made by Humans ($28), Chiasso, Somerset Collection, Troy; cuckoo clock by Zetsche & Heckhausen ($125), Chiasso; red and black active pocket ziparound organizer by Filofax ($35), Colorado Pen Co., Somerset Collection, Troy; computer font by Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation ($14.95), 56 WTVS Store of Knowledge, Somerset Collection, Troy; Anne Geddes mousepad ($15), Jacobson's, Birmingham; metallic red paperclips by Waltraud Bethge Papiere ($4.50), Colorado Pen Co.; red mechanical pencil and case by Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation ($49.95), 56 WTVS Store of Knowledge; red stapler by Folle 26 ($58), Chiasso; red leather eyeglass case ($52), Coach, Somerset Collection, Troy.*



Heart's desire: *Whose heart wouldn't melt with these gifts? Red BeoCom 2500 desk telephone ($250), Bang & Olufsen, Somerset Collection, Troy; red heart cut-out lamp by Stray Dogs ($125), Art Loft, Birmingham; red heart paperweight by Elsa Peretti ($45), Tiffany & Co., Somerset Collection, Troy.*

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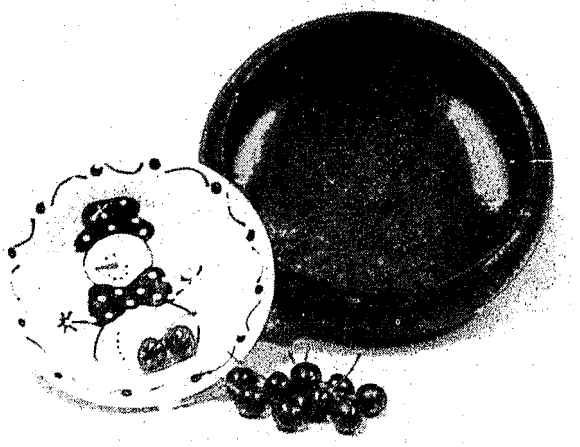
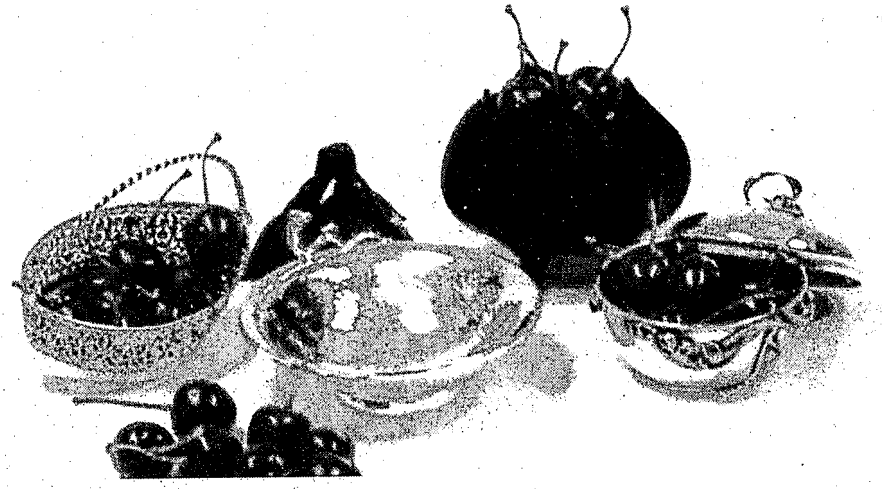
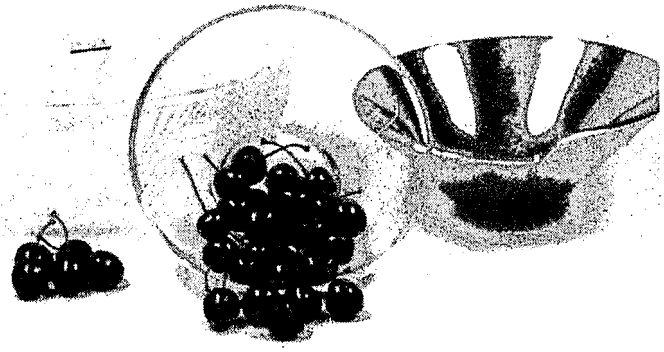


Dish it up: *Expressly Yours ceramic bowl, $26, The Village Barn, Franklin; handcrafted wood bowl, $245, The Spectrum, Somerset Collection, Troy.*



Regal receptacles: *Silver basket ($50), iron bowl ($72) and silver covered bowl ($100), all Presence II, Birmingham. Emilio Castillo silver snake bowl, $140, Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy.*

Art glass: *Peggy Karr glass fruit bowl, $48, The Spectrum, Somerset Collection, Troy; Annieglass bowl, $150, Jacobson's.*

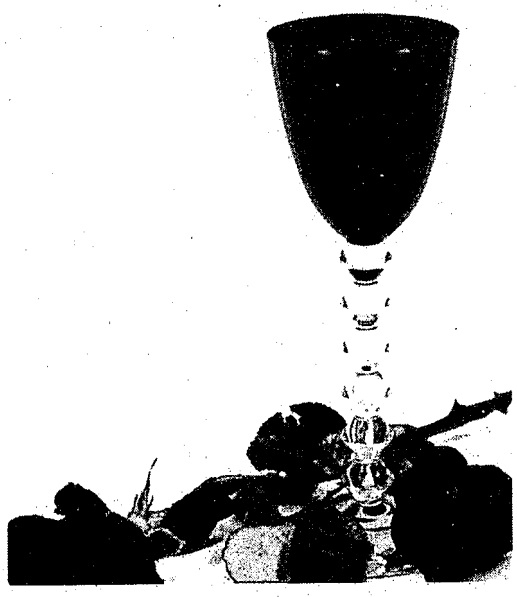


Bowled over: *Lalique Moon Kuta bowl ($915) and Nambé seashell bowl ($109), Jacobson's. Lotus bowl, $16.95, Crate & Barrel, Somerset Collection, Troy.*

Days of Wine and Roses

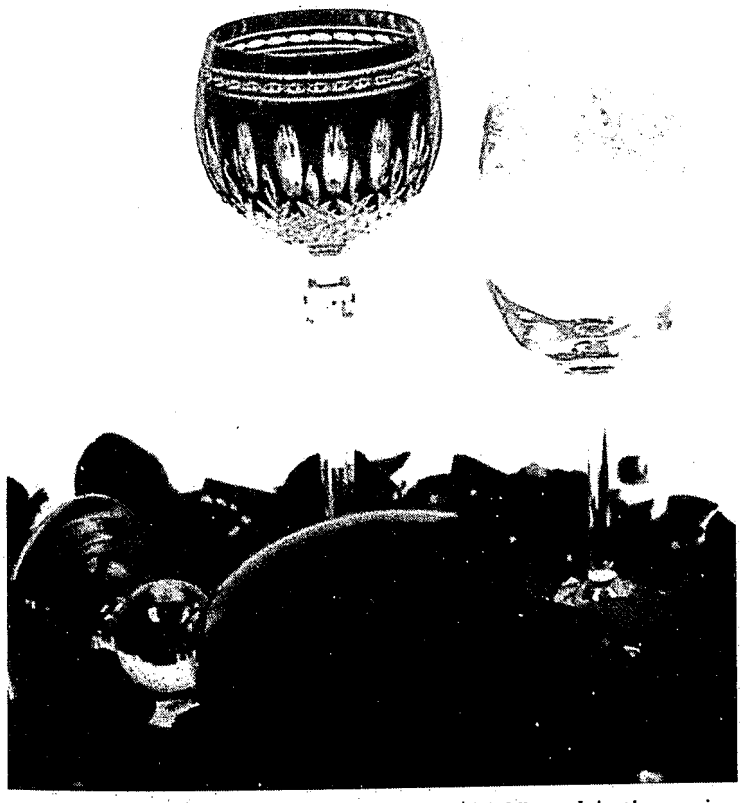
Toast the season with crystal wine goblets. Paired with a bottle of your favorite Merlot or Chardonnay, an elegant stem makes a romantic gift. And red roses are the perfect complement.

– *Linda Bachrack*



Long-stemmed beauty: *Baccarat wine goblet, $140, Jacobson's.*

Multi-faceted: *Asymetrical fractured glass stem, $52, Jacobson's; "Chrysanthemum" wine glass, $35, Tiffany & Co., Somerset Collection, Troy; hand-blown martini glass, $170, Presence II, Birmingham.*



Garden of glasses: *Garnet wine glass, $18.95, and Antique wine glass, $6.95, Crate & Barrel, Somerset Collection, Troy. (Standing left): Waterford Claredon crystal stem, 2/$129, Jacobson's.*

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Paint the Town Red

BY LINDA BACHRACK

It's 7 a.m. and the usual "what to wear" dilemma is magnified tenfold by the fact that tonight is the holiday office party. No time to run home and change clothes after work. So, short of packing the car with the necessities of a total makeover, from lipstick to lingerie, how can you manage a party-perfect transformation in a matter of minutes?

"It's all in the accessories," says Hope Greenberg, stylist for the Chic Simple section of *InStyle* magazine. "Pack a few great pieces and, if you're wearing an outfit that goes day to evening, you're all set."

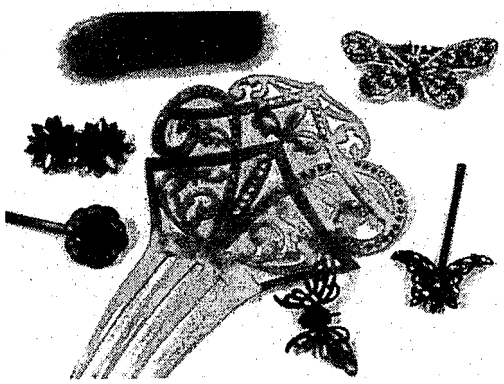
What works the day-and-night shift? Greenberg recommends a shift dress with a matching jacket if you work in an office that has a conservative dress code, or a long sleeved turtleneck if you work in a more relaxed atmosphere. "Take the jacket or turtleneck off for evening, and you have a cute little bare shift dress to wear out on the town," says Greenberg. You could also wear a basic black pant or skirt suit for evening if this is more your style.

Now for the fun part – the little secret solutions that ensure a.m. to p.m. glamour. Broad strokes of scarlet provide the jolt that's needed to kickstart your evening.

• **Toss feathers or fur around your shoulders.** A faux fur collar or feather boa ups the glamour quotient the minute you toss it around your neck. Valentino has matching ruffs and cuffs to pump up your black suit. And DKNY has a faux fur muffler in Merlot that is small enough to grace the neckline of a jacket.

• **Add sparkle.** Wrap a crystal beaded scarf around your neck. Or try a pair of garnet earrings, an antique ruby bracelet or a fiery glass-bead necklace.

• **Get into hair accessories.** You see them on Sharon Stone. Drew Barrymore. Winona Ryder. Every model and celebrity is clipping her newly shorn hair with teeny-tiny barrettes or hairpins. Some of the most desired are Colette Malouf's butterfly pins and Ani & Alix's crystal flower barrettes. Todd's Room in Birmingham offers an incredible selection of festive hair ornaments. Individualists are searching flea markets and antique stores for vintage brooches to clip into hair. If your hair is long and you can easily gather it into a sleek bun or French twist for evening, consider a pair of jeweled hair sticks for decoration. Presence II has a golden Bakelite hair comb delicately splashed with ruby crystal buds.



• **Add panache with a red velvet slipper.** Nothing dresses up a suit or simple chemise more than a sexy shoe. Dorothy wowed Oz with her ruby slippers. You will turn heads when you glide into the room in CK red velvet mules.

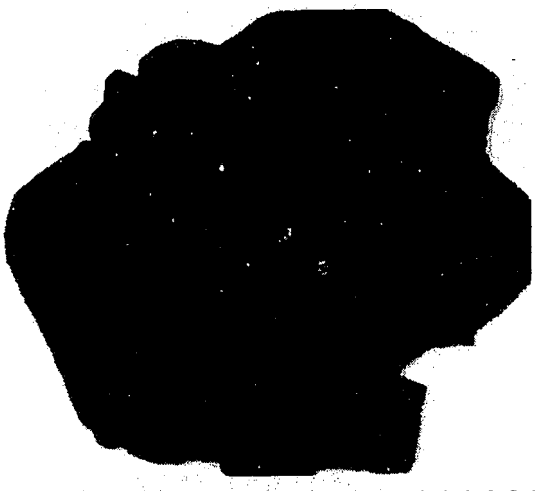
• **Add sass to your suit skirt or pants.** Remove your workday blazer and slip on an evening sweater or crushed velvet jacket.

• **Take evening glamour in hand.** Dress up any look with a delicate evening bag in velvet, satin or beaded silk. Jamin Puech's fur-trimmed beaded bag from Tender in Birmingham is a work of art and a conversation piece.

All of these items are small enough to fit into the handbag or tote that you take to work. Now, all you really need to do is apply a sexy red lip color, and you're off.

At top left, Nitrolian French advertising art poster, $2,900, The Print Gallery, Southfield.

Bakelite comb ($250), Presence II, Birmingham; (clockwise from top left) Tiara Misu red fur barrette ($19), Tiara Misu butterfly ($27), butterfly bobby ($15), butterfly clip ($8), flower bobby ($18), double flower barrette ($62), all from Todd's Room, Birmingham.



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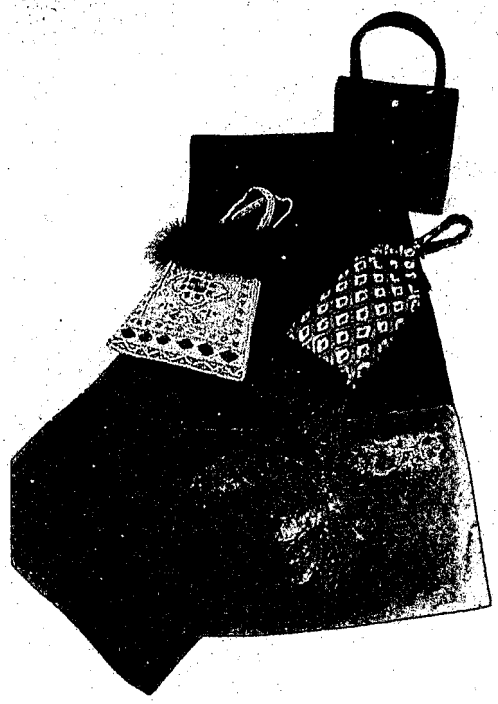
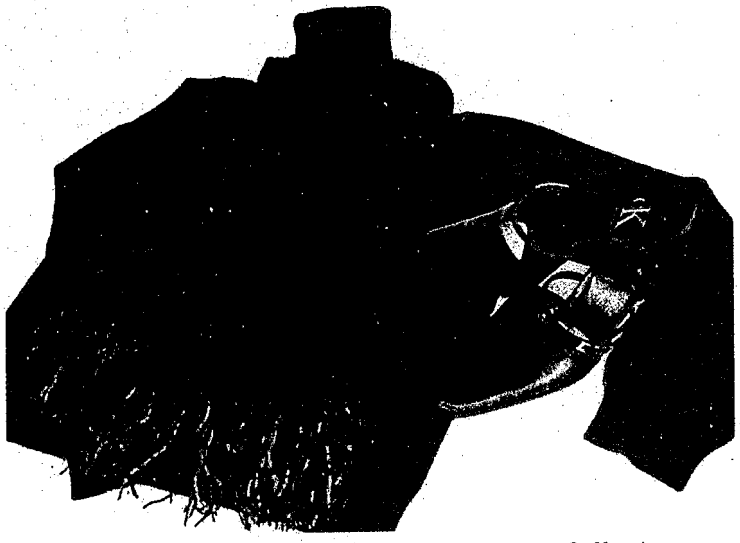


Grazia Bagnaresi silk velvet scarf ($130), Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection, Troy; Jamin Puech beaded bags ($225), Tender, Birmingham; Kate Spade satin bag ($200), Neiman Marcus.

Crushed velvet jacket ($168), Caché, Somerset Collection, Troy; burgundy boa ($69), Jacobson's; velvet bag ($24), Kenneth Cole, Somerset Collection, Troy.



BCBG cashmere sweater ($168), BCBG, Somerset Collection, Troy; Margaret Lent chenille scarf ($98), The Spectrum, Somerset Collection; CK velvet mules ($135), CK, Somerset Collection.

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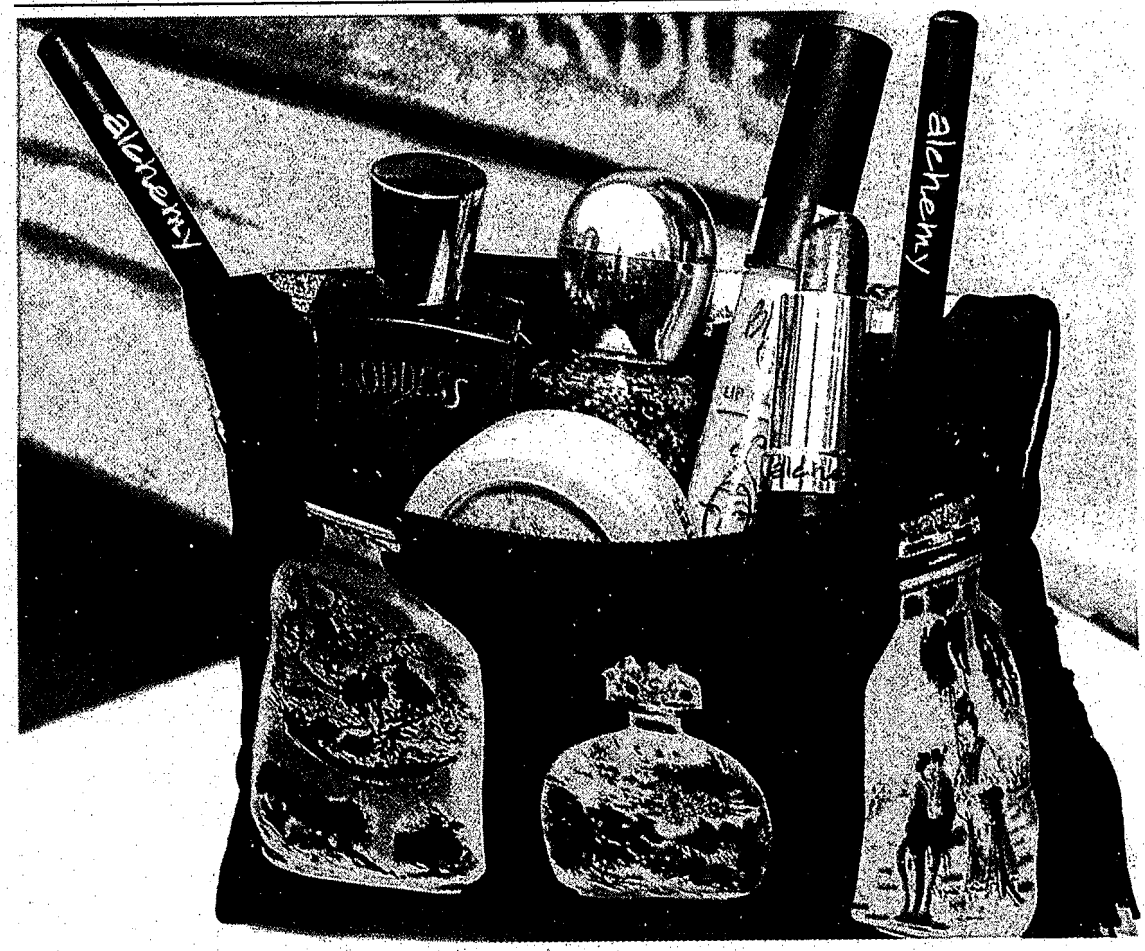

Face the Music

A little primp, a little polish, a dusting of glitter and a bright kiss of lip color... Presto, you're ready for a festive night on the town.

When there's no time to go home and primp for the office party, touch up with makeup essentials that you've tucked into a pretty little cosmetics pouch that could double as an evening bag.

Makeup artist Kymber Blake gives tips to brighten your look for the holiday after-work soirée. All cosmetics are from Lori Karbal et al in Birmingham.

Blake gives Suzanne Sliger some instant glamour with Alchemy's glossy lipstick in Cranberry, and Trish McEvoy's lipliner #19. Jus lip shine adds extra sheen. Eyes are smoky and subtle, with a hint of liner and well-defined lashes. Some silver Stardust body glitter, applied to the chest and shoulders, ups the sparkle quotient.

Manicurist Marshelle Alsass finishes the look with the hottest nail polish and color of the season – Elixia by Goddess, a color therapy nail potion.

– Linda Bachrack

Pack your touch-up pouch with Alchemy liners and lipstick ($14-$16.50), Goddess nail polish ($12), Tony & Tina "The Gift" sparkle nail polish ($10), Girl Cosmetics Stardust body glitter ($20) and Bloom lip gloss in Peck ($16). Nordic House Designs makeup bag. All from Lori Karbal, Birmingham.

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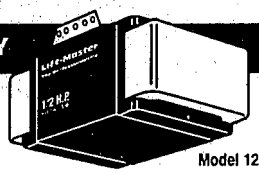

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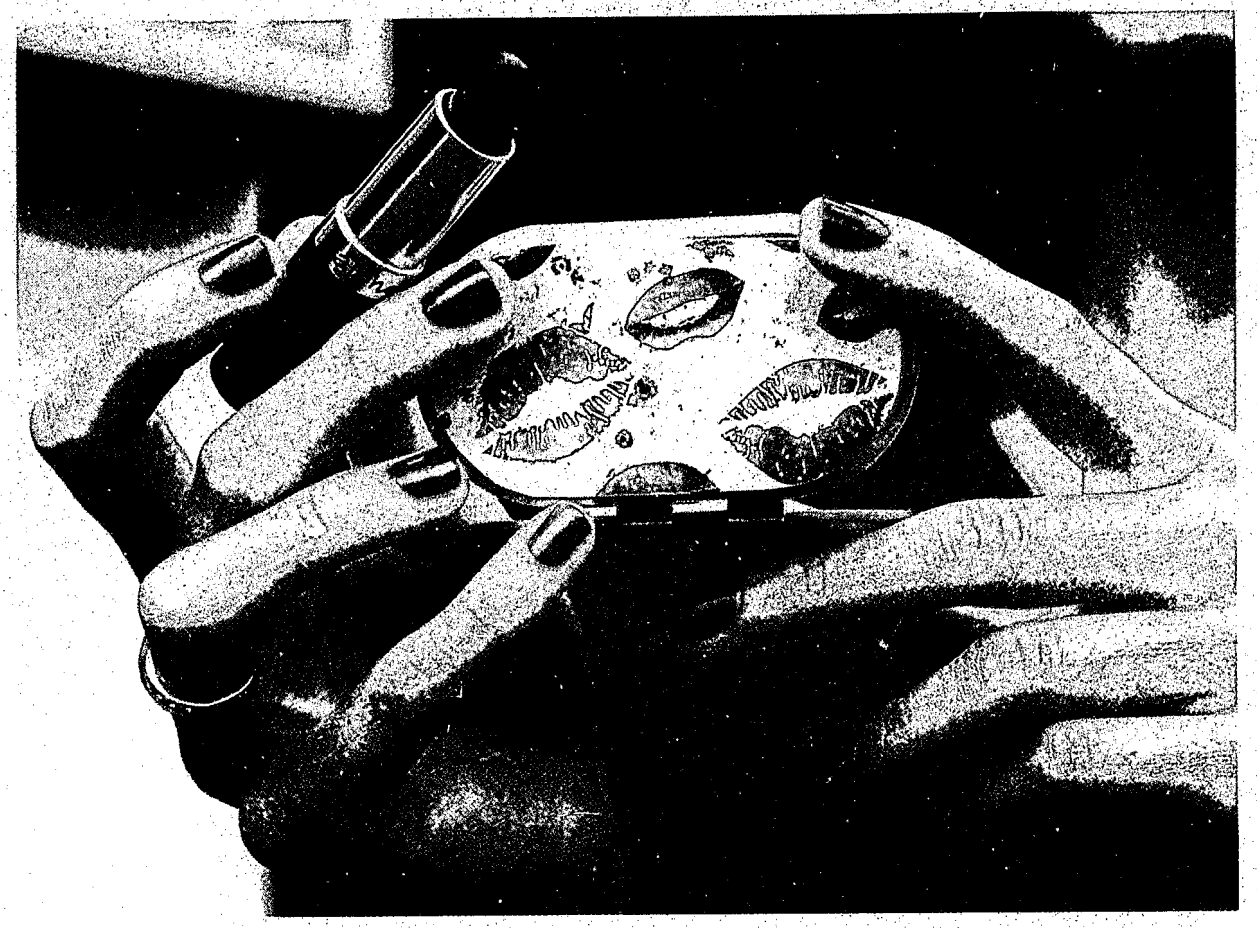

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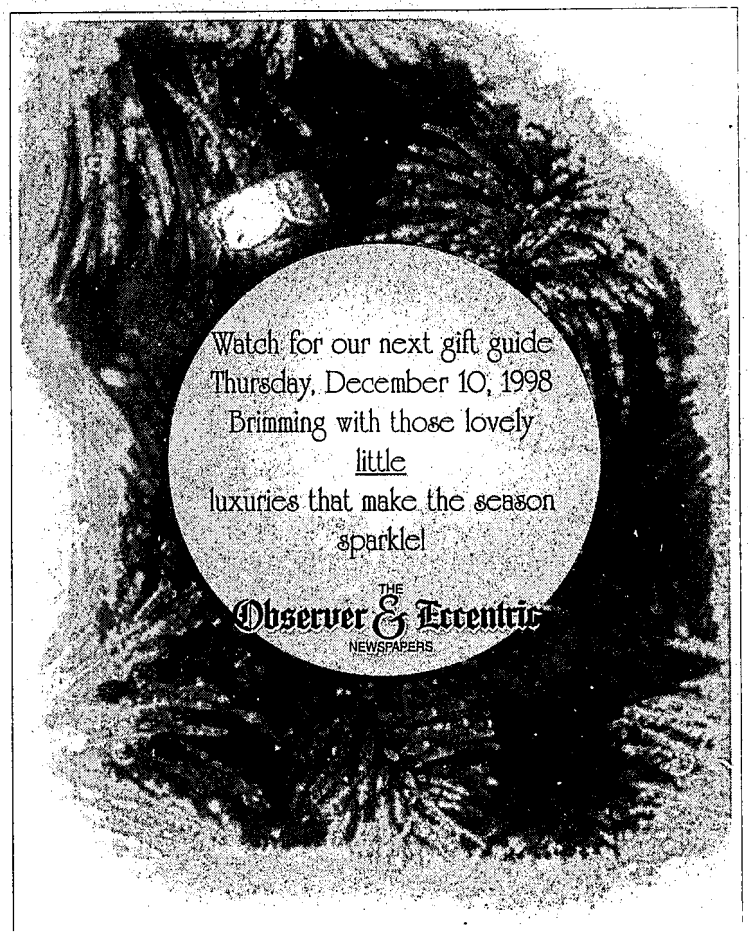

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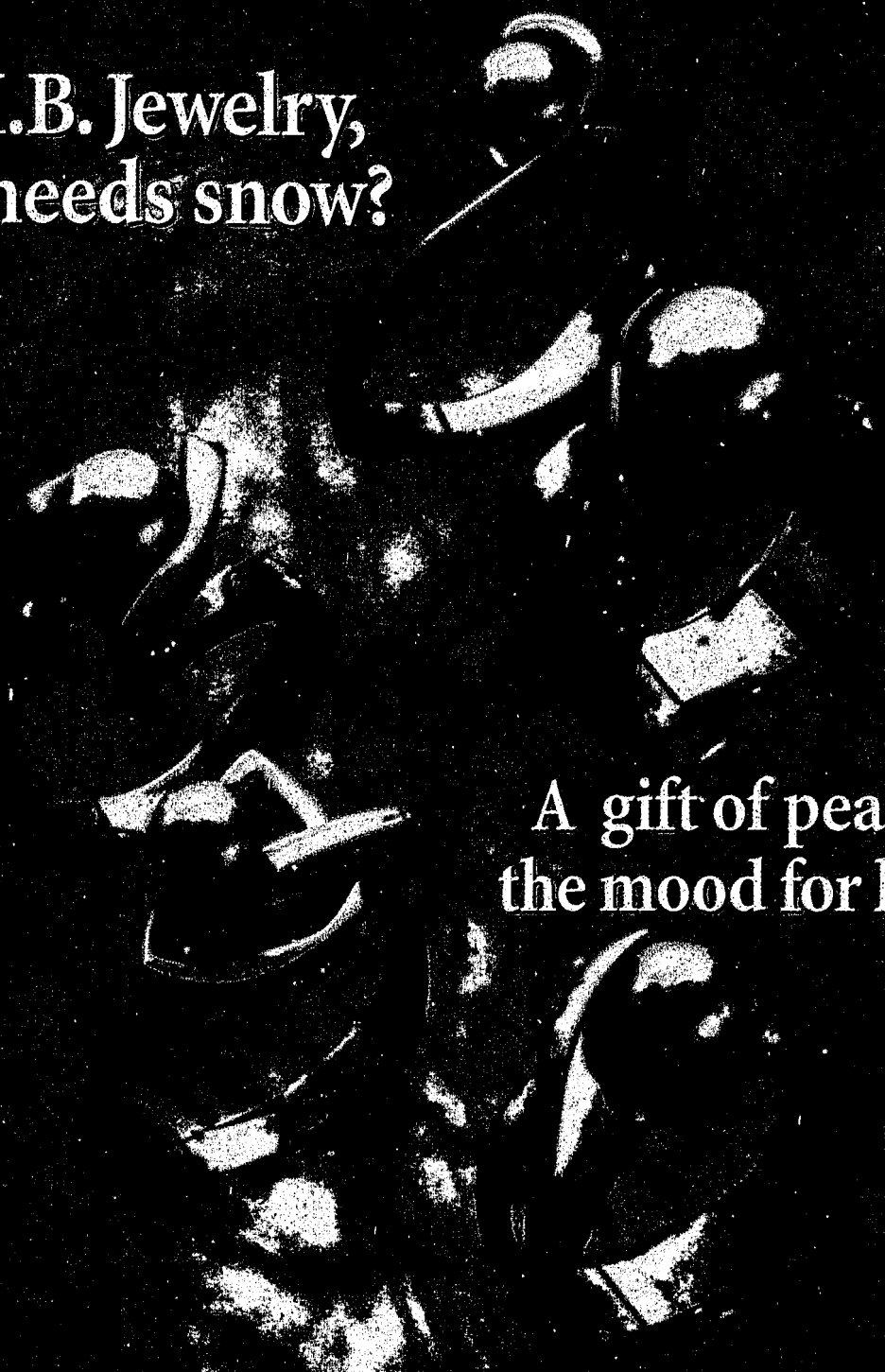

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THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY

Aretha Franklin, the "Queen of Soul," makes a historic first appearance 8 p.m. with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra at Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets $30, $50, $75, $125 and $150, call (313) 576-5111.

SATURDAY

New Millennium Youth Theatre Company performs "The Snow Queen," by Hans Christian Andersen, 2 p.m. at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets $5, call (248) 552-1225.

SUNDAY

University Musical Society presents "The Harlem Nutcracker," 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at The Detroit Opera House, 26 Broadway, Detroit (corner of Madison Ave.), Detroit. Tickets $12-$50, call (800) 221-1229, (313) 874-SING, or (248) 645-6666.

HOT TICKET

Celebrate "Traditions of the Season," Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 3 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road (west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn. At the Museum, visitors will marvel at a 720-square foot gingerbread town with 32 gingerbread buildings and six toy trains pulling 75 cars over 500 feet of track. The Museum and Village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission adults $12.50, senior citizens 62 and over $11.50, kids 5-12 years old $7.50, children under five free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT MEADOW BROOK'S "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"

STAFF PHOTOS BY DONNA MCLAUGHLIN

Piecing together: *Scenery designer Peter Hicks, right, oversees the assembly of the intricate set for "A Christmas Carol."*

ARCHITECTURE HOLIDAY CLASSIC

BY FRANK PROVENZANO
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It only seems appropriate that the story Charles Dickens claimed he laughed and cried over like no other would require the staging synchronization of a Swiss watch assembly line.

For Meadow Brook Theatre set designer Peter Hicks, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" translates into 17 pages of densely filled blueprints, a large-scale hydraulic-powered turntable that reveals a two-sided, unfolding set and enough ersatz fiberglass bricks to build a small mansion in the rolling hills of Rochester.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, Meadow Brook Theatre initiated the holiday season with the opening performances of their 16th annual production of "A Christmas Carol."

Amazingly, the production hasn't grown tiresome over the years, largely due to Charles Nolte's lively adaptation, the intricately magical set designed by Hicks, and the 1840s period costumes created by Barbara Jenks who counts more than 1,000 wardrobe pieces in "A Christmas Carol."

WHAT: "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens, adapted by Charles Nolte.
WHEN: Through Sunday, Dec. 27. Performance times vary, call for information.
WHERE: Meadow Brook Theatre, Wilson Hall, Oakland University campus, Rochester.
TICKETS: $25-$30.50, call (248) 377-3300, or (248) 370-3316 for group tickets. Special discounts Thanksgiving weekend, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, adults paying full price may purchase half-price tickets for children age 12 and under.

Before the curtain rises

Only the agonizingly agnostic and terminally crusty haven't read or watched a version of Scrooge's conversion from a greedy sinner to benevolent patriarch.

But long before the illusion of 19th-century London streets, the sniveling Scrooge, and the suffering Cratchits make their way onto the Meadow Brook stage, the architecture of the play must be constructed.

"The physical plan of the set must serve the play and the director's interpretation," said Hicks. "And in our case, it must also fit the tight confines of a former recital hall."

Back in 1982 when "A Christmas Carol" was first performed, the guest designer hadn't planned on the set being used from year to year.

By the late 1980s, Hicks redesigned the set and the reconstructed carousel hasn't stopped turning. The play is unquestionably the most popular in Meadow Brook's history.

From year to year, "A Christmas Carol" attracts thousands of students and young families to the Wednesday-Sunday matinees over a six-week run.

"Before the curtain goes up, there's a few moments when the audience should be getting information from what's on the stage," said Hicks.

In those moments, audiences see a set seemingly pulled from a Currier and Ives painting, and hear costumed carolers in the hallways.

Time of joy

While most productions of "A Christmas Carol" borrow sappy Disney-like interpretations, Meadow Brook's holiday classic is perhaps more gritty, and closer to Dickens' bitter-sweet original tale.

And if anyone wants to see the closest dramatization of the real-

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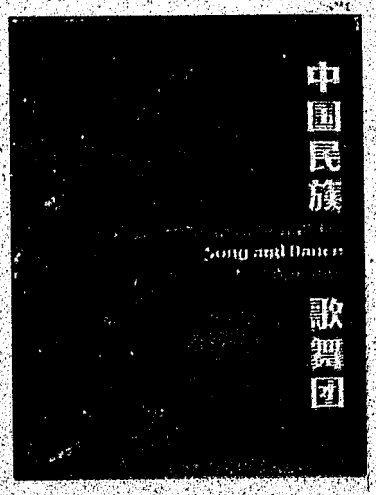
Hung up: *Barbara Jenks, costume coordinator at Meadow Brook Theatre, stands amid the hundreds of costumes prepared for "A Christmas Carol."*



Song & dance troupe shares Chinese treasure

Birmingham Seaholm High School plays host to an appearance by the Chinese National Song & Dance Troupe 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

The program "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" features Tibetan and Mongolian dancers.

Gang Chen of Rochester Hills, an engineer with Chrysler, is the chairman of the organizing committee for the program and general secretary of the Chinese Association of Greater Detroit.

Chen said the company features 27 dancers who perform 17 dances in a two-hour program.

"We are extremely pleased to bring a true national Chinese treasure to the Metro Detroit area," said Chen. "We hope that the show will bring our audience a richer Thanksgiving holiday season."

The company is making stops in New York City, Columbus, Cleveland, Houston, Los Angeles, Indianapolis, Milwaukee, Phoenix, Albuquerque and Honolulu.

"This December they have been invited to perform at the UN in New York on Dec. 25 and the company has arranged to appear in 20 cities in the U.S.," Chen said.

The dancers will be accompanied on traditional instruments.

"Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" will feature a mix of group and solo as well as modern and traditional folk dances. The Golden Drum and the Goddess, for example, describes how a Tibetan Buddhist uses a golden drum as a ritual object in temple ceremonies.

"The dances reflect the people's happiness, prosperity and feelings, dreams and desires," Chen said.

The Drum Dance features a group of male dancers wearing small bells on legs and waist who dance rhythmically to the beat of sheepskin drums.

Zhouma is the Tibetan word for fairy, and is the central character in a dance featuring a female solo with a group of male dancers in which Lady Zhouma attracts the attention of the young herdsmen.

Odzer is Tibetan for "light" or "fire." In this female solo performance the dancer expresses the hope that "light may eternally shine on humankind."

In addition to Tibetan and Mongolian dances, the program features other folk dances as well.

The Rainbow Sleeves dance is a Tu nationality dance featuring all women and centers on the seven colors of the rainbow, a prominent feature of the

Please see **TREASURE**, E2

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Christmas comes early for local dancer – she's a Rockette

Holiday tradition: *With military precision, the Rockettes perform their popular toy soldier dance.*

BY CHRISTINA FUOCO
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It's safe to say that Tracy Rysdale is thrilled about being a Rockette in this year's "Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes."

"Living in Michigan, I grew up going to the Fox (Theatre) and seeing the ballet with my parents. This is not only a dream to be a Rockette but to be performing at the Fox Theatre. It's an absolutely beautiful theater. It's overwhelming but very exciting," Rysdale explained.

With non-stop enthusiasm, Rysdale tells of the thrill she gets performing as a Rockette. Since she was a child growing up in White Lake Township, she has dreamed about becoming a part of the team.

"I've wanted to be a Rockette since I was 7 years old. I didn't have a lot of flexibility when I was younger. Everyone else could do the higher kicks and the splits. I was the one that couldn't do it. But I said one of these days I'm going to be a Rockette," Rysdale said.

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"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes"

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre, 2111 Woodward Ave., Detroit.
TICKETS: Range from $10-$52.50. For ticket information, call (248) 433-1515, visit http://www.ticketmaster.com or any Ticketmaster outlet. Groups of 20 or more should call (313) 965-3099.
PERFORMANCES: Several performances are scheduled, call for more information. This week's shows are 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28; 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29; 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2; 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3.

Please see **DANCER**, E2

Holiday classic: *Booth Colman performs as Ebenezer Scrooge and Stephanie Kasmicski (left) and Joel Carpenter alternate the role of Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol."*

Center holds festive holiday events

From youth theater, Judy Collins, to Gemini, there are lots of entertaining ways to celebrate the holidays in Southfield.

Youth Theater

The New Millennium Youth Theatre Company will perform Hans Christian Andersen's beloved fairy-tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28 Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J. L. Hudson Dr. (between Eight and Nine Mile Roads), Southfield. Tickets are $5 general admission, $4 for groups of 10 or more. Call (248) 552-1225.

Members of the New Millennium Youth Theatre Company, who come from all over metro Detroit, have been rehearsing since September. "They will put on a show your family will remember for years," said Chris Guyotte.

Judy Collins

Judy Collins will perform a holiday concert at the Southfield Centre for the Arts, 24350 Southfield Road, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8. Tickets are $30 and $35 per person, and available by cash or check at Southfield City Hall, 26000 Evergreen Road, at the main reception desk, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, or at the Parks & Recreation Building, 26000 Evergreen Road 5-7 p.m. and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are also available at all Ticketmaster ticket centers, or call (248) 645-6666.

The Golden Mushroom is offering a special pre-concert dinner at 6 p.m. before the Judy Collins concert. The dinner is $25 per person and begins with chilled chicken 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 chocolate French flourless torte with strawberry sauce and mint cream. Call the Golden Mushroom (248) 559-4230 for dinner reservations.

In this concert, Collins will share her joy of the holiday season. Her concerts are well-known for creating a warm, enjoyable evening filled with traditional and new songs for Hanukkah and Christmas. She will be accompanied by the Southfield-Lathrup Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Robert A. Martin.

Her recordings of "Both Sides Now," "Amazing Grace," and "Send in the Clowns," stand as classics for all time. Her 24 albums have sold millions of copies and have been certified gold and platinum.

Gemini

Internationally acclaimed children's folk singing duo, Gemin, will appear at the Millennium Centre in Southfield 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 for their annual Family Holiday Concert.

Winner of multiple Parent's Choice awards for their recordings, Gemini will perform songs from around the world and showcase the holidays of Christmas, Kwanza and Hanukkah as well as many cultures.

The Ann Arbor based twins have been performing and recording for more than 20 years.

Tickets are $7 general admission, $5 for groups of 10 or more, call (248) 552-1225.

Music Hall offers new Broadway series

(PRNewswire) – The concept of a Broadway series has been taken one step further. Olympia Entertainment and Jam Theatricals in association with The Music Hall Theatre announce Detroit's 1999 Just Off-Broadway Series at the Music Hall, bringing you the best in world-class entertainment straight from New York to Detroit.

The inaugural season begins Jan. 26-31 with Cirque Ingenieux. Penn & Teller complete their most successful season ever in a rare stage appearance from March 16-21, and "FAME – the Musical," completes its progression from hit movie, to TV series, to the hottest new musical of the decade, April 27-May 2.

Series subscriptions ($68-$115 for all three shows) for the Just Off-Broadway Series are on sale now. Call (313) 965-3030. To purchase group tickets (20 or more) call (313) 471-3099. Series subscription prices range from $68 to $115.

Individual tickets for the first show of the series Cirque Ingenieux will go on sale December 14. For information contact Olympia Entertainment guest information at (313) 983-6611.

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life Scrooge, there are no better performances year after year than Booth Colman's.

Often forgotten by audiences is Dickens' stinging indictment of the perverse consequences of "progress" at the onset of the Industrial Revolution.

"If we wanted to be more historically correct, there'd be more rags and less beauty," said Meadow Brook costume coordinator Jenks, who redesigned the wardrobe two years ago.

More jewel-tone colors have been added to the current production, said Jenks, whose design for Meadow Brook's opening play, "Merry Wives of Windsor," merits the highest recognition for the year's best costumes.

After all the actors have been fitted and the costumes were neatly pressed, Jenks handed over responsibility to two dressers. For now, she'll join Hicks to begin work on Meadow Brook's next play, "Scotland Road," scheduled to open in mid-January.

But neither will be far from the holiday celebration occurring on stage.

"This is a time of joy," said Jenks. "A lot of old friends come to the production, and a lot of people who might not be in any of this season's plays come back and do 'A Christmas Carol.'"

In theater, that's the closest thing to running like clockwork.

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sleeves of their ethnic costumes. Seven dancers personify a rainbow of colors, seen so often on the grassland of Qinghai plateau.

The dance Flowers and Youth in a Han Chinese dance "to express the true meaning of love through a composition of gentle, graceful movements."

Tickets for "Bell and Drum of the Plateaus" are $20, $30 and $40. For more information, call (248) 852-1886 or (248) 649-9844. Seaholm is at 2436 West Lincoln Road.

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School graduate, Rysdale tried out three times in San Francisco and Las Vegas before being asked to join the troupe.

"The first time I auditioned I walked into the audition really, really wanting the job. I got psyched up too high. I wasn't prepared for the disappointment," she explained.

But she did have enough confidence to give it another go.

"If you're ready to give up after one audition, you shouldn't be in this business. I knew it just be timing and just a matter of them seeing me and knowing that I wanted the job. I even heard of one of the line captains in the past who auditioned seven or eight times before getting hired."

The auditions, she said, were rigorous.

"They were very, very military. There were at least, I'd say, 150 girls there and they teach you a routine in two seconds and you have to pick it up as quick as possible," Rysdale explained.

The dancers were judged on a variety of categories including accuracy, how fast they learn the routines, and the strength of their backgrounds.

"That's all in a matter of four minutes. You have to look very confident, be confident in ballet, jazz and tap, and look like you are enjoying yourself. You're nervous and you're scared but they also have to see that you want to perform and that you want the job," she said.

■ 'I hate to use the word 'military' but it is so military. There is no style. You can't just add a couple heads or a couple hips ... they're so particular. For this dance you have to have your thumb back, the next step you have to have it forward. They say if it's uncomfortable, you're doing it right'

Tracy Rysdale
Rockette

The Las Vegas audition was the winner. For 3 1/2 years she had been a line captain for the American Superstars tribute to impersonators show at the Flamingo Hilton in Reno, Nev. When she got the call in June, she took a leave from that position and flew home to Michigan.

"The Radio City Christmas Spectacular Starring The Rockettes" runs from Friday, Nov. 27, through Sunday, Dec. 30, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit. Last year Rysdale watched the show from the audience, now she's a part of it.

"It's just so breathtaking. I go to church and I'm very into God. It's such an inspiration. It's absolutely beautiful," she said of the show.

The "Christmas Spectacular" is a variety-type show that features The Rockettes, its cast and live animals staging the "Living Nativity." Teddy bears dance in Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite." There are a few new twists as well.

"We have new renditions of some of the numbers. We've switched some of the choreography. Overall, it's a Christmas spectacular."

The show involves a lot more than the trademark kicks, she added.

"The kicks are always the big thing for most people. But there is so much more to this show. You have to be disciplined to be able to mirror all 18 girls. You don't have your own style. The only style you have is your face," Rysdale explained.

"I hate to use the word 'military' but it is so military. There is no style. You can't just add a couple heads or a couple hips ... they're so particular. For this dance you have to have your thumb back, the next step you have to have it forward. They say if it's uncomfortable, you're doing it right."

One of the biggest challenges for Rysdale is working with props.

"You have to have a background in ballet, jazz and tap but you're also flipping wreaths and holding up canes, dancing on props, tapping with boxes and twirling sticks," she said.

"Never in my life have I ever worked with a prop. These things are 10 to 15 pounds each. I'm using muscles I never thought I had."

When she's not rehearsing for "Radio City Christmas Spectacular starring The Rockettes," she teaches master classes at her former studio, The Dance Place in Waterford.

"I tell the girls, don't give up and don't think that you're not good enough. You are. One day it will be you. They're all going to auditions now so they know it's a hard business. But you have to be strong."

After the "Christmas Spectacular" ends its run, she will return to her position as line captain in Reno, Nev.

"I'll probably do that for another year. But I'll leave my schedule open for the next 'Christmas Spectacular.'"

"It's so much fun. I was telling my mom my feet are tired, everything aches. But I can't wait to do it again tomorrow."

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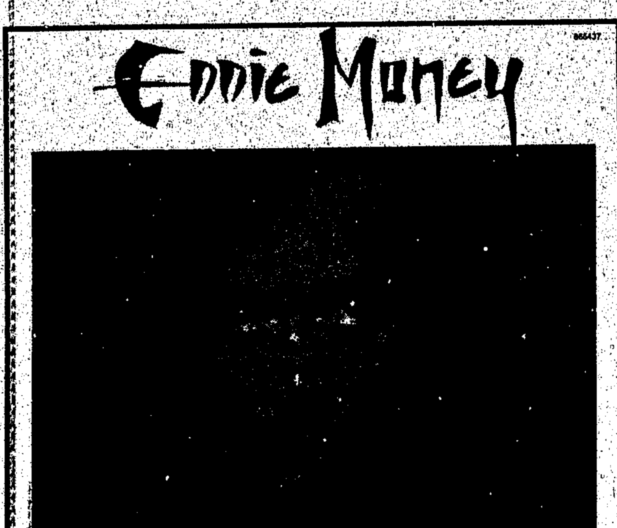

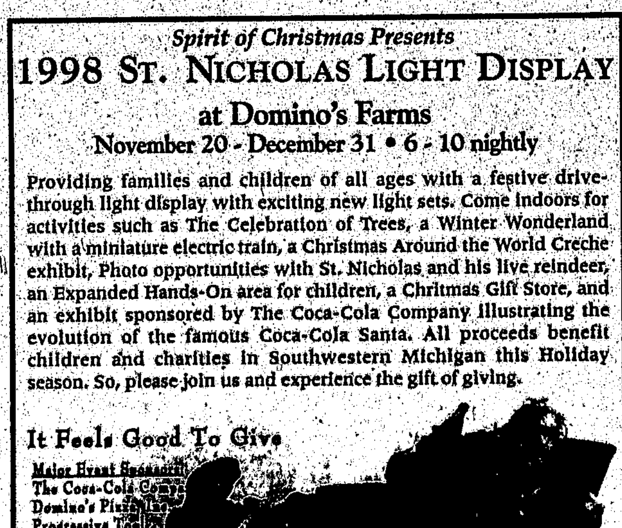

Second City celebrates fifth anniversary with new revue

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Irreverent as ever, The Second City-Detroit celebrates its fifth anniversary with "Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend," their 14th live-comedy revue.

In typical Second City fashion, the show, which opened Thursday, has nothing to do with Daimler or Chrysler. It's edgy in spots, the kind of comedy that makes you think, and disappointingly, a little offensive.

When will comedians get it – the f-word isn't funny, and because it's so over-used, doesn't even have much shock value. So why use it?

Opening day at the brand new Tiger Stadium, same old Tigers, score 0-14, could have been played a lot of different ways. Larry Campbell and Keegan-Michael Key were funny as the sportscasters with their running commentary and commercials – "Down River Ale, if you're gonna go down, go down smooth." The scene where Eric Black slaps (hardly a tap) Mary Jane Pories, "you're so annoying I had to hit you," was upsetting. Pories in the skit is Kate, the friend of newcomer Nyima Anise Woods who divorced Black and finds herself sitting next to him at the Tiger's game. Upon discovering his ex-wife's newly acquired knowledge of baseball, Black is smitten, and wants to get back together. Kate and Margaret Exner are her girlfriends who run interference.

I suppose they were exaggerating to bring light to an issue, but you can take things a little too far. Maybe that was the intent. Seeing someone slap a woman on stage, no matter how lightly, is disturbing. It was just a little too real to be comedy.

"Daimlers Are A Girl's Best Friend"

What: The Second City-Detroit's 14th live comedy revue
When: 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Sundays, with additional shows 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. The cast performs an improvisational set, free of charge, after every performance Wednesday through Sunday (after 10:30 p.m. Show Friday-Saturday).
Tickets: $10 Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, $17.50 Friday, and $19.50 Saturday. Call (313) 965-2222, or (248) 645-6666.

Holiday Highlights

■ **Accidental Terrorist** – A multi-media master class production, directed by Larry Campbell – 2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29; 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. Tickets $4, call (313) 965-2222.

■ **Homeless for the Holidays** – A dysfunctional seasonal revue (Second City Detroit Workshop Production) – 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1; and Monday, Dec. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Tickets $8, call (313) 965-2222.

That's not all. There's more sexual innuendo in this show than other shows, sometimes aimed at homosexuals. Like the slap, they're cheap shots – not very creative when measured against previous revues.

Fans will enjoy repeat performances of popular skits from previous shows. The Lawn Guy (Key) returns to help poor Miss Angela (Woods) who's African American and lives in Birmingham, sort out racial issues. "I don't feel black enough," she says. "Eight Mile seems really wide." This is what Second City does best, take a charged issue like racism and diffuse it to make their audience think.

If you're stressed at work, you'll enjoy the skit where Woods, Pories and Key, downsize everyone else out of a job – "although you will always be part of our family, you'll be part of our extended family. The only thing is, the staff doesn't get it. "If we're not working here, then where are we working? We need to know so we can be there in the morning."

There's a new spin, an Affirmative Action sequence where Black and Campbell lament, "No one's hiring white guys."

TV is cleverly pictured as "evil and sucking the life-blood out of us," and President Clinton (Campbell) and his wife Hillary (Exner) share a joint and conversation on the White House roof.

There's a lot of really creative animated humor such as the video game skit where Bill Clinton (acting like a video game character complete with robotic moves) goes to battle with Linda Tripp, Kenneth Starr, and Hillary, who of course, wins.

Open mike night at Auschwitz, featuring Key as the comedian, was funny, but not offensive – "What's the difference between Hitler and Himmler? It's the spelling." The situation was absurd.

Skits on men and women failing to communicate were a riot, and to hear "All the Crazy People are from Michigan," featured in a previous skit, was a treat.

Changes made by producer Rico Bruce Wade are apparent. The cast finishes the skits they start. There's more emphasis on relationships between men and women.

In a clever move, just before the ending, each cast member stops, and comments on unfinished business. They hurry up, go back into character to complete the scene.

Main Stage: *The cast of Second City-Detroit, (back row, left to right) Margaret Exner, Eric Black, Larry Campbell, and Mary Jane Pories (front row, left to right), Keegan-Michael Key, and Nyima Anise Wood in "Daimlers are a Girl's Best Friend."*

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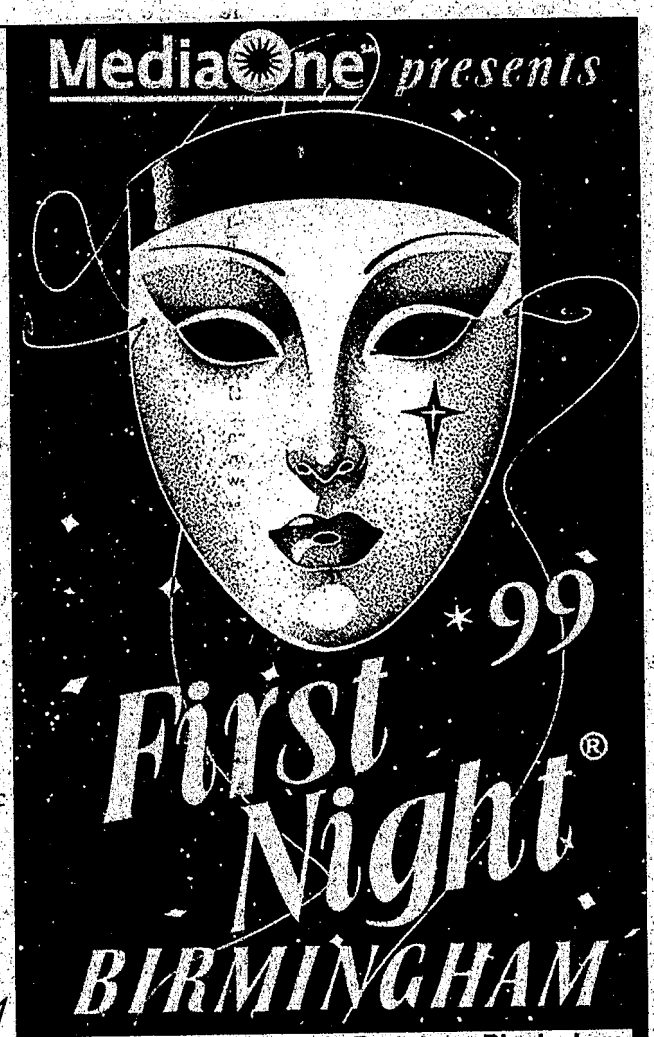

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THEATER

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"Ad Altare Del (Unto the Altar of God)," John Shea's play about faith, beauty and a priest who uses a hockey stick to straighten out sinners, through Dec. 31, at the theater, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. 8:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. $15. (313) 868-1347 or DetRepTh@aol.com

GEM THEATRE
"I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," through Jan. 3, at the theater's new location, 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, Wednesday, Dec. 2-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," Saturday, Nov. 21 to Sunday, Dec. 27, at the theater. $25-$36. (248) 377-3300

"NUTCRACKER ON ICE"
7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 12:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. $24, $22 students and seniors, $28 gold circle. (810) 286-2222

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY
"Boom Town," Jeff Daniels' powerful drama set in a small midwestern town, through Sunday, Nov. 29, at the company's Garage Theatre, 137 Park Street, Chelsea. 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. "Boom Town" is recommended for mature audiences only. $15-$30. (734) 475-7902

COLLEGE

UD MERCY THEATRE COMPANY
An evening of the compelling work of the masterful Russian playwright "Chekhov," through Dec. 6, 8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sundays, at the Earl D.A. Smith Studio Theatre on the McNichols Campus, Detroit. $10, $8 students/seniors/UD Mercy employees, alumni. (313) 993-1130

UM THEATRE AND DRAMA
"Volpone," Ben Johnson's wickedly funny Jacobean comedy returns to UM stage after a hiatus of almost 40 years, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 3-6, at the Power Center, Ann Arbor. $18, $14, $7 student with ID. (734) 764-0450

WSU HILBERRY THEATRE
"Scapin," Moliere's tale of intrigue and slapstick runs in rotating repertory to Feb. 3, at the theater, 4743 Cass Avenue, Detroit. $10-$17. (313) 577-2972

COMMUNITY THEATER

FARMINGTON PLAYERS
"A Tuna Christmas" comedy by Ed Howard, Joe Sears and Jaston Williams, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, at the Players Barn, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road, (1/2 mile west of Orchard Lake Road), Farmington Hills. Tickets $12, call (248) 553-2955

PLANET ANT THEATRE
"American Standard," Chuck O'Connor's post-dramatic neo-comedy continues to Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday, at the theater, 2357 Caniff Avenue, Hamtramck. $10. (313) 365-4948 or www.planetant.com

PLAYERS GUILD OF DEARBORN
"Mame" 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday through Nov. 28, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 21730 Madison (near southwest corner of Monroe and Outer Dr.), Dearborn. $14. (313) 561-TKTS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
Cole Porter's "Anything Goes," 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, at the Water Tower Theatre, 41001 West Seven Mile Road, west of I-275 between Haggerty and Northville Roads (on the Northville Psychiatric Hospital), Northville. $11 advance, $12 at door. (248) 349-7110

STAGECRAFTERS THEATRE
"The Heiress," by Ruth and Augustus Goetz, runs on the Main Stage through Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Baldwin Theatre, downtown Royal Oak. $10, $12 reserved. Senior/student discounts Thursday and Sunday. (248) 541-6430

DINNER THEATER

BACI ABBRACCI ITALIAN SHOPHOUSE
"Tony n' Tina's Wedding," an interactive theatre show with patrons having an Italian dinner, and dancing to a live band performing traditional Italian wedding songs, begins Thursday, Dec. 3, for an open-ended run, at the restaurant, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 2 p.m. and 7:30 Saturdays, and 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays. $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, Nov. 28-29, Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 5-6, Friday, Dec. 11, and Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 12-23, at the restaurant, 108 E. Main St., Northville. $9.65 for children, $11.65 adults, includes lunch, show, tax and gratuity. (248) 349-0522

YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

AMERICAN FAMILY THEATER
Broadway for Kids production of "Cinderella," a family musical favorite, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the 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 seven and up, 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, at the theater, 135 E. Main St., Northville. 2:30 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19 and 26, and Jan. 2, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20, and Jan. 3, and 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, Dec. 28-31. $6.50. (248) 349-8110

NEW MILLENNIUM YOUTH THEATRE
Hans Christian Anderson's fairy tale "The Snow Queen," 2 p.m. Saturdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 12 and 19, at the Millennium Center, 15600 J.L. Hudson Drive, between Eight and Nine Mile, 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, at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 West 10 Mile, Novi. $8, $7 advance. (248) 347-0400

PAPER BAG PRODUCTIONS
"Cinderella," Saturdays-Sundays through Dec. 20 with holiday performance Friday, Nov. 27, 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. Saturdays, Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, at the Detroit Puppet Theater, 26 East Grand Rive, between Woodward and Farmer, Detroit. $6.50, $5 children. (313) 961-7777/(248) 557-8599

WILD SWAN THEATER
In collaboration with Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village presents "The Cricket in Times Square," the first ever stage version of George Selden's book run Wednesday, Dec. 2 to Saturday, Jan. 2, at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. (734) 763-TKTS/(734) 995-0530/(248) 645-6666

Holiday fun: *Celebrate "Traditions of the Season," Friday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Jan. 3 at Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village, Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road (west of the Southfield Freeway) in Dearborn. At the Edison Homestead in the Village, visitors will learn more about festivities surrounding the holiday feast from food preparation to the setting and decorating of the table. The Museum and Village are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission adults $12.50, people 62 and older $11.50, kids 5-12 years old $7.50, children under 5 free. Call (313) 271-1620 for information.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLES SHOW
Noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75. (734) 287-2000

BIRMINGHAM'S FREE ANTIQUE SHOW
Featuring 20 antique dealers of 18th and 19th century furniture, American fine art, estate jewelry, art glass, toys, lighting, books, porcelain, and primitives, free appraisals during show, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m Saturday, Dec. 5, 251 Merrill Street, second level, Birmingham. Free parking in all Birmingham parking structures for two hours. (248) 647-8833

"CANDLELIGHT HOLIDAY DINNER"
With Johnny Trudell Orchestra, 5-11 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, Italian American Club Banquet Center, 39200 Hix Road, Livonia. $36, includes full course dinner, capuccino and espresso, beer and wine, and music. (248) 349-8880

COMPUTER & TECHNOLOGY SHOW
New and used computers, hardware, noon to 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Gibraltar Trade Center-Taylor, Eureka and I-75. (734) 287-2000

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

TOY TRAIN SHOW
Featuring more than 180 dealers, toy trains, videos of train trips, original train paintings by Paul Adams, and items for garden railroading, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, St. Albert the Great School gym, Annapolis and Parker streets, east of Telegraph, Dearborn Heights. $2, $5 per family. Proceeds go to the St. Albert's Youth Sports Activities Program. (313) 277-2419

"WASSAIL FEAST"
6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. $45. (248) 471-7786

FAMILY EVENTS

AMERICA'S THANKSGIVING PARADE
Pre-parade activities are 7:15-8 a.m., with the parade beginning at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, along Woodward, Mack and Jefferson avenues, Detroit. Free. $15 grandstand seating available at Ticketmaster. (248) 645-6666

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

COBO CARNIVAL
Featuring a full-scale midway including games, rides and family entertainment, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and Saturday, Dec. 12, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2-9 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

"FESTIVAL OF TREES"
Features 100 exquisitely designed trees, all for sale, opens 10 a.m. daily through Nov. 29, at Cobo Center, Detroit. $7, $5 seniors 60 and over, $3 children ages 2-12. Call (313) 966-TREE or http://www.metroguide.com/fot

GEMINI
1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $6. Partial proceeds go to Holden Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org

KWANZAA FEST
Featuring a black inventors museum, author's pavilion, Kuumba family center, keynote speakers, health, beauty and fitness pavilion, international soul food center, an African wedding center, a technological center and a Kwanzaa marketplace, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29, Cobo Hall, Detroit. (248) 557-4713

ROYAL OAK KIWANIS CLUB
Holiday Magic show with magician Don Jones, Saturday, Nov. 28, the Royal Oak Kimball High School Auditorium. (248) 569-4670/(800) 348-0112

CLASSICAL

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
Collegium Concert of choral and instrumental music of the 17th/18th centuries, under director Anthony Iannaccone, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, at Holy Trinity Chapel, 511 West Forest, Ypsilanti. Free. (734) 487-0482/(734) 663-2534

CHORAL

PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY CHORUS
"Joy," a Christmas Concert, 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6, at Plymouth-Salem High School, 46181 Joy Road, Canton. $9 donation. (734) 455-4080

ORGAN

MIKE ECCARD
Presents a Lowrey Organ Concert, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the 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

BIRD OF PARADISE ORCHESTRA
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Mondays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $3. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310 (big band)

"HOLIDAY SWING"
With Bud Forrest and the String of Pearls Orchestra, 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road, Clinton Township. $25, $22 students and seniors. (810) 286-2222

PAUL KLINGER'S EASY STREET SWINGTET
5-8 p.m. Fridays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $2. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

SHAKEN NOT STIRRED
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000; 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (swing/rockabilly)

STARLIGHT DRIFTERS
10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (western swing)

AUDITIONS

PLYMOUTH THEATRE GUILD
Auditions for "The Sound of Music," children 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, adults 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Dec. 1-2, in the Water Tower Theatre, on the campus of Northvill Psychiatric Hospital, west of I-275, at 41001 West Seven Mile, between Haggerty and Northville Roads, Northville. For performances Feb. 19-20, 26-28 and March 5-6. (734) 427-1775/(248) 478-8932/(248) 349-7110 or www.causeway.com/ptg/

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JAZZ

SPENCER BAREFIELD QUARTET
CD Release Party-Concert, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Bakers Keyboard Lounge, 20510 Livernois, south of Eight Mile, Detroit. Free. (313) 345-6300

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Featured during brunch, 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

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9 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $3. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

JUDIE COCHILL TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocals/piano/bass)

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
With Aretha Franklin, performs works from Leonard Bernstein, William Grant Still, Duke Ellington and Dizzy Gillespie, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Orchestra Hall, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $30 upper balcony, $50 mid balcony, $75 main floor B and the dress circle, $125 main floor, $150 box seats. (313) 576-5111 or http://www.detroitsymphony.com

PAUL FINKBEINER'S JAZZ JAM
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sundays, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

HEIDI HEPLER & MICHELE RAMO
6-10 p.m. Mondays at Too 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)

KIMMIE HORNE
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, D.L. Harrington's Chop House, 2086 Crooks Road (at M-59), Rochester Hills. Free. 21 and older. (248) 852-0550; 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Oakland Community College's Smith Theatre, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. $12. (248) 471-7667/(248) 471-7700

SHEILA LANDIS
With Rick Matle, 8-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 30995 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 737-0110; 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101

HAROLD MCKINNEY
4-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays-Saturdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern Hwy., north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

MARION MEADOWS
With Norman Connors, Jean Carne, Angela Bofill, and local jazz saxophonist Darron McKinney, who was recently featured on BET's Jazz discovery showcase, 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison Ave., Detroit. (313) 963-2366

MUTUAL ADMIRATION SOCIETY (M.A.S.)
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SHAHIDA NURULLAH TRIO
8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (vocal/piano/bass)

DANILO PEREZ TRIO
8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bird of Paradise, 207 S. Ashley St., Ann Arbor. $15 in advance. 21 and older. (734) 662-8310

ROBERT PIPHO DUO
8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, Duet, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Free. All ages. (313) 831-3838

SACHAL VASANDANI
Vocalist, 8-10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Espresso Royale Cafe, 214 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. Free. All ages. (734) 668-1838 (jazz standards/originals)

PAUL VORNHAGEN TRIO
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Edison's, 220 Merrill St., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 645-2150 (sax and vocal/piano/bass)

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

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The pianist performs 4-7 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe, 29244 Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield. (248) 351-2925

ALEXANDER ZONJIC
9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Nov. 27-28, and Dec. 4-5, Baci, 40 W. Pike St., Pontiac. Free. All ages. (248) 253-1300

CHRISTIAN MUSIC

"CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION"
Featuring concert of Christmas carols by Twila Paris, Crystal Lewis, Avalon, and Anointed & Nichole Nordeman, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Macomb Center for the Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield, Clinton Twp. $28, $25, $22. (800) 585-3737/(810) 286-2222

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IMMUNITY
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FOLK/ BLUEGRASS

DAVID BARRETT AND DAVID MOSHER
7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $11, $10 members, students, seniors. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
JOHN HARTFORD
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $15. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org
PINO MARELLI
7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 26 and 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, at Luciano's, 39031 Garfield, Clinton Township. (810) 263-6540. (Italian/Spanish)

POETRY/ SPOKEN WORD

JIM BERTIN & GEORGE GARCIA
8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, open mic 8-8:30 p.m. in the Off-the-Wall Acoustic Coffee Huuse at St. William Parish Hall, downtown Walled Lake. $7.50, $15 family, $5 student. (248) 624-1421.
POETRY IN MOTION
Featuring urban poet and author Felix, author of "The Running Dream," 7-10 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the Grand Cafe, 33316 Grand River, east of Farmington Road, Farmington. Free. (248) 615-9181/(248) 821-1919/(313) 299-9909

DANCE

"COUNTRY CLASS"
Country/Western Dance, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Plymouth Elks, 41700 East Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. $6.50. (734) 425-2207
DETROIT FOLKDANCE CLUB
35th anniversary party 8 p.m. to midnight Friday, Nov. 27, live music by Balkan Quartet, international folk-dancing for all levels, no partner required, all ages, at the First Congregational Church of Royal Oak, corner of Webster and Crooks. $10. (248) 338-2339
FOURTH FRIDAY FLING
Advanced contra dance with callers Peter Baker and music by Debbie Jackson, 7-11:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Pittsfield Grange, 3337 Ann Arbor-Saline Road (1/2 mile south of I-94), Ann Arbor. $8. (734) 665-8863 .
"THE HARLEM NUTCRACKER"
Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-Dec. 6, Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit. $15-$50 for Friday-Sunday performances, $12-$45 for Wednesday-Thursday performances. (734) 764-2538/(800) 221-1229 or http://www.ums.org
OAKLAND COUNTY TRADITIONAL DANCE SOCIETY
Contra and square dances with Don Theyken and Don's Choice Band, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, First Baptist Church, 309 N. Main St., Royal Oak. $7. No partner or experience is required. (248) 542-2093
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, De. 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
RADIO CITY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
Featuring the Rockettes, 70 performances from Friday, Nov. 27-Wednesday, Dec. 30, Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. $10-$52.50. (248) 645-6666
SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE
Lessons offered 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evenings, no partner needed, beginners welcome, at Madison Heights United Methodist Church, 246 E. 11 Mile Road, east of John R. $3, first visit free. (248) 546-5037/(248) 547-9823

COMEDY

JOEY'S COMEDY CLUB
Leo DuFour, Chris Zito from radio station WPLT (8 p.m. Saturday only), Tim Rolands and Rich Higginbottom, Wednesday, Nov. 25 ($12), and Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 ($12); Paul D'Angelo, Robert Mack and Rich Higginbottom, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 3-5 ($12), 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
Mike Green, 8:15 p.m. and 10:45 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 ($10, $22.95 dinner show package), and 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29 ($6); 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), at the club, 5070 Schaefer Road, Dearborn. (313) 584-8885
MAINSTREET COMEDY SHOWCASE
Darwin Hines, 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28 ($10), at the club, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734) 996-9080
MARK RIDLEY'S COMEDY CASTLE
John Bizarre and Tim Lilly, Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 26-29; Jack Mayberry and Jeff Margrett, Wednesday-Sunday, Dec. 2-6, 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

MUSEUMS AND TOURS

DETROIT HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Showing of Disney film "Pocahontas" followed by a Native American Workshop 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28; "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, runs through December, 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
DOSSIN GREAT LAKES MUSEUM/BELLE ISLE AQUARIUM
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Nov. 27-29 pay regular admission at either facility and the other will honor your entrance fee; see the "Racing on the Wind: Sailing on the Great Lakes" exhibit on the history of competitive and recreational sailing and the "Yachts of the Auto Barons" exhibit at the museum, on Strand drive on Belle Isle. $2 adults, $1 seniors/children ages 12-18. (313) 852-4051
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
MEADOW BROOK HALL
"1998 Holiday Walk – Picture Perfect Holidays," Friday, Nov. 27-Sunday, Dec. 6, at the mansion, Oakland University, Walton Boulevard and Adams Road, Rochester. (248) 370-3140
CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM
"The Buffalo Soldier," a historical documentary on the African-American soldier in the U.S. Army during the years 1866-1912, through Jan. 3, at The Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E. Warren Ave., Detroit. $5, $3 children ages 17 and younger, free for members and children younger than 5. (313) 494-5800

POPULAR MUSIC

ANTHRAX
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Harpo's, 14238 Harper Road, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (313) 824-1700 (rock)
BACK DOOR BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Bad Frog Tavern, 555 S. Woodward Ave., Birmingham. Free. 21 and older. (248) 624-9400 (blues)
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 or http://www.bugsbeddow.com (blues)
JASON BONHAM BAND
Featuring "The Zep Set," 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $10 in advance. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)
THE BOOGIEMEN
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)
CALLIN' MARVIN
10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Mount Chalet, 32955 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak. Free. 21 and older. (248) 549-2929 (rock)
CENTRIFUSE
With Superfiction, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)
CHEAP TRICK
6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, and 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 28-29, St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $20 in advance, $23 at the door. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)
JAMES CLOYD GROUP
Hosts electric blues jam, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 or http://www.siskos.com (blues)
JOANNA CONNOR
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, First Street Grill, 102 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $8 in advance, $10 day of show. 21 and older. (734) 213-6000 (blues)
THORNETTA DAVIS AND THE CHISEL BROS.
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Sisko's, 5855 Monroe Boulevard, Taylor. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 278-5340 (blues)
DEFTONES
With Quicksand, 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, State Theatre, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Sold out. All ages. (313) 961-5451 (rock)
DEMOLITION DOLLRODS
With The Light Strikes and The Go, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $7. 18 and older. (248) 544-1991 or http://www.themagicbag.com (rock)
DETROIT BLUES BAND
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Duggan's Irish Pub, 6722 Dixie Highway, Clarkston. Free. 21 and older. (248) 625-3900 (blues)
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)
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 (blues)
EDEN'S JOURNAL
With Pharmacy and Seven Down, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)
88 FINGERS LOUIE
5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, 7th House, 7 N, Saginaw, Pontiac. $6 in advance, $7 at the door. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (ska)
ELIZA
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Jimmy's, 123 Kercheval, Grosse Pointe Farms. Free. 21 and older. (313) 886-8101 (pop).
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)
PETE "BIG DOG" FETTERS
8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Smitty's, 222 Main St., Rochester. Free. All ages. (248) 652-1660; 9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
FORCE OF HABIT
With Krank, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)
FOUR GUYS DRINKING BEER
9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Innisfree Irish Pub and Grill, 6327 Middlebelt Road, Garden City. Free. 21 and older. (734) 425-2434 (blues)
THE GHETTOBILLIES
With Quasar Wut-Wut and Gravity Well, 9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (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 or http://www.siskos.com (blues)
"AMY GRANT CHRISTMAS"
With Grant, Michael W. Smith, CeCe Winans and the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr., Auburn Hills. $24.50, $27.50, $34.50, and $39.50. All ages. Groups of 10 or more receive $3 off the ticket price. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (Christian)
G.R.R.
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (rock)
HARBINGER'S MILE
With Give and Medicine Ball, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Griff's Grill, 49 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Cover charge. 21 and older. (248) 334-9292 (rock)
AL HILL
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
LISA HUNTER
2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Borders Books and Music, 43075 Crescent Boulevard, Novi. Free. All ages. (248) 347-0780 (pop)
J. TRAIN
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B)
JIMMIE JACKSON AND THE BLUES CONNECTION
9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 27-28, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)
MIKE KING
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Second City's 5 Hole, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 965-2222 (rock)
KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Nineteen Wheels and Dovetail Joint, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (funk/rock)
KOTTONMOUTH KINGS
8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, The Shelter below St. Andrew's Hall, 431 E. Congress, Detroit. $8. All ages. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com (rock)
KUNG FU DIESEL
10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, The Lodge, 2442 Orchard Lake Road, Sylvan Lake. Free. 21 and older. (248) 683-5458 (rock)
LITTLE RED AND THE BIG BLUE
10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Library Pub, 42100 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-9110 (R&B)

STONEY MAZAR AND THE WESTSIDERS
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 4-5, Fox and Hounds, 1560 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Free. All ages. (248) 644-4800 (blues)

PAT MCGEE BAND
9:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $6 in advance, $8 day of show. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
MR. B TRIO
Celebrates release of CD "Joy Box" with party and performance, 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, The Ark, 316 S. Main St., Ann Arbor. $12.50. All ages. (734) 761-1451 or http://www.a2ark.org (boogie-woogie)
MOD EV
With Taproot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)
EDDIE MONEY
8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, The Palace of Auburn Hills, 2 Championship Dr. (I-75 and Lapeer Road), Auburn Hills. $10. All ages. (248) 377-0100 or http://www.palacenet.com (rock)
KNEE DEEP SHAG
With Nineteen Wheels and Dovetail Joint, 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Magic Bag, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale. $6. 18 and older. (248) 544-3030 or http://www.themagicbag.com (funk/rock)
MERGE
With Bliss, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)
MOD EV
With Taproot, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)
MYSTERY TRAIN WITH JIM MCCARTHY
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Ford Road Bar and Grill, 35505 Ford Road, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 721-8609 (blues)
THE OFFSPRING
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)
OPIE'S DREAM
With Shout, 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, JD's Macomb Theatre, 31 N. Walnut St., Mount Clemens. Cover charge. 18 and older. (810) 913-1921 (rock)
PEACE DEAMON
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Bo's Bistro, 51 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Free. 21 and older. (248) 332-6800 (jam rock)
ROBERT PENN
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)
"POP O.D." CD RELEASE PARTY
Featuring Princess Dragon-Mom, Marooned, The Process, Tars Tarkas, Cyber Trybe, Franklin Sane, The Impaler and Cindi St. Germain, The Lovemasters, Spat! and Agent 009 playing Iggy Pop songs, 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Gold Dollar, 3129 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 21 and older. (313) 833-6873 or http://www.detroitmusic.com/static (variety)
PUMMEL
With Swag and Broadzilla, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)
THE RAT PACK
Featuring Mark Pasman, 10:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Rochester Mills Beer Co., 400 Water St., Rochester. Free. 21 and older. (248) 650-5080 (R&B)
KRISTIN SAYER BAND
10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Library Pub, 35230 Central City Parkway, Westland. Free. 21 and older. (734) 421-2250 (R&B)
SECOND COMING
8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. $5. 18 and older. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)
SOULSTICE
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (funk covers)
JERRY SPRAGUE
10 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Mitch's Place, 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor. Free. 21 and older. (734) 665-2650 (acoustic pop covers)
CURTIS SUMPTER PROJECT
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 24 Karat Club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. Cover charge. 18 and older. (734) 513-5030 (blues)
SUN MESSENGERS
9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Karl's, 9779 Gotfredson Road, Plymouth. Free. 21 and older. (734) 455-8450 (R&B)
THE DEREK TRUCKS BAND
9:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $8 in advance. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
VAL VENTRO
9:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Local Color Brewery, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi. Free. 21 and older. (248) 349-2600 (R&B)
VISION TOWN
With Chamberlain, 9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com (rock)
VUDU HIPPIES
8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, 7th House, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 335-8100 or http://www.961melt.com (rock)
WORKHORSE
With El Topo, 9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 27, Alvin's, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com; With Crack Abraham and A-Frame, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Blind Pig, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $5. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555 (rock)
XSCAPE
With Jay Z and Montell Jordan, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, Cobo Arena, Detroit. Tickets at Ticketmaster. All ages. (248) 645-6666 (R&B)
YOROKA
9:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, Copper Canyon Brewery, 27522 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. Free. 21 and older. (248) 223-1700 (ska)

CLUB NIGHTS

ALVIN'S
The Sugar Shack, ladies only dance night, 10 p.m. Sundays; The Hush Party with resident DJs Melvin Hill and DJ Cent, 10 p.m. Mondays; and Club Color, featuring funk and disco, 8 p.m. Wednesdays (free before 10 p.m.), at the club, 5756 Cass Ave., Detroit. $5. 18 and older. (313) 832-2355 or http://www.alvins.xtcom.com
BLIND PIG
"Swing-a-billy" night with dance lessons from 7-9 p.m. followed by performance by Hot Rod Lincoln, Sunday, Nov. 22, with DJ Del Villarreal, at the club, 206-208 S. First St., Ann Arbor. $6 in advance, $8 day of show; "Solar" night with Chuck Hampton, Carlos Souffront, and DJ Disco D, 10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 25, at the club. $6. 19 and older. (734) 996-8555
CLUTCH CARGO'S/MILL STREET
"Flashback" night with "The Planet" WPLT on level two (Clutch Cargo's) old school funk on level three, and techno and house on level four, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. Free before 9 p.m. 21 and older; Alternative dance night, 8 p.m. Wednesdays in Clutch Cargo's. 18 and older. (248) 333-2362 or http://www.961melt.com
THE GROOVE ROOM
Funk, hip-hop and top 40 with DJ Mac D, Thursdays. Women admitted free; "Love Factory" alternative dance night Fridays; Alternative dance with DJ Matt Saturdays; Alternative dance Tuesdays; gothic, industrial and retro with DJ Paul Wednesdays. Free, at the club, 1815 N. Main St. (at 12 Mile Road), Royal Oak. Free before 10 p.m. nightly. 21 and older. (248) 589-3344 or http://www.thegrooveroom.com
MOTOR LOUNGE
"Back Room Mondays," service industries employee appreciation night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 21 and older; "Community Presents" with resident DJs, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. $3. 18 and older; "Maximum Overload," 9 p.m. Fridays. $6. 18 and older; "Divine" with DJs Mike Clark, Mark Flash and Brian Gillespie, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. $6. 21 and older, all at the club, 3515 Caniff, Hamtramck. (313) 396-0080 or http://www.motordetroit.com

ONE X
"Men 4 Men" New York-style dance party with DJ St. Andy spinning high-energy, progressive house, 10 p.m. Fridays; "Family Funktion Internal Groove" DJ Alton Miller, 10 p.m. Saturdays, at the club, 2575 Michigan Ave., in Detroit's Corktown area. Cover charge. 21 and older. (313) 964-7040
ST. ANDREW'S/THE SHELTER
"Three Floors of Fun" with hip-hop and rap in St. Andrew's Hall, alternative music in The Shelter with DJs Dianna and Quig, and techno and dance in the Burns Room, 10 p.m. Fridays. $3 before 11 p.m., $5 afterward. 18 and older; Alt X2K dance night, 10 p.m. Saturdays; "Incinerator," 9 p.m. Wednesdays in The Shelter. $6. 21 and older. St. Andrew's and The Shelter are at 431 E. Congress, Detroit. (313) 961-MELT or http://www.961melt.com

STATE THEATRE
"Ignition" dance night, 9 p.m. Saturdays at the club, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Cover charge. 18 and older. (313) 961-5451

24 KARAT CLUB
"Latin Dance Night" with DJ Ronny Lucas, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Thursdays. $3; Live music Fridays and Saturdays (see popular music calendar); Swing lessons for advanced dancers, 8 p.m. Tuesdays ($3 for 21 and older, $5 for 18 and older), and for beginners, 8 p.m. Wednesdays ($3 for 21 and older, $5 for 18 and older), at the club, 28949 Joy Road (two blocks east of Middlebelt Road), Westland. (734) 513-5030

VELVET LOUNGE
Swing, lounge and big band tunes spun by DJ Sonny, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays. $3. 21 and older; Swing, big band and Latin dance music, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturdays. $3. 21 and older; "Cute Little House" with house and techno, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Sundays. $5. 21 and older; Intermediate and advance swing dance lessons, 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Mondays. Free. 18 and older; Beginner swing dance lessons 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tuesdays. Free. 18 and older; "Ready Steady Go," Brit pop music night, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wednesdays ($3), at the club, 29 S. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-7411.

'Enemy of the State' is thrilling and scary

BY JON KATZ
SPECIAL WRITER

DeMille, Hitchcock, Capra. When you went to see a movie with one of their names above the title, you knew what to expect. Several filmmakers today offer that consistency of style, including Woody Allen, Martin Scorsese and Jerry Bruckheimer and Tony Scott.

Who were those last two, you say? Think "Top Gun," "Crimson Tide," and "Beverly Hills Cop II." Bruckheimer co-produced and Scott directed them all. With their latest collaboration, "Enemy of the State," you know what to expect, and you get it. "Enemy" is not just the latest Will Smith vehicle; it's a two-hour chase scene. Take a very deep breath when you sit down; you may not take another until you get up.

Smith – who continues to find new ways to lead the most-liked list of the movie-going public – plays Robert Clayton Dean, a Washington D.C. attorney on his way up, with a loving wife and son. During a chance meeting with an old college buddy, the man slips a Game Boy-type cartridge into his shopping bag. On it is incriminating evidence linking a corrupt National Security Agency official (Jon Voight) to the murder of a congressman (Jason Robards, in an uncredited appearance).

To get the tape, the NSA proceeds to unravel Dean's life. They use ultra-sophisticated surveillance equipment-from tiny "tracers" planted in his clothes to a spy satellite 155 miles overhead-to find him, access his financial and phone records and leak misinformation that gets him fired and thrown out of his house. In order to extricate himself, he must find and team up with a mysterious operative named Brill (Gene Hackman), whom he has dealt with before to gather case evidence, but only through a go-between (Lisa Bonet, oldest daughter from "The Cosby Show").

"I want credibility. I want people to know he's lying before he says it," orders Voight to his willing crew of computer geeks and former Marine toughs. "I want," he says, "to get into his life." Now comes the part that makes "Enemy of the State" not only a tense thriller, but also one of the scariest movies in memory.

It has no monsters, no aliens, no wackos in goalie masks. The scary part is that all this is real. There really is an NSA, nicknamed "No Such Agency" because of its super-secret status. And these boys can do anything. They can break any lock, manipulate the media, hear your every conversation (no pun intended, but 1974s "The Conversation," with a similar theme, is still one of Hackman's best big-screen performances). With over 100 spy satellites they can even, as Hackman tells Smith, "read the time off your wristwatch." And with every order that Voight gives his people, they reply "It's already done."

So Smith goes on the run. We know so because the geeks use high-tech phrases like "He's a rabbit." There are chases through hotels, tunnels, train yards and Baltimore's abandoned Dr. Pepper warehouse. Director Scott employs what could be an all-time record for "cuts" in a major motion picture to establish the tension and never let up. The shots come at you in MTV rapid-fire fashion, but here, at least, they do so with intelligence and pace.

Smith and Hackman (who doesn't appear until an hour into the film) click like they've been doing buddy flicks for years. We do have a problem with Smith discarding his Georgetown-graduate attorney characterization mid-way through and sliding into a more familiar wise guy mode from "Independence Day." We also wonder why he's been paying off the investigator out of his own bank account rather than from the law firm's, and why his liberal lawyer wife turns on him without much of a fair hearing.

"Enemy of the State" is about "the sanctity of my home," as Larry King puts it in a cameo role. "The more technology you use," explains Hackman, "the easier it is for them to keep tabs on you." Jon Voight calmly rationalizes his actions: "The only privacy left is the inside of your head. You think we're the end of democracy? I think we're democracy's last hope." As we say, a scary movie indeed.

LINDA CHEN/SMPSP

Drama: *A chase encounter with an old friend destroys attorney Robert Dean's (Will Smith, left) fast-track career when he is framed for murder. Dean's only hope to reclaim his life and prove his innocence is a mysterious underground information broker known only as Brill (Gene Hackman) in "Enemy of the State."*

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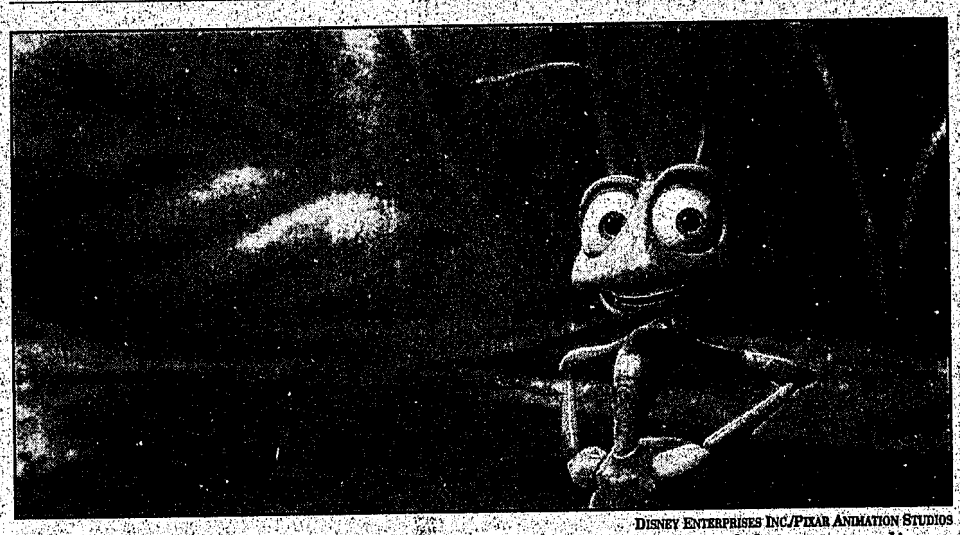

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Unlikely hero: *Flik, an original thinker out of step with the rest of the more traditionally-minded bugs on Ant Island, unwittingly triggers a major confrontation with a gang of greedy grasshoppers led by the menacing Hopper in "A Bug's Life."*

Just opened on Wednesday, Nov. 25

"HOME FRIES"
An offbeat comedy about two brothers obsessed with the same woman, one wants to marry her, the other to kill her. The trio's lives intertwine in unexpected ways that are orchestrated by the brothers' highly eccentric mother. Stars Drew Barrymore, Catherine O'Hara.

"A BUG'S LIFE"
Computer-animated comedy centering around a misfit ant as he tries to save his colony from a greedy gang of grasshoppers.

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Savage comedy about five men who turn on each other after a bachelor party goes horribly wrong. Stars Christian Slater, Cameron Diaz.

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Comedy about a woman who suspects foul play between her husband and daughter, and their venture onto a famous TV talk show. Stars Jerry Springer.

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.

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"THE LAST EMPEROR"
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"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.

'Fallen' becomes predictable

BY LEANNE ROGERS
STAFF WRITER

Police Detective John Hobbes pays a visit to a death row convict he apprehended for a series of murders in the opening of "Fallen," 1998 supernatural thriller.

It's not the first time Hobbes, played by Denzel Washington, has witnessed an execution. This time is different – the killer sings the Rolling Stones' "Time Is On My Side" and speaks in an ancient language.

The killer also gives Hobbes a riddle that eventually leads the detective, who is investigating copycat murders, to the death 30 years earlier of a decorated police officer. The cases are further complicated as Hobbes figures out that the common denominator is a demon – a fallen angel without corporeal form – that moved from the executed man through a variety of other people to commit new crimes.

An ethical man who supports his brother and young nephew, Hobbes apparently caught the demon's attention during the murder investigation. He wasn't susceptible to accepting the demon, usually by touch.

Directed by Gregory Hoblit, "Fallen" starts out as an interesting film, both in story and visual appearance. Washington gives a good performance as does the supporting cast which includes John Goodman, Donald Sutherland and Embeth Davidtz, as the theology professor daughter of the long dead police officer.

There are a couple of creepy scenes one starting in the police station – where Hobbes gradually becomes aware of what is happening and how. In another scene the demon tries to transfer itself into the theologian, where the evil spirit moves through a of people like a game of tag as she tries to flee.

About midway, the film starts to breakdown. The plot becomes predictable as Hobbes becomes a suspect in the homicides and the threats from the demon hit closer to home.

The only thing unexpected that happens in the rest of the film is how Hobbes decides to fight the demon. I won't reveal the ending but it's frankly one of the stupidest plans ever conceived and one that already had been tried unsuccessfully by someone else. I had already thought of a variation of the plan that actually would have had more potential for working and I'm sure most other viewers could do the same.

'Best of Bullfrog' CD celebrates Michigan musicians

CHRISTINA FUOCO

Jim Forner has two missions in life – to promote Detroit-area music and to raise awareness of the genetic disease hemochromatosis.

This weekend he's folding both causes into one when his bar, the Bullfrog Bar and Grill in Redford, celebrates the release of its compilation CD "The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol. 1 Michigan Music."

"Me and Aaron Ormanian, my partner in the Bullfrog, we just saw so much talent in the Michigan area and bands that aren't really being noticed nationally. We didn't see any bars doing anything like this so we decided to do it," Forner said.

"We wanted to broaden the scene. We think more people should be able to hear these bands."

"The Best of the Bullfrog Bar and Grill Vol 1. Michigan Music" features music from Bridge, Gods Made Love, Robb Roy, Government Honey, Without a Face, Brotherhood, Face, Daisychain, Brilliant, the now-defunct Schugars, and White Guys Dancing.

"The people who have reviewed it so far say a lot of them have a potential for being a national act," Forner said.

A handful of those bands, including Bridge, Face and White Guys Dancing, will perform during the CD release party at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at the bar, 15414 Telegraph Road in Redford. Cover charge for the party, open to those ages 21 and older, is $6.

"Extreme Radio," radio station WKRK 97.1 FM, along with Labatts beer, is sponsoring the event. At the event, "The Best of the Bullfrog" will be available for $10. Afterward, it will be found at Harmony House and various independent record stores throughout town. The price will vary according to store.

The CD release party has a sobering aspect to it, however. Proceeds from the event will go to the Hemochroma-tosis Foundation Inc., in Albany, N.Y.

Jim Forner's father, Richard died at age 48 in 1987 during liver transplant surgery after the effects of hemochroma-tosis destroyed the organ. According to the Hemochroma-tosis Foundation's Web site: http:// www. hemochromatosis.org, the disease is the most common genetic disorder in which excess dietary iron is absorbed causing iron accumulation in, and damage to, vital organs and joints.

Symptoms include weakness/ fatigue, arthritis, abdominal pain, diabetes, heart irregularities/ failure, large liver/cirrhosis, decreased libido/ impotence, and a tan not due to sun exposure.

"I'm trying to spread the word about it because one in six Americans have it and people don't even know about it. That's the study that just came out," Forner explained.

"The good thing about it is it's treatable if you catch it in time and you're able to give blood."

One treatment, he said, is to give blood to rid the body of some of the excess iron. To help people like his father, Forner encourages people to sign the organ donor stickers that come with driver's licenses.

Forner and Ormanian waded through music by 126 local bands before deciding on the 11 that made the cut. The Europop-style band Brilliant, based in Ferndale, saw it as a good opportunity to increase visibility.

"When we were approached, we were not planning to release a CD due to the cost at that point in time. So the Bullfrog CD seemed like a good opportunity to get our name out on a mass-produced CD," said Stephen Vilnius, who plays fretless bass for Brilliant. The band, who is unable to perform at the CD release party due to scheduling conflicts, contributed the song "Never" to the compilation.

Caos Music recording artists Robb Roy was one of the first groups that was approached, according to Susan Leigh of Select Management, which represents Robb Roy. The band contributed the songs "Dirt" and "Shine."

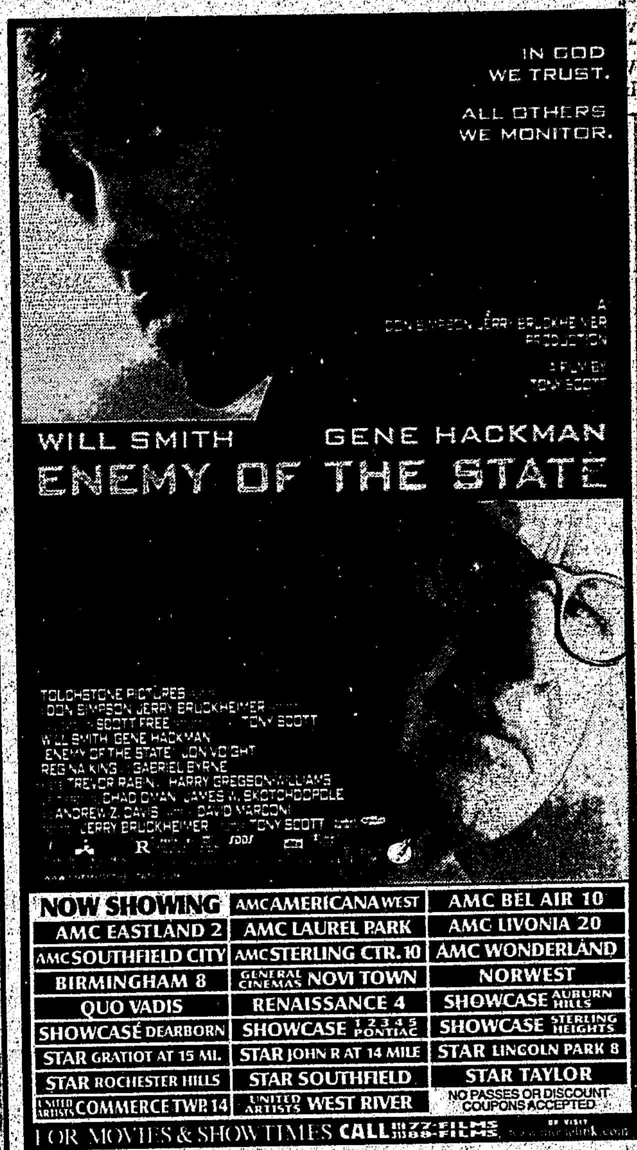
In between the songs are clips from Capital Records comedian Roy D. Mercer. The release of the CD comes just before the Bullfrog celebrates its two-year anniversary.

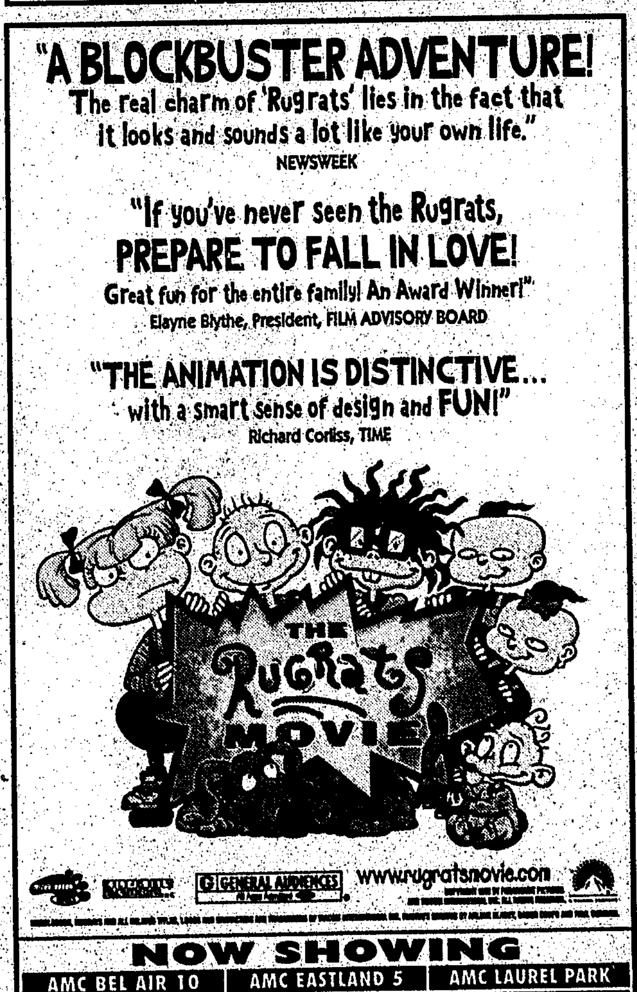
"Since the beginning, everything has been renovated or changed in one way or another," Forner explained. The new year will bring a full menu and a new chef.

For Thanksgiving weekend, however, Forner and Ormanian are concentrating on "The Best of the Bullfrog."

"We're real proud of the CD; the flow of it and the quality of the bands. There's a lot of compilations out right now of Michigan bands. This one you're gonna want to put it in and play it right through."

For more information about the CD or the release party, call (313) 533-4477 or visit http://www. bullfrogbar. com. To contact the Hemochromatosis Foundation Inc., write to P.O. Box 8569, Albany, N.Y., 12208-0569, call (518) 489-0972, or visit http:// www. hemochromatosis.org





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Schoolcraft College

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The pageantry begins 7:30 p.m. in the College's Waterman Center where royalty and guests dine on bounties prepared by the award-winning culinary arts department. You'll hear joyous sounds produced by members of the music department and visiting minstrels.

Madrigal Singers, under the direction of conductor Steve SeGraves, enter the hall in full costume to present the wassail and toast the season. Dinners then partake of the prime rib menu's many choices, each presented to the court with trumpet fanfare and ceremony.

Throughout the evening, the dulcet tones of Good Neighbors All provide music on period instruments, the Madrigal Singers intone the songs of the season, and a court jester amuses guests with magic and juggling.

Celebration proceeds enhance the student scholarship fund. The cost is $35 per person, call (734) 462-4417. Saturday, Dec. 12 is sold out, seats remain for the Dec. 10 and Dec. 11 dinners.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road (between Six and Seven Mile, just west of I-275).

Oakland Community College

The college's annual Wassail Feast will be presented 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 3, on Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. The cost is $45 per person, call (248) 471-7786 for details.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Tickets are still available for an Elizabethan England Wassail Feast, Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 10-12, and Dec. 17-19 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave.

The evening commences with an open bar reception in the museum's Kresge Court and continues to the majestic Great Hall, an opulent setting for the candle lit tables, mimes, acrobats, madrigals, dancers and strolling museums.

Trumpets herald the beginning of the feast, and revelers are seated for a sumptuous five-course meal that was served to nobility of yesteryear.

Highlights include a golden-crusted pork and leek pie, prime rib with Yorkshire pudding, and a finale of bread pudding with brandy sauce.

A vegetarian menu is also available. Wassail punch, a mixture of ale and other libations, is served throughout.

The Wassail Feast runs each evening from 6:30 p.m. to approximately 10 p.m. Tickets are $150 each for Fridays and Saturdays; $135 each for Thursday, as well as for purchases of 20 or more tickets.

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Seasonal celebration: *Festivities commence at Schoolcraft College's annual Madrigal dinners as the Madrigal Singers enter the hall in full costume to present the wassail and toast the season.*

Guests will arrive at Greenfield Village located at Oakwood Boulevard and Village Road, just west of the Southfield Freeway, and west of Michigan Ave., and drive directly to the Eagle Tavern parking lot.

Reserved seating at the Eagle Tavern is provided family style at tables of eight, as was the custom in 1850.

The menu includes assorted cheese and crackers, corn chowder, Sliced Honey Glazed Ham, Chicken Pie, Roasted Rib of Beef, roasted redskin potatoes, and hot vegetables.

Cost is $50 per person and includes dinner and entertainment. The evening begins with a cash bar at 6:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Call (313) 982-6001 for information and reservations.

WHAT'S COOKING

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■ New at Troy's Somerset Collection – ***P.F. Chang's China Bistro,*** is scheduled to open Monday, Nov. 30 at the Somerset Collection (South) in Troy. Occupying the ground floor location of the former Sebastian's, the restaurant claims to offer a unique blend of traditional Chinese cuisine and American hospitality in an upscale, modern bistro atmosphere. Hours will be Sunday through Thursday 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday until midnight. Phone (248)352-7779.

P.F. Chang's China Bistro has locations across the U.S., but this is its first entry into the Metro-Detroit dining scene. Keeping reading DINING for a full feature on P.F. Chang's to learn how Asian, as in authentic Chinese, and bistro, a French notion, harmonize in this unique concept.

■ ***Van Gogh's Improv Grill,*** 27909 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (12 Mile and Orchard Lake Road) offers an interactive dining theme. General Manager Stewart Sloan described the experience as one where "you will be able to choose everything you want to eat and watch it being prepared at the grill in the middle of the room. Something like The Mongolian Barbeque; only we won't be strictly Asian. We'll have a lot of choices."

Van Gogh proprietors are William Gitre and Duane Gmerek who also own Roosevelt's Billiards Bar & Grill across the street from Van Gogh. They've named Patrick Houston, formerly with Larco's in Troy as executive chef. In the future, stay in touch with DINING for a review of the menu and an explanation of the Van Gogh name.

■ **The Golden Mushroom,** 18100 W. Ten Mile Road, Southfield, has reopened its popular Mushroom Cellar, closed temporarily for a facelift. New carpeting with an upbeat Art Deco pattern has been installed. Wood floors have been replaced with tile. New art work has been added and the popular gathering spot has been generally spruced up!

The same quality food and service as main floor Golden Mushroom dining is offered in the lower-level, cigar-friendly Mushroom Cellar.

■ **Flying Fish** (17600 W. 13 Mile, Birmingham) has cast off to a receptive dining audience. Wednesday evening last week saw a full house of diners enjoying the brightly colored and remodeled interior. They were taking advantage of the "Flight Arrivals" boards announcing best catches of the day.

Birmingham's Flying Fish is different from the one at Orchard Lake and Maple Road because it has retained two dining levels from its days as Tavern on 13. Downstairs can get a bit noisy around 7 p.m., but upper-level tables afford a quieter dining atmosphere.

■ **Champagne Feast** – Eat, drink and be merry as Matt Prentice's Unique Restaurant Corporation toasts the holiday season with the Champagne Feast. The feast celebrates the rich history of Veuve Clicquot Champagne and the flavorful cuisine of URC Corporate Chef Jim Barnett. The event will be held on two separate evenings, Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Morels, A Michigan Bistro, and Thursday, Dec. 3 at Duet. Each feast begins at 6:30 p.m. Barnett has prepared an outstanding menu.

The cost is $125 per person, exclusive of tax and gratuity. Morels is at 30100 Telegraph, Bingham Farms, (248) 642-1094, Duet is at 3711 Woodward Ave., Orchestra Place Hall, (313) 831-3838. Call for reservations and information.

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