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Soccer parents set goals for improvements

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A group of Plymouth Canton Schools parents is undertaking a \$200,000 project to build a freshman/junior varsity soccer field and improve practice facilities at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park

Although we've got a really first class soccer program at all three high schools we don't have first-class physical facilities, said Bob Harris, a member of the committee that presented the plan to the Board of Education

Committee member Mike Marsh said there are just too many teams using the current high school facilities

"When you look at the expansion across the Park from two to three high schools and in many cases where you have a varsity team and junior varsity freshman teams, that's now expanded to six teams across each high school, 18 teams participating on each site," said Marsh. That obviously puts a tremendous amount of pressure on the existing field

In benchmarking it with other facilities when you consider all the elements of the soccer program - the bench area, concession booths, restrooms and the like - we are among the worst in the Western Lakes Conference, ranked at the very bottom," he said

As well as improving the practice facilities and constructing a new game field (\$50,000) the plan calls for constructing a multi-purpose building to include a concession stand handicap accessible restrooms and storage (\$115,000) building, best in class bench areas, including an announcer's booth and dugouts (\$30,000), an improved public address system, and constructing handicap access to the spectator stands

Marsh said there is strong interest among the parents of soccer players, past and present, to support the comprehensive effort to upgrade the soccer complex

"We plan to use extensive private funding, with a very aggressive campaign," said Marsh. "We have a lot of passion in making this a success. We'd like to have all this operational and ready to go by August"

Marsh said the group has already secured \$10,000 in private commitments. But while

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PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Adam Burton and Elise Goudreau of Wayne pause for a quick kiss after she accepted his marriage proposal at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Tuesday. The proposal - and her acceptance - came on the third anniversary of the couple's first date.

Proposal warms ice festival

Couple celebrates first-date anniversary with wedding plan

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Elise Goudreau walked through Kellogg Park Tuesday with her boyfriend, Adam Burton, enjoying the ice sculptures much like they did on their first date at the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular three years ago.

She seemed surprised when she turned to see her mother,

Tricia Bayer, and other family members coming up the opposite sidewalk.

And she was stunned when she turned back and Burton was on one knee in front of a heart-shaped sculpture which encased a couple of red roses and included the inscription, "Elise, Will You Marry Me?"

Even the television news crew

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Ice festival organizer Mike Watts and world champion carver Ted Wakar of Canton struggle to hoist a block of ice while setting up for the 2005 Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular.

Window only victim as car crashes into house

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Doris Avis was sitting at a table eating her lunch in the rear of her Starkweather Street home Friday afternoon when she heard a loud noise.

"I heard an awful bang, then a loud crash," said Avis, 89. "I thought it was a truck and a whole bunch of stuff that fell off it. Then, somebody banged on my door and said 'Go look'."

That somebody was Plymouth police Detective Jamie Grabowski, who was making certain no one in the house was injured after a 2001 Mercury Grand Marquis

crashed onto her front porch shortly after 5 p.m., breaking the front picture window and causing some structural damage.

According to Grabowski, 87-year-old Carl Marsee of Plymouth ran the stop sign while traveling eastbound on Farmer at Starkweather in Plymouth's Old Village. Marsee collided with a gray Honda Civic driven by 28-year-old Shannon Jones of Canton Township, careened into a light pole, and then veered northbound on Starkweather - moving at a

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DAVE DIXON

No one was seriously injured Friday when this 2001 Mercury Grand Marquis crashed onto the porch of a Starkweather home, breaking the front picture window.

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Starting next month, Buddy's Pizza and the *Observer Newspapers* will honor good citizens with A Random Act of Pizza.

Each week, *Observer* readers will nominate a person or family who will receive a home-delivered Buddy's Pizza dinner. Tell us in 50 words or less why you or someone else deserves this home-delivered treat. Do you know someone too busy to cook because of volunteer work? Or do you know a single mom or dad who could use a break? Tell us about your great neighbors, the new family down

the street or the busy family who could use some time together.

Be sure to include the name, address and telephone number of the family you nominate.

Selection will be done by *O&E* staff members. Send nominations by e-mail to Ken Abramczyk at kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

Dinner includes pizza, salad, Buddy Bread, soft drinks and table setting.

The dinner is just a small way to celebrate a special person or family in 2005, said Marcy Brontman, marketing director for Buddy's.



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Magic Moments

Do you remember the magic that happened the first time you met that special person? It's those special moments sometimes even funny that remain in our memory forever.

Tell us about the first time you met your sweetheart and you could win a

\$200 gift certificate from Murray's and two tickets for *Phantom of the Opera* at the Masonic Temple on Wednesday March 2. On Sunday Feb 13, the *Observer Community Life* section will feature readers' Magic Moments.

Send yours by Friday, Feb 4 to Hugh Gallagher, *Observer Newspapers*, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail to hgallagher@oe.homecomm.net

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Since 1985, the *Observer & Eccentric* has honored outstanding students through its Academic All-Star program. This year marks the *Observer's* 20th year of honoring local students and we'd like to hear from our former Academic All-Stars.

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Special annual sections about the Academic All-Stars have saluted the intelligence,

involvement and industry of the best and brightest students in public and private high schools around Oakland and Wayne counties.

This year, we're planning a special edition in honor of the program's 20th anniversary.

If you're a former All Star or a parent who can provide information and photos about your former All Star, e-mail Special Editor Mary Klemic at mklemic@oehomecomm.net or mail to *Observer & Eccentric*, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Mary Klemic can be reached at (734) 459-2100. You can e-mail photos in a jpeg format (please send largest size possible) and make sure photos are identified. The special section will be published in May 2005.

Clarification

Brad Kadrich's column on retired Plymouth-Canton teacher Elizabeth Donnelly in the Jan. 13 *Plymouth Observer* should have said her son, Mac J. Donnelly, Jr., was killed in the line of duty in 1977.

Sagear scholarship

The Rotary Club of Plymouth-Canton is looking for students who have displayed courage, perseverance, spirit and creativity in succeeding in achieving an education, despite a physical, mental or emotional barrier.

Students eligible for this \$500 scholarship will also have shown an appreciation of others and a commitment to their community.

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Ice age at the library

The Plymouth District Library, in conjunction with the University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History, will present the first of three programs on Michigan during the Ice Age.

The programs are designed for children ages 5-12 and their parents.

The first program, Distant Elephant Cousins in Michigan, will be held at 7 p.m.



PHOTO BY HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Closing curtain

Soprano singer Karin White (left) plays along with baritone Thomas Petiet during Orchestra Canton's final performance of the season Saturday at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Orchestra Canton, an extension of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra which just completed its inaugural season, hopes to do five shows next year.

Wednesday, Jan. 26. Registration is requested as attendance is limited to the first 25 children signed up. Parents must accompany each child attending.

To register, go to the Reader's Advisory Desk on the first floor of the library or call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. This series is made possible by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library and the Speckhard-Knight Foundation.

Damaris award

The Plymouth Community Arts Council presents the Damaris Fine Arts Award to a Plymouth-Canton senior who has "displayed outstanding abilities in visual arts and plans to continue his or her education in this field."

Deadline to apply for this \$600 scholarship is March 18.

For more information and the application, visit the Web site at www.artsculture.com/DamarisAward.pdf.

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Mothers of Multiples

Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples will hold their Spring Sale 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 5, at the Plymouth VFW, 1426 S. Mill, north of Ann Arbor Road.

Department-style shopping with baby and children's clothing from newborn to 5T, maternity clothing and baby gear. There will also be a bake sale. Admission is \$1 for adults, no strollers please.

New year, new name

Argent Home Loans at 670 South Main Street in downtown Plymouth became last year's news when, effective Jan. 1, the company changed names to Allegro Home Loans.

Established three years ago on Main, Argent has been steadfast in providing mortgage services to its clients,

most of whom live in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area. Business partners Mark Savitskie and Nancy McKeon, each 25-year residents of Plymouth, attribute this happy circumstance to the acceptance and support of their neighbors in the community.

"People respond to personal service, to a having a real live person who will take the time to talk to them about their unique financial situation," McKeon said. "People have become frustrated with the big banks and mortgage companies because these institutions just can't furnish that level of service. We may have a new name, but we're still offering the same kind of personal attention we always have."

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Designer's challenge

Designer's Choice sponsors "Designer's Challenge Question Time" at its warehouse, Provincetown Center, 15073 Northville Road, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. Art, furniture and home accessories will be displayed and available for purchase, with a staff of designers on hand to help with design problems. Participants should bring pictures, fabric and sizes to get design tips. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (734) 454-9222.

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East meets West in symphony concert



Yi



Gao

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Nan Washburn, presents its February concert, 'Pacific Overtures' featuring music from China and Japan, at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on the corner of North Territorial and Beck in Plymouth.

East meets West in this concert featuring music from China and Japan, including music for erhu, a two-string bowed Chinese instrument. Toronto-based erhu soloist George Gao will bring to

Plymouth two works — his own *Capriccio* and a piece by fellow Chinese-Canadian composer Anlun Huang, *Four Ancient Scores from Dunhuang* (1999).

Huang's work is based on 1,700-year-old ancient Chinese scores discovered on the Silk Road. Award-winning Chinese-American composer Chen Yi will be a special guest for the performance of her *Ge Xu* (Antiphony) (1994) written for the San Francisco Women's Philharmonic (an orchestra that Music Director Nan Washburn co-founded).

Japanese composer Kaoru Wada, known internationally for his film and video game soundtracks, will have his orchestral work *Folkloric Dance Suite* (1987) featured. As part of the Instrumentation program the Plymouth-Canton Middle School Orchestra and the Celebration Strings will again perform side-by-side, playing Mao Yuan's very popular Chinese composition *Dance of the Yao People*.

Prior to the performance, patrons are invited to hear a special on-stage talk at 7:15 p.m. featuring Washburn and guest composer Chen Yi. This is a special introduction and a chance to ask questions about the evening's musical program.

Following the performance, patrons are welcome to stay for the Afterglow reception. This concert is sponsored by the DTE Energy Foundation and New Liberty Bank. It is supported by the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Tickets for the performance are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. Students up to 12th grade are admitted free to all subscription concerts. Groups of 10 or more receive a 10 percent discount. For tickets or more information, e-mail info@plymouthsymphony.org or call (734) 451-2112.

Diversity a never-ending journey

School program honors King's life, message

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As a 12-year-old boy growing up in the cornfields of Canton Township — near Ridge and Napier roads — Frank Wu always knew he'd be different. As the son of Asian-Americans, Wu heard the stereotypes.

"Are your parents communists? How can you see with your eyes like that?" remembered Wu. "It didn't matter how I tried to be like the kid next door, things will always be different for me."

Wu, a 1988 graduate of Salem High School and now the dean of Wayne State University's Law School, spoke to Plymouth-Canton educators Monday during a professional development seminar focusing on diversity, while honoring the works of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Wu said he still hears the stereotypes. "On the street I'm greeted with karate chops, as if I was Jackie Chan or Bruce Lee," he said. "People think I sell Ginsu knives, or break cinder blocks with my head."

On the day set aside to honor King, Wu said "it's the one day of the year I don't expect it."

Wu noted diversity is a never-ending journey, just like democracy.

"It's not a march to a destination, not to ever think about it again," said Wu. "But, realizing once we march, and rest, we pick up and march again."

The march isn't about a destination, but about a journey.

That's why Wu, who had a tenure



HEATHER ROUSSEAU

Frank Wu, who grew up in Canton, is a 1988 graduate of Salem High School and dean of Wayne State University's law school.

track job at Howard University in Washington, D.C., decided to come home.

It was a chance to be part of the renaissance of a major U.S. city, said Wu of moving to Detroit.

"As I was growing up, people would say Detroit is going to turn the corner, but it never did."

But, when I found out about the

new baseball stadium, the new football stadium, the new Opera House and performing arts center, the riverfront being redone and houses being built in the city, I wanted to be a part of that," he said.

Wu said he made a conscious effort to live downtown in Detroit's Lafayette Park, to show he was seri-

ous about being part of the city's turnaround and reshaping its image.

"The work I do is about democracy, participation and civil rights," he said. "If I'm serious about what I write and talk about, I've got to roll back my sleeves and go back to my hometown. Otherwise, it's all talk."

Wu, now 37 and the author of *Yellow, Race of America Beyond Black and White*, said King was great at bridge building, asking people to live up to what they claim are their ideals.

"It's important for us to see that Dr. King, although he spoke profoundly and compellingly about the condition of African Americans specifically, his message was universal," said Wu. "It's not just a matter of self interest. It's a matter of the principles we believe in, and whether or not as a nation we live up to them."

Angela Wong, a fourth-grade teacher at Field Elementary with a bi-racial ancestry, said she could relate to Wu's stories, remembering growing up in Canton.

"I got the same questions," she said. "Where are you from? Were you adopted? Half-breed, go back to where you came from."

It was horrible," she said. "As a young kid, there are mean things that come along every day. But, when you have those thrown into the mix, it was tough."

Carolyn Washington, the principal at Hulsing Elementary, has lived in Canton the last 21 years and watched as the population has become more diverse. Washington, an African-American, said her daughter was once the target of "skinheads" while attending Salem High School.

"I've seen things change, and I see things that need to be changed," said Washington. "Race and prejudice isn't just black and white, but with people who are different."

"Learning to appreciate and respect diversity is a journey, not a destination," she said. "It will never end, and we just have to keep working on it."

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PROPOSAL

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and the two newspaper photographers didn't set off any bells.

I'm totally speechless, she said after agreeing to marry Burton. I had no clue. When I saw my mom, all I thought was, 'Oh my moms here.'

Burton's proposal was old-fashioned in more ways than one. Not only did he get down on one knee to propose, he asked Goudreau's family beforehand for permission to propose. Burton went over to talk to Goudreau's family and hatched the plan.

He came over Sunday and asked if it was OK, said Bayer,

a Wayne resident. It was hard to keep the secret for those few days. We think (Burton) is wonderful.

Burton admitted to having some nerves, particularly when family members were a little slow arriving, but said his only real concern was that everything go well.

I wasn't really nervous, it was more I was just hoping everything was going to go right, that I wouldn't trip or anything, the prospective groom said. I wanted it to go smoothly, which it did.

The proposal capped three years of dating. Burton brought Goudreau to the ice festival Jan. 18, 2002, on the couple's first date. The couple has returned to Plymouth on the anniversary of that first

date every year.

This year was no different — until the proposal, an idea which began cooking in Burton's mind last year.

We go there every year, and I got the idea when we went there last year, Burton said. When it was coming up again this year, I thought it would be a good time to do it.

He successfully caught his bride to be off-guard.

I am completely stunned, Goudreau said. He seemed a little nervous when we left the house, but I had no idea this was coming.

In case anyone's wondering, she said, yes.

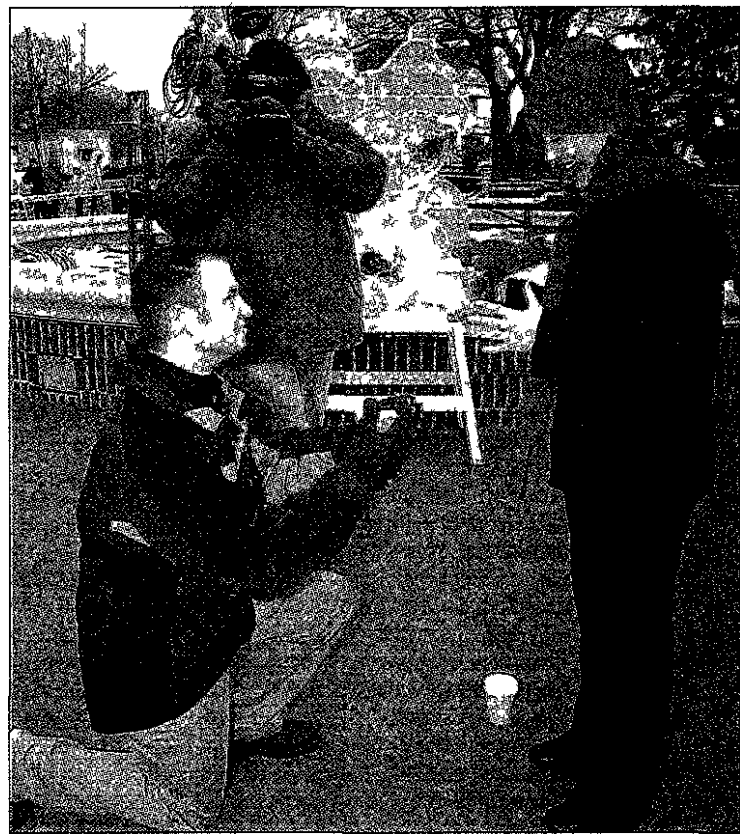
The proposal was the highlight of the first few days of the 23rd annual festival, which expanded to a full week

this year. Temperatures stayed in the teens and 20s throughout the first few days, and the festival even survived a few inches of snow that fell in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

The festival continues through Sunday, and features the work of a professional ice carving team from Japan. Also on tap are competitive performances from local world champions Ted Wakar of Canton Township and Tajana Raukar of Plymouth.


Saturday's schedule features exhibitions and competitions among culinary arts students from Schoolcraft, Washtenaw, Henry Ford, Macomb and Oakland community colleges, as well as from the University of Michigan Dearborn.

Among the other highlights are an exhibit of the gowns of First Ladies at the Plymouth Historical Museum and the 'Rockin' the Ice Age' exhibit in the annual Fantasyland in the Gathering.



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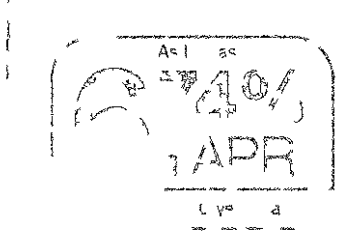
Adam Burton of Wayne didn't let a television camera unnerve him when he proposed to his girlfriend of three years, Elise Goudreau, Tuesday at the Plymouth ice festival.



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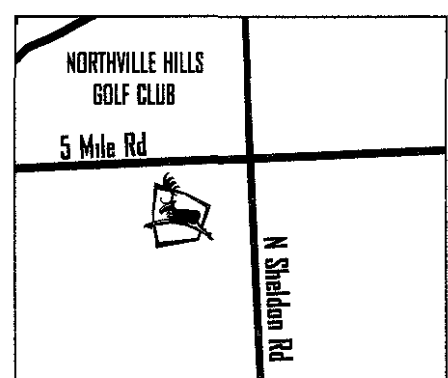
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CRASH

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high rate of speed - traveling nearly a block before crashing onto the porch of Avis' home

"I was sitting inside looking out the front window when I heard the crash," said Gary Mobley, who lives just a few houses from the accident scene. "After he took the telephone pole out, he went straight across Starkweather and jumped the curb," he said. "There was no stopping him."

Avis' next-door neighbor, Ann Nelke, was looking at the black tire marks on her driveway, and the mangled Marquis front bumper left behind as the Marquis drove across her lawn, narrowly missing the black Honda parked in her driveway. "I looked out and this car came flying and hit Doris front step and jumped onto the porch," said Nelke.

Grabowski said Marsee, who wasn't seriously injured, was cited for failure to yield at a stop sign.

"We really dodged a bullet," said Grabowski, noting not a single car was traveling Starkweather at the time of the mishap, no pedestrians were walking in the cold weather, and no one was seriously injured. "It couldn't be a more perfect kind of accident."

Ila Marsee, who was across the street at the Plymouth Fish Market at the time of the accident, said Carl hit his head, but was doing fine.

"He's never had an accident in his life while driving, that's why this is so upsetting," she said. "He said he was trying his best to control the car so he wouldn't hit any other cars or anyone on the sidewalk."

The accident into the Avis home reminded the Marsees of an accident several years ago, in which a garbage truck crashed into their Penniman Avenue house.

As for Avis, she was in pretty good spirits just moments after the accident.

"I've got a Christmas tree in that corner otherwise I'd be sitting there and would never have gotten away from it," she said. "But, it takes more than this to rile me up. I'll turn 90 in March and I've been through a lot."

SOCCER

FROM PAGE A1

the financial plan calls for extensive private funding, Marsh asked the school board to consider using leftover funds from the 1999 bond issue to help support the project.

"What we're asking from the board is any residual assistance that can be provided from the 1999 bond issue to help match private donations, as part of our mission," he said. "The balance raised would be through private funding efforts."

School board President Mark Slavens likes the community effort, but is cautious about committing scarce district funds.

"It's great they have parent involvement," Slavens said. "We've just got to see what financial resources we have available, and we'll wait on what the administration says about that."

Superintendent Jim Ryan seemed a bit more optimistic, but still said "it's a slim possibility."

"We're looking at the 1999 bond projects, and we've done a good job of saving a considerable sum of money," said Ryan, who noted there could be about a million dollars left over. "We'd like to build a new salt storage and tear down the red barn at the Park, and update middle school technology labs."

"If there's anything left, and there's some way we can help, we owe it to them," he said. "They've been so professional and positive, and I want to take a look to see if there is any way we can help them."

DEATHS

A
Alexander N Adair, 82, formerly of Livonia, died Jan. 15

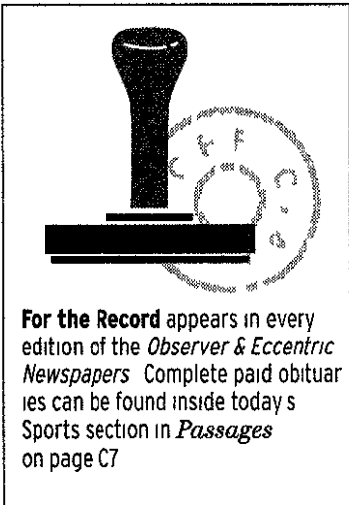
E
John C Eising, of Plymouth, died Jan. 13

H
Mary Rose (Fricker) Hausman, 75, of Plymouth, died Jan. 15

J
Mary Janeczko, of Westland, died Jan. 13

L
Mary Alice Luce, 74, of Wayne, died Jan. 15

M
Gertrude E MacDonald, 93, of Farmington, died Dec. 21
Olive Jeanne Mettetal, 81, of Plymouth, died Jan. 10



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 C7.

Thomas P Moore II, 68, died Jan. 14

P
Eileen Pott, 82, of Birmingham died Jan. 12

R
Loella Roehm, 92, of Franklin, died Jan. 11
Rev. Michael (Gilbert) Rozewicz, 64, died Jan. 14

S
Francis Patrick Xavier Sullivan Jr., of Redford died Jan. 14
Jewell V Swiercz, of Westland, died Jan. 14

V
William Alfred Villerot, of Westland died Jan. 17

W
Rena Wax, 92, of Bloomfield Hills died Jan. 13

Z
Paul William Zuber, 52, formerly of Redford, died Jan. 3

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OUR VIEWS

Time to consider school board run

If you're still considering running for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, you don't have as long as you might think to make the decision.

And if you're not thinking about it, maybe you should. Either way, the filing deadline is coming up faster than it has in previous years, thanks to the new state law that only allows elections in four months of the year. With the school board election moved from June to May, the filing deadline has also crept closer, coming this year Feb. 8.

Which gives prospective board members just under three weeks to answer this basic question: "Do I want to have a role in determining the course of our schools?"

Historically, there isn't a whole lot of interest in running for the board. Traditionally, there aren't a lot of candidates.

And, judging by the annual vote totals, where the last few years turnout has been less than 5 percent, there isn't a lot of interest in the school board period.

This always baffles us, because perhaps nowhere in elective government can an elected official affect more lives than on the school board. It's the one body that has control over the future of our most important asset — our children.

And in these tight economic times, the Plymouth-Canton school board — along with school boards across the state, really — faces huge challenges, particularly with its budget. With state revenue sharing taking hits the last several years, Supt. Jim Ryan said he put together five different budgets in an attempt to anticipate what the state would do.

There's only one seat up for grabs this year — that of incumbent Tom Wysocki — which might keep the field lower than normal. And there's also an inclination to think that inexperience will keep you off the board. However, in the last few years, first-timers Wysocki, Carol Saunders, Joanne Lamar, Rich Ham-Kucharski and Barry Simescu have all been elected.

There are a lot of reasons not to run for the school board. "I don't have the time." "It's a big responsibility." "I don't know anything about running a school district." "The dog ate my filing application."

The truth is, not running is much easier than running. However, the one true reason for getting involved trumps all excuses for not. You can help determine the future of our children.

Taxpayers deserve frugal governments

At the end of last year, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Lt. Gov. John Cherry made a gesture in the fight to rein in the troubled state budget by volunteering to take a pay cut.

Though small and fiscally insignificant, the symbolism is important. We must look at every option to trim fat from government at all levels, eliminate non-essential services to preserve essential services, cut back administrative costs and find ways to eliminate duplication of services.

Right-sizing government won't be easy. People in power want to retain that power. Any reductions in work force or benefits are going to be resisted by employee unions. Questions of ownership and power sharing, as in the ongoing dispute over water and sewer rates and services, are a legal tangle with racial and urban vs. suburban overtones.

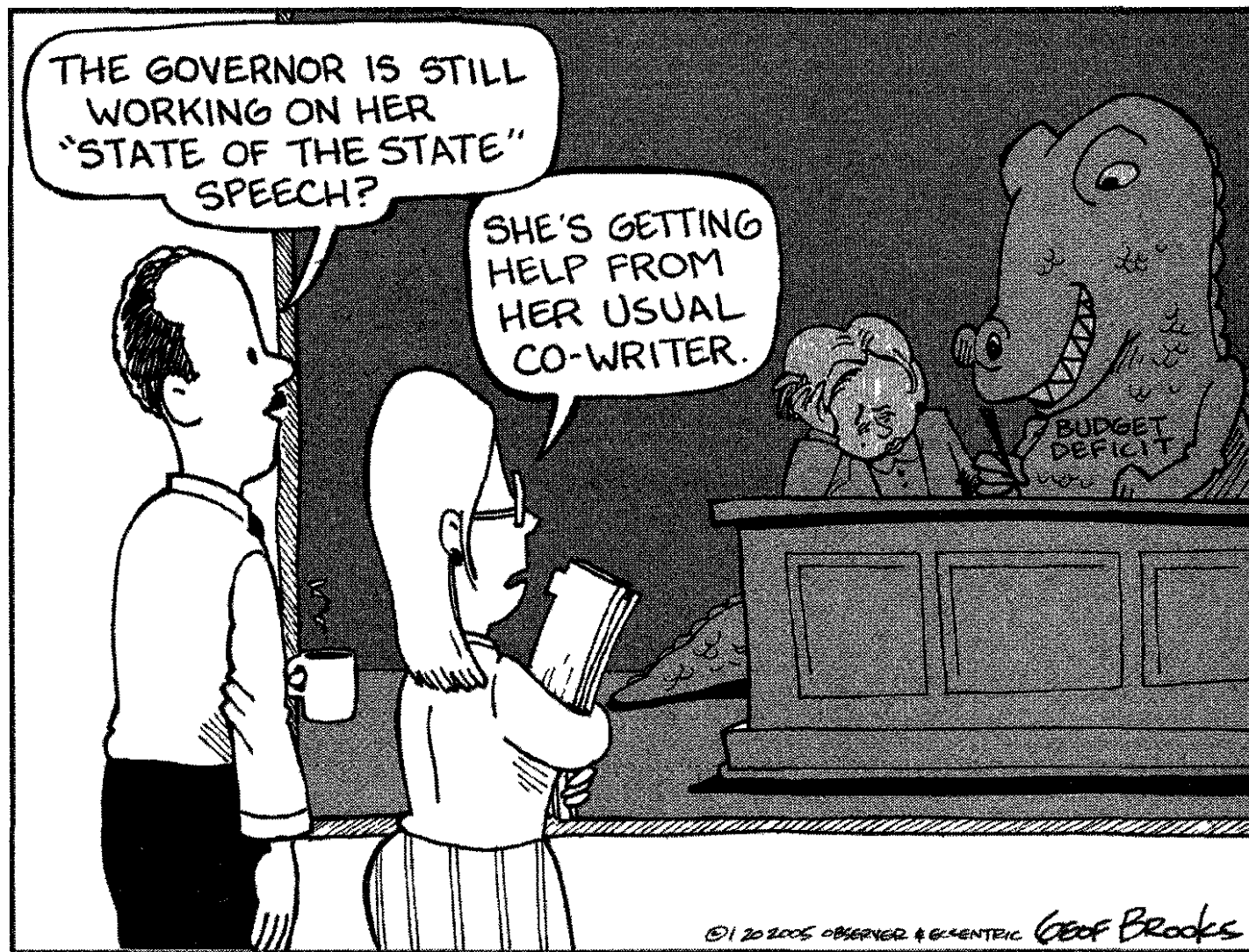
And some residents feel they have more control and get more response from their local government.

But it is clear that taxpayers are willing to pay only so much for government services and they want to know that they will get a fair return on their dollar. They also want to know that they aren't paying twice for the same service.

Governments are aware that more needs to be done. Plymouth and Plymouth Township share a joint fire department and police/fire dispatch. Livonia, Redford and other communities have been in discussions about combining emergency dispatch services. Farmington and Farmington Hills combine library and recreation services and are discussing combining police/fire dispatch.

The Conference of Western Wayne County, a consortium of 18 western Wayne communities, gathers together the chief elected officers of those communities to discuss common concerns, pending legislation and services. The Southeast Michigan Conference of Governments acts as both a research department for local governments and a conduit for regional funding for transportation and other projects.

We need to decide whether government is here to serve residents or to serve itself. At the local and county level, we need, to borrow the governor's favorite phrase, to think outside the box and create a leaner, less top-heavy government structure.



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LETTERS

Postal problem

My neighbor has dogs, too many dogs I think, but they seem to be within the rules of Plymouth Township. These dogs bark at everything that goes by the front of the house. Anything but cars, they rush the fence and raise a racket.

Enter a new mail carrier who, humorously enough, claims to be afraid of dogs. We have the mail boxes attached to the house by the front door and the dogs have frightened him on occasion during delivery. Did I mention they bark a lot?

These dogs have never jumped the fence, but they do look like they wouldn't be happy about anybody getting too close. I know these dogs and a sharp word will shut them up and send them running for the door but in all honesty the carrier doesn't know this.

The owner of one of the dogs was walking him on a leash down the sidewalk one day and the mail carrier claims the dog "challenged" him. The dog probably wanted to see him run like he does any other time.

Anyway, the mail carrier told his supervisors that the dog was dangerous and, as I was told by the postmaster, because they want to "err on the side of caution," my neighbor was directed by the post office to put up a mailbox at the side of the road.

Problem solved, right? Wrong. Now the mail carrier doesn't want to get out of his vehicle along the whole section of street, so EVERYBODY has to put up roadside mailboxes.

These dogs live two houses from the corner. The carrier delivers mail, on foot, along that street as well. The dogs see and bark at him, but it seems to be OK as those people continue to receive the mail at their door.

But because I live next to a person who has dogs, I cannot. The carrier is supposedly afraid of dogs, but others on the route have dogs that bark at him and they continue to get the mail delivered to the door, as do the people that live on both sides of them. I cannot.

So I put up my mailbox by the road so I could get my mail. I had to go to the post office to get the mail that was held from the time I got my notice, by the way. No time to comply, no, "You need to have this done by."

I got the notice in the mailbox and didn't get any more mail until the box was at the road. That was a month ago.

This past week my mail quits again and now I am informed that I can't park my vehicle in front of my house because it interferes with the carrier driving up to and away from the box.

I'm not looking for special treatment here, but I am a little upset that I have to jump through a bunch of hoops because I live next to somebody who has dogs. Am I being a whiner or do I have a reason to think I am being treated unfairly?

E-mail replies are welcome, rickg5106@yahoo.com

Rick Guarino
Plymouth Township

Fund-raising thanks

I am writing to thank you and the Plymouth-Canton community for the tremendous support I have received

fund-raising money for Samsung Won orphanage, here in Gumi, South Korea. The article you ran Thursday, Jan. 6 ("TAG students rise to challenge") nicely highlighted the efforts of 27 Miller Elementary students who reached deep into their pockets and hearts to give to the 86 children of Samsung Won this holiday season.

In addition to thanking Mrs. Sullivan's fourth-grade class again for their efforts, I wanted to highlight the contributions of other Plymouth-Canton residents. In a response to my e-mails and via word-of-mouth, last month 25 other Plymouth-Canton families and individuals donated more than \$1,000 to this campaign.

In total, Plymouth-Canton contributions accounted for more than 35 percent of the \$4,753.49 raised to date. Samsung Won is truly lucky to have friends and supporters 5,000 miles away in Plymouth and Canton.

For more information about Samsung Won and this ongoing campaign, I invite you to visit this Web site: <http://home.comcast.net/~aimee-jachym/ssw>. It will be updated in the upcoming weeks to reflect the most recent contributions and efforts.

For the support I have received on this campaign, financially and otherwise, I want to thank the Plymouth-Canton community, on behalf of Samsung Won, from the bottom of my heart.

Aimee J. Jachym
Fulbright ETA
Gumi High School, South Korea

Questions test

My, how quickly the supporters of the Michigan Merit Exam seem to have forgotten about the ill-fated High School Proficiency Test (HSPT).

As a 1997 graduate of Canton High School, I was a member of the first class to take this test, which I think was scrapped after about two years. I believe my diploma has a sticker for proficiency in math and science, but not for English and reading, my two strongest subjects.

I feel sorry for the kids who are going to have to take this Michigan Merit Exam, as the *Observer* reports it will be like the ACT and could have more of a bearing on college admissions. Thankfully, the HSPT did not affect my chances of being accepted to the University of Michigan, where my first-year writing professor commented that I came into the Residential College "as a good writer and worked to polish [her] many skills."

After getting the results from the HSPT, I had concerns about making it in Ann Arbor. However, when my first-year seminar professor told me I should do well at the university, I quickly let go of any doubts concerning my writing.

Since graduating from U-M, I have earned a master's degree in clinical psychology, and hope to go on for a Ph.D. someday. It's a good thing I did not let my life after high school depend on that one test.

Furthermore, as someone who makes a living administering psychological tests, I know how many, many years of research go into developing and norming such tests. I wonder how many years

were put in to researching the HSPT, and how many will go in to the Michigan Merit Exam?

Amy Olszewski
Plymouth

Thanks for help

On behalf of the Salvation Army, I cannot express enough of our gratitude for your outpouring of support and help through this Asian crisis. What a day it is for us to work together for such a worthy international cause. Never in my lifetime have I experienced such an outpouring of support and unity of purpose.

My one request is that we as a community, both the Salvation Army and the news media always be aware that our efforts to help the victims of the tsunami disaster are unified in purpose and out come. As we view our role to be service providers, we are concerned that no one single fund-raising effort view their success alone. We are committed to a community effort. If your efforts result in little or large results, you are part of the "total" Salvation Army tsunami effort. And our public reporting will only indicate this.

When we say "From Michigan With Love," we are saying together we can make a difference. Thank you for your support in this challenging project.

Maj. Norman S. Marshall
divisional commander
Salvation Army

Thanks to all who serve

I would like to openly express my thanks to those individuals who served all of us without respite during the holiday season — our military personnel, medical personnel, municipal servants, such as our firemen and policemen, clergy members, and also those who assist the homeless, abused, and impoverished.

Many times these individuals are taken for granted as the rest of us go about enjoying our holidays. I believe, however, that they deserve a special thanks for serving us. So, to all who have served in some capacity during this busy time, I would like to say thank you. May your New Year be extra special.

Virginia Gruse
Livonia

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"This is a horrible law. ... The more I learn about it, the more it shows me nobody thought this through, especially for districts that have multiple municipalities. It's obvious this will cost us three to four times more than it would cost us to put on an election. ... It's bad law, and we're going to give away money that we could be using to educate kids."

— Dr. James Ryan, Plymouth-Canton schools superintendent, on the new state law consolidating elections

Help the tsunami victims, but be careful how you do it

It's been nearly four weeks since a killer tsunami snuffed out an estimated 160,000 lives in parts of southeast Asia, and caused untold billions of dollars worth of property damage.

Even with the passage of time, images of one of the worst natural disasters in history remain fresh. Still, it is hard to grasp the magnitude of the disaster, even with a steady stream of videotape and news reports flooding the Internet and television on an hourly basis.

Predictably, the world — led once again by the United States — has mobilized to help the tens of thousands of people whose lives and spirits were broken by the giant waves. Not since the terrible day that the twin towers of the World Trade Center came crashing down have we seen such an outpouring of support.

Locally, it seems everybody is raising money for the relief effort. The vast majority of the efforts, I'm sure, are sincere and well-intended. Still, being a trained cynic, some of the press releases that have come across my desk recently have activated my scam radar.

I'm not saying any of the efforts are a fraud or in any way illegal. But I have to question if some of the fund-raisers — intentionally or otherwise — using a tragedy to promote a business or product.

Many local businesses are using their locations as collection sites for donations, which is a good thing. Several are going a step further and matching the donations up to a set amount, which is a great thing.

But a fund-raising effort that requires the purchase of a product or service calls into question just who is really benefiting from the effort.

Some recent examples of fuzzy fund-raisers that have crossed my desk in the past week include:

- A group of 40 car dealers pledging to donate \$25 to the Salvation Army for each vehicle sold during the month of January.

- A Southfield chiropractor offering \$25 evaluations with the proceeds being donated to the relief effort.

- A Franklin bead store offering to host free bead parties and donate a percentage of the resulting sales.

- A local gay church 'boasting' it had collected \$1,214.17 from its congregation and then using the rest of the six-paragraph

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release to promote the church. ■ A local university offering to donate the proceeds from a soup supper to the relief effort, and throwing in either a ticket to a women's basketball game or salsa dance lesson.

Asking people to give money to any cause is never easy. Over the years, I have been involved in many fund-raising campaigns for various groups and organizations I have worked with.

My experience has been that if the person you are asking believes in the organization you are pitching or, more importantly, has faith in you, the cash will come. Demonstrate a need, build a sense of trust that the money raised will be spent for the intended purpose, and the rest will take care of itself.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been raised to date to aid the tsunami victims and begin the rebuilding process. It will take years, and hundreds of million dollars more, before the physical scars caused by the disaster are repaired.

Events like the tsunami serve as painful reminders of just how fortunate we are to live in a time and place where most of us take for granted life's basic necessities of food, shelter, clean water and sanitation. We can't help but feel a need to reach out and help those who now have none of these things.

We all need to do our part. But before deciding how to help, ask yourself this question: Does it make more sense to simply write a check directly to one of the relief organizations, or buy a car, take a salsa lesson, host a bead party or schedule a chiropractic evaluation in the name of tsunami relief?

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Joe Bauman

With new job in hand, Canton mom looks forward to far better days

Renée LaForest gets to do something this week she hasn't done in nearly three years. LaForest, the Canton mother of three whose youngest daughter, Delaney, has been battling a brain tumor, finally gets to cash a paycheck.

That may not seem such a big thing to you or me, or to anyone else with a regular job that provides a check every week or two, no matter how small. To LaForest, who for three years has had to watch her savings dry up and then, particularly in the last several months, had to depend on the kindness of strangers, it's everything.

And it comes at a time when nobody could have blamed LaForest for giving up. After all, in the last three years, she'd lost two jobs, had her daughter diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma and struggled to keep her family afloat.

It was a fight neither the battle-weary LaForest nor her children ever quit fighting.

Now, with a New Year and a new job at Borders in Ann Arbor, she can look forward to rebuilding the life she enjoyed before Laney's illness.

"This job was a godsend," said LaForest, whose primary skill is in corporate training and computers.

The job wasn't the only thing LaForest believes God sent her. A deeply Christian woman, LaForest doesn't think her family could have survived the long ordeal without a lot of prayers being answered.

Members of her former church in Ohio and families in her Canton neighborhood have responded in ways LaForest couldn't have imagined.

Church families at St. Thomas a' Becket in Canton (her new church), along with the St. Vincent dePaul Society and the Plymouth Salvation Army, responded to her story with kindness and help. It was a lot for the proud LaForest to accept after an adult life spent providing for her own children, but she knew it was either that or crumble.

She bit her tongue, swallowed her pride and let people — genuinely caring people, she was pleasantly surprised to find — help her. Families with names like Carter, Barman, Dunn, Faunce-Jones, Hulett, Weiser and Trost all banded together to provide food, clothing and shelter.

Strangers appeared at the Salvation Army and St. Thomas a' Becket with grocery bags, shopping bags or just envelopes. Some contained cash, some simply good wishes.

All touched LaForest's heart equally. The generosity actually got to be too much, and when LaForest's pantry overflowed with donations, she was able to give some back to other needy families. That eased the pain of her own need.

"When I think of all the families that reached

out in one way or another to bring cheer to our lives this past holiday season, prayers, gas or grocery cards, or gifts of toys and clothing for the children, it warms my heart," she said.

Still, LaForest struggled. Employer after employer heard her tale and, while sympathizing, pointed out either that LaForest would have to miss too much time with Delaney's medical appointments, or that she'd been out of work too long.

It was a Catch-22. The high-paying companies wouldn't hire her because she hadn't had a full-time job for a couple of years, and she couldn't get the lower-paying jobs because employers figured — rightly so — LaForest would bolt at the first sight of greener pastures.

Then came the Tuesday before Christmas, when a recruiting agency found her resume on Monster.com and recommended her to Borders. Twenty-four hours later, LaForest had a three-month commitment, with a chance at full-time employment in April.

Until then, she's happy. The job is challenging, her employers are willing to let her work around Delaney's medical schedule and she can even wear jeans if she wants.

"The company seems very family-oriented, the women I work for and with have children, one woman has survived cancer herself," LaForest said. "They were not at all fazed when I explained my time away from corporate America since Delaney became ill and I chose to leave the work force. They focused instead on what I could bring to their organization, as it should be."

She's not used to being up at 5:30 a.m. to be at work by 7:30. She's not used to having to go to bed when her kids do, so she can get enough sleep. But you definitely aren't going to hear her complaining. "I'm thrilled to be back at work after two-and-a-half years off, so excited really!" LaForest said. "Good stress, bad stress, it's all stress, but I will find a way to manage the good and be grateful that it is finally good."

The entire experience has LaForest reassessing her life, and her goals. She's considering going back to school to do social work, something she's learned a lot about the last three years. She would like to help others fighting some of the same kinds of problems the way others have helped her.

It's the one saving grace of enduring the ordeal. It has served a purpose — to point out where my focus must remain going forward, the importance of family, and reinforced my faith, hope and love in God," LaForest said. "I still pray early and often for those of you getting your lives back together, and those still fighting. I've always looked at all of you as a family of sorts, and you will remain in my thoughts always."

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She's no 'dumb blonde'; Canton model knows cars

BY SAM TRICOMO
STAFF WRITER

Dressed in smart black slacks and a white shirt blonde-haired Justine Blazer of Canton has a surprise in store for any would-be challengers to her automotive knowledge.

The surprise She has the answer 'A lot of guys will try to stump you, but I'm prepared,' she said as she stood near Chevrolet's latest incarnation of the mini-van, the Uplander.

Blazer is one of scores of spokes models helping automakers explain their products to throngs of people attending the North American International Auto Show.

The 2002 Canton High School graduate regularly travels with General Motors to various auto shows throughout the country.

"I absolutely love it, and the people are great," she said.

Behind Blazer's Uplander display a fellow spokes model is explaining the features of Chevy's Sierra pickup truck to a gathered crowd.

Within a second of that presentation's conclusion Blazer quickly checks her wireless microphone, collects her thoughts and launches into her own presentation about the Uplander.

From the V-6 powerplant to the mix of car and mini-van features in the vehicle, Blazer delivers her message seamlessly.

Blazer is well practiced before a crowd. In addition to regular auto show work, she is the lead singer of her own band, Justine Blazer and the Dogmatics.

This year she has also broadened her reach by performing the National Anthem for several professional sports teams including the Detroit Pistons, Boston Celtics and Green Bay Packers.

Before the week is out,



Justine Blazer explains the advanced mobility features on the Chevy Uplander. Blazer is a resident of Canton.

Blazer will have come in contact with an estimated 800,000 visitors. By day two of the show Jan. 16, 210,332 people had already paid the \$12 entry fee to get into the show.

But cars not people are the real stars of the show and for U.S. Army Sgt. Calvin Hill of Detroit there could be no better way to spend an afternoon than squeezing between people in crowded Cobo to view the latest in sleek sedans.

"It's been three years since I've been to the show and it's

really something. Seems bigger and better than I remember," he said.

Hill isn't necessarily car shopping though he'd like to be.

Soon he will be rejoining his unit in Iraq where his vehicle of choice will likely be the military version of the famed Hummer.

Hill and his brother-in-law Leon McGee were hoping to get close to the Ferrari display to view the newly launched Superamerica.

Also hot on their list was the Cadillac hotrod the STS-V, a

Getting to and from the North American International Auto Show

PRNewswire - Planning to go to the North American International Auto Show, but worried about parking? The NAIAS Web site www.naias.com features an interactive map of Detroit that includes all parking garages as well as driving directions.

The NAIAS is running six to ten shuttle buses daily along the Detroit River from Joe Louis Arena to the Renaissance Center parking structures. There are approximately 10,000 parking spaces in the Renaissance Center parking facilities. In addition, the Detroit People Mover is fully functional, and has several convenient stops near the NAIAS. Visit www.thepeoplemover.com for more information.

The 2005 show runs through

440-horsepower version of the already popular STS.

"It was already great with the 300-horsepower engine. This is really going to be something," McGee said.

Auto show organizers feel

Sunday, Jan. 23 at Cobo Center, 300 Civic Center Dr. in downtown Detroit. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Saturday, and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Admission ends one hour prior to show closing.

Admission is \$12 adult, \$6 senior citizens 65 and older, (tickets must be purchased on-site), children 12 and under free when accompanied by a parent. E-Tickets can be purchased online at www.naias.com. A voucher will be issued with every eTicket order. This voucher must be used to redeem eTickets at the eTicket window, located at the Oakland Hall entrance of Cobo Center. Tickets are also available through the Ticketmaster Web site, www.ticketmaster.com or by calling (248) 645-6666.

2005 will prove to be a good year in terms of attendance. "We're thrilled with the reception we've seen so far," said Detroit Auto Dealers Association President Bob Thibodeau.

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Never too early

Home shows help consumers brush up on new spring projects

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Winter may have lulled you right onto that sofa. With fewer daylight hours and what seems like the long commute home from work in the darkness, you may not be inspired for projects in your home right now.

But the Novi Home Improvement Show Jan. 28-30 is a chance to kick off the winter "blahs" and check out what exhibitors have to offer for your home in 2005.

Now is the time to think of those spring projects and start securing contractors or at least get names, numbers and information to make a decision.

Jim Voepel, owner of Sun Home Improvement in Plymouth, looks forward to these winter home improvement shows.

"It promotes a lot of business for me," Voepel said. "Most people who go to that show are from this side of town. They leave me their names and I come out and quote jobs for them."

"People can do comparison shopping right at the show, as you can see the exhibitors side-by-side and find out about their businesses just by talking to them. You can talk with them and get an idea about that person and their business."

For business owners like Jim Narens, the show actually gives him a chance to display what his business — Granite Transformations of Southeast Michigan in Farmington Hills — is all about.

"With our product, you can actually see a

What: Novi Home Improvement Show
When: Friday-Sunday, Jan. 28-30
Where: Novi Expo Center, Novi Road just south of I-96
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cutaway of the Formica and granite, and understand what we do," Narens said. (Narens sells a granite composite product that is 95 percent granite and 5 percent polymer that is sealed.) This composite granite can be glued with epoxy to an existing countertop, but the product is also used in showers and around fireplaces, Narens said.

Narens shows customers the ease of installation, without any demolition, which is a large expense on home renovation projects.

It goes over the top of existing countertop, right over the Formica, right over brick or right over tile, Narens said. "Most people aren't aware of this product — we've kind of come in under the radar even though we've advertised

But when they see it at one of these shows, they can ask a lot of questions about it. And we can tell them they don't need to tear out their counter, it has a 10-year warranty and is maintenance-free."

The show features more than 300 exhibitors including the latest technology, products and services for kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, arts and crafts, spas, electronics, heating, cooling and other activities. (See related chart.)

Gene and Katie Hamilton, authors of books and magazine articles on remodeling and repair and nationally syndicated newspaper columnists, *Do It Yourself-Or Not*, will share their how-to information to make home improvement projects go faster and easier and offer tips for repairs to basic home improvements around the house.

Joe Gagnon, the *Observer & Eccentric's* Appliance Doctor, will broadcast his call-in show *Ask the Handyman* live on WXYT-AM (1270) 8-10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, then he

PLEASE SEE SHOWS, B5

Accents

Seymour visit

Emmy and Golden Globe-winning actress, artist and author Jane Seymour will visit the area this month.

In a personal appearance, Seymour will give a design seminar to launch the new Grand Hotel-Mackinac Island Home Collection.

The free event will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, at Parisian at The Village of Rochester Hills, on the northeast corner of Adams and Walton Boulevard.

The collection was inspired by the Victorian-decor and romantic ambience of the legendary Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

Seymour will discuss her inspiration for the collection and offer creative suggestions for home decorating. She will also autograph purchases from the collection.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Call (248) 276-6705 for more information or to make a reservation.

Search the library

The University of Michigan's Library now offers aids to planning and planting an organic garden.

An electronic collection of historic United States Department of Agriculture research bulletins and miscellaneous publications related to organic agriculture are online at www.htl.umich.edu/n/nal/. The more than 200 documents in the collection were published before 1942, a period before synthetic chemicals became widely used. Yet, the collection contains state-of-the-art information and data that is still quite pertinent for today's agriculture.

The collection comes from the Alternative Farming Systems Information Center, part of the National Agricultural Library and is fully searchable and available to the public at no cost. For more on the U-M Library, visit <http://www.lib.umich.edu/>.

About batteries

"Christmas is over, and now for your toys. Batteries are needed for all girls and boys. So, which ones are best? And which passed our test?" say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"Some batteries last longer than others. To determine which are best for you, we loaded leading brands of disposable alkaline AA and D-cell batteries into toy trains, various flashlights and portable CD players," they write. "We ran each one continuously until each battery was totally drained."

"In CD players and smaller flashlights, Energizer Max Double-As were tops. For powering up our toy trains, Duracell Copper-top Double-As chugged longest. For heavy-duty emergency lanterns, Duracell Copper-top D-cells made the grade."



Fantastic house fits real life family

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Janice Morse and Craig Steinhaus smile when they speak of Morse's Bloomfield home as a *Brady Bunch* house.

Indeed, the 7,800-square-foot house is beautiful enough to steal the spotlight as the set of any TV show or movie. And the stairway near the foyer can bring to mind the stairs in the home of the fictional Brady family.

But this is the very real life residence of Morse and her niece and nephew. It's a comfortable as well as magnificent home for her and the youngsters, ages 10 and 12.

"It's very livable," said Morse, interior designer and owner of Designs Unlimited in West Bloomfield.

"We use the house. It's not intimidating."

Morse and Steinhaus will host this year's Patron Party for the Snow Ball, the annual fund-raising event for Variety, The Children's Charity.

Morse's stunning home will be the site of the party Friday, Jan. 28. The Snow Ball will take place Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Townsend Hotel in

A modern sculpture provides a different view of the living room.



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Janice Morse and Craig Steinhaus will host the Patron Party for this year's Snow Ball, which benefits Variety, The Children's Charity. The party will take place in Morse's Bloomfield home, which she and Steinhaus renovated.

Birmingham (see related item).

Morse and Steinhaus, principals of Morhaus Development of West Bloomfield, completely renovated the house.

This included moving rooms to different locations, combining smaller rooms into suites, and even dividing a racquetball court horizontally to make it into two rooms.

PLEASE SEE FAMILY, B6

They're slick: Pick the right PDA for '05

Having just completed work on the fifth edition of *How to Do Everything with Your Palm Handheld*, I'm in a PDA state of mind.

In case you're not familiar with them, Personal Digital Assistants, also known as handheld PCs, excel at managing your calendar, contacts, and to-dos. But the latest models do so much more — they're like pocket computers.

Let's start with the snazzy Tungsten T5, PalmOne's flagship handheld.

It sports a big, beautiful screen, tons of memory, and a Bluetooth wireless radio.

The latter, coupled with a Bluetooth-equipped cell phone,



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enables you to check e-mail and browse Web pages just about anywhere. Slick.

PalmOne supplies superb Microsoft Office-compatible software for working with Word and Excel documents. The T5 also does MP3s, movies, photos, and audio-books.

Unlike most other PDAs, the T5 doesn't lose the contents of its

memory if its battery dies. Cooler still, you can use it like a portable hard drive to ferry files and data between computers.

If the T5's \$399 seems too steep, consider PalmOne's Tungsten E for \$199.

It's physically similar to the T5, and although it has a smaller screen and no wireless goodies, it does just about everything else. Killer deal.

I'm equally enamored with PalmOne's new Treo 650, a near-perfect mixture of PDA and phone.

PLEASE SEE PDA, B5



Campers, RVs visit the Silverdome

Ever wonder what the big attraction is to RV travel? Wonder no more after a visit to the Michigan Camper, Travel & RV Show at the Pontiac Silverdome Jan. 26-30.

Many enthusiasts enjoy the flexibility, convenience and affordability of RV travel," said Mike Wilbraham, show producer for ShowSpan, Inc. "RVs offer a hassle-free way to see America, while travelers enjoy the freedom to go where they want, when they want without the hassle of advance reservations and airports."

Over 300 RVs from 19 dealers representing over 100 RV brand names will be on display and for sale at special show pricing. Every RV product from folding camping trailers and conventional travel trailers to truck campers, motor homes and fifth wheels will be available for families who are looking to purchase their first RV, looking to upgrade their present RV or for the veteran camper to explore new camping adventures.

Authors, columnists and 'RV travel junkies' Joe and Vicki Kiéva will teach full time RVing seminars, sharing their knowledge and experiences on how to live the RV owner's dream. They start with introducing the newcomer to RVing, and then provide experienced RVers with information about trips, full-time or extended RV living, camping and traveling in an RV. They are the authors of three books and two videos, write columns for Highways and Woodall's RV Traveler magazines and have been seen on NB affiliates and CNN.

The best campgrounds for great hiking in Michigan will be revealed by outdoor writer Jim DuFresne. He will also inform RVers on planning their



This RV kitchen features granite counters, inside of a Landmark model, which will be exhibited by General RV in Wixom at the Michigan Camper, Travel & RV Show at the Pontiac Silverdome Jan. 26-30.

Alaska RV vacation. DuFresne is an author of over 15 outdoor and wilderness/travel books, including Lonely Planet's "Alaska" guidebook and "Michigan's Best Campgrounds: A Guide to the Best 150 Public Campgrounds in the Great Lakes State."

A 1929 Ford Model A Roadster pulling a 1930 Covered Wagon Travel Trailer will be in the antique auto camping display from RV historian and Smithsonian consultant David Woodworth.

Vacation information will be available on all the camping and travel destination options from tourism bureaus and campgrounds. Other exhibits

will feature accessories, towing systems and camping and cooking equipment.

Tips and advice will be available from RV experts on selection, pricing, features, options, design and maintenance.

RVers can bring a recipe for the Campfire Cook-Along Recipes program and get online access to dozens of other campground and tailgate cooking ideas.

And finally to see the whole show, Parabounce helium balloon ride will gently float a rider up to Silverdome's roof while being tethered.

ShowSpan also produces the Ford Field Camper, Travel & RV Show March 3-6 in Detroit.

The 22nd annual Michigan Camper, Travel & RV Show hours are 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$7.50, \$3 for children 6-14 and children five and under admitted free.

Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are available online at www.MichiganCamperShow.com.

On-site parking is available for a fee. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy.

For more information visit www.MichiganCamperShow.com or call (800) 328-6550.

GARDEN CALENDAR

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Seminars

English Gardens presents free gardening seminars Saturdays in January at its five metro Detroit stores: in West Bloomfield (phone: (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone: (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone: (313) 278-4433), Clinton Township (phone: (586) 286-6100) and Eastpointe (phone: (586) 771-4200).

Starting Seeds Indoors will be the topic 11 a.m. Jan. 22. Get a head start on gardening and learn how to grow your own transplants. English Gardens experts will share their knowledge of growing flowers and vegetables from seed. Learn which varieties work best and what's required to get the best results. Two seminars will be presented Jan. 29: Introduction to Orchids at 11 a.m. and Attracting Birds to Your Yard at 1 p.m. Orchids are the longest lasting of all flowering plants, providing beautiful blooms that last many months. The morning seminar will provide an introduction to all English Gardens varieties and give tips on caring for orchids throughout the year. It will be presented by John Doherty of Zephyrus Orchids at the Royal Oak/Troy store and by an English Gardens expert at the other stores.

The afternoon seminar will give you tips on plant materials and other elements necessary to create a garden that's home to birds, butterflies and other small creatures.

Another free seminar, Growing Beautiful Orchids, will take place 12 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30 at the West Bloomfield, Royal Oak/Troy and Clinton Township stores. For the nearest English Gardens location call (800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

MBH Garden Club

Oakland University's Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club will meet 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 28, in the Coach House adjacent to Meadow Brook Hall on the OU campus in Rochester.

Member Nan LaRosa, master gardener and frequent visitor to the famous Chelsea Flower Show in London, England, will be the guest speaker. She will present slides showing the latest trends in gardening as well as other visual treats from the show. Non-member donation \$5. Reservations aren't required.

For more information call (248) 299-3948 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

Ash borer fair

The Emerald Ash Borer Information and Ash Wood Utilization Fair will take place 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Road in Ann Arbor.

The event is free and open to the public. It is hosted by Michigan State University in partnership with the Southeast Michigan State University Extension Resource Conservation and Development Council. For more information call Karen Reynolds, EAB education coordinator at Washtenaw County MSU Extension at (734) 997-1678 or e-mail her at reynolka@washtenaw.org.

Using a variety of educational displays and demonstrations, the fair will address many of the questions homeowners may have about the Emerald Ash Borer and about the treatment and utilization options that exist for their trees.

Among the presenters will be representatives from many government agencies, area businesses (including tree care services, sawmills, woodworkers and wood product industries) and local municipalities.

Beverly Hills Garden Club

The Beverly Hills Garden Club will meet 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Beverly Hills Village Office, 18500 W. 13 Mile. George Papadalis, owner of Telly's Nursery in Troy, will present the program, "Annals for the Perennial Border." Guests are welcome.

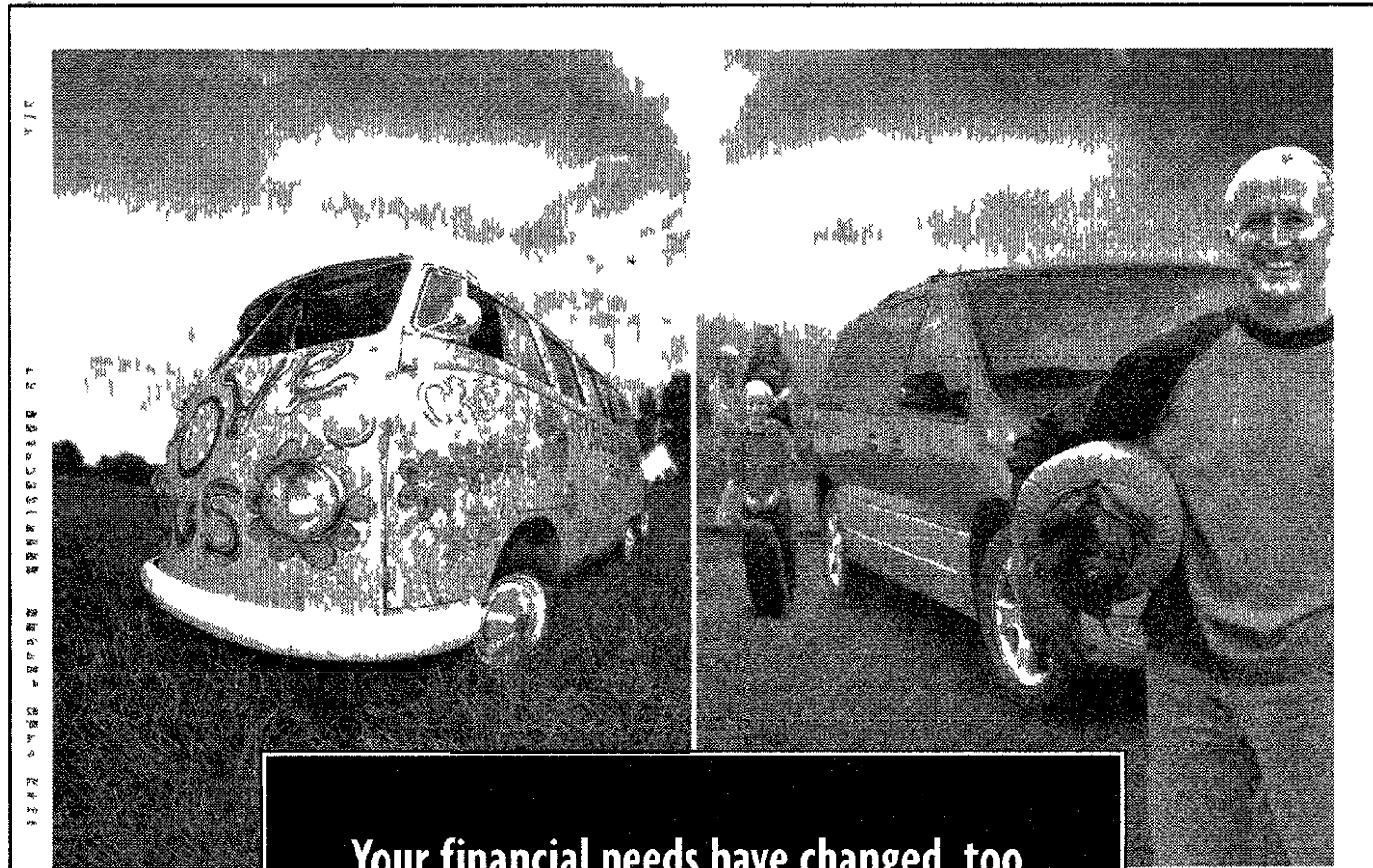
Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1 at the Livonia Senior Center, Five Mile and Farmington Road.

A floral design staff member from English Gardens will give a step-by-step demonstration of design basics for fresh flower arrangements. Visitors are welcome.

Downriver Rose Society

The Downriver Rose Society will meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2 at the Brownstown Community Center, 21311 Telegraph in Brownstown (between Sibley and West roads). Nancy Lindley, author of "Roses for Michigan," will present a colorful and lively slide presentation of Old Garden Roses, antique and fragrant roses that succeed in Michigan. Admission is free. The public may attend. For more information, call Mike at (877) 860-5364 or Tom at (734) 783-5010.



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It's idea time: Shop at home shows for contractors

Just glanced at the indoor/outdoor thermometer that's reading 12° F. It's hard to think that spring isn't all that far away. But then again, just a few days ago, it was 50° F.

Ah, Michigan weather. One thing for sure about this time of year there will be several home and garden shows to visit. Being in the building trade as an educator, columnist and contractor, and as homeowners, I, along with my wife, Karen, like to visit the shows for ideas.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

When we're at the shows, we often have differing opinions on what is good and bad. I'm always interested in new construction techniques and materials, new and innovative tools and equipment, fasteners and the like. These are the things Karen refers to as "boring stuff" (Hey, it must

be a boring thing). Karen loves the garden displays and uses them for ideas to incorporate into our garden. I'm into these ideas and Karen's artistic eye. We have quite an attractive yard. She also likes visiting the kitchen and bath displays for decorating ideas and she's always on the look out for all window treatment tips. And no visit to a home and garden show would be complete, in her mind without a stop at the Humane Society and the PLC greyhound adoption booths to say hello to the dogs. (We have two rescued greyhounds.)

No matter how you look at the home improvement and garden shows there is bound to be something there for everyone even if you see some of the displays as "boring stuff." Just as consumers are there looking for the best deals and best information on products and services, the vendors are there trying to sell them to us.

VENDORS PUSH FOR SALES

Sometimes the sales techniques used by some vendors can be a bit intense. Keep in mind that competition is keen and booth rental can be costly so the vendors need to make sales. Now please don't think for one moment that

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I'm criticizing the shows. In fact, this much competition in one place is advantageous for consumers.

As with any sales agreement you enter into do it as a smart consumer. It's definitely best to get at least three quotes on any project. You'll find that there may be vast price differences between vendors for the same job.

Don't be afraid to ask for an explanation of these differences. The cheapest (or most expensive) are not necessarily the best choice. Don't forget to get and verify references. Ask to see a copy of the copy of the contractor's license and their certificates of insurance before making your final selection.

A homeowner is responsible for payment to subcontractors or vendors who were not paid by the contractor. Licensed contractors in Michigan pay into the construction lien recovery fund. This money is used to compensate a homeowner who has a lien put on their property by an unpaid subcontractor or supplier. Further you can be held responsible for an injured employee or damage to a neighbor's property if the contractor doesn't have proper protection.

Most important, don't sign on with anyone you are not entirely comfortable with. Be certain to get everything in writing and keep a copy.

The Novi Home Improvement Show runs Jan. 28-30 at the Novi Expo Center. See you there on Sunday, Jan. 30, along with Joe Gagnon and the Ask The Handyman crew. Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

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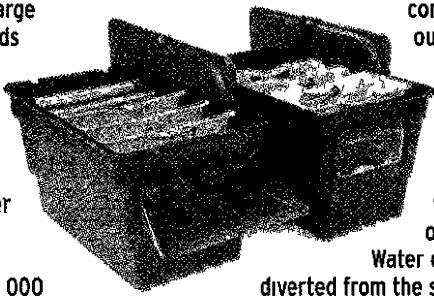
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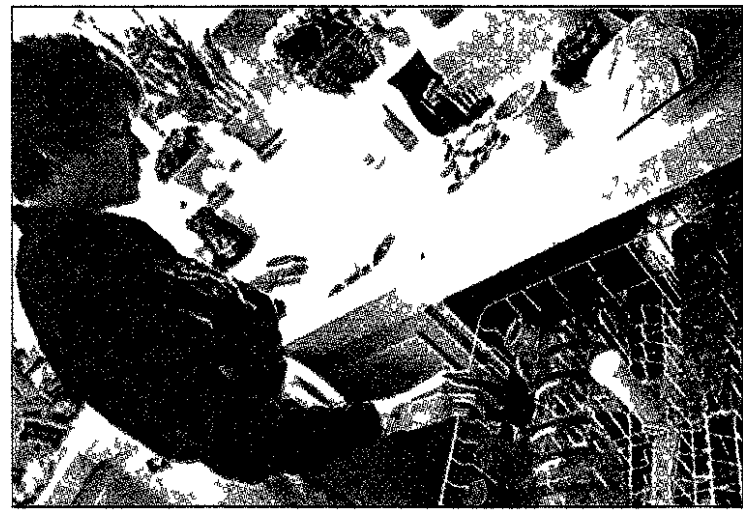
Choose a water heater for your home

(NAPSI) - Many people don't think about choosing a water heater until they're faced with an emergency situation. Fortunately, researching water heaters now can make finding the right heater easier whenever you need one. When shopping for a replacement heater or selecting a heater for your new home, one of the most important questions you can ask is: What size water heater do I need to keep my water temperature hot and my utility costs low?

A water heater's ability to meet household demand is determined by a combination of tank capacity and energy input. The amount of hot water a water heater can deliver in the first hour of use is called the "first hour rating" and is a critical figure during peak demand periods. The best way to increase first-hour rating is to increase tank capacity. "It really boils down to a lifestyle issue," says Cliff Deidiker of State Water Heaters. "The average family

A water heater's ability to meet household demand is determined by a combination of tank capacity and energy input.

today uses more hot water than ten years ago." He points out that nearly every home now has a washing machine, a dishwasher, and a minimum of two bathrooms. Furthermore, an increasing number of homes are being equipped with large whirlpool tubs that use up to 80 gallons of hot water at one time. "People are using the bathroom more as a retreat. They're bathing in bigger tubs and taking longer showers with multiple shower heads that use a significant amount of a home's hot water supply," says Deidiker. Plumbing contractors are



Since most homes have dishwashers, washing machines and two bathrooms, plumbing contractors recommend larger water heaters.

increasingly recommending and installing 50- to 75-gallon capacity water heaters as opposed to smaller models. Safety is also a key consideration. Manufacturers now preset water heater thermostats to the lowest point on the thermostat prior to shipping. State strongly recommends the thermostat then be set to a maximum of 120°F to reduce the risk of scald burns. In order to meet ever-changing lifestyle demands, a comprehensive selection of State Water Heaters is available from professional contractors nationwide. To find a contractor near you, visit www.statewaterheaters.com or call 800-365-0024.

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SHOWS

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will remain at the booth to answer consumers' questions after the show opens at 10 a.m. Gagnon will be joined Sunday by Harry Jachym, a columnist who writes Ask Dad for the *Observer & Eccentric*. (See Jachym's column inside today's At Home section, Gagnon's column will appear next Thursday.) WJR-AM's *Home Improvement* show with Murray Gula will also be broadcast from the Novi show.

Chef J. Warren, professionally trained executive chef and former radio and TV host of *The 30-Minute Gourmet* and *SHHH! Famous Secret Restaurant Recipes*, will share his art and talent in the culinary arts as he presents *The Joy of Chocolate* demonstrations from the show as seen on NBC News, HGTV, *The Today Show* and *Good Morning America*.

Consumers can enter contests, too. There's a House of Nails contest sponsored by Wallside Windows where you can win up to \$10,000 of windows.

Another contest — The Ugly Bathroom Contest — also returns this year, sponsored by Mathison Supply of Livonia, Garden City and Canton where visitors can win a \$10,000 bathroom renovation.

There will also be a treasure chest contest with daily prizes. kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net | (734) 953-2107

More home shows

Here are more home shows
The Palace Home Improvement Show Feb 4-6 at the Palace of Auburn Hills Hours 5-9 p.m. Friday, Feb 4, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, Feb 5, and 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, Feb 6. Admission \$975, adults, \$875 seniors, children 12 and under admitted free Beverly DeJulio, host of HandyMa'am on PBS and Easy Does it on Discovery Channel, shares her how-to expertise by offering tips for repairs to improvements and redecorating that make life easier around the house.

There will be the Ultimate Home Theater Hook-Up giveaway sponsored by 100.3 WNIC and Grosse Pointe Alarm, live broadcasts of WJR's Home Improvement show with Murray Gula, sponsored by James Hardie Siding Products and live Appearances by radio hosts from WNIC. For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit www.builders.org

The Macomb Home Improvement Show Feb 18-20 at the Macomb Sports and Expo Center at the Macomb Community College South Campus at Hayes and Martin, just south of 12 Mile in Warren.

Hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday, Feb 18, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb 19, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, Feb 20. Admission is \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and children 12 and under free. Other features of the show are Taste of the Town with daily cooking demonstrations, recipes, ideas, tips and more from culinarians, including Macomb Community College's Culinary Arts Department. For more information, call (248) 862-1019 or visit www.builders.org

Ford Field Home & Garden Show (Feb 24-27) and Michigan Home & Garden Show (March 10-13) Includes flowering gardens, landscapes and exhibits on the latest home and garden products and services. Gardens and landscapes with blooming perennials, waterfalls, reflecting ponds, fountains, brick walkways and patios will be created for each show.

Show hours are 3-9:30 p.m., the Thursday of the show, noon-9:30 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Admission for each show is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-14 and children five and under admitted free.

For more information on either of these shows, visit www.FordFieldHomeShow.com or www.SilverdomeHomeShow.com or call (800) 328-6550

PDA

FROM PAGE B1
Why carry two separate devices when you can carry one?
Admittedly, the Treo's built-in camera could be better, and more memory would be nice, but it's still the best smartphone I've ever used.
If you're into games, the best PDA you've never heard of is the Tapwave Zodiac. Reminiscent of Nintendo's Game Boy, the Zodiac offers vastly superior graphics and sound.
Plus, it's a full-blown PDA, capable of running all the same great software as, say, the Tungsten T5.
In fact, it matches the T5

almost feature-for-feature, but costs quite a bit less. The 32MB model sells for \$269, the 128MB model, for \$349.
My sole complaint with the Zodiac is its size.
Though thin, it's a hair longer and wider than most other PDAs, making it a bit less pocket-friendly.
Finally, while I've never been a fan of Windows Mobile (formerly known as Pocket PC) PDAs, which I find overcomplicated, the Dell Axim X50 520MHz merits consideration.
Currently selling for just \$339, it features both Bluetooth and Wi-Fi wireless capabilities, plus Windows Media Player 10 Mobile. The latter enables you to watch movies and TV shows recorded on a Windows XP Media

Center Edition PC.
I love that capability, and for the moment only select Pocket PC handhelds offer it. Something to consider.
Whatever PDA you pick for 2005, there's a game you gotta have. Zuma (www.astraware.com), a just-released mobile version of the online classic.
It's the perfect way to kill five minutes — or five hours.
Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books including *How to Do Everything with Muscmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rickbroda@excite.com

HOME CALENDAR

Antiques show
The 16th annual St. James Antiques Show will take place Friday and Saturday Jan 21 and 22 at the church 355 W. Maple in Birmingham between Southfield Road and Woodward.
Twenty-seven exhibitors from Michigan and surrounding states will present a variety of antiques including furniture, jewelry, clothing, clocks and textiles. Proceeds benefit the church's outreach projects.
Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$6 with two hours of free parking in the city structure on Chester across from the church. Food service will be available at the St. James Cafe.
A special preview party will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$45. For more information call (248) 335-5462 or the church at (248) 644-0820.

Auction
The Frank H. Boos Gallery of Troy will conduct an auction 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday Jan 27 and 28 at the Troy Community Center 3179 Livernois just north of Big Beaver Road (16 Mile).
The auction will feature fine paintings, Orientalia, erotica, period English and French furniture, Georgian silver, presidential material and other items. Previews will take place noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the community center.
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'Everything sale'
The fourth annual Great Everything Sale will take place Friday and Saturday Jan. 28 and 29 at the Rochester Community House 816

Ludlow between Main and Livernois north of University Drive.
Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan 28 (8 a.m. early bird admission \$2) 9 a.m. to noon Jan 29 (\$2 bag day).
Objects for sale will include kitchen sinks, household items, small appliances, furniture, pictures, computers, clothing, baby furniture, toys, boutique items, collectibles, glassware, games and books. (You name it, we've got it!)
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Camper show
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The event will take place Wednesday, Sunday Jan 26-30 at the Pontiac Silverdome. Hours are 3-9 p.m. Jan 26-28, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Jan 29 and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Jan 30.
Admission is \$7.50 for adults, \$3 for ages 6-14, free for ages 5 and under. On-site parking available for a fee. Internet Express Tickets which include a free parking pass are available at www.MichiganCamperShow.com.
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FAMILY

FROM PAGE B1

What I like doing best is saving houses, said Steinhaus, an interior designer specializing in architectural restorations.

The house built by Bill Pulte of the construction company that bears the same name in the 1960s fits each member of the family.

Everyone has his or her own suite, including Morse's grown son and daughter when they visit. With the flowing layout of the house, suites and other rooms are private, but not isolated.

Great arched windows are on the upper level. Exterior cornice work extends inside. The foyer has an atrium feel.

The house features what Steinhaus calls Cranbrook brick, constructed of a mixture made specifically for buildings at Cranbrook that was discontinued about five years ago, he said.

Furniture and decor are an eclectic collection of contemporary, antique and traditional.

Most colors are cool - of such tones as cafe au lait, cream and copper - with touches of brighter hues here and there such as the red chairs and purple sofa in the first floor family room.

Placed throughout the house are large mirrors with ornate frames or etching, sleek sconces that emit a gentle glow, and light-colored, textured rugs over the dark wood floor.

COMFORTABLE COOKING

"The kitchen really, really works for us," Morse said.



There's room for everybody in the kitchen, which also features task lighting, a coffee maker, a warming drawer, a wine cooler and a beverage drawer. A fireplace adds to the warmth.

"Everybody cooks. (In this kitchen) everybody can cook at the same time and not be in anybody's way."

The kitchen includes two islands, one with room for seating. Among other features are task lighting, a Miele coffee maker, a warming drawer for bread, a wine cooler and a beverage drawer.

An adjoining area contains a stone fireplace and a marble table ringed by chairs.

The fireplace and countertops are brown, the table and cabinets white, the chairs black.

COMPOSITIONS

In the living room, brown, white and black form another harmonious composition. This time with drapes of soft yellow.

The sofa and oversized chairs are charcoal. A small round table is brown wood trimmed in black.

A modern sculpture is among the art work. Classic dark wood chairs stand on either side

of the fireplace, which is brown marble. Other furnishings include a contemporary chaise lounge and benches with slightly curved seats.

A lower level room designed for the youngsters has a kitchen, a pool table, a TV and a small, round table with four chairs, each with a brightly colored seat (red, green, yellow and purple).

OTHER ELEMENTS

A large Oriental screen that belonged to the children's grandmother hangs on one of the deep rouge walls of the dining room.

The elegant master bath also combines classic and contemporary, with stately mirrors, sconces and vessel sinks at the vanity. A bench of bamboo and rattan is in the center of the room. The first floor powder room is also elegant, with a sink made of an artistic bowl form Uruguay. The textured wall was achieved by soaking tissue in paste and painting over it.



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The living room is a harmonious composition of brown, white and black with soft yellow.

Snow Ball for The Children's Charity

What: An annual fund-raiser for Variety The Children's Charity. Proceeds benefit children with special needs in metro Detroit.

When: The Snow Ball will take place 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, at the Townsend Hotel ballroom on Townsend south of Maple (15 Mile) between Woodward and Southfield Road in Birmingham. The Patron Party will take place 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at Janice Morse's home in Bloomfield. A buffet dinner and cocktails will begin at 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$300 Friend, \$400 Patron, \$500 Benefactor. Benefactors and patrons may attend the Patron Party.

At the Snow Ball: Renowned stage screen and TV star Joel Grey and rising star violinist and

singer Sonia Lee will perform. The celebrated Johnny Trudell Orchestra will provide musical entertainment. A black-tie dinner and a live auction of fantasy packages will also be featured.

At the Patron Party: Hors d'oeuvres and a preview of the auction will be included.

Information: Call the Variety office in Southfield at (248) 258-5511.

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Salem's Dave Cardenas drives hard to the basket during the second quarter of Tuesday night's game against Walled Lake Northern. The Knights won their first game of the season, 46-40, over the Rocks.

Rocky road Northern's trapping 'D' stops Salem, 46-40

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Walled Lake Northern couldn't buy a victory in its first nine frustration-filled games.

So on Tuesday night at Salem, the Knights trapped one Sparked by a smothering, half-court trap in the second half, Northern outlasted the Rocks, 46-40, for its first boys basketball triumph of the season. Salem's record dipped to 1-9 (1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association).

"I feel good for the kids," Walled Lake Northern coach John Sharpe said. "We've been in all of our games this year, we just haven't been able to finish. We even struggled at the end tonight." "We wanted to mix up our defenses tonight and come out with something different in the second half. We played a man-to-man in the first half, and then trapped in the second. The kids worked real hard."

The Knights' scoring was balanced as four players accounted for 40 of their 46 points. Ryan Bahnmiller and Alex Roper both netted 12, while Nick Bortz and Joel Darn each contributed eight. Senior forward Jeff Lake paced Salem with 11 points. Billy Leddy had seven and Brad Zonca, Joe Halowicz and Kyle Price scored six apiece. Halowicz, who earned his first start of the season, grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. Leddy, Price and Dave Cardenas all pulled down six.

Both teams took a while to heat up Tuesday night. The first points didn't come until Leddy drained a long 3-pointer almost four minutes into the game.

As far as shooting accuracy went, things didn't get much better the remainder of the first half, which ended with the score knotted at 19-19. The Knights hit just 8-of-24 first-half shots, while the Rocks connected on 7-of-26.

With their trap giving Salem fits, the Knights found their rhythm offensively, too, as they scored the first eight points of the third quarter to go up, 27-19. B.J. Johnson and Bahnmiller both hit treys and Darn added a layup during the run.

A Roper jumper with five minutes left to play gave the Knights their biggest lead — 37-28 — but Salem countered with a 6-0 run of its own on a Leddy layup and four points from Zonca to cut the deficit to 37-34 with 3:23 left.

However, Northern regained the momentum seconds later when Bahnmiller pulled up four feet beyond the 3-point line and buried a long triple — and the Rocks comeback.

That was a huge shot," Sharpe said. "My shooters were getting good looks all night, but the shots weren't falling. Ryans only a sophomore, but he's not afraid to take the big shots."

A Cardenas free throw got Salem to within 44-40 with 15 seconds to go, but Bahnmiller finished off the Knights' first win with an uncontested layup with seven ticks left.

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Sidelines

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It is important that all coaches take the few minutes it requires to report results so that all of the area's young athletes get the coverage they deserve.

P-C Pride needs players

The Plymouth Canton Pride fast pitch softball organization has a few spots remaining on its 2005 rosters. The Pride offers three levels of fast-pitch competition to girls ages 8-16 in the U-10, U-12, U-14 and U-16 divisions.

Parents who are interested in getting their daughters involved in this organization should visit the Pride's Web site at

www.eteamz.com/pcpride or contact Denny Taylor at (734) 677-4257 or Tony Gould at (734) 254-0421.

The Pride will also accept applications at the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association registration slated for 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Summit on the Park in Canton.

Gymnasts shine

Four local gymnasts performed well at the Gym America Dominique Moceanu Invitational event held Jan. 7-9 in Broadview Heights, Ohio. Level 7 gymnast Kayla Weber, a fifth-grader at Eriksson Elementary School, won the balance beam in her age division with a 9.20. Weber also placed seventh on the vault (8.925), fourth on the bars (9.00), second on the floor (9.20) and second all-around (36.325).

In the Level 5 competition, Sidney Lane, a fourth-grader at Gallimore Elementary School, won the vault with an 8.85.

Other Level 5 gymnasts who placed were Olivia Ozeranic, a third-grader at Eriksson Elementary, finished eighth on the vault (8.35) and eighth on the beam (8.525) and Paige Wright, a fifth-grader at Eriksson, placed 10th on the floor (8.80).

Gym America is coached by Claudia and Ed Kretschmer. Gymnasts from all over the Midwest participated.

'Cat setters excel at UM-D invite

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth's volleyball team is improving with age.

The Wildcats advanced to the semi-final round of the University of Michigan-Dearborn Invitational Saturday before getting knocked off by eventual champion Farmington Hills Harrison in a three-set cliff-hanger.

"That is the best we've played so far this season," said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland, whose team now stands at 11-5-1. "I was extremely pleased with the girls' performance."

Junior Jeanne Moise stood out for the Wildcats, netting 40 digs, 54 kills and 13 blocks. She received a lot of

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help from setter Sarah Haskins, who recorded 73 assists, seven service aces and 12 digs.

Jeanne played a very technically sound match, McCausland said. "She really stepped up when we needed her to."

Other Wildcat standouts were Lindsey Vogelsberg (31 digs), Brandi Swynart, Janet Hanchett (16 kills and 11 digs) and sophomore Brittany Hengesh, who registered 14 blocks in her first varsity action.

Plymouth opened pool play with wins over Huron Valley (25-10, 25-16) and Redford Union (25-14, 25-15) before splitting with Dearborn Divine Child (25-9, 16-25). In the single-elimination portion of the tourney, the Wildcats upended Livonia Stevenson, 25-21, 25-16, before falling to the Hawks, 25-18, 16-25, 15-4.

Agape cagers run past Bethesda

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton Agape Christian is starting to make some serious noise in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, and that's music to the ears of boys basketball coach Keith Anleitner.

The Wolverines, who are 4-4 overall, ran their MIAC record to 2-0 Tuesday night with a convincing 65-52 road victory at Sterling Heights Bethesda Christian. The Eagles fell to 3-4 overall, 2-1 in the MIAC.

"The boys played very, very hard tonight," Anleitner said. "They played

good, man-to-man defense and they shot well. Bryan Horning had a breakout game for us tonight with 19 points and 16 rebounds."

The Wolverines raced to a 15-11 first-quarter lead and 36-19 halftime advantage. The Eagles outscored the Wolves, 33-29, over the final 16 minutes, but it was too little, too late.

Three Agape players scored in double digits. Joining Horning were Jack Anleitner and Gabe Molnar, who both had 14.

Chris Seitz paced the hosts' offensive attack with 18 points. Sean Clancy scored 16 for the Eagles.

Agape shot well from the free throw line, making 18 of 24 attempts. Bethesda struggled from the line, connecting on only 11-of-18.

The Wolverines will be severely tested Friday night when they host Taylor Baptist Park at Canton's Discovery Middle School.

"Baptist Park is unbeaten in the league, too, so this is a big game for us," Anleitner said. "Our goal is to win the league, which means we need to beat Baptist Park."

The opening tip is set for 7:30 p.m.

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Canton spikers bump Franklin in game 5

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It was probably a coincidence that the team stationed on the north side of the net won the first four games of Monday night's volleyball match between Canton and Livonia Franklin — but Chiefs coach Alex Perrin wasn't going to take any chances.

"When we got to choose which side we wanted for Game 5, I went with the side that all had all the wins," Perrin said.

Good choice.

Canton won the fifth and deciding game, 15-7, but the deciding factor turned out to be the Chiefs' accurate serving and nearly flawless execution, not the side of the court.

The victory boosted the Chiefs' record to 8-7-3 overall and 1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Patriots fell to 0-3 in the WLAA.

"There was a lot of tension built up for the final game," Perrin said. "Franklin is a lot like our team — it doesn't have a lot of big hitters, but they're tough because they play solid defense and they force you to execute. We only had one missed serve in the final game, which was important in a service-oriented situation like that. I was proud of the way the girls performed under pressure."

Senior Andrea Johnson came through in the clutch for Canton in the finale as she successfully served up the Chiefs' first two points and their final three. Two of the final three serves were aces.

The stellar play of senior Laura McKendry was the No. 1 reason there was a Game 5. McKendry led the winners with eight kills, 29



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Canton's Izabela Paszkowska tips the ball over the net during Monday night's third game against Livonia Franklin. Looking on are teammates Stephanie Price (10) and Laura McKendry (12).

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Canton's defense keys 43-37 victory

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASKETBALL

Livonia Churchill took the air out of the ball during Tuesday night's game against Canton.

Canton countered by taking the wind out of the Chargers' offense.

The Chiefs' defense buckled down to secure a 43-37 victory over Churchill, improving their record to 6-4 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chargers dropped to 1-9 overall and 0-4 in the WLAA.

"When Churchill has the ball, they take a lot of time off the clock, so they make you play defense for 35 to 40 seconds," said Canton coach Charlie Paye. "We were in control most of the game. We shot okay tonight, but not great."

Semior guard David Cahille paced a balanced Canton scoring attack with 11 points. Semior forward Julian Smith added 10 and Kevin Thornton twined seven. Thornton led all rebounders with nine boards,

Smith hauled down seven. Cortue Diaz netted nine points and six rebounds for the hosts. Nick Carquau had eight and five, respectively.

Canton led 13-8 after one quarter, 21-15 at the intermission and 35-26 with eight minutes to play. The closest the Chargers got was the six-point final margin.

Neither team shined at the free-throw line. Canton hit just 6-of-15 from the stripe while the Chargers connected on only 6-of-10.

Livonia Stevenson 54, Plymouth 51: Luke Knochel nailed a pair of free throws in the final 20 seconds to secure Livonia Stevenson (3-7, 1-3) a WLAA win Tuesday over the host Wildcats (7-3, 3-1).

Junior Andy Madeleme, who had four of Stevenson's six fourth-quarter points, finished with a game-high 16. He also grabbed six rebounds. Junior

Tony Lenardon and senior Tom Clements chipped in with 10 and nine points, respectively. Juniors D J Coleman and Jim Wilbur tallied 14 and 11, respectively, for Plymouth, which trailed 30-24 at halftime and 48-39 after three quarters. Josh Le Duc added nine.

Even though we scored just six points in the last quarter, we showed more poise and took care of the basketball," Stevenson coach Bill Dyer said.

The loss snapped a three-game winning streak for Plymouth.

"Stevenson has lost seven games by less than five points, so they're not as bad as their record would indicate," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner. "It was a winnable game for us, we just came out and played too passive. We only committed two fouls the entire first half. Stevenson ran some nice screens to get some kids open for threes, and we didn't handle them properly."

"Every team we play from here on out is going to make us earn a win, that's for sure."

Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 79, PCA 52. The Chargers drained eight three-point field goals to dampen the Eagles' hopes of pulling out a big road win. The loss dropped PCA to 4-5 overall and 0-3 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Inter-City.

Improved to 6-3 overall and 2-0 in the league. "I was happy with our performance tonight, we just didn't shoot well," said PCA coach Doug Taylor. "We executed our offense well and we did a good job of breaking their press. The shots just weren't falling."

Aaron Cibrowski led the Eagles with 17 points and nine rebounds. Stephen Sumner played well, netting 12 points and six assists. Matt Saagman scored 12 points for PCA, which hit just 3-of-10 free throws.

Inter-City raced to a 35-23 lead at the half before icing the win with a 31-point fourth quarter.

Lance Wild and Stephen Draper both scored 15 to lead the Chargers' attack.

SWIM RESULTS

WAYNE MEMORIAL BOYS SWIM INVITATIONAL
Jan 14-15 at Wayne

TEAM STANDINGS 1 South Lyon 311 points 2 Dearborn Edsel Ford 223 3 Wayne Memorial 207 4 Wyandotte Roosevelt 197 5 Plymouth 155 6 Westland John Glenn 109 7 Dearborn Heights Annapolis 78 8 Garden City 55

FINAL RESULTS

200-yard medley relay 1 South Lyon (Ryan Fulkerson Matt Witkowski Kevin Grinnell Zach Kadykowski) 1:46:14 2 Edsel Ford 1:51:76 3 Wayne 1:56:12

200 freestyle 1 Josh Gale (SL) 1:52:45 2 Evan Danz (WR) 1:58:58 3 Paul Mosier (WM) 2:00:46

200 individual medley 1 Witkowski (SL) 2:07:88 2 Craig Smith (WR) 2:15:08 3 Kyle Wroblewski (DEF) 2:22:98

50 freestyle 1 Kyle Kubitz (DEF) 23:84 2 Grinnell (SL) 24:26 3 Kyle Erdmann (WM) 24:41

Diving 1 Chris Noel (WR) 330:00 points (11 dives) 2 Jarrett Machovec (WM) 294:95 3 Kevin Beesley (WR) 292:80

100 butterfly 1 Fulkerson (SL) 54:95 2 Grinnell (SL) 58:92 3 Andy Knisely (P) 59:28

100 freestyle 1 Gale (SL) 51:62 2 Erdmann (WM) 54:74 3 Wroblewski (DEF) 54:94

500 freestyle 1 Witkowski (SL) 5:04:33 2 Danz (WR) 5:22:36 3 Barrette (DHA) 5:31:44

200 freestyle 1 South Lyon (Grinnell Richardson Kadykowski Gale) 1:37:02 2 Edsel Ford 1:38:49 3 Wyandotte 1:41:56

100 backstroke 1 Fulkerson (SL) 56:54 2 Alan Cisko (DEF) 1:02:76 3 David Kong (P) 1:04:31

100 breaststroke 1 Knisely (P) 1:08:01 2 Steve Kapeiczak (DHA) 1:08:53 3 Hernandez (WM) 1:11:28

400 freestyle relay 1 South Lyon (Gale Fulkerson Richardson Witkowski) 3:31:45 2 Edsel Ford 3:39:42 3 Wayne 3:40:44

NORTHVILLE 116 SALEM 69
Jan 18 at Salem High School

200-yard Medley Relay 1 Northville (Brad Farris Weston Laabs Will Bickie Joe Hogan) 1:45:77 2 Salem (Matt Jurcak Stan Chen Pat Sautural Penn Chow) 1:47:66 3 Northville (Hunter Schwartz Greg Sheppard Ryan Smith Adam Pulliam) 1:50:93

200 freestyle 1 Chris Keady (N) 1:47:02 2 Nick Dixon (S) 1:49:48 3 Chris Culkin (N) 1:52:28

100 IM 1 Will Bickie (N) 2:05:66 2 Greg Sheppard (N) 2:15:13 3 Weston Laabs (N) 2:15:98

50 free 1 Matt Jurcak (S) 22:98 2 Brad Farris (N) 23:40 3 Mike Higgs (S) 23:69

100 butterfly 1 Nick Dixon (S) 55:02 2 Brody Bickie (N) 56:73 3 Ryan Smith (N) 59:19

500 freestyle 1 Chris Culkin (N) 5:03:12 2 Will Bickie (N) 5:10:67 3 Joe Bardsley (N) 5:21:16

200 freestyle relay 1 Salem (Penn Chow Pat Sautural Nick Dixon Mike Higgs) 1:34:69 2 Northville (Chris Keady Brody Bickie Joe Hogan Will Bickie) 1:34:91 3 Northville (Mark Stuber Ryan Smith Weston Laabs Chris Culkin) 1:39:14

100 backstroke 1 Matt Jurcak (S) 55:67 2 Brad Farris (N) 57:80 3 Brody Bickie (N) 58:24

100 breaststroke 1 Stan Chen (S) 1:07:36 2 Weston Laabs (N) 3 Penn Chow (S)

400 freestyle relay 1 Northville (Brad Farris Chris Culkin Chris Keady Brody Bickie) 3:24:79 2 Salem (Nick Dixon Mike Higgs Pat Sautural Matt Jurcak) 3:25:79 3 Northville (Mark Stuber John Bardsley Ryan Smith Hunter Schwartz) 3:43:69

Chief icers sink Sailors, 9-1

PREP HOCKEY

Mike Kondratek had a hat-trick and a pair of assists to lead Canton to a 9-1 victory over Grand Rapids South Christian Saturday afternoon.

The Chiefs improved to 8-3-1 while Sailors dropped to 0-8.

"We played well," said Canton coach Mike Behen.

South Christian played hard right to the end, but we kind of dominated."

The Chiefs outshot their hosts, 41-8. Joining Kondratek with strong offensive efforts were Brad Barath (two goals), Reece McCabe (three assists) and Bryan Wioncek (two assists).

Semior goalie Jon Bonham picked up the victory between the pipes, shutting out the Sailors over the first two periods.

Freshman Kevan Swanberg played the final period in net for the Chiefs.

Livonia Stevenson 3, Plymouth 2: The Wildcats played the perennially strong Spartans tough Saturday night before falling one goal short.

"I was proud of the way the team battled against a very talented Livonia Stevenson team," said Plymouth coach Mike Kaput. "They have a lot of team speed and their puck movement is excellent."

The Spartans jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead before Plymouth's Billy Gauthier scored with 33 seconds remaining in the first period to cut the deficit in half.

Following a scoreless second period, Stevenson scored early in the third to go up 3-1. Brandon Winowiecki lit the

lamp with 1:20 left in the game to finish off the scoring for the Wildcats.

Justin Desilets played well between the pipes for Plymouth.

Plymouth 8, Walled Lake Northern 4: Nick Rosochacki and John Knoerl both tallied two goals and two assists to lead the Wildcats over the Knights Friday afternoon.

The victory improved Plymouth to 5-7 overall and 2-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Josh Dillon also had a strong offensive game for the 'Cats, netting three assists.

Billy Gauthier, Jason O'Gunn, Nick Rosochacki and Justin Gilliam also scored goals for the winners, who were bolstered by a strong game in net from goalie Justin Desilets.

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook 7, PCS Penguins 2: The Penguins suffered just their second loss in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League against eight wins and a tie.

The Penguins are one of only two unbeaten teams in the league (Grosse Pointe South is the other).

Cranbrook's Tara Saikarega was the game's first star, scoring four goals. Tara Bolhard and Adrienne Cercone scored for the Penguins. They were assisted by Emily Patton and Sharla Gillespie.

Both teams recorded 23 shots on goal.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - January 11, 2005

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday January 11, 2005, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call. Members Present:

Bennett Caccamo Kirchgatter LaJoy McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Members Staff Present: Director Minghine Director Durack Director Santomauro Director Conkin Director Faas. **Adoption of Agenda.** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the agenda moving Item C 1 Budget Amendment - General Fund - Community Services Division to Item G-8 Budget Amendment - General Fund - Community Services Division as amended. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Regular Board Minutes of December 14, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments.** Dan McCausland 328 Haggerty Road stated he had a complaint to bring before the Board in regards to the Township of Canton and a residential home he owns. In 2001 Mr. McCausland relocated a home on a piece of property he had purchased on Haggerty Road. After the relocation Mr. McCausland found that there was an improper sewer connection on that property. Mr. McCausland facilitated the repairs to that sewer connection and initiated a contract that allowed the neighbors on either side of this property to drain into this sewer connection. The house was relocated and reconstructed with all permits obtained. Motion by Caccamo to delay a decision and pursue a fact finding mission and to issue a 90 day Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Supervisor Yack asked for a second no second motion failed. Motion by Bennett supported by Caccamo to direct the Director of Municipal Services to pursue the issuance of a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy based upon the presentation of a 100% bond or deposit of remittance to the Township pending resolution of the issues in court related case to 821 N Haggerty. Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of Bills.** Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Zarbo to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Expenditure Recap for January 11, 2005**

General Fund	101	\$	267,851.68
Fire Fund	206		163,653.74
Police Fund	207		115,228.48
Summit Operating	208		37,308.34
Street Lighting	219		17,402.29
Cable TV Fund	230		1,548.00
Twp Improvement	246		127,647.50
Federal Grants Fund	274		4,578.93
Auto Theft Grant	289		27.05
Cap Proj Summit Const	402		3,972.61
Cap Proj Road Paving	403		1,885.41
Golf Fund	584		8,832.36
Water & Sewer Fund	592		146,649.04
Trust & Agency Fund	701		6,063.00
Post Employ Benefits	736		34,616.26
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815		123,994.19
Total - All Funds			1,072,223.88

Board Member Reports. Trustee Zarbo presented material for the Board. **PUBLIC HEARING: Item 1. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MAPCO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SUPERVISOR).** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to open the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. to consider establishment of the Mapco Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. George Merchant, President of MAPCO Manufacturing stated that his grandfather established the auto supplier business in 1952 in Plymouth. In 1971 his grandfather sold the business to his father. Mr. Merchant began working in the family owned business in 1985. The business currently has 41 employees and the facility is outdated. The business needs a new facility and the owners want to stay in Canton. The new facility will be 30,000 square feet and the company stated they will keep the current facility and refurbish. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to close the public hearing at 7:55 p.m. to consider establishment of the Mapco Industrial Development District. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution establishing the MAPCO Industrial Development District PA 198, 1974 as amended. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE MAPCO, 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 MAPCO 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 written notice has been given by mail to all owners of real property located within the district and to the public by newspaper advertisement in the Canton Observer and/or published posting of the hearing on the establishment of the district and WHEREAS on January 11, 2005, 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 MAPCO 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 4 of Tax ID #128 99 0005 701. Part of the SE 1/4 of Section 32 T2 S R8E Canton Township Wayne County, Michigan more particularly described as beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 32 distant South 87 degrees 32 minutes 28 seconds West 471 72 feet from the Southeast corner of said Section 32, and proceeding thence South 88 degrees 09 minutes 00 seconds West 536 06 feet along the South line of said Section 32 thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 309 99 feet thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 277 52 feet thence North 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds East 65 24 feet thence South 88 degrees 56 minutes 20 seconds East 257 85 feet, thence South 01 degrees 03 minutes 40 seconds West 348 00 feet along the center line of Beck Road to the point of beginning Containing 4.03 acres Subject to easements of records and that part taken used or decided to Beck Road. Be and hereby are

established as an Industrial Development District pursuant to the provisions of Act 198 of the Public Acts of 1974 as amended to be known as the MAPCO Industrial Development District. **CONSENT CALENDAR. Item 1. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND - COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION (FBD).** Moved to Item G 8. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR MATERIAL SCIENCES CORPORATION (MSD).** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for special use for Material Sciences Corporation. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Material Sciences Corporation.** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Marlin Wroubel has requested special use approval for Material Sciences Corporation to be located on Commerces Drive between I 275 and Hannan Roads, identified as tax EDP #046 99 0008 732 and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the Project Sponsor Mr. Marlin Wroubel to conduct the special use for the proposed Material Sciences Corporation subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. **Item 2. CONSIDER SITE PLAN FOR HAGGERTY MEDICAL OFFICE BUILDING (MSD).** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan for Haggerty Medical Office Building. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF Canton Township Site Plan for Haggerty Medical Office Building.** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr. Mike Boggio has requested site plan approval for the Haggerty Medical Office Building to be located on Haggerty Road between Ford and Cherry Hill Roads identified as tax EDP #050 01 0004 000 and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the site plan and made a recommendation to approve the request to grant site plan approval as summarized in the attached written analysis and recommendation. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner Mr. Mike Boggio to approve the site plan for the proposed Haggerty Medical Office Building subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **Item 3. MORRIS/TWP. INITIATED REQUEST TO AMEND THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (MSD).** Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to accept the Planning Commission's decision to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan changing the land use designation on parcel nos 086 99 0002 001 and 086 99 0002 002 Medium Low Density Residential to Local Shopping (Office use recommended). Motion carried unanimously. **Item 4. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FREERANCE SOFTWARE (MSD).** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the purchase of Freerance Software from the TDC Group as described on the attached quote not to exceed \$5,750. This purchase was included in the 2005 budget and funds are available in the Planning Services Capital line item account #101 853 977 0000. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 5. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF NEW CARPET FOR SUMMIT ON THE PARK.** Motion by Bennett supported by Caccamo to approve the purchase and replacement of carpet at Summit on the Park by Professional Commercial Services Inc 34201 Industrial Road, Livonia MI 48150 in the amount of \$8,290.70 and to charge the expense to the Community Center Fund Capital Outlay - Buildings Account #208 757 975 0000. Item #1 Motion carried unanimously. **Item 6. REQUEST APPROVAL OF EQUIPMENT UNDER-HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT (PSD).** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of 30 prep radios and equipment from Motorola for the amount of \$29,269.50 (account no 101 860 977 1600) to be purchased through the Homeland Security Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously. **Item 7. REQUEST APPROVAL TO INSTALL NEW CEILING TILES IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY (PSD).** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve contracting Innovative Ceilings Inc to install new ceiling tiles in the Public Safety facility for a cost of \$43,841. I further move to add this contract item to the capital budget and approve the following budget amendment in the Police Fund for this contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #207 000 699 0000 \$43,841. Increase Appropriations Capital Outlay #207 301 977 0000 \$43,841.** The budget amendment increases the Police Fund budget from \$12,900,709 to \$12,944,550. **Item 8. BUDGET AMENDMENT - GENERAL FUND - COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION (FBD).** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the following budget amendment in the General Fund to provide funding for building monitors at the Administration Building during evening meeting hours. Roll Call Vote. Ayes: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo, Nays: Caccamo. Motion carried. **Increase Revenues Appropriation from Fund Balance #101 000 699 0000 \$7,500. Increase Appropriations Part time/seasonal wages Community Svc #101 250 706 0000 \$7,500.** This budget amendment increases the Community Services Division budget from \$330,852 to \$338,352 and the General Fund budget from \$27,394,087 to \$27,401,587. Motion by Caccamo to table discussion for further investigation to find funds for hall monitors elsewhere. Supervisor Yack asked for a second no second motion failed. **OTHER.** Supervisor Yack stated that the administration offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2005 and employees will participate in Staff Development Day and that Board Members are welcome to attend. There will be a Study Session on the Firearms Ordinance amendment on Tuesday January 18, 2005. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J Yack Supervisor - Terry G Bennett, Clerk

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road.

Canton Michigan 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site after Board.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Pre-Pricing Bid Package for District-wide Vertical Unit Ventilators (VUV)**. Bidding documents will be available for pick up at the office of the Construction Manager McCarthy & Smith, on Wednesday January 19, 2005. Doug Underwood of McCarthy & Smith Inc can be contacted at (248) 427 8400. Sealed bids are due to the PCCS E J McClendon Educational Center RE VUV Bid 454 S Harvey Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before 1:30 p.m., Tuesday February 1, 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
Plymouth Canton Community Schools
JOANNE LAMAR, Secretary

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PCA spikers sweep Zoe in 3

Plymouth Christian Academy's volleyball team improved to 4-7 overall and 2-0 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference with a 25-21, 25-19, 25-18 victory over Warren Zoe Christian Tuesday night. Zoe slipped to 1-2 in the MIAC.

The Eagles faulted on just three serves in the three-game sweep.

Senior Kelli Feiler (12 kills, 15 digs and three blocks), junior Kelsie Tietjen (five kills, seven digs, nine blocks and 20 service points) and junior Bre Ruark (five kills, 19 digs and 10 service points) led the Eagles.

The Eagles travel to Oakland Christian Tuesday night.

SC ousts Agape

Southfield Christian upended Agape Christian in four games — 25-14, 22-25, 25-16, 25-17 — Tuesday night in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference match played at Canton's Discovery Middle School.

"We were streaky tonight," said Agape coach Justine Pummill, whose team dropped to 1-5 overall. "We would get the lead and then lose it. We served well tonight, but we need to cover the floor better and improve our passing."

The Wolverines were paced by Danielle Henry (10 service points, eight assists and 12 digs) and A J Creps, who tallied five aces and seven kills.

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digs and 14 service points. Fellow senior Molly Conlon also shined, picking up six kills, 20 digs and 15 service points, four of which were aces.

Molly's serve is tough to handle, Perrin said. "When it's going good, the ball moves seven to eight feet to the left, so it's difficult to return. We ride Laura's arm a lot. She was a real force out there tonight, leading us in kills and digs. She had an exceptional match."

Conlon's serves were especially effective during the middle stages of Game 3 when she strung together seven consecutive points to turn an 8-7 Chiefs deficit into

a 15-8 lead.

Canton jumped out to the lead when it won the opener, 25-12. Behind the serving of senior Stephanie Price, the Chiefs bolted to a 5-0 advantage and never looked back. Franklin juniors Trisha Morrill and Jaleece Lavine played well in defeat in Game 1.

The visiting Chiefs led 6-3 in Game 2 before Franklin's Ashley Bonsall went to work at the service line. The senior setter served seven straight points to earn the Patriots a 10-6 lead in a game they would go on to win, 25-23. With the game tied at 23-23, Franklin senior Jen Katunsky contributed a kill before junior Melissa Kichak served the game-winning point.

Canton breezed to a 25-18 victory in the third game

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behind the serving of Conlon (eight points) and Rachael Beaudoin (four points). Izabela Paszkowska's final-point kill clinched the victory.

Appropriately, *Stayin' Alive* blared over the loudspeakers moments before Game 4 started. And that's what the Patriots did — stayed alive — by earning a thrilling 25-23 victory. With the game tied at 23-23, Franklin tallied the final two points on Megan Kmet's kill and Cassie LaPraine's ace.

Canton's Paszkowska finished with five kills and four blocks. Other Chiefs standouts included Price (23 assists and 10 digs), Christie Daniels (eight digs and two aces) and Andrea Johnson (15 digs).

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Wayne Memorial at Canton 7 p.m.
Plymouth at W.L. Western 7 p.m.
Baptist Park at Agape Christian at Discovery Middle School 7:30 p.m.
Rooper at Plymouth Christian 7 p.m.
Belleville at Willow Run 7 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday Jan 20
Salem at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville 7 p.m.
Dearborn Edsel Ford at Belleville 7 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Friday Jan 21
Bloomfield Hills Combine at Canton at Arctic Edge Arena 8 p.m.
PCS Penguins at Ann Arbor Unified 4 p.m.

Saturday Jan 22
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth at

Compuware Ice Arena 4:40 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE
Friday Jan 21
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Saturday Jan 22
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Sunday Jan 23
Whalers at Mississauga 2 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Thursday Jan 20
W.L. Northern at Plymouth 7 p.m.
Agape Christian at Warren Zoe 7 p.m.
Plymouth Christian at Oakland Christian 7 p.m.

Saturday Jan 22
Salem at Nov Invite TBD
Canton at B.H. Lasher Invite 8 a.m.
Plymouth and Belleville at Madonna Classic noon
Agape Christian at Waterford/Kettering invite 8:30 a.m.

WRESTLING
Thursday Jan 20
Salem at Livonia Stevenson 6:30 p.m.
Northville at Canton 6:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Wayne Memorial 6 p.m.

Saturday Jan 22
Salem at Williamston Invite 8:30 a.m.
Canton at Grosse Pointe North Invite TBA
Plymouth at Perry Invite 8:30 a.m.

GYMNASTICS
Saturday Jan 22
Canton at Farmington Invite 9 a.m.

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The current king of the hill, New England, heads to Pittsburgh for a chance at a third Super Bowl appearance in four years. Only Brett Favre could make a case for being a more efficient cold weather quarterback than Michigan's Tom Brady. He is a perfect 7-0 in the playoffs as the Patriots QB. Beating Peyton Manning and the Colts last Sunday



Mark Wilson

just adds to his legend. I think our defense is what made this game successful. Brady said modestly after the AFC semifinal victory in the snow of Foxboro, Mass. Yeah and Leonardo DiCaprio can thank his makeup artist for the work he did playing Howard Hughes in *The Aviator*.

There is no doubt that the Pats have an enviable defense. Holding Manning to his worst day of the season is another item on the resume of

defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel. However, as Brady goes, so go the Patriots. Just like 2002, they can win the conference in Pittsburgh.

The Steelers are another story. A 6-10 team just a year ago, a kid from the Mid-American Conference busts onto the NFL scene like Jamie Foxx. Busted out his performance as Ray Charles. Ben Roethlisberger has yet to lose as Pittsburgh's starting quarterback. That effort doesn't just deserve a Golden Globe, it deserves a Golden Galaxy.

Just getting to the AFC championship game has to make the rookie out of Miami (Ohio) feel like a movie star, right? Think again.

"I've got to play better. That was terrible. The game I played is just not going to cut it." Roethlisberger said after the Steelers beat the Jets thanks to a pair of missed Doug Brien field goals in the final two minutes.

He hasn't lost a game and he is that humble. Geez, call Scorsese. This guy is too good to be true.

Then again, we keep saying the same thing about Brady. The guy with the million-dollar smile and actress/model girlfriends against the hard-nosed rookie playing in the Steel City. They have one thing in common: Both just keep on winning. Something has to give this Sunday.

Meanwhile, over in the NFC, it'll be the battle of the legs. As much as

Hollywood digs its love stories, this battle of legs isn't quite as sexy. Michael Vick's legs try to get Atlanta to the Super Bowl in a rebuilding year.

The Falcons had the same record as the Lions in 2003, 5-11. Throw in four preseason losses and you have one franchise in disarray. Vick had missed a bulk of the year and new owner Arthur Blank canned his coach, Steve Mariucci. Assistant Jim Mora Jr. was brought in and the thought was a good three years would be needed to right the ship.

This would be a good time for a Titanic reference, but a funny thing

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happened on the way to that game plan. The Falcons won now. Blank happens to have made his money owning a large home improvement chain. All the nails, hammers and plywood in Aisle 4 couldn't have done it this fast. "We like to say the best player on our team is our team," Mora Jr. said after doing something his father never did.

Jim Mora Sr. is the only coach in NFL history to win more than 100 games and not get a playoff victory. Six times he went one and out with New Orleans and Indianapolis. Then again, he never had Michael Vick. Warrick Dunn and Michigan State's T.J. Duckett are good rushing compliments to the legs of Vick. Atlanta's defense is just good enough to give them a flying chance in Philadelphia. If the Falcons can pull it off, the Lions will be able to say they beat the NFC champion. Of course, Donovan

McNabb will have something to say about that. His legs ain't bad either. This is the fourth straight championship game appearance for the Eagles. They are the perennial bridesmaid. Hollywood loves that storyline. Philadelphia does not. Despite losing Terrell Owens to injury, the Eagles have the players to finally get it done. Brian Westbrook is running with abandon and the addition of Jevon Kearse on defense has been a life saver for coach Andy Reid. To lose a fourth straight time and three in a row at home

would be this short of embarrassing. I still like an Atlanta-Pittsburgh Super Bowl. There is something about Vick and Roethlisberger that's very appealing. Or maybe I am just looking at it to borrow one more movie title, *Sideways*. Hollywood just can't write em like that. Mark Wilson is host of the *Steve Mariucci Show* Mondays on WKRC FM (97.1). 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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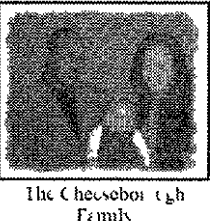
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JANUARY

Vatican II discussion

Discuss the documents that help us understand how God has let us know about Himself and His intentions for us 7 p.m. Thursday Jan. 20 and Feb. 3 in the activity center at St. Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington between Six and Seven Mile Livonia No charge For details call (734) 425-5950

New schedule

Fishin' for Friends & Faith is the Wednesday program running from Jan. 19 to March 16. Optional buffet dinner is at 6 p.m. followed by program from 6:30-8 p.m. There is something for everyone. Kids travel to different stations as they learn through games, crafts, songs and mission projects. The evening's Bible message. Adults study. Wrestling with Angels through video and discussion. Fees are dependent on attendance and costs cover food, curriculum and supplies. Pre-pay for a discount or pay as you go. Dinner and program is \$40. Program only \$25. Drop in dinner and program \$5 per night. Drop in program \$2.50 morning. New schedule for Sunday worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by classes for all ages (nursery to adult) at 10:45 a.m. at St. Matthew's 30900 Six Mile between Merriman and Middlebelt Livonia For more information call (734) 422-6038

Chiz Rider concert

Nationally renowned trumpeter Chiz Rider plays 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Sunday Jan. 23 at Calvary Baptist Church 43065 Joy Canton Call (734) 455-0022

Jesus & Java

Small group informal Bible study from 9:30 a.m. Monday Jan. 24 to April 25 (except March 28) at St. Paul's Presbyterian church 27475 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 422-1470

Film screenings

View Indigo a film about precocious children who can communicate via extra sensory means of perception 10 a.m. 1 p.m. 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday Jan. 29 and 1 p.m. 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday Jan. 30 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt Indigo was the audience choice award winner at the Santa Fe Film Festival. It is a movie of hope, joy and most of all love. Tickets are \$10 and available at the church or the door. For more information call (734) 421-1760

Gospel concert

One of Gospel music's most popular artists, The Dixie Melody Boys will be featured in concert on Saturday Sunday Jan. 29-30 at Liberty Baptist Church Belleville. The concert on Saturday will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday's services at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. as the church celebrates their fifth year anniversary. For more information call (734) 728-5214

Conference

A Spirituality of the Ragged Edges: The Honesty & Hope of Biblical Faith takes place 4-7 p.m. Sunday Jan. 30 with J. Richard Middleton at Trinity Church 34500 Six Mile between Farmington and Newburgh roads Livonia. Middleton is associate professor of Biblical studies at Roberts Wesleyan College and Bible and Culture at Northeastern Seminary in Rochester, New York. Focusing on suffering and the disorientation of life, he divides the topic into two sessions. How the psalms of lament are an important resource for our growth in faith and how the redemption story addresses our real life needs. Invites our participation and empowers us with hope. Cost is \$12. For more information call (734) 425-2800. Everyone is invited to Trinity Church 10:45 a.m. Jan. 30 to hear Middleton preach from the book of Jeremiah

Open house

As a kick-off to National Catholic Schools Week, Our Lady of Good Counsel school is inviting area families to join students and staff for an open house celebration 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday Jan. 30. Special performances and presentations have been scheduled throughout the day by the student choir, quiz bowl and art and science areas. Tours of the school and registration information will be available. For more information visit www.olgcschool.net

Grief workshops

Ward Presbyterian Church is sponsoring an eight-week grief workshop from Grief to New Hope beginning 7:45 p.m. Monday Jan. 31 at the church on Six Mile at Haggerty Northville. This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, Director of New Hope

Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a presentation about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Attendees will be placed in groups with others who have had similar losses. For registration information call Dorothy at (248) 374-5966. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support call (248) 348-0115

Catholic Church update

Were you once Catholic? Beginning Monday evening Jan. 11 for six weeks, St. Mary's of the Hills Parish hosts sessions entitled While You Were Away. Join the discussion of what's happened in the Catholic Church as it relates to Mass, Sacraments and beliefs/practices. For more information or to register call Jan. Hall at (248) 853-5390 ext. 123

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Bethany Rochester conducts a workshop beginning 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday Jan. 13 for 11 weeks at St. Irenaeus Catholic Church 7710 Old Perch Road, Rochester Hills. The workshop is open to the divorced and separated of all faiths. No charge. For more information call Mike at (248) 652-3860

UPCOMING

Classical Bells concert

Birmingham First Concert Series presents the professional handbell ensemble Classical Bells 7:30 p.m. Friday Feb. 4. Program includes music written specifically for bells as well as arrangements of familiar tunes at First Presbyterian Church 1669 West Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. A meet the artists reception follows the program. No charge. A free will offering will be collected to benefit future events in the series. Call (248) 644-2040 ext. 136

Caring Ministry Workshop

8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Feb. 5. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church hosts a Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop designed to enhance the caregiving skills of participants and help congregations organize a caring ministry system. The cost is \$15 per person or \$50 for groups of four or more from the same congregation. For more information or to register call Rev. Bob Bayer at (734) 522-6830 or online at www.caringministry.org

God Is Crazy About You

Christ an recording artist, song writer and comedian Mark Lowry brings the God is Crazy About You Tour 7 p.m. Saturday Feb. 5 to Highland Park Baptist Church Detroit. Lowry who has spent the past 25 years on the road, has recorded six comedy and music videos four of which have reached gold status with two additional recordings achieving Platinum recognition. He has been featured on more than 60 of the popular Gaither Homecoming Videos and his own video. On Broadway. All seats are general admission. To charge tickets by phone call 1-800-965-9324. For information call (248) 577-4070 or online at www.premierproductions.com or www.marklowry.com

Christian Motorcyclists Association

Meet 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Beginning Tuesday Feb. 8. Forgiven Warrior Chapter meetings will be held at Denny's Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road just east of I-275 in Plymouth. The first hour is dinner and fellowship and open to everyone. We encourage visitors who would like to get to know more about us. For more information visit the Web site at www.forgivenwarriors.com

Worship Technologies Workshop

Learn about the science behind worship technologies at a workshop 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 12. Learn about the equipment and technologies mixing sound and drums, video camera operation, lighting basics and putting it all together in a worship service at Orchard Grove Community Church 850 Ladd Road, Walled Lake. Cost is \$15 advance, \$20 at door. For class descriptions and registration visit www.reinforcement.com or call (248) 477-4859

ONGOING

Aerobic class

Trinity Church of the Brethren 27350 W. Chicago at Inkster is offering a Women's Low Impact Aerobic Class to the community every Monday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the church basement. To participate in this cost-free, 30-minute class wear comfortable exercise attire (floor mats optional). For more information call the church office (313) 937-1199

Bible studies

Led by C. Jack Brinkman 8:30 p.m. Thursdays at the Birmingham YMCA 400 East Lincoln. Brinkman wrote the book The Word of God. Jesus Christ: Part of the proceeds

from book sales go to the YMCA

Bible Study for Young Adults

For Parents with Young Children 6 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road four miles south of Michigan Avenue. Belleville Child care available. Call (734) 699-3361

Services

Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (1550 Walton, Rochester Hills) will be holding services at the usual time during construction of the addition 5 p.m. Saturday 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (contemporary service) on Sunday. Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Enter and exit using the East drive. For more information call (248) 651-6550

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. every Sunday. For more information call (734) 422-1470

Community Bible study

Studying the Book of Proverbs breakfast 7 a.m. or Bible study 8-9 a.m. at the American Table Eight Mile Farmington. Come when you can leave when you must. For more information call (248) 924-2779

Contemporary service

New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620

Trinity Episcopal Church

Sunday worship 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. at the church 11575 Belleville Road 4 miles south of Michigan Ave. Belleville Call (734) 699-3361

Orthodoxy 101

Explore issues of faith and morals in a course entitled Orthodoxy 101. It meets weekly 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church 36075 W. Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburgh roads Livonia. The course is open to the public and there is no cost involved. The Rev. Michael Matsko will be the instructor and will lead the discussion. Please invite your friends and as Philip told Nathaniel, Come and see. If you have any additional questions call Beth at (248) 348-8631

Support group

Provides spiritual, social and educational support for divorced and separated Catholics men and women 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month at St. Andrew's Parish Center 1400 Englewood Rochester. For information call (248) 652-9173 or (248) 652-3860

New contemporary service

9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event or current newsworthy situation. For more information call (734) 422-0494

Prayer group

Join us 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information call Grace at (734) 464-1896. Shirley (734) 464-3656 or Geri (734) 464-8906

Women of the Word

Tuesday Ladies Bible Study. Women of the Word studies the Book of Luke entitled Grace Under Pressure 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene 21260 Haggerty north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Childcare available for children through age 5. For more information call (248) 348-7600

Worship schedule

Resumed regular Sunday worship schedule beginning Sept. 12 at Antioch Evangelical Lutheran Church 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road Farmington Hills. Services will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. with Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. A contemporary service called Praise Fort is held on the fourth Sunday of each month. For information call (248) 626-7906

New modern-style worship

Come be part of something big! Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (14175 Farmington Rd. Livonia) just north of I-96 presents a MODERN style worship service. The multi-media service is informal using modern and praise music led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas led by the members are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information call Linda Hollman, Outreach Director at (734) 522-6830

New service times

9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. began Sept. 12 for the fall and winter months at Nardin Park United Methodist

Church 29887 W. 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476-8860

New Sunday School

At Heart of the Hills Church 5085 Orion Road Rochester for members of the community who want to increase their biblical knowledge using materials from Scripture Press. The non-denominational program is open to all ages. No charge for the classes taking place 9:30-10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Service follows at 10:30 a.m. For more information call (248) 652-7774

Adat Shalom

Synagogue services 6 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays and 8:30 a.m. Sunday at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt Farmington Hills. For more information call (248) 851-5100

Welcome to the church

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers. Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information

Self help groups

Local church provides space for self help groups. Overeaters Anonymous a 12-step program for eating disorders meets 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Alcoholics Anonymous a 12-step program for alcohol related problems meets 8 p.m. Wednesdays and 7 p.m. Saturdays. Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous a 12-step program for co-dependency and destructive relationship problems meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays at First Baptist Church 300 Wilfitts one block north of Maple one block west of Old Woodward. Parking adjacent to church's north entrance

Addiction No More

Do you have any addictive behavior problems: drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World

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Wednesday Evening Prayer

7 p.m. Wednesday. This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile Farmington Hills. Call (248) 476-8860

Single Point Lighthouse Cafe

Single and feeling alone? Come join us. Single Point Ministries invites you to join more than 550 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays in Knox Hall for fellowship and encouragement. The Rev. Paul Clough delivers messages to help equip you to maximize your singleness and relationship with God. Coffee, doughnuts, conversation and Christ are always present. Single Point Ministries has a program and activity for every age group and life situation. For more information or to receive a newsletter call (248) 374-5920

Single Point Walking Club

Meets 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday in the Single Point office at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville. All fitness levels welcome. Single Point Ministries (ages 30 and up) offers 45 ministries for singles including Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship and PACS People Active in Christian Study. Bible study group. Call (248) 374-5920



MARILYN JEAN ANDERSON

Age 53 of Plymouth died January 18, 2005. She was born December 5, 1951 in Detroit. She came to the Plymouth community in 1973 from Livonia. She was a bookkeeper for Data Supplies in Plymouth. She was a member of the Hines Court Club in Plymouth. She was a former PTO President at Allen School in Plymouth. She enjoyed creating stained glass as well as teaching others the art. She also loved to read. She was a loving mother, daughter, sister and friend. She is survived by her son Nick, her mother Pearl Terrill, her brothers and sisters Bill (Linda), Terrill Rick, Terrill Lon, Terrill David (Judy), Terrill and Ellen (Robert) Kain and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors. She is preceded in death by her husband, James Funeral from Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S. Main Plymouth Friday 12 noon Visitation Thursday 2-9 p.m. Memorials may be made to U of M Cancer Research

MARY ROSE (FRICKER) HAUSMAN

Age 75 of Plymouth Michigan passed peacefully into eternal life January 15, 2005 after a courageous battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP). Beloved wife of Richard, dear mother of Ann (Doug) Happe, Jeff (Janice) Lisa (Bob) Rouse and Greg (Katie). Grandmother of eight cherished grandchildren: Kristen, David, Ethan, Eric, Theresa, Andrew, Rachel and Joseph and many loving and caring family members and friends. Visitation Thursday 4-9 pm at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon & Beck). Rosary Thursday at 7pm. A mass in celebration of Mary Rose's life will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, January 21 at Resurrection Catholic Church in Canton. In State 10am Memorial contributions to the Society for PSP, Woodholme Medical Building Ste 515 1838 Greene Tree Rd, Baltimore MD 21208 or Angela Hospice

EILEEN POIT

From Birmingham MI. Born February 22, 1922. Died January 12, 2005. Born in Olney (Bucks) England. Lived in Birmingham for 50 years. Eileen was married to a Serviceman in the U.S. Air Force during WWII and came to the United States in 1946. She was a Saleslady at Saks Fifth Avenue in Troy for over 25 yrs. She attended public schools in England and a Graduate of a Nursing School in London, England. Member of The First United Methodist Church of Birmingham. She is survived by one daughter Margaret (David) Bayne of Harbor Springs Michigan. Two sons David J. (Sally) Poit of Bonita Springs Florida and Burt Lake Michigan and James A. Poit of Muskegon Michigan. One Brother Thomas Whinnett of England. Memorial service to be held at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham 1589 W. Maple on Friday January 21, 2005 at 11AM. Officiating The Reverend Dr. William A. Ritter. Memorial Tributes may be made to The First United Methodist Church 1589 W. Maple Birmingham MI 48009

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OLIVE JEANNE METTETAL

Age 81 of Plymouth died January 10, 2005. She was born August 26, 1923 in Plymouth. She is survived by her husband, Robert, her children Nancy (Gary) Pride, Robert J. Mettetal II, Steven Ross Mettetal and Suzanne Rae Schreiber, her grandchildren Nathan, Pride, Matthew (Linda), Pride, Ian Mettetal, Frank R. Schreiber and Christi Schreiber, her great grandchildren Austin, Kristine, Joe and Matt, her sisters Helen, Wallace, Catherine, Sherrick and Doris, Close and many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her grandsons, Yale Douglas Mettetal and Keith Richard Mettetal. Memorial service at the Kirk of Our Savior 36660 Cherry Hill Road, Westland, Saturday, January 22, 11am. Friends may visit at church beginning at 10am. Arrangements entrusted to Schrader Howell Funeral Home (734) 453-3333



Age 52, formerly of Redford Twp. MI, died January 3rd, 2005 at his home in Carthage, Tenn. He was born November 18th, 1952 in Detroit MI to Joseph and RoseAnna Zuber. Paul served 4 yrs in the US Marine Corp and was a Painter by Trade. He is survived by his daughter Jennifer Zarro of Troy MI, his sister Thelma Woodruff of North Branch MI, his brother Thomas and wife Darlene Zuber of Mikado MI, his sister Theresa and husband Gary Truba of Lapeer MI and 8 nieces and nephews. Paul was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Zuber and Roseanna (Zuber) White, his brother Edward Zuber, Joseph Zuber. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 22, at 11:00 am at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery located at 10 mile Rd. and Beech Daly in Southfield MI.

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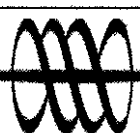
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THOMAS P. MOORE II

January 14, 2005. Age 68. Beloved husband of Beverly (nee Rizzo). Dear father of Anne Rogers (Scott) Tom (Kristine) M. Elizabeth Patrick (Jane) and Matt (Elizabeth). Also survived by 10 grandchildren. Brother of Mary Ann Tink Henneghan (Bill). Funeral Mass was held Tuesday Jan. 18 at St. Hugo of the Hills Church 2215 Opydke Rd. Bloomfield Hills. Memorials tributes to St. Vincent de Paul Camps 2929 E. Grand Blvd. Detroit MI 48202. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home 248 549 0500. Obituary at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

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Aquinas stops MU

Aquinas College dominated action around the rim Monday night on its way to an 86-69 victory over Madonna University in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference men's basketball game played at the Aquinas Fieldhouse in Grand Rapids.

The Saints outscored the Crusaders, 46-20, in the paint and outrebounded MU, 42-27, to improve their record to 14-7 overall and 4-0 in the WHAC. Madonna slipped to 5-14 and 0-3.

Led by Derek Douglas' 17 points, five Aquinas players scored in double figures. Damien Mayo (15), Tom Kushikus (15), Jeff Jayson (12) and Aaron Alsgaard (12) also contributed to the winners' balanced attack.

Mike McKeever paced the Crusaders' offensive output,

netting 19. Noel Emenhiser chipped in with 14 and Danny Lezotte twined nine.

Aquinas, which led 46-34 at the half, shot a blistering 58.3 percent from the field compared to MU's 38.3.

On Saturday, the Crusaders ran past Davenport University, 99-78, in a game played in Grand Rapids to snap a five-game losing streak.

The loss dropped Davenport to 2-18.

Emenhiser was an offensive force for the Crusaders, pouring in 27 points. Joe Kofahl had 12 and freshman Charlie Henry (Canton Agape Christian) chipped in with 10.

James Allen did all he could to keep the hosts in the game, scoring 36 points. Clark Rowekamp tallied 15 for Davenport.

Grand theft: Lady Ocelots steal mark

A 54-point onslaught in the first half settled things early Saturday, as the host Schoolcraft College women's basketball team embarrassed Macomb Community College by a 95-33 score.

Schoolcraft registered 35 steals to establish a new school record, sparking the team's lopsided Michigan Community College Athletic Association Eastern Conference victory.

The win improved Schoolcraft's record to 14-3 overall, 5-0 in the MCCA.

With the defeat, Macomb dropped to 2-10 overall, 0-4 in league play.

In the first half, the Lady Ocelots hit nearly 50 percent of their field-goal attempts (25-of-51 for 49 percent, while holding the Monarchs to a paltry 16 attempts).

With the issue pretty much decided by intermission, Schoolcraft's lineup featured 11 players — of whom 10 scored at least three points.

Westland John Glenn alum and sophomore center Sara

Tyree led the Lady Ocelots with 20 points and eight rebounds.

Also scoring in double digits for Schoolcraft were freshman forward Charlese Greer (19 points, eight rebounds) and freshman guard Erika Mims (12 points).

Macomb forward Mattie Taylor scored 12 points.

MADONNA 79 DAVENPORT 75 On Saturday six triples by senior guard Jackie Pingston (26 points) helped Madonna University (9-10) triumph over

host Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

The non-league game was close throughout with the Crusaders nursing a 38-37 halftime lead.

Pingston from Dearborn Divine Child wasn't alone making offensive contributions for Crusaders.

Tallying 18 points was junior center Sarah Thomson while sophomore forward Kassi Jacob added 12. Freshman Martina Franklin (Redford Union) added nine.

Davenport 11-7 overall kept close on the strong play of forwards Jennifer Rausch (21 points) and Shannon Callaghan (15 points).

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Side dish

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By making purchases on this day at Whole Foods Markets in Ann Arbor, Troy or West Bloomfield, shoppers will help in contributing funds that will make a difference in the well-being, safety and physical comfort of farm animals.

Bring a recipe

Visitors to the Michigan Camper, Travel & RV Show at the Pontiac Silverdome Jan. 26-30 can get information on camping and cooking outdoors. Campers and RV travelers want tasty nutritional food, but favor meals that are easy to fix and require a minimum of cleanup.

Bring a recipe for the Campfire Cook-Along Recipes program to the show and get online access to dozens of other campground and tailgating cooking ideas. Show attendees who bring a recipe to the Recipe Box at the show entrance will receive information for online access to all the recipes submitted from other campers.

Last year, s'mores and banana boats topped the list that included campfire potatoes, an omelet cooked in a freezer bag, cookstove pizza and barbecue ribs.

Admission is \$7.50 adults, \$3 children ages 6-14, and 5 and under free. Internet Express Tickets, which include a free parking pass, are available online at www.MichiganCamperShow.com. Weekday adult admission discount coupons are available at Big Boy.

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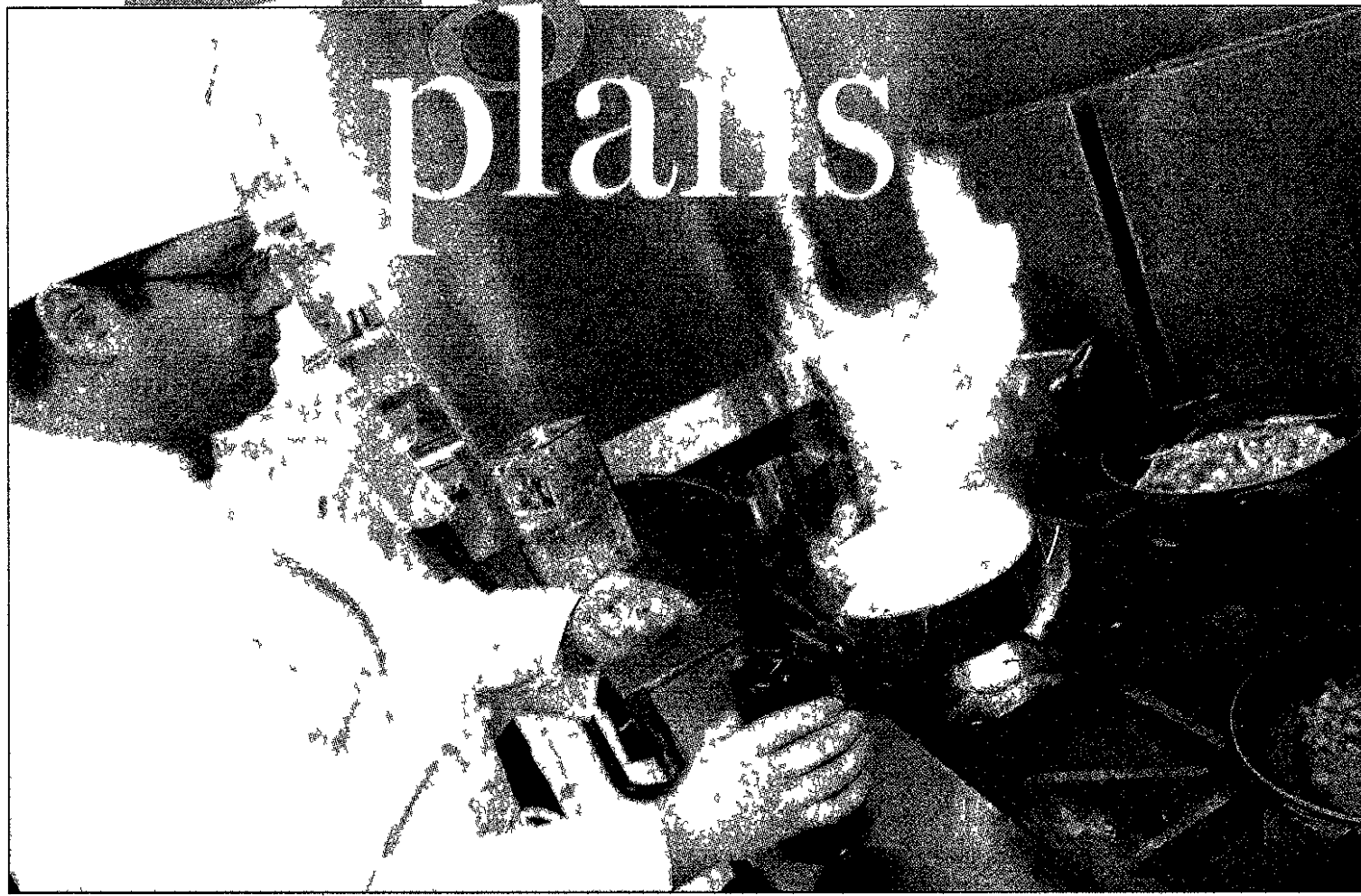
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Big plans



Michael Trombley, executive chef at St. John's Conference Center in Plymouth and certified executive chef, prepares osso buco.

Chef works on new kitchens, new column

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

Michael Trombley credits his mother with helping draw him into cooking with traditional home-cooked meals of tuna casserole and pork chops.

Once Trombley saw how more extravagant foods like lobster and crab legs were prepared at his first restaurant job (a dishwasher at Terry's Terrace in Mount Clemens), he was hooked.

"I was a kid who hated spinach and broccoli," Trombley said. "But I totally did a 180-degree turn."

Trombley, a certified executive chef, has worked in kitchens from Essence in Northville to the former Golden Mushroom in Southfield. Today, he is an executive chef at St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth Township, revising the menu at the Mission Grille, creating a menu for the new hotel and devising new kitchen layouts at the hotel and the center.

Trombley also will write a monthly column for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* (See related column).

Trombley, a Northville resident, was hired at St. John's in October. He worked as an executive chef at Barton Hills Country Club in Ann Arbor, the Golden Mushroom and Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton, Cousins Heritage Inn in Dexter and Restaurant One23 in Grosse Pointe Farms, and as a director of operations and chef at Essence.

Trombley is currently the second vice president of the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine and also an



Trombley's osso buco is one of his favorite braised dishes.

adjunct professor in the Culinary Arts Department at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Trombley calls his cooking "eclectic" and has experience in healthy style cooking, upscale haute cuisine and cooking for the masses. "I prefer light, healthy foods myself," Trombley said.

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BRAISED VEAL SHANKS (Osso Buco)

- 8 1/2 inch sliced veal shanks
- 2 ounces olive oil
- 3 cloves of garlic
- 2 sprigs of thyme
- 1 cup julienne white onions
- 1/2 cup carrots large dice (or parsnips)
- 1/2 cup celery large dice
- 1/2 cup dried tomatoes
- 1 cup red wine (semi-dry)
- 1 cup low sodium beef broth
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oven to 325° F (When oven is hot, also heat your heavy gauge pan that has a tight lid.)

Season the veal lightly. Add oil to pan. Brown veal on all sides (If pan is too hot, adjust temperature.)

Add vegetables, garlic and thyme and sweat (cook at low temperature) for 2-3 minutes. Add stock and red wine, then cover and place in oven and cook for approximately 2 hours.

After 1 1/2 hours, add the dried tomatoes.

Check for tenderness. If meat is tender, pull veal and vegetables out. Reduce sauce to thick consistency.

Taste and season if necessary. Place veal and vegetables back in to pan to re-warm and serve.

Braised foods taste great

When I think of the word braise, a lot of ideas come to mind.

I enjoy cooking this way because it reminds me of homey comfort food. It also reminds me of cooking in a professional kitchen.

Braising is simple. This cooking method began in heavy pots called "braisiers," a heavy-gauge vessel in which one would heat and brown a tougher cut of meat in animal fat. Mirepoix vegetables (carrots, onions and celery) were added, along with water and sometimes stock. This vessel was closed tightly and placed in hot coals for several hours until the meat was rendered tender.

I am happy to say it is now a little easier to braise. You still need that heavy pot or pan with a lid, but we don't need the coal (just use an oven) to accomplish this.

If you choose to braise, keep in mind several valuable ideas.

Though animal fat is best for flavor, olive oil can be used for both some flavor and health concerns. The vegetables don't have to be just mirepoix, but any of a merit of others, including parsnips, which can replace carrots for a similar but unique flavor. Most grocery stores carry these items.

But don't be afraid to try other types of vegetables that you may not have considered, such as dried tomatoes (You know, the kind in the plastic bag that you couldn't saw through if you tried.) As long as these tomatoes aren't 20 years old, they are packed with flavor. Add them a half hour before the end of the cooking process (I would say "Bamm!" but someone stole that).

Just make sure the ingredients are compatible with whatever recipe you are preparing.

When you have chosen your ingredients and are ready to proceed, have all of your prep work done ahead of time.

Peel and cut your carrots and place them in a bowl. Pull the skin off your onions, cut them and reserve them, too.

What you want to achieve is almost a systematic routine and not just this recipe, but for all the cooking you may do. By prepping earlier, you will be able to cut your total cook time in half.

Look for Michael Trombley's column on the third Thursday of the month in Taste.

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Find a better balance on your plate

Obesity in the United States has become a public health issue. In response, the American Institute for Cancer Research is recommending that Americans shift the proportions as well as the portions on their plates.

The AICR recommends a plate with two-thirds or more vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans and one-third or less of animal protein. Research suggests that a diet rich in vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans will have both short-term and

long-term benefits. It can help with weight management and impede the process that leads to cancer. Natural plant substances, called phytochemicals, have been shown to have cancer-fighting properties. So the AICR recommends increasing the intake of fruits and vegetables while cutting back on animal fats.

For example, research has shown that American diets are overloaded with omega-6 fats and deficient in omega-3 fats, a condition that has been linked to increased cancer

risk. Omega-6 fats are found in vegetable oils such as corn, safflower, sunflower and soybean oil. They are often used in processed snacks, baked products and commercial salad dressings.

Cold-water fish are the best dietary source of omega-3 fatty acids, but recent concerns about toxins in some fish have confused many people who are looking to get more omega-3s into their diet. One



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A stir-fry of kale and carrots is an attractive, colorful dish with a hearty nutritional punch.

PLEASE SEE BALANCE, D4

Savor the slow-cooked meal

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Braising is one-pot cooking that is tenderizing, aromatic, incredibly flavorful and easy. Technically, it means cooking food, with just a little liquid and tightly covered, over low heat for a long time.

Braising differs from stewing, which uses lots of liquid and can be done in an uncovered pot. It does not produce the seductively intense sauces you get from braising.

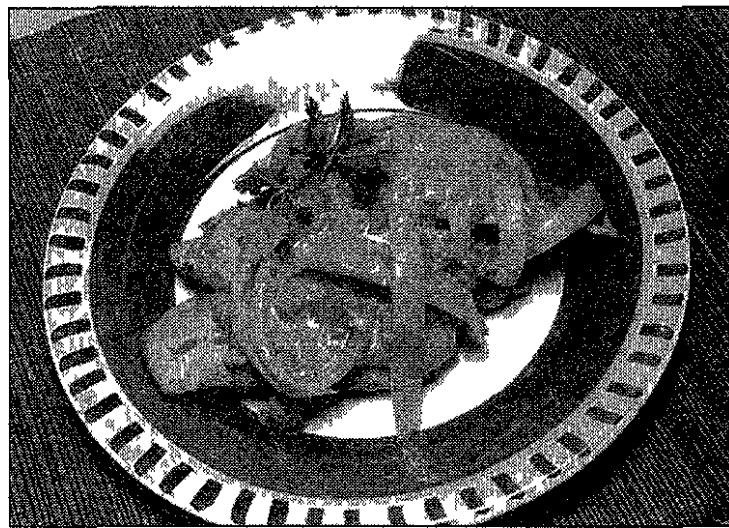
Because it tenderizes, braising is ideal for today's leaner, often tough cuts of meat, especially the less expensive ones. The moist heat is also ideal for making skinless poultry as succulent as possible. In fact, a recent cookbook, *In Praise of Braising*, by Molly Stevens, recommends short braising, which takes, at most, an hour of untended simmering, perfect for both poultry and fish because of its ability to infuse them with deep flavor.

The best pot for braising is heavy, ideally made of cast iron, enameled or not, or stainless steel-clad aluminum, both of which conduct heat slowly and evenly and work both on top of the stove and in

the oven. A tight-fitting lid holds in the braising liquid along with the juices, so as the food cooks their flavors can mingle and concentrate. Use a pot that holds what you are cooking snugly. Placing a sheet of cooking parchment or foil between the pot and lid can assure a good seal if a lid does not.

Two of the best braised dishes I know are Shanghai red-cooked pork and Greek green beans simmered with tomatoes. Most of the braised dishes you know probably have foreign origins, from coq au vin - French - and osso bucco - Italian - to pot roast, which was Americanized from French boeuf a la mode and German sauerbraten.

Many Indian dishes are braised, including this one. It uses onions two ways - pureed in a spicy sauce, and sliced to cook on top of the chicken. Draining the yogurt first before it is stirred into the sauce at the end makes this dish creamier. I suggest using a Greek- or Turkish-style yogurt. Thicker and richer, even when reduced-fat or fat-free, they have become increasingly available at supermarkets.



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This Indian-style dish uses onions two ways - pureed in a spicy sauce, and sliced to cook on top of the chicken.

INDIAN-STYLE BRAISED CHICKEN

- 1 container (6 ounces) low fat plain yogurt, preferably Greek style
- 1 medium yellow onion coarsely chopped
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 tablespoon grated or finely chopped ginger
- 2-3 garlic cloves
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 4 skinless and boneless chicken breasts or thighs
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- Salt and white pepper to taste
- 1 Spanish onion, quartered and sliced thinly

Place the yogurt into a fine strainer lined with a paper towel and let drain while preparing the other ingredients. (The yogurt

can also be drained overnight, if refrigerated.)

In a blender or food processor, puree the onion, garlic, ginger, coriander, turmeric, cayenne pepper and orange juice. Set aside.

Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Brown the chicken on all sides, about 8 minutes. Season chicken with salt and pepper to taste and transfer to a plate.

Reduce heat to medium. Carefully pour the pureed mixture into the pan to avoid splatters. Bring it to a simmer. Return the chicken to the pan.

Cover tightly and simmer gently 15 minutes.

Turn chicken, cover, and continue to simmer. When chicken is almost done, add onions, cover and simmer until the meat is thoroughly cooked through. Place the chicken on a serving plate and cover with foil to keep warm.

Turn off heat under skillet to allow mixture to cool slightly. Stir in the drained yogurt.

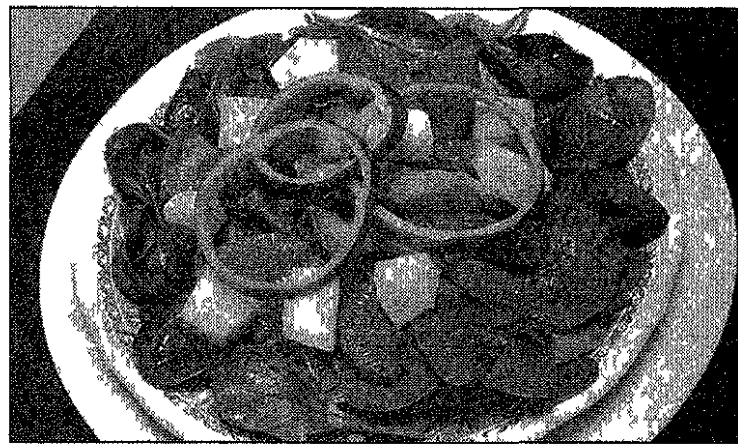
Reduce heat to low and continue stirring until mixture is hot, taking care not to let it boil or the sauce will separate.

Spoon the mixture over the chicken and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

Per serving: 237 calories, 6 g total fat (1 g saturated fat), 15 g carbohydrate, 31 g protein, 2 g dietary fiber, 115 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi writes for the American Institute for Cancer Research and is author of *The Joy of Soy*.



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Pomegranate juice, excellent in this vinaigrette for spinach salad, also helps create a tempting dessert when drizzled over berries and other fruits.

Pomegranates: Culinary jewels made easy

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Pomegranates are the fruit of the moment. Thanks to their health benefits, the burst of culinary creativity they inspire, plus marketing promotions, this jewel-like fruit is receiving the attention it well deserves.

Recent scientific studies report the various good effects pomegranates can produce, thanks to their abundance of vitamin C, heart-benefiting polyphenols, and high levels of flavonoids, antioxidants that also seem to protect against heart disease and cancer. Evidently, drinking pomegranate juice can be better for you than consuming red wine, green tea, or cranberry and orange juice.

Chefs are using fresh pomegranate seeds, pomegranate juice, and even more intensely flavored pomegranate molasses in a feast of ways. Menus with media appeal feature salads with its succulent, ruby seeds scattered over them.

Pomegranate-enhanced main dishes and desserts also sparkle with these seeds. Using fresh pomegranates can be messy. The juice that can spurt out as you pry out the seeds can stain clothes. But there are tricks that help. Place a strainer or colander in a bowl and set it in the sink. Hold the pomegranate so the cut side is facing down. Pull the seeds from the fruit's leathery skin and let them drop into the colander. Then detach the seeds from the membrane holding them in place.

Fresh pomegranates have a short season that runs from September to December. Fortunately, savvy producers now offer pomegranate juice at local supermarkets as well as natural foods markets. And pomegranate molasses, gener-

ally found only in Middle Eastern groceries, is now more easily available as well. The juice is perfect in savory dishes as well as delicious to drink.

The molasses, made by reducing juice and sugar to a thick syrup that is pleasantly tart and astringent, is interesting added to tomato or citrus sauces. Pomegranate juice, excellent in this vinaigrette for spinach salad, also helps create a tempting dessert when drizzled over berries and other fruits.

SPINACH SALAD WITH GRAPEFRUIT, AVOCADO AND POMEGRANATE VINAIGRETTE

- 1 cup pomegranate juice
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1 teaspoon canola oil
- 6 packed cups baby spinach leaves, stem removed
- 1 pink grapefruit, cut into sections
- 1/2 medium avocado, cut lengthwise into 12 slices
- 1 cup jicama, cut in 1/2-inch cubes
- 4 thin slices red onion

Over high heat, boil the pomegranate juice in a small stainless steel or other non-reactive saucepan until reduced to 1/2 cup, about 9 or 10 minutes. Mix in the sugar, salt, vinegar and oil and set aside to cool.

Divide the spinach among four salad plates.

Top each with one fourth of the grapefruit sections, 3 avocado slices, one-fourth of the jicama, and an onion slice. Spoon the warm dressing over the salad, and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 92 calories, 3 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 15 g carbohydrate, 1 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 220 mg sodium.

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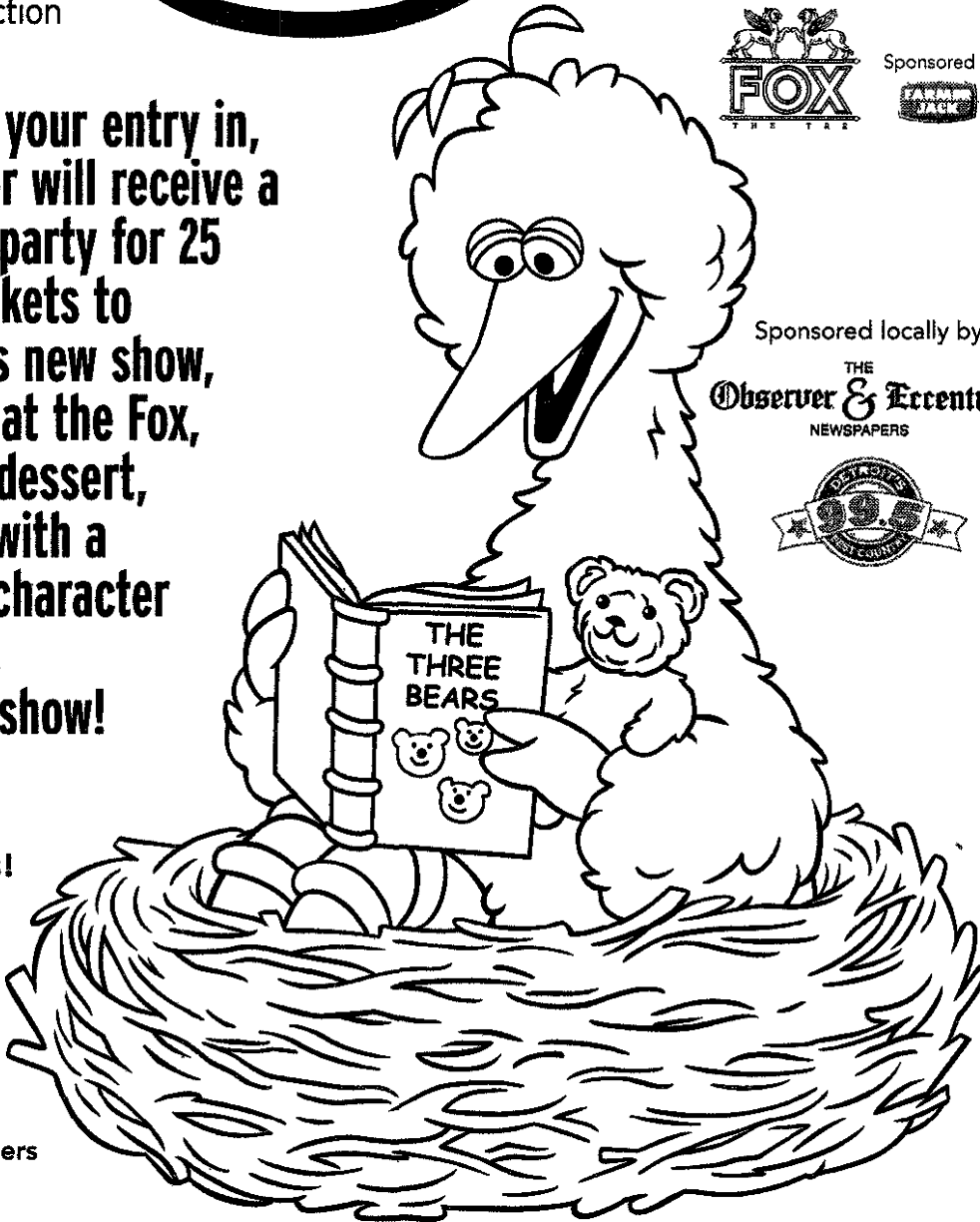


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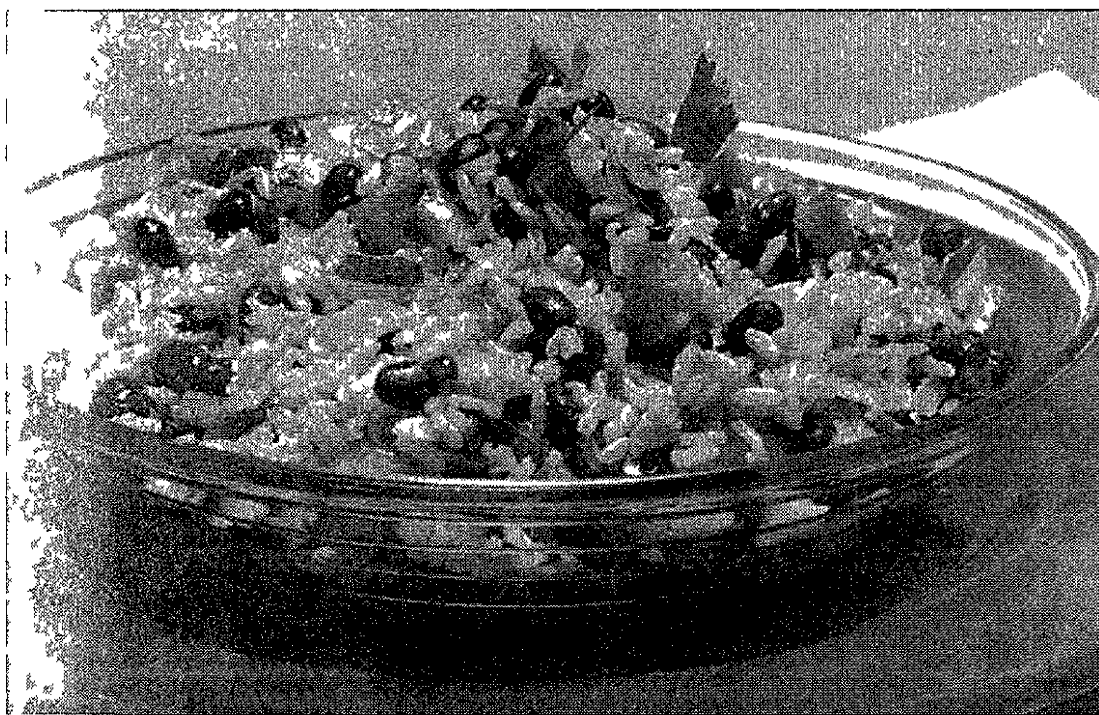
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This dish also has the red and green of the season and black beans, combining everything you could want to welcome a healthy prosperous New Year

Beans, rice combine in this salad

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Interest in financial wealth and getting the year off to a healthy start come together in the food in particular - beans. Dishes made with an abundance of beans, a legume, is traditional in our South and Southwest, particularly Happy John, a combination of black-eyed peas and rice. In the Caribbean, rice and beans are also important, including the Cuban dish Red Moors and Christians, with black beans representing the dark-skinned Moors (Ottoman Turks) and white rice the Christians. For many Italians, eating lentils another legume, is important because their round shape and color resemble that of coins. Color also signals prosperity in yellow rice by evoking the color of gold. In the following recipe it comes from curry powder and turmeric. This dish also has the red and green of the season and black beans,

combining everything you could want for a healthy, prosperous year

YELLOW RICE AND BLACK BEAN SALAD

- 1 can (14.5 ounces) fat free reduced sodium chicken broth
- 2 garlic cloves finely chopped
- 1 cup brown rice
- 1/4 teaspoon chipotle chile powder or red pepper flakes
- 1/4 teaspoon ground turmeric
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans rinsed and drained
- 1 red bell pepper seeded and diced
- 1 small green bell pepper seeded and diced
- 1 medium red onion chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves for garnish

Heat 1/2 cup of the broth in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add the garlic and cook 2

minutes or until the garlic softens. Add the remaining broth, rice, chile powder and turmeric. Pour in 1/2 cup water. When the liquid comes to a boil, reduce the heat, cover and simmer 45 minutes, or until the rice is tender. Remove from heat and let the rice sit, covered, for 5 minutes. Fluff the rice with a fork and turn it into a large mixing bowl.

When the rice is cooled to room temperature, add the beans, bell peppers and the onion.

In a small bowl, combine the lime juice, curry powder, salt and sugar. Whisk in the oil. Drizzle the dressing over the rice and beans, tossing with a fork until blended. Arrange on a serving platter, sprinkle on the cilantro and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Per serving: 200 calories, 2 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 37 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein, 6 g dietary fiber, 542 mg sodium

Dana Jacobi is a writer for the American Institute for Cancer Research and author of The Joy of Soy

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PLANS

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"As people become more focused on eating foods, I like to focus on fresh ingredients, using herbs, and things like lemon juice and olive oil," Trombley said

Trombley is busy at his new job at St. Johns, planning new kitchens in an 80-seat hotel restaurant and ballroom and drawing up menus for both the conference center and the planned hotel at St. Johns. Trombley said Japanese cuisine was one of his favorites, until he went in Orlando and rediscovered French cuisine at

the Epcot Center's International Cafe. (French cuisine is not considered one of the popular trendy cuisines by some food critics.) "There was so much of it there, that I thought French cuisine couldn't possibly be dead. It kind of pulled me back up," Trombley said. Diners are becoming more

international in their tastes, Trombley said. People are becoming much more educated with the Food Network, Trombley said. That's what Trombley hopes to do with his column: educate readers and food lovers.

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RECIPES

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DUCK OF ANOTHER FEATHER

So you say you're tired of the chicken? Try something a little different. All of you hunters out there can do the same. This recipe works on the mild domesticated duck as well as the full-flavored wild kind.

- 4 to 6 duck legs, depending on size
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
- 1 white onion or shallot, cut julienne
- 2 small carrots, cut on an angle
- 1 cup red wine (pinot noir, Burgundy, maybe merlot)

- 1 cup low sodium chicken stock
- 2 whole allspice (if ground use a pinch) or 1 clove
- 1 sprig of fresh thyme or (1/2 tea spoon dried)
- 4 slices of bacon, cut into 1-inch slices

Heat a skillet or braising pan until hot and cook bacon until crisp. Pull bacon out of pan and adjust heat (if needed) then add seasoned duck legs (salt and pepper) and brown on all sides. When duck is brown, add garlic, onions, carrot, bay leaves, allspice and sweat for 4-5 minutes. Care should be taken to not burn the garlic. Add fresh thyme, red wine and cover halfway with chicken stock. Bring up to a simmer, cover and place in to a 325°F oven. Cook until tender (each type

of duck will differ on time). Strain ingredients and reduce sauce to coat the braise. You may keep items hot by placing them in the oven at 165°F. When sauce is reduced, season with salt and pepper and adjust, if needed.

Note: What is the not so healthy cure for a harsh sauce? Well it's unsalted whole butter. Enjoy!

BRAISED WINTER GREENS

When you think of braise, step out of the origin it came from originally. Now consider other items such as our winter greens which are great for cold wintry days like we see this time every year.

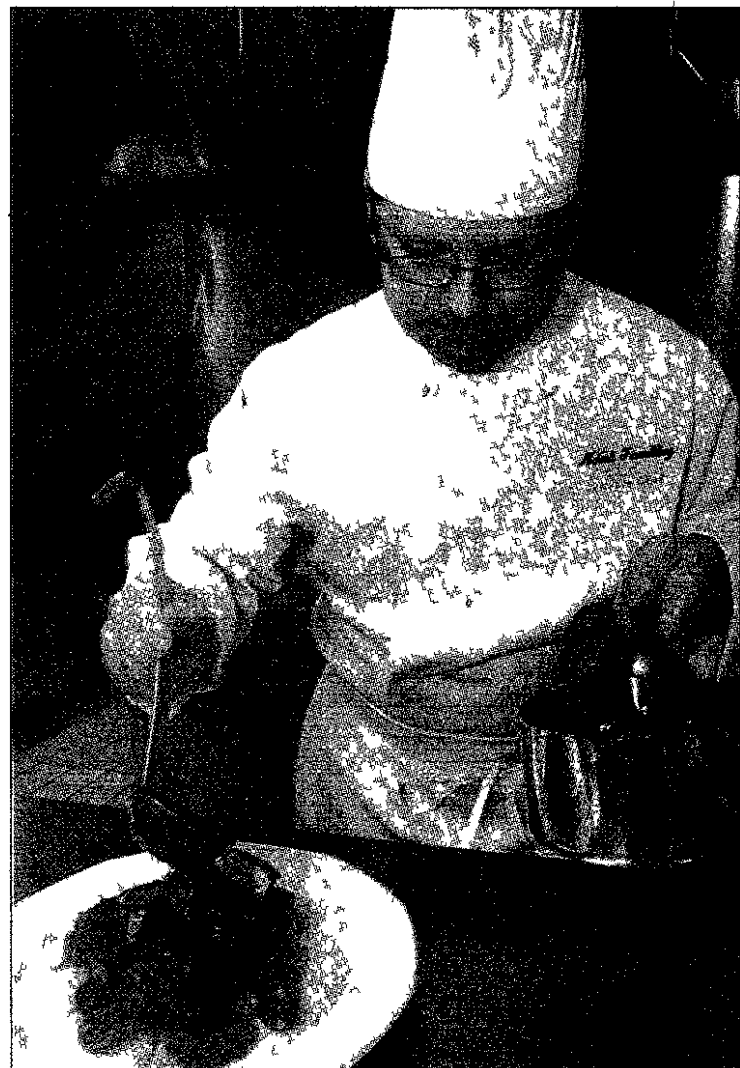
- 1 head of Belgium endive, core less and cut on an angle into 2-inch pieces
- 4 cups fresh baby spinach

- 1 head of radicchio, cut julienne
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/2 cup julienne white onion
- 2 ounces extra virgin olive oil
- 1 pinch of hot pepper flakes
- 1/2 cup chicken stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

Heat a non-reactive skillet or shallow pan until warm. Add olive oil and garlic, sweat 1 minute and add the onion. Add the endive and radicchio, cover pan and turn down heat.

When the items have extruded some water and are slightly wilted, add the spinach and red pepper. If all the greens are almost limp, add the chicken stock to cover 1/4 of the way over the greens (if too moist, add less!).

Season and taste. You may serve this immediately or cover, remove from heat and serve later. If you serve it more than 30 minutes later, re-heat it



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solution is to add plant foods that contain omega-3s. These include green leafy vegetables such as kale, spinach and broccoli.

Cruciferous vegetables such as these are rich in antioxidants and a group of phytochemicals called dithiolthiones, which are believed to fight carcinogens and help inhibit the development of

cancer. Another substance found in many cruciferous vegetables, isothiocyanate, is one of the most effective cancer-fighting agents known. Kale, spinach, okra, and collard and mustard greens contain phytochemicals that appear to help ward off macular degeneration and decrease the risk of lung cancer.

Kale, especially, is a nutritional shining star. Not only is it packed with nutrients and phytochemicals, it brings a delicious, spicy flavor to

anything to which it is added.

A member of the cabbage family, kale has a mild flavor and frilly leaves. It is best in the winter, although it's available year round. Choose kale with a rich color and no limp or yellowing leaves. It can be stored in the refrigerator for two or three days. After that, the flavor becomes strong and the leaves become limp.

A stir-fry of kale and carrots is an attractive, colorful dish with a hearty nutritional punch. Carrots are also rich in health-protective substances, including lowered cancer risk.

STIR-FRIED KALE WITH SLIVERED CARROTS

- 3/4 pounds fresh kale
- Boiling water
- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 2 carrots, peeled and cut in thin matchstick strips
- 12 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- Salt and freshly ground black

pepper to taste. Pinch cayenne pepper if desired.

Remove stems from kale, including the large spine running through the center of the leaf. Place a few leaves on top of each other and cut into thin strips. Repeat until all the kale is cut. Add kale to a pot of boiling water and boil uncovered 10 minutes. Drain and set aside.

In a large skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add carrots and saute 2 minutes. Add garlic and saute 1 more minute. Add coriander, salt and pepper to taste, and cayenne, if using. Cook 15 seconds. Add kale and cook 1-2 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

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Cook up beef Sauté trout with pecan crust barley soup

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This is a super season for soup – nothing warms and satisfies on a chilly day better than a great bowl of soup. Following is an updated version of a classic beef and barley soup, brimming with savory broth, whole-grain barley, vegetables and beef. Instead of simmering for hours, this soup needs only minutes, given the availability of quick-cooking beef choices, including shoulder-top blade steaks or shoulder-center steak. This meal-in-a-bowl can be ready in just 30 minutes, start to finish. Cutting lean beef into strips shortens cooking time, quick-cooking whole-grain barley replaces the longer-cooking variety, and frozen peas and packaged baby carrots are ready to use. The soup also contains plenty of mushrooms and a savory cooking liquid seasoned with onions and garlic.

QUICK CLASSIC BEEF BARLEY SOUP

- 4 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme leaves crushed
- Two 14 to 16-ounce cans ready to serve beef broth
- 2 cups water
- 8 ounces baby carrots (about 1/2 cups)
- 8 ounces cremini or button mushrooms cut into quarters (about 3 cups)
- 1 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup quick cooking barley
- 1 pound beef top sirloin steak cut 1/4-inch thick (or shoulder top blade steaks like note)
- Salt and pepper
- 1 cup frozen peas

Heat 2 teaspoons oil in 4-quart stockpot or saucepan over medium heat until hot. Add onion, 1 tablespoon garlic and the thyme, cook and stir 3 to 5 minutes or until onion is tender. Add broth, water, carrots, mushrooms, bell pepper and barley, bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 minutes or until barley and vegetables are tender. Meanwhile, cut beef steak lengthwise in half, then crosswise into 1/4-inch-thick strips. Toss with remaining 1 tablespoon garlic.

Heat 1 teaspoon oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat until hot. Add 1/2 of beef, stir-fry 3 to 4 minutes for medium-rare to medium doneness. Remove from skillet. Repeat with remaining oil and beef. Season with salt and pepper, as desired.

Add frozen peas to broth mixture, cook, uncovered, 2 minutes or until tender. Season with salt, as desired. Place equal amount of beef strips into 4 serving bowls. Ladle equal amount of broth mixture over beef. Makes 4 servings.

Note: One pound beef shoulder-center steaks cut 1/4-inch thick can be substituted.

Nutrition information per serving, using top sirloin: 394 cal, 35 g pro, 39 g carbo, 12 g fat (3 g saturated fat), 863 mg sodium, 7.3 g fiber, 50 mg chol.

Nutrition information per serving, using shoulder-top blade steaks: 411 cal, 31 g pro, 39 g carbo, 15 g fat (4 g saturated), 866 mg sodium, 7.3 g fiber, 51 mg chol.

Nutrition information per serving, using shoulder-center steak: 385 cal, 32 g pro, 39 g carbo, 12 g fat (3 g saturated), 871 mg sodium, 7.3 g fiber, 57 mg chol.

Recipe for AP courtesy Cattlemen's Beef Board and National Cattlemen's

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here's a simply stylish dinner recipe with a Georgia flavor that will take only about half an hour to make, using fresh trout sautéed in a pecan-bread crumb crust, and served with a buttery sage sauce.

However, it's a flexible dish that allows for variation, says Timothy Magee, executive chef of South City Kitchen in Atlanta, who created the recipe. He suggests that if fresh trout fillets are unavailable, you can substitute any thick, mild-flavored white fish fillet,

such as snapper, halibut or grouper.

Another cook's note: Any leftover pecan-bread crumb mixture can be kept in the freezer to use another time.

PECAN-CRUSTED MOUNTAIN TROUT WITH BROWN BUTTER SAGE SAUCE

For the Pecan-Crusted Trout:

- 1 cup pecan halves lightly toasted
- 1 cup dry bread crumbs, preferably Japanese style panko
- 4 trout fillets (7 ounces each)
- Salt and black pepper to taste

- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons olive oil

For the Brown Butter Sage Sauce:

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 4 sage leaves, chopped
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 5 tablespoons chicken broth

To make trout: Combine pecans and bread crumbs in food processor and process to medium fine consistency. Season fillets with salt and pepper brush flesh side of fillet with buttermilk. Press pecan mixture on top of buttermilk coating to make thick crust. Heat oil in skillet over medium heat, cook

fillets, crust side down, until golden brown, 4 to 5 minutes.

To make sauce: In same skillet trout was cooked in, melt butter over medium heat and allow it to foam.

Just as butter begins to turn brown, whisk in sage, lemon juice and broth. Pour over trout and serve.

Makes 4 main-dish servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 744 cal, 58 g pro, 25 g carbo, 41 g total fat (14 g saturated), 191 mg chol, 3 g fiber, 533 mg sodium.

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Steaks, salmon fill the plate this winter

Here are three recipes to try this winter

BRANDIED BEEF TENDERLOIN STEAKS

4 beef tenderloin steaks (6-8 ounces each and about 1 inch thick)
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
1/2 tablespoons olive oil
2 teaspoons minced garlic
1/4 cup beef stock
2 tablespoons brandy
3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

If time allows remove steaks from refrigerator about 1 hour before cooking

Season steaks with salt and pepper. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add steaks. Cook 5-7 minutes per side for medium rare. Transfer steaks to platter and tent with foil to keep warm.

Add garlic to skillet, stir 20 seconds. Add stock and brandy. Boil until juices are reduced to a glaze.

Add any accumulated steak juices to pan, cook briefly and stir in parsley. Spoon glaze over steaks and serve. Serves 4. Recipes courtesy of Busch's Markets in Livonia, Plymouth and Farmington Hills.

ORANGE-GLAZED SALMON FILLETS

Four 6 ounce salmon fillets
1 tablespoon sesame oil
3 tablespoons soy sauce
1 cup freshly squeezed orange juice
1 teaspoon orange zest
3 tablespoons sherry
1/2 teaspoon grated ginger

Preheat oven to 400° F. Heat the oil in a large, non-stick skillet until it is hot but not smoking. Sear the salmon fillets one minute on each side.

Remove the fillets from the heat and transfer them to a glass baking dish or baking pan. Drizzle the soy sauce over them and bake for 10 minutes. Remove from the oven.

Meanwhile, heat the orange juice, zest, sherry and ginger together in a small saucepan over medium-high heat until it is reduced by half. Drizzle the sauce over the fish and serve.

MUSHROOM KNISHES

1 1/2 pounds russet potatoes (about 1 1/2 pounds)
1 tablespoon unsalted butter optional
1/4 cup matzo meal
2 tablespoons potato starch (or cornstarch if not preparing for Passover)

1/4 cup minced onion
2 egg whites lightly beaten
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 1/2 cups finely chopped mushrooms

Bring a pot of salted water to a boil. Peel potatoes and cut into 1 inch chunks. Boil until fork tender 10-12 minutes. Drain and mash. Add one tablespoon of butter if desired.

Preheat the oven to 375° F.

In a bowl, combine the mashed potatoes, matzo meal, potato starch, onion, egg whites, pepper and salt and knead together. Heat oil in a small sauté pan. Cook mushrooms with a pinch of salt until they are soft and most liquid is cooked off. Cool.

Divide the potato mixture into 6-8 portions. Shape into balls and flatten into disks about 3 inches wide. Place about 1 tablespoon of mushrooms onto the center of each circle. Gently fold over to make a half moon shape. Press edges to seal.

Generously oil or coat a baking sheet with cooking oil spray. Arrange the knishes in a single layer and bake for 15 minutes on each side. Serve hot. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and garnish with snipped chives, if desired. Makes 6-8 knishes.

TASTE CALENDAR

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Or e-mail kabramczyk@homecomm.net.

Cooking at Schoolcraft

Enjoy continuing education classes taught by culinary arts instructors in the demonstration kitchens in the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Here is a list of classes for February: Red Wines of the World taught by Lee Hershey 7-9 p.m. Mondays starting Jan. 31 (5 weeks) (\$145). Cooking 101 Skill Development taught by certified master chef Jeff Gabriel 5-7 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 1 and 5-9 p.m. Thursday Feb. 2 (\$105). Grand Tuscan Cuisine: Italy at its Best taught by certified executive chef Brian Polcyn 5-8 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 23 (\$139).

Help with Specialty Diets taught by Chris Tomassi 6-9 p.m. Thursday Feb. 24 (\$89). March classes include Swiss Chocolates taught by master pastry chef Joe Decker 6-9 p.m. Thursday March 10 (\$98). 30 Minute Meals taught by Bruce Konowalow the director of Schoolcraft's culinary arts department and certified executive chef 9 a.m. noon Saturday March 12. Good Morning Sunshine (Breakfasts) taught by Michelle Bommarito 6-9 p.m. Tuesday March 15 (\$77). Meals 500: Start to Finish with Polcyn 5-8 p.m. Wednesday March 16 (\$139).

Savory Soups and Stews with Gabriel 5-9 p.m. Thursday March 17 (\$89). Classic French Pastry Series (Pate a Choux for You Too and Mille Feuille to Die For) taught by Decker 6-9 p.m. Thursday March 24 and 31 (series classes can be taken separately for \$99 each or together for \$175) and Quick Easy Meals with Gabriel 5-9 p.m. Wednesday March 30 (\$99).

For more information on class fees for these classes and other culinary arts continuing education classes visit www.schoolcraft.edu under Continuing Education Schedule or call (734) 462-4448.

Irish Cooking

Learn about Irish cookery with the Irish Cultural Forum 10 a.m. 1:30 p.m. Saturday Jan. 22 at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle in Detroit. A Winter's Tale of Irish Recipes will be this year's theme. The class donation is \$25. A luncheon, tastings and door prizes will be included. Reservations are necessary and must be paid in advance. Send checks payable to the Irish Cultural Forum to ICF, 31109 W. Huntley Square, No. 512, Beverly Hills, MI 48025. For information call (248) 540-6687 (do not call the Detroit Yacht Club).

Seasonal Macrobiotics Cooking

Macrobiotics is a dietary wellness system based on whole foods. The macrobiotic way of life is holistic, taking into account all aspects of human life and acknowledging the interrelationship between body, mind and spirit. Learn about foods used in macrobiotic cooking to create a quick and healthy menu plan and to prepare a complete meal. Sample food and take home recipes. Linda Wemhoff, macrobiotic chef since 1985, was personal chef for Michio and Aveline Kushi while studying at the Kushi Institute in Boston and was head chef at the International Macrobiotic Institute in Kentland, Switzerland. She has a cable television show featuring her menus and recipes. Sessions are scheduled 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 25 or Tuesday March 15. A session costs \$29 and a fee of \$5 is paid to instructor the first day of class for the macrobiotic manual. To register for classes contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com.

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Valentine desserts

What would Valentine's Day be without chocolate? We will make a chocolate cake with strawberry mousse filling and chocolate dipped fruits. Bring two small food containers for samples. A \$5 material fee is payable to the instructor in class. Freeman E. Gunnell's culinary education has been under the direction of renowned chefs including Jimmy Schmidt, Wolfgang Puck and Madeleine Kamman. Freeman's well-rounded career includes working as chef de cuisine and as a pastry chef in gourmet restaurants. Freeman was recently awarded the prestigious International Association of Culinary Professionals pastry award to study at Ecole Lenotre in Paris. France Class is scheduled 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday Jan. 27. Session costs \$29. To register for classes contact The Community House, 380 South Bates Street, Birmingham at (248) 644-5832 or online at www.communityhouse.com.

Cooking Classes

Learn about vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. The best place to start is her four-week beginning series. Learn about foods like tofu, tempeh, seaweed, vegetables, miso and each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Learn how to prepare healthy delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands on experience preparing the recipes. The Beginning Series is scheduled 6-9 p.m. Tuesdays Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22. The fee for the Beginning Series is \$100 (\$25 for each class). Classes are held in Garden City. You can find more details about this class and all other classes at www.macroval.com or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.



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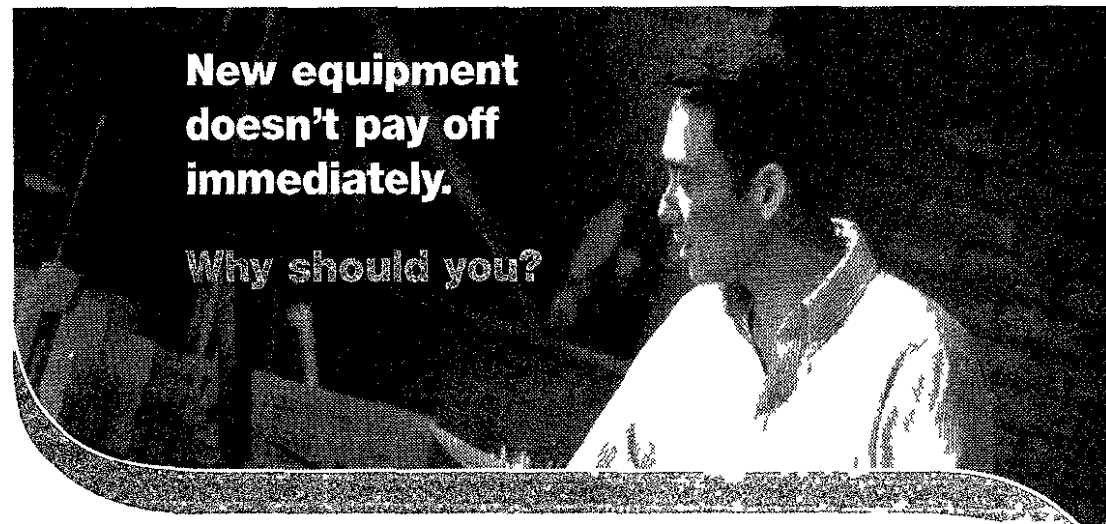
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M Meisner

Co-owner should comply with access rule

We are having a problem, as a board, getting access to a condominium unit whose owner refuses to allow us to do so. Do we have any recourse?

The condominium rules (Michigan Administrative Code) mandate that all condominium bylaws shall provide that the association have access to the condominium unit as necessary during reasonable hours, except in the case of emergencies where no notice is required. If your bylaws contain this provision, you are best advised to write the co-owner. If he or she doesn't comply, turn the matter over to your attorney, who can then proceed in the proper forum to obtain compliance from the co-owner. If your bylaws don't contain this provision, you should contact your attorney to amend them immediately.

I hired a buyer's agent and am wondering what responsibilities the buyer's agent has to the purchaser. I think there is some statutory requirement. Please help.

The six general fiduciary duties that Michigan Common Law requires of an agent on behalf of a client are obedience, loyalty, disclosure, confidentiality, accountability and reasonable care and skill. As to the duty of reasonable care and skill, an agent is expected to have certain skills and knowledge that he or she will use when pursuing the interests of the client.

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 bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

Condo offers convenience, and a good return on homebuyer's investment

BY DOMINIC MOCERI
CORRESPONDENT

Condominiums have emerged as the value-added housing solution for a wide range of the population. Once a choice primarily of empty nesters, condominiums are now recognized as a viable investment and consequently, an ideal option for everyone from first-time home buyer to retiree.

In fact, condos are increasing in value at least as fast - and in some areas, twice as fast - as single family homes, reports the National Association of Home Builders.

Builders are happily meeting the increased interest. Last year, condominiums accounted for more than a quarter of all multifamily development, NAHB reported. Many buyers of these new homes are sellers of existing condos, capitalizing on a strong resale market to move up to a newer, better dressed condominium.

Lavish amenities and extraordinary services are included in these new developments. This packaging not only generates interest but also stimulates sales. Many developments now offer on-site concierge, dry cleaning, physical therapy services, plus fitness centers, dining facilities and even small markets. Some communities cater to specific interests - golf, horses, boats, and airplanes.

These "extras" were once intended to attract people trading larger, older homes for a more luxurious, convenient and easy living lifestyle. As it turns out, big home owners aren't the only ones discovering the added value of condominium ownership. The convenient, some might say pampered, lifestyle of condominium living simply isn't available or attainable with single family housing. Carefree living is pursued by many.

Finally, the new condominiums and townhomes look and



Elegant attached duet condominiums, developed by Mocerri Companies in Auburn Hills, rendered in the English Cotswold style offer sophisticated style and convenience in beautiful surroundings.

live like single family homes. Garages are attached, full basements are included, back decks or patios are often part of the plan. Going condo is becoming the first thought, rather than an afterthought.

Condominium living could be right for you, too, if you are among the following:

- **Soon-to-be-retirees** For anyone anticipating retirement, a condominium is a consideration, whether it is a move to a more desirable climate or a move to eliminate home maintenance duties. Most condominium communities include exterior maintenance with the association fee. Condominiums often are convenient to grocery stores, shopping and medical facilities.

- **Vacationers** Historically, the condominium market in

vacation locations has been strong thanks to consistently high resale values. Again, upkeep is usually included with a fee. Also, the association may allow, even assist, in the rental of your condominium when you're not using it.

- **Empty nesters** As grown children move out, parents are moving up, embracing the freedom of a condominium and desiring a home closer to work and without home maintenance hassles. Many empty nesters are returning to urban areas, rediscovering the arts, culture, restaurants and parks of their favorite city.

- **First-time homebuyers** A

wide range of condominium styles and prices are available in almost every community, including neighborhoods where young professionals congregate. With near-record low interest rates, many first timers are starting to build equity with a condominium.

The Building Industry Association's Spring Parade of Homes, which runs from March 18 to April 17 this year, features both single family homes and condominiums in a range of prices throughout southeast Michigan.

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30-year mortgage rates fall for second consecutive week, experts report

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rates on 30-year mortgages fell for a second straight week, helping to get the housing industry off to a good start in the new year.

Freddie Mac's weekly survey of mortgage rates showed that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 5.74 percent for the week ending Jan. 13, down from 5.77 the previous week.

Low mortgage rates have powered home sales. Analysts believe sales hit a record high for all of 2004 and the housing market is expected to post another good year in 2005.

Amy Crews Cutts, the mortgage company's deputy chief economist, noted that 30-year mortgage rates averaged 5.84 percent for all of last year, a significant improvement over an average of 9.5 percent for the past 30 years.

"The onset of 2005 bodes well for the housing industry," she said.

She said rates are likely to end the year above 6 percent, reflecting in part the credit-tightening campaign of the Federal Reserve, which is raising rates to keep inflation in check.

Some analysts believe rates on 30-year mortgages could climb to around 6.5 percent by

the end of this year, which would still be considered low by historical standards.

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, dipped this week to 5.19 percent, down from 5.21 percent the previous week. For one-year adjustable-rate mortgages, rates remained unchanged at 4.10 percent.

Freddie Mac added another type of mortgage to its weekly survey: a five-year, "hybrid" adjustable-rate mortgage. It's fixed for five years and then adjusts each year thereafter. The rate on that mortgage averaged 5.05 percent this week, up slightly from 5.03 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates don't include add-on fees known as points. The 30-year, 15-year and one-year adjustable mortgages each carried a 0.6-point fee. The five-year adjustable mortgage carried a 0.5-point fee.

A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 5.66 percent with 15-year mortgages at 4.97 percent and one-year ARMs at 3.62 percent.

There isn't a figure for five-year adjustable mortgages because Freddie Mac just began tracking those rates this year.

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Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips



'Autumn' generation: In prime time to invest

While homeowners in the "acquisition phase" of their lives are busy making ends meet every month, "autumn" borrowers have already nailed down most of their major home setup expenses and usually have few, if any, credit card balances. These borrowers are often hitting full stride in their established careers, and normally post exceptional income figures.

The combination of high income, established credit and low expenses put autumn borrowers into the equity/asset accumulation phase of their lives.

These homeowners have often reached mid-life and have many choices as to how to spend their excess money. Their homes have appreciated in value and their children, if any, have perhaps already moved on to their own lives and careers.

This is a critical stage for homeowners because it is their chance to establish their security for the rest of their lives. These individuals must not squander this prime opportunity to invest in their futures.

Some of the crucial and exciting autumn choices: Should we invest in rental properties to set up long-term recurring income? Do we hammer down our mortgage to get our home totally paid off? Should we contribute huge chunks to our retirement plan(s)?

Professional, credible asset and debt managers can be a real benefit during these years.

The worst thing an autumn family can do is to do nothing at all. No, scratch that. The absolute worst thing they can do is to spend all the excess cash on things that don't build their asset or equity base, or on things that don't lead to future retirement income. Failing to plan for the future is truly a plan to fail.

Autumn planning typically falls into one of two camps.

Homeowners either pay off all consumer bills, including their mortgage, before retirement so they can easily live on their retirement income, or they invest wisely in income-producing assets to produce ample supplemental income during the "winter" phase of their lives.

This is the fourth part of a five part series. Readers may download the entire merged series online at www.PhillipsHQ.com after the fifth column is published.

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45148 Quaker Hill \$209,000	19956 Gary \$365,000	834 Deer \$365,000	15962 Garfield \$210,000	28936 Currier \$135,000
506 Queens \$243,000	18574 Golfview \$245,000	48067 Hilltop \$245,000	12851 Hemingway \$462,000	28945 Currier \$130,000
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Frank Lloyd Wright homes are hard to sell

'Dream' home has some drawbacks

BY JAMES PRICHARD
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Imagine having a dream home in a private, peaceful, bucolic setting — and being unable to sell it because it was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Some owners of one-of-a-kind houses conceived by the iconic architect are discovering it's not easy selling them in an era when cathedral ceilings and easy commutes are on the wish lists of many prospective purchasers.

But the sellers are also concerned about finding the right Wright buyers — ones who will cherish, not demolish, his creations.

After pouring tens of thousands of dollars into buying, repairing and renovating her Wright-designed house, Arlene Moran has not received any serious offers despite its pedigree. She is asking \$375,000 for the three-bedroom home in Galesburg, about halfway between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek.

"It's going on two years and I'm desperate," said Moran, 70. "I refuse to lower the price. I put in \$180,000 (worth) of restoration. I would like to have my money back."

But, Moran said, "I can't have just anybody buy it. She considers her home, which she never has lived in, a work of art."

Don Schaberg is ready to sell the Okemos house he and his late wife commissioned Wright to design, and where they lived happily for four decades. Schaberg realizes it won't be easy finding someone willing to spend \$1.6 million for a 3,800-square-foot ranch without a garage, but also said he's under no real pressure to sell and doubts he will come down much on his price. "I'm just certain the value is

going to increase," he said, calling the house and its six acres southeast of Lansing "the closest thing to heaven on earth."

Susan Sweetow, a real estate agent in Scottsdale, Ariz., who for two years worked as a tour guide at Tahesin West, Wright's sprawling, 600-acre winter home and work campus near Scottsdale, said "the market is narrow for his homes and limited to people who appreciate a work of art and a piece of history. It's important the market be geared toward that target market."

She said modern home buyers want big garages, large kitchens and spacious bathrooms — features not generally found in Wright's usonian homes.

"You have to find the right buyer who will appreciate the qualities that were in his homes," Sweetow said.

Moran's southwestern Michigan home is part of a 72-acre association featuring four Wright-designed homes and one designed by a Wright apprentice. A unique feature shared by the five houses is that each sits on one circular acre of land, with the remaining property jointly owned by the members of the association.

The retired high school art instructor said no matter how enticing an offer she may receive, she would not sell to someone who would demolish the home.

Moran, who lives in the Chicago area, has tried advertising in local newspapers and in the Chicago Tribune. She has listed it for sale on the Web site of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy.

The Chicago-based group is dedicated to preserving the architect's 400-plus structures that still stand.

The group was caught off guard weeks ago when a dilapidated Wright cottage in Grand Beach, on Lake Michigan near the Indiana border, was purchased and razed by its new owners to make way for a new home.

Ron Scherubel, the conservancy's executive director, said that as in other real estate transactions, there are a few important basics to keep

in mind when buying or selling Wright homes: price, location and condition.

While many of the grand homes from Wright's prairie period of the early 20th century were built in or near large cities, his smaller usonian homes — such as those owned by Schaberg and Moran — often ended up in remote rural settings, which was part of the appeal.

"Many of these are still located in nice, scenic, country areas but they're not convenient for today's buyer who has to work in the city," Scherubel said.

Ken Goldberg, a real estate agent trying to sell one of Wright's prairie homes built on Chicago's north side, said he expects a developer to purchase the 90-year-old structure. The asking price for the well-maintained house, which has been on the market for about six months, recently dropped from \$2.5 million to \$1.9 million.

Its view of Lake Michigan shrank over the years as taller buildings went up around it, but the property includes two adjacent lots that offer room to build.

'We're appealing not only to the individual owner but somebody that's a developer, an investor that could build townhouses adjacent to it or condominiums adjacent to it.'

Ken Goldberg
real estate agent

We're appealing not only to the individual owner but somebody that's a developer, an investor that could build townhouses adjacent to it or condominiums adjacent to it,' he said. "It's really a multiple-use home. It's more than just something for your family to own and live in."

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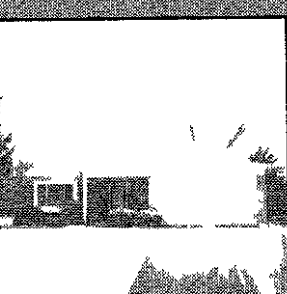
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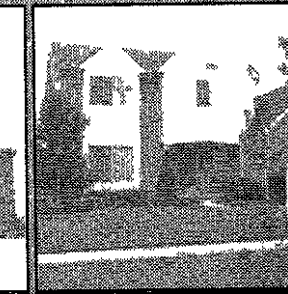
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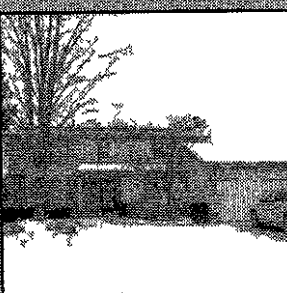
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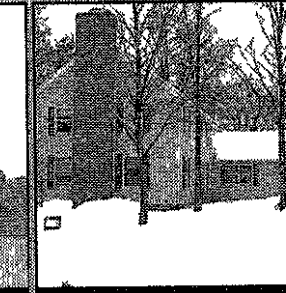
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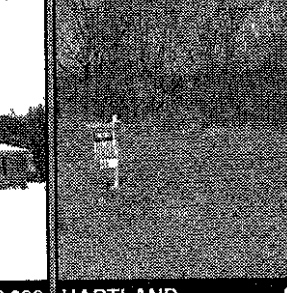
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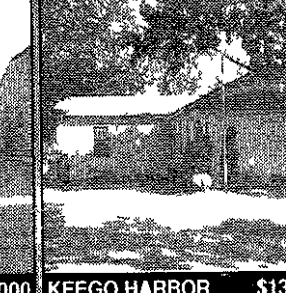
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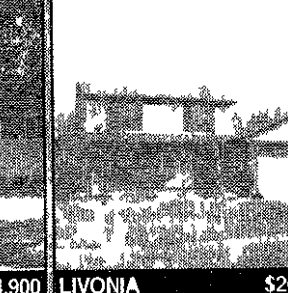
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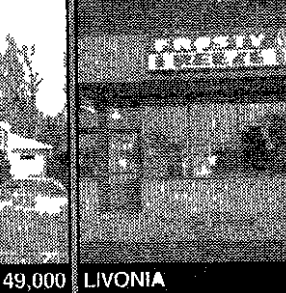
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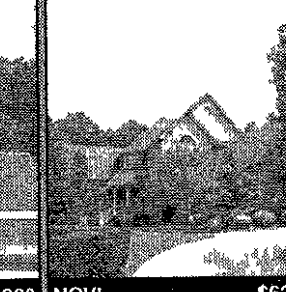
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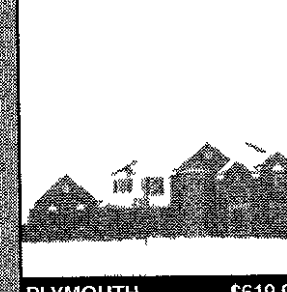
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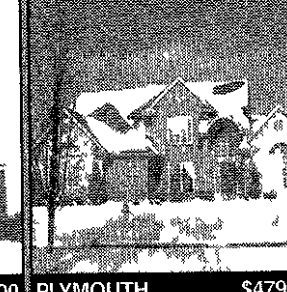
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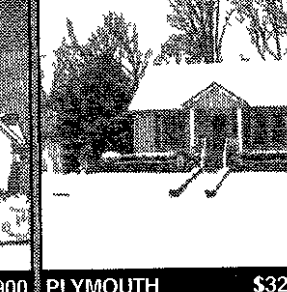
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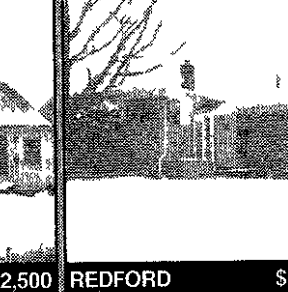
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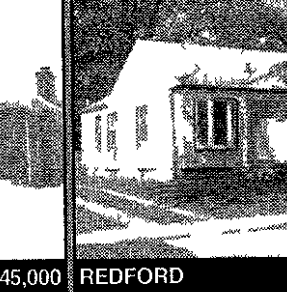
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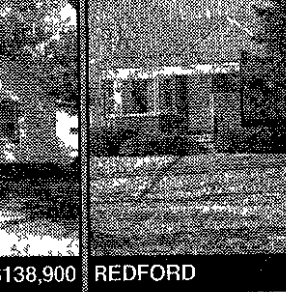
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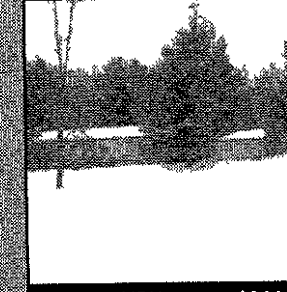
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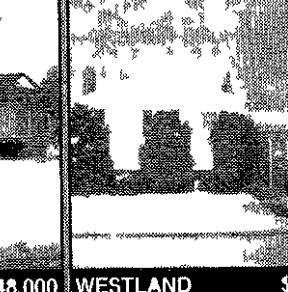
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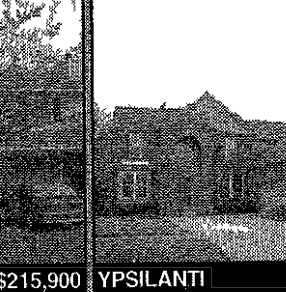
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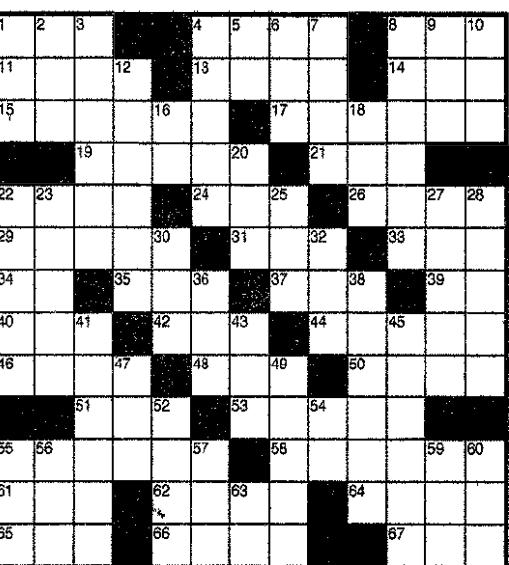
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Condos 3720

PLYMOUTH & POPULAR BEACON HILL
On Ann Arbor Trail just west of Sheldon New on the Market! End unit ranch impeccably maintained with 2 bedrooms 2 baths formal dining 1st floor laundry full basement newer furnace/air and 2 car attached garage \$225 000
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3 Bdrm 1 1/2 bath in Northfield Hills Sunken living room bsmt fireplace \$170 000
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Lakes & River Resort Property 3780

OSCODA Lake Huron frontage mouth of AuSable River Manufactured home on deeded lakefront lot Sugar sand beach Gated community AuSable/ Huron Condominium campground Excellent condition Excellent location Brand new furnace stove carpeting furnishings Florida room Large deck Boat Best well included \$94 500 (517) 223 4277

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Buildable large tree lot 82 x135 with mature trees and newer sub division Asking \$75 000 Call from 6 10pm 734 522 0987

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Lg 4 bdrm 2.5 bath colon w/2 car att gar basement sprinkler system built in gas grill on patio family room w/fireplace newer upstairs windows ceramic tile in master bath & ceramic foyer kitchen & nook
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BELLEVILLE Beautiful Colonial
4 bedrooms 2.5 baths 2 car attached garage 2 story foyer & GR cathedral ceilings hardwood w/o kitchen Master bedroom w/cathedral ceiling & bath w/jetted tub & separate shower Basement planned for 3rd bath in crove
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CANTON Great Townhouse Condo
2 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths Crisp & clean freshly painted Low traffic area updates in kitchen & 5 bath Nice bay window in dining room w/built in seat 2 skylights brick paver patio basement & appis stay Must see!
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WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept
Spectacular one of the best premium lots in Chelsea Park Formal living room & dining room 2 story family room w/w/o fireplace A cooks delight kitchen Grand master suite princess suite & Jack & Jill bath
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SOUTHFIELD Craftman Style Cape Cod
Unique & charming 3 BR 2 BA cape cod on wooded approx 1 acre lot Country living in the city w/easy access to expressways & shopping Home has lots of detailed woodwork natural trpic & finished basement
(E61EVE) 248-349-5600 \$224,000

WESTLAND Priced To Sell!!
Built in 2000 this lovely colon offers 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths 2 car attached garage w/work bench master bedroom w/cathedral ceiling & WIC hardwood foyer ceramic baths 2 tiered deck and full basement
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PLYMOUTH Spotless Tr Level
4 bedroom tri level well insulated newer roof gutters and downspouts 1 car attached garage w/opener 15x13 patio hardwood floors all appliances stay except in crove
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MELVINDALE Adorable Brick Bungalow
3 bedrooms w/extra den C/A newer vinyl windows finished basement freshly painted hardwood floors 1.5 car garage w/opener Fenced yard Close to all amenities Home warranty included Call Now!!
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NORTHVILLE Stylish And Spacious
2 bedroom 2 bath 2 lav end unit with walk out 2 car garage Lots of updates Close to downtown Highly acclaimed schools Great value & investment
(E44CON) 248-349-5600 \$199,000

LIVONIA Great Neighborhood
Spacious 4 bedroom 2 bath quad with lots of privacy Formal dining room family room w/natural fireplace Hardwood under carpet Rec room in basement & 2 car attached garage Great opportunity
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ROMULUS Bright & Cheerful
3 bedroom ranch w/party finished basement 2.5 car garage updated windows roof furnace & more Don't miss out on this warm & cozy family home
(E32BAR) 734-455-5600 \$128,500

LIVONIA Rosedale Gardens
3 bedroom brick colonial w/old world workmanship plaster walls coved ceilings hardwood floors Updates include windows HWH & electric 2 car garage and a home warranty
(E04BER) 734-455-5600 \$198,500

SOUTH LYON Location! Location!
Pretty treed setting on large corner lot Clean neutral decor for 4 bedroom 2 bath bi level Newer hardwood flooring in LR & DR Kitchen w/warame tile Appis LL w/o w/gas fireplace & storage + 2 car attached garage
(E74PEP) 734-455-5600 \$224,900

NORTHVILLE Walk To Downtown
Location location A rare find That ideal setting everyone looks for when buying a home The serenity and comfort of living in a private court location A top skip & a jump to downtown Hdwd floors under carpet
(E78FAI) 248-349-5600 \$229,000

FARMINGTON HILLS Updated Ranch
If you are looking for a newly updated home on a great lot your search is over 3 bedrooms 2 updated baths 2 car attached garage fireplace never roof large utility room Turn key condition Farmington Schools
(E00CAR) 248-349-5600 \$205,000

REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home
3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage finished basement newer windows furnace & CA Large kitchen w/oak cabinets beautiful hardwood floors all sitting on a dead end street
(E32SAR) 734-455-5600 \$149,900

WESTLAND What A Buy!
Extremely clean 1st floor condo offering 2 bedrooms 2 baths w/opener floor plan Master bedroom w/WIC separate laundry & appliances
(E68SHO) 734-455-5600 \$109,900

WESTLAND Charming Townhouse
Offers 2 bedrooms 1.5 baths full basement attached garage newer kitchen floor light oak cabinets & some newer appliances Master suite with bath Custom woodwork & window treatments Large deck
(E19HUN) 734-455-5600 \$161,900

DEARBORN HGTS. Heights Beauty Is Born
Beautiful 2004 built brick ranch w/3 BR 2 BA Open flowing floor plan w/great attention to detail Gorgeous room sizes and large country kitchen Central air custom front porch Ready in approximately 30 days
(E81HAR) 248-349-5600 \$149,900

LIVONIA Looking For A Ranch?
Ready to go! Offering 3 BR 1.5 DR & 2 BA White eat in kitchen Fin FR in LL w/trpic Updates Appliances stay Hardwood floors 7/0 Glass block windows, large fenced rear yard Garage insulated & drywalled C/A
(E93DEE) 248-349-5600 \$169,000

WOODHAVEN Updated Ranch
Very nice home w/plenty of room & updates not roof CA HWH siding sprinklers shed & more Heated 2 car attached garage in ground pool covered deck pool heated by roof solar panels
(E39SHE) 734-455-5600 \$177,900

PLYMOUTH Charming Condo
1 bedroom upper level condo Private entry & carport in unit laundry storage unit CA ceiling fans ceramic floor & major appliances Very well mainta need
(E70PLY) 734-455-5600 \$95,900

WEBSTER TWP Unique Country Home
Custom built 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial on approx 2 acres w/2 car attached garage & 3 car detached garage basement wrap around porch above ground pool w/decking large kitchen & dining room + appliances
(E42RYA) 734-455-5600 \$355,000

SOUTH LYON This Is A Charmer
Brk home boasts newer roof windows kitchen bath deck fresh paint plus finished bsmt Great location in sub out de sac lot w th private backyard & 2 car garage Ceramic tile BAs plus hdwd flrs 7/0 South Lyon schis
(E23LYO) 248-349-5600 \$179,900

GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream
Wonderful 3 BR ranch w/finished LL w/full BA Newer carpet windows roof & furnace 94 Copper plumbing Updated electrical & glass block windows Close to schools All appliances stay Steel entry doors Cutie
(E81FLO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900

DEARBORN HGTS Perfection Plus
Great location for this 2 bedroom 2.5 bath condo backing to Hines Park Open floor plan 2nd floor finished deck off kitchen full basement & 2 car attached garage
(E12LEG) 734-455-5600 \$164,900

WESTLAND Condo
Nice upper unit condo in Westland w/Livonia schools Deck quiet surroundings tennis courts & pool Nice sized rooms low association fee
(E50WOO) 734-455-5600 \$67,500

LIVONIA Bungalow
Remodeled kit includes appl ances & laminate floor also in nook Barber in family room 2 upper BRs & stairs LR & 2 lower BRs have hardwood floors Michigan bsmt 2.5 car gar patio & wide drive part fenced
(E71FIV) 248-349-5600 \$169,900

NORTHVILLE Incredible Value
Waterfront estate in Stonewater sub Largest sq ftg built by Moeer Upgrades marble granite cust cherry cabs 2 story enclosed porch spiral staircase MBR w/3 way trpic str rm + BA finished LL w/kit BA & BR
(E02MAN) 248-349-5600 \$1,149,000

NOVI Pool And Putting Green
Amazing approx 1/2 acre backyard retreat w/brick paver patio & walks 3 car wide drive new kitchen room w/2 way trpic granite & SS appls 03 State front porch 5 vessel sink grand FF MBR w/french floor DR
(E37HAX) 248-349-5600 \$589,900

PLYMOUTH Fabulously Renovated
4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial in Old Village just a short walk to downtown offers 1st floor master suite 2nd floor family room w/fireplace 1st floor fireplace in living room tin bsmt 2 car garage w/opener & kit appls
(E61ADA) 734-455-5600 \$359,600

GARDEN CITY Well Maintained Home
And updated with roof single layer circuit breakers furnace & CA windows & more Newer kitchen w/appliances 2 car garage w/attached to building All this in this 3 bedroom brick/alum ranch
(E05SUN) 734-455-5600 \$135,000

NOVI Welcome Home
Spacious over floor plan California style ranch Great room with lots of windows 2 fireplaces & 1st floor laundry 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths 2.5 car garage w/work bench crown molding & Novi schools
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ORCHARD LAKE Small Home w/Lake Privileges
Nothing fancy but you'll love the fun with all sports Upper Straits Lake privileges Boat & dock facilities West Bloomfield schools Great site for large custom home
(E34PAR) 248-349-5600 \$199,900

HOWELL Peaceful w/View Of Pond
Near downtown Howell & Brighton Ranch w/BR 2 BA Kit w/frst rm to GR w/gas trpic Formal LR & DR Master BA w/garden tub & sep shower WIC & vanity area 2.5 car gar w/storage over 1 acre wooded lot
(E22PAR) 248-349-5600 \$272,000

GARDEN CITY Curb Appeal, Updated & Clean
Specious open floor plan living room w/crown moulding custom woodwork & open staircase Kitchen w/oak cabs newer floor & eat in kitchen Newer siding & w ndows Spectacular finished basement & 2 car garage
(E42RUS) 734-455-5600 \$141,900

VAN BUREN Ready To Move Into Condo
2 bedroom 2.5 bath townhouse w/hardwood floors in kitchen & dining room ceramic tile n baths finished basement w/daylight windows gas fireplace in living room accent & recessed lighting plus attached garage
(E85MIL) 734-455-5600 \$174,900

WESTLAND Move Right In
3 bedroom ranch w/soundproof bonus room in basement Updates include roof BA C/A HWH electrical siding and more Freshly painted Covered patio w/landscaped yard Great kitchen w/eating area
(E08AVO) 248-349-5600 \$132,000

SOUTHFIELD 2 Suite Condo w/Fireplace
Location! Location! This condo is ready now All appls including front loader washer and dryer Hunter Douglas blinds upgrades shower doors & carpeting 2nd floor laundry What more could you want?
(E91STJ) 248-349-5600 \$198,650

PLYMOUTH Walk To Town
Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom 1 bath condo Neutral decor open floor plan doorwall to deck All appliances stay
(E52PIN) 248-349-5600 \$124,900

PLYMOUTH Fabulous Yet Casual
Close to downtown Plymouth this top floor condo features 2 skylights bay window 1st floor laundry w/stackable windows Kitchen has oak cabs Seller is offering \$1000 decor allowance Truly worth viewing!
(E11PIN) 734-455-5600 \$130,000

CANTON Large Colonial
In Sunflower sub w/large lot backing to ravine Updated furnace CA patio roof some windows & doorwall Basement, 2 car attached garage & appliances Don't miss this one
(E01CHA) 734-455-5600 \$268,900

LIVONIA Live In Livonia
At this price? One bedroom condo w/carport Close to freeways shopping & restaurants Newer carpet & fresh paint Low association fee includes gas water & a pool Appliances included
(E89BOB) 248-349-5600 \$69,900

REDFORD Ready To Move?
Quick occupancy 3 BR ranch w/LR dining area plus eat in kit w/oak cabs & neutral counters Neutral carpet 7/0 plus hdwd flrs under carpeting Garage bsmt newer furnace w/humidifier air cleaner & C/A
(E37WCH) 248-349-5600 \$139,900

ROCHESTER HILLS Stunning Condo
3 BR 2.5 BA condo w/att garage into kitchen Fireplace heats LR & DR combo w/doorwall to trees putting green & walking trails Basement used as FR has glass block daylight Beautifully decorated
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INKSTER Move Right In
3 bedroom 1.5 bath home with newer windows and updated kitchen partially finished basement furnace & a/c 1998
(E85AVO) 734-455-5600 \$115,900

NOVI Enjoy The Tranquility
In this lovely 2 bedroom 1.5 bath townhouse w/spectacular view of pond from the patio or every room 1st class finished basement beautiful kitchen w/hardwood floor
(E03PON) 734-455-5600 \$165,000

COMMERCE Extreme Quality
New construction 3 BR 2.5 BA ranch w/trpic in GR Extra deep basement w/daylight windows plumbed for additional bath cath ceilings ceramic and hardwood 1st floor laundry All on approx 1 acre 4+ car garage
(E45CAR) 248-349-5600 \$314,900

CANTON Great Location
4 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/cath ceilings open floor plan & neutral carpet All windows & doors done in rich oak Finished basement ready for bath Professionally landscaped sprinklers lighting 2-car gar Must see
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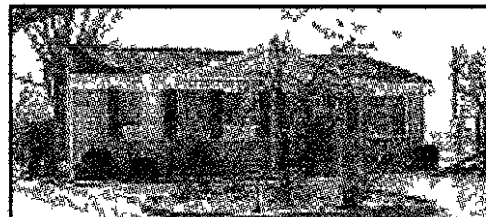
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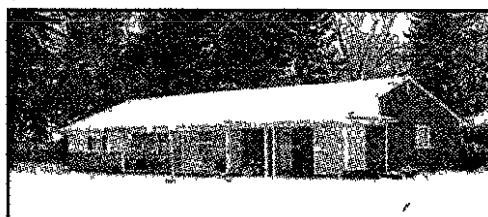
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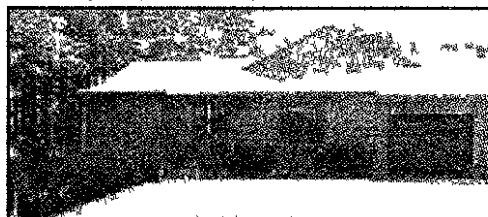
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IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY One year old 2 BR 2 1/2 bath Brownstone condo Neutral thru-out w/luxury features master suite w/bath & WIC 2nd floor Indry C/A deck attached garage (S870) \$144,900



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UPDATED RANCH Well cared for 3 BR 1 5 bath home w/natl fpic Newer roof gutters, bath oak kit cab Refinished hwd flrs fin bsmt w/lav 2 5 car gar & fenced yard 349-6200 (24155688) \$124,900



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3 BR COLONIAL W/LOTS OF UPDATES Newly remodeled eat-in kit, freshly painted fin bsmt w/berber carp Nice size lot most appls stay near schools A must see! 349-6200 (24096942) \$109,500

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GOLF COMMUNITY Sophisticated 4 BR 3 5 BA BETTER THAN NEW! Newer condo in Cherry Grove - 3 stones of 2082 SF quality living gas fplc lrg GR dining area eat-in kit w/door wall to deck 2 5 bath 2 car att gar (23C516) 24142293 \$234,900

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UP NORTH FEEL IN THE CITY Great fully fenced 6 acre lot 3 car gar w/heat & 220-mechanic's dream! Cape Cod 1272 SF 3 BR 1 5 BA Lrg FR w/deck overlooking bckyard (24147495) \$174,900

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TELEMARKETERS

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Wanted with exp & motivation for National Lender Leads provided TV tele marketing etc Must NEED to make \$100K plus a year Aggressive commission structure and benefits are also available We do loans from A to D call Mark or Marlene @ 248 358 3800 or fax your resume to 248 358 3806

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For Service Company Great pay & benefits Call Nick @ Mr Rooter 1 888 655 6700

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BY DALE BUSS

There are multiple kinds of buzz emanating from the North American International Auto Show this week in downtown Detroit. On one level, we're hearing that its speed and horsepower - and future indications of more - that are causing excitement among consumers. Of course, there also are an increasing number of potential car buyers who are demonstrating a "green sort of anticipation over the growing number of hybrid vehicles that are becoming available.

Then there's the technology crowd. The folks who come especially to see what doodads they might find on future vehicles. One of the most extreme conceptual examples of interesting new technology can be found on Ford's SYN SUV, essentially a consumer-friendly armored vehicle complete with self-deploying shutters that cover the windows when the vehicle is parked and bullet-proof glass that protects drivers from stray gunfire.

But more than anything else, both the show - and recent results in the marketplace - show that what consumers relish more than anything else these days is vehicles that simply look sharp. That makes design itself the new rudder of the automotive marketplace.

The renewed preoccupation with design is understandable, given a little history. The Seventies and Eighties snuffed out the industry's bolder renderings under safety and fuel-economy concerns. Then, auto makers spent the Nineties essentially copying the unvariegated "jeanbean" design of Ford's best-selling Taurus sedan. But global competition, the rise of the SUV and the digitization of the design process have combined to produce a profigate number of new vehicle types and models these days.

With quality and technological differences among products largely having leveled off over the last decade or so, eye-catching design can be decisive. "Both consumers and the car companies are ready to see more chances taken out there," says Chris Chapman, director of automotive design for DesignWorks USA, a unit of BMW. People are kind of sick of the same old thing, and they're looking for something new.

But there's been a narrowing gap between futuristic designs and the exciting stuff that's already on the road. Chrysler exemplifies that better than any other



The 2005 Chrysler 300 is the North American Car of the Year.

American company. It scored a hit a few years ago by quickly moving its retro-looking PT Cruiser wagon from concept status into production. Chrysler's encore this year is the 300 series, a line of mainstream sedans that features high window ledges, extremely short front and rear overhangs, and a blunt and bulky front end with a yawning grill that give the car an unmistakable machismo unlike anything else on the road these days.

"It gets people into the showrooms and gets their emotions going," says Trevor Creed, Chrysler's senior vice president of design, who was weaned on the great winged beasts of the Fifties such as the Chevrolet Bel Air.

Creed's crew also are responsible for the design renaissance at Chrysler's Dodge division, which has used huge, "horse-collar" grilles and grand curvature as the styling signatures of a whole range of distinctive models including Magnum, the wagon-like cousin of the 300, a bigger new Durango SUV, and the new version of the venerable Dodge Charger nameplate that Chrysler unveiled to great acclaim at the Detroit show.

After decades of serving as the avatar of bland design, General Motors also is taking a worthy number of chances these days - and connecting with many of them. They include the Cadillac line, with a distinctive, chiseled styling theme that has helped revive the entire nameplate, and even the spiffy overhaul of the Envoy SUV, part of the company's relatively anonymous GMC brand.

Japanese auto makers, known more for killer fit-and-finish than for daring design, also are moving the needle here. Nissan went first a few years ago as it struggled for survival, spawning bold new models such as the pod-shaped Murano "crossover" model and the Quest minivan, which sports an industrial-looking design that was meant to resemble an urban loft," says Diane Allen, a Nissan Design America manager.

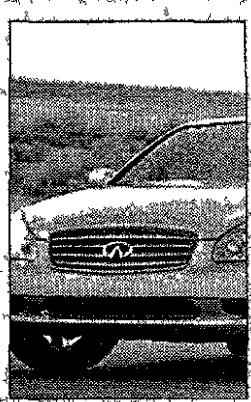
Interiors also have benefited from the new energy behind design. The raw pleasure in beholding the severely rounded design of Audi's two-seater TT Roadster is amplified by the symphony of brushed-aluminum cylindrical shapes that dominate the cockpit. And the minimalist theme of Nissan's Quest wouldn't be complete without an instrument panel that looks like something out of "Lost in Space."

Of course, design risks don't all result in marketplace success, as exemplified by Chevrolet's SSR. Five years ago, this two-seater convertible - featuring a retro-looking front end, a foldaway hardtop and a very practical, truck-bed style rear - wowed car-show crowds as a concept vehicle. So GM began producing the \$42,000 roadster two years ago to create buzz for the Chevy brand and build showroom traffic. But SSR has only sold at about two-thirds of GM's modest expectations.

So it's back to the drawing boards for the designers. That's just where car buyers want them.

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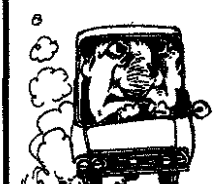
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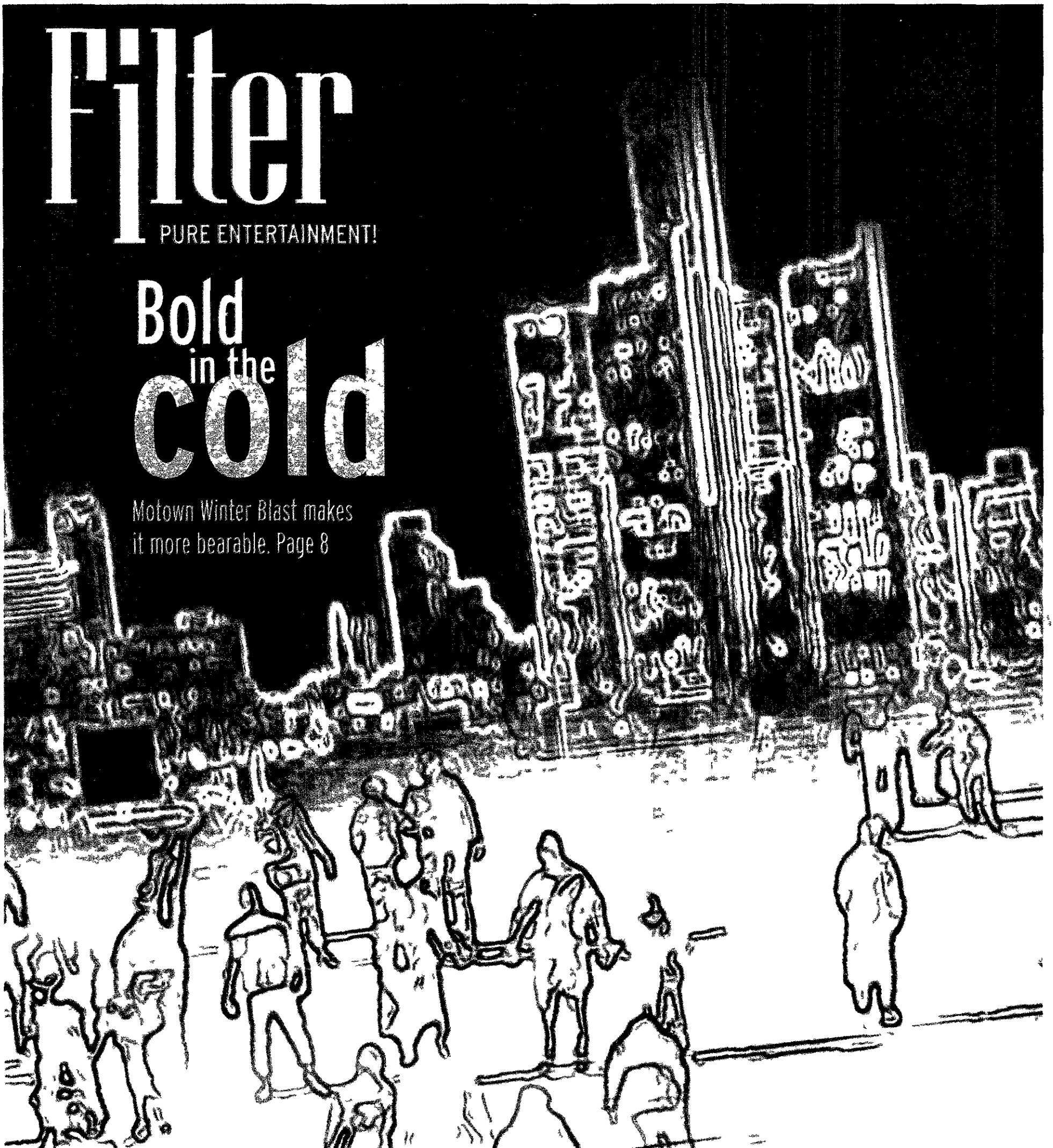
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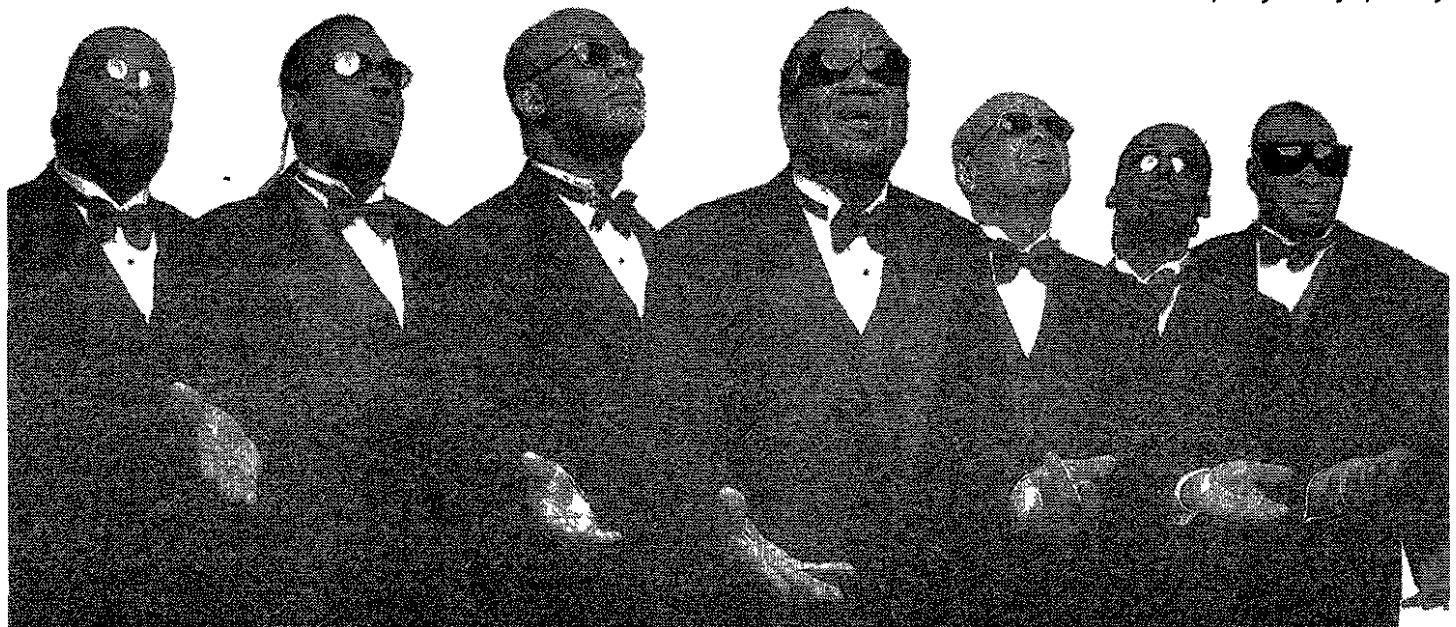
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Hot Ticket



The Blind Boys of Alabama are an American institution that can turn almost any song into a gospel song

Every year it seems the names get bigger at the Ann Arbor Folk Festival. This year the spiritual-folk-punk-activists Indigo Girls headline the festival on Friday, Jan. 28. Modern blues master Keb' Mo' closes the show on Saturday, Jan. 29, at the Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor.

The festival is presented by The Ark as its largest annual fund-raiser.

The Ark, in Ann Arbor, is a small venue run by volunteers. It's an establishment where people come to listen to music rather than munge. Alcohol is sold only to its members.

Festival organizers strive each year to include undiscovered artists in the musical lineup, along with musicians at the peak of their careers.

Also performing are gospel legends the Blind Boys of Alabama, The Glengarry Bhoys, who perform a blend of Celtic music sung in French and English, singer/songwriter

Richard Shindell, who spent time playing for money in Paris subways, local soulful singer/songwriter Whit Hill & The Postcards, and many others.

Also featured is Grammy Award-winning artist Keb' Mo', who writes blues with a modern edge.

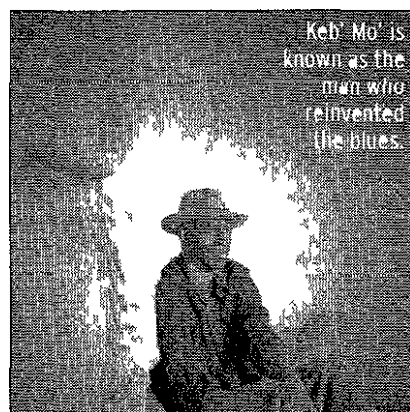
He was raised in gang-infested Compton, Calif., and turned to the acoustic blues of the Mississippi Delta as a way to express his feelings of hope.

His latest album, *Peace Back By Popular Demand*, is positive and danceable.

'It started out as a collection of protest songs, but it evolved into an album about peace and freedom,' Mo' said.

Peace is a collection of 1960s and 1970s

Meet the Folks



Ann Arbor Folk Festival seems to get hotter every year

music, such as *What's Happening*, *Brother* by Marvin Gaye, *Imagine* by John Lennon, and *For What It's Worth* by Buffalo Springfield. The

songs, Mo' said, are still relevant today.

'We have way more reasons to come together than we have to split apart and I think people the world over want pretty much the same things.'

For his remake of *Imagine*, Mo' writes 'It's a song that's perfect in the expression of its ideas and feelings.'

'I didn't worry about 'Oh, man, I don't know if the world needs another version of this.' I think the message is so profound, there should be more versions of it.'

Former opera singer turned folk artist Susan Werner is hosting the festival.

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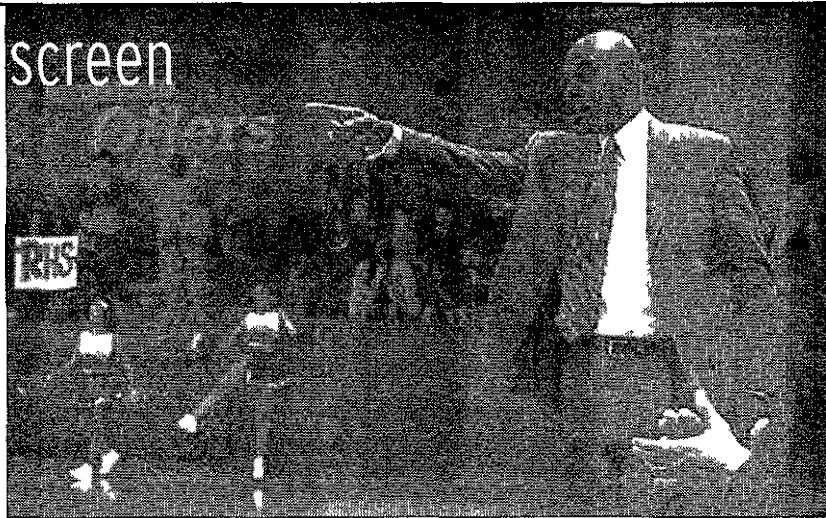
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'Coach Carter' scores with a strong cast

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
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You pretty much know what you're getting when you walk into a sports movie that bills itself as "an inspirational account inspired by a true story"

And with *Coach Carter*, you pretty much get that

The story of Ken Carter, the basketball coach at Richmond High School in a tough section of the San Francisco Bay Area, features rousing, crowd-pleasing moments and breathless buzzer-beating action

It's also full of the obligatory speeches about turning athletes into students and turning boys into men

The difference here is that the person making those speeches is Samuel L. Jackson

He's not threatening to strike down upon anyone with great vengeance and furious anger, as he did so famously in *Pulp Fiction*

He has dialed down his wrath, but despite his character's overly polite practice of calling everyone ma'am and sir, he's still a formidable presence

Jackson avoids melodrama - it just isn't part of his repertoire - and director Thomas Carter, who previously directed another MTV movie, *Save the Last Dance*, for the most part does the same, though he could have trimmed the film by about a half hour

The result, like the recent *Friday Night Lights* and *Miracle*, is a movie that manages to transcend its predictable, by-the-numbers structure, even though its tough-love themes inevitably will remind you of *Stand and Deliver* and *Dangerous Minds*

As told by screenwriters Mark Schwahn (creator of the WB series *One Tree Hill*) and John Gatins (*Summer Catch*), the rigid Carter is hired to coach the dismal Richmond High basketball team, for which he was a star player in the early 1970s

These kids are failing both on the court and in the classroom, and he immediately sets out to fix both problems

He works them harder than they've ever worked before, with endless drills, sprints and push-ups, and he forces them to sign contracts requiring them to maintain at least a 2.3 grade point average

Carter's innovative tactics include naming strategies after his ex-girlfriends and sisters.

Everything seems to be going great in the film's first hour, which includes the de rigueur montage of practices and victories as the team cobbles together a surprise undefeated season

Carter's innovative tactics include naming strategies after his ex-girlfriends and sisters

He also kills his players with kindness and tricks them through reverse psychology, tactics familiar to his son, Damien (Robert Richardson), a freshman who has pulled himself out of private school and enrolled at Richmond, just to play for his dad

Then *Coach Carter* becomes a totally different movie when Coach Carter realizes that several of his players haven't been upholding their end of the contract academically, with the complicity of their teachers and parents

He padlocks the gym, forces the entire team to meet at the library to study and cancels games, drawing the ire of parents and the community, who just want to see a winning team

If all this hadn't actually happened, it would sound too impossibly feel-good to be true

While Jackson plays a huge role in making the film believable, the casting is exceptional all the way down the line

Rob Brown, who made his acting debut starring with Sean Connery in *Finding Forrester*, is quietly confident as one of the team's stars

R&B singer Ashanti, who plays his pregnant teenage girlfriend, proves she can act beyond the meager skills she has displayed in videos opposite Ja Rule

And Rick Gonzalez (who played Spanish in *Old School*) provides a palpable nervous energy as a student torn between the easy camaraderie he enjoys on the basketball team and the easy money he makes helping his cousin deal drugs on the streets

Take a guess which one he chooses

Coach Carter a Paramount Pictures release runs 137 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four



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Hayden Panettiere and Stripes, voiced by Frankie Muniz, in 'Racing Stripes'

'Racing Stripes' lags in heart

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE
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Dismissing *Racing Stripes* as a paltry retread of *Babe* would be mean, and it's hard to be mean to a movie that's so well-intentioned

The similarities are awfully hard to miss, though — as are the differences

Whereas the talking little piggy of *Babe* wanted to be a sheepherding dog a decade ago, the talking baby zebra of *Racing Stripes* wants to be a racehorse

Actually, he thinks he is a racehorse, and is devastated to learn otherwise when he grows up (and is voiced eagerly by *Malcolm in the Middle* star Frankie Muniz)

Like *Babe*, *Stripes* the zebra lives on a farm, where he arrived after horse trainer Nolan Walsh (Bruce Greenwood) found the former circus animal abandoned on a country road and brought him home

And like *Babe*, *Stripes* is surrounded by a menagerie of computer-enhanced creatures who crack wise — only here their voices are provided by a much higher-profile assemblage of celebrity talent, a joke in itself in Belgian director Frederik Du Chau's movie

Whoopi Goldberg provides the voice of Franny the goat, who keeps all the other animals in line

Jeff Foxworthy voices Reggie the rooster (though he's essentially doing his you-might-be-a-redneck act, wearing feathers atop a barn)

Snoop Dogg growls lazily a couple of times as a bloodhound named Lightning

But the best of all is Dustin Hoffman, who sounds like he's having a ball goofing

around as a cranky Shetland pony (with a heart of gold, of course) named Tucker

This is the first and probably the last time you will see Hoffman and Snoop in the same movie together, but based on the critical praise Hoffman has received for his wacky work in *Meet the Fockers*, anything seems possible

What *Racing Stripes* offers in star power, though, it lacks in heart

Babe, which never hit a false note, will make even grown-ups cry every time This new film, meanwhile, is strangely distant, with its superficial platitudes about tolerance and daring to go after big dreams

PLOT

Stripes wants to race, and the farmer's daughter, Channing (Hayden Panettiere), wants to be a jockey, but her overly protective father won't allow it after her mother's death in a riding accident.

Together they sneak their way into the prestigious Kentucky Open, where *Stripes* competes against the spoiled thoroughbred Trenton's Pride (voiced by Joshua Jackson from *Dawson's Creek* with appropriate frat-boy swagger)

The enthusiastic young zebra gets help from a filly named Sandy (Mandy Moore), a New Jersey pelican named Goose (Joe Pantolano, relegated to regurgitating every famous line from every mob movie, ever) and a couple of flies named Buzz (Steve Harvey) and Scuzz (David Spade), whose painfully repetitive routine consists of singing songs like *U Can't Touch This*, passing gas and wallowing in piles of poop

(The proliferation of scatological humor will crack the kiddies up, but prevent

adults from enjoying the film completely)

Pantolano's shtick also feels hackneyed, especially after the animated, mob-themed *Shark Tale*, but he does offer a great line when he mistakes the zebra for an ex-con because of his stripes

HUMANS

As for the human beings, they're much better than you might expect in a feel-good kids flick

The underappreciated Greenwood, so solid in movies such as *Thirteen Days* in which he played John F. Kennedy, brings warmth and resonance to the role

He also has a believable father-daughter dynamic in his scenes with Panettiere, who has turned into a strong, beautiful young actress after roles in *Remember the Titans* and *Ally McBeal*

But too often David Schmidt's script forces the humans in the movie, like M. Emmet Walsh as a grizzled track rat, to utter lines like, "That zebra really wants to race — I can see it!"

It's ideal for children, though, and its heart is in the right place — which almost makes it a winner

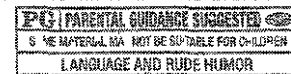
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New on the scene

Upstart contemporary theater group presents 'True West'

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

On any given weekend Detroit's theater offerings probably exceed the number of new movie releases in town.

But when it comes to contemporary drama, the choices often fall off to nothing.

Enter Breathe Art Life Theatre Project. The relatively new upstart company, which splits its performance time between Detroit and Windsor, has committed itself to producing solely contemporary plays.

The group opens a production of *True West*, Sam Shepard's dark comedy about the rivalry between two estranged brothers, on Friday at Windsor's Capitol Theatre. The play continues Jan. 22 and Jan. 28-29.

"We just didn't understand why contemporary theater wasn't being done in this area," said 31-year-old Valerie Bonasso, one of the company's four founding artistic partners.

Bonasso resides in Windsor and minds

GOING WEST

What Breathe Art Theatre Project presents Sam Shepard's dark comedy *True West*.

When 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday
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the business end of things.

Demetri Vaccratsis, 33, has dual citizenship in both countries and handles artistic matters. Courtney Burkett, 29, of Detroit, is a graduate of Wayne State University's prestigious master's theater program. The

fourth partner, 32-year-old David Court, is currently pursuing his master's in scenic design at the Detroit university.

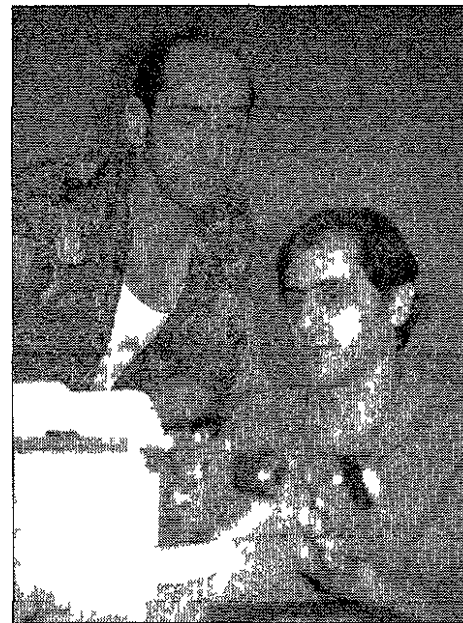
The company's name, Breathe Art Life Project, expresses the founders' philosophy about the relationship between art and life, said Bonasso. "You can't live without breath, and you can't breathe without art."

Except for a few donations, funding has come out of the partners' own pockets. So out of necessity, the group is taking small steps in developing the organization. The company was founded just more than a year ago, but this year marks the first full season and availability of advance subscriptions.

"We're trying to keep it as minimalist as possible. We're not getting paid. We're not looking to make money, but to provide a service to the community and all the while do something we love to do."

So far, attendance is rising.

Breathe Art's next production, *Two Rooms*, Lee Blessing's play about an American taken hostage by Arab terrorists in Beirut, is set to run March 11-19 at 1515

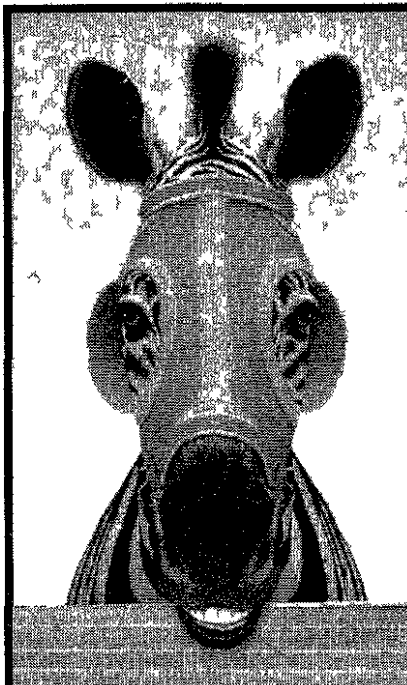


COURTESY OF BREATHE ART THEATRE PROJECT

Mark Lefebvre (standing) plays Lee and Demetri Vaccratsis portrays Austin in Sam Shepard's *'True West,'* a dark comedy about two estranged brothers.

Broadway in Detroit.

"A younger sensibility changes an outlook on a company," said Bonasso. "We're just starting out and getting our feet wet. We've all had a little bit of professional experience. Now we want to take that experience and create something of our own."



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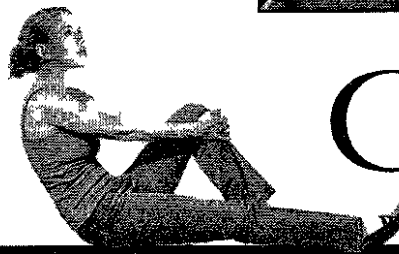
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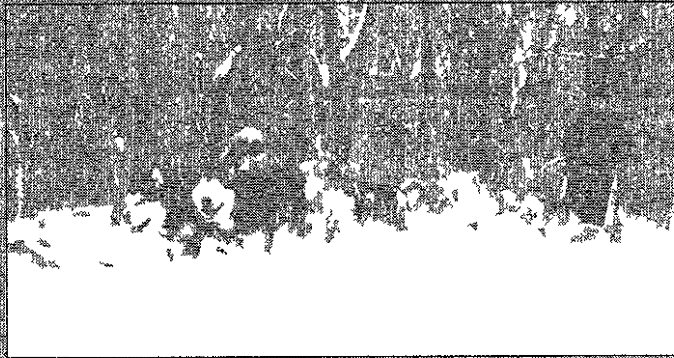
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'Winter Blast' hits Motown, so will Super Bowl XL



Anti freeze

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Treading the streets of downtown Detroit mid-winter doesn't sound like easygoing entertainment. But Motown Winter Blast, the Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee's free mega kick-off festival, might blow your mind enough that you'll forget all about the chilly temps.

The event, a mood-setting preview to the February 2006 Super Bowl here in

Detroit, is centered around the city's new pride and joy Campus Martius Park and its Rockefeller Plaza style ice skating rink.

Slated Friday through Sunday, the Blast quite literally has it all. There's music, art, food, sports and, yes, a whole bunch of activities that scream out loudly and proudly: Winter!

"First and foremost, we want to embrace the winter," said Jonathan Wittz, the event's organizer. "So we set out to find winter activities that will draw people to Detroit and showcase the city."

Beyond outdoor ice skating on the new rink, visitors can get lost in a gigantic snow maze, glide down a 200-foot snow slide, be kept docile by trying out snow shoeing and watch

GOOD CHILL

What The Detroit Super Bowl XL Host Committee's Motown Winter Blast, a pre-party for the 2006 Super Bowl in Detroit, pre-party featuring seven zones of entertainment and activities.

When Friday Jan 21 to Sunday Jan 23, hours vary by zone.

Where Downtown Detroit, but centered around Campus Martius Park, 800 Woodward Ave. between Fort and Michigan.

Admission Free; call (313) 963-8418 or www.motownwinterblast.com



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INDOORS

BLAST

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master snow and ice sculptors shape the cold into crystalline beauty

Organizers dedicated three of seven areas making up the Blast to wintertime activities Family Wonderland, located at Campus Martius Park, is the hub, and in addition to open skating, features demonstrations by the Detroit Skating Club with a showcase performance by two-time U.S. National Bronze Medalist Rudy Galindo at 6 p.m. Friday

The Michigan org Winter Experience, just east of the park, is where the snow maze, slide and dogsleds can be found Just farther east and running along Monroe Avenue is the Detroit Snow and Ice Spectacular's carving competition 'Campus Martius could be called the centerpiece, but each area stands alone in providing great entertainment,' said Witz

To the west of the park on Michigan Avenue, enormous tents will provide visitors not only with heat, but also food and live music Taste of Detroit features 20 metro restaurants, including Andiamo's, Sweet Georgia Brown, Seldom Blues, Small Plates and the Hard Rock Cafe, plus music by more than 50 local bands

'Oh, heat, heat, you can get heat every 150 feet,' exclaimed Witz 'So if you need a break, it's there'

Courtesy of DTE Energy, heated 'Comfort Zones' have been set up along main walking routes

OUTDOORS

Winter experience

■ Family Wonderland - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday

Campus Martius Park, 800 Woodward Ave. between Fort and Michigan Avenue, features open ice skating plus demos by the Detroit Skating Club and winter arts and crafts

■ Michigan org Winter Experience - 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday-

Saturday and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, east of Campus Martius Park on Michigan Avenue in front of Compuware, includes 200-foot snow slide, a snow maze, dog sledging demos and snow shoe trekking

■ Detroit Snow and Ice Spectacular - open 24 hours, Friday-Sunday, Monroe Street between Farmer and Randolph, showcases a competition of international snow and ice carvers with special lighting effects and nightly laser shows

Food

■ Taste of Detroit - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday-Saturday and

11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, Woodward Avenue between

Kennedy Square and Campus Martius Park, sample

favorite dishes from 20 metro Detroit restaur-

ants under heated tents and take in

entertainment by more than 50

local bands.

Sports

■ Detroit Sports Bowl - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday inside Ford Field, Woodward at

Brush Street teams from local companies compete in sports challenges officiated by local sports celebrities and the winning team gets Super Bowl XL tickets

Art

■ Tour d'Art - 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Detroit's

Cultural District, along Woodward Avenue near Wayne

State University campus, free admission to participat-

ing cultural and educational institutions including

the Detroit Institute of Art, the Charles H. Wright

Museum of African American History and

the Detroit Science Center, plus

special programs

Likewise, there are several indoor entertainment zones To start, more than 10 of Detroit's cultural and educational institutions plan to grant free admission to visitors, with some offering special programming, during the Blast The zone, located in the city's cultural district, has been dubbed Tour d'Art Inside Ford Field is the Detroit Sports Bowl where local corporate teams take on sports challenges in hopes of winning Super Bowl tickets There's also a city club crawl

'The purpose of the Motown Winter Blast is to create the backdrop for the Super Bowl,' said Susan Sherer, executive director of the host committee

The event also gives organizers, sponsors, local businesses and others who will be impacted by Super Bowl XL an

opportunity to host a large event before the real thing,

Sherer said, adding no host city has ever

undertaken to hold an advance "practice" festival

'We are ready, we continue to get ready and we're ahead of the

game," she said 'I do believe this could

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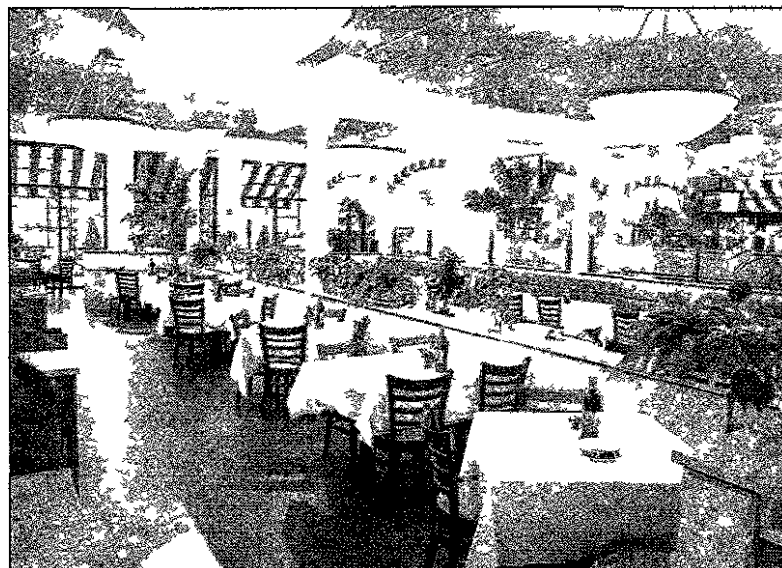
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Table hopping



Above, Bravo! Cucina Italiana restaurant features a wide assortment of classic Italian dishes in an environment reminiscent of Italy. Right, Scott Clymer, assistant general manager, and Jack Szekeres, sous chef, present several signature dishes, including (from left to right) Gorgonzola Fillet, Torta Di Cioccolata, Mama's Lasagne Bolognese, Pasta Yandolino, and BBQ Chicken Pizza.

Mambo

Western Livonia is surely taking its place in the metro Detroit area as a destination for folks on the lookout for dining options, and Bravo! Italian Cucina is among the latest for eager Epicureans.

Although Bravo is essentially a chain restaurant that now boasts 42 locations and got its start in Columbus, Ohio, the moderately priced Italian eatery has managed to maintain a particularly local and unique flavor by hiring Schoolcraft College grad Jeff Condit as the restaurant's head chef.

Still in its infancy, Bravo has already lured in a steady stream of regular customers who swear by the restaurant's dedication to good service, good food and drink in a 200-seat room divided by smoked glass. The room is decorated with faux Roman ruins and Italian-flavored wall hangings and also contains a full bar and other amenities designed to give customers a complete Italian dining experience.

"We will be back," customer Edward Moore of Dearborn said. The service here reminds us of the Emeril restaurant in Orlando - very attentive.

Moore and his wife, Darlene, were Bravo first timers who came to the restaurant based on a request from their granddaughter, Lauren Steward, a Plymouth resident

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and Michigan State University student home for a holiday visit with her grandparents.

"Her parents brought her here and she loved it, Darlene Moore said. So she wanted to share it with us."

Well-staffed and located on property formerly owned by Schoolcraft College fronting Haggerty near Six Mile Road, Bravo offers its patrons a taste of Italy that may go down even easier when the bill is presented, according to Bravo manager Sal Alluzzo.

Alluzzo confidently professes little fear of rapidly multiplying competition near the

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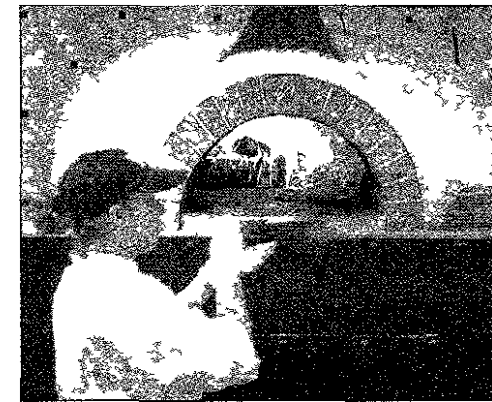


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Italiano

Bravo! maintains local flavor with Italian accent



Diane Esparza puts a Margherita Pizza into the wood burning oven

restaurant's location and says Bravo is well geared to come out on top

Although the restaurant is for the time being easy to miss due to the continued construction in its strip center location which will soon include several retail outlets as well as additional restaurants, patrons can expect to see more on the site when the winter thaws

A bocce ball court as well as two outdoor patios will be completed in the near future. Both are intended to complement Bravo's highly successful presentation of Italian dining.

A relative newcomer in the metro Detroit area, Bravo has nonetheless managed to

mine local dining clientele with locations in Rochester and Lansing as well as Livonia.

Next summer, Bravo will be opening another new location in Troy at the Somerset Collection.

Michigan has turned into a very good market for us, Alluzo said. And this really fit what we were looking for as a destination.

Alluzo, who's been with Bravo for about a year, underwent an extensive 16-week training program that saw him doing everything at the Rochester location from working in the kitchen to waiting tables.

PIZZA

In keeping with the current trend of offering specialty pizzas and freshly baked Italian flat breads, Bravo! Cucina Italiana is equipped with a wood-burning stove that not only serves its utilitarian purpose but offers guests an appealing and comforting hearth to gaze upon.

We also have an extensive wine list with a lot of Italian wines, Alluzo said. We're able to keep them affordable by dealing with them in our 42 stores.

Although most of its restaurants are located in the Midwest, Bravo has successfully established itself in extremely competitive dining cities like New Orleans.

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Alluzo, who has accumulated 22 years in the restaurant business and most recently managed the Big Buck Brewery and Steakhouse, got a taste for the restaurant business at an early age.

I grew up in a big Italian family, where kitchen and food were the center of the house, Alluzo said. 'My moms still the best cook. Things have kind of come full circle for me. It's just fun to be working around lasagnas and spaghetti's.

Head chef Condit, who works with a menu designed by corporate chef Phil

Yondolmi, has in the past put in many hours as chef at his own restaurant in Colorado as well as at the Rattlesnake Club and the Whitney in Detroit.

"If you walk in here and see the white tablecloths and the decor, you expect to pay a lot more," Condit said. "We always have 10 or 11 pastas and the service of at least a three-star restaurant [The competition] can't beat us with the food. To me, that's a triple threat."

MORE MENU ITEMS

Specialties at Bravo, apart from pizza and pasta, include a Parmesan-crust fish selection at \$18.95 that changes according to the day's fresh catch and is complemented with crispy potato and

spinach in butter sauce side dishes.

The restaurant also prides itself on its dessert menu, which is crowned by the Bravo! Trio, a three-tiered gastronomical extravaganza composed of tiramisu, creme brulee and Bravo's own specialty cheesecake that at \$12.50 serves four or more.

Pizzas, which are built on top of traditional dough and carb-conscious Italian flatbreads, are delivered piping hot to the table at under \$10 apiece.

Pasta Bravo, the restaurant's signature pasta dish that is tossed with wood-grilled chicken, mushrooms and red-pepper sauce, is priced at approximately \$12.

Steaks, chops and seafood dishes are also available with the most expensive menu items costing about \$20.

Bravo also has a family-style catering menu for those who want to bring the taste of Bravo to the home or office, and pasta and specialty dishes designed to feed a dozen people can be obtained for about \$100.

Condit, who graduated from Schoolcraft's culinary arts school in 1990 and has cooked for clientele in Michigan, Colorado and even for a short spell in Bermuda, is only glad to serve.

"All I've ever done is cook," Condit said. "We've got seven different pasta noodles, we substitute pastas and make everything fresh on the day that it's served."

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Special event

Art-Rageous party mixes food, fashion, art and salsa music

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Here's what you get for \$100 at the swanky Art-Rageous event on Saturday, Jan. 29.

Enter the American Center Building in Southfield and immediately see works from about 20 artists. An open cocktail bar will be nearby.

Meander a little deeper and 20 restaurants will serve a strolling dinner. Circulate more and see art available for auction and sale, including handbags, photographs and jewelry. On the balcony, Papa Joe's Gourmet will host a wine and cheese tasting.

The main event is a fashion show by Dolce Moda and students of Wayne State University's Fashion Design and Merchandising Department and the International Academy of Design and Technology.

During the fashion show, salsa masters Grup Alegre will perform. They'll also play during after-dinner libations, where guests will be encouraged to salsa.

The event, presented by Swingtime, benefits the Fanclub Arts Foundation, a

ART-RAGEOUS 2005

What: A lavish mix of live entertainment, a fashion show, wine tasting, art and jewelry auction, dining and more.

Presented by: the Fanclub Arts Foundation to benefit arts education.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 29.

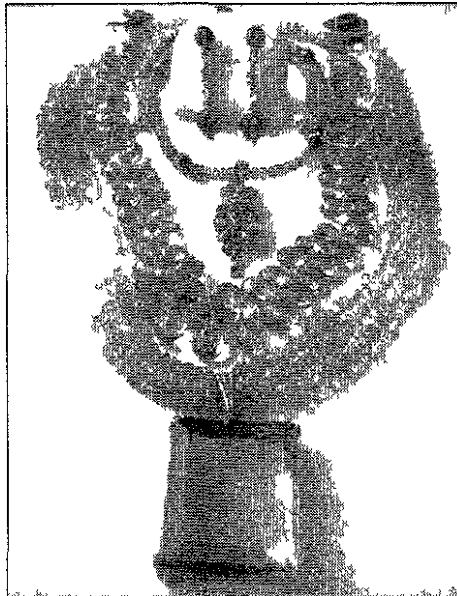
Where: The American Center Building, 27777 Franklin Road near Telegraph and the Lodge Freeway.

Entertainment: Salsa band Grup Alegre, urban percussionist Jared Sykes, the band Innerphonic and dancers from Suzette's Masters of Dance.

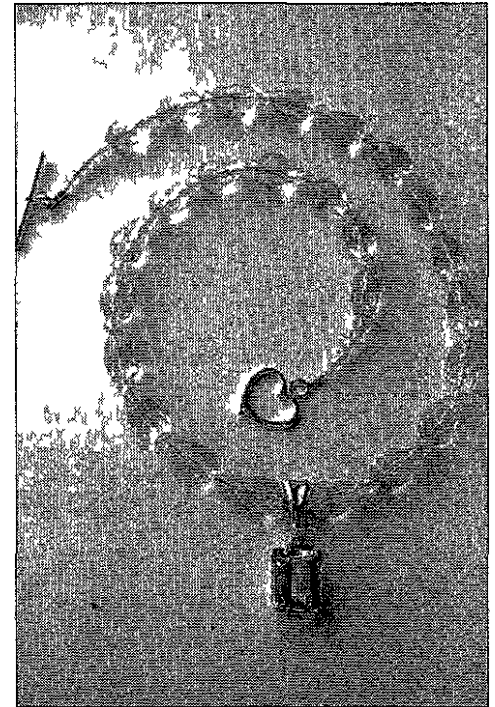
Tickets: \$100. Call (248) 584-4150 or visit www.fanclubarts.com.

nonprofit group that works to put arts education within the reach of anyone who aspires to create art.

John Bloom, executive director of



Art-Rageous is a charity event to raise money to help educate artists. Wearable art, such as these pieces created by designer Carol Ziecik of Bloomfield Hills, will be offered at an auction.



Fanclub, said the goal of the event is, of course, to raise money but also to offer a vibrant, cultural evening.

"We just want you to come in and enjoy it all and help us help artists," Bloom said. Beyond that \$100 ticket, you don't have to spend a dime unless you want to purchase something from the auction.

The entertainment is all included. The wine tastings, dinner, desserts, music, fashion show, art viewing, it's all included. The price is about \$50 lower than the average event of this kind."

Urban percussionist Jared Sykes, the band Innerphonic and dancers from Suzette's Masters of Dance will also perform.

The lavish and outrageous event features art from local artists and Fanclub

grant recipients.

The fashionable crowd ranges in age from mid 20s to 50s.

Art-Rageous is the successor to Swingtime, the lavish fund-raiser that had taken place at the Fisher Theatre since 1998.

Some of the participating restaurants are Back Home Bakery, Beans & Cornbread, D'Amato's & Goodnite Grac, Edibles Rex Catering, Harry's Detroit, Lily's Seafood, Maggie's Chocolate Fountain Bar and Union Street.

Among the many past receivers of grant money from Fanclub are Cornerstone Schools, Grace Centers of Hope, Henry Ford Academy, Greenfield Village, Wayne State University and Walled Lake Central High School.

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Music

WINTER ROCK FEST

Where: Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main Street, Royal Oak, (248) 543-4300

When: 8 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 30

What: A Detroit rock festival including Blind Shame, Proxi, Joe Anthony and Natives of the New Dawn to raise money for the Detroit Music Awards

Awards

Admission: \$5 donation

For more information: Visit www.detroitmusicawards.com



Natives of the New Dawn create funky, hip-hop rock. The band is one of an eclectic list playing Memphis Smoke on Sunday, Jan. 30 to raise money for the Detroit Music Awards.

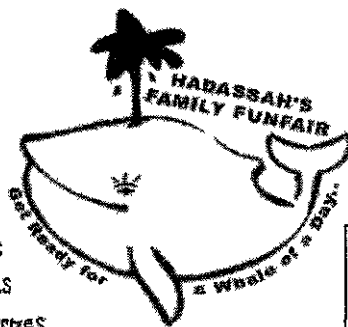
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Musicians ready to rock for Music Awards benefit

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

The ambiance on Memphis Smoke's stage will change hour by hour Sunday, Jan. 30, as a diverse list of local musicians perform to raise money for the Detroit Music Awards.

Four bands will play the Winter Rock Fest at the Royal Oak restaurant/bar beginning at 8 p.m.

Indie rockers Proxi will fuse together textured electric sounds. Blind Shame will play melodic modern rock.

Rock, jazz, hip-hop and dance guitarist/singer solo artist Joe Anthony will perform his funkadelic music.

And Natives of the New Dawn, known for its wild shows, will play music that's a blend of blues, jazz, soul, reggae, funk

and hip-hop.

Natives of the New Dawn have been together for about a year and haven't yet attended the Detroit Music Awards.

Still, guitarist Joe Fikany said the band realizes the importance of supporting fellow musicians. Doing so is keeping in tune with the band's musical style - to stay upbeat.

"The music is really happy, we keep depression out of our music and want people to be happy hearing it," Fikany said.

"Our shows are extremely high-energy, catchy with lots of crowd participation. It's really something to look into the audience and see all smiles."

Natives of the New Dawn made a big

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Detroit debut when it played The Warped Tour last summer

At that show alone, the band sold more than 800 copies of its CD, *The Sunshine Chronicles* (available at www.nativesmusic.com)

Each band attracts a different type of crowd, which should also add to the interesting night

Fikany said Natives of the New Dawn attracts a mix from hip-hoppers to R&B fans

Crowd pleaser Joe Anthony has become a fixture on the Detroit music scene. He created a style that he calls Freedom Music, using computers, drums and bass and his own live lead guitar

He's got the Joe Satriani guitar attitude and the Kid Rock sound coming out of his guitar, said Doug Podell of WRIF 101 FM. "Very unique and different. It is really outstanding stuff"

The Detroit Music Awards are held every year by the Motor City Music Foundation to honor and nurture local artists and create a sense of music industry community that cuts across genres and styles

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Jewish Ensemble Theatre

Door to Door by James Sherman through Feb 13, 6600 W. Maple West, Bloomfield, (248) 788-2900, www.jettheatre.org

Meadow Brook Theatre

Driving Miss Daisy through Jan 30 at the theater on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Show times and ticket prices vary, visit www.mbtheatre.com or call (248) 377-3300

The Fisher Theatre

The King and I through Jan 30, show times vary, tickets \$30-\$68, (248) 645-6666, (313) 872-1000 or www.nederlanderdetroit.com

Heartland Theatre Company

New reading series at Meadow Brook Theatre, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, *Radio Ball* by Lauren Kettler. Suggested donation \$5. Tribute to Uta Hagen (1919-2004), 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, at The Roeper School on two blocks north of Maple on Adams Road in Birmingham, no charge, visit www.heartlandtheatre.com for details

Masonic Temple Theatre

In keeping with the spirit of *Rent*, seats in the front two rows of the orchestra will be made available for \$20 for every performance of *Rent*, Jan. 21-26. The \$20 tickets go on sale at the Masonic Temple Theatre box office, 500 Temple Ave., Detroit, on the day of performance, only two hours prior to the show and are available to anyone, cash only, with a limit of two tickets per person. Performances: 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday. No performances Monday or Thursday. \$56-\$25. Special ticket prices of \$40 and \$25 are available for a noon Wednesday, Jan. 26

show along with a group rate (12 or more). Purchase tickets online at www.NederlanderDetroit.com, www.ticketmaster.com or at The Masonic Temple Theatre Box Office on show days. To charge tickets by phone, call (248) 645-6666. For group sales (12 or more), call (313) 871-1132. For information, call (313) 872-1000 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Intimate Apparel by Lynn Nottage, 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, 3 p.m. & 8:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. Sunday through March 20, 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, \$17, (313) 868-1347, www.detroitreptheatre.com

YOUTH THEATER

PuppetArt

Firebird, 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22 and Jan. 29, 25 E. Grand River, Detroit, \$5 children, \$7 adults, (313) 961-7777

Marquis Theatre

Rumpelstiltskin, 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, Jan. 22, 23, 135 E. Main St., Northville, \$7.50, (248) 349-8110

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Avon Players

A New Brain, musical based on the life of composer William Finn, with book co-authored by James Lapine, Jan. 21, 23 and Jan. 27, 29, Thursday, Friday and Saturday performances start at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees 2 p.m., at 1185 Washington Road, one mile east of the intersection of Tienken and Rochester Roads in Rochester Hills, \$16-\$14 student/senior discount tickets for Sunday matinees, (248) 608-9077

Ridgedale Players

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, 205 W. Long Lake Road, Troy, \$14 students/seniors (on Sunday), \$13, (248) 988-7049

Players Guild of Dearborn

Comedy *Dear Ruth* by Norman Krasna, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 21, 22, Jan. 28, 29, 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 & 30, 21730 Madison, Dearborn, (313) 561-TKTS or www.playersguildofdearborn.org

St. Dunstan's Theatre Guild

Neil Simon's *Rumors*, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 21, 22, Thursday, Saturday



The Actors Company debuts 'Sleeping Beauty' at the Millennium Centre, 15600 J.L. Hudson Dr., Southfield. Performances 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23. Tickets are \$8 per person. Call (248) 557-PLAY (7529) for advance ticket reservations and more information, or visit www.youththeatre.org

Jan. 27, 29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, \$15 students/seniors, \$13, 400 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 644-0527 or www.stdunstanstheatre.com

Village Players

High Spirits, Noel Coward's classic comedy *Blithe Spirit* is set to a rollicking musical score, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 21, 22, 28, 29 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23 and 30, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, \$15, (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com

Detroit Ensemble Theatre

Men In Suits, two short, dark comedies about life in the most dysfunctional family of them all, the mafia, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 21, 22, Jan. 28, 29, \$15, (888) 220-8471 or at the door, intersection of Ten Mile and Gratiot Avenue in Roseville. Show not recommended for younger audiences. It does contain some objectionable language.

Bonstelle Theatre

Metamorphoses, based on Ovid's ancient stories, 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Jan. 21, 22, Jan. 28, 29, Sunday, Jan. 23 & Jan. 30, 3424 Woodward Ave., one block south of Mack Avenue. The box office at the Bonstelle Theatre is open only one hour prior to each performance, \$12 regular, \$9 for students, senior citizens, (313) 577-2960

DINNER THEATER

StarBrite Dinner Theater

Presents *Ripe Conditions* by Claudia Allen, Friday, Saturday through Feb. 19, at 14th Street Grille & Bar, 350 East 14 Mile in Madison Heights. The laugh-filled romp tells the story of a pair of bumbling brothers who compete for the affection of their attractive and newly widowed sister-in-law while a tornado threatens to blow apart their plans. Cocktails and dinner are at 6:30 p.m., curtain 7:30 p.m. Three-course dinner and theater, including tax, cost \$39.50 per person. Visit www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (248) 589-9900 for reservations.

Tony n' Tina's Wedding

Extended run through Saturday, Feb. 12. Performances Friday, Saturday, Freedom Hill's Ralph A. Liberato Hall at Freedom Hill County Park, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road) east of Van Dyke (M-53) in Sterling Heights. Doors open 7 p.m. Evening includes a full Italian style dinner by Andiamo's, champagne toast and piece of the wedding cake. Live band provides music for dancing, \$60 in advance, (586) 268-7820, (248) 645-6666, www.freedomhill.net or www.ticketmaster.com

Rogerland Productions

Run for your Wife by Ray Cooney, 6:30 p.m. buffet dinner, show 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday through Feb. 25, \$25 per person, show only \$12 per person, tax, tip, drinks and dessert not included, Clawson Troy Elks, 1451 E. Big Beaver west of John R. Troy, (586) 776-9844

AUDITIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

Stagecrafters

British farce *Run for your Wife* by Ray Cooney, 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette Ave., downtown Royal Oak. Visit www.stagecrafters.org for details. Show dates are April 1-7.

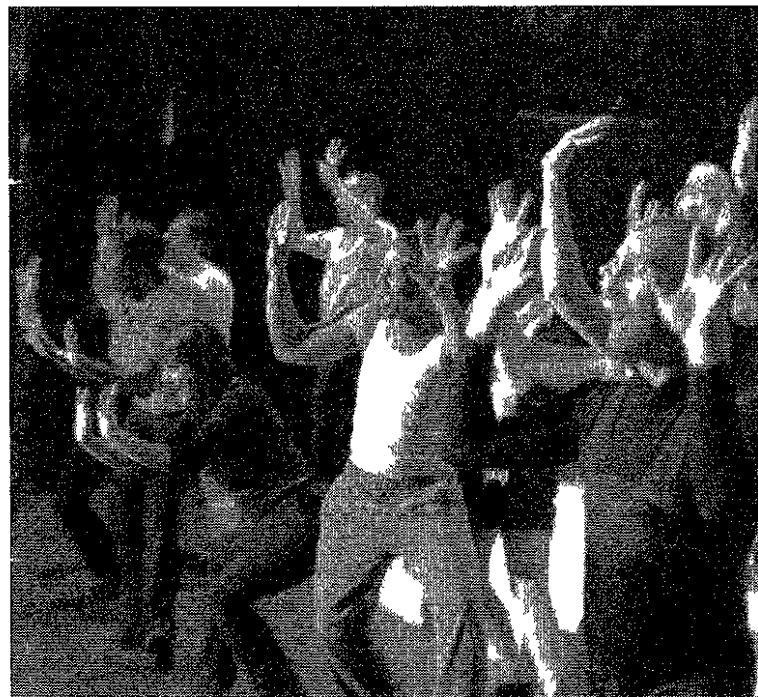
Ridgedale Players

Musical Revue! Be prepared to sing a show tune and do some movement. The cast will be comprised of approximately six men, six women and six children (ages 8-18), 6:30 p.m. children, 7:30 p.m. adults, Monday, Jan. 24, at the playhouse, 205 W. Long Lake Road in Troy, (248) 988-7049

COMEDY

John Bressler comedy night

At Costick Activities Center, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, \$20 adults, \$18 seniors and students. Advance tickets may be purchased at the Costick Center, 28600 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (248) 486-1111.



DOUGLAS JOHNSON

Marlon Smith-Jones (as Leading Player) rehearses a dance number with the cast of Stagecrafters' Main Stage musical production 'Pippin', running Jan. 21 to Feb. 13, at the Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette in downtown Royal Oak. Tickets \$16 and \$18, call (248) 541-6430

tion or to charge tickets call (248) 473 1857 A limited number of tickets may be available at the door

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Tuesday Musicals of Detroit

Concert 10 30 a m Tuesday Jan 25 Westminster Presbyterian Church 17567 Hubbell Detroit (313) 341 2697 Features Sylvia Starkman (oboe) Linda Borushko (clarinet) Carl Karoub (horn) Patricia Snyder (bassoon) and pianist Hiroko Ohtani A \$5 00 donation is suggested (248) 848 9930 or (586) 504 0458

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Millish with Tone and Niche 8 p m Friday Jan 21 \$10 Linford Detweiler with Jason Dennie 8 p m Saturday Jan 22 38840 Six Mile Road Livonia (734) 464 6302 www.trinityhouse.org

David Nefesh Band

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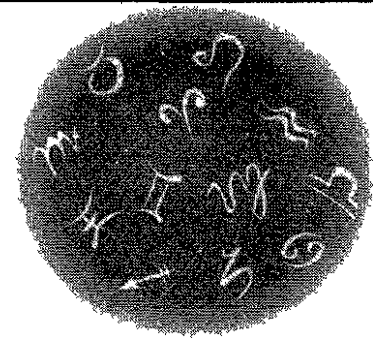
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Star struck

(Jan 20 Jan 23)
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)

What you want and what other people think you should have are two entirely different things and it seems that in the days following Inauguration Day you have to decide whether to listen to yourself or to others A compromise may be the simplest solution - but is it the right one Ram?

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Family members who have been behaving awkwardly (I m being polite) will now begin to see reason and you can turn your thoughts to matters of deeper significance There is no point in falling out with someone whose motives are far kinder than they seem Bull

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Colleagues and loved ones will be more helpful and supportive now that the Sun is in your element So rather than dwell on the events of the recent past concentrate on planning for the future The art of being wise is knowing what to overlook Twin!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Past is past Moon Kid let it be No matter how depressed you feel you will be on top of the world again this weekend with the Moon in your sign You are far better placed than you seem to appreciate so accentuate the positive and the negative will seem less significant

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

If you long for new scenery or circumstances the opportunity is ripe There should certainly be no shortage of inspiration on the path to fulfillment The less worldly your motives this weekend the greater your possibility of victory Start celebrating now Lion!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

It is sometimes necessary to take deliberate steps to demonstrate your worth in order to improve your professional status With Venus and Mercury positively linked in your element this is the moment to approach those you need to impress Virgo Have faith kiddo!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Your desire to do the right thing can be blighted by your knack for saying the wrong thing and you must now tread a diplomatic (Balancer s keyword) path when dealing with friends neighbors and associates It is when you are at a loss for words that you tend to say too much

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

A peculiar planetary set up tends to make you doubt others people s intentions now Therefore when dealing with both intensely personal and professional issues try to remember that fear is only an illusion - something that gives a false sense of isolation and exists only in the imagination

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Every person and every situation you encounter can add a new dimension and color to your life For quite some time now you appear to have been trapped in a time warp and restricted or constrained by financial difficulties But one final confrontation next week will help set you free

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

There is always a certain amount of turmoil and it would seem that many of life s lessons are learned through trial and error However this is one weekend when no one and nothing can prevent you from charting your own course and choosing your very own traveling companion

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Somewhere along the line you appear to have made an error in judgment or been too optimistic about a financial arrangement Therefore your main priority over the coming days must be to get down to brass tacks and salvage what you can One particular deal looks to be more trouble than it s worth Water Bearer

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

All the Piscean values of honesty and compassion were highlighted by recent astro aspects Therefore it s time to let bygones be bygones and throw open the doors to those who are still standing outside in the cold and start the new year with a clean slate Y know?

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And so begins "The Deadenin'"—the period of time when I struggle to find things worthy of Picks here in our magical winter wonderland. Sure, there seems to be nothing to do, but I grew up *Up North™*, where the only options were one movie at the local theater, bonfires in the woods and hanging out at a friend's house and we still had enough to fill our week-ends. We had to drive our snow-mob-iles five miles just to get to each other's houses. Now get grandma her blanket cause her stories are on

Film Your best option for the cold may be seeing a movie you've been meaning to catch or cuddling up with a great book – all the while staying wrapped in the warm comfort of the inside. It's freezing out there kids!

If you would like to venture out to a movie, may I suggest **A Very Long Engagement**. The return of Audrey Tautou and her *Amelie* director Jean Pierre Jeunet is set near the end of WWI in France where Tautou searches for her fiancé who disappeared after being court-martialed and sentenced to a unique punishment.

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I have this friend James. Ever since I met him a few years ago he has been working on this documentary. Yes, it's a documentary on the Detroit Garage Rock scene, why do you ask?

It's also friend bias aside the best trailer for this type of off-attempted film I've seen. After really pushing the last few months to finish *It Came From Detroit*, they are making one final attempt to finish it and are throwing a **benefit show** Saturday at the Magic Stick in Detroit. All proceeds from the show will go toward finishing the film. The Gore Gore Girls, Fortune and Maltese, Cyril Lords and The Detroit City Council will all play. Cover is \$10 and the show is 18 and up. Doors at 9 p.m.

By the way, my friend's last name is Petix. You should remember it for future Cannes Film Festivals.

Check out more about the film including trailers at www.itcamefromdetroit.com

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Book I'm a little late on this one, but I think it was just released in paperback, so that counts in my world.

That being said, **Little Children** by Tom Perrotta (*Election*, *Joe College*) kicked my booty – in a good way. If I could rewind time, I'd include it on my best books of 2004 list.

It tells the fictional tale of a group of parental thirtysomethings and their suburban angst. A convicted child molester moves into town, spinning everyone's lives end on end and microscoping existing prejudices.

Perrotta is compassionate to the characters, letting them speak for themselves. Even the controlling play ground mother and, in some sense, the child molester become understandable under his sympathetic pen – as in the old adage, there is good in everyone.

The book is available like everywhere.

Get your Web browsers ready for next week's installment of Pure Picks when I pick the best in entertainment blogs. If you don't know what a blog is, first of all, let me point and laugh, and second, explain. A blog is short for Web log, an online diary space where anyone and their bratty neighbor can post uninformed opinions or sophomore emo poetry for all the world to read – or at least their friends and family. However, some sites actually include smart, snarky writing, and some of those sites focus on entertainment – these are the ones I will pick. Hey, it's an easy column to pump out while my mind is in hibernation. Have a suggestion of a blog you fear we may overlook? Send your suggestions for the best entertainment blogs, local and otherwise, to stardy@oe.homecomm.net.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who has grown quite tired of your incessant begging and proclivity for the inane. She was just trying to help you out, not do the whole thing for you. You can state your peace, piece, peas, gruff by e-mailing her at stardy@oe.homecomm.net or snail mailing Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. As always, information regarding local entertainment events is also something you should really send to her.

Art

Photograph exhibit helps Holocaust survivor heal

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

She's so strong in spite of terrifying childhood memories. During the Holocaust, Miriam Brysk hid in a forest with her family after they escaped a Nazi-occupied Jewish ghetto in Lida, Byelorussia, near Warsaw. In those woods, Brysk and about 500 other children and adults lived in fear, hunger and cold.

When the ghetto was liberated, Brysk was one of just 150 people who survived in the forest. More than 10,000 residents of that ghetto were killed.

To honor the victims, Brysk contributed her photographs to an exhibit, *In a Confined Silence*, on display at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, inside the Jewish Community Center through Thursday, Jan. 27. Henry Friedman, who also uses art to heal and tell haunting stories, is displaying sculptures.

Brysk's photographs of Holocaust survivors and victims are digitally enhanced to clearly capture their faces.

"My goal was to make them real, bring them out as real people, not numbers," Brysk said. "I want people to look into their eyes."

When she finally settled in the U.S., Brysk, along with thousands of other survivors, struggled with fear, sadness and anger. But it did not stop her from becoming a successful scientist and artist.

She could have tried, perhaps in vain, to forget the faces of those who perished.

IN A CONFINED SILENCE

What: Mixed media Holocaust photographs by Miriam Brysk and metal sculptures by Henry Friedman that depict Holocaust themes.

When: Through Thursday, Jan. 27.

Where: Janice Charach Epstein Gallery, second level at the Jewish Community Center, 5 D. Dan & Betty Kahn Building, 660 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield.

Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Thursday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday. Closed Friday and Saturday. For more information, call (248) 432-5448.



Miriam Brysk displays photographs of Holocaust victims and survivors, some members of her own family, in the exhibit.

Remembering can be painful. But, remembering, she said, is the only way to keep their spirit alive.

"I suffered depression for many years," she said. "I think many survivors do, but it's not often discussed. Anger and fear. I dove into my work to try to forget. But the best thing we can do is live for those who did not survive. And while doing so, we must honor them and show their faces."

One of the pieces is an image of Brysk's cousin, Sarah, as a child in the ghetto. Brysk overlaid six photos to create *Ghetto Uprising*, a photograph that depicts Nazis burning the ghetto. Sarah's image is in the foreground. Another, *Hungry Children*, shows two children begging. Others show children hiding.

Friedman's work, on the other hand, isn't about the faces; it's about terrifying buildings.

He created the miniature sculptures of buildings with metal and wood to capture Holocaust scenes.

Friedman's sculptures sit on tables throughout the gallery, and Brysk's over-size photos are the backdrop. Patrons can also watch a video that details how Friedman created his art.

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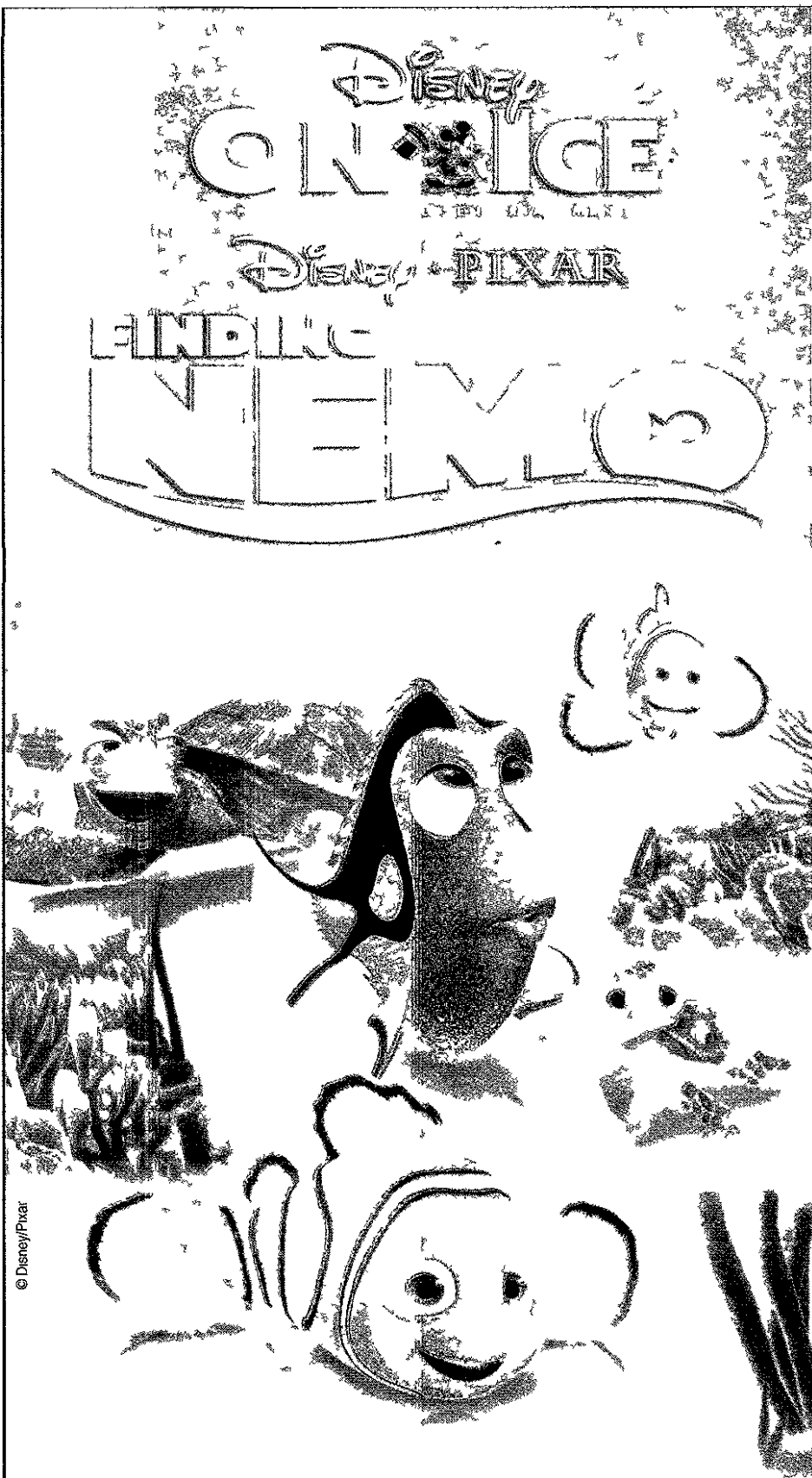
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