

2004 GENERAL ELECTION VOTE TOTALS

The following vote totals represent how voters in Plymouth and Plymouth Township voted for president and the two state ballot proposals. The winner is denoted by a ✓

NATIONAL

President

✓ R George W Bush	12 385
D John F Kerry	9 536

STATE PROPOSALS

Proposal 04-1

✓ Yes	11 357
No	10 047

Proposal 04-2

✓ Yes	11 556
No	9 926

The following vote totals represent vote totals for local races. The winner is denoted by a ✓

STATE HOUSE 20TH DISTRICT

✓ R John Stewart	28 730
D Marc Corriveau	19 141

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

Township trustee

✓ R Kay Arnold	9 820
✓ R Charles Curmi	9 095
✓ R Robert Doroshewitz	9 448
✓ R Steven Mann	10 127
D Mark Christenson	6 231
Paul E. Schulz	1 907

Supervisor

✓ R Richard Reaume	11 142
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Clerk

✓ R Marilyn Massengill	11 221
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Treasurer

✓ R Ron Edwards	11 048
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COUNTY COMMISSION 10TH DISTRICT

✓ R Laura Cox	46 021
D David Garrett	25 976

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Election turnout hits record levels

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When precinct workers showed up to open the polls at St. Kenneth Catholic Church in Plymouth Township early Tuesday morning, there was already a line of voters waiting to cast their ballots.

By around 10 a.m., three hours after the polls opened, some 250 residents had already voted at St. Kenneth.

At the City of Plymouth's fourth precinct, at the Plymouth Cultural Center, the wait for most voters throughout the morning was at least 45

minutes.

We had an outstanding turnout, precinct chairperson Marge Stacey said. "We got many youth. I heard stories of people coming home from college (Monday) just so they could vote today. There were a lot of young people, who were eager to cast their first ballot."

And the day was just heating up.

By the time polls closed at 8 p.m. and ballots were tabulated after midnight, some 82 percent of registered voters in Plymouth Township had cast ballots, including a record 5,992 absentee ballots. In the

city more than 73 percent of registered voters had their say, including more than 1,500 absentees. Both Plymouth Township and the city reported more than 97 percent of absentee ballots issued were returned.

In a year when the presidential election engendered so much interest, clerks were expecting a big turnout. But the levels were even higher than most could have predicted.

City of Plymouth clerk Linda Langmesser said she checked and found an election back in the 1980's where the city had more than an 80-percent

turnout, but Tuesday's 74 percent was "unusual."

"With the state of the economy and the war, people had a lot to say," Langmesser said. "They listened to the (presidential) debates, more than I've ever seen before, and I think those factors came into play."

Indeed, in one way or another, the race between President George Bush and Sen. John Kerry was responsible for much of the turnout in the Plymouth community.

Mortgage banker James Dubuck, a Plymouth resident who said he votes the straight Republican ticket every year,

said the spectre of higher taxes and national security were among the issues that got him to the polls.

"If you want to work harder than the next guy, there's no reason you should have to pay more taxes than that person," Dubuck said. "If I want to put more time in my career and provide more for my family, why should I have to pay more taxes than the next guy?"

"On (national) security, I think we're in for a lot of trouble and I'd rather have somebody in office that will defend

PLEASE SEE TURNOUT, A4

Voters give Stewart 3rd term

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, used his Republican Party advantage in the northern half of the 20th House District to offset a mostly Democratic turnout in the southern half to handily beat Marc Corriveau Tuesday, securing his third consecutive two-year term.

Stewart garnered 60 percent of the vote in 128,729, 19,441 over his Democratic challenger.

Stewart's victory bucked the trend in Michigan, where the Republicans lost five seats in the House, but still hold a 58-52 margin.

There were a lot of (Democratic presidential candidate John) Kerry supporters who voted a straight party ticket in Wayne County, said Stewart. "I'm thankful for the ticket splitters."

Stewart was strong in his home base of Plymouth, easily winning Plymouth Township 10,718-5,261, while capturing the City of Plymouth 2,881-1,893.

In fact, Stewart beat Corriveau in the challengers' home area of Northville. Stewart won in Northville Township 9,206-4,613, while winning 972-695 in the City of Northville.



PLEASE SEE STEWART, A5 Robert Doroshewitz and his wife, Tammy, celebrate his win Tuesday night in the Plymouth Township trustee race.

Primary victors win easily

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

In a presidential election year filled with rancor and controversy, most observers expected a high voter turnout, and some wondered whether that would yield surprises in any races.

Plymouth Township definitely got the high turnout — with some 82 percent of its registered voters casting ballots — but there weren't any surprises in voting for the township board.

Candidates for the three full-time positions — Richard Reaume for supervisor, Marilyn Massengill for clerk and Ron Edwards for treasurer — cruised in unopposed races.

More than 17,000 of some 21,000 registered voters cast a ballot, including what most believe is a record 5,992 absentee ballots.

"This community votes very well," Massengill said. "I think what brought people out this year was the war in Iraq and all the controversy."

Massengill was the township's top vote-getter with 11,221. Reaume had 11,142 and Edwards was third with 11,048.

The battle for the four part-time trustee seats never materialized, with the four Republicans who won in the primary — incumbents Kay Arnold and Charles Curmi, current supervisor Steve Mann and newcomer Robert Doroshewitz — winning easily.

There was no drama to the trustee race. Mann, who found out

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A10

Off-duty cop arrested on fake money charges

BY PAUL R. PACE
STAFF WRITER

A veteran Farmington Hills police officer and resident of Plymouth Township faces federal charges for allegedly passing counterfeit money at a Detroit topless bar.

He was arrested by Detroit police Monday.

Police said Farmington Hills Detective Robert Tiderington allegedly passed two fake \$20 bills to two dancers at a topless bar on Telegraph Monday afternoon.

Police said the incident allegedly occurred after Tiderington paid his bar tab with an authentic \$20 bill.

The fake bills were passed

along to the bar manager, who called Detroit police. Other counterfeit bills were found in Tiderington's vehicle, according to police.

The detective, a 17-year veteran of the department, has been placed on unpaid suspension pending resolution of the case, said Hills Police Chief William Dwyer.

"I am disturbed and saddened by this incident and the criminal charges this officer faces," Dwyer said. He noted it is the first time in the department's history that an officer has faced criminal charges.

Dwyer said Tiderington is married with two small children. The family lives in Plymouth Township. Tiderington's brother is Tom Tiderington, the chief of

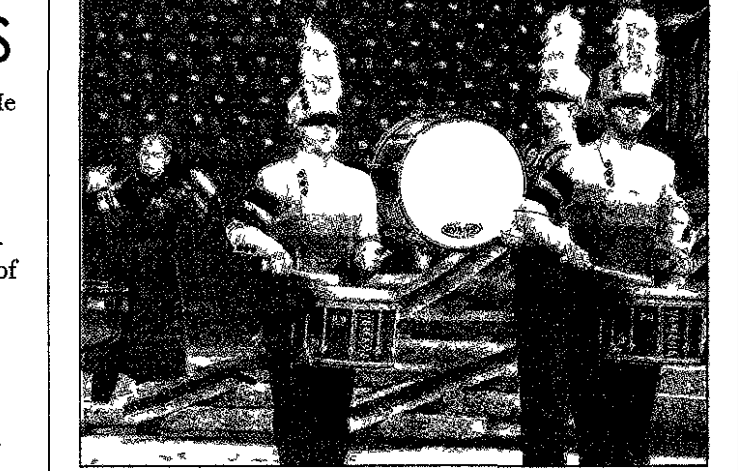
police for Plymouth Township. He had no comment on the arrest.

Robert Tiderington, 47, was arraigned in the U.S. Attorney's office in Detroit Wednesday on three felony counts of manufacturing, possession and passing of counterfeit money, police said.

Tiderington was released on personal bond. His preliminary exam is set for Nov. 23.

According to a source in the U.S. Attorney's Office, the counterfeit charge carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

A call to Tiderington's home was not immediately returned Wednesday.



Keep the beat
Drummers Meredith Bailey, Bob Cox and Mike Hurley keep the beat as guard members, including Sara Cooper (left), converge on the huge train trestle during Plymouth Canton's award-winning performance 'The Train Man Cometh,' at the Silverdome on Saturday. For more, turn to page A3.

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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Plymouth Nursery's "Holiday Spectacular" open house takes place Nov 6-7. The open house runs 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday. There will be refreshments, entertainment, and special sale prices on items. Come see our dramatic Department 56 display, unique gifts and garlands. Plymouth Nursery staffers welcome visitors to come explore our theme trees, decorated from elegant to fun. For more information call (734) 453-5500. Plymouth Nursery is located at 9900 Plymouth-Ann Arbor Road. This is a free event.

WINTER BREAK CAMP

The Plymouth Family YMCA offers a Winter Break Camp 20-22 and Dec 27-29 for children ages kindergarten-fifth grade. Join campers for field trips, crafts, games and much more. Contact Joe for more information regarding cost, times and location at jllille@ymcamedetroit.org or call (734) 453-2904.

MUSICIANS' SHOPPING EVENT

Just in time for holiday shopping, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov 13, members of the music ministry of the Plymouth First United Methodist Church will welcome more than 30 vendors to participate in its third-annual Shopping Extravaganza fundraising event. Proceeds will benefit the music tour outreach efforts of the PFUMC Chancel Choir and Festival Bells. Located at 45201 N Territorial (between Sheldon and Beck Roads) in Plymouth, the event is open to the public. Baby-sitting and lunch are available. The popular event features the goods and services offered by a variety of home party con-

sultants. Among those businesses being represented are Absolute Woodworks, Arbonne International, Avon, Designs by Jasmin, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Gold Canyon Candles, Gourmet Bakeware, Home Interiors & Gifts, Longaberger Baskets, Mark (Avon Teen), Mary Kay Cosmetics, The Middle Kingdom, Nigerian Dolls, Pampered Chef, PartyLite Candles, Princess House, Sandy's All Occasion Bears, Silpada Jewelry, Simple Pleasures-Cherished Treasures, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Two Sisters Gourmet, Usborne Books, Weekenders, and Zilli Therapeutic Bodyworks (Massage). For more information, call (734) 459-9396.

HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE

Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors kicks off the holiday shopping season and helps a good cause at the same time from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec 1 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The Holiday Marketplace is a one-stop holiday shopping extravaganza with almost two dozen vendors. This marketplace will include everything from children's toys to gourmet chocolates, from house wares to skin care, from floral arrangements to candles and cosmetics to jewelry. It's all together in one location under one roof. Vendors will have items for take with purchases, plus accepting orders, many are offering special discounts. All vendors have donated a product representing their line to offer for our raffle to assist efforts in the Adopt-a-Family Holiday Program. In addition, we will have a complimentary refreshments & dessert station. Admission and parking is free. The Plymouth Cultural Center is

located at 525 Farmer. For more information, call Pat Edmunds, (734) 454-0645.

CLASS OF 2009

The class of 2009 curriculum night at P-CEP will be held Nov 4 (tonight) at the Canton cafeteria, the Plymouth cafeteria, or the Salem auditorium. Parents of incoming eighth graders should bring their registration materials. A-L part of the alphabet meets at 6:30 p.m. and M-Z meets at 7:30 p.m.

P-CEP EVENTS

Parent teacher conferences are Nov 11 at the park from 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. A time limit of about 5 minutes has been set. The next monthly Parent Forum is Nov 9 at Salem in room 1316 at 9:30 a.m. Future dates include Dec 14 and Jan 11, 2005.

FIRST LADIES OF FASHION

The grand opening of exhibition of 15 exact reproductions of the Inaugural ballgowns of the President's wives was held yesterday at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The show runs through Jan 30. This collection is part of the Joan Deer Collection of the Frankenmuth Historical Museum. The gowns were designed by a team of Michigan designers and researchers headed by David Zeese and Don Nagle of Frankenmuth. They were the first group of designers given permission to sketch the gowns in the Hall of First Ladies. No patterns of the gowns exist. After the designs were completed, fabrics from all over the world were acquired to match the originals - the project took more than five years to complete. The gowns exhibited were selected to show both a progression of fashion through the decades and to represent historically different time periods in American history. Gowns featured in the exhibit include, Martha Washington, Dolly Madison, Louisa Adams, Sarah Polk, Abigail Fillmore, Mary Todd Lincoln, Julia Grant, Helen Taft, Grace Coolidge, Lou Hoover, Eleanor Roosevelt, Lady Bird Johnson, Pat Nixon and Rosalyn Carter. For information on exhibit hours and special programs



On the auction block

Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Auction Co-chairs (from left) Linda Siegrist, Jim Vermeulen, Bill Pratt, Chamber President Jeanne Knopf DeRoche and Dave Siegrist show off some of the more than 300 items donated to the chamber's annual auction this year, including a set of U-M 2005 season football tickets, a fur coat, diamond rings, a trip to Detroit Tigers Fantasy Camp, Pistons tickets, Lions tickets, and Fisher Theatre tickets. Chamber officials expect some 600 people to attend the auction, set for Friday night at Laurel Manor in Livonia. The auction's major sponsors are Hines Park Lincoln Mercury and Johnson Controls.

please call the museum, (734) 455-8940, or visit their Web site www.plymouthhistory.org

JOHNSON CREEK MEETING

The Johnson Creek Protection Group meets at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov 8 in the Forum Room at Northville High School. The school is located at 45700 Six Mile in Northville. For more information, e-mail JCPG secretary Michelle West at mwest@almn.com or call (9734) 761-1010.

HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

The Plymouth Symphony League Holiday Home Tour, "Holiday Traditions & Lights," showcases six homes from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov 21. Four of the homes are in Plymouth, one is in Northville and the other is in Novi. Pre-sale ticket price is \$18, tickets will be \$20 the day of the tour. Tickets will be available in Plymouth at The Colonial Collection in the Kroger shopping center at Sheldon and Ann Arbor Road, Gabriel's, located on Main, Michigan Made & More on Ann Arbor Trail, and at the symphony office on Forest. In Northville, tickets will be available at Gardenviews on Main. The Plymouth Symphony League also introduces its ninth Pewter ornament, "The Fountain," that

Wednesday Call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278, for additional information.

DAR MEETS

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochran Plymouth-Northville Chapter hosts a 78th Birthday luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov 15, at Station 885 in Plymouth. DAR State Regent Mary Ellen Byrne will be the guest speaker. All DAR members and potential members are welcome. Station 885 is located at 885 Starkweather. For reservations or more information, call (734) 420-2775.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. John's Episcopal Church hosts an American Red Cross blood drive from 2-8 p.m. Monday, Nov 15. Donors can make an appointment, and drop-ins are also welcome. St. John's is located at 574 S Sheldon in Plymouth. To make an appointment or for more information, call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395.

JOB SEEKERS MEET

Financial adviser Steve Braun speaks at the Our Lady of Good Counsel Career Networking Group at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov 8 in the Father LeFevre room of OLCG, 47650 N Territorial in Plymouth. Braun will discuss "Handling Finances During a Job Transition," focusing on how to budget and stretch dollars, where to find cash to meet current needs, how to deal with creditors, health insurance, retirement plan and pension plan issues, and how to secure a financial future. Admission is free, and the public is invited. For more information, call Ed Walton, (734) 634-2245 or the church office, (734) 453-0326.

used to be in Kellogg Park. Ornaments are \$8 each and can be purchased at Sideways, The Village Shopkeeper, Crystal Diamond Setters and the symphony office.

'OUR TOWN' PERFORMANCE

The DuBois Theatre presents Thornton Wilder's classic American drama *Our Town* Nov 4-6 and Nov 11-13, with performances at 8 p.m. in the DuBois Little Theatre in Canton High School. Tickets are \$8 for reserved seating. Group rates are available (\$6 each for groups of 15 or more). Tickets can be purchased during all lunches at the three Plymouth-Canton high schools and in The DuBois Little Theatre from 2:15-3:30 p.m. weekdays. They also are available from any cast member or at the door. For information, call the DuBois Little Theatre at (734) 416-7514.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents *Moods & Moments*, an exhibit of fine art photography by John Middlestead of Canton. Nov 2-28. Middlestead's work was a stand-out at Plymouth's Art in the Park this past summer and an award winner at the recent Canton Fine Art Exhibition. His photography is based in the natural world and includes some majestic landscapes and awe-inspiring waterfalls. As a compliment to the show, the Village Potter's Guild will exhibit nature inspired wall-mounted pottery. A reception will be held for the artist from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Nov 5 at the PCAC, 774 N Sheldon in Plymouth. Exhibit hours are 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

SANTA LETTERS

Santa and his elves at Santa's Workshop are preparing for the eighth season of writing personalized Santa letters to good boys and girls. Elf Kristy Swanson from Sent by Santa has once again agreed to help Santa. Letters from Santa are written with information you provide and are uniquely personalized. Each Santa Letter is \$5. As in previous years, 50 cents from each letter written will be donated to Wide Smiles (www.widesmiles.org). One child in 700 is born with a cleft. It is the fourth-most-common birth defect, and the most common facial birth defect. To find out more, visit Swanson's Web site, http://www.aurorawebsolutions.com/SANTALETTERS/index.php.

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Marching to top of the heap

Surprise ending helps band claim another title

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

A pageantry of music, marching, drama and dance filled the Pontiac Silverdome for more than 12 hours Saturday as 41 top bands from around the state performed in the Michigan Competing Band Association State Finals. And capturing the Flight I top spot for the 16th time in the event's 25-year history was the hometown Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band. The 187 marchers also earned all three caption trophies for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General Effect, as well as the highest score of the day, 89.75, for their dramatic and powerful eight-and-a-half-minute performance, "The Train Man Cometh."



Precision is paramount as the guard members begin to spin their flags during the P-CEP Marching Band's state championship performance Oct. 30.

The band was awesome," said an excited Liz Schellhase, a Salem senior and one of the band's three drum majors. "They came out and did an absolutely amazing job." Schellhase and Canton senior Chris Aten, a baritone sax player, were honored as recipients of two of eight \$1,000 scholarships awarded by the MCBA to seniors planning to continue in music education. Applicants had to write an essay and submit a letter of recommendation. Salem senior guard member Lauren Berryman was pleased with the color guard's performance Saturday. They pushed through with a

difficult practice in the wind and the entire band was amazing, she said. "I love when the whole band comes together and that feeling at the end of the show is indescribable."

"This has been an amazing week," said drum major Kavita Srivastava, a Canton senior.

The entire past week we have been working up to this. Today we all came together and really threw down. Indeed they did. And if the Silverdome had rafters, they would have certainly rattled as the P-CEPers added the explosive, highly percussive ending to the show for the first time Saturday, bringing an appreciative audience of some 10,000 spectators to their feet. "We've been holding onto that surprise ending for awhile and it was finally time to let it go," said Brad Green, assistant director. Judging by the audience's reaction, it went really well. Director Marc Whitlock agreed. "It was the first read in front of an audience and, by all estimations, the audience loved it. I think we'll keep it," said Whitlock. The ending is a gas and the kids came off the field just loving it, having a good time and smiling ear to ear. But that's our newest material and we have a lot of work to do in terms of getting it to the level of the rest of the show. That's our focus this week. Other area bands competing in State Finals included South

Boosters keep show on the road

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

Plymouth-Canton Marching Band Director Marc Whitlock knows the band's success isn't due solely to the students in the band.

"It takes so many people to make this plane fly," Whitlock said, speaking of the monumental effort made on behalf of the marching band by parents, grandparents, alumni and other volunteers that comprise the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters. "It is literally hundreds of bodies, not counting the performers on the field. So many parents are involved in working so hard and for so many hours."

His comments were close to reverent as he trudged up the tunnel of the Pontiac Silverdome near midnight on Saturday after yet another spectacular award-winning performance by his nationally acclaimed band at the State Championships. Just hours earlier, one of the huge airlock garage doors at the dome end of that tunnel was a major cause for concern. Winds gusting up to 50 miles per hour on Saturday broke the outside door, preventing bands and the enormous props that often accompany them from

entering the airlock and, subsequently, the dome.

It was P-C boosters and a few others that kept the show running for some time by manually hauling the door up and down before finally being repaired, causing only about a 45-minute delay in the production.

But keeping the show running smoothly is nothing new for the hometown booster crew. Hundreds of Plymouth-Canton boosters have run the state show over the years entrusted with everything from escorting the bands to parking the cars. They've had lots of practice from running their own annual band competition as well as the Drum Corps International show this year.

Nearly every booster parent is involved in some kind of fundraising since the cost of this caliber production is more than \$1,000 per student. But these are the kind of boosters that also volunteer for a multitude of extra jobs like chaperones, camp counselors, uniform washers, flag sewers and equipment crew.

These parents did their eight to five jobs and then came to the school and put in another six hours every night for months," said Whitlock.

Lyon, second, Novi, fifth, Milford, ninth and Westland, 10th, in Flight I. Lakeland placed seventh in Flight II and Farmington Harrison was third and Redford Thurston, fifth, both in Flight III. Flights are determined by school enrollment, not band size, with Flight I the largest schools.

While winning the top trophies was nice, that's not what's important, explained Whitlock.

"What the kids get out of this esthetically is more important than any award, he said. And the relationships that are created through a group effort otherwise known as teamwork

are priceless compared to some brass trophy.

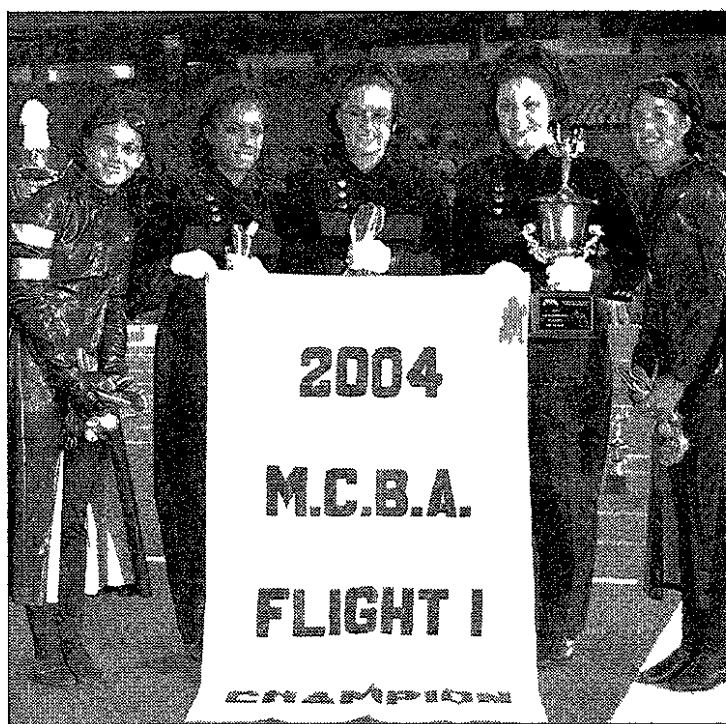
Next stop for the hometown marchers is the Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 4-6.

Danielle Palarchio (left), Kavita Srivastava, Jenna Olexsey, Elizabeth Schellhase and Lauren Berryman are all smiles as they clutch state championship medals and the Flight I first place trophy after the P-CEP marchers earned the highest score of all 41 competing high school bands at the Silverdome on Saturday.



PHOTOS BY DIANE HANSON

Doug McKelvey and fellow trumpeters raise their horns high at the Silverdome Oct. 30 where the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band earned the highest score of all 41 competing high school bands at the State Championships.



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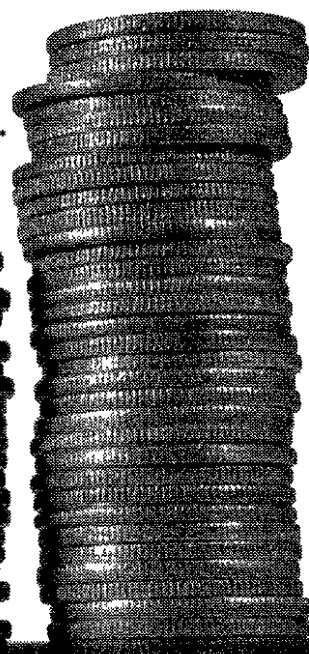
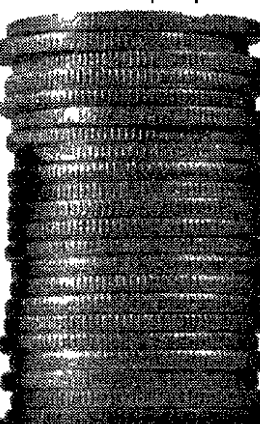
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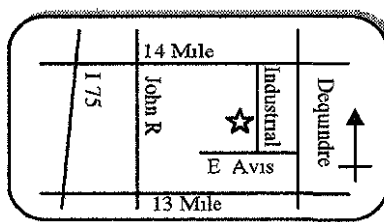
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Expo aims to excite students about science, engineering

Backers say engineering education should get a high-profile boost Nov 6 at the expected record Division II football "Bash at the Big House" in Ann Arbor.

That's because a first 'Michigan YES' Engineering and Science Expo' is scheduled for Crisler Arena before and after the 1 p.m. game between Grand Valley and Michigan Tech University at adjacent Michigan Stadium.

The goal of the free expo for middle and high school students is to boost interest in science and technology careers. Teachers are also invited.

The expo opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 12:30 p.m. Session II of the expo opens after the game around 4 p.m.

Focus programs will be plastics, industrial production technology, electro-mechanical technology, drafting and design technology, electrical and electronics repair, electrical and power transmission installation, auto technician

work, and aeronautics-aviation-aerospace science and technologies.

"As we talked to corporations, we found there is a real need for engineers and scientists," said Pete Cattelino, Michigan Tech spokesman and event director.

More than 30 companies and 15 universities will be on hand with demonstrations.

"With the aging of the baby boomers and the anticipated economic recovery, industry is anticipating a shortage in science and technology careers. The time is right for an expo like this," he said.

Expo events happen 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m. Organizers expect as many as 20,000 students.

Universities on hand will include Grand Valley, University of Michigan, Michigan State, Finlandia, Wayne State, Oakland, Saginaw Valley State, Central Michigan and Kettering. Among 26 Michigan

companies that have sponsored tickets for youth to attend are Ford, DaimlerChrysler, John Deere, Kimberly Clark, BASF, General Dynamics, Pfizer and General Motors.

Sponsors include the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation which contributed a \$100,000 grant. The foundation is the lead underwriter for the professional and multi-media program at the expo. Michigan Tech President Glenn Mroz said the contribution "will have a major impact on teenagers who are interested in science and engineering."

"This is a pivotal time for science and engineering education, because there is an unmet demand for engineers and scientists and, without intervention, that gap is expected to widen," he said.

Other sponsors include State of Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth.

For more on the Michigan YES' Expo, go to www.mtu.edu/yes

TURNOUT

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us rather than negotiate, Dubuck added.

George Kokones of Plymouth Township, voting at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, said the statewide proposals — one on gambling and on same-sex marriages — were the issues that drew him in.

"There was a lot of carping

about (Proposal 1)," Kokones said. "I don't want to go into a drug store and see a bunch of slot machines. The second proposal (same-sex marriage) was way out of line. A man and woman are supposed to be married."

No matter the reason for the turnout, local clerks were happy to see the turnout. Massengill, who has been the clerk since 1992 but has worked in the township since 1969, believes Tuesday's

turnout was a record, especially in the absentee vote.

"With all the controversy and the war in Iraq, I predicted we'd hit about 75-80 percent," said Plymouth Township Clerk Marilyn Massengill.

"This community votes very well."

Staff writer Tony Bruscatto contributed to this report.

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FOR THE RECORD



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's Sports section in *Passages* on page C9.

DEATHS

A
Gregory Alan Anderson, 57, formerly of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct. 29.

B
Bradley Ballard Jr., 87, of Birmingham, died Oct. 31.

John Borovsky, 84, of Plymouth, died Oct. 27.

Geraldine M. Hassberger Bova, 81, formerly of Royal Oak, died Oct. 22.

Lois Bryan, 75, of Livonia, died Oct. 21.

C
A. Leslie Core, 81, formerly of Livonia, died Oct. 29.

D
Horace F. Dugger Jr., 78, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 26.

E
Frances L. Erleben, 83, of Plymouth, died Nov. 1.

William J. Eubank, 74, died Oct. 13.

F
Douglas L. Forbes, 72, of Livonia, died Oct. 27.

Doris M. Forestall, 86, of Redford Township, died Oct. 28.

G
George Edmund Garrity, 93, formerly of Garden City, died Nov. 1.

Richard D. Girard, 63, of Shelby Township, died Oct. 29.

H
Lee J. Hill, 76, formerly of Farmington, died Oct. 28.

Mary Ann Howard, 80, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 29.

Sharon Hutchings, 66, of Monroe, died Oct. 26.

K
Lloyd E. Keller, 79, of Livonia, died Oct. 31.

Alpha R. Koterba, 80, of Troy, died Oct. 30.

M
Dorothy Sue Madden, 76, formerly of Wayne and Westland, died Oct. 14.

Evelyn (Ewald) Mentell, 81, formerly of Garden City, died Oct. 20.

Margaret Jean Merritt, 83, of Livonia, died Oct. 25.

Mary Jane Mesoros, 92, of Birmingham, died Oct. 30.

O
Reland L. Olds, 90, formerly of Plymouth, died Nov. 1.

P
Lucy Paquette, 80, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 31.

Alice Pickering of Traverse City, died Oct. 25.

R
Donald Joseph Rachar, 75, formerly of Rochester, died Oct. 29.

Virginia Mae Ruther, 81, of Livonia, died Oct. 27.

S
Elizabeth Ann 'Beth' Schaum, 29, of Birmingham, died Oct. 27.

Craig A. Schroeder, 38, of Rochester Hills, died Oct. 30.

Lily H. Siegert (nee Hill), 87, of Bloomfield Hills, died Oct. 29.

Ferdinand Stankowski, 87, died Oct. 16.

Lori K. (Gritter) Suh, 47, of Plymouth, died Oct. 28.

Z
Melvin C. Zuehlk, 66, of Pontiac, died Oct. 27.

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period Oct. 27-Nov. 2.

■ Tuesday, Nov. 2 — Residential rescue runs on Haggerty, on Pearl and on Portsmouth Crossing, commercial rescue runs on Mast, on Starkweather and on Farmer mutual aid hazardous materials run on the I-94 service drive east of Haggerty industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks.

■ Monday, Nov. 1 — Smoke investigation on Oakview rescue run to a public building/school on Church residential rescue runs on JoAnn on Newport on Thornridge and on Haggerty mutual-aid hazardous materials run at Metro Airport, vehicle accident at Ann Arbor Road.

and Main. ■ Sunday, Oct. 31 — Downed wires on Wing commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, residential rescue runs on Clare, on Wendover and on Caprice, dumpster fire on Greenbriar vehicle accident on northbound I-275 at Hines.

■ Saturday, Oct. 30 — Residential rescue run on Corinne vehicle accidents at Ann Arbor Road and Hillcrest and at Hines and Haggerty, rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Ann Arbor Road, downed wires at Farmer and Ann, on Evergreen, on 5 Mile and at Southworth near Ann Arbor Road, investigation on Country Wood, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, rescue run at Ann Arbor Trail and Francis.

■ Friday, Oct. 29 — Residential rescue runs on Newport and on Pinetree, vehicle accident at Beck and Ann Arbor Road.

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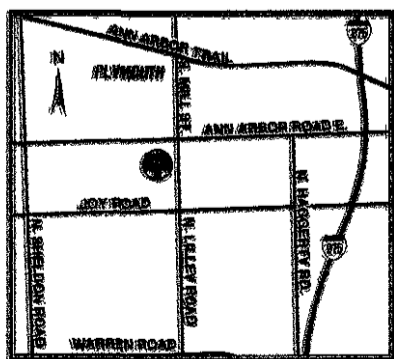
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Veteran, newcomers fill library board

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth and Plymouth Township voters returned an incumbent and elected two newcomers to the seven-member Plymouth District Library board Tuesday.

Incumbent Mary Mackie, who has served more than eight years in two stints on the board, was the top vote-getter with 5,362 votes, followed by Donna Broderick with 4,909 and Jacqueline George with 3,945.

Broderick and George will be serving their first four-year terms.

Incumbent Deborah Taracuk, who has been on the board the past five years, finished fourth in a field of 10 candidates with 3,469 votes. Stephen Harper, a member of the Plymouth District Library Board since its inception 18 years ago, finished sixth.

"I'm pleased to serve once again, and move ahead with plans to enhance the library and make it a vital part of the Plymouth community," said Mackie.

In what is considered unusual for a race of this kind, Broderick spent considerable money on mailings, handing out fliers at the Farmer's Market and dropping off literature door-to-door.

Since there were so many qualified candidates, I had to distinguish myself," said Broderick. "When I sign up to do something, I want to do it right. I went at it 100 percent."

The new board members begin their terms Jan. 1.

The results from fifth through tenth were Marvin Stempien finished fifth with 3,218 votes, followed by Harper's 2,793, Gregory Harrison, 2,088, Daniel Slater, 1,824, John Sturk, 1,581, and J.D. Carlson, 1,486.

We're probably going to do some strategic planning now that the election is over and we know who the new board members are," said Patricia Thomas, library director. "Our financial position is good, especially since we just refinanced the bonds on the new building, which will save taxpayers money. We're starting to get a bit crowded, but we have unfinished space and money available to make some changes."

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Kerry wins county in landslide

John Kerry has won his bid for president by a landslide - in Wayne County.

While Kerry and running mate John Edwards narrowly lost the election nationally and narrowly carried Michigan, the Democrats beat Republican President George W. Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney 580,199 to 253,544, or 69.02 percent of the vote to 30.16 percent in Wayne County.

Kerry was surprisingly strong in several traditionally Republican communities. In Plymouth he lost by a handful of votes, 2,557 for Bush, 2,552 for Kerry. In Canton, where Republicans swept local elections, Kerry scored a strong 19,741 to Bush's 21,450.

Bush won more solidly in Livonia, 30,619 to Kerry's 25,145 and Plymouth Township 9,828 to Kerry's 6,984. The president was also surprisingly strong in traditionally Democratic Garden City with 6,235 votes to Kerry's 7,586. But Kerry won handily in Westland with 21,215 votes to Bush's 14,953.

STEWART

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While Corriveau won in Canton Township (2,505-2,058) and in Wayne (4,474-2,894), Stewart actually increased his percentage of the vote in both communities from the last election.

Overall, Stewart's 60-percent total was two percent higher than his win over Mark Blackwell two years ago.

Corriveau said he made a number of tactical mistakes in his first-time campaign, but was pleased with the overall effort.

"When I started this race, I thought I needed to get the Democratic base of 40 percent to not embarrass myself," said Corriveau. "It was a positive enough experience for me not to be turned off by the whole thing, and I'd consider running again, if the party asks."

On Wednesday, a few short hours after finding out he won re-election, Stewart was in Lansing. He's regarded as a powerbroker, of sorts, considering he's only one of 22 House members with more than two years of experience.

Stewart is on the committee which determines the House chairmanships, and is expected to serve his fifth year on the

House Appropriations Committee.

Stewart has shown a keen interest in education, serving four years on the House Higher Education Committee. It's no secret he would like to chair that committee. "I have the most seniority and most knowledge right now on that committee," Stewart said. "K-12 hasn't had an increase in three years."

Up next is a \$500 million state budget deficit.

"We have to find stable funding for revenue sharing," he said. "I don't see anymore cuts coming."

While Stewart said he sympathizes with local communi-

ties that have lost tens of thousands of dollars in state funding, he believes local governments have to shoulder some of the responsibility. Including the City of Plymouth, which has forecasted several years of deficit spending.

"Our friends at the City of Plymouth need to do more fiscal planning," he said.

I think they have more to cut.

Corriveau, and other critics, have faulted Stewart for his failure to sponsor and pass legislation during his four years in the House.

Considering the fact that Republicans have a comfortable majority in Lansing, it

seems there are enough issues that need addressing," said Corriveau.

To which Stewart responded, "Only the vulnerable legislators get to initially sponsor legislation. I've co-sponsored bills with other legislators. That's where the real power is."

Stewart, who is term limited in 2006, said he'd support increasing terms limits to 12 years in the House and Senate.

I will support a grass roots petition drive to increase term limits, said Stewart. "I'm hopeful."

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McCotter rocks to an easy re-election

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

While 11th District GOP faithful cheered national election results as they were announced on Fox Cable News Tuesday, the local star of the evening, US Rep Thaddeus McCotter, quietly entered the hall at Burton Manor in Livonia, strapped on an electric guitar and joined brother Dennis band for some lively licks on *Jumpin' Jack Flash* and *Ain't Too Proud To Beg*. As it turned out, McCotter

didn't have to beg as he cruised to an easy victory over Democratic challenger Philip Truran with 58 percent of the vote for election to a second term in Congress. Libertarian Charles Basso finished a distant third.

McCotter, 39, wasn't ready to claim victory after his 10 p.m. jam, promising to be back and thanking the band for letting him work off his stress. Around midnight with most of the returns in, the congressman finally came out again to address his supporters. He thanked his family, staff and supporters and then restated the themes he has emphasized during the campaign.

"Regardless of the results at the presidential level, I am committed to continuing the fight to preserve and grow manufacturing jobs here in Michigan and our district, to continue the fight for small businesses, to continue to address the health care costs problem that we have and, of course, to continue to seek an

unconditional victory in the war on terrorism," he said. "I am going to define that. I believe we will have an unconditional victory in the war on terrorism when democratic countries in the Middle East stop producing terrorists and start capturing them for us."

TRURAN REFLECTS

Earlier in the evening at a gathering of 11th District Democrats at the Wayne-Ford Civic League in Westland, Truran, 37, president of the Communications Workers of America Local 4013, was confident of making a good showing despite the odds of winning in the predominantly Republican district, which extends north in Oakland County to White Lake and south in Wayne County to Belleville. He said he received less financial help than Redford Supervisor Kevin Kelley did two years ago when he ran against McCotter.

"We spent a lot of energy in

Oakland County because he (Kelley) didn't spend any I figured if I reduced the damage in Oakland County I would have a better chance," Truran said.

While McCotter spent most of the evening in a back room with staff members, Truran of Novi wandered the hall throughout the evening talking to supporters, buoyed by some early election returns.

On Wednesday morning, Truran said the race was a "good experience."

"Looking at the final results, I don't think I did that bad without any resources, a guy with \$40,000 compared to McCotter's \$700,000," he said.

Truran said he thinks he might have done better than Kelley in 2002 and doesn't discount remaining in politics.

"I think I'll be around. I don't know if I'll run for Congress again or help out in some other way."

He thanked Wayne County Commissioner Phil Cavanaugh for his help and his campaign manager, Marti Bush, whom he described as selfish.

APPEALING TO THE BASE

On Wednesday, after staying



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Thaddeus McCotter (left) plays guitar with his brother, Dennis during his election night party at Livonia's Burton Manor

up all night to watch the returns on the presidential election, Thaddeus McCotter said the election emphasized the political divide in the country.

"I think what you have, especially in Michigan it was a base election with not a lot of crossover either way. There were no issues either party could get over to the other side," McCotter said.

He said no one thing turned the election.

"Republicans made up Republican minds, Democrats made up Democrat minds. What you see is that straight party numbers were way up," he said.

He said his own election went as expected. He said in

the last election against Kelley, the third candidate was a Green Party member, taking votes from Kelley.

"This year, the third party candidate, Basso, was a Libertarian, taking votes from McCotter."

"I had someone on my right, Kevin had someone on his left," he said.

He said the Republicans might have done better in the Great Lakes region if they had put more emphasis on the loss of manufacturing jobs.

"I told them, look if we do something on manufacturing we can get competitive in the Midwest," he said.

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BY DAN WEST
STAFF WRITER

There will be a second elected official in the Cox household in Livonia.

Laura Cox, the wife of Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox, was successful in her first bid for public office Tuesday by winning a seat on the Wayne County Commission. She will replace retiring Commissioner Lyn Bankes R. Lavonia on Jan. 1.

The 40-year-old Republican garnered a decisive victory over Livonia Democrat David Garrett with 64 percent of the vote in the 10th District, which represents most of Livonia, Plymouth city and township and Northville city and township.

"It'll be fun for me," said Cox as she mingled with supporters Tuesday at Greenmead Historic Village. "I have a lot of energy and I'm ready to put it to good work for the county and the 10th District."

In her pitch for votes, Cox, a mother of four children, highlighted her years of work as grass roots Republican campaigner and 13-year career as a U.S. Customs Service agent.

Cox vowed for more legislative oversight of county affairs and a focus on public safety in the county's \$2.1 billion annual budget.

"People really don't know what the county does, but they pay a lot of taxes to the county," Cox said. "I want to make sure residents of this district realize the county services available to them."

Garrett, 42, also was making his first run for public office. The Metro Airport electrician boasted his community service and experience as a union leader in his pitch for votes in his non-confrontational campaign.

The commissioner elect may have challenges in her desire to build relationships with the 14 Democrats on the county board and for transition help from Bankes.

Cox said she hasn't talked to Bankes since the two were on opposite sides of last year's contentious Livonia mayoral race between Bankes and eventual winner Jack Engbretson. Cox played a key role in the Engbretson campaign.

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Evans beats Lucas in 'civil' contest for sheriff

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

Incumbent Wayne County Sheriff Warren Evans easily defeated challengers Bill Lucas and Robert Czak in Tuesday's general election.

Evans beat Lucas, a Republican and Evans' former boss, by a nearly 3 to 1 margin. "I'm feeling pretty good," Evans said Wednesday morning. "I think things went pretty well for us."

Dealing with what Evans has described as an inadequate \$115 million budget will continue to be a challenge in his next term. Incomes for the department's 1,500 employees have gone up only 3 percent annually, 88 positions have been eliminated and programs such as drunken driving enforcement, county park patrol and marine division patrol have been eliminated.

Grants continue to be a valuable source of revenue. The sheriff's department was recently awarded a \$1 million

technology grant that will be used to equip 30 patrol cars with computers over the next couple of months.

The benefits of in-car computers are numerous, Evans said. "Computers allow officers to run checks on license plates themselves," he said. "Otherwise, officers rely on radio communication with dispatchers, which can take too much time."

Evans attributed his victory to voters being happy with the department's programs, not withstanding his Democratic affiliation, which always plays well in Wayne County.

"I think the programs we've initiated and the public's perception of them are evidence that we've done a lot of good work," Evans said.

Republican Lucas, a former Wayne County sheriff and the first county executive, described the sheriff's race as being a gentlemanly one.

"I called Warren Evans and wished him well," Lucas said of a Wednesday morning phone

call to his opponent.

Evans and Lucas go way back. Evans worked for Lucas while Lucas was sheriff for 10 years and even served as his driver. Evans joined the department as a deputy in 1970, while Lucas was sheriff.

Unlike the bitterly divided U.S. presidential race, Lucas said the county sheriff race was a model of civility.

"Luckily in our race, we were models of doing what had to be done. There was not bitterness or vitriol, nor charges or dirty tricks - there was nothing negative at all. That's the way I believe campaigns should be. As law enforcement officers, we're supposed to be setting an example."

In other county election news, incumbent Register of Deeds Bernard Youngblood, a Democrat, handily defeated Republican challenger Wilhe J. Cambell. In the county clerk's race, Democrat Cathy M. Garrett defeated Republican challenger Lanell Buffington, winning a second term.

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Clerk		
R Lanell Buffington	189,795	
✓ D Cathy M. Garrett	566,375	
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R Wilhe J. Cambell	174,271	
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Sheriff		
R - Bill Lucas	185,508	
✓ D Warren C. Evans	497,450	
T Robert Frank Czak	13,430	

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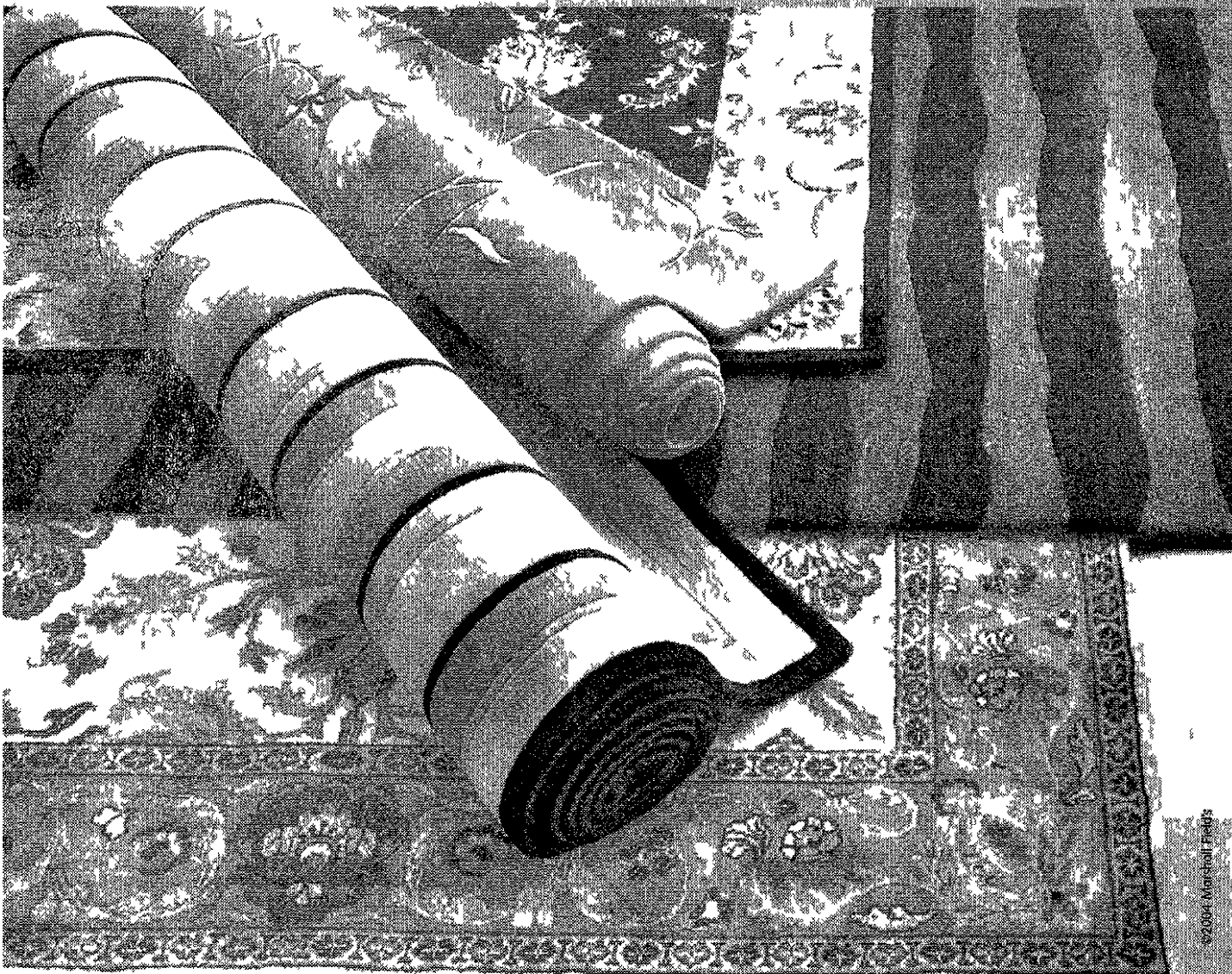
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OUR VIEWS

Youth help city fight off bad rep

Several years ago, the city of Plymouth suffered from a reputation of being a poor destination for young people. The city's police officers were accused of harassing teens who were loitering on city streets, there didn't seem to be much to do for young people in town and the atmosphere was generally unattractive for youngsters.

You don't hear that complaint much anymore, and much of the credit goes to the youth themselves.

The city still has lots to attract younger children, at least seasonally. The Wednesday afternoon concerts in the park and the programs at the Plymouth Community Arts Council and the Plymouth Cultural Center are all solid draws.

The Plymouth District Library does a great job of putting together a teen program but, other than that, the city still lacks any great drawing card for that age group. However, that's not stopping the teens from getting involved.

The Plymouth Youth Commission, made up of teenagers from the city and Plymouth Township, is taking on an increasingly responsible role in the community.

During Fall Festival, for instance, the commission decided it wanted to get involved in the election process, and conducted a straw poll for the presidential election.

Every year during the Plymouth Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign, dozens of high school-age youth volunteer as bell ringers, raising money for the Army's largest annual fund-raiser.

Now, the Youth Commission has taken a leadership role in replacing the fountain in Kellogg Park. With the city, its contractor and their respective insurance companies arguing over who should pay for the damage done to the fountain they destroyed earlier this year, the Youth Commission grabbed the fountain by the spout and will raise \$80,000 to replace it.

Teenagers in Plymouth are taking a page out of John F. Kennedy's book. They've quit worrying about what the city can do for them, they're asking what they can do for their community.

Say what you want about the Me Generation, the youth in Plymouth are showing on a daily basis why the future is in good hands.

State needs more funding for roads

For every transportation dollar that Michigan sends to Washington, the state receives back 88 cents.

That's a problem for a state with a highway system in need of constant maintenance and a sprawling exurbia that is being strained to the maximum.

We love our automobiles. Most of us depend on our automobiles to get us to work, shopping, recreation and every other activity. We demand that our roads are smooth, pothole-free and competently engineered. And we demand that there are enough roads and wide enough roads so that we aren't sitting for hours in traffic every time we get on a highway.

That's a lot to ask. Without an increase in federal support or an unpopular decision to raise taxes on diesel fuel or gasoline, it will be difficult to satisfy the demands for maintenance and new roads.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm has supported a program favoring maintenance over new construction, with a goal of having 90 percent of the state's roads in good condition by 2007. In Oakland County, where congestion is at its worst, this hasn't been a popular position. In a recent newspaper report, state highway director Gloria Jeff argued that one way to relieve some of the congestion is by improving and maintaining existing roads.

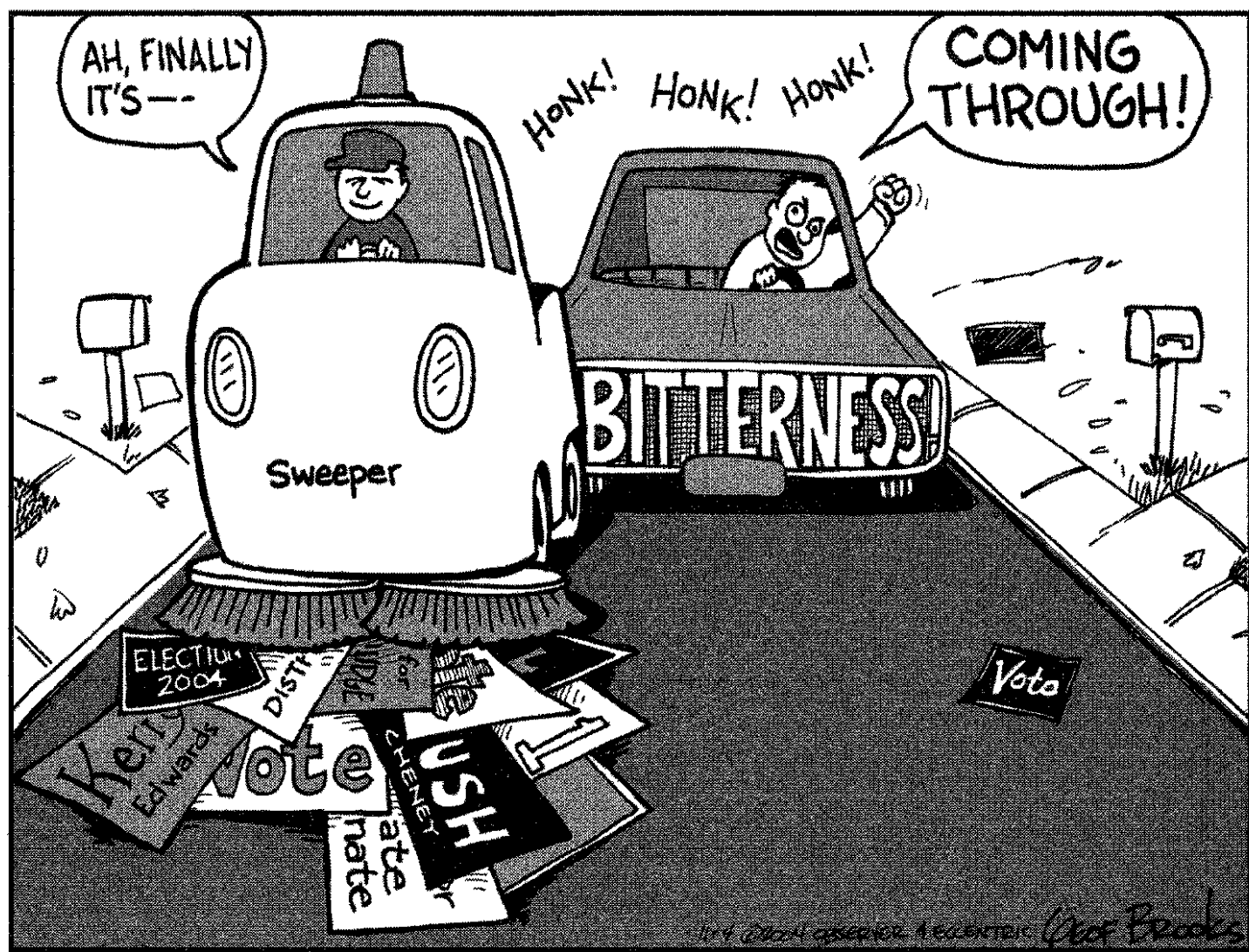
We support the governor's emphasis on repair over new construction while recognizing that some areas, particularly central Oakland County, have severe congestion problems.

But even to maintain what we have will take more money than the state can afford. Major new road projects, not to mention public transit, aren't realistic under current funding.

Congress recently adjourned without approving funding for federal surface transportation programs. A stop-gap measure maintains 2003 funding through spring 2005 to go forward with projects in the works.

Michigan's congressional delegation has been working to get a better return in transportation funding. Pending legislation would return as much as 95 cents on the dollar.

We urge our congressional delegation to make this a top priority when it returns to Washington.



LETTERS

Poor strategy

We read with great interest the *Plymouth Observer* article of Oct. 29 outlining the financial woes of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. In this article the school board and administration is reporting that the school district is forecast to 'run out of operating funds in less than two years'.

Unfortunately, this comes as no surprise to us. We presented a financial model and associated assumptions to past Supt. Kathleen Booher and past Board President Darwin Watts nearly four years ago that projected precisely this catastrophe.

After meeting with Booher and Watts then each school board member we were simply told that the school board would never allow this to happen and that there are lots of things going on behind the scenes that you are not aware of.

Neither the precision of our model, nor the accuracy of our assumptions was ever debated, privately or publicly. We were simply dismissed as "not being in the know."

Over the past four years, we have continued to passionately express these concerns to the current school board members, administration and the press and have been met with the same response and even publicly attacked as being "anti-school." Instead of taking the time to recognize that there was going to be a problem, focus was placed on discrediting the messengers.

While there is some vindication in being proven correct, there is no joy in seeing the financial future of our school district being linked to the idea that we have to "hope" that Lansing will do something so we can survive.

Hope can be a great thing when seeing a beautiful sunrise as a new day dawns, but it is a very poor financial strategy for a \$130 million business.

It seems that when the forecast was for winter, the school district played the part of the grasshopper and now must look to the ant for food to survive. A very poor strategy indeed.

**Mark Horvath
Mike Maloney**
past board presidents
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Proud of Madonna

We are so proud of Deb Madonna and her devotion in the creation of the Sandra Sagar (who endured the obstacles of polio) Wall of Courage at Plymouth High School.

On Tuesday, Oct. 26, four courageous individuals were honored, one posthumously, for their success in overcoming handicaps like Aspergers, cerebral palsy and paralysis. The honorees are Jeffrey Cardinal, Class of 1967, Scott Thomas, Class of 1991, John Kreger, Class of 1997, and David Foust, Class of 1996.

They overcame obstacles of social ostracization and manipulating wheelchairs through three stories of a school with no elevator to remain in inclusionary education. They were the "forefathers and foremothers" of the work for equality in education which we still struggle for today.

We were honored that, to represent the future of children with special needs in education, Deb chose our 6-year-old son, Alex, who is hearing impaired and has

autism and cerebral palsy, to be part of the ceremony.

Also, we were so overwhelmed with emotion at the wall dedication. We were so inspired by the inductees and so in awe of them and their accomplishments. We were touched more than words can ever say by Alex's inclusion in the evening.

These honored individuals have been through so much more than we will have to go through with the educational system, but the fight is nowhere close to being done. Alex was talking about the wall the morning after and the "presentations" and the Wildcat picture in the library (Wildcats are the team mascot of Plymouth High School and Alex loves cats, wild and domestic). He loved that he could touch the wall and use his tactile sense to explore it, what an amazing piece of artwork. We appreciated board members and administration in attendance.

We cried as we heard the words from and about these courageous individuals. This wall is for the special needs population, but more than that, it is for all the students.

Education is an endeavor that should be and must be traveled together, all students together. We cannot thank Deb Madonna, Jerry Trumpka, Miles Edick and Carol Saunders and past members of the Sagar Committee, enough for all of the years of hard work they did which will inspire all students for decades to come.

We implore you to go to Plymouth High School and visit this wall, an artistic masterpiece, located next to the school library, where all students can be inspired to hope and dream and succeed. For more info on the Sandra Sagar wall, visit www.storytellerdesign.com/sandra-sagar.html.

Rich and Dawn Ham-Kucharski
Canton

Courtesy refreshing

Bravo, Kelsie Michalsen! My daughter's class has also been warned not to use the expression "Bless you or God bless you" when a classmate sneezes. If caught, these heinous criminals face being sent into the hall as punishment.

It is my sincere hope that the teachers who have created this "rule" are hoping that a student, like Kelsie, will challenge them on it and demand the right of free speech.

As parents who have made every effort to raise polite and caring daughters, we are always pleased to hear them offer a simple courtesy like this one, no matter whose God one might be referencing!

Holly L. Good
Plymouth

School project

Would you please publish this letter in your newspaper to help us with our social studies project to learn about the United States? If you have any questions please feel free to call us at (715) 582-3762.

Our fourth-grade class is currently studying the regions of the United States. We are learning about each state and their environment, landforms, and special places of interest. We are asking for your help.

We would like people to send us post-

cards that show us what your state is like. This would give us the opportunity to get a first hand look at your state. If you would like to write a note on back we would appreciate it. We want to take this opportunity in advance to thank you for helping us make learning a fun and rewarding experience. We appreciate your help.

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Disorder

Those primarily responsible for today's modern world disorder are the false prophets of order. It seems folks like John Ashcroft and George Bush prefer injustice to disorder. They base their beliefs on a fundamental disorder which is hidden from us by mysterious religious references and half formed political ideas.

They offend the very nature of the Supreme Order, God and humanity. In their world it is cheaper to assassinate an enemy than to deal with them, it is better to wage a war in order to avoid it, and a friend is a friend if the price is right.

As in the 1930s, there is an incredible abuse of our fundamental beliefs for politics. Ministers support the "Christian Right." The Republican Party has stumbled into an agenda of "Christian Values" which are certainly not Christian.

Religion is used to frame a resistance to higher oil prices, opposition to the United Nations, perpetuate poverty, help corporations, control prices and cripple the function of government.

We witness a Christian racism of Christian Industry, Christian rockets, Christian Oil Companies and Christian pre-emptive war.

The people infected with this disease compete with each other in hounding anyone that does not believe exactly what they do.

As with the Nazis we can imagine when all opposition is wiped out they will be forced to turn on each other. In the meantime, if they have not attacked you it is not because you are on their side — it's because they haven't gotten to you yet.

Alfred Brock
Canton

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QUOTABLE

"We've been working for four years to streamline the budget process and clean up our books. Our budget is fine-tuned.

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- Steve Mann, Plymouth Township supervisor, on balancing the township budget

Spirit of democracy is alive and well in our hometowns

Mercifully, this election is over at last. Because I am a hostage to early deadlines, as of this writing I have no idea how it all turned out. But I continue to feel that whoever won the presidency ought to realize his first and most important task is to bring our country — now so narrowly and so bitterly divided — back together.

Back in the mid-'60s, I knew former President Lyndon B. Johnson slightly. I remember that one of his favorite sayings, taken from the Bible, was "Come, let us reason together." Older and perhaps rather more skeptical than I was, I now wonder occasionally if LBJ's "reasoning together" was a verbally convenient way of inviting people to agree with him.

Regardless, LBJ had an important point. The process of reasoning together has great appeal, if only because our diverse and vast country simply cannot continue to withstand the sort of brutish, nasty and divisive politics we have experienced over the past

six years, beginning with the attempted impeachment of a not-fully-honest President Clinton and proceeding to the polarization of the country under President Bush.

Of course, the basis for any reasoning together is mutual respect and joint recognition that everybody has more to gain by working together than by fighting it out. In my experience, this more often than not comes about in a context of smaller, local, relatively face-to-face communities, where people get to know each other as people rather than as abstract images to be demonized.

Quite possibly, this is the underlying factor that has made local politics here in Michigan so much less nasty than the national variety. People living together in local communities have a chance to rub up against each other in a variety of situations, not always political. And there's nothing like the shared interest of having a vital, prosperous community to dissolve ideological and partisan attitudes. (I recognize this generalization doesn't always apply in certain places, but for most communities it works.)

That's why publishing this hometown newspaper is such a continued joy to me. Some years ago, I finally summoned up the discipline to write down this newspaper's fundamental purposes for being. They include enhancing the lives of our readers and sustaining the communities we serve. My dictionary offers up definitions for enhance: "To make greater, as

in value, beauty or reputation, augment."

By publishing a community newspaper that provides you with news of your own community, your neighbors, your schools, your local problems and your triumphs, we try to provide a sense of rootedness that adds to the quality of your life in your own hometown.

Similarly, my dictionary says that nurture means "to nourish, to feed, to help grow or develop." Simply put, I don't believe a newspaper can thrive unless the community it serves is thriving as well. And so it's in this newspaper's self-interest to do whatever we can — always within the requirements for fairness and accuracy that define our profession — to help sustain and improve your community. In the case of this year's election, that means we spent countless hours covering various local races largely neglected by the big-city papers, radio and TV.

We devoted ourselves to offices like mayors and city council members, county and township offices, district and circuit judges, state representatives. We reported on the candidates' views, interviewed candidates and offered our editorial endorsements. We published "clip out" ballots for readers to take to the polls. In short, we sought to provide reliable local political information that gave hometown voters an informed idea of the choices they were making.

And on election night and beyond, on our Web site, HometownLife.com, we provided our readers with up-to-the-minute local election results. We did these things in the belief that providing our readers with the local information they need to make informed local political choices is an essential obligation of a hometown newspaper. This is at heart the consequence of our mission to enhance the lives of our readers. And we believe this information helps encourage the face-to-face local political process that brings local people to reason together for the common good and, as such, helps fulfill our obligation to nurture the communities we serve.

My sense is that people living in their own hometowns in close and mutually respectful relationships with others and joined in their aspirations for their own communities represent the solid heart of American democracy. That's the feeling I regularly get when I step into my township hall to vote. Sadly, that feeling seems miles away from the corrosive, negative and nasty campaign we have just seen acted out on a national scale.

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



Phil Power

These Hall of Famers help girls dream big dreams for future

You may never have heard of Cathy McClelland, but rest assured her lower profile doesn't mean she isn't a mover and shaker.

McClelland is the founder, president and chief executive officer of the Detroit Entrepreneurship Institute, an organization that provides entrepreneurial training, technical assistance, economic literacy and startup capital to those with limited access and financial resources. She was among those inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame during the annual awards ceremony Oct. 28.

McClelland congratulated the other honorees. "And also to my family and my friends. You have truly been the wind beneath my wings."



Julie Brown

She noted her organization has trained more than 4,000 in business development and entrepreneurship, and thanked those at the Novi Sheraton gathering for "helping me to leave footprints as well."

The stage was shared by higher-profile honorees, including Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the first woman to hold that office, and Florine Mark, president and chief executive of The WW Group Inc., the largest franchise of Weight Watchers International.

Granholm, of course, previously served as our state's attorney general, and was much on the scene at this year's Democratic national convention. Her rising political star has people asking if the Constitution should be amended to allow foreign-born people (Canada, in her case) to run for president.

Another high-profile Detroit native, coach Bill Lambeer of the Women's National Basketball Association Detroit Shock, received the Philip A. Hart Award during the "In Celebration of Michigan Women" program. Players Barbara Farris and Swin Cash represented Lambeer at the dinner, as he was busy with a Pistons broadcast.

This year's other Hall of Fame inductees are Geraldine Bledsoe Ford (1926-2003). She was the first African American woman judge in the state of Michigan, the first African American woman in the country to serve in the U.S. Attorney's office, and the first African American woman to serve as an assistant corporation counsel for the city of Detroit.

"She encouraged so many of us," Michigan Supreme Court Chief Justice Maura Corrigan said of Ford. "There weren't many women attorneys back in the late 1960s," Corrigan added.

"She was especially passionate about women lawyers who practiced before her," added Kym

Worthy, Wayne County prosecutor.

Lystra E. Gretter, R.N. (1858-1951) — Known as the "Dean of Michigan Nurses" and recognized nationwide, Gretter introduced numerous improvements in and set the standards for nurses' training. She was a founding member of the society which would become the National League of Nursing and the association which would become the Michigan State Nurses Association.

Constance Mayfield Rourke (1885-1941) — She was one of the first to recognize, study and promote the existence of America's own folk life, folk art and folk culture. Her efforts were among the initial factors that brought about the concept of studying this New World culture.

It's great to see such big-name people as Granholm, Mark and Lambeer recognized for their contributions to Michigan women's lives. Even so, I couldn't help but think during the dinner of the laudable achievements of McClelland, as well as historical honorees Ford, Gretter and Rourke.

Mark, who received her award from granddaughter Ariella Lis, thanked her family. Mark noted she's been able to employ more than 5,000 women who in turn empower others. "And the cycle goes on and on and on," Mark said.

Granholm told the others, "It is an honor to grace the stage with you all." She said women at times incur wrath for speaking out.

The governor drew chuckles when she said her older daughter is full of herself, "but in a great way. Sometimes." Both she and her sister know they can achieve much.

"So the symbolism is great," said Granholm, who described parades in which women push their daughters forward to see her and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow. Granholm has appreciated being able to tap qualified women to lead such male bastions as the Department of Corrections and Department of Natural Resources.

It's great to see the Hall of Fame and its sister organization, the Michigan Women's Studies Association, honor these women (and Lambeer, who received the so-called "good guy" award). Women's history has been for too long overlooked, and such efforts go a long way toward addressing that imbalance.

Children, and not just girls, benefit when they see the full range of opportunities that are open to them. The Michigan Women's Hall of Fame is to be commended for its work in shining the spotlight on these women's accomplishments.

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ELECTION

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Monday he had passed the State Bar Exam and is stepping down to take a job at the Detroit law firm Miller Canfield, won going away, drawing 10,127 votes. He was also the top vote-getter in the August primary.

He attributed his popularity in the voting to the efforts his administration has made over the last four years in moving the township forward, completing projects such as a new township hall, a Downtown Development Authority and several recreational opportunities.

"I'm extremely pleased, said Mann, who starts at Miller Canfield Nov. 29. "I interpret that as a vote of support for all

we've done the past four years. It shows people have confidence and trust in me and my agenda. They know I follow through on the things I say I'm going to do, and we do it openly and honestly."

Arnold and Curmi each were returned for a fourth term. Both have served since 1992, and Arnold serves as the board's liaison to the planning commission.

Doroszewitz earned a seat in his first bid for political office, finishing third in the trustee voting with 9,448 votes.

"I'm a bit humbled, Doroszewitz said. When I decided in the spring to run, I knew I'd have to overcome (lack of) name recognition, but I also had to convince people I'd work hard. People want to know you're the guy who will represent their interests."

There were no surprises in



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Plymouth Township residents Marc Gattoni, Brian Noriko and Cheryl Sanders wait in line at the polling place located at NorthRidge Church.

other races. President Bush won the township handily, as did state Rep. John Stewart, (R-Plymouth Township), and

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

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Area voters side with state in approving ballot proposals

BY JENNA KLOECKNER
STAFF WRITER

Unlike the majority of Oakland and Wayne County voters, Bette Davis of Southfield voted 'no' on Proposals 1 and 2.

"I don't think anyone has the right to tell someone what they should or shouldn't do as far as sexual orientation goes," she said, of Proposal 2. "The world would be a better place if we respected the values of others and just live and let live, without being so judgmental."

Coinciding with statewide approval on Proposal 2 by a margin of 59 to 41 percent, 52 percent of Oakland residents and 55 percent of Wayne County voters approved amending the Michigan Constitution to define marriage as the union between one man and one woman.

Proposal 2 supporter Glenn Clark, Republican chair for the

9th Congressional District, said the approval of the proposal is a very positive sign of things to come.

"It sent the message that the people are still in charge," he said. "And from here on out, many public officials will start incorporating traditional beliefs into their political platforms," he added.

A fight for a fair Michigan, however, is far from over for Proposal 2 opponents.

"Our challenge now is to assess the next steps toward equal rights and how we will harness the great energy and commitment to equality that we have seen grow in the past two months," said Jeff Montgomery, executive director of the Triangle Foundation.

"We will meet and embrace that challenge, and we will determine the strategies that will advance the ideal of a Michigan that is fair, equal for all, and not dictated by the

forces of division and discrimination."

Also in step with statewide approval, a majority of Oakland and Wayne County residents approved amending the Michigan Constitution to require voter approval of any form of gaming and certain new state lottery games.

Proposal 1 was approved by 54 percent of Oakland and 62 percent of Wayne County voters, and 58 percent of voters statewide.

This is clearly a significant victory for Michigan voters, said Roger Martin, a proposal supporter and spokesman for the group Let Voters Decide - YES.

On the flip side, the victory was certainly not clear to Proposal 1 opponents like state Rep. John Pastor, R-Livonia, who said the proposals approval kills Lansing's leverage in pressuring Michigan's Indian-controlled casinos to pay a fair share of taxes to the state.

"We could have used that leverage to provide competition for these casinos," Pastor said. "And it's not just the casino on tribal land. You also have a hotel, gas station, store and lounge as well. They don't have to pay the same taxes for those operations as the private business person. That hurts those businesses who have to pay full taxes."

Area voters had mixed reactions. Some agreed with Davis, who said Proposal 1 would take money away from education, which should be the No. 1 priority.

"We should want to fund our future and that's what our young people are," she said.

Others, like Lathrup Village resident Ronald Micetic, said they wanted the power to vote on the issue.

"I want to be able to vote on things," Micetic said. "I don't want the state or Legislature to do it for me."

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On November 17 2004 at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Room 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan there will be a public hearing on the above captioned document. The purpose of the Consolidated Plan hearing is to identify needs in the community in preparation for writing the 5 year plan for the community development block grant program. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin Community Services Specialist Community Services Division 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 (734) 394-5194 David Medley ADA Coordinator

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This display from a previous Holiday Tables at Cranbrook House in Bloomfield Hills gives an idea of the creativity shown by the designers. Governor Jennifer Granholm will be one of the exhibitors this year.

Holiday Tables set at Cranbrook House

The Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary will present the 29th annual Holiday Tables Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 18-21.

The event, A Century of Style, will take place at historic Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

Parking and shuttle service are available from Christ Church Cranbrook, across the street from Cranbrook House.

Holiday Tables will feature 20 tables decorated by celebrities, designers, organizations and businesses.

"As they began to think about celebrating the holidays in their own homes, visitors will get a lot of great ideas from viewing these tables," said Joy DiCenso of Bloomfield Village, who is co-chairing the event with Dione DeWitte of Troy. "Because Cranbrook turned 100 this year, we are focusing on the many styles of the past century."

Among the scheduled exhibitors this year are Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Dana Buchman of New York, Adele Acheson of West Bloomfield with Joan Allesee of Troy and Shirley Shirock of Novi, Samar Ajluni of Bloomfield Hills, The Book Club of Birmingham, Pallas Hupe of Birmingham, Lori Bruce of Bloomfield Hills, DuMouchelle Art Galleries, Soraya Golden of Orchard Lake, Florene Halpern of Amariyllis Catering of Birmingham, Joseph Keenan of Joseph Keenan and Associates of Birmingham, Eileen Kiriluk of Bloomfield Hills, Maral Marmasian and Sue Atwell of Beverly Hills, David McKnight of Emerald City Design, Saks Fifth Avenue, Huda Succor of Bloomfield Hills, Barbara Button of Bloomfield Hills for Cranbrook Gardens, Vicki Celam of Bloomfield Hills, Lois Harsh of Bloomfield Hills for Cranbrook House, and Far Radom for Turtle Lake.

Particularly helpful in coordinating the whole look of Holiday Tables is Emily Caragher, president of Emily's in Auburn Hills. Caragher is a professional florist, garden designer and holiday home decorator. She and staff from Telly's Greenhouse in Troy are donating their creativity to adorn the home with yuletide trimmings, both inside and out.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Nov. 19-20, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21.

General admission is \$20 at the door, \$15 in advance.

Advance tickets may be bought by

PLEASE SEE TABLES, B4



David Pulice of Classic Lines of Farmington Hills featured bright colors in his dining room vignette.

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take note

Exquisite and exciting compositions await at Orchestrations for the Home, a showcase of about 40 room vignettes at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

The displays by acclaimed area interior designers are part of the event, a fund raiser for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra scheduled for Saturday-Monday, Nov. 6-8, at the MDC, 1700 Stutz.

Seminars and a holiday and gift boutique will also be featured (see related items). Attendees will have a chance to visit the showrooms at the MDC, which is usually open to the interior design trade only.

The different components of the event, as well as the innovative and imaginative room settings,

PLEASE SEE DESIGN, B2



Above, Mary Antenucci of Mary Antenucci Interiors of Troy put together a dramatic vignette. Visitors to Orchestrations for the Home will be able to view innovative and imaginative room settings, attend seminars, shop at a holiday and gift boutique and see the showrooms of the design center. The event benefits the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. At left, Sharon Holton of Sharon A. Holton Interiors of Plymouth set a table with a Thanksgiving theme for Orchestrations for the Home, a design showcase at Michigan Design Center in Troy.

BY MARY KLEMIC | STAFF WRITER

Accents

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You may also visit their Web site at www.1877moldfree.com.

Hi to IKEA

IKEA, a leading home furnishings retailer, has announced plans for a store in Canton, increasing its growing presence in the upper Midwest.

Pending approval and permits, construction of the proposed IKEA Canton could start in spring 2005, with an anticipated opening date in summer 2006.

Fridays at Cranbrook

Explore the cultural treasures of Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills in a special way Friday, Nov. 26. Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, is Detroit's oldest Manor House, an English Arts and Crafts-style masterpiece. It was built for George Gough Booth and Ellen Scripps Booth by architect Albert Kahn in 1908.

The fourth Friday of each month, Cranbrook House will remain open to the public for tours until 9 p.m. Admission is free.

Each Friday evening in November, the Cranbrook Art Museum, 39221 Woodward, will remain open until 9 p.m. and feature a special program, Cut 'n' Mix Fridays: Art, Talk and Jam, with popular Detroit techno musicians playing live in the galleries.

The series will culminate on Nov. 26 with the release party of the compilation CD, which will include music by all musicians participating in the Cut 'n' Mix series.

Admission is \$6 for adults, \$4 for students and seniors, and free for under age 12.

For information on specific events, call the Cranbrook Art Museum at (248) 645-3323, or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

MARKET PLACE

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece along with information to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, 48150.



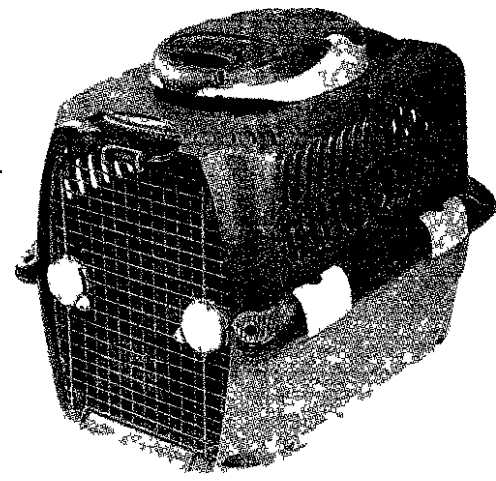
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HOME CALENDAR

Art fair
The 30th annual Holiday Art Fair presented by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans will take place Saturday Sunday Nov 6-7 at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 free for under age 12. Parking is free. Shoppers will find business Christmas Hanukkah and Kwanza gifts handcrafted toys jewelry handwoven clothing home accessories handcrafted ceramics and textiles for an artfully set Thanksgiving table and other items. Artists will be present to discuss their inspiration techniques and completed pieces. Santa will be on hand to greet children and hear their holiday wish lists. Everyone will enjoy a free taste of Edy's ice cream. Prizes donated by the artists a year's supply of ice cream and gift certificates good for future guild art fairs will be awarded to shoppers who fill out an entry blank. The fair will take place in Building H on the campus. Entrances are on Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road south of I-696. The guild is a non-profit organization that also produces the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. For more information call (734) 662-3382 or visit www.michiganguild.org

Faux stained glass
Learn how to make faux stained glass in a class Tuesday Nov 9 at The Community House 380 S Bates in Birmingham. This interesting craft simulates stained glass. You will transfer patterns to your 8 by 10 inch styrene apply liquid (simulated) leading and learn to apply and blend your colors

to produce a beautiful glass art painting. Cost is \$22 plus a \$15 materials fee payable to the instructors Bob and Esther Kerr. To register and for more information call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Goodwill Antiques Show
The 57th Goodwill Antiques Show will take place Saturday Sunday Nov 13-14 in the Shotwell Gustafson Pavilion at Oakland University off Adams between Avon Road and Walton Boulevard in Rochester. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Nov 13 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov 14.

The show featuring selections from more than 50 antiques exhibitors from across the nation is presented by the Junior Group of Goodwill Industries. Proceeds benefit Goodwill Industries of Greater Detroit. A black tie optional gala preview party will take place 7:10 p.m. Friday Nov 12 with music cocktails and a strolling supper. Gala tickets range from \$80 to \$200 and may be ordered by calling the Junior Group at (248) 375-1493. Young Collectors' Night will be 6-9 p.m. Nov 13 with live music hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Admission is \$10 (general). General admission tickets may be bought at the door or through Junior Group members. Parking is free. A shuttle service will be available. Call (248) 375-1493 or visit www.goodwilldetroit.com for information.

Quilt project
The Rochester Community House 816 Ludlow offers classes in a Quilt Project Series. The third session Quilting Makes the Quilt will meet Monday Nov 15. Fee is \$25. Pre-registration is required by mail or at RCH. No credit cards. Call (248) 651-0622 or visit www.rochestercommhouse.org for information.

DESIGN

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indicate how inspiring Orchestrations for the Home is.

Even if you're not looking for guidance with a decorating plan, it is worthwhile to attend just for the viewing.

Last year's Orchestrations for the Home, the first time it was presented, took place in February.

The rooms offer a variety of visual harmonies, a number of noteworthy offerings. You can feel such elements as the elegance of a minuet, the liveliness of calypso, the mellowness of jazz.

VARIETY

Cynthia Ohanian of Cynthia Ohanian Interiors of Bloomfield Hills has fashioned an exquisite vignette, meant as a haven for a young woman who will apply to medical school.

Much of the furniture is ornate, and a gold trim adorns the fireplace. A border with a classical design runs along the perimeter near the ceiling. Many accents have a musical theme, such as the portraits of composers and the instrument-shaped sculpture.

Thanksgiving is the theme in the table setting by Sharon Holton of Sharon A. Holton Interiors of Plymouth. Holton was inspired by the country's bounty.

Tones of autumn and runners with a leaf design are on

the table. Assortments of vegetables and fruits — many of them large — are arranged around big ceramic bowls that serve as cornucopias. Plates are a pumpkin pie color.

David Pulice of Classic Lines of Farmington Hills calls his vignette Celebrating Near and Far.

This dining room features two types of holiday decor on opposite sides of the room: a traditional tree and wreath, in gold and white, and a palm tree with bright glass ornaments and a tropical painting. A giant bouquet tops the table, which is also adorned with festive silk runners.

Mary Antenucci of Mary Antenucci Interiors of Rochester generates a contemporary tempo in her dramatic room setting.

It features deep plum in the sofa and carpet border, yellow-green leaves on the upholstery and a throw pillow, and a furry zebra print table.

Julie Baba of Julie Baba Designs and Becky Spier of Interiors by Becky Spier Inc., both of Troy, present a romantic setting.

It features a pavilion topped with a white silk canopy, its flowing drapes standing like pillars. Under the canopy is a chandelier, and a table set with Versace china on a red and gold cloth.

Large urns filled with plants, the leafy design on the black chairs, a stone cat sculpture and the pattern on the round carpet add exotic elements.

Phyllis Whitehead of P.J. Whitehead of Birmingham has put together a vignette suggesting the lobby of a European hotel.

The scene includes natural stone tiles on the floor and walls, lush leather chairs, and a vertical metal grille over mirrors in the back.

A masculine tone is in the home study by Donna Brown of Dazzling Designs of Northville.

The soft colors are balanced with black a metal stand topped with electric flames, a big ottoman with a leopard print, and a throw pillow with colorful broad stripes.

Caroline Smith of Caroline of West Bloomfield works with music water and stone in her vignette in which cellos and violins are suspended over a square tub. A flower in one corner offers a splash of cool color.

Jan McCollum of J. Parker McCollum of Troy presents a loft setting with blue walls and bedding, a dark brown chest, black leather stools and chairs,

Experts offer Orchestrations for the Home presentations

Here are the scheduled presentations at Orchestrations for the Home.

The presentations will take place all three days, unless otherwise noted.

■ It's the Holidays — Be Comfortable, 11 a.m. — Carmine Bossio, Carmine Bossio Interior Design.

■ The Secrets of Design, 11 a.m. — Susan Winton-Feinberg, Walter Herz Interiors.

■ Tile on the Horizon, 11:30 a.m. — Mark Lapalm, TVI Inc.

■ Flowers, Flowers, Flowers, 11:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday — Verjek Ohanian.

■ Easy Ways to Make Your Home a Haven, noon — Barbara Kopitz, Barbara Kopitz Designs Inc.

■ Complete Design, 12:30 p.m. — Sara Scott Cullen, Sara Scott Cullen Design.

■ It Takes a Village: A Showhouse Room from Inception to Completion, 1 p.m. — Brian Clay Collins, Marshall Field's Interior Design Studio.

■ Cancel the Caterer?, 1:30 p.m. — Floreen Halpern, Amaryllis Inc.

■ Interior Architecture: The Inside Story, 1:30 p.m. Sunday and Monday — David Lubin, Lubin Schulz & Skocelas.

■ When Size Matters: Creating Indoor and Outdoor Spaces for Smaller Homes and Sites, 1:30 p.m. Saturday — Victor Saroki, Victor Saroki & Architects.

■ How to Decorate with Oriental Rugs, 2 p.m. — Rick Carmody, Au Courant.

■ Mix and Match: Making Patterns Work Together, 2:30 p.m. — Gene Galley, Beacon Hill Showrooms.

■ When to Work with a Designer, 3 p.m. — Kasey Pierson, Pierson Interiors.

■ What: A design showcase featuring room vignettes by local designers, seminars and a holiday and gift boutique. Net proceeds support the concerts and educational programs of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

■ When: Saturday-Monday, Nov. 6-8. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

■ Where: Michigan Design Center, 1700 Stutz, north off Maple (15 Mile) between Coolidge and Crooks in Troy.

■ Admission: \$20 per person in advance, \$25 at the door. Admission includes design-related seminars.

Box lunches are available at \$8.50 per person, or \$8 if bought with an advance ticket.

Docent-guided group tours at \$20 per person are available 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Monday. To arrange a group tour, call the DSO Volunteer Council at (313) 576-5154.

Tickets are available at Suite 25 in the MDC, from the DSO box office (phone (313) 576-1111) or by calling the DSO Volunteer Council at (313) 576-5154.

■ Gala opening: A gala opening will take place 6 p.m. Friday. Opus One will cater the cocktail reception and strolling supper. DSO brass and chamber groups will perform throughout the evening. A live auction for artist-designed birdhouses with intriguing mystery gifts will also be featured.

Gala tickets are \$350 (benefactor) and \$150 (patron), and are available by calling the DSO Volunteer Council, (313) 576-5154.

■ Information: Call the 24-hour Designer Showcase hotline at (313) 576-5477, or visit www.detroitssymphony.com or www.michigandesign.com.

and an earth tone sisal rug. Tribal masks on a wall and bamboo accents add a touch of the exotic. Straight lines and squares abound, in the furniture, bedding pattern and mesh runner on a table.

The sitting room by Sara Scott Cullen of Sara Scott Cullen Design of Beverly Hills is dressed in blue and white.

White roping trims the navy upholstery on one chair, and the cabinet and coffee table have paint with a navy tint.

The dining table setting by Rosemary Cotter Jill Schumacher and Michelle Mio

of Rariden Schumacher Mio & Co. of Birmingham has a water theme with its fish-shaped Pewabic vessels, goblets with droplet pattern and soft aqua upholstery.

The scene conveys a sense of 1920s glamour.

Maureen D'Avanzo of Northville Lil Erdeljan of Bloomfield Hills and Jennifer Fischer of Bloomfield Hills are event chairs. Betty and Marvin Danto of Bloomfield Hills are honorary event chairs. Denise and Bob Lutz are honorary chairs for the gala opening.

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There's still time to plant spring bulbs

In September I attended a garden writers meeting on Long Island and as you might expect when garden writers gather, we talked gardening.

Although it's getting close to the cutoff date for planting

spring-flowering bulbs, my contact, Sally Ferguson, of the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center, gave this interesting advice about these ever-popular bulbs

Daffodils bloom much later the second year than they do the first, because established perennial or naturalized bulbs tend to bloom about two weeks later than the first year.

This information is important because when you're planting bulbs you'll need to choose colors that will still be compatible in subsequent years.

If you don't have time to plant newly purchased bulbs right away, store them in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Excess air and moisture can harm bulbs. Bulbs stored under proper condition for a few weeks, but planted at least six weeks before the ground freezes hard, can practically be guaranteed

to come up in spring. One exception are specialty bulbs which have a tendency to dry out if left unplanted so they should be put in the ground as soon as they are purchased. These bulbs include Colchicum and snowdrops (Galanthus), as well as Erythronium (dog's-tooth violet), Corydalis, Fritillaria and the rhizome-forming aemones such as Anemone nemorosa and A ranunculoides.

There are a few bulbs that can be planted in fall that will bloom that fall. It may be too late now, but you may want to try Colchicum e.g. byzantinum or 'Lilac Wonder', Autumn-flowering Crocus e.g. Crocus zonatus, Crocus sativus, Cyclamen coum (flowers in winter from December to March).

When it's so bitter cold outside, you may wonder why the bulbs in the ground don't freeze in the winter. The answer is interesting. Bulbs are designed by nature to withstand cold winter temperatures.

The cold triggers the biochemical process necessary to bring the bulb to flower in spring. The soil may freeze to depths beyond which the bulbs are planted (soil temperature rarely falls below 29 or 30 degrees F) at these just-below-freezing temperatures water in the cells may freeze but the cells won't be harmed.

This simple sugar interacts with other small molecules

acts in much the same way as salt on a winter sidewalk. This sugar lowers the temperature at which water freezes, which helps to keep bulbs snug in their winter beds. Snow cover and a layer of mulch after the ground temperature has dropped also is effective.

The daffodils and narcissus are the same plant. Narcissus is the Latin or botanical name for all daffodils, just as *Ilex* is for Hollis. Daffodil is the common name for all members of the genus *Narcissus*, and its use is recommended by the American Daffodil Society at all times other than in scientific writing.

A jonquil is the yellow daffodil grown in the southeastern United States and has traditionally been referred to as jonquils there. According to the official book of daffodils, the international Registry and Daffodil List, maintained by Great Britain's Royal Horticultural Society, only certain daffodils can truly be called jonquils. These have several yellow flowers, strong fragrance, and rounded foliage, as defined under Division 7 and Division 10 in the official registry. (Sometimes we learn more than we really need to know!)

Here's a practical way to plan when to plant fall bulbs. Plant once nighttime temperatures drop into the low 50s or 40s for two weeks. Finish the planting once hard frosts are coming.

Generally bulbs root best in the period six weeks for more prior to the ground freezing. After planting bulbs, water the site well. Typically fall rains will take over this task for the balance of the season. For more information on fall planting see www.bulb.com (Check out U.S. Bulb Planting Regions, When to Plant Bulbs Where You Live).

If you didn't get your bulbs in the ground by early winter, plant them as soon as you can, even if you have to chip into the ground. Bulbs are alive and won't live much longer if left unplanted. If the bulbs get less than 10 to 14 weeks (depending on their type) of sustained cold temperatures, they'll still come up but may be shorter than usual. If they are the varieties that naturalize, they'll come back normally in future years if their foliage is left to die back after bloom in the spring.

Here's a tip: If you know in advance you won't be able to plant until very late, throw small tarps or leaf piles over proposed planting areas to keep the soil warm and workable until you are ready to dig.

An alternative would be to pot up unplanted bulbs for indoor forcing, or as container plants. Choose a light potting soil mix. Move small containers to an unheated garage or other cool, yet protected place. In spring, use the potted bulbs as accent plants or bring them indoors.

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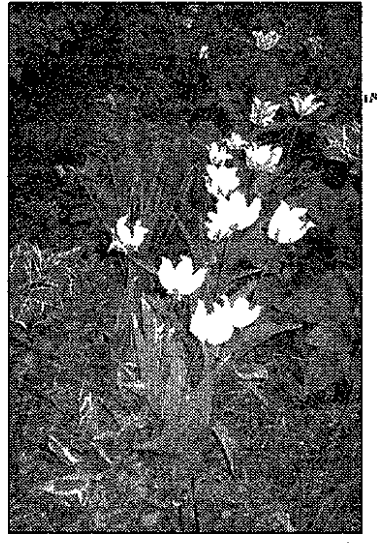
Two interesting programs will be held this month, so mark your calendar now so you won't be left out.

The first will be Sunday, Nov 14, at La Café & Java, 3815 Dixie Hwy in Waterford. Michael Saint of Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design, Inc. will share his expertise with a breathtaking selection of bulbs and their placement for best effect. Next spring the gardens will burst with color. Delicious food from the cafe is included in the price and books will be available for purchase. Make your reservation by calling Michael Saint at (248) 620-7188, or reach him at goodearthlandscapeinc@juno.com. Cost is \$40 per person (non-refundable). Check or money orders, please.

Cordial aficionado Curtis Vincent will share the interesting history of cordial drinks at 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov 13 at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. Vincent will demonstrate how to make a large variety of them including some age-old recipes and some hip, new ways to enjoy them. He will also offer discuss

port wines, and other dessert wines, and when and how to serve them. Curtis will share his large collection of beautiful cordial glasses including cut crystal, colored, presses and etched glassware. All attendees are automatically entered in a drawing for a collection of cordial glassware. Cost is \$10 per person, reservation required, please call (248) 332-6430.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



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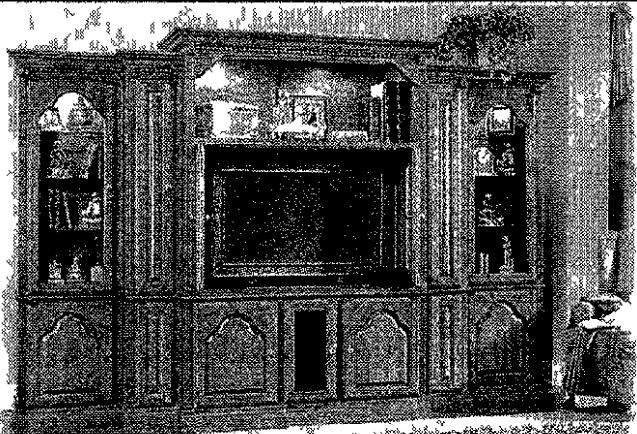
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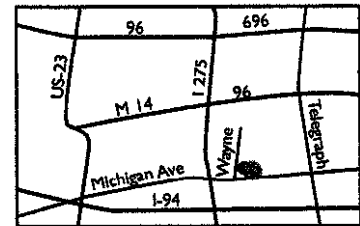
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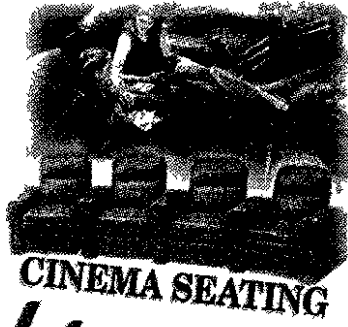


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All proceeds benefit the preservation of Cranbrook House
Founded in 1904 by George and Ellen Booth, Cranbrook became a country retreat for the Booth family and eventually the 319-acre educational and cultural community It has been named a National Historic Landmark
Cranbrook was designed by



The settings at Holiday Tables at Cranbrook House offer a variety of imaginative ideas, as this table from a previous year shows This year's event will feature 20 tables decorated by celebrities designers organizations and businesses

Detroit architect Albert Kahn The main house was built in 1908 Two wings were added, and the house was completed in 1925
Cranbrook trivia
George Booth made his living as a metalsmith His works can be seen in the intricate fencing at the former Bank of Montreal, now the Hockey Hall of Fame, in Toronto

Legendary composer Leonard Bernstein wrote portions of *West Side Story* while visiting Cranbrook The piano he used at the time is now in Cranbrook House
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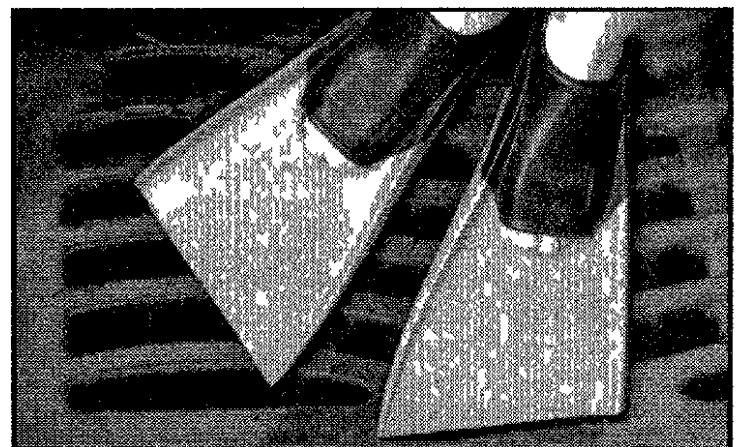
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Simple cleanup may resolve problems

Jim writes 'I have a 12 year old Frigidare 'ultra quiet' dishwasher. In fact, at the present time it is ultra quiet as it does not work



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

"The dishwasher will fill with water but the motor fails to come on. I did some preliminary investigation and I wondered if it has anything to do with the circuit board with four buttons on the front or possibly the wide wire running up from the bottom. It shows some wear. I would appreciate any suggestions. You were quite helpful before in telling me how to fix my washing machine. Thank you for any advice you may have."

The circuit board you describe sounds like a four-button touch pad control which can be so costly to fix on different major appliances.

Before we get into a detailed repair, I want you to try something for me: shut off the power supply to the dishwasher, take a clean cloth dampened in warm vinegar and wipe off the control pad. Wipe it dry with a piece of tissue paper and leave the power supply off for an hour. Turn the power back on and try the dishwasher.

There are those in the computer industry who will tell you that the Appliance Doctor doesn't have a clue when giving out these kinds of cures for touch pad problems and there are many who have been in touch with me from the opposite spectrum. It has worked many times for homeowners and saved them a lot of money.

The wide wire you describe as showing some wear concerns me. There should be no signs of wear on a wire unless you have something rubbing on it and that is not supposed to happen.

The lower front kick panel comes off by removing two screws and you should check all wire connections to make they are tight fitting. A burnt winding in the motor can usu-

ally be detected by using your nose and getting it as close to the motor as possible, but make sure the power supply is shut off when doing this. A 12-year life span of your dishwasher is pretty good and I watch how much money you spend on repairs. Good luck.

Yul writes 'I have an older model General Electric oven which continues to shut down and flash either an F-2 or F3 error message on the display board.

"I've tried tripping the breaker for extended periods of time, with no success. The oven begins to send these messages as soon as it begins to heat and then shuts down and all the while it beeps even after I press the clear/off button. I hope that you can help me or direct me."

If you have already read my reply to Jim above, the prescription using vinegar applies to your stove's ailment as well. I hope that this cure works for you because again, the repairs on electronics on major appliances is costly.

In the case of most ranges manufactured today, it is almost impossible to figure out what these codes mean in regards to what failure has occurred. Many times, the only person who knows what a certain code means is the service technician from that particular manufacturer. Codes are almost secret information and they are sometimes next to impossible to obtain even by the independent service companies who repair appliances.

I wrote about this years ago where I pointed out that major appliances would be harder to diagnose by homeowners across America and that electronic parts would end up costing too much and causing a throwaway attitude even on expensive appliances.

That day has come and some manufacturers won't be happy until they build a product which is impossible for any homeowner to repair.

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

Giftorama offers holiday shopping fun

The 34th annual Kingswood Giftorama will take place Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 13-14, in the halls of the Saarnen-designed Kingswood School, 39221 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills.

To many people, Giftorama signals the official start of the holiday season.

Each year, more than 5,000 treasure hunters attend the event.

All proceeds provide funds for restoration, tuition assistance and other projects dedicated to continuing the excellence of Cranbrook Schools.

"Giftorama is a terrific way for parents, alums, students, faculty/staff and volunteers to work together to create this amazing show," said co-chair Laura Reickert Lehmann.

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Shoppers may also enjoy a light lunch or snack at the Giftorama cafe, which will serve food and refreshments throughout the weekend.

Kingswood Giftorama will kick off with its Champagne Opening, an elegant preview party, Friday, Nov. 12.

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■ When: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14.

■ Opening: A champagne opening will take place 6-10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12. All patrons will receive free admission to Giftorama both days.

Champagne opening ticket packages are: Silver Benefactor, \$825 (eight tickets and four valet parking passes to the opening, weekend parking at the campus), Benefactor, \$440 (four tickets and two valet parking passes to the opening, weekend parking at the campus), Patron, \$220 (two tickets and one valet parking pass to the opening), Friend, \$85 (one ticket to the opening, complimentary parking and shuttle service).

Call (248) 645-3565 for tickets and more information about the opening.

■ Where: Kingswood Campus of Cranbrook Schools, 39221 Woodward Avenue, between Maple (15 Mile) and Long Lake Road, east of Telegraph, in Bloomfield Hills.

■ Admission for Nov. 13-14: \$7 per person, payable at the door (a coupon for \$2 off is available at www.giftorama.org). Complimentary parking and shuttle service.

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■ Information: Visit www.giftorama.org or call (248) 645-3565.

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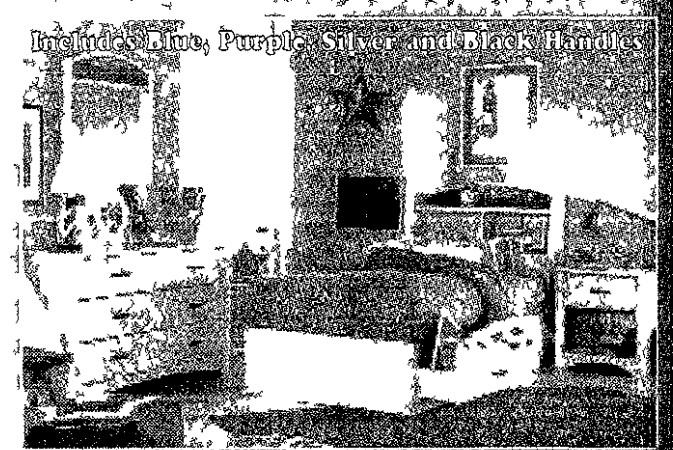
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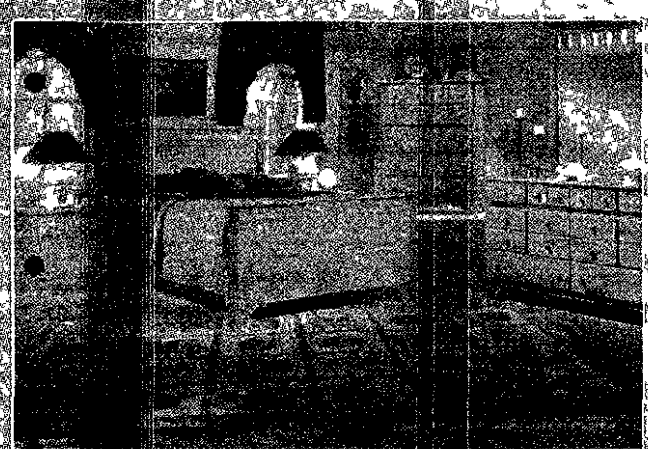
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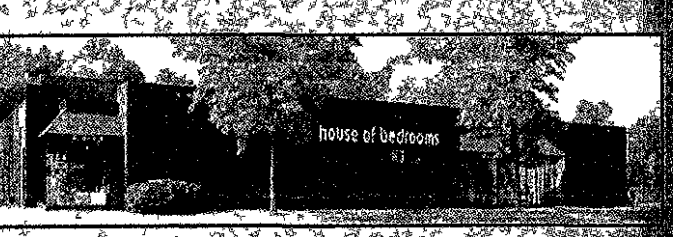
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Courageous comeback

Swimmer returns to pool after near-fatal accident

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Teammates wept as Canton swimmer Alissa Vermeulen stepped to the edge of the Farmington High School pool on the evening of Oct. 7, 2003, for the start of a heat in the 50-yard freestyle event.

Who could blame them? They were witnessing the incredible final steps of an inspirational and emotional comeback journey, the kind from which movies are made.

Just 11 weeks earlier, Vermeulen was almost killed — and she came within millimeters of being paralyzed — in a freak, no-fault personal watercraft accident.

Following a pair of risk-filled surgeries, two weeks in the University of Michigan Hospital and more than two agonizing months in a six-pound, spine-stabilizing metal halo, Vermeulen was lucky to be alive, let alone lining up to race in a high school swim meet.

And who could blame the members of the crowd that night when they stood in unison and applauded when Vermeulen pushed herself out of the pool following the race?

She had finished fourth in the heat, but the crowd let her know that her performance was worthy of a gold medal.

Brotherly love

Blue skies prevailed over Evans Lake on the afternoon of July 15, 2003, as Alissa, her brother Derek, and several of their friends from the Trinity Presbyterian Church's youth group enjoyed a fun-filled, mid-summer day at the Vermeulens' Irish Hills cottage.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., Alissa and her boyfriend, Seth, boarded a two-person personal watercraft and headed out for one final ride around the small lake. Seth drove and Alissa sat in the passenger's seat.

They were joined by Derek Vermeulen



Alissa Vermeulen is pictured in the living room that served as a makeshift hospital room for several weeks following her release from the hospital in August of 2003.

and Kristen Cosens, one of Alissa's closest friends, who boarded a second personal watercraft.

Approximately 15 minutes later, roughly 200 yards from shore, Derek stopped his machine and waited for Alissa and Seth's approaching craft.

As Alissa and Seth's Jet Ski got closer to us, I could tell they weren't going to be able to stop in time, Derek said. "It was almost like slow motion."

Alissa and Seth's machine collided into the side of Derek and Kristen's, throwing Alissa head-first into the side of Derek's machine. Seth's momentum was slowed by the steering wheel, preventing him from crashing into the other craft.

The impact threw me from my Jet-Ski

and into the water," Derek said. "When I came up, I just hoped no one else was hurt."

Derek's hopes were dashed when he spotted Alissa and Seth floating face-down about 10 yards away.

"Kristen wasn't hurt, but she was pretty upset," Derek said. "I calmed Kristen down, then I had her check on Seth, who it turned out was breathing. Then I swam over to Alissa. When I got to her, it was obvious she wasn't breathing. I flipped her over and held her up by her thighs. She had a life preserver on, so her head stayed above water. I held her like a baby, with her knees to her chest. I tried to keep her as still as possible because for some reason I knew something was wrong with her



Simple things like eating were a chore for Alissa Vermeulen during the initial few weeks following her near-fatal boating accident. The halo that was screwed into her skull stabilized her neck to prevent further injury.

neck. Instinctively, Derek then breathed life into his sister's limp body, performing the CPR steps that he had learned in a second-grade swim class.

"After about 30 seconds, she started coughing up water," Derek said. "I was relieved, but it wasn't like I could stop and cheer because I knew she wasn't out of danger yet."

It was ironic because Alissa was the certified lifeguard. She's the one you would want performing CPR, not the other way around.

No paralysis

Within 20 minutes, paramedics arrived and Alissa was transported to Tecumseh's Herrick Hospital.

Once we got to the hospital and they were able to run tests, we had a very tactful doctor inform us that she had a broken neck, said Nancy Vermeulen, Alissa's mom. The doctor then told us that most people who suffer similar injuries are paralyzed, but Alissa wasn't. She came within millimeters of being paralyzed.

A few hours later, Alissa was transported via helicopter to the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. As she was lifted into the helicopter, her friends from the youth group formed a circle sev-

PLEASE SEE SWIMMER, C10

Battalion nips Whalers, 2-1

Ryan Oulahen's shorthanded goal at 18:48 of the second period snapped a 1-1 tie and the Brampton Battalion went on to defeat the Plymouth Whalers, 4-1, in an Ontario Hockey League game played Sunday afternoon before 1,590 at the Brampton Centre for Sports and Entertainment.

Brampton (10-5-2-0) solidified its hold on first place in the OHL's Central Division. The Battalion are the top team in the OHL's Eastern Conference.

Plymouth's loss, coupled with Windsor's 4-2 win Sunday in Saginaw, dropped the 6-7-1-2 Whalers into second place in the OHL's West Division, two points behind the Spitfires.

Rookie J.F. Houle scored twice for Brampton and was voted the game's first star. Colorado Avalanche draft pick Wojtek Wolski also scored for Brampton.

Vaclav Meidl — whose rights are owned by the Nashville Predators — scored the lone Plymouth goal.

Following a scoreless first period, Houle put Brampton up 1-0 when he batted home a rebound past Plymouth netminder Justin Garay at the 9:20 mark of the second period. Plymouth tied the game at 1-1 at 11:12 of the period when Meidl directed Mike Knight's pass from the right corner in front of Brampton goaltender Kevin Couture to cap a Plymouth power play.

Oulahen's game-winning came at the end of a Plymouth power play when he skated through center ice and drifted into the Whalers' zone on the left wing with a defender guarding him. But Oulahen's shot beat Garay and Brampton had a lead it never relinquished.

Ironically, Oulahen — a fifth-round pick of the Detroit Red Wings in the 2003 NHL Entry Draft — scored the game-winning goal against Plymouth on Feb. 2, 2003, in a 4-3 Brampton victory.

Houle (6-15 of the third period) and Wolski (power play at 11:34) completed the scoring for Brampton.

Brampton outshot Plymouth 31-20 in the game.

The Whalers are idle until Friday night when they travel to Sault Ste. Marie to take on the Greyhounds. Plymouth returns home Saturday when it hosts Oshawa at the Compuware Sports Arena at 7:30 p.m.

Canton, Novi to battle for Elite 8 berth

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Northville coach Clint Alexander may be the most knowledgeable person around when it comes to sizing up Friday night's Region 2, District 2 final between Canton and Novi.

Alexander is the only coach to have faced both the Chiefs and Mustangs this season. In fact, all three of Northville's losses this season came at the hands of those two teams.

"Both teams are very physical and very fast," said Alexander, whose Mustangs lost to Novi 35-7 in Week 9 and 51-13 last week in the opening round of the playoffs. The Chiefs upended Northville, 42-14, in Week 5.

"Canton's offense is difficult to defend because they run the ball so well, but Novi's linebackers are very

good. Novi's offense is a little more balanced than Canton's because they throw the ball more. I think the key to the game will be turnovers. Whoever turns it over less will probably win."

Alexander said Canton running back/free safety Julian Smith will play a pivotal role in the game.

One problem we had against Novi is that we didn't have the speed in the secondary to chase down their backs once they got by our linebackers, Alexander said. "But Smith's speed could be a great equalizer for Canton."

Canton coach Tim Baechler said there's no doubt the Wildcats will provide his team with one of its stiffest tests of the season.

They're right up there with Ann Arbor Pioneer, Baechler said. "Defensively, they're very fast and

they're quick to the ball. Offensively, they have two fast backs and a quarterback who can run and throw well."

Novi's top offensive threat is running back Jerrell Woods, who has scored 14 TDs and averaged 9.0 yards per carry this season. He's joined in the backfield by quarterback Kevin Cisko, who will be attending the University of Michigan next year on a baseball scholarship, and fullbacks Rob Carter and Josh Woods, Jerrell's twin brother.

Novi, which is 8-2, has outscored its foes, 316-108. The Wildcats' only defeats came in their opener against Chelsea (28-21) and in Week 6 against Milford (21-14).

Novi and Canton last met in the 2001 playoffs, when the Chiefs prevailed, 9-7.

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Getting defensive

Stops are more important than shots for Salem's Wheatley

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Most high school basketball players get the biggest charge out of lighting up the scoreboard with dazzling moves and long-range shooting skills.

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Then there are players like Salem's Kathryn Wheatley, who derives the most pleasure from shutting down the opposing team's flashy scorers and drawing offensive charges — skills that may not be reflected in the boxscore, but are instrumental in separating winners from losers.

"I take a lot of pride in my defense," said Wheatley, a three-year varsity player and two-year starter for the Rocks. "Defense is about effort and discipline, and it's the most important part of the game in my opinion because you can use defense to create offensive opportunities."

Wheatley's all-out style of play on the defensive end of the court is a coach's dream — and an offensive-minded oppo-



Salem's Kathryn Wheatley (left) is known for her defensive intensity. She is pictured above shadowing Plymouth's Chelsey Quinlan.

PLEASE SEE WHEATLEY, C2

Sidelines

Canale signs

Salem senior point guard Ellen Canale has verbally committed to Eastern Illinois University, which is located in Charleston, Ill.

Canale is currently averaging 11.2 points, 5.5 assists, 4.0 steals, 4.5 rebounds and 11 blocks per game for the Rocks.

SC blanks GVSU

The Schoolcraft College women's soccer team recorded its 14th shutout of the season Saturday, blanking Grand Valley State's club team, 4-0.

Andrea Dunn (Garden City) and Meagan Farrell (Livonia Franklin) combined for the shutout. The Ocelots are now 19-0-0 heading into this weekend's district tournament at SC.

The Ocelots jumped ahead when Casey Hoover scored off a pass from Megan Romer (Canton). Nicole Saigh made it 2-0 a few minutes later when she converted a penalty kick. The Hoover-Romer duo then combined on the third goal.

The final tally came off the foot of Romer, who was assisted by Jess Saba and Rachel Myers.

Learn to skate

Beginning Saturday, Nov. 13, Canton's Arctic Edge Ice Arena will offer eight weeks of Learn-to-Skate sessions. Each session is 30 minutes long with 15 minutes of free time.

Classes are grouped by age and ability. Tot time, which is for kids aged 3-and-a-half to 6 years old, begins Tuesday, Nov. 16, or Thursday, Nov. 18.

Registration forms are available at the Summit on the Park and at the Arctic Edge, which is at 46615 Michigan Ave., just west of Canton Center Road.

For more information, call (734) 487-7777.

Lions win 2 of 3

The Canton Lions captured the Black and Blue trophy from the cross-town rival Plymouth Steelers Saturday by winning two of three games.

The Lions junior varsity squad downed the Steelers 31-15 behind four touchdowns from Caleb Rankins. Miles Clifton scored one TD and quarterback Andrew Tidwell threw the ball well. Brandon Cicciotti, Matt Christo, Drew Daubenmeyer, Jimmy Keena, Adam Payne and Cody Blakita also played well for the winners.

The freshmen Lions earned a division title with their fourth shutout of the season, a 14-0 victory over the Steelers. The Lions were bolstered by outstanding defensive play from Brandon Congdon, Josh Nolen, Jordan Smith, William Aske, Warren Riche and Corey Watkins. Canton's touchdowns were scored by Braden Price and Josh Peterson.

The Lions freshmen will meet the Ypsilanti Huron Braves on Sunday in the first round of the playoffs.

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

■ The 12-and-under Dearborn Heights Knights, a travel baseball team, are scheduling tryouts for the 2005 baseball season. The Knights will participate in the Northwest Suburban Amateur Baseball Federation,

a member of the American Amateur Baseball Congress, and play in Cooperstown (NY) Dreams Park Tournament. For more information, call Rich Grucz at (800) 949-9834. ■ The 13-and-under Michigan Wolves, a travel

baseball team, will conduct tryouts in late September and early October. Players must turn 13 after Aug. 1, 2004. For more information, call Tim Broughton anytime at (734) 645-9033.

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ment's worst nightmare. "Kathryn brings a lot of things to our basketball team," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "First of all, she has a very good feel for the defensive responsibilities of a guard. She makes sure the opponents' run-offs are covered and she gets pressure on the other team's lead ball-handler. One of the main reasons she worked her way into our starting lineup last year as a junior was the defensive pressure she provided. "Offensively, she has developed into a very, very good shooter from 15 feet and in. She runs the fast break well, finishes well and is a solid passer in terms of getting the ball to the open player." Thomann also praised Wheatley's ability to get a team fired up. "If Kathryn was the captain of the debate team, she'd be right there at the top," he said. "She's outspoken and very well-versed on doing things the right way. She has good leadership skills.

Wheatley's first love growing up was soccer. In fact, this spring will mark her third year on the Rocks varsity soccer squad. She wasn't introduced to basketball until seventh-grade hoop tryouts at Central Middle School. "I had no previous experience in basketball prior to the seventh grade," she said. "I made the team at Central in the seventh grade, then when Discovery Middle School opened, I moved to Pioneer (Middle School), where I met coach Thomann. He encouraged me to play in high school, and I'm glad I did because it's a lot of fun. I like the fact that it is fast-paced and I like the intensity that goes with basketball." As a member of the National Honor Society, Wheatley spends several hours a month completing community-service projects. Among those have been working at Michigan Special Olympics events and assisting Thomann with the coaching responsibilities at Pioneer. "I always thought coaching would be easy, but I found out that that's not the case," Wheatley said. "A lot of the

girls at the middle-school level are at a basic skill level, so there's a lot of coaching involved. After helping out as a coach, I can better understand now why coach Thomann gets frustrated with us sometimes. Wheatley said this year's team is a close-knit group that hangs out together on and off the court. "Everyone on this year's team gets along real well," she said. "We have a lot of respect for each other, and in a lot of ways, we're like sisters. "Our goal this season is to win the district tournament, which is something we haven't accomplished yet. Canton beat us last year in the final, so it's something we're striving for." Wheatley is an excellent student as well as an outstanding athlete. She carries a hard-earned 3.6 grade-point average. "My favorite subject is probably math," she said. "I like calculus. It's not easy, but I like it." Kind of like playing defense.

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Rocks return the favor, oust Mustangs, 53-23

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

What a difference two weeks made for Salem's girls basketball team.

The Rocks pounded Northville, 53-23, Tuesday night in a Western Lakes Activities Association first-round playoff game. The lopsided victory came just 13 days after Salem dropped a 44-37 decision to the Mustangs.

The win boosted Salem's record to 13-5 heading into tonight's semi-final showdown at Walled Lake Northern. Northville fell to 11-7.

"We shot the ball well tonight and we didn't the first time we played them," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, explaining the primary reason for the 37-point swing between his team's first meeting with Northville and Tuesday's game. "When we're shooting well, it's tough to stay with us. We handled their defense much better tonight, too. We didn't attack their zone very well in the first game."

Salem shot 47 percent from the field and made two of its three free throws.

Thomann said the Rocks changed up their defensive scheme as well.

"We switched and played a little zone," he said. "We tried to keep them out on the perimeter. They penetrated the gaps real well against us the last time we played them."

The Rocks held the Mustangs scoreless in the second quarter and limited the hosts to one fourth-quarter point.

Ellen Canale had an all-around stellar game for Salem, recording 16 points, four assists and four steals. Kathryn Wheatley twined 10 points and Alyssa Guern had nine.

Keyyana Arnold netted six points and five steals for the Rocks while Teresa Coppellie hauled in a team-high 12 rebounds.

Simone Toney was the lone offensive bright spot for

Northville, scoring a team-high 11 points. The hot-shooting Rocks led 18-12 after one quarter and 31-12 at the half.

CANTON 33, LIVONIA STEVENSON 24: Senior standout Katie Cezat helped propel the Chiefs into the second round of the WLAA playoffs by recording 23 points, 14 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Canton (13-5) led 13-2 after one quarter and 17-10 at the intermission. The Spartans held their own in the second half, but couldn't dent the lead the Chiefs built in the first half. "They played a zone against us, so we slowed it down and were very patient on offense," said Canton coach Bob Blohm. "We did a nice job rebounding the ball tonight, too." Canton will host P-CEP neighbor Plymouth tonight. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m. The Chiefs downed the Wildcats, 40-16, on Oct. 21.

This should be a tougher game for us than the first time we played them," Blohm noted. Plymouth has some good players and they play hard."

Molly Conlon chipped in with seven points, four rebounds and three steals for Canton. Lisa Ealy had three points and eight rebounds.

Danielle Smith paced the Spartans with 11 points.

Canton canned 7-of-12 free throws. Stevenson was 4-of-5 from the line.

PLYMOUTH 47, W.L. CENTRAL 37: The Wildcats avenged a tough, double-overtime loss to the Vikings last week by surging to a 29-11 first-half lead and advancing to the second round of the WLAA playoffs. Plymouth led 37-17 after three quarters and by 20 with three minutes remaining.

Kim Olech paced all scorers with 18 points. She also contributed 10 rebounds. Jeanne Moise also had a big game for the winners, scoring 13 points while yanking down 16 boards.

Both of our inside players —

Kim Olech and Jeanne Moise — had strong games," said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. "They were dominant at the offensive end."

Janet Hanchett got the Wildcats off to a solid start when she drained two three-point shots in the first quarter.

"Janet set the tone early from the perimeter for us," Reilly said. "Central played a zone, but once Janet hit those shots, the middle opened up a little bit more for us. I thought Chelsea Quinnan did a nice job handling their pressure."

Plymouth is 9-9 heading into tonight's WLAA semi-final game at Canton. Central slipped to 11-7.

Kris Campbell paced the Vikings' offense with 11 points.

CANTON AGAPE 56, ANN ARBOR GREENHILLS 54: The Wolverines improved to 7-10 with a slim victory over the host Gryphons. Agape won despite connecting on just 12-of-27 free throws (10-of-21 in the fourth quarter).

Danielle Henry tallied 19 points and nine assists to pace the winners. Henry scored 14 in the decisive second half.

A J Creps also played well for the Wolves, netting 16 points and 13 rebounds. Brianna Chrenko had five points and 11 rebounds, and Lindsay Gant twined eight points.

Carmen Dorris led Greenhills with 14 points. Scarlet Woodrick had 11.

"The girls played well down the stretch and kept their poise," said Agape interim coach Dan Watkins. "We led the entire fourth quarter. Dorris attempted a 10-foot runner with a few seconds left, but she missed. Brianna got the rebound and we passed it out of there before they could foul us."

Agape led 13-6 after one quarter, 23-21 at the half and 37-33 with eight minutes to play.

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Six Salem runners were among the front runners during the early-going of Saturday's Division 1 regional meet at Schoolcraft College. The Rocks finished third to qualify for Saturday's state meet at Michigan International Speedway.

Salem's harriers third at regional

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's Division 1 regional meet at Livonia's Schoolcraft College was the Super Bowl, World Series and Stanley Cup Finals all wrapped into one for Salem's girls cross-country team.

Salem didn't finish first, but the Rocks were still winners by virtue of placing third and qualifying for this weekend's Division 1 State Meet, which will be held at Michigan International Speedway near Jackson.

Only Livonia Stevenson (50 points) and Livonia Churchill (61) finished ahead of the Rocks (65). All three teams advanced to this weekend's finale along with Novi, which qualified because four of its runners placed in the top 20.

'What a successful season this has been for this team so far,' said Salem coach Dave Gerlach. 'The last five months of training have been dedicated to this one-day regional meet. The invitations we won are great, but this is the one that really means something.'

Going into this meet, three teams were ranked ahead of us and Novi was close.

I was proud of the way the girls competed. They knew the job they had to do, they accepted the challenge and they went after it.

Salem had three runners finish in the top 11. Hannah Cavicchio finished third in 19:27, Laura Friedman crossed the line in fifth (19:45) and Lauren Kane finished 11th in 20:13.

Other finishers for the Rocks were Monica Przebienda (22nd in 20:40),

Rachel Gizicki (24th in 20:56), Allie Vranjak (31st in 21:13) and Allison Janda (61st in 24:19).

'We've been ranked ninth in the state all year and our goal is to finish in the top 10,' Gerlach said.

'Individually, it would be neat if we could get our top three runners in the top 30 so that they can get medals.'

The Rocks finished 16th at last year's state meet.

Canton finished seventh with 209 points. Plymouth (251) was ninth.

The Chiefs' top finisher was Becky McCormack, who crossed the line in 37th place with a time of 21:48.0. Canton's Lisa Clinton finished 39th in 22:02.0.

Plymouth's top runner was Nichole McLaughlin (46th in 22:33).

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Salem boys x-country qualifies for state meet

The Salem boys cross country team qualified for the Division 1 state meet when it finished third at Saturday's regional meet at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The state meet is set for Saturday at Michigan International Speedway, which is located in Brooklyn.

Novi won the meet with 31 points. The Wildcats were followed by Livonia Churchill (65), Salem (68), Redford Catholic Central (112), Northville (156), Plymouth (156), Livonia Stevenson (163) and Canton (252).

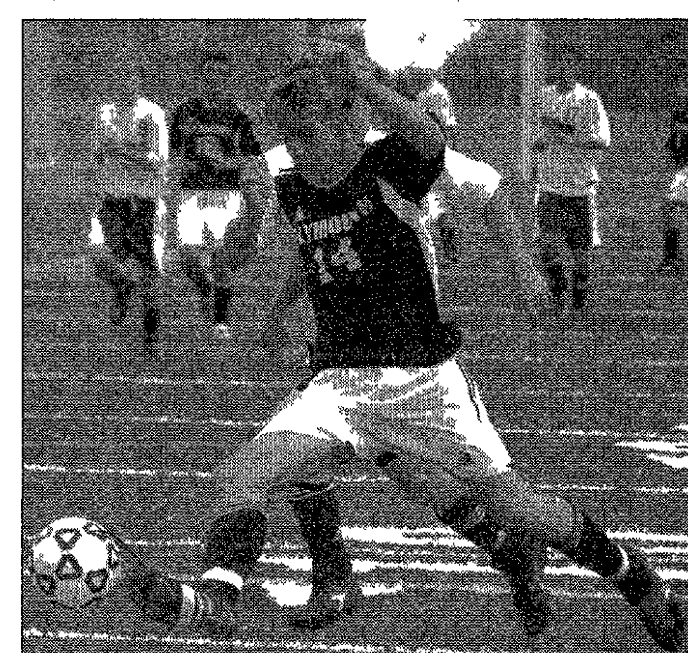
Novi's Mark Moore was the top individual finisher, posting a time of 16:20.0 over the 5,000-

meter course.

The first local runner to cross the line was Salem's Dan Kapadia, who finished sixth in 16:41.0. He was followed by teammates James Walsh (ninth in 17:03.0), Scott Fysh (11th in 17:04.1), Adam Kosteva (19th in 17:34.0) and John Israel (23rd in 18:00.0).

Plymouth's Pat Slavens qualified for the state meet by finishing 15th (17:22.0). Slavens' teammate Anthony Scaparo crossed the line in 20th place, just missing a berth in the state finals.

Canton's top finisher was Trey Wolfe, who crossed the line in 37th place (18:30.0).



Olympic hopeful

Colin Rolfe, 14, a freshman at Plymouth High School, has been selected to attend the Olympic Development Program's National Identification Soccer Camp in Cocoa Beach, Fla., in January of 2005. Among the selected players for the ODP National Camps are players who have demonstrated exceptional ability during the 2004 regular season and have been identified for further evaluation for U.S. Soccer National Team programs. The Super-Y League ODP National Scouting Staff selected the players at the end of the 2004 season. Once selected to the National Camp, players will be evaluated by U.S. Soccer National Staff coaches for placement in U.S. National Team programs. Other attendees at the Super-Y-League ODP National Camps will include professional scouts and many of the top collegiate coaches from across the United States. Rolfe, a Canton resident, plays for the Michigan Wolves Soccer Club.

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS DIVISION 1

Oct. 30 at Schoolcraft College

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS 1. Novi 31, 2. Livonia Churchill 65, 3. Salem 68, 4. Redford Catholic Central 112, 5. Northville 156, 6. Plymouth 156, 7. Livonia Stevenson 163, 8. Canton 252, 9. Westland Garden City 258, 10. Livonia Franklin 295, 11. Garden City 304, 12. Wayne Memorial 305, 13. Redford Union 404.

INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS 1. Mark Moore (Novi) 16:20.0 (5,000 meters), 2. Amol Hupkar (Novi) 16:21.3, 3. Connor Schultz (LC) 16:30.0, 4. Maxwell Working (CC) 16:34.0, 5. Jasen Turnbull (Northville) 16:40.0, 6. Dan Kapadia (Salem) 16:41.0, 7. Spencer Ornes (Novi) 16:47.0, 8. Justin Namm (Novi) 16:49.0, 9. James Walsh (Salem) 17:03.0, 10. Brandon Grysko (LC) 17:04.0, 11. Scott Fysh (Salem) 17:04.1, 12. Joe Horka (LC) 17:15.0, 13. Claude Miller (Novi) 17:18.0, 14. Cordero Harper (WJG) 17:19.0, 15. Pat Slavens (Ply) 17:22.0, 16. Timothy Howse (LC) 17:27.0, 17. Robert Watts (Novi) 17:30.0, 18. Mike Wheat (Novi) 17:30.1, 19. Adam Kosteva (Salem) 17:34.0, 20. Anthony Scaparo (Ply) 17:36.0, 21. Dominic Piro (CC) 17:48.0, 22. Dan Wilson (LS) 17:55.0, 23. John Israel (Salem) 18:00.0, 24. Adam Lumley (LC) 18:03.0, 25. Stephan Moxe (LC) 18:03.1, 26. Justin Schofield (WM) 18:06.0, 27. A. J. Huber (CC) 18:08.0, 28. Tommy Farrell (Nville) 18:10.0, 29. Greg Rost (CC) 18:16.0, 30. Max Guy (LS) 18:18.0, 31. Michael Nienhaus (CC) 18:19.0, 32. Matt Lipsky (LS) 18:24.0, 33. Adam Gasior (CC) 18:24.1, 34. Zachary Oleski (CC) 18:25.0, 35. Joseph Kern (Nville) 18:28.0, 36. Joe Rother (Salem) 18:29.0, 37. Trey Wolfe (Canton) 18:30.0, 38. Christian Chagas (Ply) 18:30.1, 39. Jeff Holycross (LS) 18:31.0, 40. Dave Antshin (LS) 18:35.0, 41. Nate Kostegian (Ply) 18:39.0, 42. Justin Magill (Ply) 18:42.0, 43. Jake Myers (Nville) 18:43.0, 44. Greg Legowski (GC) 18:44.0, 45. Tommy Sugawara (Nville) 18:44.16, 46. Even Shepherd (Canton) 18:46.0, 47. Neil Das (Nville) 18:50.0, 48. Dave Danes (GC) 18:57.0, 49. Mike Krcatovich (LF) 18:59.0, 50. Mark Piorowski (LS) 19:02.0, 51. Derek Hoerman (Canton) 19:08.1, 52. Brad Gray (WJG) 19:08.9, 53. Justin Black (LS) 19:13.0, 54. Mike Miazgowski (LF) 19:14.0, 55. David Gunn Boyar (Nville) 19:25.0, 56. Andrew Kent (LS) 19:27.0, 57. Jeremy Moliner (Canton) 19:30.0, 58. Corey Snyder (WJG) 19:33.0, 59. Jeff Ply (Ply) 19:41.0, 60. Erik Dondzila (Se) 19:41.0, 61. Justin Patrick (Canton) 19:41.0, 62. Jacobs (WJG) 19:47.1, 63. Pat VM (VM) 19:48.0, 64. Ken Clawson (C) 19:59.0, 65. Travis Canyock (LF) 19:59.0, 66. Christian Smith (WM) 20:05.0, 67. Jordan Janowitz (WM) 20:12.0, 70. Keith Loe (GC) 20:21.0, 71. Brian Linn (LF) 20:26.0, 72. Angelo Settler (WJG) 20:28.0, 73. Doug Cole (LF) 20:42.0, 74. Ronson Webster

(RU) 20:43.0, 75. Aaron McClellan (Canton) 20:53.0, 76. Jeremiah Kitle (GC) 21:02.0, 77. Kevin Murray (GC) 21:06.0, 78. Evan Chapman (LC) 21:08.0, 79. Sean M. S. (WM) 21:11.0, 80. L. ahah Mendez (VM) 21:15.0, 81. Josh Jake (LF) 21:2.0, 82. Kevin S. (WM) 21:37.0, 83. Josh Mashbanks (WJG) 21:38.0, 84. John Zaccone (Ply) 21:40.0, 85. Nathan Scarlet (WJG) 22:11.0, 86. Sean Meuxner (RU) 22:28.0, 87. Egan O'Callaghan (GC) 22:58.0, 88. Aaron Pelc (RU) 23:23.0, 89. M. Ke. Su. Ivan (RU) 23:41.0, 90. Bryant Allen (DW) 28:02.0, 91. Joseph Martinez (DW) 28:02.1.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS 1. Livonia Stevenson 50 points, 2. Livonia Churchill 61, 3. Salem 65, 4. Novi 80, 5. Northville 104, 6. Redford Union 205, 7. Canton 209, 8. Livonia Franklin 228, 9. Plymouth 251, 10. Westland John Glenn 256, 11. Garden City 298.

Individual finishers 1. Heather Sirko (LS) 18:36.0 (5,000 meters), 2. Kristen Frey (LS) 18:58.0, 3. Hannah Cavicchio (Salem) 19:27.0, 4. Meghan Horgan (LF) 19:41.0, 5. Laura Friedman (Salem) 19:45.0, 6. Rachel McFarlane (LC) 19:47.0, 7. Marina Plinka (LS) 19:55.0, 8. Kylan Cieslak (LC) 20:03.0, 9. Nicole Schmidt (LC) 20:05.0, 10. Patti Ramos (NO) 20:06.0, 11. Lauren Kane (Salem) 20:13.0, 12. Kate McClymont (Nville) 20:20.0, 13. Meghan Bannatz (Novi) 20:22.0, 14. Stephanie Perez (LS) 20:24.0, 15. Bryn Smetana (Nville) 20:27.0, 16. Molly Gavin (Nville) 20:30.0, 17. Kathleen Shannon (Novi) 20:36.0, 18. Megan Macarati (LC) 20:37.0, 19. Andrea Kramer (Novi) 20:37.1, 20. Enca Hope (LC) 20:38.0, 21. Elaina Sekulowski (Novi) 20:39.0, 22. Monica Przebienda (Salem) 20:40.0, 23. Tiffany Pope (LC) 20:53.0, 24. Rachel Gizicki (Salem) 20:56.0, 25. Erica Howard (Novi) 21:00.0, 26. Melanie Anderle (LS) 21:03.0, 27. Ashley Frederick (RU) 21:03.1, 28. Mary Sprader (Nville) 21:06.0, 29. Denee Meier (LS) 21:10.0, 30. Laura Matchulat (RU) 21:12.0, 31. Allie Vranjak (Salem) 21:13.0, 32. Amy Drinan (LC) 21:15.0, 33. Liz Hrivnak (Nville) 21:21.0, 34. Megan Sheremet (Nville) 21:22.0, 35. Julia DeGroot (WJG) 21:24.0, 36. Stacey Richardson (WJG) 21:39.0, 37. Becky McCormack (Canton) 21:48.0, 38. Laura Brunner (Novi) 21:49.0, 39. Lisa Clinton (Canton) 22:02.0, 40. Andrea Moehle (Nville) 22:03.0, 41. Courtney Plummer (GC) 22:05.0, 42. Annie Murphy (Canton) 22:13.0, 43. Kristin Ward (Canton) 22:25.0, 44. Amber Cicala (LS) 22:26.0, 45. Allison Patra (RU) 22:26.1, 46. Nichole McLaughlin (Ply) 22:33.0, 47. Jackie Beeler (Ply) 22:47.0, 48. Jennifer Thomas (Canton) 22:55.0, 49. Pam Bhullar (Ply) 22:59.0, 50. Jamie Davis (GC) 23:05.0, 51. Melanie Reece (RU) 23:06.0, 52. Maria Dadourian (RU) 23:08.0, 53. Hayley Kennedy (Ply) 23:21.0, 54. Kari Saarela (LF) 23:49.0, 55. Megan Wilson (LF) 23:57.0, 56. Tiffany Burns (Ply) 24:08.0, 57. Elizabeth Reinke (LF) 24:08.1, 58. Jackie Covert (LF) 24:15.0, 59. Melanie Stawkey

(WJG) 24:19.0, 60. Allison Janda (Salem) 24:19.1, 61. Ana Jimenez (Canton) 24:19.2, 62. Kath yn Trudeau (WM) 24:31.0, 63. Joslyn DeGroot (WJG) 24:31.1, 64. Stephanie Reamer (RU) 24:50.0, 65. Michele Gutowski (WJG) 24:50.1, 66. Jessica Friend (LF) 24:50.2, 67. She y Jacobs (WJG) 25:09.0, 68. Nicole Renaud (GC) 25:20.0, 69. Jessica Scott (Canton) 25:45.0, 70. Krystal Nichols (WM) 26:27.0, 71. Alyssa Chambo (GC) 26:40.0, 72. Melissa Smith (WM) 26:40.1, 73. Sydney Tyler (RU) 26:54.0, 74. Jamie Haase (GC) 28:21.0, 75. Jacqui Tindle (DNW) 29:39.0, 76. Melissa Schmidt (WM) 30:09.0, 77. Amanda Pickworth (GC) 30:40.0, 78. Deshauna Robeson (DNW) 37:54.0, 79. Michele Clavell (DNW) 37:54.1.

DIVISION II

Oct. 30 at Royal Oak Kimball

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS 1. Detroit Renaissance 30 points, 2. Livonia Ladywood 71, 3. Royal Oak Dondero 105, 4. Harper Woods Regina 105, 5. Farmington Hills Harrison 135, 6. Madison Heights Lamphere 176, 7. Ferndale 195, 8. Royal Oak Kimball 236, 9. (tie) Redford Thurston Detroit Southwestern Dearborn Heights Ann Arbor Detroit Central no team scores.

Individual winner Rebecca Stringer (Dondero) 19:35.4 (5,000 meters).

Ladywood finishers 4. Kathleen Bohrer 21:16.5, 2. Amanda Field 22:17.3, 16. Jessica Thesen 22:44.4, 4. Brittany Winters 23:05.8, 22. Jenna Hansen 23:12.6, 23. Elizabeth Conkin 23:24.1, 26. Brittney Scarlett 23:41.1.

DIVISION IV

Oct. 30 at Elizabeth Park (Trenton)

BOYS TEAM STANDINGS 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills 43 points, 2. Detroit Holy Redeemer 45, 3. Lutheran Westland 68, 4. Whitmore Lake 81, 5. Plymouth Christian 133, 6. Ottawa Lake Whiteford 142, 7. Detroit Douglass 215.

Individual winners Peter Hamp (Greenhills) 17:18.0.

Lutheran Westland finishers 6. Steve Schmit 18:32.7 (5,000 meters), 8. Josh Matthews 18:38.4, 11. Kevin Brown 18:52.0, 13. Zack Fabris 18:56.8, 32. Josh Rice 20:46.0, 40. Tim Dungan 21:53.1, 41. Dan Krzyzko 22:12.5.

GIRLS TEAM STANDINGS 1. Ann Arbor Greenhills 30 points, 2. Lutheran Westland 50, 3. Ottawa Lake Whiteford 87, 4. Whitmore Lake 103, 5. Allen Park Cabrini 116, 6. Detroit Holy Redeemer 163, 7. Plymouth Christian 167, 8. Detroit Rogers 189.

Individual winner Alexa Glencer (Greenhills) 20:31.0 (5,000 meters).

Lutheran Westland finishers 4. Katherine MacKenzie 21:07.2, 8. Nicole Barnaby 21:54.6, 11. Ashley Taylor Voss 22:43.0, 13. Kari Zeuschner 23:07.2, 19. Christina MacKenzie 23:52.3, 25. Ashley Susick 24:23.7, 29. Ruth Pranschke 24:36.5.

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Friday Nov 5

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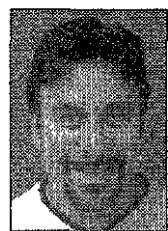


Lions hope to break Gibbs' 'curse' Sunday

Ever since the Boston Red Sox broke the 'Curse of the Bambino,' sports fans have been looking for the next demon to exorcise. Look no further than the Detroit Lions game this Sunday against the Washington Redskins.

You may ask what curse could there possibly be with these two teams. It exists in the form of Washington coach Joe Gibbs. Back this season after spending the last dozen years running his NASCAR race team, Gibbs has been a curse to the Lions since he became a head coach with the Redskins in 1981.

The Lions have never beaten Joe Gibbs. Eight times they



Mark Wilson

When he left to go play race owner, the Lions figured they would never get a chance to reverse the Gibbs curse.

Of course, it's not a real curse. Gibbs is one of the great coaches in NFL history. He had terrific teams which were

always superbly prepared. It was no mystery. For 12 seasons, the Lions just weren't good enough to beat the three-time Super Bowl champions.

Joe Gibbs record speaks for itself. His winning percentage is outstanding and no one works harder in this game.

Lions coach Steve Mariucci said "It's the reason why the Redskins wanted him back."

The Lions spent 12 years losing every imaginable way to Gibbs. Two-point losses, blowouts, overtimes, playoff disasters. It was not a sad day when Gibbs walked away from the game to own a stock car team that went on to win two

Winston Cup championships. In the strike-shortened 1982 season, the Lions made the playoffs with a 4-5 record. They got drilled in the playoffs at Washington 31-7. In the full-length 1991 season, the Lions won the NFC Central with a 12-4 mark. However, they opened the season and ended the season by getting blown out in Washington. The combined scores of the two games was 86-10.

No Joe Gibbs curse? Starts to make you wonder if the Lions once sold Babe Ruth to Washington for a bag of Michigan apples.

"I know the Lions don't have a great history with the

Redskins, but I can't think about that now. Nov. 7, 2004, is all that matters," Mariucci said.

The Lions have won the last two regular season meetings against Washington, both in the old Silverdome. They lost another playoff game to the 'Skins in January 2000 after backing into the postseason with an 8-8 record. Norv Turner was then the Skins head coach.

Gibbs will make his first trip into Ford Field this weekend. He brings that 10-0 record against the Lions with him. With only two wins in his first seven games, it's been a frustrating return to football. Joe Gibbs turns 64.

Thanksgiving Day. The Lions once played Washington on Thanksgiving. They lost to the 'Skins in 1973. Gibbs was an assistant coach in St. Louis that year. The St. Louis Cardinals got swept by the Red Sox in the World Series last week to reverse the curse.

Eerie, isn't it?
Mark Wilson is host of the Steve Mariucci Show Mondays on WKRK FM (97.1). A 25 year veteran of TV and radio sportscasting, Wilson's been a radio talk show host at WKRK for the past five years on Sports Night with Parker and the Man. He's a former Associated Press and Michigan Association of Broadcasters Michigan Sportscaster of the Year. He lives in West Bloomfield.

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Sometimes, the new kid on the block has to take his medicine with a nod and a smile

After several weeks of solid pigskin prognostications, my rookie season fell apart. Two weeks ago, I made good on just four of 12 picks, cementing my third-place finish behind first-year marvel Ed Wright and veteran Brad Emons.

Tim Smith

Adding injury to insult, both Wright and Emons last week correctly guessed how four of six playoff openers would go. I fell one game further behind with a 3-3 mark.

Only I checked the Redford Union-to-win box, thinking the homesteading Panthers might ride the wave of emotion (and the previous week's 40-0 rout of Redford Thurston) to get past Southfield-Lathrup, a team that in previous playoffs had the tendency to make untimely mistakes and draw bad penalties.

Oh well. Wright and Emons made the right pick, as the Chargers won 35-20 at RU's Kraft Field.

I guess I shouldn't be so sentimental. After all, this prep picks thing is nasty business. Just glance at last week's column, where I somehow became Ricky Williams-like just for taking a long-planned vacation.

Okay, facts are facts. My two-week slide drops my overall record to 82-41, far behind first-place Wright

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(92-31) and Emons (89-34)

Even though former Redford-Garden City sports scribe Paul Beaudry and fill-in Kevin Brown had something to do with my cumulative tally, I guess I'll have to take the hit. That brings us to this week-end. There are only two Observerland football squads still in the state playoff hunt — Canton and Livonia Churchill, the latter a team

all three of us (yes, even Wright) thought would lose to crosstown rival Livonia Stevenson.

Does that mean I'm vindicated? Nah. But hey, it isn't as far-fetched as another David Kircus touchdown that I could actually be Number One for this week. A 2-0 record could represent somewhat of a moral victory, something to build on as the slate is wiped clean and as the 2005 season promises 0-0 records for all.

On second thought, to heck with moral victories. I just want to win. Following is a glance at those two playoff games.

FRIDAY'S GAMES (both at 7 p.m.)

Novi (8-2) at Plymouth Canton (10-0): It's been an unbelievable season so far for the unbeaten Chiefs, who pounded Belleville 42-6 in the playoff opener. Their tilt against the

Wildcats undoubtedly will feature two teams clawing for supremacy. Both of these outfits aren't unfamiliar with the end zone. It could be a matter of one team merely outlasting the other. Having home-field advantage doesn't hurt Canton, however.

PICKS - Canton Smith, Wright, Emons
Livonia Churchill (7-3) at Taylor Truman (7-3): Most people, especially Observer sports editors, thought the Chargers would be done for the year by now. But Churchill's 28-17 stunner over Stevenson changed all that. The Chargers certainly will be gungho to continue their run. In the way are the Cougars, who eliminated Westland John Glenn with a 23-14 win. This could be a nail-biter, but not too much is going according to script these days. **PICKS - Churchill: Wright, Emons, Truman: Smith**

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- October 26, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday October 26 2004 at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present:

Bennett Burdzak Kirchgatter McLaughlin Shefferly Yack Zarbo Staff Present: Director Minghine Director Durack Director Santomauro Director Conklin, Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the regular Board Minutes of October 12 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the study session Board Minutes of October 19 2004. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Burdzak to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Expenditure Recap for October 26, 2004**

General Fund	101	\$ 390 501 71
Fire Fund	206	68 888 98
Police Fund	207	116 916 69
Summit Operating	208	76 702 76
Cable TV Fund	230	62 466 95
Twp Improvement	246	2 000 00
E 911 Utility	261	1 310 76
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	2 263 58
Federal Grants Fund	274	9 488 86
Auto Theft Grant	289	1 193 69
Downtown Dev Auth	294	18 775 74
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	409 247 54
Cap Proj Road Paving	403	359 605 78
Golf Fund	584	21 239 66
Water & Sewer Fund	592	2 245 255 84
Construction Escrows	702	360 063 09
Post Employ Benefits	736	3 462 19
Saltz Road Paving	803	932 291 76
Lotz Road Paving	804	30 479 62
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815	176 948 84
Total - All Funds		5,289,104 04

PUBLIC HEARING- Item 1. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR KUX MANUFACTURING COMPANY. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to open the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No comments in opposition of this tax abatement for Kux Manufacturing Company. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to close the public hearing at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzak to adopt the resolution approving application of Kux Manufacturing Company Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real & Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION OF KUX MANUFACTURING COMPANY INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE FOR REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 M.C.L. 207 551 et seq after a duly noticed public hearing held on August 28 1990 the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton by resolution established the South Central Industrial Development District as requested by the property owners and WHEREAS pursuant to P.A. 198 of 1974 M.C.L. 207 551 et seq the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton approved a resolution on May 11 2004 which established the building located at 45065 Michigan Avenue as a speculative building for Darrin LLC and WHEREAS, Kux Manufacturing has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to a speculative building to be leased within the South Central Canton Industrial Development District and WHEREAS, Kux Manufacturing has filed an application for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to their new facility located within the South Central Canton Industrial Development District and WHEREAS before acting on said application the Charter Township of Canton held a public hearing on October 26 2004, at the Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway, at 7:00 p.m. at which hearing the applicant the Assessor and a representative of the affected taxing units were given written notice and were afforded an opportunity to be heard on said application and

WHEREAS construction of the facility and installation of new machinery and equipment had not begun earlier than six months before September 29 2004 the date of acceptance of the application for the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate and WHEREAS completion of the new facility is calculated to and will at the time of issuance of the certificate have the reasonable likelihood to retain create or prevent the loss of employment in Canton Township and WHEREAS the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the Charter Township of Canton after granting this certificate will not exceed 5% of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that 1. The Canton Board of Trustees finds and determines that the granting of the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate considered together with the aggregate amount of certificates previously granted and currently in force under Act No. 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 and Act No. 255 of the Public Acts of 1978 shall not have the effect of substantially impeding the operation of Canton Township or impairing the financial soundness of a taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes in Canton Township. 2. The application of Kux Manufacturing Company for an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to the expansion of their facility located on the following parcel of real property situated within the South Central Industrial Development District to wit: Parcel No. 71 134 03 0101 000. Parts of lots 3 through 7 inclusive all of lots 11 through 13 inclusive and part of lot 14 of "R N Johns Little Farms" being the west of the southwest 1/4 of Section 34 and that part of west of the northwest 1/4 Section 34. Town 2 south Range 8 east lying south of Michigan Avenue. Canton Township Wayne County Michigan as recorded in Liber 68 of Plats page 81 Wayne County Records described as follows: Commencing at the west 1/4 corner of Section 34 town 2 south range 8 east thence N 89° 45' 01"E 690 01 feet along the east and west 1/4 line of section 34 to the easterly right of way line of Dewitt Road (width varies) thence N00°29'50"W 263 85 feet along said line to the point of beginning thence continuing along said easterly right of way the following three courses: N00°29'50"W 64 82 feet and N06°37'40"E 80 82 feet and N00°29'50"W 160 71 feet to the southerly right-of-way line of Michigan Avenue (US 12/204 feet wide) also the northerly boundary of R N Johns Little Farms" (Liber 68 of Plats Page 81 Wayne County Records) thence N70°21'38"E 376 59 feet along said line to the northeast corner of lot 11 to the northwest corner of Lot 7 of said R N Johns Little Farms thence N89°45'01"E 84 47 feet along the north line of said lot 7 thence S00°29'50"E 74 21 feet thence S89°30'10"W 450 24 feet to the easterly right of way line of Dewitt Road (width varies) and the point of beginning. Containing 3 1663 acres of land. Be and the same is hereby approved. 3. The Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate when issued shall be and remain in force and effect for a period of 4 years expiring December 30 2008. **Item 2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER**

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE QUADRANTS CENTRE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SUPERVISOR)

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdzak to open the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. No comments in opposition of the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution establishing the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District P.A. 198 1974 as amended. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE QUADRANTS CENTRE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT P.A. 198, 1974, as amended** WHEREAS pursuant to Act No. 198 of the public acts of 1974 as amended the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton has the authority to establish an Industrial Development District within the Charter Township of Canton and WHEREAS the property owner has requested the establishment of the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District on property herein described which is located within the unincorporated territory of the Township and WHEREAS, construction acquisition alteration or installation of a proposed facility has not commenced at the time of filing the request to establish this district and WHEREAS on October 26 2004 a public hearing was held at which all owners of real property within the proposed Industrial Development District and all residents and taxpayers of Canton were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon and WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of Canton deems it to be in the public interest of the Charter Township of Canton to establish the Quadrants Centre Industrial Development District as proposed. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton that the following described parcels of land situated in the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan to wit: Parcel No. 71 131 01 0001 000_33G1 UNIT 1 WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN NO. 614 AKA QUADRANTS INDUSTRIAL/RESEARCH CENTRE T2S R8E L34320 OF DEEDS P 591 TO 648 WCR WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN NO. 614 AKA QUADRANTS INDUSTRIAL/RESEARCH CENTRE T2S R8E L34320 OF DEEDS P 591 TO 648 WCR Parcel No. 71 131 01 0002 000_33G2 UNIT 2 WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN NO. 614 AKA QUADRANTS INDUSTRIAL/RESEARCH CENTRE T2S R8E L34320 OF DEEDS P 591 TO 648 WCR Parcel No. 71 131 01 0003 000_33G3 UNIT 3 WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN NO. 614 AKA QUADRANTS INDUSTRIAL/RESEARCH CENTRE T2S R8E L34320 OF DEEDS P 591 TO 648 WCR WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN NO. 614 AKA QUADRANTS INDUSTRIAL/RESEARCH CENTRE T2S R8E L34320 OF DEEDS P 591 TO 648 WCR Parcel No. 71 131 01 0004 000_33G4 UNIT 4 WAYNE COUNTY COND SUB PLAN 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Young Whalers look for more scoring

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If you want to know why the Plymouth Whalers are struggling to stay above the 500 mark during the early part of the 2004-05 season look no further than the list of top 100 Ontario Hockey League scorers

The first Whaler on the list is Dan Collins, who is 66th with seven goals and five assists. The only other Plymouth player to crack the top 100 is Mike Letizia, who is 94th with three goals and seven helpers.

Plymouth is 6-7-1-2 heading into this weekend's games at Sault Ste. Marie (Friday) and Saturday's home match up with Oshawa. It trails West Division-leading Windsor (7-6-2-1) by two points.

London has proven to be the class of the OHL this season, skating to a stunning 14-0 1-0 record. The Knights have outscored their opponents 71-30.

Plymouth, on the other hand

has tallied 42 goals and yielded 51. Yes, the Whalers' offense is struggling, but that's not necessarily a surprising development, according to coach Mike Vellucci.

Coming into the season we knew we were a young team and that it was going to take some time to get everybody on the same page," Vellucci said. "We've played extremely well at home so far, but we're struggling a little on the road."

Vellucci said his team's early-season schedule is one of the busiest he can remember.

"We've played 14 games in 31 days in October, which is an unusually high number of games, especially for a young team like ours," he said. "Plus, we've played three games in three nights on four of our five weekends, which is something the younger guys aren't used to yet. The busy schedule also makes it tough to work in quality practices."

The Whalers' bright spot thus far has been the play of the Whalers defense, Vellucci said.

First year starter Ryan Nie has been solid in goal, yielding just 2.48 goals per game (sixth in the OHL) with an 0.921 save percentage.

"We haven't given up a ton of goals," Vellucci elaborated. "We've been in pretty much every game. What needs to improve on is playing a complete game for 60 minutes and playing in our system for the entire game."

Vellucci said Collins and Tim Sestito have been pleasant surprises this season.

"Ryan Nie has been solid, too," he said.

If the OHL awarded points for moral victories, the Whalers would have received at least a couple for its competitive loss to London.

"I was proud of the way we went into London and lost only 5-4 in front of 9,500 people," Vellucci said.

The good news for Whalers is that attendance is up 15 to 20 percent.

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Plymouth's Dan Collins (left) has been one of the team's lone offensive bright spots. The second-year player has racked up a team-high 12 points (seven goals and five assists) through the first 16 games.



Stingrays win Big Bear crown

The Plymouth Canton 1995 Stingrays travel hockey team captured the Big Bear Hockey Tournament in Chelsea Oct. 13. The Stingrays went 5-0, outscoring their opponents 21-3. The Stingrays ousted the Illinois Sabres 3-0 in the championship game. The team consists of Andrew Petroff, Cooper Seedott, Bobbie Carey, Riley Brown, Zach Zech, Ryan Rieckhoff, Mitch Claggett, Collin Smith, Alek Zultowski, Troy Saunders, Grant Braekevelt, Brian Patterson, Dean Gunther and Aaron Haydon. The Stingrays are coached by Tim Brown, Dan Seedott, Paul Carey, Tim Zech (head coach) and Laurie Saunders.

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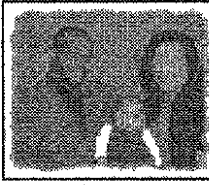
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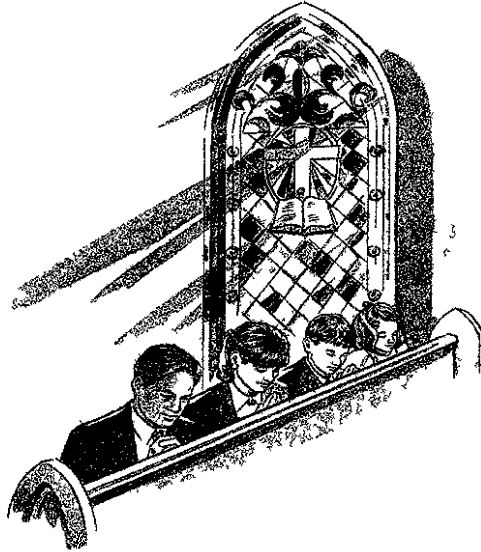


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NOVEMBER

Soul sisters

The women of the New Testament speak to the women of today 7 9 p.m. Thursday Nov 4 11 and 18 in the Fellowship Hall at St Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington between Six and Seven Mile Livonia Call (734) 425-5950

Book and Bake Sale

To be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 5-6 in the Fellowship Hall at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church 30650 Six Mile between Middlebelt and Merriman Livonia Everyone in the community is welcome to attend The Women of the ELCA are sponsoring this scholarship fund raiser to assist students pursuing theological study for Lutheran ordained and lay ministry For more information call (734) 427-1414

Deepak Chopra lecture

The internationally known physician author and lecturer Deepak Chopra presents groundbreaking ideas from his latest book *The Book of Secrets* 7:30 p.m. Friday Nov 5 at

Renaissance Unity Church 11200 East 11 Mile Warren Tickets \$40 in advance \$50 day of the event Call (586) 353-2300

Craft show

Noon to 7 p.m. Friday Nov 5 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 6 at Aldersgate United Methodist Church 10000 Beech Daly Redford All proceeds go to mission projects

A Family Christmas

The 250 voice Michigan/Ohio Concert Choir perform 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday Nov 6 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Dearborn Tickets \$20 premium seats \$18 reserved seat \$17 for groups of 10 or more For tickets call (800) 993-7464 The concert is part of the choir's annual series in 8 Michigan and Ohio cities Local members include Linda Hollman outreach director at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia and her husband Kyle The concert not includes favorite holiday music selections but pageantry visuals costumes special effects and creative lighting

Remembrance service

For the crew of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald which sank Nov 10 1975 11 a.m. Sunday Nov 7 at Mariner's Church 170 East Jefferson Detroit Free parking available in For Auditorium Garage with entrance in the median strip of Jefferson at Woodward Everyone is invited including members of U.S. Coast Guard Navy Merchant Marine Canadian Armed Forces Royal Canadian Mounted

Police and other Great Lakes related personnel who are invited to be part of the uniformed Honor Guard at the model of the Edmund Fitzgerald Call the church office if you plan to be in the uniformed Honor Guard (313) 259-2206

Conference

Featuring Lauren Winner author of *Girl Meets God* and Mudhouse Sabbath speaking on Jewish Practice Christian Spirituality How Jewish Spirituality Can Enrich Christian Faith conferences begin at 4 p.m. and consist of two one-hour sessions and a break Sunday Nov 7 at Trinity Church 34500 Six Mile Livonia Cost is \$12 To register (734) 425-2800

St. Andrew service

Everyone is invited to attend a service in honor of St. Andrew 10 a.m. Sunday Nov 7 Kris Hunt will pipe at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Garden City Call (734) 421-7620 St. Andrew's evangelical work took him to Scotland He later became the patron saint of the Presbyterian church Junior Sunday school and child care is provided Refreshments served in Fellowship Hall after the service

St. Andrew's Day Dinner

Includes bagpipe entertainment Sunday Nov 14 church service at 10 a.m. followed by dinner in Calvin Hall at St. James Presbyterian Church 25350 West Six Mile Redford Cost is \$10 adults \$5 ages 4-11 children age 4 free The public is welcome Call (313) 534-7730

Crafts and cuisine

Together with collectibles 10 a.m. to 3

p.m. Saturday Nov 20 at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill west of Farmington Road between Freedom and Grand River All crafts are made by members of St. John Lutheran Church and donated to benefit our building fund

Crafters needed

For Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 20 at St. Sabina School in Dearborn Hgts For information call Pam at (313) 537-5340 or send e-mail to gpkostecki@aol.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other will take

place Friday Sunday Nov 19-21 at St. John's Family Life Center 44011 Five Mile Plymouth There is a \$50 registration fee For more information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site at www.rcnet/detroit/wmme

Liturgical Dance Team

Liturgical Dancers perform 10 a.m. Sunday Nov 21 during the service at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville Call (734) 699-3361 for more information

Looking for classmates

St. Damian School is looking for former students to attend the first annual Alumni Mass and Reception 11 a.m.

Sunday Nov 28 Catch up with your old classmates while touring the new church and gym St. Damian celebrates 50 years in 2005 The Nov 28 Mass kicks off the celebration For more information or if you would like to volunteer to be part of the Alumni planning committee send e-mail to alumni@stdamian.com

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A LESLIE CORE

Age 81 a resident of Meadow Ridge a retirement home in Redding CT formerly of Livonia Michigan the beloved husband of the late Barbara Doscher Core died on Friday October 29 2004 Born on February 14 1923 in White Plains NY the son of the late Arthur Leslie Core and Henrietta Bedford Core he had been a resident of Livonia for many years prior to relocating to Connecticut two years ago He was a graduate of the University of Michigan where he received a bachelor of science in Mechanical Engineering He was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy at the Naval Academy and completed Diesel Engine Training at NC State He served during WWII in the South Pacific Mr Core was a retired Industrial Engineer for the Unistrut Corporation in Michigan Survivors include three children Roger S Core of Fort Myers FL Margaret C Gettig of Fairfield CT and Lyn McCullers of Marietta GA four grandchildren Scott Gettig Beth Raccuia Christopher Core and Erin Goffette three great grandchildren, Nate Weinreich, Jacob Gettig and Benjamin Goffette, and several nieces and nephews A funeral service was held on Wednesday November 3, 2004 at 10:00 AM at the First Congregational Church of Fairfield CT Interment followed in Kensico Cemetery Valhalla-NY In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research Grand Central Station P.O. Box 4777 New York NY 10163 For further information or to offer an online condolence visit www.spearfuneralhome.com

ANITA M. BRODY

Beloved wife of the late Joseph Brody Dear mother of Gayle (Ricky Brown) Brody and Deborah (Richard Stell) Brody Loving grandmother of Robby and Alyssa Brody and Cameron Stell Devoted daughter of Hazen Goldman and the late Regina Smithcher Cherished sister of Elaine (Dan Kellams) Goldman and Barbara Goldman SERVICES 1 PM THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT THE IRA KAUFMAN CHAPEL 248 569 0020 INTERMENT AT BNAI ISRAEL CEMETERY www.ira kaufman.com

BRADLEY BALLARD JR.

October 31 2004 age 87 of Birmingham Beloved husband of Patricia C for 12 years Dear Father of Pamela J James and the late Diana Hackert Grandfather of Melissa Brian, John Julia and James Great Grandfather of Austin Brother of Charles Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Capel) 32515 Woodward Ave (btw 13 14 Mile) Wednesday 3 8pm Funeral Service Thursday 11 30am at Christ Church Cranbrook Bloomfield Hills In lieu of flowers memorial tributes to Karmanos Cancer Institute Beaumont Hospice or Lighthouse
Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

DONALD JOSEPH RACHAR,

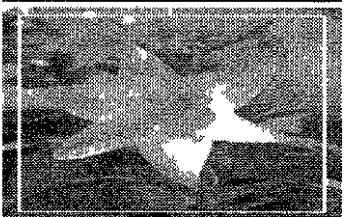
Age 75 of Onaway (formerly of Rochester) passed away on October 29 2004 Mr Rachar is survived by his daughters Rhonda Laughnum of Shelby Township Gayla and Ron Pijanowski of Uteca sons Steve and Martha Smith of Land O Lakes FL Marty Smith of Columbia TN Curt and Penny Smith of Land O Lakes FL 13 Grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren sister Betty Metro of Cheboygan Mr Rachar was preceded in death by his wife Eleanor n 2003 and son Guy Smith n 1980 A memorial service will be held on November 13 at 2:00pm at the Chagnon Funeral Home n Onaway The family will receive friends from 12 noon until 2:00 pm Memorial contributions to the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Atlanta MI

DOROTHY SUE MADDEN

Age 76 died suddenly on October 14 She had been living in White Bluff Tennessee for 20 years Dorothy had formerly lived in Wayne and Westland She is preceded in death by her loving husband Raymond Dear mother of Martha (Cliff) Bill (Sandy) Gerald (Wanda) Sister of Rachel Moore Grandchildren include Kim Dawn Jennifer, Michelle Lisa Paula Tina Eric Also survived by eight great grandchildren Funeral services were held by Taylor Funeral Home in Dickson Tennessee Interment was on October 19th at Cadillac Memorial Cemetery in Westland with a graveside service

FRANCES L. ERXLBEN

Age 83 of Plymouth formerly of Fremont Ohio died November 1 2004 in Ann Arbor She was born May 25 1921 in Old Fort Ohio She was a former real estate agent in Livonia She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth She enjoyed arts and crafts and she loved animals She was a devoted and loving mother and grand mother She is survived by her children Dianne Griswold of Plymouth Marlene Exrlben of Plymouth and Lynne (Michael) Just of Deerfield Beach Florida and her grandchildren Clinton Thornton Gwendolyn Griswold Jennifer Just and Andrew Just Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Friday 2 30pm Visitation Thursday 3 8pm Her final resting place will be St Ann's Cemetery in Fremont Ohio (interment will take place Saturday November 6)



GERALDINE M HASSBERGER BOVA,

of Syracuse NY since 1942 formerly of Royal Oak Passed away 10 22 04 in Syracuse NY Born in Ferndale MI 11 06 22 Survived by husband James Bova and children William Patricia Michael and James Pre deceased by brother Richard C Hassberger Survived by brother William A Hassberger of Royal Oak

GREGORY ALAN ANDERSON

Died in Alpena on Friday October 29 2004 He was born July 23 1947 in Saginaw Michigan He grew up on Hubbard Lake where his parents Virginia and H.D. Andy Anderson owned and operated the resort Spruce Lodge After a move to the Birmingham area the family continued to spend summers at Hubbard Lake for many years Greg graduated from Bloomfield Hills High in 1965 and from the University of Michigan where he was member of Delta Tau Delta in 1969 After several years selling condominiums in Florida and Colorado he returned to Michigan to work with his father in real estate For 18 years he lived in North Carolina returning to the Alpena area last summer A lifelong fan of the Tigers the Pistons and the University of Michigan teams Greg was himself a fine athlete through his high school years He is survived by two aunts an uncle and many cousins and friends The memorial service will be held at Spruce Presbyterian Church on Saturday November 6 at 1:00 PM In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the church's Building Fund

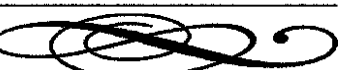


LEE J. HILL

Formerly of Farmington passed away October 28 2004 at home in Kenansville FL at age 76 He was born July 26 1928 in Williamsburg Kentucky the son of Major and Nettie Satterfield Hill He moved to Florida in 1994 He was a retired Industrial Electrician with the Chrysler Corporation (Mound Plant) He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during the Korean War He was a member and Past President of the Multi Lakes Conservation Association and member of Farmington Masonic Lodge #151 F&AM Mr Hill was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth and son Gary He is survived by his brothers Harland of Livonia and David of MI and sisters Armeda Bowen of Hazel Park and Imogene Sugg of Clawson MI Funeral Friday 1pm at Thayer Rock Funeral Home 33603 Grand River Ave Farmington (1 blk W of Farmington Rd.) Visitation Thursday 2 9 pm (Masonic Service 7 30 pm) Memorials to St Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated

RELAND L. OLDS

Age 90 formerly of Plymouth died November 1 2004 at Emmet County Care Facility in Harbor Springs Michigan She was born May 23 1914 in Detroit She came to the Plymouth community in 1930 from Detroit She was a homemaker and she also worked in the kitchen at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia She belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Treasurer She was a loving mother grandmother and great grandmother She is survived by her sons Robert (Martha) Olds Lawrence (Henrietta) Olds and Douglas (Judith) Olds 10 grandchildren 14 great grandchildren her sisters Evelyn Bressler and Barbara (Ernie) Urly and her brother Fred (Evelyn) Johnson She is preceded in death by her husband Paul and her grandson Gary Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Friday 10 a.m. Visitation Thursday 4 9 p.m. Interment at Riverside Cemetery Plymouth Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association



GEORGE EDMUND GARRITY

Age 93 of the River Oaks Lenoir City, TN passed away Monday November 1 2004 at Farragut Health Care Center He was a resident of Garden City for over 70 years George was a member of Garden City Presbyterian Church and a member of Union Local #98 He was active in youth sports and coached baseball and hockey teams for several years Preceded in death by wife Merion Garrity daughter Barbara Ponte and granddaughter Teri Davie Survived by daughter Glenys Overly and husband Mike of Tellico Village Community Loudon TN, son Mark Garrity and wife Stephanie of Livonia MI 6 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren A memorial service will be held at a later date in Garden City Michigan Click Funeral Home Lenoir City TN is serving the family of George E Garrity www.clickfuneralhome.com

DORIS M. FORRESTALL

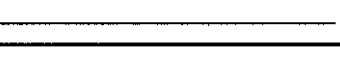
Age 86, October 28 2004 of Redford Twp Beloved wife of the late Raymond Survived by her children Patricia (Thomas) Carey and Michael Forrestall 12 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren Preceded in death by her son Raymond Jr Funeral Mass Saturday 10:00 A.M. at St Valentine Catholic Church, Redford Twp Visitation Friday 2-5 and 6-9 p.m. at the Fisher Funeral Home 24501 Five Mile Redford Twp, Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery The family would appreciate memorial funds directed to Angela Hospice Livonia

LORI K. (GRITTER) SUH

Age 47 of Plymouth October 28 2004 Dear daughter of Mina Steensma Also survived by 3 sisters, 1 brother, and many special friends including Dan and Patti Gritter Memorial Service Sat Nov 6 11 AM at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 10101 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth MI 48170 Memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Presbyterian Church or The National Kidney Foundation of Michigan 2350 S Huron Parkway Ann Arbor MI 48104 Arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home Plymouth (734) 459-2250

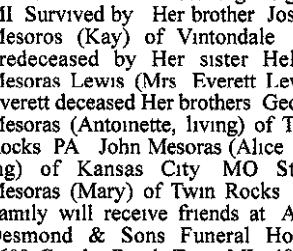
NORMAN A. BRUNSON

Age 68 formerly of Westland died October 25 2004 in Tusculuma AL Beloved husband of Jackie Dearest father of Timothy (Laura) Patrick (Penny) and Jason Grandfather of Heather Kyle Stephanie Bradley Ashley and Aivria He will be greatly missed

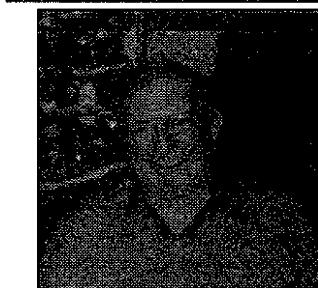


MARY JANE MESOROS CURTIS

RETIRED REGISTERED NURSE FROM WILLIAM BEAUMONT HOSPITAL Mary Jane Mesoros Curtis was born December 11 1911 in the small town of Mt Hope West Virginia Her parents were recent immigrants from Budapest Hungary via Ellis Island where their names are listed on the Wall of Honor She lived in Twin Rocks PA and graduated from Blacklick Township High School in 1929 as Salutatorian giving the class address Mary was active in sports Captain of the basketball team for two years She played guard in basketball and competed in the county track meet running the 50 & 100 yard dash relay the running & standing broad jump and the high jump Mary graduated with her RN from Conneautch Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Johnstown PA She graduated with honors and gave the class address While working at Harper Hospital in Detroit Michigan she met Harry Howard Curtis a patent on 2 Center They fell in love, and married February 3rd 1938 in Gary Indiana Mary Anne their only child was born in Detroit Michigan July 11 1939 The family moved to Birmingham Michigan in 1953 She was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Birmingham Michigan Harry died in June 1959 at the age of 57 years Mary took a seven week refresher course in nursing that same year and started working at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Michigan in 1960 Mary worked there until her retirement in 1975 She was Mom to everyone on 5 South and 7- Surgical where she was Clinical Coordinator for most of her career at Beaumont Traveling gardening fishing outdoor life and floral arranging were just a few of the activities that she enjoyed when she was not helping out at church or helping friends She died after a short illness in Hospice Care October 30 2004 at her beloved William Beaumont Hospital Beloved mother of Mary Anne Curtis Maxwell of Ft Myers Florida (Mrs Taylor Hile Maxwell) Grandmother of Curtis Howard Maxwell (Karen) of Sterling Heights MI Taylor Hile Maxwell II (Marcia) of Redmond WA Great Grandmother of Robyn Elizabeth Maxwell of Redmond WA Ryan and Jennifer Maxwell of Sterling Heights MI Survived by Her brother Joseph Mesoros (Kay) of Vintondale PA Predeceased by Her sister Helene Mesoras Lewis (Mrs Everett Lewis) Everett deceased Her brothers George Mesoras (Antoinette, living) of Twin Rocks PA John Mesoras (Alice living) of Kansas City MO Steve Mesoras (Mary) of Twin Rocks PA Family will receive friends at A J Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 2600 Crooks Road Troy MI 48084 Tuesday November 2 2004 from 3 5 7 9pm A Celebration of the life of Mary J Mesoros Curtis shall be held on Wed November 3, 2004 at 2 PM at the First United Methodist Church 1589 W Maple Road Birmingham Michigan 48009 1297 In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the music or the youth department of the church in memory of Mary J Curtis Share memories at obit.DesmondFuneralHome.com



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LLOYD E. KELLER

A longtime Livonia resident and administrator for the Livonia Public Schools died Sunday October 31 2004 at the age of 79 after a three year battle with cancer Mr Keller was a World War II veteran serving on an LST in the Pacific Ocean After his discharge from the United States Navy, he enrolled at Michigan Normal College (now Eastern Michigan University) and graduated with a bachelor's degree in education He was a member of the Arm of Honor fraternity Mr Keller began his teaching career in Detroit as a physical education instructor He earned a master's degree from Wayne State University and became an elementary school principal in Detroit In 1968 Mr Keller left the Detroit Public Schools and became a school administrator for the Livonia Public Schools He served at many schools and was an assistant principal at Holmes Middle School Bentley High School and Stevenson High School Throughout his career Mr Keller officiated high school football and basketball He retired as an administrator in 1986 but continued to work with special needs students in the woodwork shop at Churchill High School Mr Keller was an avid golfer and worked several years as a starter and ranger at Kensington Golf Course He was a life long member of Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder Mr Keller is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Betty Jo, his four children, Jay Ann (Mark) Nelson of Northville Michael Keller of Canton Susan (Jim Frick) Keller of East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania and William (Elizabeth) Keller of Clarkston Mr Keller had six grandchildren Beth Nelson, Katie (Jon) Zische Matthew Nelson Rebecca Keller Gregory Keller and Sarah Keller and one great-grandchild Ashleigh Nelson The family is requesting memorial contributions to the Livonia Public Schools Foundation 15125 Farmington Rd Livonia MI 48154

Paying Tribute to the Life of Your Loved One

May peace be with you in this time of sorrow.

SWIMMER

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eral yards away and prayed for their critically injured friend.

A battery of tests revealed that Alissa had fractured three vertebrae in her back — the C-5, C-6 and T-3. She also suffered a huge gash on the back of her head that required 10 staples to close.

Successful surgery

Two days after the accident, Alissa underwent a two-hour surgical procedure to attach a metal halo to her skull.

On July 20, a seven-hour spinal-fusion procedure was performed to fuse the fractured vertebrae together and stabilize the spine. Alissa's C-5 bone was crushed in the accident, so doctors replaced it with a cadaver bone.

"We were originally told the surgery would take about five hours, but it ended up taking over seven, so we were very concerned," Nancy Vermeulen said. "We were so thankful when the doctors came out and told us that everything had gone well."

"Throughout all of this — the accident, the surgeries, everything — Alissa's attitude was incredibly positive. She has a big smile on her face in every picture we have. Even the doctors noted how upbeat she was."

"The only time I saw her cry was when she was being taken into surgery and a nurse accidentally pushed her bed into a door frame. The jarring action caused a lot of pain."

Alissa said a meeting she had with another spine-injury patient at U-M doused any self-pity she may have felt.

"My doctors introduced me to another patient who had suffered an injury like mine. Only she was paralyzed from the neck down and was hooked up to a respirator," Alissa said. "She was a cheerleader and was injured when she fell during a routine seeing her situation made me realize how lucky I was. It taught me that no matter how bad you think you have it, there's always somebody else out there who's worse off."

Following 12 days in the hospital, Alissa was discharged and sent home. The front room of the Vermeulens' Plymouth Township house had been transformed into a makeshift hospital room.

Heart-felt response

Within days, the family's living-room walls were plastered with more than 100 get-well cards, many from people whom Alissa hadn't seen in years. The Vermeulens also received more than 200 e-mails from well-wishers.

Alissa received cards from kids she had baby-sat for, her fourth-grade teacher, the principal at her elementary school, Nancy Vermeulen said. "The outpouring of love and support was phenomenal. We do not have much family in the area, so our friends and church rallied around us. I did not have to cook for two months because people were dropping by with meals for us."

While it was nice being home, life was still far from comfortable for Alissa, who rarely got a solid night's sleep due to the awkward-fitting halo.

And once routine events like getting her hair washed became difficult.

"We had to lay Alissa down on the kitchen counter and put her head over the sink," Nancy Vermeulen remembered. "It would take so long that she fell

asleep a couple of times. And little things like sneezing could be very painful for her."

Big day

The day the halo was removed was a memorable milestone for Alissa, who rushed home and took her first shower in more than two months.

"I know she used up all the hot water in the house," Nancy Vermeulen said, laughing.

"I felt like a bobblehead right after they removed the halo," Alissa added, smiling. "When you don't use muscles for two-and-a-half months, you lose them."

Which made her sooner-than-expected return to competitive swimming last Oct. 7 even more remarkable.

She wasn't supposed to swim that night at Farmington, so she didn't go, Nancy Vermeulen said. "When I got a call and found out she swam, I couldn't believe it. Her dad (Jim) and I went to the next meet, and it was pretty emotional."

Emotional card

On the one-year anniversary of the accident, this past summer, Alissa sent Derek a card that had a drawing of a round, white life preserver floating on water. The inside of the card read: "I'm sure glad you came along when you did."

"My mom still cries when she sees it," Alissa said.

Although she has yet to match the impressive times she posted as a freshman, Alissa is enjoying a productive season with the Chiefs' unbeaten swim team this season.

Doctors said the only possible long-term effect from the accident is an increased risk of arthritis once she turns 30.

"Little things don't bother me any more," Alissa said, reflecting back on the past 15 months. "After what I've been through, it's easier to look at the big picture and realize how fortunate I am."

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SC men are one victory from tourney

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

MEN'S SOCCER

The Schoolcraft College men's soccer team is just one victory away from returning to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament, which starts Nov. 18 in Tyler, Tex.

On Sunday, the host Ocelots defeated Macomb CC, 3-1, to win the NJCAA-Region 12 championship.

Schoolcraft will take a 9-9 overall record into weekend Central-District matchup at District 26 champion Lewis & Clark (Ill.), sporting an 11-7-2 record.

(Game time and day of the final to be determined.)

Second-half goals by Renato Susnja and Lew Tripp (Plymouth Christian Academy) proved to be the

difference as Macomb ends its season at 14-3 overall.

Assist went to Shannon Cole and Rob Marinkoski.

It was 1-1 at halftime as Susnja scored on a header from Tripp, but Macomb countered with Pavel Nowak's goal.

On Saturday, Cole's two goals in the final five minutes helped the Ocelots upset No. 6-ranked and previously unbeaten Cincinnati State, 3-2.

Schoolcraft trailed 1-0 at halftime before Rod Aslanli scored to even the count at 1-1.

The wind was intense and the field was wet, but we were

able to play beautiful and creative soccer," Schoolcraft coach Dominic Scicluna said.

They dominated and were on them the whole second half. They (Cincinnati State) dropped us off the schedule (this year), but destiny has a way of finding its way."

Goalkeeper Liam Curran, Marinkoski and Aslanli were all named first-team All-Region 12 by the coaches in a vote prior to the tourney. Danny Dragon (Westland John Glenn) and Michael Bennett (Canton) earned second-team All-Region 12 honors.

But Scicluna was irked that Aslanli was not given enough votes by the Region 12 coaches for even third-team NJCAA All-America consideration.

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Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Penfolds releases its best stuff

Wine drinkers have discovered the great quality-for-the-money of many wines from Australia. Such wines have made it possible to drink well on a budget and this column has often recommended Australian wine values in our weekly "Wine Picks."

Penfolds, one of the wineries bottling value pours, also makes some of the best wines in the world and has recently released its ultra premium wines along with the newest edition of a guide for cellaring these wines, Rewards of Patience.

Beginning with entry level wines, Penfolds offers quality at a variety of prices arranged in tiers. The entry level is known as Rawsons Retreat (\$9) followed by Koonunga Hill (\$11-12), Thomas Hyland (\$14-15), Bin Range (\$25), ultra or super premium range (\$40-80) and Penfolds Grange (\$225) at the top.

FLASH BACK

Penfolds was founded by Dr. Christopher Rawson Penfold, an English doctor who emigrated to Adelaide, South Australia in 1844. Believing in the medicinal virtues of wine, Dr. Penfold supplied his homemade port and sherry-style wines to his patients. As his medical practice increased, so did demand for his wines and by the early 1900s, Penfolds vineyards had grown to 125 acres.

In 1950, Penfolds winemaker, Max Schubert went to Spain to study sherry production. But it was his visit in Bordeaux and the opportunity to taste some great old wines that inspired him to create a red wine "capable of staying alive for a minimum of 20 years and comparable to those produced in Bordeaux."

In 1951, Schubert made the first vintage of Grange Hermitage, now known simply as Grange, using the shiraz grape variety. It not only ushered in production of red table wine in Australia, but established its quality image. Today, Peter Gago is just the fourth winemaker to continue the great winemaking traditions at Penfolds and Grange continues to be an international benchmark for shiraz, even when compared to the great syrahs of France's northern Rhone Valley.

BEST STUFF

The recently-released wines in the ultra premium range include:

- 2001 Penfolds Yattarna Chardonnay (\$65), the sixth vintage of a wine created only after several years of experimentation. The chardonnay grapes are sourced from cool climate growing regions, creating a wine offering notes of lemon curd and pear, interwoven with nutty characters derived from French oak.

- 2001 Penfolds Bin 707 Cabernet Sauvignon (\$80). Gago says "has muscular tannins that suggest the wine is built for the long term." Well fruited and structured, it boasts ripe black currant

PLEASE SEE WINE, D2



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Set the table with a few vegetarian selections this holiday season. Here are a few selections for Sunday's Healthy Living Seminar in Plymouth: Walnut Balls with Apricot Barbecue Sauce (top left, clockwise), Corn Bread Macadamia Dressing and Butternut Squash Risotto. These dishes and asparagus share a plate (lower right).

Take a vegetarian holiday

STORY BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

You know the drill. You've worked hard all year long, exercising regularly or at least watching what you eat.

Then the six-week binge of the holidays starts. A little bit here, a little bit there. A piece of pie, another slice of dark meat, more gravy and more sausage.

For many diners, the big feast has them looking for alternatives, such as vegetarian foods.

Jeannie Weaver helped her father-in-law, Dr. Arthur Weaver, conduct vegetarian dinners at the Healthy Living seminars. Those seminars started 17 years ago and on Sunday, she expects all three sittings to be close to being sold out. (See related chart.) That means about 600 diners sign up to learn more about holiday vegetarian cooking.

Weaver works hard at trying to remove some of the stigma from vegetarian foods and points to studies that plant- and protein-based diets provide better health to their participants.

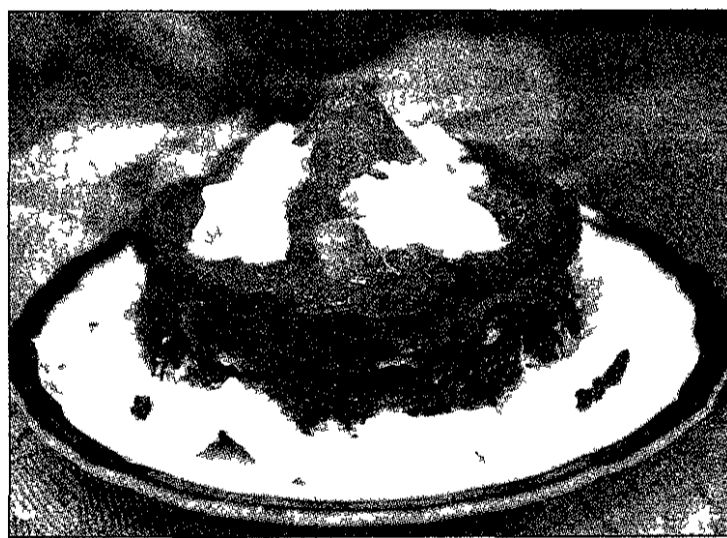
"So when you're sitting down with that roast turkey leg at Thanksgiving, beef or pork, you have alternative entrees."

"I always push the grains and legumes," Weaver said. "Why I don't eat meat isn't for philosophical or religious reasons, it's because meat just doesn't sit well with me."

"What we try to do is get people to see what they can do with main dishes," she added.

And when the holidays approach, it's easy to gain weight and lose focus on proper eating habits. "At the holidays, people cast it to the wind," Weaver said. "The French aren't so overweight, yet they eat foods with oil and olive oil."

PLEASE SEE HOLIDAY, D3



Flourless chocolate cake is served with raspberry coulis, created by Michelle Fisher, owner of Michelle's Hearth of Northville, a restaurant that caters to the vegetarian palate.

Vegetarian recipes reinvent classics

WHEAT BERRY SALAD

2 cups wheat berries (the whole wheat kernel) soaked overnight and cooked al dente
1/2 cup slivered almonds
1 whole pomegranate, peeled and separated into salad
1/2 to 3/4 cup dried cranberries or dried sweet cherries
1 to 2 cucumbers, diced small
sea salt or powder Ranch salad dressing mix to taste

Toss all the ingredients with red wine vinegar or white balsamic vinegar.

Chill a couple hours in refrigerator and serve. Serve stuffed in a pita, pumpkin or on a bed of lettuce.
Recipe courtesy of Jeannie Weaver.

WALNUT BALLS WITH APRICOT BARBECUE SAUCE

2 eggs beaten
3/4 cup ground walnuts
3 egg whites beaten
3/4 cup shredded low fat cheddar cheese

1 small onion, finely chopped
3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley
1 1/2 teaspoons poultry seasoning
2 garlic cloves, minced
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/4 cups finely crushed low sodium saltine crackers

In bowl, combine the first seven ingredients. Add the crackers, walnuts and cheese, and mix well. Coat hands with non-stick cooking spray then shape mixture into one-inch balls (use a 1/2-inch melon scooper).

Place in a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking dish coated with non-stick cooking spray. Pour Apricot Barbecue Sauce (recipe below) over walnut balls and bake uncovered, at 350° F for 25 minutes or until a meat thermometer reads 160° F.

Yield: eight servings (It makes approximately 50 balls by using the melon scooper).

Recipe courtesy of Jan Brummett

PLEASE SEE RECIPES, D2

Side dish

Food drive ends

Thousands of state employees are collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for Michigan families in need during the 14th annual Michigan Harvest Gathering food drive, which ends Nov. 7.

State employees contributed over 80,000 pounds of food and close to \$18,000 in 2003 for the Michigan Harvest Gathering, the major campaign for the Food Bank Council of Michigan. In the next year about 1 million people - half of them seniors or children - will use a food bank, according to Jane Marshall, executive director of the Food Bank Council of Michigan.

The public also can participate by bringing canned goods and non-perishable food items to any of the Secretary of State branch offices statewide.

Bread baking

King Arthur Flour Co. will share baking secrets with the public at free bread baking classes.

But Ann Arbor and Lansing will be the closest class locations to the metropolitan Detroit area.

A class will be offered noon-2 p.m. on sweet dough and 7-9 p.m. on artisan bread Nov. 10 at the Holiday Inn Lansing-South Convention Center in Lansing and Nov. 11 at the Courtyard by Marriott, 3205 Boardwalk in Ann Arbor. Michael Jubinsky will be the instructor.

King Arthur Flour also publishes a newsletter of recipes and baking information, The Baking Sheet. The Baker's Catalogue, King Arthur's Flour sister catalogue company, sponsors an online baking forum at www.kingarthurflour.com.

Now, THAT'S a Greek salad

A local student hopes Beanie Babies can help cheer up young patients at Children's Hospital of Michigan. That's why Abby Bice, seventh grader at Birmingham Covington School and Temple Beth El student, is working with fellow students, Children's Hospital and Leo's Coney Island to build Detroit's Largest Greek Salad. The public can enjoy the salad for \$5 a bowl from noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at Temple Beth El, located on the northwest corner of 14 Mile and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills.

"We are building this salad so we can supply Children's Hospital with enough brand new Beanie Babies to get them through six months or a year," Abby said. "We need lots of people to come eat the salad. For each donation, we will be able to purchase two Beanie Babies for these kids."

Prepaid tickets can be purchased from any Leo's Coney Island, Temple Beth El or by contacting Abby Bice at (248) 851-3121. Tickets will be available at the door on Nov. 14.

HOLIDAY

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They eat it because it satisfies them and because it's not cardboard.

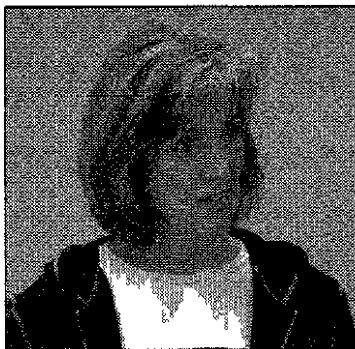
Much of a grain- and legume-based diet is related to the Mediterranean diets.

'All you have to do is watch Supersize Me,' (the documentary that chronicles the weight gain of a man who eats fast food), Weaver said. "You can see the effect of two weeks of high-fat meat eating. It doesn't have to be that way."

Many of the dishes at the healthy living seminars are family favorites, Weaver said. They're from people who've learned to do tasty dishes with legumes and grains.

Weaver knows dieters won't readily jump on the meatless bandwagon. "You have to give them a choice," she said. "You try to offer them a choice. It doesn't have to be raw (vegetables). It can be tasty, it can be beautiful."

Weaver made a wheat berry salad as one example of a mix of grains and fruit. The grains can help fill you up, so you won't eat as much of the fattier foods that might be at the dinner table. "If you have a salad



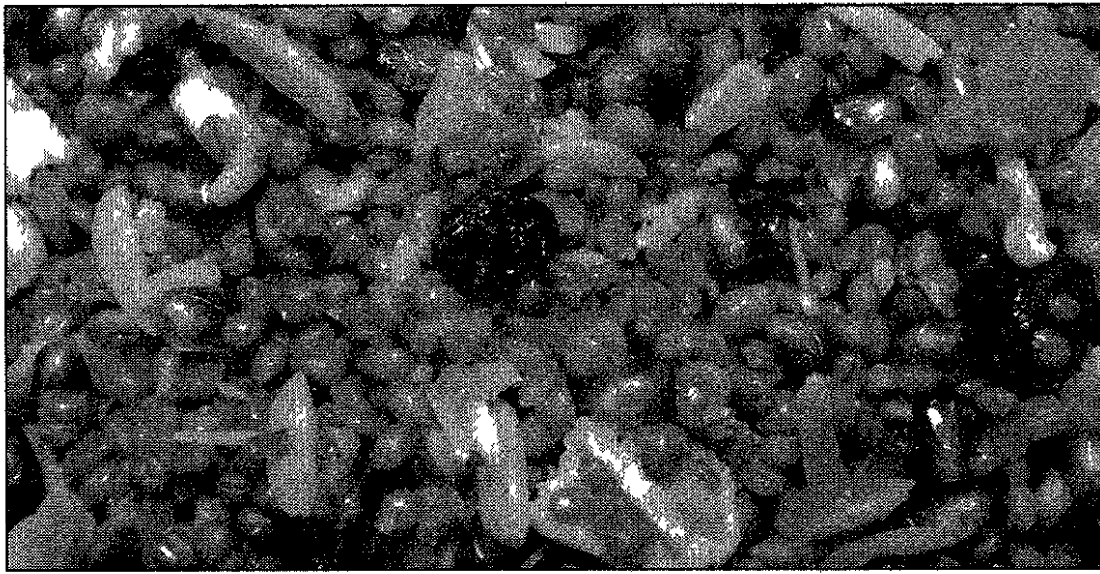
Jeanie Weaver is a fitness trainer and coordinates the Holiday Vegetarian Tasting event on Sunday at the Metropolitan Seventh Day Adventist Church. The event is open to the public, but the tasting seats often sell out.

with that (wheatberries) in it, it's going to slow you down (at the dinner table)," Weaver said.

Weaver started her vegetarian diet as a teenager, after she returned home on break from the Ozark Adventist Academy in Siloam Springs, Ark. She was 14.

"I'd been away from eating meat for about six or eight weeks, and I got sick," she said. She said the meat didn't agree with her system, which happens to vegetarians who eat meat after avoiding it for a while.

She learned to cook many grains and legumes, learning



Jeanie Weaver's special wheat berry salad includes pomegranate, dried cranberries and almonds. Weaver also varies the salad's ingredients. This version has slightly cooked onions and cauliflower.

to enjoy them as a teenager. The healthy living seminars help educate parents and their teenagers about what to eat to obtain the right vitamins.

Weaver believes in some dairy products in the diet. For example, vitamin B12 is important for teenagers, so they should eat an egg once a week, have yogurt and drink low-fat milk.

"Vegans get mad at me when I say this, but going vegan isn't for teenagers," Weaver said. I

just don't think it is necessary. With them, they can have the grains and legumes, and throw in an egg and low-fat dairy products, they will be a lot safer. (Vegans eat fruits, nuts, grains, seeds and vegetables, whereas lacto-ovo vegetarians eat the same foods, along with eggs and milk products. Lacto-ovo vegetarians eat the same as lacto-ovo vegetarians with the exception of eggs.)

Teenagers need to educate themselves, she said. "I'll ask them, 'What grams did you eat today?'" Weaver said.

For those who wish to consume more calcium, there's soy available, but for those who dislike soy, there's leafy greens, almonds and figs. "Many dried fruits and grains will help," she said.

Weaver attempts to bridge the gap between meat lovers and vegetarians by offering dishes with grain-, soy- and legume-based products that substitute for meat. For example, chick-kette is a grain-based product that can substitute for poultry or turkey. Sunday's seminar will feature several main dishes, including a "turkey" roll.

The holiday menu for this Sunday's dinner features walnut balls with apricot barbecue sauce, cornbread macadama

dressing, butternut squash risotto and flourless chocolate cake with raspberry coulis. Weaver's wheatberry salad contained peas, almonds, cauliflower and dried cranberries. It is satisfying with a wonderful crunch, a little sweet and great mix of flavors.

The walnut balls with apricot barbecue sauce tasted delicious, with just a hint of the walnut taste. They aren't meatballs, but the substitutes do a nice job on the palate with texture and flavor, and the sauce was sweet and snappy.

The butternut squash risotto should work its way onto many a holiday menu with the slight sweet-tart blend of rice, while the cornbread stuffing with macadama nuts has a refreshing zing. The flourless chocolate cake has a wonderfully powerful chocolate taste, yet it isn't sickening sweet.

Where do you find the ingredients for these dishes?

Wheatberries can be found at Hiller's, Kroger and just about anywhere, Weaver said. "If the market doesn't have a health food section, go to the ethnic section. If you're going to turn it onto them (your family), you have to make them taste better and you have to have them taste good."

HOLIDAY TASTING

What: 17th annual Holiday Tasting Extravaganza. Enjoy meatless dishes and learn about preparing vegetarian foods from a fitness trainer, a registered dietitian and several physicians.

When: Sunday, Nov. 7. Three seatings are scheduled: 11 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Where: Metropolitan Seventh-Day Adventist School Gym, 15585 Haggerty (north of Five Mile) in Plymouth.

Tickets: \$12 per person. Children 6-12 years are \$4. (Tickets only available in advance and event usually sells out.) Call (734) 495-0472. Two cookbooks also are available - one is a 15-year commemorative collection of recipes from the event (\$20) while a booklet (\$6) contains recipes from this year's and last year's event.

Should tickets be sold out for Sunday's event, you can get on the mailing list for next year's events by calling (734) 495-0472 and leaving your name, address and phone number. A vegetarian supper is scheduled for Jan. 17 and cooking and nutrition seminar for Feb. 22.

Weaver admits the substitutes aren't the real thing. "I will say it doesn't take the place of it," she said. "It's a totally different product than meat."

"People have to be ready to make changes. People could pay me a lot of money to help them, but they don't do what they have to do to get back on track."

MORE RECIPES

CORNBREAD MACADAMIA DRESSING

8 cups cornbread, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
3 cups chicken flavored stock (or Bill's Best chicken and 1 to 2 packets of chicken style gravy quick (Loma Linda brand) and 1 roll of thawed ground up Chichette which is a soy product available at markets)
1 cup dried cherries
1 tablespoon olive oil
8 bacon like slices, finely chopped Morning Star
1 yellow onion, finely chopped
1 celery stalk, finely chopped
1 carrot, finely chopped
salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
1 jar (14.8 ounce) French chestnuts or 1 cup chopped Macadama nuts
3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat leaf parsley
3 tablespoons chopped fresh sage (optional)
1 egg
Preheat oven to 350° F. Oil a 13 by 9-inch baking dish. Arrange cornbread on a baking sheet and toast in the oven for 20 minutes. In a small saucepan over medium heat, warm stock. Remove pan from heat and add

dried cherries. Let cool.

In a fry pan over medium heat, warm olive oil. Add bacon and sauté, stirring occasionally, until golden and crisp, about five-seven minutes. Remove from pan. Add onion, celery and carrot to the pan and saute until soft and translucent, about five minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

In a large bowl, combine corn bread, bacon, onion mixture, chestnuts or macadama nuts, sage and parsley. Whisk egg into stock mixture and add to cornbread mixture. Season with salt and pepper and stir gently to mix. Transfer dressing to prepared baking dish. Bake until browned and crispy, about one hour. Serves 10-12.

Recipe courtesy of Jeanie Weaver

BUTTERNUT SQUASH RISOTTO

1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1 pound butternut squash prepared (see below) and cut into 1/2 inch chunks
Coarse salt
1 cup Arborio rice
1/2 cup water
4 1/2 cups water heated

4 teaspoons McKay's Chicken Style Instant Broth and Sea Soning (added to the 4 1/2 cups water above)
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese plus more for garnish

Prepare squash by cutting off the top and bottom. Halve squash lengthwise, scoop out seeds with a spoon and peel with a vegetable peeler or sharp knife in a medium heavy bottom saucepan, melt butter or margarine over medium heat. Add squash, then season with salt. Cook, stirring often, until edges soften, six to eight minutes.

Add rice, stir to coat. Add 1/2 water, cook until almost all liquid has evaporated, one to two minutes. Reduce heat to medium low, add 1/2 cup hot broth mixture.

Cook, stirring until almost all liquid is absorbed. Add remaining broth mixture, cup at a time, stirring until liquid is absorbed before adding more. 35 to 40 minutes total.

Stir in Parmesan, and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Serve immediately garnished with more Parmesan, if desired.

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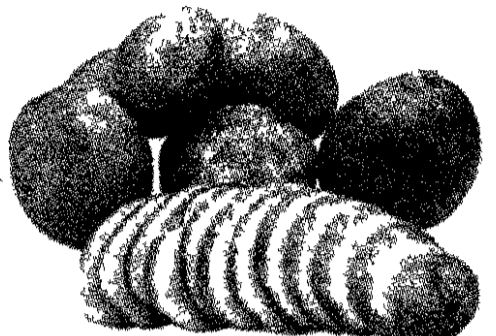
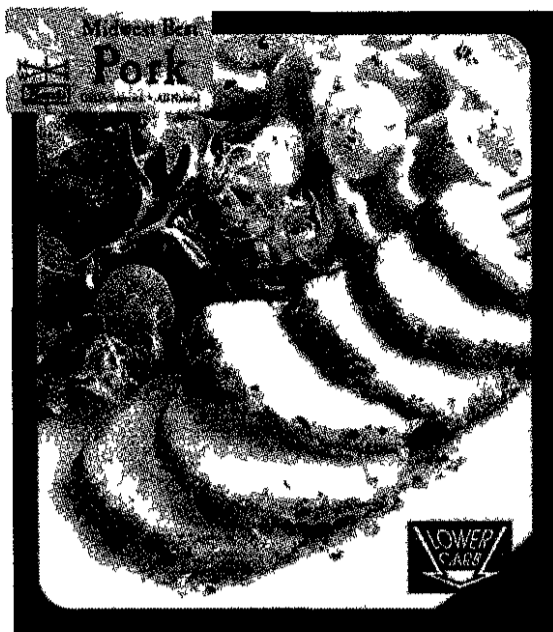
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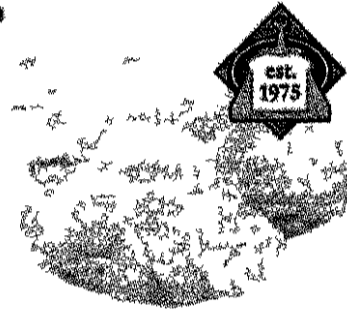
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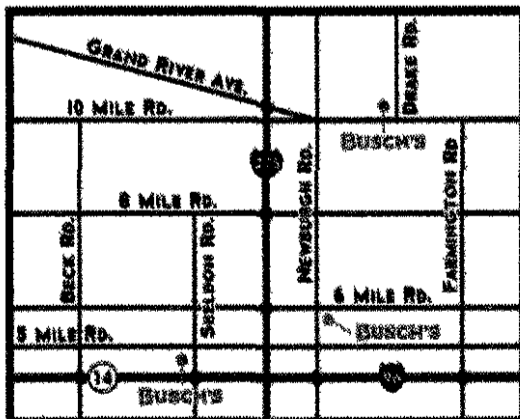


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Tomatoes can be picked from the garden or purchased and frozen to use during Michigan winter months (An average tomato travels 1,300 miles from farm to salad bowls - so buy locally).

Tomatoes add color, flavor and texture to sandwiches, salads, or omelets. Stuff, bake, stew or grill them for something different. Tomatoes are a wonderful base for homemade soups, stews and sauces, and don't forget the salsa. Combine them with rice, pasta or any other vegetable.

Eggplant is a wonderful purple color but eat them instead of just using for fall centerpieces. Eggplant can be blanched or steamed then frozen for up to six months. Mix eggplant with vegetables to make a dish called ratatouille. Generally eggplant is paired with tomatoes and onions but can be mixed in a casserole, made into a relish or spread, Moussaka which is, a favorite Greek dish, or Eggplant Parmesan.

Eggplants do not need to be peeled just slice or cube and cook. Herbs and spices go well with eggplant, so use several of



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them for flavor.

Add some green with Brussels sprouts. They taste similar to cabbage but slightly milder with a hearty taste. If possible, buy them still attached to the stalk and pull them off yourself when you are ready to cook them. Yellow or wilted leaves means that the sprouts are old and have been mishandled. They should be displayed at the store chilled.

Orange and yellow are the colors of winter squash: sweet potatoes, pumpkins and carrots. Hard squash keep for weeks in a well ventilated, dry area. Refrigeration is not recommended and a warm temperature shortens the keeping time. Treat pumpkins just like squash. They are in the same family, and both loaded with good nutrients.

Sweet potatoes are packed with calcium, potassium and vitamins A and C. Do not store in the refrigerator or they develop an off flavor. Don't wash them until you are ready to use as the moisture hastens spoilage.

The sweetness in these potatoes increases during storage and when they are cooked (The starches convert to sugars as the potato matures). Cooked and raw carrots provide beta-carotene, vitamin A, potassium and fiber.

Cabbage and rutabaga are in the same family, however the rutabaga is thought of as one of the "poor relatives" and is therefore an underutilized vegetable. They tend to have a strong flavor, especially when cooked. Rutabaga can be stored in the refrigerator for two weeks or more. Peel rutabagas if you purchased them as they may have wax on the outer skin. Cook and mash like mashed potatoes, or put a glaze on them like a sweet potato or shred them raw in a coleslaw.

Cabbage keeps well in a perforated bag in the refrigerator. Wash the head of cabbage when you are ready to use it. Cabbage has lots of vitamin C and fiber. Researchers have put cabbage high on the list of anti-cancer foods. Cook vegetables in the microwave or steam them so you lose fewer nutrients and they keep their flavor better. The key to cooking vegetables in the microwave is to have them all cut into uniform pieces as they cook more evenly. Put the thicker portions of the vegetables toward the outside of the dish so they cook quicker in the microwave.

Look for the blue, purple, green, orange, yellows and reds to add interest and nutrition to your meals and snacks.

There are a rainbow of choices and they really are "good for you," so eat lots of vegetables.

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Try this pork tenderloin from the Food Network cookbook

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here is a recipe that may be just the right cure for the cold weather no-barbecue blues - it's a shortcut barbecue pork tenderloin with a preparation time of just 20 minutes.

The recipe is among the user-friendly collection in *Food Network Kitchens Making It Easy* (Meredith Books, 2004, \$24.95), a new cookbook compiled by the team whose skills have been honed by the challenges of making all the food for the taping of from 3 to 6 Food Network television shows every day.

That means they are all about making things as simple as possible.

PORK TENDERLOIN WITH CHIPOTLE-MAPLE MOP

For the pork
2 teaspoons ground coriander
1 teaspoon garlic powder
¼ teaspoon ground ginger

2 pork tenderloins, each about 12 ounces, silver skin removed (see note)

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
For the sauce
cup pure maple syrup
2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
2 teaspoons chipotle chili hot sauce
¼ teaspoon kosher salt

Position a rack closest to the broiler and preheat to high. Combine the coriander, garlic powder and ginger. Brush the tenderloins with the oil and rub all over with spices. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Lay the pork on a small, shallow pan and broil until golden, turning once, about 5 minutes per side. (An instant-read thermometer should register 130° F when inserted into the thickest part of the meat.)

Meanwhile, for the sauce
Whisk the syrup, vinegar, hot sauce and salt together in a small

bowl. Set about half the sauce aside. Generously brush the tenderloins all over with the remaining sauce. Return to the broiler and cook, turning once until a rich deep brown, about 2 to 3 minutes. Set meat aside for 5 minutes to rest before slicing. Serve with reserved sauce for drizzling over the meat.

Makes 4 servings

Note: Be sure to remove the silver skin before cooking the tenderloin, otherwise the meat will curl. To do it:

■ Lay the tenderloin on your work surface and slip a sharp knife under the surface of the silver skin. Keeping your knife flat against the meat, make your first cut by slicing away from you and toward the end of the tenderloin.

■ Lift the unattached portion of the silver skin up and place your knife at the point where the skin meets the tenderloin. Slice to separate.

■ Continue moving down the length of the tenderloin, pulling and slicing until the silver skin is completely removed.

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Power up your sandwiches with variety

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

"Grabbing a bite" is the phrase I hear most when people talk about eating at midday, and I'm certainly part of that mainstream. At lunchtime, I usually go for something I can hold in my hand, most often a sandwich, wrap, or a stuffed pita pocket.

A lunch I can hold and eat with my hands indulges my inner child, which is usually clamoring to get out after a morning of dealing with grown-up business.

Whenever the weather permits, my lunch becomes an outdoor picnic amidst trees, sunshine and fresh air, which seems so much healthier than eating indoors.

Health reports regularly tell us how eating a variety of foods — especially plant-

based foods like whole grains, fruits, vegetables and beans — can help keep us in good health.

The sandwich is one of the easiest ways to do that, simply by including a wide variety of foods in one efficient, good-tasting meal. For the outside, just think whole grain. You will not find an easier way to have two of the recommended daily servings than in a sandwich.

Read the bread or sandwich label to make sure you are getting whole grain, which includes the bran and the germ. Two slices of most whole-grain breads also contain at least 4 grams of protein, as do many wraps made with whole grains. There are enough varieties now, including rye, spelt and oatmeal, to eat them a few times a week without getting bored.

TURKEY, SPINACH AND APPLE WRAP

- 1 tablespoon reduced fat mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons honey mustard
- 2 whole wheat lavash wraps or flour tortillas
- 2 cups (washed and dried) baby spinach leaves loosely packed or two large leaves of a soft leafy green lettuce
- 4 thin slices turkey breast (4 ounces)
- ¼ Granny Smith apple sliced paper thin

Combine mayonnaise and mustard. Lay out both wraps. Spread the edges of each with the mayonnaise mixture.

Leaving a margin free on the side closest to you, arrange a layer of greens on top of wraps.

Top each layer with half the turkey.

Evenly divide apple slices and lay lengthwise across turkey.

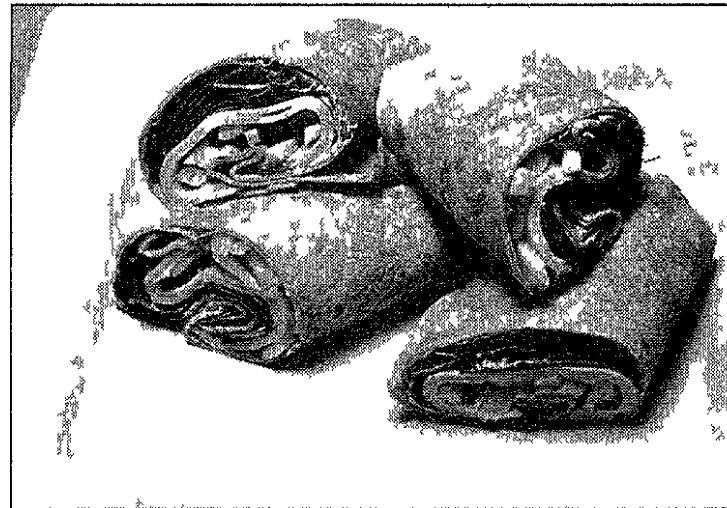
Fold over the end of the wrap closest to you, then the two sides.

Roll the wrap as tightly as possible toward the opposite side. Cover each wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate, seam side down, up to 4 hours before serving.

When ready to serve, remove plastic wrap and cut each wrap in half, at an angle.

Makes two wraps, or 2 servings.

Per serving: 234 calories, 7 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 27 g carbohydrate, 20 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 294 mg sodium.



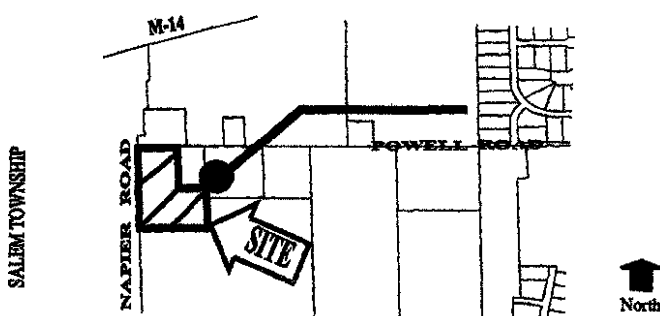
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Instead of the usual iceberg lettuce, which is nutrient-poor, use a generous handful of baby spinach leaves or another dark leafy green. This wrap has turkey, spinach and apple.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: Requesting Approval of Residential Site Condominium Plan
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday November 17, 2004
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall
42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received an Application from TSP Developers L.L.C./Edward Moussawer requesting approval of a Residential Site Condominium Plan for parcel 046 99 0003 000 pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 99, as amended. The property is located east of Napier Road and south of Powell Road.
Application 1855



LEGAL DESCRIPTION For parcel description, see tax records based on Tax ID No. R78-046-99-0003-000

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the application may be examined in the Community Development Department located in the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building at 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Phone No. (734) 453 8131 ext. 37. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth, MI 48170.

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KENDRA BARBERENA Secretary
Planning Commission

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present with Mr. Curm arriving at 6:14 p.m.

At 6:05 p.m. Mrs. Massengill moved that a closed session be called for the purpose of discussing RE IAFF Contract Negotiations/ Arbitration. This is a permissible purpose under the Michigan's Open Meetings Act 267 Article 15 268 Section 8 Paragraph (c). Supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all with Mr. Curm absent.

Mrs. Massengill moved to return to open session at 8:07 p.m., supported by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the October 26, 2004 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as presented. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the October 26, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 8:16 p.m. regarding the request from DADCO Inc. for a 12-year Industrial Facilities Exemption. There being no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:17 p.m.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 04 10 26 43 granting the request from DADCO Inc. for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate with respect to an addition to their existing facility and new machinery and equipment to be acquired and installed within the facility located at 43850 Plymouth Oaks Blvd. Plymouth Oaks Business Park, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing at 8:41 p.m. regarding adopting the Amended General Fund Budget for 2004 and Recommended General Fund Budget for 2005. There being no comment from the public, the Public Hearing was closed at 8:42 p.m.

Ms. Arnold requested that \$25,000 be transferred to the Police Department budget from Drug Forfeiture Funds to cover a portion of the dog handler's salary. The dog and related expenses are covered in the Drug Forfeiture Funds.

The Board took a brief recess at 8:43 p.m. reconvening at 8:55 p.m. so Mr. Edwards could prepare a revised copy of the budget resolution.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04 10 26 44 adopting the Amended General Fund Budget for 2004 and Recommended General Fund Budget for 2005. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution No. 04 10 26 44 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Mann and Mr. Edwards addressed the Board and answered questions regarding the Improvement Revolving Fund Budgets.

The Board asked that \$60,000 be moved to next year's budget to cover tree planting in the parks.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve Resolution No. 04 10 26 45

adopting the Amended Improvement Revolving Fund Budget for 2004 and the Recommended Improvement Revolving Fund Budget for 2005. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. ROLL CALL: AYES: Massengill, Arnold, Curm, Edwards, Mann, NAYS: Munfakh. Motion carried. A copy of the Resolution No. 04 10 26 45 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04 10 26 46 adopting the Amended Drug Forfeiture Fund Budget for 2004 and the Recommended Drug Forfeiture Fund Budget for 2005. Seconded by Mr. Curm. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution No. 04 10 26 46 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Mr. Curm moved to approve Resolution No. 04 10 26 47 adopting the Amended Special Assessment District Fund Budget for 2004 and the Recommended Special Assessment District Fund Budget for 2005. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution No. 04 10 26 47 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04 10 26 48 adopting the Amended Solid Waste Fund Budget for 2004 and Recommended Solid Waste Fund Budget for 2005. Seconded by Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution No. 04 10 26 48 is attached to the official copy of the minutes and is on file in the Clerk's office.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04 10 26 49 adopting the Depositories for the Charter Township of Plymouth funds for the Calendar Year 2005. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve Resolution No. 04 10 26 50 to urge the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to support SB 1432 that would authorize the alliance of local agencies that share a common interest in a watershed. Seconded by Mr. Curm. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Bailey of Dietrich Bailey Associates updated Mr. Curm on the status of the sidewalk replacement program.

Chief Building Official Lewis updated Mr. Munfakh on the progress toward completion of the house being built on Ann Arbor Road.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Marilyn Massengill, Clerk
Charter Township of Plymouth

Steven Mann, Supervisor
Charter Township of Plymouth

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on October 26, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on November 9, 2004.

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STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (Nov 15 2004) Tate & Co Auctioneers Executive Administrator for Storage USA will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: Storage USA 6729 CANTON CENTER RD CANTON MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

C75 Cheryl Knotts 6 chair Wooden Dining Set, Mattress & Frame
C79 Robert Sucira Totes & Misc
D112 Rod O Davis Seafing and Painter's Supplies
D136 Carol Panik Curio Cabinet Chest
F209 Brian Waskewicz Banquet Table & Chairs
J356 Diane Brown Glass Store Displays Sectional Couch
K396 Diane Brown Table & Chairs 7 Glass Store Displays

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S Canton Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. November 18th 2004 for the following:

TOWNSHIP VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL SALE

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

TERRY G BENNETT CLERK

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Canton Police Department 1150 S. Canton Center Canton, MI 48188

THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DEEMED ABANDONED AND WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 9 2004 AT 10:00 AM. AUCTION WILL BE HELD AT 6375 HIX RD WESTLAND MI 48185.

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1996	OLDS	CIERA	4 DR	1G3AJ5544T6417696
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1988	CHEVY	CAMARO	2 DR	1G1FP21E9JL182141
1992	CHEVY	LUMINA	4 DR	2G1WN54T1N1129754
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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO Box 30204 Lansing, Michigan 48909 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TAKE NOTICE that the Land and Water Management Division of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will hold a public hearing at the Summit on the Park PDC Room 46000 Summit Parkway Canton Michigan on Tuesday, November 16, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:

Application for Permit 04 82 0216 P under Part 301 Inland Lakes and Streams of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act 1994 PA 461 as amended by Jacobson Land Development LLC Suite 100 32400 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms Michigan. The applicant proposes to place fill within a wetland area for the construction of roads and building areas as part of the creation of the newly proposed Sheldon Estates subdivision development, to be near Sheldon and Cherry Hill Roads. A total of 2,305 cubic yards of fill is proposed to be placed within a total of 1.84 acres of wetland areas for roadway and building areas for this project. One storm water retention basin and fore bay with a permanent ponding area of 0.82 acre will be constructed within upland area and will include one discharge out fall to the Huston Drain. Mitigation is not proposed with this project. The project is located in T2S R8E Section 22 Canton Township Wayne County Michigan.

The application is available for review at the DEQ website www.deq.state.mi.us/CIWPIS or may be reviewed in the Land and Water Management Division DEQ 38980 Seven Mile Rd Livonia Michigan 48152 1006 by calling 734 953 1492. The public hearing record will remain open for 10 days after the public hearing date. Any written comments to be submitted for the public hearing record must be received at this address on or before the close of the record.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 30105 of the cited statute. The hearing will not be a court type proceeding. Witnesses will not be sworn and there will be no cross-examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality will upon written request provide a copy of the Department's decision on this application.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

WENDY FITZNER

Permit Consolidation Unit
Land and Water Management Division
517 373 9244

Date: October 22 2004

NOTE: Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in this meeting should call the telephone number listed above one week in advance to request mobility, visual hearing, or other assistance.

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Russian dish calls for cabbage baked with feta

BY J.M. HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - Full disclosure This one isn't pretty

When I struck upon the idea of cooking something Russian I was hankering for something earthy and rich, something that would stick to my ribs but wasn't a tired classic American comfort dish

However, I wanted something that looked a lot better than the gray baked cabbage I ended up with

Russian food seemed a good choice Not only can it taste quite good, it also can be visually stunning, thanks in part to its generous use of ingredients such as beets, carrots, raisins and a variety of cheeses What a color palette

I know this not because I have tromped the food halls of Russia, but because I played hooky in high school A lot

When I wasn't in school - and that counts as the better part of my senior year - my adventures often took me to Boston, where funky cafes seduced with copious cups of coffee and the sort of faux philosophizing only teenagers appreciate

My favorite was Troika, a cramped Russian restaurant across the street from Harvard English wasn't on the menu, but a dizzying array of zakuski (starters) was, including cucumbers in sour cream and vegetable canapes with radishes, tomatoes and, of course, sour cream

The stuffed doughs - the progs and prozhkis - were amazing, and amazingly cheap But my favorite dish was a salad of chopped beets, diced cucumber, raisins, shredded carrot, tomato, marinated mushrooms and cottage cheese It was as delicious as it was beautiful

An equally absentee classmate and I would sit at the cafe for hours And though I loved it, those meals clearly influenced him more than me He went on to study Russian and live in that nation's far corners for years

So when I recently found myself craving that earthy but not quite American comfort food I gave him a call A few days later a copy of the recipe for one of his favorite Russian dishes arrived

Cabbage baked with feta, from Anya von Bremzen and John Welchman's *Please to the Table: The Russian Cookbook* (Workman Publishing, 1990, \$19.95), actually is from Moldova, once part of the Soviet Union

The recipe promises to bring out the best in cabbage I was inclined to believe it With butter, oil, sour cream, eggs and feta cheese among the ingredients, how could it not be good?

It was delicious, and offered far more flavor than you would expect from cabbage, even smothered in dairy That's partly due to slowly frying the cabbage until brown and crispy

But, as I said, this isn't Russian food at its most attractive

The dish needs color For a second batch I added a cup of julienned carrots and 1/2 cup golden raisins just before baking

The result was a much improved appearance, as well as a subtle sweetness that complemented the feta cheese

This is a great side dish for a cool autumn dinner, and would go well with a mild and creamy soup, perhaps of pureed winter squash or potatoes

the cabbage and saute, stirring frequently, until the cabbage is nicely browned, about 15 to 20 minutes Set the cabbage aside until cool

While the cabbage cools, in a small bowl whisk together the sour cream and eggs Add the sour-cream mixture to the cabbage and mix well Add the dill, salt and pepper and mix again Transfer the cabbage mixture to a medium casserole or baking dish

In a small bowl combine the feta cheese and bread crumbs

Sprinkle the cheese mixture over the cabbage Sprinkle paprika over the cheese and bread crumbs

Melt the remaining butter and pour it evenly over the cabbage Bake until bubbly and lightly browned, about 15 minutes Makes 6 servings

Recipe from Anya von Bremzen and John Welchman's *Please to the Table: The Russian Cookbook* Workman Publishing 1990 \$19.95

EDITOR'S NOTE J.M. Hirsch can be e-mailed at jhirsch(at)ap.org

CALENDAR

Cikra's schedule 28555 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Saturday Nov 6 and New Towne Plaza 44734 Ford Road Canton 10 and 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Nov 9

Cooking at Schoolcraft
Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors at Schoolcraft College in Livonia Marcus Haight certified executive chef and Schoolcraft instructor will teach his Five Star Restaurant Revue 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday Nov 13 and another class on Saturday Dec 11 Cost is \$139 per class Certified Master Chef Jeff Gabriel will teach Wok Str Fry Hands

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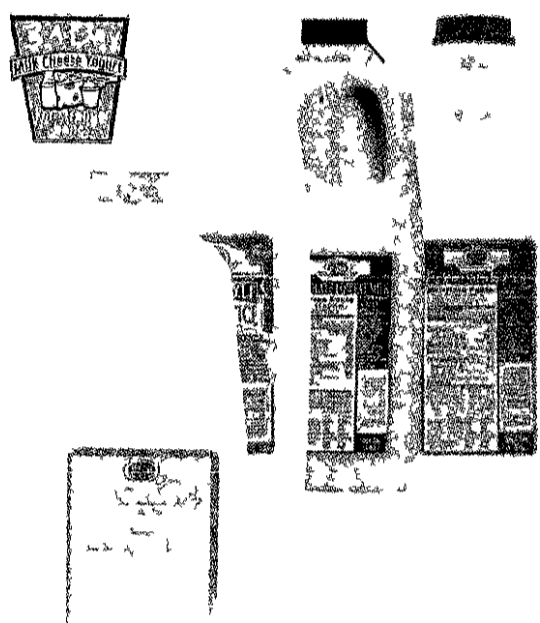
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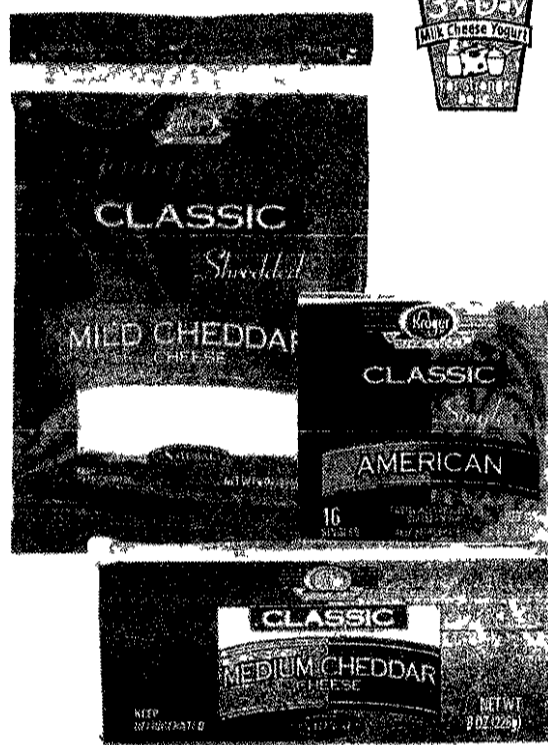
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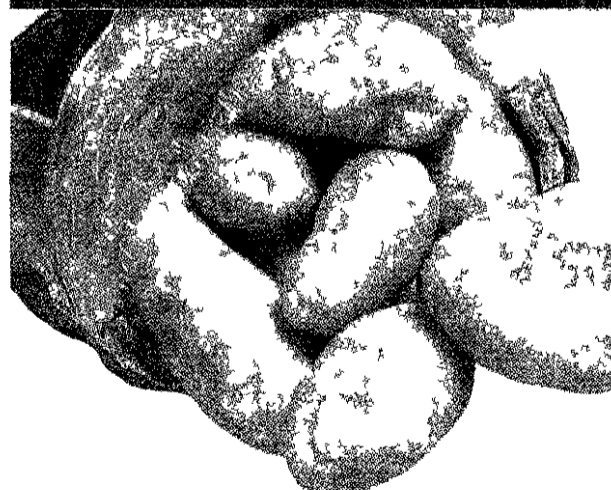


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CABBAGE BAKED WITH FETA

- 1 firm head green cabbage cored and finely sliced
- 8 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 2 large eggs
- 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh dill
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 1 and 1/2 cups finely crumbled feta cheese
- 1/2 cup plain bread crumbs
- 1 to 2 teaspoons sweet Hungarian paprika

Preheat oven to 375° F

Bring a large stockpot of water to a boil. Blanch the cabbage for 2 minutes, then drain and transfer to a kitchen towel. Pat dry.

Heat a large skillet over a medium flame. Add 3 tablespoons butter and the oil. Add

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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Satellite dish use may violate documents

Some of the board members in our association are thinking about suing a homeowner who has put up a satellite dish claiming we have a right under the Federal Communications Act against the homeowner who is in violation of our condominium documents. What do you think?

Assuming the co-owner has not complied with the requirements of the Federal Telecommunications Act, you may have a cause of action against him in behalf of your association but not under the Federal Telecommunications Act. In a similar case out of the 9th Circuit, the court ruled that Congress had not created a private right of action under the Act. It only gives that right to the Federal Communications Commission. You may have a right, however, to pursue injunctive relief and damages under your condominium documents and the Michigan Condominium Act.

We contracted with a builder to build our home and, at the time of the contract, the builder was not licensed and we forgot to check. Near the completion of the contract, we advised the builder that he had not been licensed and he ran out and got a license. Can he sue us now for the monies we owe him?

While typically a license builder can not sue for fees if he is not licensed during the course of the contract, in a recent case of the Court of Appeals, the court indicated that as long as a builder obtains its license during the course of the act of a performance of the contract, the builder may file suit to recover compensation due.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit rmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

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Daisy Square, an upscale residential community within walking distance of downtown Plymouth, is being developed by Joseph Freed Homes at the site of the former Daisy Air Rifle factory.

Living downtown means being able to walk the walk

BY KEELY SCHRAMM
STAFF WRITER

People used to want to leave their crowded city neighborhoods for the suburbs. But that's changing as more homeowners are opting for a shorter commute and rediscovering walkable neighborhoods.

A commute time of 45 minutes or less is the top priority in deciding where to live for 79 percent of Americans according to the 2004 American Community Survey sponsored by the National Association of Realtors and Smart Growth America.

Other top priorities include easy access to highways (75 percent) and having sidewalks and places to walk (72 percent). Having a large house on more than one acre of land is important to 57 percent of Americans.

Among people planning to buy a home in the next three years, 87 percent place a high importance on a shorter commute as their top priority. Asked to choose between two communities, six in ten prospective homebuyers chose a neighborhood that offered a shorter commute, sidewalks and amenities like shops, restaurants, libraries, schools and public transportation within walking distance over a sprawling community with larger lots, limited options for walking and a longer commute. Those who are in the market to buy a home are also more likely to say they want to be in or near a city as opposed to living in a farther out suburb or rural area.

NEW GROWTH

Along the bustling I-275 corridor, Plymouth and Farmington are enjoying new growth because of the proximity of residential development to shops and restaurants.

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Daisy Square, an upscale residential community, is being developed in downtown Plymouth at the site of the former Daisy Air Rifle factory which produced BB guns for decades.

Joseph Freed Homes is developing the planned community on a nine-acre plus site that will include 56 loft condos and 105 townhomes in a landscaped park setting. Loft condos range in price from \$184,000 to \$340,000. Townhomes range from \$220,000 to \$400,000.

"You're within two blocks of the central downtown district," said Jim Colella, director of sales and marketing for Joseph Freed Homes. "We're about one-third of the way sold."

New homeowners include young, single professionals, newly married couples, and empty nesters looking for a maintenance-free lifestyle.

"People are looking for a sense of community," said Colella. "They like the convenience. You can walk to get a newspaper or cup of coffee, to a restaurant for dinner, or to the park to enjoy a concert. People feel like they're in a small town, yet they're close to freeways and can get to where they need to be. There's so much going on in Plymouth that you don't have to sell it. You're selling location but you don't have to convince people that this is a great place to live."

Skip Eichhorn lives in

Pinewoods Condominiums, two blocks from the center of downtown Farmington. "You got the library, post office, all kinds of restaurants and a movie theater," he said. "You're in a huge suburb, but it feels like a small downtown. When I sit on my deck I've got woods in back."

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"The reality is most people use their cars, but they like having the option of walking if they want to," said Colella.

WALKING'S EASY

Cherry Hill Village in Canton is a new pedestrian-friendly community with neighborhood parks, historic buildings, and a commercial downtown district that includes a theater. It's the largest traditional neighborhood development in Michigan.

Realtors don't just sell homes, we sell communities and neighborhoods, said NARK President Walt McDonald, broker-owner of Walt McDonald Real Estate in Riverside, Calif.

"The survey shows that most Americans prefer to live in

walkable communities with a shorter commute, sidewalks and amenities close by, a trend Realtors have seen firsthand. Smart growth communities are the wave of the future.

Americans place a high value on limiting their commute times and are more likely to see improved public transportation and changing patterns of housing development as the solutions to longer commutes than increasing road capacities. Half of all Americans chose improving public transportation as the best option to solving long-term traffic problems. The survey found that approximately one-third believe that developing communities where people do not have to drive long distances is the best answer while less than two in 10 believe the answer is to build new roads.

With costs being equal, a smart growth community was described for purposes of the survey as a mix of apartments, condos, townhomes and single-family detached houses on various sized lots with sidewalks and places to shop, eat, read and go to school within walking distance. It was also described as community where public transportation is nearby and a one-way commute is less than 45 minutes. A sprawling community was described as one in which there are only single-family detached houses on one-acre lots, there are no sidewalks and places to shop, eat, read and go to school are within a few miles by car. Public transportation such as train, bus or light rail is distant or unavailable and a one-way commute is 45 minutes or more.

"People are coming back to their roots. Young people like downtowns because they're fun, cool and hip. Older people like being where the actions are. There's a new urbanism. People like the whole concept of downtown."

Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

Zero-down FHA combo revs up buyers

From the time I was a young mortgage loan officer, I have marveled at the flexibility and utility of FHA mortgages. Consequently, I have placed dozens of otherwise unqualified borrowers into homes by taking advantage of the FHA's flexible mortgage underwriting guidelines.

It is unfortunate that some "professionals" still wrongfully believe the FHA mortgage to be time-consuming, burdensome, and only for first-time buyers. Nothing could be further from true.

Today's FHA mortgages are fast, easy, and flexible. They provide buying versatility to borrowers of all ages who have bruised credit or no credit at all. FHA mortgages are very handy for second- and third-time buyers, as well as for seniors and empty-nesters.

Now, in much the same way that car buffs take classic autos and snazz them up with after-market modifications, savvy mortgage lenders can convert standard FHA mortgages into super-charged home-buying vehicles. By removing the FHA's already minimal down payment requirement and replacing it with either a down payment gift or a small short term loan, you create a virtual zero down mortgage "hot rod."

Using these creative loan combinations, common FHA scenarios now have borrowers moving into homes with even less out-of-pocket. Sellers may contribute up to 3 percent of the purchase price (normally up to a maximum of \$5,000) toward borrowers' closing costs and pre-paid expenses, but not their tax escrows. Any buyer expenses the seller cannot (or will not) cover can be financed into a small, short-term add-on loan.

Best of all, the same creative lenders now underwrite files more on "common sense" which gives borrowers credit for having positively compensating factors like a solid work history, non-liquid assets, and legitimate explanations for historical hiccups that life may have thrown them.

If the FHA's small down payment has kept you from buying, it's time to contact a lender who is capable of getting you an FHA combo loan. (You may find the FHA mortgage limits for your area at www.PhilipsHQ.com.) Act soon and you may enjoy the holidays in a new home.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage broker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy archives at www.PhilipsHQ.com or phone him toll free at (866) 369 4516.

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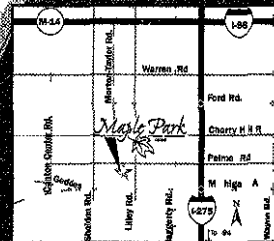
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Pulte Homes' third-quarter earnings jump 60 percent

BY SARAH KARUSH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Pulte Homes Inc reported that its third-quarter earnings soared 60 percent, despite sluggish sales from an aggressive bet on Las Vegas, one of the nation's most sizzling housing

markets. The results still fell short of Wall Street's lowered expectations. The Bloomfield Hills-based home-builder said net income was \$269 million, or \$2.07 per share, with income from continuing operations of \$259 million, or \$1.99 per share. That was 1 cent below the mean forecast of

analysts polled by Thomson First Call. Total revenue for the three months ended Sept. 30 was \$3 billion, compared with \$2.4 billion for the same quarter last year. Earlier in October, Pulte lowered its guidance for the quarter by a nickel to \$1.95 to \$2.05. It also lowered its full-year guidance to \$7.40 to \$7.70, a range it reaffirmed Monday. The company's previous full-year guidance was \$7.80 to \$8.

Pulte said the change was sparked primarily by slow sign-up rates and increased cancellations in Las Vegas. The company was forced to slash its prices there from 5 percent to 28 percent. That was an abrupt change from its recent aggressive increases, which have helped drive up housing costs by tens of thousands of dollars in one of the country's hottest real estate

markets. Chief executive Richard Dugas Jr. said the new policy was helping. "We would note that response to our new pricing has been positive and has resulted in a significant increase in buyer interest and sales activity in Las Vegas," he said in a statement. Overall, home orders were up 11 percent for the quarter. Excluding Las Vegas, the figure would have been 24 percent, Pulte said. Pulte's net income for the first three quarters was \$589 million, up 56 percent from last year. Sales increased to \$7.5 billion from \$5.9 billion during the first nine months of 2003. Dugas predicted full-year earnings in 2005 would increase to \$9 to \$9.50, thanks to the company's "strong market position and our ability to further expand our share of the U.S. housing market." Credit Suisse First Boston upgraded Pulte's stock from "neutral" to "outperform." Analyst Ivy Zelman said the company was well-positioned compared to other builders because of

its geographic diversity. In addition, it is well insulated against a rise in interest rates because 40 percent of its sales are geared toward "active adults," or empty nesters, whose home-buying plans tend not to be as strongly affected by interest rates, she said. Zelman said the risk of Pulte's "aggressive growth plans," illustrated by the situation in Las Vegas, already was reflected in the stock's decline this month. Pulte's shares have fallen 17 percent since it reduced its earnings guidance. Shares of Pulte rose \$4.04, or 8.5 percent, to close at \$51.50 Monday, Oct. 25 on the New York Stock Exchange, and then added 25 cents in the late session, after the earnings release. Over the past year, the stock has been as low as \$40 and as high as \$64.07.

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Mortgage rates fall, 30-year rates hit lowest level since early April 2004

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Mortgage rates declined again, with 30-year mortgages dropping to the lowest level since early April, providing more of a boost to the housing industry. Rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.64 percent for the week ending Oct. 28, Freddie Mac said in its weekly survey. That was down from 5.69 percent the previous week and was the lowest level since they averaged 5.52 percent for the week ending April 1. Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13 before starting to head lower as markets responded to various signals that rising

energy prices were acting as a drag on economic growth. The lower mortgage rates have spurred sales of both new and existing homes, which climbed in September to the third-highest levels in history. Analysts believe sales for all of 2004 will set records as well. Low mortgage rates drove the uptick in sales during September, said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. And with mortgage rates at their lowest level in six months, home sales should continue strong through the autumn months. For 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates dropped this week to 5.01 percent compared with 5.07 percent the previous week.

For one-year, adjustable rate mortgages, rates fell to 3.96 percent, down from 4.02 percent. Both were the lowest levels since the spring. The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year mortgages each carried a 0.7 point fee. A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.05 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.39 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.76 percent.

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Freddie Mac http://www.freddiemac.com

Lots sold at 1963 World's Fair complicate development efforts

(AP) - A Biddeford, Maine, developer wants to resume construction on a 1963 subdivision created by an entrepreneur who sold the quarter acre lots to passersby at the Seattle World's Fair. The lots at the Homewood Park Subdivision off Cascade Road were purchased sight unseen, "like you would buy space on the moon," said Jim Thomas, Old Orchard Beach town manager. The 80-acre subdivision's unusual history has complicated and slowed its development. In much of the area, streets still exist only on paper.

But for three years, developer Chico Potvin has "slowly and methodically" contacted owners around the country with offers to buy their parcels. Now, he's asking the town for permission to build nine houses and install a sewer system on the land, with more homes to follow after the initial construction phase. The subdivision provides a rare example of enterprising business people using Maine land for product promotions or gimmick sales - and creating long-term land-use headaches for the towns involved. In 1902, for example, Oatnut cereal offered box tops that could

be exchanged for one of the 772 tiny parcels it owned off Summit Street in Portland. The resulting distribution left an undeveloped patch of woods a century later. In the Old Orchard Beach case, people from all over the country and the world purchased a sliver of Old Orchard Beach at the fair. Many of the parcels would never pass current zoning regulations because they were laid out in a simple grid without regard to water runoff or septic requirements. Some lots are either too steep or wet to accommodate a house.

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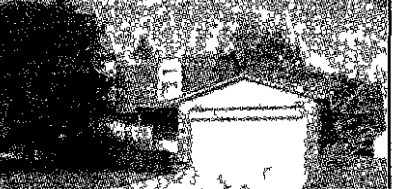
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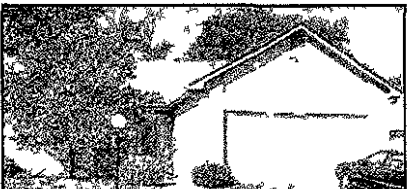
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LIVONIA \$199,900
3 BEDROOM COLONIAL 3 BRs over 1500 SF updates fenced yard Livonia schools excellent locat on More photos at www.localgem.com or call 877 934 6683 ID 712 for details (24131293)

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WESTLAND \$197,000
ARBOR OAKS CONDO Farmington Rd/A A Trail Hard to find 2 BR 2 BA ranch neutral decor upgraded throughout custom wndw treatments bsmt 2 car gar new roof backs to nature (24109072)

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WESTLAND \$194,900
DESIRABLE MILLPOINTE SUB! Ceramic foyer lg kitchen w/oak cabs vaulted ceilings skylights FP in LR 4th BR in full fin bsmt & ceramic shower & bath C/A deck 2 car garage (S200)

734 326-2000



CANTON \$184,900
1440 SF IN THE 180 S! Newer built beautiful 2 bdrm 2 full bath balcony upgrades galore 1 car attached garage Picture perfect in golf course community! (23B40477)

734-455 7000



LIVONIA \$175,500
LIVONIA/STEPHENSON DISTRICT Updated 3 bdrm 1 1/2 bath ranch w/beautiful bay window in desirable Spring Valley Sub Newer roof wndws A/C vinyl and furnace Part fin bsmt 349 6200 (24078943)

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LIVONIA \$174,900
OUTSTANDING VALUE 3 bdrms 1 1/2 baths Totally updated kit bath wndws furnace C/A & electric Fin bsmt vaulted ceilings Close to major shopping Home warranty (23H36482)

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WESTLAND \$173,000
CURTIS WOODS COLONIAL Beautifully updated 3 BR/1 1/2 BA home w/1 400 SF New oak kitchen FR w/FP & new doorwall to patio New siding roof gutters electric copper plumbing (S127)

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WYANDOTTE \$169,900
ABSOLUTELY STUPENDOUS! No stone left unturned This 3 BR 1 1/2 bath bungalow is fabulous Wonderful new kitchen and bath new windows roof vinyl etc etc etc (D153)

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GARDEN CITY \$168,900
COMPLETELY UPDATED HOME! A beautiful kit & prvt elegant mstr ste are just two of the updates in this mint condition 3BR 3BA bungalow Come see all the others! Walk to elem & high school 348 6430 (24131460)

248-348-6200



WESTLAND \$159,900
ADORABLE DOLL HOUSE! Great location within walking distance of Hines Pk & elem school Hdwd flr roof(2004) Updated kit w/hdwd flr & skylt Newer HWH CA furn wndws & carpet Part fin bsmt (23A33361)

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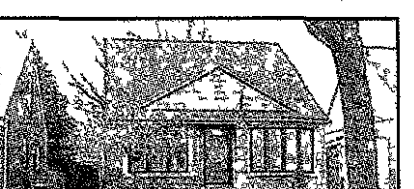
NOVI \$150,000
DETACHED RANCH CONDO Great 2 BR carriage w/1 car direct access gar New windows neutral decor ceiling fans Open floor plan **6 MONTHS FREE ASSOC FEE** Move right in! 349 6200 (24118495)

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SOUTHFIELD \$149,999
BRIGHT & CHEERY RANCH Neat/tidy brick ranch with a white picket fence Fpic in family rm Finished basement w/tons of storage Many updates Excellent location! 349 6200 (24053850)

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DEARBORN \$146,500
COZY 3 BEDROOM, 2 FULL BATH BUNGALOW Painted with sunshine! Hdwd flrs under carpeting huge master w/lots of storage & sky lite Many newer features! 349 6200 (24078298)

248-348-6430



REDFORD \$144,000
WHAT A NICE HOUSE! 3 BR 1 1/2 BA loaded w/updates Formal dining room Great room sizes Finished basement w/wet bar & family room Large patio nice landscape w/privacy fence (24120771)

734-591-9200



REDFORD \$140,000
3 BEDROOM BRICK RANCH South Redford school district 1 1/2 baths finished basement 17x10 Florida room 2 1/2 car garage Pool surrounded by deck Newer roof windows furnace & C/A (24125700)

734-591-9200



REDFORD \$139,900
SUPER SHARP BRICK RANCH Furnace 91 air 99 electric 2000 roof 2004 newer carpet newer storm doors finished basement/ 3rd bedroom double lot and many appliances stay (24129459)

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INKSTER \$119,900
COUNTRY IN THE CITY In this 3 BR vinyl 2 story 1 1/2 bath home with full basement & remodeled kitchen w/oak cabinets Doorwall off DR to deck lots of storage & a backyard pond (H523)

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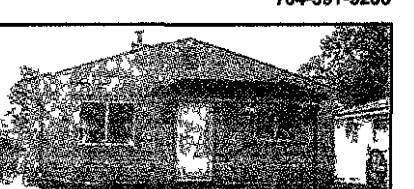
DEARBORN \$112,000
COMPACT & CUTE IS THIS 3 bedroom bungalow with formal dining room garage newer windows & roof shingles hardwood floors Kitchen appliances stay (K642)

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WESTLAND \$119,900
UPDATES GALORE Kitchen bath furnace A/C appliances siding windows & carpeting are all less than four years old Huge lot close to 1/2 acre This is a must see! (J474)

734-326 2000



WESTLAND \$117,900
TOTALLY UPDATED 3 BR w/new vinyl siding & Livonia schools Updates include carpet electrical closet & BR doors bathroom new floor in kitchen & new roof Great buy (C760)

734-326 2000



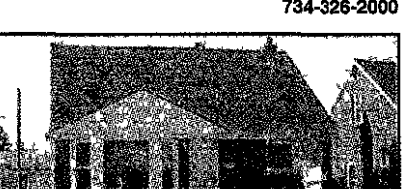
LINCOLN PARK \$116,900
BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW Full Brick home with large master bedroom All appliances included 2 stoves frdg washer dryer freezer & microwave Furniture is negotiable! (M177)

734-326 2000



REDFORD \$114,900
TOTALLY REMODELED Looks like brand new This Redford bungalow has an all new interior Flooring kit bathroom & paint are all new Newer roof furn & wndws too New on the market (24122259)

734-591-9200



INKSTER \$112,000
UPDATES GALORE! This 3 bedroom brick home with finished bsmt & 1 1/2 car garage features newer roof windows furn & C/A plumbing circuit breakers & more Clean & bright! (A620)

734-326 2000



WESTLAND \$101,900
3 BEDROOM RANCH with new siding windows & updates Large kitchen with utility room 2 1/2 car garage (23A1858)

734-455-7000



REDFORD \$82,777
CUTE CLEAN UPDATED! MOVE IN CONDITION! Ready & waiting for you! Newer furnace siding window roof & driveway! Plus stove refig washer & dryer! Don't miss this one! (24130948)

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CANTON
BE NIMBLE BE QUICK Jump into this newer majestic Pulte colonial 4 bdrm 2 1/2 bath hdwd foyer & kit plus abundant cherry cabinets 3 car garage and many more amenities 23P47694 \$449 694 734-455 7000

NOVI
ONE OF A KIND CONDO! Immaculate & ready to move right in Beautiful LR DR kit 2 main level bdrms & 2 bdrms upstairs 4 baths fin d bsmt & close to new Catholic Central HS 349 6200 24083346 \$329 900 248-348-6430

FARMINGTON HILLS
4 BEDROOM COLONIAL Priced below market value for quick sale Huge kit w/all appliances to stay Doorwall to decking full basement Newer Wallside wndws Hdwd flr fenced yard 24107361 \$163 899 734-591-9200

FARMINGTON HILLS
INCREDIBLE HOME & AMAZING VALUE Built in 1990 & almost 1500 sq ft Huge grt rm w/cathedral ceiling hdwd in kit & dining rm stylish ceramic tile huge bdrms mstr w/full bath & lrg closet wooded lot 24085709 \$159,000 734 591-9200

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LOOKING FOR MR. RIGHT
 39 yrs old HI I am a easygoing attractive female who loves the outdoors and going to sporting events (especially my kids) I love movies and hanging out at home I am a single mom of 3 kids Ad# 736114

LOOKING FOR MY BEST FRIEND
 44 yrs old SWF 5'6" short auburn hair Tired of being alone I'm looking for a friend with which to explore life I enjoy quiet times at home walks in the woods hiking dining out my dog and golf I want to try canoeing attend musicals/plays/theatre visit museums amusement parks and the zoo Ad# 968147

BELIEVER IN HAPPINESS
 46 yrs old She is a down to earth 5'6" blonde hair blue eyed sweet SWF with a 15 year old daughter He would be a SM 40 who is able to express his feelings be family oriented and enjoy working around the house Ad# 729233

SIMPLY PUT...YOU'RE IT
 47 yrs old SWF educated brown hair and brown eyes weighs 160 lbs Enjoys plays dinners board games and movies Looking to meet professional good looking men for companionship In the age range of 47-57 5'8" or taller to share good times with Ad# 1023419

HI, GUYS!
 26 yrs old SBF 5'3" thick with dark complexion and dark hair/eyes Seeks down to earth SBM 26-36 who knows what he wants in life Ad# 1029834

MACOMB COUNTY
 65 yrs old SWF I am a 5'2" brunette with dark eyes Searching for a tall financially secure gentleman who knows how to treat a lady like a queen Ad# 403303

I'M NEW AT THIS, BUT I'M GAME FOR FUN
 59 yrs old New to this forum but I'm open to suggestion I work in the medical field and show and train Rottweilers in competitive obedience I enjoy movies music any food I don't have to cook art & craft fairs the zoo concerts and am a die hard Red Wing fan Ad# 968661

WANTED: HONEST, SEXY GUY
 23 yrs old I am a fun ambitious outgoing young lady I love to watch football and basketball I enjoy reading romance novels and chic flicks Ad# 1028897

DO THESE THINGS REALLY WORK?
 22 yrs old Well I am now a single mother of one beautiful little girl She is Two She is the center of my world I am newly divorced and I have just moved to a new city and am trying to meet new people I enjoy NASCAR racing dancing and staying home with my daughter Ad# 1027477

HI CHAT WITH ME IF U LIKE
 29 yrs old I like to go to the mall hanging out go shopping I am faithful to the highest mountain wanna know more holla back Ad# 1027575

LET'S HAVE A GOOD TIME
 20 yrs old I'm a SWF with blonde hair blue eyes 5'4" and a N/S I'm looking for a SM 21-30 who is fun outgoing caring and loves to sit down and talk If you have kids that's okay I prefer a N/S Ad# 1026806

DON'T LET LIFE PASS YOU BY

49 yrs old Fun energetic and looking for someone to share the moment I like trying new things from food music and entertainment to travel going uptown and downtown city life or countryside Family is important and I am ambitious Ad# 718406

SHE'S INDEPENDANT
 34 yrs old SWF 5'11" 280 lbs full figured smokes occasional drinker is independant and has one child She likes dining out movies bowling and much more Seeks a SM 29+ to get to know Ad# 1021004

RESPOND IF YOU MATCH
 21 yrs old Seeks sweet single white male 21-27 who likes sports NASCAR shopping and is honest and trusting Ad# 1020309

WAITING TO HOLD HANDS
 54 yrs old SWF petite blond Seeking SWM 18-64 who is active and lively enjoys travel is open to new things and does not identify to the person they were in high school/college because they are so satisfied in their life now Ad# 1019336

SEEKING HONEST COMPANION
 23 yrs old I am a very easy going compassionate person who loves being around people but sometimes can be shy I have one son who is five and he is the center of my universe I love animals children the outdoors and having a good time I like outdoor activities like tennis golf and just going to the park Ad# 1009491

WIDOW
 64 yrs old WWWF blonde hair green eyes physically fit Enjoys travel theatre dancing and fine dining Would love to find a nice guy to enjoy the above with ages 62-68 who has a good sense of humor and is fun to be with Ad# 726649

LINCOLN PARK GAL
 25 yrs old I like to shot pool and do just about anything that sounds like fun I do have long hair that goes down to my butt I am 5'5" with bright blue eyes I love children and animals My friends seem to think I am a trip to hang out with I love to make people laugh I have a good sense of humor Ad# 1015714

SEXY SINGLE MOM
 34 yrs old SBPF 34 5'1" 150 lbs attractive has one teenage child Enjoys dining out movies plays and outdoor activities Seeks a sincere good humored SBM 38-50 who loves kids and knows what he wants Ad# 1015757

WHY WOULD YOU WAIT?
 55 yrs old This SWF loves to cook and enjoys home life She's seeking a good humored positive SWM 55-60 who likes movies long walks dining out boating and dancing Get in touch! Ad# 1015713

MAKE ME LAUGH
 58 yrs old I'm a positive upbeat person who is fun to be with I have been told that I have a good sense of humor I have many interests including traveling boating walks good conversation museums plays sports and the list goes on and on I also have many friends who are very important to me Ad# 1015148

YOUNG-LOOKING LADY
 60 yrs old SWF 5' blonde has children and grandchildren She loves traveling and is searching for an outdoorsy rugged SWM 58-64 who enjoys camping movies dancing Ad# 1014019

TAKE ME AS I AM
 53 yrs old SBF 220 lbs employed N/S I love cooking sewing & dancing and hope to meet a nice sociable somewhat religious SBM under 68 5'9"-6" tall Children OK Ad# 1012752

WANTS A TALL MAN
 35 yrs old SBF 5'1" 180 lbs and has children Hobbies are reading and shopping Seeks a SBM 27-45 who is kind considerate fun loving a hard worker tall 6'+ has children or knows how to deal with them Ad# 1012745

MOONCHILD SEEKING A STAR

44 yrs old I love to smile laugh and love a good joke Love the outdoors art music and going to school I work in Medical insurance I enjoy long conversations late into the night romantic dinners and campouts on the living room floor I prefer casual to dressy but clean up pretty well Ad# 1010221

WANTS TO MEET YOU
 62 yrs old SWF 5'6", 120 lbs brown eyes auburn hair Likes different activities Seeks a SWM 52-72 who enjoys dancing going to the movies attending plays and more He should be honest sincere kind and financially secure Ad# 1009864

CREATIVE LADY
 23 yrs old Creative is a word to describe me I am an artist with a associates in graphic design and currently going to school at CCS College for Creative Studies to earn my bachelors in industrial design very outgoing and independent still a kid at heart Ad# 969925

LOOKING FOR YOU
 35 yrs old Fun active and honest lady who has a variety of interests and someone who loves life! Getting to know me will be an adventure for you and also lots of fun Ad# 543413

HARDTOHANDLE
 48 yrs old Looking for someone that can keep up with me It's wonderful and sunny out it's summer! Let's use the wonderful weather to it's fullest extent! We could play in the sand (sandtraps) walk in the water (hopefully not after a ball) climb some hills play in the grass Ad# 766949

FRESH FRECKLED FACE
 32 yrs old SWF plus sized red hair freckles big brown eyes 4 year old son P/T like movies dinner dancing new people crafts animals outdoors and much more Not a drinker or smoker but you can be Ad# 969315

SPARK MY INTEREST
 47 yrs old I have been told that I am very creative no matter what I am doing I also am the kind of person who can find the good in any situation I avoid conflict and I like to have fun I hope to meet someone who can spark my interest and have fun doing it I love sports a good movie or maybe staying in sharing a bottle of wine or a couple of beers and enjoy the game on tv Ad# 968458

SAIL AWAY
 50 yrs old I love life Sailing is a passion being on a white sandy beach with a mask and snorkel in hand listening to the ocean and letting the salt air cover me I love to travel Being spontaneous and fun is so important My children and family are #1 in my life Ad# 967531

HI
 36 yrs old I love to laugh and joke around My sense of humor is a bit on the sarcastic side but I can take what I give out I do have a serious side though Ad# 964006

CARING ATTRACTIVE
 53 yrs old DWF looks younger N/S N/D easy to talk to good friend enjoys movies eating out being pampered Looking for a SWM N/D best friend for a long term committed relationship Ad# 798074

Men Seeking Women

DO YOU LIKE TO LAUGH?
 38 yrs old I am an easy going guy I am not too serious but can be when I should The kitchen is my thing you won't go hungry as long as I am around I like to get out and enjoy the day I exercise 3-4 times a week My match would be someone who likes foot massages at the end of the day Ad# 679702

I'M SWEET
 21 yrs old I'm a college student looking to meet some new people I enjoy bowling and partying as well as a quiet movie at home with that special person Ad# 736989

LOOKING FOR YOU!
 40 yrs old Professional humorous and clean-cut I am also emotionally and financially secure Adventurous too! Waiting for that someone special Ad# 714941

NEED A GOOD WOMAN
 35 yrs old Hello I'm kind of new at this and I don't really put myself in a position to meet women so figured what the heck I'll try this any way I have a great family and we're very close three sisters and a brother I enjoy sports I play hockey softball golf Ad# 1028550

ROMANCING YOU
 58 yrs old Searching everywhere for my soul mate I'm a Waterford resident 5'7" 165 lbs offering honesty fun and romance Looking for a fun loving intelligent female who has a little bit of a wild side and who would enjoy being part of a romantic relationship Ad# 577320

MAN WITH FEELINGS
 54 yrs old I am a widowed honest intelligent sensitive romantic caring secure man who is not afraid to express his feelings I want a woman to love and spoil Honesty and openness are a must Ad# 1029589

LIFE'S CHALLENGES
 42 yrs old I'm a SWM 6'10" 190 lbs with brown gray hair and brown eyes I'm seeking a SWF 38-45 to have fun with and live through it's challenges I'm also looking for a person that is warm at heart Ad# 1029970

FUN LIFE
 68 yrs old SWM 6'1" 210 lbs brown hair and eyes active easy going and fun to be around Seeking an affectionate SF age unimportant who is fun to be with! Ad# 683232

LETS BE HAPPY TOGETHER
 49 yrs old SWM hardworking 5'8" 175 lbs Seeking a SWF 45-48 who is easygoing intelligent and fit for a long term relationship in the Redford area only No E mails please! Ad# 406401

SEARCHING FOR YOU...MAKE THE CALL
 45 yrs old The last first date will be when we meet I am respectful successful and presentable You may never have this opportunity again Ad# 569484

HELLO LADIES
 50 yrs old I'm a male Working full time for the government Looking for someone to spend quality time with Enjoy movies dining concerts and walks in the park Enjoy traveling I like to laugh and have a good time Don't be shy lets get together Ad# 618025

FAMILY BEFORE FRIENDS

40 yrs old SWM 5'8" black hair and brown eyes I'm looking for SWF 34-44 who loves kids and willing to spend time with us I like to do anything and everything and will try something new Ad# 1028922

MUSCULAR & ATHLETIC
 45 yrs old Single white male 6'2" 209 lbs brown hair, blue eyes clean-cut never married I have no dependents an outgoing personality and have a degree I enjoy roller blading working out etc Seeking a friendly single female Wayne County Ad# 404066

WOW POINT, CLICK, ROMANCE!
 58 yrs old I'm skeptical yet cyber space may be a way to meet a woman to love But love takes time to establish and it is dynamic To me love is chemistry affection caring give and take faithfulness sharing trust selfless and fun I long to hold a woman close to me Ad# 774718

SHY GUY
 59 yrs old Quiet Waterford gent looking for a slim area lady who is comfortable with who she is I enjoy my work fishing cooking and visits with my grandchildren Ad# 728860

LETS HAVE FUN!
 34 yrs old SWM S/D tired of being lonely intelligent and financially secure Enjoys music out doors camping movies sports and cooking Very spontaneous and loves kids Looking for an open minded woman 18-37 For companionship maybe more Ad# 778870

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL
 45 yrs old SWM 5'8" fit light brown hair blue eyes Looking for a passionate compassionate professional SWF 28-45 Oakland or Wayne County Ad# 449863

DREAM A LITTLE DREAM
 43 yrs old SWM warm fun loving and good humored I love art antiques sight seeing and I get along with children and pets I am seeking a SWF to share happiness and romance Ad# 1026282

I HAVE LOTS OF ENERGY
 63 yrs old SWM 5'8" 148 lbs with brown hair hazel eyes, and I am a smoker I enjoy all kinds of sports Seeking a SF who is active is a smoker and if you have children that's fine Ad# 1024623

WILL YOU JOIN ME?
 50 yrs old SWM 6' brown hair blue eyes Enjoys dining dancing movies good conversation and more Seeking an honest and outgoing SWF 35-50 who is a good conversationalist friendly and down-to-earth for a possible relationship Ad# 634718

LETS BE HONEST
 35 yrs old I'm Carlo an Italian looking for my right person Looks are not that important to me because they are a temporary thing but what she has inside her heart stays for ever Honesty respect and trust are my way in life Lets talk and be happy Ad# 966050

ANY REAL WOMEN LEFT?
 33 yrs old Nice man from Europe looking for his angel No games and no ladies who is arrogant selfish and big headed Ad# 780175

HI!
 43 yrs old I'm an easy going guy I have many interests mostly out door activities Boating camping sports concerts I like classic rock and country music I have triplet daughters 7 years old I spent four years in the Marines and have a college education I work out regularly and maintain a good fitness level Ad# 1016690

NEVER A BORING MOMENT
 58 yrs old WWM 6'1" and 270 lbs blue eyes and light brown hair Looking forward to meeting someone that enjoys theatre sporting events and stimulating conversations I do a radio talk show and I am compassionate kind and have adorable knees! Ad# 1023409

CALL IF YOU ARE THE ONE!
 38 yrs old SWM 6'200 lbs green-eyes employed Searching for a caring honest and trustworthy SWF 35-40 under 150 lbs Ad# 965692

I WILL COOK TONIGHT

37 yrs old Loving caring sensitive humorous SWM 5'5" husky build Enjoys church music cooking and long walks Looking for a SWF 32-47 medium/full figured and I would prefer a blonde Ad# 448005

HONEY DO MAN
 65 yrs old Slim white male desires down to earth attractive female a little over weight ok but shapely Be neat clean and affectionate and I can be you honey-do man Ad# 1018731

JUST AN AVERAGE GUY SEARCHING!
 46 yrs old A goal oriented person who sometimes has too much energy I can make a woman laugh and at times sad enjoy doing activities outdoors as well as in Are you someone that will encourage others and take criticism when needed? I can! Am willing to help others Ad# 1018364

SOLITARY MAN SEEKS GIRLFRIEND & SOULMATE
 38 yrs old Hello! I am a never married white male 1m 6'1" 275 lbs (husky heavyset build) In addition to my interests listed I enjoy good conversation dining out current events computers long walks bicycling boating and most any thing involving the outdoors & nature Ad# 624855

LOOKING FOR THAT ONE
 34 yrs old I'm a father of three very outgoing and love life if you wanna know ask Ad# 1019140

WILLING TO TRY?
 21 yrs old SEIM 6' with brown hair hazel eyes Loves going to the beach and hopes to talk with a SF 18-25 who has long dark hair beautiful eyes a caramel complexion and is a little shorter than him Ad# 1019576

MAKE A CHANGE
 49 yrs old Honest outgoing well established DWM N/S looking for an honest SWF 42-52 who enjoys a wide variety of interests Livingston County Area preferred Ad# 1015291

YOUNG AT HEART
 61 yrs old Single white male, looking for single white female for friendship possibly more Ad# 777271

WILL YOU BE THERE FOR ME?
 41 yrs old SWM 5'6" nice build blond blue eyes smoker occasional drinker I'm searching for an easygoing humorous SWF for fun times Ad# 1015815

DROP HIM A LINE
 22 yrs old SWM attends college full time and works part time Likes camping fishing and outdoors Seeks a SF 18-25 who is good to get to know Ad# 1014931

SHARE NICE CONVERSATION
 50 yrs old SWM 6'190 lbs employed Loves sports and the outdoors Seeks a SF 30+ average height/build preferably with no children Ad# 1014524

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
 26 yrs old I am an easygoing guy Tons of fun good looking and where would I be without my sense of humor? Ad# 768791

ENJOY EVERY SINGLE DAY
 58 yrs old This SWM 5'11" 195 lbs seeks an honest sincere SWF 40-64 to cuddle with and share the finer things in life Ad# 1014060

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FARMINGTON HILLS 7107 Pebble Creek Dr Inside Pebble Creek Condos Nov 4 & 5 11am-5pm The Estate of a well known & loved antique dealer of over 40 years this is her personal collection of furniture artwork collectibles and household items This is a great sale for people looking for high end merchandise well below retail prices Gatehouse Blvd to Pebble Pnt Right to Bridgeway left to Pebble Park Dr Left Sale By Bags Included

GARDEN CITY ESTATE SALE Sat Nov 6 10-4 Furniture Knick Knacks Appliances to oils patio etc 38260 Posslyn S/Rd W/Farmington

Earn extra \$\$ advertise with O & E 1 800 579 SELL

PLYMOUTH Sat Sun Nov 6 7-9 4 Furniture glass shelves household 40598 Newport Dr Joy & Haggerty

RANDOLPH HOUSE Estate Sale Sat 6 10-5pm Sun 7 10-5pm 116 E Main St. Otseville MI 175 N Ext M 15 N to Otseville Historic house full of antiques 7/parlor set halitree desks oil lamps Victorian bed set w/marble tops French chandelier pump organ piano Victor an dining table oak buffet victor an cloth ng cottage bedroom set trunks books chairs tables crystal china dolls pottery crocks antique tools tapestries too much to list! #s at 8 am

ROCHESTER HILLS Estate Sale Nov 4 5 & 6 9-4 90 Stark Dr Off Rochester Rd btwn Auburn & Hamlin Postcards books Roseville china furniture pictures jewelry linens lamps glassware silver vintage sheet music records collectibles lots more Cash Only No pre sales

Garage Sales 7110

FARMINGTON ESTATE SALE 10 6 Nov 6 & 7 3:15 Tail Oaks E & 9 Mile Antique fur niture China & glassware vintage jewelry linens house wares kids clothes garage/auto knitting misc washer/dryer lawn mower 90 yrs of accumulation

FARMINGTON HILLS Sat & Sun 12 5 3:2740 Brnarcost Knoll S of 14 W/Orchard Lk

FERNDALE Sat Sun Nov 6 7 9 4pm Some of Everything! W of Woodward 2234 Hyland corner of Hyland & West Maplehurst

NORTHVILLE Framed posters TV's light fixtures 17511 Hilltop View Dr 6 Mile & Beck Sat 8 1pm

NOVI garage sale 11/4 11/7 Off Haggerty btwn 12 Mile & Grandvior 26893 Roric Misc kitchen clothes etc

PLYMOUTH House to Condo Downsizing! Furniture yard tools washer/dryer house wares decoratives much more! 46310 Academy Thurs Nov 4 thru Sun Nov 7th 9 5pm

PLYMOUTH 4 Family 13039 Andover off N Territorial W of Ridge Collectibles toys household Thurs Sat 9 5

REDFORD Moving Sale Nov 4 6 9 7pm 5 & Beech 15863 Woodworth Tools holiday furniture office items misc

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Beautiful Mahogany Traditional Chippendale Table 2 Leaves 8 carved chairs and China Cabinet 53 In Round Inland Tables And 6 Chairs \$2475 00 4 Pc Carved Mahogany King Sleigh Bedroom Set \$3950 Chippendale 60 In China Cabinet \$1875 4 Pc Carved Cherry King Four Poster Bedroom Set Fabulous Oak Carved Armchair Complete Marble Top Sinks In Carved Cabinets Console Tables Bombay Chest Executive Desk Hand Painted Fine Furniture And Lots More AR Interiors Open 7 Days Downtown Royal Oak 607 S Washington Ave 248 582 9646

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CHAIRS (4) Chinese coffee table other Chinese items 248 925 8808 248 202 6989

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DINING ROOM CHAIRS 8 large upholstered back & seat/taupe/burgundy/ever green tapestry Mahogany legs \$750 Call after 6 p m (248) 540 1099

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DINING SET Mahogany 3000 Oak entertainment center \$1700 Oak cabinet & china built in \$200 Maple hgh chair \$20 Car seat/stroller \$20 Dresser \$25 734 432 0484

DINING TABLE All Glass 6 leather chairs Brand New \$500 Call after 6pm (248) 681 8880

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER Oak \$300 Navy & tan plaid sofa & Chair \$150 Exc cond (248) 373 9984

ESTATE SALE 4655 Hedge wood Bloomfield Twp S off Quorton W of Franklin Contemporary furniture all ex cellent condition 3 Bedrooms Living room Dining room and household goods Thur to Sun 11-4 248 851 0870

FURNITURE Cherry Queen Anne & Chippendale oriental rugs entertainment center fireplace screen/tools patio furniture 53 Sony Rear Projection TV South Lyon 248 486 5434

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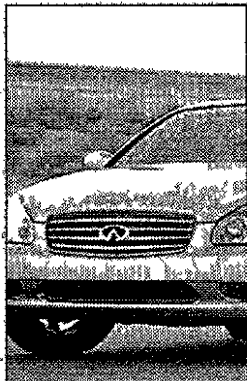
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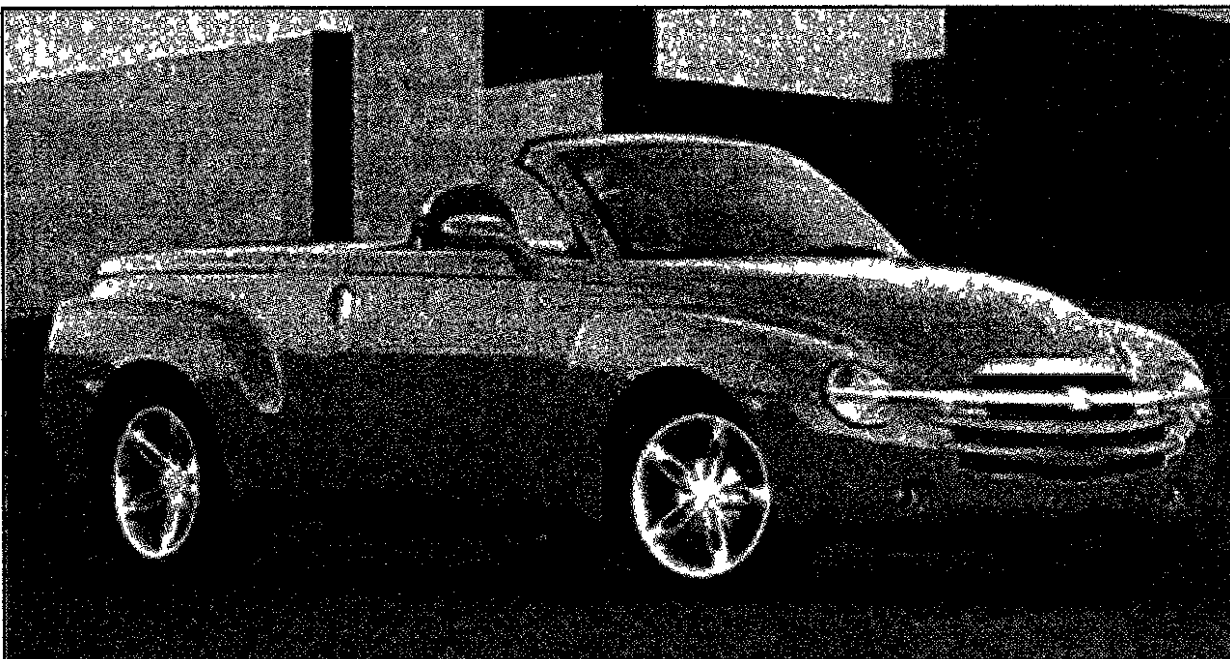
Two-seaters have returned to the American automotive scene with a vengeance over the last several years, a reflection of how auto makers are trying to meet the rapidly fragmenting needs and wants of the buying public with a growing proliferation not only of vehicle types but also of choices within categories.

One of the surest signs that two-seaters have become a meaningful part of the market these days is that there is an increasing distance between the types of vehicle you get if they've all simply got two seats. No longer does "two-seater" mean basically one thing: a pocket rocket of some sort that was designed with little regard for comfort or practicality.

Recently I've had a chance to drive two vehicles that greatly illustrate the growing divide among vehicles that happen to share the characteristic of having two seats. I borrowed a 2005 Honda S2000, which fits the more or less classic definition of a two-seater. And I also drove around in a 2005 Chevrolet SSR, which breaks the old two-seater mold in just about every conceivable way.

I found myself enjoying both vehicles but for very different reasons and in very different ways. The Chevrolet SSR, a limited-edition convertible pickup that was introduced originally last year as a 2004 model, not only is a whale of a good time but also rides and handles impressively and is highly practical in some very significant ways. Overall, it's perhaps my favorite of all the vehicles I've reviewed this year - in part because it delivers on what it promises, and in part because it pleasantly surprises.

Just from walking around an SSR, you know you're in for something different. It's partially retro in appearance, with huge, stuck-out, rounded fenders and a grill with three slats that are topped off by a broad chrome eyebrow that even extends out to split the headlights, giving the beams a "snake-eye"



The 2005 SSR can really move and the handling is superb.

look. The dramatically unique look is complemented by huge tires and by a rear cargo compartment that basically is a short truck bed with a sealable lid, like a trunk.

The passenger compartment is completely rounded, a bubble that - in design terms, at least - looks too small for the vehicle it's on top of. Wonderfully, SSR is also a convertible, and to observe from the outside the hard top retracting or extending is to marvel at the engineering involved. It's extremely easy to do. Just step on the brake and hold down one button while the process completes itself.

The 2005 version of the SSR exchanges a 390-horsepower, six-liter V8 engine for the original 300-horsepower, 5.3-liter V8. And you feel it. This car can move, from the stop or on the freeway, at an exhilarating pace. Handling is superb. For a little vehicle, it's highly notable that the absorption of bumps and potholes also is way more than one might expect. Mileage suffers at just 15 mpg in the city and 19 mpg on the highway, but it's a tradeoff you're willing to make for this vehicle.

But perhaps the greatest thing about the SSR is that it's a two-seater which you could actually take on a long trip, because the rear cargo compartment can carry just about anything that any two people could

assemble for a vacation. Easily, it could hold a couple bags of golf clubs and two weeks' worth of luggage. That's yet another characteristic, perhaps the most salient one, that sets apart the SSR from other two-seaters. All of this for only \$46,700. S2000 is an entirely different proposition. It is built for speed and pizzazz, almost exclusively. Well, of course, style too. It's an impressive-looking machine externally, its rounded proportions giving it a great translation of the classic two-seater profile. With an improved engine that has been stroked for 2005 to 2.2 liters from 2.0, and 240 horsepower, S2000 delivers plenty of power, and its six-speed manual transmission is a true driver's delight. Mileage is a respectable 20 mpg in the city and 25 on the highway. Honda also added 17-inch wheels to the latest manifestation of S2000.

But I found the car very difficult to get into and out of, trunk room almost nonexistent, and the blind spots too wide because of the clothtop roof. So, for around \$33,000, you can get this classic two-seater, and you'll be plenty satisfied. For around \$10,000 more, you can get an SSR and enter another dimension.

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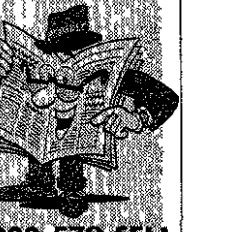
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Family fun

St. Dunstan's 'Aladdin' wishes for kids' magic

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Kids can be hard to please, especially when it comes to keeping them entertained

But seeing a play fills more than a child's recreational needs

"Theater is a magical thing for children. They get up on that stage, and they get a sense of their self," said Connie McEwan, coordinator of children's theater programs at St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook. And that's something that we can lead children toward.

That's why the community theater organization annually presents one production especially for children.

But this year's show, the magical fairy tale *Aladdin*, which opens to the public Nov. 12 at the Bloomfield Hills theater, comes with a new initiative. St. Dunstan's has partnered with the Longfellow School in Pontiac to create a unique education-theater experience.

Courtesy of the Frankel Foundation, about 250 students from the school are coming to see the pro-

duction free of charge. At the same time, Longfellow teachers have incorporated related classroom activities into their lesson plans.

They just blew me away, McEwan said of the school's teachers, some of which have students learning about the geography, customs and culture of the Middle East, while others have younger students doing *Aladdin*-inspired art projects for display in the St. Dunstan's lobby.

Longfellow students who attend the show will meet with the actors - an all-adult cast - and have the opportunity to see and touch the wildly colorful sets, props and costumes.

Nine public performances of *Aladdin* are scheduled through Nov. 21.

"What we're trying to create is interest early on in kids in the theater, especially kids who might not get that involved with theater," McEwan said. "And I want to encourage other school communities to partner with community theater. If we could have an interaction between

KID'S SHOW

What. St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild of Cranbrook presents *Aladdin*.

When. 7 p.m. Friday Nov. 12, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday Nov. 13 and Nov. 20, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday Nov. 14 and 21.

Where. St. Dunstan's playhouse, 400 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

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Hot Ticket



Nightclub owner Claudia Neeb and manager Roger Feeny have collaborated as a team for years at Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase



The Sklar Brothers are performing at Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase this week, and are featured in the upcoming Vince Vaughn film 'The Prime Gig'

20 YEARS OF FUN

What: The Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase 20-year anniversary
Comedians: The Sklar Brothers
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Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase marks milestone

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The secret to a successful comedy club is obvious – funny comedians

But it's not easy

During the 1980s heyday of comedy clubs, dozens of establishments popped up throughout metro Detroit. Many came and went.

Twenty years later, the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase, on East Liberty in Ann Arbor, is still thriving

There are several reasons for the success, said former owner and current manager Roger Feeny

"Since Ann Arbor is a transient university town we have a lot of new people coming in," Feeny said. "And people return because we bring in comedians who are very funny"

So funny, that Feeny said when a comic comes there to perform five shows, he often watches them all

"I'm still laughing five shows later," Feeny said. "When I get burnt out on comedy is when I'll retire, but that's not yet"

To celebrate the club's 20th anniversary, Feeny is doing what the establishment does best – bring in hilarious comics who he predicts will become stars. The Sklar Brothers will perform five shows Nov. 4-6

"We had Tim Allen here the year he started *Home Improvement*," Feeny said. "The following year he was doing *New Year's Eve in Vegas*"

Jason and Randy Sklar perform observational comedy and sometimes skits. They've been seen regularly on *The Late Show with Craig Kilborne*, *Late Night with Conan O'Brien*, on Comedy Central's *Premium Blend* and HBO's *Comedy Showcase with Louie Anderson*

The Sklar Brothers have also appeared as guest stars on ABC's *It's Like, You Know* and are the voices of Siamese twins Biff & Chip on WB's *The Oblongs*

The team also had a show on MTV in 1997 called *Apartment 2F*, a sitcom about two men living in New York

The history of the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase is an intimate one. It was founded in 1984 by childhood friends Feeny and Kirkland Teeple. Originally, it was called Mainstreet Comedy Showcase and located in the upstairs banquet room of the Heidelberg Restaurant in downtown Ann Arbor. Three years later, personal differences caused Feeny to sell his share of the club to Teeple, he said. The club relocated then to its current location and was renamed the Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase. Two years later, the men began working again with Feeny as the manager. In the late 1990s, Teeple sold the club to Claudia Neeb, the club's bookkeeper.

Teeple passed away in 2001

"He was a great comic who performed there at least twice a year," said Feeny. "That's a lot. Most comics perform there just once a year – we keep it fresh"

Neeb still owns the club, Feeny is still a key part of the business, and the goal is still to bring in comedians who they think will be the stars of tomorrow, comedians such as Dave Couler and Drew Carey who both performed there

"It's an unpredictable business," Feeny said. "But we love it and we are willing to work hard so that at the end of the day we laugh"

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Big screen

Unflinching portrait of 'Ray' soulful, warts and all

BY DAVID GERMAIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

He certainly did not feel it at the time, but director Taylor Hackford is enormously lucky it took 15 years to bring his film biography of Ray Charles to the screen.

Hackford himself concedes it was a blessing it took so long to put the project together since he first met Charles in the late 1980s.

The odds are slight that Hackford could have found an actor back then who could have come close to Jamie Foxx's skill, commitment and sheer rightness for the title role.

Beyond the physical resemblance, Foxx is so good, so earnest, so authentic as Ray Charles that you practically forget he's an actor playing a part and start to feel that he is Ray Charles.

Primed by Foxx's excellent turn as a cabby hijacked by Tom Cruise's hitman in *Collateral*, Academy Awards voters cannot



Jamie Foxx makes you practically forget he's an actor portraying Ray Charles

help but give Foxx a best-actor nomination for *Ray*.

The herky-jerky head bobbing, the hemming, hawing hesitation of the voice. The smooth, playfully cocky spirit beneath the

soft-spoken and seemingly deferential facade. The passionate emulation of Charles' keyboard style (a classically trained pianist, Foxx taps his musical training to great effect). Even the way the sweat hangs

off his brow.

It all screams Ray!

Charles, who died in June, gave his blessing to a warts-and-all treatment of his life, so *Ray* unflinchingly depicts his introduction to drugs, prolonged heroin addiction and painful cold-turkey recovery.

HOME LIFE

His tender yet troubled home life with his wife, luminously played by Kerry Washington, is set alongside his womanizing ways, notably in his affair with Margie Hendricks (fiercely portrayed by Regina King), the tragic spitfire of Charles' backup singers, the Raelettes.

The singer's kinship with early collaborators such as manager Jeff Brown (Clifton Powell), Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun (Curtis Armstrong) and producer Jerry Wexler (Richard Schiff) is countered by the unsentimental business savvy that prompted him to change record labels and drop Brown for manager Joe Adams (Harry Lennix).

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A taste of bloodsucking Southern-fried tripe

First there was *Redneck Zombies*, a movie of absolutely no consequence. Now comes *Bloodsucking Redneck Vampires*, a film of even less substance. *Bloodsucking Redneck Vampires* is so bad in so many ways that there isn't space



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

here to recount them. But let's list a few. The acting stinks, really, really stinks. Odor, in fact, plays a central role throughout this film, ranging from the aftermath of the oh-so-funny all-bean dinner to the meal sabotaged with the aid of a kitty litter box.

You get the idea of how classy this act is. The story doesn't make a lot of sense either. A vampire queen who is tired of roaming the countryside in the

dark decides to turn a whole town into vampires and be her slaves. Unfortunately, she hitchhikes and carjacks her way to some Southern backwater inhabited by folks who make the Beverly Hillbillies look like intellectuals. They have names like Billy Ray Ray and all the women either are nymphets or weigh 300 pounds and they like to drink beer for breakfast.

And they fart a lot. Much of the action centers on a family whose name I cannot repeat here but it rhymes with 'kisser.' Mamma is out to win first place at the town fair. Tripe

Contest for her awful concoction of goo that she feeds to her son, Junior, who apparently owns only one pair of overalls, and his friend, who is a dwarf with a full sized foul mouth.

Somehow, a prancing Frenchman gets tossed into the mix when Mamma wins a house decorating contest, and he shows up complete with beret and dreadfully phony accent to redo the bathroom.

Meanwhile, the vampire queen infects one of the good ol' boys who bites his wife who turns a whole barful of people into vampires. Pretty soon most of the town is vampirized and signs begin appearing on shops that read 'New hours - sunset to sunup.'

Clever, eh? There are a few good scenes. An enormously fat woman does in a vampire who makes the mistake of biting her on the butt by sitting on him and squashing his head a flat as a pancake. And the nasty woman vampire who makes the fatal error of climbing into the tanning booth, only to emerge as a smoking piece of toast, is somewhat amusing.

But there aren't enough of these scenes to keep the film afloat. Mainly we get to see bad actors trying to mouth their lines through big plastic fangs.

Of course there is a happy ending. The vampire queen gets impaled and Momma wins the tripe contest.

Tripe indeed. Greg Kowalski only samples film tripe. He can be reached at (248) 901 2570 or e-mail to gkowskioe@homecomm.net. This particular offering is available at Thomas Video in Clawson.

RAY

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than the dead-on impersonations of some film biographies, Jim Carrey as Andy Kaufman in *Man on the Moon* or Val Kilmer as Jim Morrison in *The Doors*. Those movies are great technical performances that give viewers the outer incarnation of their subjects without much glimpse beneath the skin.

With *Ray*, Foxx delivers a stirring, soulful portrait of the artist on the level of Sissy Spacek's Loretta Lynn in *Coal Miner's Daughter*.

The film itself has flecks and flaws that keep it out of the league of that Lynn biopic. Charles' boyhood tragedies — his brother's death and the gradual loss of his eyesight — are handled rather superficially through sketchy flashbacks. The editing

tends toward choppy, particularly in the film's abrupt flash-forward to round out Charles' later years.

Even at 2½ hours, *Ray* feels like a drastically reduced story, a two-disc best of compilation scaled back and crammed onto a single CD. It might have played better as a four-hour cable miniseries, yet in the film's favor, *Ray* is almost always interesting even if the drama is uneven at times.

It would have been lovely had Charles lived to bask in the adoration of fans at the premiere of *Ray*. Charles was able to view a cut of the film shortly before he died, though, allowing him to appreciate the remarkable performance of the man stepping into his shoes.

Ray, a Universal release, is rated PG-13 for depiction of drug addiction, sexuality and some thematic elements. Running time: 152 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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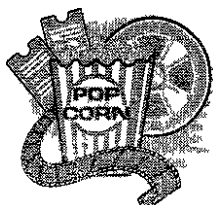
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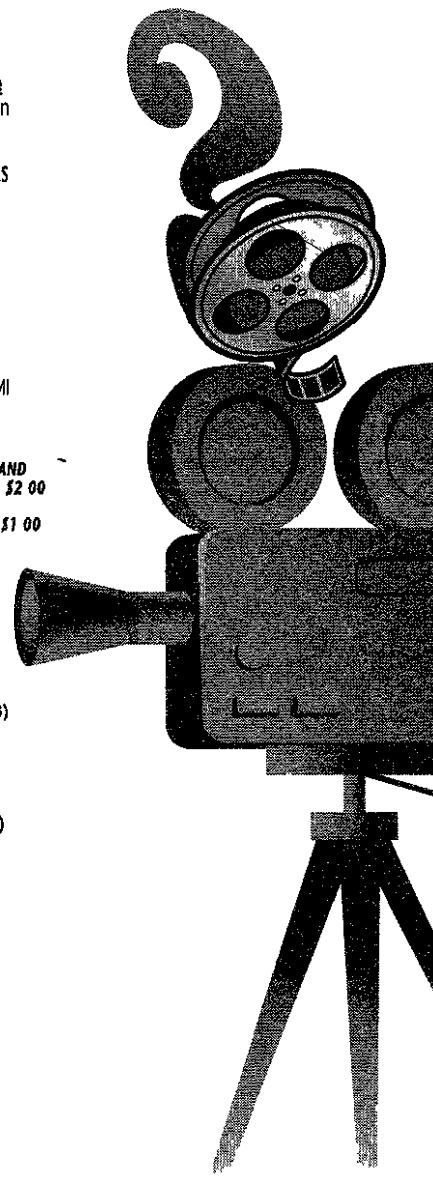
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Troy Scarborough (from left), Patrick Cogan, Eric Thorne, Jeremiah Zinger, Joe Coots and Steve DeBruyne in the most infamous scene from Broadway's musical comedy 'The Full Monty,' based on the movie

'The Full Monty' strips down at Fisher Theatre

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

These guys go "full Monty," but the stage version of the 1997 Academy Award-nominated movie exposes the heart and soul of the male characters, too.

The musical *The Full Monty* runs through Nov. 21 at the Fisher Theatre in Detroit.

"You get more into the lives of each of the men. Each has their own life, own plight, own dilemmas," said Troy Scarborough, a cast member and a former Detroit resident. "These six men are really the stars of the show, which is unique to have in musical theater. If there ever was such a thing as a guy's guy musical, this would be it."

Scarborough was a member of The Second City Detroit and the prestigious Hilberry Theatre repertory company at Wayne State University where he earned a master of arts degree.

The stage production of *The Full Monty* was adapted from the screen by Tony Award-winning writer Terrence McNally and features all original music created by composer and lyricist David Yazbek.

The plot of the stage version unfolds much like that of the movie — six unemployed men trying to make some cash to help out a friend in trouble end up becoming male strippers. However, the production is set in Buffalo, N.Y., instead of Sheffield, England.

The musical also plays up the team efforts of the group of men and a sense of community, said Scarborough, adding "You get a real sense of what's happening or echoing in America with people flustered about getting jobs, paying bills, supporting their children and even worrying about their weight."

But the musical explores many other dimensions of American society.

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Consider Scarborough's character Horse. He's the most senior member of the six-man strip team and an African-American who's worried others will be disappointed if and when he goes "full Monty."

"He sings a song about the stereotypical idea people have about the endowment of the African-American male," said Scarborough. "And even though he's a really good dancer, he has to be convinced that he was hired because he's good, not because he's large."

As the story heads towards the anticipated male strip show — during which the on-stage actors do, in fact, bear it all, with obscuring light effects to temper the nudity — yet other societal issues emerge.

Women's rights, ageism, parenting, materialism and sexual orientation all come to light during the production, said Scarborough.

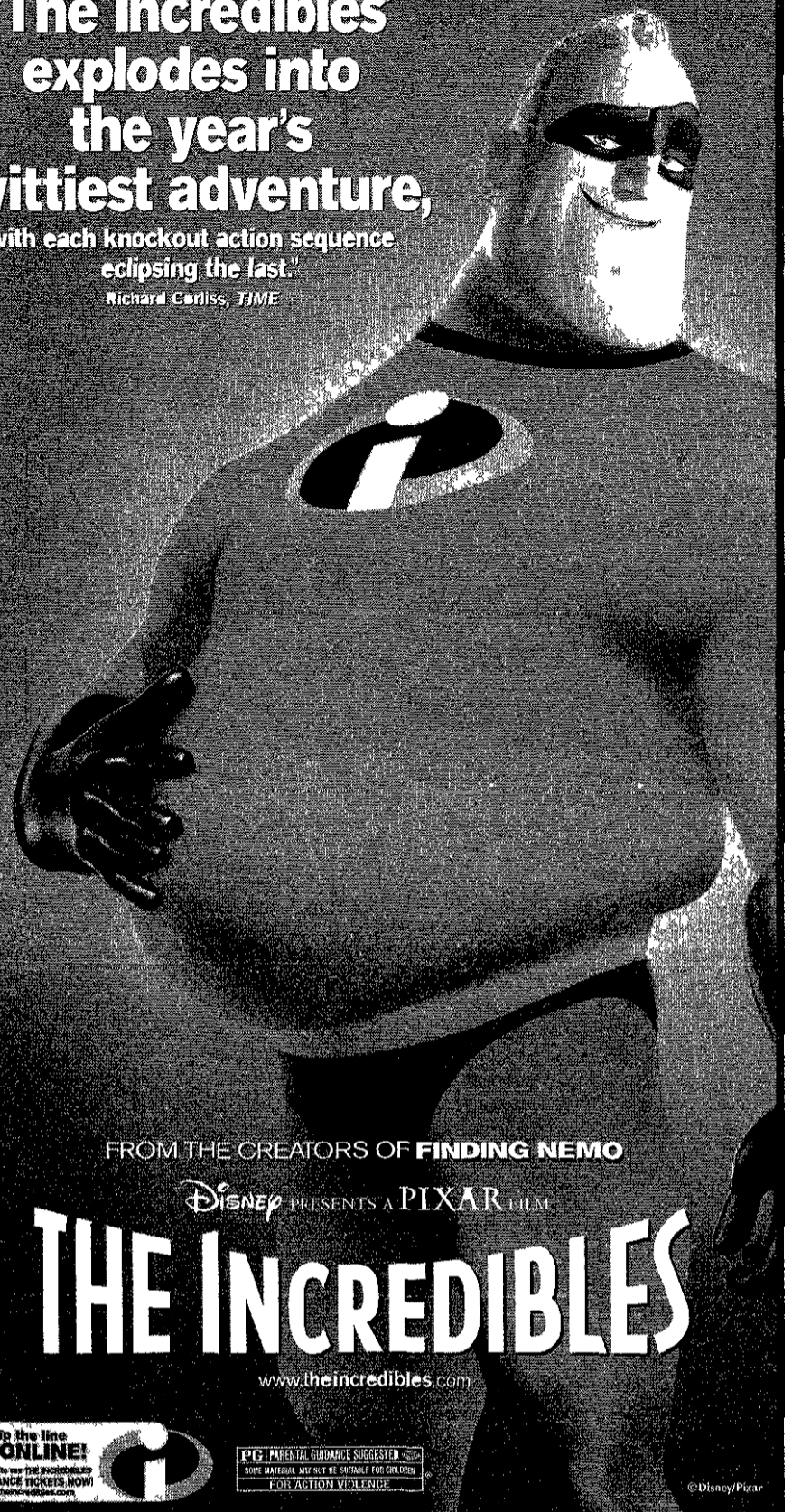
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Bigger and better

Detroit Docs festival adds more films, more venues

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Detroit Docs just keeps growing and growing and growing

Even Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick is expected to make an appearance at the event's opening night gala, Thursday Nov. 11, at Wayne State University's on-campus Welcome Center in Detroit.

The film festival runs through Sunday, Nov. 14, with movies playing in five locations, including three new venues: Wayne State University, the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Museum of New Art, in Pontiac.

I started the festival to show people how great documentaries are," said the event's founder, Chris Walny. "Now I don't need to. I could do something else."

Walny, a former free-lance PBS producer who lives in Royal Oak, single-handedly started Detroit Docs three years ago. The first featured 30 films, and the offerings have doubled every year since.

I hope we've reached the curve, 100 films in one weekend, it's kind of unfathomable," she said.

Actually, more than 100 movies are set to run this year, with works from as close as Canada to as far away as Australia.

Detroit Docs' most high-profile film is *Go Further*, which follows a group of environmental activists, including the project's branchchild actor Woody Harrelson, as they take a bio-fueled bus ride down the Pacific coast. *Go Further* plays at 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 12, in the General Lectures Auditorium at Wayne State University and includes a visit by the film's director, Ron Mann.

Another highlight is *Seeds*, a documentary about a camp in Maine where teenagers from war-torn countries gather



BUM'S PARADISE

Robert Rabbit Barringer formerly of Michigan narrates *Bum's Paradise*, which depicts the lives of the men and women who lived in a landfill community prior to being evicted. The film shows at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Wayne State University's General Lectures Auditorium.



COURTESY OF DETROIT DOCS

Director Yoav Shamir captured footage of Palestinians passing through Israeli checkpoints in occupied territory between 2001 and 2003 for the documentary *Checkpoint*, which shows at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at Wayne State University's Bernath Auditorium.

together for three weeks to talk about their differences and prejudices with an eye toward peace. The documentary shows at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14, at the Uptown Birmingham 8 theater.

It was a huge movie," Walny said. "It's one of those docs that just might change the world."

PLEASE SEE **DOCS, E9**

SO MANY DOCS

What: Third Annual Detroit Docs, a festival of documentary films showing in five metropolitan Detroit locations.
When: Nov. 11-14, with films showing in the day and evening; opening gala is 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11.
Where: Wayne State University in Detroit, on-campus auditoriums; Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit; Uptown Birmingham 8, 211 S. Old Woodward Ave., Birmingham; Detroit Film Center, 1227 Washington Blvd., Detroit; and Museum of New Art, 7 N. Saginaw, Pontiac.
Tickets: Film block, \$7; day pass, \$10; weekend pass, \$25, with reduced rates for students, seniors and members of Detroit Film Center or Detroit Docs, free to Wayne State University students; for a schedule or information, visit www.detroitdocs.org.

A true story heads for a happy ending at screening

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Unlike Hollywood blockbusters, documentary films tell it like it is

And many, if not most, of these true stories end on a cynical note, again unlike the blockbusters

Bum's Paradise, which depicts the eviction of a homeless community set up in a California landfill, is such a documentary

But the film's Detroit Docs screening, slated for 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13, at Wayne State University, has a happy ending in the works

In addition to a visit by the movie's director, Tomas McCabe, the narrator of *Bum's Paradise* and a member of the homeless community depicted, Robert "Rabbit" Barringer, plans to attend the screening where he will reunite with his estranged Michigan family

"We've finally made contact. We called his parents last week," said McCabe, who focused his film on Barringer's life story and experiences. The documentary opens with Barringer reading a letter he wrote, but never sent, to his parents explaining how and why he became homeless.

The film ends with Barringer asking for forgiveness.

"This kind of bookends the story," McCabe said. "The major point of the film is that many of these people had a home here in the landfill."

The homeless residents set up tent dwellings and functioned much like a community before being evicted.

"For me, it emphasizes how we're just like everybody else," Barringer said of the film. "We're your neighbors. We have a lot of dignity and we walk tall."

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COURTESY OF MERGE MEDIA

'Seeds' goes to a camp in Maine where teenagers from war-torn countries gather together for three life-changing weeks. The documentary shows 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 14 at the Birmingham 8.

DOCS

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Seeds is also one of eight Jewish films running Sunday at the Birmingham venue. The Sunday program creates a small Jewish film festival within the larger event. Another featured work, *A is for Auschwitz*, was made by local filmmaker Zach Smilovitz of Franklin and portrays his grandparents, two survivors of the concentration camp. *A is for Auschwitz* runs at 3:30 p.m. with an appearance by the director. In all, more than 20 film makers plan to attend their documentary screenings. Organizers of Detroit Docs also have planned numerous film-related

events, including discussions led by Wayne State University faculty members.

But the most compelling event by far will occur with the screening of *Bum's Paradise*, a documentary about the eviction of a homeless community set up in a California landfill. The film's narrator, Robert "Rabbit" Barringer, a member of the homeless community at the time, is set to attend in order to reunite with his Michigan family. They have been estranged for six years.

"It's a Kodak moment," Walny said. "The film ends with Barringer saying 'I hope to see you (his family) soon, I hope that you'll forgive me.'"

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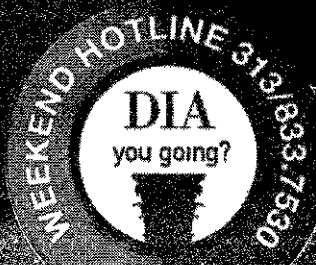
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Eclectic food style marks Christine's Cuisine

Chrystyna Hryhorczyk-Adams' mother Maria makes Paska, a tradition with demand.

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

How did she do it?

Chef/owner Chrystyna Hryhorczyk-Adams readily admits that when she opened Christine's Cuisine in Ferndale with partner Ferris George five years ago, she doesn't know how she survived the first two years.

Business slowly improved and she afforded a remodel of her 60-seat eatery last year. Inside the door and past the display case, the narrow room opens to a long row of tables against a wall with mirrors and works by featured local artists. Christine's, with its bright orange, yellow and green hues and stainless steel end wall curving into the ceiling, takes on a gallery role with a formal party when the artist changes every two months.

Add an eclectic mix of old world and contemporary foods and there's little

wonder that Christine's Cuisine was chosen by Gourmet magazine to be featured in Gourmet Restaurant Guide, inserted as a pullout in the October issue.

When contacted, Gourmet's Media Relations Director Karen Damick would only say that staff editors ate anonymously at each of the 132 restaurants in 30 American cities before selecting them for one of two categories: Big Deal or Good Deal. 'No restaurant in this year's guide is a repeat,' she said.

For Detroit, Christine's Cuisine was cited in the Good Deal category along with New Yasmeen Bakery, 13900 West Warren Ave., Dearborn (313) 582-6035. The Big Deals are Bacco Ristorante, 29410 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-6600 and Cuisine, 670 Lothrop St., Detroit (313) 872-5110.

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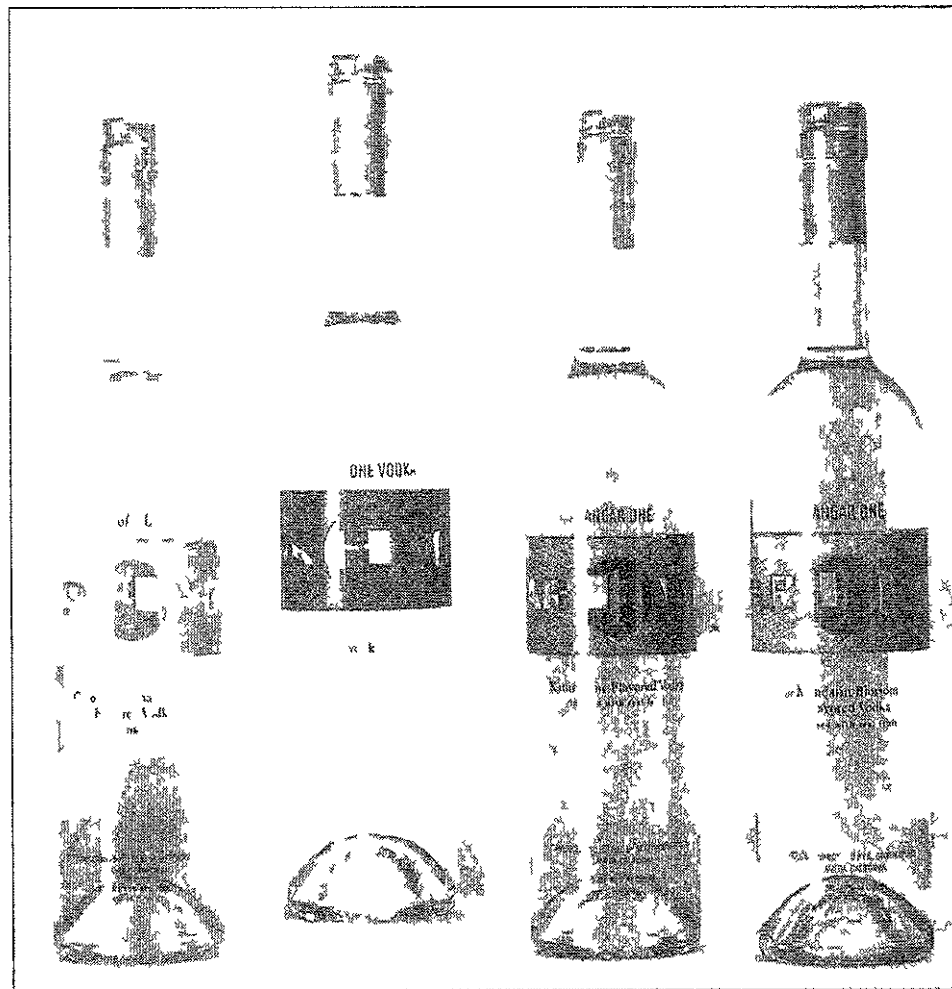
BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
CORRESPONDENTS

At the Alameda Naval Air Station in California since 1982, Jorg Rupf, owner of St. George Spirits, has distilled some of the world's finest fruit brandies in a former World War II structure called Hangar 1. Rupf and his talented assistant, Lance Winters, excel at their craft.

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Rupf also uses fresh, interesting and



exotic fruit to infuse spectacular and authentic flavor into craft distilled mid-west sourced grain vodka. One result is Hangar One Mandarin Blossom (\$40/750mL) with the classic aroma and flavor of peeling a fresh tangerine. Delicious on the rocks, it makes the ultimate Cosmopolitan.

At Slanted Door in San Francisco, Thad Vogler makes one using 2 ounces of Hangar One Mandarin Blossom Vodka, 1 ounce Cointreau, juice of one lime and a

splash of real cranberry juice (not Ocean Spray or other cranberry juice cocktail) and 1/2 teaspoon extra fine quick dissolve sugar. Shake well with ice and serve up in a sugar-rimmed stemmed glass.

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Music

Underground sensation Granian comes to Small's

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Here's a chance to say you saw an artist playing the small clubs before he really hit big.

Because eyes are on Granian to make it big.

He's coming to Small's Bar in Hamtramck on Wednesday Nov 10, and admission is just \$5.

Granian is Garen Gueykian of New Jersey named the hottest unsigned artist on the planet by *Spin* magazine. He's sold more than 25,000 units of music without a record label. He hit number one on www.MP3.com and www.cdbaby.com and has released four independent CDs.

The singer/songwriter/guitarist mixes pop/rock/folk and acoustic guitar. Right now he's touring solo, but has a full band on his newest and fourth CD *On My Own Two Feet* that he said is very personal.

"I know who I am now more so than ever before," Granian said in reference to *On My Own Two Feet*. "I'm finding my own place in this world and doing what I feel is right. That's what's going on in my head right now."

His band is drummer Nir Z who worked with Peter Gabriel and John Mayer, guitarist Kyle Kelso from Wunderband and reputable bassist Pemberton Roach and electronic musician Chris Gagnoux.

Granian said he didn't meet them until the first day of recording. His producer Mike Shimshack arranged the meetings.

"That was the beauty of it," Granian said. "To get together with great musicians, play them my songs, and then have them run with that and it worked brilliantly."

PLEASE SEE GRANIAN, E19

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Cheap and out-of-control

Still, toy camera images are way dreamy

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

To the unschooled eye, a cool image is just, well, cool. That's why *Is That a Real Camera*, an exhibit of photographic works taken, you got it, without a real camera is worth checking out. Even if you can't appreciate how cheap and out-of-control the process was, you know what looks good when you see it.

"With a toy camera, you have absolutely no control," said Charles Nowak, organizer of the exhibit and one of six photographers displaying the experimental work. Comprised of 20 images, *Is That a Real Camera* continues through Nov. 13 in the gallery at Xhedos Cafe in Ferndale.

Toy cameras, made for the purpose of child's play by a company in China, emerged as a tool for photographers in the 1960s, said Nowak, who lives in Sterling

SMILE!

What: *Is That a Real Camera?* an exhibition of photographs taken with toy cameras
When: Through Saturday Nov. 13
Where: Gallery of Xhedos Cafe, 240 W. Nine Mile, Ferndale
Tickets: Free, but have a cup of Joe

Heights

"The biggest fascination is that it's an escape from traditional ways of thinking in photography, in that imagery is supposed to be very sharp, and a normal camera will allow you to control what you're doing."

Toy cameras have notoriously poor focus, and often allow light leaks.

So it's an erratic process. It's kind of hard to control the outcome, but that's the draw for people who are trained at making calculations about images.

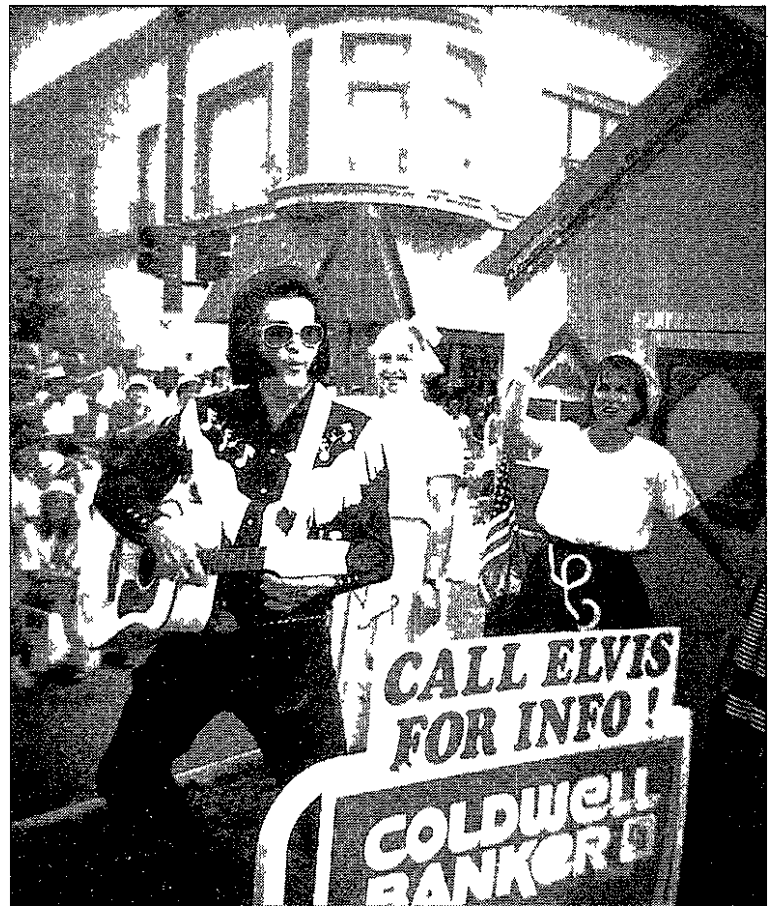
The good news: toy cameras net surreal, dream-like images with an Impressionist sensibility. Both black and white, as well as color photographs appear in *Is That a Real Camera*. Local photographers with work in the show include David Dominic of Ferndale, Bill Bresler of Livonia and Jeanette Jarzab of Troy.

Subject matter ranges from landscape and street scenes to self-portraits.

Is toy camera imagery – the antithesis of digital photography – an emerging art form?

I don't know if it has staying power," admitted Nowak. "It's not anything new. It just falls into the category of other creative ways to make images."

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CHRISTINE'S

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HOW GOOD A DEAL?

Since area diners read about Christine's in Gourmet, business has picked up 80 percent. Diners have kept Chef Chrystyna (who as a first generation American, uses the Ukranian spelling of her name professionally) busy 14 hours per day. Her mother Maria Hryhorczyk, now makes 35 dozen handmade pierogies each week to keep up with demand.

I chose favorite recipes and put them on the menu, said Chef Chrystyna. "Daily lunch and dinner specials feed my creative juices."

Specials showcase the comfort foods harmonized with modern, eclectic dishes that make Christine's a real deal. On the day I went calling, comforting goulash accompanied by a small garden salad was a lunch special at \$10. Sirloin tips were simmered in a creamy tomato and paprika sauce and served over egg noodles. But there was also the contemporary preparation of Lake Perch sautéed in a lemon butter-dill sauce served over seasoned rice for \$14.

"Nothing is premade," Chef Chrystyna noted. "I run a scratch kitchen where I make all the sauces, dressing, soups, potato salad and cole slaw."

NOT TO BE MISSED

Whiskey Ribs (half \$10, whole \$19) are among the favorite dinner main plates. "I use Jack Daniels in the barbecue sauce," Chef Chrystyna said, "but that's not the secret ingredient. I won't reveal more except that the trick that makes them so good resulted from a mistake."

Beef Stroganoff, beef tenderloin tips in a hearty stew of mushrooms and red wine, is served over egg noodles nightly at \$10. Another real deal.

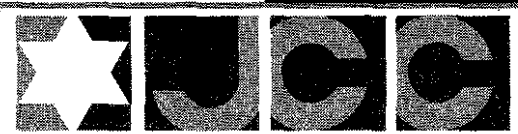
Pies, tarts and dumplings are desserts made on premise. Cakes are made off premise by a private pastry chef.

ON THE HORIZON?

Christine's has come full circle from its original three "Burger King" booths, plastic plates and cutlery and food picked up on plastic trays at the counter.

"I'm marketable," Chef Chrystyna said. "The recognition in Gourmet was a real spirit lift. But if I could realize my ultimate dream, it would be to attract an investor so I could open another location and draw a larger clientele."


Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.




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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

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Herb Gardner's Tony award-winning play *I'm Not Rappaport* through Sunday, Nov 14, shows run 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Aaron DeRoy Theatre, Jewish Community Center campus, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. \$27-\$37 with discounts for students and seniors. Call (248) 788-2900.

City Theatre

Male Intellect: An Oxymoron, a one-man comedy about men in search of what women want, runs through Sunday, Nov 14, shows at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit. \$20-\$29.50. Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit www.olympiaentertainment.com.

Gem Theatre

Menopause: The Musical, call (313) 963-9800 for show times and information.

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Coming to Life, a comedy by June August, today through Sunday, Dec 26, shows 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, 3 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30

p.m. Sunday. 3103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit. \$17 subscriptions for 2 people, \$88 10-ticket bargain booklet, \$110 (313) 868-1347 or www.detroitreptheatre.com.

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Art by Yasmina Reza through Sunday at the theater on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Hills. Show times vary. Call (248) 377-3300 for tickets.

DINNER THEATER

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Escañaba in da Moonlight at the 14th Street Grille and Bar, 350 E. 14 Mile Road, Madison Heights. Fridays and Saturdays through Nov 20. Dinner 6:30 p.m., curtain 7:30 p.m. \$39.50 per person. (248) 589-9900 for reservations or www.starbriteprod.com.

Rodgerland Productions

Catch Me If You Can, 6:30 p.m. dinner show, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Nov 5-6. \$25. 1451 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy. (586) 776-9844.

Paper Bag Productions

The Wizard of Oz, lunch at noon show, 1 p.m. Saturday, lunch at 1 p.m. show, 2 p.m. Sunday, at Theatre Livonia in the Livonia Mall, 7 Mile Road at Middlebelt, use the G entrance. \$10 lunch and show, \$7 show only. (586) 344-7774.

COMMUNITY THEATER

Lakeland Players

The Bad Seed, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday. Starlight Theatre in Summit Place Mall, 315 N. Telegraph, Waterford. \$9 adults, \$8 seniors/students. www.landandplayerstheatre.org.

Avon Players

Escañaba in da Moonlight by Jeff Daniels, Friday, Saturday, Nov 5-7, Nov 12-14, and Nov 19-20. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday performances start at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees begin at 2 p.m. 1185 Washington Road, Rochester Hills. \$14-\$12 student/seniors for Sunday matinees. (248) 608-9077.

The Heart of the Hills Players

South Pacific, 2 p.m. today and Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday. Warren Community Center, 5460 Arden, three blocks south of 14 Mile Road. \$9 in advance, \$10 door. (586) 268-8400.



Potter Carole Berhorst of Bloomfield Hills will be among 130 artists at The 30th annual Holiday Art Fair presented by the Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Building H at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Entrances to the campus are on Orchard Lake Road and Farmington Road south of I-696. Admission \$5, no charge for children under 12; parking is free. Santa will greet children and hear their holiday wish. For information, call (734) 662-3382 or www.michiganguild.org.

Stagecrafters

Death of a Salesman, Nov 5-7, 11-14, 18-21, curtain 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. \$14 & \$16. (248) 541-6430. www.stagecrafters.org.

Sara Smith Productions

The Enchantment of Beauty and the Beast, 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, at The Community House, 380 South Bates St., Birmingham. Tickets \$8 per person (general seating) or \$10 at the door. Proceeds benefit Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre. Call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Rosedale Community Players

Maggie's Getting Married, comedy by Norm Foster, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Nov 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov 14. Cabaret seating, all seats reserved. Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River 1/4 block east of Lahser, Detroit. (313) 532-4010 or (313) 537-7716.

Jack-in-the-Box Productions

Proof by David Auburn, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Nov 5-16, 12-13. Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium on Five Mile Road between Merriman and Farmington roads, Livonia. \$10 opening night, then \$12 at door or call (313) 516-5225.

COLLEGE THEATER

Bonstelle Theatre

A Flea in Her Ear will play at the historic Bonstelle Theatre on the Wayne State University campus in Detroit, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Discount for students, seniors and members of The Wayne State University Alumni Association. Call (313) 577-2960.

Studio Theatre

A Day in the Death of Joe Egg, 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday, Nov 11-13, 18-20, downstairs from the Hilberry Theatre. \$9 general admission, \$7 students/seniors/citizens. (313) 577-2972.

Eastern Michigan University

Neil Simon's *Broadway Bound*, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Nov 5-6, Thursday-Saturday, Nov 11-13, 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov 7. Quirk Theatre, EMU's Ypsilanti campus. \$8 Thursday, \$14 Friday, Saturday, \$12 Sunday. (734) 487-1221.

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Avon Players

A New Brain, a musical by William Finn and James Lapine, 7 p.m. Sunday, Monday, Nov 7-8, at the playhouse, 1185 Washington Road, Rochester Hills. Registration begins one-half hour prior to auditions. www.avonplayers.org.

Barbershop

Wayne Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society is hosting a Guest Night on 7:30 p.m., a half-mile east of Newburgh Road, Westland. Gentlemen who might be interested in singing with the chapter's Renaissance Chorus or in a barbershop quartet are encouraged to attend. The ability to read music is not a requirement. (734) 421-1652.

Village Players of Birmingham

High Spirits, musical version of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit*, Monday, Tuesday, Nov 15-16, sign in at 7 p.m., auditions 7:30 p.m. Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward Ave., singing roles, one man, two women. (248) 673-3650.

Stagecrafters 2nd Stage

Angels in America: Part One: Millennium Approaches by Tony Kushner, 7 p.m.



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Patrick Michael Kenney (left) and Shannon Camara Sanville in Neil LaBute's *The Shape of Things*, opening Nov 5 and running through Nov 28 at Planet Ant Theatre, 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck. Shows at 8 p.m. Thursday, Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Some nudity. \$10-\$15. (313) 365-4948. www.planetant.com.

Monday Tuesday Nov 29 30 at the Huntington Woods Library 26415 Scotia (west of Woodward Ave south of 11 Mile Road) Open adult auditions (248) 541 8027 www.stagecrafters.org

Players Guild of Dearborn

Dear Ruth comedy by Norman Krasna 7 30 p m Monday Tuesday Nov 15 16 21730 Madison (near Outer Drive and Monroe) (313) 561 TKTS www.playersguildofdearborn.org

COMEDY

National Muslim Comedy Tour

Allah Made Me Funny 7 p m and 9 p m Wednesday Nov 17 Ford Community and Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave Dearborn (313) 943 2354

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Rocky Laporte 8 p m today 8 p m and 10 30 p m Friday Saturday Don't Just Sit There comedy show to benefit the Rehabilitation Institute for Spinal Cord Recovery in Detroit features Rocky LaPorte 8 p m Sunday Former Detroit Lion Doug English will speak on his work with spinal cord injury since suffering a career ending neck injury in 1986 \$99 preshow meet and greet with LaPorte and English light menu show tickets \$77 and \$44 8 p m Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle 269 E Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Chaplain's

Tom Foss 8 30 p m today 8 30 p m & 10 30 p m Friday Saturday 34244 Groesbeck south of 15 Mile Road Clinton Township \$7 today \$12 Friday Saturday (586) 792 1902 21 & over

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Improv Comedy Jamm Night 8 p m Wednesday Nov 10 314 E Liberty Ann Arbor \$5 (734) 996 9080

JAZZ/BLUES

Matt Michaels

Matt Michaels with Ursula Walker vocals Buddy Budson piano 7 30 11 p m Wednesday Nov 10 Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren Garden City \$5 cover with dinner \$10 without dinner two drink minimum reservations recommended (734) 762 7756 Nov 17 Wayne State University Jazz Lab Band I Nov 24 Barbara Ware vocals

Edison's

Live music 9 30 p m to 1 30 a m today the Blue Kings Robert Penn Friday Saturday 220 Merrill St Birmingham (248) 645 2150

FOLK/WORLD

Blue Note Cafe

And and Wanderin Wheel 8 p m Friday Blue Note Cafe 7 N Saginaw Pontiac (248) 451 0765 \$5

The Ark

Richie Havens 8 p m Friday \$25 Chris Smither 8 p m Sunday \$20 Alasdair Fraser 7 30 p m Sunday \$15 316 S Main St Ann Arbor (734) 761 1451

www.theark.org

Trinity House Theatre

Michael Francasso 8 p m Saturday 38840 W Six Mile Road Livonia (734) 464 6302 www.trinityhouse.org

POP

Songwriting contest winners

Seven of southeast Michigan's top songwriters will perform Friday at Trinity House Theatre on Six Mile Road east of Haggerty Road in Livonia Doors 7 p m music 7 30 p m Trinity House is located on 6 Mile Road near the exits from I 275 and east of Haggerty Road \$10 For directions and reservations go to www.trinityhouse.org or call (734) 464 6302

Bullfrog Bar and Grill

Harwell Dr Hi Fi 6 9 p m Friday Step 13 Sindust Trenchfoot Escaping Silence Saturday 15414 Telegraph Redford (313) 533 4477 www.bullfrogrocks.com

Magic Bag

The New Left today Hot Snakes Sunday King's X Thursday Nov 11 doors 8 p m 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 544 3030 www.themagicbag.com

CLASSICAL

UMS Series

Baroque ensemble Le Concert Spirituel 8 p m today St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church 2250 E Stadium Ann Arbor \$30 \$40 reserved Kopelman Quartet 8 p m Friday Rackham Auditorium 915 E Washington Ann Arbor \$18 \$36 St Petersburg Philharmonic Orchestra 8 p m Tuesday Nov 9 Hill Auditorium 825 N University Ave Ann Arbor \$10 \$65 (734) 764 2538 www.ums.org

Madrigal Chorale

Benefit concert for Habitat for Humanity 4 p m Sunday St Paul's United Methodist Church 620 Romeo Road Rochester no charge freewill offering (248) 363 0751

DSO

Herbie Hancock performs Grammy winning Gershwin's World 8 p m Friday Sister Act II Strings 8 p m today 8 3 p m Saturday 3 p m Sunday Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra 7 p m Sunday at the Max M Fisher Music Center 3711 Woodward Ave Detroit (313) 576 5111 www.detroitssymphony.com

Chamber Music at the Scarab Club

The Genius of Youth 7 p m Sunday 217 Farnsworth behind the Detroit Institute of Arts \$18 at the door \$16 in advance (248) 647 0289 or

www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic Music of Arriaga Lekeu and Boulanger performed by pianist Eduard Perrone violinists Veida Kelly and Melody Woolton violists James Greer and Eva Stern and cellist Nadine Deleury

Birmingham Musicales

Parade of American Music of the National Federation of Music Clubs 1 p m Thursday Nov 11 Birmingham Community House 380 S Bates tea fol

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ART

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Moods & Moments fine art photography by John Middlestead through Nov 28 Reception 7 9 p m Friday Open 9 a m to 3 p m Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday 9 a m to 9 p m Wednesday 774 N Sheldon Road Plymouth (734) 416 4278

Sculptors Guild of Michigan

Guild members exhibit their works at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center today through Nov 19 Opening reception 6 8 p m Friday 1516 Cranbrook Birmingham (248) 644 0866 www.bbartcenter.org

CPOP

Foreverland the Painterly Celluloid Sublimations of Dan Kennedy opening reception 7 11 p m Saturday exhibit continues to Dec 4 4160 Woodward Ave Detroit (313) 833 9901 www.cpop.com

Washington Street Gallery

New Encaustic Works by Leslie Sobel through Sunday Nov 28 120 E Liberty downtown Ann Arbor Opening reception 7 9 p m Friday (734) 761 2287 www.wsgart.com

College for Creative Studies' Center Galleries

The work from one of the original American Pop artists and native Detroiters Robert Dowd (1936 1996) comes home for the with an exhibition Nov 6 to Dec 18 Opening reception 6 8 p m Friday 301 Frederick Douglass Free parking is available in the secured CCS parking structure on Brush between Frederick Douglass and Ferry (313) 664 7806

The Great Frame Up

Statewide Printmaking Exhibit Nov 5 20 reception 6 9 p m Friday 215 Peabody Birmingham (248) 540 2555 http://birmingham.thegreatframeup.com

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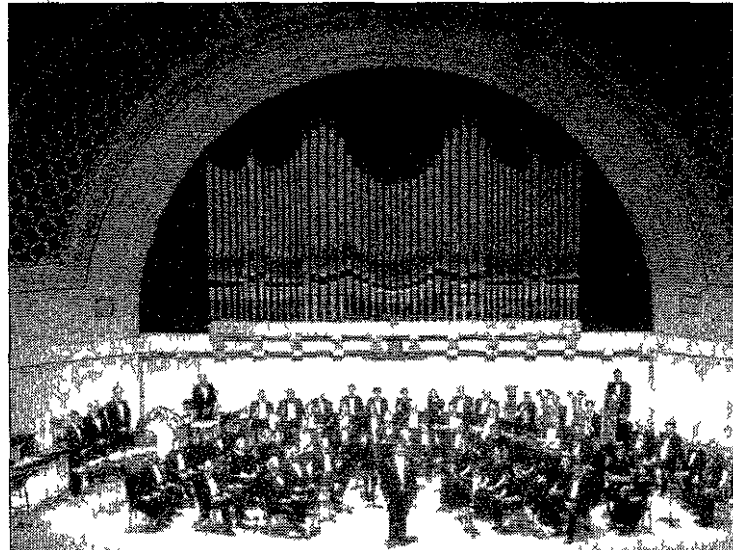
Annual Exhibition s Travel Show features 35 of 95 works selected by the juror internationally renowned artist Catherine Chang Liu will show at the Creative Art Center 47 Williams St Pontiac through Nov 30 Reception 6 8 p m Friday (248) 333 7849

Warren Tri-County Fine Arts, Inc

Art exhibit Friday Sunday at Universal Mall 28582 Dequindre Road (at 12 Mile Road) Warren Mall open 10 a m to 9 p m Friday Saturday noon to 5 p m Sunday www.warrenfinearts.org

Japanese posters

Collection of 75 Japanese posters on display in the corridors of Farmington Hills City Hall 31555 W Eleven Mile at Orchard Lake Road Farmington City Hall 23600 Liberty at Grand River 47th District Court behind Farmington Hills City Hall and Farmington Community Library 32737 W 12 Mile Road through Dec 17 Opening reception 6 30 p m Monday Nov 8 at Farmington City Hall honors Yoshiyuki Sadaoka the new Consul General of Japan (248) 473 1856



Rousing marches, the world premiere of John W Stout's *Milestones* and other surprises await 8 p m Monday Nov 8 when the Ann Arbor Concert Band kicks off its 26th season with a program of works by 20th century American composers at Hill Auditorium 825 N University Ave Ann Arbor Tickets \$8 adults \$5 students and seniors, at the door For more information, visit ww.aaband.org

Avenue Gallery

First juried Michigan Artist Exhibition through Dec 3 Opening reception 6 9 p m Friday features the 11 artists chosen to be a part of this show with works ranging from traditional watercolor to contemporary sculpture 167 N Old Woodward Ave north of Maple across from the Palladium Theater (248) 594 7600

Grosse Pointe Art Glass Show and Sale

Champagne premiere 5 30 8 30 p m Friday Nov 12 \$25 show 10 a m to 5 p m Saturday Nov 13 no charge at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church Annex 17150 Maumee Works by metro Detroit artists include ornaments vases bowls and sculptures Benefits the Fort Street Chorale (313) 282 8880 or (313) 417 9858 For more information on the chorale and Handel's Messiah performances Dec 4 5 visit www.fortstreet.org

Batista Gallery

New work by Chris McCauley 756 Livernois Ferndale (248) 544 4627 lecture & demonstration by artist 2 p m Saturday Nov 13

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The Difficulty of Kindness by Chicago artist Amy Vogel artist's talk and reception 4 30 6 p m Saturday Nov 13 23257 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 541 3444 www.revolutn.com

DANCE

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MUSEUMS

Detroit Historical Museum

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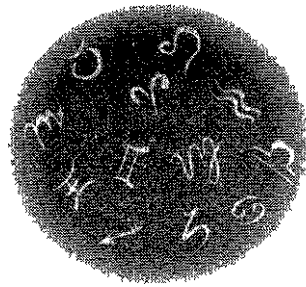
University of Michigan Museum of Art

Art of Lega Meaning and Metaphor in Central Africa an exhibition of African art made by the Lega people of the Democratic Republic of Congo to Jan 16 at University of Michigan Museum of Art 525 South State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor museum hours are 10 a m to 5 p m Tuesday Wednesday Friday and Saturday 10 a m to 9 p m Thursday and noon to 5 p m Sunday admission is free suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

Cranbrook Art Museum

Cut N Mix Fridays Art Talk and Jam series of urban electronic concerts showcasing local musicians and DJs alongside the exhibit *Looking Both Ways Art of the Contemporary African Diaspora* with lecture and discussion on Fridays through Nov 26 gallery talk and dialogue with musicians 6 7 p m live performances 7 p m museum will be open 5 9 p m 39221 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills Regular admission for members free general \$6 seniors teens and full time students \$4 children 12 and under free with adult admission call (877) 60 CRANBROOK or (877) 462 7262 or visit www.cranbrookart.edu

Horoscope



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By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You know what you want you know where to get it and you know you have the strength to take it and keep it Ram What you may not know is that once you have it you may decide it wasn't what you wanted after all No matter Be curious not controlling

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You've started the ball rolling now all you have to do is keep it moving Bull That might sound easy but with this weekend's Moon in your element you could easily lose sight of your long term goals You won't care about right and wrong you'll care only about your own way Be mel low don't bellow!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You can wriggle out of your commitments if you really want to but Mercury your ruler changing signs warns that what you fail to do now you'll have to do sooner than later The more you let others be slack or the longer you delay the harder it'll be to catch up financially

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

You can be a bit too easygoing for your own good and Saturn upcoming retro activity warns that if you let things slide financially you'll regret it by the end of the month Don't trust others when it's your time and cash on the line Demand your own way and don't crawl into a shell starting now!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you want to get through this weekend in one piece (or peace) make an effort to see things from the other person's point of view Lion You're allowed to disagree but if you know what's good for you you won't make too big of an issue of a small problem

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

If you want to get the most out of the weekend you'll probably have to bite the Big One Virgo It may appear to others as if you're rock solid and that nothing ever bothers you but deep down you have anxieties like everyone else Confront them now and they'll worry you no more

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Not only have you been too nit-picky and cautious as of late but you've been worrying about all the wrong things kiddo! That will become obvious this week as some of the outer planets change their dance but don't rush to the other extreme and start taking risks

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You'll come on loud cranky and strong this weekend as your passions get the best of you both at home and with friends No matter how cool and collected you try to be a fire will be kindled that will be hard to go out Just be careful that it doesn't consume you Scorp!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Mercury now in your sign for the first time this year says that you'll find it hard to get settled emotionally now but in a way that's good because you don't want to become too rigid with life A sense that something is missing will spur you to try things you might not otherwise have considered

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

If you find yourself unable to move either forward or back since the month began it's because you're thinking in outdated ways Sea Goat Your values may be fixed but that doesn't mean the world around you is If you can't keep up with the times it might be wise to get out of the game

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Be careful what you say and do over the next few days because your ruling planet Uranus changing direction soon warns that you could be a bit too aggressive for your own good - especially around Thanksgiving It's OK to be assertive and ambitious but it's not OK to make enemies along the way

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You've been somewhat reserved in recent weeks but that will change as feisty Mars moves into your element next week The more you present a positive face to the world the more you'll attract people who are worth knowing Life's too short to waste time being glum Fish!

Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination For information about personal consultations phone (248) 646 3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week
Filtered just for you

Album

If you spend much time around me you know I am a huge dork for Pavement The indie band released five albums before they broke up penning some of the smartest 90s indie rock to grace our ears So what do you do when your favorite band is not releasing new material anymore? You pray for the day they remaster the originals and pile on a bunch of unreleased songs on top Then you mark that date on your calendar with a big red smiley face and wait And wait And finally that day comes and you hold **Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain LA's Desert Origins** (Matador) in your greasy little fingers and playfully caress the plastic wrapping tears streaming down your face repeating Thank you Lord My day has come

Originally released in 1994 *Crooked Rain Crooked Rain* is the Pavement album you may be most familiar with It includes that silly song about cutting your hair as well as the one about a plane crash that I thought was the Pixies when I first heard it in high school The album includes the much discussed Peel session recordings B sides and remastered original album tracks - 11 unreleased songs and 49 tracks in all It's got a beautiful perfect bound book designed in a collage style with *Crooked Rain* era paraphernalia and includes bundles of information on the sessions In a word Awesome

Now if most of this sounds like a fan's only type dealy this disc is a great introduction for those wishing they knew what people were talking about when they compare other bands to Pavement *Crooked Rain* is easily Pavement's most accessible album and the bonus tracks will give a newbie insight into a brilliant often hilarious band

This re-master comes after 2002's *Slanted and Enchanted Redux* and this summer's biography *Perfect Sound Forever* It seems we are in the mist of a Pavement nostalgia Whether *Brighten the Corners* (my favorite Pavement disc) will be remastered remains to be seen The band has gone on record to say those recordings have the most unused material - enough new songs for another album Let us pray



In an alternate reality, these are my boyfriends Pavement's *Crooked Rain, Crooked Rain LA's Desert Origins* is out now



Le Tigre is way cooler than you They play tonight (Nov 4) at St Andrews in Detroit

Show

This one time Kathleen Hanna gave me a hug and told me I was cute You know Hanna she is the one with connections to Kurt Cobain - that whole Teen Spirit thing?

Anyway Hanna now plays in **Le Tigre** a political dance band which sounds like a drag but is totally fun - and it might even bring out the drag queens Their shows are a combination of feminist hell-raising performance art and freak dance party I had so much fun at the last show I never wanted it to end - neither did the boys with the giant boombox who let me dance with them on the sidewalk afterward Activism has never felt so good uplifting or downright fun Get out your rollerskates

Le Tigre plays tonight (Nov 4) at St Andrews 431 E Congress in Detroit Doors open at 7:30 p.m. All ages Tickets are \$13.50 For more on the band check out www.letigreworld.com

DVD

For my birthday a friend of mine burned me an illegal copy of *The Office's Christmas Special* Maybe I shouldn't be so blatant with that What I meant to say was On my birthday I randomly found a copy of *The Office's Christmas Special* on the side of the road

Previously unreleased in the US *The Office Special* finally comes to us Nov 16 on DVD (And apparently if you have cable they have been playing on BBC America this month) I'm writing about it a little early to rub in the fact that I know the conclusion of the hilarious BBC comedy way before you do Before stupid media jerks go and ruin the show by remaking it as an American version check out this smart show about working in an office where the only thing people have in common is they are all required to show up at the same place every day

The DVD is out Nov 16 and a complete Season 1 2 and Special DVD set will also come out that day if you wish to buy the complete show

FYI The title music to *The Office* is the Stereophonics *Handbags and Gladrags* which if you play in your office people may mistake it for *The Faces* Is that Rod Stewart's band? They will ask I thought you were cooler than that Kindly inform them first of all that *The Faces* rock and secondly that it's not

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who wants to start a dance revolution, but lacks a basement or access to cardboard Send information regarding local entertainment events to stardy@oe.homecomm.net or Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy 805 E Maple Birmingham MI 48009

See the Rockettes first

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prize winner will have the opportunity to meet one of the Rockettes at the show.

Deadline to enter is Friday, Nov 19. Winners will be notified by phone and announced in the Thursday, Nov 25, edition of *Filter*.

Send, fax or e-mail entries to Keely Schramm, assistant managing editor, Features, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kschrmm@oe.homecomm.net. Include your address and a daytime phone number where you can be reached with your entry. For tickets call (248) 433-1515 or OlympiaEntertainment.com.

GRANIAN

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The music is soulful and sometimes raw, but also has a seemingly commercial sound. Think early Peter Dinklage.

Granian began playing guitar when he was 14 and started performing two years later. His influences are Pearl Jam, Guster, Live, and Michigan's Verve Pipe. His first CD was recorded in 1996 and the successful live *Live Sessions* was released in 2003. *On My Own Two Feet* came out this year and is sold online.

"My true colors came out with this album, Granian said. "(The album) is exactly what I was hearing in my head - more in your face than anything I'd done before."

Granian, though, is more than Gueytkian. His ongoing musical story isn't just "one guy," he said, giving credit to his whole band. They each help make up what's known by fans as the "Granian" sound.

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Sunday, November 7, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

On the campus of Oakland Community College Bldg H
Orchard Lake Road at I-696 in Farmington Hills

A juried professional art fair where you will find unique gifts
which will long be treasured by family and friends

Admission is \$5 (Bring in this ad and receive \$1 off admission)
Children under 12 are admitted free. Parking is free

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Magic Radio
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