

Letters to Santa

All boys and girls, naughty or nice, know Santa Claus will soon be checking his Christmas list – and checking it twice. That means Canton youngsters need to get their letters to the Jolly Old Elf written and headed to the North Pole.

Once again this year, the Canton Observer is asking youngsters to send us their letter to Santa along with their school photo to appear in the Sunday, Dec. 23, edition. To make sure we have time to forward the letters to the North Pole, get the letters to us no later than Monday, Dec. 17.

Send your letters to Santa, care of the Canton Observer, 794 South Main, Plymouth, MI 48170.

WEEK AHEAD-TUESDAY

Board: The Canton Township Board meets Tuesday, Dec. 11 in regular session at 7 p.m. at the administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

Schools: Plymouth-Canton Community School Board meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m., E.J. McClendon building in Plymouth.

Breakfast with Santa is Saturday

The Canton Rotary Club will offer a breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Roman Forum on Ford Road for \$10.

A representative from Canton police will provide all children with a free ID kit (fingerprints and picture).

Kids can sit on Santa's lap and have their picture taken as they talk to him.

Proceeds will benefit International Service Projects for children in third-world countries. To make reservations, please contact Laura L. Whichello at (734) 546-0164 or CantonRotary@aol.com.

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Growth Works to expand influence

Can multiple service agencies agree on plan?

BY CAROL MARSHALL
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Canton may have too many social services agencies providing too few services.

In order to address service duplication and gaps, the township will inventory the agencies and define their value to the community at the urging of Growth Works executive director Dale Yagiela.

Growth Works could expand its reach under a proposal Yagiela presented to the board at a study session Tuesday.

Service portal

"What we want to do is to become a portal for social service agencies," he said. When Growth Works moves into the soon-to-be-completed Human Services building in Cherry Hill Village, the agency will have more than three times the space it has in its current Canton location.

The new facility will give Growth Works about 13,000 square feet of space; the current location on Sheldon

Road near Michigan Avenue is about 4,000 square feet.

"This provided an opportunity to bring the services directly to the people who would use them," Yagiela said.

Too often, agencies do not act in the best interest of the people they serve, Yagiela said.

"I'm not a social worker," Yagiela told the board. "I don't get along with most social workers because of my attitude about how they do things is different. While they talk nicely about collaborating, they wind up duplicating a lot of services. It gets pretty cut-throat."

Care competition

When multiple agencies offer the same services, the organizations wind up in the self-serving position of competing for clients.

Coordinating services would eliminate competition, but may not be popular among the numerous agencies, according to Yagiela.

Yagiela suggested offering office space in the new building – full- or part-time – to as many agencies as possible.

"You can do this one of two ways," Yagiela said. "You can simply make the

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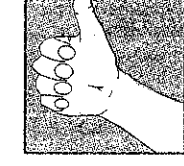
Canton helping holiday charities

BY BRAD KADRICH
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It's a busy time of year for the Salvation Army, with Thanksgiving programs just finishing up and Christmas projects getting rolling.

It's a good thing Maj. Steve Hull carries a palm pilot.

Hull, the Salvation Army commander, is in the middle of juggling a lot of balls as the Army gears up for its primary campaign: the holiday season. The various projects the Army has done



Wise Solutions, a software company that makes installation computer programs, will have about 25 employees helping out for three days.

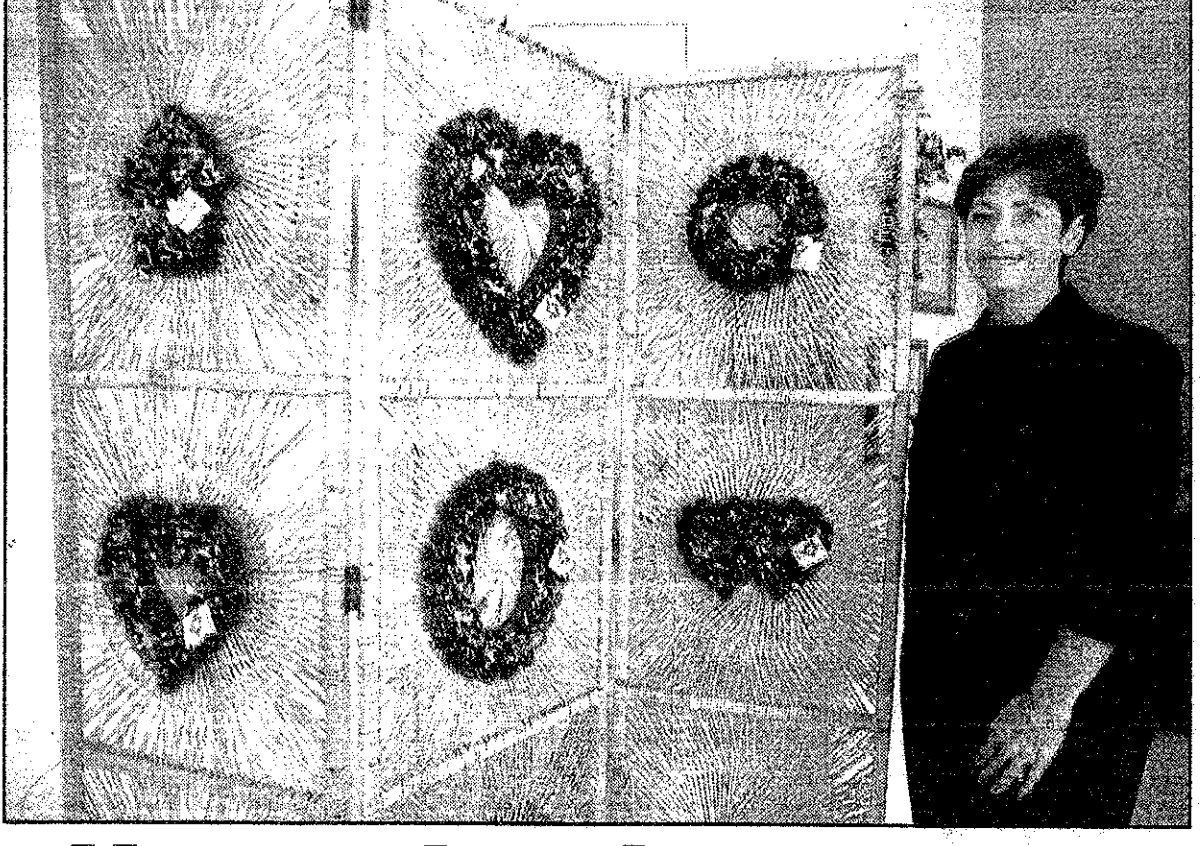
much going on."

Even though their office and church are in Plymouth Township, the Army serves Canton and some areas down as far as Belleville.

Saturday, the Canton Garden Club

Please see **SALVATION ARMY, A3**

Holiday Items:
 Sue Smith displays several of her hand-made wreaths in her Canton home recently. Smith makes the wreaths entirely out of whole spices.



STAFF PHOTOS BY PAUL HURSCHEMAN

Home business

Small project turns into big job

BY LILLY A. EVANS
 SPECIAL WRITER

Sue Smith never thought it would happen. Twenty-six years ago she made a few spice wreaths for a little fun and money, while she was a stay-at-home mom, and it has turned out to be her lifelong occupation.



Canton crafter is still going strong with no plans to retire.

"I make a living at it. I do 45 shows a year from June to December," Smith said, "If anyone would have told me what a great business this would be, I wouldn't have believed them."

After 15 years, she had to hire employees. If she books three shows on the same weekend, they transport wreaths in three different vans to different places.

The wreaths, which have copyrights, are handcrafted assembly-line style. Whole spices, including ginger, nutmeg, star anise, cinnamon and bay leaves, are attached with a gummy substance in the shape of circles, ovals, hearts, bird houses, and sunbursts. Smith adds accent colors with kidney and navy beans and dried bananas. They range from \$6 to \$30.

Smith says they're a hit, they sell like hot cakes and

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Municipal building renovation on schedule

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Canton Township is moving forward with a \$14.5-million renovation that will double the size of the current municipal building.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees had a first look at a Tuesday study session at an architectural model of the building.

"You start to get a feel for the direction we're going, and the statement

we're trying to make," said Finance Director Tony Minghine, as the trustees examined the model which featured a prominent building entrance and extensive windows.

The township identified several project goals, including a more defined entrance, minimal changes to existing space, cost-conscious design, a timeless appearance and improved parking.

So far, the building plans and cost estimates have remained relatively unchanged since summer, Minghine said.

"The only change so far is that we will probably be able to shrink the footprint from what the architect originally had," he said.

The tentative plans called for more than 59,000 square feet of added space, which will double the size of the existing building.

The design should be complete this summer, said Township Supervisor Tom Yack, and then the township will go out for bids from contractors. Construction could begin in the fall.

"This project will probably take two

years, so it would be complete in 2004," he said.

Although officials have said Canton will receive less state revenue sharing money due to the economic recession, they're not concerned about paying for the renovation project.

The project will be paid for with a combination of public safety, and water and sewer funds, and township reserves. Minghine predicted in August the township will borrow approximate-

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Hulsing celebrates its 25th anniversary

BY DOUG JOHNSON
 STAFF WRITER

Hulsing Elementary School students and staff celebrated their silver anniversary Thursday night, highlighted by a stirring rendition of *God Bless America* by fifth grader Katie Schwalm.

Hulsing, Eriksson and Field elementary schools are all Bicentennial schools – they opened in 1976. Hulsing and the other two were dedicated 25 years ago on Dec. 12, 1976, but students reported weeks earlier for the

first day of classes.

Hulsing is hidden from plain view on Fleet Street between Morton Taylor and Lilley south of Joy Road in Canton. All three schools were originally built with the "schools without walls" concept but Hulsing classrooms got walls last year.

School principal Dr. Rebecca Moore conducted brief ceremonies in the school's multi-purpose room. Students from each classroom brought up items

Please see **HULSING, A4**



Katie Schwalm sang for Hulsing.



Joey Amado says the Pledge of Allegiance.

Child found wandering along Sheldon; phony bill reported

Two Canton women came to the aid of a 4-year-old boy they found walking along Sheldon near Applewood Wednesday morning.

The women had dropped off their children at Bentley Elementary when they found the boy walking close to the road in his pajamas, crying for his mother.

The women convinced him to come with them to look for his mom.

The drove along Brookfield, looking for where the boy may live, and spotted an open door. At the same time, a woman drove into the driveway of the residence with the open door.

One of the women who found the boy approached the driver and asked if she had a son. The woman said she does. She said her son was in the house.

When she found out the women had her son, she drove to the car to get him, but they wouldn't let her leave until the police arrived.

The mother told police she left him alone while he slept for five

minutes so she could drop her daughter off at school. The mother said she usually takes the boy with her, but he was sleeping so she left. She reported this was the first time he had left the house in her absence.

One of the women who found the boy lives nearby and told police she had never seen the child wandering alone, and she was unaware the woman had a son because she had never seen him. The police notified Social Services.

Prescription fraud

Canton police questioned a former Van Buren police officer after he attempted to pass a fraudulent prescription Wednesday at the Rite Aid at 2249 Canton Center.

When he gave the pharmacist the phony prescription, she thought it looked "peculiar," she told police. She called the doctor's office, as well as the person for whom the prescription was made.

The woman to whom the pills had been prescribed told the

COP CALLS

pharmacist that her doctor had not ordered the medicine for her. She knew the suspect, and named him when the pharmacist described him.

A Canton Police detective questioned the suspect, who admitted to trying to pass the bogus prescription.

Counterfeit cash

A 45-year-old Wayne man reported he was passed a counterfeit \$5 bill at a Canton gas station.

The man stopped at the Ford Road station Wednesday afternoon, and paid for his purchases with cash. After he returned home, he found the suspicious bill in his wallet.

The clerk at the gas station did not recall seeing any suspicious money, but the man was certain he got the bill at the station because he made no other stops before going home.

- Carol Marshall

CANTON CONNECTION

December Newcomers

Club events

■ Cards: Bunko Dec. 8 (7 p.m.); couples euchre Dec. 15 (7:30 p.m.); ladies euchre Dec. 13 (7 p.m.).

■ Creative Kids will meet Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. at Oasis Pottery Painting Studio.

■ Ladies night out is going to be at Genetti's Hole in the Wall in Northville on Dec. 14 at 7 p.m.

■ Mom and tots Christmas party is Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. at the clubhouse. Santa will visit.

Contact Dana Armstead (416-7056) or Lori Shaw (981-0561) for more information.

Toys for Tots

The Michigan Chiropractic Society and Dr. Barry Hobbs are joining the U.S. Marine Corps in asking for your generous help in making children's dreams come true. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Michigan Specific Chiropractic in Canton until Dec. 13. For more information, call Hobbs at (734) 416-2442. The office is at 7276 North Sheldon Road in Canton. It's the 54th year for Toys for Tots.

Field silver jubilee

Staff and students at Field elementary (1000 Haggerty, Canton) are getting ready to celebrate the school's silver anniversary in December.

From 6:30-8 p.m. Dec. 12 a rededication of the Mildred Field Elementary School will be held. The school was dedicated on that day in 1976 and is named for Mildred Field, who was the principal at old Starkweather Elementary School in Plymouth for 18 years in the 1950s and the 1960s.

A 25-year pictorial school history will be displayed through the building, and visitors will be able to relive some of the big school, state, national and international events from the past 25 years.

TAG screening

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will once again be screening students for admission to the Talented and Gifted Program for the 2002-2003 school year.

The TAG department screens all district third-graders when they take the Cognitive Abilities Test in January.

Parents of third-graders eligible for further screening will be contacted by mail. Parents of second-, fourth- and fifth-graders need to contact their

school office for a nomination form (forms will be available at all school offices starting Dec. 3). Parents of sixth- and seventh-graders need to contact their middle school office for a nomination form (forms will also be available on Dec. 3).

Second-grade nomination forms need to be returned to the building principal by Jan. 11, 2002. Fourth- and fifth-grade nomination forms need to be returned to the building principal by Jan. 31, 2002. Sixth- and seventh-grade nomination forms need to be returned to your school counselor by Feb. 2, 2002.

If you are a district resident and your child attends private school, you may pick up a nomination form at your nearest public elementary school (for grades 2-5) or middle school (for grades 6 and 7) office.

There are two informational meetings regarding the TAG Program scheduled for Dec. 11 and Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Miller School gym. Interested parents should attend one of the above meetings. Test scores and available space will determine placement in the TAG program.

If you need additional information, call the TAG office at (734) 416-4867.

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ly half of the money on a 15- or 20-year bond.

"This is just the perfect time to go for bonds," Yack said. "The rates for governments are down to 3 or 4 percent."

Because of the good rates, the township will be able to pay for the addition in less time.

"The life of the loan will be much less than the life of the building, which should be here for probably another 50 years," Yack said.

The township will interview four construction managers next week, and determine in January whether to use a construction manager or to hire a general contractor.

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helped out with bell ringing at area stores, Hull said.

One Canton firm offers all 78 of its employees as bell ringers. Wise Solutions, a software company that makes installation computer programs, will have about 25 employees helping out for three days.

"This is our fourth year and we are glad to be doing this," said Brien Witkowski, Solutions owner. "We're excited about being able to participate in this way. All 78 would help but we took the first 25 who signed up this year."

Witkowski, a former Canton resident now living in nearby Salem Township, said many of his employees come from the Plymouth and Canton areas and are happy to help the Army.

Another Canton resident, Ross Myers, is a key Army helper. A retired Ford man, he is a leader in the congregation, and helps with the Army's adopt-a-family program.

In that program, a local family agrees to help another family in need by buying a Christmas dinner, and by getting a gift for each member of the needy family.

"We have about 150 families in need, but only 125 adopting families. We need 25 more families to help out - at least 25," Myers said. The help for each family also includes a health care box full of hygiene and medical items.

Myers helps with bell ringing and says the Canton Target store is "our No. 1 location." He also is active with their disaster response canteen.

If that's not enough he will take a bell ringing spot this weekend on behalf of the Canton Optimists at Kmart Super-Center.

The Army just finished its Thanksgiving basket program, dishing out meals for between 90 and 100 families.

And the Salvation Army's baby, it's top fund-raiser, kicked off with pomp and circumstance recently. The Red Kettle Campaign, with a goal of \$115,000, started in earnest the day after Thanksgiving with nearly 30 kettles scattered over the Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville areas.

Good guys help Goodfellows

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They call themselves "pinheads." But Canton kids will call them "Santa."

They are John "Johnny Z" Zeleji, and Rudy "Dr. Ru" Kutey, and they have raised \$2,500 for the Canton Goodfellows.

Zeleji, the owner of Auto Craft on Michigan Avenue in Canton, and Kutey held six all-day "Panel Jam" automotive pinstripping events, and sought a charity to benefit from the proceeds.

"We had always wanted to do a children's charity fundraiser, and Goodfellows seemed like the right one," said Zeleji. "We wanted to pick a charity that would use all of the money on the kids, instead of having most of it be eaten up by administrative costs."

Zeleji has owned his custom auto painting business for 20 years, and has held the Panel Jams for the last six.



Helping Goodfellows: Rudy Kutey (left) and John Zeleji (right) give the Canton Goodfellows' Nancy Spencer a check to help make sure no child will be without a Christmas.

"We get 'pinheads' who come from all over to spend the whole day and create," he said. "They have a great time and it's for a great cause."

Auto Craft Collision is located

at 44116 Michigan Ave., Canton. Their next Panel Jam will be held Jan. 13, 2002. For more information, contact John Zeleji at (734) 397-1270, or Rudy Kutey at (248) 357-1769.

For more information, or to volunteer to ring bells at one of the kettle locations, call Carol Bicknell, (734) 453-5464.

the week, and ongoing programs such as hospital visitation and helping people with emergencies.

"Those things don't take a break just because it's Christmas," Hull pointed out. Through it all, Hull and his staff try to help as much as possible.

"We really try to focus on meeting the needs of the whole person," said Hull, who's been doing this work for 18 years. "We try to do it in a way that maintains a person's dignity. We get people who have to come to us, and they say, 'I've never had to do this before.' We try to help them get through their fi-

The Hulls came to Plymouth from the southwest side of Chicago, a blue-collar area populated with cops and firefighters. Plymouth is more upscale than the neighborhood the Hulls left, and Steve Hull was pleasantly surprised by the level of support, especially from volunteers.

"For example, our bell-ringing campaign is done 99 percent by volunteers," he said. "In Chicago, I was happy if I could get 20 percent. The rest, we had to hire."

One would think, in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the job would be getting harder but Hull says it's too early to tell. But he said one good thing has come out of all the fear.

"We're concerned the combination of a slow-down in the economy and contribution to the various relief funds will keep people from giving locally, but it's still a little too early to tell," Hull said.

By Carol Marshall

Did you know ...

■ The Teen Graphic Novel collection now has over 40 titles?

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■ In *The Wizard of Oz*, Dorothy's last name is Gale?

■ Bonza Bottler Day is when the number of the day is the same as the number of the month?

Web watch

Check out these new Web sites:

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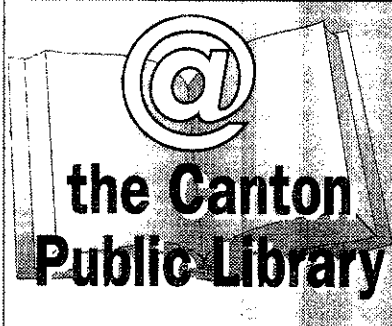
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Source: *The Book of Answers* by Barbara Berliner

New Children's Books

- *Shrinking Violet* - Cari Best
- *The School Story* - Andrew Clements
- *The Giggler Treatment* - Roddy Doyle
- *Billy the Bird* - Dick King-Smith
- *A Sailor Returns* - Theodore Taylor
- *Love, Ruby Lavender* -



Deborah Wiles

New Adult Nonfiction

- *A Treasury of Christmas Miracles* - Karen Kingsbury
- *The Drawin Awards II* - Wendy Northcutt
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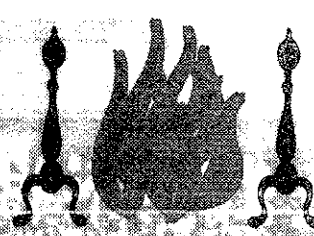
New Adult Fiction

- *Shipping Christmas* - John Grisham
- *Leaving Patrick* - Prue Leith
- *For Rouenna* - Sigrid Nunez
- *Sophie and the Rising Sun* - Augusta Troubaugh

Hot Topic Of The Week

Pearl Harbor Day: 60th Anniversary Dec. 7, 1941! At 7:55 a.m. "a date that will live in infamy," nearly 200 Japanese aircraft attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, long considered the U.S. "Gibraltar of the Pacific." The raid, which lasted little more than one hour, left nearly 3,000 dead. Nearly all of the U.S. Pacific Fleet was at anchor there, and few ships escaped damage. Several were sunk or disabled, while 200 U.S. aircraft on the ground were destroyed. The attack on Pearl Harbor brought about immediate U.S. entry into WWII. A "Declaration of War" being requested by President Franklin D. Roosevelt was approved by Congress on Dec. 8, 1941.

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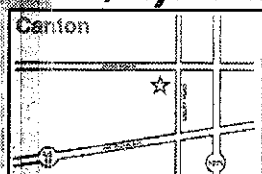
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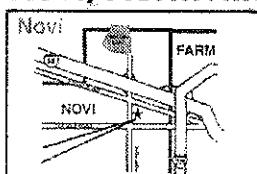
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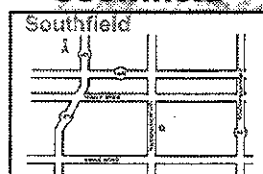
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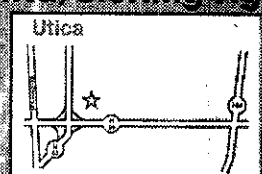
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for a steel chest/time capsule that will be opened at the school's 50th birthday.

"We have an excellent school because you (parents) have been connected to us," Moore said.

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools board president Liz Givens welcomed everyone:

"The year 1976 seems like only yesterday. This school in this neighborhood has been doing a great job. We congratulate you as a community."

Board vice president Mark Slavens was also present.

Also on hand were adults who

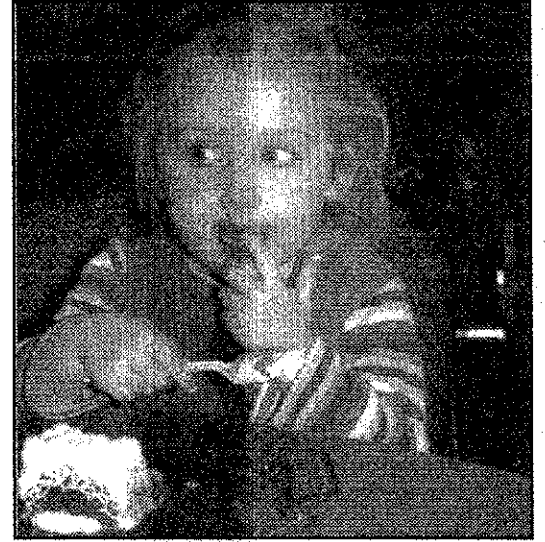
had graduated from the school in past decades; the school's first principal, Kathryn Otto; and retired staff members from Hulsing.

Students' voices filled the room with the Pledge of Allegiance, and students also sang a new school song to the tune of *You're a Grand Old Flag*. The song's words were written by Hulsing/Dodson music teacher Diane Brady.

Moore also announced the Hulsing family had donated a sculpture of a hawk for the school to honor the "Hulsing Hawks," the school mascots.

The school's namesakes are Ken and Esther Hulsing, Plymouth Township residents who both served on the Plymouth School Board for many years. Esther was also very active in Girl Scouting, and was Plymouth Township clerk for many years. Both the Hulsings were at the dedication in 1976 and their pictures hang in the school lobby. Mr Hulsing is deceased; Esther Hulsing lives out of state. Her last year as township clerk was 1992.

The school has also planted eight "memory trees" in front of the school. Members of the string section of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra provided entertainment. Students and staff conducted tours of the decorated classrooms. The main hallway display included pictures and news articles from down through the years.



PHOTOS BY LISA FEDOR

Hulsing party: Left, Kelsey Schwalm makes a contribution for the 50-year time capsule. Above, a teacher's child, Molly Main, samples the anniversary cake.

■ The Field 25-year celebration is next Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Details of Erickson's celebration are not known except that it will be this May.

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Growth

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offer, and ask, 'Are you in or out?'"

The other plan is more direct, and would limit township money, space, sponsorship, and collaboration, from agencies who do not participate with Growth Works. There are between 20 and 25 agencies that could be impacted by the proposed model, according to Yagiela.

"This could be perceived by the different agencies as a control issue, but I don't want to run what they do. What I do want to do is to link people to the services they need," he said.

Yagiela warned the board other agencies will likely protest the model change and will claim to be better equipped to serve the community.

Growth Works currently provides services to the youth in 17 of the 18 Conference of Western Wayne communities. Growth Works won a bid two years ago to serve as western Wayne's care management provider for teens who find themselves in the criminal justice system. Only Dearborn Heights, the home community for Vista Maria youth services agency, opted out of the CWW plan.

Yagiela said he will not approach the other CWW communities with similar plans.

"We have a good relationship with Canton and the township has unique resources," Yagiela said. "The trustees have the political will to do things differently. They've always been innovative and bold. I don't know if that kind of thinking is present in other communities."

One way in which Canton is not unique is every community wants to get the most services for their money, Yagiela said.

"What this is about is getting as much service as possible in a community, but you want it coordinated and unduplicated," Yagiela said.

The board reacted warmly to Yagiela's proposal, and will begin examining which organizations receive money from the township.

Growth Works receives \$40,000 annually from Canton's general fund, and more than \$10,000 in block grant money. Most of Growth Works funding comes from the county under the care management organization's contract.

Crafter

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the aroma is breathtaking.

"They smell like you're cooking something really good," she boasted.

Fittingly, her company is called "A Little Bit of Spice."

She sold locally, but as years went by she wanted to venture out. So she travels to shows as far away as Virginia, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Missouri.

But as in all businesses, there are ups and downs.

Her best show location is the Yankee Peddler Show in Ohio that's two weekends long. Her worst shows have been when she's had bouts with bad weather.

Winds have blown down displays and rainstorms have water-logged stock.

She said this fall her business took a nose dive after Sept. 11.

"People weren't in the mood to go to craft shows. Attendance is starting to get back to normal now."

She attributes her on-going success to her one-of-a-kind wreaths and devotion.

"The biggest thing is self-discipline (to work) and I picked the right craft. It gets exciting when I think it's going to be a mediocre show and I sell out. Then I have to go home and

make lots of wreaths quick before the next weekend," she said.

Smith owns another company with her long-time friend and partner, Molly Pemberton of Canton, called "Handcrafters." They provide facilities and promote five shows; three in Northville and two in Clinton Township.

The next Handcrafters show in Northville, which has about 70 crafters, will be Dec. 7-9 at Northville Recreation Center on Main Street.

Pemberton said they select the crafters very carefully.

■ Smith's products can be ordered by fax, (734) 454-4567 or by calling at (734) 459-0628.

"We're very particular to make sure it's handmade, not resale items, and we vary the products making sure there's not too much of one thing."

One of the crafters, Larry Markiewicz, said Handcrafters are quality shows.

"There's a variety of items, good food, it's well advertised and the crafts are juried," Markiewicz said.

Markiewicz and his wife, Lori have been crafters for 17 years. They sell at 40 shows a season and call themselves the "Basket Peddlers." They went into business after making stenciled bas-

kets to be raffled off at a Plymouth Symphony fund-raiser.

Larry said, without hesitation, the most interesting aspect of crafting is the people you meet and the people who become return customers.

Larry explained, like anything, there are styles to crafts. "This year birdhouses, ivy, snowmen, dragonflies and of course, apples are in."

Smith, Pemberton and Markiewicz have no regrets about being in the closely knit network of crafters that spend their weekends selling and weekdays making crafts.

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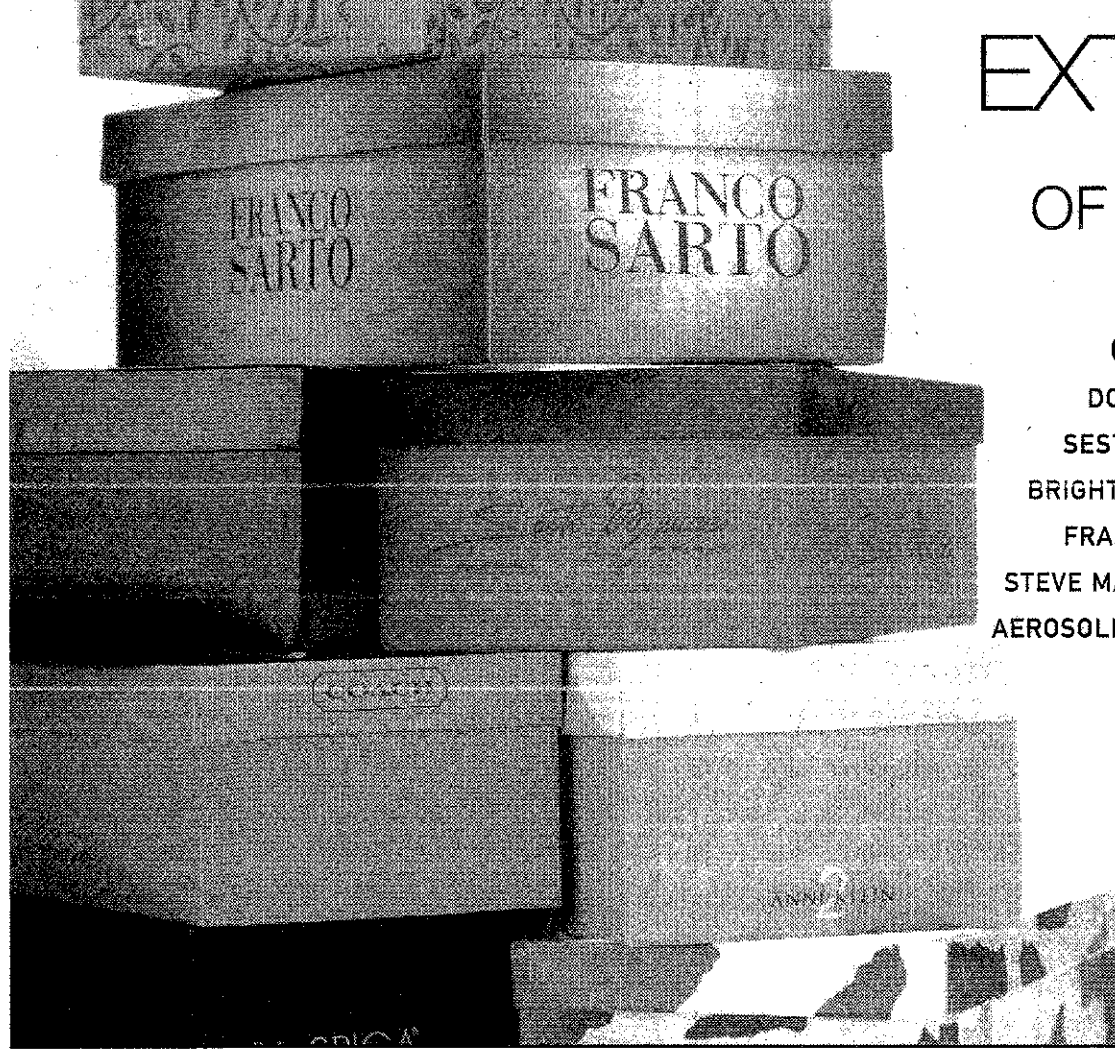
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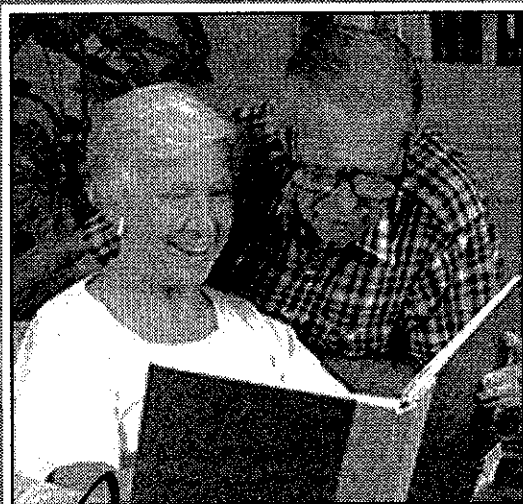
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RAYMOND CHARLES MASON

Services for Raymond Mason, 68, of Westland were held Dec. 8 at L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

Mr. Mason was born Dec. 19, 1932 in Pittsburgh, Pa. and died Dec. 5, 2001 in Westland. He was in sales.

Survivors include wife, Evelyn; daughters, Cheri (Ed) Pelic, Boni (Chris) Trush, Marti (Dennis) Gorum, Lynn (Bill) Partin, and Jean Partin; son, Gary (Vicki) Partin; two sisters; one brother; and six grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Arbor Hospice.

Arrangements were made by L.J. Griffin Funeral Home.

JOSEPH CHARLES GLASS

Services for Joseph Glass, 59, of Canton Township were held Dec. 7 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with Major Stephen Hull officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens in Westland.

Mr. Glass was born Aug. 29, 1942 in Plymouth and died Dec. 4, 2001 in Canton Township. He was a machine builder for Holcroft and Lofts in Livonia. He

came to the Canton community in 1973 from Plymouth and was a member of the Salvation Army. He also was a member of the Yankee Air Force and Veteran of Foreign Wars No. 6695. He loved to read and spend time with his grandchildren, watching the M.A.S.H. television show, and listening to country music.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Glass of Canton; children, Dawn (Charles) Hitt of Newport, Kimberly (Fred) Comai of Belleville, and Nathan Glass of Wayne; grandchildren, Michael and Brittany Glass, Joseph Hitt, Kevin, Megan, and Caitlyn Comai; sister, Nancy (Thomas) Powers of Southfield; and brother, Arthur J. (Marlene) Glass of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army. Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

RALPH VINCENT THOMPSON

Services for Ralph Thompson, 71, of Plymouth will be held Dec. 10 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Mr. Thompson was born March 17, 1930 in Detroit and died Dec. 5, 2001 in Ann Arbor. He was a Navy veteran and graduate of Henry Ford Trade School. He enlisted in the Navy in 1948. After his discharge, he became an electrician for the Ford Motor Company for five years before entering the graphic arts field. He retired from the Detroit Legal News after 40 years in the printing trade. He enjoyed golf, cards and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. A long-time resident of Dearborn and Plymouth, he also wintered at his home in Spring Hill, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth; "Betty" Thompson, one brother, and two sisters.

Survivors include sons, Gregory (Pamela Holik) Thompson of Carleton and Martin (Marsha) Thompson of Alpharetta, Ga.; grandson, Christopher Thompson of Carleton; and brother, Leslie (Frances) Thompson of Sterling Heights.

Arrangements were made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Superintendent's brother Danny Booher, 60

Services for Danny Booher, 60, of Quincy, brother of Plymouth-Canton School Superintendent Kathleen Booher, will be held Monday, Dec. 10, at the George White Funeral Home in Quincy with the Rev. Randy Hartwell officiating.

Burial will be at Dayburg Cemetery in Butler Township.

Mr. Booher was born Oct. 5, 1941 in Branch County and died Dec. 6, 2001 at the University of Michigan Hospital following a courageous seven year battle with liver disease; he had been awaiting a liver transplant.

He graduated from Quincy High School, having played several sports. He was married to

the former Carolyn S. Locke for 41 years. For more than 15 years he worked as a mason for Bracy & Jahr, Inc., then he retired from driving a semi truck after a 20-year career. He attended Calvary Baptist Church. In years past, he sang and played bass with several gospel singing groups. He thoroughly enjoyed watching auto racing, working on cars, fishing and hunting. He most enjoyed time spent with his children and his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn (Locke) Booher of Quincy; daughters, Kimberly (Dale) Waligora of Quincy and Lisa (Jeffrey) Wood of Quincy; son,

Jason D. Booher of Quincy; grandchildren, Courtney, Amanda and Victoria Waligora and Elizabeth and Austin Wood; sister, Kathleen (Steve Bassett) Booher of Plymouth Township; parents, Kenneth Cleo (Wilma) Booher of Quincy; as well as special cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to support education and outreach about organ donor awareness and may be sent to: Transplantation Society of Michigan, 2203 Platt Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 or the organization of one's choice.

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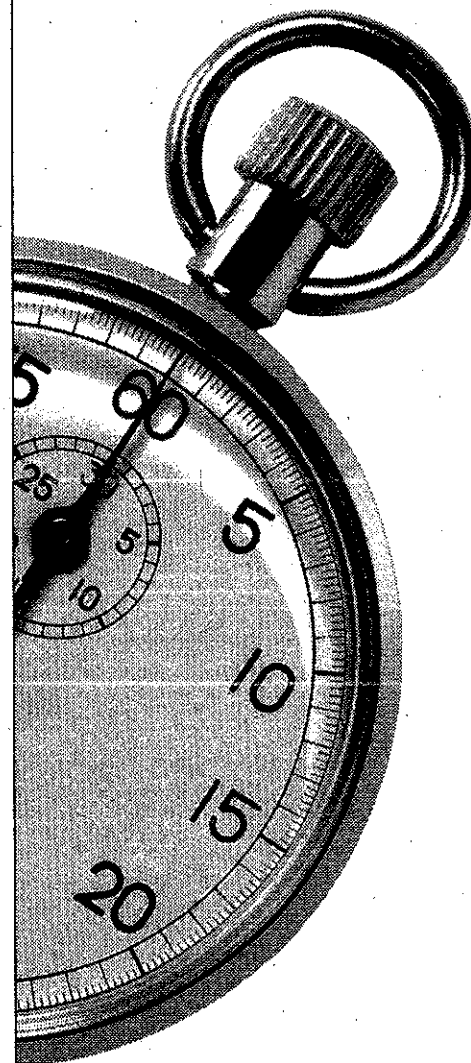


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Tom Watkins is on a mission for public education

BY TIM SMITH
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Michigan Department of Education Superintendent Tom Watkins wears his heart on his sleeve when it comes to his mission of helping lift public education in Michigan to greater heights.

"I'm a cheerleader for public schools," said Watkins during Thursday's Livonia Chamber of Commerce luncheon at the Italian-American Conference and Banquet Center in Livonia. "I do want to stand up and cheer for high-quality education across this state."

"But more importantly, I want to be a megaphone, where I can amplify the voices of great educators about the good things that are happening in schools every day."

According to Watkins, in his current role since April 30, lauded how education is held up to a high standard in the Livonia community and hoped that message can be spread to other districts in the state.

"The state board, in hiring me, ... asked me to focus on lifting up all of our teachers, lifting up all of our scores, lifting up all of our students," Watkins continued. "Anytime you have a school in difficulty, you have a community in difficulty."

Watkins is traveling around the state to enlist business, education and civic leaders to collaborate with him in his quest. The Northville resident and father of two talked to a gathering of about 25 local business and education leaders about his 30 Ideas



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM HAWLEY

Elementary Dr. Watson: Ken Watson, Livonia Public School Director talks with Michigan Department of Education Superintendent for Public Instruction Tom Watkins Thursday afternoon at the Livonia Chamber luncheon.

in 30 Days plan for invigorating and improving Michigan's public schools.

The document was assembled following observations made by Watkins during his first month on the job.

One of his ideas is to get behind a Senate Bill 614, now in committee, that would enable the issuance of specialty license plates in support of public education. Money spent for those plates - about \$25 each - would go toward Michigan's school aid fund.

Making a statement

"We can put public education in front of everybody's face as

they travel to and fro," Watkins said. "The proceeds from that, if we just had one-third of the people who work in public education to buy one, that would generate about \$200,000 that could be used as mini-grants back to the schools."

Another "idea" is to ask state lawmakers to hit the pause button on a .1 percent income tax rollback, with those dollars earmarked for educational reform.

"A family of four making \$40,000 a year would receive \$55 less," he explained. "... What does it mean? About \$170 million that we can invest in (age) 0-to-5 school readiness."

That notion, of putting more

resources behind starting children off earlier on their educational journey, is one Watkins strongly backs.

"We know we have some children who are coming to school that are reading already and we know there are some children who come to school that have never been read to," Watkins said. "They never see an adult sit down and read a magazine, newspaper or book. They don't know their colors, they don't know their letters. They're starting behind and never catch up. And we can, and must, do better."

Concurring with that stance was one of those in attendance, Livonia tax attorney Bill Fried, who had four children move through Livonia Public Schools.

"If there's anything we learned from Head Start, it's that education begins before they are 5 or 6 years old," Fried said. "If you want to learn how to speak a foreign language, you start it at 2 or 3, not in high school. And I think his ideas, his concepts would open that door."

Fried also supported Watkins' view about the importance of a strong partnership between education and business in providing the best, progressive education for tomorrow's work force.

"You have to put the public back into education," Fried said.

Livonia Chamber member Christine Lerchen, associate director of The Arc of Northwest Wayne County, said she was "very impressed" with Watkins' presentation. "I really do stand behind everything he says, I think he's an inspiration."

Livonia schools Superinten-

Improving public schools

Following are some of the 30 Ideas in 30 Days state education Superintendent Tom Watkins is making to improve public education:

■ **Create an Army of Involved Parents:** Give parents the realistic training and experience to help lift student achievement.

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■ **Senior Power:** Tap senior adults to serve as mentors and tutors.

■ **Pray for Action:** Getting faith-based organizations behind the efforts of public education.

■ **Maintain a Solid Foundation:** Funding for areas such as early childhood readiness programs, technology and staff development need to be maintained. Ways to do that include protecting per-pupil funding and getting state lawmakers to "maintain their commitment to fund a school aid budget that provides stability and allows school districts to plan accordingly."

dent Ken Watson said he appreciates that Watkins is a sensitive educational leader who knows there is a big challenge ahead in making improvements to the public education system despite the current "time of economic downturn. It's very difficult to be cutting at the same time (of) recreating. He certainly does have sensitivity to the problems."

One of the problems Watkins

is adamant about solving is the perception that public education itself is under attack.

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Legislation would require 'cluster option'

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Communities in Michigan will have to offer developers a "cluster option" - in which houses in a subdivision would be shifted on to a portion of the land in order to save environmentally sensitive features - under a package of bills approved by the state Senate.

But before doing that, lawmakers provided two exemptions in the law, eliminating communities that have fewer than 1,800 residents from the requirement as well as larger communities which already have cluster options available in their zoning ordinances.

Many suburban communities have such options available, but the bills will require that they allow for at least 50 percent of developable land in a subdivision to be saved. The bills also require that those options have actually been used by a builder

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*Bill Anderson
Township Association*

before the effective date of the law for the community to be exempt. Otherwise, they'll have a year to adopt a new ordinance.

The exemptions make the package much more palatable to the Michigan Townships Association, which has opposed it on grounds that the bills diminish local control.

"We are not jumping up and down over this bill, but it makes it a lot more livable," said MTA spokesman Bill Anderson.

Just by eliminating the smallest communities, those with less than 1,800 population, some 600 townships across the state will be exempted, Anderson said.

"That's a lot of rigmarole for this smaller communities to go through, and they are the ones that are not going to see this kind of development," Anderson said. He explained the exemption will apply to many very rural townships in northern Michigan.

Southeastern Michigan communities are more likely to make use of the exemption for communities that already have such options in place.

"A lot of communities already have these options available. Hamburg Township sort of pioneered the cluster option. Hamburg is sort of the poster child for the cluster option," Anderson said.

Senators voted 33-2 Thursday, Nov. 8, to approve the three-bill package, including House Bills 4995, 5028 and 5029, sponsored by Reps. Ruth Johnson, R-Holly, Chris Kolb, D-Ann Arbor, and Randy Richardville, R-Monroe.

The bills are part of a push in

the legislature this fall to address the issues of urban sprawl and land use. They have received the support of groups like the Michigan Environmental Council and the Michigan Association of Homebuilders. But community officials opposed the bills.

The cluster bills won the support of Sen. George McManus, R-Traverse City, chair of the senate Farming and Agribusiness Committee and a leading proponent in Lansing of farmland preservation. He argued for the bills, saying they would help save agricultural land around the state.

"I know townships are concerned that this is Band-Aid approach, but this is the best we can come up with that all sides agree with that's least intrusive into the affairs of cities and townships," McManus said.

If the House concurs in the amendments, the bill will head to the governor for approval.

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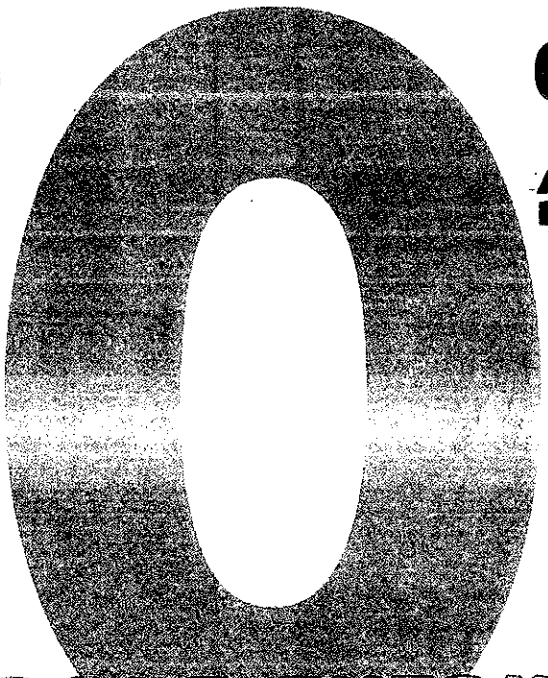
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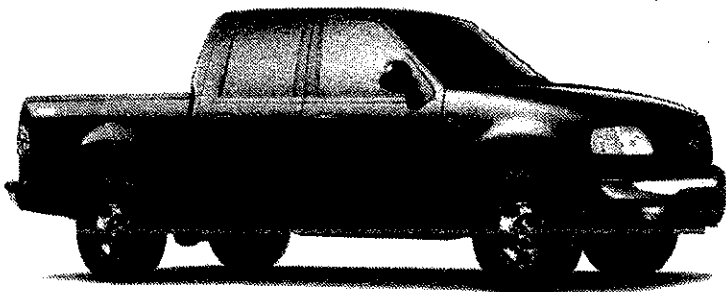
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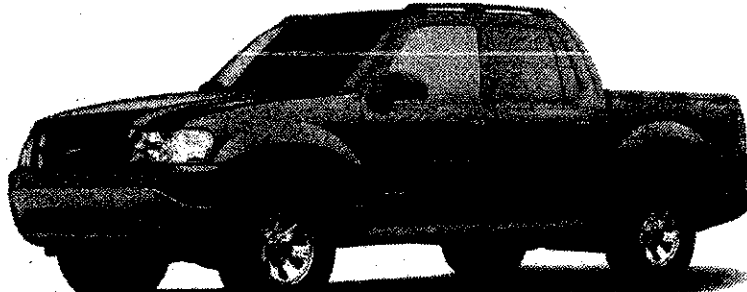
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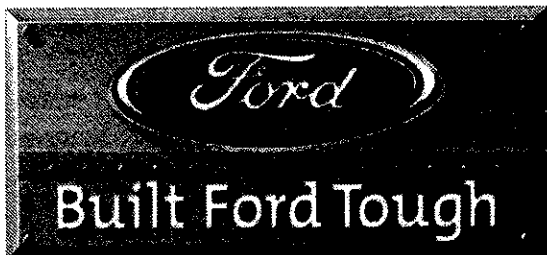


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Player of the Week

Alma College junior forward Janell Tweitmeyer, a Plymouth Canton HS graduate, led the Scots to a pair of victories last week, which earned her Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association player of the week honors last week.

Tweitmeyer scored 15 points, making 5-of-7 shots from the floor, in a 79-55 win over Concorida. She followed that with 29 points in a 75-60 victory over Aquinas, converting 10-of-17 shots. She hit 15-of-24 in the two wins, including 10-of-16 three-pointers.

All-State soccer

Several Plymouth and Canton soccer players have been named to the all-state team, including Plymouth Canton senior midfielder Johnny Kaczmarek, the only Observerland player selected to the Dream Team.

Second team players in Division 1 were Plymouth Salem keeper Tavio Palazzolo and forward Kevin Savitskie.

In Division 4, Plymouth Christian Academy's Matt Gallagher was a first-team selection. Teammate James Bauslaugh was named to the third team.

Team leader

Albion College's Meagan Madej, a Dearborn Divine Child graduate from Plymouth, has been instrumental in the Britons' 5-1 start. In an 89-22 rout of Rochester College, Madej scored 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting.

Madej leads Albion in free-throw shooting with a perfect 7-for-7, and she is second on the team in rebounding, averaging 7.0 a game. She is scoring at a 6.8 points-per-game average.

AAU girls basketball

Tryouts for the Western Wayne Wildcats AAU girls basketball teams are set for Jan. 8 and Jan. 10.

On both days, the 10 and 11-year-olds will try out from 6-7:30 p.m. at Central Middle School in Plymouth. The 12 and 13-year-olds will try out from 7:30-9 p.m. on the same days at the same location.

For further information, call Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746 or Bob Blohm at (734) 459-1763 or at (734) 414-8156.

Ladywood goes 17-0

Livonia Ladywood's freshman girls basketball team finished with a perfect record (17-0) while winning Central Division as well as the Catholic League playoffs.

Members of the Blazers include: Katie Bou-Maroun, Caitlin Gdowski, Jessica Hanley, Lauren Hess, Courtney Jekot, Nicole Koterba, Lindsay Lawley, Colleen McCaffrey, Amanda Regulski, Megan Ryan, Samantha Shuk, Julie St. Onge, Brittany Winters and Laura Walkuski.

The Blazers are coached by Greg Mellon, Lin Willoughby and Jim Rhodes.

Softball hitting camp

Madonna University will stage two sessions of hitting camps — 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 (session I) and Dec. 29 (session II) at the school's gym.

The camp will include two hitting cages plus one live pitching station to work off tees and soft toss.

Each session is limited to 30 girls. The cost is \$20 per session. Checks should be made payable to Madonna University Softball.

For more information, call MU women's softball coach Al White at (734) 432-5783.

Soccer officials training

Training for new soccer referees will be conducted at High Velocity Sports Center, located at 46245 Michigan in Canton. Classes will be from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on consecutive Saturday, Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2. Those interested must attend all four classes, and they must be at least 12 years old.

Class size is limited. To register, send your name, social security number and a check for \$43 made payable to Michigan Referee Committee, to 9115 Muirland, Plymouth, Mi. 48170.

For more information, call (734) 454-7335.

Attack ambushes Whalers in 5-0 win



Okay, so the Plymouth Whalers are 30 games into their season and this has happened just five times. A loss. But it wasn't so much the losing, particularly if it's a road game, but getting routed by a .500 team is something else.

Talk about bad trips. In what must be considered one of their poorest performances of the season, the Plymouth Whalers came up flat Wednesday at Owen Sound, struggling through a 5-0 loss to the Attack.

Kyle McAllister collected two goals

and an assist to lead the Attack, who improved to 11-10-5-2 in the Ontario Hockey League. The Whalers fell to 20-5-4-1.

Owen Sound led 1-0 after one period on a short-handed goal by John

Wheaton. Both McAllister goals combined with one by Rob Chapman gave the Attack a 4-0 advantage going into the third period. Another power-play goal, this one by Agris Saviels, with 1:06 to go ended the Whaler hopes.

Justin Day was superb in goal for the Attack, stopping 17 Whaler shots to earn the shutout. Paul Drew faced 29 shots in Plymouth's goal, stopping 24.

Whalers to bid

The eight OHL teams that will bid for the next year's Memorial Cup will

be officially announced after this weekend, and the Plymouth Whalers — who have more points than any team in the OHL — are one of them.

Others who will qualify to bid for the Cup, in the Western Conference, are the Guelph Storm and the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds. The Sarnia Sting, Erie Otters and Owen Sound Attack are all alive in the race for the fourth Western Conference berth.

In the Eastern Conference, the Bar-

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PHOTO BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Tough to beat: Canton goalie Charles Kemp was too much for the Farmington Flyers Friday, stopping 42 of 43 shots in leading the Chiefs to the victory. A pair of second-period power-play goals was also instrumental in the victory.

Shut down

Canton goalie frustrates Flyers

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Plymouth Canton goalkeeper Charles Kemp was on his game Friday night to lead the Chiefs to a Western Lakes Activities Association hockey victory.

Farmington Unified scored the first goal, but it was all Canton after that as the visiting Chiefs claimed a 5-1 win at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

After giving up the first goal, Kemp stopped everything the Flyers fired at him. According to its stats, Farmington outshot Canton, 43-14.

"We totally outplayed them," Flyers coach Mike Harris said. "Their goalie was outstanding and lucky, and the combination of both was unbeatable."

Farmington was first on the scoreboard when Keith Hay scored with an assist from Brett Laird with 1:53 left in the opening period.

But the Chiefs, who had two goals apiece from Matt Gabriel and Greg Kubert, took the lead with a pair of power-play tallies in the second.

Gabriel, assisted by Mike Carson and Kubert, tied the score at 5:09, and Dave Bak put Canton on top after being set up by Dave Commiskey and Carson with 2:02 remaining.

Kubert (from Bak) made it 3-1 early (10:38) in the third period, and the Chiefs added a pair of empty-netters in the final minute after the

HOCKEY

Flyers pulled their goalie.

Gabriel scored his second (from Matt Ringer and Ryan McKendry) with 1:11 left in the game. Kubert got his second goal and Carson his third assist with 29 seconds remaining.

"It was really a 3-1 game," Harris said. "It was a good effort, but we came up a little short."

Farmington's statistician had the Flyers outshooting the Chiefs 14-2 in the first period, 15-7 in the second and 14-5 in the third.

"We worked extremely hard," Harris said. "Their goalie was unbelievable, and we weren't getting enough traffic in front of him to screen the shots."

Canton is 3-4 overall and 2-3 in the WLAA; Farmington is 3-2-1 and 1-2.

Salem 9, South Lyon 1: Mark Nagel and Brad Proodian ignited a seven-goal second period as Plymouth Salem buried South Lyon in a non-conference game at the Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton.

The Rocks improved to 4-0-1 with the win. Salem led 2-1 after one period, getting goals from Aaron Cheesman and Dan Valentine. The second period was a blitz for the Rocks.

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BASKETBALL

Errors keep Chiefs from overtaking hot-shooting Rats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Good things come to those who wait — and to those who play good pressure defense.

Ann Arbor Huron (1-1) did both things extremely well Friday night. As a result, the River Rats walked out of the Phase III gymnasium with a 67-63 victory over Plymouth Canton (1-1).

"I saw Huron play Tuesday night against (Westland) John Glenn and they were rushing their shots, taking a lot of threes," said Canton coach Jeremy Rheault. "But tonight they were very patient with the ball. They only took six threes all night and they made three of them. Coach (Cameron) Smiley deserves a lot of credit. He got them to play more patiently in a short period of time."

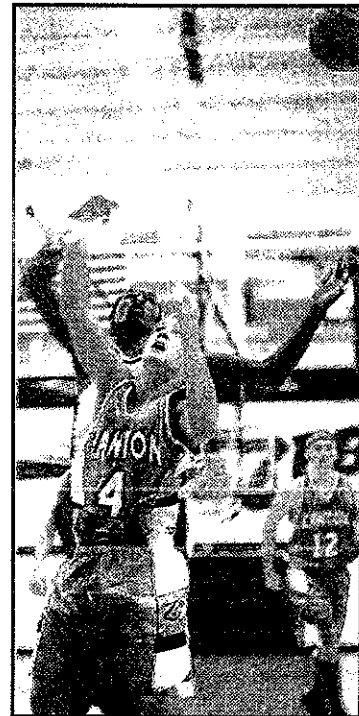
"Overall, I was happy with the way we played and the opportunities we created. I thought we put pressure on them defensively and we scored 63 points, which is pretty good against a team as good as Huron. We have to cut down on our turnovers and make our easy shots."

Huron's full-court pressure defense gave the Chiefs fits all night, forcing 27 turnovers. However, once Canton managed to advance the ball over the mid-court line, it fared well, hitting 52 percent of its shots (22-for-43) and 75 percent of its free throws (15-of-20).

Canton also played aggressively on the defensive end, forcing the River Rats into 21 miscues.

"Those kids can play," Smiley said, gesturing towards the Canton bench. "They have scrappy guards who play extremely hard and they move the ball well. Our kids finally realized in the fourth quarter that the only way we were going to win was with pressure defense, so I think they turned it up a little bit."

Senior forward Kyle Lasko paced Canton's bal-



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Limited action: Despite foul trouble, Canton's Billy Gazi still got seven points and three steals.

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Improved Chiefs closing on Salem

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Has the time come?

Don't dare ask Plymouth Canton swim coach Ed Weber that question. He will say that he believes his team has gained on the long-time dominant team in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Plymouth Salem.

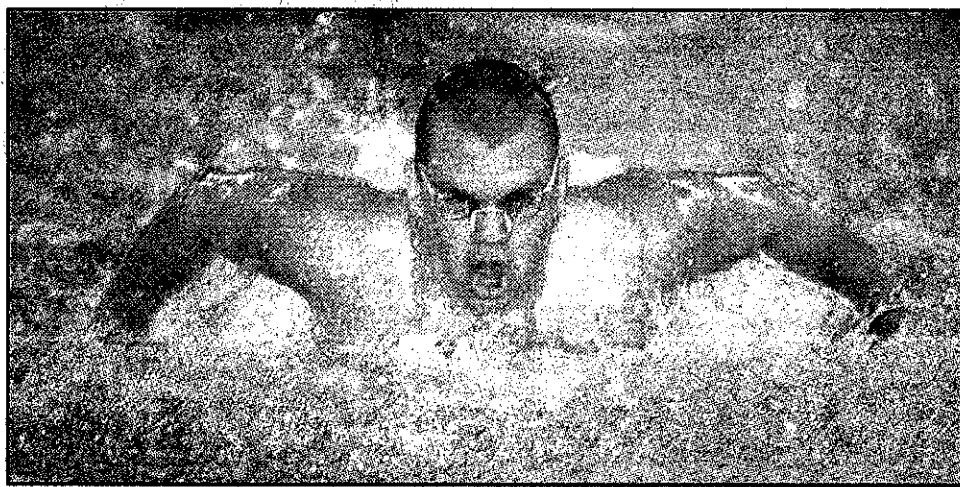
But that's no rash claim that the Rocks will fall to Canton, ending their nine-year reign as WLAA champ.

"We'll be a better team than we were last year," Weber said, "and we were second in the league."

That's good, but the real question is have they improved enough to make up the 100 points that separated the two teams at last season's WLAA Finals?

Canton does have some losses to address. Eddie Lindow and Jon Heiss both finished in the top six in the 100-yard breaststroke at the WLAA meet last fall. Trey Gerck was in the top 12

CANTON SWIM PREVIEW



FILE PHOTO BY PAUL HURSCHEMANN

Top threat: Matt Wisniewski will be a leader for Canton's team this season after finishing in the top three at the WLAA meet and qualifying for state in the 100 butterfly and 200 freestyle.

in the 100 back and 200 individual medley, and Brad Reidsma was one of the Chiefs' better butterflyers. Also gone are divers Blake Brunner and Gerald Bennett, both scorers in the WLAA.

But there's also a lot of talent returning, in particular a pair of state-meet qualifiers in Brad Nilson and Matt Wisniewski. Nilson is the defending WLAA champ and a state qualifier in the 100 backstroke; he also placed fourth in the 100 free at the league meet.

Wisniewski qualified for state in both the 200 free and 100 fly; he was second in the WLAA in the 200 free and third in the 100 fly.

It's a good foundation to start with, and the Chiefs have a lot more. Indeed, there are 10 seniors on the squad.

"This is our big year," said Weber, now in his third season as coach. "Our

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Madonna edged by Albion, beats Edinboro

Stacey Supanich is valuable for Albion College athletics in more ways than one.

The Livonia Churchill graduate, who starred on the Britons' NCAA Division III region final women's soccer squad, scored 15 points off the bench Wednesday to lead the Albion women's basketball team to a 64-62 victory over visiting Madonna University.

Albion is 6-1 overall. In a game that was close throughout, Albion won it on Jocelyn Zappala's layup with only five seconds left. Kathy Panganis, who led MU with a game-high 22 points, tied the game on a jumper with seven seconds to go.

Carissa Gizicki had 11 points and five assists for MU. Tera Morrill (Livonia

COLLEGE HOOPS

Franklin) contributed 10 points. Lindsay Simmon was the Lady Crusaders' leading rebounder with nine.

Amanda Yeager added 14 points for Albion, while Sarah Caskey chipped in with 10.

Both Supanich and Yeager were named to the all-tournament team in the Penn State-Behrend (Pa.) Winter Classic (Nov. 30-Dec. 1).

Albion beat Susquehanna (Pa.) in the semifinals, 85-73, but lost to the host Lions in the championship game, 71-64, in overtime as Supanich had a season-

high 17 points.

Madonna 81, Edinboro 56: Deadly shooting by Madonna University allowed it to open the 18th annual Fighting Scot Invitational with a win in Edinboro (Pa.).

The Lady Crusaders improved to 6-4 with the victory. Edinboro lost for the first time in five games.

Madonna led 39-27 at the half after converting 16-of-29 shots from the floor (55.2 percent). In the second half, the Crusaders were even better, making 18-of-32 (56.2 percent).

Edinboro wasn't nearly as effective, making just 22-of-65 shots in the game (33.8 percent). The Scots were also out-

rebounded, 57-23.

Lindsay Simmon was tops in scoring for Madonna with 21 points on 10-of-12 shooting. She also grabbed a team-high 13 rebounds. Courtney Rehbine added 18 points (8-of-12 shooting) and 11 boards and Kathy Panganis had 17 points. Carissa Gizicki scored just two points, but dished out 11 assists and had four steals.

Krystal Henson's 15 points paced Edinboro. Wendy Wiggins added 11.

Schoolcraft 66, St. Clair (Ont.) 37: Schoolcraft College jumped out to a 17-4 lead, rolling to a victory in the opening round of Friday's Schoolcraft College Invitational.

The Lady Ocelots, ranked ninth in the NJCAA Division II, improved to 6-2. Windsor lost for the first time after six victories.

SC led 37-16 at the half. Pam Wingate led in scoring with 16 points; she also grabbed seven rebounds. Kera Hill added 14 points, eight assists and three steals, and Rachel Eley had eight points, seven boards and seven assists.

Tina Sirka's 12 points and 14 rebounds topped Windsor.

In Friday's first game, Kalamazoo Valley CC — ranked fourth in the NJCAA — beat Sinclair College (Ohio) 82-72 to improve to 5-0.

Kalamazoo Valley and SC met for the title Saturday.



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<p>PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Dec. 12 Ladywood vs. G.P. South at Det. City Center, 5:30 p.m. Churchill vs. Farm. Unified at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.</p>		<p>PREP BOYS SWIMMING Tuesday, Dec. 11 Dearborn at Stevenson, 7 p.m. Garden City at Wayne, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 WLA Relays at Salem, noon. Redford CC vs. Saline at Redford Union, 2 p.m.</p>	
<p>PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL Tuesday, Dec. 11 Huron Valley at Agape, 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 Huron Valley at Ypsi Calvary, 5 p.m. PCA at Lutheran East, 5:30 p.m. Inter-City at Luth. W'sld, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Portage Northern Tourney, 8 a.m. Allen Pk. Invitational, 8:30 a.m.</p>		<p>GIRLS GYMNASTICS Monday, Dec. 10 Liv. Unified at Salem, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11 Wayne-W'sld at Hartland, 7 p.m.</p>	
<p>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Monday, Dec. 10 Rochester JV at S'craft, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12 Delta at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m. Madonna at Wayne St., 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Schoolcraft at Kankakee (Ill.), 2 p.m.</p>		<p>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday, Dec. 12 Delta at Schoolcraft, 5:30 p.m. Wayne St. at Madonna, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Bethel (Ind.) at Madonna, 3 p.m.</p>	
<p>ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE Friday, Dec. 14 Whalers vs. Windsor at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 Whalers at Erie (Pa.), 7:30 p.m.</p>			

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Turnout is big for bowler of a perfect game



TEN PIN ALLEY
AL HARRISON

As 17-year old Brad Suchan of Westland walked last Saturday into Westland Bowl for his Coca Cola Youth Majors, he had no idea of what was waiting to happen.

Earlier in the season Brad had accomplished perfection with a 300 game. This was the occasion for a ring presentation, and Westland Bowl manager Carol Bochor had gone an extra mile to make it really special.

It was to be a surprise, and it really worked.

Carol contacted the mayor's office as mayor-elect Sandy Cicirelli came in to join the festivities and present a certificate to Brad.

"Achieving a 300 game in bowling, which is extremely difficult, I congratulate Brad," Cicirelli said.

The 300 ring was presented to Brad by Steve Kilbourne, a director with the Western Wayne Men's Bowling Association.

Coach Ron Baase, myself and Pat Russell, secretary-treasurer of the Tri-City Women's Bowling Association, all participated in the ceremony. (I was representing the Greater Detroit Bowling Association and the Y.A.B.A.)

Brad, a student at Wayne Memorial High, started bowling at 10 and has progressed nicely. He has a new ball this season, the Columbia Ti Messenger, which he uses to throw a medium hook. It also gives him better control.

As he was piling up 12 strikes, Suchan thought: "It's crazy that I'm doing this."

It turned out not so crazy after all.

A young couple appeared at a local pro shop a few days ago and the woman was complaining that she was having a sore arm from throwing her new 10-pound ball, which she purchased from a local discount retail chain store.

The ball was pre-drilled at the factory.

Ray Kreuter, the pro shop owner explained to her that the soreness was caused by a ball which did not fit correctly, not even close, as he demonstrated to her.

The finger holes were way too large and the thumb was almost as bad. She then decided to return the ball to the store, come back and get fitted properly.

That would eliminate the arm trouble and result in better scoring.

When it comes to bowling balls, "One size fits all" does not apply, and I am surprised that they even try to sell them like that, even for \$39.95.

There are a lot of moderately priced balls in the pro shops and saving money is always nice, but not if it takes away from the fun and enjoyment of the game.

The recent most Mid-States Masters tournament on Dec. 2 at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton turned out to be an Observerland heavyweight bout in the final match.

Rick Haist from Livonia faced off against Tracey Karinen of Garden City in the 198-and-under division championship — won by Haist, 192-174.

Haist qualified second and won five match games to take home the \$1,400 top prize. The trophy was presented by Super Bowl general manager Mike Refitt.

Karinen was bowling in his first MSMA event and qualified

13th in the 127 entry field.

Other area qualifiers included Canton's Jon Robison and Dave Konwerski, fifth and 12th, respectively; Garden City's Richard Pacteles and Curt Martin, 19th and 51st; Westland's Mike Wiatr, Gregory Poore, Daniel Ochoa and Joe Martin 21st, 41st, 51st and 60th; Livonians Brian Moody, Jim Lademan and Crystal Webb 23rd, 31st and 40th. Plymouth's Debbie Man-

they qualified 30th.

The next 198-and-under event will be in Sunday, Jan. 6, at Taylor Lanes.

For more information to get in on the action, call al Bielawski at (313) 365-8449.

Coming soon on ESPN, all at 1 p.m. — Sunday, Dec. 9, the U.S. Open; Sunday, Jan. 6, the PBA Seattle Open; and Saturday, Jan. 13, the PBA Medford (Ore.).

Happy Holidays

from the Staff
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After a 1-win season, Orsucci opts to step down as Shamrocks' coach

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
STAFF WRITER
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The past season wasn't exactly the way that Dana Orsucci wanted to leave Redford Catholic Central.

But the struggle of a 1-10-5 soccer season will be Orsucci's last at the school as the CC grad stepped down as soccer coach of his alma mater last week.

"I wish we could have gone out in a little better fashion," said the 28-year-old Orsucci. "It was an extremely difficult decision to step down. I love CC and I love teaching here, but it's time to make a fresh start."

The fresh start will come from Orsucci deciding to spend more time with his family. Not only did Orsucci and his wife Barbara become parents to their son Brennan in April, but the family is planning to move to New Jer-

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sey at the end of this school year to be closer to her family.

"I'm looking forward to that," said Orsucci. "There are a lot of coaching opportunities there and I'm looking forward to getting a fresh start out there."

Orsucci, a 1991 graduate of CC, was also an all-American at Kalamazoo College. He began teaching history and Spanish at the school in 1995 and began coaching soccer in 1996. In his six seasons, CC compiled a 55-43-17 record, with district titles in 1996 and 97, a regional title in 1996 and a berth in the Catholic League finals in 1996 and 97.

"It's a congenial departure," said CC athletic director Bob Santello. "He's a new father so

the number of responsibilities there increased. We appreciate the time and effort he put into this program."

And Orsucci will miss CC.

"I talked with Bob and when I got out of the meeting, I said to myself 'did I just really do that?' But things change and circumstances deal you different opportunities," said Orsucci. "I've had the greatest time here. I've coached great kids, I've had a great friend and assistant coach in Aaron Brown.

"It's a very hard decision for me. But someone else gets to come in here with fresh blood and turn things around. It's said, but it's time to take this opportunity and move on."

Note: For more information, call CC athletic director Bob Santello at (313) 634-2798.

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anced scoring attack with 15 points, including two second-half three-pointers. Senior center Andrew Meagrow chipped in with 14 before fouling out with 1:13 left in the game, while senior guard Nick Houdek netted 12.

Senior guard Donald Hamilton led the River Rats with 19 points, 16 of which came in the first half. Huron senior captain Andrae Martin tallied 11 of his 14 points in the decisive fourth quarter.

Thanks to 11 first-quarter points from Hamilton, Huron surged to a 19-14 lead after the opening eight minutes and a 30-24 halftime advantage.

The visitors' lead quickly increased to 38-26 in the opening minutes of the third quarter before the Chiefs mounted a world-class comeback.

Sparked by the hustling defense of senior guards Bill Gaszi and Jason Priebe and the outside shooting of Houdek and Lasko, Canton put together an 11-0 run

which started with 2:15 left in the third quarter and lasted until the 6:53 mark of the fourth.

When the run was over, Canton had forged a 42-42 tie and forced Smiley to call a crucial timeout.

Just when things were looking up for Canton, the River Rats retaliated with their own 9-0 run, which didn't end until Canton's Josh Millgard drained one of two free throws with 4:45 to go to cut the Chiefs' deficit to 51-43.

"I don't know if it was Canton's comeback that inspired us or if the kids just realized they had to put more pressure on the ball," Smiley said.

Following a Huron turnover, the Chiefs got to within 51-45 on a Steve Thornton putback. But Martin responded on the other end when he converted an offensive rebound to make it 53-45.

The River Rats still led 67-60 when Lasko connected on a long three-pointer

at the buzzer.

Led by Martin's eight boards, Huron outrebounded Canton, 25-21. Priebe grabbed a team-high seven rebounds for the Chiefs.

"Martin hurt us on the boards," Rheault said. "He was not only getting one offensive rebound, but sometimes he was getting two or three."

Huron hit 46 percent of their field goals (24 of 52) and shot 59 percent from the charity stripe (16-of-27).

Canton was plagued by foul trouble all night. Gazsi, the team's leading scorer in its season-opening win at Wayne Memorial, picked up two fouls in the first quarter and was forced to sit through much of the first half. He eventually fouled out with 16 seconds left in the game.

Starting forward Brendan Murphy also fouled out 15 seconds into the fourth quarter after netting five points and three rebounds.

PCA 46, Melvindale 27: With Clay Welton providing the offensive firepower, Plymouth Christian Academy expanded a 28-23 lead after three quarters into a rout in its season-opener Friday at Melvindale.

The Cardinals fell to 0-2. The Eagles led 12-3 after one quarter and 22-12 at the half, but Melvindale narrowed the gap to five after three periods with an 11-6 advantage in the third.

Welton took over after that, scoring 11 of his game-high 23 points in the final quarter. Xander Younce added nine points, and James Bauslaugh led the defense with nine steals.

Eddie Dirr's 14 points was best for the Cardinals.

"The were within one in the third quarter, but they never caught us," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We played really good defense. There were a lot of steals. It was real encouraging."

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Besides Nagel and Prodiun, Salem got goals from Kevin Wilson (who also had three assists), Mike Chaney (and one assist) and Brandon Wilcox. Bryan Young contributed three assists and Andy Thackaberry had two.

Freshman Steve Welsh was in goal for the Rocks, making 18 saves. Doug Szostak was in the net for the Lions.

"We've been working hard at it," said Salem coach Fred Pellan of his team's fast start. "We've been going along the path set for us."

"Just as long as we keep working hard."

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ric Colts, Peterborough Petes and Toronto St. Michael's Majors have clinched spots. The Belleville Bulls, Oshawa Generals and Ottawa 67's are also in the mix.

If there is a tie after this weekend, all those teams involved will be granted a chance to make a Cup bid.

The Memorial Cup will be May 18-26 in the city granted the bid. The host team will receive a berth in the tournament.

Canton swim from page B1

depth is pretty incredible. We don't have the real big strike, someone who would be among the best in the state. But we have a lot of very good swimmers."

Included in that group is Ryan Ahern, another senior, who will share the team captaincy with Wisniewski. Ahern was sixth in the WLAA in both the 50 and 500 free.

Others who will contribute heavily are seniors Dennis Speck, seventh in the 100 breast at league; Brad Herbeck, who scored in the 200 IM and 100 back at league; and Steve Rice, who scored in the 200 and 500 free; juniors Yuhei Uno, sixth in the 100 fly and 12th in the 200

free at league, and Steve Kilijanczyk, a second year diver who will try to fill the void created by the loss of Brunner and Bennett; and sophomores Joe Le, sixth in the 200 free and seventh in the 100 free, and Ron Opdyke, sixth in the 100 back and 10th in the 50 free at league.

Another one to watch is freshman John Faraoni, who could make a major impact in the sprint free events.

"We'll be training through the Christmas break, two-a-days, at Eastern Michigan's 50-meter pool," said Weber. "We'll get in a lot of yards/meters."

Will it help? Can Canton close the gap with Salem?

"I think definitely," he answered. "I don't think they're quite as strong as last year."

They've lost more than we have. We've basically lost people in one event (the breaststroke)."

Still, Weber picked the defending champs as the league favorite, with Canton closer but still behind. "Northville's a few guys short. (Livonia) Stevenson you can never count out, and North Farmington you always have to respect," he said.

"We're definitely loaded in freestyle, but we're missing that automatic win (type swimmer). And we're pretty strong in the butterfly with Wisniewski and Uno."

With that kind of lineup, it appears everyone else in the WLAA will be chasing two teams, and both are located at the intersection of Joy and Canton Center.

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Charter Township of Plymouth

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MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

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Farmington Hills Mercy



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Livonia Stevenson 1:52.21
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Katie Naglick (Mercy) 2:00.57
Jessica Lis (Stevenson) 2:01.01
Sarah Paske (N. Farmington) 2:01.07
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:01.67
Monica Glowksi (Salem) 2:04.01
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200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(Class A state cut: 2:17.69)
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 2:09.11
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Annette Merchant (Mercy) 2:16.02
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 2:16.62
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 2:16.75
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 2:17.08
Kristin Peterson (Glenn) 2:17.59
Katy Sondergaard (Stevenson) 2:18.54
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:18.55

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Monica Glowksi (Salem) 24.33
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Carrie Robie (Mercy) 25.80

DIVING
Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 252.95
Angela Anelros (Churchill) 230.75
Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 228.00
Ashley Aquino (Salem) 207.50
Natalie Giczewski (Stevenson) 203.65
Kelly Stevens (Churchill) 195.90
Nikki Dunn (Stevenson) 190.57
Amanda Darling (Mercy) 189.85
Lisa Thompson (Stevenson) 177.55
Patty Aham (Canton) 176.05

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(Class A state cut: 1:02.29)
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 59.21
Monica Glowksi (Salem) 58.54
Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:00.15
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 1:00.99
Valencia Smith (N. Farmington) 1:01.54
Jackie Smith (Mercy) 1:01.79
Emily Gaherty (Mercy) 1:01.86
Allison Goldsmith (Canton) 1:02.09

Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:02.14
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 1:02.20

100-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 55.69)
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 53.39
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 53.39
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 53.75
Monica Glowksi (Salem) 54.02
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 54.48
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 54.80
Emily Howard (N. Farmington) 55.02
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 55.99
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 56.04
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 56.10

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 6:25.39)
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 5:05.32
Kristin Lorida (Mercy) 5:12.77
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 5:21.54
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 5:22.14
Eloise Page (Mercy) 5:22.42
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 5:22.81
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 5:23.65
Jackie Wayne (Mercy) 5:25.91
Katie Steh (Harrison) 5:26.66
Jessica Lis (Stevenson) 5:27.74

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(Class A state cut: 1:43.99)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:37.45
Plymouth Salem 1:42.81
Livonia Stevenson 1:49.14
North Farmington 1:44.43
Farmington 1:49.65

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(Class A state cut: 1:02.79)
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 59.07
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 1:00.31
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 1:01.69
Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:01.98
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 1:02.23
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 1:02.70
Moria Cronin (Mercy) 1:03.53
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 1:04.31
Jackie Smith (Mercy) 1:05.03
Bree LaFortune (Wayne) 1:05.05

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(Class A state cut: 1:14.29)
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:06.56
Linds McErean (N. Farmington) 1:08.41
Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 1:08.43
Elena Milewski (Mercy) 1:09.18
Julie Ward (Stevenson) 1:10.26
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:12.22
Kristen Wolf (N. Farmington) 1:12.28
Carrie Robie (Mercy) 1:12.60
Jacki Waldecker (Harrison) 1:12.82
Alex Derian-Toth (Canton) 1:13.38

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(Class A state cut: 3:45.59)
Farmington Hills Mercy 3:34.71
North Farmington 3:38.48
Livonia Stevenson 3:40.28
Plymouth Salem 3:46.09
Farmington Harrison 3:57.79



Katie Benedict
Farmington Hills Mercy
Annette Merchant
Farmington Hills Mercy
Andrea Giczewski
Livonia Stevenson



Angela Anelros
Livonia Churchill
Valencia Smith
North Farmington
Emily Howard
North Farmington



Erin Cook
Livonia Stevenson
Eloise Page
Farmington Hills Mercy
Elena Milewski
Farmington Hills Mercy

Marlins, Spartans dominate swim honors

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Farmington Hills Mercy remains the undisputed queen of Observerland girls swimming, and that explains why the Marlins have the greatest share of all-area team members. The Marlins finished among the top five teams in Class A for the fourth consecutive year. The 1998 state champs were second in 1999, fourth in 2000 and fifth in 2001.

Mercy also won the Catholic League crown for the 11th year in a row and a fifth consecutive Oakland County championship. Of the 18 girls on this year's All-Observer team, eight hail from Mercy, which claimed all three first-team relay positions. Livonia Stevenson is a solid second behind Mercy, and North Farmington had the third-best program in the area this year.

Stevenson also won its 11th straight Western Lakes Activities Association title and was 11th in the state. North Farmington was the WLAA runner-up and tied for 19th in Class A. The Spartans have four swimmers, a diver and a relay team on the All-Observer squad, and the Raiders have three swimmers and one relay.

The all-area team has a lot of familiar faces, too. Ten exactly. Stevenson's Andrea Hurn and Katie Edwards and Mercy's Caitlin Kelly, Katie Naglick and Elizabeth Garlow are repeat, first-team selections.

Mercy's Katie Benedict and Kristin Lorida, North Farmington's Linds McErean, Stevenson's Ashley Eilers and Plymouth Salem's Monica Glowksi were on the second team.

FIRST-TEAM INDIVIDUALS
Andrea Hurn, 200 freestyle, Stevenson: Hurn finished sixth in the Class A state meet in the 200 freestyle. She went 1:54.4 in the prelims and 1:55.51 in the finals. In the 500 freestyle, Hurn took fifth in 5:06.32.

In the WLAA meet, Hurn took first in the 200 freestyle with a meet record 1:55.57. She also won the 100 breaststroke (1:08.43). She had state qualifying cuts in every individual event with the exception of the 100 backstroke.

"Andrea is the best all-around swimmer on our team," Stevenson coach Greg Phil said. "She had an injury at the end of the year, but still swam very well. We're looking forward to her senior year."

Linds McErean, 200 IM, N. Farmington: McErean is the Oakland County and WLAA champion in the individual medley, as well as the backstroke.

She placed ninth in the IM at the state meet and fifth in the backstroke, earning all-state honors and All-America consideration in both events.

McErean, who also qualified for state in four other events, posted best times of 2:09.11 in the IM and 59.07 in the backstroke.

record at North Farmington this year and also holds pool records at Northville and West Bloomfield.

Monica Glowksi, 50 freestyle, Salem: Glowksi finished first in the 100-yard butterfly at the WLAA finals and was second in the 50 free. At the state finals, Glowksi placed 12th in the 50 free and finished eighth in the 100 fly. She received All-America consideration in both events.

Glowksi holds Salem team records in the 50 free (24.59), the 100 fly (58.54) and the 100 free (54.02). She has been named the team's MVP the past two seasons.

"Monica has had an outstanding high school career," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "This has been due to her determination and competitiveness. Monica is an example of the student athlete who deserves the accolades of her achievements."

Katie Edwards, diving, Stevenson: The junior finished fourth in the WLAA meet (353.7 points), followed by a top five regional finish and a sixth at the state Class A meet (356.3).

"Not in my 16 years have I ever had a diver place in the top six at the state meet," Phill said. "Katie dove when it counted the most. She's one of the better divers we've ever had at this school."

Katie Naglick, 100 butterfly, Mercy: Naglick finished ninth in the butterfly at the Class A championships and was 23rd in the backstroke.

She is the Catholic League champ in the butterfly; she also placed fourth in the backstroke. At the Oakland County meet, she was third in both events.

"Katie posted a great, 58.21 time in the fly at the state meet and will point toward the top six next year," coach Jim Downs said.

Caitlin Kelly, 100 freestyle, Mercy: Kelly finished 15th in the 100 freestyle at the state meet and was a member of all three Mercy relay teams that scored at state.

She is the Catholic League and Oakland County champion in the 100 freestyle, and she was second in the 50 at both meets.

"Caitlin always tapers well and did so again this year," Downs said. "She put her speed to use in three relays for one fifth place and two third places at state."

Kristin Lorida, 500 freestyle, Mercy: Lorida was ninth in the 500 freestyle at the state meet, moving up from 12th place with a three-second drop to 5:12.7 in the finals. She also qualified in four other events.

She is the Catholic League champ in the 500 and was fifth in the 50 freestyle. In the Oakland County meet, Lorida placed third in the 500 and fourth in the 200 freestyle. She scored in every state meet the last four years and is a four-time, all-area swimmer.

"She showed us what she is made of at the state meet in the finals of the 500 - determination and courage," Downs said. "The Mercy Advanced Placement Biology class has an ongoing project - clone a Kristin Lorida every four years."

Ashley Eilers, 100 backstroke, Stevenson: The junior took eighth in Class A with a time of 1:00.31 after finishing third in the WLAA meet in 1:02.36.

"Ashley is a great kid who gets up for the big meets," Phill said. "She loves to compete and does it well. She's a real team player. We put her in all three relays."

ALL-AREA GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

SWIMMING & DIVING
FIRST TEAM INDIVIDUALS
200-yard freestyle
Andrea Hurn, junior, Liv. Stevenson
200-yard individual medley
Linds McErean, senior, N. Farmington
50-yard freestyle
Monica Glowksi, senior, Ply. Salem
Diving
Katie Edwards, junior, Liv. Stevenson
100-yard butterfly
Katie Naglick, sophomore, F.H. Mercy
100-yard freestyle
Caitlin Kelly, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy
500-yard freestyle
Kristin Lorida, senior, F.H. Mercy
100-yard backstroke
Ashley Eilers, junior, Liv. Stevenson
100-yard breaststroke
Elizabeth Garlow, junior, F.H. Mercy

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS
200-yard freestyle
Katie Benedict, senior, F.H. Mercy
200-yard individual medley
Annette Merchant, junior, F.H. Mercy
50-yard freestyle
Andrea Giczewski, soph., Stevenson
Diving
Angela Anelros, senior, Liv. Churchill
100-yard butterfly
Valencia Smith, sophomore, N. Farm.
100-yard freestyle
Emily Howard, junior, N. Farmington
500-yard freestyle
Erin Cook, junior, Liv. Stevenson
100-yard backstroke
Eloise Page, junior, Farm. Hills Mercy

100-yard breaststroke
Elena Milewski, sophomore, Mercy
FIRST-TEAM RELAYS
200 medley: Farmington Hills Mercy (Eloise Page, Elizabeth Garlow, Katie Naglick, Caitlin Kelly)
200 freestyle: Farmington Hills Mercy (Elizabeth Garlow, Katie Benedict, Kristin Lorida, Caitlin Kelly)
400 freestyle: Farmington Hills Mercy (Kristin Lorida, Katie Naglick, Katie Benedict, Caitlin Kelly)

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS
200 medley: Livonia Stevenson (Ashley Eilers, Andrea Hurn, Katy Sondergaard, Andrea Giczewski)
200 freestyle: Plymouth Salem (Danielle Powers, Jenni Kelly, Nicole Genrich, Monica Glowksi)
400 freestyle: North Farmington (Emily Howard, Sarah Paske, Melissa Navas, Linds McErean)

HONORABLE MENTIONS
Mercy: Jackie Smith, Emily Garlow, Amanda Darling, N. Farmington: Kristen Wolf, Harrison: Jacki Waldecker, Farmington: Katie Flack, Salem: Ashley Aquino, Canton: Allison Goldsmith, Stevenson: Julie Ward, Stephanie Cummings, Katy Sondergaard, Jessica Lis, Jessica Koch, Laura Geverink, Churchill: Magda Stawikowska, Franklin: Lauren Kmet, Ladywood: Allison Bentley, John Glenn: Kristin Peterson, Wayne: Bree LaFortune, Redford Union: Krysta Nqvist, Thurston: Jamie Tardif, Hannah Leiton, Garden City: Karin Gram

ALL-OBSERVER RELAY SWIMMERS



Katy Sondergaard
Livonia Stevenson
Danielle Powers
Plymouth Salem
Jenni Kelly
Plymouth Salem



Nicole Genrich
Plymouth Salem
Sarah Paske
North Farmington
Melissa Navas
North Farmington

Garlow was second in the breaststroke and third in the IM in the Catholic League; she was second and sixth in Oakland County, respectively.

"Everyone is shopping for the hottest holiday item," Downs said. "How about an Elizabeth Garlow wind-up doll swimming the breaststroke? Wind it up and it finishes in the top six, even if it is sick and seeded 15th. Never count her out!"

SECOND-TEAM INDIVIDUALS
Katie Benedict, 200 freestyle, Mercy: Benedict qualified for state in every freestyle event. She placed 15th in the 200 and 18th in the 100 with excellent time drops in both, according to Downs.

She won the 200 freestyle title in the Catholic League and was second in the 100. Benedict was fourth in the 50 and fifth in the 100 in Oakland County.

"A senior tri-captain, Katie provided leadership and enthusiasm," Downs said. "She plans to continue swimming in college - hopefully at Boston University with a journalism major."

Annette Merchant, 200 IM, Mercy: Merchant was a state qualifier in the IM, as well as the butterfly and 500 freestyle.

She was fourth in the Catholic League and fifth in Oakland County in the 500. Merchant placed seventh in the IM in the league and eighth in the butterfly in the county meet.

"Annette will take her versatile talents into her senior year with the hope of scoring in the state meet," Downs said.

Andrea Giczewski, 50 freestyle, Stevenson: The sophomore took fifth in the WLAA (25.7). She also finished second in the 100 backstroke (1:01.69).

"Andrea has loads of potential and we hope she has two good years ahead of her," Phill said. "She was on all three relay teams."

Angela Anelros, diving, Churchill: The senior took third in the WLAA meet (354.90) and missed going to the state meet by only one point after placing 13th at the regional. Her dual meet personal best was 230.75.

"Angela is a real hard worker and our captain," Churchill coach Ken Stark said. "She was a real leader for our divers, especially our first-year divers. She's come a long way since her freshman year. She sat out our sophomore year with a broken ankle, but bounced back as a junior to place in the top six in the league."

Valencia Smith, 100 butterfly, N. Farmington: Smith swam a best time of 1:01.54 at the state meet. She was fourth in the butterfly at the WLAA and Oakland County championships.

Smith won the IM and butterfly in Group A and assisted in two relay victories at the West Bloomfield Invitational. She also contributed to a 11th-place finish in the medley relay at state.

Emily Howard, 100 freestyle, N. Farmington: Howard excelled in the 100 and 500 freestyle races, finishing second at the WLAA meet and qualifying for state in both.

Her season bests were 55.02 in the 100 freestyle and 25.25 in the 50 freestyle. Howard was fifth in the 50 at the Oakland County championships, and she had three first places in the West Bloomfield Invitational.

Erin Cook, 500 freestyle, Stevenson: The junior was WLAA champion with a time of 5:21.54. She also went to the state meet and posted a time of 5:22.89, good enough for 29th overall.

"She had a great league meet and we're looking forward to a good state meet her senior year," Phill said. "She's a good kid and a good trainer."

Eloise Page, backstroke, Mercy: Page was 23rd in the backstroke at the Class

A finals and 15th in the butterfly. She also qualified in the 500 freestyle.

She was third in the backstroke and fourth in the 200 freestyle at the Catholic League meet. In the Oakland County finals, Page earned sixth place in the 200 and 500 freestyle races.

"Eloise has great range in her ability," Downs said. "She's strong in the freestyle from 100 through 1,000 yards, the backstroke, IM and fly. She will score at state in 2002."

Elena Milewski, breaststroke, Mercy: Milewski qualified and placed 17th in the breaststroke in her first trip to the state meet. She was fifth in the breaststroke at the Oakland County and Catholic League championships.

"Elena has a great finish this season and is setting her sights to break into the top 12 and score in the breaststroke at the state meet next year," Downs said.

FIRST-TEAM RELAYS
200-yard medley: Mercy's Eloise Page (backstroke), Elizabeth Garlow (breaststroke), Katie Naglick (butterfly) and Caitlin Kelly (freestyle) were fifth in the Class A finals (1:49.3) and are high on the list for All-America honors.

The Marlins were second in the Catholic League, too. It will be a strong event for Mercy next year since all are juniors except Naglick, a sophomore.

200-yard freestyle: Garlow, Katie Benedict, Kristin Lorida and Kelly set a Mercy varsity record, finished third in the state, and received automatic All-America recognition with a 1:37.45 time in the season finale. The Marlins also set a Catholic League record with a winning time of 1:40.02.

"(The state-meet time) was a great performance, making it the fastest 200 freestyle relay time in the fine tradition of Mercy swimming," Downs said.

400-yard freestyle: The Mercy foursome of Lorida, Naglick, Benedict and Kelly entered the state meet with a seed time of 3:39.98.

The Marlins knocked more than five seconds off that time, going 3:34.71 to finish third in the state and place themselves high on the list of All-America candidates.

"It was a great swim and time drop by four determined athletes," Downs said.

SECOND-TEAM RELAYS
200-yard medley: The Spartans won the WLAA title in 1:52.21 and took 12th in Class A with the same time.

Hurn and Eilers are first-team all-area individual selections; Giczewski made second team. Sondergaard is a junior and state qualifier who appeared on the Observer top 10 list in the 100 butterfly (1:02.23) and 200 IM (2:18.54).

"This group went at it pretty hard and competed with every one," Phill said. "They're all back next year and they need to have three or four seconds off to move up, which they are very capable of doing."

200-yard freestyle: Three of the four members of this Salem team will return. Danielle Powers and Jenni Kelly are sophomores and Nicole Genrich is a junior; only Monica Glowksi is a senior. The foursome finished third in the WLAA and was 21st in the state in 1:42.81.

"Every time the meet got bigger and more important, the faster these four teammates swam," said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

400-yard freestyle: North Farmington's Sarah Paske, Linds McErean, Emily Howard and Melissa Navas had the second-fastest time in the area. The Raiders were 12th in the state, first in the Western Lakes and third in Oakland County. The North team will be considered for All-America recognition, too.

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ARTISTIC EXPRESSIONS



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Make time for music

It's easy at this time of year to forget to have a little fun with all the gift buying and wrapping, cookie baking and running around that needs to be done. The holidays are a festive time so slow down and take time to enjoy the season. And what better way to do that than with music performed by The Brass of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings. The 11-member ensemble kicks off the Concerts at the Costick Series with a Holiday Brass program of light classical and seasonal music 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills.

Nancy Coumoundouros promises audience members will leave in the mood to celebrate the holidays.

"This is their second year in the series," said Coumoundouros, cultural arts coordinator for the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. "They're back by popular demand. People just raved about the concert last year."

Three different arrangements of *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* should soften the most Scrooge-like among us while brightening all of our spirits.

"It's going to be a mix of light holiday music and music that's light popular," said Maury Okun, executive director of the Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings based in Southfield. Okun is principal trombone with the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra as well as a member of The Brass of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings.

Composed of musicians from the Detroit Symphony and Michigan Opera Theatre orchestras, Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings presents a subscription series of nine concerts, three of them brass, every season. Okun and DSO trumpet Kevin Good and violinist Victoria King founded the ensemble 20 years ago. One of their most recent performances was at the Detroit 300 celebration last summer on the riverfront.

"We'll begin with a Suite by Mouret that is best known as the opening theme for *Masterpiece Theater*," said Okun. "And there will be music by Gershwin."

"We were founded to provide great brass concerts. They're the most accessible. They're fun."

Coumoundouros couldn't agree more. In fact, that's why the Costick series was introduced in the first place — to provide a night out for arts lovers in the community with one idea in mind — fun.

"We're trying to bring in a variety and appeal to all tastes," said Coumoundouros. "This year we wanted to get theater and comedy into the series."

Comedy comes to the series Saturday, Feb. 2, when a national touring group takes the audience back to Catholic school with the interactive production *Late Nite Catechism*. The 8 p.m. performance follows a 6:30 p.m. dinner, catered by Gourmet Express. Tickets are \$30.

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Holiday brass: The Brass of Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings open the Costick Center series in Farmington Hills.

Pride & Presence

Historical museum traces growth of Polish in Detroit

BY GREG KOWALSKI

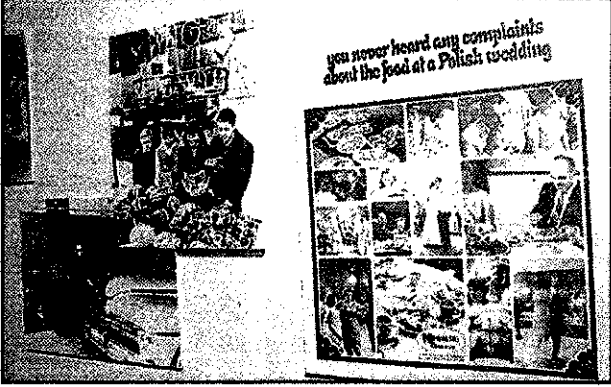
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A frail bingo number cage stands by one wall. On a shelf is a beaten hand-held sausage maker. And on another wall hang somewhat tattered political posters of names largely forgotten today.

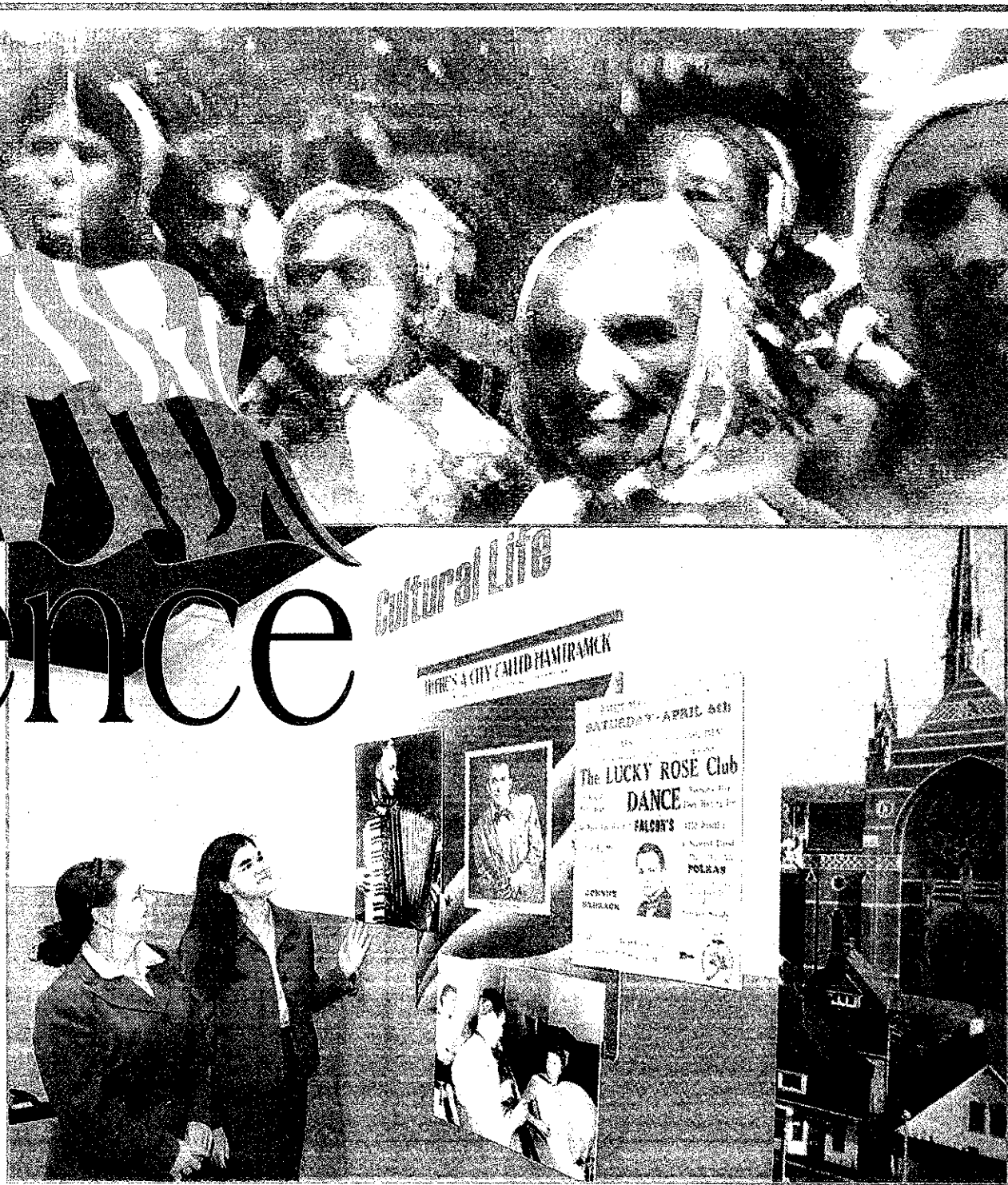
These are just a few of the reminders of the long and rich past the Polish-American community has had in making up the fabric of the city of Detroit. They are not the most impressive examples of Detroit's Polonia, but they are among the most telling.

"This is really about individuals and families," said Jill Grannan, a curator at the Detroit Historical Museum. She speaks in a room surrounded by memorabilia of Polonia, on the second floor of the museum on Woodward.

This is the site of a major new exhibit that opened Saturday and runs through next March. The *Polish Presence in Detroit* explores the history,



Good eats: Hearty food has always been part of Polish culture, as these photos show.



Enjoying the oldies: Karen Majewski (left) and Jill Grannan, who spent months organizing *The Polish Presence in Detroit* exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum, look over some popular Polish performers and their works from the past.

What: *The Polish Presence in Detroit*

Where: The Detroit Historical Museum, 5401 Woodward, Detroit

When: Through March, 2002
Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, call (313) 833-1801.

nature and accomplishments of one of the largest ethnic groups that has played a key role in the story of Detroit.

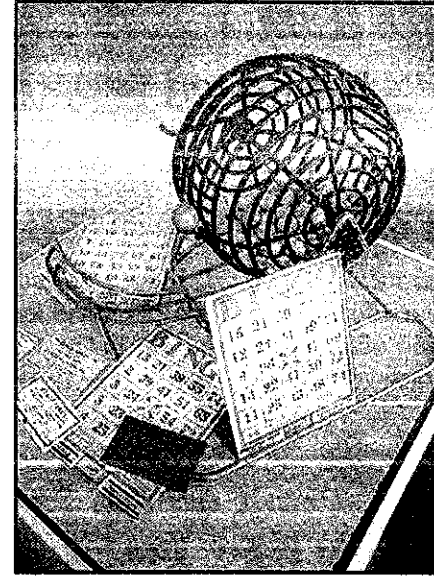
Organized by St. Mary's College of Ave Maria University at Orchard Lake in cooperation with the Detroit Historical Museum, the exhibit features hundreds of photographs and artifacts gathered from individuals and organizations.

But at its core are the generation of Polish people who helped build the city of Detroit.

"It really has been touching and nice for me to pay tribute to somebody else's sister and father and show something that's never been seen before to people of this area," Grannan said. She has some Polish ancestors.

Karen Majewski has more direct links to Polonia. As executive secretary of the Polish American Historical Association and Polish Materials Specialist at St. Mary's College — and a resident of Hamtramck, long one of the centers of Detroit's Polish community — Majewski has been working tirelessly for months to pull the exhibit together.

Last year, Majewski heard about grants being offered by Detroit 300 to sponsor events tied to the city's celebration of its 300th birthday. She contacted individuals, churches, Polish-American organi-



Bingo! The popular game has been a staple event at church festivals in the Polish community for decades.

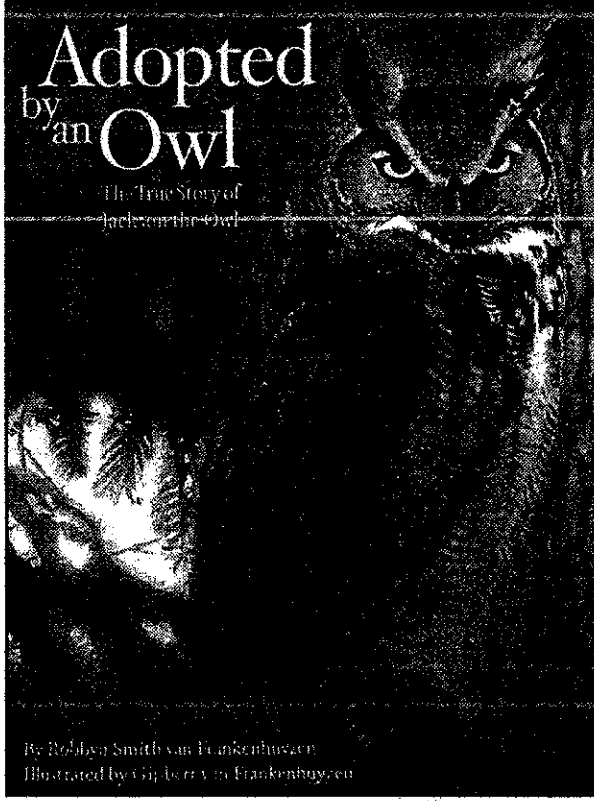
zations and the Hamtramck Historical Commission to pull together a committee to create a theme for the show.

"It struck me how much of Detroit's Polonia was tied into the city of Detroit," Majewski said. Not mere residents, they became entrenched in all aspects of the community. "All political stripes, all religions and no religions. Every possible political body had an organization," Majewski said.

"Everyone seemed to have a voice," Grannan added. "We're really looking back to such a vibrant time."

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BOOKS



True story: Jackson, a great horned owl, adopts Robbyn and Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen in their new book published by Sleeping Bear Press.

Owl builds nest in hearts of family

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Jackson wasn't just any owl. He made himself at home on Gijsbert and Robbyn van Frankenhuyzen's farm in Bath, Mich., and eventually became part of the family. A children's book illustrator, Gijsbert took every opportunity to capture the beauty of the great horned owl in sketches while Robbyn kept a journal of their days together.

Each learned to love the big bird in many ways, especially for his protective instinct of flying their children, Heather and Kelly, to the bus stop. Of course, they weren't too fond of him bringing mice onto the balcony railing as a gift. But Gijsbert would simply offer it back to the owl in the morning as breakfast.

It's obvious by reading about their adventures that 13 years of love went into the making of the van Frankenhuyzen's *Adopted by an Owl* published by Sleeping Bear Press. They'll sign copies of the new book Saturday, Dec. 15, at Little Book Shoppe on the Park in Plymouth.

"This was a very special book to us," said Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen. "It's a book we're really proud of. It's a special story. Jackson lived with us from 1985 to 1998. It's been in the works for quite a while."

Robbyn originally wrote a chapter book for the publisher about the wildlife they rehabilitated on their farm over a period of 20 years. Foxes, fawns, opossums, skunk, raccoons, rabbits, hawks, and owls counted on

the family to help them heal and return to the wild.

Gijsbert learned a great deal about wildlife while working as an art director for Michigan Natural Resources magazine for 17 years. So it made sense for Gijsbert to paint nothing but wildlife in his own work. A graduate of the Royal Academy of Arts in the Netherlands where he grew up, Gijsbert is well-known for illustrating children's books — *The Legend of Sleeping Bear*, *The Legend of the Loon*, and *The Legend of the Teddy Bear*, *The Legend of Mackinac Island*, *The Legend of the Lady's Slipper*, *The Blue Spruce*, *A Place Called Home*, and *L is for Lincoln: An Illinois Alphabet Book*.

But Sleeping Bear Press wanted a 48-page picture book about the owl and they wanted Gijsbert to be in it. And so he is. Gijsbert, whose nickname is Nick, wanders throughout the story and farm where he lives with a menagerie of horses, rabbits, sheep, dogs, and cats. That's him with his dog in the fields, a scene just outside his studio window. All 25 acrylic on canvas

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Owl from page C1

paintings from the book are now on exhibit through Jan. 7 at the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wisconsin.

"I'd been telling the story of the owl in my school programs and making mental notes about which parts the children react to and which parts to leave out," said van Frankenhuyzen who travels the state talking about his art to school students and encouraging them to draw. He recently did a two-week residency for Farmington Public Schools elementary students.

"I sketched him when he was alive and took photographs and video. In some cases I made clay models of a flying owl so I could look at the owl from every angle."

Van Frankenhuyzen then made rough sketches for Robbyn to wrap the text around. Like her husband, Robbyn often writes stories and reads them to kids in the schools as a volunteer.

"I wrote several versions," said Robbyn. "I knew what would be effective from when he told stories. The kids are my guinea pigs. Anyone who wants to be a writer should use the resources of kids in the local schools."

Robbyn also used the knowledge she acquired

while growing up on a farm in Hopkins between Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo, and the years she worked as an animal technician for a veterinarian. In fact, that's where she met Gijsbert.

"I met him when he brought in a cat that got kicked by a cow," said Robbyn.

Before long, Robbyn and Gijsbert were dating and realized they both loved animals and each other. They married in 1981.

"I always loved animals," said Robbyn who wrote magazine articles during the time she worked as an animal technician. "My dad saw the passion I had for animals and by fifth grade I began cleaning kennels for a veterinarian clinic. That's what we tell kids in the school programs. If you love something, make it your career."

The van Frankenhuyzens live by their advice. Gijsbert is now busy working on three new books. But there are still days when he and Robbyn take a few minutes to remember Jackson. They'll be sharing those memories with visitors to their annual open house of Gijsbert's studio and gallery 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 8-9 in Bath. For more information or directions, call (517) 641-6690.

Polish from page C1

Putting all the facets of that community into focus was a daunting task. Roughly, the exhibit has been organized into themes of worship, business, sports, community life, religious life, organizations, neighborhoods, family and the war effort.

The Poles began coming to Detroit in significant numbers in the late 19th century when they settled at the old "Poletown" neighborhood centered on St. Aubin and Canfield on the city's near east side. In 1870 there were about 300 Polish families in Detroit. Today there are about 600,000 Polish-Americans living in the metro Detroit area. Between 1854 and 1924, 2.5 million Poles immigrated to the United States.

Although many Polish immi-

grants arrived at the turn of the last century, their numbers increased dramatically in the decade of 1910 to 1920 when the Dodge Brothers factory opened in Hamtramck, which swelled to a population of 56,000 by 1930—with about 90 percent of them Polish.

Other Polish neighborhoods grew up around Detroit. Each had their own identity and made a mark on Detroit's history. While Detroit's Polish community has dwindled over the years as the Poles migrated to the suburbs, many reminders of their presence remains, principally in the churches, such as St. Hyacinth, St. Florian and others. Poletown itself along Chene Street is just a shadow of its former glory, much of it having

been devoured by the GM "Poletown" plant (the Hamtramck-Detroit Assembly Plant.)

All the Polish groups are represented. As part of the exhibit, three small-period rooms are decorated to show how a typical living room in a Polish household would look in the 1900s, 1920s and 1950s. All of this is designed to give an accurate if broad representation of the Polish community through the years.

"I hope the Polish people in Detroit will see this and be proud," Majewski said. "I hope that people, no matter what their background, can see what the Polish have offered to the community."

Expressions from page C1

"It's set up like a catechism class so the audience becomes the classroom full of students," said Coumoundours.

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The hearing will be held:
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2001, 2:30 p.m.
Wayne County Building
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ANN ARBOR ART CENTER
The art center's Gallery Shop will feature holiday gifts through Dec. 31. Gallery shop purchases support area artists and Art Center outreach programs. 117 W. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (734)994-8004, ext. 118.

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MICHIGAN FINE ARTS COMPETITION
Cranbrook artist Nick Cave juries the 2002 competition. Slides are due by Jan. 3. Results mailed Feb. 11. For more information, contact the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center at (248)644-0866, ext. 103.

POETRY LOUNGE
Join the Open Mic poetry series at Affirmations Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 195 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale. Bring original and/or published poems to read or just come and listen. Poetry Lounge takes place every third Wednesday through April 2002 in the Pittman-Puckett Art Gallery within the community center. (248) 398-7105.

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS
The family of recently deceased artist Ricki Berlin has established a fund to honor her memory at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. Current and future artists seeking scholarship funds for classes at the Art Center are invited to write their request to Deborah Callahan, education coordinator, Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, MI, 48009.

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VISUAL ART ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA
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CONCERTS

BIRMINGHAM MUSICALES
Celebrate the Season at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13 at the First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, 1669 W. Maple. (248)288-3723.

CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY
Daniel Barenboim performs at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10 at

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EVENTS

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
On Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. Dr. Charles Silow will moderate a panel on the creation of the Holocaust Survivor Community. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248)432-5448.

DETROIT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
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CASS CAFE
Through February - *Scapes: An exhibition* by Allen Berke. 4620 Cass, Detroit. (313) 831-1400.

JANICE CHARACH EPSTEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - *Portraits of Honor*, a documentary on Holocaust survivors in the Detroit metropolitan area by photographer Charles Silow. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248)661-1000.

CREATIVE ARTS CENTER
Through Dec. 28 - A photography exhibit mapping *World Religions in Metropolitan Detroit*, presented by the Pluralism Project at The University of Michigan-Dearborn. 47 Williams, Pontiac. (248)333-7849.

COP GALLERY
Through Dec. 30 - Bob Burdette and Richard Borge. 4160 Woodward, Detroit. (313)833-9901.

THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS
Through Dec. 31 - *Artists Take on Detroit: Projects for the Tricentennial*. 5200 Woodward, Detroit. (313)833-7900.

EXHIBIT A
Through Dec. 22 - *Human/Nature* by Mark Pomilio. 288 E. Maple, Birmingham. (248)258-9282.

FORD GALLERY
Graduate Thesis exhibitions by Jill Henry through Dec. 14 and by John Lonsway, Dec. 17-21. 114 Ford Hall, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti. (734)487-1268.

HABATAT GALLERIES
Through Dec. 31 - Works by Mary Shaffer and Jay Musler. 4400 Fernlee, Royal Oak. (248)554-0590.

HERMITAGE GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 - *Venice Series* by Cao Yong and Christa Kieffer. 235 Main Street, Rochester. (248)656-8559.

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Through Jan. 12 - A two-person exhibition by realist painter Dennis Wojtkiewicz and sculpture Lisa Clague. 107 Townsend, Birmingham. (248)642-3909.

ARNOLD KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 - Kip Kowalski, oil paintings and watercolors. 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak. (248)647-7709.

DAVID KLEIN GALLERY
Through Dec. 15 - An exhibition for New York still-life painter James Del Grosso. 163 Townsend, Birmingham. (248)433-3700.

LAWRENCE STREET GALLERY
Through Dec. 28 - *Celebrate Clay: 2001*. 6 N. Saginaw, Pontiac. (248) 334-6716.

LIVONIA ARTS COMMISSION
Through Dec. 28 - Village Potters of Plymouth. Reception 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9. Fine Arts Gallery, Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, Livonia. (734)525-3017.

MANISCALCO GALLERY
Through Jan. 5 - *Truth, The Exhibition*, featuring works by Kyle Stone, Vito Valdez, Mark Jackson, Jac Purdon, Jessica Flint, Michael Cooper III, and Amanda Maniscalco. 17329 Mack, Detroit. (313)886-2993.

MEADOW BROOK ART GALLERY
Through Dec. 23 - *Transitions In Time* by Lynn Galbreath and *Rituals* by Sally Schluter Tardella. 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester campus of Oakland University. (248)370-3005.

PF GALLERIES
Through Dec. 15 - *Prints & Paints* by Lisa Goedert and Sung Hee Son. 213 E. 14 Mile, Clawson. (248)989-8889.

PAINT CREEK CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Through Dec. 21 - *Printmaking Show*, an exhibition showcasing printmaking artists in the Main Gallery. Showing concurrently in the First Floor Gallery is *New Works in Sculpture* by Grand Rapids artist David Greenwood. 407 Pine Street, Rochester. (248)651-4110.

PEWABIC POTTERY
Through Dec. 31 - *Earthy Treasures*, an annual holiday invitational. 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit. On Dec. 2 stop by the Pewabic booth in front of the Detroit Institute of Arts during *Noel Night-Detroit Cultural Center*. (313)822-0954.

REVOLUTION
Through Jan. 19 - Jean-Pierre Larocque: *Recent Work*. 23257 Woodward, Ferndale. (248) 541-3444.

SOUTHFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY
Portrait of Hope 2001 Suite Dreams Traveling Exhibit, volunteers transform bedrooms of chronically ill local children into magical sanctuaries to encourage healing and recovery, will be on display through Dec. 15. 26000 Evergreen, Southfield. (248)948-0470.

SYBARIS GALLERY
Through Jan. 19 - *Head Turners*, an exhibition of turned wood. 202 East Third, Royal Oak. (248) 544-3388.

WASHINGTON STREET GALLERY
Through Dec. 22 - *A Matter of Perspective* by Lynda Cole is a digital installation presenting perspectives in reaction to the World Trade Center attack. 215 E. Washington St., Ann Arbor.

(734)761-2287.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY
Through Dec. 21 - *Up from the Streets: Detroit Art from the Duffy Collection*, is on display in the Elaine L. Jacob and Community Arts galleries. 480 W. Hancock and 5400 Gullen Mall, in Detroit. (313)577-2423.

WOODS GALLERY
Through Dec. 31 - Santa Fabio's Friends and Family. 26425 Scotia, Huntington Woods. (248)548-0460.

MUSEUMS

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Through December - An exhibit of Great Lakes fur trade with 18th and 19th century artifacts. Sing along to holiday tunes as glittering laser and Digistar images dance overhead. 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. 1-877-GO-CRANBROOK.

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Through March - *Curator's Choice: A Personal Look at Prints*. (313)833-4005.

EXHIBIT MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY
Planetarium shows weekends during December. 1109 Geddes, Ann Arbor. (734)764-0478.

HENRY FORD MUSEUM
Presents *Photographer to the World: The Detroit Publishing Company* through Jan. 6, 2002, featuring 19th and 20th Century photographs and color lithographs. 20900 Oakwood, Dearborn. (313)271-1620.

CHARLES H. WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
Through Jan. 13, 2002 - *Jazz in Detroit Before Motown: A Photographic History* tells the story of jazz in Detroit from 1920-60 through photos, maps and recorded music. Through March 3, 2002 - *Jacob Lawrence and the Story of John Brown* comprised of a series of 22 serigraphs is on exhibit in the Bank One Gallery. The images narrate the story of abolitionist John Brown and his quest to end slavery. 315 E. Warren, Detroit. (313)494-5800.

THEATER

BROADWAY ONSTAGE
The Nutcracker's Nuts, a new comedy by Dennis Wickline through Dec. 29. Retirement home residents attempt to put on a performance of *The Nutcracker*, but realize the lead doesn't know how to dance. 21517 Kelly, Eastpointe. (810)771-6333.

CENTURY THEATRE
Fully Committed, a comedy about a reservations clerk at a trendy, overbooked eatery, runs through Dec. 31. 333 Madison, Detroit. For tickets, call (313)963-9800.

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PuppetArt presents *Cinderella*, a marionette ballet version of the popular story, during the month of December.

DETROIT REPERTORY THEATRE
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FISHER THEATRE
Presents *Contact*, three stories about people in wild pursuit of love Dec. 16. 3011 W. Grand, Detroit. For tickets, call (313)872-1000.

FOX THEATRE
Presents *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* through Dec. 29. 2211 Woodward, Detroit. (313)471-3200.

GEM THEATRE
Dinner With Friends, a comedy about friendship in the age of divorce, runs through Dec. 31. 333 Madison, Detroit. For tickets, call (313)963-9800.

JEWISH ENSEMBLE THEATRE
Presents *Talley's Folly*, a romantic story full of comedy and warmth, through Dec. 30. 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. (248)350-2728.

MEADOW BROOK THEATRE
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SUN. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
MON-THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

NP BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13)
12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
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MON-THURS 1:45, 7:00
SPY GAME (R)
SUN. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
MON-THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
BLACK KNIGHT (PG13)
12:30, 2:45, 5:00, 7:15, 9:45
NP HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
SUN. 11:00, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:15, 3:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:15, 3:45, 5:15, 6:30, 7:30, 8:30, 9:15

THE WASH (R)
12:15, 2:15, 4:30, 6:30, 8:45
SHALLOW HAL (PG13)
SUN. 11:20, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
MON-THURS 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45
HEIST (R)
9:30
LIFE AS A HOUSE (R)
4:15, 6:45, 9:15
MONSTERS, INC. (G)
12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:00, 9:00
THE ONE (PG13)
4:00, 9:00
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (PG13)
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:45, 10:00
SERENDIPITY (PG13)
12:00, 2:15

Showcase Dearborn 1-8
Michigan & Telegraph
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Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
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Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
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THE WASH (R)
SUN. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
MON-THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
HARRY POTTER (PG)
SUN. 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:55
MON-THURS 12:00, 12:30, 3:30, 4:00, 6:50, 9:55
TUE-THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
MON-THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13)
SUN. 11:30, 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50
MON-THURS 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50

Showcase Pontiac 1-5
Telegraph-Sig, Lake Rd. W side of
Telegraph
248-352-0241
Bargain Matinees Daily
All Shows until 6 pm
Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
THRU THURSDAY
NP DENOTES NO PAST

NP OCEAN'S 11 (PG13)
SUN. 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
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MON-THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30
THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00, 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30, 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Showcase Pontiac 6-12
2405 Telegraph Rd. East side of
Telegraph
810-334-6777
Bargain Matinees Daily
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Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Fri. & Sat.
NP DENOTES NO PAST

NP BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13)
SUN. 10:45, 1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
MON-THURS 1:15, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
SPY GAME (R)
SUN. 10:55, 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
MON-THURS 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40
SHALLOW HAL (PG13)
SUN. 11:20, 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10
MON-THURS 1:50, 4:10, 6:45, 9:10

NP OCEAN'S 11 (PG13)
SUN. 11:30, 1:45, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45
MON-THURS 1:45, 4:15, 7:20, 9:45
LIFE AS A HOUSE (R)
SUN. 11:05, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
MON-THURS 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
MONSTERS, INC. (G)
SUN. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15
MON-THURS 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 9:15

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Warren & Wayne Rds
313-425-7700
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Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Wed. Thrus. Fri. Sat.
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SUNDAY THRU TUESDAY

BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13)
SUN. 11:10, 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20
MON-THURS 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20
OUT COLD (PG13)
SUN. 11:00, 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:05, 9:10
MON-THURS 1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:05, 9:10

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (PG13)

SUN. 11:05, 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:05, 9:10
MON-THURS 1:05, 3:00, 5:00, 7:05, 9:10

THIRTEEN GHOSTS (R)
SUN. 11:25, 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35
MON-THURS 1:25, 3:25, 5:25, 7:30, 9:35

BLACK KNIGHT (PG13)
SUN. 11:20, 1:35, 4:10, 7:15, 9:25
MON-THURS 1:35, 4:10, 7:15, 9:25
SERENDIPITY (PG13)
SUN. 11:30, 6:05
MON-THURS 1:40, 6:05
WASH (R)
SUN. 1:40, 4:00, 7:55, 9:50
MON-THURS 4:00, 7:55, 9:50

**Showcase
Westland 1-8**
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Continuous Shows Daily
Late Shows Wed. Thrus. & Sat.
NP DENOTES NO PAST

MONSTERS, INC. (G)
SUN. 11:45, 2:30, 4:35, 6:55, 9:10
MON-THURS 11:45, 2:30, 5:20, 8:30, 4:35, 6:55, 9:10
THE HEIST (R)
10:00
NP HARRY POTTER (PG)
SUN. 10:30, 12:00, 12:30, 1:25, 3:15, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:20, 9:35
MON-THURS 1:20, 12:30, 1:25, 3:15, 3:45, 4:30, 6:30, 7:00, 7:20, 9:35

SPY GAME (R)
SUN. 10:35, 1:15, 4:05, 4:40, 6:50, 9:30
MON-THURS 1:15, 4:05, 4:40, 6:50, 9:30
SHALLOW HAL (PG)
SUN. 11:15, 1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45
MON-THURS 1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 9:45
NP OCEAN'S 11
SUN. 10:50, 11:20, 1:50, 2:00, 4:15, 4:45, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20, 11:20, 11:50, 12:00, 12:30, 2:00, 4:15, 4:45, 7:10, 7:40, 9:50, 10:20

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NO VIP TICKETS
NP BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13)
12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45

NP TEXAS RANGERS (PG13)
8:15, 10:25
NO VIP TICKETS
BLACK KNIGHT (PG13)
11:55, 2:10, 4:10, 6:15, 8:40
OUT COLD (PG13)
3:10, 8:05, 10:10
SPY GAME (R)
11:40, 12:25, 12:55, 2:40, 3:20, 3:55, 5:45, 6:20, 6:50, 8:45, 9:20, 9:55

HARRY POTTER (PG)
11:35, 12:10, 12:45, 1:10, 1:50, 2:40, 3:25, 3:50, 4:35, 5:10, 5:50, 6:35, 7:55, 8:35, 9:05, 9:45
AMELIE (R)
1:15, 4:00, 7:05, 9:55
SHALLOW HAL (PG13)
11:50, 2:25, 4:55, 7:50, 7:50
LIFE AS A HOUSE (R)
6:10, 10:05
THE HEIST (R)
7:40, 10:05
MONSTERS (G)
11:45, 12:05, 12:35, 1:35, 1:55, 2:15, 2:55, 3:45, 4:05, 4:20, 5:20, 5:55, 6:55, 9:10

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (PG13)
12:30, 4:25, 6:40, 8:55
THE ONE (PG13)
8:25, 10:25
K.P.A.K. (PG13)
12:05, 5:25
SERENDIPITY (PG13)
12:40, 3:05, 5:50, 7:25, 9:35

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12:30, 1:30, 2:50, 3:50, 5:20, 6:30, 7:50, 8:50, 10:20
OUT COLD (PG13)
12:40, 5:40, 10:30
BLACK KNIGHT (PG13)
2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:20
NP SPY GAMES (R)
1:00, 4:00, 6:50, 9:40
HARRY POTTER THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:20, 7:20, 8:30, 9:30

SHALLOW HAL (PG13)
1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 10:10
THE HEIST (R)
3:00, 8:00
LIFE AS A HOUSE (R)
6:10, 9:00
MONSTERS, INC. (G)
12:10, 1:10, 2:40, 3:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (PG13)
12:45, 3:10, 5:30, 8:10, 10:25

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NO VIP TICKETS
NP BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13)
11:50, 2:30, 5:05, 7:30, 10:15
NO VIP TICKETS
NP SPY GAME (R)
12:30, 3:35, 6:45, 9:30
NO VIP TICKETS
NP OUT COLD (PG13)
12:10, 5:45, 10:30
NO VIP TICKETS

HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
11:00, 1:00, 2:15, 4:10, 5:30, 7:45, 9:10
SHALLOW HAL (PG13)
11:50, 3:00, 5:15, 8:15
MONSTERS, INC. (G)
11:50, 3:00, 5:15, 8:15
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (PG13)
1:15, 3:50, 6:20, 8:30
SERENDIPITY (PG13)
2:45, 8:00

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NO VIP TICKETS
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NO VIP TICKETS
NP BLACK KNIGHT (PG13)
12:10, 1:35, 2:50, 4:10, 5:10, 6:35, 7:50, 9:20, 10:10, 10:40, 11:00, 11:30
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NP SPY GAME (R)
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11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 2:00, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 5:45, 7:10, 8:00, 8:45, 9:30, 10:30

THE WASH (R)
6:50, 9:40
THE HEIST (R)
12:20, 6:10
SHALLOW HAL (PG13)
11:40, 2:45, 5:40, 8:35
MONSTERS, INC. (G)
5:20, 6:20, 7:40, 8:40, 9:20
THE ONE (PG13)
3:20, 9:20
DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE (PG13)
11:50, 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

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11:30, 12:45, 2:10, 3:45, 4:55, 6:50, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15
BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13) NV
12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05
SPY GAME (R) NV
1:15, 4:00, 6:55, 9:40
BLACK KNIGHT (PG13) NV
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:35
HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
12:15, 1:45, 3:30, 5:00, 6:45, 8:30, 10:00
MONSTERS, INC. (G)
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BEHIND ENEMY LINES (PG13) NV
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SPY GAME (R) NV
11:10, 12:20, 2:10, 3:10, 5:00, 6:40, 7:45, 9:40, 10:30
OUT COLD (PG13)
7:50, 9:55
BLACK KNIGHT (PG13) NV
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HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE (PG)
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MONSTERS, INC. (G)
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SHALLOW HAL (PG13)
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LIFE AS A HOUSE (R)
7:30, 9:45
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11:30, 12:05, 1:50, 2:35, 4:15, 5:05, 6:45, 7:30, 9:15, 10:00
NP BETTER THAN SEX (R)
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:15, 9:25
SIDEWALKS OF NEW YORK (R)
12:20, 2:30, 5:00, 7:35, 9:50
LIFE AS A HOUSE (R)
11:40, 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40
HEIST (R)
11:55, 4:50, 7:05, 9:30
NP MILLHOLLAND DRIVE (R)
12:45, 3:45, 9:45
THE CLOSET (R)
12:20, 2:20, 4:20, 7:20
SERENDIPITY (PG13)
9:20

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FREE CONCERT

The Redford Civic Symphony performs holiday music 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, at our Lady of Loretto Church on Six Mile, east of Beech Daly, Redford. Admission is free.

"It's a very interesting program with the Star Spangled Banner, God Bless America, Vivaldi's Gloria, and carols Santa Claus is Coming to Town and Rudolph, the Red-Nose Reindeer," said conductor John Gajec. "The church choir will sing on several selections."

The Redford Civic Symphony continues its season with a family concert 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 at Hilbert Junior High, cabaret music 3 p.m. Sunday, March 17 and spring concert 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at Thurston High School. They end the season with a summer concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 25 in Capitol Park in Redford.

For more information, call Gajec at (313) 598-1652.

VAAL CLASSES

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia's Winter/Spring Schedule is now available. Classes begin Jan. 7 at the Jefferson Center, 9501 Henry Ruff, Livonia.

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For information, call Mary Ann Adams at (734) 455-9517.

Classes and workshops are offered in drawing, oil, watercolor, pastel, colored pencil, collage, monotypes, marbling, and block printing. One workshop that's sure to be fun is Edee Joppich's "Animals and Birds in Watercolor." Joppich will demonstrate techniques for creating the illusion of soft, fuzzy feathers and fur from a menagerie of stuffed "models" in the classroom.

New is marbling with Susan Argiroff, "I Can't Believe It's Colored Pencil" with Sherry Eid, and block printing with Sandra Steed. Block printing is the oldest form of printmaking, developed by the Chinese and elevated to a beautiful art form by the Japanese. Marbling is an ancient oriental art of floating colors on carageenan and then making a print on paper, fabric or wood.

HOLIDAY ART SHOW

The Garden City Fine Arts Association holds its annual holiday art show and sale Monday-Friday, Dec. 10-14, at The Art Gallery, 30116 Ford Road, between Middlebelt and Henry Ruff in Sheridan Square, Garden City.

An awards ceremony and opening reception takes place 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10. The public is invited.

More than 15 members of the club will exhibit a variety of work including paintings, drawings, ceramics and sculpture. For

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The book is \$30 and available by calling the volunteer office at (313) 576-5597 or visiting the Web site at www.detroitssymphony.com.

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Tickets are \$8 at the door.

Written from the view point of a child, Amahl, the opera uses the tale of the Three Kings as a backdrop to spread the message of the Christ Child who has been



Michigan landscape: Norma McQueen titled this painting "Winters Coming." McQueen is one of more than 15 exhibitors in the Garden City Fine Arts Association's annual holiday art show.

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Something for everyone at Michigan ski shops
By Mickey MacWilliams, Executive Director of the Michigan Ski Industries Association
Whether you are a "rider" (snowboarder), "slider" (downhill skier), "glider" (cross country skier) or just enjoy wearing clothing that looks like you came off the slopes, ski and sporting goods shops across the state have a wide assortment of hot new gear for the winter enthusiast.
"Equipment for the slopes has evolved over the years. Where two decades ago everyone was on skis, today we see snowboarders and ski boarders riding the lifts in almost equal numbers with skiers," says Steve Kershner, president of the Michigan Ski Industries Association and director of skiing for Shanty Creek in Bellaire. He adds that many enthusiasts will come out in the morning on their skis and switch to a snowboard in the afternoon for vice versa! They may take an evening cross-country glide through lit trails, too.
Technical breakthroughs in ski equipment allow new skiers to learn to turn easier, and also improve the technique of the intermediate and advanced skier. The shaped ski, introduced five seasons ago, has literally taken over the market. "We really don't see anything but shaped skis today," says Ken Griffin of Nichols Ski and Patio in Waterford and Dearborn.
Turning a shaped ski is easier than turning a traditional ski. Shaped skis are shorter and wider at the tip and tail but narrower at the waist, where the binding is attached.
"This year we are seeing even shorter ski lengths, deeper sidecuts and more metal used in the cosmetics on the ski's upper layer, creating a rich, classic look," says Hi Storer, a manufacturer's representative from Great Lakes Sports Group in Petoskey.
Ski manufacturers are introducing skis and bindings that are integrated and sold as one unit. "This allows the ski to flex consistently, from tip to tail, even under the foot, creating more contact with the snow and allowing for better control," says Griffin. Debuting last season at over \$1,000, the price point has come down dramatically for this year. "You can get into an integrated system for around \$600," Griffin adds.
Today, skis are designed for just about every type of skier. Brian Sanderson, hardgoods buyer for Boyne Country Sports, says, "We even have a new ski called the Pocket Rocket that is designed for powder skiing and grinding off logs and trees." He adds that race and recreational skis have also been tailored to skier preferences. "There is a ski for every person and purpose."
Many skiers will welcome new advances in ski boots. Called "soft boots," Griffin says they stress comfort without sacrificing performance. Some models even lace up the front, like the ski boots of the 1950s and '60s, but are much more comfortable and technical in look and performance. Dual-tipped skis - or ski boards - are enjoying continued popularity. These skis are shorter than a traditional ski and have a raised tip on both the front and back, allowing wearers to ski forward or backward and head into terrain gardens and half pipes along with snowboarders. "Ski boards are great because you can go anywhere with them that you can with a snowboard," says Bob Thomas of Don Thomas Sporthaus in Bloomfield Hills.
As the popularity of snowboards continues, Thomas has noticed an interesting phenomenon: experienced boarders are leaning toward strap-in bindings. Step-in bindings that make riding the lift easier (no sitting down to strap and unstrap bindings) are still popular, but Thomas notes that the performance-minded boarder is sticking with the strap-in system.
For those who want to enjoy the winter but aren't likely to try snow skates, Bob Frye of Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Roscommon suggests the new adventure skis. "With these skis you can do anything, ski downhill, uphill, on flats, groomed and ungroomed surfaces - even in your back yard," says Frye. Adventure skis are short (130 to 170 centimeters) cross-country skis that are wider than a traditional ski and have metal edges and a no-wax scaled base that allows the wearer to travel uphill without sliding backwards. "They look a lot like a downhill ski, with cross-country ski bindings and a base that lets you go uphill too," Frye adds.

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Look for the second part of this article next week.

Buyer beware at the store and elsewhere

SHOP TALK



NICOLE STAFFORD

I don't know what it is about this particular Christmas season, but I don't feel like doing much shopping.

I just don't want to part with my money this year.

In contemplating why, I decided it would be easy to say the aftershock of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the state of the economy are to blame. But, for me, I don't think that's the whole picture.

Now, there's no denying that Christmas, like most events and institutions in our culture, has become an absurdly commercial affair. America is capitalism; our lives are dictated by the bottom line, which brings me to my current list of consumer complaints.

For one, I recently bought a computer from a local retailer. The salesperson told me the computer was new when I bought it and the fact it was labeled "close-out special" meant the company needed to get it off their shelves to make room for new shipments. Months later and through a series of events, I learned from the manufacturer that my computer was, in fact, used. To make a long story a short one, I'll be in small claims court next year.

A few days ago, I went to look at cellular phone plans. And, as many of you may have noticed, not only do the service plan brochures provide limited information but also the salespeople aren't particularly forthcoming beyond the spiel they've been trained to give you. On and on, we went, this salesperson and I. I asked question after question. The salesperson countered with canned answer after canned answer.

Later, I asked the salesperson for the brochure of terms and conditions mentioned (in fine print) at the bottom of the service plan contract. In fact, by signing the contract, you're agreeing you've received and read that brochure. Well, the salesperson didn't have one. "You're the first customer who's asked for one," he said.

Even if you want to read the fine print, you can't.

What occurs to me next is my experience last weekend working with a moving company. When the movers showed up to do the work I had hired them for, I was informed the hourly rate applied to travel time, not just moving time. This was a distinction I made a point of clarifying three times with the person

who set up my moving appointment. Of course I shrugged it off and paid the extra money I didn't anticipate spending. After all, I had an apartment full of stuff to move.

My next complaint comes from the experiences of a colleague, Sharon Dargay. Several weeks ago, she and I were rear-ended by a drunk driver. We're both doing reasonably well, but Sharon's car was totaled. Well, Sharon is still working with her car insurer on a settlement claim. Through her efforts, which include calling owners of similar vehicles in Michigan who recently sold and contacting dealers for estimates on her car, she has almost doubled her claim amount. But I have to wonder if having to do all that work is in the fine print of the insurance contract. I mean why do we buy car insurance? So when we have a bad accident - a traumatic event to which I can testify - you won't be emotionally and financially burdened with having to purchase a new car.

These situations involve the consumer handing over money for products or services.

I can distill what I consider to be the problem in one word: spin. If we aren't being outright lied to, as in the case of the computer I purchased, we're hearing less than the truth or being misled to believe something false.

Now I don't have a problem with good salesmanship or the art of persuasion, but it seems to me that we, as a culture, have become so wrapped up in our obsession with making money, that we're willing to lie to reach our goals.

Of course I'm probably not telling you anything you don't already know. It's a dangerous market out there for consumers. Buyer beware.

What's astounding is how pervasive and justified the use of spin and "selling" has become in reaching bottom-line goals.

True, it's only fair that people who make their living by selling things take their best shot at doing so. It's another thing when everything gets sold - not just hard goods and traditional consumer services - and a disregard for the truth is acceptable standard practice.

Maybe I'm overreacting and, in the process, generalizing. But if the American Red Cross is willing to spin the charitable American public after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, who else is?

I'm convinced nothing is sacred when it comes to spin and the bottom line. So, yes, buyer beware, but beware of information, too.

High kicks for Christmas



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Spree: LaToya Croft of Pontiac (left) meets Rockettes Alison Roller-Woerner of Lake Orion (center) and Annie Gibbons-Syke of Highland at Summit Place Mall in Waterford. Croft won the Shop with the Rockettes holiday spending spree contest at the mall.

Kmart among 3 retailers honored at annual Michigan Retailer of the Year awards

Kmart Corp., which has its headquarters in Troy, was among three Michigan retail companies recently honored for community service at the fourth annual Michigan Retailer of the Year Awards.

The Michigan Retailers Association awards recognize retail businesses for contributions to civic, charitable and volunteer activities. Co-sponsors of the awards are the Michigan Press Association's Michigan Newspapers, Inc. and the Michigan Talk Radio Network.

The awards are given in three categories - small, medium and large - based on annual sales volume. Kmart won in the large retailer category.

In addition to providing supplies for the relief effort following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Kmart has been the first-place team in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program for 17 consecutive years, raising more than \$35 million to fight birth defects through its

efforts. Also, Michigan Kmart volunteers raised more than \$289,000 in 2001 through local walks and store events to support programs like Healthy Baby Services in Wayne and Oakland counties.

Other noted community service includes encouraging enrollment in state Child Health Insurance Programs and support of a traveling Smithsonian exhibit on African-American music.

Swift Printing Co. in Grand Rapids won in the small retailer category, and Edmund T. Ahee Jewelry Co. in Grosse Pointe Woods was honored in the medium category.

The Michigan Retailers Association is a state trade association of general merchandise retailers with more than 5,500 retail business members operating more than 12,000 stores across the state.

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WHAT WE FOUND:

- Candle lights with batteries can be purchased at JoAnne Fabric stores.

- For money pads in check-book form, try the National City Bank on Wayne Road in Romulus.

- Yahtzee dice can be purchased at Rider's Hobby Shop on John R, south of 14 Mile, in Madison Heights.

- Prestige eye pencils are sold at Levin's Beauty Supply on Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield.

- Hair for Locks of Love can be donated by mail. For the address, visit www.locksoflove.org on the Internet.

FIND AND SEARCH:

- A reader has 6-foot Christmas tree to donate to an organization.

WHERE CAN I FIND?:

- A store where a zipper-pull for women's clothing can be bought for Shelly.

- A store that sells Bonnie August women's active wear pants in black (size medium) for Cindy.

- A store that sells clear Christmas paper depicting a cathedral scene with adhe-

sive backing for placement on a glass table for Mary Lou.

- A store that sells all-plastic playing cards for Joanne.

- A store that sells Spray & Wash white laundry gel in a 16-ounce bottle for Joanne.

- A store that sells men's short sleeve sweatshirts for Ann.

- A store where a child's phonograph can be bought for John of Canton

- A store that sells Alberto Rossi make-up foundation for Betty of Livonia.

- A store that sells Stollen cake and bread ends (formerly sold at Machus bakeries).

- A store that sells apricot gelatin by Jell-o for Suzanne.

- A store where replacement handles for Revere Wear and Coronet Wear Dutch ovens can be purchased for Joan.

- A company that will paint a steel outer door to make it look like oak for Sue of Canton.

- A company that will remove mold from a roof and install copper on it.

- A store that sells crystal beer stein glasses with etchings for Lorie.

- A store that sells Ken's cole slaw dressing for Jean.

- A store that sells Lloyd's cooked barbeque ribs (in a sealed package) for Jean.

- A store that sells hunter green plastic utensils (for Teflon pans).

- A store that sells a videocassette tape of the film *Your In the Army Now* for Tina.

- A store that sells Strategy perfume.

- A store that sells Evair perfume for Bobbie.

- A business that will repair an under-the-counter television and radio for Karen.

- A store that sells toboggan pads or toboggans.

- A store that sells Christopher Collection figurines for Carol of Farmington.

- A store that sells parts for an Acutron watch or a business that will repair the watch for Mary Lou.

- A store where a Dutch Barbie doll can be purchased for Marcel.

- A store that sells women's lingerie panties marked with the days of the week for Lou Ann.

- A business in the Pontiac area that transfers old records on to compact discs for Margaret, who lives in Oxford.

- A store that sells Anne Klein II perfume or cologne.

- A store that sells Fundamental Things women's slacks in petite sizes for Bea.

- A store that sells Machus salad dressing for Linda of Birmingham.

- A store that sells Vaseline Intensive Care Solutions manicure lotion for Nick of Franklin.

- A store that sells men's blue jeans (35-inch waist and 30-inch length) for Joe, a resident of Farmington Hills.

- A store that sells Mrs. Richardson's butterscotch and caramel fudge for Elaine of Rochester.

- A store that sells Ombre Rose cologne or perfume for Gail of Plymouth.

- A store that sells Duke's mayonnaise for Joe.

- A store in the Livonia, Redford or Farmington areas where a Dirt Devil broom mate can be purchased for Cheryl, who resides in Livonia.

- Compiled by Sandi Jarackas

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KELLI LEWTON

Holidays can be a breeze when you plan

Festive lights are hung, trees twinkle and anticipation grows as the holidays and festivities approach over the next several weeks.

Many holiday food traditions have been revamped to fit daily demands. With our busy lives and commitments during the holiday season, we should think ahead with our holiday planning.

Holiday entertaining can be easy and enjoyable if you think ahead!

Pinpoint your needs

First, take the time and pinpoint exactly what you need to accomplish with your holiday entertaining. Often when left to a few days before the special celebration, we tend to complicate matters. Include in your repertoire a few items that can be made ahead and frozen. Almost anything in phyllo or puff dough, such as spinach triangles or petit wild mushroom turnovers, can be a quick hors d'oeuvre pulled out of the freezer.

Imported cheeses, salamis and pates can be assembled with crackers, breads and marinated items for a fast, but still interesting, platter.

Try dip and spread trays. Most dips can be made days in advance and served with an array of items including breads, veggie chips, crackers, toasted bread rounds, puff pastry sticks and pita chips.

Remember when garnishing platters to keep things simple and beautiful, like using bouquets of fresh herbs. Select garnishes that may be eaten with the main item, such as caramelized smoky onions, roasted peppers and whole roasted garlic bulbs, which is stunning as well as functional on a beef tenderloin platter.

Create your own countdown list to your seasonal party or holiday or try this "12 Days before Christmas" list as a good start:

Day 12 - The Master Checklist. Every great event has great beginnings. A master plan blueprint is the key to success. Your list may include rentals, inventory of your china, linen, serving pieces, and a time line for tasks to prevent any last-minute trips to the store.

Get a menu together

Day 11 - Plan Your Menu. The most crucial part of a holiday feast is, of course, the food. In addition to family favorites, Christmas is a time to gather recipes you have wanted to try, and maybe even experiment with. When planning your menu, it is essential to have a good mix of items to fit everyone's appetites, including a few selections that are on the lighter side. Try to prepare a few of your items in ahead of time to limit stress. Some menu components, including baked goods, chutneys and dressings, can be made well before your event day.

Don't forget to place any special meat or bakery item orders well in advance so you're not disappointed on your last-minute shopping trip to your favorite market.

Day 10 - Purchase All Beverages. Remember to buy beer and wine at room temperature, then immerse them in an ice bath in coolers or party tubs an hour before guests arrive. It is hard enough to fit all the extra food items in the refrigerator without having to work around cases of pop, beer and wine.

Day 9 - Create a Game Plan. It is close enough now to the date of your event to make any reminder calls to family and friends about times and details. This is also a great time to assign tasks for family members to help with the preparation. A couple of hors d'oeuvres prepared today and frozen would be a great time saver to your gathering. Puff and phyllo dough style items normally freeze great!

Day 8 - Baking, Baking and more Baking.

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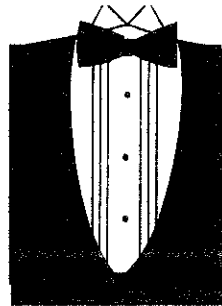
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DINING AT THE

DAC

Award-winning chef shares passion for food

BY RENÉE SKOGLUND
STAFF WRITER



Surely, there's no other kitchen this side of heaven like the Detroit Athletic Club's.

Located on the second floor of the prestigious private club on Madison Avenue in downtown Detroit, the main kitchen, with its immaculate tiled floor and mile-long stainless steel hot table, is a culinarian's dream.

Call it inspiration or training, but its 34-member staff routinely prepares and serves dinner entrées for 250-300 patrons in an hour and a half during opera season. And every dish comes out looking like edible art.

Award-winning Executive Chef Kevin Brennan of Walled Lake, a graduate of the Schoolcraft College Department of Culinary Arts and a recent inductee into the American Academy of Chefs, isn't surprised.

"Food is important here. It is the foundation of our focus," he said.

Indeed, Dining at the DAC, founded in 1887 and located in its present six-story Albert Kahn-designed building since 1915, is all about passion, presentation and superb taste.

Dan and Nancy Lis of Farmington Hills, members for 18 years, love dining at the DAC.

"I love the Lobster Bisque," said Dan, who serves on the board of directors and is currently club secretary. "My favorite entrée? The perch. It's just great. It melts in your mouth. No place serves perch like the DAC."

"The food to me is outstanding. It's a step above most other restaurants," said Nancy.

Bob Richardson of Bloomfield Hills, a 30-year member and 1990 president, cannot remember ever having a bad meal at the DAC. His favorite lunch combination is the Eric Salad and Lobster Bisque.

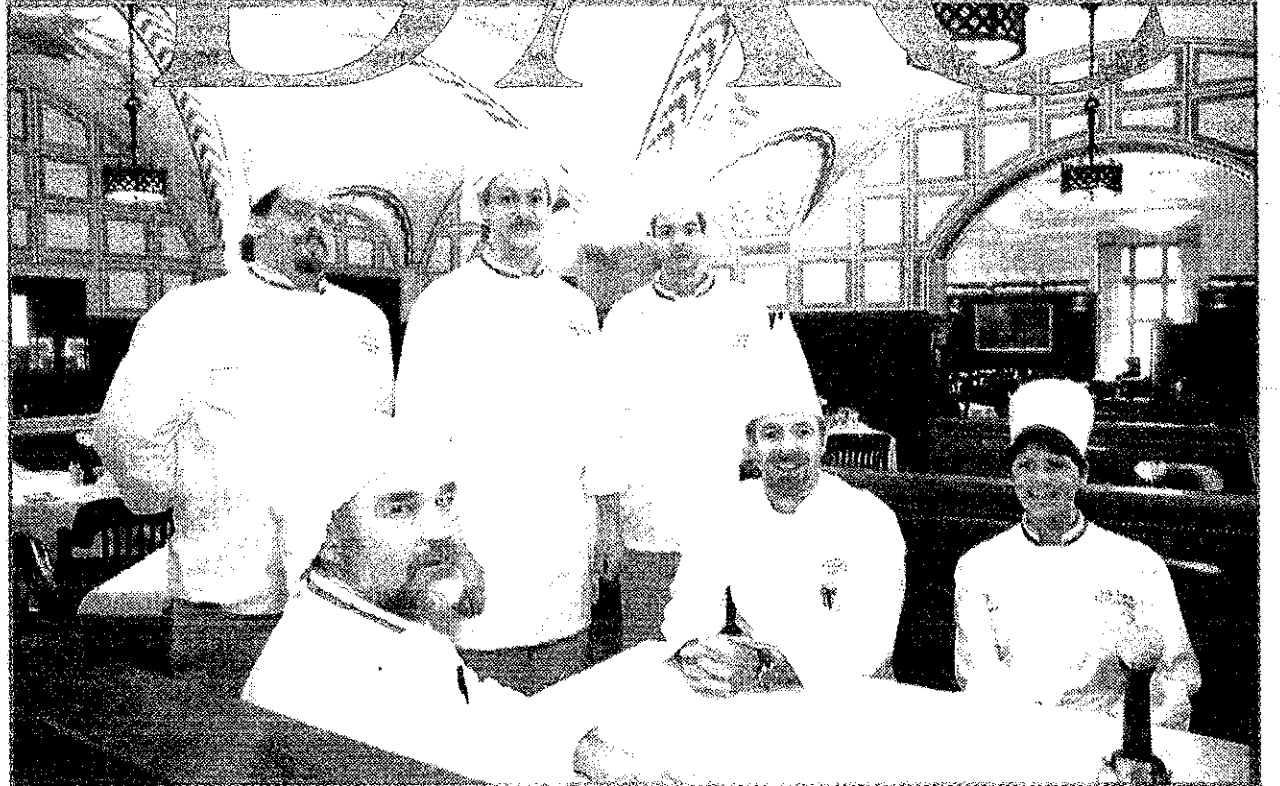
"There's nothing like it around the country," he said about the soup.

Consistency

Dining at the DAC is also about consistency. Two soups - the famed Lobster Bisque and Roasted Tomato Bisque, the Grille Room's signature soup - have been house favorites for years.

Charlie Frurip, the DAC's sous-chef for 31 years, is in the kitchen by 4:30 a.m. every day. It's nothing to have 48 chickens and 20 pounds of vegetables simmering away by mid-morning. Good soup starts with "good stock and nice, fresh ingredients," he said.

For his tomato soup, Frurip first roasts a case of plum tomat-



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A class act: Chefs Matthew Vogelei (top row, from left), David Howell, Greg Stange, Edmund Krumuns, Kevin Brennan and Vicki Arella help make the DAC a rival to the area's finest restaurants.

'My menu doesn't fall into a regular style. It's eclectic - Asian, Regional, Mediterranean and West Coast California.'

-Kevin Brennan
Executive chef, DAC

atoes in olive oil, along with carrots, garlic, celery and some fresh fennel. He blends this with chicken stock and lets it simmer. By noon, the soup is ready to be served with a garnish of basil and walnut pesto and parmesan crème fraîche.

Like any professional soup-maker who cooks with pounds and palms rather than pinches, Frurip hesitates before giving advice about avoiding mistakes in making the perfect soup.

"Maybe it's trying too hard. What can I say? Some people use too much water. A lot of people are afraid to use canned broth. If you don't have time to boil chickens or bones, use Swanson's," he said.

Style

Chef Brennan describes his culinary style as being both creative and traditional. "I use seasonal cuisine with a traditional background. My menu doesn't fall into a regular style. It's eclectic - Asian, Regional, Mediterranean, and West Coast California."

DAC members have their favorite dishes, and the perch and whitefish are still tops. However, Brennan takes his whitefish entrée beyond the usual planked and broiled version. He wraps the fish with "panko" (Japanese bread crumbs), pan sears it before a quick finish in the oven, then serves it with a lemon-butter sauce and chili vinaigrette.

"The flavor contrast is phenomenal," he said.

"Their whitefish can't be surpassed," said Janet Campbell of Plymouth Township, who's been dining at the DAC since 1947, when her father joined. She and her husband, Malcom, have been members since 1959.

"It's like going to Hudson's and not ordering a Maurice salad," she said, explaining her addiction to Brennan's whitefish.

"Every time I go to the DAC, whitefish is what I usually order." Cooking fish properly is not difficult, but it does require skill, said Brennan.

"It really depends on the variety, thickness of the filet and cooking method. Generally, when it's done it's slightly resistant to pressure. That's when you know you have a nice medium to medium-rare piece of fish.

"One of the worst things you can do is to over-cook fish. Steak fish such as swordfish or tuna should never be cooked more than medium, ideally medium rare."

Lamb perfection

Rack of lamb often appears on the DAC menu, an item from which most cooks at home shy away. Don't be timid, says Brennan. The secret is simple.

Start with a 9-11-ounce rack of baby New Zealand lamb. Sear it in clarified butter to

seal in the juices. Clarifying removes the easily burnable milk from the butter and allows for a higher smoking point.

(To make 1 cup clarified butter, start with 1 1/4 cups butter. As it slowly melts in a small sauce pan, it will separate into three layers: foam, fat, and water. Skim the foam off with a spoon and discard. Next, separate the clear yellow milk fat from the water by decanting the butter into another container, being careful not to let any water slip in. Finally, dab off any existing foam.)

After a quick searing, the lamb is ready to be rubbed with spices and baked in a 400 to 425-degree oven for 12 minutes.

"Lamb is naturally sweet," said Brennan. "It requires the harmonizing flavors of garlic, thyme, mustard and rosemary. It needs that to offset the sweetness. The secret to roasting is proper timing and good control."



Edible art: Chefs Stange (left), Brennan and Krumuns present papaya-marinated duckling, pan-seared salmon on fingerling potato salad, and an Autumn Turnover, an appetizer made with spaghetti squash, leeks and Granny Smith apples.

So what does Chef Brennan's Pan Roasted Rack of Lamb with caramelized rhubarb-Vidalia onion chutney and a Merlot reduction sauce taste like? "It's wonderful," said Campbell. "It's extremely tender and gentle."

Well-stocked pantry

Every kitchen should have a solid base of ingredients, said Brennan. "Especially the aromatics like onions, garlic, shallots, carrots and celery. I'm surprised at the number of people who do not stock these ingredients, which are the base for so many soups and stews."

Cure yourself of separation anxiety when it comes to spices, he said. Spices should not be as old as your mortgage. "People make the mistake of keeping spices since their house was built. After six months, throw the spices out."

Brennan suggests toasting some spices - such as mustard seed or coriander - in a dry pan to bring out their aroma and intensify their taste. "A Cambodian cook once told me, 'No smell, no good.'"

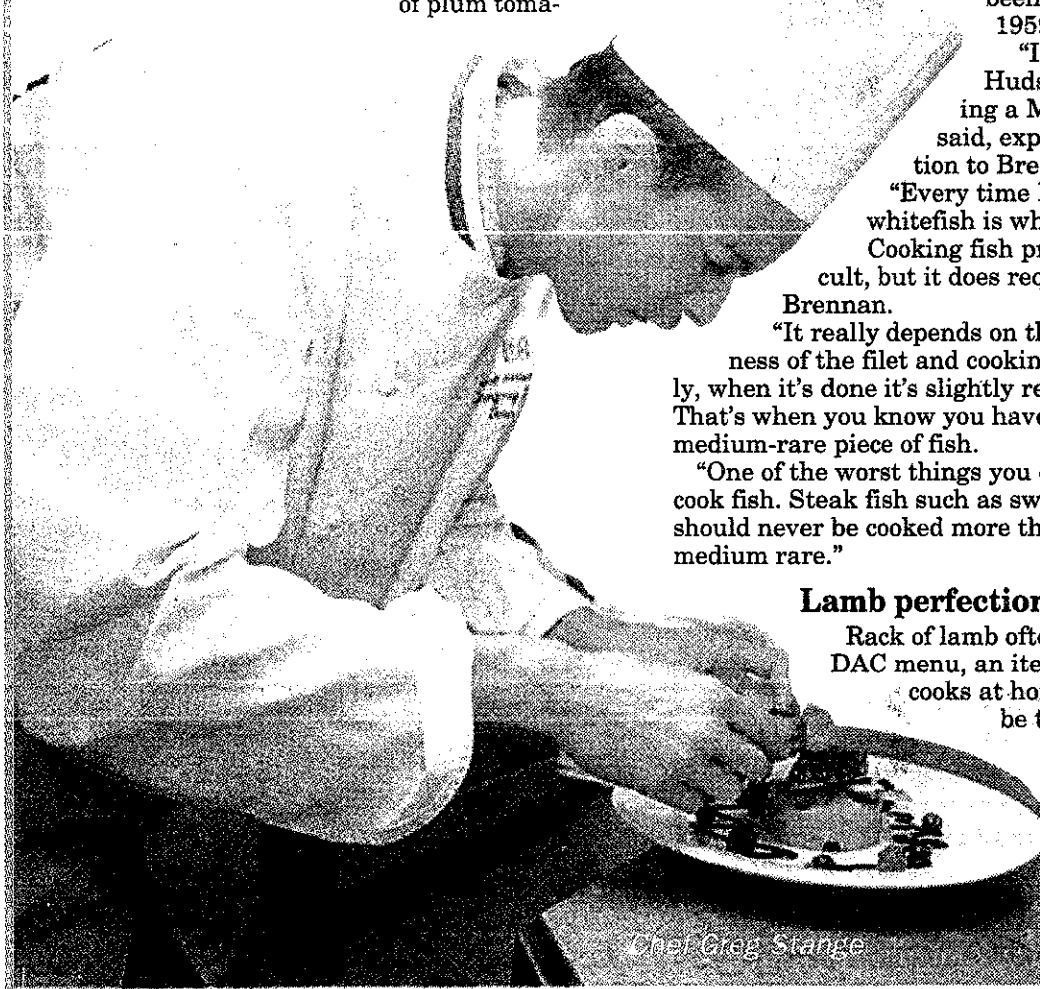
The DAC kitchen pantry is certainly well-stocked. Fresh fish is flown in three times a week from the famous M. F. Foley Company in Boston. And all baking, butchering, grinding, smoking and ice-cream making is done in-house. The only item the kitchen does not produce - for lack of space - is bagels.

Challenge

Brennan, who's at the DAC 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. six days a week, enjoys the challenge of working in a private club.

"Clubs used to be known for stodgy menus, like prime rib and crab legs. Not any more. There is simply more range of expression. Here the challenges are fantastic. I tell all the young culinarians, 'You get into a club and you won't want to leave.'"

Do Brennan and his talented staff ever make mistakes? Oh, yes, he said. "But mistakes are made, not served." See recipes inside Taste.



By Greg Stange

Enjoy squash stuffed with rice

STUFFED SQUASH

- 4 squash, such as acorn, sweet dumpling or delicata
- 1 cup long-grain rice
- 1 1/3 3/4-ounce can chicken broth
- 1/4 cup water
- 4 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
- 1 large leek, coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup silvered almonds, toasted
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 350° F. With a French chef knife, cut each squash in half (lengthwise) and remove seeds and membranes. Fill a large roasting pan with about 1/2 inch water. Place squash in water, cut-side down; cover pan with foil. Bake 45 minutes or until squash is soft and tender. Remove squash from water to cool slightly.

Meanwhile, in 2-quart saucepan over high heat, heat rice, chicken broth and water to boiling. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until rice is tender. In 10-inch skillet over medium heat, melt 1 tablespoon butter or margarine. Add leek; cook until tender; stirring occasionally.

Melt remaining 3 tablespoons butter.

With large spoon, scoop squash out of two squash halves; coarsely chop with a large paring knife. In large bowl combine cooked rice, remaining melted butter, leek mixture, chopped squash, almonds, salt and pepper. Toss to mix well. Fill remaining squash halves with rice mixture. Serves six.

Great Lakes Stuffed Squash: Substitute one 6-ounce box long grain and wild rice mix for rice above. Sauté 1 medium zucchini, chopped in remaining butter. Add mixture to above.

Texarkana Stuffed Squash: In remaining butter, cook 1 medium red bell pepper, seeded and chopped and 1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and chopped until tender. Stir into rice mixture with 1/2 pound hot Italian sausages, cooked and drained. Substitute toasted chopped pecans for almonds.

Pacific Northwest Stuffed Squash: Sauté 1 large cooking-apple, cored and chopped in remaining butter. Add to mixture above with 1/2 cup dried cherries. Substitute toasted chopped walnuts for almonds.

Recipe courtesy of Cutco.

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Most cookies, brownies and breads will freeze beautifully. Bring out your special holiday tins to fill with your homemade sweets as great gifts for guests!

Day 7 - Grocery Shopping. Beat the last minute grocery store frenzy and pick up all your dry goods such as paper products, coffee, tea, and canned and frozen items. Purchases items you may need for your table.

Day 8 - Table Display. Plan your holiday tabletop presentation. Arrange risers on the buffet table covered with additional pieces of festive holiday linen, thus creating different levels as a stage for your platters and bowls.

You can utilize phone books or boxes turned upside down on top of your base linen tablecloth to achieve this professional look. Empty boxes wrapped in holiday paper also may be used as risers or incorporated into centerpiece ideas.

Give some thought to your centerpiece. Will you need fresh flowers or prefer a holiday decoration? A beautiful glass bowl filled with ornaments is always quick, inexpensive and festive centerpiece. How about some fresh pine branches placed between risers with holiday ribbon cascaded about? Candles are always a nice touch, just be sure they are far away from the fresh pine and never left unattended.

Colors and textures will lend to your festive holiday tables. Think of your table as the stage and the food as the actors. Don't forget serving platters. Do you have enough of the proper sizes?

Day 5 - Cleaning. Gather your china, serving pieces and linen. Double check for cleanliness and don't forget to polish the silver. This is also a good day for starting some cleaning, and to find your favorite Christmas cards, cassettes and records.

Day 4 - Produce Shopping. The last place you want to be stuck on Christmas Eve is the grocery store. Go today and buy your fresh produce and dairy products. Don't forget the eggnog and cinnamon.

Day 3 - Special Order Shopping. Pick up your fresh meats and double check on any special orders for special items that you may have placed. Start processing vegetables, pick your green beans, cut your carrots and parsnips.

If you peel apples or potatoes in advance, make sure you store them in water with a little lemon juice to eliminate discoloration.

Day 2 - Let's Get Cooking! Get all your side dishes ready to go. Go ahead and blanch your vegetables and place them in reheating pans with a little salt, pepper and butter so that on Christmas Day all you need to do is reheat them in the oven or microwave and serve. You could also put a little water in the bottom of the pan and steam the veggies on the stovetop for a few seconds. Boil, mash, stir and bake.

If you can make sauces ahead of time - go for it! Clean lettuce and greens and store with a wet towel covering them. Clean and prep your roasts and turkey.

Season and rub meats with your favorite herbs and spices so they will be oven ready. Set the table and don't forget to be creative with some festive accent linen or pine branches.

Day 1 - Merry Christmas! Because you were a planner, you can leisurely roll out of bed to enjoy the spirit of Christmas. It's really not about food - it's about enjoying your family and close ones. Your table is set; your side dishes are ready to go, your silver is clean, plates set out, beverages all ready to be iced one hour before.

The only thing left to chance is to meet with family, and coordinate your meat preparation with mealtime so that all runs smoothly. Make sure children and non-kitchen participants do the clean up, as you should get time out for masterminding the entire successful holiday gathering!

The families of 2 Unique and Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go wish you health, happiness, prosperity, tranquility and kindred spirit for the New Year. And to all a good night!

Chef Kelli L. Lewton is owner of 2 Unique Caterers and Event Planners in Bloomfield Hills and Aunt Olive's Good Food 2 Go in Birmingham. Lewton is a graduate of Schoolcraft College's Culinary Arts program. Look for her column in Taste on the second Sunday of the month. See recipes inside.

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DAC soups warm up cold nights

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ROASTED DUMPLING SQUASH SOUP

- 2 cups dumpling squash
- Unsalted butter, as needed
- Salt and white pepper, to taste
- 1 cup Yukon Gold potatoes, diced
- 4 cups roasted vegetable stock (see recipe)
- 1 cup onions, diced
- 1 cup leeks, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 dash cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon celery salt
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 cup light cream
- cornstarch slurry, used as needed

Wash squash, cut into halves, and remove seeds and fibers. Wipe dry, brush with butter, and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place cut side down on sheet pan and bake in a 325°F oven 1 1/4 hours, or until tender. Remove from oven and allow to cool to room temperature.

Cook potatoes in water until tender. Drain and reserve. Remove flesh from squash, measure and add to blender with cooked potatoes. Puree until smooth.

Combine vegetable stock, onions, leeks, and garlic. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until vegetables are tender. Add squash-potato puree and seasonings. Continue to simmer.

Make a blond roux (3 tablespoons of unsalted butter melted and 3 tablespoons of flour). Bring soup back to a boil and add roux. Return to a boil and reduce heat. Simmer for 15-20 minutes. Finish with cream. Adjust consistency with slurry (equal amounts of cornstarch and water) and season to taste. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of Charlie Frurip, *soucier at the Detroit Athletic Club.*

VEGETABLE STOCK

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 1 large onion
 - 2 stalks celery, include leaves
 - 2 large carrots
 - 1 bunch green onions, chopped
 - 8 cloves minced garlic
 - 8 sprigs fresh flat-leaf parsley
 - 6 sprigs fresh thyme
 - 2 bay leaves, whole
 - 1 teaspoon kosher salt
 - 2 quarts water
- Chop scrubbed vegetables into 1-inch chunks. Heat oil in a stock pot. Add onions, celery, carrots, scallions, garlic, parsley, thyme and bay leaves.

Cook over high heat for 5 to 10 minutes, stirring frequently. Add salt and water and bring to a boil. Lower heat and simmer, uncovered for 1 hour. Strain. Discard vegetables.

Recipe compliments of DAC Soucier Charlie Frurip.

CORN AND CUMIN CHOWDER

- 3 quarts rich chicken stock (1 quart cold, 2 quarts hot)
- 2 pounds corn kernels
- 3 1/2 cups creamed corn, pureed
- 1/2 large onion, diced
- 3/4 cup green bell pepper, diced
- 3/4 cup red bell pepper, diced
- 1 1/2 jalapeno peppers, minced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 ounces unsalted butter
- 3/4 bunch scallions, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/4 teaspoon Mexican oregano
- 3/4 cup all-purpose flour
- Minors chicken base, to taste
- Salt and white pepper, to

taste

In a large stock pot melt the butter and "sweat" the onions, garlic and spices. Add flour and cook for 5 minutes over medium heat until flour cooks. Add stock, first the cold then the hot, stirring constantly. Bring to a boil. Add pureed creamed corn and corn kernels and simmer for 20 minutes. Add Jalapeno pepper and season to taste with chicken base, salt and white pepper.

Reserve bell peppers and scallions for garnish prior to serving. Serves 8.

Recipe compliments of DAC Soucier Charlie Frurip.

CRANBERRY RELISH "HUDSON VALLEY"

- 2 pounds cranberries
- 4 oranges, grated
- 2 lemons, grated
- 4 apples, chopped
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- 4 ounces brown sugar
- 12 ounces granulated sugar
- 2 ounces sherry, optional
- 1 ounce Madeira, optional

Chop 1/2 of cranberries (or you may "pulse" in a food processor). Add gratings and juice of oranges and lemons. Combine all ingredients and refrigerate.

Recipe compliments of DAC kitchen.

Enjoy these recipes from Kelli Lewton

Recipes courtesy of Kelli Lewton. See related column on Taste front.

SWEET POTATO POCKETS

- 1 cup cooked mashed sweet potatoes
- 3 tablespoons toasted chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup prepared fruit chutney of your choice
- 2 puff pastry sheets

Mash sweet potatoes and season with salt, pepper and pinch of cinnamon. Stir in pecans and chutney. Cut puff pastry sheets with 2 1/2 inch circles with cookie cutter. Place a small teaspoon of filling, fold over and add egg, wash the top. Bake on cookie sheet at 350° F for 12-18 minutes until golden brown. Yield 36 pieces.

GINGERED HONEY SOY PORK LOIN STUFFED WITH FIGS

- 1 tablespoon butter or olive oil
- 1 large onion (diced)
- 1/2 cup Turkish apricots
- 1 1/2 cup white and dark figs (quartered)
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 pork loin (trimmed)
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/4 cup teriyaki sauce
- 1/4 cup light soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons fresh ginger (grated)
- 1/4 cup sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon fresh garlic (chopped)
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/8 cup honey

Sauté onions for 1-2 minutes, add figs and brown sugar, then sauté an additional 2 minutes. set aside

Clean pork loin. Mix remaining ingredients (marinate). Using steel or flat thin knife, cut pocket into whole pork loin, and stuff with fig mixture. Marinate over night. Roast at 450°F for 10 minutes, then reduce heat to 325°F and cook for approximately 18-25 minutes.

ALMOND BISCOTTI

- 1/2 cup of butter
- 2 cups of all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups of almond meal or fine ground almonds
- 1 beaten egg yolk
- 1 tablespoons milk
- 1 cup of coating chocolate

In a large bowl, beat butter till soft. Add half the flour and combine. Add sugar, eggs, baking powder and vanilla. Beat till combined. Add almond or pecan meal. Combine. Shape into a log on a parchment lined cookie sheet, approximately 9 inches long, 4 inches wide and 1 1/2 inches high. Combine yolk and milk. Brush onto loaf. Bake at 375°F for 25 minutes. Cool on cookie sheet for 30 minutes. Cut loaf along the width diagonally into 1/2- inch thick slices. Lay slices cut side down on parchment lined cookie sheet. Bake at 325° F for 8 minutes. Turn over and bake for 8-10 minutes till dry and crisp. Cool completely. In double boiler, melt chocolate coating. Dip tip of biscotti in chocolate.

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MEDICAL BRIEFS

Toys for Tots

Children throughout Michigan are making their lists and checking them twice, but Santa needs your help! The 54th Toys for Toys Campaign is well under way bringing needy children toys at Christmas.

This year, the Michigan Chiropractic Society and family chiropractor Dr. Barry Hobbs are joining the Marine Corps in asking for your generous help in making children's dreams come true. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Michigan Specific Chiropractic, 7276 N. Sheldon, Canton through Thursday, Dec. 13.

For more information, contact Dr. Hobbs at (734) 416-2442.

Quit smoking

Three million people die worldwide each year as a result of smoking, according to the American Cancer Society.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia is helping their community avoid this statistic by holding a series of 2-hour sessions to help smokers break their addiction. The sessions will be held over a 4-week period and cover the effects of smoking, what to expect when quitting, coping techniques and strategies for remaining smoke-free.

Sessions will be held 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30, in West Addition B of the hospital. Participants are asked to pre-register by calling (734) 655-8940 or (800) 494-1650 for out-of-area callers.

U-M diabetes event

The University of Michigan Health System and CVS/pharmacy will offer a free Diabetes Health Care seminar 5-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 10, at the Holiday Inn North Campus on Plymouth Road in Ann Arbor (just off U.S. 23).

People with diabetes and their family or other caregivers will have the opportunity to talk with UMHS diabetes experts, learn about a special CVS program, and browse displays by makers of different diabetes-related equipment and products. New treatments, diabetes research results and blood sugar monitoring approaches will be discussed. Registered dietitians will give personal diet consultations, and there will be raffles for several prizes.

Among the speakers will be two of the U-M's top diabetes experts, Dr. William Herman and Dr. Robert Lash, both of the Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism.

For more information, contact Rosemary Schuett at (734) 332-2578.

Mobility loss study

Forty-nine million Americans have limited ability doing a basic activity of daily life. Mobility loss - difficulty walking - is the leading cause. It affects 16 million people. While the physical aspects of new disabilities get much attention, less is given to the social and long-term experiences.

A new National Institutes of Health study seeks information about the physical and emotional aspects of mobility loss in order to better understand, manage and treat this problem. Volunteers are needed from age 42-69 who use a wheelchair, scooter, cane, walker or brace. Participants receive \$35 for completing interviews. There are no invasive tests, and interviewers travel to participants' locations. All information is kept strictly confidential.

For more information, call (313) 993-7320 and ask for Mobility Study.

We want your health news

There are several ways you can reach the Observer Health & Fitness staff. The Sunday section provides numerous venues for you to offer newsworthy information including Medical Datebook (upcoming calendar events), Medical Newsmakers (appointments/new hires in the medical field), and Medical Briefs (medical advances, short news items from hospitals, physicians, companies).

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Happy holidays...

MAYBE

Learn to keep stress out of your holiday season



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Are you ready to knock that partridge right out of the pear tree? Do you want to turn the lights out, pull the covers over your head and set the alarm for Jan. 2, 2002?

If you're someone who wants to skip the entire holiday season, you're not alone. And guess what? You're not a Scrooge.

"I think there are a lot of people who have an enormous amount of trepidation when it comes to the holidays," said Michael Ware, senior staff psychologist, McAuley Mental Health Services in Ann Arbor.

Deciding at which in-laws you'll spend Christmas, how to deal with over-spending and who gets the kids for the holidays all contribute to holiday stress. Throw in last-minute shopping, overeating and drinking, a bit of loneliness and you have the ingredients for an emotional meltdown.

"Nobody every stops therapy over the holidays," said Mary Bleyaert, a psychotherapist with Evergreen Counseling Center in Westland. "It's the only time of the year that people are forced to confront those family relationships that they don't deal with on a regular basis."

Expectations

For some people, the holidays can be a set-up for disappointment, said Ware.

"If you grew up with happy memories, these can be embellished over time. Your present situation may not live up to your past memories."

Conversely, if your childhood memories are unpleasant, the holidays can confirm that nothing has changed for the better, he added. "Your present experience can be a reminder of previous, painful times. You say, 'I dread Christmas. Here it comes again.'"

Be realistic about family problems, say mental health experts.

"We all have visions of Hallmark families in mind," said Jeanne Mathieu-Dendrinis, clinical supervisor, Eastwood Clinic, Livonia. "We don't live in Hallmark families. We live in ordinary families."

Most people already in therapy do not look forward to the holidays, she said. "People tend to get back into the dynamics of how they used to respond to certain family members."

Mathieu-Dendrinis frequently has her clients rehearse how they'll deal with difficult family members.

"You are in charge of how you act," she said. "You can behave appropriately even when someone is inappropriate. You can always excuse yourself when the interaction becomes inappropriate. We rehearse exiting an uncomfortable situation so they feel more confident going into it. They learn to realize 'I am a capable person.'"

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Psychologist Dorothy Cantor, former president of the American Psychological Association and a private practitioner in Westfield, N. J., suggests another strategy: avoidance.

"If you have bad feelings about someone, try and avoid him or her and not make an issue of it but don't pretend that all is well. This will enable you to feel true to yourself and less stressed out," she said.

Money

Establish a realistic family budget and explore ways to give without spending money. Try exchanging favors, such as offering to paint a friend or relative's bathroom, install a ceiling fan or baby-sit the children for a weekend, said Mathieu-Dendrinis. "It's giving, but it's not materialistic."

Children's expectations for certain gifts also figure in money-related stress, she warned. "If they don't get just the right item, you deal with post-holiday blues." The antidote is for parents to focus on a different kind of giving, such as spending time doing family activities - skiing, sledding, making ornaments - or volunteering within the community.

"The holidays can focus on being together, with parents and grandparents talking about when they were young. That's the real holiday," said Mathieu-Dendrinis.

When it's more than holiday blues ...

For most people, the holiday blues are seasonal, but, for some, true symptoms of depression arise that cannot be ignored. Seek professional help if you experience any of the following symptoms:

- Loss of interest in activities you typically enjoy.
- Not taking care of yourself: not eating or bathing, reluctance to leave the house or even get out of bed.
- Oversleeping or not sleeping enough.
- Overeating beyond the typical holiday excess.
- Overdrinking.
- Rapid mood swings; unusual irritability.
- Thoughts of self-harm or harming others.

Unhealthy eating proves by-product of Sept. 11 for a few

About 20 percent of Americans have made unhealthy changes in the way they eat in wake of the events of Sept. 11, according to a new survey commissioned by the American Institute of Cancer Research.

"We've been hearing a lot about how the stress, grief and anxiety that accompanied the attacks inspired 'sweeping shifts' in the way Americans eat, but these numbers don't quite bear that out," said Melanie Polk, director of nutrition education at AICR. "Instead, most Americans told us they have not made any changes in how much they eat or which foods they choose."

However, those who have made changes have done so in ways that may impact their long-term health.

Almost 20 percent of those surveyed said they were eating more "comfort foods" like mashed potatoes and gravy, fried chicken and macaroni and cheese. About 13 percent were eating richer, heartier foods like steak, stews and lasagna. Sugar cravings are also on the rise, with 19 percent saying they're eating more desserts and ice cream.

Such foods tend to be high in fat and calories and low in nutrients. These meals also lack the protective potential of phytochemicals, natural substances found in plant foods that have been shown to fight cancer and other diseases.

Cantor suggests parents tell the child that they, along with Santa Claus, will try to choose the most suitable present. "Children have to learn that their wish is not someone's command and to curb their desires for instant gratification."

Many families include giving to charity in their holiday budget. However, because tragedy is especially poignant during this time, certain associations asking for money take advantage of our vulnerability, said Ware.

"You feel both touched and manipulated by the numerous requests. Some people feel very pressured to respond. You must realize there are limitations to your ability to respond to humanitarian causes."

Other issues

"For people who are in recovery for alcohol-related problems, it's very difficult to stay focused on recovery, especially when family and co-workers can drink responsibly," said Mathieu-Dendrinis.

Mental health experts offer the following suggestions if alcohol is an escalating problem during the holidays:

- Arrive late for parties and leave early.
- Attend a party with a friend who will help monitor your alcohol intake.
- Drink only non-alcoholic drinks.
- Nurse one drink all evening and keep it in hand to ward off suggestions to "have another drink."

Another factor of holiday stress is loneliness, especially for those who have lost a loved one either through death or divorce. The holidays are the time for tapping into a network of family and friends, said Ware.

"Sometimes it means accepting as many invitations as possible."

Conversely, it's OK to avoid some festivities if they're so out of sync with how you're feeling, said Cantor. "If you are in this situation, try and articulate what you need from those around you - since they may not know how to help you - and ask for their understanding if you decline to engage in an activity."

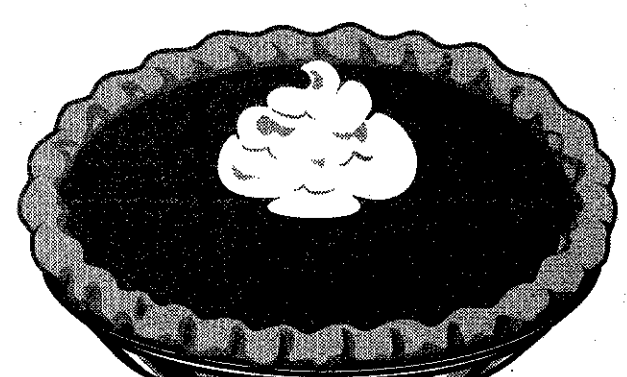
Validation

It's an old adage, but there's no such thing as perfection - especially when it comes to the holidays. If you're prone to go into a cleaning frenzy, tackle one kitchen counter at a time, said Bleyaert. "Then watch some television and clean the other counter tomorrow."

Above all, validate yourself, do some internal nurturing.

"Give yourself permission to think and feel, said Bleyaert. "Decide what you want to deal with this holiday season, what kind of Christmas you want. And be assertive about that."

Eastwood Clinic, 17250 Farmington Road, Livonia, (734) 425-4070; McAuley Mental Health Services, 2006 Hogback Road, Ann Arbor, (734) 207-2400; Evergreen Counseling Center, Westland, (734) 261-2172.



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Experts concerned

Dr. John Foreyt and his colleagues at the Behavioral Medicine Center at Houston's Baylor College of Medicine study how emotional responses impact patterns of food consumption. He believes the results of the AICR survey are dismaying, but understandable.

"When we are anxious or fearful, we fall back to foods we associate with times of lowest stress - that is, with childhood."

But Foreyt is less inclined than Polk to see any positive message in the survey's findings. "It's true that about 80 percent of the country hasn't been affected, but if 20 percent are eating more high-fat, high-calorie foods, that's still over 56 million people. And I'm shocked that we're still seeing the effects now, over two months after the attacks."

Both Foreyt and Polk warn

that any move toward high-fat, high-calorie foods should be a temporary one. If such foods continue to make up a significant part of the diet, they say, serious health implications may arise down the road, including heart disease, cancer, stroke, obesity and diabetes.

Polk is particularly concerned that the timing of the attacks may make it easier for unhealthy changes in eating behavior to hang around. The holiday season is traditionally a time of indulgence, and, for many, modest weight gain.

"It appears that about one-fifth of us got an early start on holiday eating this year," she said. "And that's why we're advising people to become aware of what they're eating, and why they're eating it. If you realize that the reason you're eating has less to do with hunger and more to do with anxiety or sadness or

boredom, it's easier to put on the brakes."

Restraint

Polk reaffirmed her belief that there was plenty of good news in the AICR survey. "Several people told us they had made unhealthy changes in what they eat, but the message is clear that most Americans haven't greatly altered how they eat and how they live."

Fully 90 percent of Americans said they were eating the same amount of food they had always eaten. Only 4 percent of those surveyed said they were eating more, and 6 percent said they were eating less.

Snacking, a behavior widely believed to rise in times of stress, has remained largely unaffected. Only 6 percent said they were snacking more, while 6 percent said they were less likely to eat between meals.

Overall, 87 percent of American said their snacking behavior has not changed.

A similar 87 percent said they were getting just as much physical activity as always, while 7 percent said they were exercising more, and 5 percent said they were exercising less.

Following the attacks, there were widely circulated stories about increases in bar patronage and home alcohol consumption. Yet in the AICR survey, only 2 percent of Americans said they were actually drinking more. Nearly 6 percent said they were drinking less, and 76 percent said they were drinking exactly as much as they had before the attacks. (Non-drinkers accounted for the missing 16 percent.)

Conducted for AICR by International Communications Research, the survey involved 1,003 adults 18 years or older chosen at random.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

UPCOMING

ARTHRITIS SELF-HELP

The Arthritis Foundation will host a self-help course 12:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Dec. 12 at Southeast Rehabilitation & Physical Therapy, 26771 West 12 Mile, Suite 103, Southfield. The three week course will meet for two hours to discuss how to talk to your doctor, nutritional habits, depression, exercise, etc. Cost is \$25 for registrant; \$5 for companion. Call (800) 968-3030 or (248) 424-9001 ext. 39.

TOPS

Need help with holiday eating? Join a Take Off Pounds Sensibly support group. TOPS #29 meets 6 p.m. every Tuesday at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call Marie at (734) 762-0386.

TOYS FOR TOTS

The Michigan Chiropractic Society and family chiropractor Dr. Barry Hobbs are joining the U.S. Marine Corps in the 54th Toys for Tots Campaign. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy to Michigan Specific Chiropractic, 7276 N. Sheidon, Canton, through Thursday, Dec. 13. Call (734) 416-2442.

TUES, DEC. 11

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

The Marian Women's Center at St. Mary Mercy Hospital will host a breast cancer support group 7-9 p.m. The group of survivors address topics and concerns of women with breast cancer. Call (734) 655-1100.

POSTPARTUM SUPPORT

A certified lactation specialist

talks about post-partum period of adjustment. Infants welcome 10-11 a.m. in the West Addition B. Call (734) 655-1100.

ONGOING GRIEF SUPPORT

Angela Hospice of Livonia offers ongoing grief support for people who have lost a loved one. The groups, which are free-of-charge and open to the community, meet at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Call Ruth Favor, bereavement coordinator, at (734) 464-7810.

WED, DEC. 12

ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE

The public is invited to attend the Oakwood Complimentary & Alternative Medicine Center Open House 5-7 p.m. at Oakwood Healthcare Center - North Westland, 36555 Warren, Westland. Guest will meet the physicians and staff, experience "mini-massages," and learn about yoga, acupuncture and other non-Western medical techniques.

MON, DEC. 17

HOLIDAY BLUES

Learn how to prevent the holiday blues at a special seminar offered by St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, 6-7:30 p.m. in West Addition Conference Room B. Pre-registration requested. Call (734) 655-2944.

SAT, DEC. 22

SANTA CLAUS

Maple Manor of Wayne, a senior retirement community, will offer free pictures with Santa Claus noon to 3 p.m. at 3999 Venoy, Wayne. Optional donations will

benefit the Senior Home Chore Program. Call (734) 727-0440.

WED, JAN. 2

MENOPAUSE

Join the Menopause Support Group St. Mary Hospital in Livonia 7-9 p.m. and share concerns about menopause, mid-life issues and health-related matters. The group meets in West Addition B. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615 (for out-of-town callers).

JAN. 3, 7-11 & 14

STOP SMOKING

The City of Livonia will sponsor its annual "Stop Smoking" clinic conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver 7:30-9 p.m. at the Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile, east of Farmington, Livonia. No set fee is charged, although donations are accepted. The smoker who is serious about quitting needs to attend all seven sessions. Call (734) 466-2540.

JAN. 5, 12, 19, 26

YOGA FOR MEN

Instructor Michael Rice will offer a series of four yoga classes designed for men of all levels of life experiences 2-4:30 p.m. at Namaste Yoga, 31154 Haggerty Road, Farmington Hills. This course introduces the fundamentals of yoga as an effective process for living the modern multi-tasking world. \$100 for all four sessions. Gift certificates available. Call (248) 788-8388.

TUES, JAN. 8

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St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will host the Breast Cancer Support Group 7-9 p.m. in West Addition B. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615 (for out-of-town callers).

POSTPARTUM

St. Mary Hospital will host the Mother-Baby Postpartum Support group 10-11 a.m. in West Addition B. Mothers and babies are encouraged to attend this group as a certified lactation consultant will discuss the postpartum period of adjustment. Call (734) 655-1100 or 1-800-494-1615 (for out-of-town callers).

WED, JAN 16

DYSLEXIA AND MATH

W.H. Weidlich, director of the Michigan Dyslexia Institute, will discuss the structure of story problems and strategies for solutions 7-9 p.m. at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute - Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Materials available for sale. Call (248) 737-0044.

JAN. 16 & 23

ALZHEIMER'S

St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will present a free, two-part workshop on Alzheimer's Disease covering solutions and behaviors to home and residential care 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 16 and 23, in the Auditorium. For more information or to register, call (734) 655-8940.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Still going strong at a young 94 years, Christmas Seals continue as an American holiday tradition. Begun in 1907 as a means of raising money in the fight against tuberculosis, this American Lung Association campaign presses on. In this new century, medical research now turns its attention to asthma and other chronic lung diseases.

One of the programs being funded is a new study that reveals that flu shots are safe for people with asthma. The study, conducted by the American Lung Association's Asthma Clinical Research Centers Network, puts to rest previous concerns about possible dangerous side effects of the flu shot in people with asthma.

The new study, published in the Nov. 22, 2001 issue of The New England Journal of Medicine, has important health implications, because influenza causes substantial illness in both children and adults with asthma.

"This study shows for the first time that the influenza vaccine is safe to use for children and adults with asthma, regardless of the severity of their asthma," said Alina Pabin, asthma manager, American Lung Association of Michigan. "If everyone with asthma gets a flu shot this year, we can prevent millions of asthma attacks, many of which would have been severe and

resulted in hospitalizations." According to recent data, 26 million Americans have been diagnosed with asthma in their lifetime, and 8.6 million are under the age of 18. Asthma in itself has been referred to as an epidemic. It is vitally important that people learn how to manage the disease.

Every dollar donated to the

American Lung Association of Michigan through Christmas Seals is used to further its ultimate goal - the prevention of lung disease and the promotion of lung health.

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If you have arthritis in your arms, and you note that you are experiencing difficulty lifting packages, groceries, grandchildren, and opening doors, you have reason to be concerned. People with arthritis can develop a muscle condition - called polymyositis - that only adds to their woes and bring on the need for more medicine, including high doses of steroids.

Fortunately, there is only a remote chance you have this additional condition. The usual reason for weakness of the arms in arthritis, is loss of mechanical advantage. The hand, wrist, elbow, and shoulder joints work together as levers. The biceps, and wrist extensor and flexor muscles anchor in a way that makes it possible to move the joints in efficient ways. If you have arthritis, particularly rheumatoid arthritis, the joints lose their ability to move with the leverage nature intended.

As a result, you feel both pain and weakness. Pain occurs because muscles strain to perform daily tasks such as putting on clothes and boots. Also, you find you can no longer lift objects or carry suitcases as you once did. You interpret this loss of carrying capacity as weakness. Really, your arms are doing their best given that their ability as levers is impaired.

The weakness and pain continue even when the arthritis is under control as there is no way to resolve prior damage. Fortunately, you don't become progressively weaker until you reach the point of being crippled. In time, your muscles, joints, and understanding of your capacity merge into a practical relationship. You learn what you can carry and what you should not. Accommodation is a matter of experience, not more medicine.

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More than 536,000 seniors in the United States are scrambling to find new doctors or new coverage because their health plans terminated their Medicare Managed-care services, according to a Nonrenewal Report issued by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services for the year 2002.

Among the hardest hit are seniors in California (84,000), Florida (59,000), Pennsylvania (55,000), New Jersey (53,000), Texas (46,000), and Michigan (31,000) who will be losing coverage in the coming year. Even those with continuing coverage face substantial premium hikes and dwindling drug benefits.

Particularly hard hit will be those with chronic illnesses such as respiratory disease.

Limited reimbursement

Though all seniors 65 and older are covered by Medicare, those enrolled in managed-care programs agree to see doctors within a limited network and receive additional benefits, such as preventative care and prescription drug coverage.

The current coverage crisis stems from rising delivery costs and limited government reim-

bursement, as doctors and hospitals increasingly balk at seeing Medicare HMO patients, since they aren't sufficiently reimbursed for their services.

Premiums for seniors retaining Medicare HMO coverage are expected to spike while benefits dwindle in the coming year. Even seniors with Medigap policies will be affected. Medigap policies A through J, for instance, have minimum standard benefit packages, and the H, I and J plans covering prescriptions have annual drug caps ranging from \$1,250 to \$2,000.

Help available

For the 30 million Americans with Chronic Obstruction Pulmonary Disease - such as asthma, emphysema or cystic fibrosis, collectively the fourth leading cause of death in the United States - help is available. Geriatric Services of America, based in Tempe, Ariz., provides direct help and support to older Americans suffering from COPD. Through its Respiratory Disease Control Program, GSA provides access to a comprehensive range of special medication benefits, as well as support and homecare services, which eliminates out-

of-pocket expenses for patients with primary or supplemental insurance coverage.

Through GSA's patient support center, nebulizers and respiratory medication are provided and paid for with free home delivery. GSA handles all paperwork, and clinical patient-care coordinators work with doctors and insurance companies once a patient has enrolled in the Respiratory Disease Control Program.

Patients can enroll themselves in the program; there is nothing to buy and no enrollment or membership fees.

Provider support

Currently, Medicare, AARP, Blue Cross, Blue Shield and over 180 other insurers have special benefits for patients with respiratory disease. GSA provides access to these benefits and coordinates all elements of care to help patients, doctors and insurance companies combat respiratory disease.

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Easy freeway access brings homes closer

Hometown Village of Marion off D-19 (Pinckney Road) south of I-96 (Exit 137) in Marion Township might seem far away from the western and northern suburbs here.

But with quick and easy access to the freeway, a variety of available floor plans and many prices starting at less than \$200,000, the single-family site condominium community may get quite a few looks from prospective buyers.

Delcor Homes will build 267 residences there. (Hometown Village has no affiliation with this newspaper group.)

"It's definitely affordable," said Joel Finnell, on-site building superintendent for Delcor.

"Our ISO, quality control and document control, make it nice from a construction standpoint. It provides a road map for all construction. It ensures consistency as well as superior quality," Finnell added.

"Architecturally, we're unique the way we capture the Eastern Seaboard flavor out here," he said.

"Our interiors are unique, not run-of-the-mill," said Brenda Reiser, sales representative. "We appeal to everyone."

"We build a neighborhood, not just a subdivision," she said. "We build a lifestyle. We have a pool and fitness center. We have a park with a soccer field and basketball court. We're putting in a toddler playscape as well."

"We have six floor plans, each with three different elevations. That's 18 homes you can potentially see in here. We don't have a cookie-cutter appearance," Reiser said.

Livingston County near I-96

"You have all the conveniences of Livingston County and you're seconds from I-96," Finnell added.

Those conveniences include a couple of Metroparks (Huron Meadows and Kensington) and state recreation areas (Brighton and Island Lake.)

"We're getting first-time homebuyers, first bump up and some empty nesters coming down," Reiser said.

Four colonials and two ranch plans are available.

They range in price from \$174,900 for a colonial of 1,280 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths to \$202,900 for a colonial of 1,865 square feet with three bedrooms and 2-1/2 baths.

All plans offer gathering room space in the main living area as an option for



Hometown Village: Several different models, plus a pool and fitness center, are available to buyers in this Delcor community.

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from \$6,175 to \$8,250. Basements can be finished - full bath, wet bar, bedroom and family room - for \$26,000.

All six plans include at base price two-car garage, basement with two daylight windows, first-floor laundry, vinyl floor covering and carpeting, dishwasher and volume ceilings in upstairs bedrooms.

A fireplace with built-in entertainment center (\$3,990) and air conditioning (\$3,450) are extra. Vinyl siding is the primary exterior material.

The town hall includes fitness center with exercise equipment and an outdoor swimming pool.

What you can see

Five models have been constructed, all with the enlarged gathering space.

The Oxford, a colonial with 1,350 square feet, contains a family room, dining area and kitchen with pass-through wall to the gathering space.

The master has a walk-in closet and shower. A second full bath serves two other bedrooms.

Base price, with unfinished basement, no extras in the home not including landscaping but with the super gathering space, is \$181,075.

The Wellington, a colonial of 1,750 square feet, contains many of the same elements as the Oxford on the lower level. The step-down master has two walk-in closets and a shower. Two sec-

ondary bedrooms and bath are up.

Base price is \$203,150.

The Stratford, a colonial, is the largest home at 2,040 square feet. This plan features a den, great room, dining area and keeping room off the kitchen that can be used as a breakfast nook, play station or mom's cove.

The master contains a walk-in and wall closet, built-in dressing vanity and shower. Two other bedrooms and a bath are up.

Base price is \$211,150.

The Essex, a colonial of 1,680 square feet also features a step-down master with shower and walk in closet. The main living area more dramatically separates the great room from the kitchen/dining area.

Base price is \$193,150.

The Wexford, a ranch of 1,475 square feet, features a den, great room, dining area, master with shower, a second bedroom and a full bath.

Base price is \$197,100.

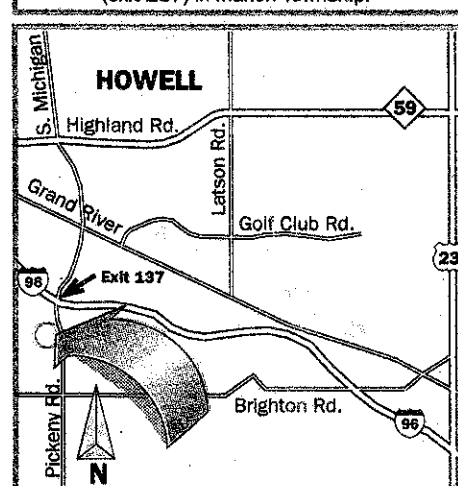
Lots in the community carry a premium ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 (walk-out) with most in the \$5,000-\$6,000 range.

Hometown Village of Marion is served by Howell city water, sewers and sidewalks. It's within the Howell school boundaries.

The property tax rate is \$19.93 per \$1,000 of state taxable value, half of sales price for new construction. That

HOMETOWN VILLAGE OF MARION

On D-19 (Pinckney Rd.) south of I-96 (exit 137) in Marion Township.



means the owners of a \$200,000 home there would pay about \$2,000 the first year.

The monthly association fee, which includes maintenance of the fitness center, pool, trash removal and snow plowing, is \$51.

The sales office/models at Hometown Village of Marion, (517) 540-1300, is open 1-6 p.m. weekdays, noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, closed Thursdays.



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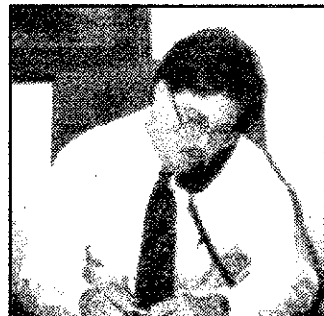
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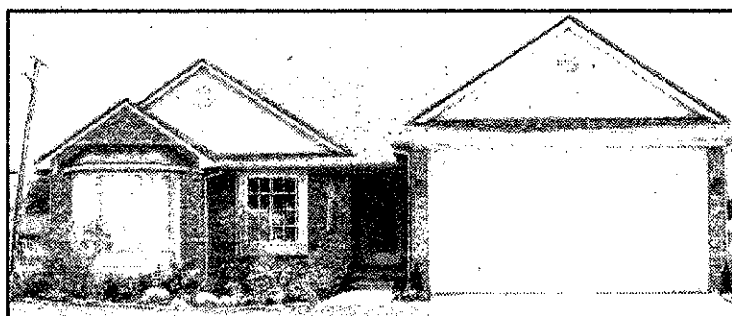
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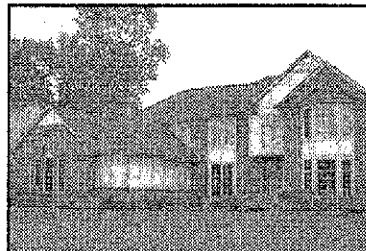
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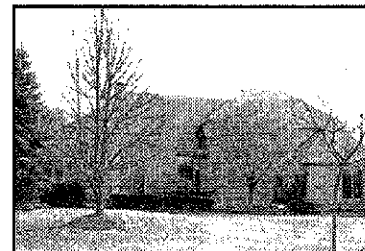
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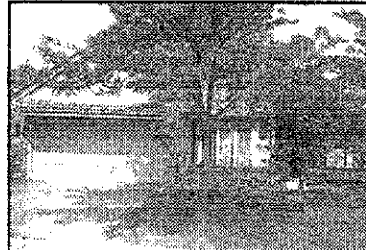
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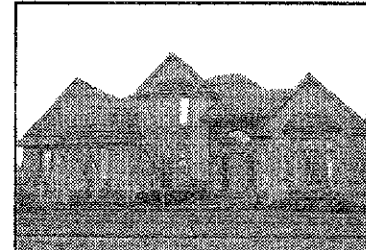
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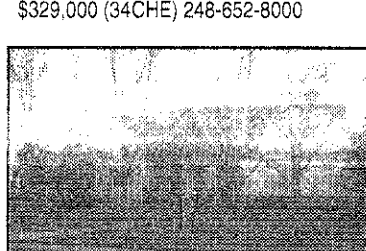
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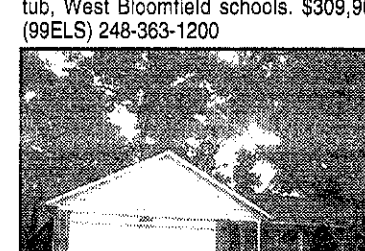
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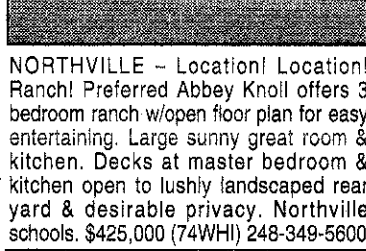
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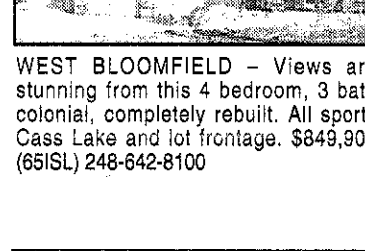
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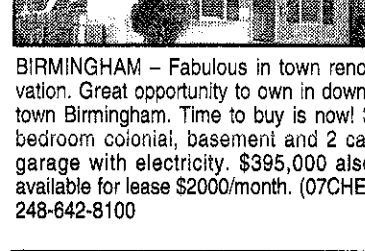
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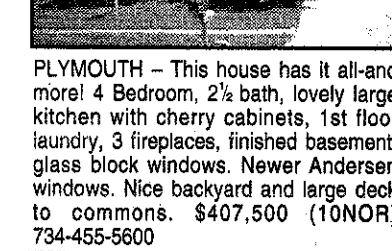
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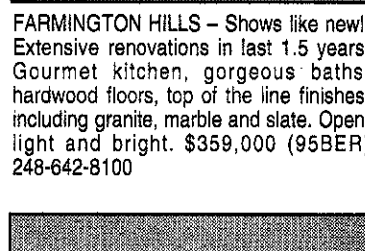
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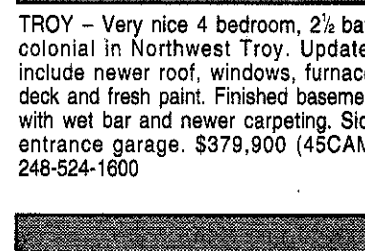
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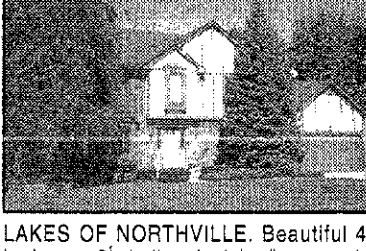
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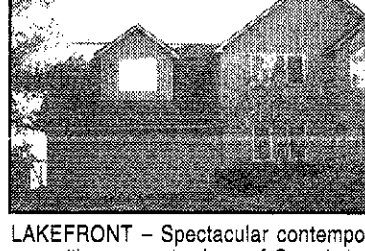
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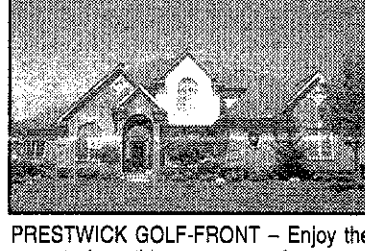
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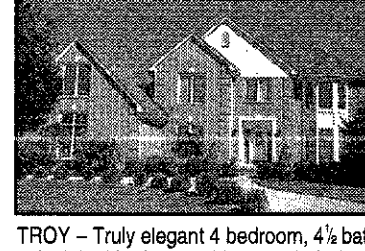
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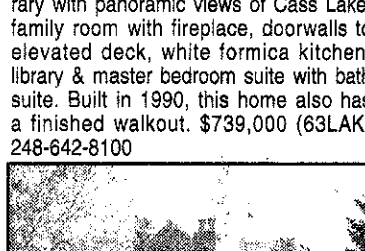
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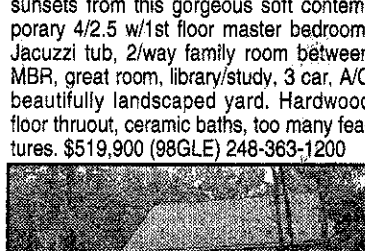
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The front door of the Tatton has windows that surround the frame, inviting guests to enter. To the right of the entry is the formal dining room with its beautifully conceived bay windows. It opens into the kitchen. The L-shaped cabinets end in a pantry, while

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Entering the master suite through French doors finds a large open suite with the master bath and closet at the rear of the Tatton.

The master bath has his-and-her sinks, a spa tub, shower and walk-in closet.

With the way the stairs are located, it would be easy to add a basement should one be needed. It would also be easy to add another space to the garage as it is on the end of the building with a different roofline.

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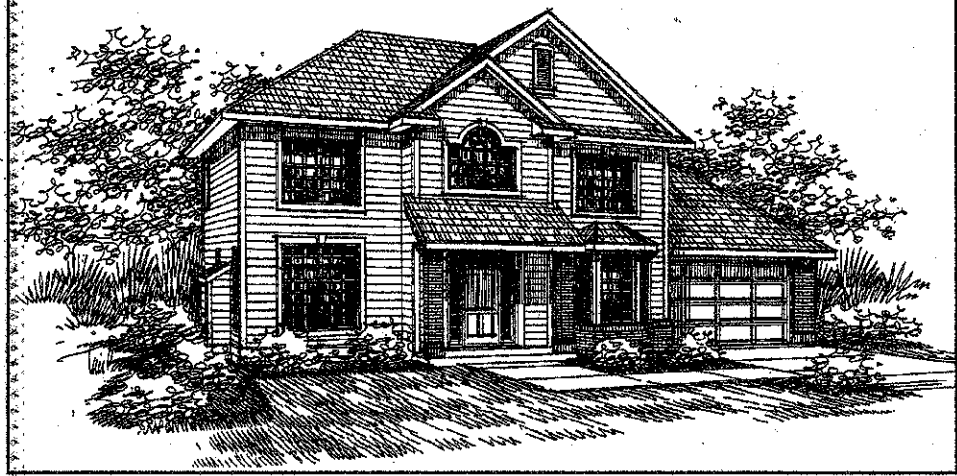
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3 bedroom ranch in a great location. Family room with natural stone fireplace hardwood floors and downhill. New carpet in living room. Kitchen has new cabinets & ceramic. newer vinyl siding and most windows too. Private back yard, patio & 2.5 car garage. \$214,900

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3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, charming 2 story farmhouse! Numerous updates: kitchen and baths, roof, siding, refinished hardwood floors, over-sized septic system, drive and sod, 2 fireplaces, sunroom with study. Large deck with hot tub and pool, private yard. \$370,000

Whisperwood Subdivision - 42410 Steepleview
Wonderful 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2500 sq. ft. colonial. Amenities include: French doors, crown moldings, new woodwork, six panel doors, bay window, hardwood floor, new kitchen cupboards, ceramic counter, ceramic floor, updated lav, wainscoting, built-in cabinets. Plus new glass front door, furnace, central air and outside lighting. Fabulous deck. Immaculate. \$324,900

Whisperwood Subdivision - 49070 Steepleview
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2505 sq. ft. colonial. Family room, dining room, library, large family room with fireplace and newer carpet, hardwood floors in foyer, and kitchen area, master bedroom and bath. Newer furnace, central air, paint, stove, dishwasher, Private back yard, patio with retractable awning and gas grill. \$319,900

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Fabulous 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial. Custom kitchen, many updates. Deck w/hot tub. \$244,900

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1700 sq ft, 2 1/2 story, 3 bedrooms, fin basement, 2nd story porch, 2 car garage. \$175,000

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It Is Just A Negotiating Technique

Many buyers feel that it doesn't hurt anything to see if you might take substantially less than you are asking. If you will, the buyer has saved some money with this approach. If you won't, the buyer can always increase his or her offer.

It Is All The Buyer Can Afford

Some buyers want to buy more than they can afford. This is not unusual. In this case, the buyer is doing all her or she can do to buy your house. You may not choose to accept the offer, but you should understand that the offer was not intended to offend you.

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- snail's pace (2 wds.)
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- Three make up a bsp.
- Sounds from Mary's pet
- Sheep
- Wino's
- Like smiling eyes
- Very sharp
- Dist. of many ingredients
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- Summiser
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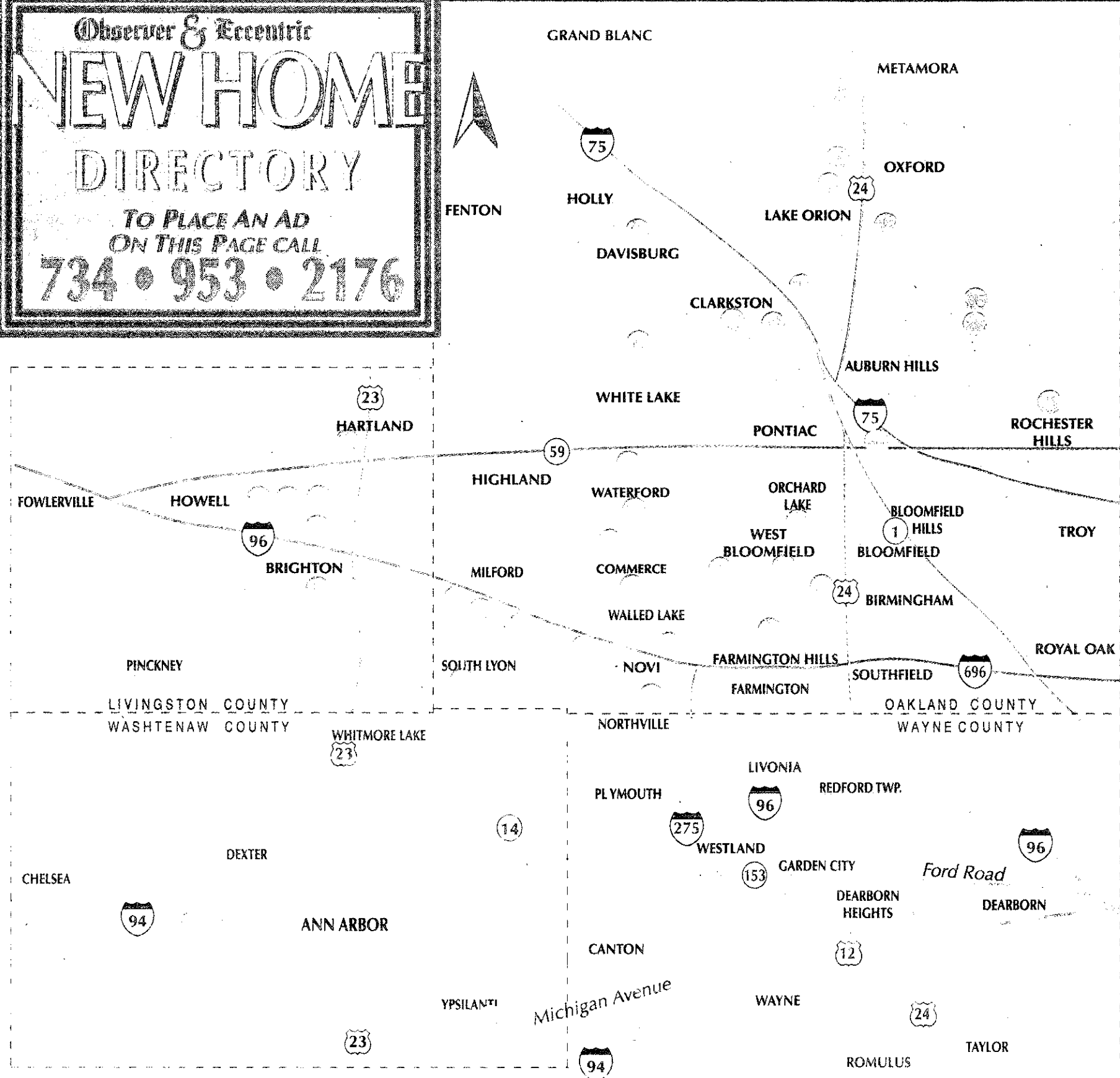
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07 less with Olds Loyalty



Deep tinted glass, ext. elec. heated mirrors, wide-side body, locking rear diff., Vortec 6000 V8 SFI gas eng., full feature bucket seats, AM/FM stereo w/CD & cass., snow plow prep prov., HD trailering equip., leather seating surfaces, 6-way pwr. driver/pass seat, OnStar comm. sys. Stock #01-5842

— WAS \$36,046.00 —

GM Price ~~\$28,025~~
Retail Price **\$29,993**

2001 SONOMA EXT CAB PU-3RD DR
07 less with Olds Loyalty



Deep tinted glass, 60/40 front split bench seat, wide-side body, Vortec four speed automatic trans., air, cast alum. wheels, stereo radio w/CD, cncv. Stock #01-6383

— WAS \$26,230.00 —

GM Price ~~\$13,587~~
Retail Price **\$14,587**

2002 YUKON XL 1/2 TON 4WD
07 less with Olds Loyalty



Second row bucket seats, side-step running boards, power sunroof, Vortec 5300, 4-spd. auto trans., alum. wheels, SLT decor, ultrasoft front leather, AM/FM/CD/cass., rear seat auto controls, OnStar. Stock #02-5517

GM Price ~~\$38,170~~
Retail Price **\$39,947**

GMS Lease ~~\$520~~
Retail Lease **\$535**

2002 BRAVADA AWD
07 less with Olds Loyalty



Heated front seats, Vortec 4200 SFI I6, four speed automatic transmission, turn signals, travel note, OnStar, four wheel disc brakes, steering wheel radio controls. Stock #02-1060

GM Price ~~\$31,002~~
Retail Price **\$32,006**

GMS Lease ~~\$407~~
Retail Lease **\$427**

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Mint condition. Leather. Loaded. Low miles. Power roof, chrome wheels & much more.
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Cherry Red, leather heated seats, chrome wheels, power roof, all options.
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8 passenger LS, chrome wheels. Graphics package, all power.
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'99 YUKON SLE 4x4
4 door. Hunter Green. All power. Ready for snow.
\$18,995

'99 NEON SPORT
6 to choose. Auto, air, CD, sunroof, spoiler. Starting at
\$4,995

'99 SUNFIRE
4 to choose from. Great winter rides. Great gas mileage. Auto, air. Starting at
\$5,995

'93 TRANSPORT
Must see this one. It's a pet of Gold. Free Warranty for Christmas.
\$4,995 - WOW!

'95 WINDSTAR GL
Midnight Blue, auto, air, ready for your family. Lots of room to place your Christmas gifts.
\$5,995

'99 SILHOUETTE GL
GM Certified 4 door, all power, White Beauty. Like new out of the box. Factory Warranty.
\$14,995

'99 OLDS ALERO
GM Certified Black Beauty. 4 door w/leather. Only 23k miles. Must see. Factory Warranty. All power, CD & cassette. Was **\$13,900** Now **\$11,400**

'99 SIERRA 4x4
6 to choose Ext. cab 3rd door, V8, auto, all power. Come get yours. Now Was **\$21,995** **\$18,995**

Santa's Favorite

'99 EXPEDITION 4x4 XLT
Leather, loaded, 3rd row seating. V8 all power.
Was **\$22,495** Now **\$19,495**

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5825 Highland Rd. (M-59)
East of Airport
248-674-0012



500 Help Wanted General

MACHINE OPERATOR
CNC operator for afternoon shift with set-up experience. Programming experience helpful.

500 Help Wanted General

QUALIFIED MECHANIC
For full time position performing maintenance and repair of small engine lawn equipment, snow removal equipment, & truck fleet management.

500 Help Wanted General

PHOTOGRAPHERS
To photograph weddings for 2002 season. Experience with medium format equipment, great personality and willingness to learn.

500 Help Wanted General

QUALITY ASSURANCE/INSPECTION
Beaver Aerospace & Defense, a division of PSI, is a leader in the manufacture of precision ball screws and actuators.

500 Help Wanted General

Social Work Vocational Assessment Specialist
Full-time position available in Western Wayne County. A Bachelor's degree in a related field required.

500 Help Wanted General

Transportation Department VEHICLE MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
Qualifications: Hold & maintain state requirement as a certified master heavy duty truck mechanic.

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ACROSS
1. Hawaiian landscape feature
5. Ice formation, informally
9. Garry's state, abbr.

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MORTGAGE PROCESSOR
Needed for busy Farmington Hills office. Minimum 1 year experience. Excellent compensation program.

500 Help Wanted General

MORTGAGE PROCESSOR
Fast-paced Farmington Hills mortgage company needs a new processor to handle their growing business.

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PIANO TEACHER
Experience needed. Students waiting. Studio. Ask for Russ: 248-334-0566.

500 Help Wanted General

RECEPTIONIST, MAKE-UP ARTIST, SALES, HOUSEKEEPER, SPA COORDINATOR & BOOKKEEPER

500 Help Wanted General

WAREHOUSE
The Equipment & Supply division of Domino's Pizza, LLC, is looking for a hard-working individual to work in our Livonia facility.

500 Help Wanted General

STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC. HEAT TREAT OPERATOR
Steel Industries, Inc. currently has the following position available: HEAT TREAT OPERATOR.

500 Help Wanted General

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Experienced required for mid-size apartment community in Southfield. Requires expertise in all aspects of maintenance.

500 Help Wanted General

MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS!!!!
Contemporary Services is seeking top mortgage professionals for leading mortgage companies.

500 Help Wanted General

POWERTRAIN ENGINEER IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY!!
Individual will provide written/verbal support to technicians, communicate issues and concerns to customer.

500 Help Wanted General

RETAIL MERCHANDISERS
Advantage Sales & Marketing has two part-time (15-20 hours/wk) positions open and is looking for professional merchandisers to service local Meijer stores.

500 Help Wanted General

RESIDENT MANAGER TEAMS & NON-RESIDENT MANAGERS
Public Storage, the nation's self-storage leader, seeks Resident Manager Teams and Non-Resident Managers to oversee all aspects of our self-storage facilities.

500 Help Wanted General

IT MANAGER
Now area. Minimum 2 years of management experience. Supervisory support. MS Office, MS Exchange, MS Access and Crystal Reports.

500 Help Wanted General

MANAGER - Hands On
4-10:30pm. Mature/ energetic/ experienced. Health club industry. Livonia. Fax (734) 591-1214

500 Help Wanted General

MORTGAGE UNDERWRITERS
Livonia, Farmington Hills, Ann Arbor \$40-\$55K DU & LP experience required. Fax confidentially: (734) 524-0928

500 Help Wanted General

PROPERTY MANAGER
Beautiful Canton apartment community seeking experienced Property Manager. Excellent benefits, organization & computer skills a must.

500 Help Wanted General

TEACHER
Needed full time for 4 year old academic & enrichment program. Southfield. Give us a call 248-357-1740

500 Help Wanted General

TEACHERS
A Charter super high school is interested in hiring teachers for all subjects including Construction Trades and Computer Technology.

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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT
Ann Arbor based service company is looking for an Accounting Assistant to process sales reports, cash receipts, accounts payable and employee travel expense reports.

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Managers and Assistant Managers
Uncle Ed's Oil Shop now hiring. Flexible hours. Benefits. Apply in person: 3160 Washtenaw, Ann Arbor. Or FAX resume to: 734-528-4631

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NO EXPERIENCE \$30 - \$35k
Advertising co. seeks motivated individuals for management training. Work with Detroit's top sports & entertainment clients.

500 Help Wanted General

OPERATIONS MANAGER
MKK Technologies Inc. a Livonia based contractor, seeks an operations manager for multi-family residential construction.

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SALES ASSISTANT New Construction
Singh Homes seeking Sales Assistant for New Construction Homes in Novi/Canton area.

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TELEMARKETING
Part-time positions. S.E. Michigan's largest Toshiba dealer. Dave Fisher 248-489-0000 x202.

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MARKETING
Tutor Time, a national childcare company, seeks an individual to join their team. Full or part time. Fax resume: (734) 420-2701. Email: judge1@hotmail.com

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OTR DRIVERS
Express Leasing seeking owner/operators. 48 states & Canada. H Endorsement required. Call Roger 800-673-8263.

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PAINTER/DRYWALL REPAIR SUPERVISOR
Ability to schedule and monitor both painting and drywall repair work for multiple locations, as well as, self perform applications.

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SENIOR BUYER
Plymouth manufacturer is looking for an organized, dependable senior buyer with 5-7 years industry experience.

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MATERIAL HANDLER
TDM is looking for qualified individuals to work in their Warren and Redford locations. Day and afternoon shifts available.

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27. Michelangelo masterpiece

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Applications are available and returned to the Human Resources Department, 41660 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 until 4pm, Friday, Jan. 4, 2002. Resumes without applications will not be accepted.

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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/COLLECTIONS
For Ferndale construction company. Good salary & benefits. Fax resume to 248-547-1842

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BILLING CLERK
Trucking company seeking person for data entry billing position. Trucking exp. helpful. Full-time days. Vacation time & health insurance. Fax resume to 734-728-2818.

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716 Household Goods
COUCH & loveseat set white on white, perfect cond. 1 year old. paid \$3000 sell \$1000. Tiffany looking fan light \$100. glass & dark traditional wood cocktail table paid \$1200 sell \$500.

745 Hobbies/Coins/ Stamps
MODEL AIRPLANES
1/24 & 1/32 scale, WW-2 & modern day, \$100 to \$200. Beautiful for display. 734-625-9767

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BIG PUPPY SALE
All breeds, over 75 pups. AKC & ACA registered, 3 day health guarantee, 1 year warranty.

807 Motorcycles/Minibikes/Go-Karts
HARLEY DAVIDSON 1998 Customized Fatboy - 3000 mi. Adult owned. Must see. Winter sale. First \$17,000 takes it home. Warranty. 734-729-9552

Part-time Receptionist/Secretary
Livonia, MI. Estate office seeking Receptionist/Secretary for 2 or 3 week days from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Sundays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BALLY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP moving must sell, let's talk. (248) 552-9258

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713 Moving Sales
FARMINGTON - Dining room, bedroom, family room & outdoor furniture. Gas Bar B Que Grill. Misc. household goods & clothing. (248) 477-6375

714 Clothing
BLACK RANCH mink (size 4) \$1250. 248-338-6762
FULL LENGTH Finnish Raccoon Classic Style Size 10 fur coat. Perfect cond. (\$7,000 new) Best offer. 248-848-3773

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ARCADE GAMES - Crusin USA \$900, Golden F Fore, Football, others. (248) 553-4295

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DISABLED MAN 40 - seeks morning help, w/ personal care and house chores. 2 or 3 hours per day. (734) 462-2423 noon-9pm

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TOYOTA 92 Previa. All power & air, w/ new: remote security, catalytic converter, battery/alternator, belts, paint. Good brakes/shocks/tires. 1 owner. 120k. \$7000/best. 248-626-4840

VENTURE 1998 Extended - 4 dr. tow package. 65,000 mi. \$10,400. 248-634-1632

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WINDSTAR 1998 GL - Wheelchair conversion, lowered floor, kneels, side power sliding door w/hold-out ramp, 18k miles, like new, \$22,000. 734-455-5562

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WINDSTAR 2000 Limited, 11K miles, pristine cond., all options, leather, power doors, w/hold-out ramp, handicap lift w/motorized cart, retail mid-\$30s. \$27,000. 248-681-4333

WINDSTAR LX 1995 - Clean, runs good, 101k miles, new parts \$5000/best. 734-522-3106

WINDSTAR LX 1996, Midnight red, 100K miles. Loaded, Exc. cond. one owner, non smoker. \$5,400. 248-471-1205

WINDSTAR 1997 - Red, 77,000 mi. Great cond. CD player, air. \$5900. 248-955-0037

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FORD AEROSTAR 1993 7 passenger, automatic, air, stereo, \$4800. (734) 261-4189

FORD 1994 cargo van, 1 ton extended, exc. 84k, New tires, brakes. \$5500. 734-753-4503.

FORD - 1996 Club Wagon Chateau, V8, towing package w/Class IV hitch, remote auto start, 104K. Very Good Cond. \$11,500. (734) 451-5415

FORD 2000 Club Wagon Chateau. Loaded, many extras, 25k miles. remote start, rear air, \$18,000 Call 313-937-8223

FORD 1985 Club Wagon XLT-302 V8 w/overdrive & trailer tow package, 50K, winter stored, like new, \$6900. (734) 455-8526

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FORD CONVERSION VAN 1992 - \$3,000. (248) 471-6946

FORD 1999 E250 Cargo - 46k original, white, V6, exc. cond. \$12,000/best. (734) 595-7857

FORD, 1998 Eclipse high-top, black, 44K, loaded, air, TV/VCR/6CD, \$16,000. 248-644-8475.

FORD 1991 E150 Conversion Van, only 60K, showroom fresh, \$4,995. (734) 453-3600

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FORD E250 1992, 37,000 miles. Exc. cond. original owner. \$12,900. 248-990-9980

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FORD 1979 - 86,000 miles, 6 cyl, 4 speed, garage kept, no winters, \$4000. 248-471-2066

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Aerostar 1994 extended, AWD, 136K, good cond., needs minor work, \$1700/firm. 248-435-6842

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BLAZER 1995 4x4, red, loaded. 139,000 miles, tow package. \$4500 or best offer. (734) 354-1542

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FORD BRONCO XLT 1995 - 351, auto, loaded, red, air, tilt, cruise, remote alarm, new brakes/tires/shocks/ABS. \$9,000. 248-486-4218

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FORD EXPLORER Sport 1999 - 33K, 100K warranty, new tires, loaded. \$14,500. 248-685-1148

FORD F350 1996 - crew cab, all custom interior, radio, diesel, mint. \$19,500. 248-477-6507

FORD 1999 F-250 SD, Supercab. Snowplow package. V-10, ABS. CD. \$23,950. (248) 375-3734

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FORD 1998 Lariat pick-up 4WD, extended cab, loaded, 49K miles, \$18,500. 810-629-2269

FORD, 1993 Ranger, Ext. cab, STX 4x4, 4.0 L, auto., alarm, 76k, \$6900. 734-844-2316

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GM 1995 JIMMY 4x4, belt, tinted windows. \$49 down, \$131/mo. Must be working. TYME AUTO (734) 455-5566.

GM 1999 Sierra 1500 Regular Cab, Z-71, loaded, SLE, tow pkg. \$15,900. 248-242-5647

GM 2000 Sierra 4x4, 1/2 ton, loaded, auto, 4.3, 40K miles. \$18,000/best. 810 231-6160

GM 1993 Suburban - new tires/brakes, 89K miles, like new, \$10,900/best. (734) 632-0829

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JEOP 1995 Cherokee Country 4x4, auto, loaded, 31K miles, \$7200. (734) 455-7718

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JEOP CHEROKEE Country 1994, Green & tan, 95K, loaded, clean, hitch, runs great. \$7,000. 734-427-2701

JEOP 2001 Cherokee LTD Plus, 18,000. 248-705-1601

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