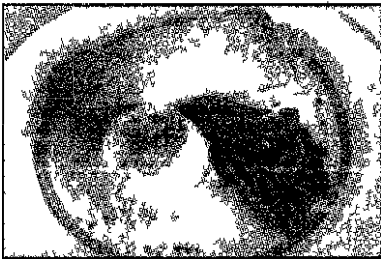


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Dean takes aim at Michigan Republicans

Party chair calls state delegation 'vulnerable'

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Michigan Democrats believe state Republicans are vulnerable in the 2006 elections, and Tuesday night they brought out the party's biggest hammer to drive home the point.

In a speech at a Michigan Democratic Party fund-raiser at Ernesto's in Plymouth, former presidential candidate Howard Dean, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, tried to rally state Democrats, pointing the party's guns directly

at Michigan's Republican representatives, national and statewide.

And he called on local party members to reach out in a grassroots campaign he said the party needs to regain control of both the U.S. and state legislatures.

"We need some work out of you," he told some 500 Democrats jammed into Ernesto's. "What we need you to do is reach out to people who didn't vote the way we did. That's how you build coalitions to win elections. We need to reach out and knock on doors."

As he has in recent speeches and television appearances, most recently on NBC's *Meet the Press* Sunday, Dean talked about "truth, seizing on the dwindling poll numbers of President George Bush as evidence Americans 'want change' in Washington."

He invoked the CIA leak scandal, in which vice presidential chief of staff I. Lewis Libby was indicted on perjury charges and for which senior presidential adviser Karl Rove is still being investigated, the indictment of former House Majority Leader

Tom DeLay on campaign finance violations, and the investigations into Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, using them to accuse the president of fostering a "culture of corruption" in the country.

"We need to end the culture of corruption (Bush) has brought to Washington," Dean said.

"We're going to tell the truth to our people, we're going to tell the truth to our troops, and we're going to tell the truth to our allies."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean tried to rally the party faithful at a fund-raiser at Ernesto's in Plymouth Tuesday.

Dwyer chosen Plymouth mayor

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago, Dan Dwyer gave some thought to becoming mayor of the City of Plymouth, but decided against it because of personal considerations.

This time, he decided the time is right and, in a unanimous vote Monday, the Plymouth City Commission elected Dwyer to serve as mayor for the next year.

The commission also voted unanimously to have Phil Pursell serve as mayor pro tem.

Dwyer heads into his seventh year on the commission, and knows the challenges he and fellow commissioners will face the next 12 months.

"The obvious one is the fire contract (with Plymouth Township), said Dwyer. "I'd be a fool to say it's not been a hard road with the township, but it's also been financially working, to this point."

"It doesn't mean it's the best thing for the future, but I'm not going to say toss it out the window," said Dwyer. "I really want to get a good fire agreement, one that's fair to the people of the city of Plymouth."

Dwyer said he wants to get involved in the number of construction developments planned for the near future.

"We have a lot of development coming, and a lot of it is going to be managing development," said Dwyer. "What a great challenge."

"I want the Bathey property to develop during my term," said Dwyer of the development planned at the old factory site on Mill Street. "That will be the biggest development the city has ever seen."

Outgoing Mayor Stella Greene, in thanking fellow commissioners, said it was an honor serving in the city's top leadership position the past year.

"I appreciate your insights, your input, your intelligence, your tenacity in sticking with some extremely difficult times for the city," said Greene. "Each and every employee has shown a great deal of patience with the city, in the job they've had to do under much tighter circumstances than we've ever known in the city."

Anthony Guilhom, who did not seek re-election after serving two years, remembered talking with neighbors about running for a seat because their neighborhood wasn't represented on the commission.

"We always talked if they (commissioners) were honest and fair," said Guilhom, who said he drew the short straw to run. "I can go back and tell everybody in the neighborhood that our city commission is very fair and honest."

Replacing Guilhom is Gerry Sabatini, who finished fourth in the Nov. 8 election and earned a two-year seat on the commission. Re-elected to four-year terms were Greene, Pursell and Ron Loiselle.

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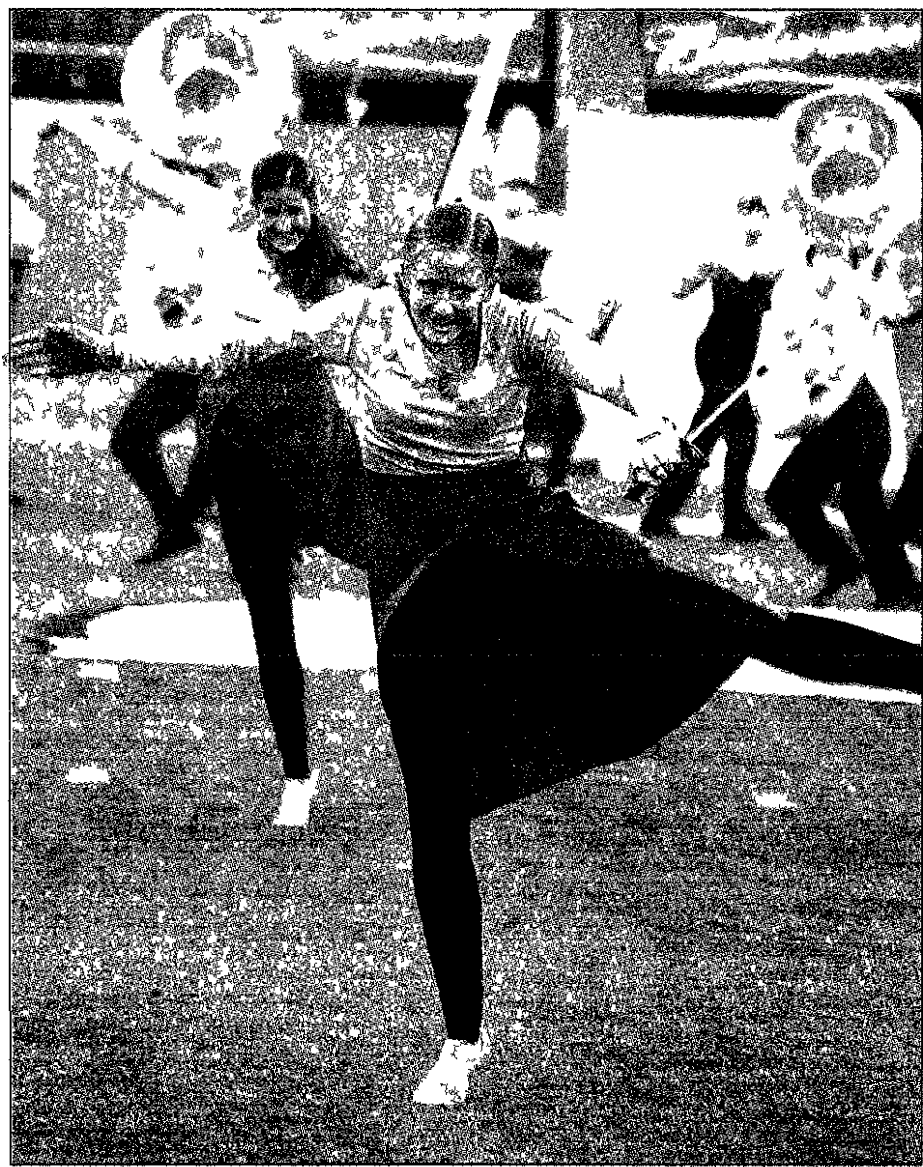


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Among the best

Lyla Eliens (front) and Anna Yanke swing into action during Plymouth-Canton's preliminary performance at the BOA Grand National Championships in the Indianapolis RCA Dome Nov. 10. The hometown marchers went on to take ninth place from a field of 91 top bands. For more, please turn to Page A3.

County wants commitment to underpass

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Wayne County is expected to set a deadline of Jan. 1 for Plymouth and Plymouth Township to sign intergovernmental agreements to move forward on a \$12 million grade separation to be constructed at the CSX crossing on Sheldon Road.

County officials say without the signed agreements, the project could be scrapped and the communities involved will be held liable for costs totaling at least \$1.3 million.

The underpass has been on the drawing board since 1999, but has yet to see a shovel in the ground. Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp wants to know if the communities are in or out.

"I'm not really sure if people are posturing or what exactly is going on," said Helmkamp. "But, we have to have a definitive position of where these communities are at in the near future. It's time to fish or cut bait."

Helmkamp said on April 25 the county sent each community an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to sign, with the city of Plymouth's cost capped at \$503,250, and the township's cost at just over \$1 million.

City Manager Paul Sincock says he never received the agreement, and is waiting for the county to send him one. Helmkamp said that's hard for him.

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LaJoy bill draws heat from local districts

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

As state Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton Township, introduces a bill to increase state per-pupil funding for Plymouth-Canton Schools and five other districts in the state, neighboring school districts want to know why they aren't included in efforts to stave off the financial inequities of

Proposal A.

LaJoy's House Bill 4828 would increase the state foundation grant by \$750 for school districts that are performing well academically and administratively, and surrounded on three sides by school districts that receive state funding that is at least \$1,000 more per pupil.

For Plymouth-Canton, that would mean about \$13 million in

additional money for the general fund budget because it is surrounded by Livonia, Northville and Ann Arbor schools, all of which have state foundation grants more than \$1,000 above Plymouth-Canton's \$7,200.

However, some school administrators want to know why they are being left out.

"Everybody should get a change," said Wayne-Westland

Superintendent Greg Baracy. "Phil LaJoy should be working on closing the gap between school districts, not introducing legislation that creates more of a divide between school districts."

"We lose 300 kids a year, that's \$2.5 million," added Baracy. "Where's the equity there?"

Livonia Superintendent Randy

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Big-screen football

The Committee to Re-elect John Stewart sponsors a screening of the University of Michigan-Ohio State Big Ten football clash, hosted by Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche, Saturday at Papa Romanos in Plymouth Township

Kickoff is at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person, checks should be made payable to Committee to Re-Elect John C Stewart. Papa Romanos is located at 555 Ann Arbor Road.

Toy drive

Mel's Golden Razor sponsors its 26th-annual toy collection for needy families and First Step.

Owner Mel Bobcean will accept toys and cash donations, which he then turns into food and clothing for needy families. The drive runs through Dec 20.

Mel's Golden Razor is located at 595 Forest in downtown Plymouth. For information, call (734) 455-9057.

Santa welcome

The Plymouth community gets a chance to welcome Santa back to town when the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the jolly elf at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25 at the band shell in Kellogg Park.

The crowd will be led in Christmas carols, and Santa's arrival is scheduled for 6 p.m. Following the welcome, Santa will begin accepting visitors in Santa's House, set up on the perimeter of Kellogg Park on Main Street.

The visits will continue on weekends through Dec 23. Visiting hours are 5-8 p.m. Fridays and noon-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. There is also the opportunity to have pictures of pets taken with Santa. Proceeds will then be donated to the Michigan Humane Society.

For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Holiday shopping

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce sponsors a "Holiday Open House," noon-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, during which downtown merchants will be decked out for the holidays. The event will also include a window-decorating contest.

Shoppers will be able to vote for their favorite window decorations in downtown Plymouth, ballots will be available in the shops. The decorating contest runs Nov. 20-Dec. 11.

Native art

Native West in downtown Plymouth celebrates its 16th-annual Holiday Jewelry Festival featuring a selection of Native American jewelry from the southwest.

Trunk Show of Native American Jewelry offers an assortment of sterling silver using turquoise, opals, coral and gold. The event will also feature a selection of inlay pieces with hand-cut stones, finished in one-of-a-kind

designs and inlaid with gold and silver.

The show opens with a Dec 1 reception from 5-9 p.m., then goes 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dec 3 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec 4.

Native West is located at 863 W Ann Arbor Trail. For details, call (734) 455-8838.

TAG screening

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials are screening students for admission to the district's Talented and Gifted program for the 2006-07 school year.

To apply for admission to the program, a student must reside within the P-CCS district boundaries and be in grades 2-7. Nomination forms are available in all P-CCS elementary and middle schools. Completed nomination forms need to be back to school principals or counselors by Dec. 23.

Nomination forms also are available online at www.pccs.k12.mi.us. Nominations for non-public school students should be returned to the TAG Office at Miller Elementary School, 43721 Hanford Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Screening for the program involves two phases of standardized testing, including the Iowa Test of Basic Skills and the Cognitive Abilities Test.

Civil War roundtable

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Roundtable presents Barbara Shafer to talk about the 50th Pennsylvania Regiment and its participation in the civil war at its meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Shafer, a teacher from Dearborn, will have letters and personal artifacts of her great-great-grandfather, a member of the 50th Regiment. She has written articles for



Pizza pumpkins

Renee Kordie (from left), Brianna Abidin, Miranda Tucker and Alayna Schwartz show off the costumes they wore to Farrand Elementary School's Pizza Pumpkin Night Halloween celebration. The annual family event included games, prizes, a Cake Walk, Halloween golf and hockey, fishing, Bingo and Pumpkin Bucci. There was a haunted room, a jail and a hay maze for the children. All proceeds go to the Farrand Parent-Teacher Organization to sponsor field trips, assemblies, supplies and other items for the school.

Civil War Times, Michigan History Magazine and other publications. The museum is located at 155 S. Main in downtown Plymouth.

Admission is free, and the public is invited. For more information, call (734) 459-7324.

Christmas production

The Plymouth Uptown Players and the Plymouth Community Arts Council presents "Too Wrapped Up for Christmas" on stage at the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts. This children's theater group, made up of first- through fifth-grade actors, will perform Dec. 2 at 7 p.m., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon Rd., Plymouth, or by phone, (734) 416-4278.

Dessert theater

The Educational Excellence Foundation, serving the

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, hosts a Dessert Theater Evening at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 at Salem High School.

The award-winning PCCS Culinary Arts team will prepare a variety of desserts, accompanied by a coffee/tea bar. After dessert, patrons will enjoy reserved seating in the Gloria Logan Performing Arts Auditorium for the Park Players' performance of the comedy, *I Remember Mama*.

Tickets are \$25 each and qualify as a tax-deductible donation in support of the performing arts. Only 100 tickets are available, and advance ticket sales only can be paid for with cash, check, Visa or MasterCard.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Carole Kody, (734) 416-2718.

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council features the exhibit, *Nature Revisited*, a new collection of watercolor paintings by Leslie Moorner through Nov. 26.

A member of the Michigan Watercolor Society, the artist likes to describe her new work as images of nature when she looks down at her feet.

In conjunction with *Nature Revisited*, The Village Potters Guild will celebrate their 10th anniversary with a members

exhibit through Nov. 19. The Guild was founded by Kris Darby, a former art teacher at Salem High School, and six other enthusiastic potters. They are located at 340 N. Main in Plymouth.

This year 40 current and past members will exhibit their functional and decorative pottery at the PCAC, ending with a special holiday sale 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 19.

The arts center is located at 774 N. Sheldon in Plymouth. Their hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Entertainment books

Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fundraisers.

The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books, with all proceeds helping children throughout southeastern Michigan. Price is \$25. Books are available at Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth, or home delivery is available. Call (734) 453-8253 for details.

The Plymouth Community Chorus is selling the 2006 Entertainment Books to support its charitable and educational activities. The book offers 2-for-1 and 50-percent discounts on restaurants, travel, recreation, hotel stays, entertainment and sporting events. The book is being offered at a special fund-raising price of \$25, and can be delivered, if the purchaser desires. Order books by calling Stan Kovacheff at (734) 459-6829.

Members of the Plymouth Symphony League are selling the 2006 entertainment book, offering 50 percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events. The book is priced at \$25, with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony Books. The books can be picked up at the symphony office, next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, or ordered by calling Mary Thomas, (734) 453-3016. For more information, call the symphony office, (734) 453-2112.

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Plymouth-Canton fans cheer and hold up the moon and stars (a traditional marching band encouragement) as the hometown performers take the field for finals competition at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis Saturday. P-CMB took ninth out of 91 bands.

Among the best of the best

Hometown marchers take 9th in nation

BY DIANE HANSON
CORRESPONDENT

It's no easy feat to be among the 12 most outstanding high school marching bands in the country, but it is something the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band pulled off again at the 30th-annual Bands of America Grand National Championships at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis Nov. 10-12.

"I could not be happier with our kids," a beaming Marc Whitlock, director of bands at the Park, said after the Saturday night finals awards ceremony. "They performed the best show of their entire season tonight at finals. It was

hands down the best performance of the year. I was very thrilled for them and for all of us. It was truly, truly an outstanding achievement on their part."

Salem senior Charlie Nahra, who played a masterful trumpet solo during the show, couldn't agree more.

"It was an incredible performance," he said. "It was very emotional—we put a lot into this all season. All the practice was worth it. The payoff is today. It's not about the placement, it's about the feeling you get after. It's a great feeling."

The Plymouth-Canton marchers wowed the crowd and the judges with their musical, marching and dance acuity as they performed their 10-minute competition piece, "Performing Inside Out," and progressed from a field of 91 bands from 25 states during preliminaries on Thursday to the 34 highest-scoring bands in semi-finals on Saturday to the top 12 performing in the Saturday night finals show.

Of the 10 marching bands from Michigan, only two others advanced to semi-finals: Muskegon Reeths-Puffer and Jemson. Plymouth-Canton was the only Michigan band in finals, taking ninth place. This year's top spot went to Indiana's Carmel High School Marching Band.

"This is the best of the best and just to be among them is an honor," said Ray Linkous, assistant marching band director.

"This is my first BOA event and I'm really pleased I could

be a part of this with the Plymouth-Canton Band. I think they did a wonderful job and they should be really proud of what they have accomplished."

That accomplishment adds to a long list for the hometown marchers. This is the 16th of the last 17 the band has had the distinction of being among the top 10 bands in the nation, including the number one spot in 1999 and

back-to-back championships in 90 and 91.

The prestigious placement is the pinnacle of a spectacular fall competition season that included every Flight I first-place trophy and all caption awards for Best Music, Best Marching and Best General

Effect along with the highest score of all competing bands at all four local competitions as well as the MCBA State Championships.

The P-CMB also captured the second-place trophy in a 32-band field at the BOA Regional Championships in October, missing first by less than a point.

"The competition was huge this year," Canton senior trumpeter Doug McKelvey said of Nationals. "There were a bunch of Texas and Indiana bands. All the best bands in the country came here this year. Making the top 12 was enough for us, so getting ninth was really great."

The quality of the bands is amazing, according to L. Scott McCormick, president and CEO of Bands of America. His father founded the organization in 1975.

"When you look at what high school kids are doing on the field it is just mind-boggling," he said. "When I think back to my high school days, it would have never been heard of to even think of kids performing at this level."

That excellence in performance was something appreciated by the Plymouth-Canton marchers, who stood and applauded the efforts of the bands they had the opportunity to watch.

"It was really exciting to watch the other bands too," said Salem senior Dawn Bomay, part of the 50-member color guard segment of the band.

"You learn a lot from how they do things. It was all pretty amazing."

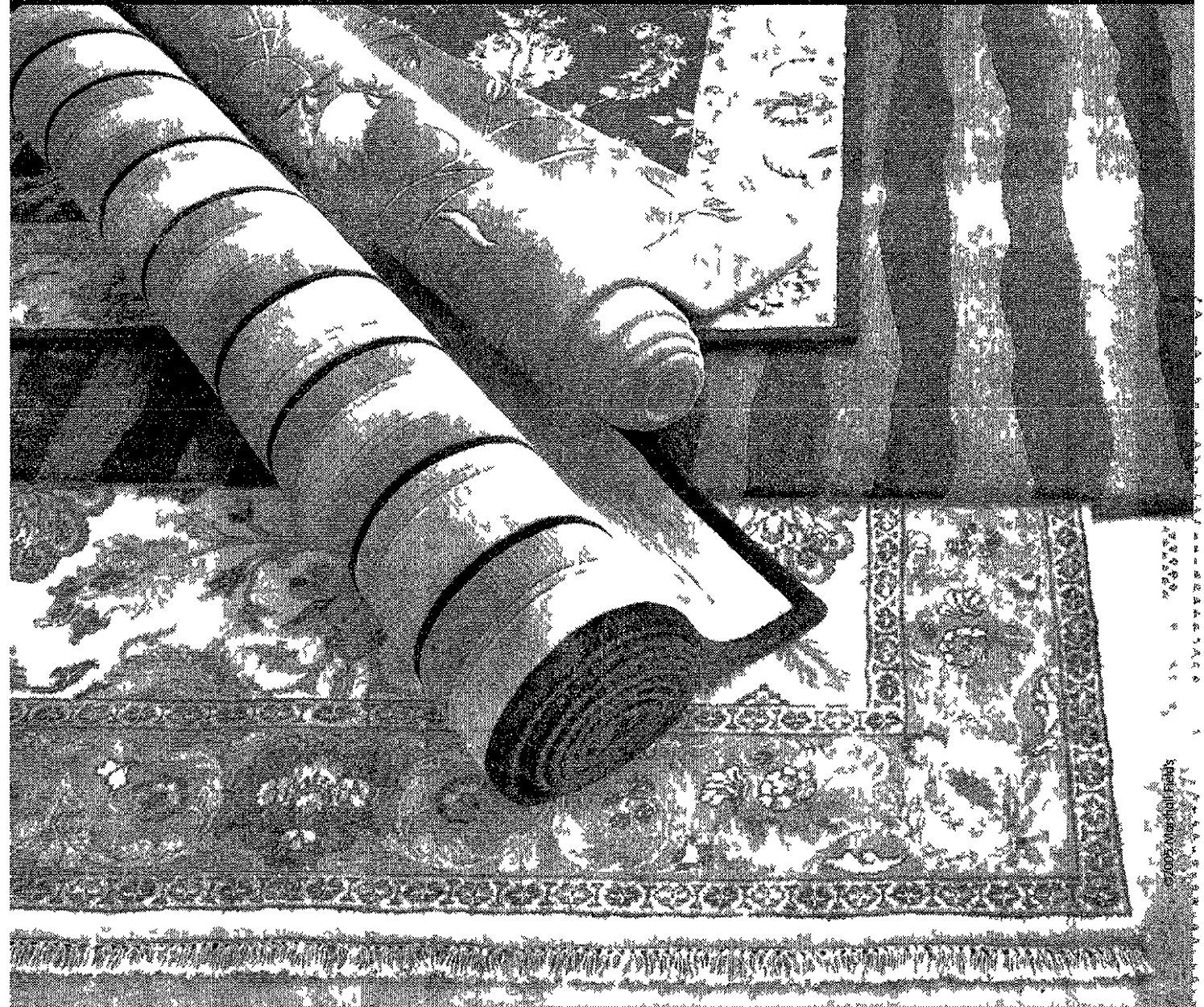


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The P-CEP marchers create intricate and ever-changing formations during the production of their competition program "Performing Inside Out" during the Bands of America Grand National Championships in the Indianapolis RCA Dome Nov. 10-12.

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DEAN

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TAKING AIM

That's when Dean aimed the party's guns at the Michigan congressional delegation, chiefly 11th District U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, and 9th District Rep. Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township.

Dean said McCotter and Knollenberg each took thousands of dollars from DeLay's political action committee, and have voted with DeLay more than 90 percent of the time.

The culture of corruption has reached Michigan," Dean said. (McCotter and Knollenberg) have refused to give that money back. These people may represent Tom DeLay's values, but they don't represent Michigan's values."

The vulnerability of state Republicans is a viewpoint with which Steven Reifman of Farmington Hills agrees.

Reifman, who lost to Knollenberg in 2004 and is considering challenging him again, is a key figure in the formation of the group Michigan Congressional Challengers' Coalition - MC3 - formed to organize a strategy for winning statewide and national offices.

He hoped Dean would show a willingness on the part of the

national party to support local candidates, and he liked what he heard.

(McCotter) is vulnerable, he's independent in a way, but he's also a true Republican," Reifman said. "We're not supporting any particular candidate. We think it's important for the national party to groom national leaders."

RECENT VICTORIES

Reifman painted Knollenberg as "a mundane guy with no real leadership skills," points Reifman said. "He's tied at the hip to President Bush, he's an arch-conservative," Reifman said.

"We don't have an arch-conservative district, and we need to educate the voters on that."

Dean trumpeted recent Democratic victories including gubernatorial races in New Jersey and Virginia (despite a last-minute campaign stop by President Bush), and the defeat of four initiatives sponsored by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger - "Maybe we can turn (Schwarzenegger) into the One-Terminator," Dean joked - as evidence the Democrats are poised to "take back the country."

He also urged Democrats to support minority candidates,



Plymouth resident Alicia Van Peit greets Howard Dean at a Michigan Democratic Party fund-raiser Tuesday at Ernesto's.

including African Americans for both state and national races.

"Why do I bring up uncomfortable subjects like race?" Dean asked. "Because the only majority in the party is women. Each of us is a minority, and the only way we win is by sticking together."

Dean also hit the high points for Democrats.

■ On jobs - "We're going to have jobs in America, and we're going to have jobs that stay in America."

■ On industry - "We need a new industry, and I think it's going to be renewable energy."

■ On health care - "We need a health care system that does what 36 other countries do

and that is cover everybody."

■ On education - "We need a strong public education system, because a strong public education system is what made everything possible in America."

As might be expected, Dean's message resonated with the throng jammed into the restaurant.

"I was quite impressed," said state Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills. "I supported him (for party chair) because he has the ability to rally people and he has the issues to talk about. I think we have to be aggressive, and stress the issues people care about."

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UNDERPASS

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to believe.

"I find it curious they would make that claim," said Helmkamp. "The township received its copy of the IGA."

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer said it's all political posturing.

"If they were really going to start this fall, would you wait for somebody to respond to a letter?" questioned Dwyer. "You're talking about millions of dollars. What would happen if the city never replied, would they just sit there?"

Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume said his board has received the IGA, but they haven't responded yet.

"I've asked the board if they want to go forward, but they said not at this time," said Reaume. "We're waiting to see if the city and the railroad are getting on board."

Hassan Saab, Wayne County's director of engineering, said the design phase of the grade separation project was completed last month.

County officers were hopeful of beginning water main relocation this month, with construction of the underpass to begin next spring.

However, Saab said without the signed agreements, the project has been pushed back to next November, with completion now scheduled for late 2008.

"We have lost one construc-

tion season," said Saab. "We're holding the project until they sign the agreement."

Even if the two communities opt out of the project, Helmkamp said both are responsible for the \$1.3 million in design costs.

Plymouth's share, according to the county, is \$429,000. Plymouth Township is on the hook for \$858,000.

If the communities won't sign the IGA, the county's position is that they have opted out," Helmkamp said. "We will continue to seek collection of costs, pursuant to the resolutions of the two local governments passed."

According to Chris Mann, coordinator for program and finance at the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, the \$5.5 million grant announced in 1999 by then-Congresswoman Lynn Rivers is still on the books, but was reduced to just over \$4.9 million in January. Wayne County has put in part of annual Surface Transportation Program subsidies of just under \$2 million. Wayne County is expected to expend about \$4 million.

CSX Railroad has also yet to sign an agreement with Wayne County for its share, which is capped at 5 percent, or about \$600,000.

Our corporation counsel is actively talking to CSX to complete their part of the agreement, said Saab.

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Nutcracker comes back to Salem stage

In the long standing Holiday tradition, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra joins with the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company to present Tchaikovsky's classic fairy tale *Nutcracker Ballet*

The performances, according to symphony officials one of the only regional Nutcracker performances accompanied by a professional orchestra, will be presented at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, in the Salem High School Auditorium, 46181 Joy Road.

Admission is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Symphony officials have engaged 35th District Court Judge Ron Lowe to introduce each performance with a heart-warming reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Following the 11 a.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday perform-



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company team with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for performances of the Nutcracker in the Salem High School auditorium Dec. 3-4.

ances, the Plymouth Symphony League will host the Sugar Plum Tea in the cafeteria. Tea tickets are available for \$5.

These performances are made possible through the generous support of the Plymouth Symphony League and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

For tickets, season subscriptions or more information,

contact the Symphony office via e-mail at info@plymouth-symphony.org or by calling (734) 451-2112. More information please visit our website www.plymouthsymphony.org. Tickets are also available at Children's Dance Theatre in Plymouth, Dearborn Music, Evola Music, Dancewear Gallery, and Joannes Dance Extension in Canton, or through the Plymouth Canton Ballet Company.

District set to play name game

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Canton Board of Education could decide as early as its Dec. 13 meeting the name of the new elementary school being constructed at Cherry Hill and Ridge Roads in Canton Township's Cherry Hill Village. Trustees have pared the 37 nominated names to five finalists, all of whom meet the requirement of contributing to education in Plymouth-Canton Schools.

The five include: (Vernon) Lee Bellant — Bellant drove a school bus for P-CCS from 1972-1980. After moving to Cadillac for 13 years, Bellant moved back to the area and became a special education monitor. Bellant was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease and died in July 2005.

Kent and Lolly Buikema — Kent Buikema was appointed principal of Canton High School in July 1971, while the school was still under construction. He held the position for 13 years, before

becoming executive director of secondary education.

Lolly Buikema was hired in September 1981 as a second grade teacher at Allen Elementary, and served as principal at both Tanger and Miller elementary schools.

Both retired in June 1998.

Paul Cummings — Cummings was hired as Assistant Director of Community Education in 1959. From 1963-1984, Cummings taught physical education. He held the position of director of Athletics, Health and Physical Education from 1985-1995. Cummings retired in 1995, and passed away in 2003.

Thomas Workman — Workman served the district for more than 40 years before retiring in 1992. He started teaching physical education at several schools, and spent 19 years at Allen Elementary until being appointed principal at East Middle School in 1986.

Thomas Yack — Currently Canton Township supervisor, Yack was first appointed to the Board of Education in 1974,

and was elected to three, four year terms on the board. He served a total of 10 years as a trustee.

As the Board of Education considers a name, construction manager Bill McCarthy — president of McCarthy & Smith, Inc. in Farmington Hills — said work on the \$14.5 million project is on schedule. "The fall weather has been very beneficial to the project, and the site work has moved on schedule," said McCarthy. "The structural frame, which is the steel framing and the bearing walls, is about 95 percent complete. We are now working toward building enclosure, which we hope to have done by the first of the year."

McCarthy said once the walls are up on the 70,780 square-foot building, crews will be able to work on the interior throughout the winter months.

The 16 Plymouth-Canton elementary school is scheduled to be completed in time for classes in August.

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Classic Computer Recovery Inc., a computer and electronics recycling company is coordinating a special collection event through its warehouse in Garden City to help promote and advertise the America Recycles 2005 campaign.

Residents, schools, municipalities and small businesses located in Wayne County can recycle their old computers for free at the CCR warehouse now through Nov. 30.

Computer equipment and computer peripherals can be dropped off 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the backdoor of CCR's warehouse at 32400 Ford, Garden City. For more information, call CCR at (734) 732-1192 or (734) 732-1139.

This is the third year CCR is participating in this campaign to get the word out about the importance of recycling and helping to save the environment. Typically, the computer recycling industry recycles these products on a per item 'fee' basis and/or based on pennies on the pound plus trucking/hauling fees.

In November 2003, CCR

collected 70,000 pounds of computer equipment in a two-day event held in support of America Recycles Day by cleaning out 10 of the largest buildings in downtown Chicago, including the Sears Tower.

In 2004, CCR superseded its own statistics by collecting and recycling 180,000 pounds of computer equipment for 25 school districts and GSA locations in Detroit and Chicago in support of America Recycles Day.

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This packaging van donated by the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth helped make Kids Against Hunger a mobile operation

Kiwanis packages meals for children

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth will enlist the help of 150 students to help package meals for starving children worldwide 10 a.m. - noon Thursday, Nov. 17 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

Students from Northville and Detroit will participate in this event, which is coordinated by Kiwanis in collaboration with Kids Against Hunger, a national non-profit agency with the aim of ameliorating malnutrition throughout the world. With similar aims — changing the world, one child at a time — Kiwanis officials call the club's collaboration with KAH a "perfect fit."

Officials say the packaging event is unique for two reasons. One, the two participating schools have a mission to foster communication and understanding between kids from the city and the suburbs. Two, there will be three times the number of kids working



Young volunteers will be packaging meals for Kids Against Hunger Nov. 17 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.

together on this project than usual.

Since February 2004, when Kiwanis began working with KAH, more than 99,000 nutritionally balanced meals have been packaged at the rate of 10,000 meals in each two-hour packaging event. This has been accomplished with the efforts of elementary, middle, and high school students, church groups, and other service groups throughout the area.

While packaging the meals first began at KAH's Oak Park facility, Kiwanis saw the value in taking the raw materials to the packaging volunteers. The club donated a truck and a van to make KAH a mobile operation.

The meals consist of a casserole that has been developed by nutritionists that has all essential nutrients. It is made of rice, soy protein chicken broth, and dried vegetables. It

can be cooked in boiling water for 20 minutes. Each bag feeds six adults or 12 children.

Meals were recently shipped to the Tsunami region and Louisiana.

"We have packaged food with people of all ages," project co-chair Lee Harrison said. "The St. Andrew's packaging will be very special because it will utilize students from the city of Detroit as well as Northville. The students will work together toward this common goal while developing relationships and understanding among students who otherwise may never know each other."

St. Andrew's is located at 16360 Hubbard (between Farmington and Merriman) in Livonia. For more information about the event or how to get involved, contact Harrison at (734) 416-6055.

@ THE LIBRARY

The following events are being offered at the Plymouth District Library during November. The library is located at 223 S. Main.

■ **GREAT BOOKS**, Monday, Nov. 21, 7-15 p.m. — This group continues to study *Wide Sargasso Sea* by Jean Rhys. Utilizing this anthology, the group will continue meeting every other Monday through May. The discussion group is open to anyone who is curious and willing to work with others in developing an understanding and appreciation of great literature. For further information, contact group facilitator Karen Berrie at (734) 453-2454. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website <http://www.greatbooks.org/>.

■ **PLYMOUTH LIBRARY GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, Nov. 17, 5 p.m. — The topic for the November meeting is getting your garden ready for winter. This popular group meets monthly to discuss common garden concerns, new ideas and plans for the upcoming season. All gardeners are invited — no registration is required.

■ **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP**, Monday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. — Join lively astronomy popularizer Mike Best in this monthly discussion group. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@aol.com.

Youth Programs

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Monday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. — A 15-minute song-and-rhyme time for babies six to 24 months old and their caregivers only. Lap sit storytimes are limited to 16 children per session, register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone at (734) 453-0750, press 4.

■ **CREATURES OF MYTH**, Saturday, Nov. 19, 2 p.m. — Celebrate Children's Book Week with a magical journey into myth and legend with unicorns, centaurs, gnomes and other creatures. Please register children ages 6-12 by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. No younger siblings, please.

■ **THANKSGIVING**

MOVIE TIME, Friday, Nov. 25, 2 p.m. — Kids ages 5-12 will enjoy the movie, *Robots*. No registration, no admission charge — just come on over have fun.

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., repeated Saturday, Dec. 3, 10 a.m. — This lively program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. Play days are the fourth Monday of each month. Registration is not required.

■ **PRE-SCHOOL/FAMILY EVENING STORYTIMES**, Session one Tuesdays through Nov. 22, 7 p.m.; Session two Wednesdays through Nov. 23, 7 p.m. — This evening storytime can be enjoyed by family members and children ages 2-5. Registration begins on in person at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIMES**, Thursdays through Nov. 17, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. — Parents must remain in the library during these storytime sessions for children ages 3-5 years.

■ **TODDLER/PARENT STORYTIMES**, Tuesdays through Nov. 22 — The 10 a.m. session is for children ages 2-3 years. This one-on-one session welcomes toddlers and adults participating together. Please make other arrangements for siblings.

The 11 a.m. session welcomes siblings and other family members as well. Registration is required and can be made in person at the Reader's Advisory Desk, or at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Teen Program

■ **TEEN KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB**, Wednesdays, Nov. 23 and 30, 7-8:30 p.m. — Meets every other Wednesday in the Teen Zone. All levels are welcome. Adult volunteers will help you learn to knit or crochet. Supplies provided. Make a chemo cap or other project for charity and make your own projects too.

■ **MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOKS & BAGELS**, Monday, Nov. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m. — Snack on bagels and juice and discuss this month's book *Stand Tall* by Joan Bauer. Advance registration is required, and attendance is limited to the first 12 teens who register. Pick up books at the circulation desk. For more good books, visit plymouthlibrary.org/yabibs.htm.

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■ All Teen Zone programs are FREE — that means it costs you nothing to participate!

■ The Friends of the Library provide FREE snacks and juice for every Teen Zone program.

■ All Teen Zone info can be found through the library website, plymouthlibrary.org. All Teen Zone programs are designed for students in grades six through 12. For programs requiring advance registration, register at the Reader's Advisory Desk or by phone, (734) 453-0750, press 4. For more information about any of the Teen Zone programs, contact Cathy Lichtman, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 230 or clichtman@plymouthlibrary.org.

Computer training

Plymouth residency is required for all attendees of the Library's computer training classes. Please register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **DROP IN COMPUTER TRAINING**, Saturday, Nov. 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — High school students will teach Plymouth residents to use a mouse, Windows 95/98, the Library catalog, the Internet and how to set up a free e-mail account using Hotmail or Yahoo! Sorry, we do not offer training in Microsoft Office products (such as Word or Excel), Windows ME or XP or other software programs.

■ **BASIC EMAIL**, Monday, Nov. 14, 1 p.m. — Learn how to create a free e-mail account using Yahoo or Hotmail in this one-session class. You will also learn how to compose, send and delete email messages on that account.

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- 11th graders Tod Bartholomew of Westland, Amanda Gruenewald of Livonia and Erin Henkel of Livonia
- 12th graders Lindsey Pyle, Michael Nocella, Brittany Hickman, all of Monroe, Jacob Ficken of Westland, Erik Gruenewald of Livonia and Jeremy Freemark

Receiving honors were

Grade 9
Samantha Barber of Westland
Kyle Tacia of Plymouth
Abby Hoff of Livonia
Lindsay Bushong of Livonia,

Eric Schaffer of Westland
Aaron Howell of Westland
Katie Markham of Westland
Cristina Gutierrez of Livonia
Lauren Lovell of Plymouth
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Grade 10
Kate Kipfmiller of Flat Rock
Catherine St John of Livonia
Robert Russ of Livonia
Brandy Nocella of Monroe
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Kathryn Strauch of Livonia
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Grade 11
Scott Hoff of Livonia, Eryn Van Patten of Howell
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Grade 12
Brad Schmidt and Matthew Frisco both of Livonia
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John Sharrow and Vincent Peligrino, both of Livonia
Adam Kipfmiller of Flat Rock, Renee Wendland of Plymouth
Scott Ross of Livonia
David Block of Westland and Carmen Gutierrez of Livonia

15 minutes

Salem High School teacher Kyle Meteyer will get his 15 minutes in the sun as he shares his favorite music and takes over the airwaves for an hour on 88.1-FM, The Escape, the student-run radio station of the Plymouth-Canton school district

Meteyer, a new English teacher at Salem, hits the air at 3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21. A University of Michigan graduate, Meteyer plans to explore the roots of some of today's modern rock, by showing the connections between groups such as Green Day and the music of the '70s, '80s and '90s

15 Minutes in the Sun is a one-hour program that turns over the airwaves to specially selected guest DJs from throughout the community

Scholarship applications

The Community Financial Scholarship Fund, an affiliate of the credit union, has announced that scholarship applications for 2006 are now available on its website www.cfcu.org and at all branch offices

This is the 18th year of the credit union's scholarship program, said Bill Lawton, Community Financial CEO and board chair of the Scholarship Fund. "It's a wonderful way for us to recognize students who demonstrate outstanding academic excellence and community involvement."

The winners are selected from eligible students who are Community Financial members and will use the funds to attend an accredited post-secondary educational institution

NEWS BRIEFS



Hospice gala

Plymouth residents Christine McCamont and Sandy Taggie were among the guests at a performance and gala event for Hospice of Michigan Wild Swan Theater performed the play A Thousand Cranes, at Washtenaw Community College recently as part of Hospice of Michigan's year-long A Thousand Cranes, A Thousand Memories fundraiser. After the performance, restaurants provided a strolling dinner. Also, a silent auction of items affirming life and memories and an exhibit of Michigan art were held. A Thousand Cranes A Thousand Memories is a project for Hospice's Open Access Program. Its goal is to raise awareness and be a fundraiser for the Program, which ensures that every individual who seeks end of life care receives it, regardless of age, diagnosis or ability to pay.



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Hire Expectations is also listed in the November issue of Inc. magazine, ranking 118 out of 500 companies nationally, in the Inc. 500 list of fastest-growing private companies. The magazine cited Hire Expectations three-year growth rate of 818 percent.

Hire Expectations handles recruitment and staffing for construction management, finance, engineering, information technology, office and clerical positions, and is unique in including skilled trades for the automotive industry such as mechanics, fabricators and numerous other skilled trades positions.

The firm, listing 155 employees, has been located at 42000 Six Mile Road in Northville for the past six years and in Plymouth, Michigan, prior to that for almost four years.

FOR THE RECORD

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Chamberlain of Bloomfield Hills died Nov. 13

K
Lisa M Kelster
Kelster 40 of Carleton died Nov. 8

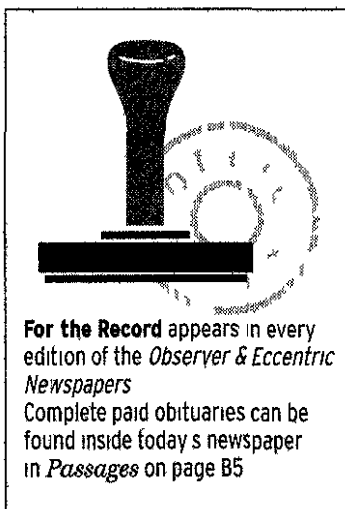
M
Bruce R Mayhew
Mayhew 89 died Nov. 11

Q
Jack W. Qualman
Qualman 90 died Nov. 8

S
Richard "Mike" Schwartz
Schwartz 45 formerly of Redford died Nov. 4

V
Grant Russell Valpey
Valpey died Oct. 28

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Paying tribute

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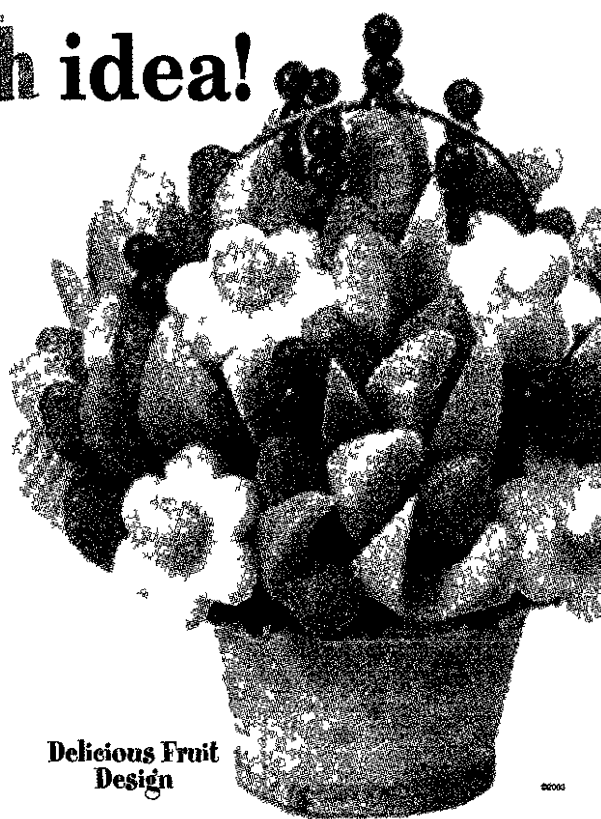
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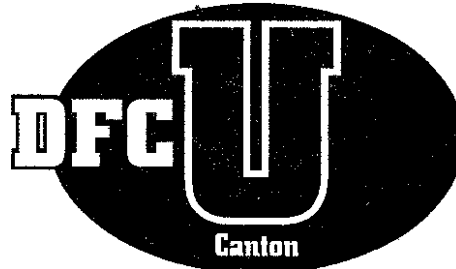
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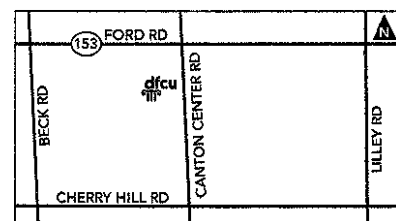
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Alliance could save Rouge

Plymouth Township and the city of Plymouth are among the many Wayne County communities to adopt the bylaws of the fledgling Alliance of Rouge Communities (ARC), which is being created from the Assembly of Rouge Communities, that formed in 2002 after federal funding to clean up the Rouge River started to dry up.

A total of 21 of the 38 communities in the Rouge watershed have formally become ARC members, according to Wayne County Director of Environment Kurt Heise, who said the alliance needed only 20 members to be formally created. In fact, Heise says all of the watershed communities in Wayne County, except Detroit, will have either approved the ARC bylaws or will vote on the matter before Thanksgiving.

Officials in both the city and township should be commended for deciding to join this alliance. The success of the group will be instrumental if we are ever to see the effort to restore the Rouge River completed. Since 1992, the federal government has spent millions on the Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project. Without question, major progress was made.

Sewage overflows and industrial dumping have nearly been eliminated, and dissolved oxygen, which living organisms need to survive, has improved dramatically in most areas of the Rouge, which drains one of the most urban areas in the state.

A new state law, which was sponsored in the state Senate by Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, allowed the formation of ARC, which is really a public corporation that can apply for grants, raise money and hire staff. Heise says the new alliance will look at the Rouge River through the eyes of an entire watershed, not as 38 individual communities, as was the case in the past.

ARC members will be able to pool resources, which can reduce local costs and increase the overall effectiveness of the group, because the only real way to restore the Rouge is to look at it as a single entity. What happens to the Rouge in one community, impacts all the communities downstream.

ARC will also be beneficial in informing the general public about Rouge River restoration efforts, and what role we all play in the health of the river. ARC will do everything from creating public relation packets about the river to distributing videos that teach homeowner associations how to maintain retention basins. Reaching the public is important because, ultimately, the health of the Rouge River will come down to the decisions we all make on a daily basis, such as whether or not we dump oil down a storm drain or overfertilize our lawns.

Now that federal money has dried up, the alliance may be the only hope the Rouge River has.

Bridge gap between city and suburbs

We congratulate Kwame Kilpatrick on his re-election as mayor of Detroit. He overcame a troubled first term, opposition from both daily newspapers and an array of polls that gave the election to his opponent, Freman Hendrix.

It is now Kilpatrick's challenge to make good on his repeated promises to do better in his second term. Detroit faces a daunting list of problems that needs immediate attention, from a deteriorating infrastructure to an escalating migration of residents from the city to continuing problems of unemployment, poverty, crime and addiction.

None of those problems will be solved in a single four-year term, but the mayor is obligated to acknowledge the problems and make a strong effort toward dealing with them.

The mayor understands that he needs to reach out to the communities that surround Detroit. Those communities are important to Detroit's future and Detroit's future is important to those communities.

At his victory speech Kilpatrick said it best, "I'm going to communicate with you because you are going to help me solve those problems. We need each other in this city, in this region and in this state, more than we ever needed each other before."

We can no longer continue our de facto apartheid and we urge our suburban leaders to join the mayor and begin a real dialogue on racial perceptions and real action on the inequities that have made metro Detroit a synonym for urban decay.

We believe that bridging this gap should be a top priority for both city and suburban leaders, because without this cooperation, those other problems will only grow worse.



Omission or endorsement?

I read with some interest your article regarding real estate commissions ("Real estate commissions not always 6 percent," *Observer*, Nov. 3).

It is true they aren't always 6 percent. By law, they must be negotiable. I have seen them run the gamut, as I am a Realtor.

What disturbed me about the article was that you printed the phone number for Realtor Tracy Katz. You did not, however, print the phone number of other Realtors who chose to do business the more traditional way.

Was this an honest omission or was it your endorsement of the Realtor who chose the lower commission method? If this was true, this was editorializing, not reporting or you would have printed all Realtors' phone numbers who were quoted in the article.

Nancy Austin, Realtor
Coldwell Banker Preferred
Plymouth

Another hole in aid act

The school aid act has been passed and signed by the governor and the districts are very appreciative of the first increase in student foundation allowance in three years. The additional support is certainly welcome for public schools battered by relentless cost increases, flat state funding and even prorated reductions in promised funds.

But at the same time, schools are alarmed at the continued erosion of school funding.

The special August Revenue Consensus determined that the state would have almost \$400 million in new dollars earmarked for public schools flowing into the School Aid Fund for 2005-06. Those are tax dollars mandated and earmarked for public schools by voters when they adopted Proposal A in 1994.

But wait a minute — the school aid act just past and signed for 2005-06 does not allocate \$400 million in additional support for schools. What's going on?

Quite simply, the Legislature and the governor have punched another hole in the school funding pot this year and drained off more than \$100 million for other purposes. Almost \$400 million in one end, more than \$100 million out the other end and the result is another year when districts can't make ends meet.

What's happening is simple, the dedicated money earmarked by the voters in 1994 comes in, but the general fund money that's also always been used to fund schools under Proposal A is cut again. It's been reduced by \$500 million since 1994-95.

And to make a bad situation worse, a pattern of shifting programs from funding by the general fund to funding out of the School Aid Fund continues. The School Aid Fund is now being required to fund Durant lawsuit settlement payments, Renaissance Zone payments and payments in lieu of taxes on state property, all of which used to be funded out of the general fund.

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The result is less money to support the student foundation allowance.

It's an outdated switch-the-money tactic that reminds us of the bad old days, since fixed, when the lottery revenue, which was supposed to enhance school funding, was used to replace general fund money for schools that was transferred elsewhere with a result of no net increase for education.

We're concerned. It can't continue. Public education is the strongest weapon Michigan has in the competition to survive and thrive in today's economy. Our public schools need to have their funding stabilized, assured and protected.

Ray Telman
executive director
Middle Cities Education Association

Warped from the truth

It was George Washington who said, "A government is a dangerous servant and a fearful master." This administration took the adjective fearful to a higher crescendo — malicious despotism. Any opposition is faced with certain character defamation, career extirpation and banishment.

It is overly simplistic to assume that Libby's mishaps just started with Libby or even Karl Rove. The shadowy spectral tentacles extend all the way to the Oval Office. The evidences promulgated by Paul O'Neal, Richard Clark and Bob Woodward point unfailing fingers to the president, his vice president and the neo-con subordinates. They intended to attack Iraq one week after the inauguration, regardless how flimsy the evidence. Under a threat of being unpatriotic, they coerced the nation to kow-tow behind them. The few who opposed their agenda were ousted, Joseph McCarthy would have been proud of their tactics.

This rings true with Alfred Lord Tennyson's quote: "Cursed be the lie that warps us from the truth."

A.A. Rahman
Livonia

Change in democratic process

There is a change of how our government operates, and it is not by democratic process. Since the inception of Newt Gingrich's contract with America, Republicans are struggling to make our government a one-party system, particularly in the judicial branch, by placing right-wing extremists in power.

The last two nominees to the Supreme Court show this very well. Harriet Meyers is an unskilled, unqualified worshiper of George W. Bush, willing to do anything to support her king. And Alito is a right-wing extremist even so defined by the neo-cons during his first Senate hearing.

The Republican Party has been driving extremist judges onto the federal benches. The result does not represent America, but extreme right-wing ideology and changes to the judiciary that favors right-wing members, with inconsistent decisions, lack of principle formed decisions and is corrupted by

money. There are many examples of their behavior.

Antonio Scalia, Supreme Court justice, accepts a free vacation and spends personal time with Mr. Cheney. Nothing wrong with that. But a case comes before him involving Mr. Cheney and he refused to remove himself from the case. Any judge with integrity will follow the judicial guidelines to remove himself from any case with personal involvement.

Tom DeLay, corrupt speaker of the House, requests to move a trial because a democratically elected judge has not been appointed by his party. Mr. DeLay is implying that the entire judiciary must be Republican. His fear is without a Republican judge, he may have to be responsible for his crimes. If Tom DeLay were innocent, he could prove it in front of any judge, not just a corrupt Republican judge.

The Republican Party here in Michigan did not want one of its Michigan Supreme Court judges appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States because its super right-wing majority of 5-2 may have a moderate judge appointed by a Democratic governor. It seems if the majority of Michiganders are Democratic, then the Michigan Supreme Court should have a majority Democratic members, not right-wing extremists.

Mr. Bush indicted for misbehavior during the savings and loan scandal during his father's term is typical. The trial was stopped when the judge, appointed by his father, declared the trial material to be classified. There is still no explanation how a banking scandal could jeopardize national security.

The biggest indictment of the Republican injustice in the courts and corrupt agenda is the deafening silence from the Republican Party and party supporters with the revelation of illegal behavior and coverup in the White House and in the Legislature. No Republican is standing up and saying, "This is not right and we have to put a stop to this behavior," hence, corrupt illegal and immoral behavior is accepted by the Republican Party. This may be the new first tenet of the Republican Party.

Allan Biber
Westland

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"We'd love to do it for less, but the thing is we're probably going to have one shot at it and we've got to do it right. We don't want halfway measures and leave things out. I think the people of this community know that, and will step forward and pass it."

— Plymouth-Canton school board trustee Carol Saunders, on why the district is seeking two new bonds for a total of \$118 million, which voters will be asked to approve in May.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Time is now for election winners to act on campaign promises

The elections are over and either your candidate or proposal won or lost but whatever the outcome It is what it is and its time to move on

You can perform various analyses as to what happened and why who voted and who did not, what was the issue that tipped the voters to one candidate or another or why they voted for the proposal vs against, but at the end of the day the election is over and the voters have spoken All the analysis does is allow the defeated and the consultants to figure out what they have to do differently next time to win

Now it's time to govern It's time for all the election promises to come to roost Yes, all the campaign rhetoric promises, plans, etc must now be fulfilled If past practice is any indication, the winners will ignore all the promises made But in today's economic environment, it's important for the citizenry and this newspaper to hold those who made the election promises accountable It's too important not to

Let's look at two of our communities, Birmingham and Livonia In Birmingham, there is a newcomer to the City Commission and a former commissioner elected to the Library Board in Livonia, a proposal to stop funding SMART was passed

NEW IN BIRMINGHAM

Stuart Sherman is the newcomer to the Birmingham City Commission and now, as they say, it's showtime What and how will he do? Will he align himself with the majority that has moved Birmingham forward, erasing in some people's minds the nastiness of prior commissions and eliminating some of the unnecessary obstacles to allow for reasonable development or will he take us back to the past?

There are significant issues that need to be addressed in a thoughtful and proper fashion We have been talking and studying them for a significant amount of time It's now time for action What is the plan for Sham Park? Many plans have been advanced but let's get on with it Solidify around a comprehensive plan, bring in the affected institutions and get it done The Barnum facility land is in the same situation Let's bring a plan forward that we can all embrace and move forward Both of these projects suffer from what I and others call paralysis by analysis

There are other issues facing the commission as well I don't always agree with Clinton Baller the unsuccessful commission candidate but he raised issues in the campaign that the commission should and must deal with

But in today's economic environment, it's important for the citizenry and this newspaper to hold those who made the election promises accountable. It's too important not to.

The Library Board is a different story In a campaign marked by alleged smears and half-truths, former Birmingham City Commissioner Seth Chafetz unseated incumbent Jan Bird The onus is now on Chafetz to govern and rule with reason Will he return to his days when he was on the city commission and nastiness and disrespect for the citizens appeared to be the norm?

Chafetz made campaign promises about prudent fiscal management, purchasing and the bidding process for contracts Can he bring his expertise in a constructive manner to the Library Board or will the campaign rhetoric carry over? I hope it is the former vs the latter

LIVONIA OPTS OUT

Livonians voted to eliminate funding for SMART, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation The withdrawal doesn't begin until the latter half of 2006, so Livonia officials have time to establish an alternative system Campaign promises made to create an alternative system for Livonia now must become reality Sometimes what you wish for is what you get and then reality sets in, what do I do now? The reality is here and time is running, so Livonia has to have a system in place by late next year

This does raise the necessity on the larger scale of a regional transportation system Light rail has been talked about and there is funding in place for a study linking Detroit and Ann Arbor along I 94, but I believe that's not the right place to start

Kwame Kilpatrick in his winning acceptance speech after his come-from-behind victory in the Detroit mayoral race held out an olive branch to the region especially after he bashed the suburbs with his drug use comments during the campaign Let's take him at his word and convene Mayor Kilpatrick executives Brooks Patterson of Oakland County and Bob Ficano of Wayne County and a representative from Macomb County to start working on a regional transportation system The area needs a fiscally sound and well-functioning regional transportation system It's never too late to start

The election is over so let's move on to govern Your constituency needs it and demands it

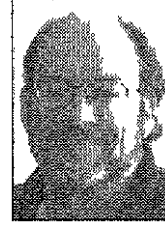
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Advertisers place kids squarely in their sights

It's unlikely more than a few readers will recall the movie *The Gods Must Be Crazy*, which was released in 1980

The plot revolves around a nomadic tribe of people from Africa of which one member one day finds an empty Coca-Cola bottle and has no idea of its meaning or significance He takes it back to his people who surmise it must be a gift from the gods, but mayhem soon ensues

It's a classic tale of the clash between ancient ways and modern technology — and it would be completely unbelievable today



Bill Emerick

The trademark Coke symbol is probably the most-recognized advertising image around the world There's not a continent, a country, a town or even a hamlet where the familiar red-and-white lettering and distinctive can design would not be instantly identified Show it anywhere, to anyone, in the world and the viewer would immediately make the connection to the ubiquitous soda

Of course, that kind of brand recognition doesn't come without a price The Atlanta-based company has spent untold billions of dollars over the years on advertising in every medium available — print, broadcast, billboards, even song who could forget *I'd Like To Teach The World To Sing*?

But a more accurate description of modern society's approach to marketing would be *I'd Like To Teach The World To Spend*

Our culture places an artificial value on youth, in particular the unreasonable visage of nubile, sexually attractive teens Why the fixation on all things young and beautiful? Because marketers want to sell you their products, and there is no more pliable audience than impressionable children

Now, advertising is hardly a recent phenomenon The first known ads appeared in English print magazines in the 1600s The advent of radio, followed quickly by television and now the Internet, spawned new methods for companies to hawk their wares virtually non-stop

But it's only in the past decade or so that children have become the target of more and more advertisements Turned on the TV on a Saturday morning lately? It's difficult to discern when the shows end and the "commercials" begin

Every animated movie worth its salt comes complete with an accompanying ad cam-

paign for action figures, clothing and kids' meals available at the fast-food emporium of your choice

Ask any ad exec the reason for this and the answer will come quickly Children are the one demographic that isn't set in its ways If firms can snare kids at an early age, chances are brand loyalty will remain for life

In and of itself, that's not necessarily a bad thing But what is disturbing is that our young people are being damn near brain-washed into thinking they "need" products and services that are luxuries at best and useless at worst

An example? Look into the bathroom of any house that has a teen-age girl Odds are you will find countless bottles of shampoo, conditioner, moisturizer, lotion and fragrance, undoubtedly in several "flavors" or "scents" To what end? The eternal quest for beauty (and, by twisted reasoning, popularity)

Look at it another way A few years back, when my children were young enough to be immune to such clutter (or so I thought), my daughter told me in the checkout line at the grocery store that I was buying the wrong chewing gum

"What?"

"That one there, it has the longest-lasting flavor," she said proudly

The pressure to turn kids into consumers is increasing by the minute, as companies compete with one another to make themselves the latest darling to a generation, convincing them that fame, fortune and happiness are attainable with the right clothes, the right makeup, the right gadgets

Unfortunately, any right-minded person can see through the fallacy But kids don't have the wisdom of age or experience to know any better

I'll leave you with an interesting quote I found on the Internet the other day "Advertising is an essential factor in modern business methods, and to advertise wisely the business man must understand the workings of the minds of his customers, and must know how to influence them effectively — he must know how to apply psychology to advertising"

Those words were from an essay by Walter D Scott, first published in *The Atlantic Monthly* — in 1904

The more things change

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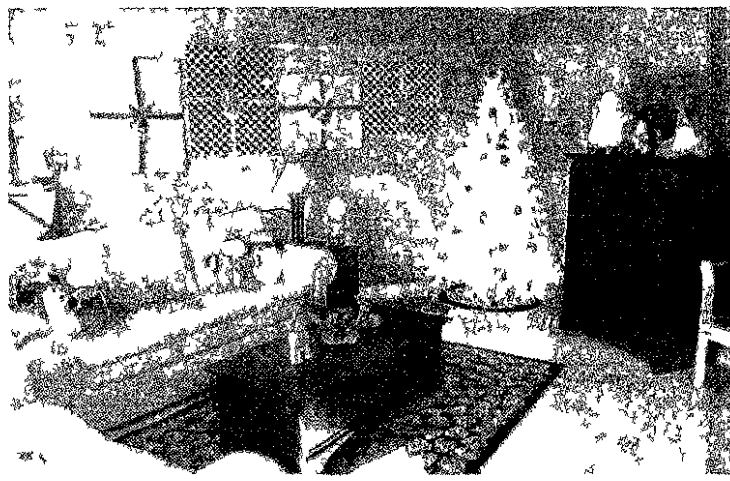
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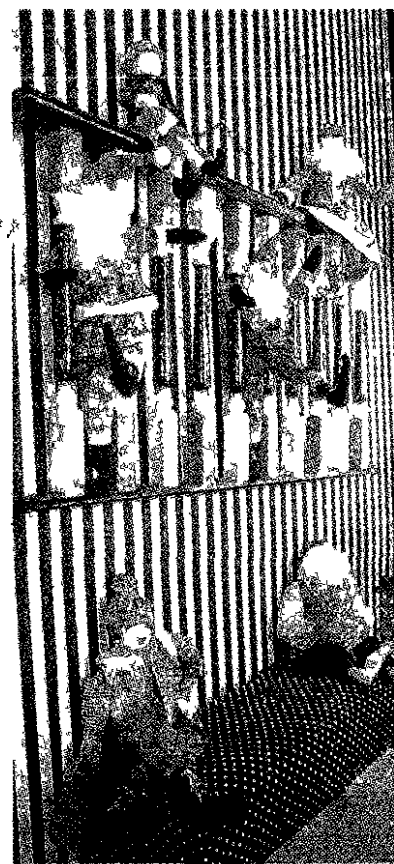
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Beth Casari's holiday decor combines new ideas and old standbys. The Casari house is one of eight residences featured on the Christmas in the Village Home Tour in Canton Township next week.

Cheer all year



Beth Casari made "package" decorations out of wooden frames and fabric.



Clauses cavort among a section of balusters and railing that hangs on a wall. Beth Casari painted the balusters.

Home dressed in bright, light decor

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

What's black and white and red all over - and sings with creativity? It's the Casari residence in Canton Township, where Beth Casari has decorated with wonderful whimsy. And the design scheme enhances the holiday decor. (Or is it vice versa? The question could spark a delightful discussion.) Visitors on this year's Christmas in the Village Home Tour will see for themselves.

The Casari house - home to Tom and Beth Casari, their children, Tommy, 5, and Sasha, 4, and cats Easy and Scrapper - is one of eight featured residences. The tour is taking place Friday, Nov. 25 (see related item).

The Casari walls are dressed in such colors as sunny yellow and cheery red, or in black and white striped wallpaper. Trim, balusters and other elements are in sparkling white.

PLEASE SEE CHEER, B4

CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE

■ **What:** An annual event offering a variety of activities for young and old alike.

■ **When:** A home tour will take place 4-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 25. Festivities will run noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 26.

■ **Where:** Cherry Hill Village at the corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill Road in Canton Township.

■ **Home tour:** All of the residences will be beautifully decorated for the holidays. In addition, neighbors will compete in the annual holiday lighting contest.

PLEASE SEE VILLAGE, B4



Red, yellow and black and white are among the lively combinations in the house.

Accents

Know your screwdriver

"Your screwdriver can be your friend. Out in the field under fire, it's a lifesaver," says James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

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"Your basic 101 screwdriver has the following: the head, the handle, the shank and the tip. The two most important things to remember when choosing this tool are the material it's made of and how it fits your hand."

"A good grip gives you maximum drive-power. I get one that's tough and made of forged steel. A square shank is your secret weapon because you can use it with a wrench for more turning power."

Oh! Christmas trees!

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the annual Kellogg Park Walk of Christmas Trees.

Any family, club, Scout troop, school class or business interested in decorating a tree should contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce now. Call (734) 453-1540.

Cost is \$50 per tree. This includes 200 white lights strung on each tree, and a group or company name on a sign.

Decorating days will be Friday-Sunday, Dec. 2-4. Trees will be assigned at random, signs will be in place Dec. 2.

Paint preview

Computer tools are making the paint selection process easier and more enjoyable.

New preview paint sample kits that come with four 8-ounce paint samples, rollers, trays and a designer guide are a consumer favorite.

The preview samples put together by Behr color experts offer six themes based on the latest interior design and style trends.

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Flower talk

Everyone knows that when you give a rose to a sweetheart it means love, but did you know that a sprig of basil conveys "good wishes"? Or that ivy means "friendship and continuity"? And that tansy symbolizes "hostile thoughts"? (Of course, the latter isn't a message you'd want to send to a significant other.) In the 2006 Old Farmer's Almanac, on sale now wherever books and magazines are sold, you can find the meanings of more than 50 herbs, flowers and trees, including the above.

Here are a few others:

- aloe - healing, protection, affection
- bay - glory
- carnation - alas, for my poor heart
- chamomile - patience
- fern - sincerity
- holly - hope
- honeysuckle - bonds of love

Here are Fabulous Furniture spree winners

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Fabulous Furniture sponsors have chosen the winners of a \$1,000 shopping spree.

The promotion was part of the Fabulous Furniture sections that ran in October in the Observer & Eccentric.

Here are the winners and the sponsoring stores where their names were drawn: Patricia Heavener of Livonia (Affordable Kitchen & Bath), Anne White of Plymouth (First Choice Floor Covering), Mario and Mary Legnini of Livonia (Independent Carpet Covering), Susan Porter of Plymouth (Laurel Furniture), Susan Handorf of Beverly Hills (Mattress & Futon Shoppe), Sandra Creager of Moirée (McLaughlin's Home Furnishing Designs) and Anna Crawford of Northville (Walker/Buzenberg Fine Furniture). Congratulations to the winners!

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Show of hands please: Who's fed up here with spam? Let's see, 324,498, 324,499 - yep, that's all of you.

Spam, aka junk e-mail, plagues most computer users. I usually receive upward of 150 spam messages per day, sometimes more. Needless to say, that kind of volume can really clog up a mailbox.

It can also waste considerable time - time to download, time to sift through, and time to delete. Bleh!

For the last couple of years I've been a faithful user of Mailblocks, which did a superb job of keeping spam off my computer.

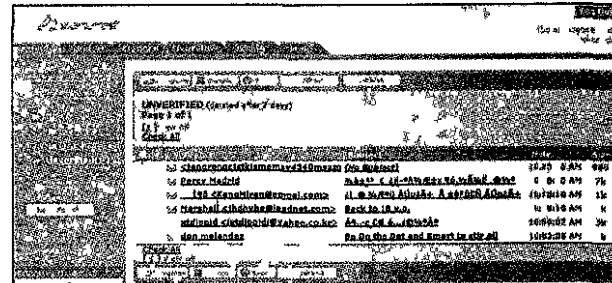
Unfortunately, the service was acquired by America Online in 2004, and last month I received notice that the company planned to shut it down.

Thus I was forced to seek out an anti-



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida



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spam alternative. Happily, it was a successful search. Before I delve into the details, let me tell you about my e-mail setup. I use Outlook Express to pull mail from my personal dot-com domain and a Gmail account.

PLEASE SEE SPAM, B4

Think safety when decorating for holidays

I find it interesting how holiday decorating has changed over the years

When I was a kid my dad would bring out strings of lights and ladders, and carefully staple the lights around the outside of the house

These strings of lights were the big screw-in type bulbs that we seldom see today

Decorating was only done around the Christmas holiday

Today it seems we decorate our homes for just about any holiday

Easter, the Fourth of July and Halloween, as well as other holidays, have some sort of outside decorations associated with them

Thanksgiving decorations are out now and Christmas decorating isn't too far behind

This column will look at a few

tips on how to make your outdoor holiday lighting safer

EXTENSION CORDS

Extension cords, like all outdoor electrical equipment, should be approved by an independent test organization such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories) The insulation on indoor extension cords isn't designed for the normal abrasion of outside use

Also, the plastic used to make this insulation is seldom treated to withstand the normal cold temperatures or ultra-violet rays from the sun, which can cause brittleness and cracking of the insulation

It's also important that the cord be heavy enough to carry the electric current necessary to power the lights

The wire in the cords is rated by gauge size, the smaller the gauge number, and the thicker the wire Thicker wire carries more electrical current

A 14-gauge wire can safely handle about 1,400 watts of power A 50-lamp string of miniature lights draws about 25 watts and flood lights about 100

watts Use these figures to help determine the load that will be placed on the cord

The same rules hold true for a branch circuit A branch circuit is all the outlets and lighting on one fuse or circuit breaker A 15-amp branch circuit is rated to safely deliver 1,440 watts of power Add together the power requirements for the decorating power you'll be drawing from that circuit as well as anything else in the house on that same circuit Keep it under that 1,440 watts figure

SETTING OUT DECORATIONS

Damp plug connections can trip GFCIs, blow fuses or worse, cause a shock Dampness from snow, slush, rain or ground moisture can migrate into connections

A simple but efficient way to deal with this is to place the cord connection in a small plastic pan made from the bottom of a 1/2-gallon milk jug Then place the inverted top of a one-gallon milk jug over that and hold it in place with a weight

Use caution routing cords and

light strings Winter winds can cause enough movement to chafe the insulation from the wire Bare wires can cause shorts, fire or electric shock

Never use interior floodlights outside The thin glass of interior floods is far more likely to break from impact or rain or snow hitting a hot bulb than the heavier glass of outdoor floodlights Using metal poles to string lights in trees or other high places, unless they're unplugged, has the potential of extreme danger to you A broken bulb or frayed wire will send the current to you

Also, be certain to properly set up and use ladders (see the instruction sticker on the side of the ladder), and be especially careful on them if the ground is wet or snow-covered

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



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

HOME CALENDAR

Gallery shop

The Ann Arbor Art Gallery's Gallery Shop will feature holiday gifts from Nov 17 through Dec 31 The art center is at 117 W Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor For more information and the shop's extended holiday hours call (734) 994-8004 Ext 118

A special Holiday Preview will take place 5-9 p.m. Thursday Nov 17 The event is open to the public and will feature cocktails live music and complimentary gift wrapping Each art center member will receive a 20 percent discount Non members may sign up this evening to receive the discount as well

The Gallery Shop will present an expanded selection of original art work from more than 150 Michigan and regional artists including musical instruments handmade wood furniture jewelry ceramics glass and fiber

All purchases at the shop support the art center's mission and offset costs for its visual arts programs

Cranbrook Holiday Tables

The event features 21 multiple themed dining room tables decorated by talented area residents and professionals

The tables are displayed at Cranbrook House 380 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills Park at the Christ Church Cranbrook lot across from Cranbrook House on Lone Pine Road and take the shuttle to the house

General admission will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday Saturday Nov 18-19 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Nov 20 Tickets are \$20 in advance (call (248) 645-3149 to buy) \$25 at the door Patron Teas will take place 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4 p.m. Thursday spon-

sored by DuMouchelle Art Gallery The teas will offer a preview of the tables and delectable tea sandwiches and desserts Tickets are \$60 per person

For ticket reservations and more information call (248) 645-3149 or visit www.cranbrook.edu This year master potters and glass blowers from Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford complex in Dearborn will handcraft wares for a table display and feature an Arts and Crafts inspired setting in the Cranbrook House library All proceeds benefit the preservation and restoration of Cranbrook House the home of Cranbrook Educational Community founders George and Ellen Booth

Holiday Tables

The sixth annual display of beautifully decorated tables for Thanksgiving New Year Hanukkah Christmas and Kwanzaa will be presented by the Farmington Garden Club and sponsored by Steinkopf Nursery The event will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Nov 19 and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday Nov 20 in Spicer House (Visitors Center) in Heritage Park on Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile in Farmington Hills Admission is \$5 at the door For more information call (248) 615-3616

The Holiday Cafe will serve complimentary light refreshments and Starbucks coffee Holiday decorations and goodies will be offered at a boutique Demonstrations on napkin folding and two different holiday centerpieces will be presented The event helps support Farmington Public Schools Schoolyard Natural Habitat projects

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Festival of Trees event to open Nov. 25

The Festival of Trees, one of the largest fund-raising events benefiting Children's Hospital of Michigan, will have more holiday fun for the entire family this year.

Taking place at the Rock Financial Showplace, the new Novi Expo Center at 46100 Grand River in Novi, the 2005 Festival of Trees will have more than 50,000 additional square feet for trees, displays, exhibits and children's activities.

The 21st Festival of Trees will open Friday, Nov. 25, and run through Sunday, Dec. 4.

The event, all run by volunteers, is a public display of more than 100 professionally designed holiday trees.

It includes an elaborate gingerbread village, handmade wall hangings, wreaths and

centerpieces, entertainment for all ages, a festive gift shop, children's activities, photos with Santa, a Secret Santa Shop just for youngsters, and more.

This year, rides for children will be featured.

Proceeds from Festival of Trees will benefit the Maxine and Stuart Frankel Foundation Computer-Assisted Robot-Enhanced surgery program at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

For tickets and more information, visit www.fot.org or call (313) 966-TREE.

The Festival of Trees Gala will take place Saturday, Nov. 26.

Dining and early holiday shopping are on the menu at this event, which will feature

live entertainment, dancing and live and silent auctions. Gala tickets are \$250 benefactor (admission 6:30-11 p.m.), \$150 reception (admission 7:30-11 p.m.).

Reservations are required. Lunch with Santa is scheduled 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on two Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.

The program will include entertainment, food and plenty of holiday-inspired activities for children.

Tickets for Lunch with Santa are \$25 per adult, \$20 per child. Reservations are required.

The Festival of Trees Holiday Dance Party will take place 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. A live DJ will be featured, as well as delicious hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25.

English Gardens wins 12 awards

English Gardens Landscape Department has won 12 Environmental Improvement Awards from the Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA), said Rick Vespa, vice-president, merchandising and landscape design/build, English Gardens.

The awards are three gold, four silver and five bronze, and will be presented at the association's Annual Banquet and Holiday Celebration on Friday, Dec. 2.

"This is the most awards our company has ever received in a single year from one organization," said Vespa.

It's a true testament to the talent and commitment to excellence within our department.

English Gardens landscape designers and installation teams receiving awards include:

■ Jamey Stefamic - a bronze award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$25,000 to \$50,000.

She has a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Michigan State University, and resides in Novi.

■ Kelsey Badger - a silver

award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$25,000 to \$50,000, and a bronze for commercial landscape construction under \$10,000 for the Cherry Hill Presbyterian Church Memorial Garden in Dearborn Heights.

A resident of Dearborn Heights, she has a diploma in landscape design from Fanshawe College in London, Ontario.

■ Valerie Franklin - a gold award for creative horticulture for the Think Spring display at The Village of Rochester Hills, and a bronze award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$50,000 to \$100,000.

A resident of Royal Oak, Mich., Franklin received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU.

■ Scott Goldman - a bronze award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Goldman resides in Highland, and received a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Utah State University.

■ Jim Morris - a silver award for residential landscape reconstruction under

\$10,000. He received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU, and resides in Grosse Pointe Park.

■ Michael Southgate - a gold award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$10,000 to \$25,000.

He resides in Howell and received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU.

■ Christine Brown (nee Szczembara) - a silver award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$50,000 to \$100,000. She lives in Wixom and received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU.

■ Stephanie VanHaverbeck - a bronze award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$25,000 to \$50,000. She resides in Ray Township, and received a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture from MSU.

■ The Landscape Department received two awards: a gold award for residential landscape reconstruction of \$50,000 to \$100,000, and a silver award for commercial landscape reconstruction under \$10,000 for the English Gardens Ann Arbor store.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Holiday arrangements

Floral classes offered through Schoolcraft College include Floral Arrangements for the Holidays four Wednesdays beginning Nov. 23 at Schoolcraft's Radcliff Center in Garden City. Fee is \$106 (\$84.80 for seniors). Fresh flowers and materials will be provided. Bring a knife, wire cutters, scissors and a cutting board. Bruce Boland of Boland Florist will be the instructor. Call Continuing Education and Professional Development at (734) 462-4448 for information. Students will design one Thanksgiving centerpiece and three different Christmas arrangements (one contemporary traditional and one door decoration).

Festive welcome

English Gardens hosts free seminars for the holiday season 7 p.m. Wednesdays at its stores in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900) and Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100). For more information, call the stores or visit www.englishgardens.com. Festive Front Doors and Entryways will be the topic Nov. 30. Welcome visitors to your home with unusual ideas to decorate your front door and entryway. This seminar will show you how to use

wreaths, garlands, greens and ornaments to reflect your own personal style.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes for different levels at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia, just west of Middlebelt, and at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information, call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes Presenting Your Design two Saturdays beginning Nov. 19 in Livonia (fee is \$137). Holiday Decorations From Your Garden Saturday Nov. 19 in Pontiac (\$54) and Focus on Design Mondays Nov. 21 to Dec. 12 or Tuesdays Nov. 22 to Dec. 13 in Livonia (\$137).

Holiday wreath

Join in the fun of making a holiday wreath with fresh greens and seasonal decorations to keep or for a gift in a class 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Nov. 19 at the Henry Ford Estate Fair Lane on the University of Michigan Dearborn campus. Cost is \$35, which includes materials. The class will be taught by a professional florist and is for adults and for age 12 and older accompanied by an adult.

Reservations and pre-pay are required. Limited seating. Call (313) 593-5580 or (313) 593-0514.

Proceeds will benefit the Henry Ford Estate Gardens.

Holly Berry Brunch

The Garden Club of Dearborn will host its ninth annual Holly Berry Brunch fundraiser Saturday Dec. 3 at the Dearborn Inn. Tickets are \$30 per person. Advance ticket sales continue through Nov. 25 with reserved seating available for groups of 10. To order tickets, call Mary Bugeia at (313) 562-7524. Consisting of a raffle and silent auction beginning at 10 a.m., followed by a brunch, the event is a holiday season-kickoff for many local residents and garden club members from throughout Michigan.

Raffle items donated by members and area businesses range from overnight and entertainment packages to garden benches and garden art. Silent auction items include many antique and hand-made pieces.

The event benefits scholarships for students of environmental science and natural science at the University of Michigan and Henry Ford Community College landscape development projects at Henry Ford Centennial Library and Fair Lane Mansion. The club's Horticulture Therapy program.

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FROM PAGE B1

A pattern of black and white squares is on the kitchen floor and area rugs. Two other area rugs are covered with a pattern of red strawberries on a black background.

The lively tone is similar to that of the work of Mary Engelbreit, with her deep colors and nostalgic innocence. Engelbreit is Beth Casari's favorite artist.

"I love to decorate for Christmas," Beth Casari said. "I love Santas."

She collects Santas, and estimates there are 40 throughout the house for the holiday. These include a variety of figurines and pillows, arranged on walls, shelves, furniture and counter-tops.

"I get more and more every year."

SANTA SIGHTINGS

One room features an almost life-size Santa standing near a window, and three smaller Santas posed among the section of balusters and railing that hangs on a wall. Beth Casari painted the balusters red, yellow and a pattern of white dots on black.

Near the front door, a small Santa from Russia stands in a tiny alcove that has silhouettes of onion-domed, Russian style buildings painted on the back.

Two Santas are fixed in a red rectangle painted on a yellow wall in the entryway.

A parachutist Santa hangs from the pot rack in the kitchen, where other Clauses include a Santa chef and a bell-ringing music box Santa made by Beth's mother.

Also in the kitchen - where a sign, Grand Central Station, hangs over a doorway - are black, wooden chairs around a table. Beth painted teapots and other designs on the seats.

On a living room wall, Casari made "packages" by placing wooden frames around prints that were hanging there and covering them with red or with black and white checked fabric. Red ribbons and ornaments - suggesting gift tags - complete the look.

A white, feathery tree stands in one corner of the living room, bearing black and white ornaments. A green tree dressed in Victorian style ornaments stands in another room, where the Casaris added French doors.

The family has lived in the house for two years.

"We love it here," Beth said. Rooms are placed in such an angle that she can watch her children in the living room and see someone at the front door while she is in the kitchen, she said.

When selecting houses to be featured on the tour, organizers are "looking for something other

than builder's white walls," said Jam Jenkins, Christmas in the Village coordinator. "Something that showed creativity."

The homes have variations in layout and decorating style, she said.

"There are some that are very modern, one that has antiques and more Victorian flair. Two homes have the same floor plan but you would never know it."

People from 44 different communities came to the tour last year, Jenkins said.

OTHER ELEMENTS

The second day of Christmas in the Village offers a variety of activities. The events are provided at minimal cost, Jenkins said.

"We really try to make that our family day," she said. Among the features will be 10 different crafts for children to make and display in their homes, free entertainment and free carriage rides.

In a tent decorated inside and outside as the Claus home, Mrs. Claus will read and youngsters will enjoy munchies and singing carols.

"It's an opportunity to come together and kick off the holidays," Jenkins said.

Christmas in the Village is created by the Christmas in the Village Association, in cooperation with the Partnership for the Arts and Humanities in Canton Township, with support provided by Canton Leisure Services.

VILLAGE

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Home tour tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door. Tickets may be bought at Summit on the Park in Canton (phone (734) 394-5460), Petite Maison in Northville (phone (248) 348-9710) and Remerica Hometown One in Cherry Hill Village (phone (734) 495-3400).

Live entertainment Free entertainment on a main stage and with strolling performers will be featured Nov. 26. The Toronto All-Star Big Band, a swingtime group, will perform holiday favorites 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Nov. 26 in the Village Theatre also at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads. Tickets are \$15 for the first show and \$18 for the second, and available at Summit on the Park. Home tour/performance packages are \$27 at Summit on the Park.

Other features Nov. 26: Children's crafts and games, cookie decorating, a petting zoo with accompanying wagon rides, carriage rides, pictures with Santa and storytelling with Mrs. Claus.

Information: Visit www.christmasinthevillage.com

SPAM

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I also have e-mail accounts on Yahoo and a few other services, but I access those directly (on their respective Web sites) and leverage their built-in spam filters (which are pretty mediocre).

When trying to combat spam in Outlook Express (or, for that matter, Outlook), there are two basic ways to go.

First, you can filter it once it reaches your PC, meaning you still have to download all the junk.

Second, you can stop it before it reaches your PC, which I consider a much more efficient method.

Mailblocks was one such "server-side" solution. Whenever someone who wasn't in my address book tried to e-mail me, they'd automatically receive a reply asking them to confirm their identity.

How does this stop spam? The automated systems that spew it out are incapable of answering this simple challenge, so Mailblocks never let their messages through.

Admittedly, this is a bit of a hassle for the sender, but confirmation is required only once, and it's a quick and painless process.

Occasionally, the sender's

own spam filter will block the challenge message, creating a kind of unending loop, but there are easy ways around that.

Anyway, I wanted to replace Mailblocks with something similar, and eventually I found it: SpamArrest (www.spam-arrest.com).

This service uses an almost identical challenge/response system, allowing only approved messages to reach my PC.

It's a snap to set up, it lets you filter up to five separate accounts, and it supports Web-based mail systems like Hotmail and Yahoo.

What's more, you can easily review (and, if desired, authorize) blocked messages. My only complaint with the service is its price: \$34.95 per year.

Of course, if you loathe spam as much as I do, that's a small price to pay to be rid of it for good.

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 Musicmatch* and *101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld*. He welcomes questions sent to rickbroida@gmail.com.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

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NOVEMBER

Helping the hungry

The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth will enlist the help of 150 students to help package meals for starving children worldwide 10 a.m. to noon Thursday Nov 17 at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard between Farmington and Merriman Livonia For more information about the event or how to get involved call Lee Harrison at (734) 416 6055

Winter card party

6:30-10 p.m. Friday Nov 18 at SS Simon and Jude Church 32500 Palmer Westland Door table prizes 50-50 Bring your friends your games and play cards and games of your choice Tickets \$7 available at door Proceeds go to Building Fund Call (734) 722 1343

Whirly ball

7 p.m. Friday Nov 18 meet at Whirly Ball West in West Bloomfield For more information call Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church at (248) 374 5920

Grief support

One day workshop From Grief to New Hope 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 19 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Individuals will be placed in a group with others who had similar losses after a presentation by Cathy Clough director of New Hope Center for Grief Support There is no fee but a \$10 donation which will cover the cost of lunch is requested To register call (734) 451 2767

Crafts and cuisine

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Nov 19 at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Gill Road west of Farmington Road between Freedom and Grand River Farmington Hills Call (248) 474 0584 or visit www.stjohnlutheran.com

Christian speaker

Mike Scubin formerly on the popular television show Survivor will tell of his ordeal after falling into a fire at the 10 a.m. Sunday Nov 20 service at Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 42690 Cherry Hill Canton Branch follows immediately after For information call (734) 981 0286 All are welcome

Birthday Mass

The 135th birthday of Father Solanus Casey will be commemorated with a Mass at noon Sunday Nov 20 at St. Bonaventure 1780 Mt. Elliott Detroit

Fund-raiser for kids

Pastors Cooking for Kids event at Seldom Blues Jazz Restaurant and Supper Club 5-10 p.m. Monday Nov 21 Hundreds of guests are expected to attend the benefit where pastors create the menu with their favorite recipes to raise money for Mayor's Time a nonprofit funded in large part by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Mayor's Time's role is to increase participation in after school programs by creating sustainable change in policies funding streams and practices Tickets are \$50 and must be purchased in advance For more information, call (313) 963 3660

Dave Brubeck Mass

Highlights the Wayne State University Department of Music concert which honors the city of Detroit and celebrates the beginning of the holiday season noon Tuesday Nov 22 in Greektown's Old St. Mary's Church 646 Monroe Detroit Featured performers are the Matt Michaels Jazz Quartet and the WSU Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra No charge and open to the public For more information call (313) 577 1795 or visit www.music.wayne.edu

Single parents

7 p.m. Wednesday program at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

40000 Six Mile Northville Call (248) 374 5920

Fun event

Movies crafts clown and more for children 2-12 years old (limit of 25 children) 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday Nov 25 at New Beginnings Church 16175 Delaware at Puritan Redford Serving soup and salad lunch to children and parents when being picked up No charge but donations welcome Call (313) 255 6330 and ask for Reveille

Coffeehouse

7-10 p.m. Friday Nov 25 for singles at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Free child care Call (248) 374 5920 Cost is \$5

Bible study

Parents with young children Bible study 6:30 p.m. Sundays at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville Call (734) 699 3361 Dinner and childcare provided

Prayer class

How can positive prayer work for you? Learn at a class with Caroline Trout 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Nov 23 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 421 1760

From Broken to Good

An 8 week transformational journey began Oct 9 at Solid Rock Bible Church 670 Church Plymouth Call (734) 455 7711 We invite you to consider your mind heart soul thoughts feelings and relationships of your life in need of renovation Times are 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. child care available both times All ages welcome

UPCOMING

Marian Advent retreat

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Dec 3 in Madonna University Center and Chapel 14221 Levan Livonia This year's theme is Mary's Christmas and Rev. Daniel Jones professor Sacred Heart Major Seminary will lead events Activities include reflection and prayer 3 conferences lunch individual reconciliation Exposition and Benediction of the Bless Sacrament the mysteries of the rosary with meditation prepared and led by students and Sunday Mass in the University Chapel at 4 p.m. The cost is \$18 and includes lunch and refreshments Reservations required call (734) 432 5524

Craft show

More than 80 crafters show their wares 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec 3 at St. Thomas a Becket Church 555 S. Lilley at Cherry Hill Canton Bake sale and lunch available Admission \$2 children under age 12 free Call (734) 981 1333

Holiday marketplace

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday Dec 3 at Hosanna Taber Lutheran School Gym 9600 Levere Redford Come do your Christmas shopping with us Vendors include Arbonne Arvon Creative Memories Discovery Toys Reiv Nikken Stamping Tupperware and more Call (313) 937 2424

Cookie walk

After 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. services Sunday Dec 4 at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville Call (734) 699 3361 Stock up on yummy treats for the holiday

Open house

For the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House 3-6 p.m. Sunday Dec 4 at 1390 Quarton and Woodward Bloomfield Hills Meet the Jesuits and discover the programs and ministries offered to the community For information call (877) MANRESA or visit www.manresa.org The mission of Manresa is to help men and women grow spiritually through prayer reflection and teaching according to the tradition of St. Ignatius Loyola

Concert

Birmingham Concert Band present Holiday Ornaments 3:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 4 at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 1800 W. Maple at Chesterfield Birmingham The band will be joined by the Lutheran High Northwest Concert Choir The band is looking for instrumentalists to fill several sections Call Grant Hoemke musical director at (248) 474 4997

Nativity story

The Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit sponsors The Story of the Nativity As Told in Icons a presentation by the Most Rev. Nathaniel Archbishop of Detroit and the Roman Episcopate of the Orthodox Church in America 6:30 p.m. Sunday Dec 4 at St. George Romanian Orthodox Church 18405 W. Nine Mile Road Southfield The program includes a concert of Orthodox Nativity Carols and Liturgical Hymns of the Nativity by the COCC Inter-Orthodox Choir a sing-a-long of familiar western Christmas carols and a visit by St. Nicholas for children The event is free and open to the public A freewill offering will be taken For further information contact Janet Damian at (313) 706 0666 or send e-mail to damjan@juno.com

Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 12th Annual Cookie Walk is Saturday Dec 10 doors open at 8 a.m. sale starts at 9 a.m. and lasts until sold out Pierogi stuffed cabbage bread nut and poppyseed rolls and more than 50 different assortments of ethnic (kifle kolachy rugela koulourakia biscotti linzer) and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale at the church 36075 W. Seven Mile east of Newburgh Livonia

Cookie walk

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Dec 10 at St. Michael's Orthodox Church 26355 W. Chicago between Beech Daly and Inkster Redford Cookies are sold by the pound Come early for best selection

Holiday craft fair

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec 10 at Tri-City Christian Center 3855 Sheldon north of Michigan Avenue Canton Admission \$1 Bake sale and refreshments available Call (734) 495 3363

Advent concert

The fifth annual Advent Concert featuring the Langsford Men's Chorus will be held 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec 10 at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard at West Chicago Livonia Rosedale's own Campanelle Handbell Choir will also be featured For information call Dave Conrad at (734) 717 6356 or Ron Muresan at (248) 540-0621 For information about the church visit www.rosedalegardens.org or call (734) 422 0494

Christmas concert

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church of Livonia presents their annual Christmas Concert 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 11 in the sanctuary at 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96 Livonia For more information call (734) 522 6830 Featured will be the Christ Our Savior Festival Choir the Jubellation Handbell Choir the Ringers of Joy Youth Handbell Choir the Laudate Choir (grades 1-6) the Confirmation Choir (grades 7 & 8) a Brass Choir and various instrumentalists providing uplifting holiday music The concert is free and open to the public with a freewill offering being taken

ONGOING

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422 1470

Fall Sunday services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Bible study and 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sunday school at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh Livonia

Sunday services

Continue with traditional worship and children's Sunday School at 10 a.m. and adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt one block south of Ford Road The Beatitudes are now the focus of the school curriculum which features music computers games and story telling Nursery care available

The Mustard Seed service at 6 p.m. offers an informal casual environment Handicap accessible Call (734) 421 7620

Unity of Livonia
Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays at 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads Call (734) 421 1760

Shabbat services
The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan Call (248) 477 8974

Bet Chaverim
Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton Plymouth Livonia and Northville The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge south of Cherry Hill Canton Call (734) 646 3864 for information or visit www.betchaverim.com

Trinity Episcopal Church
Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages at 11575 Belleville Road (four miles south of Michigan Avenue) Belleville Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays includes dinner and child care Call (734) 699 3361

Shabbat Rocks
A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills For more information call (248) 851 5100 or visit the Web site at www.adatshalom.org

English classes

Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for students of all ages and backgrounds 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church 14175 Farmington Road Livonia Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language No charge To register call (734) 525 0191 or (734) 522 6830

Scripture from scratch

If you've always wanted to learn about the Bible from square one here's square one 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Activity Center at St. Aidan Catholic Church 17500 Farmington Road Livonia Call (734) 425 5950 to register

Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia) is registering children age 4 and up for Sunday school Financial assistance available Special discounts for new members For more information call (248) 477 8974

Services

St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5:30 p.m. Saturdays Also Sunday traditional worship services are 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m. and Sunday School hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474 0584 for more information

Single Point Ministries

For ages 30 and older join more than 350 single adults 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville

Coffee doughnuts conversations are present Call (248) 374 5920 Tennis continues 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 4 p.m. Tuesdays at Rotary Park Six Mile and Hubbard Livonia

Bible talks

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center 1119 Newburgh Westland Call (734) 728 9157

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship services 10 a.m. Sundays at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Five Mile and Inkster roads Livonia For more information call (734) 422 1470

The Gap

A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt south of Ford Road Lessons are taught using various media computers story telling games cooking music and art and a small theater complete with popcorn making machine Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward Call (734) 421 7620

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BETTIE M CHAMBERLAIN

Of Bloomfield Hills died November 13, 2005 Beloved wife of Benjamin Bud Loving mother of Chady (David) Hall & Charles C. (Anita) Dear grandmother of Barbara Jones & Dave Hall Predeceased by parents Lili & Joseph Duncenith and sister Bessie Jennings Bettie was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak Royal Oak Women's Club & Red Run Golf Club Services were held Wednesday at First Presbyterian Church Memorials to Alzheimer's Association or Beaumont Hospice appreciated Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home Royal Oak

LISA M. KEISTER

Age 40 of Carleton, passed away on November 8 2005 She donated her body to the University of Michigan She is survived by husband, Steven T. Keister of Carleton parents James & Georgette Craig of Canton sister Kelly (John) Irvin of Canton sister Michele (Matthew) Kramp of Canton, niece Zoe Charley and Madeline Memorial Service will be held Saturday, November 19 2005 at 11:00 AM, Rupp Funeral Home Inc. Monroe MI

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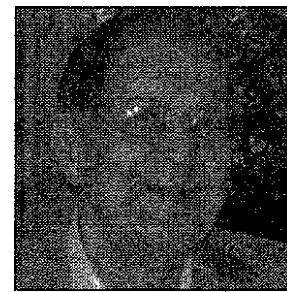
Died on Oct 28 2005 Grant was born in New York, NY March 1 1918 the son of Ethel and F. Russell Valpey He is survived by daughters Julie Sherr of Florida and Amy Kennedy of Albuquerque NM grandson Jordan Kennedy granddaughter Andrea Montanez and great granddaughter Cree Kennedy, all of Albuquerque granddaughter Jennifer Lincoln and great grandson Richie Lincoln both of Florida and brother Robert G. Valpey of Riverside, CA Grant was preceded in death by his dear wife, Margaret in May 1997 A 1936 graduate of Cranbrook School Grant received a B.A. degree in economics from the University of Michigan in 1940 He entered the U.S. Army on April 9 1941 and served with the 125th Infantry Regiment 32nd Infantry Division stationed at Camp Livingston Alexandria LA He married Margaret E. Burton in Petersburg VA August 8 1942 Upon graduation from OCS on August 14 1942 he was assigned to the 13th armored division at Camp Beale CA He later was transferred to the 196th Truck Battalion at Fort Ord, CA He served 18 months overseas in England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany His last assignment was Chief Rail and Road Officer Brussels District Office Chancery Base Section After the end of hostilities in Europe he commanded a Reserve Battalion until he was discharged in the grade of Major on February 15 1954 Before moving to Albuquerque in 1988 Grant resided in Birmingham MI and was self-employed as a manufacturer's agent engaged in selling principally to the major auto manufacturers in Detroit Interment was at Santa Fe National Cemetery on Friday November 4 2005

KAREN ZOLTOWSKI

Age 58 November 14 2005 Loving mother of Jeffery and Kimberly (Ronald) Caramagno Grandmother of Olivia Dearest daughter of Betty and the late John Bowser Dear sister of Michele (John) Erickson Kevin (Chris) Bowser, and Mark (Darlene) Bowser Also survived by many nieces and nephews Visitation will be Thursday 2-9pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Rd Livonia Funeral Service Friday 11:30am at the funeral home Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park Memorial contributions may be made to Project Jason PO Box 3035 Omaha Nebraska 68107

LOUIS C. VENEGONI

Age 82 of Rochester Hills passed away at home November 14 2005 Beloved husband of Helene (nee Renaud) Dear step dad of Paul (Christine) Santoro and Cynthia Santoro (Harold Hrzal) Loving step grandfather of David, Marc, Angela Santoro and Tony Jamie Hrzal Dear brother of Carlo (Theresa) Venegoni and the late Rosi Pagani Loving uncle of Ermanno (Marie) Pagani Mr. Venegoni retired from Detroit Edison after 38 years of dedicated service Private services have been held Memorial contributions to Hospice of Michigan appreciated Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Puxley Funeral Home 322 W. University Drive Rochester MI (248) 651-9641



JACK W. QUALMAN

Age 90 passed away on November 8 2005 He was born July 2 1915 in Saginaw MI Jack secured sponsor ship to General Motors Institute in 1933 enabling him to fund his college education during the depth of the Depression He graduated in 1937 with high honors as a mechanical engineer and began a 44 year career with General Motors He was soon involved with the design of the Hydra Matic the world's first automatic transmission Jack designed automatic transmissions for military vehicles during WWII and went on to specialize in transmission design receiving several patents for his innovations He retired as chief engineer of Hydra Matic Division in 1977 Jack and Amy, his wife of 64 years found a lifetime of enjoyment in family friends travel and golf He greatly enjoyed fishing in northern Canada with his sons and grandsons Jack will be dearly missed by his wife Amy, sons, Jack Jr. Jay (Brook) and Alfred (Comme) and his grandchildren Jack III (Helene) Erik, Matthew (Mary Alison) Holly (John Preville) and Heather A Memorial Service is planned for 11 AM on Friday November 25th in Saginaw MI at the Oakwood Mausoleum Memorials to the Macular Degeneration Foundation Inc. 888 633 3937 For further information please call at 248 684 6645 or www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

Chorale celebrates holiday season

The Madonna University Chorale and Chamber Orchestra present Charpentier's Magnificat, Ryba's Missa Pastorales and other seasonal Christmas favorites 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec 4, at Historic St. Joseph's Church (Jay and Orleans Streets, Detroit) The concert will be repeated 8 p.m. Friday, Dec 9, at St. Mary's Shrine Chapel, at the Orchard Lake Center (3535 Indian Trail) in Orchard Lake

The chorale, which is comprised of students, faculty and friends of the University, is conducted by Dr. David Wagner, University organist and professor of music at Madonna University

General admission for either concert is \$5 and the public is welcome to attend For more information, contact Dr. David Wagner at (734) 432-5708 or by e-mail at dwagner@madonna.edu

meditation prepared and led by students, and Sunday Mass celebrated in the University Chapel at 4 p.m.

The cost of the retreat, which is open to the public, is \$18 and includes lunch and refreshments For reservations or additional information, contact the Campus Ministry office at (734) 432-5524 Advance reservations are required

Madonna University is located at I-96 and Levan Road in Livonia

Madonna University in Livonia will hold a Marian Advent Retreat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec 3 from The retreat will be held in the University Center and Chapel (14221 Levan Road)

This year's theme is "Mary's Christmas" and Rev. Daniel Jones, professor, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, will lead the day's events

Activities include quiet reflection and prayer, three conferences, lunch, individual reconciliation; Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the mysteries of the rosary with

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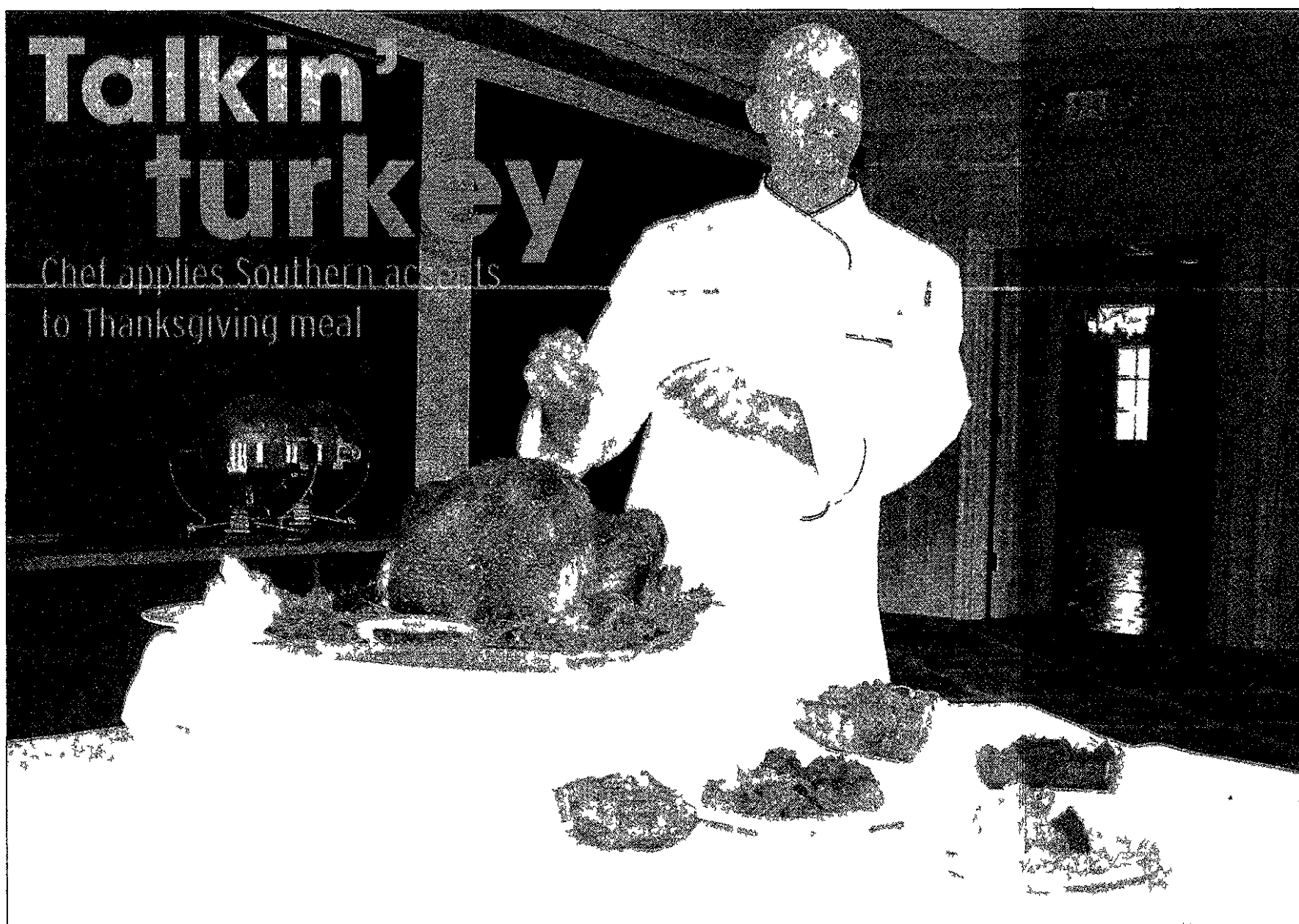
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Peter Engelhardt, executive chef of The Community House in Birmingham, discusses techniques on how to roast a turkey with honey Dijon mustard, garlic and fresh rosemary

Hot lines for holiday food preparation

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Toll-free telephone services and Web sites offer a variety of specialist answers to cooking and food-safety questions during holiday preparation times.

Here are some of them:

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

We all have our favorite ways to prepare Thanksgiving dinner.

You might like a simple cornbread stuffing or one with pork sausage, or you may prefer chicken livers in it or love an oyster stuffing.

Then there's the sweet potatoes or creamy mashed potatoes that grace the table. And what about that green bean casserole?

Peter Engelhardt, executive chef of The Community House in Birmingham, loves a great turkey and brings much of his Southern culinary experience to the Thanksgiving table. He and his wife Janet expect to feed 30 people that day at their home in Oakland Township.

How's this for a menu? Engelhardt enjoys fresh garlic rosemary turkey, cranberry orange sauce, sweet potato soufflé and Southern style green beans. For dessert, there's cinnamon apple purse.

"This is a menu that I really enjoy," Engelhardt said.

A Rochester native, Engelhardt was exposed to Southern cooking during the 10 years he worked in Atlanta, at Turner Arena Operations (Turner Field and Phillips Arena), the Atlanta Athletic Club and Doubletree Hotel.

The garlic and rosemary are a natural on turkey. "You should use fresh rosemary," Engelhardt said. Dried rosemary can be harder to chew.

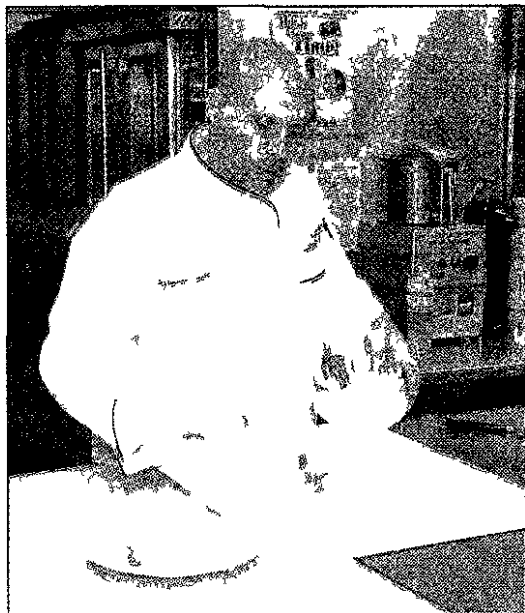
First, roast the turkey for about 15 minutes at 400° F, then lower it to 250° F for a slow roast. Allow for 10-15 minutes per pound. (His accompanying recipe calls for a consistent 275° temperature, so you can use either option.)

"The high temperature (400° F) sears the outside and seals in all the juices," Engelhardt said. "Halfway through you can put aluminum foil so the outside isn't too dark."

The turkey should be basted every 20 to 30 minutes, Engelhardt said.

The cranberry and orange pack a sweet-sour combination with the turkey. You have the sweetness with the sugar and the orange, and the sour of the cranberries and orange rind, Engelhardt said.

Stuffings can include a favorite breakfast pork sausage, chicken stock and oysters, if desired. "But I really enjoy just having the sweet potato soufflé," Engelhardt said. That soufflé features a topping of pecans and brown sugar for a sweet crunch to balance the soft



Engelhardt fills phyllo dough with an apple mixture to create cinnamon apple purses.

texture of the potatoes.

The turkey should be cooked to 165° F, using an instant-read thermometer on the meatiest part of the thigh to check for doneness, Engelhardt said.

Let the turkey sit for 20 minutes before cutting. Get it off the bone, too," he said, if you are storing turkey leftovers. "You can use the carcass for soup the next day."

Making gravy for the turkey? Make sure the roux (flour, drippings and butter) and stock are hot before you mix them. "If both are hot, then nine times out of 10 you won't have lumps," Engelhardt said. Mix a wine (whatever you're serving, such as a chardonnay) into the gravy.

Engelhardt mixes 4 ounces of a combination of drippings and butter with 4 ounces of flour to 1 quart of stock.

The beans cooked with a ham hock are among his favorites. "It's really a Southern-style dish," he said. The beans are very soft because they cook for four hours.

For dessert, the apple purse is like an apple pie in phyllo dough. Engelhardt said Granny Smiths, Cortland or McIntosh apples are probably the best for this recipe. "Cooks lean toward these because they're pretty tart," Engelhardt said. "Stay away from the reds."

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Tradition with a twist: Try this glaze

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traditional, but with a twist. Isn't that the kind of inspiration the interestingly varied recipes for the Meal of the Day, that cooks hope will come their way as Thanksgiving nears?

Also, you can hear cooks prompting, please - let it be fairly simple, not too much shopping. And still recognizable. Any "twist" should not shock those who really prefer tradition to predominate.

So, take a look at this variation in the presentation of Thanksgiving's anchor, symbol of the day, major taste and perennial standby: the turkey. Here's the plan. Let's glaze it.

The bird will look picture-perfect - the glaze gives it a great, dark gold glow. The taste of the meat will reflect the ingredients of its barbecue-style glaze with offbeat accents of cumin, and coffee (showing up these days as an ingredient in unfamiliar contexts). Barbecue, of course, has a history and popularity totally in the spirit of the day.

Butterball recipe developer Sherleen Clausen points out that this turkey - which is not stuffed - could be

PLEASE SEE GLAZE, B9

Try a few new side dishes

BY THE CULINARY INSTITUTE OF AMERICA
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

HYDE PARK, N.Y. (AP) - When it comes to Thanksgiving dinner, traditional recipes are hard to beat. They're familiar and reliable, and everyone expects to see them on the table each year. However, while there may be comfort in the routine, there is also the intrigue of trying something new.

There's no need to swap the turkey for pot roast or say goodbye to the beloved cranberry relish. Instead, add a few new side dishes to this year's feast. Side dishes and accompaniments can include any number of dishes made from vegetables, grains, pasta or potatoes that serve to enhance and

PLEASE SEE SIDES, B9

Don't follow the rules and succeed

Laelly Heron, owner of Heron Wines based in San Francisco, was reared by unconventional parents. Her wines aren't unconventional but her route to producing them certainly is.

A world traveler since age 10, Heron has lived in Africa, Asia, Europe and the U.S., absorbing culture and adventure at every stop. At one time, this 41-year-old partnered in a wine-oriented Copenhagen restaurant, taught wine classes and even hosted a food and wine radio program.

Risk-taking is her standard for a good life.

As a wine producer, Heron is a one-woman show. "I've never followed rules," she said. "When it comes to wine, my goal is to give



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consumers something more than they expect for under \$15 per bottle."

MAKING IT HAPPEN

Through the University of Colorado, Heron spent her junior year in France and became fluent in French. After earning a first degree, she returned to France and enrolled in the Institute of Enology in

Bordeaux to learn winemaking.

There she met two young Frenchmen. One man's family had an old-vine merlot vineyard and that family also had a winery next door that she used to make her first wine. She now has a 20-year lease on a single vineyard property in St. Chinian, a top area of the Languedoc region (Vin de Pays d'Oc) which she calls "the Wild West of France." From that source, she makes her French merlot, which launched in the United States in 1995.

"At first, finding good vineyards was discouraging," Heron said. "I had no capital, no business investors and no business experience. I didn't

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Give your stuffing something extra

BY DANA JACOBI
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

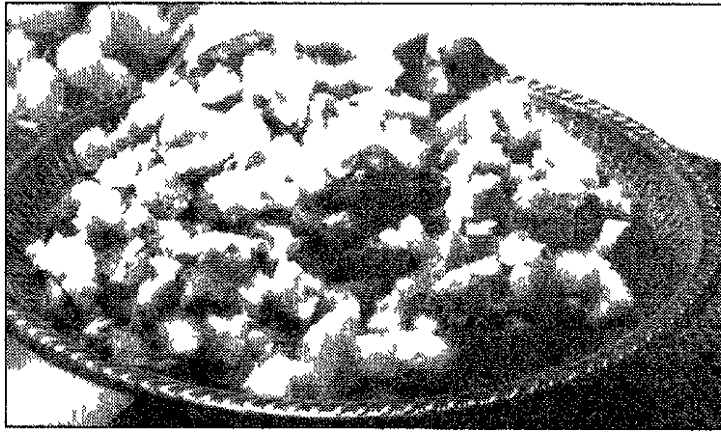
On Thanksgiving Day, turkey is the traditional star. But as frequently happens in show business, the supporting cast of side dishes usually steals the show at Thanksgiving dinner. Among them, stuffing is always most popular at our house.

Or dressing, as we have always called it, probably because in my family it is baked on its own rather than being stuffed inside the turkey. My grandmother and mother both prepared dressing this way. They felt the fat from the bird made the stuffing soggy, heavy and hard to digest. When baked on its own, the dressing remains moist and substantial but still light.

Recently, I learned that most Southerners call this side dish "dressing" whether or not it's stuffed inside the bird. If you live west of the Mississippi, this word choice is like using "green onions" to refer to what Easterners call scallions — a regional habit. South of the Mason-Dixon line, this favorite side dish is called dressing because back in Victorian times, genteel Southerners felt that, used in mixed company, the word stuffing lacked propriety.

WHOLE-WHEAT FRUIT AND NUT DRESSING

- 8 slices whole wheat bread, cut 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- 1 cup finely chopped celery
- 1 large leek, white part only



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Using whole-grain bread and lots of 'add-ins' can make dressing a healthy choice. This dressing combines whole-wheat bread with a lavish amount of fruits, vegetables and nuts.

- chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 cup finely chopped scallions
- 2 medium Granny Smith apples, cored and chopped
- 1 cup seedless green grapes, quartered
- 1 tablespoon poultry seasoning
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup finely chopped walnuts
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups fat free, low sodium chicken broth

Spread the bread cubes in one layer on a baking sheet and leave them out overnight to dry. Or, toast the cubes in a 350° F oven, stirring several times, until dry, 20-30 minutes. Place them in a large mixing bowl.

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Coat a 9- by 13-inch square baking pan with cooking spray.

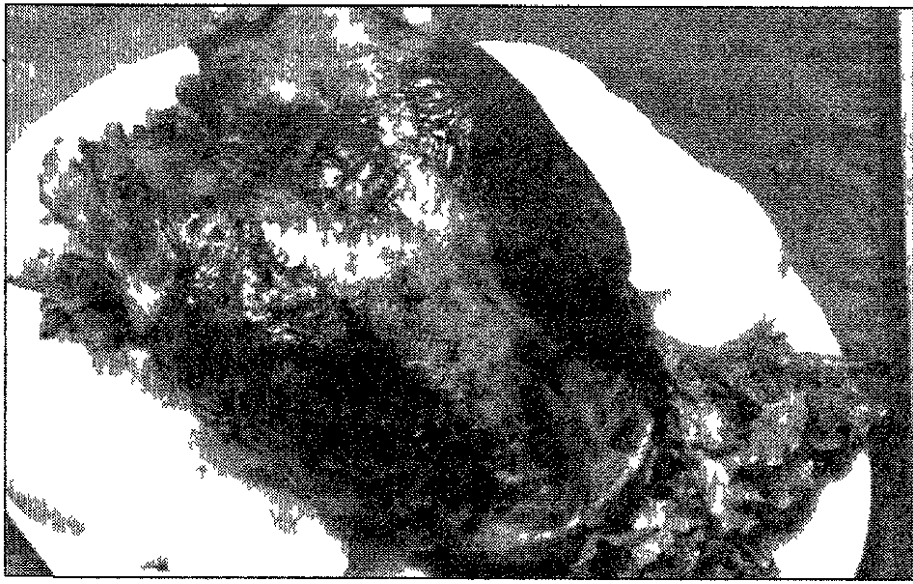
Heat the oil in a medium skillet over medium-high heat. Sauté the celery, leek, onion and scallions

until soft, about 5 minutes. Mix in the apples and grapes to coat them with oil. Add this mixture to the bread cubes. Add the poultry seasoning, eggs, nuts and a light sprinkling of salt and pepper. Toss with a fork to blend. Pour in 1 cup of the broth. Mix until dressing is moist but not soggy, adding more broth as needed. Pack the dressing firmly into the prepared pan and cover with foil.

Bake the dressing 30 to 40 minutes. Uncover and set aside for 15 minutes before serving. Check flavors and add salt and pepper to taste, if desired.

Makes 12 servings. Per serving: 121 calories, 4 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 18 g carbohydrate, 4 g protein, 3 g dietary fiber, 187 mg sodium.

Dana Jacobi, author of *The Joy of Soy*, is a recipe creator for the American Institute for Cancer Research's Stopping Cancer Before It Starts.



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Another favorite to use on turkey is a combination of paper-thin slices of orange and lemon, plus fresh herbs. The citrus bastes and keeps the meat moist, while the bird's skin holds all the flavors in place.

Try a juicy baste for your bird

BY DANA JACOBI
AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Perhaps the most challenging aspect of roasting a Thanksgiving Day turkey is producing a moist, succulent breast. Because the turkey breast cooks much faster than the thigh or leg, those interested only in the white meat often buy just the breast. But retaining succulent moistness until the breast is fully cooked can still be a challenge. Some chefs try to avoid this problem by first soaking the meat in a solution of salty water to which sugar, spices and herbs are added for extra flavor.

But the entire process is lengthy and a bit of a nuisance. The turkey can taste as if it had been drowned in salt, and the other flavors do not penetrate beyond the surface. There is, however, another technique that preserves the juiciness of the breast, whether cooked separately or as part of an entire bird.

The trick is to slip flavorful seasonings under the skin of the breast. Among many options are fresh or dried herbs, alone or whirled into a pesto-like paste, a commercial product like Thai chili paste, or goat cheese blended with dried herbs. Deep-pocket cooks use slices of truffles or morels for an opulent touch, while the more economical prefer dried shiitake mushrooms, first lightly soaked, which impart a delicately earthy, smoky flavor.

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and lemon, plus fresh herbs. The citrus bastes and keeps the meat moist, while the bird's skin holds all the flavors in place.

CITRUS AND HERB TURKEY BASTE

- 1 large carrot, cut into thick slices
- 1 large celery rib, roughly diced
- 1 large leek (white and green part) sliced thin lengthwise
- 1 large onion, cut into small chunks
- 1 small whole turkey breast with ribs
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 8 to 10 fresh thyme sprigs or 1/4 tea spoon dried
- 4 thin lemon slices, cut from center of fruit
- 2 thin orange slices, cut from center of fruit
- Canola oil spray
- 1 cup fat free, reduced sodium chicken broth

Set a rack in the center of the oven. Preheat the oven to 350° F. In a roasting pan, just large enough to hold the turkey, arrange the carrots, celery, leek and onion to serve as a base or bed on which to roast the turkey.

Using the fingers of one hand to slide under the turkey breast skin near the neck and gently pry it from the meat, use the other hand to gently lift up the skin as it releases from the meat, taking care not to tear the skin, until all the breast skin is loosened from the meat.

Rub or sprinkle the salt on the exposed breast meat. Add the thyme. On one side of the breast, insert a lemon slice, slipping it to the back. Add an orange slice to the same side, then a second lemon

slice, keeping the herb under the citrus as much as possible. Repeat on the other side of the breast. Gently pulling the loosened skin, pat it down so it nearly reaches the neck.

Coat the skin generously with cooking spray and set the breast on the bed of vegetables, arranging them to hold it upright. Place the pan on the oven rack. Add the broth. Roast until an instant-read thermometer (inserted into the thickest part of the breast and not touching the bone) registers 165° F (about 20 minutes per pound). If the skin is browning too quickly or too much, loosely tent the breast with foil. Remove the breast to a platter and let it rest 20 minutes.

Meanwhile, pour the pan juices into a gravy strainer or measuring cup. Chill to allow fat to rise to the surface. Transfer vegetables to a blender and puree, then press through a sieve to extract juices into a small bowl. (This step may be omitted.) Discard the vegetables. Gently reheat in a microwave or transfer to a small pan to reheat stove-top. When ready to serve, transfer to a small pitcher.

Remove the skin, citrus and herbs from the turkey and carve into slices to serve with juices.

Makes 6 servings. Per serving: 180 calories, 1 g total fat (0 g saturated fat), 6 g carbohydrate, 36 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 358 mg sodium.


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

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GLAZE

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The turkey is unstuffed, she said, because over the years Butterball that has been operating its consumer "hotlines," they've recently noticed that more of the people who call in have mentioned they prefer not to stuff the turkey, although this isn't a scientific survey.

The practice seems to vary according to where people live, Clausen said, speaking by phone from her office in Naperville, Ill. It appears more common to stuff the turkey in the Northeast and Central part of the country than in the South and West. Asked why people may be leaving the stuffing out

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GLAZED TURKEY

(Preparation 20 minutes total time 4 hours)

1/4 cup sweet barbecue sauce
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
1/2 teaspoon instant coffee crystals
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
2 teaspoons butter or margarine
14 pound turkey thawed if frozen
Nonstick cooking spray

Preheat oven to 325° F

Combine barbecue sauce, corn syrup, coffee and cumin in glass measuring cup. Microwave on High 1 minute, stirring once, or until coffee is dissolved. Add butter or margarine and stir until melted. Set glaze aside to cool.

Remove neck and giblets from body and neck cavities of turkey, refrigerate for another use or discard. Drain juices from turkey, pat dry with paper towels. Turn wings back to hold neck skin against back of turkey. Place turkey, breast up, on flat roasting rack in shallow roasting pan. Spray turkey with cooking spray.

Bake turkey at 325° F for 2 hours. Brush turkey with some of the glaze. Loosely cover breast and tops of drumsticks with aluminum foil to prevent overcooking of breast and glaze from darkening too much.

Continue baking turkey 1 to 1 1/2 hours, or until meat thermometer reaches 180° F when inserted in deepest part of thigh, brushing with additional glaze after 30 minutes. Let turkey stand 15 minutes before carving. Makes 14 servings (6 ounces each).

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Thanksgiving dinner with Chef Peter Engelhardt

FRESH GARLIC ROSEMARY TURKEY

18 20 pound turkey
2 cups honey Dijon
1 head garlic peeled and chopped
3 sprigs fresh rosemary
1 tablespoon kosher salt
1 tablespoon coarse black pepper

Season inside of turkey with salt, pepper and garlic.

Place turkey in roasting pan, breast side up.

Brush liberally with the honey Dijon.

Sprinkle with salt, pepper, garlic and rosemary.

Roast at 275° F for 4 hours or internal temperature of 165° F.

CRANBERRY ORANGE SAUCE

3 cups cranberries
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1 navel orange washed and cut into wedges
1 cup orange juice

Pulse first 4 ingredients in cuisinart.

Add to saucepan and cook over medium-high heat for 5 minutes.

Add orange juice and simmer for 5 minutes. Let cool.

SWEET POTATO SOUFFLÉ

1 #10 can (or 6 1/2 to 7 pounds 5 ounces or 13 cups) sweet potato drained

SIDES

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1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste
1 tablespoon rosemary, chopped
1 tablespoon sage, chopped

Preheat the oven to 350° F

Peel the parsnips and carrots. Cut them into chunky pieces roughly 2 inches long and 3/4-

inch thick. All the pieces should be of uniform size and shape. Toss the parsnips and carrots with the oil, salt, pepper, rosemary and sage in a large bowl. Spread in a large, shallow baking pan. Roast the vegetables in the lower third of the oven until tender, about 30 to 35 minutes. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per 4-ounce serving: 130 cal, 1 g protein, 16 g carbs, 7 g fat, 460 mg sodium, 0 mg chol, 3 g fiber.

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RULES

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know the rules by which the wine business played so after I made my first wine, the French merlot, I sold it the old-fashioned way - door to door

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Chiefs earn spot in district hoop title game

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton girls basketball coach Brian Samulski tagged junior guard Becci Houdek with the nickname "Go-Go Gadget Arms" earlier this season.

Salem found out why in Wednesday's Class A district semifinal showdown at Novi High School.

The long-armed Houdek recorded seven steals and several turnover-inducing deflections to lead the Chiefs to a 37-25 victory over the Rocks. With the win, Canton advanced to Friday night's district final against the winner of Wednesday's late game between Novi and South Lyon. Tip-off is set for 7 p.m.

Houdek also tallied a game-high 14 points and five rebounds. Junior forward Ja'nee Morton also played well for Canton, notching 10 points and seven boards.

"Becci's arms seem like they go on forever, especially when she's guarding you," Samulski said, explaining the nickname.

"She played well tonight at both ends of the court."

While Houdek's stats were impressive, the most telling numbers could be found in the turnover category. The Rocks committed 17 miscues while the Chiefs gave the ball away just twice.

"You can't expect to beat a team like Canton when you turn the ball over as much as we did tonight," said Salem coach Fred Thomann. "But give them credit — they have a good team and they played well tonight."

"We finished 17-4, so we had a good season. There were only a couple of games — tonight's loss and our loss to Livonia Franklin (in the first round of the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament) — when I didn't think we played well."

Houdek's performance Wednesday was inspiring considering she sat out most of the second half of Monday's victory over Northville due to complications from a pair of medical conditions she's battling through: asthma and

Sydenham's Chorea, a neurologic disorder that is characterized by irregular, abrupt and involuntary muscle movements.

"I actually passed out two or three times Monday," said Houdek, who was suffering the effects of both the Sydenham's Chorea and asthma. "I had some tests run Tuesday and they all came back good. I didn't practice yesterday and I felt a lot better today."

"We lost to Salem last year in the districts, so it was nice beating them tonight."

Early-game jitters limited both teams' offensive effectiveness. The first points were scored when Salem's Teresa Coppellie converted a layup with 3:30 left in the first quarter.

The shooting heated up in the second stanza, which ended with Canton in front, 16-12. Houdek had a sizzling first 16 minutes, netting 11 of her 14 points and five thefts.

Single free throws by Morton and Leshe Olech, and a fast-break layup by

Morton extended Canton's advantage to 20-12 three minutes into the second half. After the Rocks' Alaya Mitchell laid in a soft runner at the 4:50 mark of the third quarter, Canton went on a 9-2 run to secure a 29-16 lead with eight minutes to play.

The Rocks rallied to within 32-25 on a Lauren Kurtz free throw with 4:06 left, but the Chiefs countered by tallying the game's final five points.

Mitchell led Salem with seven points. Junior forward Tayler Langham added six and Coppellie notched five points and nine boards.

Olech had a strong game for Canton, recording seven points and three rebounds. Lisa Ealy, the Chiefs' leading scorer this season, netted just four points, but she did a stellar job holding Coppellie to five points.

Canton canned 13-of-21 free throws (61 percent) while Salem connected on 3-of-7 (43 percent).

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Standlines

Playoffs coverage

Due to deadline restrictions, Saturday's Canton-Macomb Dakota Division 1 semi-final prep football game story and photos will appear in the Nov. 24 edition of the Observer.

The story and photos will be available on the Web site www.hometownlife.com as early as Sunday morning.

'Skins edge Lions

The Canton Lions junior league freshmen football team lost its bid for a fourth straight Super Bowl title Sunday, bowing to the Rochester Redskins, 27-6. The Lions defense struggled against the different sets of the Rochester offense.

The Lions made it a game when Malcolm Hollingsworth scored late in the third quarter, cutting Rochester's lead to 14-6. However, the Redskins scored on their next two possessions to put the game out of reach.

Standouts for the Lions were Devin Slominski, Brandon Lee, Shane Raymond, Michael San Milan and Kyle Durham.

Steelers fall

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers junior varsity team played Sunday in the WSJFL Super Bowl at Canton High School against the Ypsilanti Braves. The game was scoreless until the final minutes of the fourth quarter when the Braves managed to score the lone touchdown and win 6-0.

Steeler quarterback Ben Merbler led the offense in both rushing and passing yards. The offense was supported by the tough play of Michael Olevnick, Tyler Kelly and Nick Tata. The Steelers' "Ironman" — Tyler Goble — played well on both sides of the line of scrimmage.

Patrick Salo, Tony Rhodes, Brennen Beyer, Sam Scott and Scott Devine excelled for the Steelers defense.

With four minutes left in the fourth quarter the Braves scored on a quarterback sneak.

Wrestling club

Practice for Salem's 2006 Team Chippewa begins Thursday, Dec. 1, in the Salem High School wrestling room. Team Chippewa will be participating in the Michigan Youth Wrestling Association (MYWAY) season, which begins in January. Registration for the team is free. Kids 15 and under are eligible to compete.

For more information, call (734) 239-2922.

Lady Ocelots 2-0

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball team is off to a 2-0 start following a two-game sweep last weekend of the Owens Community College Tip-Off Classic.

The Lady Ocelots opened their season Friday with a lopsided 95-53 win over the Ohio State University Club followed by a 100-70 triumph over the host Owens on Saturday in the championship final.

Stunner

Free throws with 0:00 on clock end Wildcats' season

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If a scale existed that measured heart-breaking losses, Plymouth's 34-33 setback to Novi in Monday night's Class A district tournament opener would be off the charts.

Novi senior forward Rachel Folino calmly swished two of three free throws with no time on the clock and no other players on the court to send her team into Wednesday night's semi-final game against South Lyon.

Plymouth, which trailed throughout most of the game, grabbed the lead, 33-32, with 2:8 seconds left when senior Colleen Flaherty converted a short lay-up off a pass from Jeanine Moise.

Novi coach Bill Kelp called a time-out with 1:2 seconds remaining to set up the eventual game-winning play.

"We set two back screens for the girls going deep, and we made a great in-bounds pass to Rachel," said Kelp. "Rachel's been struggling lately at the line, but she's a Division 1 player and showed why tonight."

Kelp said the ending was the craziest he's ever seen in a game he's coached.

"By far," he emphasized, still shaking his head. "I was definitely praying at the end."

PLEASE SEE STUNNER, C2



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Plymouth senior forward Jeanine Moise, pictured in a game earlier this season, scored 12 points in the Wildcats' 34-33 loss to Novi Monday night.

Terry-led Whalers nip London, 3-2

Plymouth Whaler rookie Chris Terry's encores are as good as his premiers.

For the second straight Saturday night, Terry scored the deciding goal in a shoot-out Nov. 12, giving the Whalers an exciting 3-2 victory over London before 2,974 at the Compuware Sports Arena.

The Plymouth victory — coupled with Saginaw's 3-0 loss in Belleville — moved the Whalers into a first-place tie with the Spurt in the Ontario Hockey League's West Division. Plymouth's record is now 12-6-1-1 while Saginaw is 13-5-0-0.

The setback snapped a five-game winning streak for London, which slipped to 13-6-0-0. Mike Letzua and Dan Collins tallied power-play goals for the winners. Rob Schremp scored both Knight goals.

The evening belonged to the goaltenders. Plymouth's Ryan Nie stopped 44-of-46 shots through 65 minutes and three more in the shoot-out for his eighth win of the season. London's Adam Dennis stopped 43 of 45 shots and two of four in the extra session.

After neither team could find the net in the five-minute overtime, Dave Bolland scored on London's first shot in the shoot-out. But Nie stopped Dylan Hunter and Schremp, and Sergei Kostitsyn lost the handle on the puck and never got a shot off.

2005 Prep Grid Playoffs

Baechler molds Canton football program into state powerhouse

SEMIFINAL SHOWDOWN

■ **What:** Macomb Dakota (10-2) vs. Canton (10-2)

■ **When:** Saturday, 1 p.m.

■ **Where:** Troy Athens High School, 4333 John R., Troy, MI

■ **What's at stake:** The winner advances to the Nov. 26 Division I final against the winner of Saturday's Rockford-Brighton game in Lansing.

■ **About Dakota:** Cougars have advanced to semi-final round three of past four years, but have never made it to the final game.

Quarterback James Stallons has thrown for over 1,900 yards this season.

"Can a new coach rebuild?" asked the big, bold headline at the top of the Plymouth/Canton Observer sports section on June 7, 1998.

The question referred to new Canton football coach Tim Baechler, who had been hired a few weeks earlier to succeed the retiring Bob Khoelne.

Sixty-four wins and six straight playoff appearances later, the answer to the question is a resounding "yes," but Baechler will be the first one to admit the answer didn't come easy.

Baechler, who was 31 at the time he was hired, was taking over a struggling program that had finished 1-8 the previous

year — and he was leaving a thriving Hudson program that he had just spent five years reviving.

While the rebuilding process has been satisfying, it couldn't have been completed without the spilling of a lot of blood, sweat and tears.

"My first year here we had about 30 kids come out for the team," Baechler remembered. "We weren't real strong, we weren't real fast and we weren't very athletic. The first thing the players said to me was, 'We're going to beat Salem this year.' That was what was most important to them — beating Salem. I said, 'What about the eight games before that?' We had to change their focus."

'I' BEFORE 'T'?

Baechler, whose offensive expertise was the full-house,



Pictured above is the June 7, 1998, issue of the Plymouth/Canton Observer sports section, which announced the signing of new Canton football coach Tim Baechler.

Wing-T formation, was determined to try something different at Canton, a large, 2,000-student Division 1 school.

"When I got here, I was going to run the T formation," Baechler said. "It was a big school, so I figured we'd have no problem filling all the skill

positions.

"Back then, we had two pre-season scrimmages. We did OK with the T in the first scrimmage, but before the second one, we went and watched

PLEASE SEE POWER, C4

STUNNER

FROM PAGE C1

We beat a very good team tonight”

The stinging loss ended a glowing season for Plymouth, which finished 16-5 and earned a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association title

“I’m super proud of the kids’ effort tonight,” said Plymouth coach Richelle Reilly. “They battled and made things happen in the second half to put us in a position to win.”

“I thought we did enough to win tonight. It’s a hard loss to swallow.”

Despite the loss, Reilly said her Wildcats should feel a huge sense of accomplishment.

“Overall, I thought we met and exceeded expectations this season,” she said. “We had great senior leadership this year and — although it may be hard for the girls to see it right now — they had a great year and should feel proud.”

Reilly said it appeared to her that her players did everything right during the game’s final seconds.

“We told the girls to make sure the Noví players caught the ball in front of them, which they did,” Reilly said. “We had a foul to give, so we wanted them to foul during the catch. To me, it didn’t look like (Folino) was shooting when she was fouled. It looked like she was still on the floor. If they call the foul on the floor, they have less than a second left and they have to take it out of bounds.”

Folino finished with 13 to lead all scorers. Senior forward Nicole Stephen added eight for Noví, while senior guard Hope Morris scored five clutch points, all in the games final three minutes.

Playing in her final high school game, Plymouth’s Jeanne Moise scored 12 and grabbed 10 rebounds. Flaherty added nine while Jalesa Moise and Kim Olech both contributed four.

Monday’s game between the two highly successful teams lived up to its pre-game expectations as the intensity level often matched that felt in a district final game. Neither team led by more than three points after the opening seconds of the second quarter.

Noví, which was playing on

its home court, raced to an early 9-0 advantage before Plymouth rebounded to cut its deficit to 13-8 after one quarter. The visiting Wildcats led briefly, 16-15, when Flaherty scored on a strong move with 45 seconds to go in the first half, but Noví took a 17-16 lead into the intermission thanks to Taylor Graybiel’s late basket.

Only 11 total points were scored in the defensive third quarter, which ended with Noví ahead, 23-21.

Plymouth led, 30-27, with 2:55 left thanks to a driving bank-shot by Jalesa Moise. However, Noví answered at the 1:12 mark when Morris sprung off a screen and drained a long triple to tie it at 30-30.

After a Jeanne Moise free throw put Plymouth up, 31-30, with 44.1 seconds to go, Morris struck again when she drove down the heart of the lane and finished with a left-handed lay-up to give Noví a 32-31 advantage with 32.3 seconds to play.

“Hope made a couple of huge senior plays for us at the end,” Kelp said. “The three was a set play, but she made the drive happen on her own. She’s more of an outside shooter, so that drive was a big move.”

With 25 seconds left, Folino stole the ball, but lost it right back to a hustling Jeanne Moise with 18.4 on the clock. Reilly then called a time-out to set up a potential game-winning play.

Following three passes, Jeanne Moise got the ball nine feet from the basket just inside the paint. When Noví’s defense collapsed on her, Moise dished the ball to a driving Flaherty who banked in a runner to give Plymouth a 33-32 lead.

After a Kelp time-out, Folino performed her last-second heroics, sparking a mad rush onto the court by her deliriously happy teammates.

Plymouth hit 14-of-38 field goals (36.8) and 3-of-8 free throws (37.5 percent). Noví connected on 13-of-45 shots (28.8 percent) and 7-of-12 free throws (58.3 percent).

Plymouth committed 18 turnovers, Noví had 11 miscues.

Olech yanked down six rebounds in her prep finale. Stephanie Crawford had five boards for Noví.

Martin’s clutch plays lead Canton girls

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Things were deteriorating rapidly for Canton’s girls basketball team during the final minutes of Monday night’s district opener against Northville.

The Chiefs’ once seemingly insurmountable 16-point lead had disappeared, starting point guard Becca Houdek was laying flat on her back on the bench suffering from the effects of a medical condition, and her back-court mate, Kelsy Zemanski, fouled out with 2:19 to play.

Instead of Panic Time, the final two minutes turned into Marie Martin Time for Canton.

Seconds after Martin replaced Zemanski, she grabbed an offensive rebound and deposited the ball into the basket to give Canton a 38-32 lead with 1:48 left. Thirty seconds later, the sophomore center drew a charge on Northville’s Simone Toney at the other end.

The two plays were instrumental in Canton’s 44-35 victory.

“I was a little nervous when I went in for Kelsy because the

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game was so close,” Martin said. “But I was excited to get a chance to play, too. After I made the shot, I just wanted to go down and play good defense. I think that’s the first charge I’ve ever drawn in a game.”

The victory propelled the 17-4 Chiefs into Wednesday night’s district title game against Salem. The loss ended the Mustangs season at 12-9.

Marie really stepped up and made some big plays when we needed them, said Canton coach Brian Samulski. The offensive rebound she scored on and the charge she drew came at a pivotal point of the game. I thought our free throw shooting down the stretch was a big key, too.”

Canton was clearly the better team Monday when both squads were at full strength. The Chiefs turned a 7-5 lead after one quarter into a 21-9 halftime bulge. Lisa Ealy led the first-half onslaught for Canton, scoring eight points.

The Chiefs’ biggest lead of the night came 1:15 into the third quarter when Ja’nee

Morton’s fast-break lay-up put them ahead, 25-9.

The Mustangs worked their way back into the game when Toney drained three triples during a four-minute stretch of the third quarter to whittle Canton’s lead to 27-20. The run also coincided with the departure of Houdek, whose absence was reflected in Canton’s 10 third-quarter turnovers. As a result of the miscues, the Chiefs attempted just five shots compared to Northville’s 20 during the third stanza, which ended with Canton grasping to a 28-24 advantage.

Northville completed its comeback with 5:39 to play when sophomore Sarah Stern scored on a drive to knot the game at 32-32.

The Chiefs’ regained the lead for good, 34-32, 50 seconds later on a pair of free throws from Morton.

After regaining possession of the ball, the Chiefs switched to a semi-stall offense at the four-minute mark. The slow-down worked as Canton outscored the Mustangs 11-3 the rest of the way.

“We run a four-on-four drill like that with no dribbling

every day in practice,” Samulski said. “We shoot only when we get a good look.”

Canton was 12-for-17 from the free throw line during the pivotal fourth quarter. Junior guard Lauren Delapaz swished all four of her free throws. She also grabbed six rebounds.

Lisa Ealy led the Chiefs with 15 points and five rebounds. Morton netted 14 points and three boards while Houdek contributed five points before leaving.

Simone Toney led Northville with 11 points. Her sister, Danielle, added 10 and Stern chipped in with seven.

“We’ve had a couple games like this this year where we’ve fallen behind early then had to fight back,” said Northville coach Pete Wright. “It just shows you that these girls never quit, they’re never out of it.”

The Mustangs out-shot Canton, 28-9, in the second half and 48-24 throughout the game. The Chiefs were on fire, shooting at a 50-percent clip from the field (12-for-24) and 68 percent from the line (19-for-28).

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New roster, same results are expected from SC lady cagers

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

This year’s edition of the Schoolcraft College women’s basketball team will look a lot different than last winter’s squad, which returns only four players.

But Lady Ocelots head coach Karen Lafata is expecting the same kind of success. So are some national pundits, who selected Schoolcraft ninth in the National Junior College Athletic Association preseason poll.

I think we can contend for the championship again, said Lafata, whose 2004-05 team

went 24-7, winning the Michigan Community College Athletic Association championship and advancing to the NJCAA Division II District finals. With Char (Greer) and Mikko (Mikkio Williams), we have our two top scorers back.

Greer, a 5-9 sophomore forward, averaged 18 points and nine rebounds in 04-05 while 5-5 guard Williams contributed 10 points and nearly five steals per outing last year.

Also back for the Lady Ocelots are sophomore guard Tracey Winkler and sophomore forward Renita Price

(Wayne Memorial), who Lafata said looked impressive in pre-season workouts. Winkler and Price likely will start for Schoolcraft, with sophomore transfer Tomica Hodge (5-9 guard from Tennessee) pushing them for playing time.

Hodge was part of the Walters State (Tenn.) team that went to the Division I national tournament.

“She’s coming with a lot of experience,” said Lafata, who will play Hodge as a top reserve or starter, depending on how games unfold.

Garden City High School

alum Alsha June (6-0 forward-center) leads a solid group of freshmen, helping fill the void from the losses of Westland John Glenn alum Sara Tyree (nine ppg, six rebounds), Erika Mims (six ppg), Ashley Gibson (10 ppg, six assists) and Amantha Combs to graduation.

“She (June) will be backing up at both positions (forward, center) and she just works really hard,” said Lafata, adding that June is completely healed from an ankle injury she suffered as a senior at Garden City.

Other reserves include 5-11 freshman forward Maricka Seay, 6-3 freshman center Lauren Braun, 5-11 freshman forward Amanda Giffin, 5-9 freshman forward Ericka Brewer (Belleville), 5-8 freshman forward LaShanda Thomas and 6-0 freshman forward-center Amanda Crouse.

“I’m really pleased early on with our freshmen and their work ethic,” Lafata said.

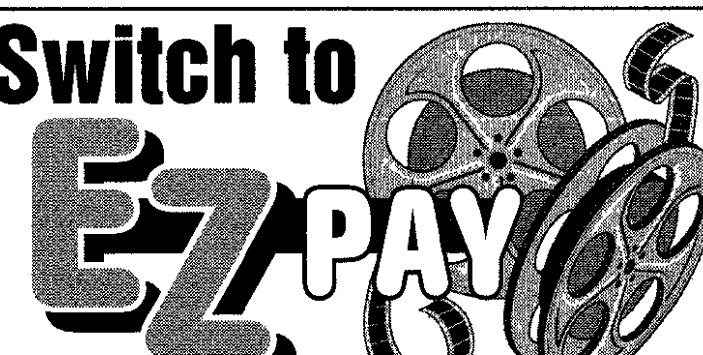
Even though the team lost a lot of experience, Lafata likes what she sees in terms of potential as well as depth in the low post.

“With our skill and potential,” she said, “we should be right there, battling for the conference, regional and state championships.”

After playing several road games, beginning Friday at the Tip-Off Classic hosted by Owens Community College, the Lady Ocelots won’t play at home until Friday, Dec. 2, as part of the Schoolcraft College Invitational.

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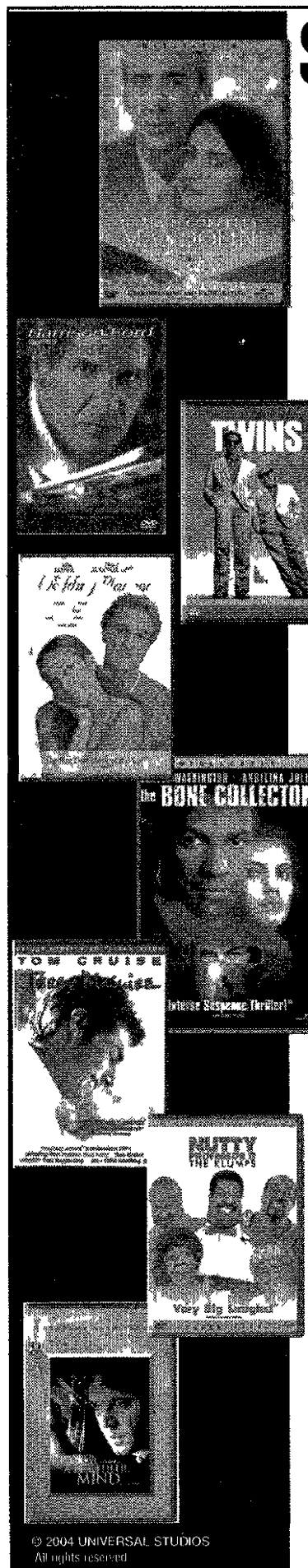
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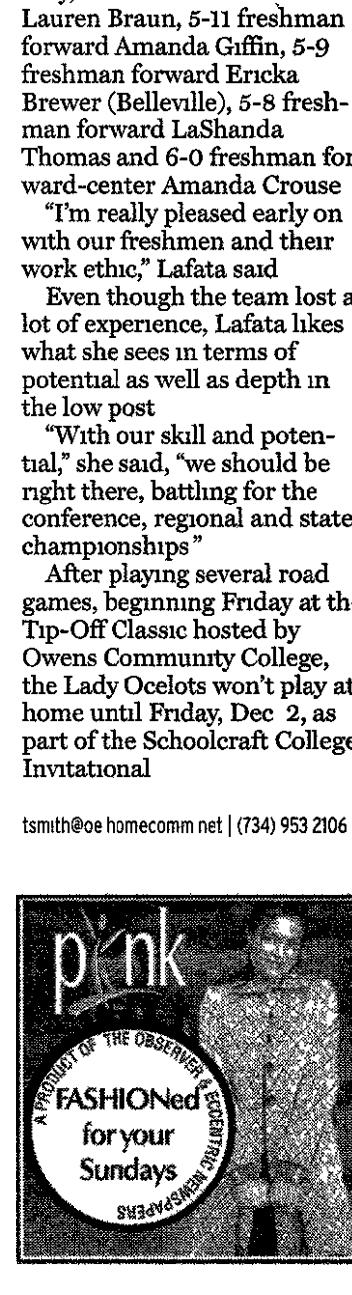
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Talented underclassmen highlight boys cross country team

FIRST TEAM

Dan Kapadia, Sr., Salem
Kapadia capped a stellar career for the Rocks by finishing fourth in the Division 1 state meet (15:45)

He also captured the Western Lakes Activities Association meet (15:53) and was runner-up at the D-1 regional race (16:05) and Wayne County competition (16:13). The captain, who will graduate as the second-best male cross country runner in Salem history, was a three-time state qualifier, finishing 41st in 2004 and 104th in 2003.

"Dan has worked hard his entire career," said coach Geoff Baker. "He runs big in big races."

Timothy Howse, Sr., Liv.

Churchill: Howse enjoyed a memorable senior season, winning three meets (Livonia City, Wayne County and Division 1 regional) and finishing in the top six in five others. A captain, Howse was a four-year letter winner, a three-time scholar athlete and a two-year state qualifier.

"Timothy has had a wonderful cross country career at Churchill," said Churchill coach John McGreevy. He is a student of running and came into this season well-prepared to compete with the best. He ran a near-perfect race at the regional. He broke away from the field about half-way through the race and never looked back. He ran his best race by about 20 seconds.

"The state final was disappointing for Timothy, but he remained a great sport, offering no excuses. He vowed to run better the next time. I was very proud of his effort to finish. It was inspiring. He is a class act."

Brandon Grysko, Soph., Liv.

Churchill: Grysko finished 55th at the D-1 state meet (16:28) and third at the regional (16:09). A scholar-athlete, Grysko earned a second-place showing in the Livonia City Meet (17:39) and a seventh-place finish at the Monroe Jefferson Invitational.

"Brandon is a very intense competitor," McGreevy said. "He had a tremendous freshman year in both cross country and track and expectations were high for his second season. He was having a very solid season, but he didn't really explode until the regional at Schoolcraft. His charge toward the finish line was like William

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Wallace from Braveheart without the paint and kilts.

"More importantly, he matured as a leader, doing the little things that garnered respect from his teammates and his coach. He has a great future in front of him."

Patrick Slavens, Jr., Plymouth.

The two-time state qualifier placed fourth at the Division 1 regional meet in a personal-best time of 16:13, which is a school record. He followed that up with a solid finish in the state meet, finishing among the top 30 juniors.

"Patrick is a great athlete who comes on strong when the team needs him," said Plymouth coach Lee Shaw. "He has made the state meet twice as an individual and hopefully, he will lead the team to the state meet next year."

Anthony Scaparo, Jr., Plymouth

Scaparo had a banner junior season, winning the City Meet (17:08) and the Early Bird Invitational. He finished second in two other meets and finished third at the Wayne County Championships. He's a two-time state qualifier.

"Anthony is a good kid who I expect to see bigger and better things from next season," Shaw said.

Jimmy Walsh, Sr., Salem

A cap-

tain Walsh was a pace setter during his senior season, finishing 79th at the D1 state meet, 10th at the regional and 14th at the WLAA meet. He was a three-time state qualifier and four-year letter-winner.

Jimmy is a hard worker and has been our number-two runner the past two years, said Baker. He has been a great leader for our young runners.

Sean Dillon, Sr., Plymouth. A rare two-sport athlete, Dillon was also a big contributor to the Wildcats' soccer program. He improved his time in practically every race this season, setting a personal-best of 16:38. His top finishes were ninth at the Wayne County Championships, fifth in the WLAA Western Division Jamboree, 10th at the WLAA Conference meet and 19th at the D1 regional competition.

"Sean was a great addition to the team," said Shaw. "He is a great leader, great runner and great person. I wish he had come out for the team before this year — it would have been scary to see what he could have done."

Joe Varilone, Soph., Liv

Churchill: The second-year performer put up impressive numbers, finishing 20th at the Wayne County Championships (17:15), 16th at the WLAA meet (17:00), 20th at the D1 regional (16:54) and 42nd at the Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard Invitational (17:48).

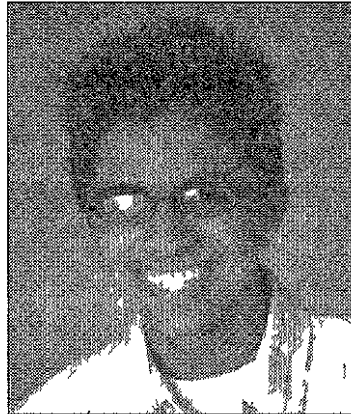
"The first few weeks of the season, Joe was very solid, but not spectacular," said McGreevy. "But as the season progressed, he started beating runners who had bested him earlier. He was Churchill's Mr. Steady."

"He is a scholar athlete with a tremendous upside. He works very hard and because he is so quiet, he sometimes is overlooked, but not anymore. He will be one of our anchors for next year's team. Joe had a very nice rookie season."

Andrew Cassidy, Jr., Salem

The second-year runner ran like a veteran, posting a 22nd-place finish in the Wayne County meet, a 15th place in the D1 regional, a 25th in the WLAA meet and a 122nd at the D1 state meet. His best time this season was a 16:48.

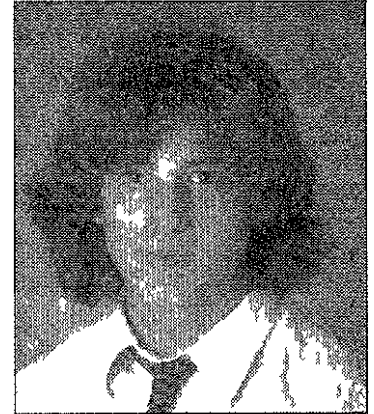
This is Andrew's second year running cross country, Baker said. "He's getting better every year. I'm looking forward to great things from him next year."



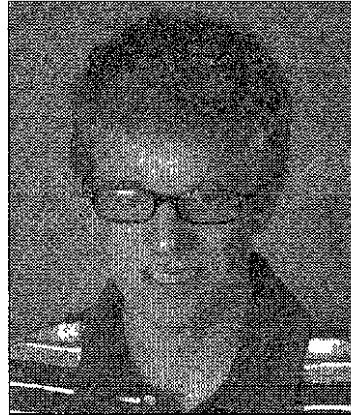
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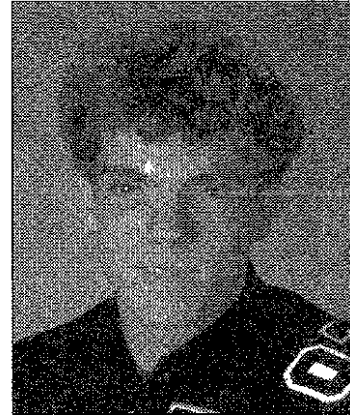
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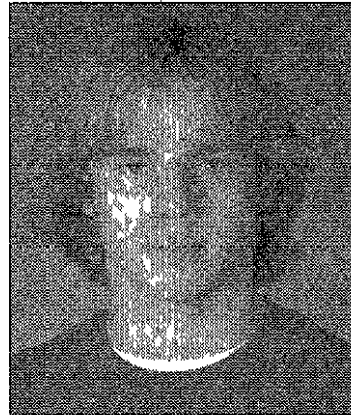
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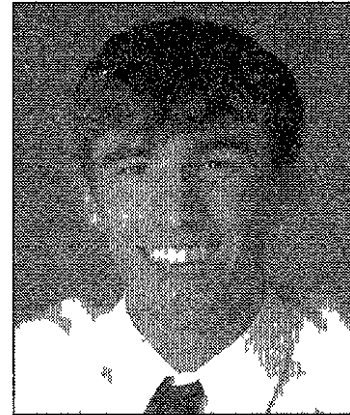
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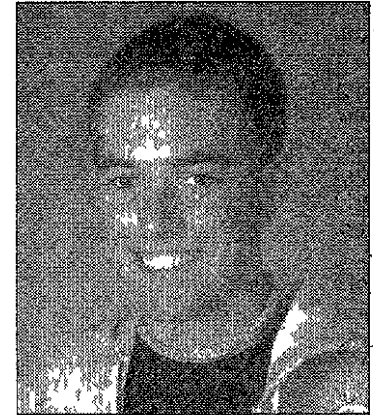
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Salem coach Baker always finds a way

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem boys cross country coach Geoff Baker said he developed the training method he has utilized over the past 20 years through "trial and error."

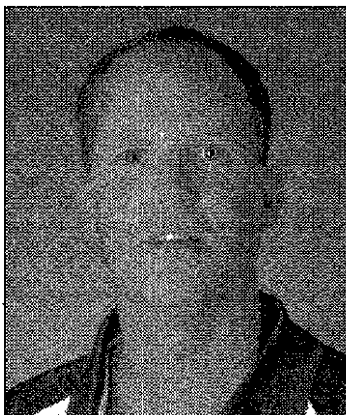
Judging by Baker's impressive tenure as the Rocks' mentor, the errors have been few.

This year was no different than Baker's first 19 as coach — it was stocked with success. The Rocks finished second at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet, third at the Division 1 regional and 22nd at the Division 1 state meet.

For his efforts with the Salem cross country program this fall, Baker has been selected Observerland Coach of the Year by the Observer sports staff.

"This year's group of guys made up one of those teams that is just great to be around," Baker said. "They always came to practice ready to work and they never shied away from anything. Everything they did, they did it the best they could do."

Baker deflected much of the credit for his team's success to his runners' strong work ethic. "I've always told my runners



Geoff Baker, Salem Coach of Year

that the motivation to succeed has to come from within themselves," Baker emphasized. "I tell them you can do it for me, for their parents or their girlfriends — they have to do it for themselves. This is a self-motivated sport because they're the ones that have to run all of those miles in order to get good."

Baker played football during the four autumns he attended Salem in the early- to mid-80s. After graduation, he was approached by Salem Athletic Director Gary Balcom about taking the reins of the Rocks cross country program.

I still thank Gary to this day for giving me this job because I don't know where I'd be without it," said Baker, who has coached 12 All-State runners at Salem. "The person I learned the most from during my first few years was Farmington coach Jerry Young. When we took our teams to camps together, I'd ask him a lot of questions because he had built such a successful program."

"One thing I've learned over the years is that you never stop learning."

An intangible achievement proved to be the most memorable part of the season as far as Baker was concerned.

I think the highlight was seeing everybody on the team get better week, after week, after week," he said. "I told them that if we could get seven runners to run 17 minutes or better, they'd be the best team ever at Salem, or at least since I've been coaching. They've really worked hard to try to exceed that goal."

The Rocks also excelled in the classroom this fall, compiling an All-State caliber 3.73 team grade-point average.

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Ex-teammates enjoy coaching

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Two of the 32 Michigan high school football teams still alive in the playoffs have more than success in common.

Both Canton and Division 3 Haslett are wreaking havoc on opposing defenses with the same difficult-to-figure-out full-house, Wing-T offense.

And both teams' coaches — Tim Baechler and Charlie Otlewski — were teammates on the Adrian College football team from 1985-87.

I had to remind Tim what the snap count was when we walked up to the line of scrimmage before every play, revealed Otlewski, who played running back at Adrian. "Tim was a tight end and he always remembered his pass routes and blocking assignments, but he'd always ask me what the cadence

was. It was a superstitious thing I did with Charlie, Baechler remembered, chuckling.

When we were jogging up to the line, I'd say, 'One or two? Sings or dubs?' Even though I knew what the count was, it got to where if I didn't ask him, I didn't feel good about what was going to happen on the next play.

During Baechler and Otlewski's collegiate days, Adrian employed the Delaware Wing-T offense, which explains partly why the two successful coaches run similar, run-oriented offenses.

It's nice to have someone I can talk to about the offense because there aren't that many teams that run it," Otlewski said, referring to his semi-regular phone conversations with Baechler. "We problem-solve with each other."

"We call each other every

once in a while and talk about different situations we've encountered," Baechler said. "There's always a defense we'll come across that we haven't seen before. It's nice to have somebody who knows what kind of things you're facing."

Otlewski joked that he got grief from Baechler recently when he decided to add another element to the Wing-T attack.

Tim ostracized me when I told him we were going to add some spread to our offense," Otlewski said. "We probably only run it 25 percent of the time, but I figure if it makes the opponent have to use 25 percent of their preparation time on it, it makes the 75 percent we run out of the T that much more effective."

Otlewski, whose Vikings will square off against Farmington Hills Harrison in a D-3 semifinal game Saturday, said he has no desire to face Canton's almost-mirror-image offense in a regular season game.

Maybe in a seven-on-seven game in the summer when it's more relaxed," Otlewski said. "But not during the season. A couple of years ago we played Belding after Irv Sigler left. It was like playing against ourselves."

With victories Saturday in their respective semi-final games, Canton and Haslett will have one more thing in common — they'll be playing Nov. 26 for state titles at Ford Field.

It would be a showcase day for the Wing-T.

And a bigger day for a couple of former Adrian College teammates.

POWER

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Monroe scrimmage Brighton because we were playing Monroe in the first game. After I watched Monroe, I told the other coaches, 'We can't play with them using the I, so we put in the full-house T the next week. It was like — boom!' — the kids picked it up right away and we used it ever since."

ON THE REBOUND

The Chiefs finished 3-6 in Baechler's first season, a marked improvement over the one-win season the team suffered through in 1997.

The rise to respectability continued in Baechler's second year when Canton surged to a 4-2 start. However, the resurgence hit a bump in the road when the Chiefs fell to Farmington Hills Harrison in Week 7, 35-0.

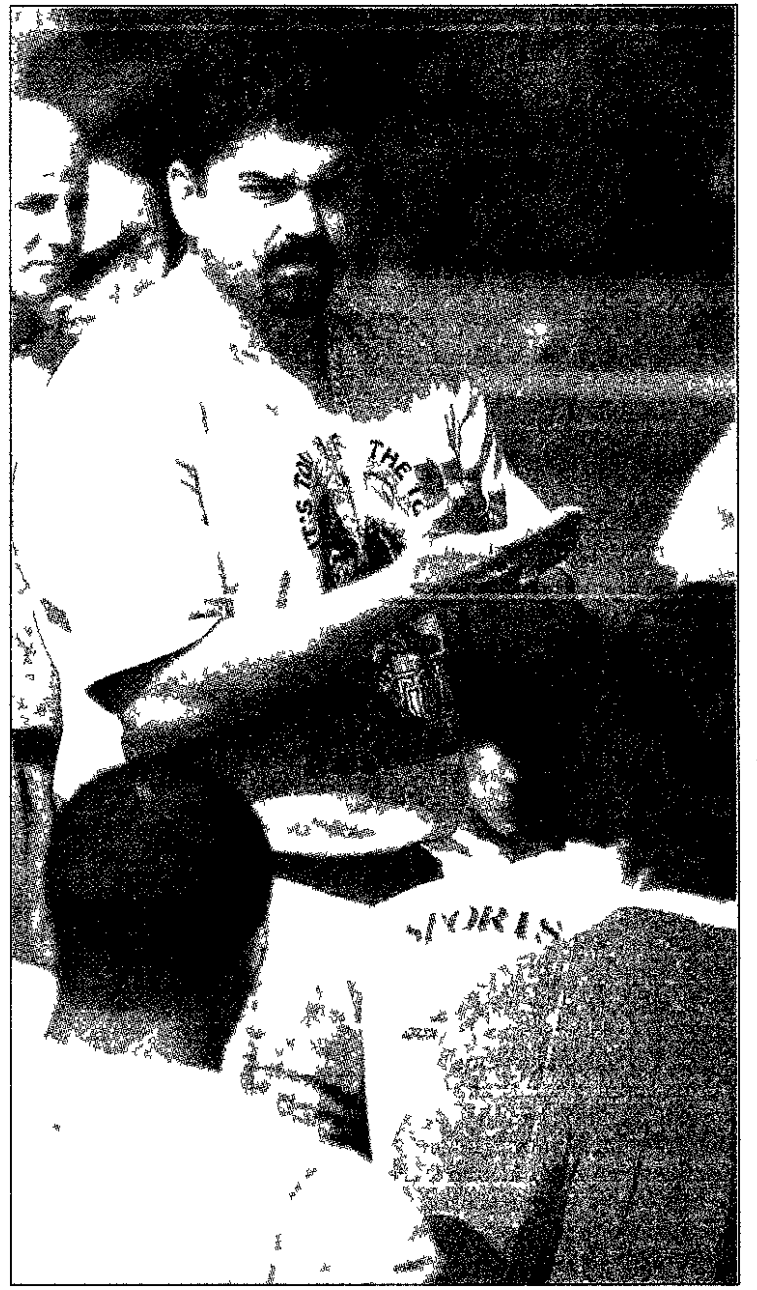
Our next game was against John Glenn, which had lost to Salem the week before that, Baechler recalled. "Someone told me that (John Glenn coach) Chuck Gordon had only stopped watching a game film half way through twice in his entire career, and one of the two times was the Salem game that year. I heard he was so mad he threw the tape against the wall and it broke in half."

Well, Glenn came out and hammered us (40-13). We lost to Salem the next week (28-7) and finished 4-5."

Canton scored a total of 154 points in nine games that season. In just three playoff games this season, the Chiefs have scored 153.

After we finished 4-5 my second season, I was really down and feeling sorry for myself, Baechler said. "I was putting everything I had into turning the program around, but it wasn't happening."

When my wife (Julie) saw how down I was, she said, 'If you're not tough enough, then quit.' That made me mad and I thought to myself, 'Okay, this is



During his eight year tenure as the head football coach at Canton, Tim Baechler has turned a struggling program into a consistent winner.

it. I was going to give it everything I had for one more year, and if I didn't get it done, I was done."

I had a parents meeting before the next season and I wasn't very pleasant. I laid it all on the line. I told them we were going to do it my way and if they didn't like it, tough it out."

Again, Canton started 4-2.

Again they suffered a Week 7 meltdown, losing to Northville, 41-21.

"The Saturday morning after the Northville game, I lost it," Baechler said. "I got up in front of the team and said, 'I've had it with you guys. It's over. I'm done. It was pretty emotional.'"

That's when two of my players — Dan Bak and Dan Farkas — came up to me and said, 'You're not quitting because we're not quitting.'"

TURNING POINT

Canton pounded Farmington and Salem the following two weeks to finish 6-3 and qualify for the playoffs for the first time since 1990. The inspired Chiefs roll continued in the playoffs as they downed Belleville and Ann Arbor Huron before falling to Clarkston in a regional final.

If there was a do-or-die turning point in the Baechler regime, it was the end of the 2000 season when the dedicated coach's blood, sweat and tears started paying dividends.

I had a strong group of seniors that year who really bought into what I was trying to do," Baechler said.

Since the 2000 season, Canton has registered a 39-6 record and is set to play in its first Division 1 semi-final playoff game Saturday, which more than answers the question that appeared in the Observer a few weeks after he was hired to turn a struggling football program into a winner.

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Canton, Macomb Dakota exhibit contrasting offensive styles

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Saturday's Division 1 semi-final football game between Canton and Macomb Dakota will pit two teams with contrasting offensive styles.

Canton (10-2) prefers to push the ball up and down the field with its punishing full-house, Wing-T attack while the 10-2 Cougars would rather wing it behind talented junior quarterback James Stallons, who has thrown for over 1,900 yards this season.

"We actually ran a version of the Wing-T offense last year," revealed Dakota coach Mike Giannone. "It wasn't a full-house like Canton runs, but there was a lot of ball-faking. This year, I knew we had a quarterback coming in who could throw the ball, so we decided to adjust the offense around his strengths. The kids have done a nice job with it."

Giannone said the experience of facing the Wing-T in practice last year may help his team to some degree when it faces the Chiefs Saturday afternoon.

"Maybe a little bit," Giannone said, "But, obviously, we're not going to be able to emulate it in

practice anywhere near as well as the way Canton executes it in the games.

"How do you stop it? No one knows because no one's been able to do it yet. They have four running backs who run extremely hard, a very good quarterback and two tight ends who can get up the field.

The most astounding thing to me about Canton is that they go for it a lot on fourth down, which means you have to stop them four times from getting 10 yards. It will be a challenge.

The Cougars advanced to Saturday's 1 p.m. game at Troy Athens High School by rallying from a 13-6 halftime deficit to

knock off Lake Orion, 27-13, Friday night in a regional final contest. One week earlier, Dakota surprised unbeaten and highly ranked Sterling Heights Stevenson.

Canton defeated Detroit Cody, 63-34, in a district final before eliminating Detroit King, 48-21, last week.

Dakota has five kids on offense who are very skilled athletes, said Canton coach Tim Baechler, sizing up the Cougars.

Their quarterback is 6-4 and has a good arm. They also have two good receivers, a big tight end who can catch the ball and a running back who also plays receiver. But I think their real

strength is their offensive line. They're big and skilled. They run block well and do a nice job pass blocking.

"Defensively, I don't know what they'll run. I do know they're well-coached and they execute. From what I've seen, their players are usually where they're supposed to be on every play."

Junior Gary Gay is the Cougars' top rushing threat. He's amassed over 1,300 total yards through the first 12 games — approximately 1,000 on the ground. Stallons' favorite receiver is three-year varsity player Marcus Lancaster.

Defensively, Dakota is paced

by defensive end John Stupek, who is being recruited by Toledo, Central Michigan and Bowling Green, according to Giannone.

Stupek will be tested by Canton's talented stable of running backs, including Deshon McClendon, Andy Rossow, Matt Sweda and Dalton Walsler. The Chiefs have ground out more than 400 yards rushing three consecutive weeks behind the offensive line of Andy LaFata, Mike Edwards, Ryan Jonik, Joe Zuga, Fred Keena, Billy Turner and Brandon Fender.

Dakota runs a mostly two-platoon system, meaning players only play offense or defense,

not both.

"Our only two-way guy is Stupek," Giannone offered. "We like to play as many kids as we can. It's good for the team's morale because more kids are involved in the game."

Giannone said at least one person at Saturday's game will have divided loyalties.

"Our former principal, Mike Bender, is now in charge of the secondary-education program for the Plymouth-Canton schools," Giannone said. "I'm sure he'll be pulling for Canton, but, in a way, it will be a no-lose situation for him."

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What goes into preparing for a state high school semi-final playoff football game? More than you might think.

Following is a rough outline of the schedule Canton's coaching staff will utilize leading up to Saturday's Division 1 semi-final football game against Macomb Dakota:

■ **Friday, Nov. 11, 11 p.m.-1 a.m.** — The coaches meet at head coach Tim Baechler's house for a late dinner and to watch film from that night's 48-21 victory over Detroit King.

■ **Saturday, Nov. 12, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** — Members of the coaching staff go over film with players before reviewing how well team did on its weekly list of offensive, defensive and special teams goals. Players will then jog and lift.

■ **Sunday, Nov. 13, 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.** — The coaching staff meets at Baechler's house to watch Macomb Dakota's game film. One assistant coach from each team usually meet on Saturday to exchange the films.

■ **Monday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m.-5:50 p.m.** — Practice at the P-CEP football stadium.

■ **Monday, Nov. 14, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.** — Defensive backs meet at coach Dave Smilo's house to watch Dakota film. Defensive front seven meet at coach Jeff Powers' house to watch Dakota film.

■ **Tuesday, Nov. 15, 3 p.m.-5:50 p.m.** — Practice at P-CEP football stadium.

■ **Wednesday, Nov. 16, 3 p.m.-5:50 p.m.** — Practice at P-CEP football stadium.

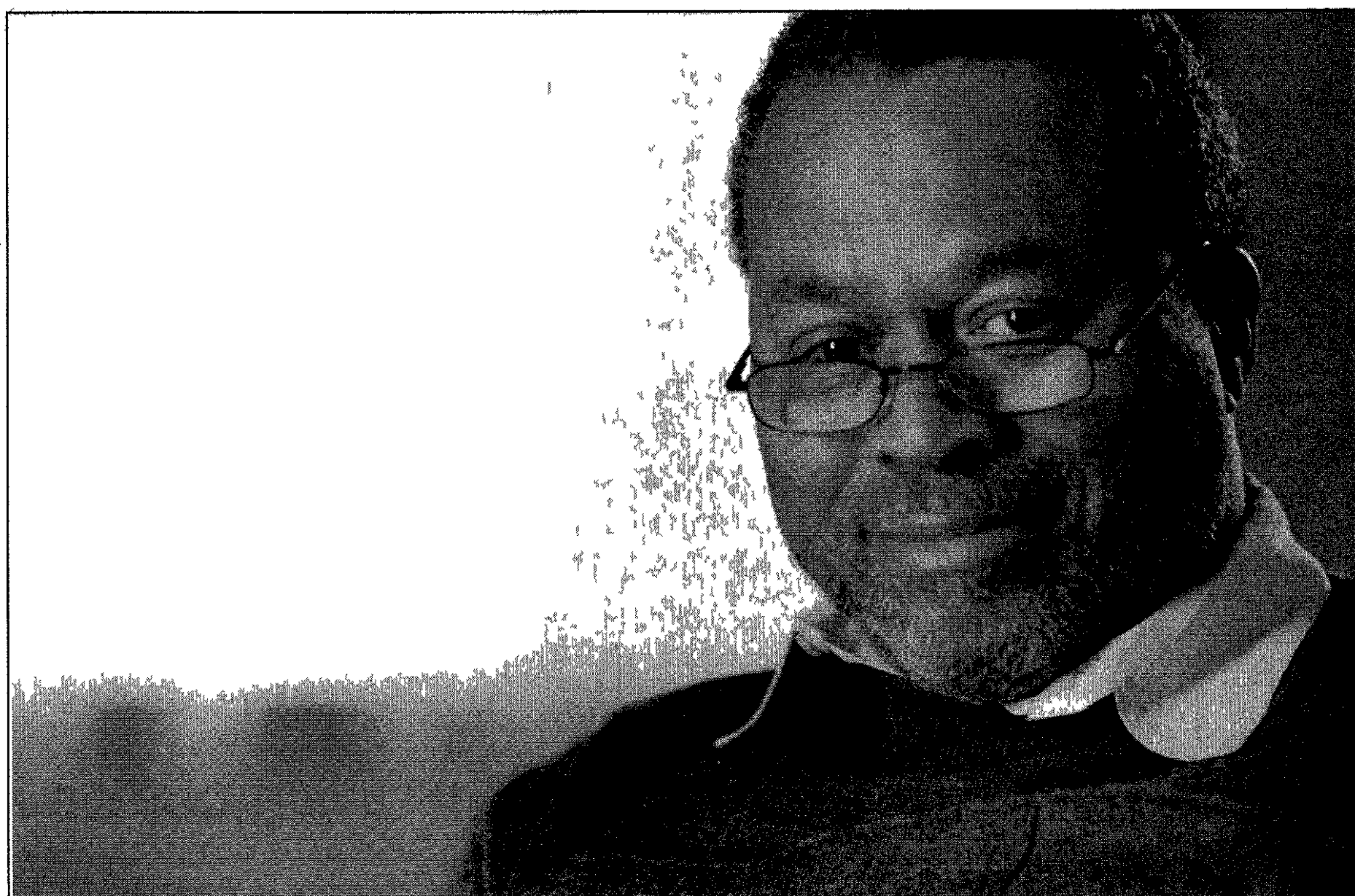
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■ **Friday, Nov. 18, 3 p.m.-5:40 p.m.** — Practice at the P-CEP football stadium.

■ **Saturday, Nov. 19, 8:45 a.m.** — The team will meet for breakfast before getting taped and dressed for game.

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Joey Harrington: Lions quarter

It's a shame that people subscribe to the adage that "nice guys finish last." It certainly isn't always true in sports, but in this town, we've had a number of guys who might be fine gents with whom to have a beer, play some pool, and if you do partake in such activities, hunt.



Greg Brady

However, that doesn't mean you'd want them as the Lions quarterback, Red Wings goaltender, Pistons point guard, or Tigers starting pitcher. Sometimes, those nice guys just aren't good enough. Detroit is a pretty accepting sports town. I know it's hard for someone like Joey Harrington to believe that, but he's an exception to the rule because of how bad his predecessors were at his position with his franchise.

There's a long lifespan of Red Wing goalies, Tim Cheveldae will tell you, who know how it feels to have the masses lining up to help you pack for your one-way trip out of Motown.

Perhaps if we'd had a Boomer Esason, a Jim Kelly, a Warren Moon, or a Dan Fouts show up eight Sundays every fall at the Silverdome and provide us with some modicum of consistent quarterbacking, even if it was stored in the back of our memory banks, we'd be easier on the Harringtons, the Batches, the Mitchells, the Peetes, and the Hipples of the world. But then they wouldn't be our lovable Lions, would they?

Now back to Harrington. There's every chance he plays out his Detroit Lions career over the remaining seven games. Clearly, as Coach Marucci has stated, if Jeff Garcia gets healthy, he will play.

Garcia's ability to make plays out of nothing was impressive in Cleveland. His ability to give a crucial game away in overtime against the Bears was not. It's enough to make even the most pro Garcia (and anti-Harrington) Lion fan skeptical that he can take this team the rest of the way on a gummy ankle and win five of the next seven games.

UPHILL BATTLE

Yes you heard me - five of seven. An 8-8 record won't cut it now for the Lions in the NFC North, where the supposedly lowly Chicago Bears have peeled off five straight wins and own the tiebreaker over Detroit. Even if the Bears were to collapse down the stretch and sputter to a 2-5 record, the Lions have to do the exact opposite and go 5-2 to win the division. And with visits to Dallas, Pittsburgh and Green Bay coming up, not to mention

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Harrington has surprised even his biggest detractors. Some weren't sure he'd be able to focus and give 100 percent if called back to duty. He's told the assembled media that the criticism won't break him. That the benching wouldn't change his team-first philosophy. That he supports Coach Marucci's decision-making process, even though it's obvious to all that Marucci hasn't returned the favor but rarely in three seasons now.

Harrington hasn't gone into the tank, and perhaps you can argue he didn't have time to pull away from the table, cash in his chips and leave the casino. But what he showed Sunday with a consistent and winning style of mistake-free football against the Cardinals was more than anyone expected. He'd hit an all-time low

in a football career that in his mind and heart, began from the time he could throw a football. Yes, I know it was against the Cardinals. However, give Harrington credit for providing a pulse of life on Sunday in a dreary season so far.

If the wins get to be few and far between for him over the last seven games, as I suspect it will be for either Harrington or Garcia under center, at least we know Harrington will be giving 100 percent, though he knows he'll be in another uniform next year. Without question, that's more than we expected.

ROOTING FOR JOEY

I'm still skeptical Harrington can be a very good NFL quarterback. There just isn't enough that he does well. But I will root for him. He's one of the good guys and perhaps the confidence early in his career was mistaken as arrogance, and his team-first belief was shadowed

by being too positive after disappointing defeat after defeat.

I do know this, though. And feel free to play along at home. Ask yourself how many NFL teams if he were released by the Lions today, might see him as an upgrade both for now and the long-term future of their football club. Miami? Arizona? Baltimore? New Orleans? Maybe even the New York Jets, if Chad Pennington can't recover from two season-ending injuries in under 10 months.

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The pro shop will also make sure that you get the correct weight ball for your physical characteristics

The lanes are there to be enjoyed by all, whether leagues or open bowlers

Bowling is America's most popular participation sport by far and is relatively inexpensive when compared to most other physical activities

Someone I recently met asked me, "Isn't bowling a dying sport?"

I replied to the contrary because it is still growing, with more youth bowlers than ever. There's also better coaching

Bowling centers have been

upgraded and are more family-oriented. In addition, there are new organizations such as the US Bowling Congress with over 3 million certified league bowlers as members

Leagues remain the backbone of bowling, and most of the casual bowlers who give league bowling a try are going to be in it for the duration

There are more innovations and promotions than ever, along with a clean, wholesome atmosphere wherever you may bowl

Yes, bowling is alive and well, especially in metro Detroit

The Sunday Youth Classic is one of this area's finer youth travel leagues

The kids have a great time and learn to play the game the right way thanks to the efforts of Ed Wright of Farmington Hills, Bob Black and others

Marcus Allen, 16, of Highland Park, has just rolled this season's first 300 game at

Plaza Lanes in Plymouth

Maybe Marcus inherits his talent from his mother, Carmen Allen, one of this area's elite woman bowlers and a member of the Greater Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame

If you have a pretty good youth bowler in the family, the SYC is the breeding ground for future stars in the sport of bowling

For information on the SYC, call Ed Wright at (248) 477-5047

Roy Biggs of Canton rolled his 10th career 300 game Oct. 19 in the Wednesday Men's Senior Classic at Mayflower Lanes in Redford

Biggs is first vice-president GDBA, and rest assured, he will be receiving his award ring on time

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia a life member of the US Bowling Congress and a director with the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839



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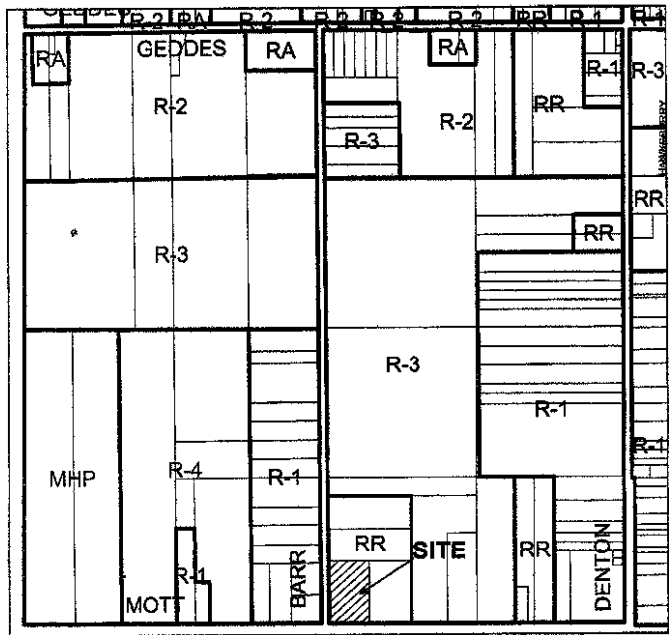
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

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CHOPRA REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 124 99 0003 003 FROM R-R RURAL RESIDENTIAL TO R-3, SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Property is located at the northeast corner of Barr and Mott Roads



SECTION 31

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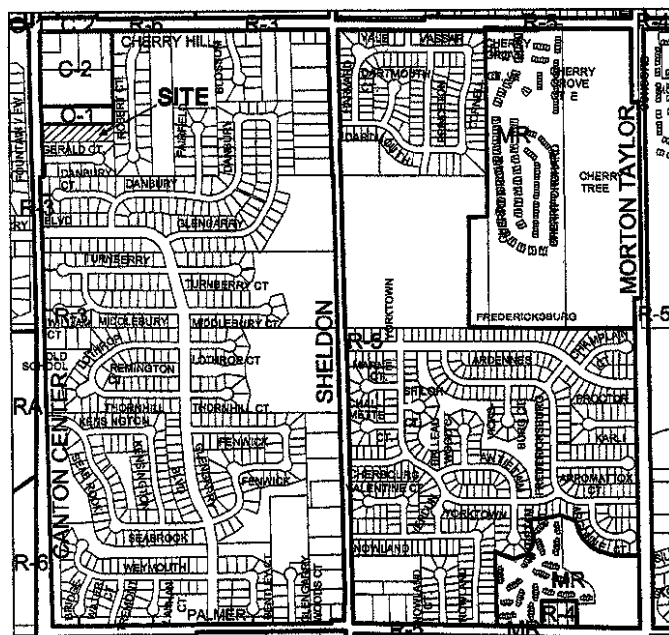
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FAB INVESTMENT REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NO 086 99 0002 002 FROM R 3 SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO O 1 OFFICE. Property is located on the east side of Canton Center Road and south of Cherry Hill Road



SECTION 22

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Michigan will accept sealed bids until 10:00 am Wednesday November 23 2005. The bid opening will be at 10:00 am Wednesday November 23 2005 for the following

Taser X 26E Equipment and Accessories

Specifications and bid documents are available in the City Manager's Office, at City Hall 201 S Main Street Plymouth 48170 during normal business hours. You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part, and to waive any irregularities

Linda J Langmesser CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - November 8, 2005

The Board of Trustees convened at 6:00 p.m. in closed session to discuss employee negotiations. Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo, Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Santomauro. Closed session adjourned at 6:43 p.m. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to move from closed session to open session at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday November 8 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S. 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. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Durack, Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Paas. Adoption of Agenda. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of October 25, 2005. Motion carried unanimously. Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments. Mr. Daniel McCausland, 328 Haggerty Rd., Canton 48187 requested that the record contain his request for the removal of Greg Greene from the Downtown Development Authority and The Planning Commission. Mr. Alfred Brock, 40047 Cambridge #102, Canton MI 48187 made three points one request for the resignation of Mr. Greene two thanked Mr. Yack for the relief mission to Canton Mississippi and third expressed a request from a senior to read the bills line by line at the board meeting. Trustee Caccamo expressed addition concern over Mr. Greene indicating to a citizen to sit down and refrain from commenting. Payment of Bills. Motion by Kirchgatter supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditure Recap for November 8, 2005

General Fund	101	\$ 884 691 36
Fire Fund	206	88 913 61
Police Fund	207	199 811 93
Summit Operating	208	84 250 13
Street Lighting	219	18 511 39
Cable TV Fund	230	1 845 69
Twp Improvement	246	2 434 90
E 911 Utility	261	1 592 20
Auto Forfeiture(wva)	267	10 677 68
Federal Grants Fund	274	2 155 20
Auto Theft Grant	289	13 306 14
Downtown Dev Authority	294	3 527 09
Cap Proj Summit Const	402	4 551 47
Cap Proj Road Paving	403	4 673 14
Bldg Auth Construction	469	000 00
Golf Fund	584	16 387 30
Water & Sewer Fund	592	1 868 105 42
Trust & Agency Fund	701	0 000 00
Post Employ Benefits	736	33 038 81
Total All Funds		3,238,473 46

RECOGNITION: Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution recognizing Heidi Kaloustain. Motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC HEARING - CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR DOERKEN CORPORATION.** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM to consider Tax Abatement for Doerken Corporation. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:46 PM to consider Tax Abatement for Doerken Corporation. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution approving application of Doerken Corporation Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Real & Personal Property. Motion carried unanimously. **PUBLIC HEARING - FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM MONGOLIAN OPERATING CO LLC, 42089 FORD ROAD, CANTON, MICHIGAN, 48188.** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to open the Public Hearing at 7:50 PM for Class C Liquor License request from Mongolian Operating Company LLC 42089 Ford Road Canton Michigan 48188. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing at 7:53 PM for Class C Liquor License request from Mongolian Operating Company LLC 42089 Ford Road Canton Michigan 48188. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the request for a Class "C" Liquor License for Mongolian Operating Company LLC 42089 Ford Road Canton, Michigan 48188 (parcel # 71 053 99 0012) Canton Wayne County Michigan 48188. He is considered for approval "Above all others" and it is the consensus of this legislative body that application be recommended for issuance. Motion carried unanimously. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

ESTABLISH 2006 MEETING DATES FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Zoning Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2006 as follows: Second Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried unanimously. **ESTABLISH 2006 MEETING DATES FOR THE BUILDING BOARD OF APPEALS.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Building Board of Appeals meeting schedule for the year 2006. Meetings will be scheduled as needed and will be held at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building 1150 Canton Center South. Motion carried unanimously. **SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT STATUS AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNS FOR TRI-CITY CHRISTIAN CENTER'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to approve special event status and placement of signs (30 signs at major intersections and removed by Sunday December 11, 2005) for Tri City Christian Center's 3855 Sheldon Road Women's Ministry's holiday craft fair on Saturday December 10 2005. Motion carried unanimously. **APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to appoint William Rice to the Council for Community Excellence to fill the current vacancy which expires in January of 2006 and to appoint him for a new

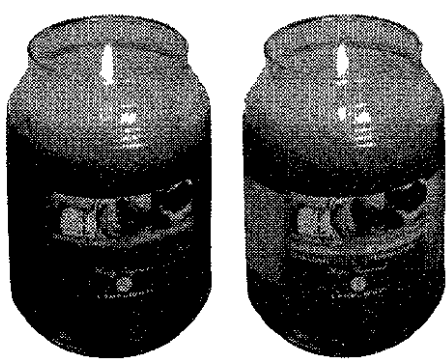
three year term. Motion carried unanimously. **ESTABLISH BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATE FOR 2006.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to establish the Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting schedule for the year 2006 as follows: first second third fourth and fifth Tuesday of each month of the 2006 calendar year with the exception of February 23 2006 Van Buren School Election May 2 2006 School Board Election August 8 2006 Primary Election and November 7 2006 General Election. In addition the following meetings held July 4 2006 and December 26 2006 will be cancelled upon approval of the relative bargaining units contract. The Board of Trustees Regular Meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Charter Township of Canton Administration Building Board of Trustees meeting room 1150 Canton Center South First Floor Canton Michigan. Motion carried unanimously. **GENERAL CALENDAR, CONSIDER WINDING CREEK PRELIMINARY PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution for the site plan. **APPROVAL** for Winding Creek Preliminary Planned Development District. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Site Plan for Winding Creek Preliminary Planned Development District.** WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor Mr. Douglas Smith, has requested preliminary approval for Winding Creek Planned Development District to be located on Canton Center Road between Palmer and Geddes Roads identified as tax EDP # 107-99-0006 002, 107 99 0007 000 and 107 99 0008 000 and WHEREAS the Planning Commission at a public hearing reviewed the proposed Preliminary Planned Development District Agreement and recommended preliminary APPROVAL of the Winding Creek Planned Development District conditioned upon determination of and commitment to completion of any necessary sewer remediation measures associated with the increase in density proposed with the project review of the architecture and floor plans for the proposed condominium units to enhance the appearance and comply with minimum masonry requirements identification of a specific community benefit and exploring the preservation of the historic house as part of the benefit the community will receive in order to justify use of the Planned Development option 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. Douglas Smith to approve the preliminary planned development plan for the proposed Winding Creek Planned Development District subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to all conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. **CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER MAINTENANCE ON 16.01 MILES OF COUNTY ROADS.** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to approve the agreement with Wayne County to provide additional winter maintenance for 17.11 miles of local roads and authorize the payment of \$60,000.00 from account no. 101 441 950 0000 (Wayne County Road Maintenance). Motion carried unanimously. **APPROVE REORGANIZATION PLAN FOR FACILITIES MAINTENANCE DIVISION.** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the proposed Facilities Maintenance Reorganization Plan by eliminating the Facilities Maintenance Supervisor position and one Maintenance Technician I position and creating and filling a Lead Maintenance Technician position and a Maintenance Technician II position. Motion carried unanimously. **APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR MOBILE HOME PARKS POLICING GRANT.** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to approve and authorize signature by the Township Supervisor to the Office of Drug Control Policy contract for Year Four of the policing of the Wagon Wheel College Park and Holiday Estates mobile home parks. I further move to authorize an in kind match of \$47 254 (Account #207 000 505 1000 Federal Grants Community Policing Strategies \$31 500 Police Officer wages and fringe benefits will be charged to the regular Police Fund expenditure accounts) for a project total of \$78 754. Motion carried unanimously. **PURCHASE OF REMOTE RADIO CONTROL FOR FIRE STATION #3.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchase deadline in order to purchase an additional remote radio control for the alarm for Fire Station #3 from State Electronics PO Box 5084 Asheville NC 27204 in the amount of \$1 190 00 account #206 336 975 0000. Motion carried unanimously. **PURCHASE OF THERMAL IMAGING CAMERA FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT.** Motion by Bennett supported by LaJoy to extend the purchasing deadline for capital in order to purchase an MSA 5200 Thermal Imaging Camera for the Canton Police Department from Apollo Fire Equipment 12584 Lake Shore Drive Romulus MI 48065 for an amount of \$8 315 funding to come from account #101 860 977 1600 Homeland Security Capital Outlay. Motion carried unanimously. **PURCHASE OF CELL MATTRESSES.** Motion by Bennett supported by Kirchgatter to extend the capital purchase deadline and reprogram \$607 from Capital Line Item #13 account # 207 301 977 0000 Two Workstations and create a new line item for the purchase of Three (3) 5 year Challenge Mattress for jail cells from Jackson Mattress Factory 26218 Wildwood Ave Jackson MI 49202. Motion carried unanimously. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT.** There will be a study session on Tuesday November 15 2005. The study session topics will include Township goals and Objectives Minor Purchasing Policy changes discussion of changes to the Sewer and Water Rate Study Mr. Daniel McCausland, Haggerty Rd Canton revisited the request for removal of Greg Green from the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority. **ADJOURN.** Motion by Bennett supported by Thomas J Yack Supervisor Terry G Bennett Clerk.

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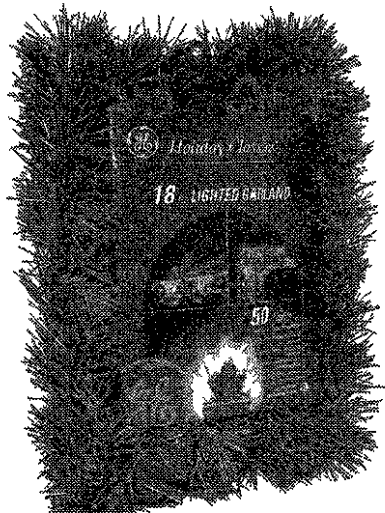
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Madonna men's basketball team retools without Noel Emenhiser

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

This figures to be a new-look season for Madonna University. First of all, the Crusaders' men's basketball team lost team captain and MU all-time points leader Noel Emenhiser to grad-

uation. "We miss Noel, there's no doubt about it," said Madonna's second-year head coach Chuck Henry. "But that's what you coach for, to see kids move on. He's done that (now playing in a European league) and now we have a new group."

As much as Emenhiser's graduation leaves a huge void, Henry said he likes the depth and talent of the 2005-06 squad enough that more than 10 players will probably see significant playing time.

Of course, it remains to be seen whether this winter's mix of eight returnees and several newcomers will lead to improvement in the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference. Last season, MU finished a disappointing 9-21.

The Crusaders split their first two games, with 12 players getting a good share of minutes. According to Henry, that is likely how the year will proceed - with guys earning court time in games based on how well and how hard they perform in practices. The starting lineup is subject to change, in other words.

"I've always been that type of coach," he explained. "I like to base the starting lineup on who performs in practice. We're trying to figure out which five functions best together and who functions well off the bench."

SEVERAL WEAPONS

Although the Crusaders do not have a huge front court (the exception being 6-10 senior center Antoine Stewart, a reserve to start the season), the team boasts enough offensive weapons to put pressure on their opponents.

The MU backcourt, in particular, is one that could be dangerous.

The captain, senior guard Joe Calhoun, is expected to lead by example with what Henry called "a good, overall game. He is a good three-point shooter and defender, one of our hardest workers."

Another transferee, junior point guard Adam Kerfoot

(Kalamazoo Valley CC), will score and distribute the ball with the best of them, Henry noted. Kerfoot started the season well with a 14-point outing.

Meanwhile, a particularly intriguing player is 6-6 junior swing man Doug Creighton, a transfer student from Henry Ford Community College.

"He gives us some size, he's very talented," Henry said. "He can shoot from the perimeter and penetrate. He could play up front if needed."

Starting the season up front is 6-3 sophomore forward D J Bridges (Canton) and 6-4 sophomore forward Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial).

Bridges saw time off the bench during his freshman season, but is now ready to take the next step.

"He's just a rugged worker," Henry said. "He's undersized in the paint, but he has a nose for the ball and is a strong rebounder."

On Tuesday, in MU's home opener against Marygrove, Bridges scored 16 points.

Expected to work the boards is Rashad, who led the team in the first two games with an average of nine rebounds.

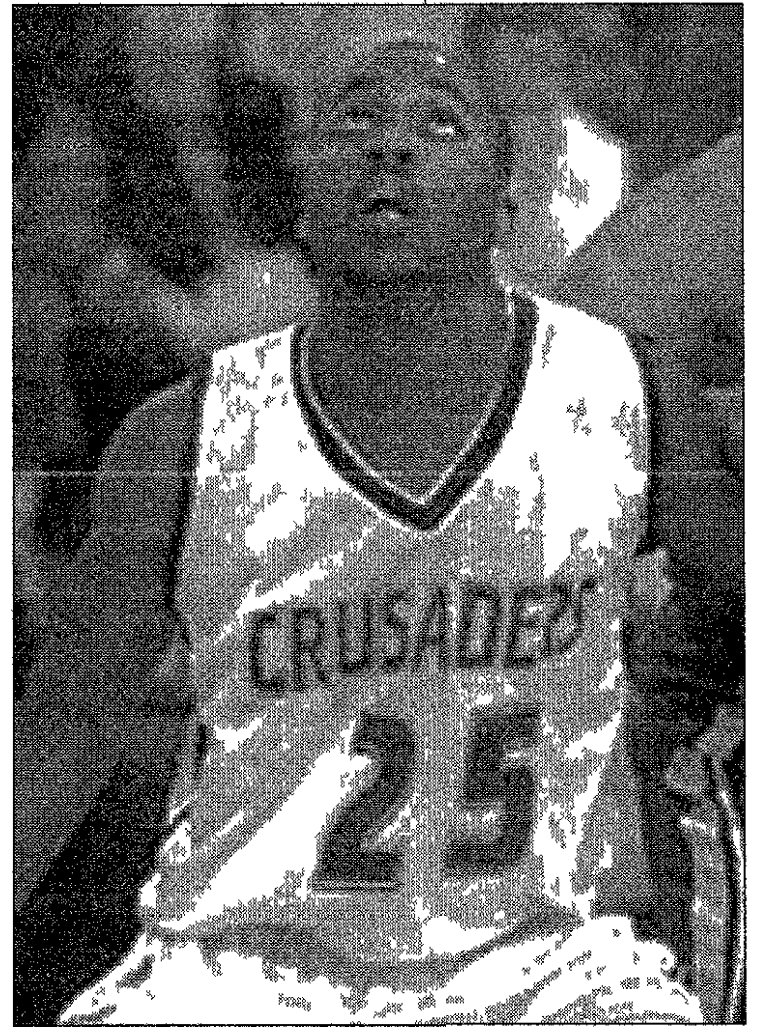
"Mike has very quick moves in the (low) post and is an excellent jumper," Henry said.

AREA PLAYERS IN MIX

Several other players with Observerland links are in the mix for regular minutes.

Sophomore point guard Charlie Henry (Canton, Agape Christian) started six games in 2004-05 and will help the Crusaders with his ability to make the trey, handle the basketball or dish it off.

Playing from a wing spot will be Livonia Stevenson alum Kerth Hearn, a 6-1 sophomore



Madonna University sophomore forward Mike Rashad (Wayne Memorial) is one of several Observerland areas who will have key roles for the Crusaders this season.

who ran cross country this fall and is very athletic and can run and jump."

Junior guard-forward Nathan Wade, who graduated from Wayne Memorial, is described by the coach as another strong defender while Wayne native and Agape Christian grad Jordan Napier (6-3, 215 sophomore forward) brings a physical presence and nifty outside shot.

"Jordan can also step out and hit a three," Henry said.

Other backups include senior guard Danny Peters, junior guard Quincy Bell and 6-5 junior forward Derrick Mudri.

Peters is the team's best penetrating guard, noted Henry while Bell plays excellent defense. As for Mudri, he could be the wild card as to how far the Crusaders go this season.

Mudri was MU's second-leading scorer and rebounder in

2004-05, but has yet to join this year's team because he is a member of Madonna's men's soccer team (playing in the regionals).

"We're looking forward to getting Derrick back to basketball when soccer's over," Henry said. "Based on last year's performance, he's certainly going to be vying for a starter's position and playing time."

Henry said yet another factor in looking at the current team is the availability of big-man Stewart, who tallied six points and five boards in 15 minutes Tuesday night. "We have good balance, good depth, we're quicker and more athletic," Henry summarized. "And we have a big player in Antoine (Stewart) that we didn't have last year."

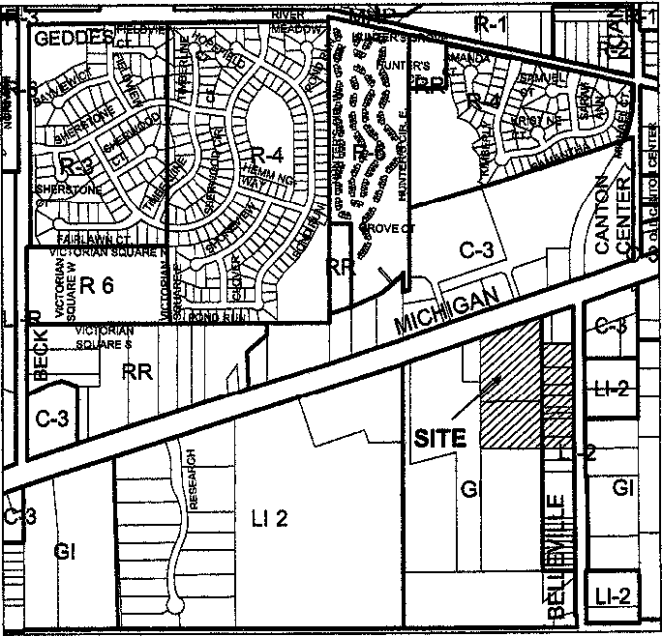
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CANTON LAND/COSTCO REZONING CONSIDER REQUEST TO REZONE PARCEL NOS 132 99 003 701 132 99 0003 702 (PART OF) 132 01 0005 000, 132 01 0009 000 132 01 0012 000, 132 01 0014 000 132 01 0016 000 132 01 0017 000 AND 132 01 0021 000 FROM G1 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL AND LI 2 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL TO C3 REGIONAL COMMERCIAL. Property is located south of Michigan and west of Belleville Road.



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VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman

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5249	Hobbs baby bed mattress toys dressers boxes couch chairs
5251	Peltier boxes hand truck golf clubs microwave lamp
6014	Mountain Jacks restaurant appliances large grill restaurant equipment
6205	Pitts end tables boxes folding chair
6280	Merritt boxes TV stand office equipment end tables
6238	Ringo boxes plastic tub Christmas items
9028	Bien dining room furniture luggage boxes
9027	Bien file cabinet desk boxes dresser w/ mirror vacuum
9065	Bien king sized bedroom set leather sofa and matching chairs
Shurgard Storage of Canton *45229 Michigan Ave* Canton *734-998 5416	
Osborne	4025 Hand tools Power Tools Sporting goods 2 Bedsets Rolling toolbox Entertainment Center computer desk Dressers 25 boxes
Bustamante	4030 Computer box bike Dresser Sofabed Microwave cabinet Desk Kitchen table Garden tub 20 boxes Love seat ure
Purnell	4110 10 hand tools refrigerator stove snow blower mower sewing console hat 8 boxes
Pittman	4210 Dryer chairs toolbox King bedset heater metal make up stand coffee table fan CB radio hand tools 10 boxes and bags
Clements	4213 Ladder chest dresser trunk end table wall hangings card table set vacuum lamps and 10 boxes
Nobles	5017 6 boxes

Shurgard Storage of Dearborn *24920 Trowbridge* Dearborn *313 277 2000	
1006	Bley stroller car seat toys couch vacuum dinette set 60 misc boxes and bags
1022	Washington desk filing cabinets office furn office equipment chairs and display racks
1074	Ochs 9 boxes and baskets
1078	Wetstein couch serving tray tools misc boxes and storage containers
1414	Holle clothing small girls bike storage container
2006	Garrard sectional couch queen mattress set twin mattress set 6 misc. boxes

Shurgard Storage of Livonia *30300 Plymouth Rd* Livonia *734-522 7811	
2009	Kenney Tub Stove Beds Drum Set Dining Set Bike Toys
2011	Maddox Beds Lamps BedrmSet, Dressers Dinning Chairs Kitchen Ware Sofa
2037	Davis TV Chest, File Cab Sofa Dresser Office Chair Bed Spring
4044	Whitmore Mattress TV Folding Chairs Shelf Kitchen Items Bags Boxes

Shurgard Storage of Taylor *5900 Pelham Rd* Taylor *313 292 2950	
8004	Smith desk dresser 5 boxes kitchen table and chairs
8031	Schweizer 12 boxes dining set stereo Microwave telescope floor cleaning device, monitor bags oxygen tank tv wheelchair sewing machines boxes
8032	Kopp boxes misc household
8057	Burch qn mattress set, dresser end tables sofa and chair boxes and bags
8066	Mandler household items
8078	Roop Fridge truck bumper Antique rocking horse car parts tools fishing equipment bed boxes lots of books and magazines
4020	Gilley TV bed boxes misc household items
4073	Green Allen Park Hockey (Marcus) 4 large cabinets safe

Shurgard Storage of Westland *36001 Warren* Westland *734-326-6000	
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5162	ALLISON DINING TABLE W/4 CHAIRS HEADBOARD & FOOTBOARD DRYER CHEST FREEZER STOVE FRIDGE LAWN CHAIRS BOX
5080	ROOP DINING ROOM SET 2 TV'S DRESSER ENTERTAINMENT CENTER DINING TABLE 40 TOTES & BOXES KIDS FURNITURE PARK BENCH
5170	REECE LEATHER SOFA & LOVE SEAT GUN SAFE END TABLE GRILL- DINING SET W/10 CHAIRS WHEEL CHAIR HEAD BOARD
4102	HUCULAK ENTERTAINMENT CENTER MICROWAVE SOFA LOVE SEAT TABLE MONITOR, BOX

Shurgard Storage of Plymouth *41889 Joy Rd* Canton *734 459 2200	
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(By the coaches association—Final)
Division 1 - 1 Warren DeLaSalle 2 Birmingham Brother Rice 3 Livonia Stevenson 4 Rochester Stoney Creek 5 Brighton 6 East Kentwood 7 Traverse City West 8 Rochester 9 Novi 10 Northville
Honorable Mention - Grand Blanc Portage Central Troy Lake Orion
Division 2 - 1 East Lansing 2 Bloomfield Hills Laker 3 Hudsonville Unity Christian 4 Mason 5 Birmingham Seaholm 6 Spring Lake 7 South Haven 8 Oxford 9 Dearborn Divine Child 10 Grand Rapids Christian
Honorable Mention - None
Division 3 - 1 Birmingham Detroit Country Day 2 Ada Forest Hills Eastern 3 Jackson Lumen Christi 4 Elk Rapids 5 Elkton Pigeon Bay Port Laker 6 Macomb Lutheran North 7 Madison Heights Bishop Foley 8 Grosse Ile 9 Flint Powers Catholic 10 Grand Rapids NorthPonte Christian
Honorable Mention - Roscommon Williamston
Division 4 - 1 Allen Park Inter City Baptist 2 North Muskegon 3 Suttons Bay 4 Ann Arbor Greenhills 5 Royal Oak Shrine 6 Birmingham Roeper 7 Hudsonville Unity Christian 8 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian 9 Southfield Christian 10 (tie) Westland Lutheran Waterlvet Grace Christian
Honorable Mention - Jackson Christian Adrian Lenawee Christian Lansing Christian Big Rapids Crossroads Academy

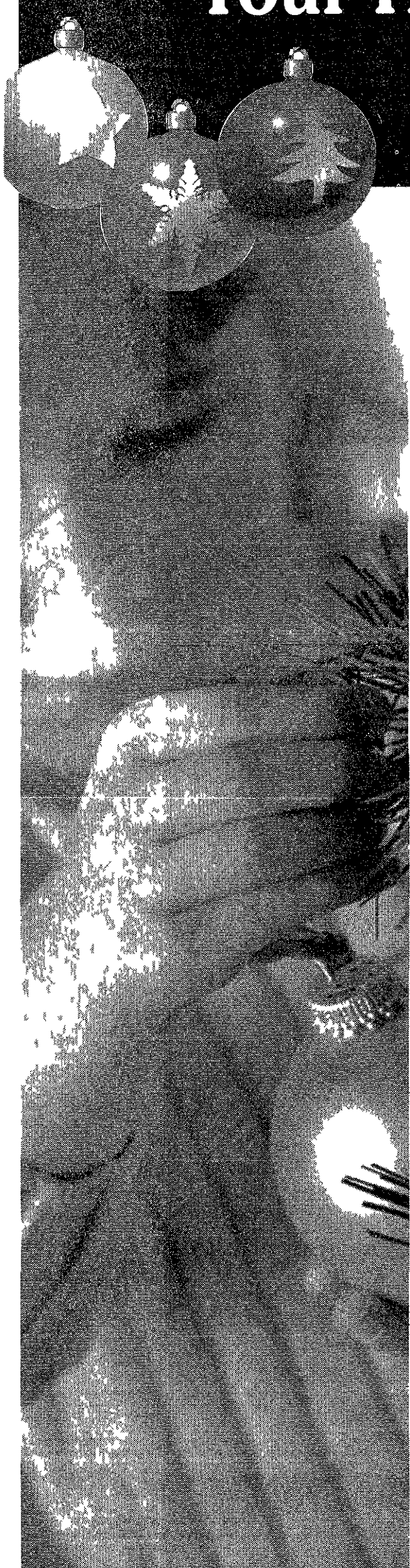
Girls Basketball
(By the Associated Press)
Note: The top 10 teams in the Associated Press high school girls basketball poll with records in parentheses. Totals are based on 15 points for a first place vote, 14 for second, etc.
Class A - 1 Southfield Lathrup (19) 17 2 Benton Harbor (20) 0 71 3 Detroit Pershing (17) 1 62 4 Grandville (19) 1 60 5 Lowell (19) 1 54 6 Saginaw Arthur Hill (17) 3 49 7 Auburn Hills Avondale (18) 2 45 8 Midland Dow (17) 3 40 9 West Bloomfield (17) 3 25 10 Monroe (17) 3 22
Honorable Mention - Saginaw Heritage Flushing Grand Rapids Christian Marquette Rockford Flint Northern Pinckney Flint Central Brighton Detroit King Fraser
Class B - 1 Birmingham Detroit Country Day (20) 0 75 2 Midland Bullock Creek (20) 0 69 3 St Clair (18) 2 65 4 Mount Clemens (20) 0 59 5 Livonia Ladywood (19-1) 49 6 Portland (19) 1 45 7 Lansing Catholic Central (17) 3 43 8 DeWitt (18) 2 42 9 Lansing Waverly (18) 2 40 10 Detroit Renaissance (18) 2 30
Honorable Mention - Niles Ludington Ida Hudsonville Unity Christian Muskegon Heights Frankenmuth Grand Rapids Catholic Central Cheboygan
Class C - 1 Michigan Center (20) 0 72 2 Flint Hamady (19) 1 69 3 Morley-Stanwood (19) 1 60 4 Pewamo Westphalia (19) 1 59 5 Kent City (20) 0 58 6 Olivet (18) 2 50 7 Memphis (20) 0 47 8 New Lothrop (18) 2 57 9 (tie) Kingsley (19) 1 28 Houghton (17) 2 28
Honorable Mention - Inkster Bridgman Charlevoix Waterlvet Detroit Community Traverse City St Francis Grand Rapids Covenant Christian Cassopolis McBan Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest Calumet
Class D - 1 Climax Scotts (20) 0 75 2 Rapid River (19) 1 65 3 Portland St Patrick (19) 1 57 4 Frankfort (18) 2 56 5 Auburn Hills Oakland Christian (19) 1 51 6 Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart (18) 2 46 7 Lansing Christian (18) 2 45 8 Gaylor St Mary Cathedral (19) 1 43 9 St Joseph Michigan Lutheran (19) 1 38 10 Crystal Falls Forest Park (18) 2 35
Honorable Mention - Beal City Cedarville Chassel Engine Lansing New Covenant Christian Eau Claire Carney Nadeau Marion Pickford

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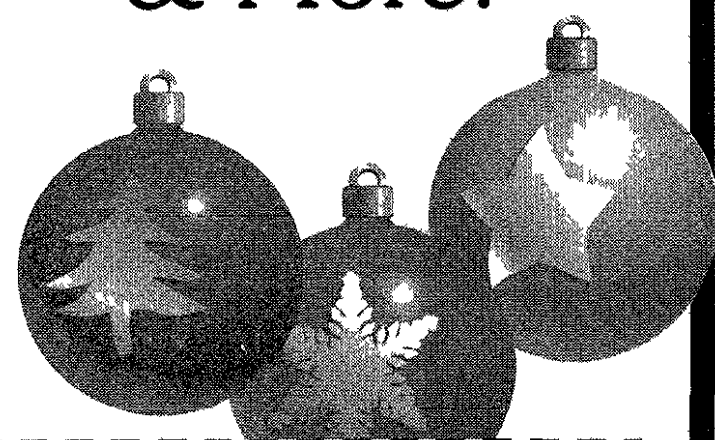
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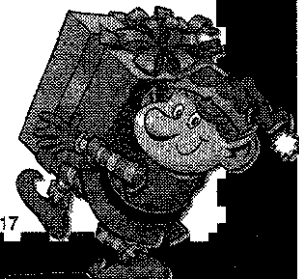


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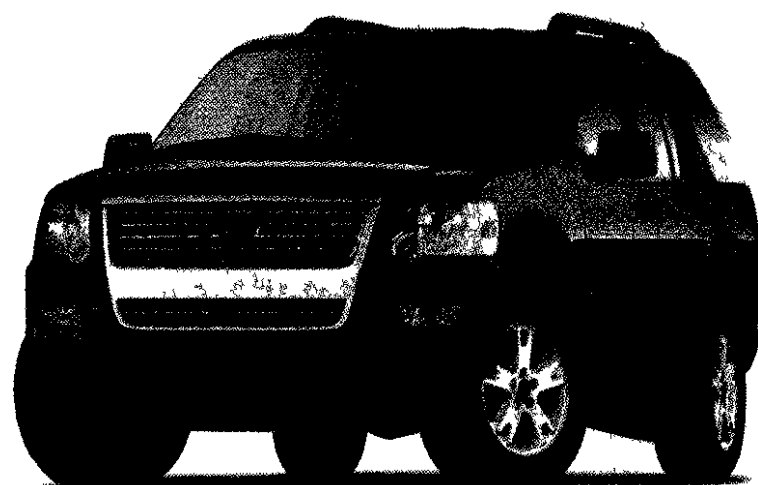
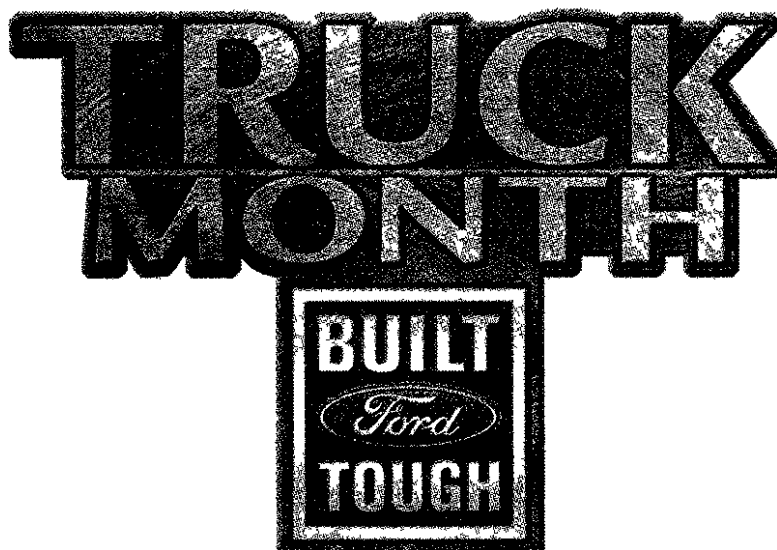
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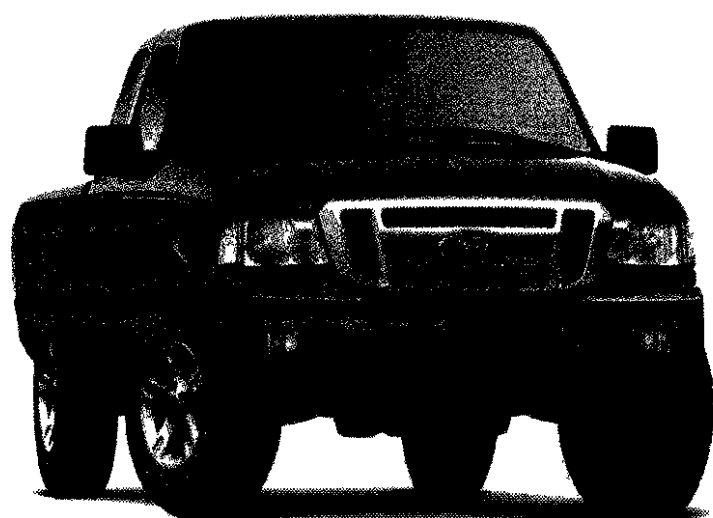
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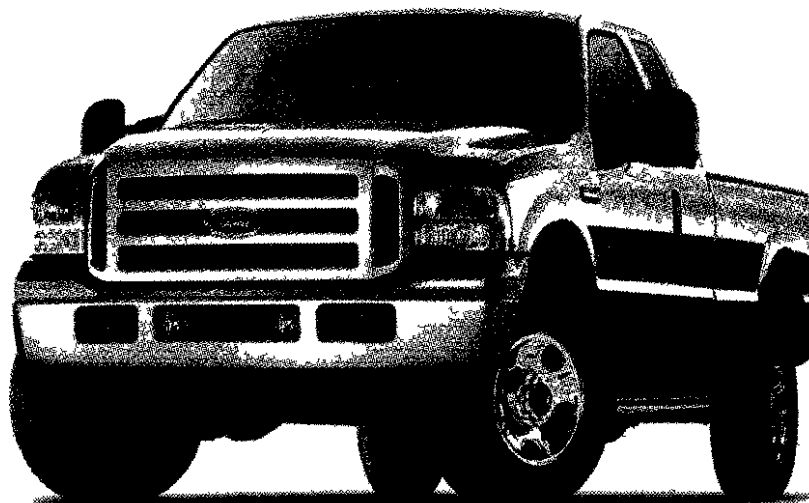
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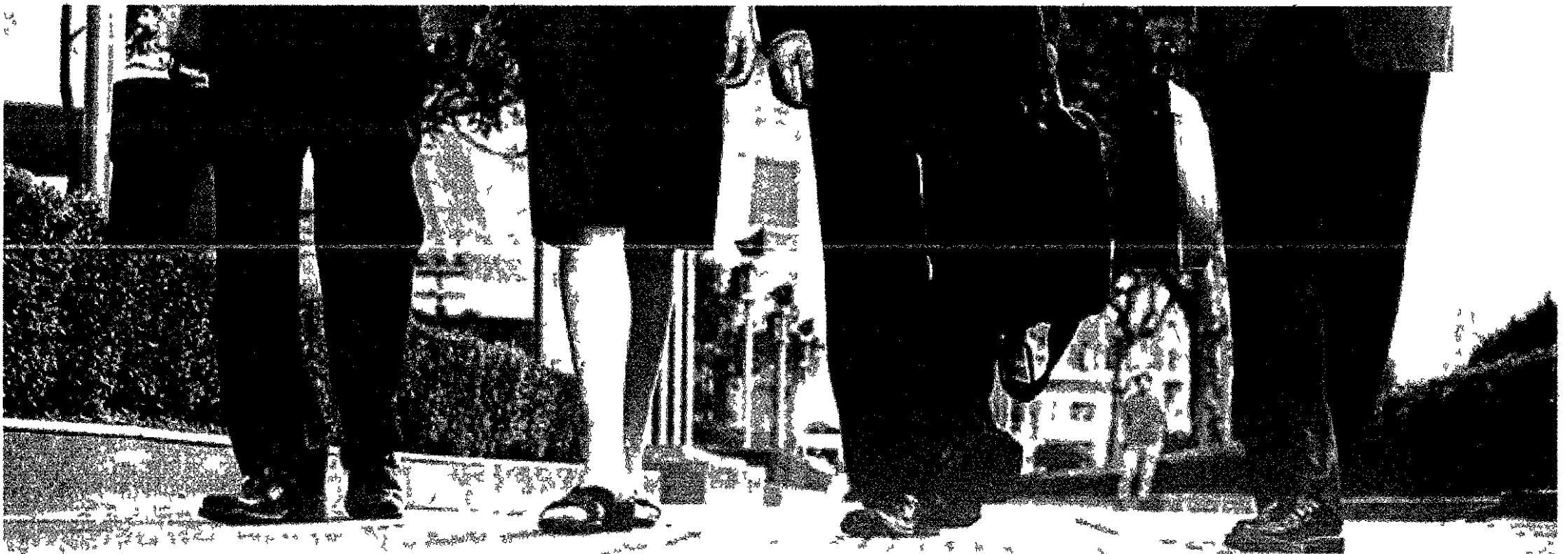
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Real estate draws professionals from varied walks of life

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Realtors often come into the field with work experience in other professions. Phyllis Pulty, for example, started with the health department in Detroit as a young woman and left years later as supervising housing inspector for the city.

"Most people are from a different field," said Pulty, a Realtor with Century 21 Town & Country of Plymouth. Top sellers in her office include folks from teaching, management/business and other walks of life.

Some people do start out in real estate at 18 or 19 and are successful, added Pulty, who's been in real estate since 1991. She found her earlier experience helpful in her current career.

"I was always dealing with the public," she said. People skills, computer skills and more follow from work in other fields.

Deborah Falzon started working in 1986 in the plumbing field where she was an office manager. Falzon, now a Realtor with Century 21 Today of West Bloomfield, married a plumber who started his own business and she worked behind the

scenes there.

"We ended up with two companies," said Falzon, who has a bachelor's degree in marketing. One handles new construction by word of mouth, while the other offers residential service. It includes service technicians and advertising, and Falzon helped by training technicians and customer service staffers.

She recalled the impact of the 9/11 attacks, and around that time a longtime girlfriend suggested she consider getting a real estate license. "Love it, absolutely love it," Falzon said of her new field. "It's the hardest job I've done in my life."

She likes matching people with homes where they can start a new life.

Running a business gave Falzon insight into her real estate work, where she's an independent contractor and gets out of it what she puts in. She'd encourage others to follow her career path if they're hard-working and self-motivated.

You have to be able to follow up with people and be very organized," said Falzon, adding the field's not good for those who wait for instructions on the job.

Dorothy Grant of Plymouth Township, who now teaches at

Schoolcraft College, worked some 20 years in real estate and enjoyed it. She went back into teaching for more regular hours so she could spend time with her family.

Grant, who teaches College Reading and Critical Thinking as an adjunct professor at the Livonia campus, had started out as a high school teacher. She's found her background helpful.

"I think everything you've done in life helps you with the next stage," she said. The people skills she learned as a teacher helped her walk people through the process in real estate.

"I loved real estate," she said. The work got busier and she found she had less time for family. "So then I decided to go back to teaching."

In real estate, it could be you'd work with a customer for a couple of months, he or she would be ready to buy or sell perhaps just when you wanted to travel with family, she said.

Grant found some in real estate didn't realize the hours that would be involved, that there would be no regular income at the start or fringe benefits.

Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't," said Grant, who enjoyed the variety of people she met in real estate.

FEATURED HOMES OF THE WEEK



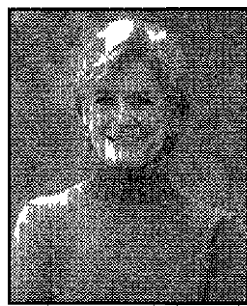
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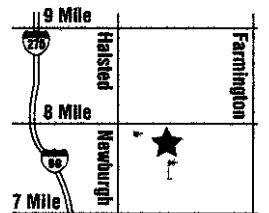


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Moulding makes your house a home

Decorative hardwood moulding is suitable for staining, clear coating or painting, to accentuate and highlight any home's decor. Hardwood moulding is highly decorative and comes in many different embossed patterns, sizes and profiles. The embossing creates the appearance of hand-carved moulding and the natural beauty of hardwood creates a sense of style and warmth. Matching corner blocks, plinth blocks and rosettes not only complement hardwood moulding, they eliminate coping and miter cuts to make installation simple and worry-free. You can even use matching, decorative appliques in conjunction with this moulding to put a more personal touch on your trim.

Architectural moulding is a premium, polystyrene or polyurethane moulding with large profiles that mimic the look of built-up moulding. Architectural moulding will not warp, rot or split. It is a low maintenance material that saws, mills and works just like wood. It is lighter than hardwood for easier handling and due to its light weight, workability and stability, architectural moulding is usually easier to install than traditional wood moulding. There are matching inside and outside corner blocks available to make installing the crown moulding even easier. The moulding comes ready to finish, so no priming is required. It can be painted or stained to match any color scheme or style. You will also find matching ceiling medallions and even wall niches to add the final touch to your trim. For more, visit www.lowes.com online.

New senior director of iCap Realty

Robert W. Leonard has been named senior director of iCap Realty, a growing national mortgage banking firm. Leonard, an experienced member of the financial community, is anticipated to further accelerate iCap's growth and help lead in efforts to double its revenue stream over the next five years.

Leonard has almost 25 years experience in banking and structured finance including senior positions with Michigan National Bank (now LaSalle Bank), Ford Motor Credit and Comerica Bank.

Prior to joining iCap, Leonard was a principal in several structured finance firms. He previously managed the Private Banking and Personal Trust departments at Michigan National Bank, providing loan and investment products and services to high-net-worth individuals throughout Michigan. At Ford Credit, Leonard made equity investments in third-party leveraged lease financings, particularly in the aircraft and rail markets, while at Comerica Bank, Leonard served as a lending officer, calling on commercial, financial and governmental entities through the Asia/Pacific region.

Leonard earned his bachelor of arts in finance at Michigan State University and his master of business administration at the University of Michigan. He lives in Grosse Pointe Farms with his wife, Nancy, and three sons, William, Matthew and David.

Canadian developer acquires Bob-Lo Island

Bob-Lo Island, has been acquired by Amco Properties Inc. of Old Castle (Windsor), Ontario, Canada. Bob-Lo Island was acquired as a result of a bankruptcy from the previous owner, John Oram.

The island will remain a residential community but will be positioned as a high-end marina resort community and will be developed under the name of Bob-Lo Development Inc. The 272-acre

island is part of Amherstburg, Ontario, and is nestled between the shorelines of Canada and the United States. At the heart of community amenities will be a new marina featuring 500 boat slips, many for larger cruising boats as well as, a yacht and tennis club and a private beach.

Vice president of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan

Patrick E. Ryan Jr. has been appointed the position of vice president of RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan. Formerly, he was sales manager and associate broker for Century 21 Town & Country in West Bloomfield. Ryan has been in real estate for 22 years and his experience in the field has proven him to be an asset to the RE/MAX organization.

Education Seminars

The Building Association of Southeastern Michigan is sponsoring the following seminars:

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18 — "Insurance Reconstruction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Nov. 22 — "Budget Management and Cost Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29 — "Quality Construction" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 — "Condominium Nuts and Bolts: When To Consider Using a Condominium Format" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2,

"Builder's License Preparation Course" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, construction drawings, codes, procedures, sample test questions and test tips. Registration is \$200. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 5, "Convention Strategies" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Registration fee is \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30-10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7, "Extreme Success" seminar at Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak. A discussion on risks that yield better results, new ways to deal with fear and how to break free from the "Struggle Syndrome." Registration fee is \$59 for sales and marketing council members, \$89 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members and \$109 for non-members and guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Dec. 8, "Codes and Quality Control" at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group will discuss setting performance expectations, a superintendent's responsibilities regarding codes and will provide tips to enforce code compliance on the job site. Registration fee is \$145. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, "Managing a Business for the Long Term" seminar at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Richard G. William, CPA, of Polk and Associates, PLC will discuss strategic planning for the small to medium size business, exit strategies and business valuation. Registration is \$20 for BIA or AAM members and \$40 for guests. (248) 862-1033.

■ 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, "Managers Roundtable" discussion at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. The program is free for Property AAM, PMC and

BIA members and \$15 for guests. Coffee and bagels will be provided. (248) 862-1033.

How To Classes

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:
 ■ Builder's Pre-License Class — This course will help those who want to subcontract the construction of their own home, real estate investors, developers and building trades people.

Classes will be held 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 22 and Dec. 1, 6, 8, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, \$199 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, (248) 956-5000, 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28, 30 and Dec. 5, 7, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Rd., Room 133, Bloomfield Hills, \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, (248) 433-0885, 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28, 30 and Dec. 5 and 7 at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia, \$201 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions, (734) 744-2602, and 6-10 p.m., Monday/Wednesday, Dec. 5, 7, 12 & 14, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 317-1500, \$189 for residents and \$208 for non-residents, plus a \$20 textbook and sample question fee, and 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Dec. 6, 8, 13 & 15, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills, (248) 203-3800, \$190 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions.

■ Basement Remodeling Class — The seminar is designed to help people make better use of valuable space in their homes by planning and completing a successful basement remodeling.

Classes are 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, Nov. 28 and 30, at South Lyon High School, 1000 N. Lafayette St., South Lyon, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials, (248) 437-8105, and 6-10 p.m., Tuesday/Thursday, Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights, (313) 317-1500, \$95 plus \$10 for textbook for residents and \$104 plus \$10 for textbook for non-residents.

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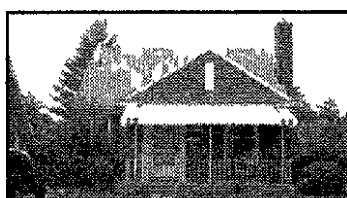
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WEST DEARBORN CHARMER Must see this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath brick bungalow with a finished basement and 2 car garage. Updates include the roof, furnace and refinished hardwood floors. Lots more to see. Call for details. \$168,900 (C 945MA)



LUXURIOUS COLONIAL Spacious open floor plan with 2nd story laundry and family room. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Jacuzzi tub, recessed lighting, island kitchen and too many upgrades to mention. Great location too. \$280,000 (C 106MI)



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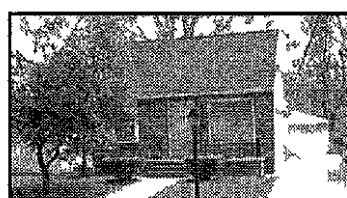
INCREDIBLE ATTRACTIVE Farmington Hills colonial with a huge master offering his & hers walk in closets, large oak kitchen, finished basement, 2 car garage and lovely dramatic details throughout. Call now. \$284,700 (C 886PE)



A PERFECT 10 Perfectly located between schools and a park. Fully loaded with updates galore, finished basement w/ rec room, a den, bath and storage. Bright and spacious floor plan with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Priced to sell at \$299,900 (P 695NI)



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PRISTINE CLEAN TRI-LEVEL 3 bedroom contemporary with a brick/vinyl exterior, huge 1500 square foot floor plan, gorgeous remodeled kitchen, new vinyl windows, hwn air and carpeting. Totally neutral. Nice sized rooms and a fenced yard. \$139,877 (P 448MA)



FARMINGTON HILLS Classy and roomy floor plan in this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with new paint, beautifully updated kitchen w/ appliances, finished basement and a premium lot backing to playground! \$284,900 (C 113PC)



PRESTIGIOUS NORTHVILLE Located on a premium lot backing to woodlands & nearby nature trails. Brick/stone exterior, custom arched windows, nch hardwoods, dual sided fireplace x deep daylight basement and a whole lot more. Call for the details. \$699,900 (P 151BL)



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NO GIMMICKS Just a nice solid 3 bedroom ranch with a basement and 2 car garage in the Southeast area of Dearborn Heights. Perfect for retirees or first time buyers. Close to the new shopping center. \$124,900 (C 611WE)



ABSOLUTELY ADORABLE 3 bedroom bungalow situated on a huge lot. Great for 1st time buyers. Updates galore inside including the kitchen & bath. Hardwood floors & newer carpet throughout. Must see. \$134,900 (C 815BO)



STOP RENTING Maintenance free 2 bedroom, Livonia townhouse is move in ready! Neutral decor, updated oak kitchen, hardwood under carpet, custom blinds, big bedrooms, private basement with additional room. Immediate occupancy and so much more. \$94,900 (P 925MI)



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Buying generally better way to go than renting

To rent or to buy? That is the question. Candidly, it's rarely a good idea to buy real estate if you would be doing so amidst a troubled relationship with a person with whom you would be making the purchase. Also, unless somebody else is paying for your mortgage costs or you can get a reasonable "no cost" mortgage, you should not purchase property as a primary residence if you will be in the property for less than a year.

Other reasons to rent a place instead of buying one might include job or career instability, reasonable certainty of declining home values in your proposed purchase area, or sharply increasing personal expense projections without a corresponding increase to your income.



Timothy Phillips

Now, if your excuse for not buying a home does not resemble one of the above reasons, you are likely not taking action due to a lack of knowledge, a fear of the unknown, or both.

Here are a few reasons to overcome your fears and to get smart about buying a home. First, if you get a fixed-rate mortgage for your purchase, your payment will not increase with inflation as will your rent. Next, you will not be able to profit from appreciating real estate values if you always rent.

Not enough? Renting a home, regardless of how low the rental fees, yields you nothing for your investment. Meanwhile, purchasing a home with "nothing down" yields an infinite return if the monthly payment is the same as your existing rent and your property value grows even a little bit.

Finally, because of the tax benefits of owning a home, a renter who pays \$1,200 per month in rent can afford a mortgage payment of \$1,600. Assuming the ex-renter is in a typical tax bracket for the purchase of that size home, about \$400 of the monthly \$1,600 will come back as cash at tax return time.

Today's TIMBIT! It's true that there are actually times when it's not a good idea to

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purchase real estate. However, unless you have a truly compelling reason not to buy a home, you are likely losing out to rent for a long term.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for free information online or call him toll free at (866) 369 4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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22735 Cottage	\$170,000	5871 Three Ponds	\$345,000	
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28554 Everett	\$129,000	5103 W Pond	\$368,000	
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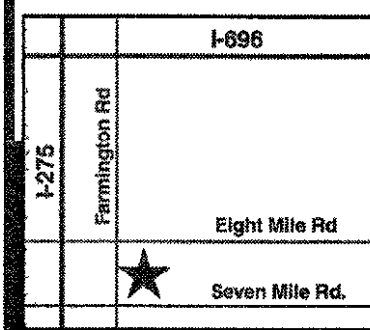
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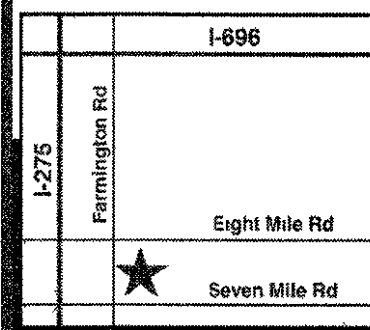
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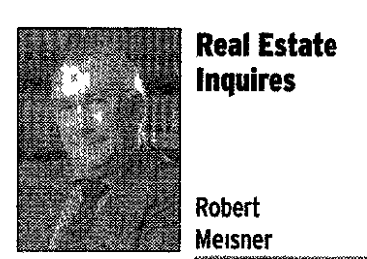
Lawyer's letter good start on maintenance

Q. We live in what is suppose to be a very nice sub but we have many neighbors who do not keep basic yard maintenance. We have our house for sale but do not have any takers but have received a few comments about the condition of the neighbor's property. Is there anything we can do? We have tried the homeowners association and township but nothing seems to work.

A. I would look at your deed restrictions to see what requirements there are on the part of the owners to maintain their premises. Normally, there is some requirement to maintain the yard and the aesthetic quality of the community. If the township and/or the association are not willing to do something, you may have recourse against the neighbor directly under the deed restrictions. You are best advised to consult with a knowledgeable real estate lawyer who can assist you in pursuing the issue against your neighbors, perhaps by simply writing a letter.

Q. A Community Association member is threatening to sue our association for prohibiting him from permanently keeping a motor home on his lot. He claims that the restriction prohibiting motor homes was unreasonable and is an unlawful "taking" of his property rights. Do you have any comments on his threatened litigation?

A. It all depends on your restrictions, but if your restrictions prohibit motor homes, he should not be able to be allowed to do so. In a similar case out of Indiana, the



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court ruled that the association had the authority to prohibit the member from permanently keeping a motor home on his lot. The court said that the rule in question in that case existed when the member joined the association, and that when he joined, he received a deed to his property in which he agreed to comply with the association's rules. The court also said that although the existing rule had been clarified after the member had joined the association, clarifying the rule isn't the same as passing a new rule. Finally, most importantly, the court added that the concept of unlawful "taking" of property does not apply to a voluntary Community Association. I would bring this to the attention of the association's attorney to assist him or her in defense of this claim.

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2213 Arcadia \$171,000	45111 Rector \$221,000	31306 Bock \$167,000	11741 Arcola \$161,000	16103 Southampton \$285,000	12770 Columbia \$148,000	7382 Central \$90,000
42278 Barchester \$232,000	449 Sandalwood \$390,000	6520 Cadillac \$157,000	11035 Arden \$392,000	9206 Stonehouse \$280,000	11375 Dixie \$125,000	37711 Colonial \$128,000
47244 Bartlett \$270,000	41555 Simcoe \$220,000	30168 Cherry Hill \$112,000	8982 Beatrice \$504,000	15151 Sunbury \$160,000	26019 Dover \$147,000	2311 Deerfield \$99,000
506 Buchanan \$85,000	725 Stonehenge \$215,000	31769 Dover \$135,000	32906 Brookside \$174,000	34190 Trillium \$278,000	13439 Farley \$315,000	8368 Emerald \$214,000
576 Buckingham \$185,000	43774 Stuart \$197,000	11472 Merriman \$135,000	32996 Brookside \$188,000	35310 W Chicago \$365,000	19645 Garfield \$174,000	31730 Fairchild \$145,000
6617 Carlton \$280,000	46514 Swanmere \$315,000	11108 Farmington \$185,000	2029 Pinecroft \$284,000	27986 Whitcomb \$135,000	15535 Gaylord \$174,000	36198 Florane \$159,000
7961 Charrington \$250,000	6787 Swanmere \$255,000	14351 Garden \$176,000	4354 Pond Run \$284,000	35600 Wood \$147,000	17710 Gaylor \$302,000	37612 Garden \$124,000
40280 Chatsworth \$240,000	45001 Tillotson \$239,000	14615 Garden \$175,000	45125 Prestbury \$224,000	9815 Woodring \$157,000	17444 Glenmore \$154,000	2028 Golfview \$240,000
1593 Commodore \$193,000	1811 Tradition \$456,000	10080 Garvelt \$160,000	50900 Proctor \$392,000	29961 Curtis \$350,000	8891 Grayfield \$416,000	29870 Hanover \$114,000
1605 Commodore \$206,000	43841 Vicksburg \$189,000	16490 Golfview \$269,000	45111 Rector \$221,000	46657 Arboretum \$194,000	12741 Hemingway \$215,000	34152 Kennedy \$162,000
7572 Corbin \$245,000	3040 Wakefield \$410,000	31123 Grennada \$227,000	449 Sandalwood \$390,000	9139 Briarwood \$73,000	9303 Jerome \$215,000	30145 Lacy \$240,000
7835 Corbin \$227,000	42258 White Hart \$359,000	14165 Inkster \$185,000	41555 Simcoe \$220,000	45155 Brookside \$162,000	17626 Kinloch \$375,000	30024 Lonnie \$165,000
1622 Crestview \$296,000	47143 Woodlong \$388,000	23615 Mayville \$234,000	43774 Stuart \$197,000	1678 Cassidy Place \$225,000	8888 Lenore \$225,000	28030 Mackenzie \$171,000
9671 Elmhurst \$248,000	31306 Bock \$167,000	448 N Sheldon \$375,000	46514 Swanmere \$315,000	48101 Colony Farms \$176,000	9583 Lenore \$250,000	7806 Manor \$81,000
1760 Emerald Pines \$85,000	6520 Cadillac \$157,000	12330 Pinecrest \$328,000	6787 Swanmere \$255,000	41347 E Ann Arbor \$175,000	8970 Laverne \$237,000	7806 Manor \$87,000
443 Filmore \$50,000	30168 Cherry Hill \$112,000	12546 Pinecrest \$205,000	45001 Tillotson \$239,000	850 Fairground \$161,000	32828 Lyndon \$328,000	38578 Milton \$151,000
49224 Founders \$469,000	31769 Dover \$135,000	43015 River Bend \$185,000	1811 Tradition \$456,000	11998 Fox Ridge \$269,000	13101 Nathalie \$530,000	2011 N Crown \$160,000
1302 Glengarry \$359,000	1749 Helen \$129,000	156 W Liberty \$160,000	43841 Vicksburg \$189,000	13963 Knollview \$227,000	19955 Negaunee \$470,000	5807 N Walton \$113,000
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1864 Gorman \$350,000	33141 Kathryn \$135,000	13973 Brady \$194,000	42258 White Hart \$359,000	432 N Sheldon \$234,000	18851 Poinciana \$35,000	8336 Perrin \$145,000
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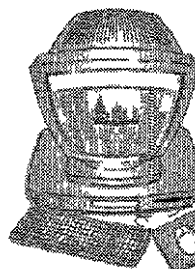
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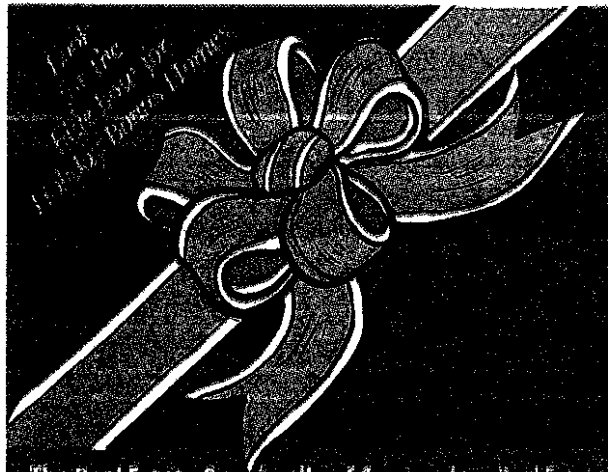
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SPECIAL HOME-PRETTY AS A PICTURE Attractive rmldd col stone FP in DR kit LR oak flrs crown molding 3 BR 2 BA covered front porch side porch stone patio 349-6200 (25147731) \$219,900



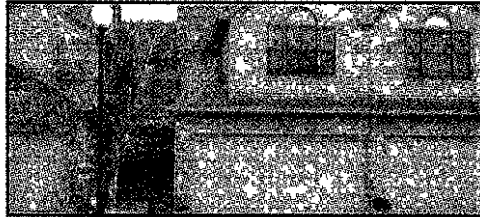
SUPERIOR TWP 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW Landscape deck sprnkls C/A wndw treat Brook model w/add sq ft upgrde Open flr plan neut huge yard commons playgrd 349-6200 (25126363) \$215,000



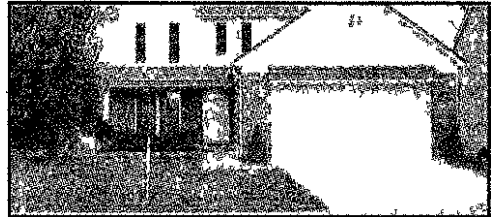
ROYAL OAK 734-591-9200
Remodeled in 2005 New kit w/white cabs & cer tile new stainless steel kit Appl's stay New BA refin HDWD flrs fresh paint w/new moldings Copper plumb 2 car gar & more (25151112) \$214,900



CANTON 734-455-7000
HOLIDAY WISH 3BR/2.5BA Ranch Many new amenities including remodeled kitchen and freshly painted thruout FR w/bnck FP Finished basement (25155631) \$214,826



CANTON 734-455-7000
KISS YOUR LANDLORD GOOD-BYE! 5BR 1 loft (14x10) 2.5BA 1514 sq ft condo 2-car gar Full fin bsmt 1st flr Indry 2-story GR w/gas FP Ply/Can schools (25158639) \$198,000



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
Very Nice Neutral & Nearly New! 3 BR 2.5 BA colonial Prof fin bsmt Built 2001, Bright & in move-in cond Newer sub w/sidewalks, close to everything 349-6200 (25156459) \$195,000



REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BR 2.5 BA 2200 +/- finished sft Hardwood FR w/ fireplace Master w/ full bath HUGE Florida room Treed lot great value! (25154185) \$174,900



DEARBORN 248-348-6430
SUPER SHARP 5 BDRM 2.5 BATH Totally remodeled from the inside out in 2004 New kit baths win doors roof siding, plumbing hrdwd flrs 349-6200 (25136031) \$170,000



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
TRI-LEVEL 3 BR FR w/wood stove 2 car gar pool & patio Newer Wndws Merillat Cab HWH, Roof 1 Yr Home Warr 1400 sq ft Pap, Curtis W/60s Sub (J112) \$159,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
HIX & CHERRY HILL AREA This 3 BR 1500 sq Ft Charmer features FR w/Fireplace Kit is 18x12 w/ Doorwall to Pat-to Insulated 2 Car Garage (M218) \$149,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
All bnck bungalow 1467 sq ft 2 full BA newer roof electrical HWH & more 2.5 car gar w/ 220 heat built in air lines & a 2nd story for finishing or storage (25149222) \$149,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 BR 2 BA brick ranch in excellent location Fenced yard large deck detached garage and all mechanicals updated (25156213) \$149,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BR 1.5 BA ranch finished basement with bar for entertaining family & friends Bath and a half on the main floor All appliances stay (25158479) \$144,900



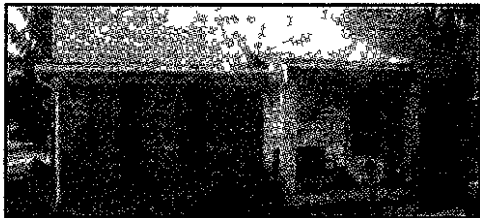
WESTLAND 734-326-2000
JUST TOO WONDERFUL 3 BR Br Ranch w/ Rmldd Country Kit Full Fin Bsmt w/ Bar & Storage 2 Full BA, C/A Florida Rm 2.5 Car Gar (P311) PC 220962 \$144,900



PONTIAC 248-348-6430
CHARMING BRICK RANCH ON PEACEFUL STREET Enjoy the warmth of plaster walls & cove ceilings Hrdwd flrs t/o Newer ceramic fir in kit Full bsmt for storage 349-6200 (25125884) \$134,900



FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
RENTERS TAKE NOTICE! 2 BR 2.5 BA over 1000 sqft Hardwood on main level Appl included - neutral & clean Pool & exercise room Call today!!! (25146606) \$124,975



CANTON 734-326-2000
NEED A RANCH? WANT A CONDO? So Much Charm! Fireplace Priv Patio Dining Area Eat-In Kitchen 2 BR Full Bsmt C/A End Unit Close Parking & Clubhouse Sellers have loved it here (S410) \$124,900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Affordable updated ranch All new kit w/cer fir updated BA w/marble fir & pedestal sink Refin hrdwd flrs all new paint & lgt fixtures Clarenceville Schls Appis too! (25157771) \$104,900

BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
GOLFERS DREAM HOME IN OAKPOINT! Cape Cod overlooks 6th green of championship course 1st floor master suite w/o LL & more 349-6200 (25115093) \$489,900

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
CAPTIVATING, DISTINGUISHED ELEGANT Marble foyer & DR 4 BR 3.5 BA col l w/fin w/o bsmt 1st flr Indry formal LR DR & backyard deck Beaut treed lot 349-6200 (25121113) \$549,900

LIVONIA 734-326-2000
CHARMER 3 BR Ranch w/ fin bsmt & 2 Car Gar New Roof Vinyl Wndws Updtd Elect & more (25118407) \$148,500

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
WALK TO DOWNTOWN! 2 BR upper ranch condo w/bay wndw vlt'd ceil sky lights, oak cabs Mstr BR w/2 wic Anderson wndws new furn Aug 05 Seller motivated (25119428) \$135,000

CANTON 734-326-2000
GET BACK TO NATURE 4 BR 2.5 BA Col overlooks nature preserve Spac Open Floor Plan w/loft 2 stry GR w/FP bay wndw (25135513) \$294,900

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
WOODED CUL-DE SAC 4 BR 2.5 BA col Mstr w/ BA FR w/FP lib DR full bsmt w/wkshop Nwr furn wndws 2.5 car gar 2600sq ft Home prot plan 349-6200 (25147070) \$340,000

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
LOVELY COLONIAL 4 BR 1.5 BA fresh paint 6 pnl doors t/o updtd wndws fin bsmt w/FR beautiful terraced yard w/deck 2.5 car garage 349-6200 (25114483) \$259,000

REDFORD 734-591-9200
1400 sq ft bnck ranch Updts incl New kit & BA, Furn w/CA, Elect services roof wndws cam fir in kit & foyer 2 car att gar sun rm brk pvr patio & fenced yard (25146630) \$169,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
PRICED TO SELL! Extra large FR (16x28) w/wall of custom bookshlvs open kit newer appl fin bsmt Newer roof & wndws Hrdwd flrs in BRs Immed Occup (25116096) \$229,900

GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
LOCATED IN GARDEN CITY'S LOVELIEST Open Floor Plan w/LR & Dining Area overlooks Kit w/ Snack Bar Bsmt w/ Full Wall FP Dry Bar & New Glass Block (25151826) \$144,900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
END UNIT CONDO ALL ON ONE FLOOR Great 2 BR 2 BA Wallside wndws fin bsmt w/FR beautiful room All appl stay Nwr refr & self-clean convection oven 349-6200 (25135214) \$139,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
3 BR bung updt BA fin bsmt w/bar DR w/HDWD flrs newer carpet main floor custom paint T/O mstr BR w/strg newer furn (25127983) \$119,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
A DREAM COME TRUE! 3BR Col w/updtd kit Beat maple cabs & hrdwd flrs Major updates compl & ready to move in (25117896) \$217,000

GARDEN CITY 734-591-9200
Great move in perfect little starter on large lot w/ 2+ car garage Loads of updates & quality features Call for complete list (25129285) \$134,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
COLONIAL Backs to woods & priv commons 4 BR 2.5 BA New roof lib w/cstm cabs FL rm prof fin bsmt LR/DR w/crown midg Walk to elem Home warr 3.5% CSB 349-6200 (25157101) \$389,000

WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Welcome Home! Clean 1 140 sq ft brick ranch updtd kit & BA fin bsmt 2 car gar w/ carport Westland w/Liv Schools (25108602) \$175,000

CANTON 734-455-7000
BEAUTIFUL RANCH 3BR/2.5BA Walking dist to Ply/Can schools Part fin bsmt Lg wooded/fenced backyard w/playscape & 2+ car gar Immed occup (25136561) \$205,000

HOWELL 248-348-6430
WOODED WONDERLAND Serene setting Spac bnck ranch huge kit lg mstr Great Room full w/o bsmt private circular drive & rolling acreage 349 6200 (25113632) \$449,900

NOVI 248-348-6430
CARRIAGE RANCH GAR w/PRIV ENTRY Open floor plan DR w/drwall & baic All appl stay Pool clubhouse tennis Nwr crptng 349-6200 (25101755) \$123,900

WESTLAND 734-591-9200
Charming 3BR brick ranch w/ full bsmt FR w/FP deep lot 2 car gar hrdwd flrs newer roof glass blk wndws & more (25104228) \$149,900

DEARBORN 734-591-9200
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HOWELL 734-455-7000
ENJOY THE VIEW! 4 BR/2.5 BA backs to commons area w/view of pond 2-story foyer Invis fence for dog (25140165) \$269,500

OCEOLA 248-348-6430
GOOD AS NEW & GOOD TO GO Less-than-1 yr old 3 BR 2.5 BA w/o bsmt Hrdwd flrs gas frplc, island kit w/maple cab Sub w/ pool & sidewalks (25095225) \$232,000

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
BETTER THAN NEW 3 BR Ranch Nwr Wndws Roof, Ice Guard Shingles Seamless Gutters, Dwnspt, Drwl, Hrdwd Fl In DR Bsmt Plmbd for BA PC 221082 (25129477) \$142,900

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Spotless 3BR bnck ranch w/ 3 car att garage FR w/FP roof 05 vinyl wndws HWH 05 recessed lgtng hrdwd flrs updtd kit deck lrg lot & more (25151693) \$219,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
New Const Cape Cod 3 BR 2.5 BA 2 051 sq ft 2 car att gar & bsmt Maple cabs granite cnts cer tile in full bas Liv Schls (25070898) \$299,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
PRESTIGIOUS LIVING! Cape Cod in Country Club 3BR & loft Grmt kit w/cntrl island maple cabs custom counters & hrdwd flrs 2-sided FP 4-car gar (25102164) \$639,900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
TOO SHARP FOR WORDS Loft Condo Great Cond Fresh Paint New Berber BA new 6 panel doors & trim All appl stay incl washer & dryer (25127273) \$72,500

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-326-2000
TODAY'S BUY - TOMORROW'S HAPPINESS Bnck 3 BR Ranch Drbrm Hgts #7 School Dist Full Bsmt C/A 1.5 BA 2.5 Car Gar Nwr Furn Wndws & Crptng PC 220542 (25104330) \$140,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
4BR 2.5 BA col in Francavilla Sub! FR w/FP open to kit Bsmt 2 car att gar 500sqft deck StvnsonHS (25080889) \$289,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION Over 2.25 acres in Ply Twp Comp rmldd since 2001 New roof kit 3car gar outbdlg in back (25155519) \$369,900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
Just needs a little TLC! 3 BR Ranch Bsmt 2 Car Gar Fncd Yd Wayne-West Schools Purchaser assumes City Repairs (25148465) \$120,000

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-326-2000
ABSOLUTE DOLL HOUSE W/BIG BOY TOYS! 2BR/1.5BA ranch in Nthville Twp Ply schls Updtd Lg mstr w/dbl closets Lg eat-in kit Approx 1/2 acre (25134477) \$179,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
3 BR brk ranch backs to Hines Park Screened in porch fenced yd C/A full bsmt 2.5 car gar Nwr roof wndws A/C & furn Well maint very clean Immed occup (25114292) \$177,500

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
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WYANDOTTE 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW DOUBLE LOT COLONIAL Updts incl roof wndws siding gutters paint crpt BA etc 2 car gar 349-6200 (25064760) \$182,900



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NORTHVILLE TWP New condo 2 bdrm 2 bath 1650 sq ft attached garage wooded view \$1450/mo 734 945 5533

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Duplexes 4030

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Personalized Retention Initiatives Get Results



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Declining demographics, increased employability options and the aging of the workforce are conspiring against

employee retention. Health care may well have something to teach other industries about the success of personalized retention programs.

"There are definite advantages to more personalized retention initiatives," maintains David DeLong, a consultant in Concord, Mass., and researcher at MIT's AgeLab. "People develop loyalty to other people, not to some abstract organizational entity. If you want employees to stick around, they need to build strong, productive personal relationships with colleagues."

"But many managers feel pressured to invest in cost-efficient retention programs," he continues, "which don't provide the real benefits that would make employees want to stay. Retention efforts that try to leverage high-tech instead of high-touch are more likely to be seen as bureaucratic and irrelevant to the real needs of workers."

RETENTION LEADERS

Diana Halfer administers Clinical and Organizational Development at Children's Memorial Medical Center. This hospital, the largest of its kind in Illinois, is affiliated with Northwestern University and sees 94,000 patients annually. Since 2003, 320 novice (first-year) nurses have entered its 18-month R.N. internship program, designed to make

staying with Children's attractive. First-year turnover fell 50 percent, which translates into \$500,000 annual savings. Child Health Corporation of America, an alliance of hospitals, found Children's vacancy and turnover the lowest among 23 affiliates in 2004.

Clarian Health Partners Inc., in Indianapolis, is a private nonprofit comprehensive health center seeing more than 954,000 patients annually. It is a single hospital combining three hospitals, Methodist, Indiana University and Riley (pediatric). Through its Destination Clarian Program, begun in 2002, 19 of 21 immigrant workers referred by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana continue on the job. One left because of transportation problems, another, to take a higher-paying job. Six have been promoted.

PERSONAL ATTENTION
Children's Halfer says that the three areas to focus upon in retaining nurses are providing competitive compensation, as much schedule control as possible and career development. Her program is structured "The nursing preceptor, who may be from a different unit or department, has the greatest impact on their careers," Halfer states. "This person mentors, working side-by-side with you, helping you become acquainted with the job and the flow of care."

"If I had limited monies and needed to make one major investment," she adds, "it would be investing in that role and supporting those nurses, because teaching someone new and managing their own patient care is a heavy responsibility and can be a stressor. (They receive a differential.) It seems to be the key role to help connect them." Fixed costs of

\$125,000 per year cover the program's coordination and specialized training. One retained nurse translates into \$40,000 in savings. An equally significant outcome is that the program promotes continuity in relationships with patients and family.

Children's also established discussion groups comprised of nine to 10 nurses led by an experienced nurse and a chaplain or hospital social worker. Novice nurses bring up a wide range of issues, many work/life, that affect them personally, such as relocation, shiftwork, and life after school. Finally, these same nurses also observe the workflow in other areas of the hospital to meet other nurses and physicians face-to-face.

Destination Clarian Program assists immigrant workers referred to them by Goodwill Industries of Central Indiana, which trains them for up to eight weeks. As full-timers, they may contact Estela Martinez, skills trainer in Education Services, as long as they work there. She facilitates their adjustment by

- encouraging them to increase their command of the language by using the computerized Ellis Program, with a headset,
- supporting them in working toward their pre-GED or GED,
- explaining orientation, benefits policies and procedures, and
- familiarizing them with community resources.

"This is an opportunity for them to develop themselves personally and professionally," she says.

Workers come from the Americas and two African countries. They contribute to operations from several directions (housekeeping, food service, cashiering, patient



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transportation and facilities.) Yolanda Vasquez, a two-year food service associate, was an assembly worker in New Jersey after emigrating from Guatemala. "She works on the serving line at Clarian," Martinez explains, "where she's required to speak the language. Thousands of people go by in one meal."

"I'm happy," Vasquez says, "because I'm full-time and they help me. I take classes in English. Now I understand more. They pay me for learning English."

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The 2006 Scion xB

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Thursday Drive Time



BY DALE BUSS

There's an easy way to tell whether the appeal of a car is design-driven. Without knowing anything else about the vehicle, it's something that you just know you've got to drive. I felt that way a long time about the Scion xB, one of the first models that came forth a couple of years ago out of Toyota's new "youth" brand. Somewhere else, I once described xB as resembling "a shoebox with a snout," and indeed perhaps there never has been a boxier mass-market vehicle than xB. The old Land Rover SUVs might run a close second, but it would be a lot easier to see a genetic link between xB and your typical panel-covered delivery van. The xB's "differentness" is exaggerated by the fact that Scion's other two models to date, xA and tC, are innovative in design but decidedly closer to the mainstream than their sibling. The xA resembles a shrunken Ford Focus or Honda Insight, while tC is a small, fastbacked coupe. By contrast, the Japanese predecessor of xB was named BB, and appropriately nicknamed "black box." Thus, xB is so quirky that, I suppose, it just demands to be experienced. And so finally, I have, in the form of a 2006 model in a pleasing, silvery color Scion called Thunder Cloud Metallic. And while xB's irreverently boxy design made it fun just to look at and get into, that very same shape caused some severe problems with drivability. More on that later.

First, back to the design. Not only is xB about as square an automobile as you're ever going to find. Its body also ranges extremely close to the ground meaning, among other things, that it is definitely not meant to go very far off-road - maybe onto the shoulder, but that's about it. This blockiness, expressed from the front end all the way through to the back of the car, gives xB a much more massive appearance than really is warranted by its actual size. Its relatively tiny wheels further enhance the unmistakable statement made by this elongated



The Scion xB delivers a cool 30 mpg in the city and 34 mpg on the highway.

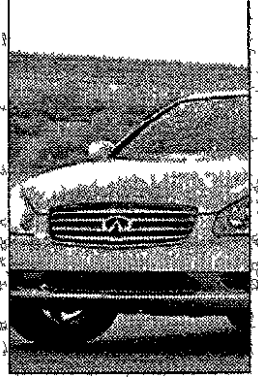
cube chugging down the highway. Yet, among the many aftermarket accessories carried by Toyota dealers for Scion models are larger alloy wheels to replace xB's standard 15-inch models. After climbing inside, you recognize immediately that xB's iconoclastic nature continues on the interior. The first thing I noticed is that, while I expected because of the car's depth to dump my bottom into a seat that would have me relatively low to the road, the reality is that Scion sits you up high, giving you a bit of the positioning benefit that you would find in a small SUV. This design decision also enables xB drivers to take full advantage of the huge greenhouse that is afforded by the car's squared-off design and extremely vertical windshield.

For its optimal boxiness, you expect xB to provide plenty of interior room, and it doesn't disappoint. Front and three rear passengers alike have plenty of space, with more than enough head and leg space for two six-footers in the rear. And while the rear bay has only 21.1 cubic feet of space that is accessed by the rear door, flip down the rear seats and xB's cargo space doubles. Like Saturn's Ion, xB also moved the instrument cluster to a position slightly left of the center of the dashboard, part of an interior configuration that is

meant to be a bit disquieting to Buick drivers. New for '06 is an available CD audio system with a plug-in for most digital music players, as well as a unit that adds dashboard control and program display for Apple iPod players. XB also delivers a cool 30 mpg in the city and 34 mpg on the highway. Wrap that statistic in with its \$16,500 suggested retail price, and there's certainly a lot to recommend this fun little package. But one big warning here: Don't expect xB to be a pocket rocket of any sort. In typical weather and routine uses, it feels underpowered with its 1.5-liter, four-cylinder, dual-overhead-cam, 16-valve engine, it's just hard to muster much get-up-and-go with this car. That alone may be disappointing enough for younger buyers who want the style but also the substance. More troubling is how xB performs in the wind. On a recent very blustery November day, it was a truly white-knuckle experience to drive xB on I-75. The car's in-your-face lack of aerodynamics took a heavy toll on xB in those conditions, with the wind clearly resisting the up-and-down windshield, shaking around the boxy chassis, and laboring the insufficient engine even further. The gales of November aren't to be trifled with, even if you're not the Edmund Fitzgerald.

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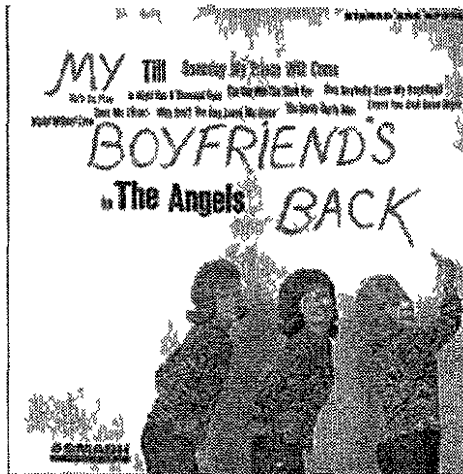
Every week I try to come up with some of the latest and greatest the record industry has to offer us music buffs. However this week's Pure Picks is

going back in time

Last week I spent some time in Columbus Ohio. My friend and I made a day out of record shopping hoping to find still sealed not too expensive copies of vinyl treats from some of our favorite artists of yesteryear such as The Velvet Underground MC5 and heck T Rex. Why not. Here's what I brought back to Michigan and thought you should listen to perhaps for the first time

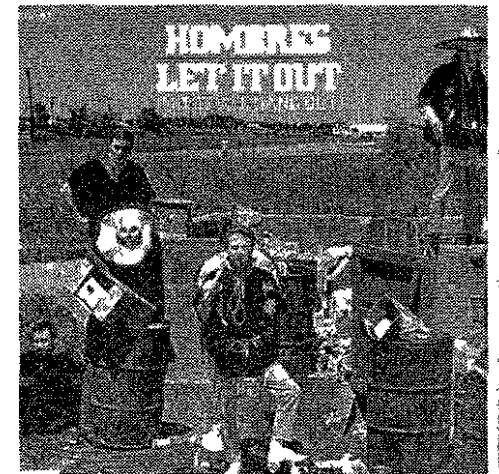
My Boyfriend's Back by The Angels. Nothing screams 'slumber party magic' better than The Angels a great example of 1960s girl groups. The title single was released in 1963 on the Smash (If it's on Smash, it's a hit) label and went to No. 1. The trio rode the wave of Phil Spector certified pop hits for a few years before eventually turning up as background session singers on the track *Lightnin' Strikes* in 1966.

I didn't know too much about The Angels besides remembering *Boyfriend* was my favorite song at age 6. The girls also covered The Chiffons *He's So Fine* on



the album's second side with such dead-on harmony matches my friend and I were positive we were listening to a different group. Other favorite, 'oh so-grly' tracks include *The Boy With the Black Eye* (I figure he must've met the boyfriend), *Why Don't You Love Me Anymore* and *Has Anybody Seen My Boyfriend?*

Let it Out by The Hombres. I was less than impressed with Cameron Crowe's sequel to *Garden State*, *Elizabethtown*. While I don't recommend the movie, the soundtrack was a great find because I was introduced to The Hombres for the first time. Their 1967 single *Let It Out (Let It All Hang Out)* was featured in the movie and is seeing new life since being covered by John (formerly Cougar) Mellencamp back in the day. The single is a bit late-'60s garage rock, and a bit



bluesy, and features a riff that keeps your toes tapping the whole time.

The album, featuring the Memphis, Tenn., trio dressed as, well, 'hombres', features a little bit of everything, from slower songs to covers of the day's biggest hits. Their *Gloria* is covered on Side A and contains one of the coolest keyboard solos I've heard in quite some time, using the opening bars of The Byrd's *Eight Miles High* right in the middle that, just like The Angels sample, is so uncanny my friend was positive he was listening to the *Fifth Dimension* album.

All in all, I took home some great vinyl finds in addition to these above gems. More Dusty Springfield hits, the soundtrack to *Breakfast at Tiffany's* and even some Lesley Gore. Not too bad for a day's work.

Alicia Dorset is keeping herself busy these days listening to all her new records. Send her your favorites at adorset@hometownlife.com

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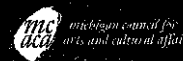
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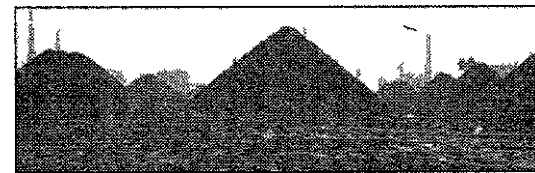
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Luna Lounge in Royal Oak hosts its 'Busiest Alternative Night of the Year' party where DJs will spin alternative/punk/underground rock

Club night

Bars pack 'em in the night before Thanksgiving

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

It's bigger than New Year's Eve, except you don't have to fuss over what to wear

The night before Thanksgiving (this year, Nov. 23) packs more people into nightclubs than any other bar night. The college kids are home and reuniting with friends, Michiganders who've moved out-of-state come home for the weekend to visit family, and worker bees celebrate the three-day work week.

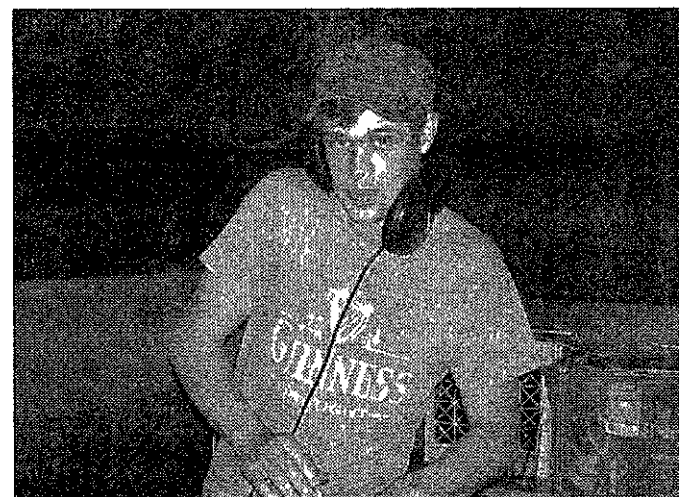
The bars will be packed and crowds come earlier than the normal 10 p.m. trend. So grab your designated driver and get ready to bar hop.

Here's what's happening at some of the hot spots:

■ See and be seen: **Elysium Lounge**, 625 Shelby, downtown Detroit. (313) 962 2244. DJs Phil Agosta and Vince spin hip-hop, dance club, R&B and top 40. More than 1,000 will pack the trendy nightclub. Dress to impress. www.elysiumlounge.com

■ Friendly: **Hockeytown Cafe**. Come on Wednesday to scope out the bar to decide where you might want to sit on Thursday to watch the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Thanksgiving Eve welcomes the 21 and over crowd to eat, drink and dance in a casual atmosphere with sports fans and a friendly crowd. Located at 2301 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. (313) 965 9500.

■ Hip but casual: **The Buddha Lounge**, 21633 W. Eight Mile, Detroit. Creative types and friendly folks come to the Buddha Lounge on Wednesdays with their Mp3 players to spin a



Patrons can bring their own music and play DJ Wednesdays at the Buddha Lounge in Detroit

few of their favorite songs and let music change all night long. The lounge, formerly a Chinese restaurant, has red booths, red carpet and Buddha statues everywhere. It's dimly lit and loaded with ambiance and personality. Mellow and mixed crowd, anything from laid back to avant garde. (313) 535 4664. www.gobuddha.net

■ Alternative, punk, gothic but friendly: **Luna Lounge**, 1815 Main Street, Royal Oak. It's always crowded on Thanksgiving Eve. Lines are out the door by 11 p.m., so come before 10:30 p.m. The whole place becomes a dance floor and here's where you can hear Nine Inch Nails, Marilyn Manson, Ministry, Skinny Puppy and all your dark favorites. (248) 589 3344.

■ Rock, rock, rock: **Token Lounge**, 28949 Joy Road, Plymouth Westland. (734) 513 5030. Performing are The Kofin Kats, The Betty Fords, The Downriver Five and Casket Gasket.

■ Comedy, martinis, dancing and more: Looking to laugh that night? **Kickers Entertainment Complex** has a bit of everything. 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia. Inside

the complex **Joey's Comedy Club** features comedian Jim Hamm. Dinner and show packages available. Also inside the complex is the **Martini Bar** for a refined, intimate atmosphere. You can dance while DJs spin popular music at **Kickers American Grille**. (734) 261 0555 or visit www.kickerscomplex.com

■ Salsa the night away: **Parabox Cafe**. You don't need a dance partner because there's friendly people who want to salsa at Parabox Cafe. No jeans. Women wear skirts and dresses and high heels; men dress to impress. 1927 Michigan Avenue, corner of Rosa Parks Boulevard, Detroit. (313) 268 2325.

■ Join in on singalongs: The wild, casual **Post Bar**, 22828 Woodward Avenue, Ferndale. (248) 546 7678. It's always busy and Thanksgiving Eve is a hot night at this spot with the after 5 p.m. office crowd and college kids mingling together.

■ Gay friendly, upbeat dancing: **Q**. Located at 141 W. Nine Mile Road, Ferndale. (248) 582 7227. After midnight the place really gets jumping.

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through

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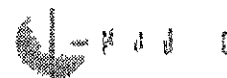
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Plowshares celebrates playwright August Wilson

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright August Wilson died last month, so Plowshares Theatre Company has set out to celebrate his works, legacy and contribution to African-American culture

The Detroit-based theater company is not only opening its new season with Wilson's *Fences*, but also closing it with a staged reading of all 10 of Wilson's plays

Fences continues through Dec 4 at the Charles H Wright Museum of African-

American History in Detroit

"With the passing of Wilson, I wanted to do a special tribute to him," said Gary Anderson, Plowshares artistic director "I think it's very important that we remind people of the brilliance of this man And I really want younger people to be exposed to this play and playwright"

Fences, which received a Pulitzer Prize, Tony Award and New York Drama Critic's Circle Award, unfolds the story of Troy Maxson, a Pittsburgh garbage collector who was prevented from playing Major League Baseball due to segregation As a consequence, Maxson is disapproving when he learns

his son has received a sports scholarship to attend college for fear his son will meet the same outcome

Anderson, who is directing the production, is particularly fond of his own experience seeing it for the first time

"I was moved personally by the depiction and honest betrayal of a family," he said "The ability of this play to build a world that is so familiar that I can walk into it, that I can walk on to that stage and be comfortable in that home"

Although *Fences* speaks to the African-American experience, its themes are universal, Anderson said, adding,

James Cowans as Troy Maxson appears in August Wilson's *Fences*

On stage

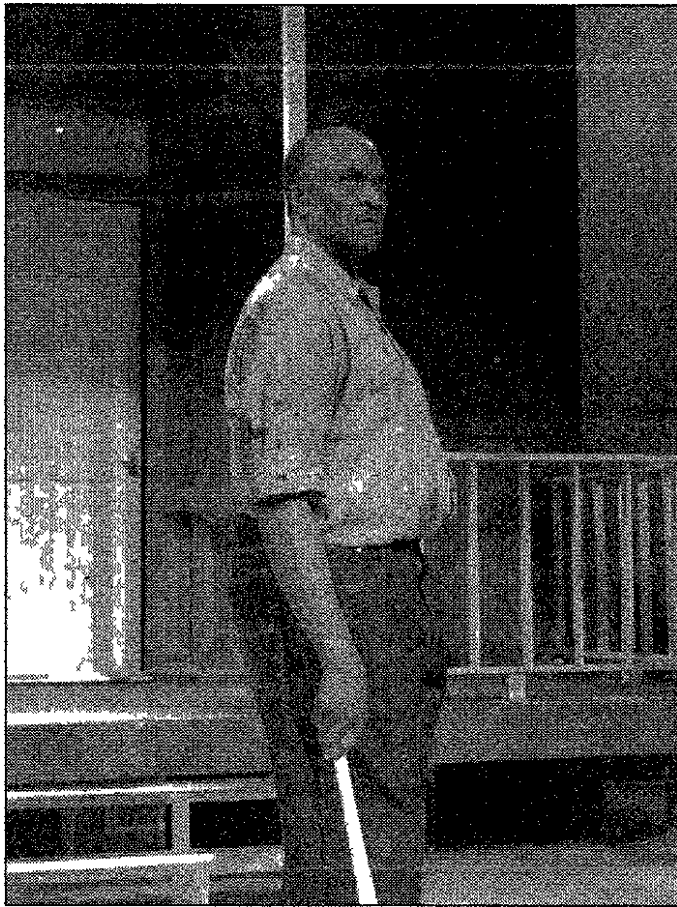


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OPENING SEASON

What: *Fences* by August Wilson opens Plowshares Theatre Company's 2005-2006 season

When: Runs through Dec 4 Performances are Thursday Saturday and Sunday with 3 p.m. matinees and 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. evening shows available

Where: Charles H Wright Museum of African American History (General Motors Theater) 315 East Warren Detroit

Tickets: \$17.50-\$25 call (313) 872-0279 or visit www.plowshares.org

SEASON CONTINUES

■ *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill* Jan 26-Feb 19

■ *Pretty Fire* March 23-April 16

■ Staged readings of August Wilson's plays May 18-June 11

"There is an idea that universal themes and ideas reside in one culture's art We don't seem to be open to the universality of the themes of art in a different ethnicity"

Following *Fences*, Plowshares will stage *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill*, a play about Billie Holiday with a substantial musical accompaniment, slated Jan 26 to Feb 19 *Pretty Fire*, an autobiographical script by actress Charlayne Woodward, is set to run March 23 to April 16


The staged readings of Wilson's works is slated to go up May 18 and continue

through June 11

"We've done staged readings before, but we've never done anything like this This is a special tribute because of his passing," said Anderson

"A staged reading is an opportunity for the audience to really listen Theater is a medium of words Words brought to life by actors on the stage. And, a staged reading more than any other kind of theater focuses you on that, and you really get to see the craft of the playwright"


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Bon Jovi hits the Palace for two nights

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Bon Jovi is coming to The Palace for two shows, Friday and Saturday, Nov 18 and 19

Friday's show is already sold out. There are still tickets left for Saturday for the New Jersey band that's sold more than 100 million albums worldwide.

The *Have a Nice Day* tour, to promote the CD of the same name, includes the original members performing new material but not forgetting their biggest hits like *I'll Be There for You* and *You Give a Love a Bad Name*.

If you loved the hair band from the '80s that today is still a force in the music industry, here

are some Bon Jovi facts to rekindle your love

■ Jon Bon Jovi's first band was called Raze when he was just 13 years old

■ His first recording project was at age 19 with the song *R2-D2 We Wish You a Merry Christmas* written by Meco Monardo and Daniel Ortiolo on the Star Wars

Christmas album, *Christmas in the Stars*

■ Before joining the band, guitarist Richie Sambora toured with Joe Cocker and was called to audition for Kiss

■ Drummer Tico Torres played with Miles Davis, The

Marvelettes and Chuck Berry. He's also a painter whose works have been displayed at Park West Gallery in Southfield

Live

BON JOVI

When: Friday Nov 18 show sold out

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Nov 19 tickets available

Where: The Palace of Auburn Hills
Tickets: \$97.50 and \$49.50 available at the Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations

For more information: (248) 654-6666



PLEASE SEE **BON JOVI, D14**

A second show has been added for Bon Jovi at the Palace for Saturday, Nov 19

BON JOVI DISCOGRAPHY

Still popular after all these years. Here's Bon Jovi's catalog and the number of units they've sold in the U.S.

Bon Jovi 1984 2 million
7800° Fahrenheit 1985 1 million
Slippery When Wet 1986 12 million
New Jersey 1988 7 million
Keep the Faith 1992 2 million
Cross Road 1994 4 million
These Days July 1995 1 million
Crush 2000 2 million
One Wild Night Live 1985-2001 (2001) unknown
Bounce 2002 714,000
This Left Feels Right 2003 unknown
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Detroit's Liz Larin releases new album

Liz Larin, the Detroit darling whose won 15 Detroit Music Awards, isn't afraid of musical risks on her new CD *Wake Up, Start Dreaming*



Her long-awaited CD is packed with 12 songs that blend elements of rock, pop, and R&B. She'll host a CD release party on Saturday, Nov. 19, at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak.

Larin's popularity has been bursting locally for years and began with an underground buzz. Her popularity and reputation in Detroit is solid.

Larin, a self-taught musician, was exposed at a young age to the bebop jazz and those sounds helped inspire her.

"My grandmother had a huge collection of amazing LPs and a highly polished grand piano in the front room, where she would play for us while we danced," Larin said. "I always loved her stories about the legendary artists she heard perform at storied jazz club Baker's Keyboard Lounge."

When Larin was 10, she dabbled in songwriting and taught herself guitar and piano and later was professionally trained.

After taking a few lessons she was asked to join the teaching staff, the youngest teacher there at 15.

"It was like having a bunch of crazy



Liz Larin blends pop, R&B and rock into a sexy, strong sound

uncles, all musicians, who helped me make the transition to being a professional. They took me under their wings, encouraging me to pursue my passion for jazz, funk, rock and great songwriting." She played music in churches, in high

school rock bands and then branched out into the Detroit music scene. She landed a deal with Atlantic Records and recorded her first CD in England with producer Rupert Hine. She's built a fan base in England, Australia, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands.

She spent time living in New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles working with influential producer Ben Gross. But she calls Detroit home and settled back here. Detroit, she says, is her inspiration and feeds her creative spirit.

Lana Mini


LIZ LARIN

Genre: Pop rock with R&B elements
CD: *Wake Up Start Dreaming*

See her perform: 10 p.m. Saturday Nov 19 at Memphis Smoke 100 S Main St. Royal Oak (248) 543 4300. 10 p.m. Wednesday Nov 23 at Goodnight Gracie 222 S Sherman Drive Royal Oak (248) 544 7490. 9 p.m. Sunday Nov 19 at the Blue Martini 201 Hamilton Row Birmingham (248) 258 3005.
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Three cheers!



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This year's Thanksgiving Day Parade kicks off with good cheer - a two-minute routine by more than 300 local cheerleaders

Pom poms and team spirit fire up Thanksgiving Day parade

JOIN THE CROWD

What America's Thanksgiving Parade and 16th Annual Hob Noble Gobble fund raiser
When Parade starts at 10 a.m. and officially ends at noon Thanksgiving Day Thursday Nov. 24
 Television broadcast on WDIV Channel 4 starts at 9 a.m. Fund raiser 6-10 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 23
Where Parade Woodward Avenue between Kirby and Grand Circus Park downtown Detroit. Fund raiser Michigan State Fairgrounds Detroit
Tickets Parade free. Fund raiser tickets start at \$350. For more information visit www.theparade.org or call (313) 923-7400

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
 STAFF WRITER

Give me a P!
 Give me an A!
 Give me a super-charged hip hop Thanksgiving Day parade!
 The annual downtown Detroit ritual dubbed America's Thanksgiving Parade has serious team spirit this year.
 More than 300 local cheerleaders will tumble, flip and shout to kick off the procession.
 It all begins at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Thursday Nov. 24 along Woodward Avenue between Kirby and Grand Circus Park. Television broadcast of the parade starts at 9 a.m. on WDIV Channel 4.
 The parade officially stops at about noon with television coverage complete by about 1 p.m.
 "The hip hop theme will be carried through to the rest of the parade," said Jessica Kaminskas,

vice president of parade development, The Parade Company, the non-profit organization that puts on the event.

Santa's float will urge the crowd to cheer hip hip holidays, while the most patriotic float should inspire all to call out hip hip U.S.A.

After performing a two-minute routine complete with human pyramids and flyers performing high in the air, the cheerleaders will disperse, pass out pom-poms and lead the crowd in cheers throughout the parade.

"This is the first year that we're doing something interactive with the crowd," said Kaminskas.

So far, there are 28 floats, 10 marching bands and 14 balloons slated to make the procession.

Ryan Cabrera, pop rock singer-songwriter sensation and host of MTV's new reality dating series, *Score*, will also appear on the Sounds of Detroit Party Bus float.

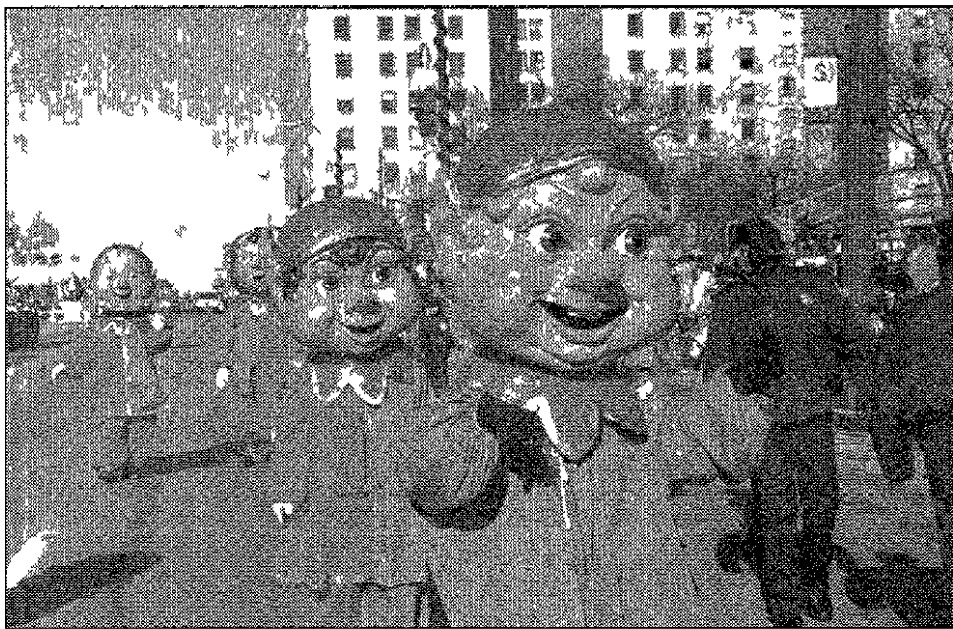


The parade starts at 10 a.m. For a good viewing position, plan on arriving at about 8 a.m. to see parade marchers such as the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team.

The newest float, *Everyday Heroes*, pays tribute to the fire and police departments and the medical profession. About 40

marchers wearing doctor's scrubs and oversized stethoscopes will

PLEASE SEE PARADE, D9



It's a holiday tradition for young and old. Join in the celebration.

PARADE

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Join the float

There's also a brand-new, 45-foot balloon of Uncle Sam.

And yes, crowd favorite, the Fred Hill Briefcase Drill Team, is returning in business suits to perform their famous "boom chucka lucka dance."

Come early to get a good viewing spot

Looking for something to do before the parade? Check out page D16.

and park near the People Mover for the easiest access, Kaminskis said.

And, don't forget, the Lions are playing at 1 p.m. So plan on a longer ride home or join the game at Ford Field and cheer some more!

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PARADE FACTS

Here are more facts about America's Thanksgiving Parade:

- There are more than 75 units in the parade including more than 30 giant floats, 12 marching bands, 18 giant inflatable balloons, equestrian units, performers and specialty units.
- There are approximately 2,000 volunteers who donate more than 8,000 hours before the parade. Volunteers march in costumes or papier mache heads, drive and animate floats, sew costumes, provide fittings for marchers, help finish work on the floats and provide office support.
- The volunteers who drive the floats down Woodward must attend an annual Float Driving School.
- The Parade Company works with 4,500 volunteers on parade day.
- Each float takes from 800 to 1,500 hours to construct from beginning to end.
- The parade has never been canceled because of poor weather.
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Bites, drinks and music headline Gala

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Since opening in May 2005, bites, drinks and music has been Gala's mantra. The middle concept (drinks) was not fulfilled until late October when Gala in Farmington acquired a liquor license.

Finally, 30-something owners chef Jeff Condit and his partner, front-of-the-house man and general jack-of-all-trades James Williams, can express their complete theme to diners in this hidden-away, 64-seat gem in downtown Farmington.

BITES

The entire menu follows the small plates concept or "bites" as the owners dub the idea. A diner gets the scheme quickly from the place setting with a

white seven-inch plate atop a crisp white tablecloth at each place setting.

Call the menu a la carte if you wish, but

bites works best for Gala's straightforward and well-conceived tasting menu. You'll find soups, side and big salads, cool bites, chef's bites (featured specials) and nine hot bites, with most portions of meat, seafood or poultry weighing in at 4 ounces.

If you like to experience many flavors while eating out, Gala is your kind of restaurant.

Only one menu is placed on each table stressing the idea that dining companions should discuss what they'd like to share.

TRIPLE PLATE COMPONENTS

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PLEASE SEE GALA, D11



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GALA

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Shellfish Chowder, accented with creme fraiche and chives, followed by one of the three side salads and not feel stuffed before the main course arrives

But there are no main courses - only bites! Each of the "Hot Bites" is designed with three components: the principal meat, poultry or seafood, an appropriate plate garnish and complementary sauce

As an example, try Port Cherry Glazed Duck Breast over Creamy White Beans which is very French, suits Gala's bistro concept and tastes even better in the atmosphere warmed by dark wood accents. If you're into eating extra comfy, you can reserve the leather upholstered couch and chairs and receive service at a large, low table

Share the Petite Filet with a dollop of melting Maytag Bleu Cheese complemented by a plate garnish of Sautéed Spoon Spinach and an order of Wild Mushroom Ravioli with Madeira Truffle Essence & Chives Ravioli? In Italian, that's the singular of ravioli because in the order you get one 6-ounce large. Fun!

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Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com

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Star Great Lakes Crossing
Great Lakes Shopping Centre 248-454-0366
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01:05 pm | 06:25 pm
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CHICKEN LITTLE IN DISNEY DIGITAL 3-D (G)
2:40 pm | 02:50 pm | 05:00 pm | 07:20 pm | 09:30 pm
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2:35 pm | 03:05 pm | 05:30 pm | 08:05 pm | 03:35 pm | 03:55 pm | 04:00 pm | 04:00 pm | 05:00 pm | 06:00 pm | 07:30 pm | 08:00 pm | 09:00 pm | 10:00 pm
GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD LUCK (PG)
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NORTH COUNTRY (R)
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THE WEATHER MAN (R)
11:45 am | 02:25 pm | 04:55 pm | 07:35 pm | 10:05 pm
WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE RABBIT (G)
3:55 am | 0:55 pm | 04:20 pm
ZATHURA (PG)
11:40 am | 2:30 pm | 01:30 pm | 02:10 pm | 03:00 pm | 04:00 pm | 04:50 pm | 05:50 pm | 06:50 pm | 07:30 pm | 08:30 pm | 09:20 pm | 10:20 pm
Starts Friday
HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG 13)
10:00 am | 0:30 pm | 05:00 pm | 08:30 pm | 12:00 pm

Star John R at 14 Mile
32289 John R Road 248-585-2070
On line at www.fandango.com starts Thursday 11:17
Chicken Little (G)
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Dreamer Inspired by a True Story (PG) 02:30 pm
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Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R)
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Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG 13) 59 pm
Jarhead (R)
2:50 pm | 05:45 pm | 09:40 pm | 09:40 pm
North Country (R) 06:20 pm | 09:20 pm
Prime (PG 13)
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Saw II (R)
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The Legend of Zorro (PG)
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02:45 pm | 05:00 pm | 07:40 pm | 10:05 pm
Walk the Line (PG 13) 11:59 pm
Wallace & Gromit: The Curse of the Were Rabbit (G) 01:20 pm | 03:50 pm
Zathura (PG)
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Star Rochester Hills
200 Barclay Ct 248-853 2260
STUDENT DISCOUNT NOW AVAILABLE WITH VALID SCHOOL ID
Thursday 11:17 a.m.
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Zathura (PG)
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Friday Wednesday
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG 13)
2:00 pm | 3:20 pm | 6:50 pm | 10:00 pm

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KISS KISS BANG BANG (R)
00 3:45 6:15 9:00
PARADISE NOW (PG 13)
30 4:15 6:30 9:50
SHOPGIRL (R)
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THE WEATHERMAN (R) 1
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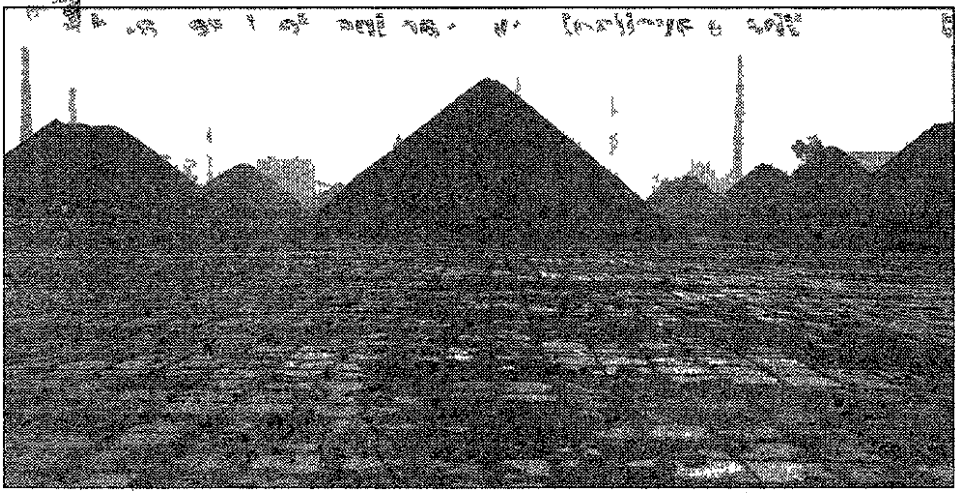


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'Boa Steel #8, China' is a digital chromogenic print by Canadian artist Edward Burtynsky and among the environmental photographs in the exhibit

The big picture

Environmental photo exhibit gives a global view of pollution

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Be warned. There's something ugly lurking behind the sublime beauty of these photographs.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery's newest exhibit, *Imaging a Shattering Earth*, showcases a collection of environmental photography that's deceptively stunning in its portrayal of pollution and man-made environmental disasters.

'At first people are seduced by the beauty of the images, then you realize that what you perceive as beautiful is quite terrifying,' explained Claude Baillargeon, assistant professor of art and art history at Oakland University, where the show continues through Dec. 18.

Baillargeon, who curated the show, explained that, ironically enough, beauty is one of the most effective ways to draw attention to environmental issues and problems.

The show of more than 50 photographs brings together the work of several internationally known environmental photographers and is organized by artist

The CONTACT Toronto Photo Festival co-sponsored the exhibit and accompanying catalogue. After closing at Meadow Brook Art Gallery, the collection will go on view at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Toronto — the first time an Oakland University art exhibit has traveled.

'It's by far the most ambitious project that we have undertaken. And if there is any show that should be of interest to the general public, it is this one,' said Baillargeon.

Both the images and the topic —

EARTH VIEWS

What: *Imaging a Shattering Earth* an exhibit of environmental photographs
When: Continues through Dec. 18. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.

Where: Meadow Brook Art Gallery on campus of Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills.

Admission: Free and open to public. Call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag. The exhibit's Web site is located at www.2oakland.edu/shatteringearth.

RELATED EVENTS

■ 7 p.m. Nov. 17 Environmental Quality Forum

■ 2 p.m. Nov. 20 Art Rhetoric and Environmental Discourse Honors College Student Symposium

■ 5 p.m. Dec. 1 Lecture about the exhibit by curator Claude Baillargeon. For more information, visit www.oakland.edu.

environmental pollution — are immediately accessible to viewers. Several of the photographs depict polluted sites in Michigan. One captures a landfill just eight miles from the Oakland University campus.

So people can see that some of these problems are quite local, explained Baillargeon.

But the show ultimately traverses the globe with images of man-made environmental disasters from China and even Chernobyl.

This is a show about people trying to show us the big picture,' Baillargeon said.

'They are showing us the much, much larger problem — it's the Earth and not just your back yard.'

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Cute premise of 'Julie & Julia' hides a racier, yet inspiring, edge

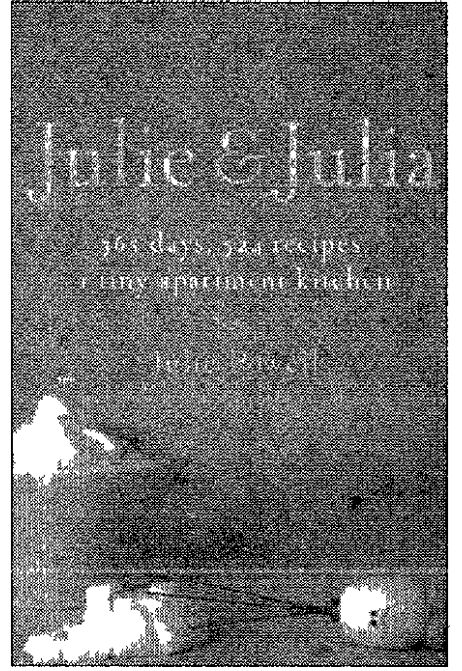
BY STEPHANIE TARDY
STAFF WRITER

Julie & Julia: 365 days, 524 recipes, 1 tiny kitchen apartment
by Julie Powell
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Books

I'm just going to warn you right off the bat that while the premise seems quaint — girl decides to make every recipe in Julia Child's opus *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* — you may want to check out the language before you recommend it to your grandmother. You see, Julie Powell, the author of this book, well, she likes to swear. And she likes to talk about dirty things. And while the book is an excellent examination of passion, it's also not going to sit well with your Christian aunt. Trust me on this one.

Now if you're the kind that doesn't mind a little male anatomy



talk, *Julie & Julia* is an excellent read. One of many blogs turning into book.

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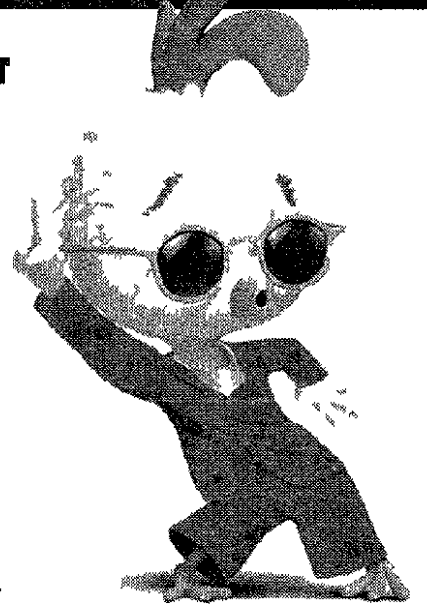
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 Sun Nov 20, 3pm recital in Stage II
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Doc Severinsen Christmas with The Toledo Symphony Orchestra
 Doc continues to play sizzling jazz and big band tunes — *Las Vegas Entertainment Today*
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Fox. Four family packs of four tickets will be awarded. Deadline to enter is Monday, Nov 28. Winners will be notified by phone and announced in the Thursday, Dec 1, edition of *Filter*.

Send fax or e-mail entries to Ken Abramczyk, *Filter* editor, Observer and Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Send fax entries to (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. Include your address and a daytime phone number where you can be reached with your entry. For tickets call (248) 433-1515 or OlympiaEntertainment.com

BON JOVI

FROM PAGE D6

■ Keyboardist David Bryan founded the band with Jon Bon Jovi when he was in college. Then also attended Juilliard.

■ Bon Jovi opened for ZZ Top at Madison Square Garden and also for the Scorpions and Kiss in their early days.

■ The band stopped playing music together between 1990 and 1992 and Jon Bon Jovi recorded the soundtrack for the movie *Young Guns II*. Sambora released a solo album, Bryan recorded music for the film *The Netherworld*. Torres took a break from music, was injured in a motorcycle

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crash and had to learn a new method to play drums

■ The 2004 box set *100,000,000 Bon Jovi Fans Can't Be Wrong* pays tribute to 50,000,000 Elvis Fans Can't Be

Wrong. It marked the sales of 100 million Bon Jovi albums and celebrated the 20-year anniversary of their first album.

■ Bon Jovi's sister is name Ann Jovi (Actually that's an old joke, but we like it)

■ *Have a Nice Day*, their newest CD, debuted at No. 2 on Billboard

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All about animals

Expo highlights products for pets

It's all about animals at America's Family Pet Expo at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi Friday through Sunday, Nov 18-20

There will be dogs and cats of all breeds, gourmet pet foods, exercise equipment, bedding, health information, pet safety products, animal clothing and jewelry for humans and animals

The event is in its 16th year where thousands of pet products are on sale

Some of the events are **Extreme Doggie Makeover** - Adoptable dogs from rescue groups get makeovers to look their best so someone will want to adopt them. They will be bathed, groomed and even clothed

Come find a new friend for the family and give a dog a second chance

Rock & Roll K9s - A fast-paced production of 35 energetic dogs jumping hurdles, weaving in and out of poles, catching

PET EXPO

What: Giant animal event to promote responsible pet care

More than 1 000 animals in stage shows competitions & demonstrations - dogs cats birds fish llamas pigs goats rats reptiles alpacas and rabbits

How to workshops pet adoptions and more

When: 11 p m to 9 p m Friday Nov 18 10 a m to 7 p m Saturday Nov 19 and 10 a m to 6 p m Sunday Nov 20

Where: Rock Financial Showplace 46100 Grand River (between Novi and Beck roads) Novi

Tickets: \$10 general admission \$8 seniors \$4 kids 4 12

Details: www.petexponovi.com or (800) 999 7295

toys and playing musical mats
Cat Agility tournaments - Obstacle courses for cats to



Doggie clothes, leashes, collars and pet foods are among the items available this weekend at the Pet Expo in Novi

show their speed, beauty of movement, coordination and more. It shows that, with love, cats can be trained

Flyball Tournament - Dog teams perform fun obstacle courses

Adoption Fair - Animal shelters, purebred rescue groups and more seeking permanent homes for animals, including rescued greyhounds from race-tracks and dogs and cats from Hurricane Katrina

Kids Korner - Activities for kids

Model Home - A 400-square

foot house illustrating how to incorporate pets into the home environment

How-to - Experts teach all about fish, birds, big and small dogs, and cats. It's all about breed personalities, care and training

Pond and Garden - A large pond and model garden for the outdoors with tips on how to create one in your backyard

Shopping - It's a large shopping mart all about animals

Lana Mini

BOOKS

FROM PAGE D13

deals these days, *Julie et Julia* started out as just that — a blog with a mission. Faced with the looming deadline of a 30th birthday, and all the anxiety and questions this milestone tends to bring to the plate, Powell finds direction in the cooking project — and the resulting book is an inspiring narrative about “finding oneself.” Hey, wait! Where are you going? Don't get scared off by this book's seemingly Oprah-esque description (I mean, the swearing makes it far more edgy than that!) Powell's voice is extremely likable — and her details about the frustration of jobs (not life-affirming careers, but jobs), the reality of marriage and the constant shifting of modern friendship makes this book far more delicious than a foodie memoir.

From braving the smell of boiling calves' feet to killing lobsters (maybe I should also mention this book probably isn't for those with a low gross-out tolerance), what results is an inspiring story about one person's examination of passion and meaning. One which I'm sure many, while deep inside its pages, will find themselves nodding vigorously along with.

Stephanie Tardy reviews random things in a random manner for the O&E. E-mail her at stardy@hometownlife.com

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WHAT TO DO BEFORE THE PARADE

If you're going to America's Thanksgiving Day Parade, there are other activities you can enjoy besides just float-watching.

Enjoy a full breakfast buffet and watch America's Thanksgiving Day Parade on Woodward Avenue, while helping a local charity.

The buffet begins at 7 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 24 at the Majestic Cafe, 4120 Woodward Ave. (between Mack and Forest).

The event features a full breakfast buffet with VIP and general admission and seating to watch the floats, balloons and bands

A portion of the ticket price will support the programs of Cass Community Social Services for homeless, mentally ill, developmentally disabled people and at-risk youth and seniors.

At the event, 125 VIP Patrons will get premium seating for \$25 that includes viewing the parade through the front windows of the Café. Regular admission seats are inside the theater, without a view.

Both tickets allow for unlimited re-entry during the parade. General admission is \$16 for adults and \$8 for children (ages 3-11). Parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Mark Segal at (248) 202-4777 or Steve Atchman at (248) 505-3939. More information is available at www.casscommunity.org and www.majesticdetroit.com.

Other parade day events include:
 ■ The Mashed Potato Mile, which starts at 7:30 a.m. and is a one-mile walk/run. The 23rd Annual Turkey Trot begins at 8 a.m. and is Michigan's largest 10K run. Walkers and runners at every level have the option of participating in one or both races. Both race courses will start and finish at Cobo Center on Washington Boulevard in Detroit.

New to the Turkey Trot this year is a costume contest for the runners. The runners who dress up and participate in the Turkey Trot will be judged by local celebrity personalities on the creativity of their costumes. Prizes will be awarded to the runner with the most creative costume.

Participants can register online by

visiting www.detroitturkeytrot.org or going to one of Fifth Third Bank's branches for registration forms. Entries received through Nov. 19 cost \$10 for the Mashed Potato Mile, and \$25 for the Turkey Trot. Entries received Nov. 23 through race day remain \$10 for the Mashed Potato Mile, but increase to \$30 for the Turkey Trot. Registrations also are accepted on race day at the Cobo Center. For additional information, call (313) 247-4149 or visit www.detroitturkeytrot.org. All proceeds benefit America's Thanksgiving Parade.

■ Noses on Parade, a specially-packaged bright red clown nose, will be sold for \$1 along the parade route to benefit America's Thanksgiving Parade.

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Attendees enjoy a buffet, live entertainment, carnival rides and games and armfuls of giveaways. The Parade Company, a Detroit-based not-for-profit organization, produces the parade and other events, including the International Freedom Festival.

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ART GALLERIES

Wind River Gallery

Watercolors by Trisha Romance her only U.S. stop on her fall tour 1 4 p.m. Saturday Nov 19 at 400 N. Main Milford (248) 684 6044

Susan Hilbenne Gallery

Paintings by Holly Coulis David Deutsch Ryan McLaughlin and Ellen Phean opening 6 8 p.m. Friday Nov 18 through Jan 14 at 700 Livernois Ferndale (248) 541 4700

Elaine Jacob Gallery

Susan Unterberg: A Retrospective exhibit runs through Dec 16 located at 480 W. Hancock in Detroit at Wayne State University (313) 993 7813 www.art.wayne.edu

Ann Arbor Art Center

Out of the Gates a photography exhibit documenting the installation of Christ's famous gates project in Central Park through Dec 23 117 West Liberty Ann Arbor call (734) 994 8004 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery

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Lawrence Street Gallery

Works by Alice Frank through Nov 26 at 22620 Woodward Suite A Ferndale Call (248) 544 0394 or visit www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus at Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Sherry Washington Gallery

The Grids of Life works by New York artist David Fludd continues through Dec 3 1274 Library Street Detroit (313) 961 4500 or www.sherrywashingtongallery.com

Art Leaders Gallery

Salvador Dali: Master of Surrealism (1904-1989) through Nov 30 33030 Northwestern Highway West Bloomfield (248) 539 0262 or www.artleaders.com

Neal Davis Gallery

Meet Neal Davis an exhibit of the gallery's resident artists through Nov 28 314 West Fourth Royal Oak (248) 298 0326 or www.nealdavisgallery.com



Photo exhibit

Group Photo an exhibit of works by five photographers Nov 19 Dec 30 Opening reception 6 8 p.m. Dec 2 Paint Creek Center for the Arts 407 Pine St Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or visit www.pccart.org

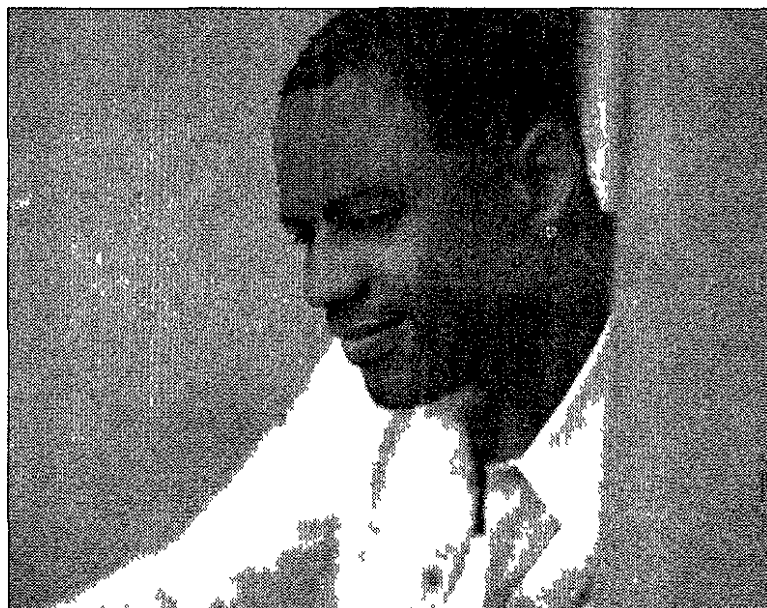
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James Stephens *Ecotone: New Paintings* through Dec 3 23241 Woodward Ferndale (248) 591 6623 or www.lemberggallery.com

ART ETC.

Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop

Holiday gifts sold Nov 17 Dec 31 with special holiday preview event Thursday Nov 17 5 9 p.m. featuring ceramics glass fiber hand made wood furniture and musical instruments Holiday gifts preview is open to the public Art Center members receive 20 percent discount For information call (734) 994 8004



MUSIC

Tickets are on sale now for Brian McKnight and Babyface, with special guest LaShell Griffin, at the Palace of Auburn Hills at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec 6. Tickets are \$20 and \$38, available at www.Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations Charge by phone at (248) 645-6666

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Club Bart

22726 Woodward Ferndale (248) 548 8746 All shows 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted 21 & over only 6 30 p.m. Sunday Nov 20 Carl Cafugna Jazz Jam Session Thursday Nov 22 THX with Tin Scribble Wednesday Nov 23 Even Exchange Sunday Nov 27 Ugly Radio Rebellion (performing Frank Zappa music)

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays Hip hop 18 & over 299 E. Woodbridge Detroit (313) 235 2233

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Emerald Theatre

Concert House dancing 32 North Walnut Mount Clemens (586) 913 1920

Jam at the Gem

The series returns to the Gem Theatre patio Every Thursday 5 8 p.m. Guests can enjoy summer drink specials appetizers and entrees from the Century Grille For more information call (313) 963 980 or visit online at www.gemtheatre.com

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

33338 Grand River Ave Farmington (248) 474 5941 Food drinks and friendly pub atmosphere

Leland City Club

Avant garde Located in the Ramada Hotel building 400 Bagley Street in downtown Detroit Open til 4 a.m. Access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada www.ilelandcityclub.com

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6640 E. Eight Mile Road Detroit Gay friendly Laid back atmosphere Dancing (313) 891 1020

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High energy dance club 1500 Woodward northeast corner at John R Detroit

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Tango salsa and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m. Located above Sangria's Restaurant 401 S. Lafayette Royal Oak (248) 543 1964

COMEDY

Second City

Mainstage show is *In iPod We Trust* running Wednesday Sunday and children's theater production *After the Beanstalk* a limited engagement on Saturday mornings through Dec 17 42705 Grand River Ave Novi (248) 348 4448

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

Joey's Comedy Club

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomey.com

DANCE

Folk Dance Night

Featuring Ara Topouzian (kanun) Mark Sawasky (percussion) and Tom Zakarian (guitar) 8 30 til 30 p.m. (music begins at 9 15 p.m.) admission is \$9 St James Church on Hazelhurst just west of Woodward about 1/2 mile south of 9 Mile Road in Ferndale Wood dance floor authentic Armenian dancing taught by professional folk dancer Rick King refreshments For information visit www.aratopouzian.com

Wayne State University

That's Tap 2 p.m. Nov 19 Community Arts Auditorium 450 West Kirby WSU campus Detroit \$5 6 (313) 577 6154

Washtenaw Community College

Peter Sparling Dance Company and Dance Gallery Studio's Youth Ensemble dance new

ballet and modern pieces at Winter Wonderland performance 7 p.m. Dec. 2 at Towsley Auditorium 4800 East Huron River Drive Ann Arbor Tickets \$10 at Dance Gallery Studio 815 Wildt Street in Ann Arbor (734) 747 8885

FAMILY

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *A Journey to Our Future* now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit 5020 John R Detroit \$6.7 call (313) 577 8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

The Second City

Debuts its first children's theater production *After the Beanstalk* suitable for ages 5-10 performances run every Saturday at 11 a.m. through Dec. 17 \$10 (248) 348 4448 new Second City Theatre 42705 Grand River Ave Novi

HOLIDAY CONCERTS

Birmingham Concert Band

Annual extravaganza Holiday Ornaments with Lutheran High Northwest Concert Choir 3:30 p.m. Sunday Dec. 4 at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 1800 W. Maple (at Chesterfield) Birmingham

Celebration Youth Orchestra

Concert 7 p.m. Thursday Dec. 6 at Village Theater at Cherry Hill 50400 Cherry Hill in Canton tickets \$6 call Plymouth Symphony for information at (734) 451 2112 or visit www.plymouthsymphony.org

Detroit Concert Choir

Music for Christmas concert 7:30 p.m. Saturday Dec. 10 St. Hugo of the Hills 2215 Opdyke Bloomfield Hills 3 p.m. Sunday Dec. 11 Old St. Mary's in Greektown 646 Monroe and 4 p.m. Sunday Dec. 18 St. Martin de Porres 31555 Hoover (north of 13 Mile) Warren tickets \$20 and \$18 for seniors and students \$10 for young adults (through 21 years old) (313) 882 0118

JAZZ

Windsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month Shields Pizza 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph) Southfield \$8 cover Call (248) 478 0172

Jazz at Wharton Center

The MSU Professors of Jazz features Kevin Mahogany 8:30 p.m. Thursday Feb. 23 at Pasent Theatre and Ingrid Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge (517) 432 2000 or 1 800 WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

MORE MUSIC

Coffee Beanery Cafe

Larry Arbour 7:30 p.m. Saturday Nov. 26 located at 28557 Woodward Berkley (248) 336 9930

Magic Bag

22920 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 3030

Open Mike

Musicians perform on open mike night every Thursday 8-11 p.m. at The Bubble Bliss 125 S. Main Street Come and watch or bring an instrument to perform

KerryTown

415 North Fourth Ave. Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999 www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

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MUSIC

Detroit pop rockers The Second Guess hosts its CD release party for the album *My Life This Year* at Small's at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18 Located at 10339 Conant, Hamtramck, (313) 873-1117 All ages Cover is \$7

fall with Back Forty funk and grass roots performs at 7 p.m. 74 N. Sheldon Road Plymouth (734) 416 4278

Station 885

885 Starkweather Plymouth Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7-10 p.m. (bass and piano)

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

Current exhibits include Behind the Scenes 50 Years of Disneyland 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily \$10-14 20900 Oakwood Boulevard west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World Permanent exhibits include planetarium nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory 39221 Woodward Bloomfield Hills general admission is \$5.7 planetarium \$1.3 (248) 645 3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

Charles H. Wright Museum of African-American History

Gridiron to Greatness African Americans in Professional Football through March 26 2006 315 East Warren Avenue Detroit \$5-\$8 members and children under 3 free (313) 494 5800 or www.maah.detroit.org

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of *Magnificent Desolation Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time* \$6 shows run indefinitely Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday Friday 10:30 a.m. 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday 5020 John R. Detroit \$6-\$7 (313) 577 8400 or www.detroitsciencecenter.org

Detroit Historical Museum

Reflections: The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collect on an exhibit of Supremes costumes through Feb. 12 5401 Woodward

Detroit admission is \$3-\$5 (313) 833 1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Epic Moments

Meet White House Photographer Dirck Halstead and Nike Swoosh Designer Carolyn Davidson at *Epic Moments of the 20th Century* at 11 a.m. Friday Nov. 18 at Barnes & Noble 2800 S. Rochester Road Rochester Hills. The event also introduces Snap TV Inc.'s new DVD game Trivideo 20th Century which allows you to watch video events of the 20th Century then answer trivia questions For information call (248) 853 9939

Book release party/poetry reading

The Print Gallery 29713 Northwestern Hwy Southfield presents editors Diane DeCillis and Mary Jo Firth Gillett for book release of *Mona Poetica* and poetry reading 7 p.m. Saturday Nov. 19 (248) 356 5454 Hear several authors read poetry and attend hors d'oeuvres reception

Talini's Birthday

Celebrate the birthday of Talini the first polar bear born at the Detroit Zoo in almost 15 years Detroit Zoo animals will participate in festivities Saturday Nov. 19 Chimps will forage for treat filled pinatas at the Great Apes of Harambee exhibit at 10:30 a.m. and sing to Talini at 11 a.m. Other activities are scheduled For more information call (248) 398 0900 or visit www.detroitzoo.org

Automotive and ad art

Automotive Exhibit Drawing Power Motor City Ad Art in the Age of Muscle and Chrome through March 2006 Detroit Public Library Skillman Branch Library 121 Gratiot Avenue free (313) 628 2750

Oakland Town Hall

Dr. Elliott Engel continues the Oakland Town Hall lecture series with Bob Farmer April 12 and Erma Stewart May 10 Lectures are at 10:30 a.m. at St. George Cultural Center 43816 Woodward Bloomfield Hills Luncheon is \$58 and lectures \$57 For information call (248) 625 3117

Benefit Hurricane Katrina

Eminem and 50 Cent items are available on

ebay to benefit victims of Hurricane Katrina Visit ebay.com/collectibles for A Cause

Magicians

Jeff Ezell and Losander perform at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 and 19 at the historical Marquis Theatre 135 E. Main in Northville call (248) 349 8110 for reservations or group rates

Noel Night

Midtown Detroit's Cultural Center wide holiday Open House Celebrate Detroit's diverse holiday traditions at the museums galleries churches and more all from 5-9:30 p.m. on Saturday Dec. 3 Horse drawn carriage rides carolers music dance children's activities arts & crafts shopping and yule tide treats Location primarily Kirby and Forest on the north and south and John R and Cass on the east and west

Breakfast with Santa

Presented by the Community House and Birmingham Youth Assistance Saturday Dec. 3 at The Community House 380 South Bates in Birmingham Groves High School Brass Ensemble performs holiday music Each child can visit with Santa and can receive a gift Two breakfast seatings available at 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Tickets \$12 Call (248) 642 4882 to reserve seats

THEATER - COLLEGE

Hilberry Theatre

Sylvia a comedic classic by A.R. Gurney runs through Dec. 1 \$15-\$28 4743 Cass at Hancock (313) 577 2972 or www.hilberry.com

Tennessee Williams

The Hilberry Theatre presents *Sweet Bird of Youth* opens 8 p.m. Nov. 18 and runs through Jan. 28 \$15-\$28 4743 Cass at Hancock (313) 577 2972 or www.hilberry.com

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Players Guild of Dearborn

Man of La Mancha 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Nov. 18-19 25-26 and Dec. 2 and 3 and 2:30 p.m. Sunday Nov. 20 27 and Dec. 4 \$16 with reservations recommended call (313) 561 TKTS or visit www.playersguild.com

ofdearborn.org 21730 Madison Dearborn

Stagecrafters

Presents *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward through Nov. 20 Baldwin Theatre 415 South Lafayette Royal Oak \$14-16 (248) 541 6430 or www.stagecrafters.org

Farmington

The Farmington Players Community Theater presents *Comic Potential* a futuristic comedy about a screenwriter who gets more than he bargains for when he falls in love with his robotic leading lady Shows are at 8 p.m. Nov. 18-19 20 25 26 and 27 and Dec. 1 2 3 8 9 10 and matinees at 2 p.m. Nov. 20 and 27 and Dec. 4 tickets \$13-\$10 on Thursdays and for seniors (on Sunday Nov. 20 only) Call (248) 553 2955 or visit www.farmingtonplayers.org for more information Located at 32332 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Abrecht Performance Space

Action by Sam Shepard through Dec. 3 shows at Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and at 4 p.m. Sunday Nov. 27 442 E. Lafayette in Greektown Detroit for more details visit www.theabreact.com or e-mail reservations@theabreact.com

Fisher Theatre

Golda's Balcony starring Valerie Harper through Nov. 28 shows at 8 p.m. Tuesday Friday 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 8 p.m. Monday Nov. 21 3011 West Grand Boulevard Detroit \$32-\$57 Call Ticketmaster at (248) 645 6666 or the box office at (313) 872 1000 or visit www.nederlanderdetroit.com

Planet Apt Theatre

N. Maureen Hayden's *The Weekend* runs through Dec. 3 shows at 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday 2357 Caniff Avenue Hamtramck \$5-15 (313) 365 4948 or www.planetant.com

Purple Rose Theatre

Tennessee Williams *The Glass Menagerie* through Dec. 18 137 Park Chelsea \$25-\$35 call (734) 433 7673 or visit www.purpleosetheatre.org

City Theatre

Altar Boyz award winning musical comedy through Dec. 18 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 7:30 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. Thursday 2301 Woodward Detroit \$22-\$50 \$45 (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Menopause the Musical

Celebrate the longest running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday Saturday and also 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Tickets (\$39.50) can be bought through the Gem Theatre box office by calling (313) 963 9800 Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645 6666 and online at www.ticketmaster.com

TICKETS ON SALE

Sister's Christmas Catechism

Coming to the Century Theatre and playing through Dec. 31 tickets on sale now \$17-\$25 39 50 (313) 963 9800

Dave Matthews Band

\$52 at Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices Hockeytown Authentics in Troy and all Ticketmaster locations including Marshall Field's Concert is Saturday Dec. 3 at Joe Louis Arena To charge by phone (248) 645 6666 To buy online OlympiaEntertainment.com or Ticketmaster.com For info call (313) 471 6611

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