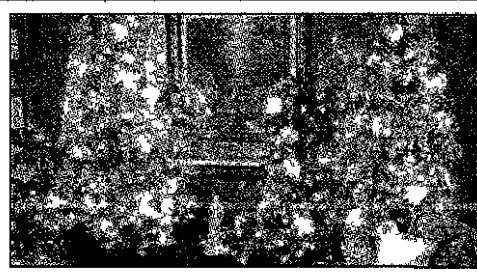




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Ed Wright

At around noon on Saturday, slip on a red sweat-shirt, hop in your car and drive to Ford Field

Plop down \$9 for a ticket then get ready to be entertained by a group of Canton Chief football players who have

defied the odds and their opponents all the way to the Division 1 state final football game

For the price of a movie ticket and a small pop, you can witness the final chapter of a real-life version of *Remember the Titans* that has unfolded in your own back yard

Twice during the past month, Canton has overcome huge deficits in do-or-die games to keep its state championship dream alive. The Chiefs have defeated big teams (Monroe), fast teams (Detroit Cody and Detroit King) and a big and fast team (Macomb Dakota) to advance to the game thousands of high school players dream about, but only a relative handful are invited to play in

TV NOT THE SAME

True, you can watch the Canton-Rockford game live on Fox Sports Detroit beginning at 1 p.m., but that would be like watching fireworks on TV. The colors aren't as bright, the sounds aren't as booming and - most importantly - Canton's players can't hear you cheering from your La-Z-Boy

SEEING IS BELIEVING

If you haven't been fortunate enough to see a Canton football game this season, I'll give you a thumbnail sketch of what you've missed

The Chiefs run the Wing-T offense from a full-house formation. The best way to describe it is "Simplicity meets Electricity." Thanks to a potent combination of execution, deception, 300-pound linemen and a quartet of running backs that could outrun the train that stops me every time I drive through downtown Plymouth, the Chiefs' offense has proven to be all but unstoppable this season

The Chiefs' ball-faking skills alone are worth the price of admission. I'll make you a deal: If you attend Saturday's game and you don't get fooled by the

Canton running backs at least five times, I'll personally come over and shovel your driveway after the first big snowfall this winter

And you won't believe it when you see Canton's best player, Deshon McClendon, run with the football. He may be only 5-foot-6, 165 pounds, but he's about as easy to tackle as a run-away piano rolling down a staircase

Canton's defense is good, too, and seems to be getting better every week. Its leader is senior Jeff Piper, who tackled a Detroit Cody running back so hard a few weeks ago that the running back thought he had been run over by a train. I think the poor kid's mouth guard is still orbiting the P-CEP football stadium

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, A8



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton fans whooped it up Saturday as the Chiefs beat Macomb Dakota, 35-21, to advance to the first state championship game in school history

Road work could snarl crowded M-14

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

It takes Laurel Thomas Gnagey of Plymouth roughly 30 minutes door-to-door to get to her job in Ann Arbor

Since her primary route is M-14, her travel time is about to increase significantly

The Michigan Department of Transportation announced plans for a \$37.8 million project to reconstruct M-14 from Haggerty to the Washtenaw/Wayne County line. Construction is set to begin in March and run through November

With traffic counts of up to 100,000 drivers using the route daily, construction zones are expected to make for a tough commute

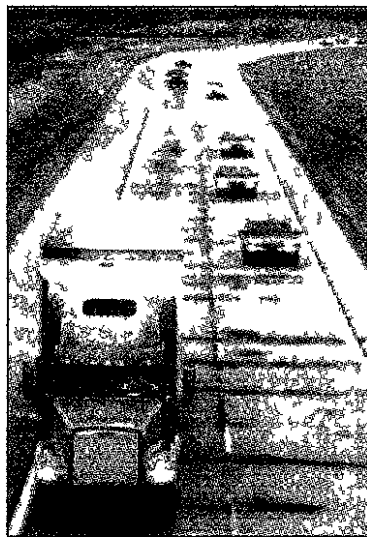
"It's always congested now," said Gnagey, executive editor of the University of Michigan Record. "There are several other ways there, but that's obviously the quickest, so it'll be difficult"

According to Michigan Department of Transportation officials, the project is designed to upgrade the surface condition of the roadway and do repairs to some 17 bridges, along with work on the ramps to both Sheldon and Beck

Those ramps will be closed at various times, but MDOT officials said motorists will be able to exit M-14 at one or the other

"We're going to work on the interchanges at Beck and Sheldon," MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said, "but we won't work on them concurrently. Drivers will be able to use one or the other, both getting on and off the freeway"

The rub for drivers? Traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction along the four-mile stretch. The project is scheduled to start in March and continue through November



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Drivers who think M-14 traffic is bad now should wait until March when construction begins to rebuild the worn roadway

That could force drivers such as Gnagey onto surface streets, but those are already fairly clogged, she said

"Sometimes when M-14 gets backed up, I try to go cross-country," she said. "But that seems like it takes 40-45 minutes. And there's already pressure on some other routes because of construction"

The news isn't all bad for drivers. Anticipating this project, MDOT officials said repairs on I-94, the other primary route between Ann Arbor and Detroit, should be done in the next month

"Local traffic will have to work its way through the closures," Morosi said. "The goal is to get the Ann Arbor traffic going into Detroit, and drivers going the other way, to use alternate routes. That's why I-94 is being done now"

"Obviously, this is going to be a major impact," he added, "but I think anyone who travels it realizes the need"



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Now he's cookin'

Chef finally gets a chance to focus on food

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

He was only supposed to be there to help officials at St. John's Golf & Conference Center search for a new head chef

But the more Tom MacKinnon looked around, the better peek he got at the

new high-tech, upscale restaurant they were putting in, the more St. John's looked less like MacKinnon's Restaurant in Northville, the bigger the idea got

After some 25 years of managing his own restaurant,

PLEASE SEE CHEF, A8

Classroom movie draws questions

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

In the mid-1980s, parents filled the board office on Harvey Street in Plymouth to voice strong opinions - pro and con - to the Plymouth-Canton Schools Board of Education because high school teachers were showing the movie *The Breakfast Club* in class

The film depicted relationships among students and teachers, and had its fair share of loose characters and profanity

"Given the behavior of the students in the movie, it upset the community that it was being shown in class," said Roland Thomas, a former school board trustee. "We had a lot of parents on both sides of the issue"

"From that, came the board policy that teachers follow to show a movie in class," remembered Chuck Portelli, president of the Plymouth-Canton Education Association, which represents district teachers. "Teachers present the movie to the administration for approval, and a letter is sent home to parents, at which time they can have their student opt out and do another assignment"

"The teacher contract does have

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Coming Sunday on the PINK Page



Look great for the holidays with glittery party style

Stroke program

Train To End Stroke, a marathon training program offered by the American Stroke Association, will hold information sessions at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Plymouth District Library. This program is designed for people who want to get in shape, travel and raise money for a good cause. Choose to walk or run a full or half marathon in San Diego or Kona, Hawaii. All fitness levels are welcome. No registration is required. Additional information sessions are scheduled in January. For more information call (248) 827-4214 or visit strokeassociation.org.

Advent festival

The parish choir, handbell choir, children and youth choirs, SonShine and members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth celebrate an "Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols," in the manner of King's College Chapel, Cambridge, England, 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. This year's service features carols from the fourth through the 20th centuries. Composers include Andrew Carter, Philip Ledger, Paul Manz, David Willcocks and Healey Willan. The "Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols" is free and open to the public. A reception will follow the service. St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 574 S. Sheldon in Plymouth.

Shop Plymouth

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce is counting on more than 50 retailers and several community events to promote holiday spirit in downtown Plymouth. Among the festivities: Santa's 6 p.m. arrival Nov. 25, Plymouth Christmas Dec. 3-4, Walk of Trees in Kellogg Park, featuring decorated Christmas trees, Dec. 3-25, carols being sung on the streets Fridays through December, and extended shopping hours Nov. 25-December 4.

The "Plymouth Christmas" event Dec. 3-4 features folks in costumes on the streets, horse-drawn carriage rides (Dec. 4 only), carolers on the corners, and visits to Santa at his house on Main Street. The event runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 3, noon to 5 p.m. Dec. 4. For more information on these and other chamber programs, call (734) 453-1540.

Toys for Tots

Walker-Buzenberg Furniture in Plymouth is teaming with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve for its annual Toys for Tots Drive. Donors of new, unwrapped toys get the opportunity to enter a drawing for a \$500 Walker-Buzenberg gift certificate. The offer is made in conjunction with the store's holiday bonus sale, which runs through Dec. 18.

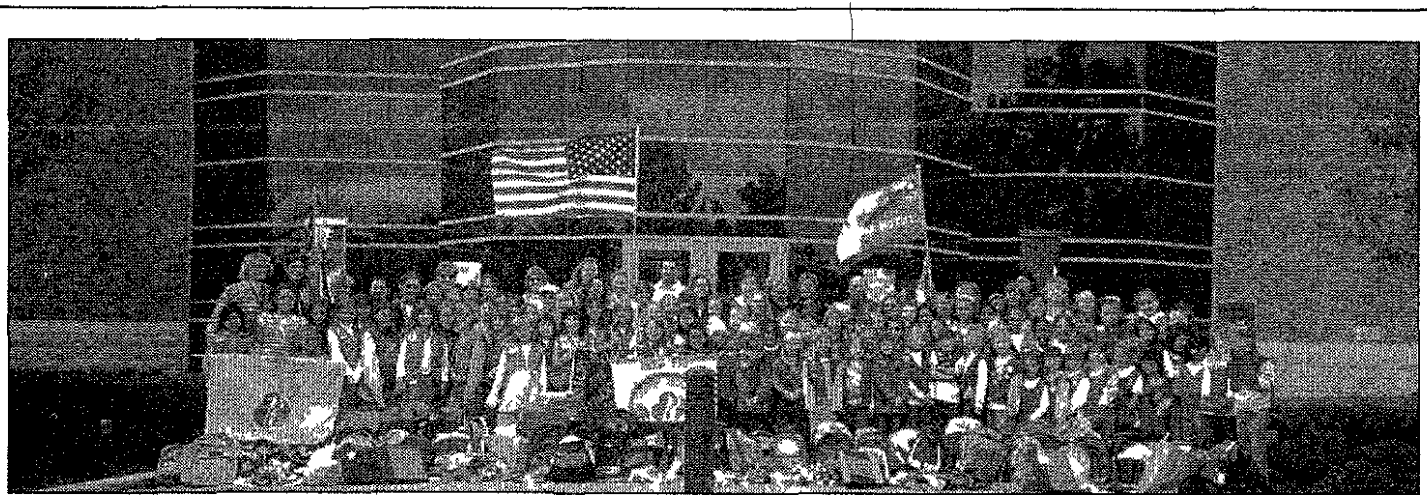
"We hope to be able to collect many toys and gifts from our loyal customers," co-owner Eric Buzenberg said. "This effort will leave a lasting impression on deserving children." Donations can be dropped off at the store through Dec. 18. The store is located at 240 N. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-1300.

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



Scouts to the rescue

Girl Scouts from Service Units E, A and B of the Canton/Plymouth Girl Scouts - which includes scouts from Eriksson, Fiegel, Miller, Canton Charter, Field Hoben, All Saints, Dodson, Tonda, Bentley, Hulsing and Gallimore elementaries, participated in Nickelodeon's "We've Got Your Back" initiative to provide school supplies and other items to victims of Hurricane Katrina. In total, the girls brought in 1,300 backpacks, 243 notebooks, 57 stuffed animals and much more. Last month, the girls shipped a full pallet of supplies to Hugg Middle School in Houston, Texas.

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.

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

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.

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 books are priced at \$25, with all proceeds to support the Plymouth Symphony. Books can be picked up at the symphony office, next to the Cozy Cafe in

Art exhibit

The Plymouth Community Arts Council features the exhibit, "Nature Revisited," a new collection of watercolor paintings by Leslie Moorer 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.

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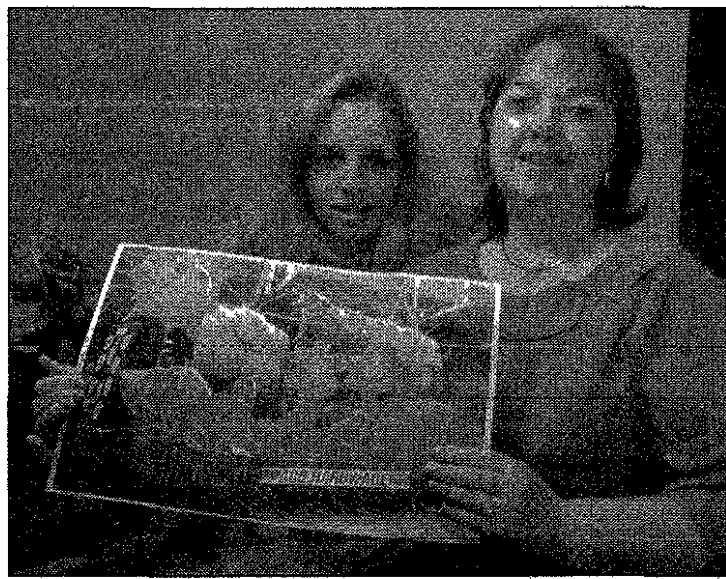
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Debbie Siewinski, right, will fulfill a lifelong dream and march in the Thanksgiving Day parade next to the float sponsored by her employer, ACO Her daughter, Jennifer Perpich, gets to cook Thanksgiving dinner because Mom will be busy with the parade

A dream come true

Local woman finally gets chance to be in parade

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

This Thanksgiving morning, Debbie Siewinski had to be up pretty early. It's not because she had to get the turkey in the oven, though. Instead, she has to be suited up in an aquamarine sequin jumpsuit and be on Woodward Avenue in Detroit by 8:30 a.m.

Siewinski's lifelong dream has come true, and she's going to be marching in the annual Thanksgiving parade, which she has attended nearly every one of her 54 years.

"This is something I've always wanted to do and now I finally have the chance," said Siewinski, of Canton.

Her employer, ACO Hardware, is sponsoring a float in the parade and held a contest among employees. Anyone interested in marching with the float threw their names in a hat and a couple of weeks ago, Siewinski and 10 of her colleagues were told they had won the chance to be in the parade.

Siewinski's jumpsuit is supposed to represent water on the Mother Nature-themed float. "My head dress is all full of

feathers and it's sparkly. It looks like something out of Las Vegas," she said.

Siewinski was born in Detroit and has lived in the metropolitan area her entire life. She started going to the parade when she was just a toddler and it was held on Second Avenue, before it moved to Woodward Avenue.

"It was a tradition. We used to get up at 5 a.m. and go out for breakfast," she said. "Then we'd go and wait on the curb for hours, waiting for the parade."

The sounds of the drums from down the street would have Siewinski and her family so excited that by the time the parade made its way to the curbside spot she'd staked out, she was ready to be part of the action.

"I was always one of those people sticking my hand out to shake hands with the clowns," she said. "To be on the other side of it - to be part of it and to see the kids and feel the excitement - that is going to be the best."

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Canley Cup winners

Drives help keep Salvation Army cupboards full

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Many food banks throughout the United States are finding bare shelves this Thanksgiving holiday because people gave so much to Hurricane Katrina relief efforts, they're literally tapped-out.

However, while handing out nearly a hundred Thanksgiving meals Tuesday at the Plymouth Salvation Army — along with winter coats and mittens, hats and scarfs donated by the Knitting Guild — social service director Bill Moritz said the need was up this year, and the Plymouth-Canton community came through.

"We haven't seen any problems with feeding people this Thanksgiving," said Moritz. "Last year we had 85 families come in for Thanksgiving dinner, and this year it was up to 97."

"We've had some successful food drives, and people have donated turkeys and given money to purchase pies," Moritz added. "Fortunately, this community always comes through."

Some of those turkeys came from golfers who received a free round of golf last Saturday at Fox Hills Golf Club for bringing in a 20 pound bird.

"We were hurt a bit by the Michigan-Ohio State football game, but the weather was good and so was the turnout," said Marie Morrow, president of the Plymouth Community United Way, which helped distribute the 86 turkeys. "They went into food baskets being distributed by the Salvation Army, Community Opportunity Center and our collaborative with area organizations and churches."

The Salvation Army pantry



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth High Spanish teacher Alicia Maturen and Canton's psychology teacher Christina Shaffer are tough competitors in the annual canned food drive. Salem High Congress president Sarala Sarah knows that Salem has both of the other schools beaten.

was filled with nearly 7,000 cans of food donated by students as part of the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park annual Student Congress Canned Food Drive.

The schools at the Park have held the event for more than 20 years. During the last three years, teachers whose classes donated the most cans of food got their names inscribed on the prized Canley Cup, a coveted trophy topped with a Campbell's Soup can they can show off for the next year.

Alicia Maturen, a Spanish teacher at Plymouth High School, is already looking ahead to defending the Canley Cup in next year's competition.

"I think it's important for

the kids to give back to the community," said Maturen, who collected 1,166 cans of food.

"As a parent, as a teacher, as an adult it's important to instill those qualities. Not everyone is as fortunate as you, and if you can make life better for somebody else, then let's do it."

Mike Seneker, a U.S. History teacher, finished first at Salem with 1,066 cans. Christina Shaffer, a psychology teacher, collected 562 cans of food to win the Cup competition at Canton High School.

"When the students ask me where the cans are going, and I tell them they are for this community, that surprises them and kicks up their willingness to give," said Shaffer.

"They aren't aware that so many people in this community are in need, and they want to reach out."

The Student Congress gets approximately 30 teachers at the Park to participate in the canned food drive competition.

"This is one of our biggest participating activities," said Sarala Sarah, a Salem senior who lives in Canton Township. "I've heard of rivalries between classes, and the teachers have a hefty competition going on."

"By asking kids to bring in cans of food, they really do start to understand there are less fortunate people out there," she said.

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

■ **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.

Teen Program

■ **TEEN KNITTING AND CROCHETING CLUB**, Wednesday, Nov. 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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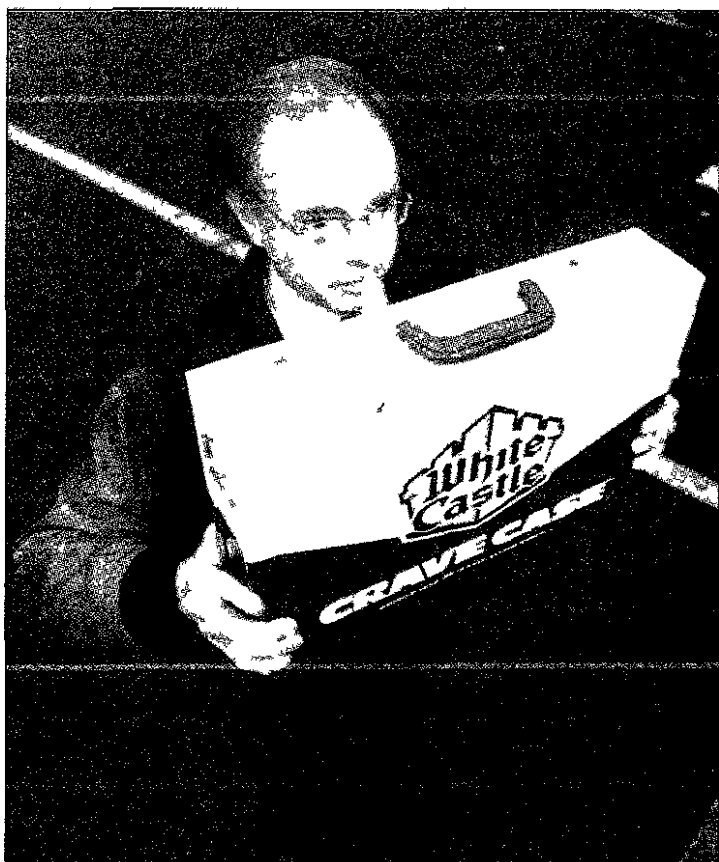
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Parade cravings

Plymouth Realtor Fred Hill and his legendary Briefcase Drill Team get their marching orders — and nifty new briefcases — from White Castle for today's Thanksgiving Day Parade. White Castle offered The Parade Co \$25,000 to sponsor the team but only if it carried replicas of the restaurant's 'Crave Case'. After the parade, the briefcases will be signed by drill team members, then auctioned off on eBay for charity.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Talk to your children

Expert says parents shouldn't try to shelter children from images of war and suffering

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Tana Bridge says the images are almost impossible to escape. "Nary does a day go by when we aren't bombarded by scenes of war and human suffering. And when our television and newspapers aren't bringing the war into our living rooms, there have been plenty of destructive natural disasters for them to report, like Hurricane Katrina or the tsunami that devastated parts of the Pacific."

Bridge, a Canton resident, says these images have a far greater impact on us than we sometimes know or care to admit. This is particularly the case with children, she says, who can be traumatized by the images they see.

If anyone is qualified to make such evaluations, it is Bridge, who is an assistant professor at Eastern Michigan University, where she teaches in the school of social work. She has been teaching at EMU for 13 years, and is an expert in trauma and loss, particularly how they impact children and families.

Bridge, 41, says no matter how much we want to insulate our children from distressing world events, the encroachment of the media into our daily lives makes it almost impossible. Children are going to see the images anyway, whether we want them to or not. Bridge says the best thing a parent can do is to talk to their children.

"We need to give our children normal outlets of communication. We need to talk to them about their feelings. Without that, we leave it up



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Canton resident Tana Bridge, an assistant professor at Eastern Michigan University, says parents should talk to their children about traumatic events

to our kids own capacity to make sense of an issue," she said. "Kids do have the ability to make sense about issues if it is explained to them. One of the biggest mistakes we make is to try withhold information from them."

In addition to her teaching, Bridge does trauma response training around the country. For instance, she says she helped Plymouth Christian Academy -- where her son goes to school -- develop a trauma response plan. She said most schools in Michigan now have such plans in place, largely to deal with local tragedies.

"After the school shootings in Columbine, there was this huge anxiety in America. It raised community awareness. People began to realize how these larger incidents could affect our children," she said. "But you can also have a lot of local incidences. You might have a school where a student

died unexpectedly, or a car crash where some teens are killed. Schools need to have plans in place to deal with something of that nature."

Bridge says trauma impacts people in different ways. Some can digest it and move on. For others, nightmares will develop and a sense of fear can overtake them. For that reason, Bridge says parents need to pay attention to their children. Look for signs of abnormal behavior, and always keep lines of communication open. She says a good way to get kids to open up is to ask them what kinds of things they are afraid of or worried about.

"A 9 year old, 10 year old, or 12 year old has much more capacity to understand things than we sometimes give them credit for," she said.

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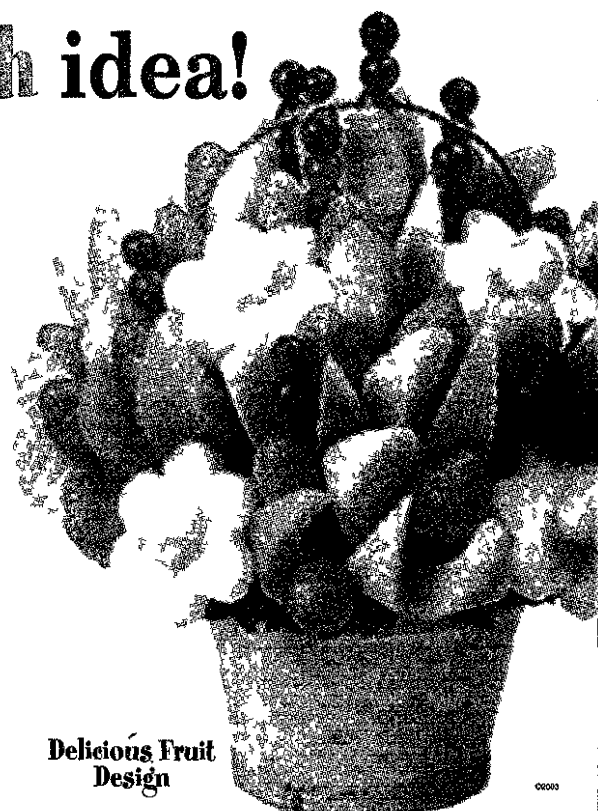
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Plymouth company adopts Louisiana cops

In recognition of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina and its affect on law enforcement officers in Slidell, La., Sterling Solutions & Systems Inc. of Plymouth is partnering with Metro Detroit Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #144 and leading the effort to provide 34 officers and their families with Thanksgiving dinners under the "Adopt-A-Cop" initiative.

The dinners will be donated by Michigan-based HoneyBaked Ham Company, a value totaling \$3,000.

"Despite losing everything as a result of the Katrina tragedy, those officers in the Gulf Coast region continue to uphold the law and do the job they've sworn to do," said Jim Donahue, CEO of Sterling Solutions & Systems. "As a member of the law enforcement community and the owner of a business that supports law enforcement, I feel compelled to get the word out to others in uniform to see what we can do to help."

Donahue currently serves as a reserve officer with a suburban police department.

The participants in the Adopt-A-Cop program reached out to the HoneyBaked Ham Company to join them as a partner in providing officers in Louisiana with a Thanksgiving dinner. Upon learning of the story of the officers, who con-

tinued to work even after losing all of their possessions and in some cases their homes, company leadership decided to donate the meals.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to provide Thanksgiving dinner to the officers of Slidell, and their families," said HoneyBaked Ham Company President, Ldu Schmidt, Jr. "HoneyBaked is a brand that was built on family and holiday traditions, so we feel it is appropriate to reach out to families in need at this time."

The donated meals will come in the form of a redeemable dinner certificate from HoneyBaked Ham. The certificates will be express delivered today to the officers of Slidell, Louisiana along with an individual note of support from Michigan adopters. There are six HoneyBaked Ham retail stores located in Louisiana.

Still in its initial stages, Adopt-A-Cop was born from a lone officer's call for support from his uniformed brethren around the country. The program evolved to become a proactive measure, eventually reaching out to those uniformed survivors of Hurricane Katrina.

Under the Adopt-A-Cop initiative, law enforcement agencies and/or individual officers from the Detroit Metro area will each adopt an officer

family in an affected area. Currently there are approximately 250 Metro Detroit officers involved in the program.

Adopt-A-Cop is an ongoing program that pledges to continue support until those affected by the recent tragedies are able to reestablish and support themselves. In Michigan, adopting officers are encouraged to remain in contact with their adoptee families as well as offer their support.

Sterling Solutions & Systems has been involved with the law enforcement community since its inception. Currently, as a nationwide service for officers, the company facilitates its COPS-L program. Under COPS-L, an Internet-based email discussion forum, officers from around the country exchange ideas and materials pertaining to training, officer safety, emerging threat awareness and other related topics of importance.

Based in Wayne County, Sterling Solutions & Systems, Inc. is a professional services firm, which employs practical and technological experience to provide process improvements and software training to law enforcement agencies which in turn allows for more time for law enforcement. Since 1990, Sterling Solutions has served businesses through out Michigan and nationally.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AROUND TOWN

Crafters needed

The annual Holiday Craft Show at Hawthorne Valley is looking for crafters. The show is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27. Admission is \$2. For information, contact Sue or Paul at (734) 844-3788.

Entertainment book

Several Plymouth organizations are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books as fund raisers.

The Plymouth Optimists are selling the 2006 Entertainment Books with all proceeds helping children through out 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 Kotacheff 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 can be picked up at the symphony office next to the Cozy Café in downtown Plymouth or ordered by calling Mary Thomas (734) 453-3016. For more information call the symphony office (734) 453-2112.

Cookie walk

Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church's 12 Annual Cookie Walk is Dec. 10. Pierogi, stuffed cabbage, bread, nut and poppyseed rolls and over 50

different assortments of ethnic (kiflie, koiachy, rugela, koulourakia, biscotti, linzer) and traditional cookies and candy will be for sale. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the sale starts at 9 a.m. and lasts until it is sold out. The church is located at 36075 W. Seven Mile Road (south side) 3/4 mile east of Newburgh Road in Livonia.

St. Mary's class

St. Mary Mercy sponsors a presentation "Surviving the Season: Coping With Holiday Stress" from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 19 at the Northville Senior Center located at 303 W. Main Street in Northville. Speaker will be St. Mary Mercy Hospital's Darlene Doute, advanced practice nurse in psychiatric mental health nursing. Registration is required. Call the Northville Senior Center (248) 349-4140.

Handspinners fair

Holiday shoppers and collectors of fiber art will find much of interest at the 17th annual Handspinners Holiday Fair Friday, Nov. 26 at Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor. In addition to handspun yarns, the sale features knitted, woven and felted garments as well as hats, purses, jewelry, toys, dolls, ornaments and felted wall hangings. Books, spinning wheels and related equipment will also be available. Demonstrations of hand spinning and other fiber crafts will take place throughout the day. Sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free and the site is wheelchair accessible. Matthaei Botanical Gardens is located at 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. For more information call (734) 769-1657 or (734) 475-2306.

Handcrafters show

Handcrafters sponsors its 23rd annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show Dec. 9-11 at the Northville Hillside Recreation Center in Hillside Middle School located at 8 Mile and Sheldon/Center. More than 90 juried artisans will display their talents with such works as florals, stained glass, seasonal items including Christmas decorations, jew-

elry, wood items and clothing. Show hours are 6-9 p.m. Dec. 9-9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 10 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 11. Admission is \$2, no baby strollers. For more information, call (248) 459-0050.

Genealogical societies

The Livingston County Genealogical Society hosts its holiday meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 at its new location, First United Methodist Church, 1230 Bower Road in Howell. Speaker Mary Ellen Ahmad, owner of Aria Booksellers, will talk about Christmas books, stores and historical tidbits. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret Bowland (810) 227-7745.

The Western Wayne County Genealogical Society meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21 at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center Building on Farmington Road just south of 5 Mile. William J. Priest will speak on "Disasters Do Occur to Genealogists." His program will start earlier at 6:30 p.m. The meeting and classes are open to the public free of charge. For information, call Pat Moon (734) 425-3079.



Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call our office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

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Title broadcast

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The Chiefs take on defending Division 1 Rockford, and 88 1-FM's Sports Director Mark Maletic and Assistant Sports Director Ryan Winn will broadcast the game

Ryan and Mark have been following the Chiefs throughout the year and they've developed into a really strong team," said Bill Kerth, Station Manager "We're really excited for the Chiefs"

The station's live sports broadcasts are sponsored by Wordhouse Wealth Coaching in Canton

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Metaldyne changes

Metaldyne has announced the following executive personnel changes, effective immediately

Linda Theisen has been named vice president, Quality, Six Sigma and Process, reporting to



Chairman, President and CEO Tim Leuliette In this role, Theisen leads Metaldyne's quality initiatives, Metaldyne University, and the company's focus on Six Sigma, including implementing process improvements in key operational and commercial areas Theisen joined Metaldyne in 2003 as vice president of Supply Chain Management. Before joining Metaldyne, she was vice president of Purchasing for AutoAlliance, International, a Mazda Motors/Ford Motor Company joint venture

Myra Moreland has been appointed vice president, Customer Relations,



Marketing and Corporate Affairs, also reporting to Leuliette In this expanded role, Moreland continues to oversee the company's Corporate Affairs function, including employee communications, public relations, government relations and investor relations In addition, Moreland assumes additional marketing and customer responsibilities

Prior to joining Metaldyne in 2003, Moreland was founder and president of Moreland Communications, a full-service communications company deeply rooted in the automotive industry In that role, she worked with companies such as DaimlerChrysler, the former New Venture Gear, SKF and Valeo on projects such as public relations/media plans, customer sales and marketing efforts, internal communication plans and strategic planning She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn

Doug Grimm has been named vice president of Commercial Operations -



Powertrain Group, reporting to Tom Chambers, president of Metaldyne In this role, Grimm is responsible for Sales, Purchasing and Program Management activities within the Powertrain Group Grimm joined Metaldyne in 2001 as vice president of Supply Chain Management Most recently he served as vice president and general manager of Metaldyne's Control Systems division, where he was responsible for the overall management of the division

Grimm holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Detroit Mercy

Dan Brinker has been named vice president of Sales and Engineering -



Chassis Group, reporting to Joe Nowak, president of Metaldyne Chassis In this role, Brinker is responsible for Engineering and Sales for the Chassis Group Prior to his current position, Brinker served as the Chassis Group's vice president of Engineering, where he directed the design and development of Metaldyne's chassis innovations such as the mini-corner module and the patented Dynaturn™ process

Before that, Brinker was director of Engineering of Metaldyne's former Wheel-End and Suspension Group for eight years, playing a key role in the company's evolution as a world-class supplier of wheel-end components Prior to joining Metaldyne in 1990, Brinker worked as a sales and applications engineer for LeRoy Industries in Southfield, Michigan and an applications engineer for NTN Bower

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Lawrence Technological University

Dennis Cutright has been named vice president of Advanced Manufacturing for



Metaldyne's Chassis Group, reporting to Nowak In this role, he is responsible for advanced manufacturing, program management, strategic operational initiatives, continuous improvement and lean manufacturing across the Chassis Group

Most recently, Cutright was Metaldyne's vice president of Quality Since joining Metaldyne in 1999, he has held various positions focused on quality and continuous improvement Before that, he worked in roles associated with process re-engineering, leadership development, quality system implementation and Lean Manufacturing methodologies for companies such as Masco Corporation, EMCO, Keeler Brass, Harmon Motive, TRW and Motorola

Tom Worswick was named vice president of Advanced Manufacturing, Powertrain



Group, reporting to Chambers Worswick joined Metaldyne in January of this year as the Group's director of Advanced Manufacturing Before joining Metaldyne, Worswick served as director of the Metals business unit at Lagon Brothers Manufacturing In 2003, he founded Global Resources Group, a company providing assembly, packaging, sorting and contract labor services emphasizing employment of developmentally disabled adults Before that, Worswick served as vice president of Piston Automotive in Detroit He has also held various management positions at ITT Automotive, and he began his career at General Motors as a project engineer in 1988

Worswick holds a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan He also holds dual graduate degrees from Stanford a master's of business administration and master's of manufacturing systems engineering

Headquartered in Plymouth, Mich., Metaldyne has annual revenues of approximately \$2.0 billion The company employs over 7,500 employees at 45 facilities in 14 countries



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Will Vance stands in an area that will have four full-size basketball courts, two training courts and a toddler's court

Basketball lover looks to build new planet

BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

Sounds echoed from the cold walls in the empty 47,600-square-foot building The heat wasn't yet working and the lights were off until crews of workers arrived late in the morning to continue with renovations But instead of the dust and the bare concrete drywall what Mike Cent saw was a whole new world

A planet, in fact What Cent, of West Bloomfield, saw was hundreds of basketball enthusiasts, gathering for training and pickup games and socialization in what he describes as an uncommonly luxurious private basketball club If all goes according to plan, the vision will come to life by the end of January, and the new club, Basketball Planet, opens its doors

Though basketball has always been a passion for Cent, it hadn't occurred to him to make it his business until he met Jamey Petree, a basketball trainer who had been working with Cent's daughter Carly, starting just before her freshman year at Andover High School She's athletic, but not a

naturally gifted athlete, but the things that Jamey did for her game were just incredible," Cent said "She's got such confidence, and is a self-assured player and person I was impressed"

Petree and Cent would talk from time to time when Cent brought his daughter to Lifetime Fitness in Novi, where Petree was training other young ball players

After a few months of talking, the pair hatched an idea to build a private club, dedicated to the sport they both love

They brought in a colleague of Petree's, Will Vance, and one day almost two years ago, the three went to a restaurant to discuss their dream Shortly after that, they put together a business plan and started looking for a location in earnest about 14 months ago

They looked at a location in Southfield, then at another in Canton, one which they nearly bought But finally opted to take out a long term lease on the former Circuit City repair building on Haggerty Road in Canton

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CHEF

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snaking out his own drains, performing his own maintenance, the thought of being able to concentrate solely on food was too much for MacKinnon to resist.

After some brief discussion, MacKinnon himself had the new gig as top chef at St John's.

"The pipes backed up (at MacKinnon's) and I was down there snaking it out, and I was thinking, 'Maybe I should take that job,'" MacKinnon remembered, laughing. "I didn't want to own a restaurant any more. It wasn't fun."

He expects the St John's challenge to be exactly that - fun. He knew that as he walked around, decked out in his shorts and a Bahamas T-shirt, looking far more like a consultant than an executive chef.

But the more he talked to general manager Paul Wegert and director of catering Tawnya Johnson and, more importantly, the better they got to know him, the more it seemed like a perfect fit.

St John's officials are opening Five, the new restaurant they hope can help establish the new hotel, The Inn at St John's, as a destination stop. And when MacKinnon got a look at some of the gadgets - food warmers that will warm hundreds of meals at a time, top-of-the-line stoves and ovens - he knew he was home.

"He was just in here to help figure out what we needed, and

he just looked like a kid at Christmas," said Wegert. He had energy, excitement and a true passion for cooking.

It's a passion MacKinnon has developed over his long career in the food business. He started with his mother, a food major at Marygrove College who MacKinnon said "was always cooking."

"I was the little boy next to his mom making pie dough," MacKinnon recalled. "Then I moved on to my Easy Bake Oven. And now I've got really big ovens."

Influences on MacKinnon were worldly. His educational experiences include the culinary arts program at Schoolcraft College and cooking for the Count of Ansembourg in his castle in Luxembourg. He spent years abroad training under chefs like Pierre Romeyer in Belgium and Paul Bocuse in France.

He's catered for musicians ranging from Bob Seger to Rod Stewart and Paul McCartney, and he claims to be the first American bartender to work the bar at the Hard Rock Cafe in Brussels, Belgium.

"I did it for the food," MacKinnon said, laughing. "They let me eat three meals a day there."

Making his way around Europe was the way MacKinnon got his early education. He said back then it was the only way, because that's where all the top chefs were.

"Back then you had to go to Europe to learn cooking, or you weren't going anywhere,

but it's not that way any more," he said. "At the time, it wasn't any fun because I was an apprentice. It was like culinary boot camp."

It was tough, he added. "It took probably a year to sink in what I had learned, and to realize it had been fun, after all."

Now that he's turned MacKinnon's in Northville over to his son, Ian, the elder MacKinnon is looking forward to having fun at St John's, where he hopes to establish Five as a top-tier restaurant.

He's impressed with the equipment, the investment that's been made in the restaurant, and with the team that's been put together to make it work.

"Seeing all this new equipment, this is the kind of kitchen I've wanted to have all my life," MacKinnon said. "Ian is doing a great job (in Northville) and now all I have to do is focus on food and fun."

The word 'fun' comes out of MacKinnon a lot when he talks about his new gig, and that's the spirit St John's officials liked when they met with him.

"Tom brings a lot of excitement and enthusiasm," Tawnya Johnson said. "People get around him and get rejuvenated and excited about doing the things we do every day. We're really excited to have him."

For his part, MacKinnon seems genuinely happy to be out of the restaurant-owning business. He considers it a bonus that St John's has a maintenance department. When a boiler goes down, he gets to "call maintenance. A drain is backing up? Call maintenance."

"This is paradise," MacKinnon said, wide smile spreading across his face. "I'm gonna retire here!"

FILM

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a clause dealing with academic freedom," he said. "We know there will be controversial issues that will come about, and we'll be able to deal with them."

That policy came into play this week, when Shannon McBrady decided to show *Wag the Dog* to her Advanced Placement government class at Plymouth High School to illustrate the roll the media plays in politics.

It's such a great movie for generating discussion, said McBrady. "It's a college-level class, and the movie directly relates to their essay question, which evaluates the extent the media has in politics."

For all its value, there are some who feel R-rated movies, especially one with profanity, shouldn't be shown to high school students. That's the feeling of at least one parent, David King of Canton Township, who decided to have his 16-year-old son opt out from seeing the film.

King said he's never seen *Wag the Dog*, but looked at a review on the Internet, and was appalled to find there was profanity and other objectionable material. King believes Plymouth High Principal Michael Bee didn't make the correct call by allowing McBrady to show the movie in class.

"My opinion is that the principal failed us miserably," said King. "Maybe we need to look at how we decide what materials come into the classroom."

"We don't allow them to use

that kind of language in school, and when we stoop to use it under the guise of education, it gives tacit approval for that language," added King. "If he went to see this movie at a theater, he wouldn't have been let in."

Which is one of the main points of Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association of Michigan, the organization contacted by King.

It's astonishing that the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools have a lower standard than the Hollywood industry, itself," said Glenn. "We hope parents don't think it's appropriate, and will communicate that to the school board."

It's not unusual for McBrady to show clips of the television show *West Wing*, *Schoolhouse Rock* public service announcements, and portions of *Mr. Smith Goes to Washington* after school during the unit on media, political parties, interest groups and elections.

AP students will use the information for a standardized essay test they'll take May 11, which - if they pass - will gain them college credit while still in high school. The national average for student passage of the AP government class is 48 percent. McBrady's class percentage is near 75 percent.

"My kids work really hard, and I design a curriculum that's really intense," said McBrady. "The essay question I give for this unit is a former AP question, that goes along with the movie."

Bee said he's seen the movie, and was aware of the profanity when he approved McBrady's lesson plan.

"For our basic law class we have an actual courtroom where they practice law; we have a long-distance learning room where we bring the outside world in," said Bee. "That makes a profound impact on learning."

"We try to supplement, and sometimes it's a tough call," he said. "We go to great lengths to make sure kids understand we don't condone this type of language."

The movie was shown during class on Monday and Tuesday, and only two of McBrady's 90 students opted out. Students leaving second-hour class Tuesday appeared to spend more time discussing the movie than the profanity.

"In this kind of movie, it's kind of expected," said Alyssa Mastie, a Plymouth Township senior. "The way they show emotion is through swearing."

"You can only learn so much through textbooks and lectures, but seeing it played out in real life through a movie helps to connect the dots," she said.

"I didn't feel offended by the swearing," added Ian Gillespie, a junior from Canton Township. "The characters would have used that kind of language, and it brought realism to it."

"Because it's a college-level class, I can be treated as a college-level student," he said.

"The movie showed how politics can be manipulated so easily, and how the American public doesn't really know what goes on, except for what they see on the 11 o'clock news."

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Everyone who grew up in a small town with a good football team knows how the residents of those towns become unified during their teams' playoff runs.

When I worked in Marshall

in the mid 80s, every business in town would put a sign in its window that read, "GO REDSKINS!", "WE'RE BEHIND YOU, REDSKINS!", etc.

Wouldn't it be cool if the businesses along Ann Arbor Road, Ford Road and every other road within the Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township boundaries did the

same thing Thursday and Friday? All it would take is some poster board, a red marker and a little window space, but I guarantee you it would mean the world to the players.

ULTIMATE FAN

On Monday, Canton coach Tim Baechler told me the story of Brad Wells, who played for Baechler's first Canton team in 1998.

Wells is getting married Saturday afternoon.

"But before the wedding," Baechler revealed, "he's coming to our football game with his dad."

Let's all follow Brad's lead and show some community unity.

Slip on a red sweatshirt and head to Ford Field.

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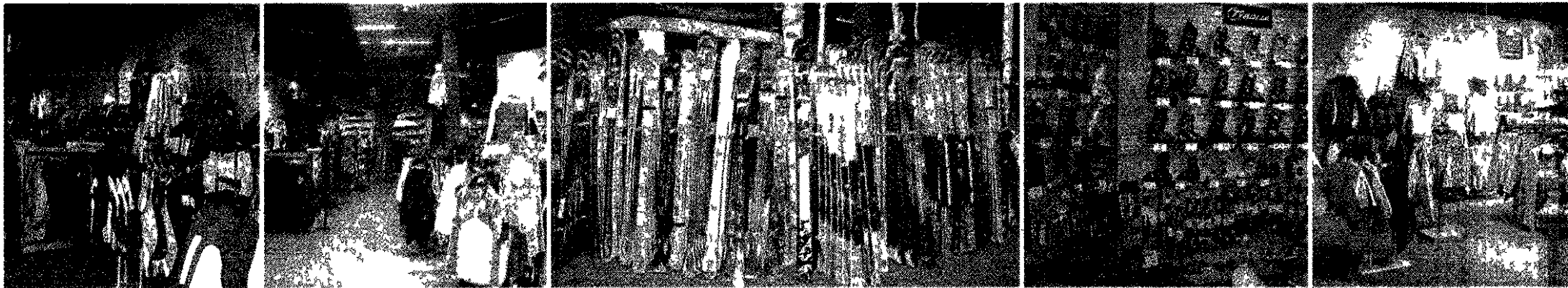
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OUR VIEWS

Enjoy state title game

This will be a week of a lifetime for the athletes on the Canton High School football team, which will be traveling to Ford Field in Detroit on Saturday to play for the Division 1 high school football state championship against Rockford. It is the first time the school — or any school in the district, for that matter — has played for a football state title.

If last week's thrilling, come-from-behind 35-21 victory over Macomb Dakota in the semifinal was any indication, the game against Rockford, the defending state champ, should be exciting for spectators. It certainly will be for the players and coaches, who will get to experience what so very few players and coaches do.

When the season began back during the heat of August, hundreds of teams around the state dreamed of winning a state championship. The Chiefs are within one game of living that dream.

For the roughly 70 Canton football players, this will be one of the great experiences of their lives. Some might say that this is just a high school football game, and is insignificant compared to what these young men will experience in future years.

But those people obviously don't know the energy and effort the players have expended, from the extra sprints and blocking drills in the grueling summer heat, to winning seven games during the regular season and three playoff games. During that time, they have overcome adversity and come together as a team, with a single purpose and focus. And Saturday's game will be the culmination of that effort.

Although football is just a game, these student-athletes have learned tremendous life lessons that they will take with them in everything they do as adults.

Whatever happens Saturday, these young men will never forget what it was like to play for a state championship. Win or lose, they should be proud of their accomplishments this season, and know they were the first team in school history to carry the Canton High banner into a football state title game. The community should applaud their efforts.

Go Chiefs!

Count your blessings for special people

While pausing to give thanks for family, friends and food before devouring your holiday meal, consider those little-noticed folks who truly make life a lot easier.

For instance, remember the last time your kid got sick at school, really sick? You weren't there, so it was likely left up to the school maintenance personnel to clean up the mess. That's not all they do. Both men and women, they make sure school is welcoming for our children in the morning, and they are there to close up in the evening after such groups as the local PTA.

They deserve our thanks, as do others.

■ When your car died on the expressway, the tow truck driver rescued you, as well as your car. Bet you were thankful to get away from the traffic whizzing by.

■ How about the time you combined two chemicals to unplug the drain? The dispatch driver was calm and professional as she patched you through to the local fire department. No doubt you were thankful for the quick response.

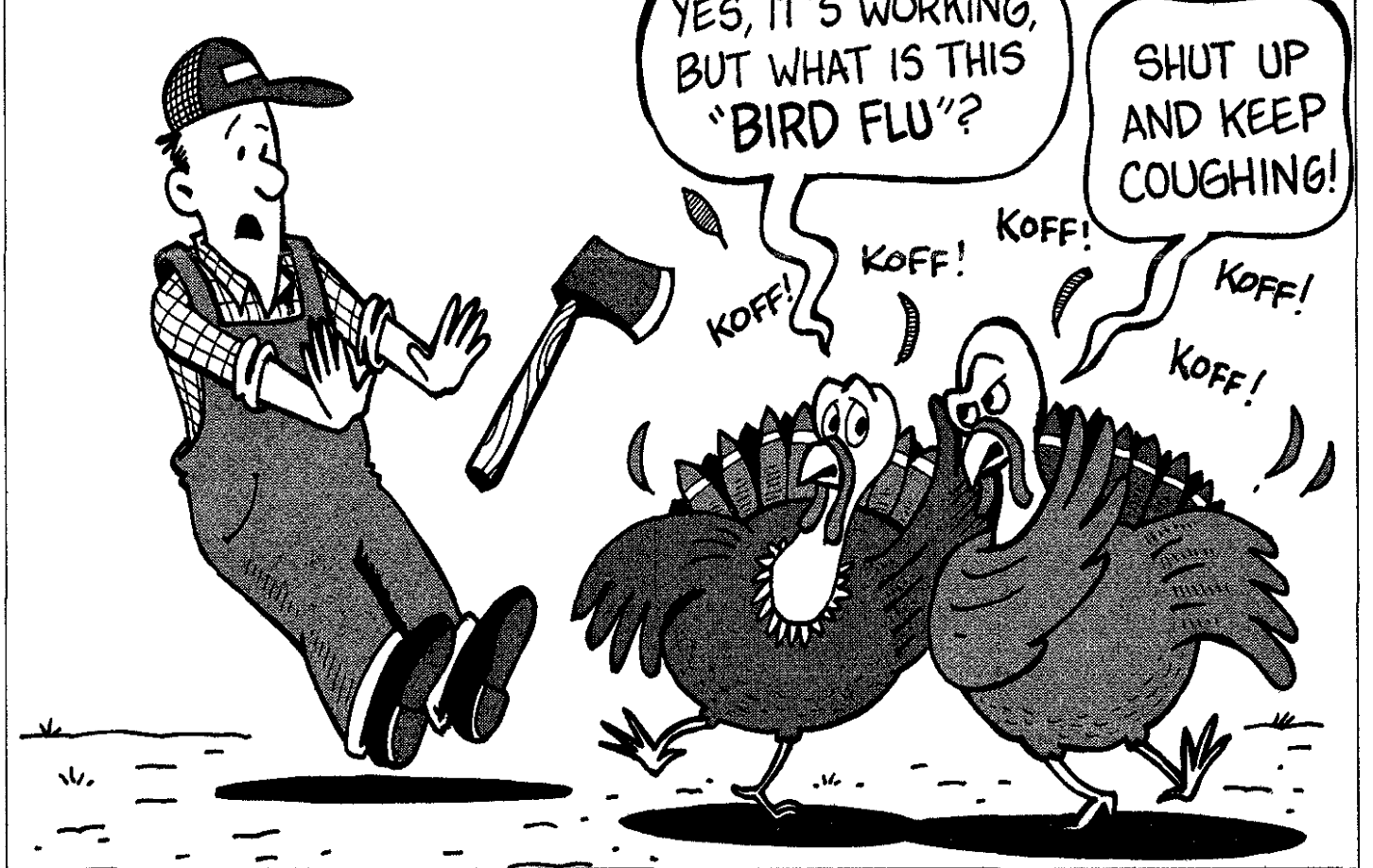
■ You see them only once a week, but you sure notice if they aren't there. Dependable and hard-working, we're talking about our sanitation engineers. Hey, someone has to take the garbage away, because you sure don't want to have anything more to do with it. We ought to be very thankful that there are people willing to do that, week in and week out.

■ When you go into the mall this holiday season, don't lower your head and look away from the Salvation Army bell ringers. The Salvation Army and the many other charitable groups in Wayne and Oakland counties deserve our thanks — and our cash — for the wonderful work they do for those in need.

No doubt we will someday either need help ourselves from the people in these examples, or know someone who will. It's not something to be ashamed of, stuff happens.

So as you grasp each other's hands to say grace before your holiday meal, try giving everyone around the table a chance to say who they are grateful for. You'll likely find there's more to be thankful for than you think.

Geoff Brooks
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LETTERS

Maybury fund raising

I am a member of the Voices for Maybury Farm. We are an all-volunteer group of people who truly loved the animals and the farm.

We wanted to do something to help bring it back, so we sold T-shirts and calendars. We also helped Sara Marino and Kathy Blank with their fund-raiser by selling their book *Maybury Had a Little Lamb*.

We now have a new fund-raiser. We've taken donated pictures of the Old Farm, and had them put on Christmas ornaments and collector plates. What a special way to remember the Old Farm, and at the same time help the New Farm.

We have raised over \$15,000 for the New Farm. We have donated \$500 to the farm's "Buy a Board" campaign. We would like to donate a sleigh, a sugar shack or a community garden to the New Farm, so that all of our supporters know where the T-shirt money has gone. On Oct. 24, we reiterated these offers. We await approval from the Farm's management.

The ornaments and plates are available at the Barn Antique Store on Eight Mile in Northville, or you may call me at (248) 349-4289. Also they will soon be available on our Web site at voicesformayburyfarm.com.

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported our fund raising and reassure you that our intentions are honorable.

Joyce Stowell
Northville

Deserving name

After having worked at the high schools in Plymouth for 31 years I have no candidate for the name of the new Cherry Hill elementary school.

However, I cannot believe the five names the board has selected. Please don't misunderstand my position. These are all wonderful people and they all have made fine contributions to the district.

But, out of all of the hundreds of elementary teachers that have worked in this district there must be one outstanding enough to be honored in this way. We should have someone who has given their life to the face to face battle of the elementary classroom.

Donald Chumbley
Plymouth

Stay positive

Bad news appears to be an insatiable national media need. The Katrina and Rita scenarios graphically illustrate this. It seems every possible negative report that could be found has inundated us with information about how everyone and everything about these disasters is a failure. Meanwhile, the reality of the overriding success stories about what went right, are only now beginning to trickle into the news.

For example, the churches, rising to the occasion, were the first responders

the day after each disaster. Along with food, water, clothing, medicine and shelter they provided, God's people also brought the thing they needed the most — hope.

In fact, because of the churches' successful, consistent and effective ministry, even the ACLU has had to withhold its usual warnings about "separation of church and state." There is so much good news that would encourage us, keep fear at bay, keep negative judgments to a minimum and cause us to be more thankful. Positive thankfulness carries a powerful influence that results in healthier attitudes. So, "No matter what happens, always be thankful to God" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Paul Bersche
Farmington

On civility

This letter responds to Phil Power's Oct. 20 article, "Dingell harkens back to days when civility ruled."

The principal reason that civility reigned during Congressman Dingell's early days in Congress wasn't mentioned. Democrats ruled both Houses for 40 years, and during that time, most Republicans learned to be civil if they wished a voice in the country's affairs. Democrats in Washington, now for the first time, are serving as a minority, and it galls them. They are not used to it, and they express their unhappiness with incivility.

If anyone questions that, check C-Span on any given day, listen to the rhetoric, and observe the expression on almost any elected Democrat's face as he/she speaks. Before Congress convenes, observe the forceful language, the name calling from most Democrats who call in, and the number of times that a Democrat, railing against the president's policies, pretends to be a Republican that voted for him.

The incivility, as it did during the Democrats' period as the majority, will subside after Democrats serve a sufficient number of decades in the minority.

Tom Shipley
Birmingham

I blame Bush

Hopefully at some time in the future, a motion picture will show graphically what happened in the New Orleans Super Dome during Hurricane Katrina. The conditions were deplorable, no sanitation, no water, and very little food. Mrs. Barbara Bush was quoted as saying, "these people are used to a hard life, therefore the conditions are what they are used to." I would point out to Mrs. Bush that they have access to toilets and water no matter how modestly they may live. German concentration camps were cleaner than the Super Dome.

FEMA was well aware of the coming hurricane and did not prepare for it. There should have been transportation lined up to evacuate these poor people with no means of transportation. The

government can deny it all day long, but this was a racial thing. It's the same situation that exists today in Africa, where blacks are being slaughtered and starving. Where the UN and the government hardly take notice. We spend billions in Iraq because their oil is the ultimate goal. It's all about what's in it for me. I place the blame squarely at the feet of President Bush.

Robert Leaf
Farmington Hills

Boycott Livonia

I drive through Livonia a couple of times a week on business, but will no longer be stopping for gasoline or any other purchases.

If the voters of your community opt out of the larger community by voting against participation in mass transit, the SMART system, which allows less fortunate people access to jobs, then those of us in the larger community must vote also in our own way.

We'll boycott Livonia.

George Waldman
Franklin

Connect the dots

Ann Abdo's op-ed piece ("Let's connect the dots and say enough is enough for Bush") tied it all together. Connecting the dots between the cost of the war and the profit of the U.S. companies, the cost of the war in Iraq and the cost of rebuilding the Gulf Coast, the tax breaks for the wealthy and the proposed cutting of services for the poor, the lack of response for the people of Iraq and the lack of response for the people of the Gulf Coast, the tax cuts for the most affluent, including corporations, and the lack of health care for 45.8 million people, and the comparison of the poor of New Orleans and the poorest city of its size in the U.S. — Detroit, are connections that we all must be aware of. I join with Ann Abdo and say "Enough!"

Colleen Mills
Livonia

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— Richard Reaume, Plymouth Township supervisor, on the benefits of having Bosch build its new technical center in Plymouth Township.

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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.

It's fun to be a clown on Thanksgiving Day

On Thanksgiving Day many of Detroit's corporate executives will leave their business attire in the closet and don a fancy clown costume. Use clown makeup instead of after shave or fancy cosmetics, grab handfuls of beads and march down Woodward Avenue in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Depending on the weather, long underwear is also a necessary part of the costume.

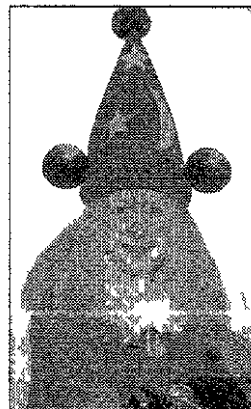
Sounds rather silly, but this is The Distinguished Clown Corps. Over the years more than 2,000 Distinguished Clowns have been part of the parade. It all started in 1984 with Tom Adams of Campbell Ewald Advertising Agency and Walter McCarthy, chief of Detroit Edison. They thought this would be a good way to get corporate types involved in the parade and also raise money for the parade. After all, who doesn't want to be a clown and have some fun? It became very popular. In the early days, it was limited to 125 Distinguished Clowns, but as its popularity grew, the size limits were removed. It has also raised significant dollars, membership is \$1,000 for the parade.

This year, the Clown Corps includes Maggie Allesee (17 years), Peter Schweitzer of J. Walter Thompson (9 years), his wife Elaine (1 year) and David and Jan Brandon of Domino's Pizza (14 years). David Brandon will also serve as the 2005 Distinguished Grand Jester, leading the parade of clowns.

You can tell how long someone has been a clown by the type of costume and the arms bands. Each year of participation, a clown receives an arm band. At five and 10-year anniversaries, the costume changes. Years one to four are a one-piece costume, five through nine are a two-piece costume, years 10 and longer are a two-piece costume, but the top is gold. I became involved 10 years ago, when I was recruited by some friends (?) to join the Distinguished Clown Corps. I was apprehensive at first, but it has been a blast ever since.

Here's how it worked for me. I submitted my application and after review I was accepted. I then provided my measurements so that the volunteers at the Parade Co. could make a costume for me. The one-piece costume arrived and, as clown costumes go, was fashionable and fit well. Unfortunately, being a male I discovered a significant and potentially fatal flaw — there was no front zipper. Off to the local seamstress I went to have a zipper put in. When nature calls you have to be quick.

Thanksgiving morning starts off early, 6 a.m. at home getting dressed with all of the various layers so that you are comfortable but not too warm, and you still are able to move. You're marching down Woodward Avenue for approximately two miles. Paying attention to that day's weather forecast is a



The author dressed up as a clown at a previous parade.

Richard Aginian

must. Do you have your clown shoes on or do you wear waterproof shoes? What about a transparent poncho to protect yourself from the rain? And how many layers do you wear? All important questions that require answers.

Driving down the express way getting to Comerica Park in a clown costume must be a sight. That's where we gather, have breakfast and get our faces made up. Professional clowns do the makeup and they do a fine job. You have to be careful with drinking too many liquids that morning because there's no rest stop. Individual pictures are taken and then, in front of the tiger at Comerica Park, a group picture is taken. (The picture of me here is from a prior year.) We're loaded onto buses and taken to our starting point, Woodward Avenue and I-94, waiting for the signal to start our march down Woodward.

It's at the starting point where we receive our beads. Beads are tossed to the curbside spectators, kids and adults alike, along the parade route. We have a chase vehicle loaded with beads so we don't run out. If you have ever attended Mardi Gras parades, the beads are similar.

Did you know that America's Thanksgiving Parade is the second largest distributor of beads after Mardi Gras? In my early years as a clown, we received either candy or cans of silly string. Silly string got a little silly and sometimes dangerous, so it was discontinued. Beads were introduced as a replacement.

Even today, some kids along the parade route arm themselves with silly string just waiting for the clowns. Once you spot the silly string, you stay away from that section.

Reaching the end of parade happens very quickly and the clown adventure is done for another year. Now comes the difficult part of removing all that makeup. The lasting memory of smiling children's faces is worth any aggravation that I have to go through. Being a clown is like being a kid again, it's a lot of fun. Why not join us next year?

Richard Aginian is publisher of the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. He welcomes your comments at raginian@hometownlife.com.

Correction In last week's column written before Monday night's Birmingham City Commission meeting, I said that they should get moving on the Shan Park proposal. That night the commission approved a plan for a two-level underground parking facility by sending the plan to the voters in 2006 for their approval.

State Legislature shows off its 'amateur hour'

Any hope that those who run Michigan's political system would actually do something timely — no matter how minor — to help the state meet the looming economic crisis was crushed last week.

Dashed, that is, in an astonishingly petty series of squabbles.

The spectacle began a couple of weeks ago. That's when Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Republican legislative leaders, House Speaker Craig DeRoche of Novi and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema of Grandville, appeared cheek by jowl to announce a bipartisan agreement on a \$2 billion business tax relief and high-tech job creation package. That came after nine months of intense partisan bickering.

But within days, Republicans claimed parts of the deal had been left out. In particular, they cited a provision that the Single Business Tax will be phased out by 2009. Furious, Granholm charged that the Republicans had wretched on a deal.

She then threatened to veto the entire package on grounds that it was irresponsible to end the state's main business tax — it brings in more than \$2 billion a year — without a clear alternative in place.

Last Thursday, after marathon 12-hour sessions, both the House and Senate passed on straight-line partisan votes exactly the package that Granholm had threatened to veto.

And late last week, Granholm threatened to haul the Legislature back from its usual two-week holiday over deer season to actually do something to earn its pay (among the tops in the nation).

So what's really going on?

Some Lansing insiders told me that the entire negotiation process was amateur hour. One problem was that term-limited politicians were utterly unable to understand the ethics and the finesse required for successful deal cutting. A reader of this column wrote a furious e-mail saying the Legislature was "fiddling while Rome burns."

Another fiscal conservative said the Michigan Legislature was merely following the lead of the U.S. Congress "borrow and squander."

Those skeptical of the workings of our legislative masters will find all they need to become full-blown cynics in a Gongwer News Service report on the late-night session in the state House.

The House was called to order around 7

p.m. after a two-hour dinner break, but action was delayed until after 10 p.m. Further delays occurred as members read over the legislation and voting was postponed. As some representatives got restless, the chamber did vote on some bills, including regulating the possession of ferrets.

These are the people we pay to run our state. Actually, I think it's even sadder and more disgraceful than that.

An old Lansing friend called me last week to report a big Republican pow-wow in Grand Rapids the evening Granholm and the legislative leaders announced their bipartisan plan. Reportedly, when DeRoche told his caucus what he had agreed to, most of them threw a fit. And my sources also tell me people around GOP gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos urged Republican legislators to back off so as to deny Granholm any kind of success in passing a package to help Michigan's economy.

DeRoche demes this, of course. But there is interesting evidence to the contrary. A memo from the Senate Fiscal Agency saying that the bipartisan package did include a provision eliminating the phase-out of the SBT.

At a time when disaster is hovering over Michigan's economy, for anybody to engage in deliberate slow-walking — "sabotage" is perhaps a better term — for purely partisan purposes is appalling.

Worse, I'm beginning to wonder whether our political system is so broken — by harsh partisanship, by unknowing term-limited legislators, by well-funded single interest groups, by extreme ideologies of both the right and the left — that it simply is unable to function until forced to by a full-blown crisis.

Imagine what will happen in Michigan if Delphi Corp. persuades the bankruptcy judge to cut union-represented workers' salaries by more than half and the United Auto Workers go on strike. Now think how that strike might affect General Motors, reeling after the worst October sales reports in a decade. Suppose then GM goes bust, taking with it a bunch of other parts suppliers.

Then maybe, just maybe, the political system might rise itself to do something. Of course, by then it would be too little, too late.

So what we may be facing is not only a full-blown economic disaster, but a crisis in the very workings of our democracy. It is hard to imagine anything worse.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

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To the future: Children's Summit discusses Kids Count survey

Kids Count in Wayne County¹ - the 2005 Children's Summit - offers an important opportunity for Wayne County leaders on children's issues to learn and comment on the statistical status of children throughout Wayne County, with the release of the Kids Count Data by Michigan's Children.

The Summit will be held 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, from at the Fairlane Center North of the University of Michigan-Dearborn, 19000 Hubbard Drive, Dearborn.

Marianne Udow, director of the

Michigan Department of Human Services, will provide a keynote address at the Summit on the need for increased emphasis on prevention services for today's at-risk children and families.

Representatives from Michigan's Children will release the statistics for the more than 30 communities in Wayne County, followed by a reaction panel of Wayne County leaders in education, health, human services, and the legislature. Panel participants are Ismael Ahmed, executive

director, ACCESS, Dr. Marlene E. Davis, superintendent, Wayne RESA, Dr. Jeffrey M. Devries, director of Pediatric Education, Oakwood, the Honorable Hoon Yung Hopgood, Michigan State Representative, Perry Jones, president and CEO, Wayne Metro Community Action Agency, and Dr. Anahid Kulwicki, director, Wayne County Health Department. Moderator for the panel is Sharon Claytor Peters, president and CEO, Michigan's Children.

Honorary chairs for the event are

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Skullman President Carol Goss, who are being joined by an honorary committee of business, education, social services, and government leaders.

Kids Count data for Detroit children was released in 2004, so the focus of the 2005 Children's Summit is on the more than 30 communities surrounding Detroit.

The event, which is offered at no charge, begins with a continental breakfast and concludes, following

audience questions, at 11:30 a.m. Funding for the event is through a grant from Michigan's Children Collaborator on the planning committee include Child's Hope, The Colma Foundation, Everybody Ready, The Guidance Center, The Wayne County Health Department and involved community leadership on children's issues.

Please contact Child's Hope at childhpe@umd.umich.edu or by calling (313) 583-6401 to receive an invitation to the event. Space is limited.

Toys for Tots campaign comes to area malls

Jim Harper & The Magic Morning show begin their 27th season of with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserves and the Toys For Tots Campaign. The annual Toys For Tots Campaign tours area shopping malls collecting new, unwrapped toys for the U.S. Marine Corps program. This year's schedule includes Laurel Park Place on Friday, Nov. 25, Twelve Oaks Mall, Monday, Nov. 28, Oakland Mall, Tuesday, Nov. 29, Briarwood Mall, Wednesday, Nov. 30, Macomb Mall, Thursday, Dec. 1, Lakeside Mall, Friday, Dec. 2.

Each year the men and women of the Magic Morning Show compete to collect the most toys. Jim Harper & The Magic Morning Show are asking their listeners to come up with the very best "stunt" that the losing team will have to endure.

Jim Harper & The Magic Morning Show will be live each morning from 6-10 a.m. A complimentary light breakfast will be served at each location. Santa as well as other special guests will be at each of the broadcasts.

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The Library of Michigan has announced the five finalists for the 2006 "Michigan Reads" one-state, one-preschool-book program, set for March 2006, and invited preschoolers and book lovers of all ages to cast their votes now through Dec. 9. People can take part in the voting in one of two ways - by casting their ballots online at www.michigan.gov/michigan-reads or by voting in person with a paper ballot at their local Michigan public libraries.

The five books on the 2006 Michigan Reads ballot are:

- 1. **Bed Hogs** by Kelly DiPucchio
- 2. **Imogene's Antlers** by David Small
- 3. **In the Small, Small Pond** by Denise Fleming
- 4. **Sheep in a Jeep** by Nancy Shaw
- 5. **Stranger in the Woods** by Carl Sams II and Jean Stoick

"Reading early and often to children is one of the most important things parents and caregivers can do," said State Librarian Nancy Robertson.

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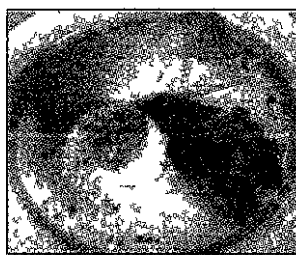
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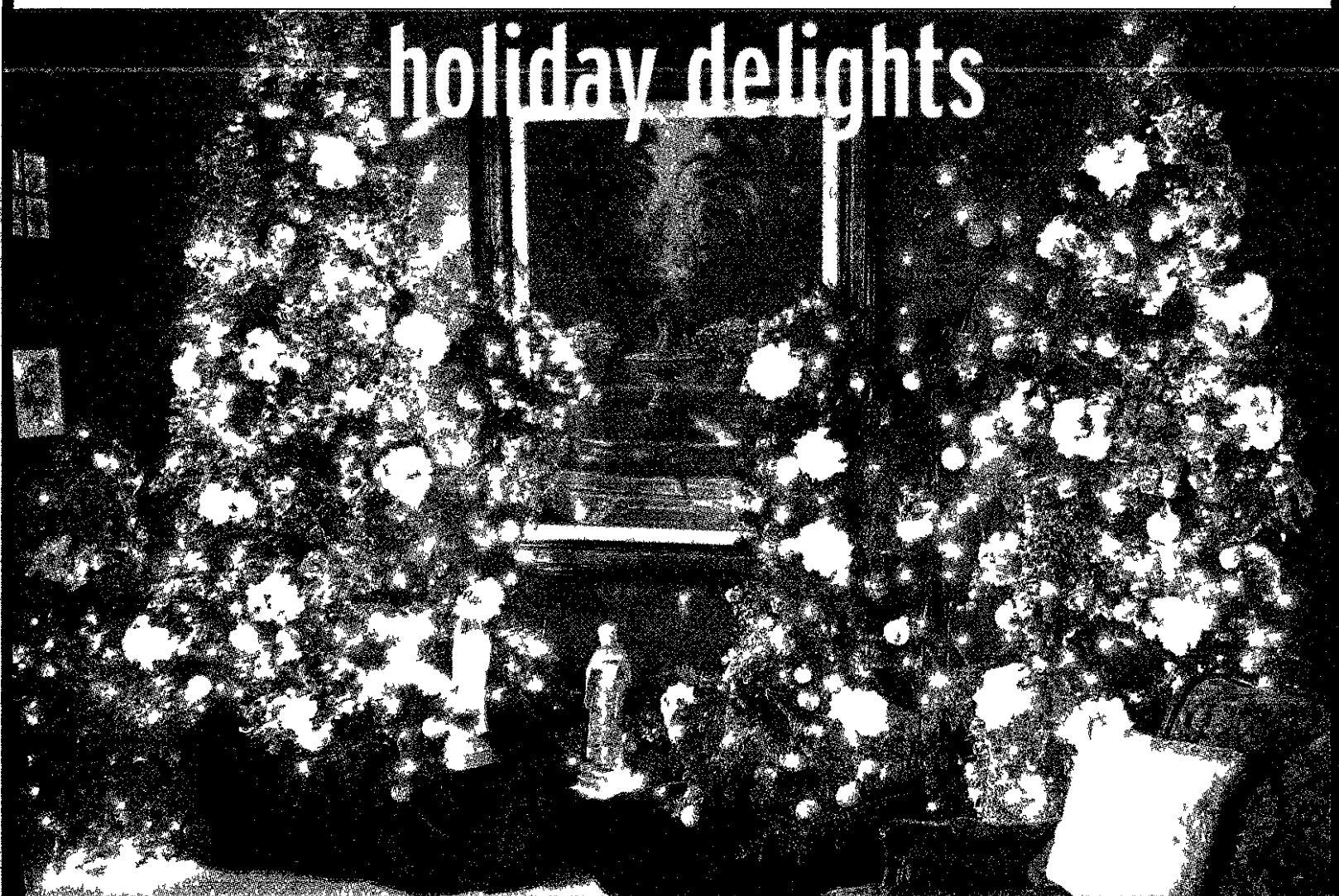
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Festival of Trees decorator fills home with holiday delights

holiday delights



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A painting is the centerpiece among the Christmas decorations in the Osborne family's living room



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Maureen Osborne stands along the Christmas decorations in the foyer of her Farmington Hills home

Maureen Osborne starts taking down some Halloween decorations and putting up Christmas decor before Halloween

BY MARY KLEMIC | STAFF WRITER

It's a sparkling sight in pink and silver and white—a little airplane carrying a decorated tree through the clouds, scattering shimmering packages

Called Up and Away, it's one of the dazzling displays that will be seen at this year's Festival of Trees, an event that sends spirits soaring. Festival of Trees is a benefit for pediatric research at Children's Hospital of Michigan. It features hundreds of wonderfully decorated holiday trees, vignettes, gingerbread houses, wreaths and stockings.

The above display is by Maureen Osborne of Farmington Hills and 14-year-old Chelsea Schneider, formerly of Livonia and now a Clinton Township resident.

Osborne has been involved with Festival of Trees for 20 years.

"I was blessed with two healthy children," she said. "It's just a way of giving back, in a little way."

The 21st Festival of Trees begins Friday and continues to Dec. 4, offering a variety of events and activities.

HOLIDAY CHEER

The vignette was set up at the Osborne home last week for a photographer. It wasn't the only beautiful holiday decor feature at the residence.

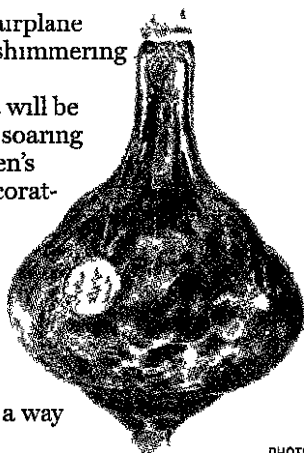


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Dave Simpson of Madison, Ohio, designed the 2005 Friendship Ornament for the Festival of Trees. The blown-glass ornament sells for \$50. For more on the festival see Page B4.

PLEASE SEE DELIGHTS, B4

Interactive video games get kids off the couch

It's holiday season again, and I'll just bet you know a kid who's clamoring for a new GameCube, Xbox or PlayStation game. (Maybe you're even doing a little clamoring yourself.)

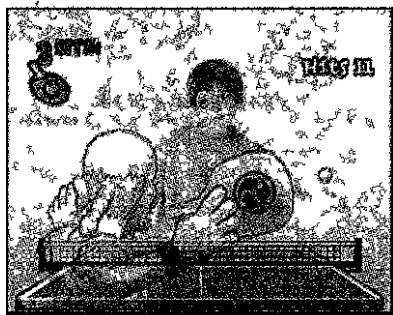


Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Do that kid (or yourself) a favor and buy a game that can't be played lying down or even sitting.

I'm talking about dancing games, which are instantly familiar to anyone under the age of 16. Dance Dance Revolution (more commonly known as DDR), a mega-popular arcade staple, has morphed into various console clones, all of which guarantee a good time,



With the EyeToy for PlayStation 2, kids not only get a little exercise, they also get to see themselves on TV.

calories burned, and freedom from potential public embarrassment.

For example, there's Dance Dance Revolution Mario Mix, a new release for the Nintendo GameCube. Priced at \$50, it comes with a dance mat and focuses on the ever-popular Mario, making it a

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, B3

Walk to benefit Greenmead

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK | STAFF WRITER

Friends of Greenmead are friends indeed.

For 17 years now, they've put together an annual Christmas Walk, benefiting Historic Greenmead's restoration and preservation.

Seven homes decorated for the holidays will be on this year's walk, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, throughout Livonia.

The money helps fund the renovation of buildings throughout Greenmead, a historic village at Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

"We're still finishing up the Hill House," said Janet Bennett, president of the Friends of Greenmead. "We're not totally finished with the upstairs (renovation)."

Previous walks have helped fund new stained glass at the church and the pouring of the concrete basement for the Blue House at Greenmead.

"All sorts of things pop up, and we come to the rescue when we can," Bennett said.

Bennett is pleased with the walk's longevity, saying that when it first started 17 years ago, the Friends "had no idea" that it would last this long.

Variety and beauty are home qualities the organizers look at when organizing the annual Christmas Walk.

"We look for homes that are tastefully deco-

rated," Bennett said. "We'll put together a walk with homes that have a variety of styles in decorating. Some people like homespun, others like modern and we try to get a variety. It's really flexible and loose."

Bennett and Patt Kirksey, who is also a volunteer with the Friends of Greenmead, start looking for homes in September.

"Sometimes we'll get calls during the holidays from people who say, 'We've got our house decorated, why don't you come and look at it,' and we'll ask them the next year. We try to get large and small, colonials and ranches, for the walk. We try to get varieties."

Organizers recommend visitors begin this year's walk at the Livonia Civic Center, on Five Mile just east of Farmington Road. Visitors will proceed to seven homes, then end the walk at the Hill House, where hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served.

Tickets are \$9 per person in advance, \$10 the day of the walk. Tickets can be bought at any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, Greenmead and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of the Livonia Civic Center. Shoes must be removed before entering homes.

For information, call (734) 466-3540 or (734) 425-4855.

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Accents

Artisan featured

Local artist Kelly Darke, whose handbags and jewelry are at Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery, 4301 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, will be featured on *That's Clever!* on Home and Garden Television (HGTV) Thursday, Nov. 24.

That's Clever! presents artisans from all over the country demonstrating their skills.

Darke will be shown creating an original leather and crocheted silver handbag at noon and 5 p.m. Thursday.

The handbag can be seen at <http://www.kellydarke.com/gallery/photo.php?photo=216>.

Privy to prizes

Ugly and old could win big in American Standard's 2005 Ugliest Bathroom Contest.

The annual contest, in which owners of ugly bathrooms compete for a dream bathroom makeover from American Standard, has expanded this year to include a search for the oldest American Standard toilet. Homeowners may enter in one category only.

Consumers have until Wednesday, Nov. 30, to enter.

Entries may be submitted online at www.americanstandard-us.com/ugliest, or mailed to American Standard Ugliest Bathroom Contest, c/o Carmichael Lynch Spong, 800 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Prizes this year take on a vintage theme. The owner of the bathroom judged the ugliest will win a beautiful bathroom remodel including classic vintage-style fixtures from American Standard and complementary design services from nationally recognized interior designer Barbara Schmidt.

The owner of the American Standard toilet determined to be the oldest will receive a new toilet from the company's Champion® series with the Champion flushing system, and may choose from six different models in vintage, traditional or transitional styles.

If you think your entire bathroom needs a vintage makeover, submit a 100-word essay explaining why, along with photos of your current bathroom.

The owner of the bathroom judged the ugliest will have the opportunity to choose American Standard products from the Standard or Retrospect® collections.

If you think you have the oldest American Standard toilet, submit a photo of your current toilet and a description of why you think it's the oldest. Only American Standard toilets are eligible, and all entries must include the toilet's model number for verification purposes.

For more information on American Standard, call (800) 899-2614 or visit www.americanstandard.us.com.

Appliance owners want to try to fix it

I read an article recently about broken appliances and I strongly disagreed with the author's premise.

She wrote: "Chances are you have a broken household appliance collecting dust in your garage or basement. And chances are you're never going to take the time to find a repair shop to fix that appliance."

Judging from the calls I receive on my radio show and e-mails I receive through this newspaper, I believe plenty of people want to fix appliance

There are still millions of consumers who feel that they are capable of doing their own repairs on major appliances. They are certainly willing to try, and if it's beyond them, they admit it.

The author also reported that prices are coming down on products such as microwaves, DVD players and washing machines and cost of repairs equal half the cost of a new product.

Folks, the cost of products are *done* coming down. The cost of a washing machine

today has gone through the roof with many models. And while a front load washer can cost as much as the reported figure of \$350 to service, that figure is also on the high side.

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My years of experience in giving out information has proven over and over again that homeowners can do it themselves. Sometimes it's as simple as giving a person a little service secret that gets the repair headed in the right direction. People are smart enough to take it the rest of the way and if they need service, most homeowners know who to call.

If you don't know who to call for appliance service, then make some inquiries. Ask your neighbor or fellow worker or do a little shopping around and make calls. Find out what repair shops charge for a service call and labor in the home. If you ask a question and describe your problem, some service companies will give you the advice to fix it yourself.

Make sure to ask them if they'll help you do it yourself.

The many simple things that fail on appliances can cause a service call and it's almost embarrassing when a technician fixes it, and you see how easy the repair was done.

Take a light switch in a refrigerator that doesn't shut off the light bulb when you close the door. The bulb gives off enough heat to warm up the whole refrigerator section. It's very simple to replace the door switch. The thermal fuse on a clothes dryer, a plugged drain on a refrigerator, a dishwasher that won't fill with water and many hundreds of problems can be resolved with simple remedies that you can perform.

Don't go throwing away an appliance because you were influenced by a newspaper story.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Festive welcome

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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: Solving Common Pest and Disease Problems, four sessions beginning Thursday, Dec. 1 in Livonia or Friday, Dec. 2 in Pontiac (fee is \$137) and Computer Assisted Design, Fridays, Dec. 2, 16 in Livonia (\$137).

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 handmade 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 involving senior residents of Oakwood Commons in Dearborn and regional conservation and environmental programs sponsored by organizations such as the Friends of the Rouge.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. E-mail kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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Rest easy for now about dog, bird flu

It seems like every year there's a new disease that's going to devastate every a) person, b) pet, or c) person and pet. Sometimes the fear is reasonable, and people need the information.

At Michigan State in the mid '80s, I interviewed a biologist about this new disease he was working on, called AIDS, and wrote an article for the *State News* about what researchers knew, and what people should know to protect themselves.

The editor turned the story down, saying, "I think this AIDS thing is pretty much over."



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Virus Despite the fact West Nile doesn't affect dogs, there were reports of dogs dying from it, likely started through rumor, Internet messaging, or possibly a veterinarian with an overactive imagination.

Let's welcome the new Plague Du Jour, the Dog Flu.

Scores of people have called my clinic, fearful of this new disease. They want to secure their dog's safety by getting the vaccine, before this awful scourge wipes every dog off the planet.

(It makes me think of *Planet of the Apes*, in which people started owning primates after all the dogs and cats died from an uncontrolled disease outbreak. Then I realize how big a nerd I am, and I stop thinking about such things.)

The reports of this disease certainly do scare people, which means they love their pet and care about trying to help before a

problem starts. Should people in our area already be afraid of this disease?

Ned F. Kuehn, DVM, MS, DACVIM (SAIM), Chief of Internal Medicine at Michigan Veterinary Specialists, located in Southfield, says no.

"At this time, people owning dogs in Michigan should not be scared of canine influenza," Kuehn said.

As of Oct. 7, 2005, canine influenza has NOT been confirmed in pet dogs or racing greyhounds in Michigan. The infection has been confirmed in pet dogs in 10 states: Florida, New York, California, Oregon, Washington, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio and Pennsylvania and also in Washington, D.C.

CAUTION

Caution never hurts. "People traveling with their dogs to states known to have the infection should avoid having their dogs visit places housing large numbers of dogs such as kennels or unfamiliar dog parks," Kuehn added.

The disease began in January 2004 at a Florida greyhound track, and "was first identified in the pet population in spring 2005 as a cause of serious respiratory illness in dogs in shelters, humane societies, boarding facilities, and veterinary hospitals in Florida," Kuehn said.

"The canine influenza virus is a mutated strain of an equine influenza virus that has been detected in horses for over 40 years. It is thought that the feeding of raw horse meat to greyhounds may have allowed the equine influenza virus to mutate to this highly contagious virus now infecting dogs."

The disease can affect the dog in a mild or severe form. The mild form resembles kennel cough, with a 10-30-day cough, and possible nasal discharge, Kuehn said.

Severe cases develop high fevers and pneumonia, with a fatality rate of about 5-8 percent, Kuehn said, adding that veterinary care is needed for severe forms, but not for the mild form.

"Since this is a new disease, all dogs, regardless of age or breed, are susceptible to infection and have no immunity," Kuehn

said. "Virtually all dogs exposed to the virus become infected and nearly 80 percent will show clinical signs of disease."

"Most dogs infected with canine influenza, however, do not develop severe disease and will recover from this virus without any treatment."

What about those vaccines everyone calls about? When should we start thinking about vaccinating against this disease? It might be a good idea, but there's just a little problem. There's no vaccine yet.

"Although researchers are working on a vaccine to prevent canine influenza, one does not exist at this time," Kuehn said. "Vaccination for canine influenza would be advised once a vaccine is made available, especially in dogs frequenting boarding facilities, animal shelters or dog parks."

BIRD FLU

There's another disease on the horizon, the Bird Flu. While this sounds like the answer to a pun ("How did the bird get south for the winter?"), this disease is scaring a lot of people, including bird owners.

"Avian influenza can be transmitted to pet birds," Kuehn said. "The movement of birds is under intense scrutiny and control at international borders throughout the world. Since avian influenza is not a problem in the United States, there is no concern owners should have for their pet birds being infected. Also, people in the United States do not have to fear being infected with bird flu from their pet birds."

So you can rest easy for now, as the Chief of Internal Medicine at Michigan Veterinary Specialists, Dr. Ned Kuehn, a man with more letters after his name than I have in my entire name, feels it's not time to worry yet.

Keep in contact with your vet about your concerns. It is hoped these problems will stay as just unfounded fears.

Dr. Brad Davis is Medical Director for the VCA of Garden City 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show *Animal Talk* (visit www.AnimalTalkradio.com). E-mail questions or comments to questions@animaltalkradio.com

HOME CALENDAR

Christmas in the Village

Kick off the holiday season with Christmas in the Village at Cherry Hill Village in Canton Township Friday Saturday Nov 25-26.

The annual event offers a variety of activities for young and old alike. Cherry Hill Village is at the corner of Ridge Road and Cherry Hill Road. Highlights will include a Christmas home tour, live entertainment with both a main stage and strolling performers, food and beverage, children's crafts and games, a petting zoo and pictures with Santa.

The festivities will begin with a series of home tours 4-9 p.m. Friday. All of the residences will be beautifully decorated for the holidays with the assistance of local florists and decorators. In addition, neighbors will compete in the annual holiday lighting contest. The fun will continue noon to 6 p.m. Saturday.

The day will wrap up with the official tree lighting 5:30 p.m. in front of the Village Theatre, also at Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

The Toronto All Star Big Band a swing time group will perform holiday favorites 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday in the Village Theatre. Home tour tickets are \$12 in advance or \$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).

Tickets for the Toronto All Star Big Band are \$15 for the 4 p.m. show and \$18 for the 7 p.m. show and are available at Summit on the Park. Home tour/performance packages are available for \$27 at Summit on the Park.

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.

Visit www.christmasinthevillage.com for more information.

Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop at the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center in Birmingham offers eclectic and extraordinary holiday gifts.

Champagne & Shop the annual champagne preview party will take place 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 30 at the BBAC 1516 Cranbrook Road. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door, \$100 patron.

The whole family can come and shop for one of a kind artistic gifts. Shoppers will receive a 10 percent discount during the event. Fine foods, beverages and entertainment will also be featured.

After Champagne & Shop the BBAC Holiday Shop will continue Dec. 2-7. Hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. This year more than 100 renowned artists from across the country will be selling all types of wares including pottery and textiles. Purchases include complimentary wrapping.

For more information call (248) 644-0866 or visit www.bbcenter.org.

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The PCCA is at 407 Pine. The gallery is open now to Jan. 7. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Dec. 23 and 30, closed Dec. 24, 26 and 31.

Call (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

BROIDA

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good choice for younger kids.

PlayStation 2 owners looking for something a little more challenging than DDR should check out *In the Groove* (www.inthegroove.com). It sells for \$40 alone or around \$70 with a dance mat.

I particularly like *In the*

Groove because it has so many game choices, including a calorie-counting fitness mode and various two-player options.

Then there's *Pump It Up Exceed* (www.puu4home.com), available for PS2 and Xbox. It's quite similar to DDR, except that the dance mat adds arrows in the corners - giving dance game veterans an entirely new challenge.

The *Pump It Up* package

sells for around \$60. It's worth noting that once you own a mat, it should be compatible with just about any dance game.

Finally, there's the Sony EyeToy (www.eyetoy.com), a little camera that connects to the PS2 and puts you "in the game" by projecting a mirror image of you on the TV screen.

The basic EyeToy Play and EyeToy Play 2 packages are

great for getting kids up and moving, with lots of cute, fun mini-games.

My 6-year-old daughter, for instance, loves the fireworks game, in which she uses her hands to pop rockets as they stream through the air. And she likes watching me slug it out with an onscreen boxer. It's fun for me, too, and dang if it doesn't get my heart pumping.

Then there's EyeToy Groove

a game that focuses expressly on dancing. The difference here is that you're mostly moving your arms, not your feet.

The latest title in the series, EyeToy Kinetic, is aimed more at adults.

This "interactive fitness" product delivers a workout inspired by such activities as Tai Chi, kickboxing, aerobics, and yoga.

Now that winter is upon us

and going outside feels like a punishment, it's important that kids and adults alike stay active. These games offer a fun and inexpensive way to do it.

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Upside down Christmas trees are a popular decorating trend according to Maureen Osborne

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■ Where: The Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River in Novi

■ Admission: \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and for ages 2-12 free for under age 2

■ Among the features: 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 rides for children.

■ Related events: The Festival of Trees Gala, Saturday, Nov. 26. Gala tickets are \$250 for dinner and reception (admission 6:30-11 p.m.), \$150 for the reception only (admission 7:30-11 p.m.). Reservations are required.

Lunch with Santa, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on two Sundays, Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for ages 2-12, free for under age 2. Reservations are required.

Red Hat Luncheon, noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29

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DELIGHTS

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It's Christmas all year round said Osborne whose decorating talent has graced many sites including the window of a bridal store in Farmington and the Farmington Garden Clubs recent Holiday Tables event

At the house Osborne starts taking down some Halloween decorations and putting up Christmas decor before Halloween she said

She usually decorates between seven and 10 Christmas trees in the house

I just love it Osborne said

A painting of a garden scene that she bought in the South this year is on a wall Osborne played with elements in the painting setting up an arrangement around it of trees and greenery adorned with large white magnolias ivy and silver statuary and other metal pieces and green velvet

and taffeta

Every year I do something different in my house Osborne said

In the end anyway is a topiary tree dressed in burgundy, deep green and gold Winding among the greenery are ribbons with a vine design the same color as the surrounding toile wallpaper and drapes

In another room is an upside down tree The decoration includes giant sleigh bells, on the tree and the garland around the room

These trees are now the rage, Osborne said

My husband had one in his office 25 years ago she said

Osborne keeps an eye out for items for Christmas decor through the year

She also likes to work with and around what she has at home

This is the third year that Osborne and Chelsea have collaborated on a display for Festival of Trees Last year the creative duo decorated a vignette with a retro spin, the theme of a 1950s tree farm

A child size plane buffalo snow and feathers are among the components in Up and Away

The pink plane is a Radio



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Maureen Osborne and Chelsea Schneider created this dazzling display for this year's Festival of Trees The display features a little airplane carrying a Christmas tree

Flyer reproduction It is from Osborne's daughter in-law's store, Bee & Sam's in Bloomfield Hills Chelsea's father, Dave Schneider built the platform

'We always try to do something a little different Osborne said

'When I saw the event last year I was truly inspired,' said Kandi Karban, executive direc

tor of Festival of Trees

'Every tree is different and you see something different every time you look at them'

OTHER FEATURES

Trees aren't the only elements of the event Festival of Trees will have a new stocking area, a storytelling stage where groups can perform, rides for children, a gift shop, a black tie gala, lunches with Santa, a Red Hat luncheon and a dance party

The 2005 event is in a new and bigger location the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi The site has almost 65,000 square feet, last year's location was 10,000 square feet More activities for youngsters will be featured

Every year, Festival of Trees commissions an artist to design The Friendship Ornament, unique to the event

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Star Craighead plays Santa in 'The Gift.' His character illustrates the commercialism of Christmas.

The Gift

Church spectacular celebrates birth of Jesus

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The stage of NorthRidge Church is bubbling with excitement as Santa rides through on a sleigh. The Broadway-style production is everything we've come to know as Christmas. A full orchestra and choir perform cheery renditions of *Winter Wonderland* and *Let It Snow* as an ice skater twirls on a rink in a park scene.

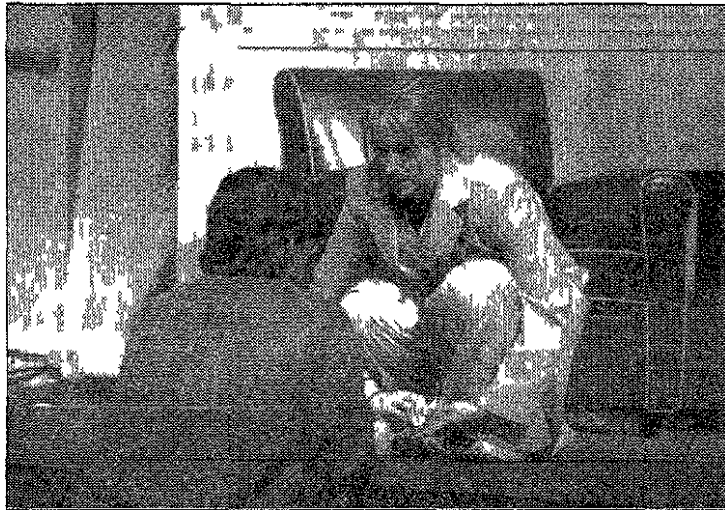
Everyone is in the holiday spirit, but behind the frolicking Rockette-like dancers is a sadness. Then a child takes center stage to sing *Happy Birthday Jesus*. This is only a rehearsal, but her words convey the message: *The Glory of Christmas*, the church's 2005 production, takes audiences along on a doctor's journey to find her "Gift." It's a feel-good family show meant to lead hearts back to the manger. Flying angels, pyrotechnics and a contemporary quartet remind us there's more to Christmas than just decking the halls.

"It's a musical production with a spattering of drama and comedy," said Roxann Powell, director of creative arts including the drama team. Each Sunday, the drama team presents a mix of music and choreography to illustrate her husband, senior pastor Brad Powell's sermons. "Every year we change the story line of *Glory of Christmas* then choose songs, fun Christmas songs and write a script."

It's difficult to come up with a new theme and script to please the more than 23,000 people who come to experience the spectacular every holiday season. NorthRidge, which was founded in 1927 as Temple Baptist Church in Redford, began putting on Christmas productions in 1992. This year the church's drama team is hoping audiences will relate to the story line based on the television series *Joan of Arcadia*. Every week the high school student is visited by God, but never knows who he or she is by the way they're dressed. Some weeks God is a janitor, others a pigeon lady.

Vita Pouget of Canton is the Pigeon Lady in the NorthRidge production, but instead of God she is an angel. An RN at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Pain Clinic in Ann Arbor, Pouget devotes several hours a week to the drama team. She's counting on the audience reaping what she sows.

"The Pigeon Lady is a fun role," said Pouget. "Gabriel is helping the doctor to reach her goal to find her gift - that Christ came to the earth as our savior."



Cindy Schaap talks with drama director Steve Childerston before a full dress rehearsal on Nov. 20 at NorthRidge Church in Plymouth Township. Schaap plays the role of a doctor who is visited by a series of angels leading her to 'The Gift.'

Through a relationship with him there is eternal life. That is the seed I throw as the Pigeon Lady."

ALL VOLUNTEER

Between 600 and 700 volunteers are involved with the production so it's not possible to find roles for all of them. Jordan Thomas was lucky enough to play a reindeer three years ago and returns as a drummer boy.

"I'm pretending I was there for the birth of Jesus," said Thomas, a 10-year-old from South Lyon. "I'm just a poor boy so I gave him my drum."

The theme of *The Gift* reappears time and again through out the show. Dr. Catherine McGrady (played by Cindy Schaap) is trying to buy a gift for her mother on Christmas Eve as a store owner (Greg Mooadian of Dearborn) turns her away.

"She's on the phone explaining why she can't go home for Christmas. She's just too busy, but tells her mother she sent a gift. Of course she hasn't," said Cindy Schaap, an insurance broker analyst in Ann Arbor. "God wants to get her attention."

Schaap, like many of the actors and singers, has performed only as an amateur in high school and college productions. Stephen Sommerville first sang with the choral group at Temple's Christian school. The Plymouth resident is part of the quartet which provides comic relief.

"We try to relax the crowd and let them know we can have fun and participate in worship," said Stephen Sommerville who has been a member of the church most of his 47 years. An export manager at an air freight company at Detroit Metropolitan Airport, he spends many evenings at rehearsals with his wife, Suzanne, pianist and instrumental music director for

the production. Their daughter Megan, 17, is in the dance numbers.

"While it's very entertaining it helps people realize the true meaning of Christmas."

Unlike most Christmas productions, *The Gift* doesn't conclude with the birth of Jesus. Star Craighead is one of the Roman soldiers who crucify Christ. As with many of the actors, his wife Diane also is involved with the production. She plays several roles including one of the winged angels in heaven.

At the beginning I'm Santa to pull people in to what they think Christmas is," said Star Craighead of Salem Township. "As a soldier, it draws a lot of energy out of you. Emotionally it takes you down. If I don't come off there with some kind of tears I know something's wrong."

The *Glory of Christmas* does have lows as well as highs. It's sure to be a hit with families from the time they enter the church. Long before the house lights go down volunteers pass out candy while wearing gung hats that light up.

"We have a blast," said Rick Harris, communications and marketing director. "It's an outreach message to people, communicate why Christ came and the true meaning of Christmas." NorthRidge Church is at 49555 North Territorial at Ridge in Plymouth. Tickets are \$13.75 and \$15.75, and available at all Meijer locations or by calling (800) 585-3737. Performances are 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1 and 8, and 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2 and 9, and 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Dec. 3-4 and 10-11. For more information, visit www.northridgechurch.com or call (734) 414-7777.

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NOVEMBER

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 Rhevelle.

Coffeehouse

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

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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

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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.

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For the Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 at 1390 Quanton 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.

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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 Romanian 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-along 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 dami-anj@juno.com.

Christmas with family

Celebrate the holiday season with music, drama, skits, dance numbers, flying angels, big screen video and more at Christmas with the Family, 2005, 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford. Desserts will be served at end of performances. Rickets \$5 before Dec. 3, \$10 after and at the door. Call (313) 255-2222, ext. 236. Detroit World Outreach is a non-denominational church with cutting-edge drama productions, energized contemporary music, high-tech video and lighting programs for kids and teens, a great place for college students, singles, married adults and seniors. Services are 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday (6:30 p.m. the first Sunday of the month). Sunday school for all ages at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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 (kiefle, 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.

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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 Langsdorf 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.

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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.

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November 16, 2005 of Canton. Loving wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Scott (Cheryl), Cynthia (Skip) Powelson and Barbara (Kenneth) Drain. Sister of Irene Deputak, Barbara Griffin and Helen Sparka. Funeral service held at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. Father, Leo Sabourn officiated the services on Tuesday, November 22nd.

MARY ANN LEONE

Age 60, a 27-year resident of Royal Oak, died Sunday, November 20, 2005 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak. She was born February 5, 1945 in Detroit, MI. Surviving are her children David (Alayna) Gna (Mark) Goodin and Russell Nicholas, three granddaughters, brother Mark Manko and several nieces and nephews. Memorial Service will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 26 at Our Shepherd Lutheran, located at 2225 East 14 Mile Road, Birmingham, MI 48009.

BRENT C. VERROT

Age 46, passed away Saturday, November 19, 2005 at home. He was born July 8, 1959 in Wayne, MI, the son of Raymond and Mary Ann (DeMara) Verrot. Brent was a master chef for many years in various restaurants in the Washtenaw County area. He was also an avid gardener and received the Suburban Eight Football and Wrestling award in 1978. Survivors include one daughter, Danielle Verrot of Westland, one son, Brent Verrot of Westland, his mother, Mary Ann Verrot of FL, four brothers, Mark (Mary Beth) of Canton, Bruce (Mary) twin brother Brad (Kathy) and John (Callie) all of FL, six nephews and one niece. He was preceded in death by his father. The funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 23 at STARK FUNERAL SERVICE, Moore Memorial Chapel with Rev. Rudy Shankle officiating. Cremation will follow. The family will receive friends at the funeral home, 6:00 p.m. Tuesday. Please sign his guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

GERALD GOTTHELF

Beloved husband of Shirley Gotthelf. Dear father of Gail (Mark) Fisher, Dennis (Mara) Gotthelf and Beth (Steven Miesowicz) Gotthelf. Loving grandfather of Sarah and Dana. Great grandfather of Emma and Nolan. Services were held Monday, November 21, 2005 at The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills. Arrangements by The Ira Kaufman Chapel, 248 569-0020. www.irakaufman.com

ALVIN GRANT KARHU

Age 27, beloved son of Karrie and Stephen Karhu. Loving father of Haleigh Karhu. Grandson of Chester & Audrey Marcum and Valerie and the late Jack Karhu. Nephew of Kim Marcum (Marlayne), Kathleen & Gregory Warwick and Cheryl Quay. Survived by many cousins. Visitation was held Monday, 1 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Road, Livonia.

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Carve turkey with confidence

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A successful Thanksgiving or other holiday dinner may mean having the right tools at the right time - when it's time to carve the turkey, for example.

Specialists at Cutco, the cutlery manufacturer, offer suggestions with the following list of turkey-day tools to have ready.

■ **Carving knife** A thin, sharp, recessed edge on your carving knife will ensure you have smooth cutting and beautiful slices.

■ **Trimmer (utility knife)** A trusty sidekick, the trimmer will be called on often during stuffing preparation.

■ **Paring knives** A kitchen staple, you may need more than one for dinner preparation.

■ **Carving fork** Sharp, sturdy tines anchor the meat firmly.

■ **Cutting boards** Don't use just any cutting surface.

Polypropylene (plastic) is an edge-friendly surface that will keep your blades sharper longer. Glass, ceramic and metal cutting surfaces will dull straightedge knives quickly.

■ **Kitchen shears** Shears are handy for snipping everything from herbs for your stuffing, to cutting the trussing chord binding the turkey legs.

■ **Basting spoon** A long-handled basting spoon is used for basting the turkey, but it's also good to have on hand for removing stuffing from the cavity of the turkey.

■ **Vegetable peeler** Peeling that mound of potatoes is a pleasure when you have a sharp and comfortable vegetable peeler on hand.

There's more than one way to carve a turkey.

Whether carving is done center stage at the table or behind-the-scenes in the kitchen, these simple steps to carving a whole bird will help you carve with confidence.

TRADITIONAL METHOD

■ Insert carving fork into the meaty part of the drumstick. Place carving knife between drumstick and thigh, and cut through skin to joint. Next, place carving knife between thigh and body and cut through skin to joint. Remove entire leg section by pulling outward and using the point of the knife to dis-joint it. Then, separate the thigh from the drumstick.

■ Disjoint wing and separate from body in the same manner.

■ Make a horizontal base cut across the bottom of the breast with the carving knife.

■ Starting parallel to the breastbone, slice diagonally through the meat down to the horizontal base cut. Lift off each slice, holding it between the knife and fork. Continue slicing the breast by beginning at a higher point each time until the chest bone is reached.

BREAST-OFF-BONE METHOD

■ Anchor the turkey firmly on the cutting board with your carving fork. Carve each breast section away from the rib cage by cutting along the bone and around the contour of the body next to the ribs.

■ Lay the breast section flat on the cutting board and carve it into thin, even slices cutting against the grain of the meat.

CARVING THE DARK MEAT

■ Insert carving fork into the meaty part of the drumstick. Place carving knife between drumstick and thigh, and cut through skin to joint.

■ Hold thigh firmly with carving fork and cut even slices parallel to the bone.

(Source: Cutco) On the Web <http://www.cutco.com>



Create a turkey streudel with your leftovers. See recipe below.



TURKEY DUMPLING SOUP

- 1 gallon chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 carrots, peeled, diced
- 3 celery stalks, diced
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cups white wine
- 3 bay leaves
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- *2 cups cooked rice, noodles, potato
- 2 pounds turkey, chopped
- Salt & pepper to taste
- Dumplings
- 1 cup flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

In a large stockpot sauté carrots, onion, celery and bay leaves in oil for 5 minutes.

Add wine and reduce by half, add stock, bring to a boil.

In a bowl mix together the flour, eggs, salt and pepper and slowly add water to make dough.

Using a small spoon, scoop dough into boiling stock, stir occasionally.

Once dumplings are cooked add turkey, parsley and rice.

Simmer for 20 minutes, add salt and pepper if needed.

The leftovers

New angles on old favorites

Thanksgiving might be the only time of year when leftovers actually have some appeal.

If you're brave enough to join the throngs at the mall on Friday for what is considered the busiest shopping day of the year, it's tough to beat a turkey sandwich with a few of the fixings that after noon once you return home after being on your feet all day.

But there are other things you can do with that leftover bird turkey casserole, turkey enchiladas, turkey pizza or turkey tarts.

Chef Peter Engelhardt, who

discussed turkey preparation with the *Observer's Eccentric* last week, has several suggestions for leftovers.

The executive chef at The Community House in Birmingham likes turkey chili, turkey dumpling soup and turkey streudel.

And if you like salad, you can make a turkey Cobb salad, with your favorite greens," said Engelhardt.

For the streudel, you can incor-

porate some of the other leftovers such as the gravy as a base or vegetables such as sweet potatoes.

You can make that a day ahead, and the phyllo will hold up great, Engelhardt said. Or you can make bowls of chili and freeze them, he recommends.

See inside today's Taste section for his recipes.

Recipes courtesy of Peter Engelhardt, executive chef of The Community House in Birmingham.

TURKEY CHILI

- 1/2 of a medium onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons garlic, chopped
- 1 cup red wine
- 6 cups whole peeled tomato
- 3 cans assorted beans (black kidney, pinto)
- 1/2 can diced green chilies
- 1 cup corn kernels
- 1 pounds turkey, chopped
- 2 tablespoons chili powder

- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 2 tablespoons parsley, chopped
- 2 teaspoons dried oregano
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Heat a large stockpot and sauté garlic and onion in oil for 5 minutes.

Add red wine and reduce by half.

Add rest of ingredients, bring to a boil, reduce and simmer for 2 hours.



NEXT-DAY TURKEY STREUDEL

- Leftover turkey
- Leftover gravy
- Leftover vegetables
- Phyllo dough
- Butter, melted

Mix any leftover turkey, veggies and/or gravy. Add more vegetables if needed.

Place two sheets of phyllo dough on cutting board.

Scoop 8 ounces of turkey mix in the middle, 1/4 of the way up from edge of dough.

Fold dough over and roll twice.

Fold both ends in to make a pocket.

Brush with melted butter and continue folding until it looks like a burrito.

Brush the top with melted butter, bake at 400° F for 20 minutes.

New master sommelier hails from Michigan

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD
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Count them. Only 127 in the entire world. It's an elite group and Michigan garnered its third member in London on Nov. 5 when Ron Edwards passed a rigorous tasting exam to become a master sommelier.

In the wine, spirits and alcoholic beverage service, the Master Sommelier Diploma is the ultimate professional credential anyone can attain worldwide.

The 36-year-old Edwards, formerly sommelier at Five Lakes Grill in Milford and legendary Tapawingo in Ellsworth, is well known to area diners. A native North Carolinian, he graduated from

N.C. State with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.



Edwards

co-op jobs associated with earning my degree, I never formally practiced engineering.

EXPANDING INTEREST IN WINE

During the last two summers at N.C.

State, Edwards signed on for missionary work in Honduras where he met his wife Julie, a native of Romeo, and followed her to her home state where he took his first hospitality industry job, managing Sweet Lorraines in Southfield.

Later he began building the wine program for chef/proprietor Brian Polcyn at Five Lakes Grill in Milford. At a trade tasting where Edwards was searching out wines for the wine list, he had a fortuitous introduction to master sommelier Madeline Triffon, now wine director for the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group. Through Triffon, he learned about the

Roast a rack of lamb

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This is a stylish dish that could grace a holiday occasion or make a good choice for entertaining any time of year. Don't worry that its preparation will mean the cook has to lose a lot of social time toiling away out of sight in the kitchen. The lamb roasts in about half an hour and while it's in the oven, the savory, rosy-red sauce can be prepared simply and easily.

PLEASE SEE EDWARDS, B10

PLEASE SEE LAMB, B10



This Southwestern-style dip uses roasted red peppers and sun-dried tomatoes that have not been packed in oil and are nearly fat-free

AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Make your dips healthy this holiday season

Party dips are good to have on hand for the holidays. Commercial dips are often high in fat, calories and sodium, but you can make low-fat, vegetable-based dips that are quick, easy and flavorful with ingredients you usually have in the kitchen.

Chickpeas, spinach and tomatoes make rich but healthful bases for party dips. Each is high in phytochemicals. Spinach, for example, is rich in several of these natural substances. Two, lutein and zeaxanthin, are also believed to protect against age-related macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in people over 65.

Tomatoes are a rich source of lycopene, which has been linked to reduced prostate cancer risk and is now being studied for its potential to protect against other cancers.

Chickpeas (garbanzo beans), which make a creamy base for dips, are rich in protein, fiber, vitamin B6 and many important minerals. They contain a group of phytochemicals, called isoflavones, that may help prevent hormone-related cancers.

Many healthful dips contain garlic, which is rich in phytochemicals called organosulfides. They offer a variety of heart- and cancer-protective features.

The following Southwestern-style dip uses roasted red peppers and sun-dried tomatoes that have not been packed in oil and, therefore, are virtually fat-free. It includes a small amount of reduced-fat Neufchâtel cream cheese, which has a more satisfying flavor than "lite" or "fat-free" cream cheese.

SANTA FE SUNSET DIP

- 3 ounce (1 package or about 30) sun-dried tomatoes (not packed in oil)
- 2 jars (7 ounces each) roasted red peppers, drained
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped fine

- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin or to taste
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice or to taste
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup chopped scallion
- 4 ounces reduced-fat Neufchâtel cream cheese, softened
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Tabasco or hot chili pepper sauce to taste (if desired)

Soak dried tomatoes in hot water for 5 minutes. Drain well, reserving 3 tablespoons of the soaking liquid.

In a food processor, puree red peppers, tomatoes, garlic, cumin, lemon juice, cilantro and scallion until smooth and well-blended. Add cream cheese and puree, adding enough of the reserved tomato-soaking liquid to thin the dip to the desired consistency (scraping down the side of the bowl occasionally). Blend until smooth. Blend in salt, pepper and hot sauce to taste. Adjust seasoning, adding more garlic, cumin, or lemon juice if needed.

Transfer to a container with a cover. Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours before using. Bring dip to room temperature before serving.

Serve in a small, attractive bowl placed in center of a large serving platter, surrounded with assorted cut up vegetables and, if desired, baked tortilla chips.

Makes 10 servings (about 1/2 cup each). Per serving: 67 calories, 3 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 10 g carbohydrate, 2 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 303 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research

Appetizer tarts piled with turkey and extras

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cooking for the holidays is a never-ending round of presenting favorite foods, in various ingenious – and wonderfully tasty – ways.

This recipe for appetizing mouthfuls assembled as easy-to-bite little turkey tarts calls for cooked turkey, cooked winter squash and chestnuts, among other ingredients.

Aha, cooks may say – perfect for leftovers. They're quite right.

On the other hand, you might opt to make the tarts even if you haven't got a pile of leftovers to use up, starting from scratch.

Either way, this is not a complicated recipe. You don't have to make pastry for the tarts – pick up won ton wrappers along with a few other simple ingredients at the grocery store.

And either way you'll have a rich and satisfying appetizer to hand (and no one but your pocketbook will ever know if you used "leftovers").

- green onions
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh sage
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon white pepper
- 1 cup diced cooked turkey
- 1/2 cup pureed or mashed cooked winter squash (see note)
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped cooked peeled chestnuts (see note)

Preheat oven to 350° F. Spray cavities of 12-cup muffin pan with pan spray, press 12 won ton wrappers into cavities.

In food processor or with electric mixer, combine cheeses, cream cheese, eggs, 2 tablespoons of the green onions, sage, salt and pepper until smooth and well blended. Stir in turkey, squash and chestnuts. Spoon half of mixture into won ton cups. Sprinkle with additional green onions. Bake 13 to 15 minutes or until set. Repeat with 12 remaining won ton wrappers and filling. Cool slightly to serve.

Makes 12 servings, of 2 tarts each.

Note: Acorn or butternut squash work very well, almost any other squash, except maybe spaghetti squash, also would work. For chopped chestnuts, if preferred, substitute pine nuts.

Nutrition information per 1-tart serving: 90 cal, 5 g total fat (2.5 g saturated), 50 mg chol, 195 mg sodium, 7 g carbo, 0 g dietary fiber, 5 g pro.

(Recipe for AP from Wilton Enterprises)

TURKEY TARTS

- 24 won ton wrappers
- 1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 pound (4 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 4 eggs
- 4 tablespoons finely chopped

Try these recipes for holiday leftovers

ARTICHOKE TURKEY PIZZA

- 1 baked thin Italian pizza crust (12 inches)
- 1 1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) Hunt's diced tomatoes with basil, garlic and oregano, drained
- 1 cup chopped leftover cooked turkey
- 1 can (14 ounces) artichoke hearts, drained coarsely chopped
- 1 can (2.25 ounces) sliced black olives, drained
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 450° F. Place crust on ungreased baking sheet. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Top with tomatoes, turkey, artichokes, olives and Parmesan cheese.

Bake 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Makes 4 servings (1/4 pizza each).

CURRIED TURKEY COUSCOUS SALAD

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup couscous, uncooked
- 1/2 cup golden raisins
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped

- crystallized ginger
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 cups chopped leftover cooked Butterball® Turkey
- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- 6 green onions, sliced (about 1/2 cup)
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 2 oranges, peeled, sectioned and chopped
- 1 cup seedless red grapes, cut into halves
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Combine broth, curry powder and salt in medium saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Stir in couscous, raisins and ginger, cover. Remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Uncover, fluff with fork. Cool.

Mix mayonnaise and lemon juice in large bowl until well blended. Add turkey, celery, onions and almonds, mix well. Add couscous mixture, oranges, grapes and parsley, mix lightly. Cover.

Refrigerate 3 to 4 hours, or until chilled. Makes 4 servings (1-1/2 cups each).

Recipes from www.butterball.com



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Sichuan-style lo mein made easy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The change in season and cooler weather renew the appeal of comfort food.

We start scrabbling hopefully hungrily, through recipe books, looking for a new, ideally fresh-from-scratch dish. Something a step up from defrosting a frozen dinner or opening a can of soup.

Hold the search. Here's an easy answer to feed the family and send them happily out to sweep leaves or stack logs.

Philip Jones, president of Jones Dairy Farm and a Paris-trained chef, developed this one-dish meal that takes only about half an hour to make.

The recipe starts by borrowing from Chinese cooking, then absorbing other flavors before a fast simmer to a tasty finish.

I based this recipe on a traditional lo mein I encountered during my early training as a chef, Jones said.

It's in the genre of what he refers to as "the meal-in-a-bowl" — soups, stews and noodle dishes. He suggests that for many Americans they're the new style of comfort food, "hearty, healthful and full of fresh ingredients."

Jones says that his Sichuan-style lo mein includes classic Asian ingredients — garlic, ginger and soy bok choy, an Asian green, adds a hint of sweetness. Red bell pepper gives flavor and color, and — a contemporary twist — Canadian bacon provides a smoky, flavorful protein.

SICHUAN-STYLE LO MEIN

(Start to finish about 25 minutes)

- 8 ounces vermicelli or thin spaghetti broken in half
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil divided
- 2 teaspoons bottled or fresh minced ginger root
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 2 cups sliced bok choy or Swiss chard
- 1 red bell pepper cut into short thin strips
- 1 cup reduced sodium chicken broth
- 1/4 cup reduced sodium soy sauce
- 6 ounce package Canadian bacon slices cut into strips
- 2 green onions cut diagonal 1/4 into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/4 cup chopped peanuts or cashews (optional)

Cook vermicelli according to package directions, drain and toss with 1 tablespoon of the oil and set aside.

Meanwhile, heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in a large, deep skillet over medium heat. Add ginger root, garlic and pepper flakes, stir-fry 30 seconds. Add bok choy and bell pepper, stir-fry 2 minutes. Add broth and soy sauce, bring to a simmer. Add green onions, simmer until vegetables are tender, about 2 minutes. Stir in vermicelli and Canadian bacon, heat through. Transfer to 4 shallow bowls, top with cilantro and, if desired, peanuts.

Makes 4 (1-1/2 cup) servings

Nutrition information per serving: 365 cal, 10 g fat, 23 g pro, 20 mg chol, 1,271 mg sodium, 3 g fiber, 48 g carbo

Recipe for AP from Jones Dairy Farm

Applesauce recipe asks for toasted cinnamon sticks

BY J M HIRSCH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Kitchen gadgets for the sake of kitchen gadgets don't do it for me.

For a gadget to get into my kitchen it really must be a performer. That means it must make a task faster and simpler. It also means setup and cleanup can't be a chore.

I've long resisted those old-fashioned hand-crank apple peeler-corer-slicer devices. They seem a complicated machine for a simple process better done with a hand peeler. Plus, I like peeling produce. Get into a groove and it can be a soothing rhythm.

Then my son came along. Such Zen moments are hard to come by these days.

As it happens, I own one of those apple gizmos. It was a gift, the sort you set in the back of the pantry with every intention to give to Goodwill but never get around to. I'd never used it.

That changed when I recently contemplated how to peel the peck of apples I'd picked earlier in the week. That is, how to do it while preventing

my son from biting the cat's tail, climbing into the kitchen cupboards and crawling down the heating ducts.

Oh My God. How did I live without this thing? Intuitively named the Apple Peeler Corer Slicer, this handy device peeled, cored and sliced a large apple in less than 5 seconds. Then again, And again. And again. All in less time than it took my son to catch the cat.

I was astounded. Clamp it onto a counter or table. Jam an apple onto a fork-like prong, then turn the handle. The turning action rams the apple into a series of blades — one peels, one slices and one cores.

Setup was as simple as clamping it down. Cleanup was even easier — just a quick rinse under warm water. And according to the instructions, the device also does wonders for potatoes. Curly fries, anyone?

So now I had a new gadget for my kitchen. I also had a heap of peeled and sliced apples. What to do with them?

This time of year, applesauce is always a wonderful choice. Nothing smells better on a chilly autumn day than a pot of apples

and cinnamon bubbling away. And what could be easier?

My recipe for applesauce is simple. Fill a large saucepan with peeled and sliced apples. Add about 1/2-inch of water. Season to taste with cinnamon, nutmeg and ground cardamom, then cover and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat and simmer until apples are very soft, about 10 minutes.

Whatever you do, don't add sugar. Talk about ruining the natural — and already extraordinarily sweet — taste of fresh apples. I've never understood this. Sugar deadens the tart bite of seasonal apples, a bite that's necessary to appreciate the true flavors.

For another take on (unsweetened) applesauce, try this version from Michel Nischan's *Homegrown Pure and Simple* (Chronicle, 2005, \$35). He spikes it with just a touch of fresh lemon juice and toasted cinnamon sticks.

2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 teaspoon fine sea salt

Using tongs, hold the cinnamon sticks about 1 inch above a high gas flame and toast about 1 minute, or until they darken a shade and are fragrant. Alternatively, set them directly on a hot electric coil and turn the sticks as they toast, about 20 to 30 seconds. Regardless of method, be sure to wear oven mitts.

Juice 3 cups of the apples in a juicer, producing about 1/2 cup of juice and 1/2 to 1 cup of pulp. (If you don't have a juicer, use 1/2 cup freshly pressed apple juice or cider and only 1-1/2 pounds of apples.)

In a nonreactive saucepan, combine the remaining apples, juice, pulp, cinnamon sticks, lemon juice and salt and bring to a simmer over a medium flame. Reduce to low, partially cover and cook, stirring often, for about 30 minutes, or until the apples are tender and have broken down to a saucelike consistency.

Remove the cinnamon sticks. For a smoother consistency, process the applesauce in a food processor.

Makes about 2 cups
From Michel Nischan's *Homegrown Pure and Simple* (Chronicle 2005 \$35)

APPLESAUCE

(Start to finish 35 minutes)
2 cinnamon sticks
2 pounds tart apples peeled, cored and sliced

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EDWARDS

FROM PAGE B7

Court of Master Sommelier's certification program

BECOMING A MASTER SOMMELIER

The first successful master sommelier examination was held in the United Kingdom in 1969. By 1977, the Court of Master Sommeliers was established as the premier internationally-recognized examining and certifying body, exacting passing three stages of examinations.

Edwards passed the introductory course in 1997 and the advanced level the next year. He estimated that for the second level, he studied four hours each day, six days a week for six weeks. Between this and his recent success several life responsibilities, including the birth of four daughters and work, spread out his passing exams in practical service, theory and the final blind tasting identification over the succeeding seven years.

"I didn't keep exact track of the time involved to study and pass all the tests for master sommelier," Edwards admitted. "And the cost in addition to time? Chef Brian Polcyn helped with costs for the first two levels," he said. "For the master sommelier's level, it was out of pocket and being awarded scholarships from the beverage industry that helped with travel expenses to both California and London for various exams."

WHAT'S NEXT?

The title "master sommelier"

offers Edwards a worldwide passport to a top position in the hospitality industry.

He's taking that route but on his own terms by establishing his company Five Star Sommelier Services as a service and beverage specialist offering hospitality and service training, wine, spirits and beer education, restaurant systems development, and a private wine club. Among his clients are The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, Tapawingo and Galley Gourmet in Bay Harbor. (Those interested in any aspect of beverage development can check out his Web site at www.fivestarsommelier.com or by e-mailing ron@fivestarsommelier.com.)

With startup early in December this year, Grapevine School of Wine will have multiple bases in Oakland County with plans to take the project national and international. Plans are now on the drawing board for introductory through specialized classes and travel are one-of-a-kind and welcome addition to wine education in the area. Check out the Web site, www.grapevineschoolofwine.com, to learn about education opportunities offered by Edwards and his wine school partners Trevor Rudderham and John McKewan.

The Edwards are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and Troy residents who write about wine spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com

LAMB

FROM PAGE B7

This is a dish that will look as good as it tastes

ROAST RACK OF LAMB WITH CRANBERRY AND RED WINE SAUCE

- 3 racks (7 or 8 ribs each) lamb trimmed and frenched (see note)
- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) chopped shallots
- 10 whole cloves
- 8 ounce can jellied cranberries
- 1 cup red wine
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 425° F

Season lamb to taste with salt and pepper. Place racks upright, with bones supporting one another, in small roasting pan. Roast at 425° for 24 minutes (for rare), to 30 minutes (for well

done). Remove from oven and let stand 5 minutes before carving. Pour meat juice into small bowl and skim off fat layer with teaspoon, set aside.

Meanwhile, heat olive oil in small saucepan. Add shallots and saute over medium heat for 3 minutes or until golden, stirring frequently. Add cloves and saute for 20 seconds. Add jellied cranberries, red wine and thyme and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, strain into clean pan and return to boil. Stir in vanilla, vinegar and salt.

Pour reserved meat juice into sauce and return to boil. Strain into serving dish. Serve with lamb. Makes 6 servings.

Note: A butcher will trim racks of lamb for roasting, trimmed racks ready for the oven are called "frenched."

Nutrition information per serving: 320 cal, 27 g pro, 13 g carbo, 0 g fiber, 14 g fat, 5 g saturated, 90 mg chol, 115 mg sodium.

Recipe developed for AP by the Cranberry-Marketing Committee

Fall fare
Casseroles are one-dish answer for dinner

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As fall weather turns thoughts hungrily to warming dinners, what's more welcoming for diners and easier for cooks than a hearty casserole, bubbling hot from the oven, wreathed in tasty aromas?

SMOKY VEGETABLE CASSEROLE

- 1 cup couscous
- 1 cup vegetable or chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon chipotle pepper sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium zucchini cut into bite size chunks
- 1 medium yellow squash cut into bite size chunks
- 1 medium red onion diced
- 1 red bell pepper cored seeded and cut into bite size chunks
- 1 green bell pepper cored seeded and cut into bite size chunks
- 19 ounce can chickpeas drained

- and rinsed
- 9 ounce package frozen artichoke hearts thawed
- 1/2 cup shredded Gruyere or Swiss style cheese

Preheat oven to 350° F

Combine couscous, broth, 2 teaspoons chipotle pepper sauce, and 1/2 teaspoon salt in 2-quart saucepan. Heat to boiling over high heat. Cover and remove from heat, let stand 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat oil in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Cook zucchini, yellow squash, red onion, red and green peppers and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt about 5 minutes until vegetables are tender-crisp, stirring occasionally. Stir in remaining 1 teaspoon chipotle pepper sauce.

Combine couscous, vegetable mixture, chickpeas, artichoke hearts and shredded cheese in 2-quart shallow casserole dish. Bake 20 minutes at 350° F or until mixture is heated through.

Makes 6 servings

(Note: Tabasco chipotle pepper sauce is available at your local supermarket.)

Nutrition information per serving: about 295 cal, 13 26 g pro, 46 12 g carbo, 706 total fat (1 82 g saturated), 9 90 mg chol, 736 96 mg sodium, 8 77 g fiber

SPICY POLENTA LASAGNA

- 8 ounces sweet Italian sausage links
 - 1 medium onion diced
 - 14-ounce can diced tomatoes
 - 2 teaspoons hot pepper sauce
 - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
 - 18 ounce tube prepared polenta cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
 - 1 cup shredded mozzarella or fontina cheese
 - 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- Preheat oven to 400° F
- Remove casing from sausage links, break up meat. Cook sausage until well browned on all sides in 12-inch skillet over medi-

um high heat, stirring occasionally. Remove sausage to bowl. In drippings remaining in skillet, cook onion until softened over medium heat. Add to bowl with sausage. Stir in tomatoes and their liquid and hot pepper sauce.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in same skillet. Cook polenta slices, half at a time, until browned on both sides. Repeat with remaining butter and polenta slices.

Spoon half of sausage mixture into a 9-by-9-inch baking dish. Top with half of polenta slices, and half of mozzarella cheese and Parmesan cheese. Repeat layer again, ending with Parmesan cheese. Bake 20 minutes or until cheese is melted and mixture is hot and bubbly. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information about 436 cal, 19 63 g pro, 20 42 g carbo, 31 27 g total fat (14 44 g saturated), 77 58 mg chol, 1,152 mg sodium, 2 21 g fiber

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Chanterelle and fontina frittata fast, flavorful

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For many people, a great brunch dish is something that tastes great any time of day - for lunch, too, or a late, light dinner.

Eggs adapt perfectly to this free-spirited outlook. They are quick to cook, and combine easily with a lively variety of other ingredients and flavors.

This recipe for a fast frittata comes from Marc Meyer, New York City chef and restaurant owner, author of *Brunch* (Rizzoli, 2005, \$24.95), who includes it in a "brunch and beyond" feature in the October issue of *Food and*

Wine magazine.

He's one of the confirmed brunch fans who, in addition to preparing brunch for others, himself likes to eat eggs for dinner after a long night of cooking at his restaurant.

His frittata is filled with chanterelle mushrooms - for which cremini or oyster mushrooms can be substituted - along with tarragon, and fontina cheese.

Fontina is mild-flavored and melts smoothly and easily, so it cooks up nicely in this combination, but Gruyere could also be used.

CHANTERELLE AND FONTINA FRITTATA

- 8 large eggs beaten
- 1 tablespoon chopped tarragon
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 pound chanterelle mushrooms sliced if large
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 ounces fontina or Gruyere cheese shredded (1/2 cup)

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit

In a medium bowl, beat the eggs with the chopped tarragon. In a large nonstick ovenproof skillet, heat 2 tablespoons of the olive oil until shimmering. Add the chanterelle mushrooms, season

with salt and pepper and cook them over moderately high heat, stirring occasionally, until the mushrooms are browned, about 8 minutes.

Add the remaining 2 tablespoons of olive oil to the skillet. Add the beaten eggs and cook until they begin to set at the edges, about 30 seconds. Using a spatula, lift the edges and tilt the pan, allowing the uncooked eggs to seep underneath. Cook until the bottom is set, about 3 minutes. Sprinkle the cheese on top and bake the frittata for about 8 minutes, until fluffy and set. Slide the frittata onto a platter, cut into wedges and serve.

Makes 4 servings

CALENDAR

Cuisine du Jour
Michelle Bommarito, culinary instructor and pastry chef, discusses Appetizers and Desserts on Thursday, Dec. 8, at a hands-on culinary training session at Trearrow, 1295 N. Opdyke Road, Auburn Hills. For information, call (248) 377-2300.

Schoolcraft classes
Enjoy the following culinary seminars at the VistaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty (between Six and Seven Mile roads), Livonia. This fall, for more information, call Continuing Education Services at (734) 462-4448 or visit www.schoolcraft.edu.
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Note: Hands On classes have a prerequisite.

site of the Cooking 101 Skill Development class or instructor's approval. Plan to wear a white chef's jacket, dark pants and comfortable shoes for all hands-on classes. Please prepare a tool kit with the following: a set of knives, peeler, spatula, dough cutter, thermometer and measuring spoons. Visit Web site www.schoolcraft.edu for more information on these classes and others: Garde Manger 101, Cold Food Preparation

5:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday Nov. 29 and 30. Cookie Decorating with Royal Icing 6-9 p.m. Dec. 6. Live Lobsterfest 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 8. Cooking Beef Tenderloin 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 15. Holiday Appetizers 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Dec. 17.
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State final showdown: Canton vs. Rockford



Canton's Deshon McClendon leaves a Macomb Dakota player in his wake during the Chiefs' 35-21 Division 1 semifinal victory Saturday. McClendon finished with 151 yards on 19 carries.

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He's all heart

Canton's McClendon is No. 1 when it comes to determination, desire

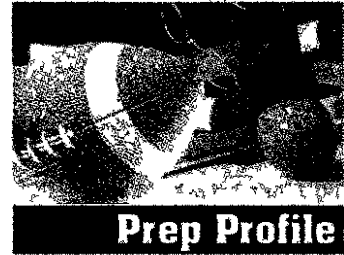
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

All 5-foot-6 of Canton running back Deshon McClendon appeared to be swallowed alive by the massive Macomb Dakota front seven during a critical third-down play mid-way through the first quarter of Saturday's Division 1 semifinal football game.

The apparent stuffing of McClendon couldn't have come at a worse time for the Chiefs, who were trailing 14-0 and facing their third punting situation in three possessions.

"At first, I ran into one of my own blockers," McClendon remembered. "Then when I bent back, one of their linebackers got his arm around me." But a split second before the referee blew his whistle, before the chain gang rolled the down marker from "3" to "4" and before the Dakota stands could erupt with exhilaration, something Barry Sanders-esque happened on the Troy Athens High School football field.

McClendon escaped. "I pushed the guy's arm off me, took a step back, then ran as hard as I could," McClendon said. "I think the defensive guys thought I was down, so they may have relaxed for a second."



Prep Profile

PLEASE SEE MCCLENDON, C2

Sidelines

Good sports

Plymouth Christian Academy's girls varsity volleyball and girls varsity soccer teams were presented with the Michigan High School Athletics Association's "Good Sportsmanship" award Oct. 27 at the school. The award, which is sponsored by the MEEIC Insurance Company, is given to teams that exhibit the highest levels of sportsmanship during the state playoffs.

The selection process includes input from officials, tournament managers, police security personnel, crowd-control volunteers, ushers and members of the MHSAA staff. The observers judge the conduct and sportsmanship of the teams' coaches, athletes, students and adult spectators. Also taken into account was the effort by each school's fans to cheer positively and enthusiastically for their team.

The awards were presented by Detroit Pistons assistant coach Steve Moreland.

"We are so proud of coach Missy Henry (volleyball) and coach Bob Lorion (soccer) for the way they led their teams last year," said PCA athletic director Doug Taylor.

Family run/walk

The Family With a Cause Run/Walk will be held Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. at Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton Township. All proceeds from the event will be used to help fight epilepsy.

There will be youth and adult divisions. The registration fee for adults is \$22. Kids under 12 years old will be charged \$10.

For more information, call Canton Leisure Services at (734) 483-5600, or visit their Web site at csc.canton-mi.org.

Travel baseball

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) will hold a travel baseball meeting on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. in the media center of Scranton Middle School located at 8415 Maltby Road (east of Rickett and south of Lee) in Brighton. This meeting is for the 2006 season and is for any new or returning U9-U18 teams.

For further information, contact Jeff David at (586) 206-7646 or jeff.david@kvbsa.com, or visit the league's Web site at www.kvbsa.com.

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.

Canton's goal: dethrone multi-talented Rockford

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

DIVISION 1 FINAL FACTS

- **Who:** Canton (11-2) vs Rockford (11-2)
- **When:** Saturday, 1 p.m.
- **Where:** Ford Field
- **Tickets:** \$9 (general admission) available at Canton High School athletic office from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, and at Ford Field on Saturday. Tickets are good for all four Saturday games.
- **Newsworthy notes:** This is Canton's first trip to the state finals. Rockford is the defending D1 state champion after knocking off Sterling Heights Stevenson in the 2004 finals.

"Wings & Things" is not the name of a fast-food restaurant, but it's given plenty of high school football defensive coordinators indigestion the past two years.

"Wings & Things" is the moniker Rockford football coach Ralph Munger has given his team's multi-dimensional offense, which has averaged close to 35 points per game this season after leading the Rams to the Division 1 state championship last fall.

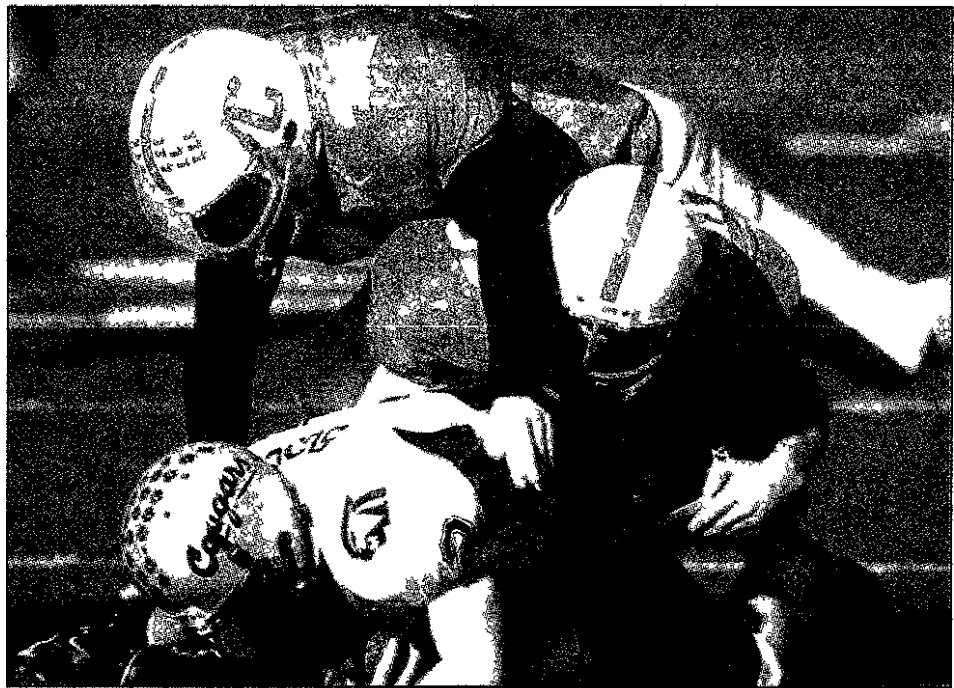
The Rams' multiple-set offense will provide the latest test for Canton's young but talented defense in Saturday's Division 1 state title game at Ford Field. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.

"I am amazed how many offensive formations they use," said Canton coach Tim Baechler, after reviewing films of recent Ram games. "Their main set seems to be the same full-house formation we use, but they also have a couple of spread packages, too."

"Like I told our kids, it will be like a final exam for them. We've faced teams that have run all of the formations Rockford uses, but we'll be seeing them all in one game on Saturday."

Steering the Rams' offense is first-year starter

PLEASE SEE GOAL, C4



Canton's defense shut out Macomb Dakota during the second half of Saturday's Division 1 semifinal football game at Troy Athens High School. Jeff Piper (44) and Andy Rossow (31) are pictured bringing down the Cougars' John Schultz.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Lakers derail Chiefs

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The tale of the ugly duckling and the beautiful swan played out in its entirety Monday night at Northville High School.

When it was over, the swan emerged in an exciting finish for West Bloomfield, which used a punishing interior defense in the second half to stifle

Canton and beat the Chiefs, 45-38, in a Class A regional girls' basketball game.

The win earned the Lakers a spot in the regional final Tuesday against Auburn Hills Avondale, a 54-51 winner over Birmingham Marion. Results of that game weren't available at press time.

PLEASE SEE CAGERS, C3



Canton's Lisa Ealy drives through West Bloomfield's Chenise Miller (42) and Tabitha Mahoney during the first quarter of Monday night's regional semifinal contest. The Lakers won, 42-35.

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Schmitt sparkles at D1 meet

Please see complete Division 1 state swim results on Page C3.

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Nervous?

Not Canton sophomore Allison Schmitt prior to Saturday's Division 1 state finals swim meet at Eastern Michigan University.

The cool, calm and collected Schmitt finished second in both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events before leading the Chiefs' 400 freestyle relay foursome to a 12th-place finish. Along with the silver-medal performances, Schmitt earned All-American status with her 23.93 time in the 50 free preliminaries and her 51:27 clocking in the 100 finals.

"I don't get nervous at big meets, or any meets, because I know I'm going to do my best and I'm going to be happy with the outcome," said Schmitt.

Schmitt said the state final meet setting is conducive to record-shattering times.

"The atmosphere is good at the finals, plus it's the meet everyone has trained for all season so we're



Allison Schmitt

and sixth in the 200 freestyle.

Schmitt started swimming competitively at the age of 10 for the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers. Two years later, she joined the elite Ann Arbor Swim Club.

"I swim 50 weeks of the year," she said. "My goal is to swim for a big college some day and qualify for either the 2008 or 2012 Olympic trials."

There is no rest in the near future for Schmitt, who will be training hard the next two weeks for the U.S. Open national meet in Auburn, Ala.

"I never get tired of swimming," she said. "I love it."

Thanks to its talented 10th-grader's performance, Canton finished 14th overall with 44 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer swam away with the title, earning 433 points, 190 more than runner-up

all ready for it," she said.

At the 2004 state meet,

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Farmington Hills Mercy Rochester Adams (184), Holland (145) and Northville (139) rounded out the top five spots.

"Swimming the shorter events like Allison did, you have to be perfect," said Canton assistant coach Ed Weber. "And she was perfect. Her turns were amazing and she was quick off the blocks."

Allison is a great person to coach because she listens to everything we have to say and she's very, very open to our ideas."

Salem finished with nine points, which placed the Rocks in a 33rd-place tie with Fraser. "We turned in our fastest times of the year, but they just weren't quite fast enough," said Salem coach Chuck Olson. "Everyone gave it their best, which is all you can ask."

The Rocks' best finish was senior Kelsey Lincoln's ninth-place showing in the 100-yard backstroke. She was clocked in a personal-best time of 1:01.47.

Lincoln earned a 17th-place finish in the 200 individual medley (2:14.95).

Salem freshman diver Katie Koetting also had a good state final meet, finishing 26th, which was the best finish for a freshman.

McCLENDON

FROM PAGE C1

McCleendon not only escaped — he reeled off an electrifying 43-yard run, setting up Canton's first touchdown and energizing his teammates and the Chiefs' crowd

While the run came early in Canton's 35-21 victory, it may have been the most significant play of the afternoon considering the consequences the Chiefs would have faced had he been tackled for no gain

"That run gave us a huge momentum boost," said Canton coach Tim Baechler

ILL-ADVISED MOVE

Baechler said members of the Dakota student cheering section unknowingly charged up McCleendon's already high intensity level during pre-game warm-ups

"I guess some of their kids were ripping on Deshon, calling him short," Baechler said "It fired him up Deshon went over to one of our assistant coaches and said, 'Do they know who I am?' My assistant coach said when they got on him, it was like poking a 10-foot-tall grizzly bear with a stick"

Stopping McCleendon will be the No 1 task for Rockford's defense in Saturday's Division 1 state final contest at Ford Field

"From what I can see from the films I've watched, (McCleendon) is one of those players that runs with every ounce and every fiber of his body," said Rockford coach Ralph Munger "I'm very impressed with him He plays hard and we respect that in a player"

McCleendon, a junior, has been playing football for half his life, having strapped on his first pair of shoulder pads at the age of 8 It didn't take long before McCleendon's first Plymouth-Canton Steelers coach, Phil LaVallee, noticed the youngster's potential for greatness

"Deshon didn't play a lot when he was 8 because he still had a lot to learn," LaVallee reflected "But it was obvious right away that he was going to be something special By the time

he was 9, he was doing the same kinds of things in little league that you see now with Canton He's always had the moves, plus he ran kids over like he does now

"I'll never forget one run he made for us He was running down the sidelines when, out of the corner of his eye, he saw a defensive player coming at him As the defensive player dove at him, Deshon leaped over the kid and into the end zone No one could believe it"

McCleendon was instrumental in the Steelers' string of WSJFL Super Bowl appearances during his little league tenure

"Before one of our first practices during Deshon's junior varsity season when he was 12, he came up to me and said, 'Coach, I don't know how quick I'm going to be this season,'" LaVallee said "He said, 'I haven't grown much and my thighs are rubbing together when I run' Well, his thighs were rubbing together because of the muscles in his legs, but he was still as quick as ever

"The things I'll always remember about Deshon is that he always gave his linemen credit for his success and he still comes back to the Steelers' practices to help out He's a special kid"

RAPID PROMOTIONS

It didn't take long for McCleendon to work his way up the ladder of success and to the top of Canton's depth chart

As a ninth-grader, he led the Chiefs freshmen team to a 9-0 record, but from a new position — quarterback

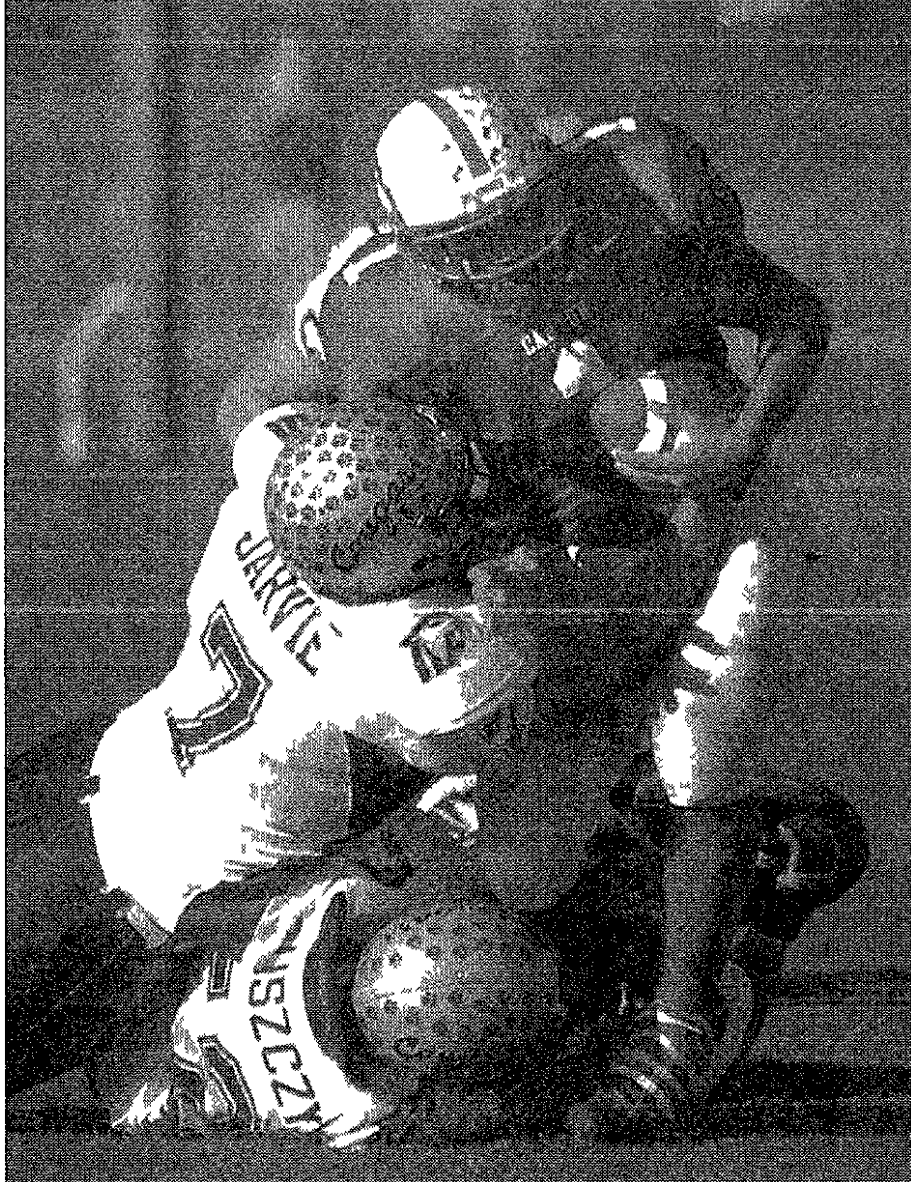
"I wanted to play running back, but coach (Rich) Mui said they liked their best athletes to play quarterback, so I was all right with it," McCleendon said

McCleendon was called up to the varsity squad that year for the playoffs and he made a quick and positive first impression on the coaches

"I did pretty good with the scout teams in practice, so they put me in for a few plays against Wayne," McCleendon said "I gained about 20-some yards"

A star was born

Last year, McCleendon started as a sophomore and played a key role in



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton junior running back Deshon McCleendon tries to elude Dakota defenders Josh Jarvie (7) and Brad Puszczuk during Saturday's state football semifinal game at Troy Athens

the Chiefs 10-1 season

This year, he's destroyed the school's rushing records, piling up 1,908 yards and 32 touchdowns through 13 games

The 165-pound player is also a stud in the weight room

His 325-pound bench press and 450-pound squat are near the top of the team's charts

"He never misses a workout and when he is in the weight room he

works his butt off," Baechler said "The things that make Deshon great are his heart and his confidence Plus, he has great instinct and savvy for the game of football

"People look at his size and his speed, and they wonder where he'll play college football I don't know where he'll play, but I do know this We're lucky to have him on our team

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Finals tickets are on sale

Tickets for the 2005 Michigan High School Athletic Association Football Finals are now on sale at the Ford Field Box Office all week, and at the Canton High School athletic office on Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All tickets are general admission, and will admit an individual to all four games in one day. Tickets are \$9 each.

Parking in over 2,000 spaces adjacent to Ford Field and Comerica Park in Olympia Entertainment lots West of Woodward Avenue and along Montcalm will be \$6.

A number of privately-operated parking lots and garages are also located in the general vicinity of Ford Field which may charge different prices. The Olympia Entertainment lots offering \$6 parking will be marked with signs bearing the Olympia Entertainment name and logo. A parking map is located on the Football page of the MHSAA Web site.

The continuous schedule each day will have games starting at 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Friday, Nov. 25, the games in the even-numbered divisions will take place beginning with Division 8, followed by Division 2, then Division 6 and Division 4.

The odd-numbered divisions will have their championships on Saturday, Nov. 26, beginning with Division 7, followed by Division 1, Division 5 and Division 3.

Contact the Ford Field Box Office at (313) 262 2003 daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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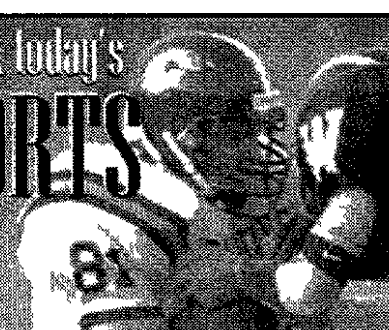
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Canton's Becci Houdek drives past West Bloomfield's Lauren Davis for two of her 17 points in Monday night's regional semi-final game at Northville High School. The Lakers won 42-35.

CAGERS

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Both teams came out tight and missed numerous early opportunities, including several layups at both ends, before the Lakers (18-4) took control after halftime.

"We missed a lot of shots early," said Canton coach Brian Samulski. "We were at the rim a lot, but we came up short. We had the lead at half-time, but if you make those shots, it's that much bigger a hole (West Bloomfield) to climb out of."

What little scoring there was — Canton led 17-16 at halftime — came from balanced scoring. The Chiefs got seven points, including the first five of the game, from junior guard Becci Houdek and four each from Ja'nee Morton and Lisa Ealy.

But the Lakers, who got strong inside games from freshman Chemse Miller and sophomore Ari'Elle Durham, scored seven of the first nine points of the third quarter and never looked back. The Lakers outscored Canton 11-3 in the third quarter to seize the lead for good.

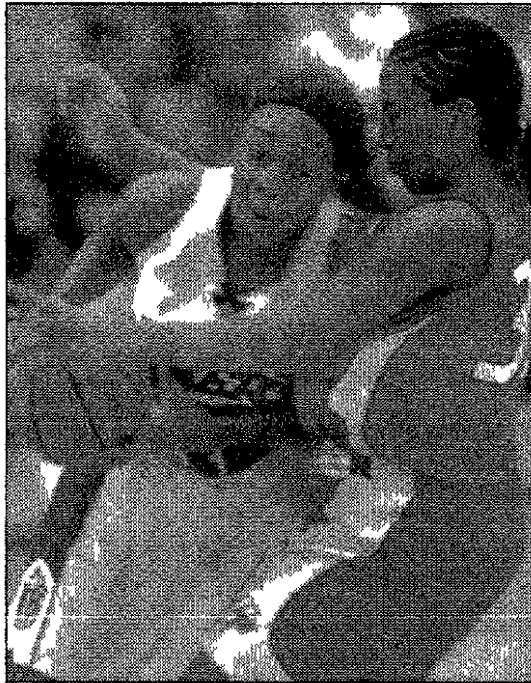
The key, according to West Bloomfield coach Larry Moore, was taking Canton's Morton — who was able to penetrate in the first half — out of the equation in the second half.

"We came out and took the middle away," Moore said. "They couldn't get in any kind of rhythm."

Miller blocked a shot by Canton's Ealy with about six minutes left in the third, then hustled downcourt to hit a short jumper to put the Lakers up 23-20. She closed out the third-quarter scoring with a tough leaver in the lane after taking an entry pass from junior Bojana Popovic.

When West Bloomfield's Brittney Jones hit a 3-pointer to start the fourth, the Lakers stretched their lead to 10. They stretched it to 12 — 38-26, their biggest lead of the game — on a baseline jumper from sophomore Tabitha Mahoney.

"They changed their defense a little" at half-time, Samulski said. "We caught it, but we didn't do a good job of finding open people."



Canton's Ja'nee Morton (right) draws a charging foul against West Bloomfield's Chemse Miller during Monday night's 42-35 Laker victory in a Class A regional semi-final game played at Northville High School.

Then the Chiefs roared back, closing to within two with some stifling defense of their own and some clutch outside shooting from Houdek. The 5-foot-8 junior hit back-to-back 3-pointers to close the gap to 39-33.

Morton then stole the ball, got it to Ealy for a layup, then put back a missed Ealy free throw and suddenly it was 39-37.

But Miller hit a tough, hanging jumper from the free-throw line to stop the bleeding, and the Lakers hit 4-of-6 from the free-throw line down the stretch to hold off the Chiefs.

Brittney Jones led the Lakers with 16 points, while Miller added 15. Houdek's 17 paced Canton, Morton had nine points, 11 rebounds and three steals, while Ealy added nine points, nine rebounds and three steals.

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TEAM SCORES — 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer 433 5 2 Farmington Hills Mercy 243 5 3 Rochester Adams 183 4 Holland 145 5 Northville 139 6 Zeeland Unified 131 7 Livonia Stevenson 126 8 Rockford 82 9 Monroe 74 10 Jenison 62 5 11 South Lyon 62 12 East Kentwood 56 13 Pinckney 48 14 Plymouth Canton 44 15 Holland West Ottawa 38 16 (tie) Holt 36 Ann Arbor Huron 36 18 (tie) Milford 32 Troy Athens 32 20 Farmington 31 21 Grand Haven 28 5 22 Saginaw Heritage 26 23 Howell 21 24 Grosse Pointe South 18 25 Walled Lake Central 17 26 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern Eastern Unified 16 27 (tie) Utica Ford 14 Kalamazoo Central 14 Novi 14 30 Lake Orion 13 31 (tie) Dearborn 11 Grosse Pointe North 11 33 (tie) Fraser 9 Plymouth Salem 9 35 Westland John Glenn 7 36 (tie) Flint Southwestern Academy 6 Rochester 6 38 (tie) Churchill 5 Troy 5 Jackson 5 Bay City Western 5 42 Brighton 4 43 Clarkston 2 44 Traverse City Unified 1

200 MEDLEY RELAY — 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer (Ashley Cohagen, Carlye Ellis, Margaret Kelly, Leigh Cole) 1:43.63 2 Farmington Hills Mercy 1:50.59 3 Livonia Stevenson 1:50.64 4 Zeeland 1:51.18 5 Holland 1:51.77 6 Monroe 1:52.63 7 Rochester Adams 1:53.20 8 Clarkston 2:00

CONSOLATION — 9 Grosse Pointe South 1:53.08 10 East Kentwood 1:53.88 11 Holt 1:54.27 12 Farmington 1:55.15 13 Ann Arbor Huron 1:55.49 14 Holland West Ottawa 1:55.71 15 Saginaw Heritage 1:55.86 16 Novi 1:56.65

200 FREESTYLE — 1 Kristyne Cole (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:49.88 2 Liz Koselka (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:50.04 3 Claire Tyler (Rochester Adams) 1:53.49 6 Caryn Switaj (Farmington Hills Mercy) 1:54.29 7 Ashley Bronkema (Zeeland Unified) 1:54.65 8 Megan Craig (Farmington Hills Mercy) 1:55.43

CONSOLATION — 9 Ashley St. Andrew (Jenison) 1:56.17 10 Emily Cox (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:57.82 11 Abbey Green (Dearborn) 1:57.88 12 Emily Roesch (Lake Orion) 1:58.67 13 Melissa Faletti (South Lyon) 1:59.14 14 Marie Stuve (Fraser) 1:59.16 15 Allison Gornie Gerometta (Farmington Hills Mercy) 2:01.15

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1 Ava Ohlgren (Northville) 1:59.23 (New Division 1 record previous record held by Ava Ohlgren (Northville) 1:59.48 prelims 2005) 2 Carlye Ellis (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:05.62, 3 Grace Fredlake (Northville) 2:07.70 4 Sasha Lewerenz (Rochester Adams) 2:08.70 5 Lauren Shanley (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:09.00 6 Kara Small (Farmington Hills Mercy) 2:09.39 7 Eliana Hogle (East Kentwood) 2:09.52 8 Carleigh Schwartz (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:13.77

CONSOLATION — 9 Laura Timson (Livonia Stevenson) 2:10.35 10 Alison Van Kampen (Zeeland Unified) 2:10.53 11 Melissa Spahlinger (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:12.75 12 (tie) Natasha Mason (Farmington Hills Mercy) 2:13.17 13 Shannon Kohl (Jenison) 2:13.77 14 Kirsten Smith (Monroe) 2:13.18 15 Andrea Gregorka (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 2:13.24 16 Kristine Savoie (Bay City Western) 2:14.95

50 FREESTYLE — 1 Lisa Butler (Holland) 23.84 2 Allison Schmitt (Plymouth Canton) 24.07 3 Katie Bylsma (Pinckney) 24.09 4 Ashley Cohagen (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 24.12 5 Kim Baughman (Farmington) 24.33 6 Sarah Ludema (Zeeland Unified) 24.41 7 Sarah Kosmak (Jenison) 24.54 8 Erinn Wertz (Rockford) 24.70

CONSOLATION — 9 Kelli Dewey (Grand Haven) 24.79 10 Jenna Faletti (South Lyon) 24.91 11 Sarah Lawless (Holland) 24.99 12 Katie Brooks (Jackson) 25.01 13 Meg L. Noble (Farmington Hills Mercy) 25.08 14 Kara Wackerle (Bay City Western) 25.11 15 Alyssa Vela (Clarkston) 25.18 16 Megan Lawless (Holland) 25.21

1-METER DIVING — 1 Alex Miller (Pinckney) 413.40 points 2 Stephanie Pura (Walled Lake Central) 407.65 3 Natalie Stitt (Holland West Ottawa) 400.50 4 Stephanie O'Callaghan (Holland West Ottawa) 390.20 5 Marcelle Barretta (Utica Ford II) 389.30 6 Susan Kennedy (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 380.60 7 Tiffany Wright (Rockford) 362.15 8 Rachel Roppel (Ann Arbor Huron) 246.80 9 Kirstin Pickett (Monroe) 343.00 10 Hillary Wenlund (East Kentwood) 338.95 11 Caitlin Dunphy Daly (Rochester) 336.70 12 Lauren Northway (Ann Arbor Huron) 335.85 13 Kristine Hintz (Ann Arbor Huron) 334.95 14 Amy Glubzinski (Novi) 333.70 15 Jessica Elzinga (Holland West Ottawa) 329.60 16 Rachel Strom (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern/Eastern Unified) 326.75

100 BUTTERFLY — 1 Margaret Kelly (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 54.33 2 Liz Johnson (Milford) 57.80 3 Anne Stern (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 58.76 4 Linnea Johnson (Grand Haven) 58.76 5 Katy Knoechel (Kalamazoo Central) 58.81 6 Elaina Hogle (East Kentwood) 59.17 7 Amanda Thompson (Monroe) 59.19 8 Elena Crowley (Farmington Hills Mercy) 59.51

CONSOLATION — 9 Kerry Abel (Novi) 58.98 10 Caroline Meyer (Holland) 1:00.00 11 Laura Lex (Flint Southwestern Academy) 1:00.13 12 Carilyn Merz (Monroe) 1:00.56 13 Allison Graziano (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:00.64 14 Chelsea Wiese (Rochester Adams) 1:00.75 15 Danielle Williams (Farmington Hills Mercy) 1:01.75 16 Amy Brunner (Traverse City Unified) 1:02.22

100 FREESTYLE — 1 Leigh Cole (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 51.07 2 Allison Schmitt (Plymouth Canton) 51.27 3 Claire Tyler (Rochester Adams) 51.97 4 Liz Koselka (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 52.00 5 Lisa Butler (Holland) 52.05 6 Caryn Switaj (Farmington Hills Mercy) 53.07 7 Katie Bylsma (Pinckney) 53.41 8 Erinn Wertz (Rockford) 53.79

CONSOLATION — 9 Kelsey M. Edson (Farmington Hills Mercy) 53.17 10 Carleigh Schwartz (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 53.54 11 Brynn Maracki (Livonia Stevenson) 53.72 12 Marisa Gordon (Livonia Stevenson) 53.99 13 Meg L. Noble (Farmington Hills Mercy) 54.04 14 Kelli Dewey (Grand Haven) 54.12 15 Kim Baughman (Farmington) 54.52 16 Melissa Faletti (South Lyon) 54.74

500 FREESTYLE — 1 Ava Ohlgren (Northville) 4:50.87 2 Grace Fredlake (Northville) 4:55.86 3 Kristyne Cole (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 4:59.06 4 Marycatherine Steiner (Rochester Adams) 5:00.52 5 Lauren Shanley (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 5:01.53 6 Ashley Bronkema (Zeeland Unified) 5:03.41 7 Mara J. Lonewski (Farmington Hills Mercy) 5:05.84 8 Ashley St. Andrew (Jenison) 5:06.32

CONSOLATION — 9 Megan Craig (Farmington Hills Mercy) 5:08.54 10 Kara Small (Farmington Hills Mercy) 5:09.94 11 Marie Stuve (Fraser) 5:14.59 12 Abbey Green (Dearborn) 5:18.25 13 Emily Cox (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 5:19.96 14 Juliana Schmidt (Grosse Pointe North) 5:20.97 15 Becky Hurn (Livonia Stevenson) 5:21.14 16 Natasha Mason (Farmington Hills Mercy) 5:21.67

200 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer (Leigh Cole, Carlye Ellis, Liz Koselka, Kristyne Cole) 1:34.92 2 Northville 1:37.75 3 Holland, 1:38.19 4 Farmington Hills Mercy 1:38.47 5 Rochester Adams 1:39.15 6 Rockford 1:40.34 7 Holt 1:41.19 8 Saginaw Heritage 1:41.21

CONSOLATION — 9 South Lyon 1:40.53 10 Zeeland 1:40.66 11 Troy Athens 1:40.97 12 East Kentwood 1:42.58 13 Lake Orion 1:42.73 14 Livonia Stevenson 1:42.75 15 Brighton 1:43.02 16 Ann Arbor Huron 1:43.40

100 BACKSTROKE — 1 Margaret Kelly (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 55.46 2 Ashley Cohagen (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 57.42 3 Sasha Lewerenz (Rochester Adams) 57.62 4 Liz Johnson (Milford) 58.84 5 Sarah Ludema (Zeeland Unified) 58.95 6 Kelsey M. Edson (Farmington Hills Mercy) 59.26 7 Kaitlyn Edgley (Holland West Ottawa) 1:00.59 8 Marisa Gordon (Livonia Stevenson) 1:00.77

CONSOLATION — 9 Kelsey Lincoln (Saline) 1:01.47 10 Dianna Dekker (Rochester Adams) 1:01.55 11 Beth Sabourin (Traverse City Unified) 1:01.75 12 Mary Shereda (Livonia Churchill) 1:01.81 13 Allison Graziano (Ann Arbor Pioneer) 1:01.98 14 Ayumi Ueda (Farmington) 1:02.24 15 Carly Boudah (Holland West Ottawa) 1:02.45 16 Katie Spoelman (Grand Haven) 1:02.52

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400 FREESTYLE RELAY — 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer (Leigh Cole, Liz Koselka, Kristyne Cole, Margaret Kelly) 3:23.85 (New Division 1 record previous record held by Ann Arbor Pioneer 3:24.44 prelims 2005) 2 Farmington Hills Mercy 3:32.68 3 Northville 3:32.81 4 Rochester Adams 3:35.09 5 Holland 3:37.88 6 Livonia Stevenson 3:38.10 7 Jenison 3:38.59 8 Rockford 3:41.30

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THE ROCKFORD FILE

Following are some quick facts about Rockford, Canton's opponent in Saturday's Division 1 state final.

- Nickname:** Rams
- Head coach:** Ralph Munger (14th year)
- Record:** 11-2
- Team stats:** The Rams outscored their opponents 453-199 this season. Their lone losses were to Grandville (13-10) and Jenison (19-14). Rockford earned redemption for its first loss when it white-washed Grandville 48-0, in the second round of the playoffs.
- Key players:** Quarterback Jon Von Eschen (6-2, 190) has completed over 50 percent of his passes and thrown for over 1,900 yards. Other key offensive players include junior running back Zach Breen (5-11, 180), guard Nate Host (6-0, 215) and All-State receiver Callan Sherd. Defensively, defensive tackle Ian Bartholemew (6-1, 264), linebacker Ryan Shearer (6-1, 205) and linebacker Lucas Galganski (6-2, 195) lead the way.

GOAL

FROM PAGE C1

Jon Von Eschen, Rockford's 6-foot-2, 190-pound quarterback, has completed over 50 percent of his passes this season and thrown for close to 2,000 yards, according to Munger.

Von Eschen will be facing a Chiefs secondary that has improved each week of the playoffs. Last week, Canton defensive backs held Macomb Dakota's James Stallons to just 84 yards passing. Canton was also bolstered by a pair of key interceptions by Chris Bogdanski and Deshon McClendon.

Our defensive backs felt bad after the Monroe and Cody games because they gave up some big plays," Baechler said. "But they were playing against some very good athletes. They've gotten much better the past two games.

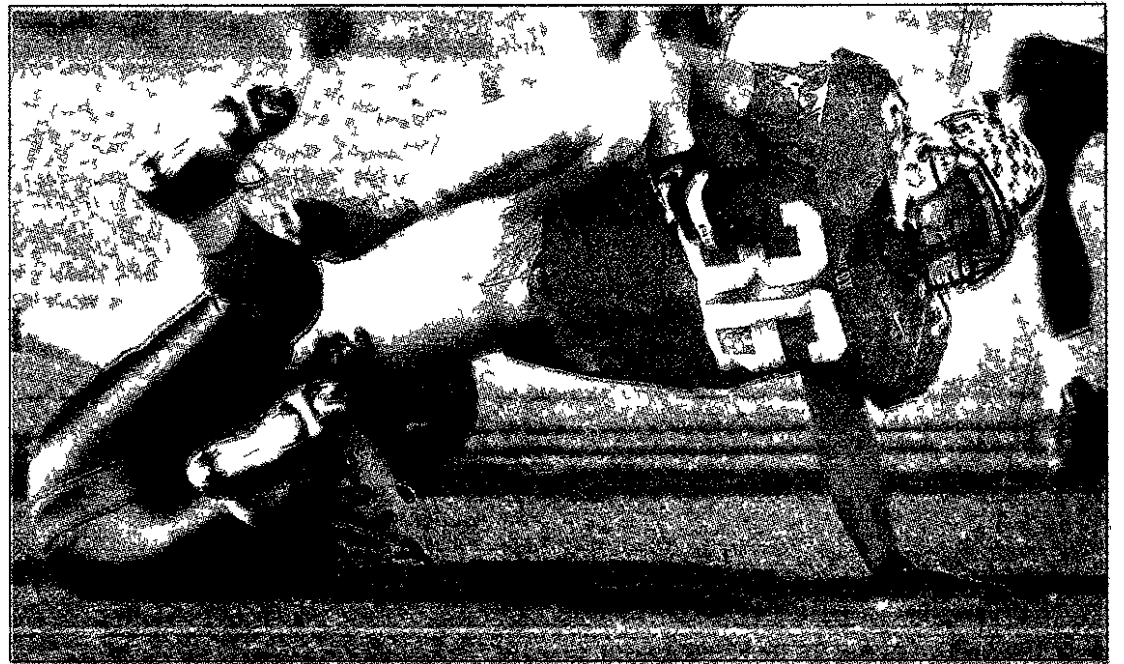
Baechler said he gained further appreciation of Bogdanski's diving, second-quarter interception — which set up the Chiefs' second touchdown — after watching it over and over again on film.

He made an incredible play," Baechler said. "When you watch it, you think he'd be lucky to just deflect it, but he made a great catch."

Munger said he's proud of his team's return trip to the finals after suffering several hits to graduation.

This has been a season of growth for us," said Munger, who is about to cap his 14th season at Rockford. "We've been a project in the making all year. We only returned two starters on each side of the ball this year and we graduated 37 kids off last year's team, so it's been a season of ups and downs, and all arounds."

Munger admitted his team will have its hands filled with



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Canton running back Dalton Walsler runs over Macomb Dakota cornerback Michael Romanchik during Saturday's 35-21 Chief victory.

the Chiefs' potent Wing-T offense, which has averaged 47 points per game in the playoffs.

Obviously, they have a very good offense that has put a lot of points on the board," Munger said. "When you play teams like Canton, it's important that you play very disciplined and you read your keys. It's similar to playing against an option football team. We have to make our reads and keep them in front of us."

Baechler said his team is not basking in the glow of its monumental semifinal victory over Macomb Dakota.

"Everyone was very focused at practice today," Baechler said Monday evening. "They had until Sunday at 4 p.m. to enjoy it, and then it was back to work. They were excited to still be practicing today, but as soon as practice started, they were asking us, 'OK, what defenses are we going to play against them?'"

On Wednesday, Canton shifted its practice to the University of Michigan's Oosterbaan indoor football facility.

"It will give us a chance to practice fielding punts and kickoffs in an indoor facility," Baechler said.

Baechler said he has received several congratulatory phone calls and e-mails since Saturday's semifinal triumph.



Canton's Matt Sweda (10) and Deshon McClendon close in on Dakota's Greg Gay during Saturday's Division 1 semifinal game.

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Rockford football coach Ralph Munger

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Young Rocks look to fill holes created by graduation

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

The early-season theme song for Salem's young and inexperienced hockey team may be, "Getting to Know You."

The Rocks roster includes 14 first-year players from the 2004-05 unit that finished 12-12-2. Among the losses to graduation Salem suffered were Brandon DeMars, who was one of the Western Lakes Activities Association's premier goal-tenders, Tommy Cooper, Adam Gillikin, John Maurer and John Peterson.

"We only have three seniors this year and we have 14 new guys, so the main thing for us is going to be learning how to play together," said Salem coach Fred Feiler.

The Rocks' key returners are senior defenseman David Carey, John Hoelcher, junior defenseman Jason Sharrow and junior forwards Kris Brant, Nathan Werda, Evan Meibers and Joel Cheesman. Carey and Sharrow should give Salem one of the top blue-line duos in the WLAA.

"Defense will definitely be one of our strengths this season," said Feiler. "David Carey was one of the best defensemen in the league last year. He'll be on the ice a lot — on his regular shift, on the power-play and on our penalty-killing unit."

"Jason will be seeing a lot of time, too. We were toying with the idea of moving him to forward this season but we decided he's just too valuable to us back on the blue line."

Offensively, the Rocks will be paced by Werda, Meibers and Cheesman, along with new comers Steve Hiesler, a junior who played for the Detroit Trackers last season, freshman David Russell and sophomore Roman Kahler.

"I expect Brant, Hiesler and Werda to be among our top scorers this season," Feiler said. "Steve is a good skater with good hands and he sees the ice well."

Stepping in for DeMars will be junior net mender Ralph Aspenwall, who was a team mate of Hiesler with the Trackers last season. Aspenwall displayed his talents in the Rocks' season-opening 1-0 victory over Trix on Friday night when he stopped 35 shots.

"He pretty much won the game for us," Feiler said. "Who does Feiler expect to contend for the WLAA title this season?"

"I definitely think Livonia Churchill will be in there again," said Feiler, referring to the defending conference champion Northville and Livonia Franklin will be good, too.

The Rocks will be hosting the Salem Thanksgiving Invitational on Friday and Saturday. They will be joined by Canton, Chippewa Valley and Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern.

PLYMOUTH

First-year coach Chuck

Dubois inherits a talented roster that suffered no graduation casualties.

Dubois, who has served as an assistant coach at Allen Park Cabrini and Allen Park High School, said he has been impressed by his team's work ethic.

"The kids are really working hard and listening to everything I've had to say so far," said Dubois, a Melvindale police officer. "The key for us doing well is to play disciplined hockey. We had 16 penalties the other night against Dexter (a 2-0 loss), so we were always playing short handed. But this is a great group of kids."

Dubois said his style varies from his predecessor.

"I'm more of a defensive coach than the coach they had last year," Dubois said. "I like to start at the goalie and work my way out. They're used to playing more of an offensive style, so I think they may be a little confused right now. But they listen and they want to learn, which is the most important thing."

Serving as captains for the Wildcats will be seniors Ryan Stamm, Michael Barile and Nick Rosochacki.

"All of our captains our great leaders who really love the game of hockey," Dubois said.

Barile, Stamm and Rosochacki are not only good leaders — they're also three of the 'Cats' leading scoring threats.

Other offensive forces include Nick Cote, who scored a pair of goals in Plymouth's season-opening 7-2 victory over Bay City Central, Billy Gauthier, Tyler McCarthy, Brett Kavulich, Charles Webb, John Knoerl, Mark Olivier and Justin Michalek.

Defensively, the Wildcats will be led by Joe Perkovich, Cody Brown, Brandon Winowiecki, Mike Manner, Jason O'Guinn, Kyle Goll and Adam Lazorka.

Possibly the Wildcats' most talented player is starting goalie Justin Desilets, a junior. Desilets shined in Plymouth's 2-0 loss to Dexter on Saturday.

"He kept us in the game," Dubois said. "Backing up Desilets will be sophomore Christian Blick and Nathaniel Gibson."

"Our goal right now," Dubois said, "is to play hard every game. So far, we've done that."

PCS Penguins

The PCS girls hockey team enjoyed a stellar 2004-05 season, finishing third in the state. They finished the regular season 14-5-1 (third in the Metro Michigan Girls High School Hockey League), out scoring opponents 98-40.

PCS coach Lori Callahan lost five key players to graduation: Olivia Penefather (the team's leading scorer), Amanda Rowley (its top defender), Eric Perkovich, Lauren Coleman and Sharla Gillespie.

"Although we lost Amanda Rowley, we are looking to our six defensive players — Kelli Bargowski, Sarah Skomeczny,

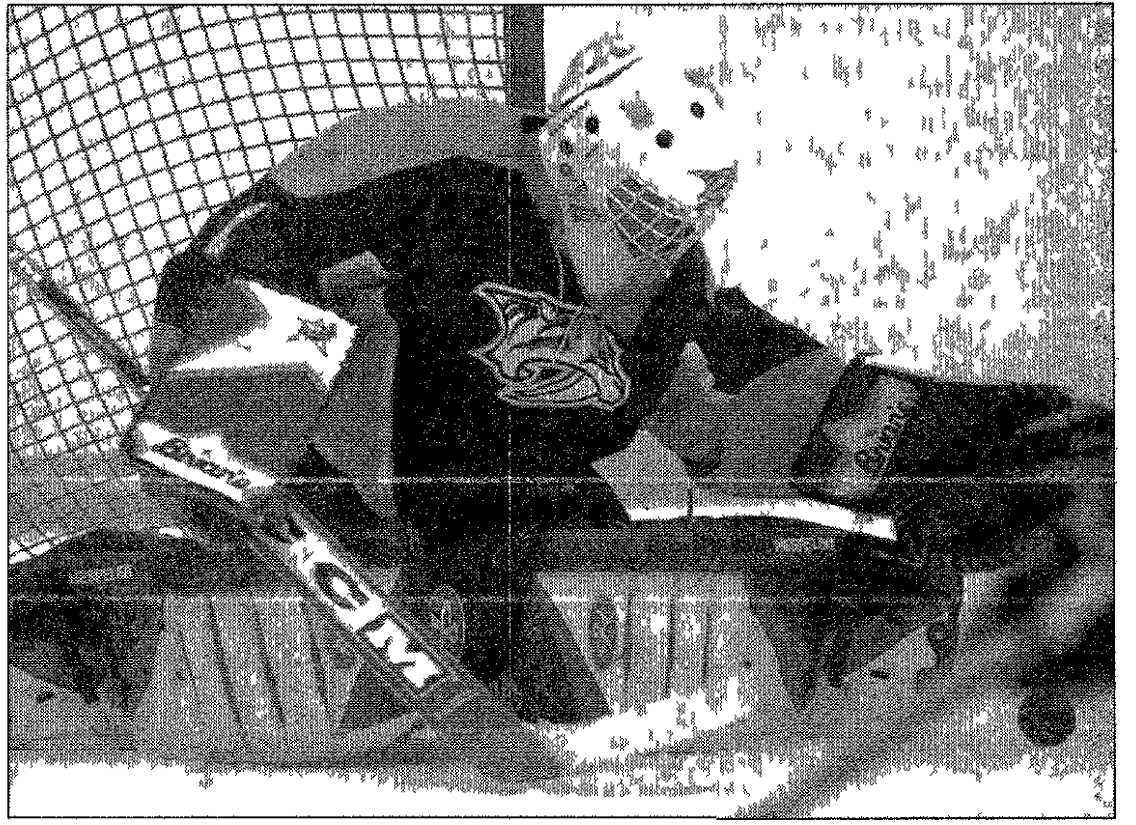
Kristin Callahan, Stephame Matusiak, Keely Kowalski and Samantha Wiedendorf — to step up and play strong," Callahan said.

Anchoring the defense will be sophomore Kristie Kowalski, who chalked up a league-leading six shutouts last season.

Returning forwards include Kristen Schwan, Adrienne Cercone, Stephame Murray, Amy Coleman, Nicole Sensoli, Emily Patton and Lisa Ealy.

The Penguins roster has been replenished with the addition of seven new players: Stephame Matusiak, Edra Burris, Katie Zimmerman, Kelsey Nikkula, Ashley LaBlanc, Samantha Wiedendorf and Annie McTurner.

"All of the new players seem to have a lot of enthusiasm," Callahan said. "Although we lost five seniors, I'm counting on the returning players, along with the new players, to put forth the extra effort to fill those skates."



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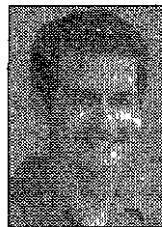
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 So rather than dwell on the negative, let's get into the holiday spirit with some words about



Jame Samuelsen

the defense. Here are three to start with. Its really good.
DALLAS GAME A FLUKE
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 But even with those absences, the defense still played at a pretty remarkable level. Half of

those penalties were bad calls and the defense stood strong time and time again when the offense was ineffective.
 And that pretty much sums up the season doesn't it? When the offense has been ineffective the defense has kept them in it. Can you imagine where this team would be with a good offense? Heck, we'd settle for a mediocre offense.
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ng praises for the Lions' defense

he top seven in terms of points allowed. And remember this is a team that has battled the injury bug all season long.

There is only one glaring hole on defense and that's at defensive end. Kalimba Edwards and Cory Redding have made plays this year but can you imagine this defense with a player like the Colts Dwight Freeney. It would simply be one of the best in the NFL. It's just a shame that Lions CEO Matt Millen couldn't pluck a player like that in the first round of the draft. Clearly though Millen felt he had to have a wide receiver in 2003, 2004, and yes once again 2005.

A MIRACLE? - ALMOST

It's almost a miracle that the Lions defense has gotten to be so good given that Millen has been so obsessed with the offense in the first round since he took over the team.

Number of Millen first round draft choices

Number of Millen first round draft choices on defense: Zero.

Number of years left on Millen's contract: 5.

The irony is that Millen's philosophy on how to build his defense has been so successful. He has made shrewd draft choices outside of the first round (Rogers, Bailey, Terrence Holt). Through free-agency, he signed reliable though not spectacular players who have performed better than expected (Holmes, Dan Wilkinson). And his one big free agent splash (Bly) has been a success. You wonder why he won't do the same on offense where he seems obsessed with flashy college players who have proven nothing in the pros.

We talk to Lions fans every morning on the radio and they are all beaten down. The glass isn't just half empty it's dirty and cracked as well. And it's hard to blame them. But just because the team has caused you so much pain through the years, don't let the atmosphere

sully your appreciation for a darned good unit. So go ahead and boo all of the usual suspects. They deserve it. But while you're at it, stand up and cheer this defense. They go into every game knowing, KNOWING that they will need at least two turnovers and maybe even a defensive score for their team to have a chance to win. Yet the effort is always at a maximum and the results are usually very good.

There will likely be a new coach here in 2006. Only Millen has any idea right now who that might be. Here's hoping whoever it is takes a long look at this team and decides to do two things: Blow up the offense and start over and make minor changes to a defense which has quietly become one of the best in the NFL.

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Brampton ousts Whalers, 3-2

The third time was not a charm on Saturday night for the Plymouth Whalers. For the third straight Saturday, the Whalers battled the opposition to a 2-2 draw through 65 minutes. The Whalers won the last two Saturday night games, 3-2, in shootouts. But on Nov 19, the Brampton Battalion marched home with a 3-2 victory in an Ontario Hockey League contest played before a season-high crowd of 3,724 at the Compuware Ice Arena.

Howie Martin's shootout goal on Brampton's third shot gave the Battalion a 2-0 lead and the victory after the Whalers did not score on their two shots. The game was close throughout as neither team enjoyed more than a one-goal lead. Brampton's Wojtek Wolski and Plymouth's Gino Pisellini traded first-period goals and the Whalers' Tom Sestito and the Battalion's Luke Lynes traded goals in the second period. The goal-tenders took over

the rest of way through the third period and in the overtime. Plymouth's Ryan Nie stopped 38 of 40 Brampton shots and Brampton's Daren Machesney stopped 36 of 38 Plymouth shots through 65 minutes of play. Wolski scored Brampton's first goal in the shootout and then Martin sealed the victory. With the loss, Plymouth (12-7-1-2) dropped to second place in the OHL West Division with 27 points, one point behind Saginaw (14-7-0-0).

Haslett's running game too much for Harrison, 27-13

BY DAN O MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Just when Farmington Harrison closed within seven points of Haslett in the second half Saturday, the Vikings did what they do best. Haslett kept the ball for nearly the entire fourth quarter and scored the clinching touchdown for a 27-13 victory in a state semifinal football game at Jackson High School. "That was a signature drive for us in the fourth quarter," Haslett coach Charlie Otlewski said. "We didn't want to give them the ball back. We wanted to control the ball and clock. Against my better judgment, the kids convinced me to go for six instead of the field goal."

On fourth-and-1 at the Harrison 2-yard line, Vikings halfback A.J. Rahar picked up the first down and scored his third rushing touchdown of the game on the next play with 2:24 left. Quarterback Barron Cline scored both Harrison touchdowns on short runs of 5 and 1 yard. His second came on the final play of the third quarter, and Dan Sroy's extra point put the Hawks within seven, 20-13, with plenty of time left.

But the Vikings (13-0), who started at their own 31 with 11:58 remaining, ran 19 plays and used up 9:34 of the fourth-quarter clock before scoring the decisive touchdown. "We got a good stop on the quarterback, but they ran the fullback trap on third-and-10 and made eight yards," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

If we had stopped that play, I thought we'd have a good chance to get the ball back and do something with it. But they got the first down and were able to go down and score. I hoped that wouldn't happen, but I'm not surprised that it did. That's what they've done against everybody."

Following the 8-yard gain by fullback Curtis Schaibly, Haslett quarterback Nate Turner picked up 3 yards on fourth-and-2 at the Harrison 47 to keep the drive going.

The Hawks (10-3) got the ball one last time at their 20, but they were unable to get a first down. Harrison turned the ball over on downs with 1:43 remaining, and Haslett ran out the clock.

The victory sends the Vikings to the state finals for a second time, and they will meet Caledonia from the Greater Grand Rapids area in the Division 3 title game Saturday night at Ford Field in Detroit.

"I was nervous, with their tradition and being there so long," Otlewski said of the 12-time state champion Hawks. "But we were confident - not cocky but confident in what we could do."

"Basically, we beat the best football program in the state of Michigan over the last 30 years, and Detroit had better look out. We're going there to win. We're not satisfied with being there."

Harrison played a bad first half in which it committed four turnovers and found itself down 20-0 midway in the second quarter.

Haslett scored on its first possession as Rahar capped a 57-yard, nine-play drive with a 3-yard run at 5:39 in the first quarter.

The Hawks lost a fumble at the Haslett 7-yard line, and Turner returned an interception on the next possession 32 yards to the Harrison 16. Rahar scored four plays later from a yard out, and the Vikings had a 14-0 lead early in the second period.

On the kickoff, a fluke play resulted in Haslett recovering a fumble at the 50. It might have looked like an onside kick, but the Vikings intended to squib a kick through the Harrison receiving team. The ball bounced hard on the ground and hit a blocker up front.

"Our goal was to squib it into the wind, and (the kicker) put it

on the ground," Otlewski said. "He happened to hit it just right."

On fourth-and-2, Turner lobbed a 42-yard touchdown pass over the Harrison secondary to Chris Stewart for a 20-0 lead with 7:39 remaining in the first half.

"We played terribly," Herrington said. "It was a terrible first half. I was beginning to think (nothing would go right)."

"We were still in the game, because at the end of the half we were stopping their offense pretty good. I'm glad we fought back and made a game of it."

Harrison cut the deficit to 20-6 at halftime. Cline's 54-yard pass to Sidney Stewart set up his first scoring run at 5:42 in the second quarter.

"We worked hard to get to the football (in the first half)," Otlewski said. "We were fortunate to have the ball coughed up. It wasn't easy, it was difficult every step of the way."

"Harrison had a great scheme coming in. The fullback wasn't there for us today, but it's a four-headed monster in our offense and you can't take it all away."

The Hawks held Schaibly, Haslett's leading rusher, to 27 yards on 10 carries, but Rahar came through with 85 on 24 attempts.

Turner added 56 yards and Mike Mukuna 29.

Turner also completed seven of 12 passes with two interceptions (by Mark Dell and Bobby Rhmehart) for 100 yards as the Vikings outgained the Hawks, 297-183.

Cline was 9-of-18 passing for 145 yards, but Harrison had just 38 yards on the ground. Donald Connelly earned eight times for 26 yards and Deante Thompkins five for 12.

Stewart and Calvin Mann caught three passes apiece for 82 and 62 yards, respectively. Dell, the team's leading receiver, was double covered and limited to two catches for 8 yards, which forced the Hawks to go elsewhere, Herrington said.

"They were better defensively than I thought they would be," Herrington said. "I thought we would be able to run the ball better than we did."

"We weren't in a position where we could just go power-I. Their linemen were diving at our linemen's feet, and we couldn't drive them off the ball."

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Fracassa calls Brother Rice's latest win among best

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

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"This was one of the greatest victories we have ever had at Brother Rice," said Fracassa, now in his 46th year of coaching, including 37 with the Warriors. "It's wonderful to make it our turn this time because they beat us in 2003 (state championship game) and it's just a great feeling to be able to beat them this year."

"We beat three teams (in playoffs) now that had no losses," Fracassa went on. "That's pretty damn good. This is one of the best victories we've had at Brother Rice in a long, long time."

Fracassa's comments may not be directed so much to the great play in the game, but the manner in which both teams battled the elements and opposition for an entire 48 minutes.

A stiff breeze and strong defensive play on the part of both teams kept scoring opportunities to a minimum. Fortunately for the Warriors, they were able to convert their scoring chances, while the Highlanders fumbled theirs away.

Senior running back John Goebel staked the Warriors to an early lead when he rambled 46 yards for a touchdown late in the first half, and backfield mates Joey Henry and Chris Colasanti helped set up a second scoring drive with nifty runs of their own. That possession ended with junior quarterback Mike Cappelto slinging a 6-yard touchdown pass to Kaunda Hancock for a 14-0 Rice lead.

But just before the half, the Highlanders jumped right back into the game when senior quarterback Jacob Ball found senior Brian Hollett open in the Rice secondary. Hollett grabbed the pass, slipped a tackle and raced 80 yards to paydirt.

Seeking a trip back to the finals, where the Highlanders defeated the Warriors 28-7 in '03, head coach Tony Patritto's squad did everything but find a way to put points on the board in the second half.

Their first two possessions ended with a punt from mid-field and a failed fourth down conversion from the Rice 22.

It got worse after that. Down by seven with 4:30 remaining, the Highlanders staged a miraculous drive heading into the wind. Four consecutive pass completions moved the Highlanders to the Rice 43. Then on second and one, Ball lofted a pass to a streaking Mike Hauser down the left sideline. The Adams senior, as he has so often done during his prep career, laid out to make another sterling catch at the Rice 3-yard line. But on the next play, Ball never got complete control of the snap and Rice linebacker Mike Radlick fell on the pigskin with 1:57 remaining.

A three-and out by the Adams defense forced a punt, however, and one final shot at tying the game.

This time two completions moved the ball to the Rice 10 with 1:00 showing on the clock. But on the next play, disaster struck again when Adams senior running back John Sturzinger snared a short pass from Ball at the Warriors' 7-yard line. Fighting for extra yards, Sturzinger was hit and the ball jarred loose. Rice defensive end Charlie Gantt fell on it to preserve the win.

"It's happened to us, so I know how that team feels," Fracassa said. "It doesn't make any difference how you win. The scoreboard read 14-7 and we've made those mistakes, too. We've lost games like that, so I know how they feel. They are a very gallant football team and we beat a very good football team."

The Highlanders, who finished 12-1 and lost for the second straight season in state semifinal play, held a decisive

advantage in yards gained. Ball adjusted to the breezy conditions to complete 17-of-23 pass attempts for 327 yards. Hollett was on the receiving end of six for 148 yards, while Hauser hauled in four for 105 yards.

The Warriors, now 11-2 and seeking a seventh state championship Friday when they battle 11-2 Hudsonville in a 1 p.m. kick-off at Ford Field, totaled 253 yards, including 247 on the

ground. Goebel was the workhorse, gaining 123 on 24 carries. Henry collected 70 on 11 rushes and Colasanti chipped in 56 on six attempts.

"Boy, we were really worried about their passing," Fracassa said. "Their quarterback is unbelievable. He's really a good quarterback. We're happy we won and there's no shame to losing the way they did. They are a fine team."

Maybe no shame, but certainly a lot of disappointment was streaming from the Adams sideline after the game.

"The bottom line of the whole game was we couldn't take advantage of the scores when we had it down there," Patritto said. "We've not beaten ourselves all year, and we did it today. They're a great football team. They have great coaches and they're my friends, but the bottom line

is our offense stopped itself. You can't do that against a good team."

"I have a great deal of respect for coach Fracassa," Patritto went on. "I've looked up to him since I was a little kid. This is my fifth game against him and it's something really special. It doesn't make it any easier to lose, but I wish them the very best."

Patritto, who has placed

Adams among the elite programs in the state in his three seasons, praised the season-long efforts of his players. "No one believed in them. No one thought they were going to beat anybody," Patritto went on. "But they never doubted themselves and today was a great life lesson. If you believe in yourself and set expectations for yourself and don't let someone else do it, you can achieve personal greatness."



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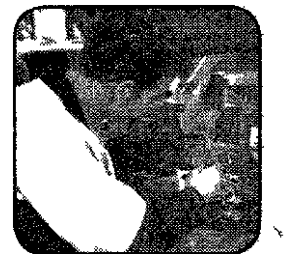
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SPORTS ROUNDUP

HOCKEY CLINICS

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold a number of two-day Christmas clinics for kids between the ages of 6 and 14 at the Novi Ice Arena Dec 22-23 and 29-30. The clinics will focus on Mite Power Skating for kids between the ages of 6 and 8, Mite Puck Skills (6-8) and Squirt/Pee Wee Power Skating for 9- through 12-year-olds.

HVS CAMPS

Management at High Velocity Sports in Canton Township has decided to offer its popular summer kids camp

programs during the fast-approaching holiday breaks this winter. Scheduled camps include all-sports, crafts, basketball and soccer.

The all-sports camp will include a variety of activities, including soccer, flag football, floor hockey, basketball, kickball, volleyball and an array of backyard games like capture-the-flag and hide-and-seek. The camps will be offered on a full-day basis (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) for 8- to 12-year-olds or half-day (9 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) for 5- to 8-year-olds. The cost is \$45 a day or \$189 a week. The camps will be offered Nov. 25, Dec. 27-29, Jan. 2-6, Jan. 16, Feb. 27-March 3, April 14 and April 21. For more information, about the school-break camps at HVS, visit

www.hvsports.com or call (734) HV-SPORT

GCVBSA NEWS

As it prepares for the 2006 season, the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association has developed a short survey that it would like residents to fill out so that it can get feedback and suggestions for the upcoming year. The survey can be found at the following Web site: csc.canton-mi.org

Mail-in and walk-in registration for the GCVBSA's 2006 campaign will begin Jan. 16 at the Summit on the Park and the Canton Sports Center. Two general mass registrations will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, March 12, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Summit. For more information, call (734) 394-5489.

BY TIM SMITH STAFF WRITER

Ocelots tame Kellogg CC, 98-84

Hall (nine of 13 from the field, including three triples) scored 15 points in the first 10 minutes of the game, spurring the Ocelots to a 29-14 advantage.

He tallied a fast-break layup (set up by sophomore center James Davis' block and a nice feed from sophomore guard Marcus Jenkins), turnaround jumper and trey in quick succession to start Schoolcraft on its way.

But teammate Jarred Axon picked it up for a while with less than four minutes remaining in the first half.

The sophomore guard drained three consecutive triple tries, all within a minute or so, to help the Ocelots extend their 33-26 lead to 42-26. Axon ended the day with 23 points, including 21 on seven treys, which Briggs said was a couple shy of Schoolcraft's record.

The teams went into the intermission with Schoolcraft up 49-40, and the Ocelots soon started adding to the margin.

Davis (13 points) and sophomore forward D'Mario Curry (15 points, 11 rebounds) registered back-to-back dunk shots and freshman guard Cedric Sims (Canton/Wayne Memorial) made a field goal to give SC a 67-48 lead with about 13 minutes remaining.

Free throws by sophomore guard Cory Browles (26 points) brought the Bruins to within 15 points (85-70) with about five minutes left.

But Axon bagged a triple from the left corner and the Ocelots then connected on six successive free throws to make it 94-72.

In the final minutes, specta-

tors watched to see whether Schoolcraft could hit the 100-point mark, but several missed foul shots foiled that bid.

According to Briggs, although Hall's early fire lifted the Ocelots up, the entire squad had something to do with the final result.

"We knew Kellogg would keep fighting, no matter what the score was," Briggs said. "But I thought our guys did a good job of maintaining the lead."

And Briggs cited the dominant work in the low-post by Davis (seven rebounds, four blocks) for enabling Hall and Axon to enjoy their long-range success.

"He (Davis) gives us a lot of presence (down low) which opened the outside shooting for Jarred and Wallace," Briggs said. "He's just a force to be reckoned with out there."

Schoolcraft outrebounded Kellogg 47-28 in the contest and tallied 10 blocks to the Bruins, illustrating how strong the Ocelots were around the basket.

Sims also had a solid all-around game with nine rebounds and nine assists for the Ocelots.

Also in double figures for Kellogg (2-3) were freshman forward Toriano Adams (17 points), sophomore guard Lewis Goode (12 points) and sophomore forward Jordan Cunningham (11 points).

Schoolcraft will play in a Thanksgiving tournament in Florida, facing St. Johns Community College at 1 p.m. today.

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BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS MEETING NOTICE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, December 1, 2005 at 7:00 P.m. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

- Z 05 17 359 McKinley Non Use Variance Requested Rear Yard Setback Zoned R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant Del & Linda Bosing
Z 05 18 656 S Harvey Non Use Variance Requested Side Yard Setback Zoned R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant Maria & Robert Martin

All interested persons are invited to attend. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following: Maureen Brodie, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453 1234 Ext 206. Publish November 24 2005

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 12/02/05 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or there after at the following locations:

- Shurgard Storage of Canton *2101 Haggerty Rd* Canton *734-981-0300 4052 Ben tools paper shredder step ladder fish tank refrigerator
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5249 Robbins baby bed mattress toys dressers boxes dining chairs
6251 Peltier boxes hand truck golf clubs microwave lamp
6014 Mountain Jacks restaurant appliances large grill restaurant equipment
6205 Pitta end tables boxes, folding chair
6230 Merritt boxes TV stand office equipment end tables
6236 Ringo boxes plastic tub Christmas items
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9055 Ben king sized bedroom set, leather sofa and matching chairs
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Pittman 4210 Dryer chairs toolbox King bedset, heater metal make up stand, coffee table fan CB radio hand tools 10 boxes and bags.
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3057 Burch boxes, misc household
3066 Mandler on mattress set dresser end tables sofa and chair boxes and bags
3078 Reop household items
4020 Gilley Fridge truck bumper Antique rocking horse car parts tools fishing equipment bed boxes lots of books and magazines
4073 Green TV bed boxes misc household items
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- November 15, 2005

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call: Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo. Members Absent: Caccamo. Staff Present: Director Durack, Director Faas, Director Minghine, Director Conklin, Director Santomauro. Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda Motion carried by all members present. STUDY SESSION TOPIC: Item 1. Water & Wastewater Cost of Service - Final Report. The Water & Wastewater Cost of Service report was originally presented for discussion at the August 16, 2005 Study Session. At that time the Board requested several issues be reviewed. The final report will be presented for approval. Establishing appropriate rate adjustments requires balancing the financial health of the utility with the financial impact on customers, cost of service results, and the environmental objectives of the utility. In addition adjustments were made to each utility's revenue requirement to prevent potential double charging of customers between connection charges and utility rates. For Board consideration, we have identified alternative rate tracks and each one is designed to meet specific objectives. We have also included a recommended rate track that attempts to balance each objective. The three rate tracks are: 1) Rate track that matches targeted operating income established in the cost of service study. 2) Establishment of rate track to match minimum level of cash reserves (allowing cash balance to fall to minimum levels and postponing rate adjustment). 3) Recommended rate track for Board consideration. The cost of service study identified a rate adjustment of 18.1% in 2005 followed by a 20.5% rate adjustment in 2006. Canton Township has sufficient reserves to postpone substantial rate adjustments and minimize the financial impact on ratepayers. It is important whenever reserves are used to temper rates that the Township review cash reserves on a regular basis to ensure the financial integrity of the system. Wastewater Utility - Projected Financial Statements 2005 - 2011. Canton Township is experiencing increasing wastewater costs resulting from anticipated changes in treatment charges from both the City of Detroit and improvements to the WTUA/YCUA treatment systems. Without rate adjustments, operating losses are projected to increase from \$1.0 million in 2005 to over \$6.0 million in 2011, and currently healthy cash balances (in excess of \$14 million) are projected to decrease each year and become negative in 2008. Approximately 73% of wastewater costs are to represent treatment charges from WTUA/YCUA and the City of Detroit. Homes constructed between the 1930's and 1970's, often included footing drains that collect rainwater that is discharged into the sanitary sewer system. This unbilled flow increases the cost of treatment to the wastewater utility. To help ensure customers are charged the cost of treating wastewater from their location, we reviewed the additional flow discharged by footing drains using specific data accumulated by Canton Township. Customers with footing drains discharge an average of 9,600 gallons more per year into the wastewater system than homes without footing drains and cost an additional \$2.18 per month. To provide the correct price signal to customers, it is recommended this cost difference be reflected in the charges to customers. Sprinkling Meters. Wastewater discharge cannot be economically or accurately metered and this results in customers paying wastewater usage for lawn sprinkling. To prevent the utility and customer from incurring additional costs to install, maintain, and read subtract meters, a usage cap is proposed for residential customers with a one inch or less meter. Additionally, this approach eliminates a potential area for fraud that occurs when users re-route normal water use through irrigation meters. (This results in corresponding reductions in wastewater treatment charges.) Development of the usage cap required Canton Township to provide additional information on the reduction in billing units that would occur as a result of implementation of the usage cap. Estimated Customer Impacts of Proposed Wastewater Rate Design. A typical residential customer using 9,000 gallons per month would see a 14% increase for an additional \$3.95/month (\$1.15/Quarter). (Please note many customer usage will fluctuate and these customers may see reductions in bills during the summer season as a result of implementation of the billing cap for residential customers with 1" meters or less.) Item 2. Canton Policy Manual Changes and Additions. Policies F 10 and F 15 have been modified to better communicate sound purchasing practices. Vendor Selection Policy (New) and Vendor Protest Policy (New) have been created to aid employees in the procurement process. Item 3. Procurement Card Program. Public Procurement is always evolving and will strive to evaluate best practices to insure efficient purchasing of routine needs of the Township. Thought of the Program is based on Vendors not accepting Purchase Orders, Cost Savings, Rebates. Local Vendors have stopped accepting Purchase Orders. Meyer, Home Depot, Sears, Target. Cost Savings. Reduce time and steps involved in acquiring a purchase order, \$\$ of processing a paper PO versus manager review of a monthly statement, Rebates. Can we derive a return on our expenditures? These are based on \$ spent and average fileturn (payment received). State law caps credit card limit at 5% of the total budget (Act 266 of 1995). Item 4. Board Goals. A consensus was reached on goals for 2005-2008. This was the third review of the Board goals. Item 5. Discussion - Canton Boards, Commissions & Committees. 4 types of citizen's involvement State Law requirement for certain Boards, Local Ordinances established committees, Over time established boards, commission and committees, and Ad hoc committees. A letter of interest from a volunteer must be presented to the Supervisor for recommendation. Other: There will be a Regular Board meeting on November 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI. Adjourn. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin at 9:38 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present - Thomas J. Yack Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk.

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Canton, MI 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FY 2004 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS

On December 5, 2005 at 3 p.m. in the Administrative Services Conference Rooms, first floor Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan, there will be hearings on the above captioned activities before the CDBG Advisory Council. The purpose of the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report is to report on Community Development Block Grant activities and projects for the FY 2004 CDBG program. There will also be a hearing on the proposal to reprogram CDBG activity funds to FY 2005 Affordable Housing Contingency for housing rehabilitation and/or the purchase of vacant lots for affordable housing construction. The reprogramming would not cancel an existing project or create a new activity. The amounts proposed for reprogramming are: FY 2002 Vacant Lots Purchase \$62,808.24, FY 1999 Adult Day Care, \$1,270, and FY 1996, Recreation Building Renovation, \$12,843.93. Total to reprogram \$76,922.17. The recommendations of the Advisory Council will be presented at a second public hearing before the Board of Trustees on December 13, 2005 at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room at the address above. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to: Gerald Martin, Community Services Specialist, Community Services Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188. (734) 394-5194.

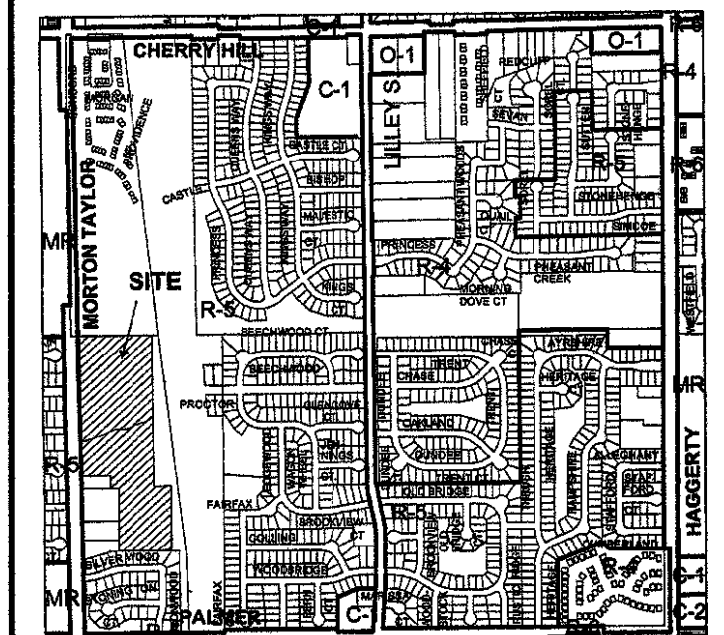
TERRY BENNETT, Clerk. Publish November 24 2005

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, December 5, 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance.

CHERRY HILL PUD AMENDMENT NO. 8 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PUD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 091 99 0001 7 12 and 091 99 0001 7 13. Property is located south of Cherry Hill and east of Morton Taylor Road.



SECTION 23. Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday, December 1, 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON, Chairman. Publish November 10 and 24 2005

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Longtime Michigan Bucks GM Duggan steps down

The Detroit-based Michigan Bucks announced last month the retirement of Livonia native Jim Duggan as general manager of the minor league soccer franchise he co-founded in 1995 with his brother Dan and the late Paul Scicluna, effective at the end of the year.

The Bucks expect to name his replacement by Nov. 1.

The long-time promoter of soccer in Michigan will be pursuing non-soccer related opportunities from his current hometown of Saginaw, while remaining in the sport as a consultant and continuing to lead the efforts to bring a Major League Soccer (MLS) team to Detroit.

The Duggans will continue to own the Bucks in the foreseeable future.

"We would consider selling the franchise, but only to the right group — one that can build upon what we've done over the past 10 years," Jim Duggan said.

Duggan began his coaching career in 1984 as an assistant to Scicluna with the Detroit Catholic Central High School varsity boys team and subsequently held head coaching positions with the Livonia Paragon men's amateur team and with North Farmington and Saginaw Heritage high schools.

He was also the CEO of the original Detroit Rockers pro indoor squad and remained a part owner through the team's National Professional Soccer League championship season in 1992.

In 1991, Duggan was tapped to lead the 1994 World Cup Michigan Bid Committee's effort to lure the world's largest sporting event to the Pontiac Silverdome as Executive Director, a position he kept through 1994 when the bid group succeeded, becoming the Host Committee.

The committees also promoted two games leading up to World Cup, including what was then the largest gate in the history of U.S. Soccer — the 1993 U.S. Cup match featuring England vs. Germany.

Following the successful World Cup, a \$500,000 surplus has been distributed (by the World Cup Michigan Soccer Foundation) to needy soccer programs throughout the state.

Scicluna and the Duggans created the Mid Michigan Bucks and began play in the Premier Development League (PDL) of the United Soccer Leagues (USL) in 1996.

One of the most successful, and recognizable, minor league soccer franchises in the history of this country, the Bucks played out of Saginaw for six years before moving to the metro Detroit area, the hometown of the owners and most of its players, in 2002.

Covering the past ten seasons, the Bucks lead, or share the lead, in 15 PDL statistical categories, including most overall wins (150), division titles (7), consecutive winning seasons (10), playoff appearances (9), PDL quarterfinals appearances (7) and U.S. Open Cup wins (7).

While only seven PDL teams have ever advanced to play one MLS team, the Bucks have done it five times.

The Bucks have averaged 15 wins per year (including Open Cup and PDL playoffs) over the past decade.

"I think the records Dan and I are most proud of, because they were the most difficult to achieve, are those from the Open Cup and in qualifying for the PDL playoffs nine times," Jim Duggan said.

In 1974, Duggan participated in the very first soccer league (four U-16 teams at the YMCA) in Livonia, a modern soccer hotbed that was the breeding ground for the now Michigan Hawks/Wolves Soccer Club.

As a senior in 1978, he played on Livonia Bentley High School's first varsity team, leading the Bulldogs to the state semifinals, while establishing school records for goals and assists.

Bentley is where Duggan would first meet Scicluna, who was in his first boys high school head coaching position, and a relationship was formed that would affect Duggan the rest of his life.

"At first we all thought Paul was just nuts, but his passion for the game and his emphasis on doing the things the right way really resonated with his players," Duggan said. "There is no question that he is the reason I, and thousands of others, have spent all these years in the

sport."

Duggan also captained the U-19 MSYSA State Champion, Livonia Florist in 1979 and went on to play for coach Joe Baum at Michigan State from 1979-1981.

In addition to playing for Scicluna, Duggan reflected on some additional personal highlights from his coaching and management experiences, beginning with North Farmington High School in 1988.

While this team would be the only one with which Duggan was associated that had a losing record over the past 30 years, it was a memorable experience.

"My first head coaching job in high school stands out because

it is where I really grasped the power of what a team could do that talented individuals could not do alone," Duggan said.

The Raiders went winless in the first half of the year, but finished strong, knocking off the state's tenth ranked team in the state playoffs before losing in overtime to undefeated, and eventual state champion, Livonia Stevenson.

Really, the first years at every level bring back fond memories, from Bentley, Livonia Florist, MSU, Livonia Paragon, the Rockers and the Bucks," Duggan said. "I will also never forget the championship Rockers team and, obviously, the 2000 Bucks team.

Duggan's Premier Development League (PDL) squad became the first in U.S. history to defeat an MLS side in the U.S. Open Cup.

After beating New England, 1-0, at Foxboro Stadium, the Bucks hosted the Miami Fusion of MLS, a 3-3 tie that the Bucks lost in a penalty-kick shootout 6-5, in a one of the most exciting matches in the 90-year history of the Cup.

The 2000 team also won the regular season PDL title and advanced to the league championship game, before losing 1-0 to the Chicago Sockers.

Certainly, one of the pinnacles for me, though, was being a part of the group that landed

the World Cup games for Detroit," Duggan said. "We were listed as 28th out of 28 bidding cities to get the games in 1991. Supposedly, no one wanted to come to Detroit, and many leaders in Detroit thought we were wasting our time."

"But not only did we get the bid, we hosted it successfully as well. Our chairman, Roger Faulkner, and executive committee (including Metro Detroit Convention and Visitors Bureau President Bill McLaughlin, the Governor's Chief of Staff Dan Pero, Pontiac Silverdome Executive Director Mike Abington and long-time Ann Arbor soccer booster Mike Malley) were phenomenal to

work with."

Like most players who finally put away the boots, Duggan too will miss the personal relationships above all, including those made over the past 10 years in the USL.

"The great rivalries and working with all the selfless people within the USL and in the Michigan soccer community is surely what I will miss the most," said Duggan, who will also retire from his position as Chairman of the PDL Executive Committee on Oct. 31, a post he has held for eight years. "I look at how far the PDL has come and can't help but feel proud to have been a part of building that."



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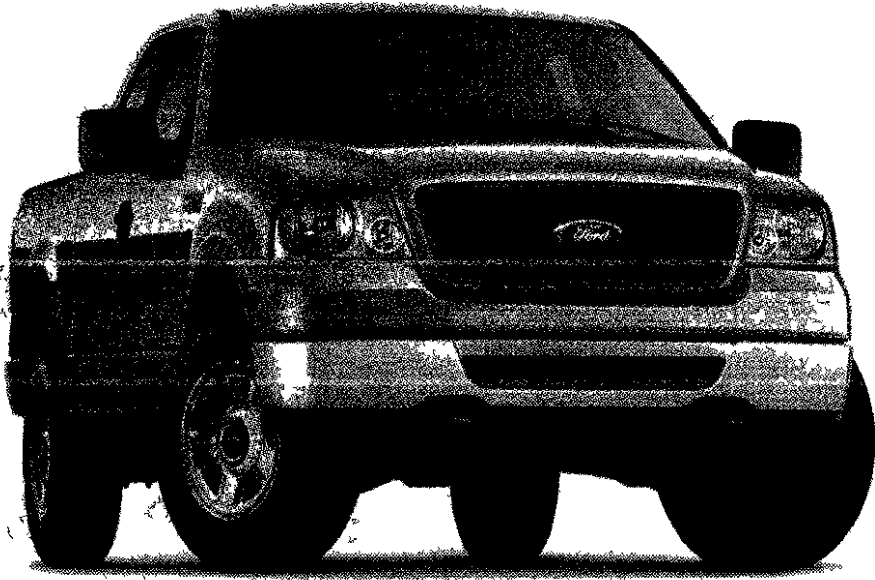
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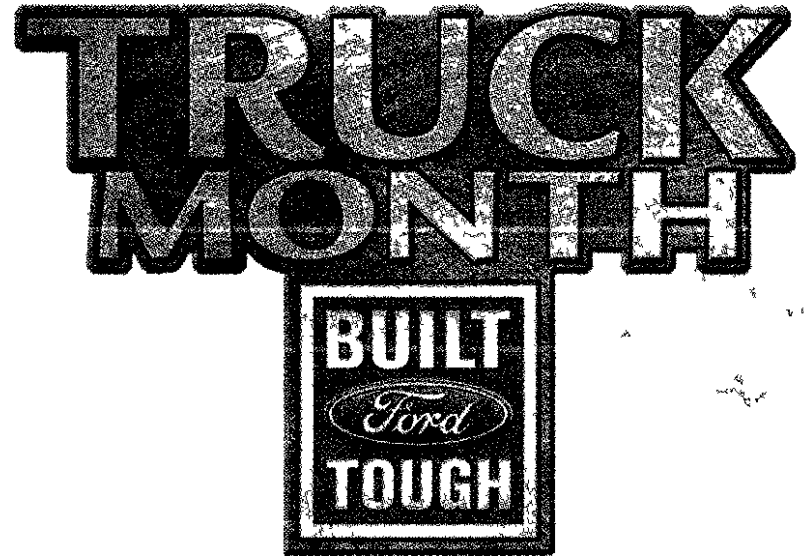
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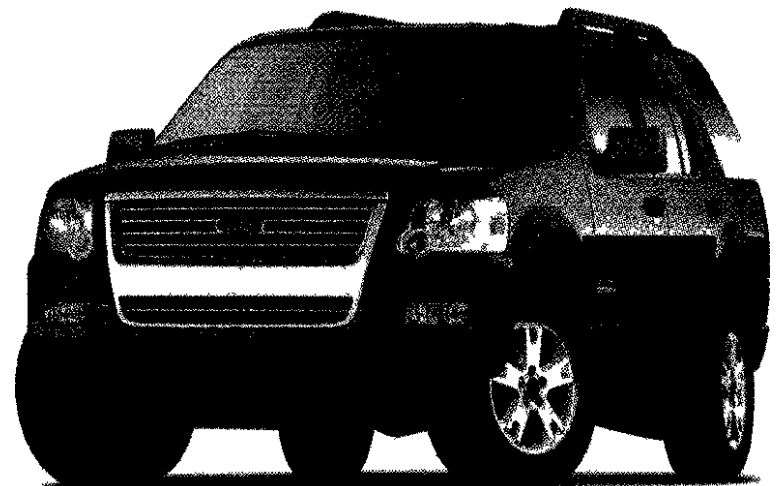
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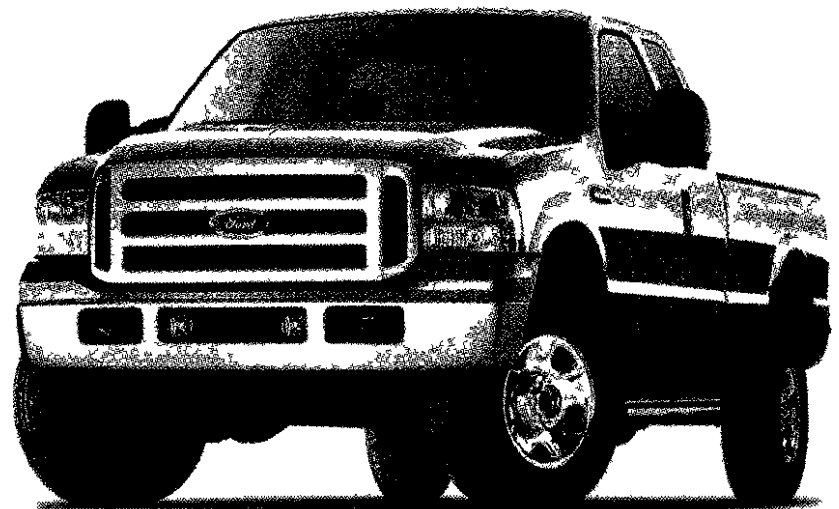
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Survey: Realtors have good public image

Public opinion of the nation's Realtors has reached an all-time high for the third straight year, according to an annual tracking survey conducted to measure the effectiveness of the eighth season of the National Association of Realtors multimillion-dollar Public Awareness Campaign.

The survey's composite image score of 19 beliefs, opinions and attitudes about Realtors rose from 56 percent in 2004 to 59 percent — up 11 points since 2002. The survey also found that the likelihood of consumers to use a Realtor over a real estate licensee who is not a Realtor rose 4 points to 64 percent this year.

Some of the consumer beliefs and opinions that improved most over the past 12 months are: "Realtors bring the latest technology to buying and selling a home" (up 6 points to 63 percent), "Realtors have the expertise to help sellers price their home fairly" (up 4 points to 64 percent), "Realtors earn their commission" (up 6 points to 50 percent), and "Realtors advocate private property rights of homeowners" (up 12 points to 54 percent).

"Public support for Realtors and the value Realtors bring to the real estate transaction is higher than it has ever been. Consumer attitudes toward Realtors have been improving steadily for the past few years due to many factors, especially the effectiveness of the Public Awareness Campaign," said NAR President Al Mansell of Salt Lake City.

Nanci J. Rands, 2006 president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors, agreed those in her profession have a lot to offer buyers and sellers. Rands is with Snyder

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Real estate is drawing more professionals 'who have made it their career to be very informed about what's going on,' including in the community, Rands said. More are working full time and have more invested in their work.

The demands of technology require Realtors to stay current. "I think the public really appreciates that," she said.

Total awareness of NAR's television and radio advertisements reached the highest level in the history of the campaign. Awareness rose 2 points to 73 percent — reaching nearly three out of four real estate consumers in America. In 2005, 55 percent of consumers recalled seeing or hearing at least one of the NAR advertising executions, an increase of 2 points over 2004. Awareness of the call to action introduced last year, "Ask your agent if they're a Realtor," increased from 32 percent to 39 percent.

Beliefs about Realtors that improved the most this year were that they have the best network of sources to help buyers and sellers (79 percent, up 6 points over year ago), that they are best qualified to promote the sale of a home (73 percent, up 12 points), that they are professional (70 percent, up 13 points), that they conduct business with ethics and integrity (69 percent, up 11 points), and that they get the job done properly (68 percent, up 10 points).

Rands noted many Realtors are involved in their communities, serving in government and doing charitable work with such

groups as the Scouts, Red Cross, March of Dimes and others. "They're really leaders in the community," she said, which amplifies effectiveness when dealing with clients.

Buyers who purchased a home in the past 12 months reported a jump from 39 percent to 56 percent in agents identifying themselves as Realtors, while sellers reported an even more dramatic 23-percentage point gain, from 41 percent to 64 percent.

The National Association of Realtors Public Awareness Campaign kicked off its eighth season last February and it recently ended. New ads this season featured people talking about their real estate experiences.

The \$25 million advertising campaign featured four new television commercials this year and four new radio spots. Commercials included NAR's first-ever Spanish-language television ad. The new spot featured Hispanic Americans sharing their stories about trying to achieve the dream of home ownership.

Rands said Realtors are a good source of other professional contacts, such as a real estate attorney or someone to do cabinetry. "Realtors are willing to go the extra mile. We know it's a competitive environment, and the process of buying or selling must be as enjoyable and stress-free as possible."

Clients have so many choices now, a full-service Realtor should serve them well and wisely, Rands said. "I think Realtors are delivering on that."

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

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Q. I loved my stay in Prague and am thinking about having a summer home in downtown Prague, do you have any idea of what the real estate prices are like?

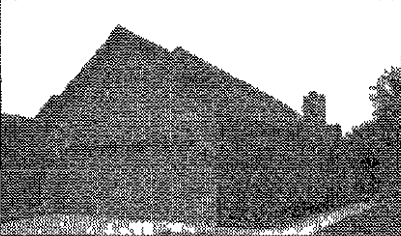





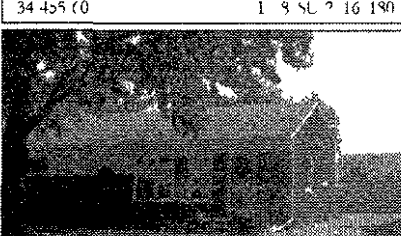
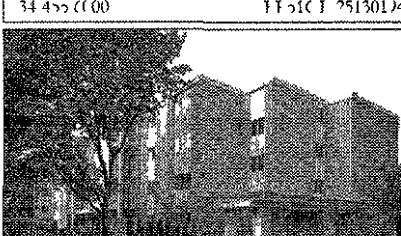
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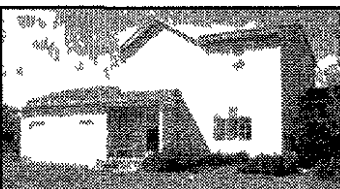





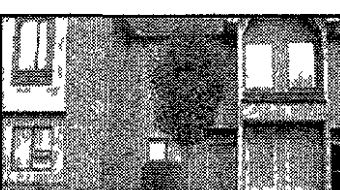
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Education Seminars

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- 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,

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- 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
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- 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
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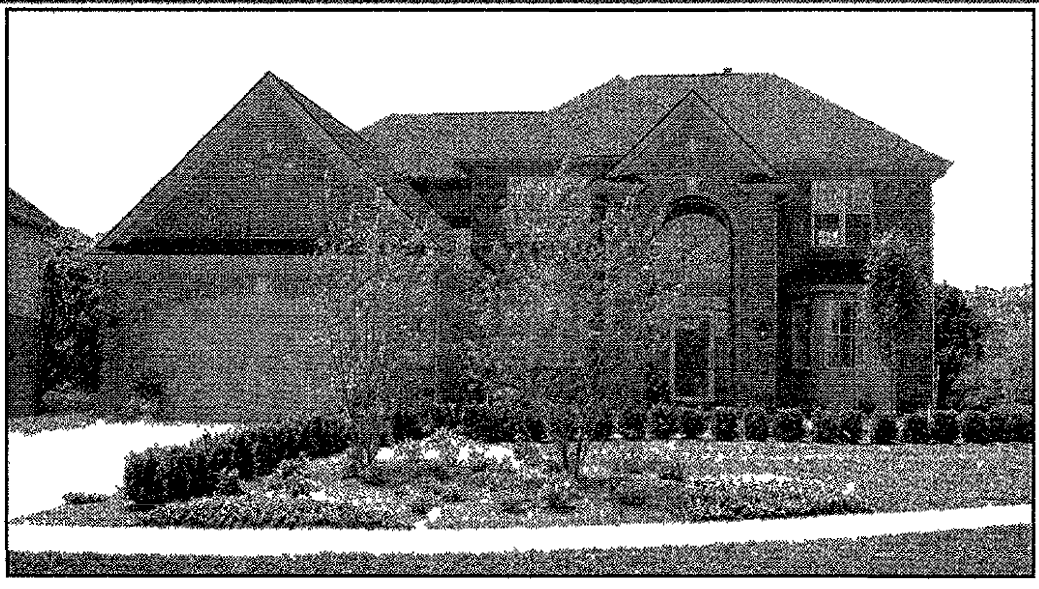

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City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	43506 Abbey	\$314,000
	48267 Antique	\$278,000
	48483 Antique	\$166,000
	47220 Bartlett	\$262,000
	45959 Baywood	\$286,000
	40468 Deer Creek	\$85,000
	44760 Dornie	\$288,000
	420 Filmore	\$190,000
	45681 Graystone	\$185,000
	49068 Hawksbury	\$220,000
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	1140 Heritage	\$182,000
	4401 Hunters	\$157,000
	42723 Lilley Pointe	\$125,000
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Garden City	43439 Michigan	\$75,000
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	604 N Willard	\$208,000
	2289 N Woods	\$320,000
	49060 Northampton	\$468,000
	1633 Orchard	\$113,000
	1226 Paddington	\$260,000
	1957 Pinecroft	\$194,000
	1459 Prestbury	\$236,000
	49294 Stanton	\$525,000
	48587 Stonebriar	\$54,000
	45069 Thornhill	\$338,000
	6115 Wedgewood	\$225,000
	1415 Whittier	\$205,000
	1970 Woodmont	\$207,000
Livonia	28461 Donnelly	\$108,000
	1277 Farmington	\$129,000
	31462 Rush	\$171,000
	19364 Antago	\$149,000
	31415 Arizona	\$181,000
	9027 Beatrice	\$115,000
	37042 Bennett	\$247,000
	11710 Boston Post	\$150,000
	32942 Brookside	\$271,000
	8936 Cardwell	\$116,000
	11307 Cavell	\$165,000
	14107 Cranston	\$230,000
	33365 Farjo	\$76,000
	11686 Farmington	\$200,000
	8862 Fremont	\$140,000
9871 Fremont	\$161,000	
20519 Fremont	\$164,000	
34852 Grove	\$220,000	
8914 Hartel	\$35,000	
8914 Hartel	\$47,000	
15533 Hubbard	\$218,000	
14257 Ingram	\$225,000	
11261 Karen	\$138,000	
9861 Seltzer	\$155,000	
Plymouth	37904 Summers	\$227,000
	20059 Wayne	\$413,000
	16501 Westbrook	\$255,000
	50420 Beechwood	\$219,000
	41924 Brentwood	\$219,000
	42023 Clemons	\$221,000
	9841 Fellows Hill	\$542,000
	371 Irvin	\$395,000
	671 Jener	\$118,000
	9070 Morrison	\$225,000
	40440 Newport	\$138,000
	1012 Palmer	\$232,000
	49022 Plum Tree	\$414,000
	51393 Plymouth Heights	\$328,000
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1074 Roosevelt	\$266,000	
12401 Woodgate	\$182,000	
Redford	9086 Centralia	\$160,000
	13942 Centralia	\$136,000
	12093 Columbia	\$160,000
	19359 Denby	\$125,000
	9167 Fenton	\$136,000
	9574 Fenton	\$120,000
	14216 Fenton	\$176,000
	15841 Fox	\$135,000
	13510 Garfield	\$136,000
	20442 Kinloch	\$105,000
	20531 Lennane	\$124,000
	8944 Lenore	\$140,000
	9924 Leverne	\$165,000
	20526 Negaunee	\$104,000
	16655 Norborne	\$140,000
19323 Norborne	\$45,000	
17751 Olympia	\$130,000	
9563 Royal Grand	\$165,000	
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Westland	7358 Central	\$88,000
	7448 Central	\$75,000
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	7394 Central	\$90,000
	31958 Charlevoix	\$76,000
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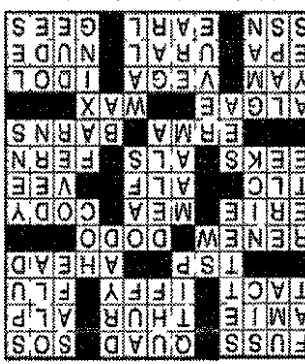
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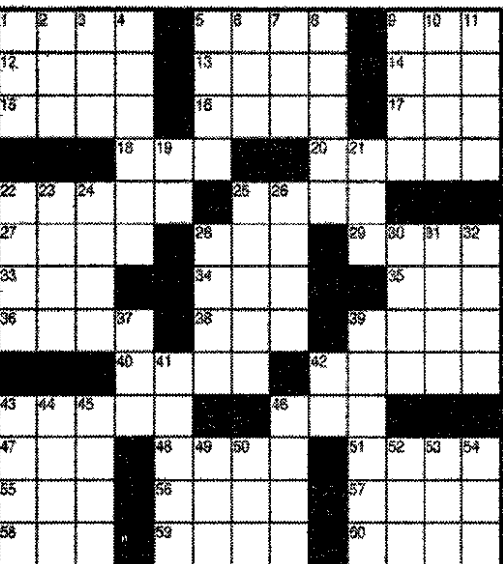
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Reviving A Dead Horse -- Gently



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

You knew it would be a challenge, but you never expected this. You've walked into a situation that's losing,

completely trustworthy. They don't care, and don't want to change. You prefer the challenge to leaving. How can you build relationships to revive this dead horse?

Alan Stafford, president of Strategix Consulting Group Inc., in Charlotte, N.C., says that you must enlist the support of senior management, even if your department isn't "a key in the organization" or otherwise "worthy of attention." He further states that, lacking "gold-plated authority from senior management, you'll find that employees will totally undercut your authority by ignoring you or bypassing you and going upstairs."

While offering no guarantee of success, Stafford suggests, "Get an audience with the pope. Convince him that the operation of the department is critical to the bottom line of the organization," affecting the brand or image in the marketplace. He further advises pointing out that the situation negatively "impacts customer service -- not just the money or brand but reputation, future purposes, and employee recruitment and retention." As

the new person on the block, you'll be considered a threat.

Ron McMillan, chief delivery officer in charge of training at VitalSmarts L.L.C., in Provo, Utah, calls this one of a group of "crucial conversations, characterized by high stakes, opposing opinions and strong emotions. Even communicators have difficulty with these," he adds. "Because high emotion tends to derail us, we'll go in to a crucial conversation and be aggressive, push, threaten or argue. Or we'll water down (sugar coat) our message to keep from hurting feelings or making them angry with us. Sometimes, people (even) refuse to talk to the person, which leads to a horrible impact on the relationship."

McMillan advocates making the boss feel safe -- not blaming, but emphasizing how you can fix problems that are frustrating everyone there. "Share your good intent," he advises "so people realize they don't have targets on their back."

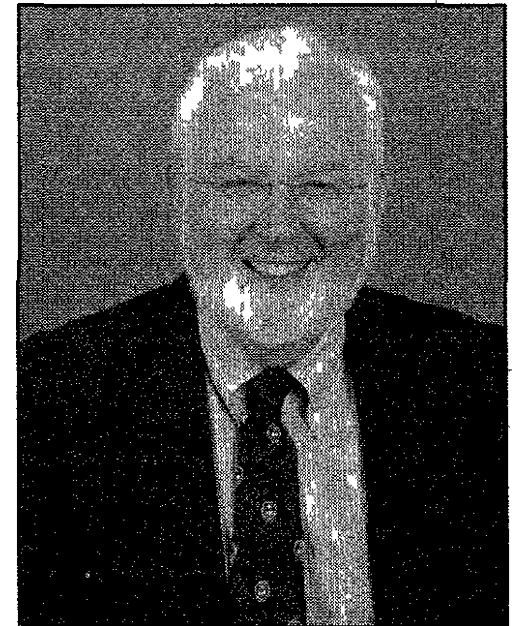
EMPLOYEES (AND PEERS)
Let the same spirit guide you when you speak with employees. Gary Neilson and Bruce Pasternack, co-authors of "Results Keep What's Good, Fix What's Wrong and Unlock Great Performance" (Crown, \$27.50) write, "The fundamental challenge is to (make certain that) the individual's self-interest coincides with the company's agenda." Of course, this applies to peers, too.

You'll lose if you don't encourage employees to contribute to decisions,

Stafford maintains, and they won't buy into change. "Many times," he continues, "people within an organization already know what needs to be done. Ask them individually or in group sessions. You may come up with heretofore unknown solutions. At the very least, your people will have felt heard and understood. Share financial information and information about customer retention." McMillan stresses that you must create a safe atmosphere to avoid defensiveness. Remember that for peers, too.

If your area is functioning without integrity, you can tackle that problem, too. Wally Bock, based in Greensboro, N.C., is a consultant on one-on-one leadership. He recommends being "symbolic." By this he means communicating your own integrity in ways that others can't miss. Bock recalls a new plant manager whose workers felt ignored by management. "In conversations," Bock mentions, "he found that many of their grievances would take time to fix, but that there were some that he could handle immediately. He chose things like erecting an awning over the door where folks stepped outside for a break, and putting a pay phone in the break room as the first things to do. He figured they were quick and also visible." Notice the potential impact of a visible act that communicated non-verbally about how he wanted employees to be.

Bock says to strive to change behavior, not attitude. Doing so requires



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disseminating "a limited number of messages in two kinds of communication -- one-to-many, with a statement to all via e-mail or a memo clarifying what you want, and one-on-one communication."

"My mother used to say," he adds, "Here are the consequences of whatever you decide. You choose the consequences you want."

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Clearly, the environment for selling sport utility vehicles in the American marketplace is getting increasingly difficult. Over the last few years, more and more entries by nearly every significant auto manufacturer have been appearing in the segment, making the SUV market increasingly competitive just because of that dynamic alone.

For the traditional U.S. Big Three auto makers, an additional complication has been the fact that effective foreign competition has been flooding into niches of the SUV market that the Americans once dominated, including medium- and large-sized vehicles.

And now, of course, \$3-a-gallon gasoline is forcing all but the most stubborn consumer fan of SUVs to consider whether carrying around all that extra weight and room all the time is worth it, all the time, because of the great sacrifices they're making in fuel economy. This last factor stands the biggest chance of any of the elements of turning the Big Three's long dependence on SUVs for profits into a terrible albatross rather than the golden goose that it's been for many years.

Yet while GM soon will be debuting new replacements for some of its biggest and best-selling SUVs, it might be Ford Motor Co. that is showing its Detroit rival the smartest way to proceed through what looks to be an increasingly perilous future for the American-made SUV. Ford began by trailblazing the Big Three's entry into hybrid versions of SUVs with its new hybrid Escape.

At the same time, Ford has added an entirely new line of SUVs with its Ford Freestyle mid-size model and continues to improve the conventionally powered Ford Escape and its cousin, Mercury Mariner. These additions and enhancements help add up to an SUV-segment strategy that may allow Ford to sustain the worst damage that can be wrought by \$3-a-gallon gasoline without too-terrible effect.

Mercury began offering Mariner in a 2005 model after Ford had introduced the Escape in 2001 and also gave Mazda a version of this same vehicle, Tribute. And Ford's stepchild division has made the most of this vehicle. It shares Escapes basic structure, platform and power trains. But when it comes to styling, Mercury appropriately sets itself apart with Mariner.

Mariner's grille is definitively rich looking, and the vehi-



The Ford Freestyle gets 19 miles per gallon in the city and 24 miles per gallon on the highway.

cle's distinctive 16-inch aluminum wheels and sleek rocker moldings clearly set it apart from both Escape and Tribute. Mercury has optimized the opportunity to move this vehicle platform upscale for Ford without trying to make Mariner seem like it should be a Lincoln instead.

Under the hood, Mariner shares with Escape and Tribute a decent capability when it comes to the increasingly important criterion of fuel economy, yielding 18mpg in the city and 23mpg on the highway for the Premier version that I drove. For 2006, in fact, Ford is introducing a hybrid version of Mariner, which will allow Mariner customers to achieve even better results in the increasingly important fuel-economy consideration.

For 2005, Mariner's standard power train is a 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine that obviously gets better fuel economy, but I was happy with the combination of capable performance and OK mileage provided by the 3.0-liter Duratec V6 engine under the hood of the Mariner Premier. With 200 horsepower and 193 pound-feet of torque coupled with four-wheel-drive capability, Mariner Premier is a little powerhouse.

Inside, Mariner's big distinctive, in the top-of-the-line Premier version, is two-tone leather seats with suede-like inserts, which set it apart definitively from Escape and Tribute underneath the roof. The Premier version also offers heated outside mirrors, a premium audio system

with subwoofer and heated seats. All that for a suggested price of \$27,845.

In coming up with Freestyle to plunk in the middle of its SUV lineup, Ford demonstrated a bit of inventiveness and the fruits of corporate acquisitiveness that are increasingly evident across the spectrum of the globalized auto industry. Freestyle, you see, is based partly on the S80 platform designed by Volvo, Ford's acquisition of not too many years ago.

The S80 heritage gives Freestyle a solid pedigree when it comes to both refinement as well as safety. Freestyle is a true "crossover" vehicle, bearing as it does both the cargo characteristics of a truck or large SUV as well as the drivability of a sedan. Ford's new Five Hundred sedan also emerged from Ford's same recent impulse to broaden its product lineup.

Freestyle contrasts with Ford's older, trailblazing Explorer SUV in that it has a lower ride height for easier entry and exit as well as more nimble handling and a quieter, more passenger-focused cabin. Even so, the Limited, all-wheel-drive version I drove can seat seven and retails for a reasonable \$33,720.

And with its 3.0-liter V6 engine, the same power train as in Mariner, Freestyle sports 19mpg in the city and 24mpg on the highway. Respectable numbers for an SUV in this new era.

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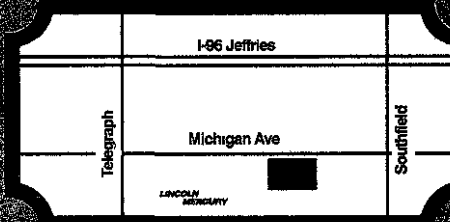
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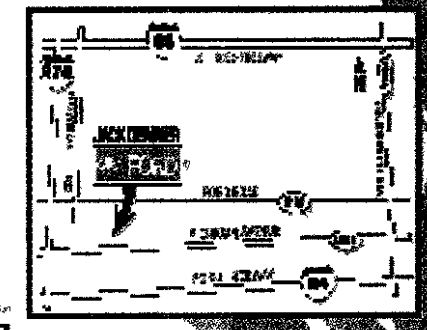
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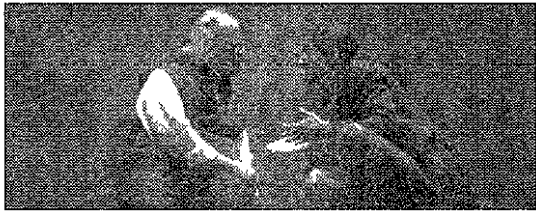
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The Joffrey Ballet performs *The Nutcracker* at the Detroit Opera House

Dance into the season

'The Nutcracker' goes up downtown

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER



The *Nutcracker*' snow scene ushers in winter and the holiday season

'Tis the season to get merry and dance

Okay, you feel merry enough but you're just not down with the dancing around part. No-body blames you, Dan.

GIRL'S HOLIDAY DREAM

What: The Joffrey Ballet's *The Nutcracker*

When: Dec 1-4 performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday Saturday 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday

Where: Detroit Opera House 1526 Broadway Detroit

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cing is for dancers. That's why we have *The Nutcracker*, a ballet bursting with

merriment, colorful costumes, grand music and lots of dancing. The Joffrey Ballet's version of the classic holiday story runs Dec 1-4 at the Detroit Opera House in downtown Detroit.

It's a wonderful *Nutcracker*, said Carol Halsted, coordinator of dance at the opera house. And this year's presentation is exactly like the one performed by the dance company in Detroit last year.

I guess there's something about *The Nutcracker* that's

tradition. With other ballets, people want it different."

The Joffrey's version was originally choreographed by the company's founder Robert Joffrey, who collected Victorian toys. So the production very much reflects the Victorian family Christmas setting.

The dance company's current director, Gerald Arpino, has refined the ballet, which is based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's

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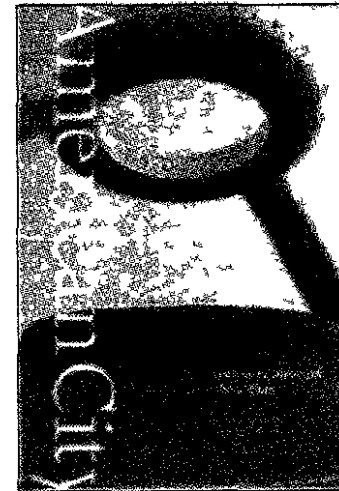
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AMERICAN CITY: DETROIT ARCHITECTURE, 1845-2005

by William Zbaren and
Robert Sharon
Wayne State University Press
121 pages Hardcover

Of the coffee table books written about Detroit architecture (let's face it, there aren't a whole lot), you won't be disappointed after picking up a copy of *American City*. A tribute to the local landscape, *American City* covers all the biggies, from the Wayne County building to Michigan Central Railroad Station, and some oft-overlooked gems, R.H. Fyfe's Shoe Store Building, for example. The text provides a brief history of each and, overall, this is an excellent primer for those wishing to know more about Detroit's architecture.

Yeah, yeah, that's great Stephanie, but what about the pictures? Ah, well, the



photography excels at capturing Detroit's lament. What I mean is, even if you didn't live here you'd understand that these are great buildings captured in a time beyond their prime.

And that's what makes this book so important. With the state of urban decay, the

push to clean up for the Super Bowl and a certain re-elected mayor's revival strategy all changing the face of our city, many of these structures may not exist in the near future. Inside this book though, well, inside this book they are captured for all time.

Comforting, no?

Stephanie Tardy

BALLET

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1818 story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* and set to a score by Tchaikovsky.

About 80 local children from the metropolitan Detroit area perform in the show with members of The Joffrey Ballet.

Likewise, the opera house has asked choirs from two local high schools - Walled Lake Western and Martin Luther King Jr. - to perform carols during intermissions.

Matinee performances at the opera house will feature special activities for children including face painting, photographs with Santa Claus and the Nutcracker, and an on-stage parade with the cast in costume.

"We call it the Sugar Plum Parade, and the kids can touch the set and meet the cast," said Halsted.

Of course, there are several other productions of *The Nutcracker* set to run. The area's other professional production, The Moscow Ballets *The Great Russian Nutcracker* runs Nov. 26 with two performances at the Masonic Temple Theater in Detroit.

So, if you can't make one, chances are good you'll find another.

OTHER PERFORMANCES OF 'THE

NUTCRACKER'

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New stage version revives Dickens' classic

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Ever wonder what happens to Ebenezer Scrooge's cranky business partner, Jacob Marley, in the story of *A Christmas Carol*?

Find out as the tale continues, based on the Charles Dickens classic, in *Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol*,

written by Tom Mula. It will be performed by Ann Arbor's professional theater group Performance Network through Christmas Eve.

Jacob Marley's has been nominated for four Joseph Jefferson Awards and received an After Dark Award and the Goodman School Dramas

JACOB MARLEY'S CHRISTMAS CAROL

When: Runs through Saturday Dec 24

Showtime: 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sundays

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Where: Performance Network Theatre 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0696

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The story as a comedy continues as Marley is dead but in the afterlife is offered one more chance to save himself from an eternity of misery. He has just 24 hours to transform the mean ole heart of Scrooge. With the help of Bogle, a new guiding spirit, Marley tries to convert his old partner into a gentle soul.

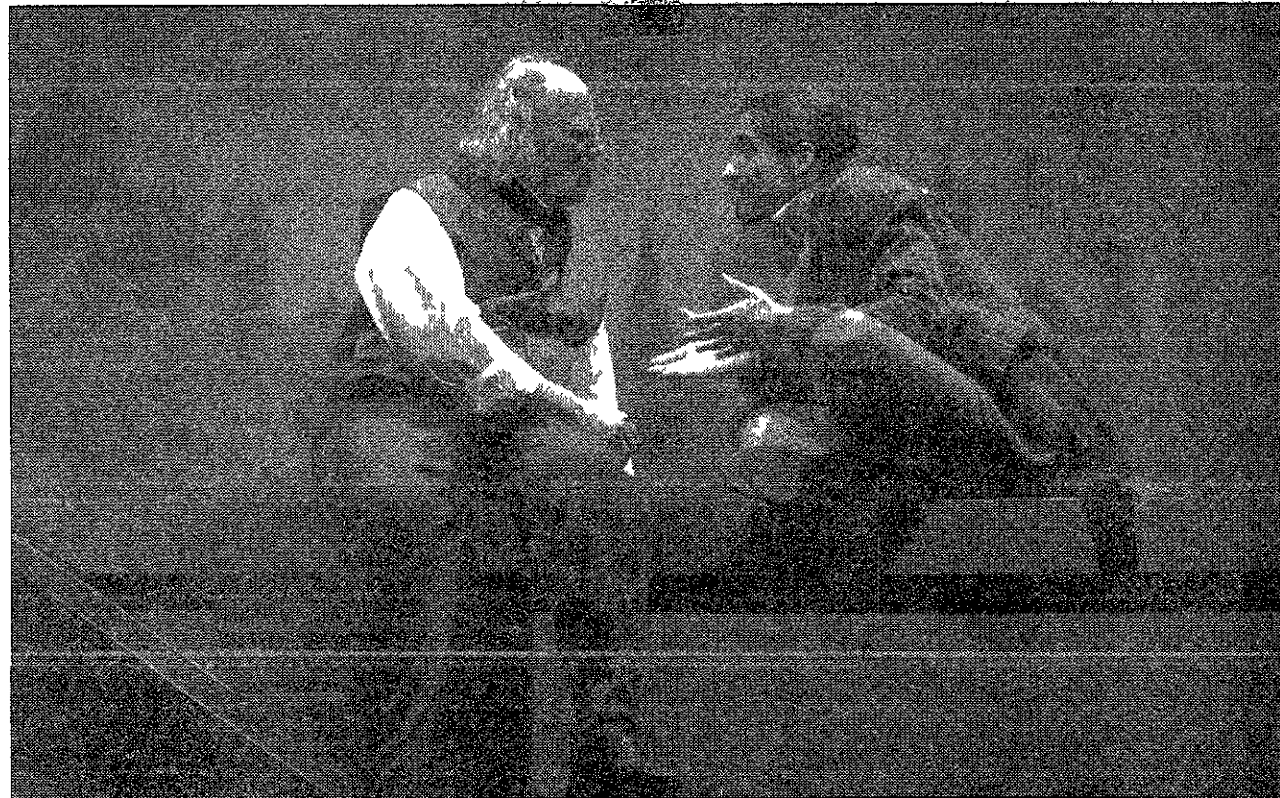
The local cast includes Paul Hooper as Marley, John Seibert as Scrooge, Darrell Glasgow as Bogle and Tobin Hissong as the afterlife Record Keeper. All actors play multiple roles.

David Wolber, of the Performance Network, said *Marley's* was chosen as a way to breathe new life into a classic while at the same time pleasing audiences who seek a holiday show.

The Performance Network tries to do things that are edgy and provocative thinking pieces yet fun pieces," Wolber said. "*(Marley's)* fit into all of that. For the audience it's a similar experience as the classic *A Christmas Carol* yet it has new twist because it's through Jacob's eyes."

While it's a comedy, there are also sweet moments that touch important life elements like redemption, forgiveness and being a good person - which is the heart of the original classic.

But it's performed on a very entertain



"Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" is a continuation of the Dickens classic, but with a comedic twist, performed by the Performance Network in Ann Arbor.

ing level with comedy, Wolber said. The tale introduces a new character, Bogle, the spirit who guides Marley in his attempt to save himself and Scrooge.

Seibert, who plays Scrooge, isn't the typical type imagined for the role. "He's a younger version," Wolber said.

"Because this goes into the earlier of Marley and Scrooge together. It's a great comedy, yet in the end we're all still pulling for Scrooge to change."

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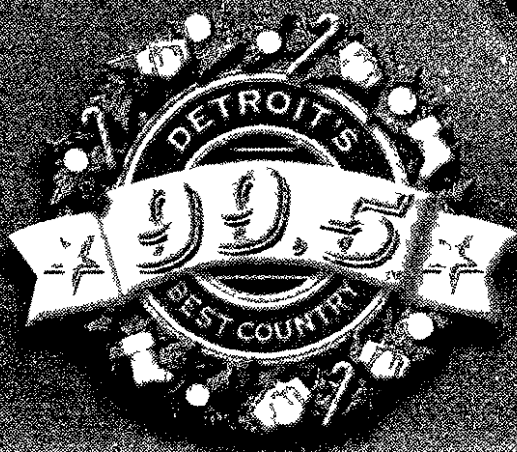
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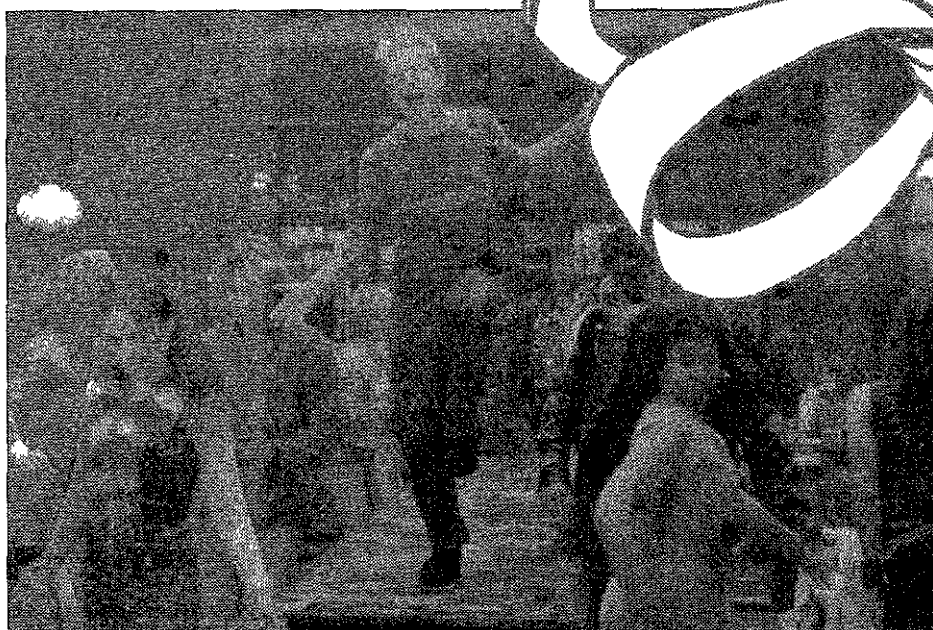
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FUN HOLIDAY FLICKS

Clockwise from top left: *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* opens Dec. 9 - will it be an epic like *'Lord of the Rings'*? *'Mrs. Henderson Presents'* opens exclusively at the Maple Theatre in Birmingham. *'Rent'*, the musical, hits the big screen.

'KING KONG' LEAPS INTO THEATERS

So many movies, so little time. Jack's back, as in Jack Nicholson, as he portrays a journalist who switches identities with a dead man. Jim Carrey hits the screens in a remake from the late 1970s. *King Kong* stomps onto screens in a new movie with a different twist than the original.

In other holiday offerings, Sarah Jessica Parker plays a hated businesswoman while the writings of C.S. Lewis are adapted to the big screen.

The film industry has tried to fulfill everyone's entertainment appetites this holiday season.

We couldn't possibly feature every film that's coming out this season, but here's a few of the highlights. Check with your local movie theater for times and dates.

OPENING THIS WEEK

Yours, Mine and Ours

In this family comedy, single parents Frank (Dennis Quaid) and Helen (Rene Russo) plan to tie the knot... but with 18 children between them trying to sabotage the marriage, they discover that weddings and families can't be built in a day. Also starring Rip Torn, Linda Hunt, Sean Faris, Danielle Panabaker, Drake Bell, Miranda Cosgrove, Lil' JJ, Katija Pevec and Miki Ishikawa. Directed by Raja Gosnell. Rated PG.

Rent

A group of young East Villagers in New York City cope with such harsh urban realities as AIDS, homelessness and paying the rent, based on the acclaimed Broadway musical. Starring Rosario Dawson, Taye Diggs, Wilson Jermaine Heredia, Jesse L. Martin, Idina Menzel, Adam Pascal, Anthony Rapp and Tracie Thoms. Directed by Chris Columbus. (Revolution Studios/Columbia Pictures). Rated PG-13.

The Ice Harvest

A strip club owner manipulates a gangster and a sleazy lawyer into stealing money from a wealthy politician. Starring John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton, Randy Quaid, Connie Nielsen

and Oliver Platt. Directed by Harold Ramis. Rated R.

Paradise Now

The story of two young Palestinian men embarking upon what may be the last 48 hours of their lives. The film is the official Palestinian Oscar entry in the Best Foreign Language Film category. Written by Hany Abu-Assad (*Rana's Wedding*) and Bero Beyer, directed by Abu-Assad, and stars Kais Nashif, Ali Suliman and Lubna Azaba. Rated PG-13.

The Passenger

Opens exclusively at the DIA. Originally released in 1975, *The Passenger* is a suspense story about a man trying to escape his own life. This haunting film is a portrait of a drained journalist played by Jack Nicholson, whose deliverance is an identity exchange with a dead man. The film was shot on location and takes Nicholson on an incredible journey through Africa, Spain, Germany and England. As with all of Antonioni's work, however, there is another dimension. From beginning to end, we are witnessing a probing study of the human condition. Based on an original story by Mark Peploe, the movie was based on a screenplay by Peploe, Peter Wollen and Antonioni. This preferred director's cut is the version of the film that was originally released in Europe under the title *Professione: reporter*, with six and a half extra minutes of footage added to the original U.S. release. Rated PG-13.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2

Aeon Flux

Futuristic sci-fi thriller set 400 years in the future. Charlize Theron stars as Aeon Flux, the top underground operative at war with the totalitarian regime governing what appears to be a perfect society. But is this perfect life hiding a perfect lie? Aeon is on the front lines of a rebellion that will reveal a world of secrets. A startling vision of a future in flux from Karyn Kusama, director of the acclaimed *Girlfight*. Aeon Flux is written by Phil Hay & Matt Manfredi, based on characters created by Peter Chung in the pioneering MTV animated series. Also starring Marton Csokas, Jonny Lee Miller, Sophie Okonedo, Pete Postlethwaite, Amelia Warner, Caroline Chikezie and Frances McDormand. Rated PG-13.

FRIDAY, DEC. 9

The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* was first published in 1950 and is the second installment of the writer's legendary seven-part *Chronicles of Narnia* series. The book tells the story of Peter (William Moseley), Susan (Anna Popplewell), Edmund (Skandar Keynes) and Lucy

PLEASE SEE MOVIES, D9

MOVIES

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(Georgie Henley) who are separated from their parents in London during the German air raids of World War II. They are sent to the country for safety and find a magic wardrobe that transports them to the mystical world of Narnia, a once peaceful land of talking beasts, dwarfs and giants. However, Narnia has been frozen by the evil White Witch (Tilda Swinton) and the kids must help the lion Aslan break her spell. Also starring Rupert Everett, Jim Broadbent and Liam Neeson. Directed by Andrew Adamson. Rated PG.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14

King Kong

It's going to be huge. Peter Jackson's version of the beloved ape who like all species has a terrible fate when it comes across humans. Based on the original story by Merian C. Cooper and Edgar Wallace, Jackson focuses on the island life rather than Kong's time in New York. In this picture, Skull Island, here we come.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

The Family Stone

The comedy revolves around the annual holiday gathering of a bohemian family that's thrown into turmoil when the fair-haired son (Dermot Mulroney) introduces his fiancée, a high-strung New York bus-nesswoman (Sarah Jessica Parker) whom the family hates. Also starring Claire Danes, Luke Wilson, Craig T. Nelson, Rachel McAdams and Diane Keaton. Written and directed by Thomas Bezucha. Rated PG-13.

Brokeback Mountain

Set against the sweeping landscapes of Wyoming and Texas, this epic love story tells of two young men—a ranch hand (Jake Gyllenhaal) and a rodeo cowboy (Heath Ledger)—who meet in the summer of 1963 while driving cattle on a mountain range. They unexpectedly forge a lifelong connection, one whose complications, joys and tragedies provide a testament to the endurance and power of love. Michelle Williams, Anne Hathaway and Randy Quaid also star. Directed by Ang Lee. Rated R.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

Cheaper By the Dozen 2

Tom Baker (Steve Martin) and wife Kate (Bonnie Hunt) hoping to bring the family together for a memorable sum-

mer vacation, take their 12 offspring to the rustic Lake Winnetka. But their retreat soon becomes cutthroat when they enter into a competition with the over-achieving members of a large family headed by Tom's long-time rival Jimmy Muraugh (Eugene Levy). Also starring Hilary Duff, Tom Welling, Piper Perabo and Carmen Elektra. (Twentieth Century Fox). This film rated PG.

Fun With Dick and Jane

A remake of the 1977 comedy in which a struggling couple (Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni) turns to crime, particularly robbery, to get the bills paid. Also starring Alec Baldwin. Directed by Dean Parisot and written by Judd Apatow and Nicholas Stoller. Rated PG-13.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

Hoodwinked

In this retelling of the classic fable, the story begins at the end. Furry and feathered cops from the animal world investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny's cottage, involving a karate-kicking Red (Anne Hathaway), a sarcastic Wolf (Patrick Warburton), an oafish Woodsman (Jim Belushi) and a thrill-seeking Granny (Glenn Close). The charges are many, breaking and entering, disturbing the peace, intent to eat and wielding an axe without a license. Written and directed by Cory Edwards, Todd Edwards and Tony Leech. Rated PG.

Memoirs of a Geisha

Based on the internationally acclaimed novel by Arthur Golden, *Memoirs of a Geisha* is a romantic epic set in an exotic world that still casts a potent spell today. The story begins before WWII when a penniless Japanese child is torn from her family to work as a maid in a geisha house. Despite a treacherous rival who nearly breaks her spirit, the girl blossoms into the legendary geisha Sayuri (Ziyi Zhang). Beautiful and accomplished, Sayuri captivates the most powerful men of her day but is haunted by her secret love for the one man who is out of her reach (Ken Watanabe). Directed by Academy Award nominee Rob Marshall (Chicago) and produced by Lucy Fisher, Douglas Wick and Steven Spielberg from a screenplay by Robin Swicord and Doug Wright. Cast: Michelle Yeoh (Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon), Koyu Yakusho (Shall We Dance?), Youki Kudo (Snow Falling on Cedars) and Gong Li (Raise the Red Lantern). Rated PG-13.

The Ringer

When Steve Barker (Johnny Knoxville) finds himself running dead last in the corporate rat race, he sinks to an all-time low. He attempts to rig Spec at

Olympics by pretending to be intellectually challenged. But Barker is completely outclassed by his fellow Olympians, who are not only better athletes, they're just plain better people. And they're on to him. But rather than rat out the rat, they join forces with him to once and for all beat Jimmy, the cocky reigning champion of the annual games. With a work-out regime uniquely their own, they train Barker to go for the gold. And in the process, show him what's at the heart of a true winner. Written by Ricky Blitt, directed by Barry W. Blaustein.

Transamerica

Opens exclusively at the Main Art. A conservative transsexual woman (Felicity Huffman) comes to find out that when she was a man, she fathered a son. The boy (Kevin Zegers) is now a teenage runaway hustling on the streets of New York and dreaming of meeting the father he never knew. Fionnula Flanagan, Graham Greene and Elizabeth Pena also star. Written and directed by Duncan Tucker. Rated R.

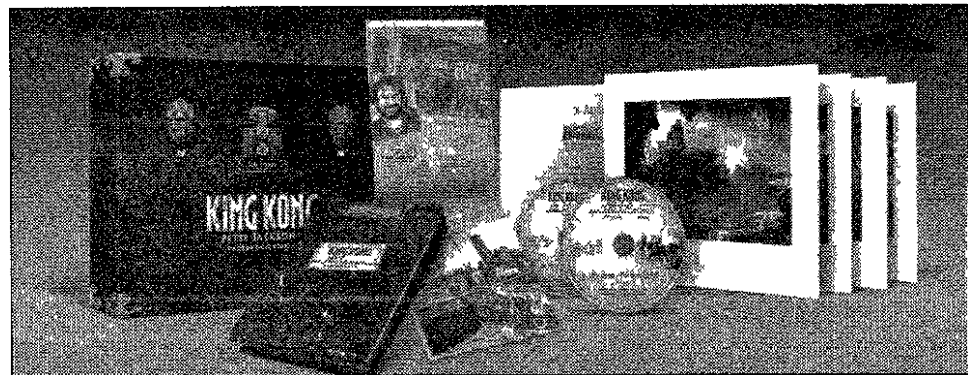
CHRISTMAS DAY

Mrs. Henderson Presents

Opens exclusively at the Maple Art. Set in pre-World War II London and tells the remarkable true life story of one of England's most prominent and eccentric society figures, Laura Henderson (Judi Dench), who founded the historic Windmill Theatre, legendary for its nude revue musical extravaganza. Driven by a desire to win back the dwindling music hall audiences who had been lured away by the advent of talking pictures, this charming lady and veritable force of nature was aided by her equally formidable and tenacious theatre manager Vivian Van Damme (Bob Odenkirk) as she set about her task with the kind of vigor and determination which belied her advanced years. Taking a humorous and moving behind-the-scenes look at this forgotten world. Directed by Stephen Frears and written by Martin Sherman. Starring Judi Dench, Kelly Reilly, Will Young and Christopher Guest. Executive Produced by Bob Hoskins and David Aukin. Rated R.

Wolf Creek

Based on true events, the chilling story of three backpackers traveling in remote Outback Australia. When their vehicle breaks down, they accept help from a friendly local. It soon dawns on them that he has no intention of fixing their vehicle or of them leaving ever again. Starring John Jarrett, Cassandra Magrath, Kestie Morassi and Nathan Phillips. Written and directed by Greg McLean. Rated R.



The DVDs are available on Tuesday, Dec. 13, a day before King Kong opens at the theaters.

Kong's production highlighted on DVD

It's being touted as cinema history on DVD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, a day before *King Kong* hits the theaters, the *King Kong Peter Jackson Production Diaries* will be available at major stores.

Viewers can experience the production of Kong through two DVDs totaling three hours and 46 minutes with footage that includes the step-by-step account of the film's eight-month production process. It also includes a full-color book and four lithographs that's all about the best of

For more holiday DVD selections check out page D14.

Kong and his love of the pretty blonde beauty.

The package, created by Universal Studios Home Entertainment, is available for a limited time. See footage of actors Naomi Watts, Jack Black and Adrien Brody plus a detailed look at the creation of the battle between Kong and the three T-Rex dinosaurs. Cost is \$40.

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BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

This holiday season when you shop 'til you drop, there's a new eatery at Somerset Collection to do the latter - Bon Vie, with its knock-down French menu

Opened quietly on Nov 1, Bon Vie's bright red umbrellas and awnings sporting names of French cities such as Paris, Toulouse, Bordeaux and Marseilles have been spotted by shoppers

Seats at cafe tables with red-and-white checked tablecloths let you people watch. Interior seating at wood tops, where placemats serve as the menu, let you admire replication of an early 20th century Paris bistro with hardwood and

mosaic tile floors, large antique mirrors, tin ceilings and a zinc-topped bar

Bar patrons get all that and the opportunity to select a hard-boiled egg from one of the traditional egg holders on the bar. Peel, salt and pepper it, give it a splash of Tabasco and have at one

Bon Vie is the newest branchchild of Bravo! Development, Inc (BDI), and the sister eatery of the new and popular Brio Tuscan Grill, also in Somerset South

Table hopping

COUNTRY FRENCH

Some items are available at both lunch and dinner. From a compilation of both, the following are my favorites

For a pick-me-up snack or relaxing hors d'oeuvres, the French cheese board

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Tickets are available at Adat Shalom during weekday business hours and on Sunday mornings. For information, call 248-851-5100 or visit www.adatshalom.org.

with changing cheese selections is served with toast points, Marcona Spanish almonds and green apple slices. Honey is drizzled over the slightly oven-warmed cheese served on a granite slab. Order a glass of wine from the well-selected and reasonably-priced list and unwind.

Steak Tartare, prepared in the kitchen by Edward Takacs, executive chef, and his crew is made the traditional way with capers, egg yolk and Dijon mustard.

If you like spicy dishes, the textured and colorful black pepper shrimp, served in a spicy Creole-style broth is excellent. Mussels (moules) a la Mariniere features New Zealand green-lip mussels steamed with tomato, white wine, butter and herbs.

Although beef stroganoff hails from St. Petersburg, Russia, it finds its way onto the Bon Vie menu with a French twist - sour cream is replaced by creme fraiche. Steak, mushrooms and buttered noodles - comfort food.

As a side or not, place an order for the hard-to-beat frites, hand-cut, crispy and not greasy.

EXTRAS

Brunch is served on Saturday and Sunday only from 10:30 a.m.

BON VIE BISTRO & WINE BAR

Where: 2810 Big Beaver Road (second level Somerset Collection South near the Skywalk) Troy (248) 458 2114

Open: Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Until 10 p.m. on Friday. Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Sunday 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Food style: Knock down French

Cost: Lunch main dishes \$10-\$15. Dinner \$14-\$24.

Reservations: recommended.

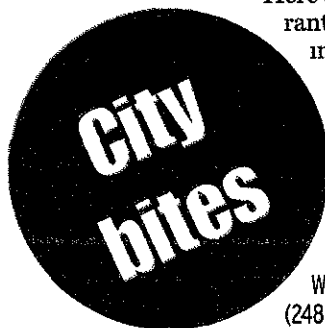
until 4 p.m., but "oeufs, such as eggs benedict are served daily at lunch.

"If a diner wants an egg dish at dinner, I'll prepare it," said the service-oriented Takacs.

For dessert, the housemade profiteroles (three to an order for \$6) are delicious and shareable, two filled with vanilla Haagen-Dazs ice cream and the third with mocha crunch, all topped with a rich chocolate Kahlua sauce.

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 efocusonwine@aol.com.

Here are other restaurants recently featured in Table Hopping.



FERNDALE

Josephine Creperie & Bistro 241 W. Nine Mile (just west of Woodward) Ferndale (248) 399 1366

Open Dinner Tuesday-Thursday

4:30-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. Sunday brunch 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Food style: Crepes and bistro style food. Vegetarian friendly.

Cost: \$10-\$15.

Reservations: Recommended.

Extra: Streetside seating for 12.

NORTHVILLE

Deadwood Bar & Grill 18730 Northville Road (south of Seven Mile) Northville (248) 347 4353

Open 11 a.m. to midnight Sunday-Wednesday. Open to 2 a.m. Thursday-Saturday.

Food style: Everything you'd expect at a hunting lodge.

Cost: Sandwiches and burgers \$7-\$11. Wild game served with bread and choice of potato or rice \$12-\$18. Kids menu \$5.

Reservations: Call ahead seating Friday and Saturday.

SOUTHFIELD

Etouffee 25333 W. 12 Mile (in Star Southfield Entertainment Centre) (248) 750-0700

Open 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday-Wednesday until midnight Thursday and until 1 a.m. Friday 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday 3-9 p.m. Sunday.

Food style: Creole, Cajun, barbecue and Southern. Cost: Main courses and barbecue under \$20. Kids menu \$5. Reservations: Recommended.

TROY

Siam Thai 1929 West South Blvd. Troy (248) 879 3725

Open Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday noon-9 p.m.

Food style: Popular Thai dishes.

Cost: Lunch \$6-\$8. Dinner \$8.50-\$10.

WEST BLOOMFIELD

Sea Grille 6199 Orchard Lake Road West Bloomfield (248) 487 0326

Open Lunch Monday-Friday 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday lunch/brunch menu noon-4 p.m. Dinner Sunday-Thursday 5:10 p.m. and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Bar menu available between lunch and dinner daily.

Food style: Contemporary seafood with other appealing internationally inspired food options.

Cost: Lunch most items under \$10.

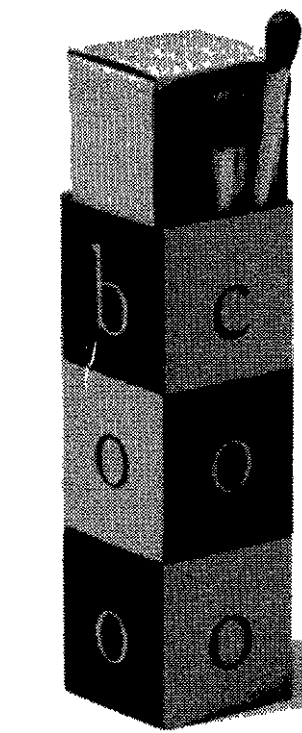
Dinner most main courses under \$20.

Reservations: Recommended.

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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

Camille Claudel and Rodin: Fateful Encounter through Feb 5 2006 5200 Woodward Ave Detroit timed tickets include general museum admission and exhibit audio tour \$8 \$14 (877) 342 8494 or visit www.dia.org

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Betye Saar: Extending the Frozen Moment an exhibition of more than 60 works by artist Betye Saar through Jan 8 525 South State University of Michigan campus Ann Arbor suggested donation is \$5 call (734) 763 UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu

Screenprints

The Art of Screenprint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3 \$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

ART GALLERIES

Susan Hilbenne Gallery

Paintings by Holly Coulis David Deutsch Ryan McLaughlin and Ellen Phelan 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 Christo'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

A Family Affair: 3 Sculptors 1 Painter 1 Quilt Maker through Nov 30 Jewish Community Center Campus 6600 West Maple West Bloomfield (248) 432 5448

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

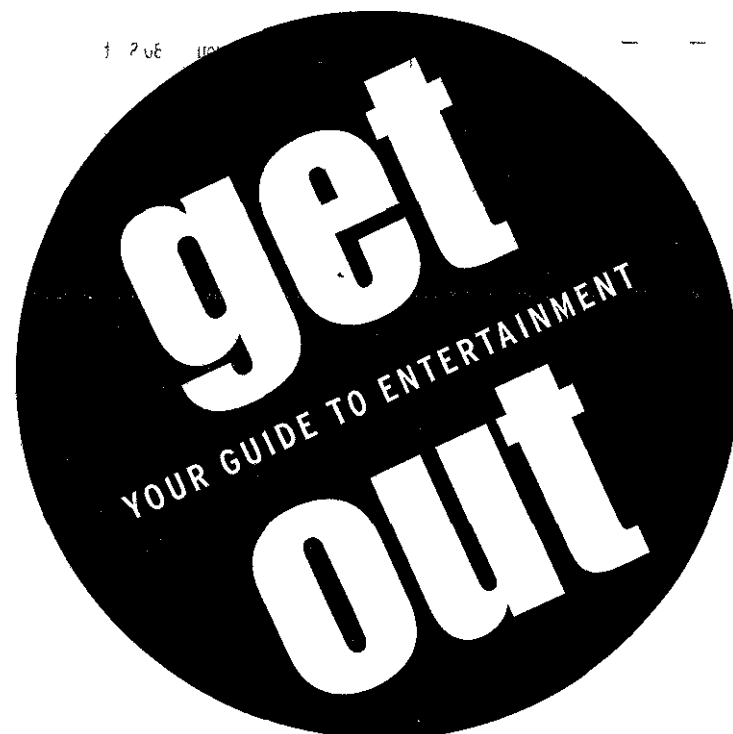
Salvador Dali: Master of Surrealism (1904-1989) through Nov 30 33030 Northwestern Highway West Bloomfield (248) 539 0262 or www.artleaders.com

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 through 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

Lemberg Gallery

James Stephens *Ecotone: New Paintings* through Dec 3 23241 Woodward Ferndale (248) 591 6623 or www.lemberrgallery.com

ART ETC.

Janet Kelman's Glass Studio

Maolica pottery by Ann Tubbs mosaic style watercolor paintings by Judith Rein and Janet Kelman's glass landscape plates and tiles at

1205 E Lincoln Royal Oak 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Friday Nov 25 and 9 a.m. 5 p.m. Saturday Nov 26 (248) 547 8332 or glass@janetkelman.com

Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop

Holiday gifts sold through Dec 31 featuring ceramics glass fiber hand made wood furniture and musical instruments Art Center members receive 20 percent discount For information call (734) 994 8004 ext 118 Located at 117 West Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

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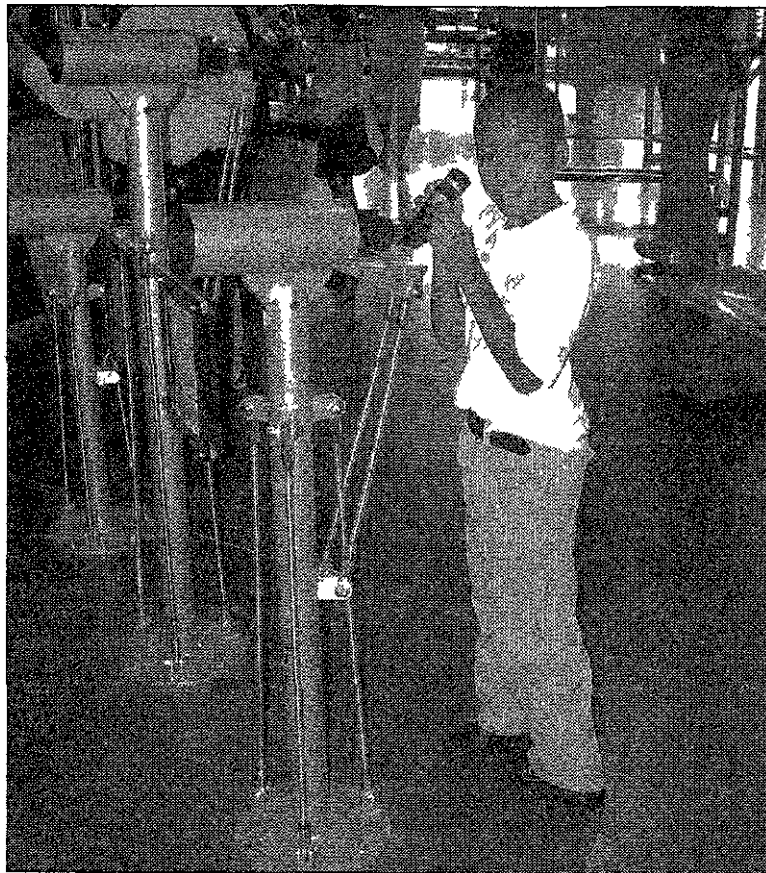


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FAMILY FUN

Blast off with the kids this weekend at the Detroit Science Center's recently added Space Laboratory featuring a NASA Hubble Space Telescope link 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-7 (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org

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Casinos are open 24 hours daily

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MotorCity

2901 Grand River (at Lodge Freeway) (313) 237 7711 www.motorcitycasino.com More than 2 500 slots 83 tables blackjack double exposure blackjack Wheel of Madness baccarat mini baccarat three card poker craps Caribbean stud Let It Ride pal gow poker Casino War

6 30 9 30 p.m. Wednesday Nov 30 a fund raising preview party for the BBAC's Holiday Shop open Dec 2 17 Event features 150 artists from eight states with fibers glass ceramics wood photography and more guests can enjoy strolling buffet and jazz music tickets \$50 in advance \$60 at door (248) 644 0866 or visit BBAC 1516 S Cranbrook Road Birmingham for information visit www.bbactcenter.org

Historic Hecker-Smiley Mansion

Kinder Show presented by Juris Galleries featuring arts and crafts by local artists with sales to benefit The Detroit Institute for Children private preview 5 30 7 30 p.m. Friday Dec 2 public reception 7 30 9 30 p.m. Gallery hours 10 a.m. 9 p.m. Saturday Dec 3 and 10 a.m. 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 4 5510 Woodward Detroit

CLASSICAL

OCC

Piano recital by Jose Garcia Leon Oakland Community College faculty member 7 30 p.m. Saturday Nov 19 at Smith Theatre at OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus 27055 Orchard Lake Road \$5 advance tickets available at Orchard Ridge Bookstore (248) 522 3595

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220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

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Belmont Bar

10215 Joseph Campau Hamtramck (313) 871 1966 Mademoiselle Mondays \$10 for martini and manicure Therapeutic massage \$1 minute Punk nights Tuesdays Live rock Wednesdays DJs and local bands on week ends Call as schedule changes

Blind Pig

Long time hip music spot 208 S First St Ann Arbor (734) 996 8555 www.blindpigmusic.com

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Live music 8 11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays and Saturdays and Sundays 201 Hamilton between Woodward and Old Woodward one block north of Maple (248) 258 3005

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday at the Bosco 22930 Woodward

Ave Ferndale Download music into your MP3 Player take a number and wait your turn to be DJ and spin three songs No cover For more information visit www.thebosco.com or call (248) 541 8818 21 and over only

Club Bart

22726 Woodward Ferndale (248) 548 8746 21 & over only Even Exchange Sunday Nov 27 Ugly Radio Rebellion (performing Frank Zappa music)

Club 2000

Fat Tuesdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays Hip hop 18 & over 299 E Woodbridge Detroit (313) 235 2233

Crazy Moe's Cafe

2 N Saginaw St Pontiac (248) 322 5550 Food dancing music

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid back small friendly 2824 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 546 8331

Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends football specials on Sundays Hip laid back friendly Woodward Avenue just south of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale (248) 591 DINO

Elysium

Lounge dance and happy hour 3 9 p.m. Tuesdays Fridays Nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. (313) 962 2244 625 Shelby Detroit www.elysiumlounge.com

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

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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.lelandcityclub.com

Rainbow Room

6640 E Eight Mile Road Detroit Gay friendly Laid back atmosphere Dancing (313) 891 1020

X/S

High energy dance club 1500 Woodward northeast corner at John R Detroit

Sky Club

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

Ma nstage 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

Washtenaw Community College

Peter Sparking 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* is 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

Oakland Community College

Oakland Community College's "Just for You" arts and entertainment series presents Michigan Opera Theatre performing a selection of Broadway classics and holiday music at 7:30 p.m. Friday Dec 2 at OCC's Smith Theatre at the Orchard Ridge campus 27055 Orchard Lake Road, tickets and information (248) 341 2270

Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra

December Concert at 8 p.m. Friday Dec 2 at the Royal Oak Kimball High School Auditorium which is located at Crooks Road just south of Normandy The program includes Music for the Royal Fireworks by George F. Handel Suite 1 from the Nutcracker Ballet by Peter I. Tchaikovsky other selections and a Carol Songfest for audience and orchestra Admission is \$10 for adults \$7 for senior citizens and students and free admission for those under age 18 Tickets may be purchased at the door For further information call (248) 988 6991 or visit website at www.royaloakorchestra.org

Waterford Cultural Council

Motor City Brass Band performs at annual Holiday Brass concert 7 p.m. Saturday Dec 3 at Central United Methodist Church 3882 Highland Road Waterford \$15 (248) 618 7529

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 I-3 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



MUSIC

Brazil and Beyond perform Brazilian jazz renditions of holiday music from the band's *Sounds of the Holidays* CD at a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Dec 6 in the auditorium of the Henry Ford Centennial Library, 16301 Michigan Ave just east of Greenfield Visit the band's website at www.brazilandbeyond.com

Band 1 4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's 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 Pasant 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

Live @ 744

At the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts on Friday evenings throughout the fall with Back Forty funk and grass roots performers 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.hfm.gov

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 \$13 (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. to 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 Collection an exhibit of Supremes costumes through Feb 12 5401 Woodward Detroit admission is \$3 \$5 (313) 833 1805 or www.detroithistorical.org

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Dinosaur Discovery Day

The University of Michigan Exhibit Museum of Natural History features Dinosaur Discovery Day 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Dec 3 Take part in fossil dig perform a dino puppet show take home dino craft Free 30 minute dinosaur tours at 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays (no tour on Dec 3) 1109 Geddes Ann Arbor (734) 764 0478 or visit isa.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum

Winter Astrology Psychic Fair

Features astrologers palmists card readers and psychics 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Dec 3 Clawson Troy Elks 1451 E. Big Beaver (between Rochester and John R) in Troy \$5 admission \$20 readings (248) 528 2610

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 5:30 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

Largest Greek Salad

The Bice family and supporters of Children's Hospital of Michigan will be creating Detroit's Largest Greek Salad noon 3 p.m. Sunday Dec 4 at Temple Beth El located at the northwest corner of 14 Mile and Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills Salads \$5 proceeds help purchase Beanie Babies for Children's Hospital Prepaid tickets available at any Leo's Coney Island Temple Beth El or by calling (248) 851 4203 Tickets also available at door on Dec 4

The Bells of St. Mary's

Silver Screen Classics is a monthly series offered at National Amusements Cinemas Enjoy a classic film popcorn and a soft drink for only \$1 at Showcase Cinemas Westland 6800 N. Wayne Road at 1 p.m. Wednesday Dec 7 (734) 729 1060

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's Collectibles for A Cause

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* 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 25 26 and Dec 2 3 and 2 30 p.m. Sunday Nov 27 and Dec 4 \$16 with reservations recommended call (313) 561 TKTS or visit www.playersguildofdearborn.org 21730 Madison Dearborn

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 25 26 and 27 and Dec 1 2 3 8 9 10 and matinees at 2 p.m. Nov 27 and Dec 4 tickets \$13 \$10 on Thursdays. 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.theabrecht.com or e mail reservations@theabrecht.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.ned-erlanderdetroit.com

Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts

Children's Letters to God Midwest premier of off Broadway musical hit, 3 p.m. Saturday Dec 3 at Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts \$39 adults \$29 for children 14 and under (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

Planet Ant 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.purplerosetheatre.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

Rock & Roll Christmas Spectacular

WOMC's Rock & Roll Christmas Spectacular III features The Miracles The Vogues The Shangri Las The Reflections Frankie Ford, Bette Midler Tribute from the Las Vegas Show and Charlie Thomas 8 p.m. Friday Dec 30 at the Ford Community Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave Dearborn tickets \$25 \$55 free hors d'oeuvres and cash bar call (313) 943 2354 for information

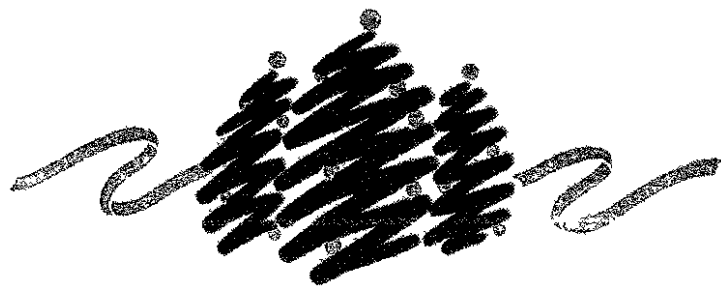
University Musical Society

127th season Michigan League Ticket Office 911 North University Ave Ann Arbor (800) 221 1229 all venues in Ann Arbor

Performance Network Theatre

2005 2006 season ticket packages available now \$85 \$102 five and six-show packages season started in September 120 East Huron Ann Arbor (734) 663 0681 or www.perforancenet.org

21st Annual



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GENERAL ADMISSION

Adults: \$10, Seniors: \$8, Children (2-12): \$8, Children under 2 are free.

DATES AND TIMES

Friday, November 25
Noon - 9:00 pm

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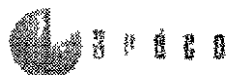
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Released December 13. The year's most over the top movie is coming to DVD and VHS \$29.98 in a rated and unrated version featuring more than 17 additional minutes of footage filmed specifically for the DVD and not shown in theaters. The film stars Steve Carell as Andy Stitzer, a sweet-natured

but middle-aged virgin who through the well-meaning but misguided efforts of his co-workers begins an unforgettable journey toward the goal of "getting lucky." Also starring Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Romany Malco, Seth Rogen, Elizabeth Banks, and Leslie Mann. Both versions of the DVD contain bonus features including outtakes and deleted scenes. Includes commentary by director/co-writer Judd Apatow and actor/co-producer Seth Rogen. For more information visit www.40yearoldvirgin.com

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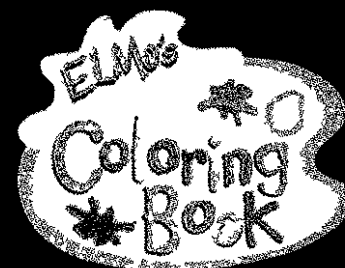
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Depeche Mode promotes new CD, tour

Depeche Mode has sold more than 50 million albums worldwide and had 13 top-10 albums along with 38 hit singles worldwide

The band is coming to the Palace on Wednesday, Nov 30

Depeche Mode was

formed in 1980 in Basildon, England, by Vince Clarke and the current trio of Andrew Fletcher (keyboards), Martin Gore (vocals, guitars, keyboards) and David Gahan (lead vocals). They were one of the first acts to establish a musical identity based completely around the use of synthesizers.

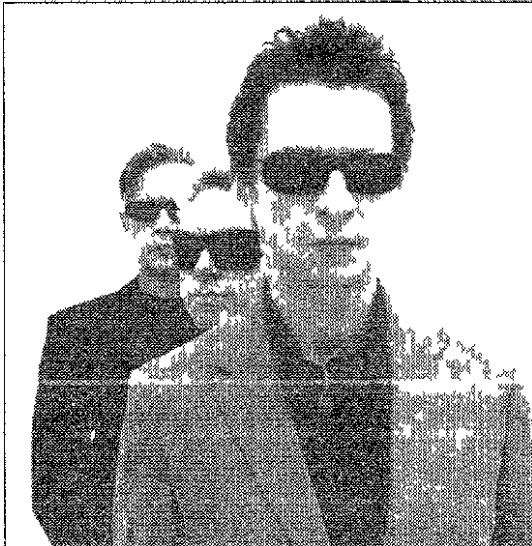
The new CD *Playing the Angel* contains

new material and some hits

Here's a few words with vocalist Martin Gore in a partial Q&A released by the band

Was it hard getting started on the album after a four year gap?

MG: Yeah, I think it's always for me. It's a scary prospect thinking about the whole album you know. How many tracks are going to be on it? At first we didn't know how many songs exactly would be written by Dave but even you know the thought of having to write nine songs or whatever nine 10 songs is always you know a bit scary. You worked with Ben Hillier on *Playing The Angel*. How was he chosen to produce the album?



Electro/pop band Depeche Mode performs at The Palace 8 p.m. Wednesday Nov 30. Tickets at \$75 and \$49.50 on sale at Palacenet.com. The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations or call (248) 645 6666

MG: This time we really wanted someone to oversee the project and we were saying, you know, we really need someone like [a] Headmaster, Headteacher kind of thing, controlling us and making sure we were going in the right direction. **Did you know what you wanted, musically, before you'd started recording the album?** MG: Not really. I mean we had the original demos and sometimes the finished version turns out similar to the original demo but more often than not it turned out something totally different and

we started, in the first five weeks, on about eleven songs and I think it was about the fifth song or so that we realized that there was some kind of a direction appearing.

Would you say there are any broad lyrical themes running throughout the album?

MG: Anything that appealed to dysfunctional people! No, I mean, when I say anything that appealed to dysfunctional people I am joking but

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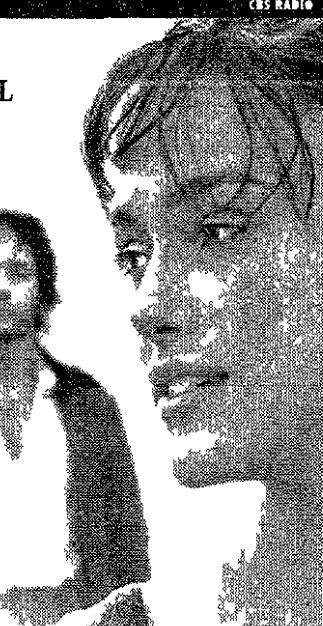
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you know, I mean a lot of our songs do deal with subjects that are not exactly typical pop themes and there is the joke that we're going to put on the back of the record, in small writing, "Pain and suffering in various tempos," which made us laugh for a while and it's still making us smile. We think it's worth putting on the record.

I've never seen our music as being over-dark. I think that there is always an

element of hope in our music and I've always said that and I think the overall feeling of the music, that comes through in the overall feeling of the music. Were you surprised when Depeche Mode was cited as a major influence on dance culture and the Detroit techno scene of the late 80's? MG: It was just very, very strange, because obviously I think we were seen by people as being the whitest of white groups from Basildon and it turns out we were influencing lots of different types of people.

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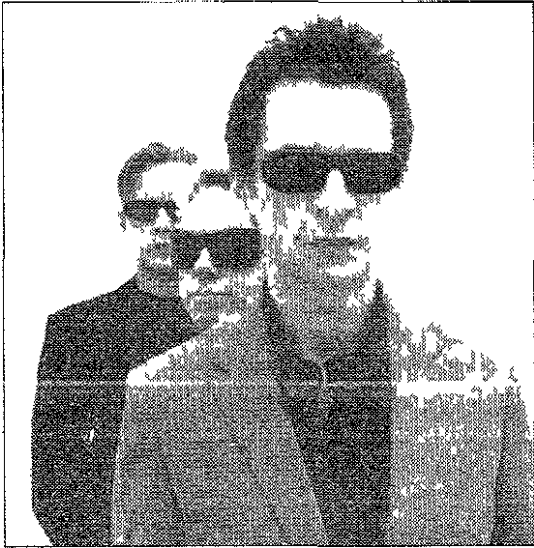
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formed in 1980 in Basildon, England by Vince Clarke and the current trio of Andrew Fletcher (keyboards), Martin Gore (vocals, guitars, keyboards) and David Gahan (lead vocals). They were one of the first acts to establish a musical identity based completely around the use of synthesizers. The new CD *Playing the Angel* contains



Electro/pop band Depeche Mode performs at The Palace 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 30. Tickets at \$75 and \$49.50 on sale at Palacenet.com. The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster locations or call (248) 645 6666.

new material and some hits. Here's a few words with vocalist Martin Gore, in a partial Q&A released by the band.

Was it hard getting started on the album after a four-year gap?

MG: Yeah. I think it's always, for me, it's a scary prospect thinking about the whole album, you know. How many tracks are going to be on it? At first we didn't know how many songs exactly would be written by Dave, but even you know the thought of having to write nine songs or whatever, nine 10 songs is always, you know, a bit scary. You worked with Ben Hillier on *Playing the Angel*. How was he chosen to produce the album?

MG: This time we really wanted someone to oversee the project and we were saying, you know, we really need someone like [a] Headmaster, Headteacher kind of thing, controlling us and making sure we were going in the right direction. Did you know what you wanted, musically, before you started recording the album?

MG: Not really. I mean, we had the original demos and sometimes the finished version turns out similar to the original demo, but more often than not it turned out something totally different and

we started, in the first five weeks, on about eleven songs and I think it was about the fifth song or so that we realized that there was some kind of a direction appearing. Would you say there are any broad lyrical themes running throughout the album?

MG: Anything that appealed to dysfunctional people? No. I mean, when I say anything that appealed to dysfunctional people, I am joking, but

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Review

Maybe Wilco heard about the demise of Fox's *Arrested Development* when they named their Nov 15 live release *Kicking Television*. I'm sure they didn't, but it makes me feel a little bit better.



Most live releases aren't anything groundbreaking for most people in my opinion. But if you're like me, you love the sound of a live unpredictable set that really gives you the flavor of a band without the safety of studio toys.

Wilco's Television does just that. The set comes from a four-day stint at Chicago's Vic Theatre. Listening to *Television* makes you feel like a member of the audience. It's just the right mix of the band and screaming fans, usually kept to a minimum at the beginning and end of tracks. The sound quality is crystal clear—a feature you don't always get with live albums. The superb recording allows you to hear lead singer Jeff Tweedy's vocals perfectly.

The double-record features 23 songs spanning the band's career. Making its place toward the end of the disc, *Heavy Metal Drummer*, one of my all-time favorites, sounds more mature to reflect a band that's gone through a lot since its 2002 release on one of the band's bigger



albums. *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*. I found myself singing rather loudly along with the audience on some of my favorite lyrics from the song: *Shiny shiny pants and bleached blond hair/A double kick drum by the river in the summer/She fell in love with the drummer*.

The slide guitar on *Jesus Etc.* is almost haunting in its whine and pace, giving it a bit of an older country-standard feel.

My only complaint about the record would be the lack of songs from the band's collaboration with Billy Bragg in 1998 and 2000, the results which produced *Mermaid Avenue*. I'll live, though.

What I do like best about the record is the feeling it gives me when I listen to it. After one listen I feel like I'm sitting on the lawn at Meadowbrook enjoying the show. It's a good thing the record does that because the last time Wilco came to Michigan the tickets were too pricey for this gal, so a live recording fills in just fine.

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