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# **Bearded** bandit strikes bank

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Apparently, someone decided this hol iday season 'tis the season to be greedy A man dressed in a fake beard and a baseball cap and an accomplice were apprehended by Livonia Police Wednesday after allegedly robbing the Charter One Bank at the Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township

The men were expected to be arraigned today (Thursday) in Plymouth's 35th District Court, accused of robbing the Charter One Bank at the Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township

"The man walked into the bank and demanded money," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said "When he left, we got a description of the car and a license number

Responding to that description and plate number, Livonia police nabbed the pair Wednesday afternoon

A Livonia police officer spotted the suspects Honda Accord eastbound on I-96 and another officer deployed stop sticks to flatten its tires. The driver lost control of the car after getting off the expressway at Outer Drive, where the car crashed into a pole. The suspect in the fake beard tried to flee, and officers fired shots

"The driver fled on foot, and was chased a short distance and taken into custody, Livonia Det Lt Gregory Winn said "He received a superficial wound to his hand"

The suspect was taken to St Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where he was reported in stable condition The second suspect was taken into custody without incident, Winn said

The one thing the would-be robbers failed to do was disrupt the shopping at

'Nobody really knew what was going on until it was all over with," said Theresa Mattei, Kroger's assistant customer service manager "There was no disruption over here at all

It's the second time in a month the Charter One at Kroger has been hit On Nov 16, a white male thought to be in his mid-40s walked into the bank, flashed a note police said was 'threatening in nature" and walked away with an undisclosed sum of money

The suspect in that case was described as being approximately 5feet-8, weighing around 160-170 pounds According to witnesses, he was wearing a brown jacket with a hood, a knit cap and large dark sunglasses Images of the suspect were captured by the bank s security cameras

Police are still looking for that sus-

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Marcia Rodeheffer with daughters Rachel and Morgan, honor the memory of son and brother Grant Rodeheffer Marcia and her daughters attended Sunday's Compassionate Friends candlelight vigil with her spouse Craig and daughter Maliory The Rodeheffer family is from Commerce Township

# Vigil connects grieving families

# Candle-lighting honors children lost too soon

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Paul and Michelle Donnelly arrived in Plymouth from their Howell home Sunday night hoping to find something that would allow them to begin the healing process after

Michelle suffered a lateterm miscarriage in August

With three children and life rambling on around them, the Donnellys felt like they hadn't been able to really grieve their fourth lost child in eight years Paul's sister read online about The Compassionate

candlelight vigil, held Sunday night in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park, and suggested the healing

could start there And so it did, as the Donnelly family - Paul and Michelle, with 7-year-old Sam, 6-year-old Max and 2year-old Ava — joined hundreds of others to remember children lost too soon

"We really haven't grieved

PLEASE SEE VIGIL, A5

# Symphony looking for new home

BY TONY BRUSCATO

The Plymouth Symphony Orchestra, which performs its annual concert series at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township, is looking for a new home

We re looking at some other alternatives because OLGC has needs for the space, and it's becoming very difficult to schedule with them, said Don Soenen, Plymouth Symphony Society president 'They are expanding their programs, and its difficult to take up Saturdays, which is prime time for a lot of the things they want to do"

Soenen said the orchestra practices at the church on Saturday mornings, tears down in time for afternoon church services, and then resets in the evening before the 8 p m concerts "The church is going to try and work with us during the transition, but we are looking for another location for next year,' added Soenen "Hopefully, in the next couple of months we can settle on something"

The one venue in the Plymouth community that can handle the 500-800 concert-goers is the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School However, the facility is heavily coveted by school and community groups, and is booked well in advance Soenen said there have been conversations with

Northville Schools officials about renting the state-ofthe-art theater at newly constructed Northville High School, which seats 1,000 people

"Northville is a possibility," admitted Soenen 'Obviously, our preference would be to have a facility in Plymouth" The Penn Theatre, which the Friends of the Penn is

attempting to buy for \$1 2 million and operate as a community arts and entertainment venue, is still small at less than 500 seats And, even with thoughts of expanding theater capacity, Soenen said it would probably still be too small "We could do programming with a smaller orches-

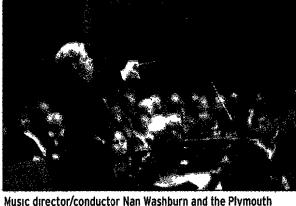
tra at the Penn, which is more suitable for a smaller audience of 400 or so," he said "We really do need a venue that gets us into 700-800 people'

Chris Gearns, operations director for the Northville High School theater, said it costs \$300 an hour to rent the facility

We charge for the costs we incur, including for staff, students who help with lighting and sound, and an auditorium manager who is on duty during programs,' said Gearns "We wouldn't charge them the full amount for rehearsal, just for costs like air conditioning and a manager on duty," he said

The Plymouth Community Chorus used the theater at Northville High School for a performance last

While the options appear to be limited, if not totally nonexistent, Soenen said the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will make every effort to keep its performances in its namesake city



Symphony Orchestra are looking for a new home for next season

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# District names school after veteran educator

STAFF WRITER

During his 19 years as prıncıpal at Allen Elementary, Tom Workman would remind himself daily why he became an educator

get it," said Workman "It was on top of my bulletin board for a number of years That's kind of what I became known for,

"I used to put signs in

my office that said 'kids

come first, and don t for-

always responding to things on how it affected kıds

Workman retired - for the first time - in 1995 with 35 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district as a teacher and

principal He still fills in, when called upon, at schools throughout the district

With nearly 40 total years in Plymouth-Canton Schools, the Board of Education

Tuesday night voted unanimously to name the new elementary school currently under construction in Canton Townships Cherry Hıll Vıllage

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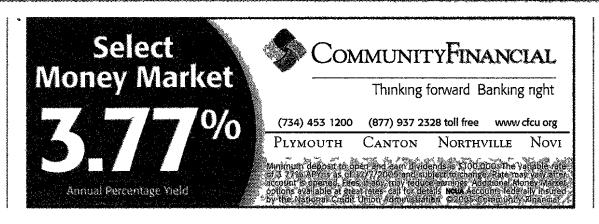
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#### **Blood drive**

The American Red Cross of Southeast Michigan will conduct a blood drive at the Plymouth District Library 10 a m to 4 p m Wednesday, Dec

A sign-up sheet is in the Library lobby - although walkins are welcome The Red Cross reminds donors that they can safely give blood every 56 days

For more information, call 734-453-0750, ext 242 or go to www semredcross org

#### Township calendar

The 2006 Plymouth Township calendar is near completion and expected to be delivered to residents the week before Christmas, township officials announced this week

The annual calendar is an excellent resource for impor-



tant information regarding township services and activities," officials said

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Residents who do not receive a calendar in the mail by the first week of January should call the supervisor's office at (734) 354-3203

#### Sculpture show

Native West in downtown Plymouth hosts a Native American sculpture show in conjunction with the Plymouth International Ice Sculpture Spectacular Jan 16-22

Native West will have more than 300 carvings for sale, most of them referred to by Native Americans as 'fetishes' According to Native West owner Annette Horn, Indian fetishes are hand-carved objects which represent the spirits of animals or the forces of nature, which are believed to have healing powers Traditional materials for fetishes include turquoise, jet, picasso marble, shell, pipestone, alabaster and serpentine The store will also feature larger native carvings made of alabaster and bronze

The gallery is open 10 a m to 6 p m Monday-Friday, 10 am to 5 pm Saturday and noon to 4 p m Sunday For

more information, call (734) 455-8838

# Kiwanis speaker

James Epolito, CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corp, will be the guest speaker when the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets noon to 1 30 p m Thursday, Jan 12, at the Plymouth Historical Museum

Epolito will talk about the economic outlook for jobs Cost is \$13 at the door The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at the corner of Main and Church in downtown Plymouth

For more information, call (734) 934-7653

#### First Friday

Fear No Art is the featured attraction for the Plymouth Community Arts Council's "First Friday" series at 7 30 p m Jan 6 Geared toward the young adult crowed, local high school students will exhibit their artwork, perform poetry readings, and acoustic and a cappella music PCAC's Henry Bahrou with "Sounds of Isha" will take the stage along with the bands 'Burning Cacti" and "Phillips, Caruso & Crew" The Spoken



# **Delta Kappa Christmas**

Members of the Beta XI chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa were among those who decorated Christmas trees in Kellogg Park this way Alpha Delta Kappa is an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding Beta XI members and students in Carol Bachmann's special education classroom at Gallimore Elementary School made the decorations for the Kellogg Park tree Each one represents an interest or organization that Beta XI supports Alpha Delta Kappa Beta XI members re educators who work and/or live in the Plymouth-Canton community For more information about Alpha Delta Kappa, contact: www alphadeltakappa org or Carol Bachmann at bachmac@pccs k12 mi us

Word PCEP Poets will round out the event For more information, call the PCAC, (734) 416-4278

#### Rabbit rescue

Midwest Rabbit Rescue &

Rehome hosts its grand opening and open house holiday celebration 11 a m to -4 p m Saturday, Dec 17, at its new Plymouth location at 882 Holbrook More than 60 bunmes are available for adoption, and the event will also feature holiday crafts, jewelry and miscellaneous gift items for sale A hand-made crazy quilt and zigzag afghan will be raffled off All proceeds benefit rescued rabbits Refreshments will be provided, and a \$5 donation is suggested at the door Visit Midwest Rabbit's Web site at www.rabbitrr.org Call (734) 717-8545 or (734) 542-3160 for more information

### Station giveaways

WSDP 88 1-FM, the student-run radio station at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park, will host two weeks of giveaways aimed at adding holiday cheer for many listeners, including CDs selected from 88 1-FM's playlist for the past year, tickets to Emagine Theater and Jones Soda.

Through Dec 22, each daily winner will be put in a drawing for a chance to win the grand prize Santa's Sack of CDs, featuring more than 50 CDs from 88 1-FM's playlist in 2005

#### CORRECTION

An editorial in the Dec 8 issue of the Observer should have listed the proposed high

school requirements of the Michigan Merit Curriculum as follows

■ One year each for algebra I, algebra II, geometry and one additional math class

Four years of English language arts One year each for biology, physics or chemistry, plus one

additional science class ■ Three years of social science, including civics and eco-

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The state Board of Education was to discuss the proposal of the state superintendent Tuesday



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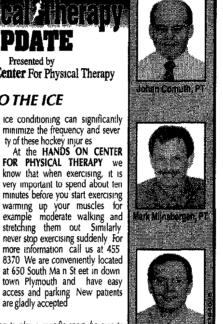
# Hands On Center Presented by Hands On Center For Physical Therapy TAKING TO THE ICE

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# Local Iraqis cast votes for brighter future

BY STACY JENKINS STAFF WRITER

For Basma Fakrı of Plymouth Township, voting in Farmington Hills Tuesday was a dream come true

"It was a celebratory feelıng,' saıd Fakrı "It's a great start"

Fakrı who left Iraq ın 1982 fearful of Saddam Hussein, is optimistic, but - at the same time — realistic

"We know things won't change overnight and we'll see democracy there and everything will be fine and dandy, said Fakri "But, we have to start somewhere

"People are now accepting the fact we have differing points of view, and have to discuss issues on a civil level without fighting," she said "At least now we can express our views at the polls, and vote for people who represent our opinions"

Despite mounting criticisms of President George Bush for his staunch stand on Iraq, Fakrı is hopeful the American people will let Bush keep U S troops in Iraq until Iraqi forces take over

"I know it's very hard for American families who have

relatives in uniform who have lost their lives, but I think it will be wrong, now, to pull them out," Fakrı saıd 'When the Iraqı forces take control and American forces come back victorious, it will be mission accomplished and everybody will celebrate

The Farmington Hills voting site, heavily guarded by local, county, state and federal police agencies, is one of two polling sites for Iraqi Americans in Michigan The other site is in Dearborn Voting continues 9 a m to 9 p m today, Thursday, Dec 15 An estimated 20,000 Iraqu Americans in Michigan are expected to vote, according to poll organizer Nabil Roumayah of Southfield

#### FOR DEMOCRACY

There were smiling faces and even rounds of applause at the voting centers inside the banquet facility Some paused to take photos of their friends and family as they cast their ballots Many held up a finger tip coated in purple ink to show they had voted

"I am very happy," exclaimed an enthusiastic Yousif Thweny of Warren "I'm 64 years old and this is the first time in my life that I know what I am (In Iraq) we were like animals We had no voice Now, we have a voice'

Voters selected one party from a four-page ballot of more than 200 parties A parliament will be seated by Dec 31 Farmington Hills Clerk Kathryn Dornan, and city clerks from Troy and Birmingham took turns working the polls as 'observers"

"They were looking for local clerks to volunteer to do the observing,' Dornan said, noting they are checking that the polls open and close on time and that the ballot boxes are sealed, for example

#### VISIBILITY

Quite different from the violence in Iraq, the polling site in Farmington Hills was peaceful and jovial on Tuesday Voters knew they were safe and secure at the

The Farmington Hills Police Department coordinated security inside and around the perimeter of the Manor City DPW trucks will remain lined up in the front of the building as a barricade to deter anyone from driving a vehicle into the building, said police Chief



Badria Jijo, who grew up in Baghdad and now resides in Warren, casts her vote at one of the 10 voting stations set up at the Farmington Hills Manor in Farmington Hills for the Iraqi voting

William Dwyer

Farmington Hills officers were joined by the Michigan State Police, the Oakland County Sheriff's Department and the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

"We are responsible for pro-

viding a safe environment for people to go, so they don't feel threatened,' Dwyer said on Tuesday

The police presence is worthwhile, he noted

"The perception is very important If someone wanted to make some sort of a

statement or disrupt the election, we needed to prevent that," Dwyer said

Staff Writer Tony Bruscato con tributed to this report

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# Plymouth accountant indicted on tax claims

A former Salem Township accountant and owner of CFO Solutions of Plymouth has been indicted on charges of filing false claims for tax refunds totaling more than \$195,000, federal prosecutors said Friday

Named in the indictment was Brian Cox, 48, of Downers Grove, Ill He was arrested in the Chicago area as the result of an indictment charging 42 counts of filing false claims and 11 counts of preparing false tax documents, US Attorney Stephen Murphy announced

According to Murphy, Cox allegedly targeted small business owners who were involved in tax disputes with the Internal Revenue Service Cox allegedly would approach the owners and officers of these companies who had tax liens or were participating in a repayment plan with the IRS and offered the ability to reduce or eliminate their company tax obligations and get a tax refund

According to the indictment, Cox told the small business owners he could "reclassify" the wages and income paid to them as the repayment of loans, thereby eliminating the companies' tax obligations to the IRS

## FOR THE RECORD



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"Cox assured the owners and officers his plan was legal, which it was not, and usually charged between \$2,000 and \$7,000 for his services," Murphy said

According to the indictment Cox, an accountant and tax preparer, allegedly devised a scheme to defraud the IRS by preparing and filing false and fictitious tax documents These, according to the indictment, indicated previously filed tax records were incorrect and that tax refunds were now due when, in fact, no refund was due

In some cases, according to the indictment, Cox allegedly had owners sign blank forms and later filled in false figures and statements revising the company's true and correct financial condition From November 2000-April 2001, Cox allegedly filed false claims for refunds totaling more than \$195,000 for various small business owners

IRS officials had a warning

about people "who target and take advantage of individuals in vulnerable positions"

"Don't compound your tax problems by buying into a 'too good to be true' solution," said Maurice Aouate, special agent in charge, IRS Criminal Investigation Division "No matter who prepares your tax forms, you are ultimately responsible for the financial

If convicted of filing false claims, Cox faces a maximum penalty of five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine for each count Conviction on charges of preparing false tax documents carries a maximum penalty of three years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine

The IRS Criminal Investigation Division is interested in talking to anyone who may have used Cox's services in dealing with the IRS Anyone with information can contact Special Agent Stephen Moore at (313) 234-240

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# Sharing his view: McCotter praises Iraqi elections

BY JULIE BROWN STAFF WRITER

This weeks elections mean that Iraq will be a fully sovereign, popularly elected country, according to US Rep Thaddeus McCotter, R-

'It won t be pretty, but have you been to Cook County lately?" he asked during a Tuesday appearance at the Plymouth A M Rotary Club

If the US troops are perceived as occupiers, the democratic Iraqi government will ask the US to leave, the Republican said in response to a question from consultant Sam Kennedy



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I think we ve achieved most that we can achieve Things are moving in the right direc tion, McCotter said of the

Middle East,

citing elections in Egypt and other progress He acknowledged that President George W Bush has nt presented his views well The president does not express this well"

McCotter answered a num ber of questions from Rotarians during the morning meeting at the Plymouth

Cultural Center I m fascinat ed by what people in the dis trict think is important as opposed to the District of Columbia he said

Accountant Bill Pratt asked about money siphoned from Michigan to other parts of the country We continue to lose population McCotter said noting the states congressional number is down to 15 and could drop by one Mercifully maybe it ll be mine he said drawing laughs from the audi

He said Sens Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow as Democrats are in the minority party now which limits their role Its difficult Its a num

bers game

Occupational therapist/health educator Debra Madonna asked about 10b prospects for Michigans young people McCotter a 1983 Catholic Central High graduate, said about half his class has left the state His son wants to be an automotive engineer a field with an uncer tain future

What do you tell him? McCotter said Thirty years ago you d be very happy The congressman said Michigan needs to study what worked for other states when their indus tries such as textiles in Massachusetts ended

Education will be the key

he said adding that other states compete for jobs as well as foreign countries

This is vastly different than any cyclical thing you ve seen before In the Industrial Age Michigan was on the winning side He criticized General Motors management for support of the Chinese government, which McCotter said oppresses its workers

There is no moral accounta bility to your fellow American citizens

The Republican Party's as much to blame as is the Clinton administration, he added

McCotter is opposed to the current pension bill noting a lot of businesses want to shed that cost He doesn't want government Hurricane Katrina relief to be a bailout for insurance companies, and favors limiting rebuilding, not on the

scale of a Tai Mahal Mississippi and Alabama need aid, too, he said McCotter wants an accounting of emergency preparedness

money in New Orleans He was introduced by Rotarian Beth Stewart, whose husband is a state representative from Plymouth

Thaddeus is doing a great job for us said Beth Stewart, director of the Plymouth Historical Museum 'We appreciate his work here'



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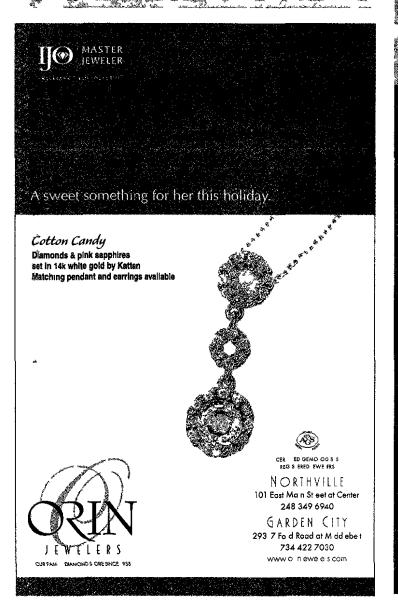
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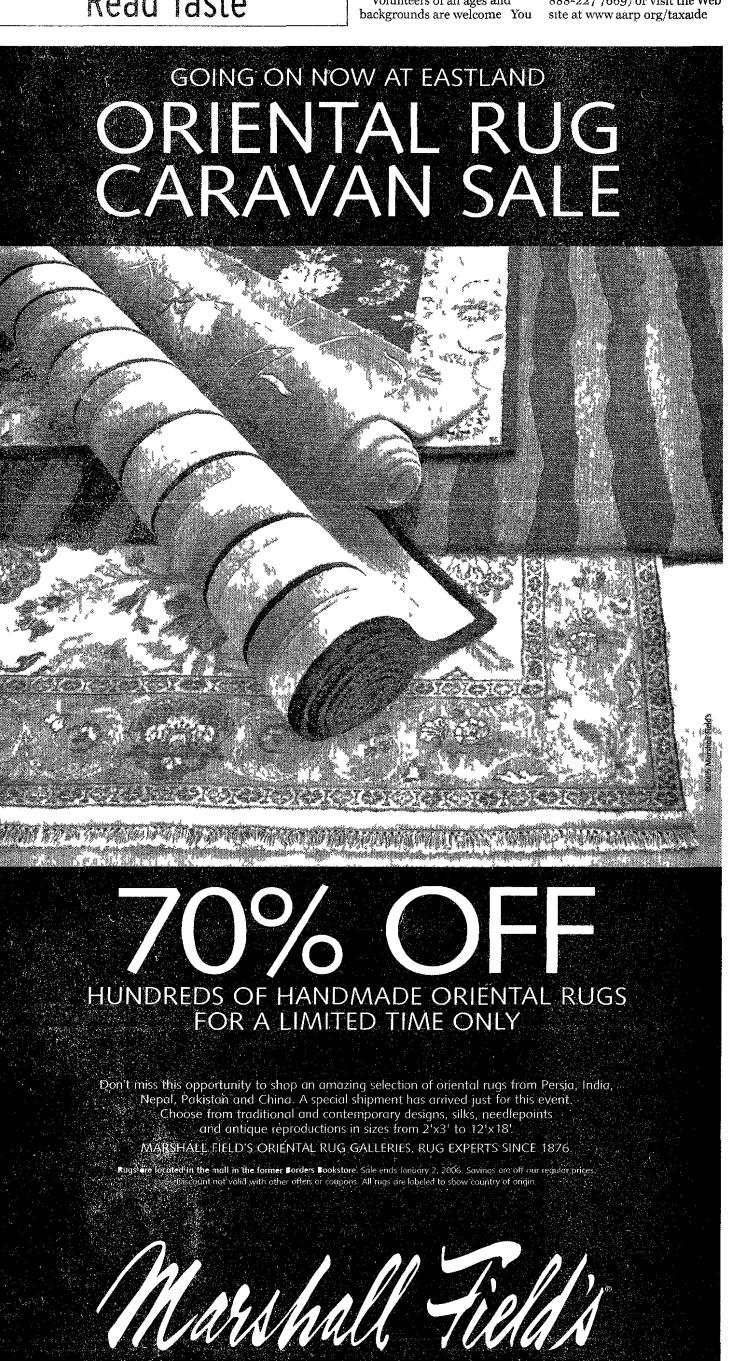
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# VIGIL

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candlelight vigil

yet, because life keeps moving said Michelle Donnelly, who suffered lateterm miscarriages in 1997 two in 2001 and another in August 2005 (I hope this event will help us do that

Amy Weaver of Canton remembers

her son lan during Sunday s

That the idea behind the ceremony, sponsored annually by The Compassionate Friends-Livonia chapter one of some 600 TCF chapters around the country The ceremony included the dedication of a tree dicorated with ornaments with the children's names a candle light vigil, a reading of the children's names, poetry and songs The local andle-lighting

The local tandle-lighting came in conjunction with the worldwide candle-lighting. The idea is that, as candles burn down in one time zone, they re lit in another, creating a 24-hour memorial.

Recognized in communities around the world International Children's Memorial Day is dready officially sanctioned by the US Congress

It's an event Pat and Paula Gibbons of Canton have attended since their son, Dan died in an automobile accident four years ago they were at Sunday's vigil, holding their candles and listening is the names of some 500 children were read

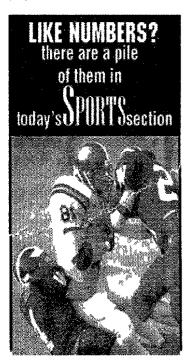
'You just want to heal your child's name, Paula Gibbons said I ve come a long way in four years, and Compassionate Friends has been a big part of my healing Time makes things a little easier to deal with

Pat and Paula Gibbons are like many of the hundreds gathered Sunday — repeat vistors there to give and receive solace and comfort. Its part of what makes the group so successful at what it does

We get old timers who come back for this event, even when they don't come to the meetings any more, said Gail Lafferty of Livonia, the chapter treasurer who lost her son, Max, 10 years ago. It doesn't surprise me, because this is so special

For more information on The Compassionate Friends call or e mail Gail Lafferty angel4gail@aol com or (734) 981 4528

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Thomas Workman Hementary

i''I'm riding on a cloud, right now, said Workman, a 67 year old Plymouth resident, only minutes after being notified Wednesday morning by Superintendent Jim Ryan

Eve been surprised throughout the whole process And, as the board kept whittling down and my name kept surfacing, I became more and more surprised"

Workman was among five finalists under consideration by the board, which pared the hst down from 37 nomina-



tions Other finalists included (Vernon) Lee Bellant, school bus driver, Kent and Lolly Buikema, district principals, Paul Cummings, physical education instructor and director of athletics, and Tom Yack, former school board member Yack, currently Canton Township supervisor, sent a letter to the board removing his name from consideration

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Tom has provided positive influence to numerous children, parents and staff throughout the years, and even prepared me for my future role as an administrator," said trustee Carol Saunders, former principal at Starkweather Education Center, when making the motion to name the new elementary after

Barbara Church Rodenberg, assistant superintendent of instructional services, has known Workman for nearly 35 years, and remembers enrolling her 5-year-old son for kındergarten at Allen

Tom got down on his level and ask my son if he would like a tour of the school," she said

"What I discovered was that Toms focus was 100 percent

one by name and knew where they lived

Hes a people person, he cares about people and people care about him, said the administrator, who worked for Workman when he was principal at East Middle School

Workman said part of the secret to success in the elementary grades was being eyeto-eve with youngsters

I often got at kid level, especially if it was an important topic, Workman said 'I even sat on the floor with them It helped eliminate some of the barriers that would naturally be there, and improved the child comfort level greatly

Elementary kıds don't repress their feelings as much,' he said

"They will get off the school bus and give you a hug, even while you're conducting a conference with a parent or staff member'

Workman began his teaching career in 1960, one year after student teaching in Plymouth-Canton while studying at Eastern Michigan University

He taught at Starkweather, as well as Allen, Smith and

In 1965, Workman took a position in the elementary administrative intern program, working as an assistant princi-

pal at both Allen and Smith In 1967, he was appointed principal at Allen

After 19 years at Allen, it was on to East as principal in 1986 "The administration decided

I had too much fun as an elementary principal, so they thought being with adolescents m middle school would calm me down," said Workman with a chuckle

'Mıddle school students can wear you out about one in the afternoon, but you still know you have them until 5 o'clock when athletics or chorus practice are over

"One of my hardest adjustments in middle school was that when the kids got off the bus, nobody would run to me and grab my leg, or greet me with a smile," he said

Only months after retiring in the spring of 1995, Workman was called back to fill in as principal at Miller Elementary during a transition, and has done the same as an assistant at Pioneer Middle School

Tom Workman split most of his 35 years in the Plymouth-Canton school district between Allen Elementary and East Middle schools

This past spring, he served as an assistant principal at Canton High School

"He's what I would envision the epitome of an elementary principal," said trustee Barry Sımescu

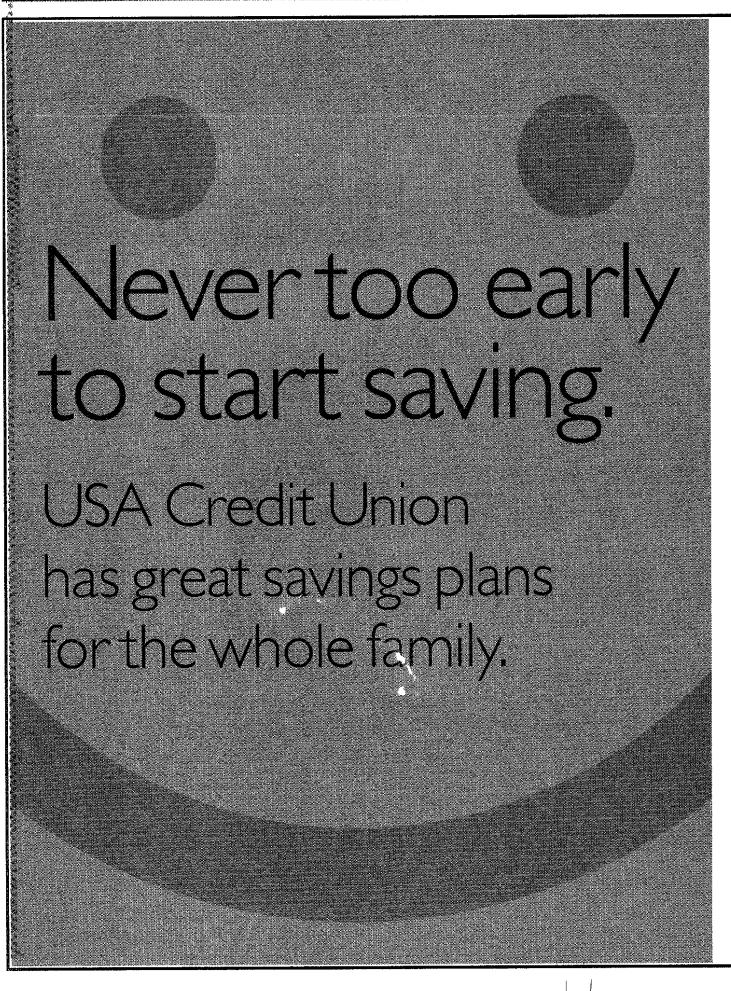
'He gets to know the kids,

makes them very comfortable "Tom is all about kids," He said "He's what I would envision as the perfect elementary principal'

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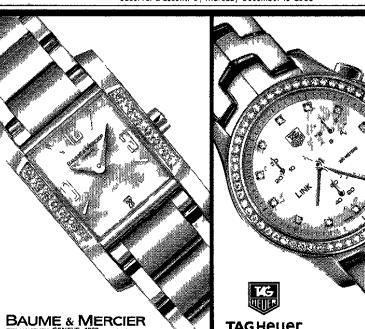
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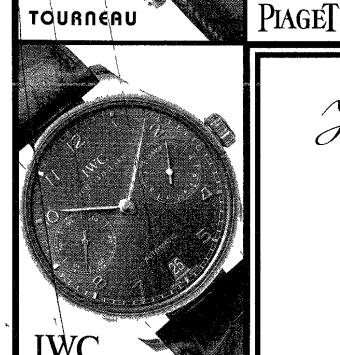
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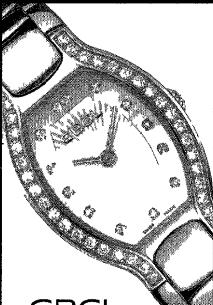
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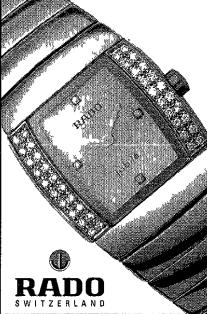


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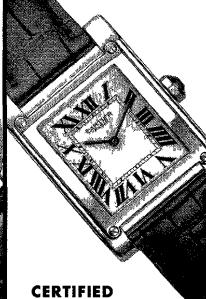


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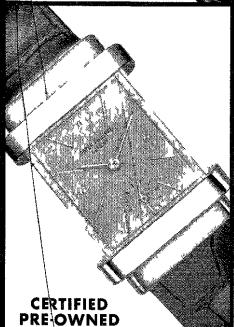




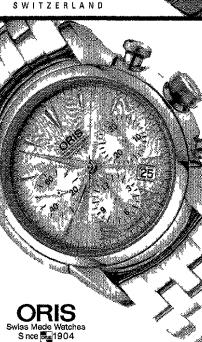




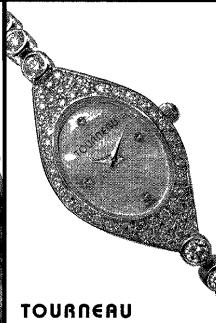
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#### Chief Judge - again

The 35th District Court is pleased to announce that Judge John MacDonald has



MacDonald

been reappointed by the Supreme Court as the chief judge MacDonald has been a 35th District Court since

judge with the January 1985 In addition to

being the court's chief judge, he also currently serves as chairman of the Chief Judges Association of Wayne County

In 1996, MacDonald was a leader in developing the pilot program between the 35th District Court and the Wayne County Probate Court that has allowed the 35th District Court to handle disposition of certain juvenile case matters The program is now into at least four other District Courts and is now known as Juvenile Court in the District Court

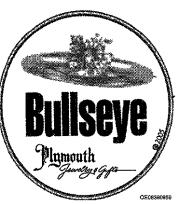
As chief judge, MacDonald was a key person in the construction of the new 35th District Court building which opened in July 2000 In addi-

tion to his normal responsibilities as judge, it was necessary for him to work closely with officials from the five local communities - Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Canton Township, Northville and Northville Township — served by the court, and with the building trades The old courthouse, which sat on the site of the current building, was totally destroyed in a fire in July 1997

MacDonald did undergraduate work at the University of Michigan and received his law degree from Wayne State University

He served as supervisor of Northville Township and on the Northville Township Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and Water and Sewer Board He is a member of the American Bar Association, Michigan District Judges Association, Michigan Bar Association He is a past president of the Wayne County District Judges Association and past president of the Suburban Bar Association

During his years on the bench, Judge MacDonald has remained active in his church and is an elder of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church





# Meals make Christmas bright for seniors

# Volunteers needed to handle deliveries on holiday

STAFF WRITER

Lori Vail is looking for a few good people willing to commit two hours to helping make Christmas Day brighter for homebound senior citizens in southern and western Wayne County

The holiday meals coordinator for Senior Alliance, Vail needs at least 80 volunteers, and more realistically 90, to help deliver hot meals to some 800 seniors, continuing at a tradition that started in the late

"It's really great for the seniors" said Vail "Many are confined to their homes, have no family around here or live to far away from family or can t afford to get on the bus to go'

The holiday meal is just one program offered by Senior Alliance, the Area Agency on Aging 1-C It also provides Meals on Wheels, a chore service, family caregiver support and information on medical programs for seniors living in its service area which includes Livonia, Redford, Westland, Garden City, Canton, Plymouth and Plymouth Township

Volunteers are asked to commit to spending about two hours on Christmas Day delivering the meals, generally around lunchtime Each volunteer will have five-10 meals to deliver, depending on their assigned route The routes are broken down zip code and major roads If a volunteer is going to an apartment complex that has many seniors, he or

she may deliver nine-10 meals Someone with several stops could have less meals to deliver because of the distance

We try to keep volunteers in their own community, but we have areas like Taylor, Southgate, Lincoln Park and Allen Park with higher numbers of seniors," Vail said Cities like Plymouth and Northville have few seniors"

Senior Alhance volunteers delivered 700 meals on Thanksgiving Day, and Vail is confident the Christmas number will hit 800 The deadline for seniors to sign up was Tuesday, however, Vail said the agency is still accepting names No senior in need of a meal will be turned away

#### 'SAY YES'

"A lot of seniors are proud, it's hard to get them to raise their hand and say they want the meal," she said 'If anyone knows a relative who would benefit get them to that point, see if you can get them to raise their hand and say yes

The meals cost Senior Alliance \$5 each and the non profit is conducting its annual Bank Day fund-raiser beginning next week. Employees will be in several area banks selling holiday cards for \$5 each

When a person buys the card, they will be asked to sign it and include a holiday greeting The card will be delivered with the meal to a senior

Banks participating Bank Day on Dec 16 include the Community Bank of Dearborn on Canton Center in Canton,

First Catholic Credit Union in Dearborn Heights, Melvindale and Taylor, Advantage One Credit Union in Southgate, Riverview and Brownstown Township

National City Bank on Michigan Avenue in Wayne will have Bank Day on Dec 15 and

The card sale will be 10 a m to 4 p m each day, and the sale continues through Dec 20 Banks interested in hosting a Bank Day can call Bill Campbell at Senior Alliance at (734) 727-2050 And the cards won't be the

only thing delivered to seniors Students at Taft Galloway Elementary School in Wayne, Kettering Elementary in Westland and Bentley Elementary in Plymouth are making placemats and holidays cards Taft-Galloway and Kettering are repeating, having done cards and placemats for Thanksgiving

"The seniors really enjoy the extras Its really nice and its really great for seniors to get mail other than bills, said Vail

#### **MEAL MAKERS**

Senior Alliance has three kitchens preparing the meals - St Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn and the Park Restaurant in Lincoln Park The kitchens provided turkey dinners for Thanksgiving and will provide honey glazed ham, chicken and mostaccioli for Christmas

'We leave the menu up to them, but ask that they provide at least one-third of the RDA (regular daily allowance), Vail

The Park will cook a vast majority of the meals that will be delivered on Christmas Day the Downriver communities has the heaviest concentration of seniors

St Mary Mercy is preparing meals for seniors living in Livonia, Redford, Westland, Plymouth and Plymouth Township, Canton and neighboring communities while Oakwood Hospital is cooking for seniors in Garden City Dearborn Heights and Dearborn, to name a few

Volunteers will pick up the meals at the kitchens between 10 30 and 11 am at the Park Restaurant and Oakwood Hospital and 1-3 p m at St Mary Mercy There will be coordinators will be at each site to help with check-in and previding the meals

'We give them about two hours to deliver them, Vail said "We try to get them enough deliveries, but not po many to run over two hour Some volunteers make the

deliveries a family affair, Iringing along spouses and chidren Others bring some small oken they buy from places like the Dollar Store Such extra aren t required, but are welconed by the seniors, Vail said

"Most people who have done this seem to enjoy it, he said, adding, I love this pr/gram, I love the volunteers Is a good cause that's helps people It's a win-win for everyboly concerned '

People interested in Viunteering to deliver meals on Christnas Day can call Lori Vail at Senior Alliance at (734) 727 2017 Seniors interested in request ing a meal should als call Vail Senior Alliance is at 3850 Scond St. Suite 201 Wayne For mor∮information about it services cal (734) 722 2830

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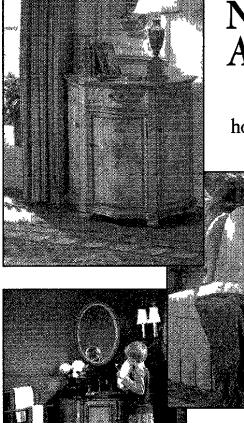
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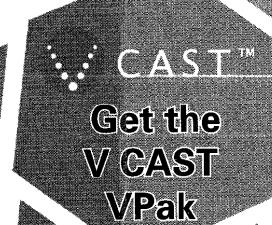
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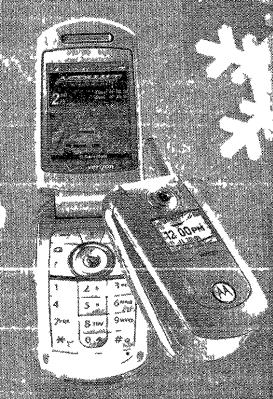


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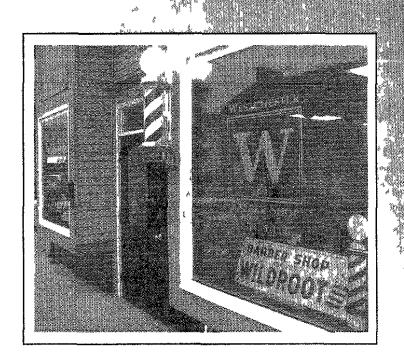
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# Rotary yule party packs them in

STAFF WRITER

Erma Thompson and Larry Slavin were all dressed up with someplace to go Sunday after-

The Canton residents and friends were waiting at the Plymouth Cultural Center for the doors to open for Plymouth AM Rotary's sixth-annual sen-10r Christmas party

"I think it's lovely,' Thompson said "I think it's very nice"

Slavin agreed, and appreciated the help of the hard-working Youth Leadership Plymouth and Interact students (Interact is Rotary's high school program)

'It's nice that they have it. This one I look forward to,' he said "Those teenagers are so energetic They want to help so m. ich

The 200 seniors came from Tonquish Creek Manor in Plymouth, Independence Village in Plymouth Township and the community in general

We have lots of entertainment," said organizer Steve Alexandrowski, a Rotarian

There was singer/songwriter/guitarist D L Turner, the Central Middle School eighthgrade girls' choir under director Janine Grady, storytelling by Judge Ron Lowe of the 35th District Court, Miss Harriets Dancers under the direction of Miss Terry, and Dr Tom Clark as pianist/soloist

Evola Music of Canton furnished the piano, said organizer Bob Scoggins, who came up with the party idea years ago

"We do it to honor our seniors in our community for all they've given to us We want to honor



Entertainment highlighted the day at the sixth annual Plymouth A M Rotary Club Christmas party for seniors

them with a special night at Christmas time," said Scoggins, retired city of Plymouth police chief and past club president

The Youth Leadership Plymouth and Interact students do an excellent job, Scoggins said, and seniors respond well to the presence of young people "It's that energy they bring,' he

Santa wrapped things up Sunday with a visit and singing of Christmas carols

Alexandrowski and Scoggins find the party has been a popular event The party helps "show them how much we love and appreciate them," Scoggins said "We keep them in the spirit"

Rotarians again contributed to the success of the event with such varied tasks as decorating, helping to serve meals and cleaning up Rotarian Nick Schultz of Sealant Equipment & Engineering made a contribution, along with Ruth Martin of Remerica Hometown One and Bill Pratt of Management and Tax Services Larry Bird of Gabriala's in Plymouth provided gifts at cost, and fellow Rotarian Kathy Hosten, who does catering, made the fancy



"It's an especially hard time of

year for many seniors, added

Alexandrowski I'd say it's one

Plans are already under way

offered free of charge to seniors

of our best projects I dont

think anything else we do

for next December's event,

reaches so many people'

attending Plymouth A M

Rotarians continued their holiday endeavors Wednesday night by hosting a party for Infant and Preschool Special Education Program families at Tanger Center

Some 200 seniors,

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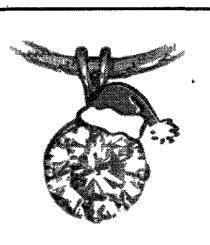
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# Friends' effort admirable try

It's one thing for people to say, 'This piece of our history must be saved" but it's quite another for someone to actually put their time, efforts and heart into actually doing something about it

That's exactly what has happened with the Friends of the Penn, the grassroots group that has apparently ridden to the rescue of the Penn Theatre, the venerable movie house that has dotted the downtown landscape for so

The Friends, headed so passionately by Jennifer Philpot-Munson, reached agreement last week with Penn co-owners Chris Knight and Pat Tortora to purchase the theater for \$12 million The owners gave the Friends 60 days to do their due diligence and come up with the money

In truth, they'll probably have to come up with more like \$2 million, because the Penn needs some work before it's ready to be used as any sort of venue. So the job before them is fairly monumental

But that hasn't scared the group off yet, and we expect it won't That's not to say they'll succeed, it could be that in 60 days they're giving the keys to the Penn back to the owners

But if that happens, it won't be from lack of effort, and it won't be from loss of enthusiasm. As grassroots groups go, the Friends of the Penn have shown remarkable staying power And we believe they've done it by putting together a solid foundation for the organization, and they've also done it by being absolutely everywhere since the group's formation

They've been to chamber functions, festivals, meetings They've pounded on doors, sent out fliers, conducted fund-raisers Since the group's inception, you haven't been able to attend a public function, it seems, without running into someone from the Friends of the Penn making sure you know what a treasure they believe the old theater to be

Friends of the Penn have been a success because they've put a lot of thought into whom they want running the organization They've formed a board of directors and an advisory board dotted with people from all walks of life financial experts, planners, fund-raising whizzes, artistic people and community leaders

This is no fly-by-night organization. These are smart, passionate, dedicated people They've put together what appears to be a solid business plan, and they're following it diligently

In the end, raising more than \$2 million to get done what they'd like to see done could prove to be too big a mouthful to chew for the Friends of the Penn And even if they do raise the money, there are still plenty of challenges ahead, including developing a plan for refurbishing the old theater and making it a going concern

The Friends of the Penn have shown a dedication to their cause that is admirable, and could be a blueprint for other grassroots groups to follow Whether they succeed or fail, the community has already benefitted from the

# 'Tis the season to give

Some cite the economy — in Michigan it's depressing Others call it donor fatigue - hurricanes Katrina and Rita and a tsunami in southeast Asia presented an immediate and necessary call to action

Call it whatever you like, but it's shaping up to be a pretty tough year for local charities who are counting on the holiday season (that period from Thanksgiving through New Year's Day) to shore up food supplies and fund coffers to address *local* needs

Throughout the last year, metro Detroiters were generous - as always - in answering the call for help throughout the world and nation

It's time, however, to think local with that same level of compassion and commitment. The need is certainly here Detroit was recently ranked the poorest city in the country with a poverty rate pegged at

While local charitable options abound for donors in the metro area, two area agencies - Gleaners Community Food Bank and the Salvation Army - are seeking help in meeting basic needs food and shelter

They are basic needs that most of us take for granted, but are in short supply for the working poor, unemployed, disabled, homeless and elderly populations in southeast Michigan

Make the commitment to help those close to home this holiday season. The need is great and the time is



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#### **LETTERS**

#### **Chiefs pride**

On behalf of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education, I wish to congratulate coach Tim Baechler and the Canton High School football team for their wonderful showing in the Division 1 state championship game at Ford Field

Great job on your "dream season 'We are brimming with pride at how well you represented yourselves, your school district and your community

Our congratulations also extend to Director Marc Whitlock and the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park marching band for its stupendous showing, finishing ninth in the nation at the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis at the RCA Dome

Our pride continues over the fact this magnificent band also won the state championship this year. In fact, the PCEP marching band has qualified as a national finalist 16 times in the last 17 years

The fact these students have achieved this elite status in both the arts and athletics is made even more amazing by the fact they are a part of a strong academic environment which resulted in 648 students in last year's high school classes receiving the \$2,500 Michigan Merit (MEAP) Scholarships

Again, congratulations to the PCEP marching band, the Canton Chiefs football team and our student scholars

**Mark Stavens** school board president

## **Quick snow day**

On Friday, Dec 9, the Plymouth-Canton school system declared a snow day Not only did this close the schools in its system, but it also triggered the closing of the local day cares. And it kept the school buildings closed Saturday due to a "two-day" policy

I had one high school and one elementary age child I had to find supervision for Then I discovered the day care was closed and I had to scramble for a sitter I still had to go to work

When I went outside I found a few inches in light powder and clear streets Traffic was heavy and moving without a slow-down Yes, I got very angry

My preschooler had a function on Saturday at Discovery and that was now canceled after much planning, rehearsals and food preparation. On Saturday, the streets were even more clear and the sun was out.

I think the school system was much too quick to declare a snow day Are we so soft that our children can't make their way through a little snow? This type of light snow doesn't even register as an

event in some communities Next time, don't believe the "pending snowstorm' reporting on the news, which sensationalizes any event to gain listeners Toughen up a little and think about how your actions have this chain effect

> Tom L. Sullivan Plymouth

# Underpass advantage

When considering the Sheldon Road underpass, I hope people are aware that it would provide sidewalks for pedestrian

I think this would be an improvement to pedestrian traffic along Sheldon Road, helping to provide access to destinations such as the shopping center north of the tracks I hope people are thinking long term and considering all aspects of the project, such as pedestrian traffic

Andy Bagnasco Plymouth

#### **Insulting Christians**

It is good that Greg Kowalski brought to the attention of readers the subject of anti-Christian agitation and subversion in this overwhelmingly Christian country ( It's time to call a truce in the war against Christmas, Observer, Dec 4)

It is an enigma how such a great major ity can be coerced into submission and obedience by relatively tiny in number detractors of Christianity It is equally puzzling how such a great majority, of obviously much-too-timid Christians, does allow itself to be so manipulated and intimidated by a bunch of determined offenders and subversives of Christianity

It is neither right nor democratic for a small fraction of population to prevail over a great majority, especially in morally or socially objectionable designs. This is exactly how it was in the former Soviet Union Small-in-number anti-Christian Marxists seized control of the country, and for over 60 years waged war against Christianity there

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union 15 years ago, Russians are again free to practice their Christian religion without hindrance anywhere and everywhere in their liberated from Marxism country

In my opinion, Kowalski is wrong when he says, 'there should be no official government sanctioning of religious displays of any sort 'In true democracy, the government is supposed to be the servant of the people, not adversarial to them In this 95-plus-percent Christian society, the government's duty is to comply with Christians' will and wishes and, yes, officially sanction (according to the dictionary it means "authorize, approve, allow") Christian religious displays of any kind Christians shouldn't even be asking

government, their servant, for such authorization, approval or permission It is their inalienable right

The Constitution says, "Congress shall make no law prohibiting free exercise of religion" This statement is as clear as the cloudless sky in broad daylight. Religious displays by Christians anywhere in this, their country, are part of exercises by them of their religion on their own public and private properties Christians are the public.

We see displays of all kinds all over, such as billboards, signs, fireworks, merchant's decorating lights, Halloween frights, Clauses, etc., some all year long, causing no controversy Why Christian Christmas holy displays would offend anyone is beyond my comprehension The requirement that secular symbols be present nearby so that nativity scene may be displayed is as unreasonable as it can be The equalization is insulting to Christianity

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# Stop the invasion

Last week, President Bush took a tour of the disaster we call our southern border He has had five years to tighten that border and has done nothing to do so My belief, along with millions of other American citizens, is that Bush wants an open border and wants as many foreign workers as possible (legal or illegal) brought into this country

He has openly ignored his oath of office by not securing the border to protect the American people from this invasion. Our military is supposed to protect us (novel idea, ısn't it?) And when these people (law breakers) arrive, our tax dollars support them.

The welfare and rights of American citizens have been put on the back burner for many years The apparent name of the game is to increase the pool of workers in this country (at the same time millions of jobs are being sent overseas) to bring down the wages of all middle-class American citizens

We have millions of underemployed, unemployed citizens who simply cannot find a good job in their field All protections for citizens have been ignored Citizens are being replaced by both legal and illegal aliens

Congress just upped the number of technical foreign workers that will permanently come here Now Bush wants to give the blessing of residency to illegals who came here and continue to stay here by breaking our laws

Every day we are reminded as well that we are being expected to function as a multi-lingual society Instead of foreigners learning English, we are being forced to deal with "the Spanish" selection wherever we go This just isn't right

So Mr Bush, I say NO to your guest worker plan I say NO to any form of amnesty I say YES to a stringent program to fine (or incarcerate) employers of illegals to fund their trip back to their home country And finally, I say YES to your finally doing your job of protecting American citizens from the Mexican invasion

Please write your congressmen Remind them that the welfare of the citizens of the United States is their first responsibility Simply supplying cheap labor for business is not in the best interest of this country Remember that the Constitution begins with "We the people."

**Peggy Robichaud** Michigan Citizens for Immigration Reform

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## QUOTABLE

"It's still going to be worth coming down to ... We'd like to keep it at the level it was last year, but to do that we're going to need help. We can't spend money we don't have, but we're going to do the best we can."

- Mike Watts, Plymouth ice festival organizer, on the possibility of a scaled-down festival

Kadrich

# **New MEDC head should inject** some common sense in Lansing

cute neurosis, mental health professionals tell us, is relatively easy to diagnose Somebody who keeps doing selfdestructive things over and over again is certifiably neurotic - even though he knows perfectly well how dangerous they are People like that may be helped by sessions on a shrink's couch

I suspect there isn't a couch large enough to hold as many of our legislators as needed, but their pattern of self-destructive activity over the past few years certainly qualifies

them for long-term therapy And the fallout is there for all to see

Consider, for example, the perilous state of Michigan's economy were certainly facing the greatest crisis since the Great Depression

> Now reflect on the Michigan Economic Development Corp (MEDC), the quasi-public outfit that over the years has earned the reputation as one of the country's best of its kind

You'd think that the Legislature would be falling all over itself to provide funds to help the MEDC attract and retain jobs in Michigan Especially now

Power

Far from it Over the past five years, the general fund appropriation to the MEDC has been cut by more than 70 percent, its staffing by around 20 percent

Its total operating budget has shriveled from \$110 million in fiscal 2000 to \$31 million six years later. Its authorized work force had fallen to 190 for 2006 But a lastminute \$3 million legislative cut in late November reduced the staff to 138

Funding for Travel Michigan, the organization within the MEDC that promotes Michigan's tourist industry — arguably the state's second largest - has decreased by one-quarter since 2000

Annual funding is currently \$4 9 million below average state expenses on tourist promotion At the same time, Michigan has the lowest occupancy rate of all 50 states, meaning our tourism business has suffered

directly as promotion funding has dried up Thick headed? Yep Neurotic? Probably Self-destructive? Without a doubt

At this point, I hasten to confess bias I've been a member of the MEDC board of directors since the early 1990s, when I was appointed by former Gov John Engler

I've seen the MEDC in good times (i e under Engler) and in today's bad times, when some Republicans in the Legislature have set out to hobble, if not kill outright,

the state's main economic development

organization

The main culprit in all this is the socalled "caveman caucus" in the state House of Representatives, a bunch of selfdescribed ultra-conservatives instrumental in electing Rep Craig De Roche, R-Novi, speaker and to whom he owes allegiance and lovalty

I've seen how effective the MEDC can be And in recent times, I've seen how the organization, properly, has tightened up as its budget has been cut And I've seen just how hobbled the MEDC has become in trying to help our state out of its economic

So I was interested to see what would happen when I attended the board meeting last week

There's a new CEO, Jim Epolito, a seasoned business executive He took the Michigan Accident Fund from peanuts to a many-hundred-million-dollar operation in just a few years, and isn't afraid to tell it like

Epolito recognizes that part of the problem with the Legislature is simple communications Most lawmakers are new to their jobs and haven t the foggiest idea of what economic development is all about

The newly adopted 21st Century Jobs Fund could be a big help The legislation puts a lot of the authority for the program into the Michigan Strategic Fund, but it's likely the MEDC will wind up with much of the administrative responsibility for something like \$250 million in job-creating programs

Those are focused on four key sectors of our economy life sciences, alternative energy, homeland security and defense, and advanced automotive manufacturing and materials

'Things are coming together right now,' Epolito told me after the meeting For the first three months, we were playing defense Now we can go on offense in attracting and

"Our plan is simple First, we must do everything we can to secure our manufacturing base Second, we need to plant the seeds of jobs for the future

Sounds sensible and insightful to me Epolito may not be a psychiatrist, but he is just the kind of guy to inject a bunch of common sense into a neurotic political environment in Lansing

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

# Annual candlelight vigil helps parents cope with their loss

he weather, unpredictable as it is in Michigan, never seems to be a problem for The

Compassionate Friends when they get together for their annual candlelight vigil to honor children who have died too soon

Last year, rain threatened the event, conducted in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park, but the raindrops stopped falling literally minutes before the 7 p m vigil This year, snowflakes drifted down aimlessly, and of course it was cold, but nothing happened to dampen the event

It could give you pause to wonder whether the children being honored by the ceremony are looking out for those gathered Gail Lafferty doesn't wonder.

though She knows it, for sure The kids definitely take care of

us," she said with a smile Smiling comes easier now for Lafferty, a Livonia resident who lost her son, Max, at the age of 18 when he died in a car accident the day after Christmas in 1995 That's part of what makes this time of year hard — though for parents who've lost children, there's no such thing as an easy time

What Lafferty does, though, is find things that help her get through the holidays, a season that might otherwise be lost to her The annual vigil is one of those things

"It gets hard, especially in December, especially around Christmas," Lafferty said, after sharing the trademark hug she has for just about everyone "It helps me to work on this, though

The Livonia chapter of The Compassionate Friends held its annual candle-lighting ceremony Sunday in Kellogg Park, braving elements that would have kept most people indoors — snow on the ground, temperatures below freezing, the Lions on national television

It's part of an international children's memorial honoring — and, more importantly, remembering — children lost too young, the idea being to light candles at 7 p m in every time zone around the world As the candles fade in one zone, they're lit in another, providing a 24-hour wave of light encircling the globe "in loving memory of all children that their light may always shine'

It's amazing to see literally hundreds of people come together, united in one common purpose, by a shared grief you have to experience to really understand. They gather around the Christmas tree decorated with ornaments bearing the names of children they've lost, a tangible expression of an intangible feeling

They share the moment with others in the same situation, bearing the same grief, hoping to connect with their lost child They're gathered with friends, some longtime friends, some they see only on this night. Some lost their children only recently, others years ago

There's a lot of repeat business at the vigil, peo-

ple seeking solace and hoping to spread some 'We get a lot of old-timers who come back for this, even though they don't even come to the meetings anymore, said Lafferty, treasurer of the Livonia chapter "It doesn't surprise me This is a

Pat and Paula Gibbons agree They've been coming since they lost their son, Dan, in an automobile accident four years ago This year, they put up a Christmas tree in the park and decorated it with

ornaments, pictures and testimonials to their son \* They attended Sunday's vigil with family, all gathered to help remember Dan, all happy to hear his name included with some 500 names read

"You want to hear your child's name," Paula Gibbons said "I've come a long way in four years, on and The Compassionate Friends has been a big part of my healing And time helps"

The Gibbonses lost Dan to a car accident In the + gathering, the causes of loss are all different from car accidents to drug overdoses, from cancer to suicide — but the sense of loss is the same The memorial features the singing of songs and the reading of inspirational poems

The tears flow from the first minute to the last, from the eldest eyes to the youngest Grieving parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters and friends all gathered to cry, to laugh — but mostly to remember

Michelle and Paul Donnelly came from Howell, in search of something — anything, really — to help them overcome the pain of a fourth lost child Michelle Donnelly has now had late-term miscarriages in four pregnancies in eight years

The couple came to Sunday's vigil — with sons Sam, 7, and Max, 6, and their 2-year-old sister Ava - at the urging of Paul's sister, who read about the

Before the event, Michelle Donnelly was hoping the vigil would help jump-start the grieving process after losing her fourth child in August

'We haven't really even grieved yet life keeps moving," Michelle said "I hope this will help us do that Hopefully, communing with others who want the same thing will bring us a little peace of mind"

That's the incredible part of this annual ritual, this yearly group hug that gets hundreds of people through one more holiday season It's a difficult pain to imagine if you haven't gone through it, an impossible pain to manage if you have, a seemingly unbearable burden if you're just starting to go through it But the candle-lighting ceremony helps

"People feel good being here, although they're very sad, especially the newly bereaved," said Lafferty, who is getting through her 10th holiday season 'It's a special night"

Which might explain why the snow stopped

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# Award recognizes Best Friends of Rouge

STAFF WRITER

The Friends of the Rouge honored three Rouge River restoration volunteers Thursday with their Best

Friend of the Rouge Award The Friends recognized Edward J Bagale vice chancellor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, Kurt Kuban, community editor of the Canton Observer, and Marjane Baker a retired teacher at Tonda Elementary in the Plymouth Canton School District The award is presented in recognition of the positive impact that recipients have had on the Rouge River

The awards were presented at the Friends annual membership meeting at the University of Michigan's Environmental Interpretive Center in Dearborn

Awardees were selected from the Nonprofit Sector, Education and Volunteer At-

Without the dedication and support of our volunteers, we would not be successful in our mission to restore and protect the Rouge River' said Carolyne McCaughey, executive director of Friends of the Rouge

Bagale is being honored for his tireless efforts in raising awareness of the Rouge River and our local environment

Because of Ed Bagales leadership, perseverance and hard work, Rouge River residents have more opportunities to experience nature through projects such as the Rouge River Gateway Greenway Trail He is a true friend of the Rouge McCaughey said

Bagale said when he first came to the university in 1985, he was interested in finding a way for the university to "pro vide value" to the community He said the environment around the university's Dearborn campus has been a way to link the university and the communities around it

They say it takes a village to educate a child It also takes a village to clean up a watershed, Bagale said 'What we've figured out in the last 25-30 years is that success breeds success If you don t mind who gets the credit, you can energize a community

He said the award was a way for the Friends "to say to the university through me thanks

#### for being connected to us **DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS**

Kuban became interested in working on the Rouge while covering the annual Rouge Rescue for the Observer

I was impressed by the dedication of some of the people involved Also, I live in Wayne, and was surprised to see the city didn t have a Rouge Rescue at the time, especially because the Lower Rouge River runs right through the entire city, Kuban said

Kuban regularly organizes the Rouge Rescue site in Wayne, additional cleanup projects to improve the health of the river corndor and Rouge canoe trips

"Some people look at the Rouge River and see a big sewer, others just see potential Kurt Kuban has a vision of the Rouge River as a canoeable and fishable river right in our backyard, said Sally Petrella, public involvement coordinator for Friends of the Rouge "Every river could use a friend like Kurt and the Rouge River is lucky to have him

Kuban said the award is a validation for the work he's

'My goal is to see a day where my grandchildren (if I'm lucky enough to have some) will be able to walk down to the river and enjoy it without worrying about the pollution that lurks in the water It seems in our day and age, wealth drives our society, but it is also important to give something back to out communities"

Baker has dedicated more than 40 years to teaching and recently retired from Tonda Elementary School in Canton ın June 2005

While at Tonda, Baker was an active participant in the Rouge Education Project She enlightened her students about water quality issues and taught them how to become stewards of the earth

Baker said she became involved with environmental issues through the National Geographic Alliance, which

sponsors workshops on geo graphic issues for teachers She said that she and another teacher applied to a grant from the National Geographic to buy hip boots that have been used by students to wade in the Rouge River

Every year the kids would say they thought it would not be exciting, but then they d say it was their favorite field trip They liked getting down and dırty," Baker saıd

Said McCaughey Friends

of the Rouge is proud to honor Marjane Baker for her dedication to educating students about the important role they play in the health of the Rouge River

While at Tonda, Baker established a natural area along the banks of Fellows Creek, a tributary of the Rouge River With her guidance, students planted more than 1,000 trees and shrubs

I never expected recognition for doing what we should be doing anyway,' she said Friends of the Rouge is always looking for volunteers to help with river restoration projects

The Friends of the Rouge have a multitude of programs for volunteering at the Rouge Rescue, or conducting bug hunts or frog/toad surveys, or getting involved in the Rouge Education Project, which introduces many school children to the Rouge," Kuban



Best Friend of Rouge Award recipients (left to right) Edward Bagale Marjane



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**Holiday homes need more security** 

Section B

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Remember your green thumb this holiday season

ere are some gift suggestions for the gardener on your holiday list that will rate a green thumb up

One idea gives a new spin to the tradi tional poinsettia Dyes from Germany are available that can be used to paint white poinsettias, says David Calcaterra, vice president of Thrifty Florist

You can paint purple blooms or like every color in the rainbow" he said A variation on hanging baskets is another new idea

Burlap pouches filled with evergreen branches are becoming very popular, Calcaterra said

during the winter

The pouches costing around \$19 99 are a way to decorate an outdoor area

It just adds a little (decoration) to the garden, Calcaterra said.

Soaps and lotions for gardeners make good gifts, Calcaterra said **HEAVIER-DUTY** 

Heavier-duty items are good gift ideas as well Examples at Saxtons Garden Center in Plymouth include a Toro snowblower The snowblowers start at

Snowblowers have improved, says business owner Alan Saxton

They're much better machines by far," he said "They throw snow better, throw it

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BY MARY KLEMIC

STAFE WRITER

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and regional artists Among the works are musical instruments, handmade wood furniture, jewelry, ceramics, glass and fiber Examples are the nesting pots and,

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# **Dots right**

"Ever pick up a ring of keys and wonder where they all go and what \ they open? Or worse yet, spend five minutes trying to open a lock, in the dark, late at night, during a downpour? ' say Morris, and James Carey, writing,

for AP Weekly Features "Color-coded keys make opening locks a breeze Just put a dab of the same color paint or the same color adhesive dots on corresponding keys and locks At a glance, you will be able tofind the one you are look: ing for, no matter how many keys you have on 🛶 your ring

'You can forget memorizing shapes and special, names on various keys Just connect the dots"

# All I want for Christmas is ... power tools

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BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

Looking for something for the DIY

With all the home remodeling that's going on these days you can visit your local hardware tool store or national

retail store to find the perfect gift for those who love to tinker or build (Heck, it might even serve as a not so subtle hint to get going on that room

remodel you ve talked about for years) For starters you can get back to the basics with wrench drill bit or plier

sets for beginners For the handyman or handywoman get them into the high-tech tools - such as a laser level to help line up wall art and photographs to setting cabinet lines and drop ceilings

"The new hot laser items are going quite well," said Kathey Wojciechowski, store manager of the Sears Hardware in Westland

Remodeling projects also defy the stereotype as something exclusive for the 'man-of-the-house

'Women are buying tools," said Wojciechowski "More and more are finishing up their homes They're able to take on these projects'

Versatility is an added dimension to today's tools

The Craftsman 19 2-horsepower drill has several add-ons, including a vacuum, saw, hand planer, jigsaw and sander One Sears salesman suggests

that a holiday shopper facing a budget crunch doesn't need to buy that whole kit for \$300, family members can split up the costs and buy the attachments separately and only the ones that are

If you know of newlyweds or young homeowners, you might consider basic tools for them A Lasertrac 7-1/4 inch circular saw (\$59 99) projects a red laser line on the workpiece Other ideas include a table saw with folding legs and a dust bag

And don't forget the all-important

For the homeowner who wants to do some serious remodeling, consider

PLEASE SEE **POWER, B4** 

# Get a fire-sale price on HP's office-friendly color printer



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

hopping for a new printer?
Here's the deal of the century HPs Color LaserJet 2600n is on sale for \$319 99 until the end of A color laser printer? The

thought probably never crossed your mind, and with good reason Until recently, they cost a small for

But with HPs deal, which includes free shipping and an instant rebate (the price is normally \$399) when you order direct from the company you can score a color

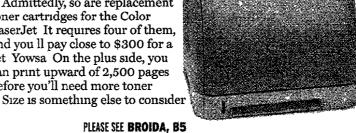
laser for less than you'd pay for a high end inkjet

I ve had a 2600n on my desk for the last couple of weeks Once you ve grown accustomed to printing gorgeous color documents on plain old copy paper, it's hard to go back to a fussy, noisy, ink gobbling ınkjet

For example this year we decided to send a one page family newsletter along with our holiday cards I dressed it up with colorful seasonal art then dashed off 50 copies on

The last time I printed 50 copies of something on my inkjet, all I could think about was how much ink it was costing Those car-

tridges are expensive! Admittedly, so are replacement toner cartridges for the Color LaserJet It requires four of them, and you ll pay close to \$300 for a set Yowsa On the plus side, you can print upward of 2,500 pages before you'll need more toner



the year, **HP's Color** LaserJet 2600n should be on the short list for any business that does a lot of color printing

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# **HOME CALENDAR**

#### Santa visits

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He will be at the Art Van Furniture stores at 22555 Greenfield in Southfield and 27775 Novi Road in Novi Sunday Dec 18 Santa will be at the Southfield store noon to 2 p m (phone (248) 569 3770) and the Novi store 3 5 pm (phone (248) 348 8922) Kwanzaa celebration

The Storytellers will share stories about the African American tradition of Kwanzaa and demonstrate ethnic musical instruments 24 pm Saturday Dec 17 at Art Van Furniture 13855 E Eight Mile in Warren Phone (586) 779 9530

This enthusiastic duo performs lively

presentations and encourages the

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Meadow Brook Hall The 2005 Holiday Walk featuring tours of professionally decorated Meadow Brook Hall continues to Sunday Dec

lours are available II a m to 5 p m Thursday Sunday with last admittance at 4 p m

Reservations aren't required for any of the tours Admission is \$20 for adults \$5 for ages 17 and under free for under age 2 \$12 for OU affiliates with ID \$5 for OU students A special group rate of \$12 per person is avail able for groups of 20 or more

The museum holiday shop features holiday and gift giving treasures Hours are 11 a m to 4 p m Thursday Sunday

Meadow Brook Hall is on the Oakland University campus in Rochester Call (248) 364 6200 or visit www meadow brookhall org for information Breakfast with Santa will take place 9 11 a m Saturday Dec 17 in the ball room including visiting with Santa and making ornaments Cost is \$25 for children \$30 for adults For reserva tions and information call (248) 364 6263

It's a Wonderful Life at the Grand Manor will take place 7 11 p m Thursday Dec 15 offering 1940s holi day treats traditions and entertain

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#### Gift gallery

The Holiday Gift Gallery at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts in Rochester offers original gifts handcrafted by Michigan artists

The PCCA is at 407 Pine. The gallery is open now to Jan 7 Hours are 9 30 am to 9 pm Monday Friday 10 am 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

## Sculpture for home

HMFRNSHNGS Utilitarian Sculpture for the Home an exhibit of work by stu dents alumni and instructors of the College for Creative Studies continues to Feb 9 at the Janice Charach Epstein Gallery in the Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan

Detroit 6600 W Maple in West Bloomfield Call (248) 661 1000 The show pushes the boundaries of functionality for furniture and other

items in the home. The furnishings are available for purchase 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@hometownlife com fax (734) 591 7279 or (248) 644 1314

# **GARDEN CALENDAR**

## Garden design

A new class Designing Your Garden from the Inside Out will take place on four Tuesdays beginning Jan 10 at The Community House 380 S Bates in Birmingham

Fee is \$125 Materials needed are a sketch pad drafting pencils colored pencils erasers standard plastic slot guides for drawing circles and trian gles and a drafting slot guide To register and for more information call (248) 644 5832 or visit www.com

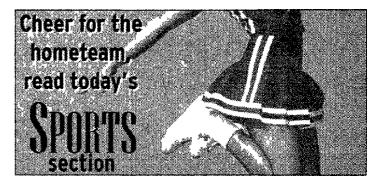
munityhouse com In the class you will design a small garden using the view from your favorite window incorporating hardy perennials shrubs and bulbs to make

the most of all seasons. Bring snap

shots of different views of the area from inside and outside the planned oarden Instructor Michael Saint owner of

Good Earth Landscape & Interior Design LLC in Clarkston is a member of the Michigan Wildflower Association and the National Wildlife Association His gardens have been certified as wildlife habitat by the National Wildlife Association

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# **Homes** need added security during holidays

The holidays keep people preoccupied with winter travel, remembering everyone on their wish list, and smiling through the office

The problem with this time of year is that burglars are busy too

During the holidays, people take items out of high-security stores and house them in low-security homes A savvy thief is aware of this, and might even wait until mid-January to enter your home, after your defenses are

However, you don't have to let criminals run off with all your new gifts By using smart ideas, such as better outdoor lighting and home security systems, you can turn your home into a citadel that scares away night prowlers

ServiceMagic, a free online home improvement resource for consumers and contractor matching service, provides a few home security basics for every homeowner so they can protect their home and family this holiday season and into the new year Most thieves are opportunistic They come

into a neighborhood and look for houses that

seem undefended and unoccupied An important part of home security is making your home look occupied at all

times ■ One big clue that you are out of town is your mail or newspapers piling up Never allow newspapers to accumulate in the front

yard Ask a neighbor or friend to get your mail Not only should some lights be on, but the array of lights should change just as it would if the home were occupied The easi-

Leave on a TV or radio with the volume turned up loud enough to be heard by someone approaching the doors or windows

est way to do this is with timers

Having a car in the garage or driveway can also be a deterrent If you are going on a trip and not leaving a car at home, you might want to make arrangements with the next door neighbors to park one of their cars in your driveway while you are away

Alarm systems offer little in the way of

physical obstacles to thieves Instead they offer an important psychological one

■ In a neighborhood with an efficient police force, the alarm substantially increases the odds that the thief will get caught Even in areas where police response times are slow, the noise and attention of an alarm may well dissuade the burglar from finishing their mission

The cost of alarm systems varies widely A burglar easily can disable some of the simpler, less expensive detection devices The more complex and unfamiliar the array of devices, the more likely the burglar is to trigger the alarm or give up trying to disable it

The response time to alarms is driven by the effectiveness of the monitoring service you're using When considering a monitoring service,

get the names of people who have had the opportunity to observe response times in the past Most area police departments encourage

homeowners to etch their Social Security number on the metal surfaces of valuables that are prone to theft, although sometimes this isn't very practical because it can decrease the item's value

Here are a couple of things that will help if thieves happen to breach your security

■ Photographs of especially valuable items like art work and antiques can help police recover goods

A journal or log of jewelry and other valuables will also help expedite dealing with insurance agents

Additional tips on hundreds of homerelated topics can be found in Homeowner Resources at www servicemagic com This free service can also connect you with

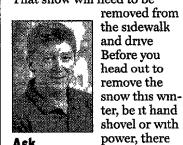
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The company addresses more than 500 different home service needs that range from simple home repairs and maintenance to complete home remodeling projects

# Snow removal 101: Take it easy

🐒 inter in Michigan means snow In fact as I write this, it's snowing That snow will need to be



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym are a few things to consıder It's a wellknown fact

that shoveling

snow puts a stress on a person's body Major snowfalls bring a sudden increase in the number of fatal heart attacks People with high blood pressure, history of heart problems, smokers and those who lead sedentary lives are especially at risk Team this up with the fact that cold air is harder to breathe, and you could be looking at trouble

On the good side, the US surgeon general recommends that we should all have at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity a day Snow shoveling counts as physical activity

Before heading out to shovel the snow, take some time to consider these tips

■ Make sure you have a good shovel The shovel should be strong but light in weight Avoid plastic blades, as they tend to break easily and don't chop ice very well The shovel should be as large as you can handle with a full load of snow, Major snowfalls bring a sudden increase in the number of fatal heart attacks. People with high blood pressure, history of heart problems, smokers and those who lead sedentary lives are especially at risk.

but not so large that you have to strain to lift it Make sure the shovel fits your body, not too long or too short,

Take time to stretch Even physically active people need to warm up" before shoveling

■ If you are sedentary or have heart problems, discuss snow removal with your medical professional

Avoid caffeine or alcohol before starting to work on the snow Caffeine is a stimulant and will increase your heart rate Alcohol constricts your blood vessels, which also makes you feel colder and forces your heart to work hard-

■ Drink water as necessary If you are thirsty, you are already starting to dehydrate

■ Dress in layers, adding or removing layers as necessary

■ Coat your shovel with silicon spray so the snow will slide

■ Load the shovel less if the snow is wet and heavy

Begin slowly and pace yourself Shovel the needed areas first If your body says it's time to take a break, do it

■ Lift correctly Back injuries and other strains are very frequent when shoveling

■ Watch your balance Shps are all too common

Once the snow is removed, spread salt or other ice melting agent or grit

If you are like me and prefer to use power to remove the snow, read and follow the recommendations in the owner's manual If you bought a used snow blower without a manual, look on the Internet and you may find one

Keep yourself and others out of the line of the discharge Stones and other objects can be thrown from the machine

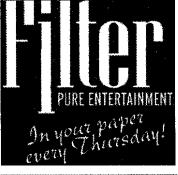
Don't allow children or inexperienced people to use the snow blower

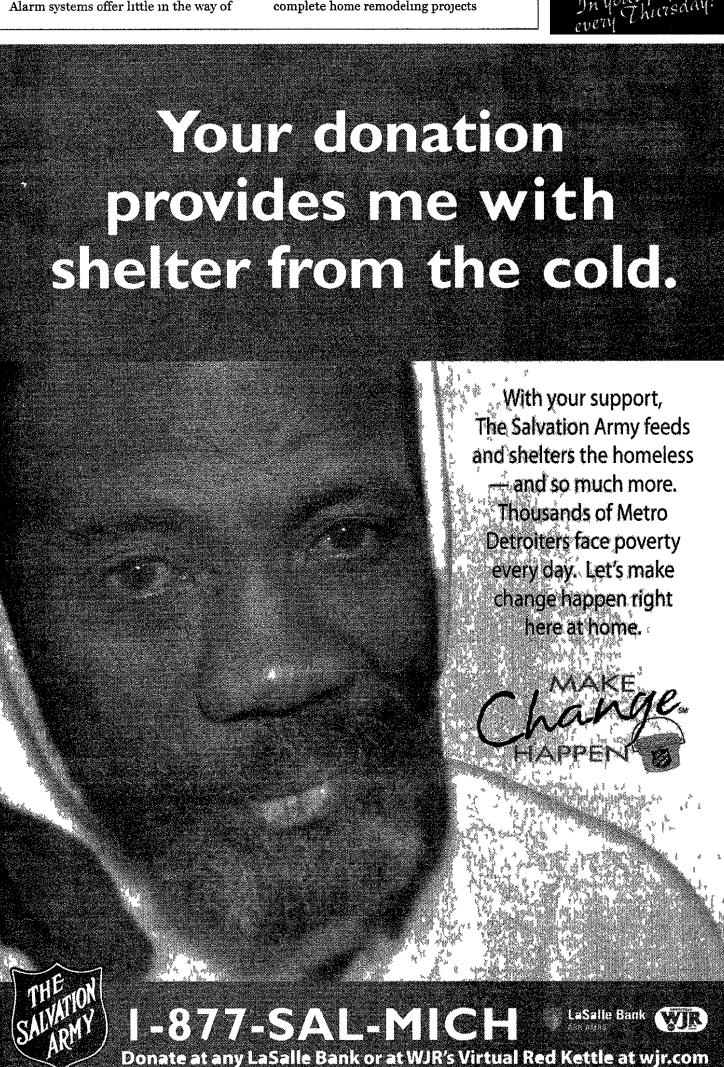
Take a few moments to plan your pattern for removal This will likely change with each snow fall depending on the amount of snow and wind direction Shut the machine off before cleaning clogs from the

machine Now that this column is finished, I think I ll go outside and follow a few of the above mentioned tips To all readers.

I wish you and your families a significant to the state of the s great holiday season Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from 🥞 repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a

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Saxton also suggested a chain saw by Stihl or Shindaiwa (starting at \$159 95), and a lawn mower by such companies as Honda, Toro and Lawn-Boy Riding lawn mowers start at \$2,200, more professional styles start at \$5,000

On a smaller scale, Saxton suggested no-spill fuel cans, generators, tuneup kits for lawn mowers, and

interchangeable tools such as hoes, shovels and rakes that can be put on short or long handles And a Mantis tiller, which is good for the garden almost all year

'I use one every weekend except when the grass is frozen,' Saxton

#### LEARNING EXPERIENCE

Observer & Eccentric | Thursday December 15 2005

Whether the gardener on your list is a novice or experienced, and whether his or her garden is small or large, a gardening class or membership in a garden-related organization is a thoughtful gift

Continuing education classes on garden topics are offered through school districts, at colleges and by organizations

One example is the Michigan School of Gardening, which has an office in Livonia

The school offers gift certificates redeemable for any of its classes in Livonia, Ann Arbor, Pontiac and Royal Oak

These certificates are available in six denominations, from \$25 to \$200, and are good for one year from the date of purchase There is a \$2 fee for each certificate ordered

The school has started a Web site, the Practical Gardening Institute™, described as an online community for people who love to garden

For a limited time, gift membership in the PGI is \$25 - half the regular annual membership fee

The one-year membership includes a subscription to Janet Macunovich's weekly Growing Concerns™ e-column, access to the Gardeners Forum, a way of asking a question of a lot of people at once (with online discussions moderated by 20 recognized gardening professionals including Macunovich, rose expert Nancy

Lindley and former PBS Victory Garden host Roger Swain), special discounts on conferences, learning opportunities and purchases made in the Gardeners' Market, and 24-hour access to practical advice

The PGI has published a book and poster set by Macunovich, 8 Months of Color This is a guide for choosing perennials, bulbs, trees, vines and shrubs to provide color for eight full months Cost is \$16 95 for PGI members, \$19 95 for others

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specialized tools such as 12inch snips for roofing materials, sheet metal, vinyl and plastic, a masonry drill bit set (with 3/8 inch and larger), a 7-inch tile wet saw, or a compressor for naıl guns and staplers These items land in the \$15-\$300 price range

Need a cabinet? An 18-drawer chest and cabinet runs for \$549 and a four-drawer intermediate to add more storage space to the piece costs \$129 at Sears

Tool bags, rigs and aprons are priced \$15-\$80, all great step savers (and ease the strain on your back and knees) for those working on projects

Halogen worklights are great to help light up a work area Any demolition planned? How about a reciprocating saw?

Before you hit Sears, Lowe's, Home Depot, Marsh Power Tools or other tool stores, check out the Web sites of the tool companies, such as DeWalt, Black & Decker and Craftsman, and what they offer in terms of new products

DeWalt features a heavy duty palm nailer, 4 1/2"-inch small angle grinder and double bevel

sliding compound miter saw Black & Decker has a SmartDriver Compact Screwdriver to help tighten those screws on handles of dresser drawers (These screws must be tightened inside the drawer, and often cannot be tightened with a power drill driver because the drill driver is too large to fit in the drawer)

Craftsman also features a socket set with large embossed numbers that are easy to read (No more straining to read what size the socket is!)

Looking for a gift for your junior carpenter? Kid's Carpenter's Workbook is designed to safely introduce children and parents to basic carpentry skills and tools

The illustrated, 40-page book takes you through simple steps to building five family-friendly, inexpensive projects

Author Mark Clement, the father of a 4-year-old daughter. designed projects for the book that require five common do-ityourself tools circular saw, hand saw or jigsaw, measuring tape, drill/driver or hammer, and T-square The projects are Kıd's Toolbox, Lemonade Stand, Seesaw, Kid's Stool, and Coat Cubby

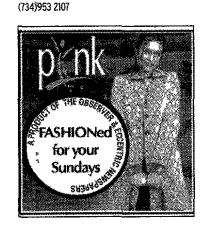
Featured woodworking projects include three levels of Skill Builders that give young carpenters an opportunity to advance their carpentry prowess For experienced adults, Parent Carpentry Corners provide advanced carpentry instructions

Kid's Carpenter's Workbook is designed to introduce youngsters ages 4 to 12 to the basics of using tools and simple howto construction projects The book has suggested activities for children ages 4 to 6 while parents and older children are completing the more difficult parts

Kıd's Carpenter's Workbook is available at bookstores or from the publisher, CenterLine Media, at www centerlinemedia.com (phone (215) 646-4591) Cost is \$12 95

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The holidays are a great time for catching up with friends and family It's also the time of year you want your home clean and inviting to guests

If you've avoided your regular household chores and the prospect of cleaning has you feeling overwhelmed, the local cleaning experts at Molly Maid of Plymouth have some suggestions for cleaning up

"This is the time of year, as temperatures cool and people head indoors, when we notice

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all of the things we neglected during the warmer summer months when we spent our time outdoors," said John Cohen, owner of the Livonia-based Molly Maid franchise

But no need to worry, Cohen says Here is a checklist to review and rely on to get your home back in shape for entertaining

■ Turn up the lights The first thing to do when

preparing to clean, particularly since the days are getting shorter, is to turn the lights on to their highest setting when you

"Bright light helps to reveal the spider webs and dust bunnies hiding in the shadows," Cohen said

Focus your work.

If you are pressed for time,

concentrate on these areas first guest bedrooms and bathrooms, kitchen, family room and dining room During the holidays, these are the rooms that see the most activity, Cohen says

Take the time to do a thorough cleaning of your guest bathroom, being sure to reach behind fixtures, replace the shower liner, wash your curtains and clean your medicine cabi-

"Make sure the bathroom is properly stocked with the neces-

sary supplies," Cohen said Your kitchen and dining room are probably two rooms that are cleaned on a regular basis, but make sure you take the time to clean the cabinet doors and

hardware This can brighten up your kitchen by removing grease, dirt and dust that give cabinets a dull exterior

The chairs and lighting fixtures in the dining room could also use good cleanings

Clean often, not long Although many families devote a few hours each week to doing a thorough job of cleanmg, you can save a lot of time and energy by taking a few minutes each day to put things away where they belong This can

prevent "clutter buildup," Cohen said And of course, if time is of the essence and your hectic holiday season doesn't give you time to say on top of these tasks, Cohen says that hiring a profes-

sional is a great option We understand that a lot of people are busy and do not have the time to clean their home like

they would want' For information on home cleaning services or tips to keep.4 your house in good condition, call Cohen at (734) 421-7195

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before buying a color laser The, 2600n requires a sizable chunk of desk estate

Plus, it's not the ideal printer, for churning out photos Although it does a respectable, job with them and can print on glossy paper, inkjets generally + produce much sharper prints

But for a small or home office, the 2600n rocks It includes a USB interface for easy connection to any PC (Macs included), plus an Ethernet interface for printing from any PC on the network That's a feature normally found on more expensive printers

I find it incredible that for what you paid a few years ago for a monochrome laser, you can now buy a color model

That said, don't dismiss the idea of buying a monochrome laser to sit alongside your inkjet (and handle all your non-color printing) You can get a Brother HL 2040 for about \$85 after rebate, an unbelievable deal

#### MORE ON PORTABLE VIDEO

Much has happened since last week's column on portable video players

First, Apple answered my call for more content (thanks for listening, guys¹), adding a boatload of new TV shows Battlestar Galactica, Law ಟ Order, Monk and The Office are among the shows you can now download from iTunes

Great stuff - but where are the movies?

Meanwhile, Creative announced a new iPod killer the Zen Vision M, which looks and acts an awful lot like the video iPod but includes an FM tuner, a voice recorder, and support for multiple online music stores

Sounds great, but until Creative delivers easy access to video downloads a la iTunes, 🕒 Apple can sleep safe

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the *Observer* &  $\cdot$ Eccentric Newspapers Broida of Commerce Township is the co author, of numerous books including How To Do Everything with Musicmatch and 101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld He welcomes questions sent to rick broi da@gmail.com

# Seal garage door in 1 afternoon

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Bill asks "What is the best" way to seal the garage door?" We assume you are referring: to a sectional garage door

rather than the tilt-up type Generally speaking, a good- iquality sectional garage door 10 \_that has been properly installedis reasonably weather-tight But even the best doors can begin to leak after long use

A simple fix would be to apply a one-inch wide strip of r rubber to the inside surface of the door at each horizontal section joint - all the way from one side of the door to the other Apply the strip to the upper section centered between it and the section below A special rubber bottom can be bought to fit the base of just about any garage door

For the sides of the opening on the outside trim - attach good old-fashioned weatherstripping for a conventional door That's the type with the round vinyl bead attached to as: flat metal strip

If the door is wood, use staples or nails to attach your wind proofing If the door is metal, then use half-inch, selftapping screws Once you have all of the materials you should be able to do the entire job in 🕺 an afternoon



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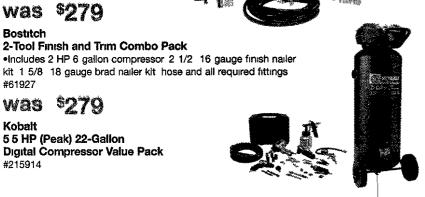
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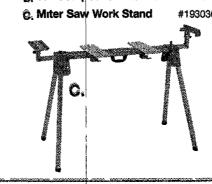
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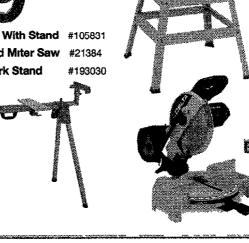
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# **Observer**



# Canton woman turns family recipe collection into gift, then book

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK STAFF WRITER

in 2003 Canton resident Kathy Black wanted to do something different for Christmas

In her eyes, she thought the Christmas holiday was "too commercial." "I wanted to do something more personal," Black said So she wanted to create a gift. A family

Kathy asked her mother, brother and two sisters for their favorite recipes and compiled them. That family holiday cookbook grew to 360 pages of recipes

Today that grant recipe binder has evolved from that collection to a smaller bound edition published this last summer A Treasured Collection of Family Recipes A Labor of Love, by Kathy Black (Cookbook Publishers), highlights favorite dishes submitted by her relatives

Kathy draws much of her culmary inspiration from her mother Bonnie Rigsby of Walland, Tenn, and she wanted to preserve her mother's old recipes "She is a wonderful cook who loves traditional recipes," she

For the book Rigsby sent her daughter recipes on napkins and paper bags, and others were "always in a drawer," Kathy said "With most of her recipes, she didn't even write them down She would just say, 'put in a little of this'

Everyone, all my siblings, wanted to do at least one of them," she said

## **TENNESSEE ROOTS**

Kathy was born in Maryville, Tenn, the daughter of Kenneth and Bonnie Rigsby The family moved to Royal Oak when Kathy was 4 Kathy met Sandy Black, they married and moved to Canton where they have lived for 35 years Sandy, who grew up in Plymouth, teaches at Stevenson Middle School in Westland

Kathy's parents moved back to Tennessee about 15 years ago Since then Sandy and Kathy, and daughter Julie Staunton with her husband Mark, of Plymouth, and Jacob

## Kathy Black's Christmas Menu

Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls Hot chocolate (served with juice and coffee)

yom's best-ever potato soup (served with rolls, corn muffins, crackers)

Green holiday punch hicken crepes Mom s fabulous hash brown casserole Springtime asparagus casserole My mother's sweet potato balls Qur Grammy black's stuffing bBalls. Refrigerator rolls

Čessert<sup>,</sup> lfallan cream cake (served with ice cream) Cookie tray Coconut drops Santa's whiskers sugar and spice balls, chocolate almond biscott: and peanut butter

Candy Peppermint bark old fashioned cooked pecan logs



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Kathy Black of Canton presents a festive platter for a Christmas meal with chicken crepes and asparagus with a cheese sauce

Black, Sandy and Kathy's son, travel to the Rigsbys' home in Walland, located in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountain National Park, Kathy's brother and two sisters also visit. (One of Kathy's ancestors, John Ohver, was an original settler of land near the national park.) Like most children who enjoy cooking, Kathy learned cooking techniques by watching her mother 'She was a great baker, always making cookies and

and we're always into baking" Kathy remembers her childhood and how much she enjoyed the sweet potato balls (each one consisting of sweet potato wrapped around a marshmallow) Many sweets she bakes today for the holidays can be traced to her mother "We made the sugar and spice balls when I was a child," Kathy said 'I can remember being small enough to stand on a

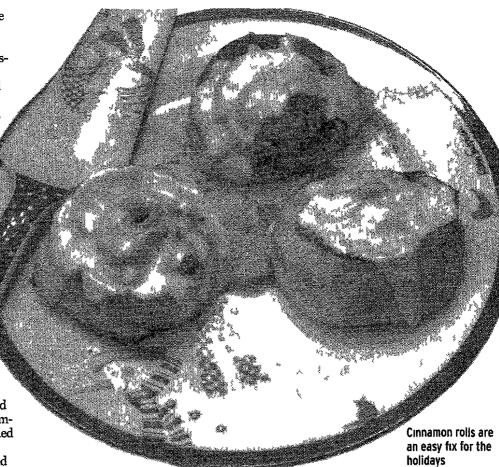
chair to cook."

cakes and she is a great pie baker,'

she said "We're all sweet lovers,

Kathy's mother comforted her with food when Kathy was sick as a child, she remembers "She made cunnamon toast and loaded it with butter, cinnamon and sugar, and bring it to our beds when we were sick and

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# Try this quick stir-fry for your busy days

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Let's not resign ourselves to scrappy meals on these madly busy days, nor lose out on taste and nutrition Sometimes we cận have it all - we just need the right

Ginger apple chicken stir-fry is a winner to try It doesn't take long to make, the result is pleasing, with a snappy taste that will cheer jaded palates and warm a chilly evening

The combination of ginger and apple works a kind of magic on the chicken,

and a touch of Asian influence completes the palatable whole If you happen to have guests to entertain, well - that's their good luck to share this

## GINGER APPLE CHICKEN STIR-FRY

2 teaspoons sesame oil

2 garlic cloves minced

2 tablespoons minced ginger root

1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast cut into strips

/s pound pea pods

1 small sweet red pepper cut into strips

10 shiitake and/or white mushrooms sliced

/4 teaspoon pepper /s cup applesauce unsweetened

2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar 2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon cornstarch /s cup chicken broth or water

Heat sesame oil in nonstick skillet or wok Add garlic and ginger, and stir for about 30 seconds Add chicken and cook in hot oil 4 to 5 minutes, or until chicken is no longer pink Remove chicken from skillet Add pea pods, red pepper and mushrooms, and cook, stirring, until tender-crisp, about 3 minutes, sprinkle with pepper

Combine applesauce, vinegar, soy sauce, cornstarch and chicken broth or water Add chicken to vegetables, add sauce mixture and cook until sauce is thickened and clear, about 4 minutes Serve over steamed brown rice Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving 340 cal 25 g carbo 16 g total fat (5 g saturated), 70 mg chol, 5 g dietary fiber, 670 mg sodium, 25 g pro

Recipe created for AP by the US Apple Association

# **Publishers** dish up rich menu<sub>2</sub> of books

**BY JOAN BRUNSKILL** AP FOOD EDITOR

NEW YORK (AP) -It's a tough exercise in taste to choose food books to give as presents at this time of year, when publishers offer their best

Their best tends to be their heaviest, glossiest and shimest star-studded volumes - sometimes exactly the kind of book you'd never take into the kitchen and plop carelessly down beside the stove

So here's a pareddown sampling of books published in late 2005, grouped into a few broad general types Decorative or utilitarian, or both, some have recipes, some do not Readers of the latter may savor them only from the comfort of an armchair - but the books will still have satisfied the hunger for knowledge

#### LARGE-FORMAT, **HANDSOME VALUES**

Hungry Planet What The World Eats by Peter Menzel and Farth D'Aluisio (Ten Speed Press, \$40) grabs your attention for the star-tlingly varied stories it tells about how people feed themselves around-the world Its contents are based on detailed research, beautifully photographed, present-ed with often disturbing clarity

Photographer Menzel and writer D'Aluisio introduce us to 30 famihes, representing every continent, each family notograpneu with the food they had for the week they were inter-

viewed The household range is from the most affluent in the developed countnes, among them a German family of four shown with \$500 worth of food, to the needlest for example, a family of six in a refugee camp in Chad, who spent just over \$1 for tiny addıtions to their week's meager food rations In between are families in widely differing situations, perhaps in cultural transition, or affected by rapid social change, poverty, conflict and globalization

Roaming through 24 countries, from Australia to the United States, from Bhutan to Guatemala and the Philippines, Menzel and D'Aluisio profile each family and its community, local food sources and markets, and way of life, including family recipes

Text and images complement nutrition professor Marion Nestle's evaluation in her foreword, where she sums up the book as a rich and thoughtful commentary on today's human condition Mangoes and Curry

Leaves by Jeffrey Alford and Naomi Duguid (Artisan, \$45) is subtitled Culmary Travels Through the Great Subcontinent.

In this latest venture in studying food in its cultural context, Alford and Duguid, accomplished travelers, writers and photographers who've been described as culmary anthropologists, focus on

PLEASE SEE **Books, B7**%

# Home-baked for the holidays

'A home-baked holiday gift doesn't have to be high in fat and calories You can have your cake and eat it, too

Dried fruit, nuts and even some vegetables naturally high in sugar are ideal ingredients for quick breads They are also rich in antioxidants and phytochemicals - protective substances found only in plant foods - that help protect against many types of cancers, heart disease and other chronic illnesses

Dried fruits, for example, are rich in dietary fiber and flavonoids, a powerful group of phytochemicals that helps fight cancer and heart disease Vegetables high in natural sugars, especially sweet potatoes and pumpkins, provide a rich foundation for a quick bread Both contain health-protective phytochemicals and antioxidants

#### CRANBERRY-SWEET POTATO BREAD

2 large eggs

3/4 cup light brown sugar firmly packed /3 cup canola oil

1 cup mashed canned sweet pota

1 teaspoon vanilla extract ½ teaspoon orange extract 1/2 cups all purpose flour

/2 teaspoon cinnamon /2 teaspoon nutmeg

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uisite of the Cooking 101 Skill

12 tablespoon(s) Turbinado or Demerara sugar (optional)

Lightly coat a standard loaf pan (8 by 4- or 9 by 5-inch) with canola spray and set aside Set oven rack in middle and preheat oven to 350°

In medium bowl, whisk eggs, sugar, oil, sweet potatoes and extracts until well combined

In large bowl, sift together flour, spices and baking soda. Make a well in center of mixture and add sweet potato mixture Mix until just moistened (Do not over-mix or beat batter until smooth ) Lightly stir in cranberries

Transfer batter to prepared pan For a more decorative presentation, dust top of batter with light coating of Turbinado or Demerara sugar

Bake 50 to 60 minutes, or until tester comes out clean If sugar has been added to top of bread, begin checking bread after 30 minutes If sugar darkens, lightly lay a sheet of foil on top of pan to prevent burn-

Remove bread from oven and allow to cool 10 minutes on rack. Remove from pan and set back on rack to completely cool Seal bread tightly in plastic wrap, then foil Tightly wrapped in both, it can be refrigerated up to 1 week, or frozen up to 1 month

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# **BOOKS**

FROM PAGE A1 Bangladesh, India, Nepal,

Pakıstan and Srı Lanka After an overview of the subcontinent, they regale readers with about 200 recipes grouped in chapters ranging from chutneys, salsas and sambols, through main course items, to street foods, snacks and drinks, many illustrated in color photos

They list menu recommendations for 'every occasion" including food to delight children, for a feast with guests, or favorites for a potluck

You can learn about ingredients from a long, excellent glossary toward the back of the book. But all through earlier chapters you'll find stories, essays and photographs of local people, scenery and food markets that bring to life exotic flavors, tastes and customs

Provence Harvest by Louisa Jones (Stewart, Tabori and Chang, \$40) is another evocation of cuisine through words and pictures, this time of a region of France long celebrated for its lush countryside and bountiful food and wine

The Canadian-born Jones has lived in Provence for some 30 years, and her observations on country life, customs, history and food are complemented with 40 recipes from Jacques Chibois, an acclaimed Provencal

Jones praises Chibois' respect for gardening and farming, his knowledge of where food comes from and what happens to it along the way "In this book," she says, "we have tried to present growers, gardeners, and smallscale processors who resist the pressure of standardization" and some of whom are struggling to survive "We can, we must, join up with others all over the planet who want, as we do, to preserve local flavor and character," she writes

Chibois suggests that local flavor in recipes for dishes such as tuna marinated in lemon and ginger with creamy fresh cheese, and watermelon granite with hibiscus flowers and fresh figs

Photographer Guy Hervais contributes his own insight with images of Provence's charming world of small towns, houses and people, stunning landscapes

**ENERGY** 

and, of course, mouthwatering

Boulevard The Cookbook by Nancy Oakes and Pamela Mazzola, with Lisa Weiss (Ten Speed Press, \$50) conjures up in its design the stylish cooking of a San Francisco restaurant with a distinctive belle-epoque

Oakes is Boulevards co-owner and chef, and Mazzola is its chef de cuisine They've translated 75 of their dishes into detailed recipes featured in the book. many of them photographed in luscious detail by Maren Caruso

As professional chefs, Oakes and Mazzola acknowledge in their introduction, they work with a talented team and have access to special ingredients so, "you might find some of the recipes challenging to produce in the home kitchen without our experienced crew Hopefully, the 'Kıtchen and Shopping Notes' will help you successfully reproduce these recipes at home'

Weiss adds the advice to read the chefs' notes even if vou're not going to prepare a particular dish "because you'll learn a little something you may be able to use another time" Meanwhile, there's plenty to enjoy in the book

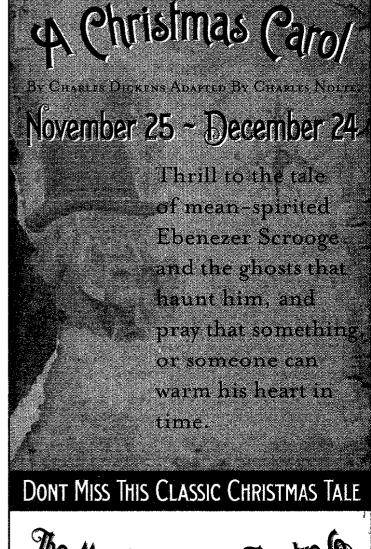
Seasonal Southwest Cooking by Barbara Pool Fenzl (Northland, \$35) puts a colorful range of regional food within reach of cooks anywhere, with 150 recipes grouped under conventional headings that include appetizers, soups, entrees and so on, through breads and desserts

But the "seasonal" angle in the title is a guiding principle of the book Fenzl opens with a month-by-month listing of dishes for occasions to cook for, a Valentine's soiree in February, for example, a Fourth of July picnic, or a holiday open house ın December

Fenzl, host of the PBS series 'Savor the Southwest," has lived in Phoenix for some 36 years and runs a cooking

school there – experiences that are reflected in her clear recipes' regional flavor After a fall hike in the woods, she says, think of black bean soup with lime cream, followed by spicerubbed buffalo tenderloin with porcini butter Something sim pler for a hearty but healthy January meal a vegetarian you'll-never-miss-the-meat

chili, well laced with flavor Fine food photography by Christopher Marchetti that accompanies the recipes is rivaled by other photos throughout the book panoramas of Southwestern scenery and wilderness landmarks including some eye-catching double-page spreads - disappointingly, with no captions.



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## **GIFT**

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would put a flower on a tray' The cookbook follows that philosophy of cooking food for family members as a way of showing love and appreciation for them. "The gift of giving food is kind of a lost art," Kathy said

"My children like chicken crepes and the cookies, they loved the Santa's whiskers, green punch and the sweet and spice cookies'

When she entertains for family or friends, Kathy likes to find out what each person likes, and prepare that dish. "I try to make something for every person that they want and make something they love," she said. "I pray for them as I am making the dish" But she isn't afraid of new

recipes The Italian cream cake was added to her holiday repertorre just a few years ago The book also contains other

recipes that may or may not have anything to do with the holidays -Mexican dishes and even egg drop soup "It reflects the personality of each person," she said Many of the favorites were

passed on from generation to generation from Bonnie Rigsby's recipes she learned from her mother to Kathy, then to Kathy's daughter Julie Kathy's sisters Karen LaCourse and Kelly Russell and her brother, Kenneth Rigsby, also contributed to the book as did other relatives

·Once it was completed, every member of the family received the large binder copies of the 360-page book, which also contained famous quotes, poems and other writings "They were astounded." Kathy said of her siblings' reaction to the book's size I printed it at home. They knew it was coming, but I don't think that they were prepared for the size of the book."

This summer while Kathy visited her mother, they went to a restaurant owned by a distant cousin, Olivia Sipe, who was the flower girl in Kathy's mother's wedding (Sipe also writes a food column for the Maryville Times) Sipe suggested that Kathy make the book available to the public and that it be printed in a smaller

#### **HOLIDAY PLANS**

Before the Blacks return to Tennessee to spend holiday time with Kathy's parents, they expect to gather and celebrate at the

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Sandy's family The Blacks Christmas menu includes chicken crepes and asparagus, potato casserole, rolls, a punch with lime juice, pineapple, orange juice and sherbet and Italian cream cake with pecans and toasted coconut

There's sweets galore Along with the Santa's whiskers and sugar and spice balls, theres chocolate almond biscotti, peanut butter blossoms, coconut drops and cannamon rolls

Kathy enjoys a "Southern Christmas" 'It's family and food oriented, where everyone cooks together and pass down recipes'

Relatives also plan their holiday schedules to visit with the Rigsby family "So far everyone has come, which is an amazing feat," she said. Relatives arrive from California, Florida, Michigan and Georgia.

Kathy says people should remember the love of God and remember family during the hol-1days

"It's truly a celebration of familv." Kathy said "My family believes Christmas should be a celebration of family and a celebration of the birth of Christ. We feel it's getting too commercial and we should get back to what Christmas is all about."

A Treasured Collection of Family Recipes A Labor of Love is available at Michigan Made in Plymouth Book Sellers in Plymouth Gabriella's in Plymouth and the Dixboro General Store in Ann Arbor If you would like to order a signed copy of the book send a check for \$15 to Kathy Black PO Box 6184 Plymouth MI

Recipes reprinted from A Treasured Collection of Family Recipes A Labor of Love (Cookbook Publishers, 2005) by Kathy Black.

#### My Mother's Sweet POTATO BALLS

Wash and peel five or six fresh

sweet potatoes Cut them into big chunks and cover with water Add a bit of salt. When water comes to a boil, turn temperature down to low and just let them summer until tender (Boiling too hard will make them mushy) When they are fork tender, drain them very well in a colander Mash the potatoes with a mixer until fluffy, then beat in a lit tle hunk of butter, a dash of both cinnamon and nutmeg, and a tablespoon or so of sugar Cover

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Preheat oven to 425°F Butter or spray a glass 9 by 13 inch baking dish Pour out a big bag of miniature marshmallows and a big bag of coconut on separate plates Spoon out about 2 tablespoons of the cold sweet potato mixture into the palm of your left hand and a marshmallow in your right hand Push the marshmallow into the potatoes and mold the potatoes into a ball around the marshmallow Roll the sweet potato ball in the coconut and place each ball in the prepared pan Do not bake until just before serving

Preheat the oven to 425°F and bake the sweet potato balls for five minutes uncovered They should be lightly browned and the marshmallows should be getting puffy and gooey, but not totally melted. You can check them by poking one with the point of a knife. If you bake them too long, they will have a hole in the middle with no marshmallow<sup>1</sup>

Black writes, "This is a wonderful, old-fashioned recipe that was on my mother's table every holiday as long as I can remember In fact I was the designated roller most of

Recipe originally from Mary Ethel Effler courtesy of Bonnie Rigsby

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#### **CHICKEN CREPES**

Crepes

1 cup flour 1 /2 cups milk

3 eggs

1 tablespoon melted butter /₂ teaspoon salt

Blend ingredients in blender Make crepes on electric crepe maker or in a buttered skillet by pouring a ladle of batter into the skillet and rolling the batter around the pan to make a thin pancake Turn once when set

#### Filling

4 tablespoons chopped onion 4 tablespoons chopped green pep

1 cup mushroom pieces /₂ cup butter

4 tablespoons flour

1/2 cups chicken broth /4 teaspoon marjoram

/4 teaspoon oregano 4 cups cooked chicken breasts

Preheat oven to 350°F Sauté vegetables in the butter until tender Add flour and cook one

cubed into bite size pieces

minute, add chicken broth, blend and cook until bubbling Add marjoram oregano, and cooked chicken breast pieces Put filling on crepes and roll up

#### Sauce

2 cans cream of chicken soup 1 package chicken gravy mix /3 cup mayonnaise 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Combine with whisk and pour over filled crepes in baking dish Bake at 350° F for 30 to 40 minutes

Recipe courtesy of Kathy Black

#### **CINNAMON ROLLS**

1 loaf frozen bread dough 1 stick softened butter 1 tablespoon cinnamon 1 cup brown sugar

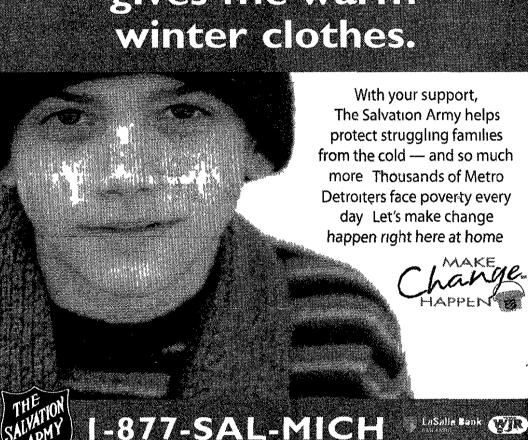
/4 cup flour 1 cup chopped pecans

Thaw frozen bread dough in a greased bowl Cover it with a clean tea towel Let the dough rise to almost double in size Pat dough out into a flat rectangle on a lightly floured surface

Stir all ingredients together and spread evenly on top of dough rec-tangle Carefully roll the dough jelly roll style Try to keep all the filling inside Seal the edge of the dough by moistening it with a little water Using a sharp knife, slice the roll into 1-inch slices Place the rolls on a greased cookie sheet, trying to seal the seam under the roll let the rolls rise again in a warm place until almost double in size, about 1-3 /2 hours Bake in preheated oven at 350°F about 25 minutes Drizzle rolls with white vanilla glaze while they are warm.

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Canton sophomore forward Neil Sharma glides in for two of his four points during Tuesday night's 53-40 Chiefs' victory over Rochester

# Stepping up

# Four players hit double figures for victorious Chiefs

Canton's basketball team found a go-to player Tuesday night against Rochester

And another And another And another

Four Canton players scored in double figures, leading the Chiefs (1-1) to a 53-40 victory over the visiting Falcons, who were playing their first game after their Dec 9 game was postponed by heavy snow

Led by junior center Ryan Waidmann's 14 points, the Chiefs displayed more offensive scoring balance than a tight-rope

THE THIRD'S A CHARM

Canton's basketball team sealed

season - 53-40 over Rochester -

Tuesday mont with a dominating

18-3 run that stretched over most

of the third quarter. The run

extended the Chiefs' lead from

22-20 to 40-23 Following are the

Canton players who played key

**Andy Larsen** – eight points

their stats during the run

roles in the big third quarter and

(two three-pointers and a layup);

■ Steve Paye - six points (two

inside baskets and a pair of free

Ryan Waidmann - two points

■ Neil Sharma - two points on a

throws) and five rebounds,

and four rebounds;

fast-break layup

its first victory of the 2005-06

walker Also making major contributions were junior Steve Paye and senior Andy Larsen, who both netted 12, and senior guard Andre Bridges, who chipped in with 11

'Going into this season we expected Dre (Bridges) to lead us in scoring, but we ve had some other guys step up, which is nice, said Canton coach Charlie Paye Ryan really did a nice job tonight

"It was very important to get a win tonight because we have some very tough games comıng up We have Ann Arbor Pioneer, Troy Athens and South Lyon on our non-conference schedule, so it doesn't get any easier for us

After trailing by as many as 10 points early in the contest, the Falcons used a surge late in the first half to nar-

row their halftime deficit to 20 18

Rochester's bid for a road win was dashed by a combination of shaky shooting — the Falcons drained just 5-of-16 free throws and 17-of-54 field goals - and momentum-stalling turnovers

I liked the way we came out and played hard, but we missed way too many free throws, especially on the front-end of oneand-ones," said Rochester coach Matt Jansen 'We shot around 80 percent from the line during our pre-season scrimmages, so

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS. C4

## Wildcat spikers BY ED WRIGHT it is here at Plymouth

BY ED WRIGHT

STAFF WRITER

take 1st

Judging by the results of Saturday's season-opening Madonna University Invitational, the 2005-06 season could be a very special one for the Plymouth girls volleyball team

The Wildcats lost just one game as they went on to compile a 6-0 record to win the title in their own gymnasium Plymouth breezed through the four round-robin matches before edging Monroe in the semi-finals, 25-23 and 25-21, and Wyandotte in the finals, 25-21, 22-25 and 15-11

Wyandotte jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the deciding third game of the final match before the Wildcats stormed back behind the strong play of Jackie Dorre and Jeanine Moise

'Jackie Dorre came up huge in a pressure situation in the final game, said Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland We were down 4-0 because of some unforced errors, but she got us back in it with five services aces I was very proud of the way the girls came back. Being down 4-0 is a lot when you re only playing to 15

'Jeanme Moise had a couple unforced errors in the final game, but we kept going to her and she responded with five kills in that game alone. Wyandotte was tough They spread out their offense and they had a couple of left-handers which made them tough to defend

Plymouth qualified for the semi final round by sweeping its first fou matches The Wildcats upended Southfield (25-7, 20-15), Belleville (25-5, 25-15), Dearborn Heights Crestwood (25-14, 25-7) and New Boston Huron (25-12, 25-14) ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2108

Plymouth's Le Duc signs with EMU

One strong commitment deserves

That was Josh Le Duc's logic for verbally committing to play four years of football for Eastern Michigan University beginning in the fall of

The 6-foot-4, 207-pound Plymouth tight end said the Eagles' unrelenting attention and an opportunity to play as a freshman weighed heavily on his decision to pick EMU

Other schools showed interest in me, but Eastern came after me hard and often," said Le Duc "Their coaches have been calling me once a week and making sure everything is ok And when I made my visit there last month, I got to meet the coaches and some of the players, and they made me feel at home, like



Eastern didn't have a great record this past season, but they were in ıust about every game

They lost a few games by one, two or three points The players I talked to said it's the MAC cham pionship next year or bust Their goals are high, but I think

we can reach them'

Le Duc said he may have faced a year of sitting out had he chosen to attend a larger school or another MAC school

'The coaches at Eastern have told me that I have a chance to play right away as a freshman," he said 'That was appealing to me because I didn t want to red-shirt if I could avoid it

The opportunity to play for Eastern's pass-happy offense — and with talented quarterback Tyler Jones — has amped

up Le Ducs a sticipation level

They have a wide-open attack, which I'm looking forward to," he said "I saw Tyler Jones play against Miami and he's a very good quarterback He's a very exciting player"

Le Duc said the Eagles' initial plans have him playing tight end and possibly some wide receiver, depending on the

"But the defensive coordinator said he wants me to play defense, so nothing is

set yet, he said Le Duc's statistics were down during his senior year at Plymouth due to the

Wildcats run-oriented offense However, his combination of speed (hes been clocked at 4 6 seconds in the 40-yard dash), size and potential made him a popular target of collegiate football recruiters

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# All in the family

# Hockey is coolest game in town for the Kowalski clan

STAFF WRITER

Given the popularity of ice hockey in the Kowalski household, its surprising theres not a Zamboni parked in the driveway of their Canton home

Randy and LeeAnn Kowalski are probably the only parents in the metropolitan Detroit area and possibly the state of Michigan — who have three children playing varsity high school



and identical twin sophomore daughters, Keely and

Kristie, skate for the unbeaten Plymouth-Canton-Salem Penguins

It doesn't stop there — 12year-old son, Kurt, is a promising

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, C5 for Canton

Kyle is a sen-

ior forward

for Canton



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When it comes to high school hockey, no family is better represented in the Plymouth Canton area than the Kowalskis Pictured above (from left) are Kristie, Kyle, and Keely Kowalski Kristie and Keely play for the unbeaten Plymouth-Canton Salem Penguins while Kyle is a forward

# **Hoop clinic**

The "Holiday Slam" youth basketball clinic will be held in the Canton High School Phase III gymnasium Dec. 29-30 for kids in kindergarten through sixth grades. Basketball fundamentals will be the focus of the two-day holiday break clinic The cost of the clinic is \$75, which includes a T-shirt, basketball and tickets to a **Detroit Pistons and** Detroit Shock basketball games To register, visit www santasiam com

## Spring soccer

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will be accepting spring vouth soccer registrations the entire month of January during business hours -- Monday through Friday from 9 30 a m to 4 30 pm -- at the recreation office, which is located in the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St All first-time registrations require a birth certificate

The fee for 6-andunder through 8-andunder divisions is \$65 for Plymouth residents and \$90 for non-residents For 9-and-under and older divisions, the fee is \$70 and \$100, respectively Call the recreation department at (734) 455-6620 Registration forms can be downloaded from the department's Web site at www.ci.plymouth mi us.

# Wolfpack tryouts Tryouts for the 2006

Western Wayne Wolfpack AAU girls basketball teams will be held at the following times and locations

■ 9- and 10-year-olds Friday, Jan 13, from 6 pm to 730 pm at East Middle School, and Friday, Jan 20, from 6 pm to 730 pm at East Middle School

■ 11-year-olds Friday, Jan 13, from 7 30 p m to 9 p m at East Middle School, and Friday, Jan 20, from 730 pm to 9 p m at East Middle School

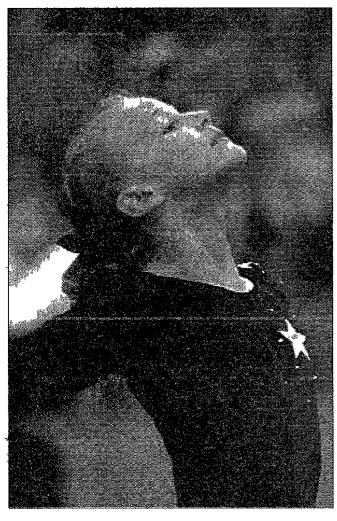
■ 12 year-olds' Monday, Jan 9, from 6 pm to 7 30 p,m at Pioneer Middle School, and Monday, Jan 16, from 6 pm to 7.30 pm. at Proneer Middle School.

■ 13-year-olds Monday, Jan 9, at 7.30 pm at Proneer Middle School, and Monday, Jan 16, at 730 pm at Pioneer Middle School

# **Neal honored**

Plymouth Whaler James Neal was named "Player of the Week" by the Ontario Hockey League Monday for the week ending Dec. 11 Neal tallied a goal and five assists in two games

Neal racked up a goal and two assists and was named the first star in Plymouth's 6-3 win over Sarnia on Dec 8 He then assisted on three goals in Plymouth s 6-3 victory over Owen Sound on Dec 12 The 18-year-old native of Whitby has 11 goals and 24 assists in 30 games this season. The two-win week helped the Whalers move into a tie 💸 with the Saginaw Spirit for first place



# One of Euro Stars' brightest

Local gymnast Anna Genrich, 11, is blazing an impressive trail in the world of youth gymnastics. Genrich, who is beginning her first season at Level 8, was the state champion in three events and first all-around as a Level 7 competitor. She was the first Euro Star gymnast to reach an all-around score of 38 earlier this year when she hit 38 075

# Wildcats take Armada mat title

The final standings of Saturday's Armada Team Tournament were black-and-

Those are the team colors for Plymouth, which captured the title with a 5-0 record in the six-team tourney The Wildcats upended Armada (48-24), Bishop Foley (58-18), Sterling Heights Stevenson (44-22), Warren Cousino (50-21) and Warren Mott (61-15) to earn the first-place hardware

Four Wildcats compiled perfect 5-0 records Taylor Fox (215 pounds), Danny Jammoul (189), Ben Kosmalskı (119) and Andrew Saunders (135)

Recording four wins were Shaun Bailey (heavyweight) and Vince Darolfi (171)

Three-win performances were turned in by Steve D'Annunzio (112), John Hagar (152), Amır Pakray (125), Alı Youssef (145) and Steve Korpus (140) Korpus was unbeaten heading into the

#### **SALEM 5TH**

Salem's wrestling team finished fifth in its 10-team round-robin invitational Saturday

"We sent five wrestlers to the finals, so I thought we did

well," said Salem coach Greg Woochuk "Considering we had a lot of new kids wrestling and we didn t have our 145-

pounder, we did fine" Wyandotte Roosevelt earned first-place honors followed by Belleville, New Boston Huron and Adrian.

"It was a pretty strong field," Woochuk said "Wyandotte has a very good team this year and Belleville and Adrian are always strong"

Salem's 112-pound Jeremy Stankewitz was named the lower-weight most valuable wrestler after winning his weight class with a 5-2 victory

over highly regarded John Cole of Wyandotte Roosevelt

Salem senior Jake Bennett also turned in a gold medal effort, winning the 140-pound division with a 9-5 triumph over Belleville's Steve Coak in the final match

The Rocks' second-place finishers were Cory Mervyn (125), Andrew Ross (171) and Jeremy Henderson (189) Mervyn lost, 4-2, to New Boston Huron's Andrew Novack, Henderson was edged by New Boston Huron's Lance Thornberry while Ross dropped a 5-3 overtime thriller to New Boston Huron's Tristian Burnette

# SALEM WRESTLING

#### **SALEM ROUND ROBIN 2005**

103 pounds: 1 Al Vellathoten (N) def Tim Dixon (B), 6-0, 3rd James Malonev (WY) def Logan Vernor (A), pin (1 23)

· 112: 1 Jeremy Stankewitz (S) def John Cole (WY), 5-2, 3rd Justin Fleeson (B) def Justin Levely (NBH), 9-3

119: 1 Jerry Boggess (WY) def Kody Elliot (A), tech fall (4 31), 3rd Jeremy Szekely (NBH) def Joe Sayway (TA),

125: 1 Andrew Novack (NBH) def Cory Mervyn (S), 4-2, 3rd Christian Cullinan (WY), def Ed Mohr (A), 9-3

130: 1 Steve Pace (B) def Cody Backhaus (NBH), 12-11, 3rd Josh Adkıns (WY) def Matt Shaheen (TA), 6-1 135: 1 Jamie Boggess (WY)

def Kevin Lieblang (SH), 7-5, 3rd Jeff Phillips (B) def John Matty (TA), 11-6

140: 1 Jake Bennett (S) def Steve Coak (B), 9-5, 3rd Richard Perez (WY) def Jeremy Young (N), 7-1

145: 1 Steve Shaughnessy (WY) def Kevin Putnam (B), 7-1, 3rd Elvis Vushai (WLW) def Ty Waters (A), pin (5 04)

152: 1 Andy Goodman (WLW) def Matt Crawford (N), 7-3, 3rd. Jeremy Epley (S) def Joe Koszykowski (BH), 10-

160: 1 John Favorite (N) def Brandon Chappel (B), 9-0, 3rd Will Morr (A) def Jake Birmingham (WLW), pin (0.33)

171: 1 Tristian Burnette (NBH) def Andrew Ross, 5-3 (OT), 3rd Jame French (WY) def Chris Perry (A), 11-0

189: 1 Lance Thronsberry (NBH) def Jeremy Henderson (S), 8-4, 3rd Dan Martinez (TA) def Sean Jennings (A), 8-

215: 1 Chris Alexpoulos (WLW) def Casey Crowley (WY), tech fall (4 11), 3rd Pat Toupin (B) def Dan Sprys (N), pın (2 57)

HVY: 1 Jim Kinaia (TA) def Cameron Holbrook (A), 1-0, 3rd Justin Pawlowski (SH) def Tım Phelps (NBH), 15-10

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112: 1 Jeremy Stankewitz (Salem), 2 Ken Nelson (Redford Union), 3 Brandon Smith (Franklin), 4 Ryan Schnettler (Canton), 5 Andrew Murray (Churchill)

119: 1 John Roos (Franklin), 2 Sam Santıllı (Canton), 3 Brandon Nikula (John Glenn). 4 Ben Kosmalski (Plymouth), 5 Dan Pniewski (Lutheran Westland)

125: 1 Cory Mervyn (Salem), 2 Mike Warren (Franklin), 3

Steve Ludke (Garden City), 4 Greg Roberts (Churchill), 5 Jared Stephens (John Glenn)

130: 1 Josh Billiau (Franklin), 2 Steve Korpus (Plymouth), 3 Dan McCahıll (John Glenn), 4 Steve Cieslik (Lutheran Westland), 5 Dwuan Burns (Redford Union)

135: 1 Corey Phillips (Canton), 2 Robert Bytner (Lutheran Westland), 3 Rowdy Glasgow (John Glenn), 4 James Jones (Franklın), 5 Matt Stott (Salem)

140: 1 Jim Wood (John Glenn), 2 Val Gui (Salem), 3 Jacob White (Clarenceville), 4 Alı Youseff (Plymouth), 5 Alex York (Salem)

145: 1 Konrad Konsitzke (Canton), 2 Jacob Bennett

(Salem), 3 Ed Manier (John Glenn), 4 Matt Edwards (Lutheran Westland), 5 Dennis Tullio (Franklin)

152: 1 Adam Kokenakes (Stevenson), 2 David Wood (John Glenn), 3 Saif Khan (Clarenceville), 4 Matt Sweda (Canton), 5 Steve Kemp (Lutheran Westland)

160: 1 Nate Turco (Franklin), 2 Marwan Faraj (Canton), 3 Jeff Elswick (Wayne), 4 Brian Ziemba (Churchill), 5 Matt Delong (Redford Union)

171: 1 Blake Karkoska (Franklin), 2 Josh Kelly (Churchill), 3 Brent Robbins (Clarenceville), 4 Cody Rize (Stevenson), 5 Andrew Hein (John Glenn)

189: Jeremy Henderson

(Salem), 2 Jacob Galındez (Lutheran Westland), 3 Chris Van Camp (Franklın), 4 Danny Jammoul (Plymouth), 5 Alex Amberg (Canton)

215: Greg Schuyler (Franklin), 2 Shamir Garcia (John Glenn), 3 Robert Coffey (Wayne), 4 Taylor Fox (Plymouth), 5 Tom Bonnell (Canton)

HVY: 1 Matt Shileikis (Redford Union), 2 Donnie Laramie (Canton), 3 Kyle Brown (Franklin), 4 Michael Oesterling (Clarenceville), 5 Kevin Hanka (John Glenn)

List compiled by Jim Gourlay (Redford Union) and Dave Chiola (Livonia Franklin)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Friday, Dec. 16 Warren Cousino at Salem 7 p m South Lyon at Canton 7 p m

> WRESTLING Thursday, Dec. 15

Salem at Northville Tri Meet 5 30 p m Saturday, Dec. 17

Canton Varsity Invitational 9 p m HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 16 Plymouth at Salem at

Plymouth Cultural Center 8,30 p m

PCS Penguins at FH Mercy

at Eddie Edgar Arena 8 30 p.m

VOLLEYBALL Saturday, Dec. 17

Canton at Stevenson Invitational 8 a m

**BOYS SWIMMING** Thursday, Dec. 15

Westland John Glenn at Canton 7 p m Saturday, Dec. 17

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> Canton at Vassar noon **MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

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# Rocks hang tough with Saline until 3rd quarter

STAFF WRITER

Salem battled undefeated Saline toe-to-toe for three quarters of Tuesday night's non-conference game in the Hornets' gymnasium

But a rough third quarter proved to be too much to overcome in the Rocks' 54-47 setback The loss dropped Salem to 0-2 while Saline improved to 3-0

"We played very well in the first half, but they upped their defensive pressure in the third quarter and we dıdn't handle it very well,' said Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team was out-scored 19-5 during the eightminute span following halftime "We panicked a little bit and had too many mental mistakes There were a lot of trips down the floor when we couldn't even get a shot off"

Grant Stone paced the Rocks with 12 points Senior forward Billy Leddy PREP HOOP

had 10

PJ Swanson led the Hornets with

The first half couldn't have been more competitive Stone was the Rocks' sparkplug early on, netting 10 points in his team's 17-point first

After their third-quarter meltdown put them in a 44-30 hole, the Rocks whittled the Hornets' lead to five at one point in the fourth quarter, but a missed lay-up combined with a make at the other end by Saline sealed Salem's fate

"I liked the way we scrapped and never gave up," Brodie said 'I thought Jon Pomorski played well in the second half He scored seven points in the fourth quarter and showed a lot of senior leadership"

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Salem was nearly perfect from the free-throw line, draining 6-of-7 attempts The Hornets practically lived at the line, nailing 15-of-23 free

The Rocks return to action Friday when they host Warren Cousino Tipoff is set for 7 p m

**BELLEVILLE 66, WAYNE** MEMORIAL 44: Senior Leon Freeman led the Tigers with 27 points, 12 rebounds and at least three eye-opening slam-dunks as they evened their record at 1-1 The game was the season-opener for the Zebras

'I was happy with our defensive intensity tonight," said Belleville coach Mike Krogel 'The kids definitely wanted this one after our loss the other night They really came to play

Belleville dropped a 53-49 decision to Inkster on Friday, however, they played without Freeman

The Tigers received solid contributions from just about every player on the roster against Wayne Scoring at least five points for the winners were Carlos Clark (nine), Mike Donaldson and Mike Gibson (six points a piece), and Marius Williams and Darius Hardrick, who both chipped in with five Donaldson recorded five steals while Gibson, a powerful 6-foot-7 forward, hauled down eight boards

Freeman displayed his offensive versatility by draining three threepointers, eight conventional twos and a perfect 2-for-2 from the charity stripe

Wayne was a red-hot 10-of-12 PCA 61, RUDOLPH STEINER 34: The Eagles improved their record to 2-1 with a convincing victory over Ann Arbor Rudolph Steiner Matt Saagman led the way with 14 points

> ing three triples PCA sprinted to a 21-5 first-quarter lead and 31 17 halftime advantage The Eagles led 49-22 with eight min-

while Dave Kosielny added 11, includ-

Playing before an enthusiastic

Tigers raced to a 23-9 lead after eight

'Everybody got to play, which was

Belleville was 4-of-7 from the line,

minutes and 34-16 halftime advan-

tage Led by Justin Collop's 17, the

Zebras battled hard in the second

half, getting out-pointed 32-28

nice,' said Krogel

home crowd of close to 800, the

utes to play PCA coach Doug Taylor praised the play of Derek Elenbaas ewright@hometownlife.com | (734) 953 2108

# Sophomore leads 'Cats to first win of season

BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

He's only a sophomore? That's probably close to what members of Trenton's basketball team were thinking about Plymouth's Jake Hager during Tuesday night's non-conference basketball game in the Trojans' gym

After struggling to get on track in the Wildcats' opener last week against Dearborn Heights Robichaud, the 6foot-6, 200-pound Hager came into his own against Trenton, piling up 16 points

PREP HOOP

and 10 rebounds in Plymouth's 49-43 victory The Wildcats are now 1-1 heading into next week's Chelsea **Holiday Tournament** 

"Jake may have been a little nervous in our opener last week, but he didn't play like it tonight," said Plymouth coach Tom Van Wagoner "He really stepped us and played with a lot of energy I started five seniors tonight, so that may have motivated him a little

bit He came off the bench and played extremely well"

Trenton led 11-8 after one quarter and 21-19 at the half Plymouth essentially won the game in the third quarter when it out-scored its hosts,

"We got after them a little bit more with our pressure defense in the third quarter," Van Wagoner revealed "We were getting them in a lot of traps with our half-court pressure and we forced a lot of turnovers in the second half Offensively, we were pounding the ball inside to

Hager was the lone Wildcat to hit double figures in scoring Other key contributors on the offensive end were Jim Wilbur (seven points), Brent Jones and D J Coleman (six each) and Austin Barnett and LeBroderick Caldwell, who scored four a piece

Joe Morsello kept Trenton in the game by canning four long triples

He finished with a gamehigh 17 points while 6-5 post player Nate Miller netted 13

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NEWSPAPERS WHERE HOMETOWN STORIES UNFOLD

#### Canton gymnasts open with victory who finished first in the floor around (34 65) Other Chiefs places in each event The The Canton girls gymnastics

team opened its 2005-06 season Monday night with a convincing 136 0-88 70 victory over Westland John Glenn

The Chiefs, who were without the services of last season's top performer Alyssa Kelley,

were paced by Jessie Murray,

exercise (9 05) and all-around (34 85), and second on the vault (8 65)

Kate Staley also turned in a stellar effort for the winners, winning the vault with an 8 85 and finishing second on the bars (8 55), floor (8 7) and allwho stood out were Kara Ahern (first on the beam with a 8 8), Chelsey Selden (second on the beam with an 8 75), Kaitlyn Burns (second on the floor with an 87)

Even without Kelley, Canton dominated, taking the top four Rockets' top performers were Danielle Lawson, who compiled an all-around score of 30 9, and Danielle Haase, who had a 25 55 all-around score

The Chiefs will return to action Saturday when they travel to Vassar



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# **CHIEFS**

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the poor free-throw shooting was uncharacteristic of this team In fact, it was the least of our worries coming into tonight

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"We're going to make up the game that got snowed out on Thursday, so we have back-toback games this week. That means we have a lot to work on in practice Wednesday We have to execute better and do a better job of getting to the rim'

Waidmann had no problem getting to the rim — and finishing once he got there The 6-foot-5 post player connected on 7-of-8 shots from the floor while contributing a team-high eight

Bridges led the Chiefs' early charge, scoring half of their 14 first-quarter points After the Falcons outscored their hosts 14-6 in the second stanza, Larsen and Paye stepped up in the third quarter, combining for 16 points to pace the Chiefs' 20-8 game-deciding onslaught

Larsen, a lanky senior forward, struggled with his shooting stroke in the first half, missing all three of his shots But when he buried a long triple from the left wing 75 seconds into the second half to put Canton up 25-20, it was like lighting the fuse to a stick of dynamite Larsen found the bottom of the net on four of his next five shots and also added six rebounds

Rochester trailed just 22-20 following Brándon Luczak's lay-up one minute into the third quarter, but Canton responded with an 18-3 run over the next six minutes to put the hammer down on their first win of the season

Paye employed a unique defensive alignment that helped power his team's third-quarter success He stuck the long-armed Waidmann on the perimeter of the Canton zone and dropped his two guards under the basket



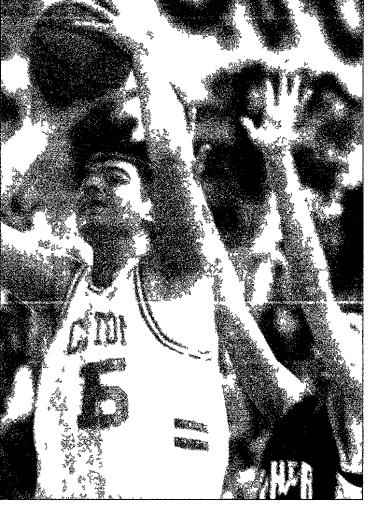
Canton's Ryan Langdon lofts a shot over the out stretched hand of Rochester's Rob Bule during Tuesday night's 13-point Chief victory

thought we'd change things up and try it Paye said, referring to the upside-down zone 'We work on it in practice a lot, so we thought we'd try it tonight. It seemed to work well

Mike Long led the Falcons with 10 points Mike Kurecka added eight while Luczak and Stephan Henning both netted seven

After Rochester out-rebounded Canton, 18-13, in the first half, Paye implored his team to hit the boards harder during his halftime message They did, finishing with a 34-27 rebounding edge His son, Steve, led the way with five second-half caroms

The Chiefs shooting strokes were in mid sea son form as they buried 23 of 49 shots (47 per



Canton's Ryan Waidmann muscles in two of his team high 14 points in Tuesday s 53 40 victory over Rochester Trying unsuccessfully to stop Waidmann is the Falcons Rob Bule

# SPORTS ROUNDUP

**SKATING LESSONS** 

Registration for the Plymouth Recreation Departments 2006 Winter II Basic Skills Skating Lessons will be begin Dec 17 from 11 30 am to 1 pm at the Plymouth Cultural Center Interested ındıvıduals can also register at the Cultural Center during normal business hours

The classes will run from Jan 9 through March 11 and offer participants an opportunity to learn to skate at every level from beginning to advanced freestyle Each class will be 25 minutes in length with an additional 35 minutes of practice time included either before or after the session All classes will be held at the Plymouth Cultural Center Ice Arena, located at 525 Farmer in downtown Plymouth

Fees for Plymouth residents are \$70 The fees for non-residents are \$90

For additional information on class times and days, contact the City of Plymouth Recreation Department office at (734) 455-6620 (ext 304), or visit the department's Web site at www ci plymouth mi us

#### **LET US KNOW**

Have you or someone you know accomplished an athletic feat recently that is noteworthy? Or do you have an interesting sports related hobby or job?

If so, contact Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so he can let the community know about it ın a future feature artıcle

To contact Wright, call him at (734) 953 2108 or e-mail him

ewright@hometownlife com

#### YOUTH LACROSSE

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department is offering a youth lacrosse pro gram for boys and girls in grades third through eighth beginning in the spring 2006 The program will be instructional at the beginning and will add competitive scrimmages and games as the players' skills develop and they become more familiar with the rules

The season will run from mid April through mid-June with all practices and games played on mid week nights

Registration will be held the entire month of January For more information, visit the City of Plymouth's Web site at www ci plymouth mi us, or call (734) 455-6620, Ext 304

## **HVS BREAK CAMPS**

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering its popular school-break camps again this winter Camps offered include all-sports, crafts, basketball and soccer

The all-sport camp includes a variety of sports, including soccer flag football, floor hockey, basketball, kıckball, volleyball and an array of backyard games like capture-the flag and hideand-seek The camp is offered ın full day (9 a m to 4 p m) increments for 8- to 12-yearolds or half-day (9 a m to noon or 1 p m to 4 p m) increments for 5 to 8-year-olds

The cost is \$45 per day or \$189 per week for the tull-day sessions and \$25 per day and \$99 per week for the half-day camps

The dates for the all-sports camps are Dec 27-29, Jan 2-6, Jan 16, Feb 27-March 3, April 14 and April 17-21

For more information on the other HVS school break camps, call (734) HV-SPORT or visit www.hvsports.com







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# New goalie a winner for Whalers, 6-3 Wildcat skaters sink The Plynouth Whalers of Fournier, Pisellini and Neal

received 4 saves from new goaltender/Justin Peters and two goals ech from Gino Pisellini and Steve Ward en route to a 6\$ victory over Owen Soundin an Ontario Hockey Leagle game played Saturday night before 2,860 at the Compuwae Sports Arena

Dan Collins \nd Andrew Fournier addedsingle goals for Plymouth, while James Neal added three assits

Peters -- in hisplymouth debut after being cquired in a trade Friday with foronto was steady, allowing a hat trick to Owen Sound s Bobby Ryan, but shutting everyone else out

The Whalers victory - cou-

pled with Saginaws 2-1 loss to Barrie Saturday night -- moves the Whalers into a first-place tie with Saginaw (18-11-0-0) in the OHL's West Division Plymouth is now 16 10-1-3

The Attack dropped to 16 11 2 3, good enough for third place in the OHL's Midwest Division

Ryan opened the scoring with his 21st goal at 12 43 of the first period, but Collins replied 33 seconds later with his team leading 22nd goal of the year Ward gave the Whalers their first lead 2 1 with a shot from the slot that beat Kyle Knechtel at 16 21

Good work deep in the Owen Sound zone by the line

resulted in a 3-1 Plymouth lead at 2 00 of the second period when Fournier scored his 10th of the season on a wrap around Ryan cut Plymouth s advantage to 3-2 at 7 50 of the second with his second goal of the night on a hard shot from

the right wing that beat Peters But Pisellini scored at 9 26 of the period to restore the Whalers two goal lead Ryan came right back at 13 21 to complete the hat trick

The key play of the game came with 8 5 seconds left in the second period and Plymouth clinging to a 4-3 lead Pisellini won a face-off in the Owen Sound zone and

Evan Brophey found Ward at the left point His hard shot beat Knechtel with 2 7 seconds left in the period to give the Whalers a comfortable 5-3

Pısellını completed the scoring with his second goal of the night and seventh of the sea-

Owen Sound out-shot Plymouth, 47-24

Plymouth returns to action tonight when it travels to Peterborough On Friday, the Whalers will make a road-trip to Oshawa before moving on to Toronto for a Sunday afternoon contest That game will pit the Whalers against former goalie Ryan Nie

# Pinckney Pirates, 6-2

STAFF WRITER

Plymouth s hockey team shook off some rust and Pinckney Saturday afternoon at the Compuware Sports

Playing in just their second game in two weeks, the Wildcats skated to an early 3-1 lead before knocking off the Pirates 6-2 Plymouth improved to 2-1-1 with the vic-

tory Christian Blick made the most of his first start in goal for the Wildcats recording 25 saves for the winners

It was a nice win for us, said Plymouth coach Chuck Dubois We haven t played many games the past couple of weeks, but the boys came out and played well We played on the Olympics size rink, so it doesn't look like you're skating real well, but we played well The team is coming

together We got some good goal**PREP HOCKEY** 

tending out of Christian We have a lot of depth at that position with him and Justin Desilets

After the Pırates skated to an early 1-0 advantage, the Wildcats rebounded with three unanswered goals to gain a 3-1 lead after the first period Mark Oliver knotted the game at 1-1 with 9 28 left in the first, period before Jason O Guinn scored a pair (7 35 and 3 10) to close out the stanza Mıchael Manner, Nıck Rosochacki and Brett Kavulich notched first-period

John Knoerl gave the Wildcats a 4-1 lead six minutes into the second period off an assist by Manner Brandon Winowiecki (unassisted) and Justin Michalek (Nick Cote and Billy Gauthier) added third-period insurance goals for the winners

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player on the Plymouth Stingrays PeeWee AA squal

The Kowalskis youngest son, 10-year-old Kory, prefer, basketball to hockey, which gives his parents some variety when it comes to youth sports viewing

Hockey is a seven-days-aweek thing for us, but we love it,' said Randy, who could probably drive to the Arctic Edge Arctic Pond or Plymouth Cultural Center blind folded thanks to the hundreds of trips he's made to the three rinks over the past several years We're always on the go, taking the kids to practice or games It was a life-saver when Kyle got his driver's license last year because he can drive the girls where they need to go now

#### IN THE GENES

The three high school aged Kowalskis aren t just hockey players — they're talented hockey players Kyle, a starting forward for the Chiefs, was voted by his teammates to serve as a tri-captain this season The fast-skating two year varsity player has more than lived up to the honor so far as hes been one of the Chiefs

leading scorers while providing valuable leadership qualities

Last year, player-for-player, our team was probably more talented, Kyle said 'But this years team plays together better as a unit We relay on each

I like being a captain I like being able to show the younger players how to get to the next

other out on the ice

Kyle doesn t remember the first goal he ever scored as a youngster, but there is one hockey related experience that will never be wiped from his memory bank

When I was 11, one of my teammates was picked to skate during one of the intermissions at a Red Wings game, he said "Well, the kid got sick, and when they ie drew, I got picked I missed the shot, but that's something I ll never for

#### **PERFECT PENGUINS**

The Kowalski sisters have played key roles in the Penguins 4-0 start this season and their final-four appearance ın last year s Mıchıgan Metro Girls High School Hockey League post-season playoffs Kristie, the teams only goaltender, has yet to allow a goal, while Keely is one of the teams

top defensemen

One of the things that makes Kristie a great goalie is her ability to remain calm, no matter what is going on around her said PCS coach Lori Callahan She doèsn't get excited easily, which is important for a goalie Plus, she never gets down on her team mates Shes a team-first type of player

Keely is the same way Although she would probably rather play forward than defense for us, she doesn t complain I can rely on her to do her job no matter where I

The best thing about both girls is that they re very nice and personable

Randy Kowalski said he did nt hesitate when it came time to sign up his 9 year old twin daughters to their first organ ized ice hockey league six years

The girls had played roller hockey for a while, so it wasn t entirely new for them," he said The Michigan Amateur Hockey Association put on a clinic for girls Kristie and Keely tried it and they fell in love with the sport right away

Ill never forget their first year with the Ann Arbor Huskies The team was really good, so Kristie didn't get a lot of action in goal When she got bored, shed lay down in front of the net and make snow angels in the ice shavings'

#### **TIGHT BOND**

Like most identical twins, Kristie and Keely share a kind of friendship that words can t describe

We share everything, even money" Kristie said 'If one of us baby sits, well split the money with the other one Because of the bond we have, I like it when Keely's playing defense in front of me Its like being out there with my best

The ice, so to speak, wasn t always smooth for the twins during their formative ice

hockey days The hardest part for me was learning how to stop on ice skates, said Keely But I liked it right away because it was so fast-paced

The oldest three Kowalski siblings serve as outstanding role models for their younger brothers, Randy Kowalski said

They all get along really well,' the proud father said Kurt idolizes Kyle Whenever he gets a new uniform, he always makes sure he gets Kyles number

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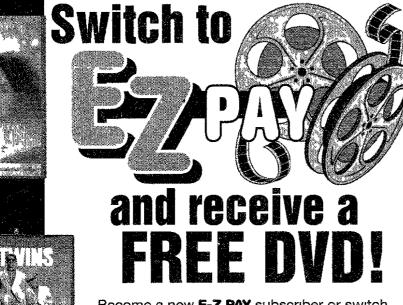
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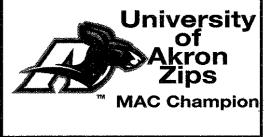
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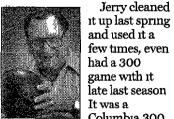
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# Redford bowler dusts off his ball, rolls 300 game

he cardboard box was sitting in the garage, gathering dust when Jerry Hay of Redford noticed it and remembered that it had a bowling ball stashed

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Ten Pin Affey

Harrison

game with it late last season It was a Columbia 300 ARC and it

worked well for He bowls in the Mayflower

Wednesday

Men's Semor Classic and used this ball Nov 23 starting with a 299, leaving only a solid 10-pin on the 12th ball His other games of 259 and 249 added up to a fine 807

Westland's Jonathon

Conrad, 24, a member of the Sunday Printcraft League at Garden Lanes in Garden City, recently rolled his first 700 series with scores of 189-224-

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Conrad left a ringing 10-pin on the last ball, just missing that elusive perfect game

John Meza rolled 290-289-226 for a nice 805 set

■ The feature on the Old Timers Tournament went to press before the event started That should beg to ask the

question "Where are the winning scores?" Well, here they are as a field of

over 600 competitors, including seven from San Diego, Calif. and 17 from Altoona, Pa, vied for honors

The overall champion was 63year-old Tom Strobl, who just happens to own the place He bowled well, and won it fair and square with games of 247-267-

This year, a father-and-son

combination each took firsts in their respective age divisions

Ken Gignac, 46, of White Lake captured the under-50 division on games of 256-255-244/755

Meanwhile, his dad, Bud Gignac, 73, of Redford, won the 70-74 age group with 237-236-236/709

Even though Ken's total was the highest, the overall champion must, by rule, be 50 or over

Second place in the under-50 went to Tom Roberts, 42, of Allen Park, who finished with a 243-249-234/726

Ernie Segura, Jr, 45, Brownstown, completed a set of 279-196-246/721, and his dad, Ernie Sr, teamed up to win both jackpots in the first game

Jeff Pascoe, 41, of Rochester Hills tied Segura for third with 265-219-237/721

In the largest amount of entries for any age group - 50-59 - Gregory Bashara, 51, of Plymouth came in first with

259-206-255/720, followed by Leroy Brown, 53, of Detroit, with 255-214-247/716, and Frank Muto, 51, of Dearborn, third, 255-207-227/689

In the 60-64 group, it was 64year-old Mike Callaway leading the way on games of 246-176-

Lino Baladad, 63, of Dearborn Heights, was runnerup with 258-224-215/697, while Joseph Sytniak, 64, also of

Dearborn Heights, took third

with 203-256-226/685

In the 65-69 group, Bill Casey, 66, of St Clair Shores, led with 237-236-205/678, while second place went to Walter Mieczkowski, 69, of Detroit, with 217-235-224/676 Harley Trumbull, 66, of New Boston, placed third with 161-263-

243/667 The 70-74 group featured Bud Gignac taking first, followed by George McNair, 71, from Clinton Township, 244-226-252/702, followed by

Donald P Schmid, 70, of Shelby Township in third with 216-259-223/698

In the 75-79 age bracket, Nicholas Perez, 75, of Detroit, won the title with a 208-245-253/706 Frank Gavie, 77, of Detroit, took second with 224-237-236/697 American Bowling Congress Hall-of-Famer Jimmie Schroeder, 76, of Tonawanda, NY settled for third on games of 226-212-224/662

In the 80 and over, Jack Dahlstrom, 81, of Redford, gained first place with 208-212-168/588, just edging ABC Hallof Famer Tony Lindemann, 86, from Harrison Township, who scored 190-185-209/584 and Bruno Gervasi, 81, of Trenton, who rolled games of 172-173-234/579

Ted Kress and I were busy videotaping, and when the editing is finished, it is expect to run on some of the local cable TV stations in a few weeks

I will try to keep you

informed On the subject of TV bowling, the Professional Bowlers Association tour is now in full swing at 1 p m Sundays at 1 pm seen locally on ESPN-TV

Up-coming schelule (unless you prefer to watch the Lions) ıncludes Dec 11, Keystone State Championship (Mechanicsburg/Pa), Dec 18, Empire State Clissic (Clifton Park, NY), Jane, Earl Anthony Medford (Ore Classic, Jan 15, Dick Weber Open (Fountain Valley, Calif) an 22, Phoenix (Arız ) Classıc

Meanwhile, the Detroit-area dates are Mirch 15-19 for the Ace Hardware Championship at Taylor Lanes

Entry forms for the Pro-Am will be out shortly

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a director of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association He can be reached at (248/477 1839

# Getting in gear: Winter anglers anticipate 'first ice'

the first layer

of safe ice

pretty high

active and

During first

ice, there will

still be some

feeding

past couple weeks have anglers scrambling to get their ice gear ready for the season and that exciting fishing period affectionately referred

to as "first ice So just exactly what is "first 106," and does it really produce

Roll Call

Guest Present

intery conditions over the some of the best fishing of the season?

The answer is an unequivocal "yes

Fishing during the first couple weeks of safe ice will produce some of the best results of the season, especially for panfish on some of the area's local

Kırchgatter

Director Santomauro Deputy Chief Golles

Deputy Chief Wilson Sgt Laurain Barb

Caruso, Lt Nemecex Officer Traylor Officer

LaJov

Staff Present

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

**BOARD PROCEEDINGS-DECEMBER 6, 2005** 

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday December 6, 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

DeGrand Officer Alestra

Lt Gerds MSP Lt House MSP

Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett seconded by

STUDY SESSION TOPIC Director Santomauro gave a tour of

the Special Operations Mobile Unit and also various equipment

Item 1. Public Safety Update • Western Wayne Consortium Introductions Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit Western Wayne Community Response Team Western Wayne Narcotics Unit

Special Threats Response Unit topic of discussions were Benefits

Mission Statement "The mission of Western Wayne Criminal

nvestigations is to encourage interagency cooperation between

state local and county law enforcement agencies to provide the

communities we serve with effective regional drug auto theft and

criminal surveillance enforcement programs' WWCI Organizational Chart WWCI Operating Budget Auto Theft Unit

\$1.4 Million budget this year Narcotics and CRT \$262,000 budget

this year Assignment to Western Wayne Units Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit Unit designed to detect investigate, apprehend &

prosecute individuals who commit auto theft related crimes

Western Wayne Auto Theft Unit Participants, Auto Theft Unit Organizational Chart, Auto Theft Unit Funding Auto Theft Unit

Training Last Year the Auto Theft Unit Investigated 513 cases

Arrested 57 criminals Recovered 442 vehicles & 20 parts with a

fair market value of \$4 468 197 How Does ATU Benefit Canton?

Bait vehicle is monitored through computer system in Canton's

dispatch area Since deployment of bait vehicle it has been in

Canton 50% of time Community Response Team (CRT) Western

Wayne CRT Participants CRT Organizational Chart, CRT

Funding, CRT Unit Training How Does Canton Use CRT? Patrol

division takes initial report, Detective Bureau & evidence

technicians perform investigation CRT is requested for support

services Surveillance Search warrants, Arrest warrants

What is Western Wayne Narcotics Unit?

Multi jurisdictional unit

Narcotics Unit What is Western Wayne Narcotics Unit? Investigates illegal drugs in service area Develops investigations

from tips received through officers or interviews Works large scale

narcotic cases Western Wayne Narcotics Unit Participants,
Narcotics Unit Organizational Chart, Narcotics Unit Funding

Narcotics Unit Training, Last Year the Narcotics Unit Investigated 158 cases Arrested 98 criminals, Seized drugs worth

a total street value of \$2 400 801, How does WWNU Benefit

Canton? Of the 158 cases investigated last year, 25% originated in

Canton \$105 923 forfeiture dollars back to Canton since 1998

developed by Western Wayne County departments, Developed to

handle high risk incidents STUR Membership STUR Funding, STUR Operational Area Over 150 square miles of coverage

Outside operational area if requested, Outside agencies billed for

equipment & manpower SOT van on site within 30 minutes of call

Qualification for STUR Physical test Firearms proficiency, Oral

board interview Recommendation to SOT Commander to attend

SWAT school STRU SWAT School Course Outline Hostage

Negotiations Ballistics Tactical Medical, Chemical Agents,

Protective Chemical Masks Explosive/Bombs/B Traps, Rappelling,

Breaching Techniques, Submachine Gun M 16/AR 15 Rifle, Scoped

Sniper Rifle Hostage Rescue Diversionary Devices Building Search Techniques Arrest Teams Body Armor TOC Scouting,

Tactics for Containment, Use of Ballistic Shields, Drug Raid Planning Less Lethal Weapons, Rural Team Movements, Alternate

Entry Points STUR On Going Training 2 Days a Month Training

Includes Shooting a weapon system each training day Basic

Building searches Hostage rescue clearing, Execution of high risk

search/arrest warrants Legal update on SWAT issues, Training

with consortium K 9 units Live fire scenarios at range Breaching

techniques Less lethal training Rappelling training, Deployment

of chemical agent Night operations, Vehicle assaults, Joint training with surrounding agencies STRU Keys to Success A

video was shown of the training exercises that the potential

members of the Special Operations Team are expected to pass in

order to become a member of the SOT There will be a Regular

Board Meeting on December 13, 2005 700 pm Administration

Building First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S Canton

Michigan 48188 This will be the last Board Meeting for the

remainder of the year The next study session will be on January

Adjourn Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo at 858 pm to

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Center Rd Canton MI 48188, during regular business hours and

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Special Threats Response Unit

f Consortiums Western Wayne Criminal Investigations, Auto Theft Unit Community Response team Narcotics Unit WWCI

McLaughlin to approve the agenda Motion carried unanimously

Members Present Bennett Caccamo Kirc McLaughlin Yack Zarbo

used by the Special Operations Team



Outdoor Insights

Parker

fish activity

plantlife remaining from the fall, which helps maintain oxygen levels In addition, early in the season while the ice is still thin and snowcover is light, sunlight will filter through the ice encouraging limited plant growth to continue Again, this helps pump oxygen into the water, which in turn increases

Once the mid-winter period sets in, O2 levels fall and fish activity slows considerably Oh, finally covers a you can still catch fish, but the lake the oxygen action will pale in comparison levels are still to the furious action anglers are likely to encounter during This high level the first couple weeks of safe of O2 is what keeps the fish

But it's not just the oxygen levels that makes first ice so enticing The commotion that will invade the ice when it gets thick enough for general recreation is minimal during the early season Snowmobiles, ATVs, automobiles, power augers even ice skaters create a lot of noise that can spook fish beneath the ice Without all the noise and activity from above, fish are less likely to be spooky or finicky

#### THINK SAFETY FIRST

While first ice is certainly a good time to wet a line, it's also

Couch, Asian hutch coffee table

one of the most dangerous times to be on the ice Lakes do not freeze evenly Water depth, current and structures that extend into the water, like pilings and dock posts, can result in unsafe ice conditions Where there is six inches of ice in one spot on a lake, there may be less than an inch just/a few yards away

It helps if you know the water on which you are fishing If not, get a map of the lake at your local sporting goods store Sportsmans Connection  $(www.sportsmans.connection\ c$ om) and Fishing Hot Spots (1-800-338-5957) have files and files of maps of Michigan lakes Take note of areas to stay away from like riverbeds, river and stream mouths, springs and anywhere there is moving water Always wear a life jacket when venturing out onto first ice There are plenty of stylish and comfortable life jackets on the market today so you don't

ave to resort to one of those bulky orange versions A pair of ice picks (a couple screwdrivers tied to opposite ends of a rope works well) is another important piece of equipment They will come in handy if you fall through the ice and need to pull yourself out of the water The picks can be jammed into the ice and will give you help getting out of a slippery, icy hole Drape the rope over your shoulders while on the ice so the picks will always be handy They won't do you any good if you fall through and the ice picks are

on your sled Use your head and be smart when heading out to ice fish There is no fish out there worth taking a plunge into icy

(Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers Send information to Bill Parker c/o Outdoo's 805 E Maple Birmingham

#### STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (January 4th 2006) Tate & Co Auctioneers Executive Administrator for Storage USA will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location Storage USA 6729 CANTON CENTER RD CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12 30 PM

James Pullen Jr C72 Tabitha Mcfarland D124 Carol Panık D136 Dominador Reyes E179 William Staten H281

TV VCR misc 5x5 Household goods Dressers boxes hutch 10x201996 Dodge Stratus & misc

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TERRY G BENNETT, Clerk

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containers 2 radios fax machine 3 brief cases, scale, wood other misc items

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chest, surcase clothes, storage bins buckets, skateboard shop vac dresser other misc items UNIT #619/668 - CLAUD STOPCHINSKI OF 42173 E. ANN

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David Medley ADA Coordinator Charter Township of Canton 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 (734) 394 5260

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Clerk's Department up to 300 pm, January 5th, 2006 for the following

## PROCUREMENT CARD PROGRAM

Specifications are available at the Finance & Budget Department located on the third floor of the administration building, or you may call Mike Sheppard at (734) 394 5225 All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S Canton, Michigan will accept sealed qualifications at the Department of Public Works until 5 00 pm Thursday December 29th 2005 for the following

#### CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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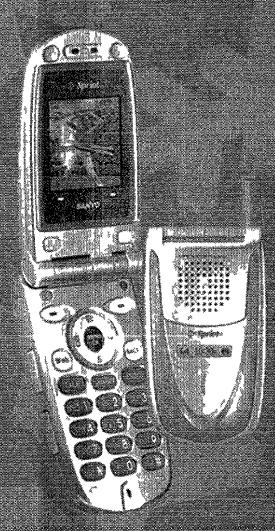
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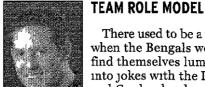


# Sunday's the day for Lions fans to sta

eing a sports fan is often a helpless task. We can't control very much about what our favorite teams do Certainly not their performance on the field of play, the trades, the draft picks, the ticket prices and many more variables we have literally zero impact

When it comes to the NFL, all we can do is decide whether to buy tickets or not, decide whether to watch on TV or not and decide whether or not to buy that snazzy new third jersey for 80 hard earned dollars — lets hypothetically say it's black with Honolulu blue and silver trim

This is why this weeks contest at Ford Field has gained a lot of interest from media types like myself, who are always curious about the story behind the story and the game behind the game The Lions home finale features the 4 9 host team against one of the NFLs best stories, the 10-3 Cincinnati Bengals



Greg Brady

There used to be a time when the Bengals would find themselves lumped into jokes with the Lions and Cardinals when discussing the NFL's most pathetic franchises Well. not anymore The Bengals have a stingy defense, a

future Pro Bowl quarter back in Carson Palmer, a gifted and reliable receiver in Chad Johnson and a durable and at times flashy running back in Rudi Johnson In short, they're right now what every team is trying to build

Assuming the Indianapolis Colts show some signs of being human at some point in the next few years, the Bengals may actually make it to their third Super Bowl,

and when they do, they ll je happy to realize that Joe Montana as long since retired from the NFL to all footballs that you strap around your his before you

So it would seem the fons have an inevitable plunge to a 4/10 record, and their fifth straight doube digit loss sea son, not accomplished ince the 1994 Tampa Bay Buccaneer did so Oh, Tampa did win the Super Boyl eight years later,

so get ready for that pirade down

Woodward Avenue 172013 But a stranger side how is that the anger of the fans is soing to be on full display, I predict, inside and outside the stadium That's right, Inger Not apathy because, let's face if, Lions fans just don't # > 1 seem fully capable of that No matter how badly this team firshes the 2005 season the same old exciement will be there

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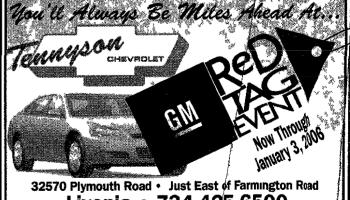
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ome Draft Day 2006, especially with inother Matt Millen special, the top 10 election

Truth be told, it's almost impossible on ourpose to be able to draft in the top 10 or five straight seasons, but Millen isn t pecial for nothing, is he?

The same excitement will hold true when the Lions schedule gets announced. when training camp opens, even, yes, the irst preseason game, where apathy is supposed to overtake even the strongest and nost ardent fans, at least in the second 1alf So the aforementioned 'anger' will rave to do instead, but in this case it just night get Lions fans what they want

Matt Millen is completely and utterly vermatched by his job It's obvious by the najority of his player personnel moves ts obvious during his press conferences )ne would think it would be obvious in

his conversations with team owner William Clay Ford But Ford has a thing for Millen, can there be any other explanation? Millen must be a great guy to hear old NFL stories from and to have dinner with, because goodness knows he's not the best of people to trust with the health of your franchise

#### **ANGRY FANS**

Many people use the phrase you can't fight city hall' Maybe not But you can get everyone to notice that you want the mayor fired That seems to be the plan this Sunday My prediction is the CBS tel evision cameras are going to have a very difficult time avoiding the army of people wearing Fire Millen' T-shirts or those passionate fans who will join Sean Baligian and others from WDFN in the Angry Man March designed to let the

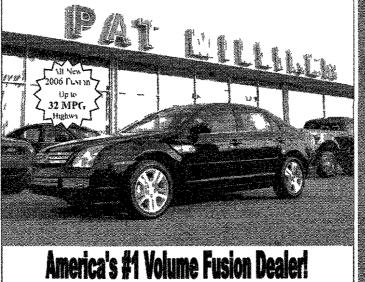
Fords know that change is necessary in this organization, and that if fans aren t going to be apathetic even during the worst five year stretch in Lions history, then the owners certainly have no right to show similar indifference

I do think if you speak loudly enough Sunday and are well-behaved about it, the Fords will have to listen I ve gone from thinking there's no way Matt Millen won t be running the Lions throughout the 2006 season, to thinking that if the noises and imagery are notable enough inside and outside Ford Field Sunday, that the Lions may have no choice but to contemplate a change and a one way ticket back to Pennsylvania or a broadcast booth near you for Matthew Millen

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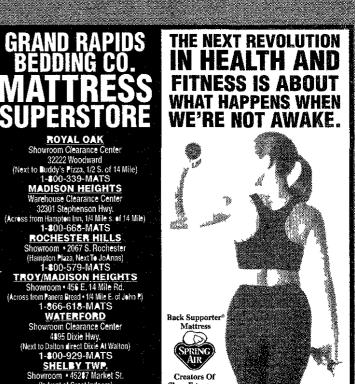






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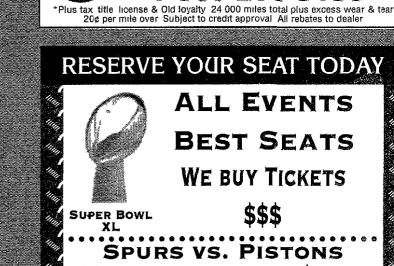




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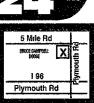


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#### DECEMBER

## Toys needed

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is collect ing toys for Christmas gifts for approx imately 1200 families with children from age infant to 12 years New unwrapped toys are preferred and will be displayed in a store like fashion so parents have the opportunity to select gifts that are best for their children Please donate toys that reflect non violence. No guns or war toys Sports equipment like basket balls and footballs is a great hit Donations will be accepted up to Dec 23 but distribution begins Dec 21 and continues to Dec 23 Drop off toys at the Capuchin Services building at 6333 Medbury Detroit or Jefferson Chevrolet 2130 Jefferson 6 blocks east of the Ren Cen For more informa tion call (313) 579 2100 ext 215

#### Caroling

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Presented by Single Adult Ministries sing at Sunshine Assisted Living on Haggerty Road bus leaves parking lot at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville at 6 45 pm Friday Dec 16 Call (248) 374 5920

#### Seven levels of intimacy

Matthew Kelly talks about his book and the art of loving and joy of being loved 7 pm Friday Dec 16 at Our Lady of Good Counsel 47650 North Territorial Plymouth Tickets \$10 and benefit parish debt reduction Call (734) 453 0326 ext 221 For more information visit www mathewkelly org

#### Christmas cantata

730 pm Friday Dec 16 at Christus Victor Lutheran Church 25535 Ford east of Beech Daly Dearborn Heights Admission is a donation of a toy for Toys for Tots

#### St Nicholas breakfast

9 am to non Saturday Dec 17 hosted by senior high youth in the Fellowship Hall at St Matthew's United Methodist Church 30900 Six Mile between Middlebelt and Merriman Livonia Tickets \$4 (includes pancakes sausage and beverages) free for children age 7 and under Proceeds go toward the cost of the Spring Hill Winter Retreat for youth For more information call (734) 422 6038

#### Fine arts festival

An afternoon of Christian youth enter tainment and holiday shopping 11 a m to 6 pm Saturday Dec 17 at Westside Christian Academy 9540 Bramell one mile east of Telegraph between Plymouth and Chicago Call (313) 533 1956 or (313) 226 8109 for information or to obtain crafters table space

#### Christmas opera

The Children's Ministry of New Hope

ANDREW V O'KEEFE

Waterford, of natural causes He was 82 years old A native of Fort Edward,

NY Mr O Keefe was a class of 1945 graduate of Syracuse University with

degrees in Journalism and Political

Science Andrew served in the United States Navy during World War II and retired in 1972 as a Captain in the US Navy Reserve Following World War

II Åndrew married Anna McMillen his wife of 53 years and settled in Buffalo NY Mr O Keefe worked for

The Buffalo Currier Express and The

Associated Press before joining the

General Motors Public Relations staff

m 1952 He was transferred to Detroit m 1956 and retired from General

Motors as the Director of Public

Relations for the Buick Oldsmobile

Cadillac Group in 1985 He continued

to reside in Birmingham until his wife passed away in 1999 Mr O Keefe was

a member of Holy Name Church

Birmingham and served terms as

President in both the Parish Council

and the Finance Committee He also was active with Boy Scout Troup 1012

in the parish for several years as a

Troop Committee member During his

retirement he enjoyed traveling with

is wife and was active in the

Birmingham Senior Men's Club

General Motors Executive Retiree

Club ('The Club') and the Patrol

O Keefe is survived by three daugh ters Nora (Ronald) Miller of Mason

MI Anne (Gerald) Drottar of Mason

OH and Maureen (William) Dietlin of Fitchburg WI three sons Andrew (Laurie) of Langley WA Timothy

(Evelyn) of Fair Haven MI and Kevin

(Nancy) of Clarkston MI and ten grandchildren Mr O Keefe is preced

ed in death by his wife Anna and his

sister Alice Miles Funeral was from

Holy Name Church 630 Harmon

Birmingham and held on Wednesday

at 10am Visitation was at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 1368 N Crooks

Rd (between 14 15 Mile Rd ) Tuesday

5 9pm Prayer service was Tuesday at

appreciated to Lourdes Nursing Home

2300 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford,

48328 or the SEED Educational Fund of Holy Name School 630 Harmon

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A Birmingham resident for

over 40 years died December 9 2005 at Lourdes Nursing Home

Baptist Church will perform a free Christmas opera titled FA LA LA MOO! 6 pm Saturday Dec 17 at 33630 Michigan Ave Wayne It is the story of Jesus birth told from the animals per spective For more information call Allyn Verbal at (734) 728 2180

#### A Lake Pointe Christmas in Narnia 10 a m Sunday Dec 18 the power to reverse the curse deity a mediator a

sacrifice and 430 pm Saturday Dec 24 faith to enter the wardrobe courage choice and trust at the Lake Pointe Bible Church 42150 Schoolcraft Road Plymouth Call (734) 420 0515

#### Children's choir

Services

Present Leon (Noel spelled backwards) 6 pm Sunday Dec 18 at Bethel Baptist Temple 29475 West Six Mile Call (734) 525 3664

#### Victory voices

Christmas musical presented by the choir (grades 4 6) 6 30 pm Sunday Dec 18 story begins with the Nativity scene and rewinds to give the details and significance of the event which preceded Jesus birth at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Livonia For reservations call (734) 464 6722

#### Christmas collage

The concert of sacred and secular music takes place 7 pm Sunday Dec 18 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464

#### Hanukkah party

12 30 pm Tuesday Dec 20 held by Congregation Bert Kodesh Sisterhood Lunch will be served followed by a brief meeting. There will be games prizes music Donations of toiletries requested for the needy. No charge for members If interested in becoming a member of to RSVP call (248) 477 8974 RSVP required by Dec 14

#### Wednesdays in Advent

Continue with 6 pm Taize Prayer and song followed by 6 30 p m program with meal service project and prayer Dec 21 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

#### Coffeehouse

710 pm Friday Dec 23 an evening of relaxation and fun for singles at Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Cost is \$5 includes snack games fellowship and specialty coffees Free Childcare Call (248) 374 5920

#### Christmas eve service

7 pm Saturday Dec 24 at Memorsal Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile Livonia For reservations call (734) 464 6722 Nursery and childcare pro

#### vided Services

5 p m (childrens) 7 p m (holy com mun on) and 11 p m (candlelight holy communion Christmas Eve Dec 24 10 a milholy communion Christmas Day Dec 25 and 5 pm holy communion New Year's Eve Saturday Dec 31 and 10 a milholy communion New Year's Day Jan 1 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church 39020 Five Mile Livonia Call (734) 464 0211

# Christmas Eve service

Festive Holy Eucharist 6 p.m. Saturday Dec 24 at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit 9083 Newburgh, Livonia Guest organist Joan Haggard Christmas Day Holy Eucharist at 10 a m

## Christmas Eve services

5 p m and 10 p m Saturday Dec 24 Christmas Day Service 10 a m. Sunday Dec 25 and Holy Eucharist Sunday 8 a m and 10 a m Jan 1 at Trinity Episcopal Church 11575 Belleville Road Belleville Call (734) 699 3361 Sunday Services 8 a m and 10 a m Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages Parents with Young Children Bible Study Sundays at 6 pm Dinner and childcare provided

## Christmas Eve service

Candlelight service 6 30 p.m. Saturday Dec 24 Family Christmas Day Worship 10 50 a m Sunday Dec 25 at First Church of the Nazarene of Detroit 21260 Haggerty Northville Call (248) 348 7600

# Birthday party

To celebrate Jesus birthday 10 30 a m Sunday Dec 25 at New Beginnings United Methodist Church 16175 Delaware Redford Clown cake and fun galore Call (313) 255 6330 for informa tron

## Family Hanukkah party

5 pm Monday Dec 26 at Congregation Beit Kodesh 31840 West Seven Mile Livonia Dinner music games and prizes Bring your family Menorah candles will be provided Cost is \$6 adults age 13 and up \$3 ages 5 12 free for age 4 and under Reservations required by Dec 19 Call (248) 477 8974 or visit

#### www.beitkodesh.org Friends in fellowship

Evening includes holiday dinner Single Adult Ministries 2005 in Review show entertainment by Keith Longbothom punch reception at 630 p m followed by dinner at 7 pm Friday Dec 30 in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Cost is \$26 per person Free Childcare Call (248) 374 5920

### World peace service

Unity of Livonia invited all people of peace to be at the church 6 30 a m New Year's Eve morning Saturday Dec 31 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster Continental breakfast after the service Call (734) 421 1760

#### New Year's Eve party

St Mel Parish's 50th anniversary com mittee hosts the part that include din ner asti spumante at midnight in the gym 7506 Inkster Dearborn Heights Tickets \$25 Call (313) 274 0684 or (313)

#### Series on Spiritual Principals

Continues 7 pm Wednesday to Jan 4 at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster For more information call (734) 421 1760

#### JANUARY

### Football open house

Begins noon Monday Jan 2 in Parlor C317 where there will be big screen TV's and plenty of snacks hosted by Single Adult Ministries It ends after the Fiesta Bowl (around 8 p m ) Bring desserts appetizers beverages and snacks if you can Sub sandwiches and chili will be supplied at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Call (248) 374 5920

#### Prayer conference

Christians from around the world will gather Jan 4 6 for William Murphy Ministries 2006 Intercessory Prayer Conference Reclaiming the Church the House of Prayer Conference speakers are Bishop Murphy Dr Jamai Harrison Bryant (Maryland) and Bishop Neil Ellis (Bahamas) Bishop Murphy Jr pastor of New Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church of Pontiac believes the spirit of prayer will fall mightily on the thousands of expected attendees who will learn more effective intercessory prayer at the Ritz Carlton at the Ritz Cariton 300 Town Center Drive Dearborn Registration for adults is \$150 youths 12 years old to 22 year old college students \$50 if purchased by Jan 4 Churches/intercessor teams and groups of up to 10 are admitted for \$500 Call (248) 335 6905 or visit www.williammurphyministries.org

#### Kabbalah classes

Presented by the Sara Tugman Bais Chabad Torah Center the classes begin 10 30 a m Sunday Jan 8 and 8 p m Wednesday Jan 11 at 5595 W Maple West Bloomfield The classes are open for both beginners and more advanced students To register call (248) 855 6170 ext 1 or send e mail to BCTC770@aol com

#### Cornish pasties

To raise funds Newburg United Methodist Church is making and selling pasties for \$3 each. They can be ordered by calling (734) 422 0149 from 9 a m to 12 30 p m Tuesday Wednesday Jan 10 11 Do not leave any orders on the answering machine They will be ignored Pick up times are 11 a m to 6 p m Thursday Jan 19 and 11 a m to 5 p m Friday Jan 20 at the church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia Poverty and prayer

Gerald Straub presents the story of his personal conversion and the use of his film talents in service to the poor 6 30 pm Friday Jan 27 in the main church at Our Lady of Good Counsel N Territorial and Beck Plymouth Tickets \$10 Call (734) 453 0326 ext 223 or send e mail to leachd@olgcparish net Proceeds go to ongoing programs for the church's sister community in El

## ONGOING

## Sunday services

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# Worship services

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

## **Fall Sunday services**

8 30 a in Holy Eucharist 9 30 a m Bible study and 10 30 am Holy Eucharist and Sunday school at Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit

## Unity of Livonia

9083 Newburgh Livonia Services 9 30 a m and 11 a m Sundays at 28660 Five Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster roads Call

#### (734) 421 1760 Shabbat services

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

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#### Sunday school

Congregation Beit Kodesh (31840 Seven Mile between Farmington and Merriman Livonia) is registering chil dren age 4 and up for Sunday school Financial assistance avail able Special discounts for new mem bers For more information call (248) 477 8974

#### Services

St John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service 5 30 pm Saturdays Also Sunday traditional worship services are 8 30 a m and 11 a m contemporary serv ice is at 950 a m and Sunday School hour for all ages is at 9 45 a m Call (248) 474 0584 for more information

#### Single Point Ministries For ages 30 and older join more than 350 single adults 11 30 a m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile Northville Coffee doughnuts con versations are present Call (248) 374 5920 Tennis continues 1 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays and 4 pm

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### Bible talks

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# Worship services

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### CARMEN FRANK YACONIS

Age 72 of Westland Korean War Veteran Marine Corps Born January 11 1933 passed December 10 2005 Beloved husband of Florence Yaconis Loving father of Keith Carmelo (Pam) Mike and Kevin (Kathy) Yaconis grandfather of Vincent Travis Angela Ethan Sadie and Thomas Yaconis Carmen worked and dedicated his time until his illness by running a homeless shelter in Wayne County He was always concerned with the health and well being of oth ers He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him



#### F. WILLIAM GRIDLEY

of Bloomfield Hills died on December 9 2005 at Georgian Bloomfield under the care of Cranbrook Hospice Mr Gridley was born in Three Oaks MI on May 9 1920 He grew up in Benton Harbor and Mishawaka IN He was a graduate of Michigan State and entered the US Naval Reserve in 1942 Serving on an LST as Gunnery Officer he participated in taking over of Taranto Italy and the 2 day Normandy invasion He obtained his CPA certificate while at the former accounting firm of Haskins and Sells After several years as secretary/treas urer of Radioactive Products he joined Chrysler Corporation where he rose to become assistant Corporate Controller retiring in 1979 He was a member of Birmingham Senior Men's Club active in Golf League and the Camera Group where he gave many slide shows of his extensive travels leader and treasurer of Southeast Michigan Spasmodic at the Furniture Bank in Pontiac 13 vear member of NOMADS and a sup porter with his wife of many musical venues from Dixieland to opera. He is survived by Helen his wife of 60 years son Dr Mark C Tiffin OH son George (Tina) and grandaughter Kristen of Chandler AZ brother Floyd (Marian) and nephew David of Maui HI niece Janet (Richard) Van Eck of Bloomingdale MI Memorial Tributes may be made to Salvation Army Furniture Bank Pontiac and Michigan Opera Theater In accordance with family wishes no service will be held Arrangements by Cremation Society of Michigan

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# HELEN ROSE RITO

Age 91 December 10 2005 Beloved wife of the late Benjamin Dear moth er of Raymond F (Diane) Nancy E (Larry Sr.) Sabados MaryLou Janiga and the late Robert B Dear mother in aw of Aline Grandmother of Susan Christopher Katharine Christine Carrie Patricia Larry Jr Angela Amanda and Andrea Dear Great grandmother of 18 Loving sister of Frank Bartal Secretary/ Treasurer of Cherry Hill Seniors Bowling League for over 20 years Funeral Services were Wednesday from the John N Santeiu & Son Funeral Home and Saint Dunstan Catholic Church

JAMES J. DOBBY Age 63 of Webberville died Thurs Dec 8 2005 He was born April 16 1942 he was an independent general contractor doing home remodeling He is survived by his Mother Elsie 2 children Denise Solo and Michael Dobby 2 Grandchildren and a sister Anita Mamp Private memorial serv ices will be held Arrangements by Niblack Funeral Home Fowlerville (517 223 8656)



#### RICHARD S MAYES Age 50 of Westland

December 9 2005 after his short bat tle with cancer He was born in Detroit to Wilhelmine Karner and Alonzo Mayes Rick served in the US Air Force Sgt Air Traffic Controller Surviving are his wife Rhonda their two children Erik and Rachel and a third child, Kandace and four grandchildren

## RUTH E (nee Miller) RAKE

December 12 2005 Age 84 of Birmingham Wife of the late Erwin R Dear mother of Janice E Faigle (Gary) Joseph F (Lisa) John R and Julie L Rhodes (Bob) Grandmother of Jessica Jon Samantha Nathan Andrea Emilie Olivia John Kent and Jameson Sister of Edith Pintzke Funeral service Thursday 11 00am at A J Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 32515 Woodward (btwn 13 14 Mile) Interment White Chapel Cemetery Memorial tributes Macular Degeneration Foundation Research Fund, PO Box 531313 Henderson NV 89053

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# RUTH ERICKSON BROOKS

Passed away at the age of 90 or December 7 2005 in Maryville Tennessee Ruth a native of Montana from Wayne graduated University where she met her husband of 46 years Dwight Brooks They raised their family of five children in Birmingham Ruth was an elementary gym teacher in the Detroit public schools during the 1930 s and 40 s and ın the Bloomfield Hills schools during the 1970's Ruth and Dwight retired to Renton Washington where Dwight died in 1984 Ruth loved walking in the mountains with her companions from the local women's hiking club and did so into her mid eighties. She left behind her five children Tom Chuck Doug Barbara and Martha twelve grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren Her family greatly misses her and will always remember her firm but loving nature devotion to family playful sprit and vast energy McCammon Ammons Click Funeral

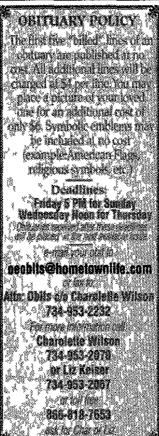


Tommy son of Marcia and the late Thomas M Dear brother of Tracy Adam and Czerwinski Pat Krowisz (Bernie) Tom Czerwinski (Margie) Kathy (Lenny) (Mike) Marvin Malek (Margie) and Roberta Blosh Also survived by many cousins and friends Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at St Hugo of the Hills Bloomfield Hills In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation or Wing Lake School For further information call A J Desmond & Sons 248 549 0500 View obituary

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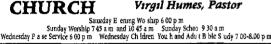
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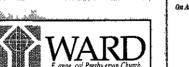
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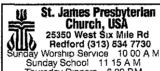
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#### weekends love? ☎865148 FRIENDSHIP FIRST SWF 40 brown/brown plus-size likes walks most movies reading

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#### blue-eyed blonde! Slim sensuous romantic fun caring seeking attractive fit fun-loving male 48-59 Friendship LTR I enjoy movies walks music hugs laughter, quiet times Let's get to know each other! **☎**962332

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#### SINGLE MOM WF 20 one young son likes watching tv different kinds of music more Looking for WM 20 25 for dating **☎**858473

LOVE CAN BUILD A BRIDGE SWF 55 romantic caring sensitive N/S with zest for life is looking for Mr Right ISO S/DWM 39 60 about togetherness ☎863279

#### **GOOD MAN WANTED** Attractive SBF marriage minded 5 6 average build 40 Capricorn N/S seeks BM 40 51 N/S to enjoy life and more \$\overline{\pi}\$692032

**BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE** SF 47 years young 55 very outgoing loves family fun life Would like to spend time with someone 40 60 who loves jazz concerts weekend get movies dinners aways 2208051

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how to treat a lady 2845044 **SOULMATE SEARCH** Slim attractive 57 yr-old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54 64 please respond **5**589875

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# SC's Davis scores 35 in win vs. Lorain

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James Davis gave a glimpse Saturday of the reason why NBA scouts are showing some interest, but coach Carlos Briggs believes theres much more room for improvement from the 7-footer - even after scoring 35 points and pulling down 16 rebounds in Schoolcraft Colleges 108-62 victory Saturday at home over Lorain (Ohio) Community College

The Minneapolis (Minn ) North product, who committed originally to the University of Minnesota before landing last season at Garden City CC (Kan ), also blocked 10 shots and dished out five assists as the Ocelots upped their overall record to 9-1

'James played well but he could play better, Briggs said of the transfer 'He can't afford to miss any time and he could play with a lot more energy and effort

Wallace Hall and Ryan Williams chipped in with 20 and 15 points, respectively, for the Ocelots, who shot 48 9 percent from the floor (46-of-94), but only 21 7 from three-point range (5-of-23)

Hall, Williams and Jarred Axon, who chipped in with 23 points, each had eight rebounds in the win

Axon and Marcus Jenkins also had five assists each, while Donnell Patterson scored nine points

The Ocelots outrebounded Lorain, 61-22

Carlos Perkins scored 18 for Lorain (record unknown)

Schoolcraft returns to action 7 30 p m Friday at unbeaten Lansing CC (9-0)

# Lafata earns 200th victory as SC wins 2

Schoolcraft Colleges womens basketball team improved to 11-0 with a pair of victories last weekend at Holiday Classic hosted by Kalamazoo Valley Community College

On Friday the Lady Ocelots pulled out a 75 74 victory over host KVCC as when LaShanda Thomas drained a last-second

On Saturday, Schoolcraft came away with a 55-47 tri umph over Edison State (Ohio), giving head coach Karen Lafata

. her

200th

## **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

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ing victory

Schoolcraft trailed Edison, 17-4, with about eight minutes remaining in the first half, but roared back to cut the margin to 23-18 at halftime

The Lady Ocelots took over in the second half, hitting 11 of 13 from free-throw line

For SC, Charlese Greer scored 18 points and grabbed 10 rebounds while Tomica Hodge and Maricka Seay contributed nine and eight points, respectively

Tallying 10 points for Edison (7 3) was Fannon Haley

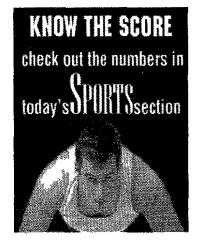
In the win over Kalamazoo CC (7-3), Greer and Mıkkı Williams led the way with 23 and 20 points, respectively

MADONNA 74, URBANA (OHIO) 65 On Tuesday night, Madonna University (5-6) shot 75 percent from the free-throw line to earn a non-conference victory over visiting Urbana University (Ohio)

Stephanie Childs led the Crusaders (5 6) with 21 points, while Martina Franklin (Redford Union) and Sarah Thomson tallied 13 each Lydia Prusinowski contributed 11

Both Franklin and Childs led MU with seven rebounds each as the Crusaders led 42-24 in that category for the contest

Guard Sam Riley led Urbana (3-6) with 19 points and Brittany Runner added 11



#### **MEN'S BASKETBALL**

**MADONNA 83, MARYGROVE 69** Derrick Mudri scored 15 points, while Danny Peters and Keith Hearns (Livonia Stevenson) each added 14 to lead Madonna University (4 6) to a win over Marygrove College (2-12) ın Saturday s consolation final of the Hope College Sentinel Community

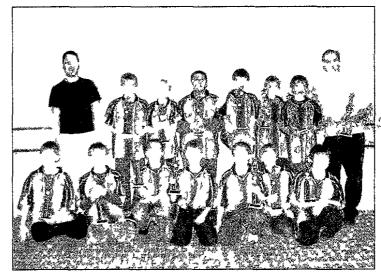
Tournament

Host Hope College ran its record to 9-0 by defeating Aguinas College in the championship, 83 75, behind tour-nament MVP Stephen Cramers 24 points

Charlie Henry added nine points for MU, which led 45-20 at halftime Adam Kerfoot also dished

out five assists

The Mustangs got 12 points from LaGary Brundidge and 11 rebounds from Daryl Gay



# **Cheetahs champs**

The Wayne Westland under-11 Cheetahs finished 9-1 to walk away with the first-place trophy in the Great Lakes Soccer League's Huron Division. The Cheetahs outscored their opponents 60 4 Team members include (front row from left) Tyler Fontana Ethan Fogle, Nathan Philips, Sean Hiles Alec Shaw Jordan Bickham Dylan Nardone, assistant coach Hussein Gharibs (back row, from left) Bobby Mason, Tyler Simpson Brandon Marable, Ryan Tikey Jeremy Gysel, Andre Thomas and coach Chris Hiles Missing from photo is Tanner Meacham





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# Home sales show easing trend



Sales of existing homes eased in October with a moderate decline in both single-family and condo sales, according to the National Association of Realtors

Total existing-home sales – including single-family, town-homes, condominiums and co-ops – were at a seasonally adjust ed annual rate of 7 09 million units in October, down 2 7 percent from September's pace of 7 29 million Sales were 3 7 percent above the 6 84 million-unit level in October 2004

'Our market is as soft as any across the country, said Realtor Nanci J Rands, 2006 president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors That said, she finds properties are still selling, including some homes that have been on the market several months

"As a result, there are some very good values in the market today," said Rands with Snyder Kinney Bennett & Keating of Rimingham

David Lereah, NARs chief economist, said markets are getting into better balance between demand and supply "We are returning to more balanced markets between homebuyers and sellers, one that places buyers on a more even footing. Housing activity has peaked and is coming down a bit, and we expect further cooling in the coming months. We feel confident that housing is landing softly as rates continue to rise."

The national median existing-home price for all housing types – including single-family, townhomes condominiums and co ops – was \$218,000 in October, rising 16 6 percent from October 2004 when the median price was \$187,000 The median is a typical market price where half of the homes sold for more and half

sold for less

Total housing inventory levels rose 3 5 percent at the end of October to 2 87 million existing homes available for sale, which represents a 4 9-month supply at the current sales pace

"The rise in inventory means that buyers will have a wider choice available to them, and the significant price appreciation over October last year shows that demand is still there, as markets continues to balance themselves," said NAR President Thomas M Stevens "Buyers know that housing is a good investment," said Stevens, senior vice president of NRT Inc

Rands cited good interest rates as a current draw Buyers are sophisticated, she said, drawn by attractive locations of properties in good shape selling at or near price

Other homes that have languished and seen price drops are selling as well 'It's everything across the board, Rands said She added homes come on the market nearly every day of the year, and are sold during the holiday season

With professional advice and proper pricing, homes do sell, she said People who are looking at this time of year are general ly very motivated to buy"

Some Michiganders have second homes up north, and Rands has seen Chicago area residents buying in western Michigan from the southern state line all the way up to Traverse City

According to Freddie Mac, the national average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 6 07 percent in October, up from 5 77 percent in September, the rate was 5 72 percent in October 2004

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Single family home sales dropped 2 5 percent to a seasonally

adjusted annual rate of 6 23 million in October from 6 39 million in September, but were 3 3 percent above the 6 03 million-unit level in October 2004. The median single-family home price was \$216,200 in October, up 16 6 percent from a year ago

Existing condominium and cooperative housing sales fell 4 4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 862,000 units from a pace of 902,000 in September Last month's sales activity was 6 7 percent above the 808,000-unit level in October 2004. The median condo price was \$229,800, up 15 3 percent from a year ago

Regionally, existing-home sales fell 1 2 percent in the West in October to a pace of 1 64 million, and were 3 8 percent higher than October 2004 The median price in the West was 316,000, up 16 2 percent from October 2004

Total existing-home sales in the South declined 1 8 percent to an annual sales rate of 2 76 million units in October, and were 7 percent above October 2004 The median price in the South was \$196,000, up 18 1 percent from a year ago

Existing-home sales in the Midwest fell 1 9 percent to annual pace of 1 58 million units in October, and were 1 3 percent higher than a year ago. The median price in the Midwest was \$170,000, which was 10 4 percent higher than October 2004.

Total existing-home sales in the Northeast declined 74 percent to a pace of 112 million units in October, and were unchanged compared to a year ago. The median existing-home price in the Northeast was \$252,000, up 10 5 percent from a year ago.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report



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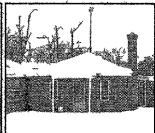
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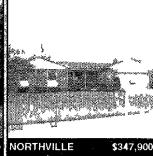
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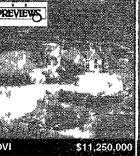
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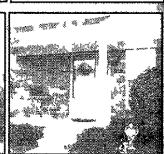




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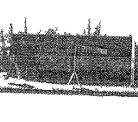
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7051 Epping	\$235 000
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51086 Gold Ridge	\$130 000
45599 Graystone	\$171 000
41455 Haggerty Woods	\$213 000
44387 Hanford	\$153 000
8446 Holly	\$178 000
49539 Jackson	\$110 000
1909 Jan	\$138 000
47720 Lindenhurst	\$404 000
1532 Milbrook	\$283 000
8513 New Haven	\$451 000
8122 Newbury	\$201 000
41160 Northwind	\$134 000
41365 Northwind	\$126 000
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11327 Berwick	\$173 000	26202 Five Mile	\$115 000
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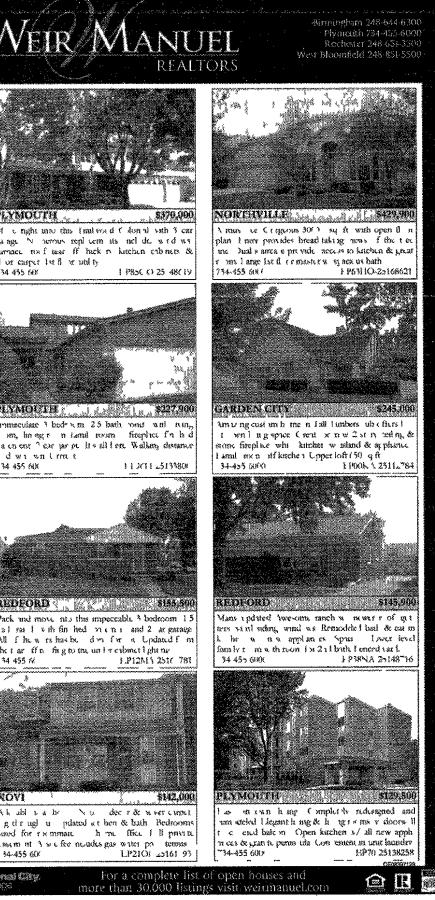
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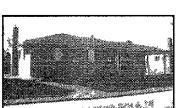
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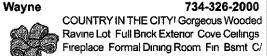
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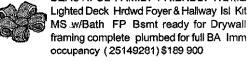
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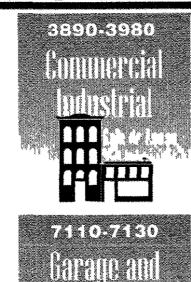
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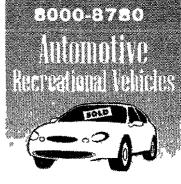












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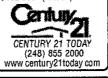
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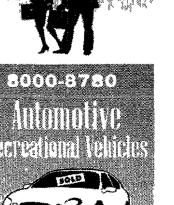


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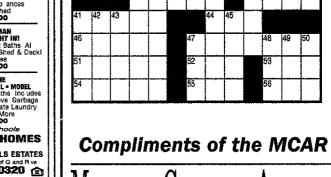
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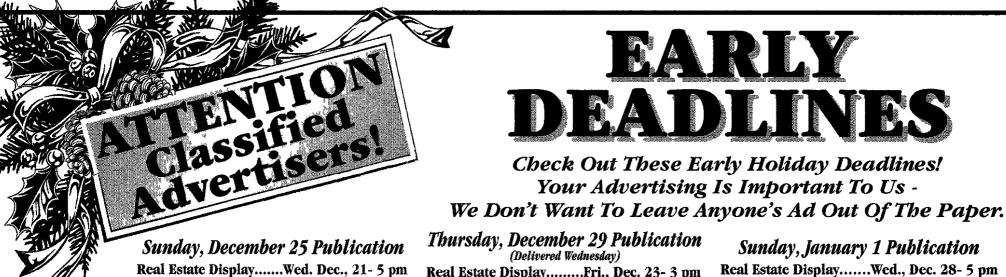
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A The Community Association attorney represents an organization, namely the Community Association, which is presumably a separate corporate entity That attorney owes his or her duty to that corporate entity and not to any individual shareholders or members The Community Association attorney has an obligation to provide information to the duly elected Board of Directors who are operating under a fiduciary duty to maintain confidentiality with

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Q. I took a trip down to the Danube and arrived in Budapest and noticed a number of high rises on both the Buda and Pest sides. Do you have any information?

A Generally, housing in Hungary is cheaper than several of the other central European countries A reasonable apartment/condominium in a

high rise overlooking the Danube may run between \$150,000-\$200,000 for a five room apartment Obviously there is more luxurious housing available in certain areas of the city, particularly, overlooking the island park which hugs both sides of Budapest They will be converting officially to the euro which will make housing and the cost of living more expensive in the next year or so You are best advised to consider it an investment at this time particularly before Hungary joins the European union when prices are expected to go up substantially

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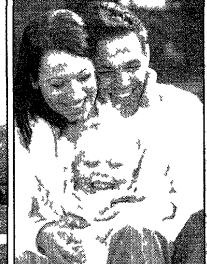


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The leadership of the National Association of Realtors voted recently to stick with New Orleans rather than to seek an alternative site for the convention and exposition, and to mount a national education campaign to encourage Realtors and exhibitors to attend

"Realtors care about communities We can set no better example to the nation than by keeping our promise to New Orleans and its people to hold our 2006 annual meeting there," said NAR President Tom Stevens of Vienna, Va

Stevens said he has met with local New Orleans authorities to review the damage and reconstruction efforts following Hurricane Katrina and to assess their ability to meet the needs of NAR and its members He said that downtown, the French Quarter and the Garden District largely escaped flooding, and that essential services have been fully restored in those areas

The conference center and conference hotels are bustling with hundreds of workmen repairing hurricane destruction, and accelerating planned pre-Katrina renovations Restaurants are reopening on a daily basis, and plans are under way for Mardı Gras ın February, he said

"The health and safety of our

themselves whether the city and its convention facilities will be ready. cerns We have done our research and we are convinced

traveled to New Orleans last

month to see for

New Orleans will be a safe and healthful venue for our convention,' Stevens said Starting in June there will be citywide conferences, many attracting more than 20,000 attendees, well before the NAR annual meeting in November Some 26,477 Realtors, exhibitors and guests attended NAR's 2005 annual meeting and expo held ın San Francisco last October The NAR president and staff

traveled to New Orleans last month to see for themselves whether the city and its convention facilities will be ready "And they will," said Stevens "It's amazing how fast the city has pulled together and the progress they have made to get things back to normal

"Our annual meeting will help to provide jobs for residents to rebuild their lives and revenues for the city to restore services We will have a wonderful conference as we celebrate the rebirth of this legendary American city,' Stevens

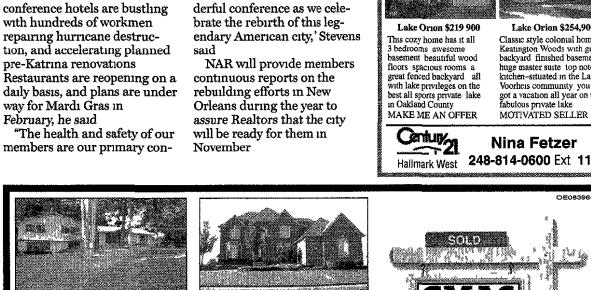


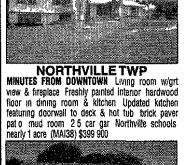
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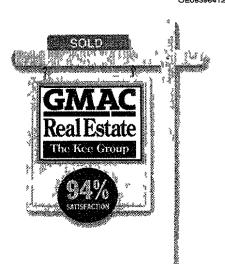


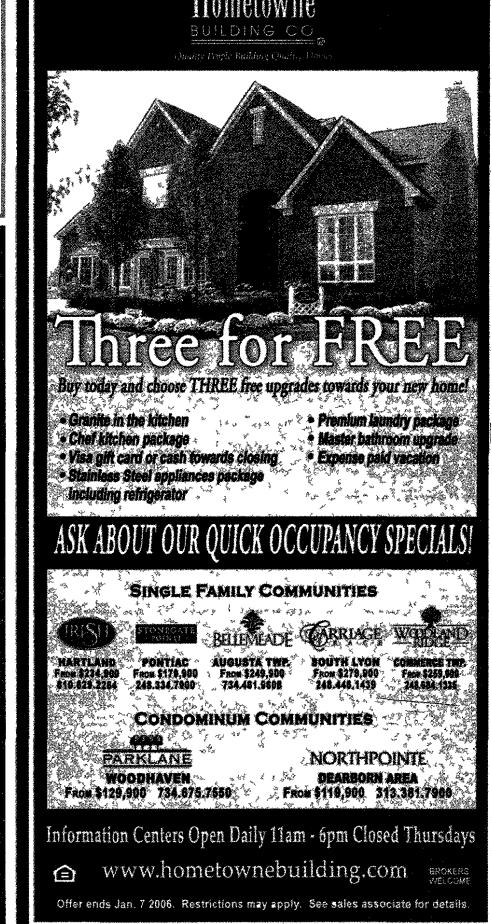
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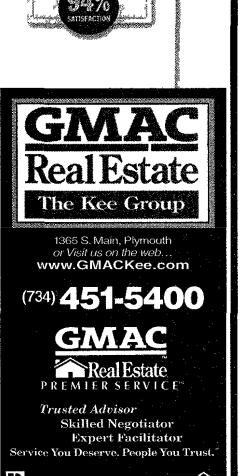
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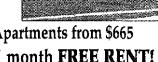
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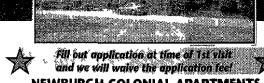
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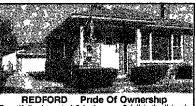
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face the New Year working beside your lousy coworker. She's been at the

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What's behind this? Bill Lee, president of Lee Resources Inc, in Greenville,  $S\ C$  , comments that "corporations, when announcing a newlyhired manager, often make such lofty predictions (about the person) that current managers consciously or unconsciously hope he will fail "

The problem could also be psychological. Susan Hodgkinson of The Personal Brand Company in Boston points out that these behaviors "can often be traced to underlying needs the person has Larger business issues have gotten lost in pursuit of her own preservation, safety and security She undermines for validation, protecting her own space" Lawler Kang agrees Author of "Passion at Work" (Prentice Hall, \$24 99), he says

that she may be a "curmudgeon who has lost passion, merely working for a paycheck, somewhat disenfranchised with the purpose, mission and passion of the group "

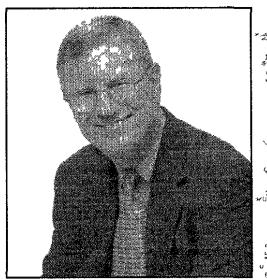
**OPTIONS** 

You have them It's never too late to make an ally "Try to see things from the curmudgeon's point of view," Kang says "Put yourself in her shoes. You don't want to necessarily see that she is fired, but you want to achieve a greater sense of harmony in the workplace "Lee agrees, saying, "Take time to understand where she's coming from "Then, he adds, replace the Golden Rule with the Platinum equivalent "Show an interest in her -- family, interests, hobbies, background, etc Talk to her about what SHE likes to talk about . HER interests. Even if you have to do some research at home at night, come to work armed with information that she would enjoy knowing about or discussing."

If the personal touch fails, ask for her advice "To gain favorable attention," Lee states, "give it. Ask for permission to contact her for advice on situations -- I know you know the ropes.' Winning over a co-worker can be a lot like selling a prospective customer, so asking questions can be quite effective "Remember the value of a shared lunch.

Another option is to speak with her directly about the problem, Hodgkinson and Lee state Point out "that she's violating my lines of authority," the latter states Hodgkinson mentions that, out of insecurity, she may deny that this is happening. Lee suggests that when someone goes to her to complain about you, the two of you should brainstorm to come up with the best response Offer to do the same when someone comes to you with a complaint about her. He further adds that you might ask, "Could you find it in your heart to support me? If you don't, come to me, because I appreciate your ınsıght and ideas "Consider recruiting her to your campaign for a high-impact contribution Hodgkinson comments that she might see it as a way to reposition herself there...

If these tactics don't work, speak with your manager Kang recommends beginning with the fact that you respect your co-worker's work, then asking what you and the manager can do to make you more productive. Hodgkinson suggests communicating that this problem is undermining your productivity, taking both of you away from customers "Give



Bill Lee, president of Lee Resources Inc., suggest you take time to understand your co-worker

the manager options and ideas about what you could try," Kang states

The last tactic to try "If you've tried all of these suggestions and still nothing changes (or if no one is listening to you), re-evaluate your own position." Lee remarks that this may be her modus operandi with others, and if your manager says that the situation is your responsibility, you know what to do

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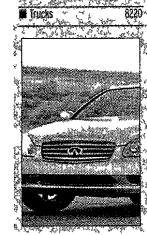
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But GM didn't get it quite right with H3 Its designers simply extended the shrinkage paradigm that Hummer had been using, making this vehicle yet again smaller than the H2 and more reasonably priced

The problem is that they went one step too far and created a number of compromises from which the H3 - despite its heritage and its still-massive scale - can't fully recover For those reasons, it's a vehicle that is difficult to recommend even though suggested retail prices start at about \$29,500, rising to about \$39,000 with all the factory options That is a good \$10,000 to \$20,000 less than most From the outside, at least, H3 cuts an impressive

profile befitting the brand's outsized persona The front bumper is big and beefy with a metal grate that is apparently meant to crash through feeble fences or mow down herds of wildebeests H3 retains the extremely wide stance and low center of gravity that are so crucial to the form and function of its forebears. So you've got the same problems parking the vehicle as with the other two, and you're almost as likely to turn heads on the road

Once you're inside, the feeling of physical invincibility – what one reviewer has called the "pillbox" effect – is still there in H3 just as with H1 and H2 But the problem with H3 is that the space the vehi-



H3 owners will enjoy the vehicles responsive handling and the power available from a five-cylinder, 3.5 - litre engine.

cle interior has to work with has been reduced, and some of the problems of shrinking the Hummer format finally come into play

For example, while the huge sunroof overhead the front seats is wonderful in H3, other aspects of front seating are not I found that the clearance available under the top of the front door opening, for the driver to slide into his seat, is way too low, its actually physically difficult for a normal-height man like me, of normal dexterity, to get into that seat easily The lack of a running board, and yet the reasonably great height of the trip from the ground to the front door, contribute to the difficulty And I'm part of the market that H3 wants'

Things worsen as you move back inside the vehicle The door opening to the second row of seats, front to back, is cut too short on the bottom rear, meaning that it's even more difficult for secondrow passengers to enter the vehicle than it is for front-row occupants And once they're inside, sec-ond-row passengers will find H3's seats not all that spacious or comfortable, and the so-called fifthpassenger seat actually has convex-shaped uphol-

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Other shortcomings include the fact that the windows are extremely short top to bottom, making it difficult for rear passengers to see out For all of those logistical obstacles, H3 owners

will enjoy the vehicle's responsive handling and the power available from a five-cylinder, 3 5-liter engine that makes H3 a very comfortable cruiser at highway speeds, rated at 220 horsepower overall And in a dramatic departure for this brand at least, H3's fuel mileage comes in at 16 miles a gallon in the city and 19 on the highway for the automatic-transmission version, one mpg better in each category for the manual

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# 'King Kong' dazzles with visual effects

BY DAVID GERMAIN AP MOVIE WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP) - As a kıd ın New Zealand, Peter Jackson caught the original King Kong on TV one Friday night and was so blown away, he decided to make movies just like that 1933 classic

Thank heaven his local station wasn't running a Jerry Lewis marathon

It was reasonable to figure there was no way Jackson could top his monumental The Lord of the Rings trilogy Yet Jackson's done so with his spectacular update of the country-ape-meetscity-girl love story, his King Kong passionately commemorating the original while adding chills, firlls and thrills by the boatload

Just when it seemed Hollywood had reached a visual-effects plateau where all a film could do was pile on more of the same without distinguishing itself from

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its computer-generated predecessors, along comes Kong to swing to new peaks of dazzling digital storytelling

Apart from a few curiously phony-looking special effects, King Kong presents a fantastic world seamlessly blending live action, computer imagery and miniature sets and props

Likewise, aside from a couple of absurd moments where Kong strains credibility even in a tale of

WITH



King Kong is stilled by the approach of Ann Darrow following his escape from captivity and rampage through the streets of New York City

giant apes, insects and dinosaurs, the action sequences are stupendous, some almost visionary in conception and design We're used to seeing bigger, badder variants of things we've seen before in Hollywood movies, yet King Kong is a rare beast that startles again and again, each chase, battle and flurry of motion more intense and innovative than the last

Certainly, Jackson is guilty of piling on throughout King Kong, indulging himself in an excess of excess like a famished gorilla turned loose at a farmer's market

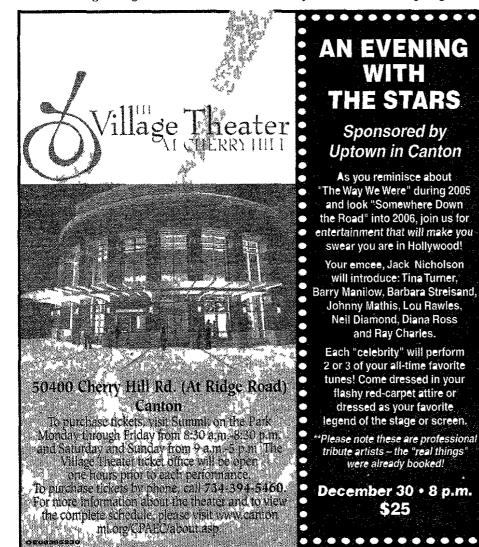
Topping three hours, the film is almost twice as long as the 1933 version and feels like the extended cut studios put out on DVD a year or two after the theatrical release The overlong Manhattan setup and shipboard journey to Kongs island could have been cut con siderably, and even some of the action scenes are longer than they

need to be

Still, when what's on screen is as good as this, three hours pass quickly

Unlike the woeful 1976 remake. which updated the story to mod ern times and had Kong climbing the World Trade Center instead of the Empire State Building, Jackson's version takes the story back to 1933

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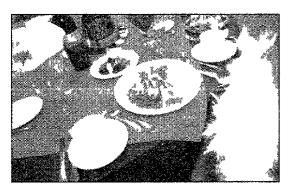
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Dark Star Orchestra revisits the music of the Grateful Dead

# Dark Star Orchestra pays tribute, respect to the Grateful Dead

STAFF WRITER

Come on out, all of you Grateful Dead fans

And if you've never attended a Dead show, Dark Star Orchestra may be the closest thing to the real thing you might see — with a twist

Dark Star Orchestra is a Grateful Dead tribute band, appearing at 8 p m Sunday, Dec, 18 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre The show is also a tribute to the band's founder, vocalist and keyboardist Scott Larned, 35, who died of a heart attack earlier this year

Keyboardist Rob Barracco, for mer vocalist/keyboardist with The Dead and the Zen Tricksters, will fill in

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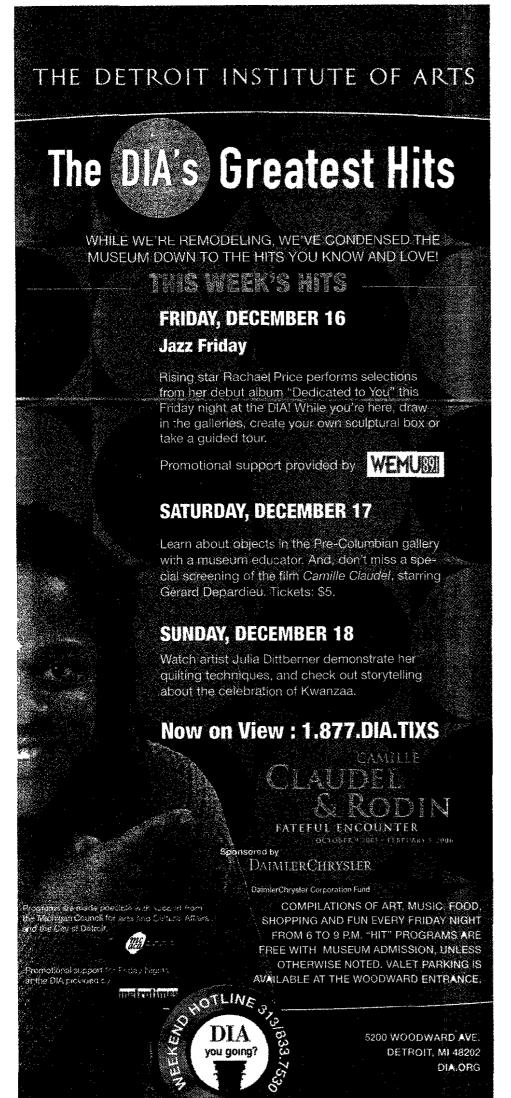
typical tribute band. They, like the Dead, are a band of improvisation and the goal is to actually replicate setlists from original Dead shows. Every night the band chooses a different Grateful Dead concert setlist. With Dark Star, a chamber orchestra plays classical musical such as Bach or Mozart, while the band performs Dead music

So if you, for example, attended the Grateful Dead show on Oct 23, 1971 at the Easttown Theatre in Detroit — when the Dead opened with Bertha and then went into Playin', Loser, Mexicali, Sugaree and many more — you could possibly see it again if that's the set list Dark Star chooses to perform at The Royal Oak Music Theatre

The show may be a way to revisit the past, but Dark Star is serious about the music They don't wear fake attire poking fun at the Grateful Dead Dark Star is authentic, and the band has drawn national attention with its true-to-life performances

Dark Star Orchestra's quality even attracts attention from the Grateful Dead members themselves who have even joined them on stage And like the Dead, Dark

PLEASE SEE DARK, D5



# KONG

FROM PAGE D2

Unscrupulous filmmaker Carl Denham (Jack Black, showing dramatic chops beyond expectations) is about to get shut down by his financiers on his trek to Skull Island, a lost world where he plans to shoot an adventure epic Denham unleashes a flurry of lies to assemble his equipment and crew aboard the tramp steamer that will carry them to the south seas, hoping to shove off before the money men can stop him

With his leading lady a no-show, Carl encounters out of work vaudevillian Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts, who proves she has as good a set of pipes as her *Kong* prede cessor Fay Wray) Carl cons Ann into sign ing on and manages to hijack his screen writer, playwright Jack Driscoll (Adrien Brody, a sturdily heroic presence), to complete the script during the voyage

The screenplay by Jackson and writing partners Fran Walsh and Philippa Boyens fleshes out the lead players into much richer characters than the 1933 version

Jackson and company also craft a fullbodied ensemble of shipmates Steely Capt Englehorn (Thomas Kretschmann), dauntless first mate Hayes (Evan Parke), impressionable deckhand Jimmy (Jamie Bell), Carl's devoted aide Preston (Colin Hanks) and colorful ships cook Lumpy (Andy Serkis Jackson also used Serkis' motions and performance as the founda tion for his digitally created Kong, the same way Serkis formed the basis of the computer-generated Gollum in *The Lord of* the Rings

At Skull Island, the natives kidnap Ann as a sacrifice to the feared 25-foot gorilla. Having fallen for Ann, Jack convinces the others to mount a rescue mission, leading them into a land that time forgot overrun with dinosaurs, huge bugs, monstrous bats and other creatures

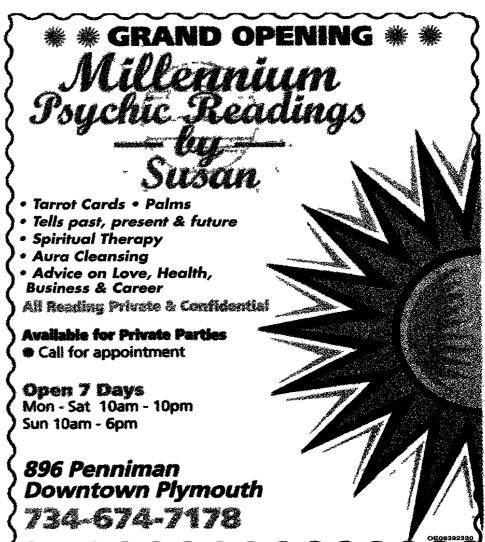
When the branches begin to creak and the boughs start to break before Kong's first entrance, it's as big a moment of expectation as today's seen-it-all audiences are likely to experience

From then on, the action and drama never let up The island natives are terrifying in a demonic, Dawn of the Dead manner The dinosaurs are even scarier The giant insects will have you squirming in your seat Kong's battle with multiple tyrannosaurs in a net of vines is one of the greatest action sequences ever made

Instead of Kong's love-at-first-sight fixa tion with Wray in the original, Watts Ann has to work for the ape's affections, her charms gradually elevating her from battered plaything to cherished trophy girlfriend

As for Watts, this woman can really scream With little dialogue and only Serkis in a padded suit to act off of, Watts captures mournful tenderness for the big galoot. The relationship progresses from Watts 'My boyfriend's back and you're

PLEASE SEE KONG, D5



# DARK

FROM PAGE D3

Star Orchestra is involved in community with proceeds from CDs and shows bene fiting various charities

Dark Store Orchestra is

- John Kadlecik (lead guitar, vocals) Kadlecik has a voice similar to Jerry Garcias He played in the Chicago area with Hairball Willie and Uncle Jons Band before forming Wingnut and co founding DSO
- Lisa Mackey (vocals) When the DSO performs a show from the Deads 70s tours, Mackey is the harmony
- Dino English (Percussion) After discovering the Dead, English performed in several Dead bands Now he plays the

part of Bill Kreutzmann in Dark Star He has jazz background experience

- Rob Koritz (drums) Koritz, a good friend of Dino English, was classically trained at the University of Arizona and earned his music degree in Jazz studies in the Midwest He played in The Schwag as well as Kerosene Willie before taking on the Mickey Hart spot with DSO
- Kevin Rosen (bass guitar, vocals) A founding member He has returned to the bass player role after a break to play in Chicago with his band UJB
- Rob Eaton (Rhythm guitar, vocals) –
  Eaton has been involved in the Grateful
  Dead community since the 70's He
  attended hundreds of shows with front
  row tickets and had many backstage pass
  es to the band Eaton is a true fan and now
  a great resource for the band

# KONG

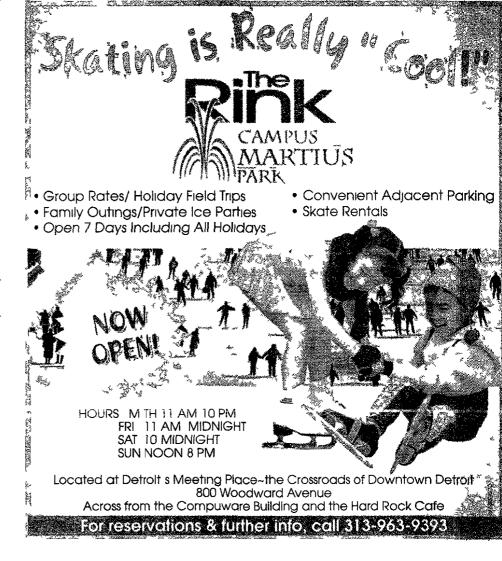
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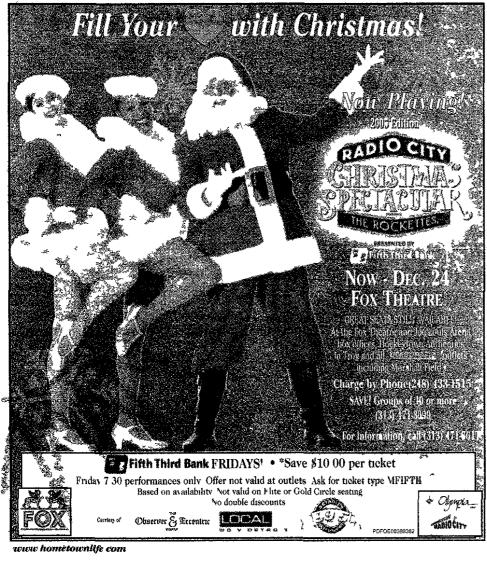
gonna be in trouble" smirk when Kong shows up to save her from dinosaurs to her profound despair over the ape's subjugation after he's captured and brought back to New York as a sideshow freak

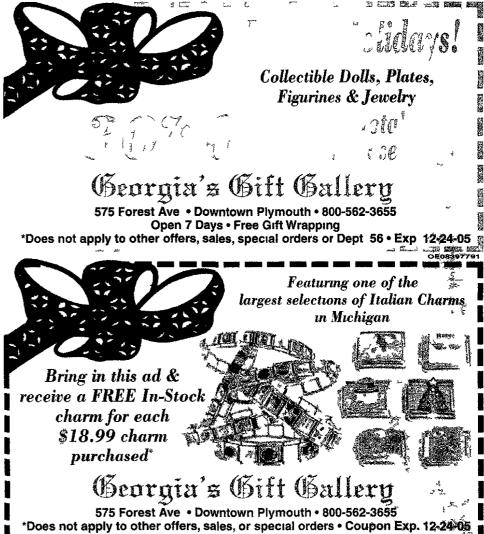
The computer-generated Kong is a marvel, his movements and expressions embodying primal rage, bestial bewilderment, even hearty humor The filmmakers suffuse Kong with majestic melancholy and deepen his sense of loneliness with hints that he once had brethren but now is the last of his kind

From his king of New York chest-beating atop the Empire State Building to his last tortured glances at Ann, Kong feels like a living, breathing character with old-soul pathos But the whole remake reveals Jackson's reverence for the original Many sequences, shots and even individual dramatic beats are lifted from Cooper and Schoedsack's version and transfigured through the director's personal vision and masterful command of the 72 years of film technology that has come since

King Kong, a Universal release, runs 187 minutes Four stars out of four







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## **ALICIA'S TOP ALBUMS FOR 2005**

1 **Decemberists** ~ *Picaresque*: It seems tike I ve been listening to this record for



ages but the
March release
from these
Oregonians is
just seven
months old
and my top
pick of the
year The
Decemberists
take you on

with lead singer Colin Meloy's unique story telling songwriting abilities. What other band could write a song about being swal lowed by a whale to seek revenge?

2. Beck — Guero: Beck's latest upbeat release was a huge contrast to 2002's Sea Change the album that made you feel sad somehow on the sunniest of days. This time Beck brought us his trademark remixed beats taste for a bit of electro and even a

one heck of a sea cruise and back

3 Ben Folds — Songs for Silverman Ben didn't let us down with the followup to Rocking the Suburbs with standout tracks like Landed and Late a tribute to Elliott Smith He got bonus points for the various release forms he used for the album ranging from DualDisc to mint-book form

little bit of freestyle rapping

4 Hard Lessons – Gasoline: I couldn't resist a little local flavor for 2005 Local kids. The Hard Lessons released a top notch debut with a collection of songs that fans have grown to

sing along with at their stellar live shows

5 Sleater-Kinney ~ In the Woods: I d say this album was a good mix of

more



thought out songs perhaps the ladies grown up record if you will While the rock aspect was present on all tracks there was a definite feel of greater precision and crafting with this release that made it a great listen through out the year

## Honorable mentions

Brendan Benson *The Alternative to Love*Spoon *Gimme Fiction*eels *Blinking Lights and Other Revelations*Nada Surf *The Weight is a Gift* 

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# BEST "HALF THE ALBUM IS GREAT, THE OTHER HALF I CAN LIVE WITHOUT" RECORD

White Stripes – *Get Behind Me Satar* The category title pretty much says it all 1 loved half of the tracks and could live without the rest



Writers Stephanie Tardy (left) who has no idea why her right arm is so awkwardly placed, and Alicia Dorset, who should be in the running for "America's Next Top Model' enjoy the fruits of entertainment writing (Or at least pretend to )

# Only the really important stuff

# A look back at 2005

You could say that Alicia Dorset and Stephanie Tardy paid attention. Reflecting and researching anything and everything entertainment, they picked only the most noteworthy and notable albums, books movies and other happenings for the 2005. Entertainment Roundup. Think of it as our eulogy for 2005. May she rest in peace.

# BY STEPHANIE TARDY STAFF WRITER

Oh, for the year that was Hurricane Katrina and Judy Miller and Kwame's re election and WMD Too bad we care of none of these things in this forum — we care only of the really important stuff Here is our rundown of only the most impressive and poignant events of 2005 — we're sure you'll clip it out and add it to your scrapbook

## **JANUARY**

- The Michael Jackson trial begins and weirdoes around the world unite by holding crazy signs and crazy stuffed animals and general craziness outside the court room
- Johnny Carson dies and we have nothing snarky to say about it because its still sad when we think about it too long

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- Jamie Foxx wins best actor for his performance of Ray Charles that totally made the Academy forget all about *Booty Call* Another sign of the apocalypse presents itself when Foxx later gets a No 1 single and starts appearing on numerous rap joints
- The Gates are installed and torn down in New York, but while it's up it looks all neat and stuff

## MARCH

- Something happens with Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie We're still getting the details Maybe we will hear something, anything, if the liberal media can concentrate on something important for once
- Martha Stewart is released from prison and, months later, a writer who shall hereupon go unnamed, curses her cookie recipes for using real butter
- We bet you 10 bucks you've already forgotten about Terri Schiavo

## **APRIL**

■ Billed as Detroit's SXSW, the Motor City Music Conference goes off without (much of) a hitch Everyone still laments the Midwest Music Conference

## MAY

Family Guy returns to Fox It finally becomes crystal clear to lovers of American Dad that writer Seth MacFarlane has only one idea

## JUNE

■ The Crazy Frog ringtone becomes 2005's Hamster Dance Everyone is proud to be alive!

## JULY

- Live 8 benefit concerts prove boring when none of the good acts make it to the US live broadcast Unnamed writer wonders, "Is Madonna serious?" Unnamed writer now knows she was unitard serious
- A story in a Detroit newspaper claims Eminem is quitting music based on the metaphorical cues in his stage show and record cover Have we learned nothing about Em's ability to screw with us?

## **AUGUST**

■ Bob Moog dies and Sux Feet Under ends and we can hardly get out of bed in time to see the new iPod nanos released in

## **SEPTEMBER**

Suddenly everyone's grandparents, after he makes that infamous statement during a Hurricane Katrina rehef benefit on NBC,

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## STEPHANIE'S 2005 NOTABLE BOOKS AND HAPPENINGS RELATED TO BOOKS

Joan Didion apparently wrote a moving tale of loss with The Year of Magical Thinking earning her a spot on seemingly everyone's top 2005 list I had already cried enough reading Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer - who also saw his earli er some say better Everything is Illuminated reach the big screen this year - so I haven t read Didion's book yet Myla Goldberg's Wickett's Remedy a novel about the last influenza outbreak was oddly timed to coin cide with our modern day avian flu panic Zadie Smith continued her intricate character tales of family and the ties that bind in On

Beauty Every book club all across the land read The Kite Runner and all those copies are now propping up short chair leas

In non fiction Malcolm Gladwell used his snake oil salesmen prose to get everyone talking about Blink much in the same way Maureen Dowd who we find absolutely fascinating and don t want to give you the impression otherwise did with Are Men Necessary?



But the biggest trend of 2005 were the bloggers who began turning their 2004 election buzz into book deals with many new tomes starting to trickle onto shelves - like Julie and Julia and Ultragrrrl s The Pocket DJ to name a few we read this year With big gies like Wil Wheaton and Wonkette's Ana Marie Cox and many many more having put ink to con tract 2006 is looking to be an excit ing time to re read your favorite blogs in neat little \$29 95 bindings

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## 2005

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know who Kanye West is A writer, who has remained nameless thus far and plans to carry out this line of humor until the end of the article, continues to falsely believe West is from Detroit until a Pepsi commercial seen a few weeks later finally sets her straight

■ Paul McCartney releases his surprisinglygood-once-a-decade album by channeling himself four decades ago

## **OCTOBER**

- People get really crazy about *Lost* Web sites start popping up analyzing every minute detail of the show and, generally, nerds are happy
- New York tries to out the identity of cult writer JT Leroy, setting the literary blog world ablaze, while no one else takes much notice Even our sisters, who are usually into this sort of thing, just look at us blankly, as blankly and coolly as if we lost our minds

## **NOVEMBER**

- Despite months of speculation, Nick and Jessica finally PR — as in press release — their separation on the same week Britney's Federletus photos run in People Conspiracy anyone?
  - Puggles are the new schnoodle

## DECEMBER

We can't believe the XBox 360 is \$400, Paris Hilton is still famous or that VH1 actually ran out of ideas and made We Love the Holidays It all leaves us warm and fuzzy and hopeful for 2006

More you say? Why yes Turn to page D15 for our favorite concerts of 2005

## **ALICIA'S TOP MOVIES OF 2005**

You had a lot of movies to pick from this year Here are the ones that I selected as my top five of 2005

## **WALK THE LINE**

This IS my top movie of the year The bio pic on the rise of Johnny Cash and the woman who stood by his side June Carter Cash was the best movie I saw all year Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon gave outstanding perform ances as the music legends and even sang and performed all of their charac ters music You know a movie is good when you walk out and immediately need to know more about that artist I now own many Johnny Cash recordings

## **GOOD NIGHT. AND GOOD LUCK**

Of course I loved this movie I m a journalist I have to George Clooney's beautiful black and white film is the story of Edward R Murrow and his fight against Sen Joe McCarthy The movies teaches more about communism the Red Scare and the history of broadcast jour nalism than an entire semester in Michigan States Introduction to Mass Media

## **CRASH**

When a movie is publicized as having an ensemble cast you can pretty much bet its a sequel to Jurassic Park Luckily this film was just the opposite Crash looked at several different perspectives of racism in America from those who feel it to those who use it. There were several

times in the movie theater were you found yourself holding your breath and wishing that these sorts of events weren t true

## **SIN CITY**

Sure it was a bit gross at times in terms of violence However Sin City had to be the coolest film I saw all year And when I mean cool I mean Rat Pack cool The graphic novel's screen adaptation featured a variety of stars ranging from Bruce Willis to Benicio Del Torro and even girl of the moment Jessica Alba The black and white format served just the right amount of grit tiness that the story dictated Definitely a great DVD for your collection

## ME AND YOU AND EVERYONE WE KNOW

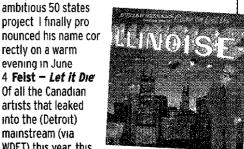
After I watched this movie I said to myself Wait what? This is the perfect reaction to a film signifying your brain is really thinking and the reaction that most of my friends had to Miranda July s first feature length release Having received rave reviews from both the Sundance and Cannes film festivals July s film looks at finding love in today s world through different sets of charac ters My favorite character was Sylvie the little girl collecting small kitchen appli ances for her hope chest

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## STEPHANIE'S SIX MOST LISTENED-TO-**ALBUMS RELEASED IN 2005**

1 M.I.A. - Arular She was a media darling and I refused to believe the hype Man was I completely wrong inventive political charged grime is the perfect primer for people who claim to dislike rap 2 Spoon - Gimme Fiction It seems like it came out five years ago. Not because the music sounds old but because that newfangled internet thing has really changed a thing called a release date 3 Sufjan Stevens - Come on Feel the Illinoise A stupid title for a beautiful record in Stevens

project I finally pro nounced his name cor rectly on a warm evening in June 4 Feist – *Let it Die* Of all the Canadian artists that leaked into the (Detroit) mainstream (via



WDET) this year this was my favorite - sharp clean and French like visiting Montreal on a romantic train ride journey of loveliness

5 and 6 New Pornographers - Twin Cinema My Morning Jacket - Z The New Pornographers made an album that isn't mindblowing but still spectacu lar in that Weezer Blue Album way in that it will come and go on your CD player for a decade MMJ made a mindblowing album in that Wilco Yankee Hotel Foxtrot way in that it grows on you with every

## STEPHANIE'S LOCAL BAND OF THE YEAR

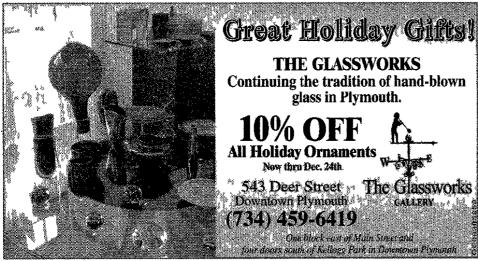


The Hard Lessons -Having hit on a magic chemistry and honed it into a super rock stage machine the band's performance at the Hamtramck Labor Day Festival would have been my show

of the year had this not just been their version of par for the course awesome

## FIRST ANNUAL JOHN TRAVOLTA AWARD FOR MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Ryan Adams - Redemption came in the form of three new albums for Adams who was starting to lose support from his biggest fan namely me





## The menu at Laurel Manor for a New Year s Eve celebration to benefit Angela Hospice will include an entree with filet mianon chicken boursin anna potato, and a fresh vegetable medley with baby carrots along with **New York** cheesecake topped with a mixed berries

# New Year's Eve

# Restaurants dial up entertainment

**BY ELEANOR HEALD** CORRESPONDENT

On New Year's Eve, most restaurants will be serving their regular menus, but many have an increased focus on entertainment, especially after 9 p m

If you're seeking both good eats and late night entertainment, the following locations are where you can find them dialed up

From 7 p m to 1 a m "Enjoy Life' is the theme of a "roaring '20s' celebration at LAUREL MANOR with proceeds benefiting Angela Hospice and its caring programs for terminally ill children and adults

Tickets are \$125 per person, of which \$55 is tax-deductible Included are a premium open bar, hors d'oeuvres, individually-plated combination dinner with wine, featuring filet and boneless chicken (vegetarian meal upon request at time of reservation), dancing to the music of the nine-piece orchestra Rare Blend. champagne toast at midnight and an afterglow with coney dogs

Call Angela Hospice (734) 464-7810, 8 30 a m -5 p m Monday to Friday, to book reserva-

ANDIAMO CELEBRITY SHOWROOM features dinner

and dancing with the Simone Vitale Band At \$125 per person, includes cocktails, appetizers, gourmet Andiamo style" dinner (soup, salad, pasta and beef filet), dessert, party favors, champagne toast at midnight, followed by late

night pizza and coney dogs Doors open at 7 30 p m with dinner served at 8 30

At ANDIAMO IN DEARBORN, \$99 per person gets you both dinner and entertainment Doors open at 7 p m for Competition is Murder, a mystery din-

ner show from 7 30 to 10 30 p m Immediately following the show, musical guest Dezire will entertain for listening and dancing Dinner main plates include petite filet and lobster tail or stuffed chicken breast There's a champagne toast and party favors to ring in the New Year and a premium open bar

A New Year's Êve Gala wıll be held ın the banquet room at ANDIAMO WEST with hors doeuvres stations from 8 to 9 p.m followed by dinner From 8 30 p m to I a m there's music without breaks by the eight-member Quality Band Price of \$125 per person includes all that and an open bar, tax and gratuity, party favors and a midnight champagne toast

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Jazz, that uniquely American musical art form, will ominate SELDOM BLUES, offering a package at \$350 er couple (in sophisticated casual attire) from 7 m to 1 30 a m An open bar, with a menu of passed ors doeuvres, soup, salad, filet and lobster combo ill be accompanied by the smooth jazz sounds of lexander Zonne and Friends with singer Thornetta avis on stage

All restaurants in the Matt Prentice Restaurant roup will be open New Year's Eve for regular dinig MORELS, AN AMERICAN BISTRO will have regular ating from 5-7 30 p m then feature a party begining at 9 p m with a four-course dinner at \$65 per erson, (tax, gratuity and alcohol additional) Those pting for 9 p m seating at SHIRAZ can gather next oor after dinner in Morels' bar to enjoy live music nd dancing with the Sheila Landis Trio until 1 a m There will be open seating from 5 p m until mid ight and choices from the regular menu at COACH ISIGNIA, atop the GM Global Renaissance with its kyline and Detroit River views ETOUFFEE will offer gular dining until 9 p m then a party atmosphere reaks out with jazz and dancing until 2 a.m Tickets or entry are \$25 with an additional charge for food nd beverage, based on consumption

Depending on the main course choice, prices for ITTLE ITALY'S five-course holiday feast range from 48 to \$75 Tables booked before 9 p m will be ebooked every three hours By-the-glass-offerings of parkling wines include Bella Vista Franciacorta, euve Chquot and Prosecco di Conigliano Musical ntertainment by Roy Scoutz will be provided in the acchus Bar

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Coach Insignia Renaissance Center Detroit (313) 567

Etouffee 25333 W 12 Mile Rd (in Star Southfield Entertainment Centre) Southfield (248) 750 0700 Historic Holly Hotel 110 Battle Alley Holly (248) 634 5208 Laurel Manor 39000 Schoolcraft Road Livonia (248) 478

Little Italy Ristorante & Bacchus Bar 227 Hutton Northville (248) 348 0575

Morels, An American Bistro 30100 Telegraph Road Bingham Farms (248) 642 1094

Seldom Blues 400 Renaissance Ctr Detroit (313) 567 7356 Shiraz 30100 Telegraph Road Bingham Farms (248) 645

Three different prix fixe, six course dinners are available from 4-11 p m at the HOLLY HOTEL at \$65 per person Advance-purchased Comedy Club tickets are available for the 8 30 p m and 11 p m shows for \$12 each Check complete New Years Eve menus on the Web site at www hollyhotel com

Best advice Book a reservation soon or you may lose out

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Town Center) Lansing (517)267

## **PLYMOUTH**

## Fiamma Grille

380 \$ Main Street (734) 416 9340 5 11 pm Tuesday Thursday Friday and Saturday until midnight Italian accented steak and seafood grill \$22 average main course Reservations recommended

## SOUTHFIELD

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25333 W 12 Mile (in Star Southfield out holiday Entertainment Centre) (248) 75 shopping: The ... 0700 H a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday following ... Wednesday until midnight Entertainment Centre) (248), 750 Thursday and until a m Friday 5 pm to 1am Saturday 3-9 pm Sunday Creole Capun, barbecue and Southern Main courses and barbecue under \$20 Rids menu

Reservations Recommended

## **TROY**

Bon Vie Bistro & Wine Bar

2810 Big Beaver Road (second level Somerset Collection South near the Skywalk) (248) 458 2114 Monday Thursday II a m to 9 p m Until 10 pm on Friday Saturday 10 30 a m to 7 30 p m Sunday 10 30 a m to 7 p m French Lunch main dishes \$10 \$15 Dinner \$14 \$24 Reservations recommended Siam Thai

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## **ART EXHIBITS**

## **Detroit Institute of Arts**

Camille Claudel and Rodin Fateful Encounter through Feb 5 5200 Woodward Ave Detroit timed tickets include general museum admis sion 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 Screenorint at the Detroit Institute of Arts 5200 Woodward Detroit \$3 \$6 (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

## **ART GALLERIES**

## Cass Cafe

3 The Hard Way a mixed media exhibition by Taurus Burns John Harkins and Harlan Lovestone through March 4 4620 Cass Avenue Detroit (313) 831 1400

## **Lemberg Gallery**

Recent Works on Paper Judy Pfaff until Jan 21 at 23241 Woodward Ferndale artists lec ture 815 pm Thursday Dec 15 at The Detroit Institute of Arts Auditorium (248) 591 6623 or www.lemberggallery.com

## Susanne Hilberry 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 doc umenting 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

## **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 Half Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 am to 10 pm Monday Friday 8 am to 430 pm Friday 9 am to 3 om Saturday

## Photo exhibit

Group Photo an exhibit of works by five pho tographers through Dec 30 Paint Creek Center for the Arts 407 Pine St. Rochester call (248) 651 4110 or visit www pccart org

## **Sherry Washington Gallery**

David Fludd's The Grids of Life exhibit on view until Jan 14 Located at LB King Building 1274 Library Detroit www.sherrywashington gallery com (313) 961 4500

## Hill Gallery

Mark di Suvero's art through Jan 31 located at 407 W Brown St Birmingham (248) 540

## ART ETC.

Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop Holiday gifts sold through Dec 31 featuring



ceramics class fiber hand made wood furni ture 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

## Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

Special shopping event open until Dec 17 Event features 150 artists from eight states with fibers glass ceramics wood photogra phy and more (248) 644 0866 or visit BBAC 1516 S Cranbrook Road Birmingham for infor mation visit www.bbartcenter.org

## BALLET

## The Nutcracker

Rose Marie Floyd Contemporary Civic Ballet Company of Royal Oak 2 pm and 7 pm Dec 17 Clawson High School Clawson (248) 641

## Avondale performance

The Nutcracker performed by Michigan Ballet Theatre 2 pm and 7 pm Dec 21 22 Avondale Performing Arts Center Avondale High School Auburn Hills (248) 652 3117

## **CLUBS**

## 220 Merrill Street & Edison Lounge

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## Bland Pig

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## 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 pm to 2 am (313) 962 2244 625 Shelby Detroit www.elysium.lounge.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 pm 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 am Access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada www.lelandcityclub.com

## Rainbow Room

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## **CLASSICAL**

## Chamber Music Society

Borromeo String Quartet performs Mozart Bartok and Dvorak 8 pm Saturday Dec 17 at Seligman Performing Arts Center 22305 W 13 Mile Road (corner of Lahser and 13 Mile roads on the campus of Detroit Country Day school) Beverly Hills Single tickets for concerts and Opus 3 Series subscriptions may be purchased by calling the Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855

## COMEDY

## Wise Guys

Tom McGillen (The Adventures of Joe Dirt) with special guests Russ Brown and Scott Loftis shows are 8 pm Thursday and 8 and 10 30 p m Friday and Saturday (8 p m Saturday show is non smoking) at 40380 Grand River Novi Call (248) 919 3216

## Second City

Mainstage show is In iPod We Trust running Wednesday Sunday and children's theater production After the Beanstalk a limited engagement on Saturday mornings through Dec 17 42705 Grand River Ave Novi (248) 348 4448

## Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand up 269 East Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 www.comedycastle.com

## Joey's Comedy Club,

Stand up at two locations 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 and 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomedy.com

## **Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase**

Maria Bamford ~8~p~m~ Dec ~15~8~ and  $10~30~p\star{\sc ym}$ Dec 16 and 17 314 E Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 996 9080 or www aacomedy com

## FAMILY

## **Detroit Science Center**

Exhibits include A Journey to Our Future is now open to accompany center's new perma nent 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

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

## Spotlight Players

It's a Wonderful Life performed Dec 16 17 at Cherry Hill Village Theater 50400 Cherry Hill Road Canton tickets \$18 showtimes 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays 2 pm on Sundays call (734) 394 5460

A Holly Jolly Christmas Revue performances at 730 pm Dec 16 and 17 at historic Marquis Theatre 135 E Main \$10 12 (248) 349 8110

## Rackham Symphony Choir

Too Hot to Handel the jazz gospel Messiah with Alvin Waddles on piano Marion Hayden

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on bass and George Benson on saxophone 8 p m Saturday Dec 17 and 4 p m Sunday Dec 18 Detroit Opera House tickets \$18 \$55 (313) 237 SING www.ticketmaster.or (248) 645 6666 www.michiganopera.com

## **Detroit Concert Choir**

Music for Christmas concert 4 p.m. Sunday Dec 18 St Martin de Porres 31555 Hoover (north of 13 Mile) Warren tickets \$20 and \$18 for seniors and students \$10 for young adults (through 21 years old) (313) 882 0118

## Sleigh rides

John McGuire of the Guernsey Farms Dairy donated a one horse open sleigh to the Northville Community Foundation for use at Maybury Farm to kick off Hayrides and Sleigh Rides at the Maybury Farm on Eight Mile Road just west of Beck Road in Northville The farm's winter hours are noon until 5 p m Wednesday thru Sunday hayrides and sleigh rides (weather depending) will scheduled at 1 pm 2pm 3pm and 4pm Friday Saturday and Sundays For group rates call (248) 374

## Dakland Theatre Guild

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever through Dec 21 shows at 730 pm Friday and 430 and 730 pm Saturdays and 2 and 430 pm Sunday Tickets \$10 \$14 (248) 335 1788 or www.starlighttheater.net

## The Farmington Community Chorus

A Happy Holiday Season 8 p m Triday and Saturday Dec 16 and 17 at Mercy High School Auditorium located at the corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. The 85 voice mixed chorus includes singers from throughout the metro Detroit area Directed by Steve SeGraves and accompanied by assis tant director Susan Garr Tickets are \$12 in advance and can be purchased at the Costick Center registration desk (28600 W 11 Mile Rd Farmington Hills) or (810) 632 4067 Tickets at the door for \$15. Visit www.farmingtoncho rus com

## Holly

The Dickens Festival Dec 17 and 18 childrens games of skill plays storytellers puppet shows musicians free havrides jugglers and carolers tours of village in horsedrawn car riage food vendors www.dickensfestivalhol ly org or call (248) 634 1900

## Lake Orion

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble in December

Dances (holiday performance) 3 p m Dec 18 at Lake Orion Performing Arts Center 495 E Scripps Road Lake Orion \$15 \$10 students (248) 559 2095

## hurchill Choir

Churchili High School Vocal Department
Holiday Concert Livonia Youth Choir and
alumni 7 pm Monday Dec 19 at Churchili's
Carli Auditorium 8900 Newburgh Livonia
featuring cookie walk before concert and dur
ing intermission \$2 concert admission \$6 per
pound of cookies

## IAZZ

## Nindsor Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs in Oakland County Presenting Chuck Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society Band 14 pm 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 pm Thursday Feb 23 at Pasent Theatre and Ingrid Jensen Wednesday March 22 at Stoddard Grand Tier Lounge (517) 432 2000 or 1 800 WHARTON or visit www.whartoncenter.com

## Michigan Jazz Festival

Presents Jim Ryan & Friends at 7:30 p m Wednesday Dec 21 & 28 at Giulio s Cucina Italiana Restaurant On Dec 21 Ryan on drums Terry Lower piano and Ray Tini on bass On Dec 28 Ryan on drums Vince Shandor on piano and Kurt Krasnke on bass (734) 427 9500

## **MORE MUSIC**

## Magic Bag

22920 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 3030

## Open Mike

Musicians perform on open mike night every Thursday 8 11 pm 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.kerry townconcerthouse 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 per forms at 7 p m 74 N Sheldon Road Plymouth (734) 416 4278

## Station 885

885 Starkweather Piymouth Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz every Thursday 7 10 p m (bass and piano)

## Trinity House Theatre

Dick Siegel in concert at 8 pm on Saturday Dec 10 Tickets are \$12 Call (734) 464 6302 For more information www.trinityhouse.org

## At home, On-line

www Radio-Indie Pop com features a different indie band each month. This month it's Animal Collective. Listening to the music is free and there's no advertising

## MUSEUMS

## Henry Ford Museum

Current exhibits include Behind the Scenes 50 Years of Disneyland 9 30 a m to 5 p m daily \$10 14 20900 Oakwood Boulevard west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue Dearborn Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre For more information call (313) 982 6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org

Cranbrook Science Museum



## MUSIC

Finvarra's Wren will perform an annual Solstice show at MAMA's Coffeehouse on Saturday Dec 17, at the Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N Woodward near the northwest corner of Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills Open mic is at 7 15 pm and showtime is 8 pm. The band is versed in Celtic and American folk Opening for the band is Dublin Station. Tickets \$12 adults. \$10 for seniors or kids 16 and under For information, call (248) 569 0965.

Featured exhibit is It s a Nano World
Permanent exhibits include planetarium
nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory
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645.3200 or www.cranbrook.edu

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## Detroit Historical Museum

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## Toy & Hobby Expo

Toys trains dolls and hobby items from the 1950s through today's hottest collectibles Dec 30 31 and Jan 2 at Rock Financial Showplace 46100 Grand River Novi (734) 455 2210

## Fox & Hounds

Brunch with Santa 1 pm Sunday Dec 18 and 5 pm Broadway Holiday Dinner 39560 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills brunch fea tures a medley of holiday songs by the Michigan Opera Theatre dinner is strolling even with performers and quests Brunch ticket prices are \$40 for adults and \$15 for children 10 and under (plus sales tax and 20 percent service charge) For dinner menu is prime rib draft beer house wines cham pagne and dessert. Tickets are priced at \$70 (prices do not include sales tax and 20 per cent service charge). A special seniors ticket is available for \$50 For reservations call (248) 644 4800 or visit www foxandhound sonline com

## THEATER - COLLEGE

## 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

## Clarkston

Professional puppeteer Nancy Penvose pres ents Little Red based on the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood 2 and 4 p m Saturday Dec 10 at The Depot Theater 4861 White Lake Rd Clarkston \$6 visit www.clark stonvillage players org

## Northville

Pinocchio performances at 2 30 p m Dec 17 18 26 31 and Jan 7 8 14 15 21 and 22 at his toric Marquis Theatre 135 E Main \$750 (248) 349 8110

## THEATER -PROFESSIONAL

## Purple Rose Theatre

Jennessee Williams The Glass Menagerie through Dec 18 137 Park Chelsea \$25 \$35 call (734) 433 7673 or visit www.pur plerosetheatre.org

## City Theatre

Altar Boyz award winning musical comedy through Dec 18 8 pm Tuesday Saturday 2 pm Saturday and Sunday 7 30 pm Sunday 1 pm Thursday 2301 Woodward Detroit \$22 50 \$45 (248) 645 6666 or visit www.tick.etmaster.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 call ing (313) 963 9800 Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645 6666 and online at www ticketmaster.com

## Detroit Puppet Theater

A Banana for Turtle based on several children's stories 2 pm Dec 17 and Jan 14 21 and 28 located at 25 E Grand River (313) 961 7777 \$5 for children \$7 adults puppetry workshops after each performance \$8 per puppet brunch for grandparents 11 am Dec 11 \$10 adults \$7 children (313) 961 7777 or visit www.puppetart.org

## **TICKETS ON SALE**

## **Kid Rock**

8 pm Friday and Saturday Feb 3 and 4 at the Joe Louis Arena Tickets are \$39 at all Ticketmaster outlets Call (248) 645 6666

## Lynyrd Skynyrd

Tickets on sale for Dec 30 show at The Palace with special guests 38 Special \$3750 reserved and \$10 general admission Call (248) 645 6666 or visit Palacenet com Tickets also available at The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets

## 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

## Rock & Roll Christmas Spectacular

WOMC's Rock & Roll Christmas Spectacular ill 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

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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.perfor mancenetwork org

## Meadow Brook Theatre

Single tickets now on sale for all 2005 2006

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Need more ideas for New Year's Eve? Here's a list of ideas to help you ring in

## **Burton Manor**

Buffet dinner dance tunes champagne toast featuring Cassens Murphy Band 7 30 pm 2 am at Burton Manor Banquet and Conference Center 27777 Schoolcraft Livonia Tickets are \$160 a couple Call (734) 427 9110 or visit www burtonmanor net

## Hellenic Cultural Center

Buffet dinner dance tunes champagne toast featuring Persuasion 7 30 p.m. 2 a.m. at Hellenic Cultural Center 36375 Joy Road Westland Tickets are \$125 a couple Call (734) 427-9110 or visit www.burtonmanor.net

## Roma Banquets

Buffet dinner dance tunes champagne toast featuring Channel 6 7 30 pm 2 a m Roma Banquets 32550 Cherry Hill Garden City Tickets are \$75 a couple Call (734) 427 9110 or visit www.burton manor.net

## Paisano's

Bill Hilderbrandt 7 30 (\$25) and 10 30 pm (\$30 including champagne toast and party favors) Joey s Comedy Club 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885

## Silky's Martini and Music Cafe

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performances Upcoming shows include No Way to Treat a Lady You re a Good Man Charlie Brown and A Christmas Carol (248) 377 3300 or www mbtheatre com

## Michigan Opera Theatre

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\$23 \$113 at box office 1526 Broadway
Detroit or (313) 237 7464 or
www.MichiganOpera.org

## Cirque du Soleil

Defirium the first ever live arena event is Feb 23 and 24 at the Joe Louis Arena

Tickets are \$69 \$110 and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (248) 645 6666 or by visiting www cellardoor com or www olympiaentertain company company.

## Sesame Street Live, Elmo's Coloring Book

Coming Feb 9 26 at the Fox Theatre Tickets are \$12 \$22 and can be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster com

## Sex and The Second City

Wild spoof of dating and relationships in 21st Century coming May 16 to Meadow Brook Theatre \$26 \$36 (248) 377 3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com

## **Kerrytown Concert House**

415 North Fourth Avenue Ann Arbor reservations recommended (734) 769 2999
Or visit www kerrytownconcerthouse com 8 pm Friday Dec 23 An Evening of Original Jazz Dean Moore alto saxophone John Celebi drums & piano \$15 general admission 8 pm Friday December 30 KCH Jazz in Concert Series Randy Napolean Quartet with Napolean on guitar Rick Roe piano Quincy Davis drums Tickets \$5 \$25

# Beethoven, gospel and Al Jarreau

# Pick your holiday DSO concert

BY LANA MINI STAFF WRITER

Imagine the big sound of gospel along with the mighty sounds of

the Detroit
Symphony
Orchestra.
And,
Beethoven's
Ninth, isn't an

overtly holiday piece, but the triumphant *Ode to Joy* rings of peace

"Oh friends, all men are broth

Gospel and Beethoven are two holiday concerts presented by Detroit Symphony Orchestra over the next week. Al Jarreau, who hasn't played with the DSO in four years, also returns

All concerts are held at Orchestra Hall at the Max M Fisher Music Center in Detroit

The first is Beethoven's Ninth
"Normally this isn't a traditional time of the year for the
Ninth, but it makes sense as it's a

celebration with a sense of peace We found it apropos for the holidays, said Kendra Whitlock, director of Pops and Specials for the DSO

Led by renowned Spanish conductor Rafael Fruhbeck de
Burgos, it's the first time since
1923 that Symphony No 9 will
be performed for the holidays
Also featured during that program is Beethoven's Overture to
King Stephen, a short work characterized by its musical wit
Show days are Thursday through
Sunday, Dec 15 through 18

Since its premiere in 1824, Beethoven's Symphony No 9 has been used to commemorate significant events around the globe, in both good times and bad. In Japan, the Ninth helps ring in each New Year and its fourth movement is used in most Olympic opening ceremonies Many today might remember Leonard Bernstein's stirring rendition of the symphony that heraided the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 More recently, *Ode to Joy*, which features verses by Friedrich Schiller from his poem *An die Freude*, has become the anthem of the European Union The DSO performed the it to reaffirm the resilience of human unity in the wake of Sept 11

## **GOSPEL AND SYMPHONY**

On Thursday, Dec 22, two of Detroit's great musical institutions join forces to raise the rafters of Orchestra Hall

The DSO and the Perfected Praise Choir of Perfecting Church, under the direction of Pastor Marvin L. Winans, will present the DSO's first-ever holiday Gospel concert, Joy A. Gospel Christmas, which is led by guest conductor Charles Floyd

"It's going to be off the hook," Whitlock said "It's going to be crazy and wonderful with a full orchestra and the tremendous sounds of the Praise Choir"

Joy A Holiday Christmas celebrates the season with inspira-

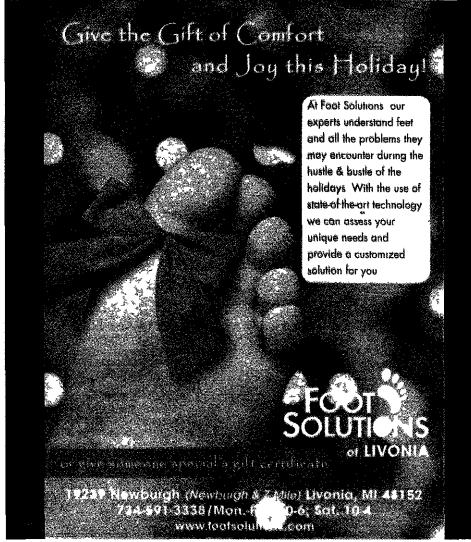


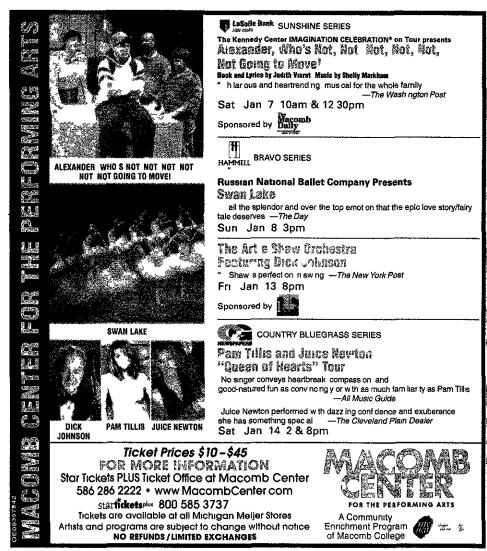
Al Jarreau, multi-Grammy award winner, returns to the DSO for the first time in nearly four years

tional music and holiday praise
The program includes many of
joyous hymns, carols and spirituals, many featuring arrangements by the award-winning
gospel stars Kurt Carr, Kirk
Franklin and Detroit native Fred
Hammond Selections will
include Procession of the Levites,
Anthem of Praise, For Every
Mountain, Perfect Peace and traditional holiday favorites fueled
by gospel energy, such as Joy to
the World, Silent Night and The
First Noel

The Perfected Praise Choir was founded in 1989, the same year that Perfecting Church was established by Pastor Marvin L Winans with eight members in the basement of his home Now, there's a ministry campus of more than 165,000 square feet and membership of more than 3,000 people

Prior to his career as the founder and pastor of Perfecting Church, Winans was a member of the Winans – not just the well-known 'First Family' of contemporary gospel, but the actual quartet of that name which laid the foundation for the family's veritable gospel empire beginning in the early 1980s As a member of the quartet, Winans







he Perfected Praise Choir performs with the DSO

on five Grammy Awards and lso won a Grammy for Best oul Gospel Performance – Male n 1985 for *Bring Back the Days* f Yea and Nay

Joy is conducted by Charles loyd, who is also a pianist and omposer who earned awards nd grants, including the Aspen chool of Music Fellowship, )berlin Conservatory's Rudolf erkin Award and the National hopin Competition of New ork's Kosciuszko Foundation is a conductor, Floyd has been eard in concert with more than 00 orchestras since 1991 and is n annual guest conductor of the oston Pops Orchestra Floyd's artnership with singer Natalie ole included such projects as

the multiple Grammy Awardwinning tribute to Nat King Cole, *Unforgettable*, *With Love* 

## **AL JARREAU**

Finally, Al Jarreau, five-time Grammy award winner and the only vocalist in history to net awards in three different categories (jazz, pop, and R&B, respectively), returns to the DSO He ll perform holiday songs but primarily selections from his new Grammy-nominat ed album Accentuate the Positive along with classics such as Take Five, We're In This Love Together and Moonlighting

Jarreau's performances are constant hits among DSO audiences

## **DSO HOLIDAY SHOWS**

## **ODE TO JOY**

When: 8 p m Thursday Dec 45 and Friday Dec 16 8 30 p m Saturday Dec 17 and 3 p m Sunday Dec 18

Rafael Fruhbeck de Burgos conductor Measha Brueggergosman soprano Robynne Redmon mezzo soprano Marcus Haddock tenor Eric Owens bass UMS Choral Union **Tickets:** \$19 \$69 box seats \$60 \$114

# UBS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL, 'JOY: A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS'

When: 8 p m Thursday Dec 22 Charles Floyd conductor Perfected Praise Choir Perfecting Church Pastor Marvin L Winans director

**Tickets:** \$18 \$55 box seats \$85

576 5111 or online at

# UBS HOLIDAY FESTIVAL, AL JARREAU & THE DSO

When: 8 p m Friday Dec 23

Tickets: \$26 \$78 box seats \$110 can be pur chased at the Max M Fisher Music Center Box office (3711 Woodward Ave) by phone at (313)

www.detroitsymphony.com Tickets range in price from \$19 to \$78

For more information visit www.detroitsym.phony.com

# **New York Quartet performs**

After seeing Beethoven's Ninth on Friday, try a httle jazz after glow

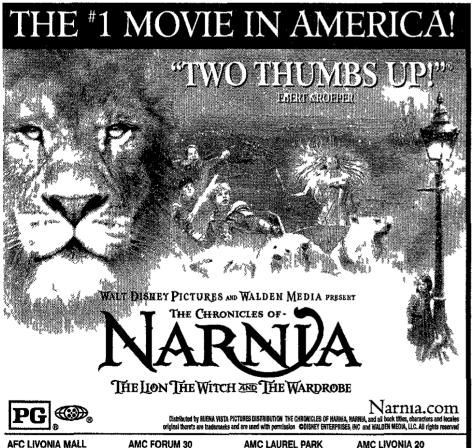
The Max offers an evening of cool jazz to take the edge off the holiday season

In Jazz Club at The Max, Rodney Whitaker's New York Jazz Quartet takes the stage at Allesee Hall at the Max M Fisher Music Center at 8 p m and 10 p m Friday, Dec 16

The concert reunites Whitaker, one of Michigan's most celebrated jazz bassists, with saxophonist Antonio Hart, pianist Cyrus Chestnut and drummer Rodney Green

Rodney Whitaker is one of the leading performers and teachers of jazz double bass in the United States. He's a former member of the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra and received national recognition performing with the Terence Blanchard Quintet. In addition, he leads the Professors of Jazz at MSU, a hard swinging group performing music from the jazz canon that also offers concerts for young people designed to help nurture new tal ent and enhance jazz awareness

Jazz Club at The Max has become one of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's most successful new performance ventures since the opening of The Max in 2003. The series offers a smoke-free environment with state-of-the-art acoustics for experiencing live performances by both local and nationally renowned jazz artists. The concerts feature cabaret seating and full bar and food service, with menu items provided by Epoch Events, the in house caterer for The Max. Tickets for Jazz Club at The Max are \$25 general admission. Tickets can be purchased at the Max M. Fisher Music Center box office, 3711 Woodward Ave, Detroit, or by calling (313) 576-5111. Tickets can also be purchased online, 24-hours-a-day, at www.detroitsymphony.com



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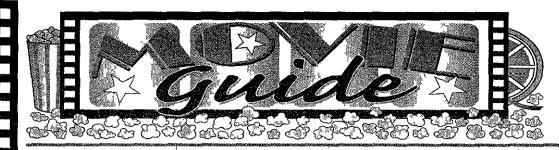
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## **TOP SHOWS OF 2005**

What a year it's been for us concertgoers Mv bank account and ears are feeling the effects of some good shows both from local favorites to national stars. Let's look back shall we? Here are my top five choices in no particular order of course of 2005 s best shows

## The White Stripes at the Masonic Temple, Detroit, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

Talk about a homecoming Jack and Meg ended the North American leg of their tour in front of friends and family back here in Detroit While most will agree the best show out of the three night stand had to be Sunday's final perform ance the weekend provided enough favorite songs to keep even the pickiest of Stripes fans happy. The Whites performed a cover of Tegan and Sara's Walking With a Ghost that was released Dec 6 just in time for Santa to put it in your stocking If you've been a good fan that is Beck at the State Theatre, Detroit, Sept. 22 Beck is known for his always entertaining stage shows and his Guero tour stop didn't fail From start to finish the crowd including yours truly didn't stop moving whether it was dancing to Girl his then recent single or the standby clas sic Where It's At Also of particular fun had to be the dinner track which involved the mem bers of his backing band sitting to dinner and using the cups and plates and instruments. Oh Beck And let's not forget his larger than life boom box dropping down onto the stage All in all a great \$40 worth of fun

Lollapalooza at Grant Park, Chicago, July 23-24 The mere fact of a concert featuring more than 60 bands in two days is reason enough

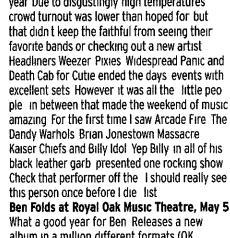
for this to be one of my top choices of the year Due to disgustingly high temperatures excellent sets. However it was all the little people in between that made the weekend of music amazing For the first time I saw Arcade Fire. The Dandy Warhols Brian Jonestown Massacre Kaiser Chiefs and Billy Idol Yep Billy in all of his black leather garb presented one rocking show Check that performer off the I should really see this person once before I die list

What a good year for Ben Releases a new album in a million different formats (OK maybe just a few) Releases a live DVD Releases lots of smiles from me Not only did Ben hit the road in the spring to promote Songs for Silverman, he also teamed up with fellow piano lovers Rufus Wainwright and Ben Lee for the Odd Man Out Tour during the sum mer months His Royal Oak appearance fea tured his new backing band and a collection of old and new tracks Nice

# Sufjan Stevens at the Majestic Theater,

Michigan's own came back to the Mitten State to promote Come On! Feel the Illinoise! (which everyone here loved) with a band of Illinois lov ing cheerleaders complete in uniform I think that's all that needs to be said don't you?

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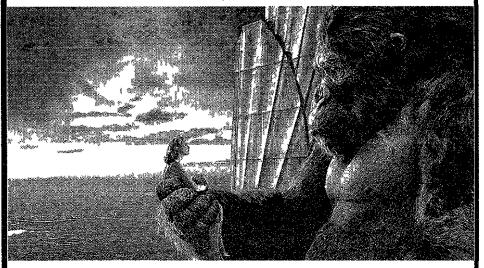
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Membership is \$50 per year and fully tax-deductible

The theater's 24-hour information line is (734) 668-TIME, or visit Web site is www michtheater org

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